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DEATH OF THE PRO GRAND MASTER.

WHEN we stopped our paper last week and were able to publish the somewhat reassuring telegram from Lord Skelmersdale, as to the condition of his father on Saturday morning, we felt we were able to in a measure relieve the anxiety which was then pretty general throughout the country as to the health of the Pro Grand Master. Unfortunately, however, a short time after our issue was published the news reached us that the Earl of Lathom had passed away, his death occurring on Saturday afternoon.

It is not our intention to devote space to any lengthy details of the deceased Earl's services to the Craft—we deem it sufficient to say that he was beloved by every member of the Order who had been brought in contact with him, and respected by all who knew him only by repute. For twenty-five years he ruled over the important Province of West Lancashire, while his record as one of the higher rulers of the whole English Brotherhood goes almost as far back, he being appointed Deputy Grand Master in 1874, at the time H.R.H. the Prince of Wales ascended to the Masonic throne, and rising to the yet higher honour of Pro Grand Master in 1891.

It is of melancholy interest to record the fact that his lordship's last public appearance was in connection with the Order of which he was so brilliant an ornament, and of which he was so proud. We refer to the occasion of his attendance at Liverpool, when he was presented with a cheque for £500 and a silver salver, &c., &c., to mark the completion of his twenty-five years service as Provincial Grand Master of West Lancashire, reported in our pages at the time.

The remains of the late Earl were interred at Ormskirk, on Wednesday, the anniversary of the day on which his beloved Countess was killed, amid such surroundings as will make a lasting impression on those who attended, it taking place amid a perfect blizzard of snow, wind and sleet. Representatives were present of many great and distinguished in the country, from the Queen and the Prince of Wales downwards, a conspicuous feature of the funeral being the large attendance of members of the Craft—to the number of between four and five hundred—headed by representatives of Grand Lodge, Grand Mark Lodge, and his lordship's own Province.

Needless to say the wreaths were both numerous and magnificent, while the closing scene at the grave side was rendered all the more pathetic by the thought that one of the noblest and best men of the times was being laid to his rest—beloved and deeply mourned by his Queen, his country, his Brother Masons, and all with whom he had ever come in contact—surely a noble representative of the noble race of true English gentlemen.

EAST LANCASHIRE.

THE half-yearly meeting of the Provincial Grand Lodge of East Lancashire was held on Tuesday, 22nd inst., at the Hulme Town Hall. Colonel Le Gendre N. Starkie Provincial Grand Master presided, and there was present Bro. C. R. N. Beswicke-Royds P.G.D. Deputy Provincial Grand Master, and other prominent members of the Order, the total number in attendance being between 300 and 400.

The Provincial Grand Master said that before proceeding with the business of the meeting it was his painful duty to refer to the loss the Order had sustained in the death of the Earl of Lathom Pro Grand Master of England, and one of the greatest ornaments of Freemasonry. He was one of the most able and conscientious of men in the performance of the duties assigned to him, and one whose character stood pre-eminent—well beloved by his Sovereign, highly esteemed by the nation, and an ornament to humanity in the noble attributes he possessed. He was a pattern to themselves as Freemasons, and to the country at large. The memory of his good deeds would be long cherished in their minds, and his hope was that in their several positions in life, and especially in connection with that particular movement, they would imitate and appreciate his character. The Province of East Lancashire had received many evidences of his kindness and generosity, and on occasions difficulties might have arisen between themselves and the adjoining Province of West Lancashire, over which he ruled, had a man of less noble spirit and less comprehensive grasp been at the head of affairs. In conclusion Colonel Starkie moved a vote of condolence with the members of the deceased Earl's family in their bereavement.

Bro. C. R. N. Beswicke-Royds seconded the motion, which was passed in silence.

The business of the meeting was then proceeded with. The roll was called, and it appeared that all the Lodges in the Province were represented save one.

The following Brethren were appointed Auditors of the Provincial Grand Lodge accounts, viz.:—Bros. S. Lord P.G. Organist; R. H. Beswick, St. George's Lodge, No. 1723, Bolton; and W. A. Bover, The Manchester Lodge, No. 2554.

The minutes of the Charity Committee stated that at a meeting held on the 16th September two boys, the sons of deceased Salford Freemasons, were adopted for election to the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys, and the Election Committee reported that at the election in October both were admitted to the benefits of the Institution.

Bro. C. D. Cheetham P.P.S.G.W. Chairman of the Charity Committee, in moving that the proceedings of that Committee be adopted, said there were at the present time considerable numbers of persons travelling about East Lancashire and other Masonic Provinces soliciting aid from the Almoners of Masonic Lodges, who were not entitled to such assistance. He asked all who were appealed to by these persons to take steps to ascertain the genuineness of their applications before acceding to them.

Bro. T. J. Hooper P.P.G.T. Vice Chairman seconded the motion, which was passed.

A letter was read from Bro. McLeod Secretary to the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys, stating that on making up the final list of subscriptions in connection with the recent Festival in aid of that Institution, he found that the 180 Stewards from East Lancashire had raised a total sum of £5,772—the second largest amount contributed from any Province. He expressed his deep thanks to the Provincial Grand Master, the Stewards, and the Brethren of the Province, for the splendid work they had done, and the

magnificent result that had been achieved. The grand total amounted to £141,203—a record subscription for a Charitable Institution, which he was sure every member of the Masonic body would feel proud to have had a share in bringing about.

The Provincial Grand Master said the Brethren of East Lancashire had made a very noble and generous effort in aid of the Boys School. They had set an example to other Provinces, and had shown what East Lancashire could do when it set its mind to accomplish any object. He hoped that in the next effort they made they would turn their attention to their home charities. Those charities had done a great deal of good, had alleviated a great deal of distress, and had educated numbers of children. They were provided now at their own doors with elementary, secondary, and technical education, and their local Masonic Charities would enable many children of deceased members of the Order to avail themselves of the facilities thus afforded, while other children could be sent to the London Institutions.

Bro. C. D. Cheetham said that the total amount subscribed by the Provinces of East and West Lancashire in connection with the Boys Festival was over £10,000. Yorkshire sent £7,000, and Cheshire, with only about fifty Lodges, over £3,000. He mentioned these figures as giving some indication of the strength of Freemasonry in the North of England. He moved, in accordance with notice, that the sum of 100 guineas be granted from the Provincial Grand Lodge Fund to the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution for Aged Freemasons and Widows.

Bro. J. T. Hooper seconded the motion, which was passed.

It was also resolved that a grant of fifty guineas be made to the East Lancashire Systematic Benevolent and Educational Institution.

WEST LANCASHIRE CHARITY.

IT has been decided that the fiftieth annual ball in aid of the West Lancashire Masonic Educational Institutions shall take place on the 18th of January next, under the banner of the Skelmersdale Lodge. The Finance Committee of the Liverpool Corporation readily granted the use of St. George's Hall for the occasion, and the Ball Committee are making such arrangements as to ensure the financial and social success of the event. Already the list of patrons is in excess of previous years. Bro. Alfred Shawfield, of 77A Lord Street, Liverpool, is the Secretary.

The Brethren of the United States are, at the moment, sorely divided over the colour question. The Grand Lodge of Washington recently decided to recognise negro Lodges. The Grand Lodge of Kentucky, in consequence, recommends "non-intercourse with the Washington Grand Lodge."

"A SPRIG OF ACACIA."

THERE has just passed away, in his eighty-fourth year, a veteran solicitor, Freemason, and Churchman in the person of Mr. J. Moxon Clabon, of Sevenoaks, and Great George Street, Westminster, who died in harness, one of his cases having only been decided on Thursday, and he himself having been in the courts quite recently. He was the beau ideal of an old-fashioned lawyer, and was a Grand Deacon among the Freemasons and President of the Freemasons' Board of Benevolence. It was, however, as a Churchman that he was best known, and few members of Convocation who may notice his death to-day will realise how, next to and under Mr. Henry Hoare, the revival of that body is due to Mr. Clabon, whose painstaking research into the law and precedents was of great value. Mr. Beresford Hope used to say, "If so safe and cautious a lawyer as Clabon agrees to the proposal there can be no danger." In the early days of Church Congresses he frequently attended and read papers.—"Westminster Gazette."

THE funeral of Bro. T. Bungay took place on Monday afternoon, 14th inst., at the Southampton Cemetery, and his remains were followed to the grave by members of his family, Brethren of the Shirley Lodge, No. 1112, of which he was a member, representatives of the Southampton Licensed Victuallers Association, of which deceased was at one period chairman, and a number of friends who were anxious to pay a last tribute to the memory of one whom they held in the highest esteem and regard.

CONSECRATIONS.

ST. AUDREY LODGE.

ON Tuesday afternoon this new Lodge of the Province of Cambridgeshire was consecrated at Ely, by Bro. Col. R. T. Caldwell Prov. Grand Master, assisted by other Officers of the Province.

The interesting ceremony was largely attended, and at its conclusion the following were invested as the Officers:—Bros. J. M. Harvey P.M. 936 P.P.S.G.W. Suffolk W.M., J. Read P.M. 388 I.P.M., H. Kempton 442 S.W., T. A. Guyatt 1719 J.W., Rev. J. H. Gray P.G. Chaplain Eng. D.P.G.M. Chaplain, C. Laceby 1963 Treasurer, A. Burson 441 Secretary, W. G. Duniwoody 55 (Irish Constitution) S.D., J. C. Laxton 2107 J.D., O. Papworth P.P.S.G.W. Prov.G.Sec. D.C., J. C. Barnett 378 I.G., H. F. M. Peatling Organist, J. S. Cowell S.D. 2107 and T. Keats 1327 Stewards, J. Lewis 2153 Tyler.

A banquet followed, at which sympathetic allusion was made to the death of Lord Lathom.

Bro. Horace Brooks-Marshall, M.A., J.P., was installed on the 18th inst. as first Worshipful Master of the newly-consecrated Streatham Lodge, at the Town Hall, Streatham, by Bro. Edward Letchworth Grand Secretary, he having first of all regularly consecrated the Lodge.

DEVONSHIRE.

ON Wednesday next the Provincial Grand Master Sir Stafford Northcote, Bart., will visit Plymouth for the purpose of consecrating Lodge Maristow, No. 2725, constituted at Yelverton, and meeting on the first Wednesday in each month. The Consecration ceremony will be performed by the Prov. Grand Master, who will be assisted by Bro. Major Davie D.P.G.M. P.G.A.D.C. England, and others.

The Consecration ceremony takes place at 4.15 p.m., at the Freemasons' Hall, and will be followed by a banquet at six o'clock.

