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## FREEMASONRY IN INDIA.

AS we fully expected would prove to be the case, the item we published last week under this heading, from the "Delhi Morning Post," to the purport that a "Bro. Bertie Scott" had been deputed by the Grand Lodge of England to visit India for the purpose of collecting information with the view of publishing a "History of Freemasonry in India," was—to say the least of it—based on a misapprehension.

We are authorised to state that the Grand Lodge of England has not deputed "Bro. Bertie Scott," nor any other Brother, to do anything of the kind, nor has that body in contemplation the publication of a History of Freemasonry in India, or anywhere else.

It may be asked why, feeling sure the information was incorrect, we published the extract at all, and in explanation we may point out that had we simply referred the matter to Grand Lodge we should have been confirmed in our surmise—and there the matter might have ended; whereas now that public attention has been directed to it there is some hope that steps may be taken to deal with the matter in a stringent manner, as we feel it should be dealt with by our own and the Indian authorities.

## GLOUCESTERSHIRE.

THE Right Hon. Sir Michael Hicks Beach, Bart., M.P., has appointed Tuesday, 23rd May, for the holding of this Provincial Grand Lodge. The meeting will take place at Cirencester.

"On the Square," who compiles some excellent "Notes for Freemasons" in the "Kilmarnock Herald," commences his last week's column with the following strongly worded yet fully deserved criticism—that is to say, assuming that he took the original paragraph seriously. He seems to have overlooked the fact that the Brethren of the Fellowship Lodge completed their "mystic" business before the introduction of the famous greyhound, "Black Fury," and under such circumstances our contemporary's indignation is perhaps a trifle too strongly expressed. He says: "My correspondent who wrote so scathingly about a dog being admitted to a Masonic Lodge (Frascati's, London) did not go a bit too far. The action of the W.M., and all present, deserve a good deal more than censure. If the Grand Lodge of England knows its business it will teach said Lodge a much needed lesson. When I first saw the par. I treated the thing as a huge joke; but the fact that it appeared in the sober and influential columns of the London "Daily Telegraph" gave it a different aspect. I trust that those in authority will exercise their powers to the very utmost. The withdrawal of the Charter would be the measure of the gross offence."

Often enough a mayoral nomination for the Shrievalty is a mere formality, but the Lord Mayor probably meant business on Tuesday, 14th inst., when he named to his fellow aldermen Mr. Alfred Henry Bevan, Citizen and Brewer. It is understood that Mr. Bevan will go before the Livery next

Midsummer Day hand-in-hand with Alderman Treloar, to whom Alderman Vaughan Morgan gives way on the ground of indifferent health. Though he belongs to a family that has been connected long and honourably with the City, Mr. Bevan has not hitherto taken any active interest in civic affairs. Still, he has many friends among the Livery, and possesses high qualifications for the coveted distinction. The simple fact that he has just been elected Grand Treasurer of English Freemasons makes him an exceedingly strong candidate, considering the extensive ramifications of Masonry in civic and livery circles. Mr. Bevan is a director of the old brewing firm of Barclay Perkins and Co., Limited, Southwark. It is believed that Alderman Newton, who is next in seniority for the mayoralty, looks with favour upon the prospect of having Alderman Treloar and Mr. Bevan for his sheriffs, and in view of this fact we do not expect that Mr. Walter Judd will press his candidature further.—"London Argus." [We regret to see it thus publicly stated that Freemasonry has any power in City affairs, although we feel that it is generally supposed that Brethren are apt to work together, even as Aldermen of our great city.—Ed. F.C.]

