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### QUALIFICATIONS OF CANDIDATES FOR THE SCHOOLS.

WE notice a growing tendency on the part of the Educational Institutions to introduce a mass of outside information into their ballot papers, for the half-yearly elections, which we consider neither useful, interesting, or ornamental, and we fail to find any good reason that can be given for its appearance.

We refer to the particulars as to the candidates having "a Brother in Christ's Hospital," "a Sister in the Commercial Travellers' School," "a Brother in the Commercial Travellers' School," "a Brother in the British Orphan Asylum," "a Brother elected to the Earlswood Asylum for Idiots," and so forth, and would ask those who are responsible for their appearance to say what purpose is served by their publication? For many years we complained of the lack of information contained on the ballot papers, in regard to the position of the different candidates, but we cannot recognise the details here referred to as supplying the want we so often pointed out. What is required are particulars as to a boy or girl's prospects—whether, for instance, he or she is entitled to a decent fortune on reaching the age of twenty-one, as was the case with a candidate whose position we exposed some years back, with the result that he was excluded from the Boys School, although elected by a large number of votes at the poll—and not details as to his or her brother's or sister's admission to another Charitable Institution.

To show the uselessness of the particulars we now criticise we ask our readers to try and decide for themselves whether they think they are inserted for the purpose of securing additional sympathy, or the exact reverse? It is a poor rule, they say, that will not work both ways, but in such a matter as this, a double service or object can hardly be desirable, and without appearing too dense we must admit that we are unable to make up our mind as to the particular purpose of the details we mention, and if others are equally undecided we think it must be conceded that the information is undesirable. We may be wrong, but it seems to us rather to lessen a candidate's chance to know that one or more other members of the family are already provided for, and yet probably these details are inserted in the hope of enlisting additional sympathy, on behalf of a widowed mother, or a particular candidate.

If the School elections were anything of an open competition, then the publication of these particulars might be more severely criticised, either favourably or otherwise, but in these days of county and other associations for the gathering and careful manipulation of votes, it is well known that children are chosen for election even before their names appear on the School lists of candidates, and for all practical purposes it would answer best, in the majority of cases, to simply

give the child's name, followed by the words, "Selected nominee of the Province of ———." Very little outside help is expected now-a-days for the different candidates, and we question if sufficient unpledged votes could be collected on any election morning to give a candidate a chance of admission, even if every such vote was polled on his or her behalf. This was different years ago. Even within our time we can call to mind elections which have been fought and won within the precincts of the polling Hall on the day of election. In those days voters came up with their proxies to see what was going on, and to endeavour to give their votes to the most deserving case, or, perhaps, the most persistent beggar; and by dint of great activity, hard appealing, and a liberal issue of I.O.U.s. it was possible to sometimes run a candidate; but not so to-day, when nearly every voter belongs to one or another "Combination," and his votes are appropriated by a Committee long before they are issued from the Institution.

On this basis, then, it may be admitted that information on the ballot papers is less necessary now than it was years back, but that there is still room for improvement we strongly urge, although, as we have said all through these remarks, it is not supplied in the particulars to which we have specially referred, and which should certainly be omitted in the future, if for no other reason than that they are most misleading, because necessarily very incomplete.

### MASONRY STANDING STILL.

THERE is nothing so revolutionary as standing still, remarked the Mayor of Hull, on the occasion of a complimentary banquet arranged in his honour by the Humber Lodge, on the 16th inst., and therefore we have good outside authority for laying an indictment against Grand Lodge, which seems to steadfastly set its face against everything in the way of progress in connection with our Order, and in all matters concerning English Freemasonry seems determined to stand still, thereby causing discontent in our midst, and acting—as we learn, on such good authority—in a revolutionary manner.

It is all very well to argue that Freemasonry cannot change, that it is the same to-day as it was ages back, and that it must remain the same in the future as it is to-day. That principle is admissible in regard to the foundation on which the Craft exists, but to declare that it must be carried on year after year on exactly the same lines in regard to all minor details is not only absurd, but wholly opposed to the spirit of the age, which points to progress and improvement on every hand.

A very dangerous argument has arisen, and is widely extending in Freemasonry, that he who urges reform or change is guilty of treason, but this mistaken idea has not prevented us on many occasions in the

past from forcibly expressing our views as to what is possible, and even necessary in the way of Masonic reform or advancement, nor closed our columns against any correspondent who desired to lead the way in necessary reforms, and we therefore hail with some amount of satisfaction the opinion expressed by our worthy Brother, the Mayor of Hull, that there is nothing so revolutionary as standing still. It follows, therefore, that if would-be reformers are traitors, those who oppose progress and natural development are revolutionary, and it is very doubtful if the latter crime is not the more heinous in this respect.

Let us turn to the Province of West Lancashire at the present time for an exemplification of what we mean in this direction. In another column we publish a letter which recently appeared in the "Liverpool Daily Courier," and a fortnight back we gave one of similar import from the "Liverpool Daily Post." Now, who are most to blame, the "traitors" (as some designate them) who wrote those letters, or the "revolutionists" who persist in standing still, and even decline to discuss a matter of natural progress, which affects a body of Masons some 8,000 in number?

The question of a redivision of Masonic West Lancashire has long been mooted, and we believe the late Earl of Lathom, with the liberality of spirit which was his characteristic, was quite prepared to discuss the matter with his constituents; but there naturally existed a feeling that it was difficult to upset the existing order of things while he remained at the head of affairs, as of course the desire for a division necessarily carried with it the necessity for reducing the power of the local head of the Craft. It would have been very bad taste to have taken active steps towards arranging a division, dependent on the late Earl's death, but the local authorities knew full well, and Grand Lodge must have known full well, that a division was widely desired, and we think that the views of "A MEMBER," as expressed in his letter to the "Liverpool Courier," have wide sympathy and support in the important Province of West Lancashire.

The unfortunate event which robbed the Craft of its beloved Pro Grand Master afforded a ready means for carrying out a much needed and much desired reform in our internal arrangements, and the fact that the opportunity has been allowed to pass seems to confirm the opinion entertained in many quarters that Grand Lodge has steadfastly set its face against progress or advancement, in any shape or form, in sympathy with the spirit of the age, because it must of necessity entail some change in the existing order of things.

We cannot believe any system is right that renders necessary the publication of such letters as those we have referred to, and which we have reprinted from the columns of our Liverpool contemporaries. There ought to be some better method of airing a grievance on strictly Masonic matters than by addressing anonymous communications to outside newspapers, but can the authorities prove that such a course was unnecessary, by pointing out another means of bringing the matter into prominence?

West Lancashire and two or three large Provinces occupy a special position in Freemasonry, inasmuch as a considerable portion of their funds are annually devoted to the payment of a Provincial Grand Secretary, who, as a consequence, becomes a very important personage in the district, with vested interests which it is fair to say occasionally make themselves very strongly felt when questions affecting

the future of the Province come to the front; but should such interests be allowed to outweigh all considerations of advancement or progression? Certainly not, and we think the local authorities, as well as those to whom they are answerable, make a very great mistake when they ignore the wishes of a large section of the Masonic community, and attempt to check progress by high handed procedure and a curtailment of liberty of speech and public action.

The few Provinces which are so out of proportion to their fellows—the two divisions of Lancashire and, perhaps, West Yorkshire—should be dealt with as opportunity arises, and surely there is no better opportunity for this than when the Provincial Grand Mastership is vacant, and when that step towards keeping pace with modern ideas is conceded there may be a chance for the Brethren of London, very many of the best of whom are anxious to see the metropolis divided into Masonic divisions, with local chief in each, and local honours available for worthy members, on the same principle as prevails in every other section of English Freemasonry.

"There is nothing so revolutionary as standing still." How long, then, will our Masonic Authorities stand self convicted, by refusing all and every attempt put forward to advance the English Craft in this and similar directions?

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The annual ball and children's entertainments of the Prince of Wales Lodge, No. 1648 were held in the Bradford Masonic Hall, with the most complete success. There was a large attendance on Thursday night, 12th inst., when the Worshipful Master Bro. Herbert W. White and his Brethren entertained a large number of guests in regal style, Brother F. P. Carter D.C. acting as Master of Ceremonies for the dancers. Many felicitous speeches were made after supper, Ald. Jonas Whitley being particularly happy in his remarks, while Bro. James Freeman and others spoke in very complimentary terms of the esteem in which they held Bro. Dr. White, who presided. The members of the Lodge again vied with each other in making their guests happy on Friday night, the visitors on this occasion being juveniles, who had a variety of amusements provided. There were gramophone songs, &c., and Mr. Hibbert's fine cinematograph exhibition, including his unique and sensational film of the Spanish bull fight. The dancing was also much enjoyed, tea and supper were capitally managed, and the children carried away handsome presents after a delightful evening.

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On Friday evening, 6th inst., the Stewards of the Penge Lodge arranged a Cinderella dance, which took place at the Freemasons' Tavern, Great Queen Street. There was a good muster of Brethren, who appeared in full regalia. Dancing commenced at 7 o'clock, and was continued with much spirit until 11.30.

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The West Lancashire Masonic Institution, for charitable purposes confined to the Province, last year received £4,352 7s 5d. The West Lancashire Masonic Educational Institution has received since it was founded (1850) £60,134 7s 4d, for the education and clothing of orphan children.

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The Provincial Grand Master of Cornwall the Earl of Mount Edgcumbe Past Deputy Grand Master has requested the Provincial Grand Secretary Bro. Bernard F. Edyvean P.A.G.D.C. of England to warn the Brethren in Cornwall against the admission of unworthy persons, in no respect suitable for membership in the Fraternity, the society having suffered much in the past in its reputation and happiness by a disregard of the circumstances and character of the proposed (and elected) candidates. This timely circular cannot fail to do good, says the "Western Morning News," and it is much to be wished its contents might be made public throughout the other Provinces, in order that more care may be exercised in the acceptance of new members,

In connection with the Loyal Berkshire Lodge of Hope, of which Lieut.-Colonel Gerald Ricardo is Worshipful Master, a most enjoyable ball was given on Wednesday night at the Mansion House, Newbury, when the company had the advantage, to a large extent at least, of the special arrangements made for the Craven Club Hunt Ball held in the same building on the preceding night. Messrs. Boyer and Co., however, naturally substituted Masonic mottoes and designs for the emblems of the chase conspicuous on Tuesday evening. Owing probably to dances and other counter attractions in adjacent towns, the attendance fell short of that of last year, nevertheless the company numbered upwards of 100, and were honoured with the presence of the Worshipful Master and Mrs. Ricardo, Past Master Keyser (High Sheriff of the County) and Mrs. Keyser, and Mrs. Sperling, of Donnington Castle House (Bro. Keyser's sister). A well selected programme of dance music was admirably executed by the Band of the Royal Military College, Sandhurst, and dancing was prolonged from about nine o'clock until the following morning.

A presentation was made to Bro. John Haywood, at a recent meeting of the Devon Lodge, No. 1138, Newton Abbot, in appreciation of the valuable services he had rendered to the Lodge as Tyler for 25 years, and as a mark of respect and esteem. The gift consisted of an elegant easy chair, and was handed over by Bro. John Olver P.M., who said the recipient had been a pattern Tyler, and was much respected by all the Brethren in the Western Counties. They trusted that now Bro. Haywood had removed to Torquay his remaining days would be spent in peace, happiness and comfort. A silver plate, with an inscription, is to be added to the chair.