RESCUE BY THE MASONIC LIFE-BOAT.

THE Life Boat "Albert Edward," stationed at Clacton-on-Sea, on Wednesday morning brought safely ashore seven men from the three masted schooner "Ornen," of Osthammer, which had stranded on the Gunfleet Sands. She was bound for Portsmouth, with a cargo of timber. The Life Boat is one of two boats presented to the Royal National Life Boat Institution by the United Grand Lodge of England, in commemoration of the safe return from India of the Most Worshipful Grand Master H.R.H. the Prince of Wales.

The interest in the appointment of a Provincial Grand Master of English Freemasons is by no means confined to Brethren of the Ancient and Mystic Craft. A Provincial Grand Master is a paramount personage to Freemasons, not only in his own Province but universally; he is also an object of real interest to those who are not Freemasons. This is due probably to the fact that a person of distinction or of assured position is commonly selected for that exalted office; indeed, there are still to be bought photographs in which H.R.H. the Prince of Wales as Grand Master of England is depicted en-groupe with one of his brothers and one of his sons as Provincial Grand Masters of two home counties. Not mere curiosity only is felt as to who will be selected by the Grand Master to succeed Sir John Senhouse Goldie-Taubman as Provincial Grand Master of the Isle of Man; Freemasons and those who are not Freemasons take a lively interest in the selection. It is not a subject on which we can enlarge, even if we felt so inclined, but we apprehend some time may elapse before a Provincial Grand Master of the Isle of Man is appointed. Circumstances beyond the control of Freemasons will probably determine the selection. If Mr. Arthur Moore be appointed Speaker of the House of Keys (and a very good speaker he would be), the chances are that he would be also selected as Provincial Grand Master of the Isle of Man. If he be not appointed Speaker, Mr. Webb's status as Mayor of Douglas might weigh with Grand Lodge,

and a Provincial Grand Mastership may commemorate his Mayoralty. Anyhow, Grand Lodge will remain unaffected by memorials and petitions sent up by Dick, Tom, and Harry, and will most assuredly select the right man.—“Manx Sun.”

A subscription and complimentary matinee is to be given to Bro. Charles Coborn, the well known Music Hall Comedian, at the Oxford Music Hall, on Tuesday, 6th December next, at 2 o'clock. Among the patrons are a large number of Brethren and other well-known leaders in theatrical circles, while Bro. Louis Honig J.D. of the Asaph Lodge, No. 1319, is taking a prominent part, as a member of the Committee, in bringing the matter under the notice of those likely to lend a hand in the good cause. Bro. Honig explains that the fund is promoted so as to give Bro. Coborn a fair start, his present troubles being really the result of misfortune, and not of personal extravagance, gambling, or neglect of his duties; and he concludes a forcible appeal with the words:—“Let us unite in helping our good brother Charles Coborn, who founded The Music Hall Artists' Protection Association, helped to found The Music Hall Benevolent Fund, and acted as its President.” Subscriptions may be sent direct to Bro. Louis Honig (Waterford Lodge, Richmond Hill, Surrey), or to the Treasurer, Mr. Ernest Bostock, 26 Wellington Street, Strand, W.C.

A pleasing incident took place at the ordinary meeting of the South Saxon Lodge, at the Masonic Hall, Lewes, on Wednesday evening, 16th inst., when the Worshipful Master Bro. R. Weston was made the recipient of a handsome silver cigar case. The gift, which was suitably inscribed, was presented by the Mayor, in a happy speech, on behalf of a number of the Brethren, in recognition of the valuable services rendered by the W.M. in connection with the recent visit of the Duke of Connaught. The W.M. expressed his acknowledgment in suitable terms.

The silver rose bowl and the flower vases recently presented to the Earl of Lathom by his Brethren of West Lancashire have been illustrated in several of our contemporaries lately, and judging therefrom they must be very handsome mementoes of a most gratifying celebration. They were the work of Messrs. Elkington and Co., the famous silversmiths, and are described as doing credit to the reputation of the house.

St. Budeaux Freemasons are a very enterprising body, says the “Western Mercury.” Queen Victoria Lodge, No. 2655, is rapidly outgrowing its present accommodation, and so a site has been secured for the erection of suitable premises. Within the next few weeks it is expected that further progress will be made in the work. Such efforts speak highly for the zeal of the Brethren of the Lodge, which is in the second year of its existence.

A proposal was afoot to convert the Ellan Vannin Lodge, of Douglas, Isle of Man, into a Past Masters Lodge, with Brother Sir John Senhouse Goldie-Taubman as W.M. Invitations to join had been sent to most of the Past Masters of the Insular Lodges. The death of Sir John will of course necessitate some alterations in the arrangements.

The annual supper in connection with the Walthamstow Lodge of Instruction will take place on Monday next, 28th inst., at 8 o'clock sharp, at the Lord Brooke, Shernhall Street, Walthamstow, when Bro. W. Shurmur Past G. St. B. Eng. will preside.

Bro. John C. Lee, late manager of the Dover Castle, Westminster Bridge Road, has taken possession of the King's Head Tavern, Upper Street, Islington, where he will be pleased to see his friends, and give them a hearty welcome.

Bro. E. Goshon, of the Fox and Hounds, Southwark Bridge Road, has excellent accommodation for Lodges of Instruction, and if any of our readers are desirous of securing quarters they might pay him a visit.

R.M.I. GIRLS.

MISS BERTHA J. DEAN (of Chichester) has the honour of being the first “Girl Graduate” of the above Institution, in which she is Ex-Pupil, Gold Medallist, and Teacher. Entering the Examination lists of the London University, she passed in the first division at the preliminary examination in 1896, in the first division at the intermediate examination in 1897, and has now, at the final examination, won the distinction of Bachelor of Arts.

ENTERTAINMENT NOTES.

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Drury Lane.—In addition to the ordinary Wednesday and Saturday matinees, two special morning performances of “The Great Ruby” will be given, on Monday next, 28th November, and Thursday, 8th December, at 1.45 each afternoon.

Alhambra.—The famous Spanish dancer and singer La Belle Otero, who caused so great a sensation in Paris some time ago, made her appearance here on Wednesday evening, and achieved a distinct success.

Court.—“Cupboard Love,” a new three act farce by Bro. H. V. Esmond, will be produced at this Theatre next Saturday, 3rd prox., with a strong caste.

Adelphi.—Bro. George R. Sims's successful drama “The Gipsy Earl” will be withdrawn from this Theatre after Saturday, 10th December.

Our amusing Bro. E. J. Odell had a crowded audience at his Bohemian Concert given at the St. Martin's Town Hall, Charing Cross, on Monday. One can almost hear the roars of laughter that greeted his droll rendering of “The Address of Polonius to the Queen.” Bro. Charles Collette, who took the chair, contributed an amusing sketch “What the Baby thinks,” and among many other favourites who appeared were Bros. Franklin Clive, W. H. Denny, Reginald Groome, Richard Green, and Robert Harwood.

WASHINGTON RESTAURANT, OXFORD STREET.

THERE was a very enjoyable gathering at this establishment, which is situate No. 203 Oxford Street, London, W., on the occasion of a social gathering to celebrate the birthday of the Proprietor Bro. E. White, a well known member of the Victoria Park Lodge, No. 1816.

Those present included Bros. J. Kinniple P.M. 1816, W. R. Bridgland 2045, C. Hatchman 742, J. Bullen 1816, Messrs. F. R. Thursdon, Harry Warner, J. Williams, W. Chappel, and numerous other Brethren and personal friends.

Bro. J. Kinniple was invited to take the chair, and after a very enjoyable supper he gave the toast of the Queen and Royal Family, which was heartily responded to.

The Chairman then proposed what he deemed the toast of the evening—their host, Mr. White. They felt they could not let the opportunity pass without wishing him many happy returns of the day, and expressing the hope that God might grant him health and prosperity for many, many years to come, to be with them all. The reception Mr. White had that night given them was most hearty, and in return he felt the company had done justice to the excellent dishes provided. He knew by experience that their host always provided bountifully, not only for his friends, but for his customers generally, many of whom came time after time because they were so satisfied with what was given them. He therefore had no hesitation in calling on the company to give their genial host a hearty greeting, to which those present cheerfully responded.

Bro. White replied in a few appropriate words, thanking his friends for their good wishes.

Several other toasts were given and responded to, different members of the company contributing songs and other items for the purpose of adding to the general pleasures of the evening.

THE MIDLAND RAILWAY COMPANY have just issued a Programme of Tourist arrangements for the winter season, which gives full details in regard to fares, &c., from the 1st inst., to the principal holiday resorts in England and Wales, including Morecambe and the Lakes, Bournemouth, Isle of Wight, the Peak of Derbyshire, Norfolk Broads, North Wales, the watering places of Yorkshire and Lancashire, and the South of England. Among the contents are particulars of circular tours, cheap week-end excursions, cycling tours, walking tours, &c., &c.

WE thoroughly enjoyed a tin of Skinner's Turtle Soup which we sampled a few days since, and we can fully recommend it to those who appreciate a good basin of real turtle. It is claimed that Mr. Skinner has devoted his attention for many years to the preparation and preservation of turtle, of which he selects the best, when in full season, fresh from the sea, healthy and fat, and is so enabled to put upon the market a much better article than is even possible with those who import live turtles, which suffer considerably from the long journey to this country. The sole agents for the United Kingdom are Messrs. G. A. Adams and Co., 101 Leadenhall Street, E.C., who send sample tins post free for half-a-crown each.

THE November issue of “Cassell's Magazine” is one of the most interesting parts of this good old periodical we have seen for some time. The paper on “Parliaments of the Empire” will prove very attractive to a large number of readers.

THE part of the QUIVER for the current month is the first of a new volume and, as usual, it is full of good things, both in the way of profuse illustrations and interesting text.

MASONIC TEMPLE AT CHESTER-LE-STREET.

SINCE the year 1870 the members of the Earl of Durham Lodge, No. 1274 have met in rooms adjoining the Lambton Arms, Chester-le-Street. Recently, however, as it had come to be felt that the accommodation was insufficient for the large number of members attending the ordinary meetings, steps were taken to make structural alterations to meet the requirements of the Lodge.

From designs by Brother John Gibson Cowe, the small and inconvenient rooms have now been transformed into two large rooms—one upstairs and one down—with adjoining anterooms. Entrance is gained by means of a fine staircase. Pending the alterations, the Lodge met in the Church Institute, and on returning to their old habitation the Brethren were delighted with the improvements effected.