Bro. Henniker-Heaton, M.P., received civic recognition on Thursday, of his efforts on behalf of Imperial penny postage, by the freedom of the City of Canterbury, which he represents in Parliament, being conferred upon him. The ceremony took place in the Guildhall, which was filled with a distinguished company. The Mayor (Mr. George Collard) made the presentation of the Burgess ticket, which was enclosed in a handsome casket, and Bro. Henniker-Heaton, in reply, said he had never, in his postal efforts, considered himself more than an instrument for carrying out what was pre-eminently a Christian and a civilising work. He thanked Canterbury for the honour, and assured the citizens that the casket with which they had presented him would be handed down as an heirloom in his family. The Archbishop of Canterbury congratulated the newly-made freeman upon his success in bringing about a change which so many desired, and which he believed would prove of great value to the human race.

Rumours that the Pope has had a relapse, says a contemporary, lend interest to a personal detail of his recent illness. Dr. Laponi, the regular physician to his Holiness, is a Catholic, but Dr. Mazzoni, who performed the operation, is a Freemason. At first the Pope demurred to calling in a member of the body which he has so often publicly condemned. "Holy Father," persisted Dr. Laponi, "I have always distinguished between politics and medicine. Mazzoni is one of our best surgeons, and that should suffice." "You are right," the Pope replied; "call him in." Dr. Mazzoni says that his relations with his patient were of the best. If gratitude to the surgeon should enable the Pope to be less vehement in his denunciation of the Craft, and more unbiassed in his judgment, both our Order and his Holiness would be benefited. So mote it be.

We are pleased to know we are occasionally sympathised with, in having to listen time after time to the same old rigmarole and backscrubbing utterances which are termed "speeches" at our Masonic banquets. A Brother who sat near us on a recent occasion wrote us the following day: "There were certainly no 'points' about the speeches last night, and what you are going to report I am rather curious to know. Usual platitudes, you might say. Considering most of those who spoke were 'swells' in the Craft, the speeches were very disappointing—really inferior to what is heard at ordinary meetings, I consider."

### NOTTINGHAMSHIRE.

**H**IS Honour Judge Masterman, D.C.L., has just been appointed Deputy Prov. G. Master of Nottinghamshire, in place of the late Lieut.-Col. William Newton, whose death took place at Newark last month. The announcement that his Honour has consented to undertake the office at the request of the Duke of Portland Provincial Grand Master will be received with general gratification by members of the Craft. Dr. Masterman has for many years manifested the warmest interest in regard to Masonry, and has been selected for some of the highest honours in the Order. He is a Past Grand Deacon of England, and is at present Superintendent of the Nottinghamshire Provincial Chapter of Royal Arch Masons, his predecessor being the late Sir Henry Bromley, who held the office from 1882 to 1895. His Honour is also Deputy Grand Master of the Nottinghamshire Provincial Mark Lodge. After the lamented death of Col. Newton, followed more recently by another heavy loss occasioned through the demise of Bro. Arthur Stubbs Provincial Grand Secretary, it was felt that at a very important period in the history of the Craft in the county no more fitting appointment could be made than that of Judge Masterman, to act as the immediate supporter of the Duke of Portland, the head of the Province.

### CHURCH SERVICE.

**A** MASONIC Service of unusual interest will take place at St. Lawrence Jewry, on Friday, 21st April, at 5 p.m. The Rector, the Rev. J. Stephen Barrass, is Chaplain to the Gallery Lodge, No. 1928, and the Service will be held under the auspices of that Lodge. The Church is one of Sir Christopher Wren's, and the offertory will be for the restoration of the organ, built by Renatus Harris in 1680; the organ case is rich with the carving of Grinling Gibbons. Archdeacon Sinclair will be the preacher, and all the adult members of the choir will be Freemasons. Bro. Herbert Grover will sing a solo. Applications for tickets by Freemasons wishing to attend should be made to the Rev. J. S. Barrass, at St. Lawrence Jewry Vestry, Gresham Street, E.C. The Gallery Lodge has obtained a dispensation to enable the Brethren to wear Masonic clothing on the occasion.

