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THE GRAND TREASURERSHIP.

WE are pleased to hear that the recent defeat of Bro. Harry Manfield, of Northampton, on the poll for the office of Grand Treasurer of England for 1899-1900, has been taken in good part, not only by the candidate himself, but by those who worked on his behalf, and who, although defeated, were certainly by no means disgraced.

Bro. Harry Manfield, at the earnest request of his Executive Committee, has been asked to stand again for the office of Grand Treasurer at the next election, and has consented to do so, and from the fact that Sir John Monckton, the Chairman, and many of the members of Bro. Bevan's Executive Committee have expressed a desire to join Bro. Manfield's Committee for next year, and have, moreover, pledged themselves to do everything in their power to secure his return, his success would seem to be pretty well assured thus early.

It is characteristic of the principles of Freemasonry that a Brother defeated on such a poll as occurred at the Quarterly Communication of Grand Lodge, and those who virtually defeated him, can thus early shake hands, and join their forces for a future struggle. We are taught to cheerfully accept the verdict of the majority, and surely no better illustration of the practice of this precept could be found than is presented in this matter.

The fact that Bro. Manfield's supporters recorded no less than 1,026 votes on his behalf at the recent election proves beyond a doubt that he is a very popular candidate, and regarded as well deserving of the honour for which he competed. Now that a host of his recent opponents have ranged themselves under his banner he would seem to have an almost certain prospect of success, and he will be a bold man indeed who attempts to oppose Bro. Manfield's candidature for the Grand Treasurership of 1900-1. We wish him success on that occasion, and even hope he may have to fight hard to win it, as victory against a strong opponent must at all times be more creditable than a mere walk over.

The West London Masonic Election Association urgently desires assistance in promoting the election of Marguerite Knott, a candidate for the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls, whose age will preclude her from taking part in another election if unsuccessful in April. She is a daughter of the late Bro. Knott, who was for some years Master of the Fulham Union Workhouse, and died on the 19th June 1897, leaving his widow and family totally unprovided for. Bro. Knott was initiated in the Belvedere Lodge, No. 503, and was a member of the City of London Lodge, No. 901 at the time of his decease. Votes for either of the Masonic Institutions will be available, and may be sent to the Secretaries—Bro. A. Williams P.M., 83 Hammersmith Road, W., or Bro. J. H. Cumming P.M., 69 Dalling Road, Hammersmith, W.

CONSECRATION.

CLIFTON LODGE.

ON Tuesday, 14th inst., the Consecration of the Clifton Lodge, E.C., installation of W.M., and investiture of Officers took place at the Clifton (Braamfontein) Wesleyan School room. The ceremony was performed by Bro. J. da Silva Past District Senior Grand Warden, with marked impressiveness. There was a large attendance of members and visitors, says the "Standard and Diggers' News."

GLOUCESTERSHIRE AND HEREFORDSHIRE.

THE annual meeting of the Provincial Grand Lodge of Mark Masters has been fixed by Bro. R. V. Vassar-Smith for the 5th May, at Ross, the Consecration of a new Mark Lodge in that town, to be named the Kyrle, taking place on the same day.

PROPOSED HALL AT NEWBURY.

THE preliminary arrangements for the provision of a Masonic Hall are proceeding most satisfactorily. At the last meeting of the Loyal Berkshire Lodge of Hope, the Secretary Brother Past Master Stephen Knight read a report from the Provisional Committee, as to the purchase by the Worshipful Master of centrally situated premises, which are admirably suited for adaptation as a Masonic Hall. An enlarged Committee was appointed, with power to engage the services of Past Master W. Ravenscroft, architect, of Reading, who will furnish a report as to alterations necessary.

As mentioned last week, the Fifteen Sections will be worked at the Guelph Lodge of Instruction, No. 1685, on Wednesday next, 22nd inst., at the Plough and Harrow, Leytonstone Road, E., commencing at 7 p.m. Bro. James Oxley P.M. 1306 will preside, with B. DaCosta P.M. 1349 as I.P.M., J. C. Yeoman P.M. 1685 Preceptor, Basil Stewart P.M. 2411 S.W., D. Moss P.M. 1349 1275 P.D.G.S.B. Transvaal J.W., T. P. Morgan 1685 Sec., L. A. DaCosta P.M. 1349 S.D., and J. P. Torlowsky 205 J.D. The different Sections will be worked by the following Brethren: First Lecture—Bros. J. Davis J.D. 1349, S. B. Lotheim 205, S. Emden 1349, J. Richmond I.G. 205, D. Moss P.M. 1349, J. Goulston D.C. 1349, N. Goldman I.G. 1349. Second Lecture—Bros. A. J. Allison 175, B. DaCosta P.M. 1349, T. Blyth W.M. 2411, Basil Stewart P.M. 2411, T. W. Box 2411. Third Lecture—Bros. M. DaCosta W.M. 1349, L. A. DaCosta P.M. 1349, H. Harris P.M. 1349.

The members of the Prince Frederick William Lodge of Instruction will pay a visit to the Brondesbury Lodge of Instruction, at the Earl Derby Hotel, High Road, Kilburn, on Monday, 27th inst., when the ceremony of installation will be rehearsed. Bro. Dr. A. Achard, of the Wharton Lodge, will preside as W.M.

A pleasing event at the recent meeting of the Cinque Ports Lodge, No. 1206, at Sandwich, was the presentation of a handsome inkstand to Brother T. M. Jotcham P.M., the late Treasurer, on his removal to London, in acknowledgment of the services he had rendered to the Lodge during his residence in Sandwich.

FREEMASONRY IN INDIA.

IT is announced in the "Delhi Morning Post" that Bro. Bertie Scott has been deputed by the Grand Lodge of England to visit India for the purpose of collecting information with the view of publishing the "History of Freemasonry in India." The particulars sought for from each Lodge are as follow:—1. The date of the Lodge's Charter; 2. The names of Brethren who were concerned in forming the Lodge; 3. The names of the Worshipful Master and Officers; 4. The names of distinguished Brethren who have at various times occupied chairs; 5. Any special functions the Lodge has participated in; 6. The Lodge's original and present strength; 7. History of Lodge; 8. The names of present Worshipful Master and Officers.

The introductory chapters, it is said, will deal with the origin of Freemasonry in India, and thus Craft Lodges will be incidentally referred to again, while space will be devoted to Chapters and other higher Degrees, and about 1,500 photographs will be dispersed through the book, considerably adorning its pages and enhancing its interest. Brother Scott has personally visited several stations, where several Masters and Secretaries have furnished him with the required particulars, but as there are 164 Lodges under Charter in India and its dependencies, and it is not possible for him to visit all, he has asked the Secretaries to furnish the information, and in doing so to collaborate with the Worshipful Master and others with the view of making these records as complete as possible. He hopes that by next April, when he returns to England, to be in possession of all the information required to enable the Grand Lodge to publish the book by October next, and he informs Secretaries of Lodges that the Grand Lodge was fully aware of the amount of trouble they might be put to, and he asks them to bear in mind the power the book will wield in a few years when it will have become the official reference for the Craft in India for ever.

[Much of this reads very strange to us, and we can but express our wonder that Grand Lodge is displaying such active interest in the work. Is it really true all that is here recorded?—Ed. F.C.]

IRISH CHARITY.

THE Governors of the Masonic Orphan Boys School of Ireland have published a full statement of the School's position, with an urgent appeal to their Brethren. The Governors asked the Council of the Royal Dublin Society not to let their Balls Bridge premises to others for the year 1900 without giving them an opportunity to hold a Century Celebration for the Boys, on the same lines as the successful celebration that they gave for the Girls, in 1892. This the Dublin Society's Committee have refused; and the Masonic Committee unwillingly offered £300—or three times as much as in 1892. Since then the Society have demanded £500 down, or else £100 down and three per cent. of all the profits. Now, supposing the Century Celebration is as successful as that of 1892, this would mean £756 5s 1d to the Society, while the alternative means five times as much as the charitable Masons paid in 1892; and more than thrice what the Military Tournament people paid! Are there no Masons in the Society? It certainly seemed rather hard; and the Dublin Society people are likely to lose the substance for the shadow. For the Masons, being unable to offer so much, have made the appeal among themselves, with the result that in four weeks no less than £1,800 has been subscribed towards the £5,000 that is so urgently needed to suit the Boys School to present requirements. The list is headed by the Irish Grand Master the Duke of Abercorn, who subscribes £50.—"Vanity Fair."

A company of more than 100 Brethren assembled on Wednesday, at the Hotel Cecil, to witness the fourth installation of a Worshipful Master of the London County Council Lodge, No. 2603, now three years old. It has already had as Masters the Earl of Onslow, Lord Harris, and Bro. Nathan Robinson, says the "Daily Telegraph," and now Bro. George S. Elliott has been duly installed into the municipal Masonic chair which King Solomon once adorned. Among those present were Bros. the Earl of Onslow, R. Horton Smith, Q.C., Past Grand Registrar, Sir Joseph C. Dimsdale Past Grand Treasurer, Sheriff Lieut-Colonel Clifford Probyn Grand Treasurer, Dr. Ralph Gooding Past Grand Deacon, John Houlding (late Lord Mayor of

Liverpool) Senior Grand Deacon, Sir George D. Harris Past Grand Deacon, Luxmore Marshall Deputy Grand Director of Ceremonies, C. F. Matier Past Grand Sword Bearer, and R. J. Mure Grand Deacon.

At the installation meeting at Frascati's, of the Fellowship Lodge, No. 2535, which has earned for itself the undying record of having raised for the Craft Charities nearly £2,000 in the four years of its existence, a novel experience occurred, entirely unprovided for in the Book of Constitutions, says the "Daily Telegraph." The mystic business being over, before the Brethren adjourned to the banquetting hall the newly-installed W.M. Bro. E. Rogers introduced his beautiful greyhound, Black Fury, the recent winner of the Waterloo Cup, who trod the tessellated floor and sniffed the pedestals in the east, west, and south with all the sangfroid that characterised his winning the great match. He was, of course, elected an Honorary Member of the Sporting Lodge, and a suitable collar ordered to be provided, continues our contemporary.

Bro. Frank Martin announces that his annual concert will be held on Tuesday next, 21st inst., at the Masonic Hall, Leytonstone, under the presidency of Bro. Ffrench Bromhead, who will be supported by Bros. George Graveley P.G.P., S. Fennell, and other well known Masons. Our Bro. Martin is very popular in his district, and has secured the patronage of many of the local Clubs and Associations, as well as the Burdett Coutts, Upton, Victoria Diamond Jubilee, Clarence and Avondale, and Earl of Warwick Lodges. We wish him every success on the occasion.

An interesting presentation was made to Bro. F. Guy I.P.M. of the St. Cecilia Lodge, No. 1636, Brighton, to commemorate the birth of a son during his year of office. The presentation took the form of a handsome silver salad bowl, and bore the following inscription, "Presented by the Brethren of the St. Cecilia Lodge, No. 1636, to Bro. and Mrs. F. Guy, to commemorate the birth of their son, Frederick John, during his father's year of office as W.M., January 1st, 1899."

The Alfred Newton Lodge of Instruction, No. 2686, meets every Tuesday evening, at 7.45, at the Royal Palace Hotel, Kensington, W., and enjoys the same accommodation as the Mother Lodge, whose members and their friends are warm supporters of the Instruction meetings. Brethren of the district will find here the means of passing a few enjoyable and instructive hours each week, in one of the best appointed Lodges of the metropolis.

Referring to our suggestion that Masonic Cycling Clubs should be established for London, our contemporary "The Mallet," in "Glasgow Evening News," says that more than one Lodge in Glasgow—particularly the Gael, No. 609—has an institution of the kind suggested for London, and many enjoyable runs have been made into the country, where Lodges have been visited.