The Earl of Durham Lodge was constituted by a Warrant dated 29th June 1869. The Lodge was named after the Right Hon. George Frederick D'Arcy, the second Earl of Durham, who succeeded his father, the Right Hon. John George Lambton, first Earl of Durham, and who at the time of his death was the Pro Grand Master of England and the Provincial Grand Master for the Province of Durham, having previously been Deputy Grand Master of England. The Lodge was consecrated on the 8th September 1869, at the Lambton Arms Hotel, by the P.G.M. for Durham Bro. John Fawcett, assisted by Sir Hedworth Williamson, Bart., M.P., D.P.G.M., and the Officers of the Provincial Grand Lodge, on which occasion a large gathering of the Fraternity assembled to do honour to their Provincial chief.

In the early part of the year 1870 the Brethren of the Lodge, owing to the large increase of membership, resolved upon meeting in a building to be exclusively devoted to the proper performance of Masonic rites and ceremonies. The dwelling-house immediately adjoining the Lambton Arms Hotel was utilised. On the 13th of April 1870 the first Lodge meeting took place in the new temple. Since that time the Lodge has steadily increased in membership, with the result that the more adequate accommodation now provided has been rendered necessary.

RELIGION OF MASONRY.

BRO. the Rev. Abraham Lazarus, B.A., Rabbi of the Holy Blossom Synagogue, Toronto, and also Chaplain of Zetland Lodge, No. 326, G.R.C., delivered a fine oration on "Religion of Masonry" before the Brethren at a regular meeting of that Lodge, on the 28th October. After a few prefatory remarks he said:

Because the unknown inspires fear in vulgar minds, and that which is wrapped in obscurity and mystery exposes itself to suspicion and doubt, Masonry throughout the long course of its history has been subjected by those who have not been initiated into its secrets to more misrepresentation perhaps than any other institution that has ever been founded. In the absence of any real information with regard to its doctrines and aims, all sorts of lying rumours and cock and bull stories have been circulated amongst the masses, to its injury and detriment, and if one were to believe half of the nonsense that passes current amongst even educated people in ordinary conversation for facts about the Craft, he would have to come to the conclusion that beside the members of the Fraternity the inmates of a lunatic asylum are paragons of intelligence and wisdom. It is true that owing to the spread of culture and the growth of education, the absurd popular superstitions which attributed to Masonic agency dark and sinister crimes like those perpetrated by the Carbonari of Italy or the Nihilists of Russia on those who have broken their oaths of fidelity, have now been swept into the rubbish heap of oblivion, and, if referred to at all, are treated as a huge joke, rather than as a matter for serious attention. It is only in penny novels and juvenile yellow literature nowadays that blood-curdling, creepy, sensational tales about men being strangled on lonely heaths by unknown hands for having divulged the mystic rites practised in the sacred precincts of the Lodge figure any longer, and ideas about wild orgies, bacchanalian revels, unholy agreements being signed with Old Nick, riding the goat, treading on red-hot iron, and sitting upon pyramids of grinning skulls, have been given over to the makers of burlesque and melodrama. Still, for all that, there exists an immense amount of prejudice against Masonry as to the nature and object of the organisation.

A vague impression prevails that it is somehow or other opposed to the interests of religion and subversive of the true welfare of society. The very fact that it recognises no distinction of race or creed, and that men of all shades and varieties of belief can stand upon its platform, gives colour to the charge that it is atheistic in its tendencies, and has for its basis a principle in which the belief in a Supreme Being can have no place. As a matter of fact, with many "Freemason" and "freethinker" are synonymous terms, and before a neophyte can

gain admission to the body of a Lodge it is currently reported that he must leave his faith, along with his shoes, outside the door. At any rate, in the past the Church always looked with disfavour on Masonry as a possible rival to its authority and divine claims, and did everything in its power to discourage the movement, as if it involved an assault upon its influence and power. The attitude of Protestantism towards it has been more friendly because the forces that brought the Reformation made for freedom, and were largely due to the humanists from whom Masonry probably originated. But to-day more than ever bitter and relentless antagonism to the Craft is the unvarying policy of papal power at the Vatican, and no Roman Catholic, if he is true to his vows, can ever don the lambskin or wield the gavel in a Masonic Lodge. Now, in view of these misunderstandings it is well that we should emphasise the fact that Masonry, truly understood and properly apprehended, so far from seeking to undermine the foundations of faith and morality, as is suggested, is essentially religious in its character, and that if its lofty teachings were lived up to and acted upon universally, beneficent alchemy would transmit the drossy element of human nature into fine gold, and convert this world from what it is, an abode of sin and shame, brutish passions and demoralised lusts, into a veritable paradise. Unfortunately Masons themselves are more often than not Masons in name but not in heart, by profession and not by deeds. They do not practice what they preach. They do not exemplify in their conduct and characters the glorious principles to which they give their adhesion. A few here and there may be distinguished by their shining virtues, their singular purity of life and unblemished reputation. As far as the vast majority are concerned, however, they do not stand head and shoulders above the crowd for their moral dignity and worth, do not shed any particular lustre upon the Order they represent. On the contrary, nominal Masons often by their individual actions bring the Craft into discredit. They enter Masonry for what they can make out of it, as a means of gaining advantage in business and acquiring preferences from those with whom they trade.

We all know the man who sports the square and compasses on his person, a Masonic emblem depending as a charm from his watch chain, a Masonic degree engraven upon his sleeve links, a Masonic ring upon the finger. With a knowing wink he gives every Brother he meets a vice-like grip that almost dislocates his knuckles, in order to advertise to you the fact that he belongs to the Fraternity; such an individual ought to be shunned like a leper. He disgraces the emblems he wears by using them as a means of ostentation and display, and making them subserve to his own selfish interests. He shows that in joining Masonry he has been influenced by mercenary and other unworthy motives, which is in direct contradiction to the terms of the solemn assurance that he gave when he stood on the threshold of his Masonic career. If, however, everyone who takes upon himself the sacred obligations which the Order imposes upon him were to carry them out in spirit as well as in letter, then he would become a power for good among his fellows, and lead a life whose fragrance would sweeten the whole atmosphere of the Order in which he moves. The Lodge would be an abode of love and privity, a centre of light diffusing its radiance all around and illuminating the pathway of duty. It would be a temple dedicated to the true worship of God, and those who sit beneath its roof would hear priests serving at the altar of humanity. It would be symbolical of the whole universe, which is the sanctuary in which dwells the glory of the Church. Supported on the three Grand Pillars, representing wisdom, strength and beauty, and covered with the celestial canopy of divers colours typifying the heavens, and standing on ground hallowed by self-sacrifice, it would shadow forth a divine ideal, that ethereal mansion veiled from mortal eye by the stary firmament, ascent to which is only to be gained by those who have climbed the ladder whose staves are faith, hope and charity. For Masonry is at once the grandest and simplest system of religion that it is possible to construct.

(To be continued.)

EXPIRED SUBSCRIPTIONS.

A CASE has just been decided at the Dublin City Sessions which may assist newspaper publishers a little with regard to what has hitherto been a somewhat difficult and doubtful point. A subscriber to the "Irish Field" paid his subscription to the paper in advance in the years 1895 and 1896. He did not pay for it in 1897, nor at the beginning of this year. The paper was, however, still sent to him, and he made no objection or protest until 15th August last, when, upon receiving an account, he returned the current week's copy and wrote that he did not want the paper. He refused to pay the £1 4s 9d which had accumulated, and hence the action. The Recorder gave a decree for the full amount. An attempt was made to show that there were good reasons for the refusal to pay, the paper having, since 1896, been transformed from a sporting into a financial journal, and raised in price from 1d. to 3d. The Recorder, however, held that the defendant should have written to express his disapproval, and to stop the paper; and we think that most people, certainly most newspaper publishers, will agree with this view.—"Newspaper Owner and Manager."

FREEMASONRY CONDEMNED.

A SCATHING EXPOSURE OF ENGLISH LODGES.

THE recent fiendish Anarchist outrages on the Continent recall the warnings which the Holy See has uttered from time to time with regard to a sect whose principal objects are to promote religious indifference, to destroy the Church, to oppress the Holy See, and to un-Christianise the laws of Europe. This is the verdict pronounced against Freemasonry by Leo XIII., in his famous Encyclical "Humanum Genus," and who can doubt that, severe and crushing through it is, it is absolutely true? It would be strange if a Pontiff like Leo XIII., who enjoys the esteem and veneration of the whole world for uprightness of character and clearness of intellect, had either mistaken the character of the sect which he condemns, or had on purpose denounced it unjustly. No wonder that many an attempt has been made to dissociate English Freemasonry from that which goes by the name of Continental Freemasonry, and a radical difference is said to exist between these two Masonic bodies.

When in 1884 the Encyclical "Humanum Genus" was issued, Lord Carnarvon declared that it fell into two great mistakes; it confounded all Masonic bodies throughout the world in one common condemnation, and it confounded all those bodies with infidels, or (as it termed them) "naturalists in religion," and with Anarchists and Revolutionists. Against this he laid a solemn protest. In England, the Masonic body was religious and it was patriotic. Four years ago, the English Freemasons had solemnly dissociated themselves from the French Lodges, when the latter repudiated belief in God and in the immortality of the soul. Only a few weeks back, the cornerstone of a tower of Peterborough Cathedral had been laid with Masonic pomp in the presence of the Anglican Archbishop. He concluded by saying "that he was convinced that social order and religion had no stronger friends, no truer pillar to rest upon than the Masonic bodies of England." It was pointed out at the time that Lord Carnarvon had misinterpreted the meaning of the Encyclical.

The chief passage in the Papal document itself which helps to decide to what degree English Freemasonry is included in the general condemnation is the following:—"What we have said and are about to say, must be understood of the sect of the Freemasons taken generically, and in so far as it comprises the associations kindred to it and confederated with it, but not of the individual members of them. There may be persons amongst these, and not a few, who although not free from the guilt of having entangled themselves in such associations, yet are neither themselves partners in their criminal acts, nor aware of the ultimate object which they are endeavouring to attain. In the same way some of the affiliated societies, perhaps, by no means approve of the extreme conclusions, which they would, if consistent, embrace as necessarily following from the common principles, did not their foulness strike them with horror. Some of these, again, are led by circumstances of times and places either to aim at smaller things than the others usually attempt. They are not, however, for this reason, to be reckoned as alien to the Masonic federation; for the Masonic federation is to be judged not so much by the things which it has done or brought to completion, as by the sum of its pronounced opinions."