Responding to the toast of the Visitors, at a recent meeting of the Drury Lane Lodge, Bro. T. Skewes Cox, M.P., Past G. Steward told a story of "dear old Jonny Toole," who late one night at Oxford, desiring to know the way to the "Randolph," sought the services of a constable. Thinking it best to put himself on good terms with the guardian of the peace, he chatted to him on the way, and to beguile the time asked his guide if he would like some "Reminiscences." The worthy constable thanked Bro. Toole for his offer, but he was afraid all the houses were closed. When the Officers of the Lodge was proposed by the W.M., and responded to by Bros. Lionel Rignold and J. H. Barnes, it was found that the latter also had a "Reminiscence." It was to the effect that in 1872, when playing in "The Lady of the Lake," at the Royal Drury Lane, under the management of F. B. Chatterton, he had to call upon a troop of soldiers to follow him and disperse a party of rebels. One night he did not notice that the soldiers had failed to appear on the stage, and spoke the lines as usual. The audience laughed, and the "situation" collapsed. Earnestness was his excuse to Chatterton afterwards, but that practical manager, with undue emphasis, asserted that Barnes was far too earnest. These amusing "Reminiscences" kept the Brethren together in greater number than usual until the close.

There are many indications that a conversazione and dance to be held in the Rathmines Town Hall, on Thursday, 20th April, in aid of the Century Fund of the Masonic Orphan Boys School, will be a brilliant success. Even at this early date the demand for tickets has been most encouraging to the promoters, who are making the most elaborate preparations for the occasion. The proceedings are under the patronage of his Grace the Duke of Abercorn.

Referring to our paragraph of the 11th inst., we ought to have mentioned that the monuments being prepared by the firm of our Bro. Harris P.M. 1349, the popular Secretary of the Israel Lodge of Instruction, are to the memory of the late Bro. Barney Barnato, Bro. Woolf Joel, Bro. Baron Ferdinand de Rothschild, and Bro. Dr. Cornelius Herz—the fact of the latter's connection with the Craft having been communicated to Bro. Harris by the widow, with some amount of pride.

The St. Cecilia Lodge will give a ball in the Town Hall, Rathmines, on 7th April, in aid of the Victoria Jubilee Masonic Annuity Fund. The ball will be under the patronage of the Duke and Duchess of Abercorn.

The power of the Master in his Lodge is absolute. No appeal lies from him to the Lodge, as he alone is responsible for its work.

### "A SPRIG OF ACACIA."

**I**N the presence of a large number of mourners, and with manifold tokens of the respect in which the deceased was held, the funeral of the late Bro. Arthur Stubbs took place on Saturday, at the Nottingham Church Cemetery. The deceased, whose state of health had for a long time given cause for considerable anxiety, died on Wednesday night, 15th inst., in his 59th year. He was in business as a yarn agent in Journal Chambers, Pelham Street, and although he never took any part in the public affairs of the city he was known in a special manner both in Nottingham and throughout the county, by reason of his prominent association with the Masonic body. After filling the Office of Assistant Secretary to the Province, he succeeded to the chief position as Provincial Grand Secretary in 1890, upon the retirement of Dr. Hatherley. The deceased had obtained the highest honours in connection with the Craft. Apart from the Provincial Grand rank, which he held with conspicuous ability, he was chosen last year as one of the Grand Lodge Officers of England, and at the time of his death held the position of Grand Standard Bearer. It may be a matter of interest also to recall that Bro. Stubbs was originally associated in a prominent degree with Masonry in Derbyshire. He was a Past Master of the St. Oswald Lodge, No. 850, which meets at Ashbourne; subsequently he became Prov.G.R. of Derbyshire, and later one of the Prov.G. Wardens of the Province. The obsequies were of a very simple character, in accordance with the wish which had been expressed by the deceased, who was a man of unostentatious demeanour. There was a very large gathering of Brethren at the grave side.