Bro. Paul Becker, of the Clapton Lodge, No. 1365, well-known to Brethren frequenting the Lodges held at the Great Eastern Hotel, Liverpool Street, E.C., has been appointed to the management of the Company's Hotel at Harwich. We congratulate him upon his promotion, and heartily wish him success in his new sphere.

The regular meeting of the Angel Lodge, No. 51, Colchester, is to be held on Thursday next, 23rd inst., at 6.45 p.m. The business will include the balloting for a joining member, the ballot and, on approval, the initiation of a gentleman into the Order, and the raising of three members of the Lodge.

Bro. Bevan's election as Grand Treasurer is received in many quarters with great satisfaction by Brethren who know his worth, and how peculiarly he is qualified for the exalted position. He is already Vice Patron of the three Institutions, and has long been a most devoted member of the Order.

PRESENTATION AT SOUTHAMPTON.

THERE was a large gathering of Brethren from all parts of the Province of Hampshire and the Isle of Wight at the Masonic Hall, Albion Place, Southampton, last month, on the occasion of a visit to the Albert Edward Lodge of Bro. W. W. Beach, M.P., Provincial Grand Master, with many of his Provincial Officers present and past. The regular Lodge meeting had been adjourned by dispensation to meet the convenience of the Provincial Grand Master.

After the ordinary Lodge business had been transacted the Prov.G. Master and his Officers arrived, and after some formal preliminaries Bro. Prowse I.P.M. requested the Provincial Grand Master to present to the Lodge a banner on behalf of the Brethren. It gave him, he said, great pleasure to ask this of the Prov.G.M., knowing that he was the most beloved and most respected Mason in the Province over which he had so long presided, and he hoped an overruling Providence would spare him for many years to occupy the position he now so worthily filled.

The Provincial Grand Master said it was with great pleasure he acceded to the request made to him. The presentation of so handsome a banner as that before them was a memorable occasion in the history of the Lodge. He referred to the signification of the emblems emblazoned thereon, and said it was a happy omen that the Lodge was identified with the name of the Grand Master, who since he had held that office had done so much to advance the interests of Freemasonry. As the colours of a regiment incited the soldiers to victory, so should their banner incite the Brethren to do all they could, individually and collectively, to advance the true interests of Freemasonry. The Albert Edward Lodge, though not one of the oldest in the Province, had done a great deal for Freemasonry, and he hoped that under the banner which it now possessed it would go on and prosper.

The W.M. Bro. Drysdall having accepted the banner, Bro. Prowse moved that at the next meeting a Past Master's jewel be presented to the W.M., for the way in which he had fulfilled the duties of the chair during the year. This was seconded by Bro. Berry, supported by the Wardens Bros. R. W. Denness and T. G. King, and carried unanimously.

The W.M. expressed his acknowledgments, and proposed a vote of thanks to the Prov.G.M. for his attendance that day. The Albert Edward, as he had said, was not an old Lodge, but it had contributed its fair share to the Charities. It was now in its twenty-first year, and it was apropos that the Provincial Grand Master, who presided at the Consecration, should be present when it attained its majority. If in its old age the Lodge did as well as it had done in its youth, it would have nothing to be ashamed of. Bro. Algar seconded, and reminded the Lodge that the late D.P.G.M. Bro. Hickman was the first Master of the Lodge.

The Provincial Grand Master briefly returned thanks, and announced that the Provincial Grand Secretary Bro. Giles was unable to attend through family bereavement.

A vote of sympathy with Bro. Giles was passed, and then to mark the visit of the Provincial Grand Master to the Lodge, the sum of twenty guineas was voted to the Benevolent Institution for Aged Freemasons and their Widows, on the motion of Bro. Algar, seconded by Bro. E. Warren.

A banquet followed, provided under the superintendence of Bro. Hussey D.C., and presided over by the W.M.

The health of the Prov.G.M. was cordially honoured among other toasts; and Bro. Beach, in responding, mentioned the interesting fact that though Earl Amherst, the Pro G.M. appointed to succeed Lord Lathom, was senior to himself as a Provincial Grand Master, he himself initiated him. The Earl was in the Crimean War, and, hearing that a life was saved by a Masonic sign, he took the earliest opportunity when he reached England of joining the Craft of which he had been an enthusiastic member ever since.

The banner, which is of Craft blue, bearing the Prince of Wales's coat-of-arms and motto, with the name and number of the Lodge, was supplied by Bros. Kenning, of London.

The annual supper of the Westbourne Lodge of Instruction, No. 733, will be held on Tuesday next, 21st inst., at the Prince of Wales Hotel, Eastbourne Terrace, Bishops Road, under the presidency of its Treasurer Bro. R. J. Rogers P.M. Any further particulars in regard to the meeting may be had of Bro. G. D. Mogford P.M. Sec., 39 Fernhead Road, St. Peter's Park.

MASONIC VISITING.

ONE of the signal pleasures arising from Freemasonry is that which is incident to Masonic visiting. Of course we enjoy attending our own Lodge; it is our especial home; there we meet the members of our own immediate family; but Freemasonry is an endless chain of families extending around the globe. In every land the Freemason may find a home, and in every clime a Brother. This is not a figure of speech, but fact. But many who never become travellers desire to visit in their own country, and their own city. There is a charm in visiting another Masonic Lodge, meeting even in the same Masonic Temple as our own Lodge. It may be a next-door neighbour. Yet in it we are abroad. We there widen our circle of experience, our knowledge of the Masonic world. We there, amid old associations, meet new associates. It is the same old work, the same secret art and mystery, the same symbols and allegories, but all else is new, and new life is sometimes thus acquired by the Brother, who has been previously following only a time-worn monotonous path.

Wherever there are all the outward tokens of Freemasonry—a Masonic Hall, a Masonic Temple, or even an unpretentious Lodge Room,—duly guarded by the Tyler, and thus protected from the approach of the profane—a Freemason may venture to present himself. But if the customary Craft indications are lacking—the doors kept wide open, or ajar, where one may walk in unchallenged, or peep in—beware! It requires some skill to visit wisely. The Brother must have his Masonic wits about him. He must not be like the Acacia, ever green. He must be bright, a reading Mason, not merely on speaking terms with Freemasonry, but intimately familiar with its mysteries. Such an one cannot go astray.

We will suppose a discreet Brother to be on his travels in quest of "more Light." He presents himself to a Lodge where he is unknown, and requests admission as a visitor. What is the usual course which ensues? That depends on the Master of the Lodge. The Master is master. His will and pleasure rules the Craft. He may perform his duty, or neglect it. He may in due course hear the request for admission presented, and for a good cause, or a poor cause, or no cause at all, pay no immediate attention to it, or temporarily overlook it, or lose sight of it altogether. The constant recurrence of one or other of these lines of conduct is becoming a crying evil in the Craft. A visiting Brother who sends in his request to a Lodge has the right to have it treated with Masonic courtesy, and with all possible promptness acted upon. He is a Brother of the Craft. Every Lodge should be made a home to him. We, of course, recognise the right of a Master to refuse admittance to any visiting Brother whom he thinks would mar the harmony of that particular Lodge, and also the personal right of any member, for the same reason, to object to a visitor; but we are not now treating of that aspect of the subject. We are assuming that there is no formal objection to his admission, and that his request is simply neglected or ignored. This is wrong. There is no good reason why his request should be treated with neglect, and every reason why it should be treated with the civility due a gentleman and a Freemason. Put yourself in his place! How would you like to be kept loitering in the outer courts of the Temple, while within those mystic rites which have so great a fascination to the average initiate are being enacted by your Brethren? We trust the day, or the night, is at hand when all Masters of Lodges will be thoughtful of the visiting Brother, give him instant attention if practicable, and treat him with that fraternal spirit which he would invoke for himself were he knocking at the portals of another Lodge. The Tyler's room, or closet, or entry, is not always the most agreeable place in the Masonic world. Sometimes the stove is uncomfortably near, or the smoke unpleasantly thick, or the seats disagreeably hard, or the monotony decidedly marked. Then the proposing visitor has a dull time of it. But even when the surroundings are the best imaginable, they are not what he is in quest of. He desires to enter the portals of Freemasonry, to visit his Brethren, to sit in the Lodge. He ought not to be unreasonably kept out. He should have the right hand of friendship and Brotherly love extended to him. He is one of us, probably, and he should be duly noticed, promptly examined, and, if found to be a Freemason, warmly welcomed as a visiting Brother.—"Keystone."

The fourth annual Ladies' social and conversazione in connection with the Emulation Lodge, No. 1505, was held at the Grand Central Café, North John Street, Liverpool, on Wednesday, 8th inst., and the Worshipful Master may be congratulated on the very successful and enjoyable evening spent. Brother F. Simpson D.C. presented to Mrs. Gardner, the wife of the Worshipful Master, a very handsome bouquet, on behalf of the Lodge, as a token of their esteem and regard.

ANCIENT CRAFT MASONRY.

Response to the Toast "Ancient Craft Masonry," at the Scottish Rite Banquet, Indianapolis, 7th December 1897, delivered by Wm. H. Smythe Grand Secretary Indiana.

FREEMASONRY of every grade should go hand in hand. Its objects are the same, and its lessons and teachings should harmonise, and to have a proper understanding of all its symbols every Freemason should be required to be a Royal Arch Mason, a Royal and Select Master, and a Knight Templar before being eligible to receive the Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite degrees, and not only that—he should be required to maintain membership in the Lodge, at least, and when membership in the Lodge ceases, his membership in the Scottish Rite should also cease, and I sincerely hope that I may live to see the day when the Supreme Council of the Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite will adopt such a regulation. The Supreme Council should keep pace with the Grand Encampment of Knights Templar of the United States of America, which, at its Triennial Conclave held in Pittsburg in October last, adopted a statute requiring Knights Templar to be affiliated with both Lodge and Chapter, or else forfeit membership in the Commandery. The advanced thought of Masonic law makers and students of Masonry is tending in the right direction upon this question, and it is only a matter of time when the law will come. The advance step taken by the Grand Encampment will tend to make the Commandery the select Masonic organisation of this as well as all other cities where Commanderies are stationed.

I believe, also, that the regulation requiring Masons to qualify themselves to "travel and work as such" should be made stronger, and a more thorough knowledge of the degrees of Entered Apprentice, Fellow Craft and Master Mason required than obtains to-day. A Master Mason unable to make himself known as such is unfitted for "advancement to the Grand Masonic Army of Sublime Princes of the Royal Secret." One possessed of knowledge sufficient only to procure advancement from one Lodge degree to another should not be disturbed by petitions for other degrees until he is thoroughly qualified for advancement. Many of the leading Scottish Rite Masons have been leaders in York Rite Masonry. It is true that there are, and have been, exceptions to this rule. A Mason unacquainted with the laws, history or traditions of Freemasonry is deficient in Masonic education. That there are many who wear the figures 32, and probably some who write 33 after their names, who are incompetent to make themselves known as Master Masons, none will deny or gainsay. There is no excuse for ignorance of the history, laws and usages of the Fraternity. Masonic publications at a nominal cost, printed proceedings of Grand Lodges, Chapters, Councils and Commanderies containing reviews of the proceedings of sister Grand Bodies, brimming full of the best thought upon Masonic subjects, maybe obtained by Masons without money and without price, and yet how small and insignificant the number of Masons who apply for and read the absolutely free Masonic literature.

