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## A BAD PRACTICE.

LAST week we printed an extract from one of our American contemporaries under the above heading, wherein a well deserved complaint was laid against those members of the Craft who, fully acquainted with the ceremonies themselves, seem to begrudge their fellows receiving them with all the solemnity and decorum they deserve—in other words those Brethren who give way to levity and other signs of disrespect when the degrees are being conferred upon candidates.

Such behaviour is bad enough, it is true, but the candidates are not the only ones who suffer from these displays of bad manners; for the majority of the members of the Order are really interested in its work, and can find no pleasure in frivolities during the recital of its principal parts; still we think our American contemporary by no means went far enough in its condemnation, or perhaps it may be that one of the very worst practices of English Freemasonry is unknown across the Atlantic, and we sincerely hope such is the case. We allude to the practice, almost universal in our Lodges, of toasting the initiate of the day at the festive board—not wisely, but too well.

We could never understand any assemblage of respectable gentlemen, members of our Order, seeing anything amusing in a deliberate attempt to make one of their number intoxicated, neither can we understand the Worshipful Master of a Lodge calmly sitting by and allowing the attempt to be carried to a successful issue. But we suppose there is "custom" to warrant it, as surely no individual in his calmer moments would desire to defend a practice that is so mean, contemptible and, we may almost say, dishonourable—in reality a blot on the fair name of English Freemasonry.

That the initiates of a Lodge should receive the heartiest of welcomes when refreshment follows labour is but fair and most desirable, but when that welcome takes the form of an individual challenge all round the board, and often a second and third one from some of the less considerate members of the company, the very "heartiness" of the welcome kills itself, and what should have been looked back upon as a most pleasurable experience, can only be remembered with disgust and degradation.

We were represented at a meeting a few weeks back where one of the initiates, on rising to respond to the toast of the newly admitted members, said he thanked the Worshipful Master and Brethren for having initiated him into Freemasonry—not only had they initiated him, however, but they had inebriated him, and he feared he would have more to remember that meeting by than was intended. We wonder how the Brethren felt who had deliberately set themselves the task of bringing about this result, and we wonder how they would have felt next morning had they heard that misfortune had overtaken their initiate of the

previous evening. For obvious reasons we did not report the initiate's remarks at the time, but we kept the note by us, feeling that it might be of service some day, as we hope it has on this occasion.

We are not usually given to preaching in this direction, but we are convinced the time has come when some effort should be made by a few of our better members to put down this very bad practice. That it exists in our midst to a very alarming extent is obvious to anyone who frequently attends Lodge meetings; that it is a most undesirable proceeding we think must be admitted; and that it is capable of easy remedy is very certain. All that is needed is for a few of our Masters to set the example, by checking the excess of hospitality on the part of the older members, and the plea of "custom" will speedily disappear, to the manifest advantage of many who, under existing circumstances, may be compelled to look back on the night of their initiation with very mixed feelings.

## NORTHUMBERLAND.

THE annual meeting of this Provincial Grand Lodge was held in the Masonic Hall, North Shields, on Tuesday, 25th inst., under the presidency of the Provincial Grand Master the Right Hon. Sir Matthew White Ridley, Bart., M.P. There was a large assemblage of Brethren, including Bro. Ald. Richard Henry Holmes, J.P., P.G. Deacon of England Deputy Provincial Grand Master.

After the transaction of the ordinary business, three new Lodges were consecrated, the Lodge of Swinburne, No. 2680; the Wallsend Lodge, No. 2703; and the Heaton Lodge, No. 2723.

The Provincial Grand Master next proceeded with the appointment and investiture of Provincial Grand Lodge Officers for the ensuing year.

The Provincial Grand Master, in the course of a brief address, expressed his pleasure on finding the position of the Lodges to be satisfactory, and the Province in a prosperous condition. He also expressed his warmest thanks for the gracious response the Freemasons had made to his request, by the splendid contributions they had given to the fund of the Masonic Schools.

On the motion of Bro. Richard Henry Holmes D.P.G.M. a hearty vote of thanks was passed to the Worshipful Master, Officers, and Brethren of St. George's Lodge, No. 431, for the excellent arrangements made for the meeting of Provincial Grand Lodge that day.

It was announced by the Provincial Grand Master that the next Provincial Grand Lodge would be held under the banner of the Priory Lodge, No. 1863, Tynemouth.

In the evening the Brethren dined together in the Bath Hotel, Tynemouth, the Provincial Grand Master presiding.

We are sure our readers will be glad to learn that Bro. John L. Toole is making satisfactory progress after the recent operation for cataract, and hopes in a few days to be up and about again.

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We regret to hear that Bro. Sir Henry Irving is still confined to his bed, but the fever has now subsided, though it has left him in a very weak state.

## WEST LANCASHIRE.

THE annual meeting of the Provincial Grand Lodge of the Western Division of Lancashire was held under imposing and impressive circumstances in the Small Concert Room, St. George's Hall, Liverpool, on Wednesday, 19th inst. It was the twenty-fifth anniversary of the occupancy of the Provincial Grand Master's chair by the Earl of Lathom, and the first occasion that his lordship had been able to meet his Brethren since the great affliction which came upon him with overwhelming suddenness towards the end of last year.

The Lord Mayor of Liverpool Alderman John Houlding S.G.D. England had hoped to signalise his year of office by arranging a special Masonic and social function in honour of the occasion. He is an ardent Mason, one who has lost no opportunity of advancing the interests of the Craft, and when the sad calamity occurred which put an end to his idea of social festivities, he desired to accommodate the Grand Lodge in the Town Hall. Here he was again unfortunate, for it was found that the roof of the building was not safe, and structural renovation was necessary. All that remained was to engage the Small Concert Room, which, however, was hardly large enough to comfortably accommodate all the Brethren, nearly 1,100, who were present on Wednesday, when the Provincial Grand Lodge was opened in the customary form by the Provincial Grand Master the Earl of Lathom Pro Grand Master of England. On the platform with his lordship were Officers of the Grand Lodge of England, including Lord Skelmersdale P.G.W., together with a full attendance of present and past Provincial Grand Officers.

The Lodge having been opened in due form, the minutes of the last Provincial Grand Lodge meeting were read and confirmed. The calling over of the roll disclosed the fact that only one Lodge was unrepresented.

The accounts presented by Brother Charles Watson Prov. G. Treasurer were submitted, and proved to be of a most satisfactory nature.

In submitting his fifteenth annual report, Bro. W. Goodacre Provincial Grand Secretary said he had nothing to bring before the Worshipful Provincial Grand Master of a nature to produce feelings other than those of pleasure at the harmony and progress which had characterised generally the proceedings of the year. Four new Lodges had been opened on the roll of the Province, making 121, and of initiates there had been 705, making the total membership of the Province 7,910. The new Lodges which had received Warrants since Provincial Grand Lodge met where Queen's, 2681, Kirkdale; Holmes, 2708, Wigan; Imperial, 2711, Aigburth; and Imperial, 2714, Liverpool. The present year stood out as one pre-eminent for the success which had been attendant upon the efforts of the Brethren on behalf of the cause of benevolence and charity. The record Festival of the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys, when £134,000 (now increased to £140,000) was announced, astonished the country. Let them, therefore, hope that the large contribution might be wisely applied. The Province of West Lancashire, though not at the top as regarded the donation, occupied a good position, having contributed £4,000 to the Festival. Two boys, three girls, and an old man had been elected by the Province on the foundation of the Institutions in London, and some 500 votes had been placed to the credit of a widow. The local Institutions were in a prosperous condition, and continued to receive the support of the Brethren. The Educational Institution, with vested sums amounting to £23,000, had last year an income of £1,800, and had assisted 182 children at a cost of nearly £1,600. The Hamer Institution had a vested fund of £5,600, and now assisted twenty-three men by grants and annuities to the extent of £408, its income having been £660. Furthermore, the Alpass, with investments of about £7,000 and an income of £1,326, had sixty-three widows on its foundation, and had granted them over £1,000. His lordship during the past year having completed a period of a quarter of a century as Provincial Grand Master of West Lancashire, it was considered appropriate to make a comparison of the condition of the Province between the years 1873 and the present time. In the first-named year there were sixty-four Lodges in the Province, with a membership of 3,269, while to-day the roll was 121 Lodges, with 7,910 members. To his lordship's wise and beneficent rule, and to the heartfelt interest taken in all that affected the best interests of the Craft, was to be attributed the remarkable progress which had characterised his Provincial Grand Mastership, and he felt sure he expressed the feelings of all when he prayed that Lord Lathom might

long be spared to continue that interest which had been of such benefit to the Craft generally, and expressed the hope that the Province might for many years continue to have for its Provincial Grand Master so noble a Craftsman, trusted by his country; honoured by his Queen, and beloved by his Brethren.

Lord Lathom was accorded such a hearty greeting on the conclusion of Bro. Goodacre's remarks as has seldom fell to the lot of any member of the Fraternity, and when at last he was enabled to secure a hearing he said he hoped the Brethren would excuse him if he addressed them very shortly. Unfortunately, he was suffering from a very bad rheumatic attack, and could scarcely stand. He could imagine no report being more satisfactory than that which had just been read to them. Twenty-five years was a very long time, and a very large slice out of any man's lifetime. If during his rule over them for that period he had in any way been able to promote the benefit of Masonry, to keep the Brethren together, and to inculcate the great and noble objects of the Craft, he felt that his life had not been wasted. They had always been kind to him. They had always assisted him, and he could say without fear of contradiction that there were very few, if any, Provinces in the United Kingdom where there had been so little bickering, and where matters had run on as smoothly as they had done in West Lancashire. Might it always be so. Might their brotherly love always continue, and might they help each other in that noble work of Charity so well carried out. He thanked the Brethren for the noble way in which they came forward at the grand Centenary Festival of the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys in London. They had done their work well, because not only had they supported the great parent Institutions in London, but they had not forgotten those Charities within their own Province. In fact, they had been a pattern to every other Province. Their Educational Institution had been copied all over England. That was the way in which they could do good more than any other. Yet their other great Benevolent Institutions had not been forgotten.

The Deputy Provincial Grand Master Bro. Wylie said that the Brethren of the Province had felt desirous to mark the twenty-fifth anniversary of his lordship's installation as Provincial Grand Master by giving him an indication of their esteem, respect, and fraternal love, and a proof of their deep gratitude to him for the noble work that he had done in the interests of Masonry. It was his privilege to ask his lordship to accept from the Brethren of the Province a rose bowl and suite of silver vases. The bowl bore an inscription stating that the gift was in commemoration of the twenty-five years of his rule over the Province, and as a token of their sincere respect and esteem.

Bro. J. Houlding S.G.D. Lord Mayor of Liverpool, in endorsing the sentiments that had been expressed by Bro. Wylie, said he remembered twenty-five years ago, when his lordship was installed Grand Master of the Province, in the Town Hall, Liverpool, and he deeply regretted that the present anniversary could not be held in the same place, in consequence of structural alterations there. They felt that every Lodge in the Province would only be too pleased to do something to mark that occasion. He had now simply to hand over to the Earl of Lathom a cheque for him to dispose of in any way he thought fit. No doubt it would go to help some charity, but whatever charity it was devoted to he would ask his lordship to give it in the name of Alice Countess of Lathom. The amount of the cheque was £500.