One of the most enjoyable balls held in Cardiff during the season was that which took place at the Town Hall on Wednesday night, under the auspices of the Tennant Lodge, No. 1992. The ball, which was in aid of Masonic Charities, was attended by about 160 persons, and dancing was kept up to the strains of Bro. Arthur Johnson's band until the early hours of Thursday morning. The Assembly Room and its approaches were tastefully and very effectively decorated. The chairman of the committee was Bro. W. I. Vaughan W.M., whilst Bros. S. O. Williams D.C., Walter James P.M., A. L. Beard, G. Gray, and F. S. Bowling acted as Masters of Ceremonies.

A pleasing event, which must be almost unprecedented in the annals of Freemasonry, took place on Tuesday, at the Barnato Lodge, No. 2285, held at the Café Monico, when Mr. Hyam Raphael was inducted in the chair as Worshipful Master for the ensuing year. He had the gratification of having at the ceremony no less than five brothers, Messrs. Ralph Raphael, Philip Raphael, Geo. Raphael, Joseph Raphael, and Nat. Raphael, all of who are, of course, "brethren" in two senses. As these gentlemen constitute all the male children of the family, the nucleus is there for a small Lodge on their own account.—"Jewish World."

The installation meeting of the Duke of Connaught Lodge, No. 1524, to which we have already referred, will be held on Thursday next, 26th inst., at Anderton's Hotel, Fleet Street, E.C., at 4 o'clock. In addition to the installation of Bro. Edmund Frisby the work of the evening will include the balloting for and initiation of five gentlemen, and general business usual at annual gatherings. The banquet is fixed for 7 o'clock.

The annual social of the St. Bede Lodge, No. 1119, was most successfully held in the Mechanics' Hall, Jarrow, on Wednesday night, 11th inst. There was a large attendance, the social having become such a popular gathering that all the applications for tickets this year could not be entertained.

#### COMPLIMENT TO THE MAYOR OF HULL.

A COMPLIMENTARY banquet was given by the Brethren of the Humber Lodge to the Mayor of Hull on Monday, 16th, when the toast of the evening was proposed by Bro. W. E. Corris P.M. P.P.G.R. The speaker referred to the satisfaction which Bro. Gelder's selection for the Chief Magistracy had afforded his Brethren in Masonry, and continued:

And what a pleasure it must be to take a part in the government of this great city, and help to shape its destiny. Our city is not decaying, nor is its progress arrested. It is throbbing with vitality and conscious of its inherent strength and resources. Our old city is quaint and picturesque. A halo of romance hangs around it. It boasts of a kingly name and Royal charters. It is rich in historic associations. Her people are proud of a long line of merchant princes; of the prominent part which she has played in the stirring events of "our rough island story." But some of the legacies of the past have now, through the exigencies of modern times, become obstacles in the path of progress, in the way of those necessary changes so urgently needed to meet our expanding commerce, the want of our increasing population, the culture and equipment of the people in this competitive age, the opportunity for their rational recreation, as well as the want of rapid conveyance, and wide and commodious thoroughfares between our extended borders. Much has been done, much is being done, by our city fathers, and great credit is due to them, and they deserve our warm praise. We trust that you, Bro. Mayor, and your colleagues, may be able to accomplish much more in this our day and generation.

Bro. Gelder, in his response, followed the note sounded by Bro. Corris. "I am quite certain Hull will continue to progress," he said "for the Corporation is a progressive body. It is quite true our forefathers were not so progressive, but even they lived up to their ideas and judgment, and to the exigencies which surrounded them. Hull is rapidly increasing, and that is our argument for pushing on with measures to make the city all the more convenient, all the more beautiful and beneficial to the ratepayers generally. There is nothing so revolutionary as standing still." The Mayor added: "I can assure you, Brethren, that it is not my intention to become in any way a faddist or turn out to be a crank, so aptly described by Brother Corris. I should not like to be considered a one idea man, but at the same time we require in our civic bodies men who are leaders, distinctly in advance of their fellows, and we are glad to have such in the Hull Corporation. Next to the honour done me by the Corporation, I feel none greater than the honour and compliment paid me by the members of my Masonic Lodge, for which I tender you my most sincere and grateful thanks."

SUCCESSFUL ADVERTISING: its secrets explained, by Smith's Advertising Agency (182 Fleet Street, E.C.). The 19th edition of this work has just been issued, and contains a mass of information of interest to every business man, for, as the title demonstrates, it deals with a subject of great importance to the world at large, and of vital interest to the commercial section of the community. The tabulated information as to the different papers of the country is also useful.

#### The Theatres, &c.

Adelphi.—Twice Daily, Dick Whittington.  
Avenue.—8, Constancey. 8.40, Lord and Lady Algy. Matinée, Wednesday, 3.  
Comedy.—8.15, Milord Sir Smith. Matinée, Wednesday and Saturday, 2.30.  
Court.—On Tuesday, 8, For Love of Prim. 8.45, A Court Scandal. Matinée, Saturday, 3.  
Covent Garden.—Friday next, Fancy dress ball, 11 p.m.  
Criterion.—8.15, Nicolette. 8.45, My "Soldier" Boy. Matinée, Wednesday and Saturday, 2.30.  
Daly's.—8.15, A Greek Slave. Matinée, Saturday, 2.30.  
Drury Lane.—Twice Daily, The Forty Thieves.  
Duke of York's.—8, Red Roses. 8.45, The Adventure of Lady Ursula. Matinée, Wednesday and Saturday, 2.30.  
Gaiety.—8.15, A Runaway Girl. Matinée, Saturday, 2.  
Garrick.—8, The Three Musketeers. Matinée, Wednesday, Thursday and Saturday, 2.15.  
Globe.—8, Six and Eightpence. 8.30, School. Matinée, Wednesday and Saturday, 2.30.  
Haymarket.—8.10, A Golden Wedding. 9, The Manceuvres of Jane. Wednesday and Saturday, 2.15.  
Her Majesty's.—8.15, The Musketeers. Matinée, Wednesday and Saturday, 2.15.  
Lyceum.—8, Carl Rosa Opera Company. Matinée, Saturday, 2.  
Lyric.—8, Little Miss Nobody. 9.30, La Loie Fuller. Matinée, Thursday and Saturday, 2.30.  
Opera Comique.—Twice Daily, Alice in Wonderland.  
Prince of Wales's.—8.15, La Poupée. Matinée, Saturday, 2.30.  
Princesses.—8, The Crystal Globe.  
Royalty.—8.15, Confederates. 9, A Little Ray of Sunshine. Matinée, Wednesday and Saturday, 3.  
Savoy.—8.20, The Lucky Star. Matinée, Saturday, 2.30.  
Shaftesbury.—8, The Belle of New York. Matinée, Wednesday and Saturday, 2.  
St. James's.—8.30, The Ambassador. Matinée, Wednesday and Saturday, 2.30.  
Strand.—8.15, An Empty Stocking. 9, What happened to Jones. Matinée, Wednesday and Saturday, 2.30.  
Terry's.—On Thursday, 8, What will the world say. Matinée, Saturday, 2.  
Vaudeville.—8, A Bad Penny. 9, On and Off. Matinée, Wednesday and Saturday, 3.  
Alexandra.—7.30, Cinderella. Monday, Thursday, and Saturday, 1.30 also.  
Dalston.—7.30, Aladdin. Thursday, 2 also.  
Grand.—7.30, Babes in the Wood. Monday, Wednesday, Saturday, 1.30 also.  
Parkhurst.—7.45, Aladdin. Wednesday and Saturday, 2 also.  
Queen's Opera House, Crouch End.—Next week, The new East Lynne.  
Alhambra.—7.45, Variety Entertainment. Jack Ashore, &c.  
Crystal Palace.—Varied attractions daily, Pantomime, Santa Claus.  
Aquarium.—Varieties, Minting, Paula, The Great Dive, 10, 2 and 7.  
Empire.—7.50, Variety Entertainment. New Ballet Alaska, &c.  
Egyptian Hall.—3 and 8, Mr. J. N. Maskelyne's entertainment.  
Madame Tussaud's (Baker Street Station).—Open daily. Portrait models of modern celebrities, &c. Father Christmas and Monster Lucky Tub.  
London Pavillion.—8, Variety Entertainment.  
Olympia.—Barnum and Bailey's Show.  
Oxford.—Variety Entertainment.  
Palace.—7.45, Variety Entertainment. New American Biograph, &c.  
Royal.—7.30, Variety Company. Saturday, 2.30 also.  
Tivoli.—7.30, Variety Entertainment. Saturday, 2.15 also.

### WEST LANCASHIRE PROVINCE.

**T**HE following appeared in a recent issue of our contemporary, the "Liverpool Daily Courier:"

TO THE EDITOR OF THE LIVERPOOL COURIER.

SIR.—The Masonic body are deeply indebted to you for the reports respecting Masonic gatherings which appear in your paper from time to time. The record of the death of the Provincial Grand Master the late Earl of Lathom was of especial interest, and which interest is only exceeded by the question of who is going to be his successor. I have heard that the present Earl of Lathom has been nominated or appointed by the Grand Master his Royal Highness the Prince of Wales, but as he has not yet been installed into the position his value as Provincial Grand Master is nil, the Order being left practically at the present moment under the rule of the Deputy Provincial Grand Master and the paid Secretary.

You will no doubt have heard that there is a project on foot to divide this very large Province—the largest under the English Constitution of Freemasonry—but on a subject of this character there are two opinions, viz., one for retaining things as they are, and the other one to divide the Province. Well, surely Sir, this is a matter which could easily be settled if a meeting were called, and taking the vote of the members on the question, but the two officials I have alluded to above deny the right of any member even to raise the question, and threaten all sorts of pains and penalties upon all those who dare to mention such a horrid thing and thus endanger their august and exalted position.

I enclose you a form of petition, together with a circular which has been sent out by the Blackpool people, and which, to my mind, seems quite legal, respectful, and quite in order, and moreover was started before the reputed appointment of the present Provincial Grand Master the Earl of Lathom. But even if it had not been commenced before his appointment, the central powers in London knew quite well—and have known quite well for many years—that it was the wish of a great number that this division should take place. I therefore think that the fairest way in which to settle the question would be to call a general meeting, and not be dictated to by two members, no matter how high their position.

Yours, &c.,

A MEMBER.

17th Jan. 1899.

### DUTIES OF PAST MASTERS.

**R**EPLYING to a toast at an installation banquet a P.M. made the following reference to the responsibilities of those who have "passed the chair," which may be perused with advantage. He said: "I have no sympathies with those who imagine that after they have served their term as Master the sun has set on their Masonic working day. On the contrary, their work as P.M. has only just begun. Up to that time Masonry has done everything for the man who has occupied the chair; it surely then becomes his duty to endeavour to repay some of the obligations he owes to his Lodge. Our best lessons are bought in the school of experience, and it is as we attend to these that we can make progress. I defy any man to serve a term as W.M. without acquiring a fund of experience which will be invaluable to him and profitable to his Lodge, and it is only right that he should give his Brethren the opportunity of drawing on that fund when they require to do so. The Past Masters are the veterans of the Craft by whose experience we may profit, the patriarchs with whom we may take command, and on whose judgment we may rely, the Gamaliels at whose feet the others may sit and learn. They should therefore be always available, and even if they are not required to do any part of the ritual work, they can greatly assist both Master and the Lodge by the moral support their presence gives. —"New Zealand Craftsman."