In cities like Indianapolis the young man hears of the Scottish Rite, he hears of its social side, of the annex—the Shrine. These things are talked of in the home, office and counting room, and he is seized with an ambition to be a thirty-second—a Shriner and then a thirty-third degree Mason. He begins to question his Masonic acquaintances as to the modus operandi of becoming a high-up Mason—the figures thirty-two and thirty-three and claws and fez are his guiding star. "A desire of knowledge and a sincere wish of being serviceable to his fellow creatures" does not prompt him to take the step. He readily finds someone to present his petition to a Lodge, and he chafes under the restriction which requires his petition to lay over one month, and his chafing is increased when obliged to learn the rudiments required by the Lodge, and when he has received the degrees of what is denominated the Blue Lodge his joy knows no bounds.

The Mason who learns all he can of each branch of Freemasonry and advances as he obtains knowledge thereof, is to be commended. Such a Mason never loses sight of the answers to the questions propounded to him in the ante-room of the Lodge, when he presented himself for initiation. Having fixed these questions and answers firmly upon his mind, he enters upon the work of erecting his Masonic Temple in accordance with the designs laid down upon the Trestle Board of Freemasonry. Thus proceeding he is prepared for the reception of the beautiful and wholesome lessons of the great Fraternity, and having progressed step by step in accordance with the plan of Freemasonry, his building, when complete, will not be abandoned until it is equipped and furnished with all the knowledge obtainable. The social side of the Fraternity should not be neglected, neither should a banquet and a good time be the chief aim of our Masonic career. As was stated by our Illustrious Brother John Caven, upon a Masonic occasion several years ago, lay the foundation "deep, strong and broad"—so should it be the aim of every Mason to

acquire a complete knowledge of Ancient Craft Masonry—by so doing—each for himself will be prepared to erect a figurative Masonic Temple upon a foundation that time cannot shake, and which will enable him to express himself upon Masonic topics in an intelligent manner. If a chemical analysis of the brain of "rapid fire" Masons could be made, the result would no doubt show a banquet room with all the trimmings, and in the background a Masonic dude in claws and fez astride a camel riding for dear life to get as far from his Masonic Lodge as possible, for fear he might be called upon to preform some real Masonic duty. The leading workers of the Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite, as has been stated before, have also been workers in the York Rite. To establish this statement I need only mention Nicholas R. Ruckle, an active member of the Supreme Council, third officer in that Supreme body, a Past Master of Centre Lodge, No. 23, and Pentalpha Lodge, No. 564, a Past High Priest of Keystone Chapter, No. 6 Royal Arch Masons, Past Eminent Commander of Raper Commandery, No. 1 Knights Templar, Past Grand Commander of the Grand Commandery and Past Grand Master of the Grand Lodge F. and A. Masons of Indiana; Brother Joseph W. Smith, an active member of the Supreme Council, Past Master of Mystic Tie Lodge, No. 398, Past High Priest of Keystone Chapter, Past Eminent Commander of Raper Commandery, Grand Treasurer of the Grand Commandery, and the present efficient Secretary of the Scottish Rite bodies in this city; and Brother Jacob W. Smith, Past Master of Mystic Tie Lodge, No. 398, Past High Priest of Keystone Chapter, Past Eminent Commander of Raper Commandery, present Secretary and Recorder of the two bodies last named, Past Grand High Priest of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Indiana, and honorary member of the Supreme Council and the present Commander-in-Chief of Indiana Consistory; and I might extend this list to greater length than your patience would permit. The names here suggested are sufficient for the purpose I have in view—which is to impress upon the minds of the younger members of the Rite the importance of giving to Ancient Craft Masonry the thought and study that the corner-stone and foundation of Freemasonry deserves. Without a knowledge of what is denominated Blue Lodge Masonry it is impossible to understand even the rudiments of Scottish Rite Masonry. A knowledge which simply enables a man to pass from one degree to another is so superficial as to make a well informed Mason blush to see such an one with a thirty-two degree charm, as large as the ear of a mule, attached to his watch chain. The less Masonic knowledge the larger the charm. A man may be able to rattle off the ritual of Freemasonry, and yet his ignorance of the meaning of the symbols may be very pronounced. Masons with every word of the ritual firmly fixed in their minds may be totally ignorant of the laws, usages and customs of the Fraternity.

Candidates have been rushed through the ceremonies of Ancient Craft Masonry and have been put forward in the ceremonies of the beautiful degrees taught in this Temple house, as brilliant men and bright Freemasons, whose lack of thought and ignorance of the rudiments of Freemasonry was so painfully apparent as to bring a blush to the face of friends, personal and otherwise.

Motives of a mercenary character should not prompt anyone to advance in Masonry. Freemasonry is too sacred, and its aims, purposes and lessons should be so firmly impressed upon our minds, that we may lose sight of the show, fuss and feathers, and grasp the ripe fruit and helpful mind food and digest it thoroughly, thereby enabling us to broaden our minds, enlarge our hearts, and open our purses to aid the weary and worn, the destitute and helpless, and, by so doing, convey to our Brethren, our friends and our families, that the time, labour and money expended in Freemasonry has made us better citizens, better husbands, and better fathers. Freemasonry, from Entered Apprentice to Sovereign Grand Inspector General of the thirty-third and last degree of the Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite, is a noble Institution. Let us, then, my Brethren, thoroughly understand its lessons and principles. Let us study and learn all there is to know about the corner-stone, the foundation, the great bulwark, the fountain head—Ancient Craft Masonry—the Blue Lodge—the helper in time of need—the dispensary of Masonic charity.

There are, no doubt, Freemasons under the sound of my voice who could not make themselves known as an Entered Apprentice, must less a Master Mason—some perhaps who have never crossed the threshold of a Lodge of Master Masons since they were raised. What does such a Mason know about the aims, designs and purposes of Freemasonry? Does such a Freemason ever hear the "call of want or the piteous wail of sorrow?" Does he remember that he was ever taught to whisper a word of good counsel into the ear of a falling Brother, and in the most tender manner remind him of his faults? Has he not forgotten that he ever heard, or that he was ever instructed to contribute to the relief of a distressed worthy Brother? Does he even have an indistinct recollection that he ever heard the words—to relieve the distressed is a duty incumbent upon all men, but more

particularly upon Masons? In God's name how are we, as Freemasons, to discharge the solemn duties incumbent upon us unless we learn and know what our obligations to ourselves and to each other are? If every Freemason in the world would qualify himself to discharge the solemn duties voluntarily assumed by him, and would faithfully perform them "as means and opportunity would permit"—the power of Freemasonry would be strengthened, its usefulness broadened, and its fame and glory enhanced immeasurably. Important moral duties are imposed upon Master Masons, and unless we fully inform ourselves as to the nature of these duties we are in no wise fitted to discharge them.

The Masonic creed so beautifully set out by the late Cornelius Moore, in his "Outlines of the Temple," says, "that we are speculative or moral Craftsmen; and that it is our duty to erect a Temple for God in which he may dwell—a spiritual Temple designed as a habitation for the eternal spirit—so from the fountain of a pure heart, which God has designed to make his dwelling place, blessings of love, kindness and goodwill go out to every child of man, and bear upon them the broad seal of eternal love." The creed of a Mason, then, is to love all mankind. He should know no other emotion of the heart than charity—charity to all. His acts of benevolence should embrace all, and, as far as in his power, he should do good unto all. It is the duty of a Mason to "dispense light and information," to make men wiser and better, as well as to relieve their bodily necessities; to dispel the clouds of ignorance, and let in upon them the sunlight of truth. "To be benefited by Freemasonry we must learn the meaning of its lessons, its emblems and its hieroglyphics."

"Freemasonry is not an association for mere social or convivial purposes. Its aim is higher—its designs more elevated." "It modifies feelings, subdues passions, binds heart to heart, and creates friendships that end only at the grave." An institution with such high aims and purposes as Ancient Craft Masonry should be studied by all who have been permitted to enter its portals, and no Mason of high or low degree who has given it thought of any consequence, will ever permit himself to be weaned away from his Alma Mater—Ancient Craft Freemasonry.—"The American Tyler."

DURATION OF FREEMASONRY.

AS long as beautiful ritualism attracts, so long will men knock at the door of Masonry; as long as truth is taught, so long will the Institution survive; as long as error is to be combated, so long will our Order endure; as long as men need fraternal aid, so long will Masonry exist; as long as poverty, want and sickness are heritages of mankind, so long will grateful widows and orphans sound the praises of our Craft. When all necessity for co-operation shall have ceased, when all occasion for charity is ended, when instruction and elevation shall no longer be required, then may Masonry cease to exist. That time will come only with the end of time, when the finite shall be followed up in the infinite, when all that is hidden shall be revealed, and when the true significance of the occasion shall have been realised by every loyal, trusting Mason.—"Sun."

FRATERNAL EMPLOYMENT AGENCIES.

IF the fabric of our Masonic Institution is to become strong enough to endure and promote the general welfare and happiness of its membership, organisations should be established on the line already adopted in some Masonic centres, whereby the employers and employed who belong to the Craft might be brought together or have an opportunity of exchanging information with each other on this subject of paramount importance, the employment question. No more helpful scheme could be provided at the present time for the amelioration of distress among the members of our Brotherhood than the establishment of employment agencies or bureaus of information for those members of our Order who require to employ others or seek employment themselves.—Ex.

Rhodesian Gold Trust.—The event of the past few days has been the interest taken in everything Rhodesian. Some of the biggest financiers, including the Messrs. Rothschild and the leading Berlin bankers, are now largely interested in Rhodesian gold properties. It is said that Mr. Cecil Rhodes has gone to Berlin to personally confirm the statements made about the great mineral wealth of Matabeleland and other parts of Rhodesia. The Rhodesian Gold Trust, Limited, whose capital is £1,000,000 in shares of £1 each, has taken over an immense tract of gold-bearing reefs. They own 2,157 claims in the best known and most important parts of Matabeleland and Rhodesia. According to the reports from their engineers on the spot, there are valuable old workings on many of these claims. Some of the properties are now being developed, which means the flotation of a number of subsidiary companies, with large profits to the parent company. The prosperity and success of the Rhodesian Gold Trust are now so well assured that it is right attention should be drawn to the low price, 8s per share, at which its £1 shares are now selling on the London Stock Exchange.

A BRIGHT MASON.

A WESTERN subscriber asks us to tell what a bright Mason is. The phrase is usually applied to one who is well posted in the lectures of the various degrees, and can communicate them without hesitation and correctly. This requires, of course, a retentive memory and a readiness to learn. But it must be remembered that Masonry does not wholly consist of ceremonies and ritual. We have seen men who could confer the degrees, give the lectures complete without missing the smallest word, but who could hardly be regarded as bright Masons.

The brightness of Masonry lies beneath the veil of allegory and the surface of symbolism, and takes hold of the heart with its tenderest sympathies and affections. The brightness of Masonry is not confined to the Lodge-room, but shines from the soul in the life and actions of the man. It is seen in the cheerful countenance, in the kind words and good deeds, in the journeyings on the errands of mercy, even barefoot, if necessary, in the shielding of a Brother's good name, in manifestation of good fellowship that makes association pleasant.

Parrots jabber away, but their gibberish is meaningless. A Masonic parrot may recite the words of the ritual, be familiar with every step to be taken in the ceremonies, and to the casual observer appear "bright," but like the thin wash of gold upon a brass foundation, the tarnish will soon appear, and the brightness be destroyed. There must be the true, pure metal, in order to secure the proper and permanent brilliancy.

The work of the bright Mason is soulful and earnest. He feels that he has something important and good to communicate, and he does it with a feeling that carries conviction to the listener. We remember when a boy frequently hearing a good old lady, nearly seventy years of age, speak in church prayer-meeting, and the whole burden of her few words of exhortation was for whole-heartedness in devotion and work. "I'll tell you, brothers and sisters," she would say, "there is no blessing or success attending half-hearted service. The whole heart, not a part of it, must be in whatever we do." Precisely it is so in all Masonic work. The whole heart must be in it, and he who thus lives and acts will be a bright Mason, even though he may stumble over big words in the ritual.—"Masonic Standard."