As English Freemasons acknowledge themselves to be part of the great Masonic body, as they, on the whole, accept and are guided by the principles of Continental Freemasonry, they are included in the general condemnation. They might protest and say that they had no desire to take part in such wickedness as foreign Lodges might aim at. But what the Pope says is, not that all associates of the sect are knowingly banded together for evil objects, but that the principles of Freemasonry are such as lead directly to licence and irreligion and that the sect is so organised that the majority of its associates, even without knowing it, promote the nefarious and horrible purposes that the leaders and primemovers keep steadily in view. The English Lodges on the whole are the allies and accomplices of general Freemasonry all over the world and the alliance was virtually acknowledged by Lord Carnarvon when he said that the English Freemasons had solemnly dissociated themselves from the French Lodges, implying that they had not separated themselves from the other Lodges of the Continent. If the English Freemasons had acted logically they would have severed their connection with the whole Masonic body, for the Lodges of Italy and Germany, etc., still acknowledge the French Lodges, in spite of their repudiation of the belief in one God and the immortality of the soul. They silently approved of infidelity and became participators in the crime. And it is with these Lodges that the English Lodges are still associated. The fact that one branch of Freemasonry has rejected the belief in God and the immortality of the soul without being cut off from the general body of Freemasonry is sufficient to condemn the whole sect.

A very fair notion again of the true nature of the sect, in

English-speaking countries, may be gained from the words of the oaths imposed upon its members.

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Such oaths and mystic ceremonies, indeed, as a writer in the "Dublin Review" argues, imply that they are irreligious and profane, or cover a secret of transcendent importance. Such a secret, we may add, can hardly be an honest one. But to quote verbatim from the "Review":—"We take the portrait of English Masonry as traced by its own friends in such a journal as the 'Freemason,' and this is what we find. We have a society which professes to exclude all religious professions, except only a general and vague acceptance of an Architect of the Universe. It does not, in words, insist that its members shall abjure their religious profession; but its organs and Officers speak with slight reverence of 'creeds' and 'sects.' It is a society, therefore, which officially rejects Christianity, because that society which officially ignores Christianity officially rejects it. None of its officers even mention Jesus Christ, or holy baptism, much less do they ever recognise sacraments, priesthood, or Church. Moreover, it is a society which pretends to the possession of Truth. It claims to have existed long before Solomon and long before Moses, and to have handed down through all the intervening ages a certain doctrine of Truth, which it reserves for its initiated members."

This Truth, which is nowhere very clearly described, can be nothing but a certain view about the Supreme Being. Now, whatever this view may be, it is either affected by Christian revelation or it is not. If the Masonic 'Truth' about the Deity is to be taken as merely a part of that grand and developed teaching which the Old Testament, and more emphatically, the New Testament, and the teaching Church, has given the Christian as his right and his inheritance, all we can say is that the Masonic ritual and practice have no trace of anything of the sort; but if the real view of the society is, as we strongly believe, that its own tradition is all that need be known or held, then Masonry is simple Deism, and no Christian can belong to it and remain a Christian.

We are, therefore, justified in denying that English Freemasonry is free from a lurid and dismal aspect, even though its ceremonies be conducted under exalted patronage.—"Catholic Herald."

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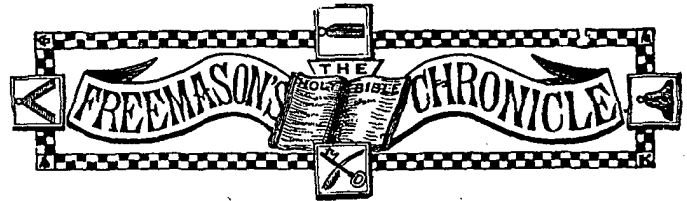
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SATURDAY, 26TH NOVEMBER 1898.

BOARD OF BENEVOLENCE.

THE monthly meeting of the Board of Benevolence was held
on Wednesday evening, at Freemasons' Hall, London. Bro.
James Henry Matthews President of the Board occupied the
chair. Bro. David Dixon Mercer Senior Vice President and Bro.
C. J. R. Tijou P. Assist. G.P., for Bro. C. A. Cottebrune Junior
Vice President, occupied the vice chairs. Brother W. Lake
Assist. G.S., Bro. W. Dodd, Bro. G. S. Recknell, and Bro. H.
Sadler G. Tyler, were also in attendance. There was a large
gathering, all the Brethren being in mourning for Lord Lathom.

The paper of business for Grand Lodge of 7th prox. was laid
before the General Committee, and then the Board of Benevolence
was opened. On the motion of Bro. D. D. Mercer J.V.P.,
seconded by Bro. C. J. R. Tijou, the following resolution was
carried unanimously—"That a hearty and cordial vote of
thanks be given to V.W. Brother James Henry Matthews for the
very able, kind and courteous manner in which he has presided
over the meetings of this Board during the past twelve months." Bro.
J. H. Matthews acknowledged the compliment, and
immediately proceeded to say he did not like the Board to
commence its work without reference to that one subject on
which Masons were in such profound grief, not only those who
were around that table, but all those throughout the whole
kingdom—the lamented death of the Earl of Lathom M.W. Pro
G.Master. He was pleased to see that a resolution with
reference to the matter was going before Grand Lodge, and
therefore it was not necessary that the Board should pass one;
it was better that it should come from Grand Lodge itself. There
was also another subject he had to mention, the death of Bro.
J. M. Clabon, who was for many years President of the Board of
Benevolence, but on account of infirmity had not attended it for
some years since he ceased to be President, and was not known
to many Brethren. He might mention that Bro. Clabon was
well known to many for his works of charity and benevolence.
He moved that a resolution of regret should go on the minutes.

Bro. Henry Garrod P.G.P., as one who knew Bro. Clabon
well, seconded the motion, which was put and carried.

The Board thereafter proceeded to deal with fifty-three
petitions, and at the conclusion of their labours had dismissed
four, deferred five, and granted £990 to the remainder, in sums of
£75, £50, £40, £30, £25, £20, £15, £10, and £5.

MOURNING FOR THE LATE LORD LATHOM.

UNITED GRAND LODGE.

IN consequence of the much lamented death of the Right
Honourable the Earl of Lathom, G.C.B., Most Worshipful
Pro Grand Master, an event which has occasioned the
profoundest sorrow to every Member of the Craft, by whom he
was so greatly beloved, it is ordered that the Grand Lodge and all
subordinate Lodges be placed in Masonic Mourning for the space
of six months.

The Mourning to be worn by Brethren individually to be as
follows:—

Grand Officers, Present and Past—Three Rosettes of Black
Crape on the Badges, and one at the point of the Chain or Collar
just above Jewel.

Masters, Past Masters, and Master Masons—Three Black
Crape Rosettes on Badge.

Fellow Crafts and Entered Apprentices—Two Black Crape
Rosettes at the lower part of the Badge. White Gloves.

MARK GRAND LODGE.

IN consequence of the much lamented death of the Right Hon.
the Earl of Lathom, G.C.B., Past Grand Master, it is
ordered: That Grand Lodge and all subordinate Lodges be
placed in Masonic Mourning for the space of three months.

The Mourning to be worn is as follows:—

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Crape on the Badge, and one at the point of the Chain or Collar,
just above the jewel.

Masters, Past Masters, and Brethren—Three Black Crape
Rosettes on Badge as above, and one on the point of the Collar in
cases where the latter is worn. White Gloves.

Pedestals and Candlesticks to be draped in black.

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.

4 Rl. Som. Ho. & Iness, F.M.H.
26 Castle Harmony, Savoy Hotel
28 Old King Arms, F.H.
79 Pythagorean, Greenwich
183 Unity, Ship and Turtle
222 St. Andrew, Albion
706 Florence Nightingale, W'lw'ch.
902 Burgoyne, Anderton's
905 De Grey and Ripon, F.M.H.
1540 Chaucer, Southwark
1515 Bayard, 33, Golden Square
1632 Stuart, Camberwell
1744 Royal Savoy, Criterion
1745 Farringdon (Without), Via. H'tl
1828 Shepherd's Bush, S'pherd's B'sh
1910 Shadwell Clerke, M'kmasons'-h.
2396 Bishopsgate, Gt. Eastern Hotel
2397 Columbia, Criterion
43 St. Paul, Birmingham
48 Industry, Gateshead
62 Social, Manchester
102 Unanimity, North Walsham
270 R. Faith & Friendship, Berkeley
302 Hope, Bradford
307 Prince Frederick, Hebden Bridge
388 Prudence, Halesworth
491 Royal Sussex, Jersey
543 Cleveland, Stokesley
557 Loyal Victoria, Callington
607 Chicheley, Thrapston
699 Roscawea, Chacewater
737 Wentworth, Wellingboro'
985 Alexandra, Sutton Bridge
1008 Roy. St. Edmund's, Bury St. E.
1110 Tyrian, Eastbourne
1168 Benevolence, Sherbourne
1177 Tenby, Tenby
1218 Prince Alfred, Mossley
1258 Kennard, Pontypool
1272 Tregenna, St. Ives
1325 Stanley, Liverpool
1477 Sir Watkin, Mold
1688 Buxton, Buxton
1741 Montgomerie, Diss
1752 Ogmere, Bridgend
1753 Obedience, Okehampton
1757 King Henry VIII., Hemel Hemp.
1895 Thames, Henley
1977 Blackwater, Maldon
1991 Agricola, York
2042 Apollo, Liverpool
2068 Portsmouth Temperance, L'dp't.
2257 Powell, Bristol
2279 Thornham, Thornham
2363 Minnehaha Minstrel, M'chester.
2429 Research, Leicester
2547 Llangattock, Cardiff
2582 Lewisham, Smethwick

Tuesday.

299 Emulation, Dartford
310 Union, Carlisle
357 Apollo University, Oxford
597 St. Cybi, Holyhead
859 Isaac Newton, Cambridge
1007 Howe & Charnwood, Loughboro
1358 Torbay, Paignton
1479 Halsey, St. Albans
1566 Ellington, Maidenhead
1636 St. Cecilia, Brighton
1650 Rose of Baby, Staindrop
1779 Ivanhoe, Sheffield
1896 Audley, Newport, Salop
1942 Minerva, Fenton
2358 Mona, Castletown

Wednesday.