### BROTHERHOOD.

**A** FOUNDATION stone of our Institution is Brotherhood. It is exemplified in our Fraternity; it has been an element that has characterised this century now drawing to its close. It is a principle about which we often speak when we are together as Masons; we are bound together as men, or as brethren, having something in common. We are not there as members of any particular political party, or as members of any particular religious organisation; we are not there as learned men or as ignorant; we are not there as rich men or as poor. We come into this Institution simply and purely upon our merits, upon our characters as men. That is the only thing that is inquired into by the committee appointed upon an application. Has the candidate done those things that he ought to do, and left undone those things that he ought not to do? Has he acted ever simply and purely as an honourable man? If such is found to be the case, the report is favourable, no blackballs are cast, he is initiated, passed, and raised to the honourable position of a Master Mason. Such, brethren, are the members of our Institution, and such is the influence that this Institution has ever exerted; showing that there is something in humanity that calls for such a relationship as this, and something that finds a satisfaction in the Brotherhood that is established by this Institution which we so much honour and so much love. But this characteristic is not something that

is confined to Freemasonry. We have but to look about us to see that it is a matter that has characterised the work and the progress of this century. What is the principle that has united Germany? In the early part of this century, what is now Germany was a number of independent States. They felt that there was a common interest and a common blood that inspired the heart and ran through the veins of the peoples of those several States; and acting upon that feeling, and the impulse of national Brotherhood, they have come together under one mighty empire of the German Confederation. It is evident that it was this principle of Brotherhood, that same principle which is the foundation of our Institution, that united and cemented that empire.

We find the same thing in Italy. The Italian States, weak and severed as they were, have been brought together, and Italy stands before the world to-day as a nation representing the Brotherhood of that people.

The same principle has changed France from an empire to a republic. It was felt by that nation from the time of the reign of the first Napoleon down to the time of the reign of the third Napoleon. Individual independence and fraternity have come to the front, and to-day, upon the ruins of that empire, stands a free republic. If there is anything that belongs to a free republic which distinguishes it from an empire, it is the fact that this principle of Brotherhood is felt and realised. We might go the world around; it is precisely the same principle that has opened China to commerce and civilisation. China felt for ages that she was a nation by herself, capable of standing apart from the rest of the world; she did not realise that she was one of the family of nations and a member of the great Brotherhood of the human race. But she has commenced to feel the truth of that principle; and her great walls, as it were, have been thrown down, and the world has been bidden to enter. The same is true of Japan.

Then we might come to our country, and take up another line of thought and see how it works along on the same principle. If there has been one thing that has characterised and brought out this great element of Brotherhood in our civilisation it has been some of the wonderful inventions that have been made in this country during the present century. The one thing that has done more than anything else to bring people together, and make possible the universal Brotherhood of man, has been the introduction of railroads. It was only in 1826 that the first line of railroad in this country was built; it ran from Boston to Quincy. It was only in 1844 that the first telegraph line was installed, running from Baltimore to Washington; and it was not until a much later date that man has been enabled, by means of the telephone, to whisper to his Brother over leagues of space. All these inventions have a tendency to unite this race of ours, cementing us more closely together and binding us one to another as men.

Freemasonry is a potent agency in this beneficent work, reaching for the same results, helping along the progress of civilisation, which has made such vast strides during the present century.

But I cannot stop without calling attention to one other thing which runs along this same line of progress. During the early part of this century, as before, disputes among nations were settled by force of arms. How are they settled to-day? They are settled by arbitration. When England and the United States differ, whether it be with respect to Alabama claims, or whether it be because they think that Venezuela ought to have a little more or a little less territory, there is a peaceful way provided for the settlement of the controversy, and that is by arbitration. All this goes to show the strong hold which this principle of Brotherhood has taken on the peoples of the world.

Now, I say, let Freemasonry, and all other institutions, go forward and do what they can to hasten that day when all nations shall know each other as Brethren; when war shall cease and be no more; and as we journey towards that end we shall find that we are entering upon that glad day when we will know no man except as our Brother. Let Freemasonry continue to help every one into that noble life which it is everyone's privilege and right to enjoy; and which he may have if he will. Thus I say, Blessed be Freemasonry now and for evermore.—Albert L. Harwood Deputy Grand Master Massachusetts, in "Voice of Masonry."

A social function, at which the lady friends of the members were invited, was held under the auspices of the Forest Lodge, No. 1852, in the Mansfield Town Hall, on Tuesday evening. The decorations were carried out on a very elaborate scale, Bro. G. H. Andrews being entrusted with the work. Amongst the vocalists was Bro. H. Stubbs, St. Paul's Cathedral, London. Those present numbered upwards of a hundred, guests from the Ashfield and other Lodges being amongst the number. The Worshipful Master Bro. Harry Smith and Mrs. Smith received the company.



## OLD BECAUSE GRAND.

A Masonic Centennial Address By Brother Charles C. Hutchinson,  
Grand Master of Masons in Massachusetts.

**T**HE one hundredth anniversary of the establishment in this community of an Institution whose tenets uphold public morality and private virtue, and prepare men for the better discharge of every duty and service to God and man, deserves more than a passing notice.

One hundred years! Within that cycle of time generations have been born, filled out the measure of life, and passed away. This country of ours, in its material prosperity, has rivalled all other nations, and we stand to-day the peer of any people in the world. All civilised nations have advanced in modes of thought and living, the result of the cultivation of arts and sciences.

One hundred years! Think of such a span of life, in any community. It is almost impossible to gather up and consider the momentous events which have marked its progress. It is difficult for us, in this age of comparative ease, surrounded as we are by appliances and conveniences which enhance so much our comfort and well-being, to conceive of the conditions of this community in respect to its modes of life, thought and varied pursuits, one hundred years ago.

Our country, you will remember, had, but a few years before, witnessed the victorious ending of its great struggle for independence, in which the founders of this Lodge bore an important part. All classes of men were striving to accommodate themselves to the new order of affairs, and lay the foundations of a great nation upon the broad principles of Loyalty, Equality and Fraternity. Out of the loyalty and patriotism which characterised the men of that day came the gentler virtues, upon which rest the highest achievements of any people or race. The refinements and graces of advanced civilisation are the peculiar and distinguishing characteristics of a bold and courageous people; and hence it is, as we believe, that the founders of this Lodge desired, by its establishment, to disseminate in this community the great principles which represent the highest and noblest spirit which should enter into the education, development and growth of whatever is required to raise and improve the condition of mankind.

There are but few things which command our respect and inspire our veneration more than antiquity. You will remember that a few days ago the Commonwealth of Massachusetts and the United States, by their representatives, celebrated the launching of that always victorious ship, the "Constitution," one hundred years ago. It is true that the gallant craft, stripped and weather-beaten, exhibits nothing of its original power and strength, but around it cluster memories which stir the hearts of all true Americans, and these memories ever will become more sacred and revered.

Antiquity is the seal which attests the title of our Institution. Ancient, mysterious perhaps in its origin, it stands in the silent grandeur of its antiquity. It is sometimes said that Masonry is grand because it is old; but it is old because it is grand. It glories in age without the least sign of dotage, and is present to-day in all the vigour of youth and wisdom of manhood. It can never become an insignificant and voiceless relic of a remote and forgotten past. The traditions of the Craft are as old almost as history. They provide for us a constant source of pride and glory. The fires kindled upon Masonic altars in the dim and shadowy past have continued to burn with increasing flame, and are made more and more beautiful by age.

When we think of the age of Masonry, of its universality, its symbols and emblems so effectively chosen, the sublimity of its ritual and forms; when we remember the great minds that have cherished its tenets, and the eloquence which has made them so impressive, and recall all that it appeals to in the past and hopes for in the future, who can estimate its position and power? Time has sanctified its principles and virtues. It silently exposes its symbols with all their mystical significance to our view, and it grows stronger and more precious, and its uses become more varied, as time goes on.

It is not therefore an Institution which lives wholly in the past, but a great Brotherhood which has at heart the welfare of the people among whom it exists, and seeks by its teachings to advance civilisation, to promote law and order, and generally to make the world better for men to live in. Taking pride in what it has done, in what it is, it bestows the legacies of human Brotherhood it possesses, bringing a benediction upon all, and reaping its reward in the advancement of human progress.

It has been said that a community is responsible for the character of its Institutions. May we not add that the institutions of a community are important factors in shaping and developing the character of its people? It seems to me that this is proven in some degree by the condition of our Commonwealth, whose laws bear to-day the impress of the men and women who came here, landing at Plymouth, to establish institutions which

should have for their controlling sentiment high morality, noble character, christian fortitude and freedom. May we not apply this principle to this immediate locality, and claim that Freemasonry, represented by men of like natures and emotions, has been most useful, and aided beyond expression or measure in directing and developing the moral and intellectual character of this community? Sound morality, human enlightenment and Freemasonry are inseparable.

Like every other human organisation, Freemasonry has its faults, its defects, its inefficient methods. It often has to acknowledge that its power to do good is not equal to its will and desire, that it cannot make every one who knocks at its doors better and wiser. But it rarely happens that it exerts no good influence at all upon its members, and through them upon the people among whom it exists. One thing is certain, it never made a good man bad, nor a bad man worse; nor has it ever induced men to be corrupt, false or treacherous.

My Brothers, as you stand to-day at the close of one century in the life of this Lodge and look forward into another, you may well gather new courage and inspiration from the past to strengthen you in meeting the demands and problems of the future. You cannot overtake the future, it will always be a little in advance of you; you should, therefore, in order to control it to some degree, perform the duties which are present and within your reach. Seize upon the opportunities and privileges which are about you, and do not wait for some convenient occasion, some propitious season, some notable event to immortalise you and your work. Remember the zeal, constancy and fidelity of Hiram the builder. And be assured that equal fidelity to the trust reposed in you will be an inspiration to others and awaken in them a high moral endeavour to illustrate the grace, dignity and supreme truths of our Order.

I bring to you the sincere, heartfelt congratulations of the Grand Lodge on this happy occasion, and rejoice with you in the event which this day celebrates. This Lodge as it stands here to-day is an embodiment and memorial of the spirit which actuated its founders. I would, therefore, urge you to make it the shrine of your Masonic Faith, the sanctuary of your Masonic Hope, the home of your Masonic Love.—"Voice of Masonry,"

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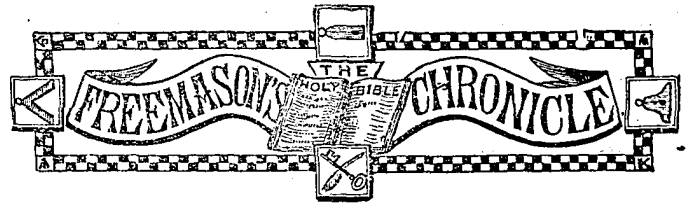
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SATURDAY, 21st JANUARY 1899.