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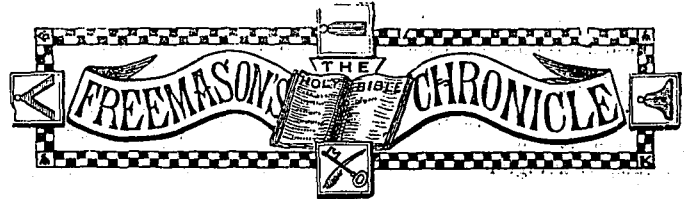
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SATURDAY, 18TH MARCH 1899.

We do not attend Lodge meetings, neither do we sanction
anyone doing so on our behalf, without a specific invitation,
directed to our office, or to our representative in Manchester
(Bro. E. Roberts), and anyone who attends a Lodge "on behalf of
the Freemason's Chronicle," under any other condition, does so
without our knowledge or sanction. We shall be obliged if Lodge
Officials will act on this notice whenever it may be necessary.
We cannot be answerable for Lodge visits made in our name,
without our knowledge.

KENT CHARITY REPRESENTATIVES.

EARL AMHERST Provincial Grand Master of Kent must
have been greatly gratified at the heartiness of the
welcome accorded to him by the Brethren of the Province,
upon the occasion of the meeting of the Charity Representa-
tives of the various Lodges of Kent, which took place on
Friday of last week, at the Town Hall, Gravesend, kindly
placed at their disposal by Bro. John Russell P.P.S.G.D.,
Mayor of the Borough.

It was the first public appearance of Lord Amherst in
the Province since his appointment to the honourable position
of Pro Grand Master of England, by H.R.H. the Prince of
Wales, and as his lordship entered the room to preside over
the meeting the Brethren rose to their feet and greeted him
with the utmost enthusiasm.

His lordship was attended by the following Provincial
Officers: Felix Kite Past Junior Warden, Rev. Augustus
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In highly complimentary terms Bro. William Russell
welcomed Lord Amherst to Gravesend, recalling the fact
that his lordship was a member of the Lodge of Freedom,
under whose Banner that day's meeting was held. His
lordship briefly responded, cordially thanking the Brethren
for their warm and fraternal welcome.

The roll of the Lodges was then called over, and the
representatives answered to their names. Several applications
for assistance were brought before the meeting, and being all
deserving cases were relieved from the Provincial Benevolent
Fund. The applications to the Masonic Charities were
considered, and the three most pressing cases were adopted
for support. Bros. William Russell and Felix Kite were
elected to represent the Province at the various elections.

The President moved a vote of thanks to Bro. John
Russell, for the use of the Town Hall, which enabled them
to conduct their business with comfort and dignity.

Bro. Russell, in reply, said he was always delighted to
grant the use of the Council Chamber for worthy purposes,
and he thought his lordship's visit was a great event for
Gravesend. He was present upon the occasion, now nearly
forty years ago, when Earl Amherst was installed Provincial
Grand Master, and heartily congratulated his lordship upon
attaining the highest rank possible in the Craft. The
meeting then dissolved, and the Brethren adjourned to the
Old Falcon Hotel, where Bro. John Simpson served a
delicious little dinner.

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.

- 1 Grand Masters, F.T.
- 8 British, Freemasons'-hall
- 21 Emulation, Albion
- 185 Tranquillity, Guildhall Tavern
- 720 Panmure, Balham
- 862 Whittington, Freemasons'-hall
- 901 City of London, Guildhall Tav.
- 1537 St. Peter, Westminster, Crtn.
- 1657 Aldersgate, Albion
- 1694 Imperial, Westminster
- 1728 Temple Bar, Anderton's
- 2060 La France, Café Royal
- 2489 Willesden, Willesden Green
- 2545 Iris, Rainbow Tav., Fleet St.
- 2563 Justicia, Freemasons'-hall
- 37 Anchor and Hope, Bolton
- 77 Freedom, Gravesend
- 148 Lights, Warrington
- 236 York, York
- 248 True Love & Unity, Brixham
- 264 Nelson of the Nile, Batley
- 312 Lion, Whitby
- 359 Peace & Harmony, South'pton
- 377 Hope & Charity, Kidderminster
- 382 Royal Union, Uxbridge
- 424 Borough, Gateshead
- 455 Perseverance, Kettering
- 466 Merit, Stamford Baron
- 840 Scientific, Wolverton
- 872 Lewis, Whitehaven
- 925 Bedford, Birmingham
- 949 Williamson, Monkwearmouth
- 986 Hesketh, Croston
- 1030 Egerton, Heaton Norris
- 1113 Anglesea, Manai Bridge
- 1141 Mid-Sussex, Horsham
- 1146 De Moulham, Swanage
- 1199 Agriculture, Yatton
- 1208 Corinthian, Dover
- 1255 Dundas, Plymouth
- 1337 Anchor, Northallerton
- 1443 Salem, Dawlish
- 1502 Israel, Liverpool
- 1631 St. Andrew, Gorleston
- 1674 Carodoc, Rhyl
- 1814 Worsley, Worsley
- 1909 Carnarvon, Nottingham
- 2069 Prudence, Leeds
- 2074 St. Clare, Landport
- 2081 Golden Fleece, Leicester
- 2114 Prudence, Liverpool
- 2208 Horsa, Bournemouth
- 2289 Blundellsands, Great Crosby
- 2295 Scarisbrick, Southport
- 2327 St. Oswin, North Shields
- 2349 West Lanc. Century, Blackpool
- 2425 Ecclesburne, Duffield
- 2482 Duchess of York, Manchester
- 2557 Temperance, Newcastle-on-T.

Tuesday.

- Board of General Purposes, F.M.H. at 5.
- 30 United Mariner, Guildhall Tav.
- 73 Mount Lebanon, Southwark
- 95 Eastern Star, Ship and Turtle
- 162 Cadogan, Freemasons'-hall
- 194 St. Paul, Cannon St. Hotel
- 435 Salisbury, Freemasons'-hall
- 704 Camden, Anderton's
- 857 St. Mark, Camberwell
- 1635 Canterbury, 33, Golden Square
- 1805 Bromley St. Leonard, Bromley
- 2021 Queen Westm'ster, Holb'n R'st.
- 2022 Haven, Ealing
- 2045 Wharton, Willesden
- 2408 Hampstead, Haverstock Hill
- 2500 Old Boys', Criterion
- 160 True Friendship, Rochford
- 213 Perseverance, Norwich
- 223 Charity, Plymouth
- 366 St. David, Milford
- 384 St. David, Bangor
- 414 Union, Reading
- 418 Menturia, Hanley
- 432 Abbey, Nuneaton
- 468 Light, Birmingham
- 476 St. Peter, Carmarthen
- 484 Faith, Newton-le-Willows
- 551 Yarborough, Ventnor
- 560 Vernon, Stourport
- 624 Abbey, Burton-on-Trent
- 660 Camalodunum, New Malton
- 667 Alliance, Liverpool
- 681 Scarsdale, Chesterfield

- 789 Dunheved, Launceston
- 814 Parrett and Axe, Crewkern
- 830 Endeavour, Dukinfield
- 958 St. Aubin, Jersey
- 960 Bute, Cardiff
- 979 Four Cardinal Virtues, Crewe
- 990 Neyland, Neyland
- 1006 Tregulow, St. Day
- 1046 St. Andrew, Farnham
- 1075 St. Maughold, Ramsey, I. of M.
- 1089 De Shurland, Sheerness
- 1214 Scarborough, Batley
- 1225 Hindpool, Barrow-in-Furness
- 1276 Warren, Seacombe
- 1410 St. Peter & S. Paul, N'p't Pagnell
- 1424 Brownrigg of Unity, Old B'pton
- 1427 Percy, Newcastle-on-Tyne
- 1482 Isle of Axholme, Crowle
- 1551 Charity, Birmingham
- 1570 Prince Arthur, Liverpool
- 1621 Castle, Bridgnorth
- 1764 Eleanor Cross, Northampton
- 1787 Grenville, Buckingham
- 1893 Lumley, Skegness
- 1894 Hershel, Slough
- 1902 St. Cuthbert, Bedlington
- 1903 Pr. Ed. Saxe Weimar, P'tsm'th.
- 1941 St. Augustine, Rugeley
- 2001 Narberth, Narberth
- 2146 Surbiton, Surbiton
- 2155 Makerfield, Newton-le-Willows
- 2316 Princes, Liverpool
- 2360 Victoria, Southport
- 2407 Hicks-Beach, Stroud
- 2530 Shirley Woolmer, Sidcup
- 2536 Staines, Staines
- 2572 Tyldesley, Tyldesley

Wednesday.

- Board of Benevolence, F.M.H., 5.
- 2 Antiquity, Freemasons'-hall
- 201 Jordan, Freemasons'-hall
- 212 Euphrates, Holborn Restaurant
- 753 Prince Fred. Will'm., Frascati
- 754 High Cross, Tottenham
- 1017 Montefiore, Café Royal
- 1056 Victoria, Guildhall Tavern
- 1360 Royal Arthur, Wimbledon
- 1589 St. Dunstan, Anderton's
- 1718 Centurion, Inns of Court Hotel
- 1719 Evening Star, 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
- 82 Foundation, Cheltenham
- 86 Loyalty, Prescott
- 220 Harmony, Garston
- 250 Minerva, Hull
- 257 Phoenix, Portsmouth
- 258 Amphibious, Heskmondwike
- 320 Loyalty, Mottram
- 329 Brotherly Love, Yeovil
- 341 Wellington, Rye
- 368 Samaritan, Sandbach
- 380 Integrity, Morley
- 464 Cambrian, Haverfordwest
- 580 Harmony, Ormskirk
- 697 United, Colchester
- 724 Derby, Liverpool
- 785 Twelve Brothers, Southampton
- 818 Philanthropic, Abergavenny
- 887 Leigh, Birmingham
- 910 St. Oswald, Pontefract
- 1039 St. John, Lichfield
- 1193 Doric, Wymondham
- 1265 Vale of Catmos, Oakham
- 1343 Saint John, Grays
- 1363 Tyndall, Chipping Sodbury
- 1493 Robin Hood, Eastwood
- 1576 Dee, Park-gate, Cheshire
- 1633 Avon, Manchester
- 1663 Hartismere, Eye
- 1723 St. George, Bolton
- 1756 Kirkdale, Liverpool
- 1760 Leopold, Scarborough
- 1783 Albert Edward, Huddersfield
- 1809 Fidelis, Guernsey
- 1967 Beacon Court, New Brompton
- 2019 Crook, Crook
- 2149 Gordon, Hanley
- 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

Thursday.