**T**HERE was an exceptionally large muster of Brethren at the funeral on Monday of Bro. H. J. Barter, of Plymouth, which took place at the cemetery in the afternoon. The deceased was for twenty years closely identified with Lodge 1247, and many of its members attended. The cortege consisted of twenty-three vehicles, fourteen of which, containing Freemasons, preceded the hearse. At the graveside, after a service conducted by Rev. J. S. Mathers (Unitarian), Bro. Lord read solemnly the impressive Masonic burial service, and each Mason filed past the grave and dropped therein a sprig of acacia. The coffin bore many beautiful wreaths, one of which was sent from the Liberal Club, another from the Lodge with which the late Bro. Barter was connected, and a third from the Masonic Dance Committee.

**T**HE Rev. Canon Edward Ferrier, M.A., of Castletown, died at his residence, on Tuesday, 14th inst., after a lingering illness. Our Rev. Brother was the first Chaplain of the Isle of Man Provincial Grand Lodge, and was very active in the important branch of charity work in connection with the Craft.

**O**N Saturday, 11th inst., the funeral of Bro. James Cutts, a well-known local Brother, took place at Anfield Cemetery, in the presence of a large number of friends. Bro. Cutts, who died the previous Wednesday, was a member of the Alliance Lodge, No. 667, and of the Mariners Chapter, No. 249. At the graveside was a large attendance of Brethren.

### DEATH.

CLARKE.—At St. Leonards-on-Sea, on the 22nd inst., John Wells Clarke, late of 248 Upper Street, Islington, aged 47 years.

## IDEAL FREEMASONRY.

Address given by Bro. D. J. Murray, Grand Chaplain, at the Anniversary Service of St. Augustine Lodge, No. 4 (N.Z.), 4th December 1898.

TO be invited to address a company like the present is no empty honour or shallow courtesy; to worthily address such a gathering of Brethren and their friends is no easy task. A Brother of less modesty than myself would shrink from it, and I frankly admit my inability to do justice to the Craft on this occasion. But the Brethren have called upon me, and a popular hymn has taught me that

"Where duty calls, or danger,  
Be never wanting there."

At an installation during the past week the installing Officer uttered a sentence that has lived with me ever since—"You have not done all when you are letter-perfect in your Ritual. You must live and act as true Masons should." It decided me as to the subject of my address, and reminded me of the remark of a late comer to an ordinary church service. "What! is it all done?" To which came the answer, "No; all is said—the doing has to begin!"

As a preacher, custom forces me to take a text, and I have selected one from the Epistle of James, i., 27—"Pure religion and undefiled before God and the Father in this, to visit the fatherless and widows in their affliction, and to keep himself unspotted from the world." I feel no difficulty or shame in paraphrasing this text—"True Freemasonry and perfect before God and men is this, to visit the fatherless and widows in their affliction, and to keep himself unspotted from the world."