The Provincial Grand Master was received with loud cheers on rising to acknowledge the gifts. His lordship, speaking under great emotion, said words failed him to express to the Brethren the deep sense he had of the high honour they had done him, and his thanks for their very great kindness in giving him that most beautiful and handsome token of their esteem. He could assure them that he accepted it with hearty thanks to them all. He could promise them—and his son, who was present with him on the platform, could also promise them—that it would remain as an heirloom in his family to show what his West Lancashire Brethren thought of him. If he had been able to do his duty in his office he thanked God for it, and if it pleased Him to spare his life yet a little longer he hoped to be able to continue those duties. From the bottom of his heart he thanked them for that tribute, but he was more deeply touched by the second presentation made by the Lord Mayor of Liverpool. Last year perhaps the greatest misfortune that could fall to any man fell to him. It was a heavy, a sudden blow. He had received comfort, for many people had been kind to him in his affliction; but never, so long as he breathed, would he

forget the sympathy which came from the Brethren not only of Lancashire, but all over the globe. That noble gift in memory of his beloved wife was one that he could only hope to use in a way that she would have approved. They were raising a fund, he was told, to retain the services of a local nurse at Ormskirk to visit the sick in that neighbourhood, in connection with the Cottage Hospital there. He therefore did not think that he could do better than hand that cheque over to the Treasurer of that Fund. He was quite certain it was an object his beloved wife had at heart. He could not say more, but would beg them to accept his most sincere thanks.

On the motion of Bro. R. G. Bradley P.P.D.G.D.C., seconded by Bro. J. B. Mackenzie P.P.G.D., and supported by Bro. Kite P.M., Bro. E. R. Latham was unanimously elected Provincial Grand Treasurer.

Bro. Wylie proposed, and it was carried unanimously, that 150 guineas be voted from the Charities Fund, to be divided equally between the West Lancashire Educational Institution, the Alpass Benevolent Institution, and the Hamer Benevolent Institution.

The Provincial Grand Master then invested the following Brethren as Provincial Grand Officers for the ensuing year :—

Bro. F. Smitton	-	-	-	Senior Warden
Miles Kennedy	-	-	-	Junior Warden.
Rev. Canon J. Henn	-	-	-	} Chaplains
Rev. J. A. Pattinson	-	-	-	
T. J. Smith jun.	-	-	-	Registrar
Maxwell H. Boyd	-	-	-	Deputy Registrar
E. R. Latham	-	-	-	Treasurer
W. Goodacre	-	-	-	Secretary
J. Hardwicke Marsh	-	-	-	} Senior Deacons
W. R. Brandwood	-	-	-	
J. G. Batty	-	-	-	
F. Fletcher	-	-	-	} Junior Deacons
C. A. Whitney	-	-	-	
J. Edwards	-	-	-	
W. M'Lachlan	-	-	-	Superintendent of Works
J. Bain	-	-	-	Director of Ceremonies
J. M'Kinnell	-	-	-	Deputy Dir. of Cers.
Harrison B. Jones	-	-	-	} Assistant Dir. of Cers.
J. Partington	-	-	-	
Alexander Naylor	-	-	-	Sword Bearer
B. Holgate	-	-	-	Deputy Sword Bearer
J. Worthington	-	-	-	} Standard Bearers
C. Burchall	-	-	-	
W. Bagot	-	-	-	Organist
O. E. Barker	-	-	-	Assistant Secretary
D. Connor	-	-	-	Pursuivant
P. Chambers	-	-	-	Assistant Pursuivant
W. S. Hodgson	-	-	-	} Stewards
E. G. Jones	-	-	-	
J. Fineberg	-	-	-	
S. Jude	-	-	-	
A. K. Boothroyd	-	-	-	
R. Rawlinson	-	-	-	Tyler.
J. Williams	-	-	-	
W. J. Doran	-	-	-	

Brother J. W. Burgess P.P.G.D. was unanimously appointed the representative of the Province on the Board of Management of the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys.

A collection was made on behalf of the West Kirby Convalescent Home for Children, the sum of £42 rs 6d being gathered.

The Brethren afterwards dined at the Bear's Paw, Liverpool, under the chairmanship of Lord Skelmersdale. About 200 Brethren thoroughly appreciated the cuisine of Bro. J. A. Brown. During the after-dinner proceedings the Lyric Glee Company contributed an enjoyable musical programme.

The presentation consisted of a massive silver rose bowl and four silver flower vases. The bowl is of very noble proportions, being twenty-four inches in diameter and stands with its ebony pedestal twenty inches in height. It is designed in the Italian renaissance period of art. The mounting at the foot of the bowl is handsomely chased with a decorative ornamental border, the underneath part of the bowl being fluted; above this is a richly chased border on a matted ground of scroll leafage, entwined with griffin heads. This border is divided in four equal cabochon sections with beaded edges, containing a portrait of Her Majesty the Queen, taken from the Jubilee coinage, also a portrait of His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales in Masonic regalia as Grand Master of the United Grand Lodge of England. The other cabochon panels bear the arms of the Grand Lodge of Freemasons, also the arms of the Earl of Lathom. The inner and outer top borders are both beaded, and between this beading on the curved mount appears the following inscription :—

To the Right Honourable the EARL OF LATHOM, G.C.B.,  
M.W. Pro Grand Master, R.W. Prov. Grand Master of Ancient Free and Accepted Masons of the Western Division of Lancashire.

The Brethren, members of the Lodges in West Lancashire, respectfully request your lordship's acceptance of this rose bowl and four vases in silver, in commemoration of the twenty-five years during which they have had the privilege and distinguished honour of having your lordship to preside over them, also as a token of their sincere respect and esteem, and to mark their appreciation of the great services rendered to Freemasonry by your lordship, more especially in West Lancashire. The Brethren further desire to convey

their ardent wish that by the grace of the Great Architect of the Universe your lordship may be long spared to preside over the Province of West Lancashire.

Provincial Grand Lodge at Liverpool, 19th October 1898.

Robert Wylie P.G.D. P.Pr.G.W. Deputy Pr.G.M.

John Houlding S.G.D. P.Pr.G.W., Lord Mayor of Liverpool.

William Goodacre P.G.S.B. P.Pr.G.R. Pr.G. Secretary.

There are also four beautiful chased tall flower vases designed en suite to match the bowl. These stand seventeen inches in height, and bear the arms of the Earl of Lathom. This beautiful service is entirely hand-wrought in repousse chasing. Messrs. Elkington and Co. were entrusted with the execution of these costly and unique works of art.

## ROYAL ARCH.

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### SUPREME GRAND CHAPTER.

THE Quarterly Convocation of the Supreme Grand Chapter will be held at Freemasons' Hall, London, on Wednesday next, 2nd November, at 6 p.m.

#### BUSINESS.

The Minutes of the last Quarterly Convocation to be read for confirmation.

#### THE REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE OF GENERAL PURPOSES.

To the Supreme Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of England.

The Committee of General Purposes beg to report that they have examined the Accounts from the 20th July, to the 18th October 1898, both inclusive, which they find to be as follow :

To Balance, Grand Chapter	-	£955	4	5	
„ Unappropriated Account	-	248	13	6	
„ Subsequent Receipts	-	401	1	6	
					£1,604 19 5
By Disbursements during the Quarter	-	336	0	8	
„ Balance	-	1,006	3	3	
„ Unappropriated Account	-	262	15	6	
					£1,604 19 5

which Balances are in the Bank of England, Law Courts Branch.

The Committee have likewise to report that they have received the following Petitions :

1st. From Companions Lawrence William Kershaw as Z., Norman John McQueen as H., Walter Sandys Thomas as J., and thirty-three others for a Chapter to be attached to the Adam's Peak Lodge, No. 2656, to be called "The Campbell Chapter," and to meet at Hatton, Ceylon.

2nd. From Companions Evan Ormiston as Z., Frederick Mitchell as H., Walter John Napier as J., and eleven others for a Chapter to be attached to St. George Lodge, No. 1152, to be called "The St. George Chapter," and to meet at Freemasons' Hall, Coleman Street, Singapore.

3rd. From Companions Thomas W. A. Napier as Z., Squire Chapman as H., John Bewley jun. as J., and twelve others for a Chapter to be attached to the Egerton Lodge, No. 2132, to be called "The Egerton of Tatton Chapter," and to meet at the Albert Masonic Hall, New Brighton, Cheshire.

4th. From Companions William Bee as Z., John Clayton as H., Thomas D. Foreman as J., and eleven others for a Chapter to be attached to the Ashbury Lodge, No. 1459, to be called "The Ashbury Chapter," and to meet at the Justice Birch Hotel, Hyde Road, West Gorton, Manchester, Lancs. Eastern Division.

5th. From Companions John Colpas Clark as Z., Adolphus Cozens as H., John Miller as J., and six others for a Chapter to be attached to the Victoria Lodge, No. 2329, to be called "The Silver River Chapter," and to meet at Calle Cuyo, No. 1230, Buenos Ayres.

The foregoing Petitions being regular, the Committee recommend that the prayers thereof be respectively granted.

The Committee have also received a Memorial with extract of Minutes, for permission to remove the following Chapter :

"The Wiltshire Chapter," No. 355, from the Masonic Hall, to the New Masonic Hall, Swindon.

The Committee having satisfied themselves of the reasonableness of this request, recommend that the removal of this Chapter be sanctioned.

The Committee further recommend that inasmuch as the Friendly Chapter, No. 383, Jamaica, has made no return since 1874, and a report having been received that there are no Principals or Members existing, the Chapter be erased from the Roll of Chapters.

(Signed) GEORGE DAVID HARRIS, President.

Freemasons' Hall, W.C.,

22nd October 1898.

## CHEESHIRE.

THE annual meeting of the Provincial Grand Chapter was held on Wednesday, 19th inst., at the Masonic Hall, Queen Street, Chester, when the Hon. Alan de Tatton Egerton, M.P., Provincial Grand Superintendent presided, supported by His Honour Judge Sir Horatio Lloyd P.G.D. England, and others.

The minutes of the last Provincial meeting, held at Birkenhead, on the 30th October 1897, were read and confirmed.

The Treasurer's statement of accounts was presented and approved, showing a substantial balance in the bank, after paying all expenses, and contributing a donation to the Centenary Festival of the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys of twenty guineas.

The Grand Superintendent addressed the assembled Companions, and in thanking them for their presence, expressed his gratification on the progress being made in Royal Arch Masonry by the further addition of a new Chapter in the Province. He considered the thanks of all present were due to the Committee appointed to visit the various Chapters in the Province, with a view to encourage them in their efforts to promote good and efficient work, and to assist the Principals and other Officers in performing the ceremonies with that perfectness that was so desirable in the sublime degree. He stated it was decided to hold the next year's Provincial meeting in Stockport.

Companion W. Welsby, of the Cestrian Chapter, was unanimously elected Prov. Grand Treasurer for the ensuing year.