- House Committee, Girls School, 4-30.
- 34 Mount Moriah, Freemasons'-hall
- 65 Prosperity, Guildhall Tavern
- 66 Grenadiers, Freemasons'-hall
- 99 Shakespear, Albion
- 507 United Pilgrims, Southwark
- 766 William Preston, Cannon-st. H.
- 858 South Middlesex, Fulham
- 861 Finsbury, Great Eastern Hotel
- 871 Royal Oak, Deptford
- 1421 Langthorne, Ilford
- 1608 Kilburn, Regent Street
- 1658 Skelmersdale, Camberwell
- 1816 Victoria Park, London Tavern
- 1974 St. Mary Abbott, Kensington
- 2432 Sir W. Raleigh, Inns of C't Ho
- 51 Angel, Colchester
- 71 Unity, Lowestoft
- 78 Imperial George, Middleton
- 116 Royal Lancashire, Colne
- 202 Friendship, Devonport
- 208 Three Gd. Principles, Dewsbury
- 275 Harmony, Huddersfield
- 276 Good Fellowship, Chelmsford
- 283 Amity, Haslingden
- 318 True and Faithful, Helston
- 332 Virtue and Silence, Hadleigh
- 337 Candour, Uppermill
- 346 United Brethren, Blackburn
- 348 St. John, Bolton
- 403 Hertford, Hertford
- 594 Downshire, Liverpool
- 630 St. Cuthbert, Howden
- 710 Pleiades, Totnes
- 787 Beaureper, Belper
- 809 United Good F'ship., Wisbech
- 935 Harmony, Salford
- 1130 Rutland, Melton Mowbray
- 1163 Emulation, Birmingham
- 1164 Eliot, St. Germans
- 1235 Phoenix St. Ann, Buxton
- 1345 Victoria, Eccles
- 1386 St. Hugh, Lincoln
- 1392 Egerton, Bury
- 1404 Saint Vincent, Bristol
- 1418 Fraternity, Stockton-on-Tees
- 1437 Liberty of Havering, Romford
- 1501 Wycombe, High Wycombe
- 1505 Emulation, Liverpool
- 1626 Hotspur, Newcastle-on-Tyne

- 1702 Sub-Urban, Great Stanmore
- 1705 Prince of Wales, Gosport
- 1817 St. Andrew, Shoburyness
- 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
- 2195 Military Jubilee, Dover
- 2214 Josiah Wedgewood, Etruria
- 2215 Anfield, Anfield
- 2263 St. Leonards, Sheffield
- 2335 Cycling and Athletic, Liverpool
- 2375 Hilbre, Hoylake
- 2387 Manchester Dramatic, M'chester
- 2462 Clarence, West Hartlepool
- 2463 Bootle-Wilbraham, Knotty Ash
- 2474 Hatherton, Walsall

Friday.

- 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.
- 355 R'l. S'x. Emulation, Swindon
- 401 Royal Forest, Slaidburn
- 404 Watford, Watford
- 426 Shakespeare, Spilsby
- 445 Fidelity, Towcester
- 460 Sut'land Unity, N'castle-u-Lyme
- 516 Phoenix, Stowmarket
- 566 St. Germain, Selby
- 652 Holme Valley, Holmfirth
- 712 Lindsey, Louth
- 951 Prince of Wales, Stow on'Wold
- 1034 Eccleshill, Eccleshill
- 1074 Underley, Kirkby Lonsdale
- 1224 Stour Valley, Sudbury
- 1232 Hereward, Bourn
- 1712 St. John, Newcastle-on-Tyne
- 1739 Carnarvon, Swadlincote
- 2078 St. Lawrence, Scunthorpe
- 2371 Felix, Felixstowe

Saturday.

- 1297 West Kent, Crystal Palace
- 1584 Loyalty and Charity, Frascati
- 1706 Orpheus, Holborn Restaurant
- 2472 Walthamstow, Walthamstow
- 149 Peace, Meltham
- 308 Prince George, Eastwood
- 336 Benevolence, Marple
- 370 St. George, Chertsey
- 1462 Wharnccliffe, Penistone
- 1531 Chislehurst, Chislehurst
- 1679 Henry Muggeridge, Anderton's
- 1777 Royal Hanover, Twickenham

KNIGHT TEMPLARY.

THE Restormel Preceptory of Knights Templar and St. Andrew's Priory of Knights of Malta held its installation meeting at the Masonic Hall, Liskeard, on Tuesday, 21st ult., when Frater Thomas White was impressively placed in the chair of Eminent Preceptor by Major Shanks, assisted by several other members. This Preceptory, the only one in Cornwall, has gained new life since its removal to Liskeard, and it is hoped that it will grow still more rapidly under the new regulations, which allow it to hold occasional meetings anywhere in the county, for the installation of any well-qualified members of any Royal Arch Chapter. The business of the day successfully closed with the appointment of the new Officers, there being members in Penzance, Truro, St. Austell, &c.

MINES CONTRACT COMPANY.

THIS Company was established in 1888, and has paid dividends which for one year amounted to no less than 95 per cent. Owing to the renewal of activity in the mining market, a resumption of distributions is probable. What the premium on the shares will then be investors can judge for themselves. The issued capital is only £58,000, an extremely moderate figure when the assets are taken into account, and which the last balance-sheet issued show to be of an amount nearly four times the capital. Out of this the directors wisely placed about £100,000 to a "contingent reserve fund." The Mines Contract Company owns 700 acres of coal lands in South Wales, two-thirds interest in an Australian gold property, a considerable interest in mining claims in Rhodesia, half interest in a large number of properties in Canada, a large interest in the Lomatie (Lydenburg) Exploration Company, half interest in a Mexican silver property, and a considerable interest in a mica manufacturing company, besides shares in various other syndicates. Some of these concerns are doing extremely well, whilst, in addition, the company holds mortgage charges to the extent of £32,000—a very important asset. Why Mines Contract £1 fully-paid shares should be quoted in the neighbourhood of 12s 6d is an anomaly which will probably right itself in a very short time; in any case, a good chance is now given to cautious mining investors.—"Money Market Review."

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

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SUNDAY LODGES OF INSTRUCTION.

To the Editor of the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—In your issue of 11th March there is a paragraph commencing "Professors of music, &c." in which you state that there are no authorised Lodges of Instruction meeting on Sunday evenings. May I please take exception to this, as the Israel Lodge of Instruction holds its Warrant direct from the Mother Lodge, and is consequently duly authorised; besides which, we are proud of the fact that our position is numbered amongst the first in the Craft, and in addition to the ordinary work we humbly follow in the footsteps of the great Quatuor Coronati Lodge, in having lectures and debates upon Masonic subjects. Among those who have honoured us have been such distinguished Brethren as the late Sir Benjamin Ward Richardson, Bros. G. W. Speth Secretary of the Quatuor Coronati Lodge, Henry Sadler G. Tyler, Bertram Strauss, L.C.C., the Rev. Isidor Myers, L. Simmons, J. Oxley, and J. J. Hall, while in April we shall have Bro. Bowers, F.R.H.S., who will lecture on King Solomon's Temple. I think I have now said enough to prove that our Lodge of Instruction is a highly successful one, especially when I add that these meetings are usually attended by between eighty and one hundred Brethren.

Need I say I should be delighted to receive visits from those Brethren who are unable to attend any other Lodge of Instruction, and they may always rely upon Brother B. DaCosta (the able Preceptor) doing all that is possible to make them efficient in the beautiful ritual of the Craft.

Our hours of meeting are 7 to 9 p.m. every Sunday throughout the year.

Trusting you will do us the favour of inserting this letter,

I am, Dear Sir and Brother,

Yours faithfully and fraternally,

H. HARRIS P.M. 1849,

Secretary Israel Lodge of Instruction,

248 Globe Road, Bethnal Green, N.E.

CYCLING MASONS.

To the Editor of the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—Referring to your comments in this week's issue on "Cycling Masons," and your suggestion as to establishing a Masonic Cycling Club for the Northern districts, I personally should be very pleased to co-operate with you in anything you might propose, and I feel confident could ensure a few Brethren joining from this end of the metropolis,

Yours truly and fraternally,

HARRY WILLSMER,

Secretary Brondesbury and Citadel Lodges of Instruction.

46 Birchington Road, Kilburn, N.W.

MASONIC CAUTION.

To the Editor of the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

SIR,—Your editorial under this heading has been brought to my notice. I must ask you to permit me to say that in no way, either direct or indirect, were "Free Railway Tickets" or "Free Lunches" or indeed any other form of entertainment provided by Brother Alfred H. Bevan or his Committee, for the electors.

I am, fraternally and faithfully yours,

JOHN B. MONCKTON P.G.W.,

Chairman of Brother Bevan's Executive Committee.

13th March 1899.

[We never for one moment imagined that Free Railway Tickets, Free Lunches, &c. were provided for the electors, as we cannot believe anyone would consider the honorary position of Grand Treasurer worth such an outlay. What we referred to was the lack of "Masonic caution" displayed by some of the "rulers" of the Craft, in boasting or complaining, as the case might be, in public, of such provision for the electors. We note our Brother Sir John Monckton is not so keen in replying to another criticism in our issue of the 4th inst., as to the provision of aprons and other regalia for those who desired to appear in "borrowed plumes" at the recent election. We should have liked him to admit that was an error of judgment, and we should also like to know that those who may have the management of future elections will so regard it—or be compelled to do so if necessary.—Ed. F.C.]

Tynwald Lodge, No. 1242, met at Douglas, Isle of Man, on Wednesday, 8th inst., and decided upon voting a sum of money towards a Masonic memorial to the memory of the late Provincial Grand Master and the late G. C. Heron.

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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ALFRED NEWTON LODGE, No. 2686.

THE second installation of this Lodge, which was consecrated by such an array of Grand Officers twelve months ago, was celebrated on Saturday, 4th inst., at the Royal Palace Hotel, Kensington, W., when Bro. Alfred James Newton W.M., after whom the Lodge is named, presided for the last time during his Mastership. Alderman Newton, who bears a striking resemblance to Bro. James Fernandez, opened the Lodge in due form, being supported by his Officers and the following Brethren: J. J. Thomas P.G. Standard Bearer, F. H. Harvey-Samuel, John Brock P.M. P.P.G.D., R. T. Pearce P.M., W. B. Abbott P.M. Secretary, M. J. Jessop P.M., W. F. McNeil, T. Johnson, W. Freeman, E. Vernon, C. W. Clay, Charles Garton, H. Redgrave, H. C. Arthur, Joseph Richards, F. H. Green, G. Gelardi, Archibald Swan, A. Howell, Charles Wilson, J. W. Jupe, W. Windsor, &c.

There were also present the following Visitors: Imré Kiralfy P.M. 2581, George Davis P.M. 167, J. W. Saunders P.G.S., E. C. Turnbull P.M. 190, F. J. Larkman P.M. 780, J. A. Stock P.M. Sec. 1586, John Adams P.M. 1194 P.P.G.D.C. Middx., W. J. Light W.M. 299 P.P.S.G.W. Kent, Dr. Maitland Coffin W.M. 2581, W. W. Lee P.M. 2381 P.P.G.D. Middx., M. Skelton 2581, A. R. Hipwell 192, Capt. T. W. Heath 1767, Orlton Cooper P.M. 211, W. H. Gace 190, Arthur Williams P.M. 834, G. W. Turner 858, C. James 193, Thomas Richmond 22, B. Robinson P.P.G.P. Surrey, T. Hudson 2316, H. S. Croker P.M. 190, W. R. Flack W.M. 1656, Thomas Whitford, M.A., P.M. 1321, W. A. Shaw 1305, Charles Bonham P.M. 1305, Dr. Whitten Macleod 1642, W. F. Bates P.M. 1507, &c.

After the minutes had been read and confirmed the Lodge was opened in the second degree, when Bro. Frederic Pegrum proved his proficiency as a Craftsman, and was afterwards raised to the sublime degree by Bro. J. J. Thomas.

All offices were then declared vacant, and Bros. Brock and Bates were requested to assume the Wardens' chairs. Bro. Alphonsus J. Naughton W.M.-elect was presented by Past Master Jessop, and signified his assent to the ancient regulations and landmarks of the Order. A Board of Installed Masters, consisting of twenty-seven members, was then formed, and Bro. Naughton was placed in the chair in accordance with the old traditions. The ceremony was beautifully rendered by Bro. Thomas, and his subsequent delivery of the addresses met with the hearty appreciation of those present.