**R. M. I. BOYS.**

THE Quarterly Court of Subscribers was held at Freemasons' Hall, on Friday of last week, under the presidency of Bro. Richard Eve Past Grand Treasurer Patron of the Institution and Chairman of its Board of Management.

After a protest from St. Michael's Lodge, No. 211, against voting 1,000 guineas to Bro. McLeod Secretary of the Institution, as an honorarium for his extra labours on account of the Centenary Festival, the minutes of the last Court, the members of which voted the gift, were carried with two dissentients. It was explained that the money really did not come out of the funds properly so-called, as the balance of the Stewards' fees—a sum of over £1,800—out of which they might have voted the 1,000 guineas, had been handed over to the Institution.

The Secretary reported receipts in 1898 amounting to over £126,000.

The proposition submitted by Bro. S. J. Attenborough P.A.G.D.C., as to the admission of Albert Edward Johnson (a last application case unsuccessful at the last election) to the benefits of the Institution as an out-door pupil, was agreed to, and the list for the April election was settled, the number of candidates approved for that contest being thirty-seven, of whom sixteen come forward from previous contests. There are five lads on the present list whose age will preclude their further candidature if they are unsuccessful in April.

**BOARD OF BENEVOLENCE.**

THE President of the Board of Benevolence Bro. J. H. Matthews presided at the monthly meeting of the Board, on Wednesday evening, which was held at Freemasons' Hall, and the Senior and Junior Vice-Presidents Bros. D. D. Mercer and Henry Garrod supported him. The Board was largely attended.

There were twenty-three cases to be relieved, but the number assisted was reduced to eighteen, by the withdrawal of one petition, the postponement of another, and the dismissal of three. One case was relieved with £75, two with £40 each, five with £30, six with £20, three with £10, and one with £5; or a total grant during the evening of £460.

**ELECTION OF GRAND TREASURER.**

A NUMEROUSLY attended meeting of Brother Alfred H. Bevan's Executive Committee was held on Wednesday, at Mark Masons' Hall, under the presidency of Brother Sir John B. Monckton, F.S.A., P.G.W., when reports were presented of the support promised in the Provinces and in the Metropolis, which gave the Committee the most cheering assurances of the wide spread interest taken in the cause of the Candidate who, it will be remembered, is a member of the firm of Barclay, Perkins and Co., the eminent Brewers.

**CHURCH SERVICE.**

A SPECIAL Masonic Service is being arranged in connection with the Consecration Festival of St. Mark's Church, New Barnet, to be held on Sunday, 12th prox., at 3.30 p.m. Brother the Venerable Archdeacon Sinclair P.G. Chaplain has kindly consented to preach the sermon, while other parts of the Service will be conducted by Bro. Rev. G. E. Gardner Chap. 2509, and Rev. C. Arthur Lane Chap. 1996. The musical arrangements will be under the direction of Bro. Fred Paterson P.P.G.O. Herts, while Bro. F. S. Plowright P.M. 193 Sec. 2509, F. G. Mason P.M. 1385 P.P.G.W. Herts, and Bro. E. C. Mulvey P.G. Purs. of England are acting as Hon. Secretaries.

## 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. & Pness, F.M.H.  
26 Castle Harmony, Savoy Hotel  
28 Old King Arms, F.H.  
144 St. Luke, Anderton's  
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  
1632 Stuart, Camberwell  
1744 Royal Savoy, Criterion  
1828 Shepherd's Bush, S'pherd's B'sh  
2396 Bishopsgate, Gt. Eastern Hotel

43 St. Paul, Birmingham  
48 Industry, Gateshead  
61 Probity, Halifax  
85 Faithful, Harleston  
89 Unanimity, Dukinfield  
102 Unanimity, North Walsham  
264 Nelson of the Nile, Batley  
270 R. Faith & Friendship, Berkeley  
302 Hope, Bradford  
307 Prince Frederick, Hebden Bridge  
388 Prudence, Halesworth  
408 Three Graces, Haworth  
433 Hope, Brightlingsea  
467 Tudor, Oldham  
491 Royal Sussex, Jersey  
543 Cleveland, Stokesley  
613 Unity, Southport  
699 Roscaewa, Chacewater  
737 Wentworth, Wellingboro'  
985 Alexandra, Sutton Bridge  
1008 Roy. St. Edmund's, Bury St. E.  
1168 Benevolence, Sherbourne  
1272 Tregenna, St. Ives  
1280 Walden, Saffron Walden  
1286 Bayon, Market Rasen  
1312 St. Mary, Bocking  
1325 Stanley, Liverpool  
1486 Duncombe, Kingsbridge  
1542 Legiolium, Castleford  
1575 Clive, Drayton  
1600 Hamilton, Alford  
1741 Montgomerie, Diss  
1752 Ogmere, Bridgend  
1757 King Henry VIII., Hemel Hemp.  
1895 Thames, Henley  
1977 Blackwater, Maldon  
1991 Agricola, York  
2042 Apollo, Liverpool  
2068 Portsmouth Temperance, L'dp't.  
2187 Adur, Henfield  
2257 Powell, Bristol  
2363 Minnehaha Minstrel, M'chester.  
2429 Research, Leicester  
2547 Llangatock, Cardiff  
2582 Lewisham, Smethwick

### Tuesday.

14 Tuscan, Freemasons'-hall  
46 Old Union, Ship and Turtle  
145 Prudent Brethren, F.M.H.  
186 Industry, Freemasons'-hall  
205 Israel, Cannon Street Hotel  
255 Harmony, Richmond  
259 Prince of Wales, Metropole  
1158 Southern Star, Southwark  
1348 Ebury, Criterion  
1441 Ivy, Camberwell  
2108 Empire, Criterion  
2424 St. Stephen, Lewisham  
126 Silent Temple, Burnley  
160 True Friendship, Rochford  
253 Tyrian, Derby  
366 St. David, Milford  
373 Socrates, Huntingdon  
472 F'ship & Sincerity, Shaftesbury  
484 Faith, Newton-le-Willows  
564 Stability, Stourbridge  
599 Sherwell, Banbury  
624 Abbey, Burton-on-Trent  
779 Ferrers & Ivanhoe, Ashby Z'ch  
789 Dunheved, Llanecston  
814 Parrett and Axe, Crewkern  
855 Sympathy, Wotton-un.-Edge  
943 Sincerity, Norwich  
954 St. Aubyn, Devonport  
979 Four Cardinal Virtues, Crewe  
990 Neyland, Neyland  
1016 Elkington, Birmingham  
1028 Royal Alfred, Alfreton  
1036 Bowyer, Chipping Norton  
1052 Callander, Manchester

1067 R'y'l Forest Dean, N'h'm S'v'u.  
1214 Scarborough, Batley  
1256 Fidelity, Poulton-le-Fylde  
1266 Honour & Friendship, Blandford  
1390 Whitwell, Millon  
1395 Wey Side, Woking Station  
1447 St. Matthew, Bart'n-on-Humber  
1482 Isle of Axholme, Crowle  
1522 Olicana, Ilkley  
1536 United Military, Plumstead  
1587 St. Giles, Cheadle  
1609 Liverpool Dramatic, Liverpool  
1675 Ancient Briton, Liverpool  
1678 Medway, Tonbridge  
1779 Ivanhoe, Sheffield  
1799 Arnold, Walton-on-Naze  
1823 Royal Clarence, Clare  
1834 Duke of Connaught, Landport  
1902 St. Cuthbert, Bedlington  
2001 Narberth, Narberth  
2025 St. George, Plymouth  
2328 Albert Victor, York  
2339 Mistley, Manningtree  
2405 Ionic, St. Helen's  
2549 Benevolentia, Woodford

### Wednesday.

2 Antiquity, Freemasons'-hall  
201 Jordan, Freemasons'-hall  
212 Euphrates, Holborn Restaurant  
754 High Cross, Tottenham  
822 Victoria Rifles, Freemasons'-hall  
898 Temperance in East, Poplar  
1056 Victoria, Guildhall Tavern  
1360 Royal Arthur, Wimbledon  
1589 St. Dunstan, Anderton's  
1718 Centurion, Inns of Court Hotel  
1768 Progress, Freemasons'-hall  
1818 Clapham, Criterion  
2332 Borough of G'n'wich, E. G'wich  
2395 Avondale, Brixton  
2416 Hiram, Freemasons'-hall  
2455 St. Martin, Charing Cross  
2562 Papyrus, Criterion  
32 St. Geo. Harmony, Liverpool  
76 Economy, Winchester  
82 Foundation, Cheltenham  
86 Loyalty, Prescott  
128 Prince Edwin, Bury  
163 Integrity, Manchester  
220 Harmony, Garston  
250 Minerva, Hull  
257 Phoenix, Portsmouth  
258 Amphibious, Heckmondwike  
304 Philanthropic, Leeds  
320 Loyalty, Mottram  
321 Unity, Crewe  
341 Wellington, Rye  
368 Samaritan, Sandbach  
372 Harmony, Budleigh Salterton  
380 Integrity, Morley  
387 Airedale, Shipley  
439 Scientific, Bingley  
461 Fortitude, Newton  
464 Cambrian, Haverfordwest  
504 Berkhamstead, Berkhamstead  
533 Eaton, Congleton  
540 Stuart, Bedford  
555 Fidelity, Framlingham  
580 Harmony, Ormskirk  
606 Segontium, Caernarvon  
651 Brecknock, Brecon  
697 United, Colchester  
724 Derby, Liverpool  
785 Twelve Brothers, Southampton  
818 Philanthropic, Abergavenny  
887 Leigh, Birmingham  
910 St. Oswald, Pontefract  
996 Sondes, East Dereham  
1024 St. Peter, Maldon  
1039 St. John, Lichfield  
1083 Townley Parker, Manchester  
1119 St. Bede, Jarrow  
1193 Doric, Wymondham  
1219 Strangeways, Manchester  
1265 Vale of Catmos, Oakham  
1283 Ryburn, Sowerby Bridge  
1343 Saint John, Grays  
1363 Tyndall, Chipping Sodbury  
1493 Robin Hood, Eastwood  
1520 Earl Shrewsbury, Cannock  
1544 Mount Edgecumbe, Camborne  
1576 Dee, Park-gate, Cheshire  
1633 Avon, Manchester  
1645 Colne Valley, Slithwaite  
1663 Hartismere, Eye  
1714 Albert Edward, Yorktown

1723 St. George, Bolton  
1733 Sunbury, Sunbury  
1756 Kirkdale, Liverpool  
1760 Leopold, Scarborough  
1775 Leopold, Church  
1783 Albert Edward, Huddersfield  
1793 Sir Charles Bright, Teddington  
1808 Suffield, North Walsham  
1809 Fidelis, Guernsey  
1854 Weald of Kent, Tenterden  
1953 Prudence & Industry, Chard  
1967 Beacon Court, New Brompton  
1984 Earl of Clarendon, Watford  
1989 Stirling, Cleator Moor  
2019 Crook, Crook  
2064 Smith Child, Tunstall  
2149 Gordon, Hanley  
2186 Striguil, Chepstow  
2216 Egerton, Swinton  
2283 Euston, St. Neots  
2320 St. Martin, Castleton  
2355 Chantrey, Dore  
2357 Barry, Cadoxton  
2385 Godson, Oldbury  
2435 Wineslai, Winslow  
2444 Noel, Kingston-on-Thames  
2448 Bradstow, Broadstairs  
2571 Holmes, Newcastle-on-Tyne  
2583 St. Thomas, Tibshelf