The following Companions were invested by the Prov. Grand Superintendent as his Officers for the ensuing year:—

Comp. J. M. Lockwood -	-	-	H.
W. Peers -	-	-	J.
R. Newhouse -	-	-	Scribe E.
C. H. Andrews -	-	-	Scribe N.
Arthur C. Wilson -	-	-	Principal Sojourner
Thomas Sedgwick -	-	-	1st Assist. Sojourner
I. R. R. Jeffery -	-	-	2nd Assist. Sojourner
T. B. Cooke -	-	-	Registrar
W. Welsby -	-	-	Treasurer
J. E. Perrin -	-	-	Sword Bearer
S. Davis -	-	-	} Standard Bearers
John Perry -	-	-	
W. Dale -	-	-	
J. S. Derbyshire -	-	-	Director of Ceremonies
James Davenport -	-	-	Deputy Dir. of Cers.
Maurice Levy -	-	-	} Assist. Dirs. of Cers.
Ralph Lockwood -	-	-	
A. Huxley -	-	-	Janitor.

#### WARWICKSHIRE.

**A**N interesting gathering took place at Leamington, on Monday, 24th inst., when, by command of the Prov. Grand Superintendent Lord Leigh the annual general convocation of the Provincial Grand Chapter of Warwickshire was held at the Masonic Rooms, Willes Road. There was a large attendance, the gathering including many past Officers of the Province. For the convenience of visiting

members from Birmingham and other places, special railway arrangements were made, a saloon being attached to the train leaving Snow Hill at 4 p.m., and also to the return train leaving Leamington at 8.18.

The Grand Superintendent was unfortunately unable to be present at the gathering.

The Provincial Grand Chapter was opened at five o'clock, and after the usual formal business had been transacted, the Officers for the ensuing year were appointed and invested.

Companion George Beech presided, the attendance including visitors from other Provinces, among these being Col. Bindley. The whole of the business of the convocation having been disposed of, members assembled for the banquet, which took place at six o'clock, and at which there was a large and influential attendance, Companion George Beech again presiding.

The usual Loyal and Arch toasts were proposed and duly honoured.

One of the subjects brought forward at the convocation was the Masonic presentation which is being arranged for Lord Leigh, to commemorate the golden wedding of his lordship and Lady Leigh. The presentation is to be an exclusively Masonic one, and may probably be made at the date when the county presentation takes place. The Prov. Grand Chapter voted a sum of money to the presentation fund.

The Chester Brethren are looking forward with much interest to the meeting of the Provincial Grand Lodge of Cheshire, which will take place in that city in 1899. The last similar gathering in the city was in 1887 (Jubilee year), when Lord Egerton of Tatton was installed Grand Master of the Province, in place of the late Lord de Tabley, who had resigned through ill health.

Bro. R. V. Vassar-Smith Provincial Grand Mark Master of Gloucestershire and Herefordshire has been honoured with nomination by the Prince of Wales as his Deputy for the ensuing year in Grand Mark Lodge.

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**Full details, with plan of the Steamer, from the Secretary, 5 Endsleigh Gardens, London, N.W.**



## MARK MASONRY.

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## HANTS AND ISLE OF WIGHT.

THE Provincial Grand Lodge was held at the Masonic Hall, Albion Place, Southampton, on Friday, 21st inst., under the presidency of the Provincial Grand Master W. W. B. Beach, M.P., Past Grand Master of England. There was a large attendance, including Bro. R. Eve D.P.G.M.M., and other Officers.

The sum of ten guineas was voted to the Mark Benevolent Fund, and a like sum to the Hants and Isle of Wight Masonic Benevolent and Educational Association, the annual Festival of which followed the Prov. Grand Lodge meeting. The following Officers were appointed and invested for the year:—

Bro. R. Eve	-	-	-	-	Deputy
H. G. Giles	-	-	-	-	Senior Warden
J. H. Wavell	-	-	-	-	Junior Warden
W. Baker	-	-	-	-	Master Overseer
H. Durrant	-	-	-	-	Senior Overseer
W. Miller	-	-	-	-	Junior Overseer
Rev. Norman Lee	-	-	-	-	Chaplain
J. Harwood	-	-	-	-	Registrar
D. O. Hobbs	-	-	-	-	Secretary
E. Soldan	-	-	-	-	Senior Deacon
T. Taylor	-	-	-	-	Junior Deacon
J. Cox	-	-	-	-	Inspector of Works
A. H. Smith	-	-	-	-	Director of Ceremonies
M. Willis	-	-	-	-	Assistant Dir. of Cers.
J. C. Burbage	-	-	-	-	Sword Bearer
A. J. Colledge	-	-	-	-	Standard Bearer
H. Gale	-	-	-	-	Organist
J. G. Pinnock	-	-	-	-	Inner Guard
J. G. Jordan	-	-	-	-	Steward
J. Exall	-	-	-	-	Tyler.

Other business was transacted, after which Provincial Grand Lodge was closed in ancient form.

## SUSSEX.

THE annual meeting of the Provincial Grand Mark Lodge will be held at the Royal Pavilion, Brighton, on Monday, 7th November.

## MACDONALD LODGE, No. 104.

THE installation meeting took place on the 10th inst., at Mark Masons' Hall, Great Queen Street, W.C., when Bro. Walter H. Stone S.W. was installed as W.M.

The Lodge was opened by the W.M. Bro. Chamberlain, and the usual business having been transacted, Bro. W. Vincent P.M. P.G.A.D.C. by special request assumed the chair as Installing Officer, and in a very impressive manner placed Bro. W. H. Stone in the chair of A., where he was saluted, primarily by a board of Installed Officers, and then in the usual manner by the Brethren of the Lodge.

A Past Master's jewel was presented to Bro. Chamberlain, and a cordial vote of thanks tendered to Bro. Vincent for his services as Installing Master, to which he responded in suitable terms.

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## FRIENDSHIP, UNANIMITY AND PHILANTHROPIC LODGE, No. 191.

AT the meeting held at the Railway Hotel, Highbridge, on Monday evening, 17th inst., Bro. W. Leaker, of Glastonbury, was unanimously elected W.M. for the ensuing year, as successor to Bro. Coggan. Bro. T. Floyd Norris was re-elected Treasurer, and Bro. W. Webber Tyler.

## ENTERTAINMENT NOTES.

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Drury Lane Theatre.—Mr. Arthur Collins has opened this theatre for the autumn with a distinct success, which is nightly attracting crowded audiences, and bids fair to run up to the time when the final preparations for the pantomime will necessitate its withdrawal. The new drama is entitled "The Great Ruby," and is written by Messrs. Cecil Raleigh and Henry Hamilton. This wonderful jewel has always brought misfortune to its possessor since it was stolen from an Indian Rajah many centuries ago. At the time the drama opens it is in the custody of Alderman Sir John Garnett, a jeweller, for the purpose of sale. Here enters the Countess Charkoff and Prince Kassim to inspect the ruby, but the price, £50,000, is too much even for the Prince. The Countess is however in league with a gang of thieves, who by a bold trick secure the stone, and make off. It is then given to the Countess, for security in a chocolate box, placed by her in a patent safe belonging to Lady Garnett, who in turn drops it, during a sleepwalking scene, on the floor of a hotel, and so on until by a series of ingenious devices it comes into the possession of the Prince, after a terrible struggle with the original thief in an ascending balloon. How it is restored to Sir John is too good to be anticipated, but intending visitors, and they will doubtless be numerous, will thoroughly enjoy this exciting yet perfectly legitimate play. As is customary there are several characters, who are cleverly and artistically worked into the general play by various interesting sketches. Thus the worldly, good hearted, but vulgar Lady Garnett, and her worthy honest husband, form a pathetic episode, and are admirably represented by Mrs. John Wood and Mr. J. B. Gordon.

The Countess and the Prince tell a story of passionate love, capitably sustained by Mrs. Raleigh and Mr. Robert Loraine. The penniless society lady Mrs. Elsmere, seeking a rich marriage for her daughter, who naturally prefers a poor gentleman to her rich admirer, form another set of characters presented by Miss Bella Pateman, Miss Hoffman, Mr. Milward and Mr. Shirley. The detective James Brett is effectively undertaken by Mr. C. R. Foss, while the desperate leader of the thieves finds a forcible exponent in Mr. Robert Pateman. Indeed, all the dramatis personæ are in efficient hands, and have evidently been carefully selected. The picture is set in a frame that is simply gorgeous. The scenery and stage effects surpass anything we have seen at this house of marvels, and reflects infinite credit upon Mr. Frank Damer: We must refrain from even attempting to describe the truly beautiful dresses, which represent every modern costume known to fashionable society, and would fill a volume. Appropriate music has been supplied by Mr. J. M. Glover, which is rendered by an admirable orchestra. The expense of this production must have been enormous, and it is satisfactory to find that the public appreciate the enterprise of the talented and energetic manager.

Lord Lathom was taken suddenly and somewhat seriously ill on Sunday, and his condition has been such as to cause the gravest anxiety. His lordship was about to start on a yachting cruise, which has now been postponed.

## CORRESPONDENCE.

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## THE PRESTONIAN LECTURE.

To the Editor of the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—Record is made in this year's "Calendar," at page 110, that Bro. William Preston "bequeathed, among other Masonic gifts, £300 Consols for the Prestonian Lecture." I have spoken to several Brethren about this Lecture, but no one can give me the slightest information on the subject, never having heard of it. Can you, my worthy Brother, throw any light on this matter, when and where is the lecture given, and in whom is the gift entrusted?

Yours fraternally,  
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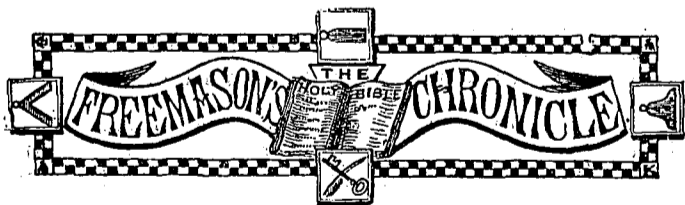
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SATURDAY, 29TH OCTOBER 1898.

### CHARITY FESTIVAL AT SOUTHAMPTON.

THE annual Festival of the Hampshire and Isle of Wight Masonic Educational and Benevolent Association was held at the Masonic Hall, Southampton, on Friday evening, 21st inst., under the presidency of the Grand Master of the Province Bro. W. W. B. Beach, M.P., who was supported by his Deputy Bro. E. Goble, Bro. R. Eve, and many other well known Masons. The vice-chairs were occupied by Bros. H. Giles, R.N., Prov. G. Secretary, and George Cross.

An excellent repast was served by Bro. Biggs, and this having been disposed of, the Provincial Grand Master proposed the Queen, and the Grand Master H.R.H. the Prince of Wales.

Bro. Eve then gave the Provincial Grand Master, and spoke of the great services that distinguished Brother rendered to

Masonry in all its branches, and especially as head of the great and important Province of Hampshire and the Isle of Wight.