The Officers for the year were then invested, viz., D. F. Norrington S.W., H. K. Newton, D.L. (son of the I.P.M.), J.W., J. Bailey, M.P., Treas. (absent), R. Woodman Burbidge Deputy Treasurer, W. Banister Abbott P.M. Secretary, Arthur Strutt D.C., Ernest J. Rix S.D., H. J. Thwaites J.D., T. G. Heighington I.G., W. Windsor Organist, A. E. Catchpole, H. Burbidge, W. H. Eardley and F. Le Sueur Stewards, and Alfred Ellis P.M. Tyler.

The report of the Audit Committee was received, adopted, and ordered to be entered on the minutes.

The first Past Master's jewel of the Lodge was then presented to Bro. Alderman A. J. Newton, together with a beautifully worked copy of the programme, report, &c. of the Consecration Ceremony, with a reduced facsimile of the Lodge Warrant, printed in gold upon vellum, and suitably bound, forming a very unique souvenir of the occasion. The presentations were made by Bro. Naughton W.M., who referred in eulogistic terms to the services rendered by the I.P.M. in the foundation of the Lodge, and his generous support during his year of office.

Bro. Newton, in reply, said that the Brethren had added to his obligations by these handsome presents. The Past Master's jewel was generally given to the retiring Master, and was the outward and visible sign of the good feeling that existed between the Brethren and their temporary ruler. The book was something out of the common, and he should treasure it because he considered that it honestly conveyed the expression of their fraternal regard towards him. It was certainly an unique and gratifying souvenir of some very pleasant meetings, and would remind him of the foundation of an institution which would not only be a pleasure to themselves, but to those who came after them. He accepted the presents very gratefully, and in the same hearty manner which had prompted the offering.

The ballot was taken and proved unanimous in favour of Messrs. Harry Day and Charles Bland, who were introduced and regularly admitted as members of the Fraternity. The ceremony of initiation was creditably rendered by Bro. Naughton, but from want of time the ancient charge was omitted on this occasion, although, as we know, the new Master of the Lodge regretted having to adopt that course, as he attaches so much importance to this portion of the work of admission to the Order, and we are convinced he will complete the work in this particular on the earliest opportunity.

The Brethren tendered their hearty congratulations to the new Master, and the proceedings terminated with the closing hymn.

The installation banquet was served in the handsome Empress Hall, the guests numbering about a hundred. Bro. A. J. Naughton presided, and, at the termination of an elegant dinner, proposed the customary toast of the Queen and the Craft.

Referring to the Grand Master, the W.M. said that there was no more ardent Freemason than the Prince of Wales; Charity seemed to be his watchword, and he was never weary of well doing. The Lodge had done its duty in this respect, by sending up Bro. Newton as a Steward at the Boys School Festival, and he had attained the fifth highest total among the London representatives, and the twelfth counting the entire body of Stewards.

Bro. J. J. Thomas P.G.St.Br. acknowledged the toast of the Grand Officers, proposed by Bro. Norrington S.W.

Bro. Newton I.P.M. submitted the Worshipful Master. He said the institution of Freemasonry was undoubtedly a very excellent one, and although various motives assisted in the foundation of a Lodge, he could not imagine any person joining the Order from interested motives only. It should proceed from a desire to promulgate good feelings towards each other, and to assist those who were in a less fortunate position than themselves. Many Masons never aspired to any rank beyond the third degree, but the greater number were anxious to achieve a position in the Craft. Bro. Naughton was one of them, and the Lodge really owed to him the honour of its

existence, because had it not been for that Brother's exertions he (the speaker) would never have had the credit of having his name associated with it. He therefore gave them in the heartiest manner possible the health of their Master.

Bro. Naughton, who was received with much enthusiasm when rising to reply, said that he hoped the Brethren would commiserate with him in having to follow such an excellent W.M. as Bro. Newton. He was deeply sensible of his own defects and shortcomings, but he would certainly do his best to promote the happiness and prosperity of the Lodge. He concluded by proposing the I.P.M., to which Bro. Newton made a humorous acknowledgment.

Bro. J. J. Thomas, in responding for the Installing Master, said he was amply rewarded for any services he might have rendered by the hearty appreciation of the Brethren and the success of the Lodge. The Master had requested him to propose the Initiates, and he had much pleasure in doing so, because no Lodge could succeed without initiates, and he was pleased to observe that new blood had been brought in at each meeting. The two Brethren who had been introduced that evening had not entered into the Order lightly, and he hoped they would leave the Lodge better men than when they entered it.

Bro. Day said that when he wished to become a Mason he knew that he would have to go through a certain ordeal, but he had no idea it was anything like it was. He had been greatly astonished and impressed by the ceremony, and he hoped to take the lessons to heart, and become a good and true Mason.

Bro. Bland returned his sincere thanks for being accepted as a member of the Lodge, and said the Brethren could rely upon his endeavouring to prove himself a worthy Mason.

The toast of the Visitors was proposed by the W.M., and with it was coupled the name of Bro. Imré Kiralfy P.M., who, said the Master, the Brethren were at all times so delighted to see amongst them. Other visitors specially coupled with the toast were Bros. Whitford, M.A., P.M., George Davis P.M., and Saunders Past Grand Steward.

Bro. Imré Kiralfy, replying, expressed his appreciation of the hearty manner in which the proposition of the toast had been received. He was proud to see Bro. Naughton in the Worshipful Master's chair, having watched his progress in Freemasonry from the time of his initiation, which he had witnessed in the Empress Lodge. He understood that the Worshipful Master of the Alfred Newton Lodge had promised to act as a Steward for the Girls School, and hoped the Brethren would endeavour to send him up to the celebration with a handsome list. For his own part he was always happy to support the Charities, and would have much pleasure in heading Bro. Naughton's list with a personal donation, a kindly offering which was most heartily acknowledged.

Reference was made by all those who responded as Visitors to the great success that had attended the first year's working of the Lodge, and hopes were generally expressed that the future would be equally gratifying.

Bro. H. K. Newton J.W., to whom was entrusted the toast of the Charities, expressed the hope that the Officers and members would do their utmost in support of the Stewardship of the Worshipful Master for the Festival to take place in May next, on behalf of the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls.

Several other toasts followed, and the proceedings terminated at a late hour.

The speeches during the evening were interspersed with some fine songs, given by Miss Jennie Higgs, Miss Bessie Glenister, Bro. W. Sycklemour P.M., and Bro. Henry Redgrave, while Bro. W. Windsor Organist of the Lodge ably officiated at the piano. Bro. Windsor is also deserving of praise for the very pleasing choral service which he arranged in connection with the work in Lodge on this occasion. He was warmly thanked for it by the Worshipful Master, whose approval was fully endorsed by the Brethren.

GUARDIAN LODGE, No. 2625.

THE annual installation meeting was held at the Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall Street, when Bro. H. V. Clements W.M. presided, and placed Bro. T. A. Bullock P.G. Sword Bearer of England in the chair as his successor.

UPTON LODGE, No. 1227.

ON Thursday of last week Bro. William Athol Bray W.M. presided at the regular meeting of this Lodge, held at the Great Eastern Hotel, Liverpool Street, E.C.

The Master was assisted by Bros. C. Schmidt P.M. as S.W., Henry J. Rowberry J.W., Chas. J. Free P.M. Secretary, W. West S.D., Alfred B. Noble J.D., C. W. Cooper I.G. There were also present Bros. Henry Hyde I.P.M., E. M. Jeffery P.M., John Stroud P.M., W. Huttrell, H. T. Hartwell, R. R. Hayne, Oliver Greenlands, W. T. Hustwayte, F. W. Wood, G. W. Flatman, L. Jones, T. Martin, R. Everett, Jas. Isaacs, J. W. Isaacs.

Among the Visiting Brethren were Bros. W. W. West S.D. 1662, Percy S. Cooper S.D. 1694, J. W. Tremlet 2396, R. T. Ford 2163, Samuel W. Vale W.M. 861, John Page P.M. 753, E. G. Platt J.W. 1327, A. Ellenden I.G. 1623, C. G. Riley 1816, William Nash 784, T. Robinson S.D. 2396.

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

The ballot was then taken for Messrs. Thomas Greenhalgh Gunn, Frederick James Rover, Harry Thomas Arnold, and George Elmet Smith, all of whom were approved.

Bro. George Edgar Morgan answered the usual questions and was passed to the second degree.

Bros. William Henry Baker, James Courvoisier Clement, Robert Reason Hayne, and Henry Squire Hartwell proved their proficiency as Craftsmen, were regularly raised to the sublime degree, and took their seats in the Lodge as Master Masons.

Messrs. Gunn, Rover, Arnold and Smith having been properly prepared were then introduced and were duly initiated into the mysteries and privileges of Freemasonry. All the ceremonies were excellently well performed by the Worshipful Master, with the assistance of his Officers. The ritual was clearly and distinctly rendered, and the Officers concerned were fully conversant with their work, thereby affording perfect satisfaction to the Brethren, who expressed their approval by Masonic applause.

Three candidates were proposed for initiation at the next meeting. A distressed Brother, whose petition to the Board of Benevolence was supported by the Lodge, wrote to acknowledge their kindness, and stated that he had been relieved to the extent of twenty pounds. An old Past Master who had been overtaken by circumstances of unforeseen calamity and distress was

relieved from the funds of the Lodge. A sum of five guineas was voted to the Earlswood Asylum, to head a subscription list being formed by Bro. Hyde P.M.

There being no further business the Lodge was closed at a late hour, and the Brethren subsequently partook of supper.

PROVINCIAL.

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THE MANCHESTER LODGE, No. 2554.

THE regular meeting of this young and popular Lodge was held at the Freemasons' Hall, Cooper Street, Manchester, on Friday, 10th inst., Bro. William Alderley Boyer Worshipful Master.

The minutes having been submitted by the Secretary, and duly confirmed, Bro. F. J. Burt J.D. read four of the ancient constitutional charges, the same being highly appreciated by the Brethren.

A very pleasing function then took place, which was that of investing the W.M. with a magnificent chain of office bearing the device of the Lodge, each link and plate being wrought in solid silver. Bro. William Charlton, J.P., I.P.M., in placing the chain round the neck of Bro. Boyer, explained that the gift was the outcome of a sum of money placed in the hands of the W.M. by admiring friends, so that his year of office in the chair of K.S. might be fitly commemorated. The large pendant at the apex of the chain bore the following inscription:—

Presented to

The Manchester Lodge, No. 2554,
by friends of BRO. W. A. BOYER,

a Founder and the present Worshipful Master,
for the use of himself and his successors in office.

10th March 1899.

Bro. Boyer W.M., in replying to the remarks of Bro. Charlton, further explained the genesis of the gift, and concluded by hoping that the chain might be worn by worthy successors in office, who would value it, not for its intrinsic worth alone, but as an emblem of the high and exalted position held for the time being by the Brother whose neck it might be destined to adorn.

The usual festive board followed, Loyal and Masonic toasts being pleasantly relieved by songs, recitations, &c., contributed by Bros. A. B. Smith J.W., Chas. Jordan Organist, W. H. Crawford, H. Walmsley P.M. 317 P.P.G.A.D.C., Edwd. Roberts P.M. 1459, A. G. Lunn 317, and others.

MINNEHAHA MINSTREL LODGE, No. 2363.

THE regular meeting was held at the Victoria Hotel, Manchester, on Monday, 27th ult., Bro. Thomas Hamnett W.M.

After the minutes of the last meeting had been read and confirmed, one of the ancient charges was delivered to the Brethren.