### Thursday.

General Committee, Girls School,  
Freemasons' Hall, at 5.  
22 Neptune, Guildhall Tavern  
65 Prosperity, Guildhall Tavern  
66 Grenadiers, Freemasons'-hall  
99 Shakespeare, Albion  
507 United Pilgrims, Southwark  
766 William Preston, Cannon-st. H.  
820 Lily Richmond, Inns of Ct. Ho.  
858 South Middlesex, Fulham  
1421 Langthorne, Ilford  
1523 St. Mary Magdalene, Café Royal  
1524 Duke of Connaught, Anderton's  
1601 Ravensbourne, Lewisham  
1608 Kilburn, Regent Street  
1658 Skelmersdale, Camberwell  
1816 Victoria Park, London Tavern  
1974 St. Mary Abbott, Kensington  
2264 Chough, Cannon Street Hotel  
2319 Scots, Crane Court, Fleet Street  
2432 Sir W. Raleigh, Inns of Ct Ho  
39 St. John Baptist, Exeter  
51 Angel, Colchester  
78 Imperial George, Middleton  
111 Restoration, Darlington  
116 Royal Lancashire, Colne  
129 Union, Kendal  
202 Friendship, Devonport  
208 Three Gd. Principles, Dewsbury  
214 Hope and Unity, Brentwood  
276 Good Fellowship, Chelmsford  
283 Amity, Haslingden  
318 True and Faithful, Helston  
324 Moira, Stalybridge  
332 Virtue and Silence, Hadleigh  
337 Candour, Uppermill  
346 United Brethren, Blackburn  
348 St. John, Bolton  
361 Industry, Hyde  
403 Hertford, Hertford  
449 Cecil, Hitchin  
450 Cornubian, Hayle  
456 Foresters, Uttroter  
469 Hundred of Elloe, Spalding  
475 Bed. St. John Bap., Luton  
590 La Cesaree, Jersey  
594 Downshire, Liverpool  
625 Devonshire, Glossop  
630 St. Cuthbert, Howden  
636 De Ogle, Morpeth  
707 St. Mary, Bridport  
710 Pleiades, Totnes  
761 St. John, Dursley  
772 Pilgrim, Glastonbury  
784 Wellington, Deal

787 Beaureper, Belper  
807 Cabbell, Norwich  
809 United Good F'ship., Wisbech  
904 Phoenix, Rotherham  
935 Harmony, Salford  
966 St. Edward, Leek  
1032 Townley Parker, Chorley  
1130 Rutland, Melton Mowbray  
1151 St. Andrew, Tywardreath  
1163 Emulation, Birmingham  
1164 Eliot, St. Germans  
1166 Clarendon, Hyde  
1235 Phoenix St. Ann, Buxton  
1313 Fermor, Southport  
1322 Waverley, Ashton-under-Lyne  
1345 Victoria, Eccles  
1392 Egerton, Bury  
1404 Saint Vincent, Bristol  
1418 Fraternity, Stockton-on-Tees  
1501 Wycombe, High Wycombe  
1505 Emulation, Liverpool  
1578 Merlin, Pontypridd  
1626 Hotspur, Newcastle-on-Tyne  
1630 St. Michael, Coventry  
1702 Sub-Urban, Great Stanmore  
1705 Prince of Wales, Gosport  
1817 St. Andrew, Shoburness  
1884 Chine, Shanklin, Isle of Wight  
1957 Grove, Hazel Grove  
1971 Ald'shot, Army & Navy, A'shot.  
2017 Duke of Portland, Nottingham  
2028 Granite, Narborough  
2091 Castleberg, Settle  
2101 Bramston Beach, Godalming  
2131 Brownlow, Ellesmere  
2189 Ashburton, Ashburton  
2195 Military Jubilee, Dover  
2214 Josiah Wedgwood, Etruria  
2215 Anfield, Anfield  
2263 St. Leonards, Sheffield  
2269 Peace, Wigan  
2335 Cycling and Athletic, Liverpool  
2387 Manchester Dramatic, M'chester  
2418 Hedworth, South Shields  
2462 Clarence, West Hartlepool  
2463 Bootle-Wilbraham, Knotty Ash  
2474 Hatherton, Walsall

### Friday.

Council Boys School, Freemasons  
Hall, at 4  
60 Peace and Harmony, F.H.  
197 Jerusalem, Freemasons'-hall  
569 Fitz-Roy, Head Qrs. H.A.C.  
1591 Studholme, Café Royal  
2000 Earl of Mornington, Café R'y'l.  
2312 London Irish Rifles, F.M.H.  
64 Fortitude, Manchester  
355 R'l. S'x. Emulation, Swindon  
401 Royal Forest, Slaidburn  
460 Sutland Unity, N'castle-u-Lyme  
602 North York, Middlesbrough  
652 Holme Valley, Holmfirth  
810 Craven, Skipton  
1034 Eccleshill, Eccleshill  
1074 Underley, Kirkby Lonsdale  
1303 Pelham, Lewes  
1385 Gladsmuir, Barnet  
1391 Commercial, Leicester  
1435 Annesley, Nottingham  
1712 St. John, Newcastle-on-Tyne  
1739 Carnarvon, Swadlincote  
2078 St. Lawrence, Scunthorpe  
2371 Felix, Felixstowe  
2380 Beneventa, Daventry  
2415 Tristram, Shildon  
2431 Kingsley, Northampton

### Saturday.

1679 Henry Muggeridge, Anderton's  
1706 Orpheus, Holborn Restaurant  
149 Peace, Meltham  
1293 Burdett, Hampton Court  
1462 Wharnccliffe, Penistone  
1579 St. James, Enfield

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## REPORTS OF MEETINGS.

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

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## CRAFT: METROPOLITAN.

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## DUKE OF FIFE LODGE, No. 2345.

A MEETING of this flourishing Lodge, under its popular W.M. Bro. Thos. Morris, was held at the Alexandra Hotel, Clapham Common, on Wednesday, 18th inst., when there were present Bros. J. Mitchell I.P.M., A. Robertson S.W., G. F. Winny J.W., R. Steele P.M. Treas., J. W. Folkard P.M. Sec., H. Mitchell S.D., C. Fitch J.D., G. Taylor A.D.C., Machin P.M. I.G., Beckwith and F. W. Sinclair Stds., Patrick P.M. Tyler, S. Cochrane P.M. P.G. Treas., Geo. Everett P.M. P.G. Treas., Harvey P.M., Beaven P.M., Langdon P.M., Kidman, G. Ballard, Wyr, Merrett, Simmons, Hole, Cooper, Oswald, H. L. Mitchell, Brinkman, C. Merrett, B. Kench, H. Smith, S. Baker, C. Harsey, T. Hall. Visitors: Bros. S. Rashleigh P.M. 902, H. Mitchell 1056, W. Norton 1694.

Four candidates were raised by the W.M. to the sublime degree of a M.M., and one was passed to the degree of F.C.

Other Lodge business was transacted.

The members afterwards dined together, under the presidency of the W.M., and spent a very happy time.

Songs were given by Bros. Smith, Machin, Cochrane, Hill, and Merrett.

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## INSTRUCTION.

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## ROYAL ALFRED LODGE, No. 780.

AT the Star and Garter Hotel, Kew Bridge, on Thursday, 12th inst., Bros. J. Dinnis W.M., Justin Allen S.W., J. Blaydes J.W., F. Craggs Acting Prec., J. H. Cumming Sec., A. J. Swash S.D., O. Humble J.D., F. J. Larkman I.G., and several others.

Lodge was opened to the second degree, when Bro. Cumming answered the questions and the ceremony of raising was rehearsed. Bro. Justin Allen was elected W.M. for the next meeting.

The Auditors' report was presented, and duly passed by the Brethren. The Secretary stated that the sum of ten guineas had been balloted for and handed to the R.M.I.B., in the names of two Brethren, from the funds of the Lodge during the past year.

The Preceptor, Treasurer and Secretary received the thanks of the Brethren for their past services.

The annual supper was fixed for the 16th proximo.

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## CITY OF WESTMINSTER LODGE, No. 1563.

THERE was an exceptional gathering, and a most successful evening was spent, on the occasion of the working of the Fifteen Sections in this Lodge of Instruction, on Wednesday of last week, at the Café Royal, Regent Street, under the presidency of Bro. B. Da Costa P.M. 1349, who was supported by Bros. D. Moss I.P.M., L. A. Da Costa P.M. S.W., J. Oxley P.M. J.W., C. Johnson Dep. Prec., A. J. Ward Sec., J. Richmond S.D., J. Lotheim J.D., E. Hart I.G., J. H. Beach, S. Fonseca, J. Townsend, E. R. Young, W. Stead, B. J. Feldman, S. E. Young, W. Stead, J. Wynman, and others, the whole assembly numbering between sixty and seventy Brethren.

The sections of the first degree were worked by Bros. J. Davis, Lotheim, Emden, Richmond, D. Moss P.M., J. Goulston, and B. Stewart P.M., after which the Lodge was called from labour to refreshment.

On resuming, the Lodge was advanced to the second degree, and the five sections connected therewith were worked by Bros. Allison (in the absence of Bro. Simmons), N. Goldman, C. Johnson (in the absence of Bro. N. Isaacs), J. Oxley, and J. Goulston (in the absence of Bro. W. Yetton).

The Lodge was further advanced, and the third degree sections worked by Bros. J. Oxley P.M. (in the absence of Bro. M. Da Costa W.M. 1349), L. A. Da Costa, and J. Davis (in the absence of Bro. Harris I.P.M. 1349), the last named bringing the work to a successful conclusion, the whole reflecting the greatest credit on the Brethren who assisted, as well as on the worthy president Bro. B. Da Costa, who did so much to ensure the success of the meeting by the ability he displayed in the chair.

Bro. C. Johnson Deputy Preceptor proposed that a hearty vote of thanks be passed to Bro. B. Da Costa W.M., and recorded on the minutes, in recognition of the able manner in which he had discharged the duties of the chair on the occasion. This was seconded by Bro. E. J. Ward Secretary, and unanimously agreed to by those present.

Bro. Da Costa, in acknowledgment, sincerely thanked Bro. Johnson for his very kind remarks, also the I.P.M. Bro. D. Moss P.M. 1349, for the kind assistance he had rendered in the work of the evening.

Bro. Johnson next proposed that in recognition of the Masonic treat the Brethren had received from Bro. B. Da Costa the acting W.M., also from Bro. L. A. Da Costa P.M. the S.W., and from Bro. J. Oxley P.M. the J.W., they be elected Honorary members of the Lodge, which was seconded by Bro. Hart and unanimously agreed to. The compliment was highly appreciated, and acknowledged by the three well known Brethren.

It was next proposed that a vote of thanks be passed to the Brethren who had worked the different sections, especially to Bros. Allison, J. Davis, J. Oxley, and C. Johnson, who had kindly taken the place of others who were unavoidably absent, and this suggestion being seconded by Bro. Ward was unanimously agreed to.