822 Victoria Rifles, Freemasons'-hall
898 Temperance in East, Poplar
1768 Progress, Freemasons'-hall
128 Prince Edwin, Bury
163 Integrity, Manchester
187 Rl. Sussex Hospitality, Bristol
290 Huddersfield, Huddersfield
304 Philanthropic, Leeds
372 Harmony, Budleigh Salterton
387 Airedale, Shipley
409 Stortford, Bishops Stortford
439 Scientific, Bingley
461 Fortitude, Newton
533 Eaton, Congleton
540 Stuart, Bedford
555 Fidelity, Framlingham

606 Segontium, Caernarvon
651 Brecknock, Brecon
996 Sondes, East Dereham
1024 St. Peter, Maldon
1083 Townley, Parker, Manchester
1119 St. Bede, Jarrow
1219 Strangeways, Manchester
1283 Ryburn, Sowerby Bridge
1520 Earl Shrewsbury, Cannock
1529 Duke of Cornwall, St. Columb
1543 Rosslyn, Dunmow
1544 Mount Edgcumbe, Camborne
1645 Colne Valley, Slaithwaite
1714 Albert Edward, Yorktown
1775 Leopold, Church
1793 Sir Charles Bright, Teddington
1808 Suffield, North Walsham
1854 Weald of Kent, Tenterden
1953 Prudence & Industry, Chard
1989 Stirling, Cleator Moor
2064 Smith Child, Tunstall
2120 Abbey, Chertsey
2186 Strigul, Chesham
2571 Holmes, Newcastle-on-Tyne
2583 St. Thomas, Tibshelf

Thursday.

10 W'minster & Keystone, F.M.H.
27 Egyptian, Anderton's
45 Strong Man, Guildhall Tav.
192 Lion & Lamb, Cannon St. Hotel
227 Ionic, Criterion
231 St. Andrew, Freemasons'-hall
538 La Tolerance, Freemasons'-hall
1178 Perfect Ashlar, Southwark
1216 Macdonald, Camberwell
1351 St. Clement Danes, Holb'n R'st.
1361 United Service, Café Royal
1425 Hyde Park, Paddington
1672 Mornington, Holborn Via. H'tl.
1707 Eleanor, Great Eastern Hotel
1765 Trinity Col., 13, Mandeville Pl.
1772 Pimlico, Westminster
1790 Old England, Thornton Heath
2202 Regent Park, Frascati
2271 St. Pancras, Midland Grand Ho
2291 West Ham Abbey, Stratford
2411 Clarence & Avondale, Lyt'nst'n
2512 Fulham, Fulham
2550 Piccadilly, Piccadilly
2580 Crouch End, Highgate
24 Newcastle O.T., Newcastle
31 United Industrious, Canterbury
38 Union, Chichester
41 Royal Cumberland, Bath
110 Loyal O'brian, Merthyr-Tydvil
114 British Union, Ipswich
123 Lennoi, Richmond, Yorks
195 Hengist, 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
305 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
792 Pelham Pillar, Grimsby
803 St. Andrew, Biggleswade
856 Restormel, Lostwithiel
913 Pattison, Plumstead
971 Trafalgar, Batley
976 Royal Clarence, Bruton
1012 Prince of Wales, Bury
1231 Saville, 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 Lancaster, Padilham
1513 Friendly, Barnsley
1514 Thornhill, Huddersfield
1557 Albert Edward, Hexham
1565 Earl of Chester, Lymm
1639 Watling St., Stony Stratford
1770 Vale of White Horse, Faringdon
1829 Burrell, Brighton
1874 Lechmere V'nt'r, Balsall H'th
1899 Wellesley, Sandhurst
2043 Kendrick, Reading
2169 Osborne, East Cowes
2321 Acacia, Bradford
2342 Easterford, Kelvedon
2350 Corinthian, Hindley
2386 Clarence, Chester
2496 Wirral, Birkenhead

Friday.

90 St. John, Albion
554 Yarborough, Fenchurch Street
890 Hornsey, Anderton's
1275 Star, Greenwich
1489 Marquess of Ripon, Highbury
1627 Royal Kensington, F'masons'-h.
2467 Pickwick, Anderton's
2488 Eccentric, Criterion
2511 St. John at Hackney, Hackney
44 Friendship, Manchester
242 St. George, Doncaster
306 Alfred, Leeds
521 Truth, Huddersfield

Saturday.

142 St. Thomas, Ship and Turtle
1572 Carnarvon, Albion
1622 Rose, Camberwell
1949 Brixton, Kennington
2466 Cheerybles, Freemasons'-hall
1362 Royal Albert Edward, Redhill
1388 Canynge, Bristol
1466 Hova Ecclesia, Brighton
1550 Prudence, Plymouth
2096 George Price, Croydon
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HONOUR AND GENEROSITY LODGE, No. 165.

At the regular meeting of this Lodge, held at the Inns of Court Hotel, on Tuesday, there were present Bros. Alfred P. Crabb W.M., Henry Times P.M. Sec. as S.W., J. Woodhouse J.W., Godfrey Sykes S.D., W. Hulbert J.D., H. Clarkson Organist, F. H. Rosher I.P.M., G. E. Wainwright P.M., H. Bearman, W. de B. Herbert, B.A., C. J. Andrews, J. W. Ellis, F. B. Thompson, B. B. Van Praagh, R. H. Goddard Tyler.

Visitors:—Brothers W. Ganz Past Grand Organist of England, A. L. Thompson W.M. 2228, Charles Collett, H. Badger Clark P.M. 2228, J. Vaughan Sherrin 1772, L. C. Still 176, Tudor 176, Alfred Moore P.M. 862, J. White jun. W.M. 176, F. H. Cheeswright P.M. 907, Rev. T. Bentham W.M. 1616 P.P.G.Chap. Surrey, Henry Parker P.M., Dr. Alexander Bowie.

Letters of regret for non-ability to attend had been received from:—Bros. Sir John Monckton P.G.W., James Fernandez P.M., Lawrence Kellie P.M., Warton Wells, F.C.O., Louis Breitmeyer, Seymour Hodges, Herbert Grover, Lionel Cooke, Richard Eve P.M. and P.G. Treas.

The Lodge was opened in due form and the minutes were read and confirmed.

Ballot was taken for and proved unanimously in favour of Mr. F. Barrallier Thompson, M.R.C.S., who was most impressively initiated by the W.M., who also delivered the charge with due care.

The Secretary explained that Bro. J. W. Howard Thompson P.M. would have been present to initiate his brother, but for serious illness. This information was received with deep regret.

A candidate for initiation at the next meeting was proposed, and all Masonic business being ended the Lodge was closed and an adjournment was made for refreshment.

After the banquet the W.M. proposed the usual Loyal and Masonic toasts, which were received with the enthusiasm always shown in this Lodge.

Bro. George E. Wainwright P.M., the "Father" of the Lodge, proposed the toast of the Grand Officers. He said that usually this toast was received with joy and acclamation, but on this occasion it could only be taken with deep sorrow. Among their most esteemed Grand Officers had been the late Earl of Lathom, then lying dead, who had for some years been Pro Grand Master, and had ever done his best for Freemasonry. Among other Grand

Officers was Bro. W. Ganz P.G. Organist, who was welcome there that night. They also numbered some among their members—who were unfortunately not present that evening.

Bro. W. Ganz P.G. Org. responded. They all deeply regretted the loss of the Pro Grand Master, who had presided so many times with so much tact and ability at Grand Lodge. The late Earl had devoted much time and attention to the Masonic Charities, and at the great Centenary meeting at the Albert Hall the enthusiasm with which he was welcomed was only less than that which was given to the Most Worshipful Grand Master himself. It had been his pleasure to know his Lordship for many years, and he always found him amiable and kind. Equally with the late Lady Lathom he had attended at the speaker's concerts, and generally was a patron of the opera. The lamented death of Lady Lathom last year led to his withdrawal from this active patronage. Lord Lathom would be much missed, for his kindness to all was proverbial. Being by nature a perfect gentleman, devoid of all pride, he would be badly wanted. The rest of the Grand Officers tried to do their duty. He always did what he could himself.

Bro. B. B. Van Praagh proposed the Worshipful Master. The Lodge was noted for its keen friendship. They were always most enthusiastic for their Master, and Bro. Alfred Crabb, whom all knew well, for whom all had the highest admiration, who they all esteemed as well as liked, was sure to be well received. Recently their W.M., the Secretary, and he had represented the Lodge at the Albert Hall. That was a grand sight, never to be forgotten. When the M.W.G.M. entered, the mass of Brethren, all in the garb of the Craft, would have moved the coldest to enthusiasm. Since he had been a member of the Lodge they had been gradually increasing in numbers. On every occasion the work of making new Masons was going on, and while they had such Masons as Bro. Crabb they would be sure of success.

Bro. Crabb W.M. responded, thanking the Brethren for the hearty way in which his name was received.

The W.M. proposed the Past Masters, all of whom were good fellows. Their I.P.M. had been compelled to leave them, to attend to other duties, but he had been of the greatest assistance in the working of the Lodge that evening. There were only two Past Masters present, Bro. Wainwright, who had twice passed the chair, and was father of the Lodge; and Bro. Times, their esteemed Secretary.

Bro. Wainwright responded, thanking the Brethren for receiving the toast so enthusiastically, also for the "bar" they had presented him to be placed on his Past Master's jewel.

Bro. Times P.M. Sec. proposed the Visitors. Their Lodge was called "Honour and Generosity," and they apparently were considered to live up to the second half of the name, for the number of visitors present exceeded that of the members. They were most heartily glad to welcome the visitors, all of whom were connected in some way with their members. He was glad that Bro. A. L. Thompson had promised to become a joining member, for then they would have a "trio" of that good family among them.

Bro. A. L. Thompson W.M. 2228 had the greatest pleasure in being present as the guest of their Treasurer, who was unavoidably absent through illness. He had visited the Lodge twice, but now with two brothers there he should certainly raise his average of attendance.

Bro. Rev. T. Bentham W.M. 1616 P.P.G. Chaplain Surrey had much

enjoyed his visit. He had several relatives present. Having noticed the splendid working he had a tinge of melancholy to think how far he should fall short when he had to do the same duties. The entertainment was of the very highest kind, and he heartily thanked them.

Bro. Charles Collett next responded, in a very funny speech.

Bro. J. White W.M. 176 also had much enjoyed himself.

Bro. G. E. Wainwright proposed the initiate, which was their most joyous toast. A son had been born to Masonry. Doubtless many of his ideas of the Order had been shattered. He had learned that they took morality and virtue as their watchwords. They welcomed him with all kindness of heart.

The initiate, Bro. Thompson, responded in a neat and appropriate speech.

The W.M. proposed the Officers, and Bro. H. Clarkson Organist responded.

What was a most successful meeting had its harmony further advanced by the splendid music given by Bros. Ganz P.G.O., Freeman P.M., Collett, Cheesewright, and others.

WESTBOURNE LODGE, No. 733.