There is a critical moment when every Brother has had to face the question—"What is Freemasonry?" And the answer has mechanically leaped to his lips—"A peculiar system of morality, veiled in allegory and illustrated by 'symbols.'" That is not all; that is not enough. It may do as a part of our Catechism, but we must go further in our conduct, even to the full terms of the words of the text. The apostolic author of my text was rich in that practical wisdom the Hebrew lore—the wisdom whose natural speech is the proverb and whose organ is a sort of transcendent common sense. He is pre-eminently the apostle of Christian duty in its homeliest aspects and everyday acts and functions. The men who made up his Church, which was indeed his world, were better in creed than in conduct; and what he said were the things they most needed to hear. He was the apostle of reality. An earnest worker himself, he was thoroughly alive to the importance of Christian activity. What a rubbing of eyes and a pricking up of ears there would be on the part of our drowsy church members if the Apostle James could visit New Zealand and stand in our pulpits and tell the churches what he had seen and heard, and what was needed to be done in this Christian colony! Of all the apostles I do not think that I would surrender my pulpit to any so willingly as to St. James. You cannot read his epistles and not feel that the writer was all aglow with the conviction that the churches were in imminent danger. He had an eye quick to see, and was always ready to reprove inconsistency. To him the worst quality was a life which contradicted the faith, making professions of right while leaving practice in the wrong. Like us, he held that the best thing for a man was not to say, but to do the truth—to love God by loving his brother man. Without this there could not be the truth of nature that most surely secured truth of speech. God is love, and so only he who dwelt in love could truly do and truly speak the truth of God. Other men might seem to be religious, but religious those alone where who—"Swift to hear," "Slow to speak"—lived as in the sight of God—benevolent, beneficent, blameless in the world. In this verse he gives us not so much a definition as a description of "pure and undefiled religion." And, my Brethren, all I have said of religion might be said with equal force and application to Freemasonry. What is required to complete and perfect the Christian and Mason alike are beneficence and blamelessness of heart and life. Both Christianity and Freemasonry aim at building up the character. They are both to be regarded as a growth, a development, a life. In Freemasonry proper there is, as far as I know, only that which serves to inculcate the principles of piety and virtue among all its genuine professors. And it is no idle boast that the solid foundation upon which Freemasonry rests is "the practice of every moral and social virtue," while it is admitted the world over, by all competent to judge and to speak, "that the distinguishing characteristic of a Freemason's heart is charity." Of this last there is abundant proof, and time would fail me to tell now of the history of Masonic benevolence and charity. But, should we be challenged on this point, may we not with a pardonable pride point to those noble educational and benevolent institutions in the Old Country (and which I trust will soon be copied here). May we not speak of the hundreds of thousands of pounds contributed and expended annually upon them? Nor need we be ashamed of the growth of

our own Colonial Grand Lodge Benevolent Fund—reaching, I believe, between £2,000 and £3,000. Can we not tell with a joy that trembles with delight and thankfulness of the homes made bright and happy—of the widows who are being cared for—and the children that have been educated and put on the high road to eminent and honourable positions through our instrumentality? So that without fear or blame or shame every true Freemason can say relatively—"When the ear heard me, then it blessed me, and when the eye saw me, it gave witness unto me. Because I delivered the poor that cried, and the fatherless, and him that had none to help him. The blessing of him that was ready to perish came upon me, and I caused the widow's heart to sing for joy."

The test of all personal religion and true Freemasonry may be found in our care for the weak and lonely. The subjects of our charity mentioned here are typical as well as special. One great question pressing upon this age of ours is "What shall the strong do for the weak?" And the G. A. O. T. U. has chosen for our notice widows and orphans. The most trying condition in this world is brought to our mind. A woman from whom has been taken the staff and stay of her life is one of the most pitiable objects of human sympathy. She has all the wounded feelings which any other mourner has, and yet is constrained to repress them. And a lonely mother with fatherless children, and the prospect of dubious self-support in the future, is not only a living appeal for assistance and succour, but a thorough and exhaustive type by which to teach the lesson that a true man's piety and a good Mason's charity must be tested by the care he accepts for others. But when is this duty of caring? That brings out the occasion—"In their affliction;" i. e., in the time and in the place of it. Our help should be given when our help is needed. I say "needed" because due care must be exercised to guard against indiscriminate on our own part and imposition on the part of others. Consider times of narrowness, of panic, of business depression as offering special occasion. Then the poor are poorer than ever, and yet then our own craven greedy human nature is most inclined to run to cover. We retrench because of close markets, but who feels close markets the most? When it seems as if we had nothing to spare, when all time of leisure is exhausted, when one's brain is heavy with overwork—then our first impulse is to draw aside from labour among the poor. But the slenderest philanthropy ought to be enough to show us that these are the very occasions above all others when the need is most pressing. The depression we feel a little the poor feel greatly. Remembering our own sense of need, let us on all occasions cheerfully embrace the opportunity of practising towards others that virtue which we profess to admire.