Before the close of Lodge business, Bro. Seth Wrigley Dir. of Cers. was the recipient of a very handsome Director of Ceremonies jewel, which bore the following inscription:—

Minnehaha Minstrel Lodge, 2363.

Presented to

W. BRO. S. WRIGLEY P.M. P.P.G.D.

by the Brethren,

on the occasion of his attaining his majority as a Mason,
and in recognition of his valued services.

Feb. 27th, 1899.

Bro. Wrigley acknowledged the gift in very fitting terms.

The Brethren then adjourned to supper, being joined by lady and gentlemen friends, after which, the Lodge room having been converted into a drawing room, a very pleasant social was held, the following taking part in the entertainment, viz., the W.M. in a ventriloquial sketch, Bros. S. H. Stubbs J.W. and F. Todd S.D. in songs, Seth Wrigley in selections on the auto harp, Bro. and Mrs. Nall in duet We two, Geo. R. Ward solo on wine glasses and laughing song, W. Howard and Mr. Tudor in duet Love and war, Mrs. Dearden recitation Wreck of the Puffin, and others.

CENTURION LODGE, No. 2322.

THE regular meeting was held at the Victoria Hotel, Manchester, on Monday, 6th inst., Bro. Surg. Capt. J. J. Kent Fairclough W.M.

After the reading and confirmation of minutes, Bros. Surg. Lieut. Alic Phillips and Capt. Ernest Alfred Simmons were passed to the degree of Fellow Craft.

Following Lodge work was a very excellent supper, provided in Messrs. Spiers and Pond's best style, this being followed in turn by the festive board, where Loyal and Masonic toasts were interspersed with songs, &c., a very pleasant evening being spent.

There were also present Bros. Major T. W. Ashworth I.P.M., Rev. John Challinor S.W. P.P.G.Chap., Capt. Peter Nightingale J.W., Col. J. Howarth Clark, V.D., J.P., P.P.G.D. Treasurer, Major Fred Pratt P.M. Secretary, Lieut. Geo. Heys S.D., Captains J. J. Bentley, T. A. Fallows, H. S. Hardy, J. E. R. Hall, T. Parker and A. B. Wilkinson, Lieuts. A. J. Bailey and A. S. Pearce, and others.

ZION LODGE, No. 1798.

THE regular meeting was held at the Grand Hotel, Manchester, on Wednesday, 8th inst., Bro. Mark Steel W.M.

Four ceremonies confronted the Officers, viz., the balloting for and initiation of Messrs. Wm. Geo. Lamb, Cashier, Manchester; and Arthur Eppinger, Merchant, Manchester; and the passing to the degree of F.C. of Bros. Henry Jacobson and William Charles Benson, the work being undertaken by the W.M., Bros. S. Mamelok P.P.J.D. and B. Steel I.P.M.

Bro. W. Dagnall J.W. presented and explained the working tools of the first degree, those of the second being given by Bro. Philip Joseph S.W.

Besides those mentioned above there were present Bros. J. H. Phillips Sec., H. Norris S.D., M. Phillips J.D., L. Mistovski I.G., Geo. Rideal P.M., Nathan Robinson, H. B. Morris. Visitors:—Bros. C. H. Clubb S.D. 1633, H. S. Greenwood Org. 2387, and J. Lewin 813.

METROPOLITAN : INSTRUCTION.

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CHISWICK LODGE, No. 2012.

AT the Windsor Castle Hotel, Hammersmith, on Saturday, 25th ult., Bros. W. Hide P.M. W.M., K. M. Ross S.W., H. J. Cousens J.W., Arthur Williams P.M. Preceptor, R. Josey P.M. Secretary, R. Reid S.D., J. H. Cumming P.M. J.D., W. Atkinson I.G., Maurice Spiegel P.M., H. Sellick, W. J. Potter, W. Herring, H. Bone, H. Woolfers, and several others.

The ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, Bro. Potter acting as candidate. Bro. Woolfers answered the usual questions and was entrusted, and the ceremony of passing was rehearsed. The first section of the second lecture was worked by the Brethren, under the direction of the Preceptor, and the Lodge was resumed to the first degree.

Bro. K. M. Ross, of the Paxton Lodge, who is well known in the district was unanimously elected to occupy the chair of W.M. at the next meeting. Bros. E. Anthony and E. Anthony jun., of the Blackwater Lodge, No. 1977, (father and son), were unanimously elected members.

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WOODROW LODGE, No. 1708.

ON Monday afternoon, at three o'clock, at Stone's Restaurant, Pantons Street, Haymarket, Bros. R. Cawley W.M., D. H. Kyd S.W., F. Walkey J.W., C. Woodrow P.M. Prec., C. Wetton P.M. Dep. Prec., J. W. Simeons Sec., E. Nice S.D., G. Yeowell J.D., J. W. Ollington I.G., F. T. C. Keeble P.M. 1426 P.P.G.D.C. Inverness, W. H. G. Rudderforth P.M., J. Cunningham, A. Myall, S. Firminger, J. Weston, E. Nocciolette, J. N. Louis, H. T. Cousens, J. Wynman, &c.

The Lodge was opened in the three degrees, and resumed to the first, when Bro. Culverhouse answered the questions leading to the second degree, was entrusted, and the ceremony of passing was rehearsed. Bro. E. Nice gave the lecture on the tracing board, without the slightest mistake, and to the great satisfaction of the Brethren. Bro. Cunningham offered himself as candidate and the ceremony of raising was rehearsed.

Bro. D. H. Kyd will preside on Monday next.

ON Monday afternoon, 6th inst., Bros. H. T. Rose W.M., R. Cawley S.W., D. H. Kyd J.W., C. Woodrow P.M. Prec., C. Wetton P.M. Dep. Prec., J. W. Simeons Secretary, E. Nice S.D., J. Klempner J.D., M. A. Speller I.G., F. Walker, H. Woodcock, J. Cunningham, J. W. Spedding W.M. 1399, L. Hollingworth, G. Yeowell, J. Wynman.

The ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, Bro. Woodcock acting as candidate, and the ceremony was rendered without the slightest hitch. The W.M. vacated the chair in favour of Bro. Klempner, who opened the Lodge in the second degree and examined and entrusted Bro. Nice. The ceremony of raising was rehearsed. Bro. Rose W.M. resumed his chair.

Bros. Henry Woodcock and William Bellamy were elected members, and Bro. Cawley W.M. for next meeting.

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FRIARS LODGE, No. 1349.

ON Thursday, 9th inst., at Bro. Morris Abraham's, the Aldgate Distillery, Aldgate, E., Bros. M. Maken W.M., Lotheim S.W., Emden J.W., L. A. DaCosta P.M. Prec., J. Davis Sec., M. Corper S.D., L. Marks J.D., Sheveveron I.G., Phillips Steward, J. Oxley P.M., B. DaCosta P.M., Crabb, M. DaCosta W.M. 1349, M. Moss P.M., Friend, J. Wynman, H. Harris P.M., Sassience, and others.

The ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, Bro. Sassience as candidate, and the same Brother answered the questions leading to the second degree. The W.M. vacated the chair in favour of Bro. M. DaCosta, who opened the Lodge in the second degree, and the ceremony of passing was rehearsed. The Lodge was resumed to the first degree, and the W.M. having taken his chair Bro. Moss P.M., with the assistance of the Brethren, worked the first section of the lecture.

Bro. Lotheim was elected W.M. for next Thursday.

It was proposed and unanimously carried that the sum of £1 1s be handed to the Lady Jeune's fund for poor children, and the generous present of the Lodge was duly acknowledged by Brother Capt. Friend, on behalf of the Association.

The Fifteen Sections will be worked in this Lodge, on Thursday, 13th April.

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ROYAL ALFRED LODGE, No. 780.

AT the Star and Garter Hotel, Kew Bridge, on Thursday, 23rd ult., Bros. J. Dinnis P.M. W.M., S. W. Keene P.M. S.W., D. D. Heath J.W., R. H. Williams P.P.G.J.D. Middlesex Preceptor, F. J. Larkman P.M. Treasurer, J. H. Cumming P.M. Secretary, E. C. St. Aubyn S.D., Hart Davis J.D., F. Craggs I.G., Justin Allen W.M.-elect 780, C. Humble, H. T. Johnson, and several others.

Lodge was opened to the second degree and Bro. Cumming was entrusted. Lodge was advanced and the ceremony of raising was rehearsed. The W.M. gave the traditional history in a faultless manner, which earned the applause of the Brethren. Lodge was resumed to the first degree.

Bro. S. W. Keene was unanimously elected to occupy the chair of W.M. at the next meeting.

The W.M. expressed the pleasure it gave himself and the Brethren to welcome Bro. H. T. Johnson amongst them again, after his late severe illness.

ON the 2nd inst., Bros. S. W. Keene W.M., Robinson S.W., C. Humble J.W., R. H. Williams P.M. Prec., F. J. Larkman P.M. Treas., E. H. Wilcox S.D., H. J. Worth J.D., C. E. Dowling I.G., St. Aubyn, F. M. Ridley, Justin Allen, W. Langdon, H. T. Town.

Bro. St. Aubyn answered the questions leading to the second degree, was entrusted, and the ceremony of passing was rehearsed. Lodge was resumed to the first degree.

Bro. Robinson was elected W.M. for the next meeting. Bro. H. T. Town, of the United Northern Counties Lodge, No. 2128, was elected a member.

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WESTBOURNE LODGE, No. 733.

BEING Officers' night a very good meeting was held on Tuesday, at the Oliver Arms, Westbourne Terrace North, Harrow Road, W. Bro. G. Weaver W.M. 733 acted as W.M., with Bros. C. Liley S.W., T. Mogford P.M.

J.W., H. Dehane P.M. Prec., R. J. Rogers P.M. Treas., G. Mogford P.M. Sec., H. Bagnall S.D., T. Matthews J.D., F. Beesley I.G., C. Halston, J. Graham, W. Handover, G. Knight P.M., Wynman, and others.

The ceremony of raising was rehearsed, Bro. Graham acting as candidate. The W.M. resumed the Lodge to the first degree, and then called off. On resuming, the ceremony of passing was rehearsed, Bro. Halston acting as candidate. The W.M. again resumed the Lodge to the first degree, and the Lodge was closed.

The annual dinner will take place on Tuesday next, at the house of Bro. E. Stevens, the well known host of the Prince of Wales Hotel, Eastbourne Terrace, Bishops Road. Bro. Robert J. Rogers P.M., the popular Treasurer of the Instruction Lodge, will preside.

ON Tuesday, 7th inst., Bros. Graham W.M., C. Halston S.W., T. Matthews J.W., H. Dehane P.M. Prec., R. J. Rogers P.M. Treas., G. D. Mogford P.M. Sec., H. Bagnall S.D., G. Weaver W.M. 733 J.D., W. Handover I.G., Miller Steward, Wallaner, Potter, Liley, C. Barter W.M. 2362, T. Marks, J. Wynman, C. Knight P.M., C. Ridgway.

The ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, Bro. Ridgway candidate. The Lodge was called off. On resuming, the W.M. vacated the chair in favour of Bro. Ridgway, who rehearsed the ceremony of raising, Bro. Marks candidate. This ceremony included the traditional history, and gave great satisfaction. The Lodge was resumed to the first degree, and Bro. Graham re-occupied the chair.

Bro. Dehane Preceptor proposed that a vote of thanks be recorded on the minutes for the able manner in which the W.M. had fulfilled the duties of the chair for the first time in the Lodge, which compliment was briefly acknowledged.

Bro. Halston was elected to preside on Tuesday, 28th inst., the following Tuesday being Officers' night, and Tuesday the 21st the date for the Annual Supper.

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WELLINGTON LODGE, No. 548.