The Prov. Grand Master, in responding, expressed his thanks for the toast, and said it was always a great pleasure to him to fulfil any Masonic duties devolving upon him, and in presiding over this Province many of those duties were of a most pleasurable kind. To preside at the Festival of that Educational and Benevolent Association was one of these. It was a great pleasure to him to see so many loyal Masons in his Province doing their utmost to sustain him in the high position which he had the honour to occupy. When that Association was started some had a doubt whether it was calculated to do good or to do evil—evil, he meant, in a way that it would not be an unmixed good if it should interfere with the flow of funds to the great central Masonic Charities. It was thought that possibly there might be a tendency to support the local Institution to the detriment of the greater Charities. That was not the object with which the Institution was started, and that had not been the result it had achieved; on the contrary, it had fostered rather than detracted from the support of the large Charities. This great Province of Hampshire and the Isle of Wight stood out well in the support it gave to the great Masonic Charities, and that Institution also met with an amount of support that was extremely creditable to the Brethren. It was of great assistance to children who either could not get into the Schools, or had to wait a long time before they could do so, and the fact that no one had ever been turned away who had applied was the highest testimony to the value of the support it had received. At the present time seventeen children were receiving annual grants towards the cost of their education. Altogether it was an Institution that he could not too highly commend to their notice and support. He had presided over one of the Festivals of this Institution before, and then, as now, he was pleased to see it so well supported by the Brethren of the Province. One Brother in particular, Bro. Lancaster, had done an immense deal for the Institution, and he would couple his name with the toast.

Bro. G. F. Lancaster said he would at once read the contributions of the several Stewards to the Festival. These were as follow:—

Lodge.	Steward.	£	s.	d.
85	Bro. C. Brown ... ..	11	10	0
130	J. Cole ... ..	16	15	0
132	S. Minty ... ..	7	0	0
175	E. R. Ratcliffe ... ..	8	0	0
257	J. G. Niven ... ..	5	5	0
309	T. H. Williams ... ..	42	10	6
342	F. W. E. Evans ... ..	22	1	0
359	J. Patstone ... ..	5	15	6
394	A. Doggrell ... ..	6	16	6
694	S. Andrews ... ..	10	10	0
723	J. Jenkins-Kennett ... ..	5	0	0
804	G. Cox ... ..	15	17	0
1069	C. J. Lawrence ... ..	12	12	0
1331	W. Downes ... ..	8	8	0
1428	C. A. Stuart ... ..	21	0	0
1461	A. J. Brown ... ..	15	0	0
1780	E. W. Drysdall ... ..	9	3	6
1971	Rev. F. B. N. Norman Lee ... ..	2	12	6
2074	W. C. Webb ... ..	37	5	0
2153	E. H. Buck ... ..	11	0	0
2169	G. W. Ball ... ..	5	15	6
2203	H. Pidcock-Henzell ... ..	7	17	6
1776	Landport Lodge ... ..	10	10	0
1776	Landport Chapter ... ..	13	2	6
1903	Prince Edward of Saxe-Weimar, Lodge ... ..	15	15	0
1112	Bro. Pearce ... ..	3	3	0
The Province	Gieve ... ..	26	5	0
Unattached	Broughton-Smith ... ..	11	11	0
Unattached	G. F. Lancaster ... ..	38	10	0

This, said the speaker, made a grand total of £405 17s, and some of the lists were not yet closed. He spoke highly of the advantages of the Institution, which, he was proud to remember, was started on his initiative and proposition. Every child eligible who had applied for its benefits had been relieved, and thus the expense of contested elections had been saved. The Institution had £2,300 invested capital, but the income from that was not sufficient to meet its wants. If every Lodge in the Province would subscribe on an average £5 a year, there would not be the slightest necessity for these spasmodic appeals. The support given on this occasion had exceeded his most sanguine expectations, and he heartily thanked the Brethren for coming forward so liberally.

Other toasts followed, the speeches being interspersed with music and song, contributed by Bros. J. H. Cowan, G. Beves, and E. H. Buck, and some clever recitations by Bro. Washington Allen.

### THE CRAFT AT THE MANSION HOUSE.

FOLLOWING the example of some of his predecessors, who have been Officers of Grand Lodge, Bro. the Right Hon. Horatio D. Davies, the Lord Mayor of London, on Wednesday

entertained at the Mansion House a number of present and past members of Grand Lodge, the Provincial Grand Masters, and as many representatives of Lodges outside our country as happened to be in London. The Brethren were requested to attend in full dress Masonic clothing, permission to do so having been granted by H.R.H. the Prince of Wales Grand Master, and brilliant indeed was the scene as the guests arrived about seven o'clock, forming a gorgeous arrangement of purple, blue, red, and gold.

Bro. Davies, attended by his civil officers, received his guests in the fine entrance saloon, whence they proceeded to their seats in the Egyptian Hall, where the banquet was served. The company numbered about 350, and seldom if ever before have so many purple collars been seen below the principal table.

The Lord Mayor presided, and was supported in his immediate vicinity by such eminent Masons as Bros. W. W. B. Beach, M.P., Prov. G.M. Hampshire and Isle of Wight, Lord Halsbury the Lord Chancellor P.G.W., Col. LeGendre N. Starkie Prov. G.M. E. Lancashire, the Earl of Euston Prov. G.M. Norths and Hunts, T. F. Halsey, M.P., Prov. G.M. Herts, the Right Hon. W. L. Jackson, M.P., Prov. G.M. W. Yorks, Hamon Le Strange Prov. G.M. Norfolk, the Marquess of Hertford P.G.W., Col. R. Townley Caldwell Prov. G.M. Cambs., Brig-Surgeon J. Balfour Cockburn Prov. G.M. Guernsey and Alderney, Lord Addington Prov. G.M. Bucks, George Richards District G.M. Transvaal, Sir Reginald Hanson P.G.W., Justice Bruce P.G.W., Rev. C. J. Martyn P.G.C., Sir Dixon-Hartland Senior Grand Deacon, Ven. Archdeacon Stevens P.G.C., John Strachan, Q.C., Grand Registrar, Edward Letchworth Grand Secretary, &c., &c.

The Viennese White Band, under the direction of Herr Wurm, played an agreeable selection of music during the dinner. At its termination the Dean of St. Asaph G.C. said grace, after which the Toastmaster announced that the Worshipful Brother the Lord Mayor gave his Brothers a fraternal welcome, and sent round the Loving Cup.

Bro. Davies then rose and said that the first toast, in duty as in place among Freemasons, was the Queen and the Craft. Her Majesty was a descendant of a family of Masons, she was the mother of Masons, she was a Patron of our Order, and possessed all the good qualities of Freemasonry. The Craft was even older than monarchy, but there was no body of men who yielded more loyal obedience to the throne than its members. Needless to say the toast was received with acclamation, as was also that of the M.W. the Grand Master the Prince of Wales, whom Bro. Davies characterised as one of the best Masons who ever lived.

In proposing the Officers of Grand Lodge the Lord Mayor made a sympathetic reference to the illness that had overtaken the Earl of Lathom Pro Grand Master, and hoped he might soon be restored to health. The Grand Officers were men of many parts, and did all in their power to promote the best interests of the Craft. He was proud of being the Chief Magistrate of that ancient city, and he was proud of being P.G.D. of the oldest Institution in the world. He thought there was a peculiar fitness in holding the meeting at the Mansion House—indeed he had every facility for holding a Lodge there. He would make an excellent Master, he had two good Wardens in the Sheriffs, he also had his Chaplain, the Sword and Mace Bearers would be capital Deacons, and the City Marshall would make a formidable Inner and Outer Guard, as no one knew better how to wield the sword. This humorous allusion was received with shouts of laughter. He concluded by thanking those present for accepting his invitation, and bore testimony to the cordial relations that existed between Grand Lodge and the Corporation of London.

The Lord Chancellor responded to the toast, and said he regarded it as a high honour being selected for the duty, and considered it a privilege to call them Brothers. He could not forbear to say a word respecting the Pro Grand Master, in whom they all felt the deepest interest and anxiety at the present moment. He had suffered deeply in the loss of the beloved lady who died last year, and to this cause his present ill-health might be attributed. All they could do was to offer him their sincere and heartfelt sympathy. As a Grand Officer he had performed the onerous and most interesting duties of his office, and he thought that Grand Lodge had accomplished all there was to be accomplished in this world.

The Hon. Sir Gainsford Bruce proposed the Provincial and District Grand Masters, who, he said, had very arduous and responsible duties to perform, because in some of the more popular Provinces there were as many as 120 Lodges. They therefore required men of light and leading, who, by care and attention to their work would cause Freemasonry to flourish even more than it had in the past.

Bro. W. W. B. Beach Provincial Grand Master of Hants acknowledged the toast, and bore testimony to the important duties performed by the Provincial Grand Masters, all of whom endeavoured to impart the genuine principles of the Craft to the

Brethren. He referred with pride to the Masonic Charities, and to the splendid manner in which they had been maintained. The tenets of Freemasonry taught them to be correct in their relations to every day life, and to take a more charitable view of their fellow creatures. He concluded by thanking the Lord Mayor for the happy thought—in the midst of his multifarious duties—showing he had not forgotten his Brother Masons.

Col. Le Gendre N. Starkie Provincial Grand Master of East Lancashire proposed the health of the Lord Mayor, and referred to the dignity and hospitality of his high office, which had been well and worthily sustained by their host. In Bro. Davies they had an emblem of the sun for, rising in glory, he had reached his meridian splendour at the present time, and would have a glorious setting. As a Mason and Past Deacon of the Order he had done his duty in the cause of hospitality and Charity. That day would long be remembered in the annals of the Craft, and all his guests would wish him happiness, long life, and continued prosperity.

The Lord Mayor returned thanks for the cordiality evinced, and said as head of the Corporation of London no one better knew than himself the real meaning of charity. It might well be said that the Corporation and Freemasonry walked side by side in benevolence and other good works. He thanked Bro. Starkie for the kindly sentiments expressed towards him. He was soon about to retire from the civic chair, but he should not retire into private life. There was still much work to be done in the world, and whether publicly or privately he had always endeavoured to do his part.

The company then returned to the saloon, where general conversation and greetings took place, while some visited the interesting exhibition of turnery on view in one of the upper rooms, and finally separated at a late hour.—A very pleasant and memorable evening.

## PRACTICAL RESULTS.

THE beauties of Freemasonry are not found in the ritual, however forcibly this may be rendered, nor yet are they seen in the ceremony of initiation, however impressive this may be, but they are to be found and most strikingly illustrated in the fruits which spring from the practical workings of the great principles of Freemasonry in the human heart, whose results are deeds of charity and good works. When we would behold the effects of Freemasonry we must look for them in the fruits which are brought forth in the lives of those who profess to be governed in all that they do by its great principles.—Exchange.

## "A SPRIG OF ACACIA."

THE funeral of Bro. Charles R. Clark, of Boston, who died somewhat suddenly on Tuesday morning, 11th inst., aged 36 years, took place at Boston Cemetery on the 14th. The ceremony was performed by the Rev. J. Morris, and there was a large congregation of relatives and friends. Deceased was a member of the Frankton Lodge, and of many other local Institutions. The Freemasons were represented by Brother W. S. Barrett W.M., W. H. Gane Secretary, H. Shepherd Treasurer, and several members of the Franklin and Harmony Lodges. The Masonic closing hymn was sung in the chapel during the service. The wreaths numbered about forty, and included one from each of the Institutions of which deceased was a member.