Bro. D. Moss P.M. thanked the Brethren for their kind remarks, but their work did not require any compliments, they of the Israel Lodge were always pleased to render any assistance that was required of them, whether it was in the north, the east, the south, or the west.

About twenty new members were elected, of whom several acknowledged the compliment paid them,

## IMPERIAL LODGE, No. 1694.

ON Tuesday, at Bro. Douglas White's Pier Hotel, Chelsea, Bros. W. Mead W.M., F. Davison S.W., E. Barwell J.W., G. Holland P.M. Prec., A. Schott Sec., W. Norton S.D., G. E. White J.D., F. Franklin I.G., D. White, A. Roberts, W. Norton, H. J. Olive, T. Jeston White, J. Wynman, J. Leeks, F. Franklin, and others.

The Lodge was opened up to the second degree, and Bro. Franklin answered the questions, the ceremony of raising being afterwards rehearsed, with Bro. A. Roberts representing the candidate. The Lodge was resumed to the first degree, and then called off and on, when Bro. Holland, with the assistance of the Brethren, worked the second section of the lecture.

Bro. Holland proposed that a vote of thanks be accorded the acting Master, for his services in the chair for the first time in this Lodge of Instruction, which Bro. Secretary had very much pleasure in seconding, the vote being duly carried and acknowledged.

Bro. Roberts was elected a member, and Bro. F. Dawson chosen to preside on the 31st inst., next Tuesday being Officers' night, while the following week the Preceptor will be in the chair.

We are pleased to record the establishment of a Charity Association in connection with this Lodge, to which several Brethren have already given their support.

We are extremely sorry to hear of the severe indisposition of Mrs. Douglas White, wife of the popular host, and hope she may soon be restored to perfect health.

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## WOODROW LODGE, No. 1708.

AT Bro. Rudderforth's (Stone's) Restaurant, Panton Street, Haymarket, on Monday, Bros. W. West W.M., R. Cawley S.W., J. Culverhouse J.W., C. Woodrow P.M. Prec., John W. Simeons Sec., E. Nice S.D., G. Yeoville J.D., W. E. Davis I.G., W. Rudderforth P.M., W. H. Making, C. Menn, J. Wynman, H. Cousins.

Lodge was opened to the second degree, advanced to the third, and resumed to the second, when Bro. Cousins was examined, and the ceremony of raising was rehearsed.

Bro. Cawley was elected W.M. for Monday next, and he being well known a full meeting may be expected. The work on this occasion was ably conducted by Bro. West, the acting W.M.

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## CHISWICK LODGE, No. 2012.

AT the Windsor Castle Hotel, Hammersmith, on Saturday, 14th inst., Bros. J. H. Cumming W.M., W. Herring S.W., H. J. Cousins J.W., A. Williams P.M. Prec., F. Craggs P.M. Treas., R. Josey P.M. Sec., A. J. Swash S.D., R. Reid J.D., W. Atkinson I.G., E. Wilkins Steward. Past Masters R. W. Larter, W. Hide, M. Spiegel, E. Fox; Bros. J. Knight, W. Handover, J. R. Francis, J. Stewart, and others.

The W.M. vacated the chair in favour of Bro. Francis, who opened the Lodge in the second degree, when Bro. Wilkins answered the questions, and the ceremony of raising was rehearsed. Bro. Swash then assumed the chair, and went through the ceremony of investiture of Officers, Bro. Craggs kindly acting as Director of Ceremonies. Bro. Cumming then returned to the W.M.'s chair, and after some routine business had been transacted, and hearty good wishes had been given and received, the Lodge was closed in due and ancient form.

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## PROVINCIAL.

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## ARCHITECT LODGE, No. 1375.

THE regular meeting was held at the Masonic Hall, Chorlton-cum-Hardy, on Friday, 6th inst., Bro. I. R. E. Birkett W.M. The principal business of the evening was that of balloting for Mr. George Henry Smith, Traveller, Fallowfield, who was afterwards initiated into the mysteries and privileges of ancient Freemasonry, and the passing to the degree of F.C. of Bro. C. T. Tallent-Bateman.

An adjournment was afterwards made to the festive board, Loyal and Masonic toasts being pleasantly relieved by songs, &c.

Among the many visitors, probably attracted by the popularity of Bro. Tallent-Bateman as a public man, were Bros. J. Hardwicke Marsh P.M. 1730 Prov.G.D., William Richmond 267 1387 P.P.G.S.B. (Manchester School Board), John Travers P.M. 1387, J. Stanley Derbyshire J.W. 1045, A. H. Dodd S.D. 993, H. J. Farthing S.D. 1387, and John Rudd J.D. 2688.

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## ZION LODGE, No. 1798.

THE regular meeting was held at the Grand Hotel, Manchester, on Wednesday, 11th inst.

Bro. Mark Steel Worshipful Master has begun his year of office by fully realising the anticipations we formed of him, and duly expressed in our recent account of his installation, for he performed two ceremonies, namely that of passing Bro. Solomon Jacobs to the degree of F.C., and of raising Bro. Charles Backner to the sublime degree of M.M. Bro. W. Dagnall J.W. presented and explained the working tools of the second degree to Bro. Jacobs.

At the festive board Loyal and Masonic toasts were interspersed with songs, etc., rendered by Bros. J. H. Phillips Secretary, Hy. Norris S.D., Leon Levy P.M., and Jno. Crompton P.M. 152. Bro. Phillips also treated the audience to an exhibition of thought reading, selecting Bro. Norris as his medium, some delightful and witty argot being evolved.

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## DUKE OF YORK LODGE, No. 2449.

THE regular meeting was held at the Mosley Hotel, Manchester, on Thursday, 12th inst., Bro. John Kinsey W.M., there being a good attendance.

Three ceremonies were announced on the summons, viz., the passing of Bros. Alfred Cordwell and Jas. Plant into the degree of F.C., and the raising of Bro. Harry Marsden to the sublime degree of M.M., the passings being undertaken by Bro. Thos. T. Hardicker P.M. P.P.G.S.B., and the raising by Bro. Simon Mamelok P.M. Prov.G.J.D. Treasurer. Bro. A. G. Bryce S.W. presented and explained the working tools in each case.

The usual festive board followed, Bro. William Boden P.M. Charity

Representative taking the opportunity of explaining the recent action of the local Benevolent Institution, with regard to a Brother of the Duke of York Lodge. Whilst expressing himself perfectly satisfied in this instance, he also explained that no case was refused a hearing, and certainly no deserving case was ever brought before the Committee without receiving prompt and substantial assistance. Bro. Boden promised that at an early date he would fully enumerate the various Masonic Charities, and explain their mode of procedure.

Bro. J. T. Whittle S.D. proposed a vote of thanks (which was heartily responded to) to Bro. Boden for his successful action on behalf of the Lodge.

Among others present, and not previously mentioned, were Bros. A. Sutcliffe Secretary, S. Kew J.D., R. H. Whatham, W. Greenhalgh, T. W. Lewin, T. D. Lightfoot, and Arthur Hudson.

## ROYAL ARCH.

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### TRUTH INSTRUCTION CHAPTER, No. 1458.

THE regular monthly meeting was held at the Mosley Hotel, Manchester, on Tuesday, 10th inst., Companion Buckley Carr P.Z. 993 Prov.G.J. Preceptor.

The ceremony of exaltation was rehearsed by Comp. John Horsfield Z. 325. Comp. Geo. Thos. Lenard Z. 1458 delivered the symbolical lecture to a very appreciative audience.

Among others present were Comps. H. Hellewell S.E. 1458, H. G. Walker S.E. 581, John Renwick P.Soj. 325, Jas. Cooper 325, J. J. Dean 1458, H. Gordon Small 1375 P.P.G.R., G. W. Bingham P.Z. 325, J. T. Reynolds 624, W. E. Hands S.N. 325, and A. W. Rylands P.S. 152.

The next meeting will be held on Tuesday, 14th February.

### GALLERY CHAPTER, No. 1928.

THE new-year's meeting of this Chapter was held at Anderton's Hotel, Fleet Street, E.C., on Saturday, when Comp. Percy Wallace Husk M.E.Z. presided. The following Companions were also present: J. J. Fretwell H., Orlton Cooper J., John Read I.P.Z., Edward E. Peacock P.Z. Treasurer, Herbert Wright P.Z. S.E., E. A. Peachey S.N., George Tarran P.S., Alfred H. Robbins Asst. Soj., H. E. Peacock Organist, Henry Massey P.Z., John Hurdell P.Z., John D. Irvine, A. E. Baines, Cornwallis H. Smith, C. J. Sheddon-Wilson, J. W. Stevens M.E.Z. 720.

The Chapter having been formally opened, the minutes of the previous convocation were read and confirmed.

The ballot was then taken for Bro. G. C. Vincent, of the Gallery Lodge, who was approved and subsequently exalted to the supreme degree. The ceremony was ably and impressively rendered by Companion Husk, after which the traditional Addresses were delivered by the three Principals.

A handsome P.Z.'s jewel was presented to Comp. J. Hurdell, and, in recognition of his services to the Chapter, Comp. Read was elected as an honorary member. A vote of condolence and sympathy was directed to be forwarded to Comp. Lionel Gowing, upon his recent bereavement. There being no further business the Chapter was closed and the convocation adjourned till April.

The Companions afterwards partook of supper, and an enjoyable evening was spent.

## A PROMINENT MASON INTERVIEWED.

WE have much pleasure in extracting the following interesting interview of our esteemed Bro. J. H. Whadcoat, from the Poole "Guardian":

The subject of the following sketch is Mr. J. H. Whadcoat, J.P., C.C., the ex-Mayor of Poole, with whom our representative had the pleasure of an interview a short time ago. When Mr. Whadcoat first came to Poole he occupied the residence "Branksea View," Parkstone, but recently he has purchased and made freehold a delightful property known as "Eversfield," Parkstone, and it was here the interview took place.

Calling at the house, I was shown into the dining room, through the windows of which the sun was shining brightly, and from which could be seen a panoramic view very difficult to surpass. Away to the west was the long stretch of the picturesque land-locked harbour, with Branksea Island and Purbeck Hills; to the east a charming peep of the "Mentone of England," with its residential estates, can be obtained; whilst to the south a full view of the Park, Sandbanks, and the glimmering seas of the Channel beyond meet the gaze. Could a residence be more charmingly situated than this?

Mr. Whadcoat gave me a very kind reception, and made me feel at home at once. Having informed him of the character of my visit he at once frankly volunteered to give me all the information I required, and we were soon in the midst of a pleasant conversation. Mr. Whadcoat was born at Worcester, in the year 1851. He is the eldest son of the late Mr. William Whadcoat, who, as Poole people know, lived at "Branksea View," and was very highly respected in the town and neighbourhood. He received his education at Mr. Hartley's School, Banbury, Oxfordshire, where the foundation was laid of a successful career. As early as 1870 he carried on the business of a stockbroker in London, and subsequently established branches at Bradford and Halifax. In 1879 he became a member of the firm of Whadcoat Bros. and Co., bankers, Old Broad Street, London, whose business was principally with the minor railways of Great Britain. Most of the railways the firm financed have since been absorbed by the great trunk companies, and the business of constructing independent railways in this country is now almost one of the past, as is seen from a comparison of the number of Bills deposited in Parliament now with ten or twenty years ago. On his retirement from that firm some few years since, it was dissolved.