The measure of this obligation is perfectly clear. We have seen that our religion and our Freemasonry are to be tested by our feeling for the fatherless and widow, and the feeling is to be measured by the Fatherhood of God. And I would be willing, if challenged seriously, to put Christianity and Freemasonry to the proof on that! Where is the man who has ever been in philanthropic or humanitarian or Christian or Masonic effort a parent to the poor, with a fatherly care and patience and persistence, whose work can be measured by the fatherhood of the Father of Lights! This can only be done by practically observing the final clause of the text, and "to keep himself unspotted from the world." The good, the ideal Freemason must not only be benevolent, but blameless—"Unspotted from the world." Oh! how much that means!

I have heard Brethren speak sometimes disparagingly of Church goers and religious professors, because of real or supposed inconsistencies. Brethren, if we were judged of our Masonic profession by the same causes, should we not also be found wanting? Would there be found in us no self, no lust for office, no waiting for applause, no expectation of return? Has there been a constant absence of "mercenary or other unworthy motives?" Have there not been occasions when the cardinal virtues of Temperance, Fortitude, Prudence and Justice existed in tradition only? Have the distinguishing characteristics of a good Freemason—virtue, honour, mercy—always been found in our breasts? Have we not sometimes thought more of our creed than of our conduct, our regalia than of our responsibility? Have we at all times bent with humility and resignation to the will of T. G. A. O. T. U., and dedicated our hearts to His Glory and the welfare of our fellow mortals? Have we at all times felt that the stain of falsehood and dishonour has been more terrible than the terror of death?

Brethren, to this must the ideal Freemason come! To deny this is to say there is no spirit, no soul, no mission in Freemasonry. It is to say that all our beautiful system of truth and teaching is a lie, and our solemn ritual a meaningless formality and a wretched farce. But we know otherwise—Freemasonry is the most honourable society that ever existed. It is a noble and an ennobling system. It is a growth, a development, a life. Above its mystery and through its ritualism comes to every one ranged under its banners the still small voice—"Go, seek thy fallen

Brother, take him by the hand, lift him up, lead him through life, point him to the skies, make his life better and better to the end. Act justly, love mercy, walk humbly before God, visit the widow and the fatherless in their affliction, and keep thyself unspotted from the world."

May we all listen to that voice, and when we all heed it then shall Freemasonry and Freemasons become—what I have ever thought them to be—the envy and the hope of the world.—"The American Tyler."

### THE TRUE CRAFTSMAN.

THERE is in the human mind an irresistible desire to adopt some kind of system, follow a custom and emulate example. So apt are we in this respect that we involuntarily become attached to that from which we receive the first impression, and we thus learn to love and venerate old and familiar things. Who has not been moved by the pathetic song or story of "The Old Mill," "The Old Church" or "The Old Homestead," around which may cluster fond memories of days long gone by? And who, when in sweet communion with himself, has not found comfort and solace in recalling scenes enacted many, many years ago? Hence our veneration for the intellectual images we have set up, and our reverence for the quaint, though sometimes ungrammatical, language we use in our ceremony. In the earliest history of the human race we find a deep-seated desire to adopt forms and ceremonies intended either to please the eye, inform the mind, or teach the heart. Even among the heathen nations, as well as with the more enlightened Hebrews, ceremonies were both elaborate and important. Freemasonry may not have been understood, or practiced, or even known, prior to our knowledge of its existence in Great Britain, and, save for the satisfaction of the historian, what of it? But it is all important how it now is and how it should be, and how it now is practiced.

We can trace a clear, defined and unmistakable similarity, an unbroken chain, connecting the operative with the speculative Masonry.

The system, the tools and implements of our ancient Brethren have been symbolised by the speculative Freemasonry. Their quaint customs and language, so dear to every Masonic student, have been adopted by the Craft, and thus, from what was the perfection of an operative system useful as it was extensive, has arisen speculative or symbolic Masonry, which is to-day without a peer, the wonder and admiration of succeeding generations.