IT is with deep regret we announce the death of Bro. Morton James Barnes, Proprietor of the Oliver Arms, Westbourne Terrace North, Harrow Road, at the age of forty-five years. Bro. Barnes was formerly a member of the High Cross Lodge, No. 754, held at Tottenham, and his funeral took place on Tuesday at the cemetery of that suburb, in the presence of a large gathering of sorrowing friends. In deference to an expressed wish of our late Brother his four children attended the funeral, together with his widow, relatives, and friends. The arrangements for the funeral were in the hands of Bro. T. W. Muzzell, of 7 Harrow Road, W., and the coffin, which was of polished oak, was ornamented with Masonic emblems, bore a suitable inscription, and was almost hidden by the numerous wreaths sent by sorrowing friends. Several of the members of the High Cross Lodge were present at the funeral, while Bro. R. J. Rogers Treasurer, G. Goddard and R. J. Hearnden represented the Westbourne Lodge of Instruction, which has long met at the house of our departed Brother, and the members of which sent a handsome wreath in token of their respect. We tender our sympathy with Mrs. Barnes and her family in their bereavement.



### 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.

79 Pythagorean, Greenwich  
1615 Bayard, 33, Golden Square  
62 Social, Manchester  
102 Unanimity, North Walsham  
270 R. Faith & Friendship, Berkeley  
302 Hope, Bradford  
307 Prince Frederick, Hebden Bridge  
388 Prudence, Halesworth  
543 Cleveland, Stokesley  
557 Loyal Victoria, Callington  
607 Chicheley, Thrapston  
699 Roscaewa, Chacewater  
737 Wentworth, Wellingboro'  
985 Alexandra, Sutton Bridge  
1110 Tyrian, Eastbourne  
1168 Benevolence, Sherbourne  
1177 Tenby, Tenby  
1218 Prince Alfred, Mossley  
1258 Kennard, Pontypool  
1272 Tregenna, St. Ives  
1688 Buxton, Buxton  
1741 Montgomerie, Diss  
1753 Obedience, Okehampton  
1757 King Henry VIII., Hemel Hemp.  
1895 Thames, Henley  
1977 Blackwater, Maldon  
2553 Rufford, Nottingham  
2279 Thornham, Thornham

#### Tuesday.

9 Albion, Freemasons'-hall  
101 Temple, Ship and Turtle  
156 Union, Criterion  
172 Old Concord, F.M.H.  
217 Stability, Anderton's  
765 St. James, Southwark  
1159 M'quis Dalhousie, 36, Golden Sq.  
1259 Duke of Edinburgh, Eastern Hill  
1261 Golden Rule, Cafe Royal  
1381 Kennington, Kennington Park  
1397 Anerley, Anerley  
1472 Henley, North Woolwich  
1662 Beaconsfield, Walthamstow  
1803 Cornhill, Piccadilly  
2150 Tivoli, Frascati  
2190 Savage Club, Freemasons'-hall  
2398 Holborn, Holborn Restaurant  
47 Newstead, Nottingham  
52 Union, Norwich  
70 St. John, Plymouth  
103 Beauford, Bristol  
120 Palladian, Hereford  
124 Marquis of Granby, Durham  
126 Silent Temple, Burnley  
158 Adam, Shearness  
209 Etonian, Windsor  
226 Benevolence, Littleboro'  
252 Harmonic, Dudley  
265 Royal Yorkshire, Keighley  
293 King Friends, Nantwich  
315 Royal York, Brighton  
340 Alired, Oxford  
364 Cambrian, Neath  
373 Socrates, Huntingdon  
378 Loyal Welsh, Pembroke Dock  
386 Unity, Wareham  
393 St. David, Berwick  
421 Loyal of Industry, Stamilton  
448 St. James, Halifax  
457 Loyal Monmouth, Monmouth  
493 Royal Lebanon, Gloucester  
506 Mundy Grove, Shipley Gate  
510 St. Martin, Liskeard  
558 Temple, Folkestone  
599 Sherwell, Banbury  
660 Camalodunum, New Malton  
673 St. John, Liverpool  
685 Northumberland, N'castle-on-T.  
702 Sherborne, Stroud  
734 Londesborough, Bridlington  
794 Warden, Sutton Coldfield  
804 Carnarvon, Havant  
847 Fortesque, Honiton  
855 Sympathy, Wotton-un.-Edge  
960 Bute, Cardiff  
974 Pentalpha, Bradford  
995 Furness, Ulverston  
1002 Skiddaw, Cockermouth  
1028 Royal Alfred, Alfreton  
1036 Bowyer, Chipping Norton  
1067 Ry'l Forest Dean, N'h'm S'v'u.  
1072 Aberystwith, Aberystwith  
1096 Lord Warden, Walmer  
1134 Newall, Manchester  
1197 Nyanza, Ilminster  
1222 Saint Kew, Weston-super-Mare

#### Tuesday.

1244 Marwood, Redcar  
1256 Fidelity, Poulton-le-Fylde  
1266 Honour & Friendship, Blandford  
1282 Ancholme, Brigg  
1336 Square & Compasses, Wrexham  
1367 Beaminster Manor, Beamster.  
1395 Wey Side, Woking Station  
1447 St. Matthew, Bart'n-on-Humber  
1488 St. Eleth, Alnwich  
1509 Madoc, Portmadoc  
1522 Olicana, Ilkley  
1533 Loyalty, Marlboro'  
1587 St. Giles, Cheadle  
1619 Sackville, East Grinstead  
1726 Gordon, Bognor  
1780 Albert Edward, Southampton  
1785 St. Petroc, Padstow  
1799 Arnold, Walton-on-Naze  
1807 Loyal Wye, Builth  
1908 Cholmondeley, Frodsham  
1970 Hadrian, South Shields  
2129 Dorothy Vernon, Bakewell  
2133 Swan of Avon, Stratford-on-Avon  
2136 St. Michael, Bishops Cleeve  
2154 Joshua Nunn, Halstead  
2260 Ridley, Newcastle-on-Tyne  
2290 Fairfield, Fairfield  
2339 Mistley, Manningtree  
2490 Amphthill, Amphthill

#### Wednesday.

Grand Chapter, at 6.  
511 Zetland, Anderton's  
1298 Royal Standard, Highbury  
1306 St. John, Guildhall Tavern  
1491 Athenaeum, Criterion  
1585 Royal Commemoration, Holborn  
1610 Northern Bar, Cafe Royal  
1687 Rothesay, Frascati  
2484 Second Mid. Artillery, F.M.H.  
74 Athol, Birmingham  
94 Phoenix, Sunderland  
137 Amity, Poole  
159 Brunswick, East Stonehouse  
164 Perseverance, Sidmouth  
168 Mariner, Guernsey  
249 St. John, Leicester  
282 Bedford, Tavistock  
287 Unanimity, Stockport  
298 Harmony, Rochdale  
326 Moira of Honour, Bristol  
327 St. John, Wigton  
406 N'thern Counties, N'castle-on-T.  
417 Faith & Unanimity, Dorchester  
429 Royal Navy, Ramsgate  
471 Silurian, Newport, Mon.  
611 Marches, Ludlow  
645 Humphrey Clatham, M'chester  
678 Earl Ellesmere, Farnworth  
750 Friendship, Cleckheaton  
838 Franklin, Boston  
929 Waveney, Bungay  
970 St. Anne, East Looe  
992 St. Thomas, Manchester  
1003 Prince of Wales, Jersey  
1004 Athole, Douglas, Isle of Man  
1010 Kingston, Hull  
1013 Royal Victoria, Liverpool  
1085 Hartington, Derby  
1167 Alnwick, Alnwick  
1205 Methem, E. Stonehouse  
1206 Cinque Ports, Sandwich  
1274 Earl Durham, Chester-le-Street  
1333 Athelstan, Atherstone  
1335 Lindsey, Wigan  
1354 Marquis of Lorne, Leigh  
1403 West Lancashire, Ormskirk  
1431 St. Alphege, Solihull  
1461 Clausentum, Woolston  
1478 Lougheat, Warminster  
1620 Marlborough, Liverpool  
1660 Arlecdon, Frizzington  
1734 Trinity, Rayleigh  
1736 St. John, Halifax  
1862 Stranton, West Hartlepool  
1868 Unity, Oldham  
2193 Queen Jubilee, Nelson  
2200 Pantiles, Tunbridge Wells  
2224 Fairfield, Long Eaton  
2259 St. Nicholas, Thorne  
2334 Jersey, Bicester  
2368 Alan, Alderley Edge  
2382 Loyal Hay, Hay  
2391 Orde-Powlett, Middlesborough  
2453 Duke of York, Cardiff  
2464 Longsight, Longsight  
2495 Goodacre, Bootle

2556 Glyn Ebbw, Ebbw Vale  
2560 Earl of Lathom, Bury

#### Thursday.

27 Egyptian, Anderton's  
45 Strong Man, Guildhall Tav.  
192 Lion & Lamb, Cannon St. Hotel  
227 Ionic, Criterion  
231 St. Andrew, Freemasons'-hall  
558 La Tolerance, Freemasons'-hall  
1288 Finsbury Park, Highbury  
1551 St. Clement Danes, Holborn R'st.  
1585 Friends in Council, 53, G'den Sq.  
1425 Hyde Park, Paddington  
1072 Mornington, Holborn Via. H'tl.  
1707 Eleanor, Great Eastern Hotel  
1724 Kaiser-i-Hind, Cafe Royal  
1790 Old England, Thornton Heath  
2291 West Ham Abbey, Stratford  
2411 Clarence & Avondale, Lyt'nst'n  
2550 Piccadilly, Piccadilly  
24 Newcastle O.T., Newcastle  
31 United Industrious, Canterbury  
38 Union, Chichester  
41 Royal Cumberland, Bath  
110 Loyal 'S'brian, Merton-Tydvil  
114 British Union, Ipswich  
125 Lennox, Richmond, Yorks  
132 Unity, Ringwood  
195 Hengis, Pournemouth  
215 Commerce, Haslingden  
219 Prudence, Todmorden  
249 Mariner, Liverpool  
254 Trinity, Coventry  
266 Naphtali, Heywood  
269 Fidelity, Blackburn  
289 Fidelity, Leeds  
294 Constitutional, Beverley  
295 Combermere Union, Macclesfield  
300 Minerva, Ashton-under-Lyne  
405 Apollo, Beccles  
309 Harmony, Fareham  
317 Affability, Manchester  
324 Moira, Stalybridge  
360 Pomfret, Northampton  
362 Doric, Grantham  
419 St. Peter, Wolverhampton  
446 Benevolent, Wells  
462 Bank Terrace, Accrington  
509 Tees, Stockton  
531 St. Helen, Hartlepool  
539 St. Matthew, Walsall  
625 Devonshire, Glossop  
633 Yarborough, Manchester  
637 Portland, Stoke-upon-Trent  
703 Clifton, Blackpool  
803 St. Andrew, Biggleswade  
856 Restormel, Lostwithiel  
913 Pattison, Plumstead  
971 Trafalgar, Batley  
976 Royal Clarence, Bruton  
1012 Prince of Wales, Bury  
1231 Savile, Elland  
1284 Brent, Topsham  
1304 Olive Union, Horncastle  
1324 Okeover, Ripley  
1379 Marquess of Ripon, Darlington  
1384 Equity, Widnes

1473 Bootle, Bootle  
1500 Walpole, Norwich  
1504 Red Rose of Lanc'ster, Padiham  
1513 Friendly, Barnsley  
1514 Thornhill, Huddersfield  
1557 Albert Edward, Hexham  
1565 Earl of Chester, Lyonn  
1659 Watling St., Stony Stratford  
1770 Vale of White Horse, Faringdon  
1829 Burrell, Brighton  
1874 Lechnere V'nt'r, Balsall H'th  
1899 Wellesley, Sandhurst  
2043 Kendrick, Reading  
2159 Osborne, East Cowes  
2321 Acacia, Bradford  
2342 Easterford, Kelvedon  
2550 Corinthian, Hindley  
2386 Clarence, Chester  
2496 Wirral, Birkenhead