Although living retired, so far as actually being in business is concerned, I gleaned from the conversation that Mr. Whadcoat is still a very busy man, he having associated himself with a great many institutions—benevolent and others—in which he takes a deep, and what is more, a practical interest. He is a member of the Society of Arts, a Fellow of twenty years standing of the Royal Statistical Society, a Fellow of the Royal Geographical Society, and a Fellow of the Institute of Chartered Accountants (not in practice), a society which, by the way, requires the highest of qualifications before being elected a member. The interest taken in the Freemasons by the ex-Mayor

is well known, and during the last eighteen or twenty years he has filled many important offices in connection with the Craft. With the central and local Masonic charities Mr. Whadcoat has closely identified himself, and not only is he personally qualified as a patron, but has qualified each member of his family as patrons. He is patron of the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls, and of a benevolent institution founded for aged firemen and their wives after them. He is also a vice-patron of the Dorset Masonic Charity, and a life member of the Belfast Masonic Charity Board. It will be fresh in the memory of our readers the part Mr. Whadcoat took in connection with the presentation of the City Masonic Club lifeboat to Poole, and through whose instrumentality the boat came to the station. He has just had conferred upon him the high position of Provincial Grand Senior Warden of Dorset, an annual appointment which is open to any member of the Order. Mr. Whadcoat is also a Past Master of the local Lodge Amity, No. 137, and an honorary life member of the Thomas Valentine Masonic Lodge, Belfast.

In addition, Mr. Whadcoat is interested in the Universal Beneficial Society, Reedham (Surrey) Orphan Asylum, Salisbury Diocesan Finance Board, and many other excellent Institutions, in most of which he has qualified as life member. He still retains the chairmanship of the Wye Valley Railway Co., and is director of the Devon and Somerset Railway Co. In addition, Mr. Whadcoat is a J.P. for the county of Dorset and the borough of Poole, and represents one of the divisions of the town of Poole on the Dorset County Council. Mr. Whadcoat is one of the original donors towards the endowment fund of the Cornelia Hospital, and his name appears on the deed of gift by Lord Wimborne as a trustee.

Last year Mr. Whadcoat held the office of Mayor of the important borough of Poole, and this sketch would not be complete without my referring to the generosity of the Mayor during his year as chief magistrate. He carried out all his duties in the most efficient manner, and with that dignity which should be always associated with the Mayoral chair. His lively interest in all matters affecting the town was apparent in every direction, and by his kindness and courtesy to all he won the respect and the esteem of the inhabitants. Especially was he generous to the poor, which shows that Mr. Whadcoat has a good heart, and that it is his desire to do good to those who are not so fortunately circumstanced in life, and who have not an abundance of this world's goods. All know of the keen interest he took in the Volunteer forces of the town. He presented, in addition to two money prizes of five guineas each, trophy cups to the Volunteer Artillery and Rifle Volunteers, and we have pleasure in referring to that presented to the latter as exceptionally handsome. It cost the donor forty guineas. Colonel Williams, M.P., Major Wheatley, and Captain Hill, as well as the whole of the officers and men, are highly gratified by this extreme kindness on the part of the ex-Mayor.

The Mayor's Trafalgar Day celebrations were carried out in such a manner as to create a lasting impression on the memory of the 600 who attended and partook of Mr. Whadcoat's hospitality.

Mr. Whadcoat is a Conservative in politics, or rather, as he prefers to put it, a "Constitutionalist." Early in the year the town of Poole was honoured by the promise of a visit by the Lord High Chancellor of Ireland. On this occasion Mr. Whadcoat issued invitations to meet Lord Ashbourne to dinner, prior to the meeting in Amity Hall, to most of the prominent Conservatives and Liberal Unionists in the division. Amongst those who accepted were Lord and Lady Wimborne, the Hon. Mr. Guest and Miss Rosamund Guest, the Hon. Mr. Sturt and Lady Feodorowna Sturt, the Hon. Mr. and Mrs. Thesiger, Sir Elliot Lees, Bart., M.P., Colonel Williams, M.P., Sir Richard Glyn and Lady Glyn, Mr. Wingfield Digby, M.P., and many others, to the number of about forty. A reference to the file of the "Guardian" will show the function was a social and political success, of such an order as the town has not experienced for many years.

But to return to the interview. Before leaving, Mr. Whadcoat asked me if I would like to see his house, and wishing to do so he took me through the various rooms, himself acting as my guide. He pointed out several objects of interest to me, and I spent a very pleasant half-an-hour. The house is well appointed in every respect and beautifully equipped. Mr. Whadcoat informed me that "Eversfield" was for many years the residence of Mr. Brine, and since that time it has been occupied by General Orchard, and was at one time the residence of the late Mr. R. E. Walmesley. It is a strange coincidence that Mr. Whadcoat represents the same electoral division on the County Council as the late Mr. Walmesley did when he was in residence at "Eversfield." Mr. Whadcoat then took me round the grounds and showed several improvements he was making. Although it was winter, the house is so sheltered from the N.E. and W. that along the front, standing in the sunshine it was like a spring morning. The greatest care has been taken in regard to sanitation, the latest improvements to bring about this desirable end being introduced. Mr. Whadcoat is just about to erect new stables and coach-houses, and also a billiard and smoking room. During the ramble a perfect yew hedge, very few of which are now to be seen, was pointed out to me, of which the owner is justly proud. It separates the grounds from a kitchen garden. A very pleasant chat resulted in Mr. Whadcoat giving me a few particulars as to his family. His eldest son, Mr. W. H. Whadcoat, graduated B.A., LL.B., at Trinity College, Cambridge, in 1892. Last year he took his Master's Degrees (M.A., LL.M.). He was called to the Bar of the Middle Temple in 1891, and at the present time is in practice at 9 Stone Buildings, Lincoln's Inn. He is also a member at the Local Masonic Lodges, and has been elected a member of the Islington Vestry. His second son, Mr. G. C. Whadcoat, also follows the legal profession, and is in practice as a solicitor, at 110 Cannon Street, London. His third son is in the inspectors' department at the head office of the Capital and Counties Bank. His fourth son is at present finishing his education in Germany.

Mr. Whadcoat's London residence is 50 Highbury Grove, N. Asked if he intended to take up his residence at Parkstone, Mr. Whadcoat said "Yes," and I am sure this will be pleasing news to the inhabitants. Before leaving, I enquired as to Mr. Whadcoat's health, and he told me that although not in the best of health he was better than he was some time ago, but he intended to take a voyage presently, when he hoped to return fully recovered.

THE LICENSED VICTUALLERS YEAR BOOK FOR 1899—the 27th year of publication—well sustains the high reputation gained by past issues. A prominent feature of the work is the large amount of attention devoted to the Benevolent Societies connected with the Licensed Victuallers' interest throughout the kingdom, and in this part of the book we have some excellent photographs of some of those who have taken the lead in charity work of the past year, or have made themselves prominent in the various branches and institutions of the trade. The Year Book is compiled by the Editor of the "Licensed Victuallers Gazette and Hotel Courier," and is published at 303 Strand, price 1s.

## CURIOUS WAGERS.

(Continued from page 24).

**A MALE GODIVA.**—Richard Nash, or "Beau Nash," as this extraordinary gambler, fop, and good-natured exquisite was called, won a large wager by riding nude through a village upon a cow, but it was at that period of his life when the exchequer of His Majesty of Bath was so very low that he could scarcely maintain his genteel dissipations. He died in 1761, aged eighty-seven years.

**Quiz.**—The origin of this term, which is sometimes used to denote a sarcastic person, or one who banters or chaffs another, is a very curious one. At the time Richard Daly was patentee of the Dublin theatres he usually spent Saturday evening in the society of some of the first wits and men of fashion of the day. Gambling was then carried on to a very considerable extent, and upon one occasion Daly staked a large sum that he would, by a certain day, cause a word, having no meaning, to be spoken in all the principal streets of Dublin. Wagers were laid, and the money deposited. Daly went to the theatre and despatched all the supernumeraries and servants of the establishment, with orders to chalk the mystic word "Quiz" upon the shop doors and walls of the city. The following day being Sunday, all the shops were closed, and people going to church, or returning, saw the word, and began to repeat it. Thus "Quiz" came into frequent use, and has remained current in the English language in its present signification. It is a corruption of the Latin, *Quidest*? ("What is this?").

**Celerity in the Manufacture of Cloth.**—According to an account which appeared in the "European Magazine," the town of Newbury was uncommonly excited on Tuesday, 25th June 1811, in an experiment attempted and effected by Mr. John Coxeter, of Greenham Mills, near that town. At five o'clock on the morning in question, Sir John Throckmorton, Baronet, presented two Southdown wether sheep to Mr. Coxeter, he having engaged to make from their wool a complete coat for Sir John by nine in the evening. Accordingly, the sheep were shorn, the wool spun, the yarn spooled, warped, loomed, and wove; the cloth burred, milled, rowed, dyed, dried, sheared, and pressed, and put into the hands of the tailors by four o'clock that afternoon, and at twenty minutes past six the coat, entirely finished, was presented by Mr. Coxeter to Sir John Throckmorton, who appeared with it before an assemblage of upwards of 5,000 spectators, thus winning a wager of one thousand guineas which had been staked on the performance. The two sheep were roasted whole on the same day, one of them, together with 120 gallons of strong beer, being given to the workpeople in connection with the factory. The other was sent on board the Prince Regent, a vessel furnished for the purpose of dining a number of the public who had been specially invited. This experiment, hitherto unexampled, was completely effected in the short space of thirteen hours and twenty minutes.

**A Sovereign for a penny.**—In all ages it has been considered an easy task to make capital out of the cupidity of the average Englishman, and history furnishes many glaring instances of successful practice in this direction; but the following wager was apparently laid in direct opposition to this belief. A gentleman staked a considerable amount of money that he would stand for a whole day on London Bridge with a trayful of sovereigns fresh from the Mint, and be unable to find a purchaser for them at a penny a piece; and it has been affirmed that he won his bet, for not a coin was disposed of.

**Smart.**—As related in the "Macclesfield Courier," of 30th September 1823, "a wager was made at a public house in Manchester, between a calenderer and two other persons; the terms were, that the calenderman, having two yards start allowed him, should run 100 yards with a wheelbarrow, sooner than the other parties without any such incumbrance; the calenderer stipulating that he should choose the ground, and that the others should not touch him during the race. They went out forthwith to decide the wager, and the calenderer chose a narrow passage in Chorlton-row, which afforded the requisite length, and was throughout so narrow that the wheelbarrow completely filled it up. Here he trotted leisurely behind his vehicle, much more to the amusement of the by-standers than of his antagonists, and won the wager without difficulty.

**Foolish Wagers.**—"It is alleged," says the "Badminton Magazine" of August 1897, "that George Skelly, butcher, of Berwick, who died not long since, had just previously emptied a quart bottle of whisky in four gulps to decide a bet. After the performance he was taken suddenly ill. He was fifty years of age. Such was the announcement in the newspaper, though from its nature it would seem to have been an excerpt from a news-letter of a century back, when heavy drinking was in vogue, though at that time surprise would not have been expressed so much at the terms of the wager as at the result of it.