THE annual election meeting took place on Thursday, 17th inst., at the Holborn Restaurant, when those present included Bros. F. Wortham W.M., Charles Brown I.P.M., George Weaver S.W., C. E. Lilly J.W., J. Welford P.M. Treas., S. Walker P.M. Sec., W. Busby S.D., H. Bagnall J.D., E. Thomas I.G., R. B. Hopkins Org., Fred Beesley Stwd., S. Ellis P.M. Tyler; Past Masters R. J. Rogers, W. M. Roberts, W. Curtis, A. Arrowsmith, T. W. Allen, and others.

Among the Visitors were Bros. C. Nutkins J.W. 1732, C. Barnes 19, H. Rolls 1381, H. Hawkins 1881, W. J. Ridgway 1275, C. Shrimpton 1816, G. Andrews 2021, A. J. Street P.M. 1679, G. Barker P.M. 2374, R. Grimwood 2427, S. R. Recknell 1693, and J. Wynman.

The usual formalities were observed, and the Lodge was advanced to the second degree. Bro. C. Brown I.P.M. assumed the chair, and examined Bros J. Arl and W. Graham, candidates for the third degree. Those Brethren were entrusted, and in due course they were raised as Master Masons, and greeted as such.

Lodge was now resumed to the first degree, and the election of Officers proceeded with, the result being that Brother George Weaver S.W. was unanimously elected to fill the post of Worshipful Master, while Bro. J. Welford P.M. the popular Treasurer, and Bro. S. Ellis P.M. Tyler, were unanimously re-elected to their respective offices.

Mr. Walter Recknell was now presented as a candidate for initiation, the ballot having previously been proved unanimous in his favour, and in due course he was admitted to a participation in the mysteries of the Craft.

Bros. J. Woodford, Percy Wheeler, and T. Matthews were elected Auditors.

Bro. Allen P.M. proposed that a Past Master's collar and jewel should be presented to the outgoing Worshipful Master, as a mark of the appreciation of the Brethren of the able manner in which he had fulfilled the duties of the chair during the past year. This was seconded, and agreed to.

It was arranged that a letter of sincere condolence be sent to the widow of the late Bro. Oates, expressive of the regret of the members of the Lodge at his death.

Several new members were proposed, after which the Lodge was closed and the Brethren retired for refreshment.

After dinner the W.M. proposed the usual Loyal toasts.

Bro. Brown I.P.M. had much pleasure in submitting the toast of the W.M., saying that as he would not have many more opportunities of proposing the health of their chief he hoped the Brethren would accord his remarks a hearty reception on that occasion. He referred to the work so faithfully discharged during the year by the W.M., and congratulated him on nearing the end of his term of office with so much success.

The W.M. was heartily received, and tendered his thanks for the toast, specially referring to the kind manner in which the Brethren and Officers had assisted him during his year of office. He had gained his desire to pass the chair of the Lodge, and he sincerely hoped the members were satisfied with what he had been able to do.

The W.M. now proposed the toast of the initiate, for whose introduction they were indebted to one of the Past Masters.

Bro. Walter Recknell, in reply, said he was very pleased to have been initiated in the Lodge, and in years to come he hoped to prove to the Brethren that he was worthy of the confidence they had reposed in him on that occasion.

The W.M.-elect was next toasted. The W.M. felt the Brethren had chosen the right man to preside over the Lodge, and he hoped they would give Bro. Weaver the same support during his term of office as they had accorded him during the past year.

Bro. Weaver's great popularity in the Lodge was evidenced when he rose to reply. He said the reception accorded him, and the demonstrations of their kindness fairly took his breath away—he could only thank them most heartily for electing him Master of the Lodge, and promised to do his utmost to give them satisfaction.

A hearty welcome was accorded to the Visitors of the day, several of whom responded to the toast.

Other toasts included the Past Masters, the Treasurer and Secretary, the Officers, and that by the Tyler, who brought the proceedings to a conclusion in the usual way.

Some excellent harmony was given during the evening, those who contributed including Bros. Percy Wheeler, R. J. Rogers P.M., Jas. Woodford, Bantick, and others, Bro. R. B. Hopkins Organist accompanying at the piano.

OLD BOYS LODGE, No. 2500.

THE regular meeting was held on Tuesday, 15th inst., at the Criterion, Piccadilly, under the presidency of Bro. John Almond P.P.G.D. W.M., who was supported by the following Officers: Bros. W. Scott Miller S.W., H. J. Drane J.W., T. Whitford P.M. Treas., Walter S. Bunting P.M. Sec., James F. Percival S.D., A. Pain J.D., H. Saunton I.G., R. H. Eames Std., Werton Clark Org., J. S. Gregory Tyler, Past Masters Walter Martin P.A.G.P., W. Edwards, and others.

The Visitors included Bros. H. Barrett 9, Henry Jay P.M. 174, J. Stephens 1531, W. Anning 1423, H. P. Carr 2264, J. Wynman, and others.

After the opening of the Lodge and the confirmation of the minutes Mr. E. H. Eldridge and Mr. Thomas Puzey were presented as candidates for initiation, and they were regularly admitted to the mysteries of ancient Freemasonry.

Bro. Walter Martin P.A.G.P. felt the Brethren of the Lodge, individually

and collectively, would hear with the greatest regret of the loss sustained by their Bro. George Scott Miller P.M., in the death of his beloved daughter, and he felt they would desire to officially communicate their sympathy with him and the members of his family. This suggestion was seconded by Bro. Edward Salmon, and unanimously agreed to.

The labours of the evening being ended the Lodge was closed, and the Brethren adjourned for refreshment, which was served under the direction of Bro. G. H. Francois and Mr. E. M. Thierry.

The usual Loyal toasts followed, the name of Bro. Walter Martin being coupled with that of the Grand Officers of England.

That Brother responded to the toast, and then submitted the health of the Worshipful Master of the Lodge. There were several Brethren present who were probably unaware that the Worshipful Master had risen to the distinction of Provincial Grand honours, and that he was an Installed Master of something like twenty years standing. He was one of the very best class of Masons, and they all wished him every prosperity, health and strength, to carry out the duties of his Masonic and private avocations.

The W.M. sincerely thanked Bro. Martin for his kind remarks and good wishes to himself and his wife. He was proud to occupy the position of Worshipful Master of the Old Boys Lodge, in the foundation of which he had taken considerable interest.

The health of the initiates was next proposed, the W.M. referring to the necessity that existed for the introduction of new members into their Lodges from time to time. The gentlemen admitted that night were well and worthily recommended, and he looked forward to their becoming ornaments to the Lodge and the Craft at large. One of the new members—Bro. Thomas Puzey—was an old boy of Montrose College, and he had known him as a boy there, and for a period extending over sixteen years. He was most heartily welcome among his old companions, and would find himself in a genial atmosphere in their midst. They welcomed both of the candidates of that day, and hoped they would do honour to the Lodge and it to them.

Bro. Eldridge most sincerely thanked the W.M. and Brethren for their kindness in having admitted him to the Craft as a member of their Lodge, and hoped in time to come to prove himself worthy of their goodness.

Bro. Thomas Puzey said he had known from boyhood what punctuality meant, and when it was explained to him by their worthy Treasurer that he could join the 'Old Boys' Freemason Lodge he at once embraced the opportunity of doing so, and he was most agreeably surprised to find so many familiar faces among its members. He assured the Worshipful Master he would do everything in his power not to disgrace the Old Boys Lodge.

Bro. Walter Martin, in most eloquent manner proposed the toast of the I.P.M. Bro. George Scott Miller, who could not be with them that day on account of the bereavement he had suffered in the loss of his daughter. He knew the Brethren all sympathised with him and trusted the Great Architect of the Universe might give him health and strength to bear the trouble that had fallen upon him and his family.

Bro. William Scott Miller responded in the absence of his brother, conveying thanks for the kind expressions of the Brethren on his behalf. They could imagine his brother was not able to attend, but he would explain the feelings of the Old Boys Lodge to him, as he felt they all desired.

The next toast the W.M. regarded as one of a most pleasurable character, being that of the Visitors. The Old Boys were always pleased to see guests present at their meetings, and as "old boys" they knew how to entertain them.

Bro. Henry Jay P.M. 174 said he had specially to thank Bro. Percival for his invitation there that evening, and he had also to sincerely thank the Worshipful Master and Brethren for their kind reception. The working he had had the pleasure of witnessing was perfectly and impressively rendered, and he had much pleasure in complimenting the Master on the ability he had displayed.

Other Visitors also replied.

The next toast was that of the Past Masters, the W.M. remarking, in proposing their health, that it would be difficult to find such excellent pillars in any Lodge as were the Past Masters of the Old Boys. They were ever ready to render any assistance in their power.

Bro. Edwards, replying, said he was pleased the old boys came to school again—he, for one, looked forward to doing so for many years to come. He was particularly pleased to be a Past Master of the Old Boys Lodge, and on behalf of himself and the other Past Masters thanked the Master and Brethren most sincerely for the toast.

The health of the Treasurer, the Secretary, and the Officers of the Lodge was regularly proposed from the chair.

Responding, Bro. Whitford Treasurer was pleased to say the funds of the Lodge were in a very good condition, and by the end of the year he hoped to have a nice little balance in the bank.

Bro. Bunting had very much pleasure in endorsing what the Treasurer had just said. He was proud to hold the position of Secretary of the Old Boys Lodge, and most heartily thanked the W.M. for his kind remarks. The other Officers also acknowledged the toast.

The music of the evening, which added greatly to the enjoyment of the company, was under the direction of Bro. Werton Clark Organist of the Lodge.

ENGINEER LODGE, No. 2599.

THE monthly meeting was held at 33 Golden Square, W., on Saturday, 12th inst., when Bro. C. B. Wasser P.M. acted as W.M., Bro. L. H. Coles P.M. as S.W., and Bro. J. P. White P.M. as J.W. There were also present: Bros. W. H. Coles P.M. Treas., Jno. Fitch Sec., J. Sheldon S.D., Jas. Kearney J.D., W. F. Trydell P.M. D.C., C. J. Sleight I.G., and J. Duffy Tyler; W. B. Coombes P.M., Shambler, Wadkinson, Robinson, Taylor, Dolman, Snowden, Healey, Davis, Drakford, Bennett, Ward, &c.

Visitors: Bros. Wright 1331, Glanville 704, Maytum 1926, Morgan 508, Bruce 726, Pinchon 184, and Webb 1926.

After the minutes of the previous meeting had been read and confirmed the ballot was taken and proved "all clear" on behalf of three joining members, also in favour of Mr. Flynn as a candidate for initiation.