#### Friday.

90 St. John, Albion  
554 Yarborough, Fenchurch Street  
1627 Royal Kensington, F'masons'-h.  
2467 Pickwick, Anderton's  
2488 Eccentric, Criterion  
2511 St. John at Hackney, Hackney  
506 Alired, Leeds  
375 Lambton, Durham  
521 Truth, Huddersfield  
574 Loy. Berkshire Hope, Newbury  
601 St. John, Wellington, Salop  
698 Ryde, Ryde  
709 Invicta of Ashford, Ashford  
751 Eastnor, Ledbury  
837 De Grey and Ripon, Ripon  
936 Adair, Aldeburgh  
1009 Shakspeare, Manchester  
1230 Barnard, Barnard Castle  
1375 Architect, Choriton-cum-Hardy  
1405 Southwell, Nottingham  
1458 Truth, Manchester  
1561 Morecambe, Morecambe  
1648 Prince of Wales, Bradford  
1664 Gosforth, Gosforth  
1754 Windsor, Penarth  
1838 Tudor Rifle V'nt'rs., W'v'h'pton  
1993 Wolseley, Manchester  
2433 Minerva, Birkenhead  
2491 White Rose of York, Sheffield  
2569 St. Trillo, Colwyn Bay

#### Saturday.

142 St. Thomas, Ship and Turtle  
1572 Carnarvon, Albion  
1928 Gallery, Anderton's  
2182 Sterndale Bennett, Camberwell  
1362 Royal Albert Edward, Redhill  
1388 Canynge, Bristol  
1466 Nova Ecclesia, Brighton  
1494 Felix, Hampton Court  
1550 Prudence, Plymouth  
1567 Elliot, Feltham  
2077 Epping, Chingford  
2323 Bushey Hall, Bushey  
2493 Vale of Eden, Appleby  
2499 North Kent, Bexley Heath  
2541 St. Andrew, Avonmouth

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## REPORTS OF MEETINGS.

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We shall be pleased to receive particulars of Masonic meetings for insertion in our columns, and where desired will endeavour to send a representative, to report Lodge or other proceedings.

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## CRAFT: PROVINCIAL.

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## DUKE OF YORK LODGE, No. 2453.

THE annual Festival was held at the Masonic Temple, Cardiff, on Tuesday afternoon, 18th inst., when there was a large muster to do honour to the W.M.-elect Bro. Lewis Morgan. The installation ceremony was impressively performed by the retiring W.M. Bro. W. B. Ferrier P.M. P.P.G. Registrar.

In the evening the annual banquet was held in the large banqueting room of the Royal Hotel, when there was a very large attendance.

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## ANDERIDA LODGE, No. 2434.

COUNCILLOR John Easter P.M. P.P.G. Organist was installed to the position of Worshipful Master at the Queen's Hotel, Eastbourne, on the 19th inst. Bro. Easter, who is a Mason of many years standing, enjoys the esteem of all who know him, and on this new honour which he has attained he will receive the hearty congratulations of not only his Brother Masons, but of the inhabitants of Eastbourne at large.

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## SHURMUR LODGE, No. 2374.

THE installation meeting of this flourishing and highly prosperous Lodge was held at the Royal Forest Hotel, Chingford, on Thursday, 20th inst., and was attended by upwards of ninety members and Visitors.

Bro. S. C. Kaufman P.M. W.M. presided, supported by the following Officers and Brethren:—Bros. George Graveley and R. Clowes Past Grand Officers; J. Holland P.M. S.W. W.M.-elect, W. Fortescue J.W., the Rev. W. H. Langhorne P.M. Chaplain, Wm. Shurmur P.M. P.Z. P.G.Std.Br. Eng. Treasurer, James Clark P.M. Secretary, Percy Trickett S.D., Dr. J. F. Haskins P.P.G.O. Herts and Essex Organist, T. How. G. H. Pizey, A. Bleick, J. C. Francis, Wm. Gower P.P.G.Tr. Essex, James Speller P.M. P.P.J.G.D., C. H. Bestow P.P.G.Std.Br., John Ives P.M. Tyler; Bros. Keys, Hale, Elder, Inch, Beck, Cox, M. Moseley, S. Moseley, A. Moseley, J. Moseley, Berry, Barnes, Candley, H. Eustace, Woodington, R. Eustace, Smith, Wilson, Suffield, Body, Burton, Grane, Simpson, Nosworthy, Dawes, Morris, Barnett, Siegenberg, Culley, Pateman, Hamilton, G. J. Stubbings, Pike, Iszard, Bagnall, Barker, Maynard, Alston, Temple, Stinson, Friend, Bishop, Wilson, Newman, Thompson, James, Tremaine, Archdeacon Dunbar, N. Fortescue P.P.G. Treas. P.M., &c.

The Visitors included Bros. A. J. Stacey W.M. 2472, J. Weymouth W.M. 1343, J. S. Abbott W.M. 2077, T. Clebbon P.M. 20, G. Brown 65, W. G. Norman 2504, H. Moseley 2146, G. Brown I.P.M. 2467, P. J. Barnes W.M. 2501, E. G. Chapman I.G. 27, Taylor W.M. 2256, C. J. Foster W.M. 1457, C. J. Smith I.P.M. 2504, J. Holland 2411, Harry Willsmer 1567, F. G. Stubbings 43, J. W. Johnson P.P.G.D. P.M. and Sec. 2005, G. T. Warman 1278, W. H. Bond 1278, F. B. Ames, Frank Budd 2472, L. Budd 2472, H. E. Drew 1761, and others.

There was a very full agenda of business before the members of this popular Lodge, and as a consequence proceedings were opened shortly after 2 o'clock, when the minutes of the last meeting were put to the vote and duly confirmed.

Lodge was then advanced to the third degree, and Bro. H. Keys was raised as a Master Mason.

After due examination Bros. Charles Cox, Arthur Moseley, Joseph Moseley, and H. Eustace were entrusted, and subsequently passed to the second degree.

The ballot was now brought into requisition, on behalf of nine gentlemen, candidates for initiation in the Lodge, viz.: Messrs. Samuel Simpson, E. O. Morris, T. R. Nosworthy, Lewis Grave, T. J. Dawes, F. C. Gunter, Alfred Miller, F. T. Stubbings and W. J. F. Palowkar. All of these gentlemen were unanimously elected, and the five first named being in attendance they were regularly initiated into the mysteries of the Craft.

Next came the great event of the year—the installation of Worshipful Master for the ensuing twelve months. Bro. Joseph Holland P.M. Senior Warden of the past year had been regularly elected to fill the chair, and was presented on this occasion by Bro. James Speller P.M. P.P.G.D. to receive from his predecessor Bro. S. C. Kaufman the benefits of installation, the usual ceremony being gone through on his behalf.

Having been saluted in each degree the new Master proceeded to invest the following as his Assistant Officers:—W. Fortescue S.W., P. Trickett J.W., W. Shurmur P.G.S.B. Treas., J. Clark Sec., Rev. W. H. Langhorne Chap., G. Pizey S.D., W. Gower P.M. Prov.G.Treas. J.D., Bleick I.G., Hamilton D.C., Frances A.D.C., How, Body, T. Maynard, R. Eustace, Burton and Bagnall Stewards, Dr. Haskins Org., John Ives P.M. Tyler.

The addresses were delivered and the work of installation completed in a very excellent and masterly manner by Bro. Kaufman.

The Auditors' report was received and adopted, the details supplied giving good cause for congratulation on the part of the members of the Lodge. It was stated that the £210 voted to the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys had been paid to that charity, and on this occasion a grant of ten guineas was made to the widow of a deceased Brother, while it was decided, on the proposition of Bros. Shurmur and Kaufman, to recommend her case to the Board of Benevolence of Grand Lodge. In their report the Auditors spoke in high terms of the manner in which the accounts were kept by Bro. Clark Secretary, whose work in this direction, considering the large number of members belonging to the Lodge, must be considerable.

The Worshipful Master was elected to represent the Lodge on the Essex Charity Committee.

A handsome Past Master's jewel was presented to Bro. Kaufman, for his services to the Lodge during the past year, and in presenting it the W.M. took the opportunity of warmly congratulating that Brother on the success which had attended his year as President of the Lodge.

Letters of regret were read from many distinguished Brethren, one being from Bro. Lockwood the recently appointed Deputy Provincial Grand Master, who is at present in Italy.

The Lodge was subsequently closed, and the Brethren adjourned to a banquet, which was excellently served in the Queen's Pavilion. Brother Holland presided, being immediately supported by Grand and Provincial Grand Officers, in all close upon a hundred Brethren sitting down.

The various Loyal and Masonic toasts were proposed with commendable brevity by the W.M.

Bro. Richard Clowes P.G. Stand.B. P.P.S.G.W. of Essex responded on behalf of the Grand Officers of England, specially commenting upon the very exceptional excellence of Bro. Kaufman's work in the Lodge as Installing Master and when conferring the different degrees. He intimated his intention of acquainting the Provincial Grand Master the Earl of Warwick when in his company the following week, as he hoped to be, of the excellent work he had witnessed in the Shurmur Lodge.

Bros. Fortescue and Gower responded for the Provincial Grand Officers, the latter expressing the pleasure it would afford him to nominate Bro. Smith Past Master of the Earl of Warwick Lodge, of Buckhurst Hill, for the office of Provincial Grand Treasurer.

Bros. Kaufman (Installing Officer), Speller, Fortescue, and Bestow responded for the Past Masters, while each of the newly admitted Brethren answered to the toast of the Initiates, in more than usually appropriate terms.

The toast of the Visitors was acknowledged by Bros. George Graveley P.G.Purs. England, Smith I.P.M. 2504, Clebbon 20, F. Taylor 2256, and Harry Willsmer.

Bro. W. Shurmur P.G.Std.B. England, responding to the toast of the Treasurer of the Lodge, after speaking in the highest praise of the work of the Installing Master, and of the admirable services rendered by their excellent Secretary Bro. James Clark P.M., referred with gratification to the payment of the sum of two hundred guineas voted to the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys, making a total of 400 guineas donated to the Boys School, and thereby securing for the Lodge the qualification of Patron, with eighty votes at each election, in perpetuity. The Lodge is also a Patron of the Benevolent Institution, with 600 votes in perpetuity; and a Vice-President of the Girls School, with twenty votes in perpetuity.

Other toasts were given prior to the call for the Tyler. It was felt by a very large number of those present that the distance from home necessitated a much too early termination to one of the most enjoyable meetings ever held in connection with this popular and progressive Lodge.

An excellent programme of music was provided by and under the able direction of Bro. Dr. Haskins the talented Organist of the Lodge.

## METROPOLITAN.

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## ALL SAINTS LODGE, No. 1716.

AMONGST the most pleasurable functions which it is our privilege to attend during the year is the Installation Festival of this popular and flourishing Lodge; it was therefore a pleasure to accept the invitation send us, and we were gratified in finding that the annual gathering was more numerous attended than usual, on Thursday, the 20th inst., at the Holborn Restaurant.