ON Monday, at the New Cross Hotel, New Cross Road, S.E., Bros. Theame W.M., Ottoway S.W., J. Tims J.W., J. G. Milbourne P.M. Prec., F. T. Adams Sec., Humms S.D., Groves J.D., Olney I.G., C. W. Coborn W.M. 169 Org., Hathersick P.M., Peckham, Wyborn P.M., Harris, Welch, Wynman, Reminton P.M., Evans, Neil, and others.

The ceremony of passing was rehearsed, Bros. Neil and Peckham acting as candidates. The Preceptor, with the assistance of the Brethren, worked the first section of the lecture. The W.M. resumed the Lodge to the first degree, when it was unanimously agreed that the votes of the Benevolent Institution be handed to the Preceptor of the Lodge, which compliment was acknowledged.

Bro. Ottoway will preside at the next meeting.

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CONFIDENCE LODGE, No. 193.

AT the Bunch of Grapes, Lime Street, E.C., on Wednesday, 15th inst., Bros. J. W. Simeons W.M., Stenner S.W., G. Bushell J.W., Metcalfe Baillie S.D., C. Ash J.D., W. Hattersley I.G., J. K. Pitt P.M. Preceptor, and other Brethren.

The ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, and the questions leading to the second degree put to the candidate. Lodge was opened to the third degree, and the ceremony of raising was rehearsed by the W.M., Bro. Johns acting as candidate.

Bro. Stenner P.M. was elected to preside on Wednesday next, and on that occasion he will rehearse the ceremony of installation.

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TEMPERANCE LODGE, No. 169.

ON Friday, 3rd inst., at Bro. Charles Newman's, the Railway Tavern, New Cross Road, Bros. T. J. Packman W.M., L. G. Smith S.W., J. Tims J.W., W. Penrose P.M. Prec., A. E. Reminton P.M. Sec., C. Nicholson S.D., Neille J.D., W. Allard I.G., J. F. Cripps P.M., E. W. Hathersick P.M., John Laxson, A. Burgin, Hope, Kerslake, Gadding, Wynman, &c.

The ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, Bro. John Laxson acting as candidate. This ceremony being completed, the W.M. vacated the chair in favour of Bro. Reminton, the popular Secretary of the Lodge, who opened in the second degree, and Bro. Laxson answered the questions leading to the third. The Lodge was opened in that degree, and the ceremony of raising was rehearsed. This and the former ceremony, including the ancient charge, was perfectly rendered.

Bro. Neille was elected a member, and Bro. L. G. Smith W.M. for next meeting.

ON the 10th, at the Railway Tavern, New Cross, S.E., Bros. J. W. Tims W.M., J. Laxson S.W., J. Woodland J.W., W. Penrose P.M. Prec., A. E. Reminton P.M. Sec., G. Smith J.D., W. Allard I.G.

The ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, Bro. Smith being the candidate. The W.M. vacated the chair in favour of the Secretary Bro. Reminton, who entrusted Bro. Leapard, and then rehearsed the ceremony of passing. The W.M. resumed the Lodge to the first degree. Bro. Penrose Preceptor proposed that a hearty vote of congratulation be recorded on the minutes for the able manner in which the W.M. has fulfilled his duties for the first time in this Lodge. This was unanimously agreed to and the compliment was acknowledged in appreciative terms.

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DINNER OF THE TEMPLE LODGE OF INSTRUCTION.

THE first annual dinner in connection with this Lodge, No. 101, was held at the Uplands Hotel, Dulwich, on Thursday, 2nd inst. The Lodge was opened in due form by Bro. Stephen Lee W.M. Bro. Plant Preceptor worked the second section of the first lecture, assisted by the Brethren. The Lodge was afterwards closed to allow of an adjournment to the dining room. Bro. Dowsett P.M. here presided. Taking into consideration that the Lodge is only in its infancy, a very large number of prominent Masons were present. The menu was par excellence, and served in good style by Bro. Abel. Toast and song occupied the remainder of the evening.

WEST LONDON ELECTION ASSOCIATION.

THE usual monthly meeting of the West London Masonic Election Association was held on Thursday, 2nd inst., at the Town Hall Tavern, Kensington, and was numerously attended.

In the unavoidable absence of the Chairman, Bro. F. W. Blott was voted to that position, and the report of the last meeting was read by Bro. Arthur Williams Secretary.

The case of Marguerite Knott was again approved by the Committee, to be supported at the next Election, and Bro. F. Craggs Treasurer was entrusted to carry out the necessary arrangements to endeavour to make the polling a success. This worthy Brother stated that he was pleased to let the members present know that he had had several applications from Brethren in the neighbourhood wishing to join the Association.

The "Gardener" is the title of a new penny weekly journal which is about to be published by Messrs. Cassell and Company. It will be conducted on new lines, and will contain features possessed by no other horticultural publication. It will be essentially practical, and helpful alike to amateurs and professionals. It is intended for all who cultivate flowers, fruit, and vegetables, either for pleasure or profit. Notes will be contributed by correspondents in various parts of the kingdom. The "Gardener" will be very fully illustrated, and the first number will be issued next week.

This month's part of "Cassell's Magazine" contains many good things. The serial "The Garden Sword" is continued, and occupies the place of honour in the number. A paper on the Marquess of Salisbury and Hatfield House, by Mary Spencer Warren, is interesting, and enriched with some excellent photographs illustrating the famous home of the Cecils and its yet more famous owner. Another interesting article is that on "The Longest Railway in the Empire," by Frederick Dolman, also illustrated, with some fine examples of Canadian scenery, &c. The "Stories of Monte Carlo" are continued, this month's instalment being exciting. Several other good items go to make up an excellent number.

SOCIAL ASPECT OF MODERN MASONRY.

AT Mount Royal Lodge, Montreal, one of a course of papers arranged for the benefit of the Craft in general was given by the Rev. Charles G. Rollit, under the above heading. Bro. Rollit's points were in substance as follow:—

Taking a dictionary definition of Freemasonry, we find it called "An ancient and secret association or fraternity composed at first of masons or builders in stone, but now consisting of persons who are united for social enjoyment and mutual assistance."

This exactly coincides with my own conception of modern Freemasonry, and we must admit there never was a time when we so much needed social organisation as at the present time. "Every man for himself" is the motto to-day. Individualism is rampant. It declares that it is each man's duty to think for himself, to care for himself, succeed or fail as he may, and so philosophers of to-day will strike an average between men with as little concern as a bank manager does his estimate for the coming year.

The battle of life was never more fiercely fought than now, and never more surely with the result that the weak and tender, who cannot match skill with skill, and cunning with cunning, can find no place but in the trampled mass beneath the feet of the victors. Into a civilisation such as this, a civilisation that loathes failure, that has no tears for poverty, and no sympathy for the conquered, Freemasonry comes with a noble purpose and takes her stand on the broad ground that humanity is one, that men are brethren, and that human life should not be a fight of man against man, but a great battle of knights, where the brave encourage the fearful, the strong uphold the weak, and where each is pledged and willing to help each in the worldwide struggle against sorrow and trouble and evil. For are we not all Brethren, members of the same favoured family, engaged in this or that, running here and there, darting in and out in the great temple of life, but all aiming at one thing and hoping to dwell in one place, that celestial Lodge where the gavel of love shall control the action of one and all. So in almost any Lodge may be found the judge, the lawyer, the doctor, and the merchant prince, the tradesman, the farmer, the artist, the builder, the clerk, and even the clerk in holy orders.

And if in the dim light of the Lodge any should find less of that warmth they crave than they were led to expect, then in the famous "fourth degree" we provide a remedy. When the cup that cheers and the viands that nourish have done their work, when Queen and country, Craft and Lodge, have been toasted until they burn themselves into our memories, when story, and song, and speech, and banter have had their turn, then surely we feel that the social aspect of Freemasonry is one of its best, and that the whole is good.—"Canadian Craftsman."

MUSIC IN LODGES.

ALL are agreed that appropriate music adds greatly to the impressiveness of Masonic ceremonials, but we feel that in some cases there is allowed too great license in its employment. It is sometimes introduced at a time when it detracts from, rather than adds to, the desired effect of the ritual, and it is introduced so frequently, and at such great length, as to present

itself as the leading feature of the ceremony instead of being a mere accessory. That a Masonic degree should never be turned into a concert is a proposition too obvious to need much defence. There are several facts equally self-evident that the time available for a degree does not give opportunity for much addition to the prescribed ritual; and that vocal music, as sometimes introduced, interpolates words and ideas often incongruous and not prescribed by the ritual.—"Sun."

One of the distinguishing features of Masonry is the reverential respect shown to old age. An old Mason always is, or should be, a welcome and a highly respected visitor to a Lodge.—Ex.

The University of London Lodge has requested its Secretary to address to the widow and family of Lord Herschell, a founder and Past Master of the Lodge, a letter of condolence expressing the sympathy which the Brethren feel with them under their painful loss, and assuring them that the memory of his distinguished abilities, great Masonic attachments, and kindly courtesy will ever be cherished by the members.

The Theatres, &c.

Adelphi.—8, The Man in the Iron Mask. Matinée, Saturday, 2.
Avenue.—8.15, The Rift within the Lute. 8.50, The Cuckoo. Matinée, Saturday, 3.
Comedy.—8.15, A Lady of Quality. Matinée, Saturday, 2.30.
Court.—8.15, For Love of Prim. 9, A Court Scandal. Matinée, Saturday, 3.
Daly's.—8.15, A Greek Slave. Matinée, Saturday, 2.30.
Duke of York's.—8, Chums. 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 and Saturday, 2.15.
Globe.—8, Caste. Matinée, Saturday.
Haymarket.—8.10, A Golden Wedding. 9, The Manceuvres of Jane. Matinée, Wednesday and Saturday, 2.15.
Her Majesty's.—8.15, The Musketeers. Matinée, Saturday, 2.15.
Lyceum.—8, The Only Way. Matinée, Saturday, 2.
Princess's.—7.45, Woman and Wine.
Royalty.—8.15, Confederates. 9, A Little Ray of Sunshine. Matinée, Saturday, 3.
Savoy.—8.15, The Lucky Star. Matinée, Saturday, 2.30.
Shaftesbury.—8, The Belle of New York. Matinée, Wednesday and Saturday, 2.
St. James's.—8, A Repentance. 8.45, The Ambassador. Matinée, Wednesday 2.
Strand.—8.15, An Empty Stocking. 9, What happened to Jones. Matinée, Wednesday and Saturday, 2.30.
Terry's.—8.15, Sweet Lavender. Matinée, Thursday and Saturday, 2.30.
Vaudeville.—8, A Bad Penny. 9, On and Off. Matinée, Saturday, 3.
Alexandra.—Next week, The Geisha.
Dalston.—7.45, How London Lives.
Grand.—Next week, Les Clotches de Corneville. Matinée, Wednesday 1.30.
Queen's Opera House, Crouch End.—Next week, Rousby Opera Company.
Alhambra.—7.45, Variety Entertainment. Jack Ashore, Red Shoes, &c.
Aquarium.—The Fisheries, Varied Performances, &c., twice daily.
Empire.—7.50, Variety Entertainment. New Ballet Alaska, &c.
London Pavilion.—8, Variety Entertainment.
Oxford.—7.30, Variety Entertainment. On the Roofs, &c. Saturday 2.30, also.
Palace.—7.45, Variety Entertainment. New American Biograph, &c. Saturday, 2 also.
Royal.—7.30, Variety Company. Saturday, 2.30 also.
Tivoli.—7.30, Variety Entertainment. Saturday, 2.15 also.
Crystal Palace.—Varied attractions daily.
Egyptian Hall.—8 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.
Olympia.—Barnum and Bailey's Show.

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