The ceremony of initiation was then carried out by the Officers above named. Four candidates for the second degree having proved their proficiency were entrusted and retired. The Lodge was opened in the Fellow Craft degree, the chair was taken by Bro. J. P. White, and the four Brethren were passed to the second degree in due form. The chair was then re-taken by Bro. C. B. Wasser, and two candidates for raising were examined, found fit and entrusted. The Lodge was opened in the third degree, when the candidates were admitted and raised to the sublime degree of a Master Mason, with the usual solemn rite and ceremony.

The Lodge having been closed down to the first degree, amongst other business a well known Brother was elected as Honorary Member of the Lodge, and propositions were also given for the admission of new members.

This Lodge fills a long felt want by providing a meeting place where Brethren of the Corps of Engineers can assemble and discuss old times and acquaintances, and at the same time learn the genuine principles of the Craft. The Lodge meets on the second Saturday of the month, July to September excepted.

INSTRUCTION.

WESTBOURNE LODGE, No. 733.

ON Tuesday, at the Oliver Arms, Westbourne Terrace North, Harrow Road, W., Bros. H. Bagnall W.M., C. Halston S.W., J. Mark J.W., R. J. Rogers P.M. Dep. Prec., G. Mogford P.M. Sec., T. Matthews S.D., Llewellyn J.D., Thomas I.G., T. Mogford P.M., G. W. Barter W.M.-elect 2262, George Weaver W.M.-elect 733, G. Jackson Crow, Grahame, J. Wynman, Shaw, White, Folley, Knightly P.M.

The ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, Bro. George Weaver acting as candidate. The Lodge was called off, and on resuming the W.M. changed places with Bro. Mark J.W., who rehearsed the second ceremony, with Bro. White as candidate.

Bro. Folley, of the Pimlico Lodge, was elected a member, and Bro. Halston to occupy the chair on Wednesday next.

WOODROW LODGE, No. 1708.

ON Monday, at 3 o'clock, at Brother Rudderforth's (Stone's) Restaurant, Panton Street, Haymarket, Bro. Woodrow Preceptor opened the Lodge, after which he kindly vacated the chair to Bro. J. H. Warwick, who was assisted by Bros. E. Nice S.W., W. West J.W., C. Woodrow P.M. Preceptor, C. Wetton Dep. Prec. acting Sec., J. E. Culverhouse S.D., J. W. Ollington J.D., J. Williamson I.G., Rudderforth, J. Klempner, E. Davis, H. J. Cousens, W. Making, J. Wynman, H. J. Palmer, F. H. Westcott.

The W.M. rehearsed the ceremony of passing, Bro. W. Making candidate. Bro. Klempner answered the questions leading to the third degree and was entrusted, the ceremony of raising being rehearsed.

The W.M. resumed the Lodge to the first degree, and Bro. Making was elected a member, while Bro. E. Nice was chosen to preside on Monday next.

The Annual Supper will take place on Monday, 5th December, instead of the 28th inst., as reported in our last issue.

BRONDESBURY LODGE, No. 2698.

THE regular meeting was held on Monday, at Bro. Coxen's, the Earl of Derby, High Road, Kilburn, when there were present Bros. J. H. Clemens as W.M., W. G. Coxen S.W., C. E. Batchelor J.W., A. F. Hardyment S.W. 2698 Preceptor, E. J. Campbell P.M. Assist. Prec. and Treasurer, Harry Willsmer Secretary, W. Knowles S.D., T. E. Curtis J.D., H. Coxen I.G., A. E. Horstead Org., also M. Spiegel P.M. P.P.G.S.B., G. D. Fraser, G. Coxen, S. Battrum, W. Pearce, J. W. Smith P.M., H. Leavers, G. Wheeler, M. Symonds, G. Symonds, J. Wynman, A. S. Marks, W. Palmer, H. Cook, P. Davis, J. Howden, Walker.

The ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, Bro. Fraser acting as the candidate. The W.M. vacated the chair in favour of the Treasurer, who opened the Lodge in the second degree and examined and entrusted Bro. Howdon, afterwards rehearsing the third ceremony with his assistance.

The Lodge was resumed to the first degree, and Bros. W. Coxen and E. Symonds were elected members.

Bro. Campbell proposed that Bro. Horstead Organist of the Lodge be elected an honorary member, which was carried unanimously.

It was also proposed that the Preceptor Bro. A. F. Hardyment occupy the chair on Monday next, which was carried.

Bro. Spiegel P.M. P.P.G.S.B. said it was a very unpleasant duty to remind the Brethren of the death of the Earl of Lathom Pro Grand Master, who was really one of the shining stars of Freemasonry. He proposed that a letter of sincere sympathy should be sent to his relatives.

Bro. Campbell seconded the proposition. He could have said a great deal more, but time was short. It was best to leave the matter in the hands of Bro. Willsmer their Secretary. The proposition was carried.

The excellent working of Bro. Hardyment Preceptor being so well known we are sure the Brethren will receive a real Masonic treat next week.

ANNUAL DINNER OF THE ROYAL VICTORIAN JUBILEE LODGE OF INSTRUCTION, No. 2184.

THIS Lodge of Instruction, formerly known as the Terriers, held its annual dinner on the 16th inst., at Bro. Charles Best's Dover Castle Hotel and Restaurant, Westminster Bridge Road.

The Lodge is under the Preceptorship of Bro. A. Darch P.M., and in pursuance of his motto, business before pleasure, he took the chair and proceeded to open the Lodge, supported by the following Brethren: Walker S.W., A. Cohen J.W., C. Wetton P.M. Dep. Prec., F. Holden Treas., H. Sinclair P.M. Sec., Taylor P.M. acting S.D., C. Andrews J.D., W. J. Newstead I.G., Joseph Cohen P.M. founder of the Lodge, C. Randall, Zucker, G. F. De Brunn, Cecil Merrie, T. Collins, C. Riley, Vest, T. Holland W.M. 720, Garter R. Shaw P.M. 1772, Inwood, Charles Best, Walter Munro, C. Lawton W.M. 1973 P.M. 913 140 2500, J. H. Deakin, J. H. Ruhmann, John Cronow, E. Moll, C. and W. Edgar, Spencer, Max Erde, Green, Stanton ("South London Chronicle"), C. West, John Toole, G. Strutt, C. T. Plucknett P.M., J. Wynman, and several others.

The minutes were confirmed, and the Lodge was advanced to the second and third degrees, being then resumed to the first, when several new members were elected, and Bro. Walker chosen W.M. for next meeting.

Adjournment was now made to the dining room, where an excellent dinner was provided under the supervision of Bro. Voigt, the Manager of the Hotel, who was most assiduous in attending to the comfort of the guests.

At the conclusion of the repast Bro. Darch, who occupied the chair, submitted the usual Loyal toasts, following which he proposed that of prosperity to the Royal Victorian Jubilee Lodge. The present was their third anniversary, and he was pleased to see so many supporters of the Lodge present. He referred to the fact that Grand Lodge had required them to discontinue the name of "Terriers," under which they had formerly worked. He was also very pleased they had removed to such comfortable quarters as

they at present occupied, and felt the Brethren all appreciated the change—this was evidenced by the fact that the number of members was increasing week by week. He had much pleasure in coupling with the toast the name of Bro. Joseph Cohen founder of the Lodge, Bro. Fred Holden its Treasurer, and Bro. H. Sinclair its Secretary.

Bro. Joseph Cohen P.M. 2184 P.D.G.D.C. Essex, in replying to the toast, said he was proud to be with them that day, and to see the remarkable success they had attained. He little thought when he practically founded the Lodge of Instruction, by presenting them with the furniture and necessary working implements, some three or four years ago, that he should in so short a time see their annual festival so numerous supported by the Brethren. Most Masons were, sooner or later in their Masonic career, impressed with the fact that they owed some duty to the Craft; this duty was performed by different Masons in different ways. Some thought they had discharged their duty to the Institution by giving their guineas to the Charities, others thought that all they need do was to pay their subscriptions, and by hook or by crook get into office, and eventually into the chair of their Lodge; whilst others, who were equally zealous Masons, though not devoid of the laudable ambition to rise in the Masonic profession, were imbued with the desire to impart or assist in imparting a true conception of the excellent teachings contained in our beautiful ritual. Now, although he had been thanked and praised for the service he had rendered by founding the Lodge, he required no thanks; he considered he had only discharged a very small portion of his obligation to Freemasonry, and felt that it had been a privilege to have been the means of starting that Lodge on what he hoped would be a long and prosperous career.

Bro. Holder had not expected to be called upon, but was very pleased to note the progress of the Lodge in its new quarters, where they were most comfortable. He was gratified in being able to say the funds were improving, and that the Lodge was in a prosperous condition. He assured them that as their Treasurer he should do all that lay in his power to take care of their funds, and again thanked them for their very kind wishes.

Bro. Sinclair Secretary thanked the Chairman most heartily for having coupled his name with the toast. He asked the professional Brethren not to feel the change in the name of the Lodge made a difference to them. They had the same Preceptor, and they would receive the same attention and consideration as heretofore. He also added a word of compliment to the host for the excellent way in which he had catered for the Lodge.

Bro. Joseph Cohen now rose to propose the toast of the Preceptor of the Lodge Bro. Darch P.M. He said it was a most pleasing duty that devolved on him, one he was the more proud to perform as the Brother who was to be honoured by the toast was one to whom he personally owed a debt of gratitude. He had just remarked in his previous speech upon the different manner in which various Masons viewed the duty they owed to the Craft, and he had omitted to mention the most important class of Brethren, those who, at sacrifice of their time, and often with but scant recognition of their eminent services to Freemasonry, came week after week to their Lodges of Instruction, to impart to those Brethren who sought it, a knowledge of the beautiful ritual of Freemasonry. Amongst those worthy Brethren Brother Darch shone out a most brilliant example of the genus Preceptor, and he was sorry to have to say it, but he was afraid many Brethren forgot the deep debt of gratitude they owed to their Preceptor, whom he always regarded as the Teacher, the Rabbi, aye, the very High Priest of Freemasonry. It was not possible for Brethren to acquire the necessary knowledge of the rites and ceremonies without the assistance of such Brethren as the one whom they delighted to now honour, and he asked the Brethren to join him in wishing Bro. Darch a long and prosperous career. His only regret was that he could not be with them more often to assist in both learning and disseminating a knowledge of the Masonic ritual, but although absent he always looked for the report of their proceedings in the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE, and was always pleased to see that Bro. Darch was, week after week, well supported by the Brethren. He concluded by proposing the toast.

Bro. Darch was received with quite an ovation on rising to respond. He thanked Bro. Cohen for his very kind remarks, which had reminded him of the early days of his Masonic career. Producing his watch he said he had been presented with that handsome present twelve months ago. He assured them that as long as he lived he should do all he could for the welfare of the Lodge, and concluded by again thanking them for having received the toast in so cordial a manner.