Among others the following were present: Bros. E. Jones W.M., W. Bland W.M.-elect S.W., F. Whitlock J.W., Leonard Potts P.M. Treas., J. Mosey Sec., W. Duff S.D., F. Butler J.D., W. Madeley D.C., H. Heap Org., J. Wiseman I.G., F. Cole Stew., C. Patrick P.M. Tyler; Past Masters C. W. Raymond, J. C. Carpenter, S. Kirk, F. Waterson, C. R. Allen, &c.; Bros. J. Patrick, T. Scott, J. Hunt, W. May, C. Moore, T. Best Folks, W. Smith, F. Hoglen, W. McKensie, W. Bagnald, J. Holden, F. Willers, J. Fiddy, H. Youngbut, H. Thomas, H. Tomlinson, R. J. Hatfield, G. Nye, C. Mackron, T. Trainor, T. Johnson, C. Batt, C. W. Batt, H. Ives, J. Sidney Smith, E. Kemp, J. Rogers, H. Treby, D. Christies, J. Russell Hill, W. Jones, W. Bland, T. Jackson, G. Lowe, Joseph Jacobs, G. Anderson, F. Flower, &c.

The visitors included Bros. J. A. Zeppenfeld, W. Mortlock 2157, A. S. Bird W.M. 1805, W. A. Patrick 781, C. Gibson 1259, E. Bland 279, W. Boyer W.M. 2664, W. Legg P.M. 898, J. Kelly 78, J. Scott P.M. 933 and 1928, F. Thornton J.W. 1805, M. R. Cooper P.M. 1056, J. Barker 279, G. A. Lynn 1320, W. Christies 1804, W. G. Adcock W.M. 2202, J. Owen P.M. 217, White, A. Lines, Wynman, and several others.

The Lodge being duly formed the minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed.

Brothers Thomas, Fiddy, and Willers, who had been passed at the previous meeting, were presented for a higher degree, and having answered the questions were entrusted and retired. The Lodge was opened in the third degree and those Brethren were raised to the sublime degree of M.M.

After this ceremony Bro. Leonard Potts P.M. and Treasurer of the Lodge took the Worshipful Master's chair, whilst Bro. Kirk P.M. took that of S.W., and Bro. Raymond P.M. that of J.W., whereupon the important and interesting ceremony of installation was proceeded with, Bro. William Bland S.W. being presented by Bro. Carpenter as Worshipful Master-elect of the All Saints Lodge. The ancient charges and regulations were read and agreed to in regular form by Bro. Bland, who was thereupon obligated. A strong Board of Installed Masters was formed, and the W.M.-elect was placed in the chair of K.S. as the ruler of the All Saints Lodge according to the old rites and traditions. He was subsequently saluted in regular form, and the Brethren having resumed their seats the new Master proceeded to appoint and invest his Officers, as follow: Bros. Frank W. Whitlock S.W., James Y. Mosey J.W., Leonard Potts P.M. Treasurer, F. Butler Sec., W. S. Duff S.D., J. Wiseman J.D., W. Madeley I.G., W. Verney Palmer D.C., H. H. Heap, R.A.M., Org., G. Cole, W. Kemp, and William Tomlinson Stewards, G. Patrick P.M. Tyler.

The addresses to the Worshipful Master, Wardens and Brethren were delivered perfectly, and without the slightest hitch, by Bro. Leonard Potts, to whom great credit is due for his rendering of the ceremony throughout, and he was warmly applauded at the finish.

Bro. J. C. Carpenter proposed, and Bro. J. Y. Mosey J.W. seconded, that Bro. Boyce Secretary of the Lodge of Instruction be elected an honorary member, which was unanimously agreed to, and was acknowledged in suitable terms.

Several letters were read from the Brethren expressing their regret in being unable to attend, and, after some other communications had been read, Bro. Potts P.M. proposed that a hearty vote of thanks be accorded to the Worshipful Master of the Westbourne Lodge, for their kindness in allowing the All Saints Lodge to occupy the Masonic Temple for their installation, the

Westbourne Lodge being entitled to it, as it was arranged that that Lodge should hold their meetings there.

Bro. A. Arrowsmith P.M. 733, who was present, acknowledged the courteous manner in which the W.M. made the proposition, and sincerely thanked him on behalf of the Westbourne Lodge.

Bro. Kirk P.M. proposed that a hearty vote of thanks be accorded to the Installing Master, which was unanimously agreed to; as also that a vote of thanks be accorded to the Director of Ceremonies. Both these compliments were acknowledged.

The work of the Lodge being ended, the W.M. closed, first of all receiving the hearty good wishes of the Brethren, and the whole company thereupon adjourned to the Banqueting Hall, where Bro. Hamp supervised the service of a sumptuous repast, which, as usual, gave him and the establishment great credit.

The dinner being ended, the W.M. gave the toast of the Queen and the Craft, which was responded to in a most loyal manner.

The next toast the W.M. had also very much pleasure to propose, being that of H.R.H. the Prince of Wales Most Worshipful Grand Master. The W.M. said it was not necessary to allude to the good qualities of the Prince of Wales, as every one of them knew he had Freemasonry at heart, and did everything he could for the welfare of the Craft. The W.M. was full of sympathy for the Princess of Wales, who had so recently suffered the loss of her mother.

In due course the acting I.P.M. took the gavel, and had very much pleasure in giving the toast of the Worshipful Master. The way in which that Brother had invested his Officers might be taken as a fair sample of his ability. They all hoped he would have a very successful year of office. He knew the Brethren would receive the toast most cordially, and he gave them the assurance that Bro. Bland would make an excellent Master. They would also like to hear that not alone was that the night of Bro. Bland's installation, but by a most happy coincidence it was also their Worshipful Master's birthday, and accordingly he would ask them not only to drink success to him as Worshipful Master of the Lodge, but at the same time wish him many happy returns of the day, long life, and prosperity; a sentiment to which the Brethren responded with acclamation.

After receiving another hearty outburst of enthusiasm the W.M. replied. He sincerely thanked the acting I.P.M. for his hearty good wishes, and the Brethren for responding to the toast in so cordial a manner. He was sure, with the able assistance of such an excellent body of Past Masters as he had around him, that he should be able to give the members the satisfaction which they anticipated. Being installed that night on his birthday reminded him that when he received his first collar—from Bro. Raymond—six years ago, it was also on his birthday, and then Bro. Raymond made the remark that he would one day make a good Worshipful Master. In conclusion he assured them he would do everything in his power not to upset that prediction.

The Visitors' toast was next given, the Worshipful Master saying the guests might always rely on a cordial reception in that Lodge. He hoped the guests present that evening had enjoyed themselves, and that the members would have the pleasure of seeing them present again on a future occasion. They had no less than forty-six visitors present, and as it was not possible for all to reply he would make a selection from whom he would ask a response on behalf of the whole body of guests.

Bro. Sully W.M. 1804 was first to reply, thanking the W.M. and the Lodge for the kind reception accorded him. He had not only to thank them for their hospitality, but also for the Masonic treat he had received in the Lodge. The way in which Bro. Potts had installed the Worshipful Master was really perfection.

Bro. Bird W.M. 1805 endorsed the remarks of the previous speaker. Without a doubt he considered the work in the Lodge had been perfection, and as it was his first visit to the Lodge he could but hope he would have the opportunity of coming again.

Bro. Adcock W.M. 2202 thanked the Worshipful Master for calling upon him to respond as one of the visitors. He was pleased to be present, and felt the working he had witnessed was exceptionally good. The way in which the W.M. had invested his Officers was a credit to that Brother and to the Lodge.

Bro. Grimsdale W.M. 2549 also tendered hearty thanks. He considered it a very happy coincidence to be installed on one's birthday, and hoped the special feature would prove the augury for a prosperous year of office.

Bro. Barker 279 added his congratulations. If any of the members found his Lodge at Leicester within the length of their cable tow they might rest assured they would receive a most hearty welcome from the Brethren there.

Bro. S. R. Walker P.M. Secretary of the Westbourne Lodge was likewise called upon, and replied saying they were aware that his Secretarial duties had required his presence in another room that evening, otherwise he would have been most delighted to attend the installation meeting of the All Saints Lodge. He wished the Master a prosperous year of office and many happy returns of the day.

The next toast the W.M. had the pleasure to propose was the Installing Master Bro. Potts—the only one of the founders of the Lodge now left to them. The W.M. thanked him for the able manner in which he had performed the work of installation that day, and also expressed his indebtedness to the I.P.M. for standing aside in order that their old and esteemed member might undertake the duty.

Bro. Potts thanked the W.M. for the way in which he had brought the toast forward, and the Brethren for receiving it so enthusiastically as they had done. As the Worshipful Master had said, he was the only founder now left in the Lodge, yet he hoped to be with them for many years yet to come. He might point out that the mainspring of their Masonic duties was Charity—and he urged them to support the Institution for the Old People, the Boys, and the Girls, as all needed their assistance. As to his working—he was pleased they were satisfied with what he had done, and assured the members that whatever assistance he could give to the Lodge he should be delighted to render.

The Past Masters were next honoured, the Master regarding them as the support of the Lodge. Their Bro. Allen was Preceptor of the Instruction Lodge, and many of them—the speaker among the number—had to thank him for all the Masonic knowledge they possessed. He and the other Past Masters really did everything in their power for the welfare of the Lodge.

Bro. Allen tendered his thanks. He strongly advised the members—the younger ones particularly—to attend Instruction meetings, where they might gain that knowledge without which they would find it very difficult to discharge the duties of office, particularly when they rose to such a position as that occupied by their Master that night.

With the toast of the Treasurer and Secretary was associated that of the Wardens and other Officers, and each of those included said a few words in reply.

The Tyler's toast was then given, and a most pleasant evening was

brought to a conclusion. The following artistes added to the enjoyment of the meeting with displays of their musical talent: Miss Payne, Bros. P. Coward, Malcolm Boyle, W. Kearton, B. Mills, A. Mead, Mr. Willie Phillips, and others, this part of the arrangements being carried out in a perfect manner under the direction of Bro. H. H. Heap, R.A.M., Organist of the Lodge.

Bro. Bland is a native of Leicester. He was initiated in the All Saints Lodge, No. 1716, in February 1890. Subsequently he became Secretary to the All Saints and St. Leonard (1766) Lodges of Instruction, the members of the latter presenting him with a handsome testimonial in 1894. He is the author of "The Freemason's Alphabet" and other Masonic poems; a Deputy Superintendent of the Mercantile Marine Department, Board of Trade; and holds a Commission in the Royal Naval Reserve.

#### ST. DUNSTAN LODGE, No. 1589.

THE regular meeting was held at Anderton's Hotel, Fleet Street, on Wednesday, when the following were present: Bros. Herman N. Sichel W.M., F. Rendell I.P.M., W. Parkinson S.W., F. Kimber Bull J.W., F. H. Clemow P.M. Treas., T. J. Robinson P.M. Sec., R. Innes P.M. acting S.D., F. Goldsmith J.D., W. Von Hafen I.G.; H. B. Winter D.C., W. Farrington Org., John Gilbert P.M. Tyler; Past Masters Robinson James, W. Wellsman, W. E. Farrington, F. Farrington; Bros. H. Robartes, S. Butler, J. Howlett, G. Healy, E. Maddick, E. Gilbert, H. Browrigg, H. Burden, and several others.