Almost on a par with the tandem-driving feat of the gentleman who toiled his pair down the steps leading from Waterloo Place to St. James's Park, was the remarkable cycling feat accomplished by a young Englishman, appropriately named French, who, for a bet of £100, made a descent from Monaco proper to the Condamine on a unicycle early last year, the difference being that the latter feat was the more difficult, as the path, unlike the steps, is not only very steep, but has three turnings and several flights of steps. The cyclist accomplished the feat, much to the surprise of the crowd, who had assembled to see him fail, and to murmur over his shattered remains those pleasing words (for the sayer), "I told you so!"

One hundred and eight years ago £20,000 depended on the issue of a wager which a young Irish gentleman made, to the effect that he would walk to Constantinople from London and back again, within the year. A few months ago two Germans arrived at Toulon, who had undertaken to walk round Europe, Asia Minor, Palestine, and Egypt, for a wager of £2,000. They had eighteen months allotted them to accomplish their task in, and what with brigands, and soldiers who arrested them as spies, they were enjoying quite an eventful stroll; on an average, we learn, they cover twenty-five miles a day.

Another of these extraordinary wagers was made about the middle of 1893, by a wealthy native of Cincinnati, Ohio, who bet £1,000 against £2,000 that he would trundle a wheelbarrow 10,000 miles in 450 days, under the following peculiar conditions. He was to start from Cincinnati with only four cents in his possession, and he must return within the specified time, either with 3,000 dollars in cash, or a wife. He must neither beg, borrow, nor steal any money during his tramp, nor use any of his private fortune, but must earn the money to pay his way, while he must put up at a good hotel in every place visited, paying for such accommodation not less than eight shillings per night. The wager arose out of a discussion as to the chance of obtaining work in the United States, the man who eventually laid the wager contending that money could always be made easily by one willing and able to work.

A certain French count betted 10,000 crowns against a duke, that in six hours he would go twice, and back again, from the Porte St. Denis to Chantilly. His body was tightly bandaged round, and as a means of keeping up a supply of moisture, he carried a leaden bullet in his mouth. Various relays of horses of the swiftest kind were provided, and every care was taken to prevent embarrassment to the rider, the time being marked by a clock which was attached to the Porte St. Denis. The writer of the incident says:—"He set out with the speed of an arrow, and was soon out of sight. Never did man cleave the air with such rapidity. On arriving at each relay, without alighting he sprang from one horse on to the other, and continued his flight. He arrived at the Porte St. Denis, having performed the four courses, eighteen minutes before the appointed time. The count stated that he was still able to go to Versailles to bring the king tidings of his success. All bathed in perspiration, he was put into a warm bed, from which he never rose, and five months afterwards died from the effects of his foolish effort."

**Election Bets.**—The payment of bets and wagers in America arising out of the election of the President at the latter end of the year 1896 was, according to the newspapers of the time, "productive of a great deal of amusement for the onlookers in many cities. One man who lost had the hose turned on him for ten minutes in the street, while at least 1,000 people gathered round to see what was regarded as the fun of the thing. The man stood this drenching for five minutes, and then appeared to collapse. A doctor who happened to come up at the time saw that his condition was serious, and ordered the water to be turned off. He was taken home chilled through, and according to the latest statement was threatened with a severe illness. Another loser, a respected citizen of a Pennsylvanian town, startled the congregation of his church by walking into service in his bare feet. The congregation thought he had lost his wits, and were preparing to take him out of the church, when he told the deacon that he was paying a debt, the condition being that he should go to church barefooted on the Sunday following the election if Mr. McKinley won. Another individual was locked up for three hours in a refrigerator, while a fourth had to roll three pea-nuts round a square before he could satisfy the conditions of the bet he had made."

That men can be found willing to do anything for money is proved by the two incidents which I shall now relate.

**Eating for a Wager.**—A handbill as follows was issued by the keeper of a public-house where the gluttony was to happen, as an attraction to the neighbourhood:—"Bromley in Kent, July 14th, 1726. A strange eating worthy is to perform a Trial of Skill on St. James's Day, which is the day of our Fair for a wager of Five Guineas,—viz: he is to eat four pound of bacon, a bushel of French beans, with two pounds of butter, a quartern loaf, and to drink a gallon of strong beer!"

**An Egg-sucking Wager.**—A curious performance for a wager took place in the early part of 1897 at Pinchbeck West, near Spalding. A tailor, named George Risley, accepted a wager to suck forty hen eggs within an hour. The eggs were broken into a glass, and pepper, vinegar, and salt used. The weight without the shells was five pounds, four ounces, and the swallowing process was completed in fifty minutes, with the accompaniment of four fourpenny-worths of brandy and a bottle or two of soda-water.

**The Champion Shaver.**—A London barber, who delights in the name of Teddy Wick, and who claims to be champion of the razor and strop, performed the following extraordinary match against time at his shop in Chelsea, October 1887. He was backed to shave fifty persons in sixty minutes, the wager being £15 a side. He actually shaved seventy-seven in fifty-nine minutes, fifty-three seconds, and thus won the stakes. The "subjects" were customers, who eagerly availed themselves of a free shave and a cigar. He won a previous match against all comers, shaving forty men in fifty minutes, and on another occasion came off victor in a blindfold competition.

**A Wager and its sequel.**—The last incident which I have to record is perhaps the most ghastly of its kind on record. "The late Baron Hirsch," says Mr. Arnold White, in the "English Illustrated Magazine," for June 1898, "was a man of rare courage, which on one occasion, at all events, he pushed to the verge of folly. When he was quite a young man—he himself told me the incident was true—he was in a town in Turkey where the cholera was raging. Some Austrian officers were there, and a conversation sprang up about courage. A bet was proposed and accepted by Hirsch, that he would pass the night on a bed with the corpse of a man who died from the cholera, one condition being that the layer of the odds was to stand in the doorway all night and see that the wager was fairly won. This was done. Hirsch passed the night with the body, and won the bet. Next morning, as he and his friend were leaving the house, they encountered a funeral at the corner of the street, at which there was a block. The hastily made coffin, which was borne on men's shoulders, by some mischance fell, and in falling, the body, that of a beautiful girl, rolled out of the shell into the street. The girl was the sister of the Austrian officer, who did not even know she was ill. The shock was so great to the brother that he fell to the ground, was immediately seized with cholera, and himself was a corpse within forty-eight hours."

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**WE** gladly avail ourselves of the opportunity of congratulating Bro. Herbert Catford on the recommencement of duties, on Wednesday, at his popular educational establishment at New Barnet, after the Christmas recess, with every prospect of a successful future. Although very early in the term the lads who have re-assembled, with the several new pupils who are taking the place of others who have left "by effluxion of time," as it were, are already looking forward to some pleasant hours in the football and cricket fields, their anxiety in this direction being doubtless encouraged by the Principal's known desire to make school work rather an adjunct to pleasure, than a labour calling for ceaseless attention to lessons, and hard and dry preparation. As we have said before, in speaking of Bro. Catford's educational work, his motto is "Mens sana in corpore sano," and looking around at some half dozen lads in whose careers we have been personally interested at his School, we can confidently say the outcome is most satisfactory—guided by that most straightforward of methods, actual results. We had the pleasure of spending a pleasant hour on the occasion of the breaking-up entertainment by his pupils in December last, and were then further convinced of the soundness of the principles on which Hertford County College is conducted, and considerably gratified at seeing the good feeling so generally displayed by the lads towards their masters. Happily times have considerably changed in this respect, and although we can hardly



describe the tutors of our boyhood as harsh or severe, one really wishes to be young again, to experience the more rational understanding which now prevails between masters and pupils, so fully exemplified in the College of our worthy Brother Catford, and practised, we believe, generally throughout the country, thanks in a very great measure to the exposures of the famous Charles Dickens, in his portrayal of Dr. Squeers, and the doings at Dotheboys Hall.

## ENTERTAINMENT NOTES.

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THE production of "A Little Ray of Sunshine" at the Royalty Theatre, has proved so successful that Bro. W. S. Penley has decided to give matinees every Wednesday and Saturday, at three o'clock.

THE 300th performance of "The Belle of New York" took place last Saturday, at the Shaftesbury Theatre. The handsome house was literally crammed, and hundreds of people were unable to obtain admission.

SIR Henry Irving, who is now in excellent health, hopes to be able to return to the Lyceum at Easter.

GARRICK.—"The Three Musketeers" reached its 200th performance on Wednesday evening. In addition to the usual Wednesday and Saturday Matinees, there will be a special one on Thursday next, 26th inst.

ROYAL.—There was exhibited at the Royal, Holborn, on Monday, a complete cinematographic picture of the whole progress of the launching of the "Oceanic," from the building yard of Messrs. Harland and Wolff, Belfast, on Saturday last. This is a record achievement, and only possible by means of the Edison machine, which took 15,000 distinct and separate pictures during the few seconds which the launch occupied. The roll of films measures eighty feet, and each picture is only three-quarters of an inch square; yet in each the lines of the hull and every detail are brought out with distinctness as the vessel moved down the stocks into the water. A very pleasing result was produced by the effect on the water of the first contact of the propeller, and the gradual rise of the swell as the whole length of the ship settled down. Every portion of the ship came out with great distinctness, and the figures on the deck were plainly visible. The picture was received with much cheering.

THE first concert of the new year arranged by the Hadley Socials (which club meets at the house of Bro. J. H. Craig J.W. 188, the Hadley Hotel, New Barnet), took place on the 7th inst., under the chairmanship of Mr. E. Nobbs. The Masonic element was strong on the occasion, and included, among others, Bros. E. O. Mulvey P.G.P., Brickwell, Dunlop, Scales, Turnbull, Craig, &c.

CASSELL'S MAGAZINE opens the year with a good number, full of interesting and instructive matter, not the least important, in view of the recent heavy calls made on the Meteorological Office, being an article on "Weather-Making," by Frank Banfield. The serial stories, long made a special feature in this Magazine, are well sustained.

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THE STAR issued an anniversary double number on Monday, 16th inst., to mark the completion of its eleventh year, some interesting features by leaders in the literary world being introduced.

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MONTE CARLO was en fête on Monday evening, in consequence of the inauguration of the Hotel L'Hermitage, at which function everyone of note in the town attended. This new addition to the attractions of the Riviera has been established by Englishmen, and the land on which the hotel is built has been specially leased by the Prince of Monaco to an English syndicate. The Hon. Randolph Stewart, Lady Henrietta Turner, the Right Hon. Sir William Walrond, the Hon. Mrs. Randolph Stewart, Captain the Hon. R. Greville, M.P., the Dowager Lady Tenterden, Prince Bathynny Strathmann, the Hon. Mrs. Ronald Greville, General Sir Henry de Bathe, the Countess of Egmont, Sir Penrose Fitz-Gerald, the Hon. Victor Bethell, Lady Fitz-Gerald, Sir Howard Vincent, the Comte de Nantois, Sir Lewis McIvor, Lady de Bathe, Sir Stuart Hogg, Sir J. Willoughby, and most of the distinguished visitors staying at Cannes, Nice, Mentone, and other neighbouring towns attended the opening.

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