The Visitors' toast was next given, and was responded to by Brother Spencer, who said he had thoroughly enjoyed himself, and he was sure all the other visiting Brethren had done so likewise. No one could have done otherwise, seeing that everything that evening had been to perfection.

Bro. Darch proposed that the thanks of the meeting be given to Bro. Voigt, for the able way in which he had provided for their comfort that day.

Bro. Voigt returned thanks, alike on behalf of the Proprietor Brother Charles Best and for himself. It was rather awkward to give the company the attention he desired at that time of the day, but he had done his best, and was pleased to hear his efforts had resulted successfully.

Being a professional Lodge naturally there was no lack of musical talent, among others who contributed to the harmony being Bros. Charles Munro, James Toole, H. Sinclair, G. Strutt, Cecil Merrie, and others. Bro. Fred Holden Treasurer gave an excellent recitation.

The Brethren separated later than was expected, but all agreed a most enjoyable afternoon had been spent.

PROVINCIAL.

CONCORD LODGE, No. 1534.

THE regular meeting was held at Chester Bank, Prestwich, on Thursday, 17th inst., Bro. Dr. F. Stephenson W.M.

There was a good programme of work to confront the new Officers on this, the first night after the installation, in the shape of an initiation, a passing, and a raising. The W.M. performed the first ceremony, that of inducting Mr. William Thomas Walker, Cloth Salesman, Prestwich, into the mysteries and privileges of ancient Freemasonry; the second, that of passing Bro. A. S. Woodhouse, was in the hands of Bro. W. H. Norton P.M. P.P.G. Reg.; while Bro. Fawcett I.P.M. did justice in raising Bro. Thomas Scholfield to the sublime degree of Master Mason.

URMSTON LODGE, No. 1730.

THE regular meeting was held at the Victoria Hotel, Urmston, on Monday, 14th inst., Bro. Jas. Ormrod W.M.

There was a capital attendance of members, and the following visitors were also present: Bros. Evans Jackson J.W. 2231, C. H. Truby S.D. 992, H. G. Davies 1076, and Wm. Booth 2144.

Bro. George Franklyn was raised to the sublime degree by the W.M., assisted by Bro. J. S. Whitley S.W., who presented and explained the working tools to the candidate.

At the festive board which followed, Loyal and Masonic toasts were enlivened by songs and sketches rendered by Bros. J. H. Marsh P.M. Provincial S.G.D., John Bowers P.M. P.P.G.P. Org., G. A. Myers P.M. P.P.G.D.C. Dir. of Cers., John Goodwin, Edward Roberts P.M. 1459, and others.

The W.M. proposed the health of the Provincial Officers, making special mention of Bro. J. Hardwicke Marsh, who had recently gained Provincial recognition, to which Bro. Marsh made a suitable reply.

The health of the candidate, which was also proposed by the W.M., was duly responded to by Bro. Franklyn.

Bro. Whitley S.W. introduced the toast of the Past Masters in a very neat speech. He said they had a splendid array of installed Masters, and the Lodge owed its present successful position to their efforts, for they were ever ready and willing to render assistance.

Other toasts followed.

REVIEWS.

All books, &c., intended for review should be addressed to the Editor, *Freemason's Chronicle*, New Barnet.

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MASONIC REPRINTS AND HISTORICAL REVELATIONS.

NO one has a better opportunity than our Bro. Henry Sadler Grand Tyler and Sub-Librarian of the Grand Lodge of England of bringing to light obscure facts and incidents in connection with our Order; and we may congratulate him upon rescuing from oblivion, and placing before the Brethren, many interesting matters which otherwise might have remained unnoticed. Bro. Sadler's latest book deals principally with "Early Irish Freemasonry," and the probability of Dean Jonathan Swift's connection with the Craft, together with his (Swift's) defence of the Craft against the Spurious Rituals then (1725) current in London. A specimen of this is given in the original type, or pagination as Bro. Sadler terms it, of a "Letter from the Grand Mistress of Female Freemasons" which is a highly diverting travesty upon the various Spurious Rituals published about that period. Another original "pagination" is "A Defence of Free-Masonry" published in London, 1765, of which there are only a few copies in existence, together with a collection of ancient "Masons Odes and Songs." The book also contains an elaborate "Defence of Lawrence Dermott, and the Antients," controverting the opinions of the late Bro. Jacob Norton, an esteemed contributor to the *FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE*; and the names of Lodges now in existence which were originally founded by Irish Masons in England. The whole book is intensely interesting, and will afford food for reflection to thoughtful and speculative Masons. It is prefaced by a scholarly introductory chapter by Dr. W. J. Chetwode Crawley Past Senior Grand Deacon of Ireland, which will amply reward attentive perusal. The book is published by Bro. Kenning, of Great Queen Street, W.C., and will form a valuable addition to every Lodge library.

NEW MUSIC.

Aimons-nous.—Valse composed by Maurice Loebeq (Ascherberg and Co.). A tuneful melody, with a graceful swing.

In Play Time.—Morceau de Salon, by Eric Wolf (Egerton and Co.). An easy piano solo, with much to recommend it.

As I laye a'thynkyng.—The last lines of Thomas Ingoldsby, set to music by William Alfred Robins (Egerton and Co.). The composer has succeeded in building up a very pleasing melody, well suited to the words he has selected from the famous Ingoldsby Legends.

The Highwayman.—Written by H. A. V. Ransom, composed by Hermann Lohr (Chappell and Co. Limited). This, the first of a series of character songs, should find favour with those who love a bold and dashing setting. It affords ample scope for effective rendering.

Mary.—("Kind, kind, and gentle is she.") Ballad arranged and adapted by Thomas Richardson (Paterson and Sons). One of the sweetest songs published in recent years. It has already won its way into public favour, and is likely to long remain in the foremost rank.

In a Garden.—Written by Albert Samain, English adaptation by Adela Maddison, composed by Gabriel Fauré (Metzer and Co. Limited). A brilliant composition and one which, in the hands of a good pianist, would be a great attraction.

Three Spring Songs.—Words by Harold Boulton, music by Edward German (J. B. Cramer and Co., Limited). A trio of fine compositions which provide excellent facilities for effective execution.

Pillowland.—A set of songs for children, written and composed by Clifton Bingham (Joseph Williams). A fine collection of easy pieces for the young folks, some well known juveniles being selected.

Ever and Alway.—Words by Clifton Bingham, composed by Shiel Dawson (Patey and Willis). A very pretty setting to some pleasing words; a song which is sure to win its way in public favour.

The Soudan Expedition, or the fall of Khartoum. A grand descriptive battle march founded on operative airs, and composed by Jules Lorraine (Orpheus Music Publishing Co.). A fine arrangement commemorating some of the chief events of the recent campaign, and introducing the more popular airs of the march—the famous "Cock of the North" coming in for a share of the honours.

When the daylight fades.—Song by Beatrice Ada Gurr, music by Frederick Bevan (Boosey and Co.). A very pretty piece, and one that is likely to win its way into popular favour.

Idle words.—Song by Frederic E. Weatherly, music by Stephen Adams (Boosey and Co.). We were very pleased when first playing this through, and it may truly be said to improve on acquaintance. It affords ample scope for skilful manipulation, and well sustains the reputation of its authors.

'Twas in a Land.—A French song by Ch. Fuster, with English version by R. H. Elkin, music by C. Chaminade (Enoch and Sons). A good tune with an unmistakable French ring about the setting, which gives it a special interest.

The Maid of Malabar.—Words by F. E. Weatherly, music by Stephen Adams (Boosey and Co.). A good tuneful melody, always well received, and fully deserving the popularity it has already won. Likely to be a lasting favourite, as affording plenty of scope for effect.

Just for once. Words by Ernest Pertwee, music by Sybil Palliser (E. Ascherberg and Co.). A pretty little song, well suited for voices of moderate compass.

Sonnet by Mowbray Marras, from the French of Félix Arvers, music by F. Paolo Tosti (G. Ricordi and Co.). This famous composer has here given us another pleasing tune, for which we predict long popularity.

St. Cecilia. A collection of part-songs for treble voices (Joseph Williams). The fact that an eighth series, of twenty-four numbers each, is well advanced, speaks for the popularity of this part-song collection, which is selected and produced in the excellent style for which the publisher has long been famous.

ONLY ONE OBJECT.

A MEMBER should have only one object in view in all his doings in connection with his Lodge, and that for the good of his Lodge and the Craft at large. His own personal preferments, his own personal ambition, should sink below the surface of the general good. He should not set up his pet notion against the opinions of others, many, perhaps, better qualified to judge of what is best than he himself is. Lodges are suffering to-day from lack of appreciation by the members of their proper position in relation to the Fraternity. The member is only one of thousands, and the interests of the thousands are paramount over those of the individual. If each had only this one object in view, the success in every way of the Lodge, there would be much greater results than with persistent personal ambitions.—"N. Y. Dispatch."



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The Theatres, &c.

Covent Garden.—Friday 2nd Dec., Fancy Dress Ball.

Drury Lane.—7.45, The Great Ruby. Matinée, Monday, Wednesday, Thursday, and Saturday, 1.45.

Lyceum.—Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday, Hamlet. Other days Macbeth. Her Majesty's.—8, The Musketeers. Matinée, Wednesday and Saturday.

Haymarket.—8.30, The Manœuvres of Jane. Matinée, Saturday, 3.

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

Criterion.—8.40, The Jest. Matinée, Saturday, 2.30.

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

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

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

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

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

Vaudeville.—On 1st December, 8, A bad penny. 9, On and Off.

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

Court.—On 3rd December, Cupboard Love.

Globe.—8, The Three Musketeers. Matinée, Wednesday and Saturday, 2.30.

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

Garrick.—8.15, Mr. versus Mrs. 9, Brother Officers. Matinée, Saturday, 3.

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

Terry's.—On 3rd December, The Brixton Burglary.

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

Duke of York's.—8, Red Roses. 8.45, The Adventure of Lady Ursula.

Matinée, Wednesday and Saturday, 2.30.

Grand.—Next week, Tommy Dodd.

Parkhurst.—Next week, The Prisoner of Zenda.

Queen's Opera House, Crouch End.—Next Week, Trelawny of the Wells.

Alexandra.—Next week, John Hare and Garrick Theatre Co.

Dalston.—Next week, In the Ranks.

Alhambra.—8, Variety Entertainment. La Belle Otero. Jack Ashore, &c.

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

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

London Pavilion.—8, Variety Entertainment.

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

Royal.—7.30, Variety Company. Saturday, 2.30 also.

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

Crystal Palace.—Varied attractions daily.