Amongst the Visitors we had the pleasure of seeing were Bros. R. Pierpoint P.M. 177, J. Jameson 2262, D. A. McIntyre 1538, J. Kahl 1538, J. Pardoe 1686, J. Hatch 1538, C. E. Noverre 10, and J. Wynman.

The Lodge having been duly formed the minutes of the last meeting were confirmed, and the ballot was taken for Messrs. Alfred Hugh Wade and Alexander Graham McKechnie, proving unanimous in their favour. In due course those gentlemen were initiated into the mysteries of ancient Freemasonry. The next candidate for initiation was Mr. Sidney Clemow, nephew of Bro. Clemow Treasurer of the Lodge and Proprietor of Anderton's Hotel, and the ballot having been proved unanimous in his favour, the W.M. kindly vacated the chair on behalf of Brother Clemow, so that he might have the pleasure of initiating his nephew into the mysteries of the Craft. The work proved a Masonic treat, the ceremony being rendered in a most impressive manner.

The W.M. having resumed his chair, Past Master Wellsman in sympathetic terms informed the W.M. and Brethren of the death of Brother Buck P.M. since the last Lodge meeting, and proposed that a letter of regret and deep sympathy and condolence with the widow of their late highly esteemed Brother should be sent, a course that was unanimously agreed to.

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

After the loyal toasts Bro. F. Rendell assumed the gavel and proposed the health of the Worshipful Master, congratulating him on the ability he had displayed in the work before the Lodge that evening.

The W.M. tendered his thanks, and assured the Brethren he would do everything in his power to win the satisfaction of the members, and ensure the welfare of the St. Dunstan Lodge.

The toast of the Initiates was given in hearty terms by the Master, he specially referring to the admission of Bro. Clemow, nephew of their respected Treasurer, and the proprietor of the hotel. If their newly admitted Brother followed in the footsteps of his father and his uncle he would not go very far wrong.

Bro. Wade regarded it as a red letter day in his career. A great honour had been conferred on him by his initiation into Freemasonry, and he thanked them very much for having admitted him into the Lodge.

Bro. McKechnie tendered his thanks. He had been very much impressed with the ceremony, and was delighted with the cordial reception they had given him.

Bro. Clemow followed. Though one of the youngest members of the Craft he promised to do all in his power to win the satisfaction and esteem of the Lodge. He most sincerely thanked the Worshipful Master for having allowed his uncle to initiate him, and assured the company he should do everything in his power to follow in the footsteps of that worthy relative.

The Visitors were next toasted, the W.M. hoping their reception that night would induce them to again visit the Lodge.

Bro. Pierpoint replied, referring to the courtesy of the W.M. in vacating the chair in favour of his old friend Bro. Clemow, who very naturally desired to officiate at the initiation of his own nephew. He trusted the newly made member would become another worthy Masonic Brother Clemow, and that he would keep up the famous traditions of the family.

Bro. Noverre said he was so delighted with the working of the Lodge, and the cordiality of its members, that if the Brethren would accept him as a joining member he would consider it a proud privilege to say he belonged to the St. Dunstan Lodge.

Several other Visitors replied, and returned thanks for the hospitality shown them.

The Past Masters toast was next given, the W.M. challenging them to show any Lodge possessing a better set of Past Masters than the St. Dunstan. There were no better workers, and they were ever ready to do all in their power for the younger members.

Bro. Rendell and other Past Masters made suitable response.

Bro. Clemow tendered thanks on behalf of the Secretary and himself. Whatever they could do for the benefit of the Lodge they would be pleased to undertake. He was particularly obliged to the Worshipful Master for having allowed him to initiate his nephew, who was the fourth Clemow belonging to the Lodge. He himself had been initiated in it the meeting after its consecration.

Bro. Robinson Secretary also responded on his own behalf. The next toast was that of the Officers, the Master saying he hoped they would give him their co-operation in the work, and referring to each in kindly words.

In his response the Senior Warden urged the younger members to attend Lodges of Instruction, and also pointed out the claims of the Charities on their attention.

The Tyler's toast brought an enjoyable meeting to a conclusion. Several Brethren contributed to the harmony of the evening, among them Bros. Farrington, Wellsman, McKechnie, and Bull.

#### LADIES' NIGHT OF THE BOROUGH LODGE, No. 2589.

A REGULAR meeting and Ladies' Banquet Night was held on Wednesday, 19th inst., at the Bridge House Hotel, London Bridge, S.E. The Lodge was opened at four o'clock by the popular W.M. Bro. Alfred



Atkin, who was as usual most ably supported by Officers and Brethren, among them being Bros. W. Roots I.P.M., H. Bulpitt S.W., R. J. Morley J.W., John Hattersley P.M. P.G.W. Bucks. Treas., James O'Dea P.M. Sec., J. A. Cannon S.D., W. Pottinger P.M. G.S.B. Bucks, J.D., A. Brown acting I.G., E. Hull D.C., W. J. Waterman Org., J. Youldon P.M. P.P.G.D.C. Surrey, J. Smith, and A. J. Fordham Stewards, James Harding P.M. Tyler, and several members.

A nongst the visitors was Bro. James Terry P.G.S.B. Sec. Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution.

The minutes of the last meeting having been read and confirmed Bro. Gorey, who was initiated at the previous meeting, answered the questions leading to the higher degree and was entrusted. The Lodge was advanced to the second degree and that Brother was passed as a Fellow Craft.

The W.M. resumed the Lodge to the first degree, and the ballot was taken for Messrs. John F. Jennings, G. Wood, and A. E. Butler. This proving unanimous in their favour those gentlemen were regularly introduced into the mysteries of ancient Freemasonry.

Bro. O'Dea P.M. Secretary read several communications, amongst others one from Bro. Reynold, who regretted being unable to attend on account of very bad health, but he hoped the W.M. and Brethren would have an enjoyable evening. The Worshipful Master desired that a letter be sent to that Brother, wishing him a speedy recovery, and at the same time hoping to see him in good health at the next meeting.

Bro. A. Thorne, who is abroad, was accepted as a country member. Three resignations were accepted, and this ending the labours of the evening the Lodge was closed, whereupon the W.M., Officers and Stewards retired to the reception room, to welcome the Lady Visitors, and conduct them to the Banqueting room, where a recherche repast was provided, the Hall and tables being most tastefully decorated with flowers, evergreens and other plants. Everything was of the very best, in fact the reputation of the famous Hotel was again well sustained, Bro. George Callingham the proprietor looking after the comfort of all the guests, but especially the Ladies. At the conclusion of the banquet the W.M., in his usual eloquent manner, gave the first toast—the Queen and the Craft—which was attended to in loyal manner.

Bro. Roots I.P.M. gave the toast of the Worshipful Master, saying that in him the Brethren had a Master, who not only understood the work of Freemasonry to perfection, but one who also studied the prosperity of the Lodge, in fact he did everything it was possible for the welfare of Freemasonry. After the labours of the Lodge were ended he worked to ensure the comfort of the Brethren. That night above all nights he had done everything to make the company comfortable, especially the lady visitors.

The W.M. was received in a most enthusiastic manner. He thanked Bro. Roots for his kind remarks, and the Ladies and Brethren for having received the toast in so cordial a way. It was perfectly true he studied the welfare of the Lodge, and what he did in the Lodge or at the festive board was done for love of Freemasonry. The high position he held in the Lodge was gained by hard work and attention. The Masonic knowledge he possessed he had to thank Bros. Roots and O'Dea for. Both of them were able Past Masters of the Borough Lodge, and both Preceptors of Lodges of Instruction. The Borough Lodge was only three years old, but was in the unique position of being able to boast that up to now its Past Masters had both been Preceptors of Lodges of Instruction. It was thought that he was the only member who had sufficient cheek to follow in the chair two such eminent Freemasons. It had long been his ambition to occupy the position of Worshipful Master, and he was, he believed, the only man in London this year who had the honour of occupying the chair of two Lodges—namely, the Borough and the Ebury in his case—at the same time.

The Worshipful Master next had the honour to give the toast of the evening—one of the most important possible—the Ladies. The Borough Lodge had wisely decided that they should have a Ladies Banquet every year, and they had proved great successes. The presence of the Ladies added immensely to the enjoyment of an evening, and he hoped to be honoured with their pleasant company on a future occasion. He had much pleasure in calling upon Bro. J. Stanton to reply for the Ladies, which was done in a most humorous manner.

The W.M. gave the toast of the Masonic Charities, saying that the members of the Borough Lodge always attended to the call of charity. The Lodge had always been represented at the Festivals held during its existence, and on each occasion had sent them donations. He was pleased to see by the jewels they wore that many of the Ladies present were Life Governors of the Charities. No doubt Bro. Terry Secretary of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution would oblige with a little explanation of the work of the Institutions.

Brother James Terry, with his usual flow of eloquence, gave a full description of the three Charities, and what they were doing. He made a powerful appeal to the Ladies to support their husbands in continuing to contribute, and give their assistance to the excellent Institutions.

Numerous other toasts followed, and were responded to. During the evening an excellent programme of music was provided under the direction of Bros. Waterman and Attwood, and altogether a most happy evening was spent.

INSTRUCTION.

ROYAL ALFRED LODGE, No. 780.

ON Thursday, 20th inst., at the Star and Garter Hotel, Kew Bridge, Bros. S. W. Keene P.M. W.M., H. T. Johnson S.W., E. H. Wilcox J.W., J. H. Cumming Sec., R. H. Williams P.M. P.P.G.J.D. Middx. Preceptor, W. Langdon S.D., W. Smith J.D., A. H. Bridger I.G.

The ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, Bro. Cumming acting as candidate. Lodge was then called off and on. Bro. Williams answered the questions, was entrusted and the ceremony of passing was rehearsed. Lodge was resumed to the first degree, and Bro. H. T. Johnson was unanimously elected to occupy the chair of W.M. at the next meeting.

Bro. Johnson, who is a leading light in journalistic circles, and author of several successful plays, is very popular amongst the Brethren in the neighbourhood, and we predict that many will put in an appearance when they become aware of his election to the chair.

CHISWICK LODGE, No. 2012.

ON Saturday, 22nd inst., at the Windsor Castle Hotel, Hammersmith, Bros. L. Powell W.M., W. T. Ridgway S.W., J. H. Cumming J.W., F. Craggs P.M. Treas., R. Jacey P.M. Sec., W. Hellier P.M. acting Preceptor,

E. Wilkins S.D., P. Cronin J.D., W. Herring I.G., H. J. Cousens, J. Knight, S. W. Keene P.M., and others.

Lodge was opened to the second degree, when Bro. Keene answered the usual questions and was entrusted. Lodge was opened in the third degree and the ceremony of raising was rehearsed, the same Brother acting as candidate. Lodge was then closed down and the second section of the first lecture was worked by the Brethren, under the direction of P.M. Hellier.

Bro. S. W. Keene W.M. of the Royal Commemoration Lodge, No. 1585 P.M. 865 P.P.G.P. Middlesex was unanimously elected a member of this popular and well attended Lodge of Instruction.

Bro. F. Craggs P.M. gave notice that he should propose the usual annual subscription from the funds to that excellent Institution, the West London Hospital.

Bro. Ridley was elected to act as W.M. on the 5th prox.

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