The work of our mystic rite, if performed in sincerity and truth, will last throughout eternal ages, because we build a moral structure, whose every stone must be hewn, squared and numbered, according to the cardinal virtues which underlie the indestructible foundations of the Craft. Knit together by the strong ties which unite those of the human race who believe in a progressive civilisation and the divine origin of mankind, we build a temple whose foundation is truth, whose corner-stone is charity, and on whose capstone is inscribed "Holiness to the Lord." The name "True Craftsman" can only be applied to a Master Mason, for in the symbolic Lodge can only be found the foundation and capstone of Masonry. All other degrees are innovations, invented and designed from time to time to suit the fancy of those desiring novelty and high-sounding titles. We might properly except the Royal Arch, which has been ruthlessly torn from the Master's degree, and which was and is and should be a part of it. The legends of Masonry, while attractive and instructive, are subordinate to the symbol. Indeed, the principal figure in the great legend of Freemasonry is itself a symbol of manhood seeking immortality. But we have an abiding faith in this great belief, which is of infinitely more importance to the Craft, that the "Mystic Temple," the spirit of Masonry, existed from the foundation of the world; the sacred altar, whose living fire, sustained by an unseen power, fed by unseen hands, burnt with unfading light and shed its effulgent rays around the very birth-place of the human race.

The "True Craftsman" will commune with himself, applying the square and plummet to his own conduct. He might follow the beaten path with some degree of success, but that will not suffice; he must do more. He must examine himself, and find not only the qualities that he should encourage and propagate, but also the evils that he should avoid.

He will weigh the actions of his fellows in the balance of equity, and judge from reason, rather than prejudice. He will avoid cynicism, that unmanly trait, so blasting in its influence, so subtle in its destructive work. For the cynic never finds the good, but is quick to discover that which may be a defect in the character of his brother. Religion to the cynic is hypocrisy; honesty, a pretence; virtue, simply want of opportunity; purity, a myth. The influence of such a nature is like the biting frost on a tender plant.

The "True Craftsman" will avoid him; he will avoid the tale-bearer who loveth and maketh a lie; he will not lend himself

to aught that will bring sorrow or wrong upon any member of the human race.

The "True Craftsman" will be quick to promote the good of others, as he does not possess a selfish nature, but cultivates a noble generosity, expelling all bitter, envenomed thoughts, whose deadly poison, like the burnished adder, would destroy the noblest work of God. He will cultivate a liberal, broad minded disposition. No sectarian dogma will circumscribe his development, no shallow knowledge or rudimentary religion retard his growth. He believes in the great truths of God and nature in their purest form. May his standard advance, his temples rise, until faith, justice, truth, charity, and fraternal love encompass with their benign influence the utmost ends of the universe.—John Stewart Past Grand Master N.Y., in the "Keystone."

### UPON THE LEVEL.

THE great Fraternity of Masons are said to meet upon the level, to be bound together by chains of "indissoluble affection," to practice charity and to be actuated in their dealings by a spirit of toleration, forbearance and Brotherly love. This is the profession. In the Lodge room it is claimed that all differences of race and opinion are forgotten. That Jew and Gentile, Baptist and Presbyterian, Episcopalian and Methodist are lost in the common "Brother." If this was actually the case the world would be better off, and Masonry would be as a city set upon a hill. But such is not always the case. Unfortunately we see many things that prove the mere profession of these holy principles, and not near so much possession as there should be.

In a Lodge not long ago, a certain well-qualified Brother was elected Master. Immediately two Brothers, who had been leaders at one time, and who happened to be on the side of the minority, asked to be dropped from the roll. Meeting upon the level? Acting with Brotherly love? Leaving the Fraternity because they could not have their way? Is that the tie that binds so closely? Theory should never be at variance with practice. He learns his lessons poorly who forgets out of the Lodge that he has obligations devolving upon him which his very living in the world demands that he fulfil. It is not enough to say to a hungry Brother go and be fed, and yet not tell him where to go or provide a means for feeding. The theory of this "Level" business is grand beyond the power of words to express, and if practice went hand in hand with theory, as it should, then would we all be happier and better.—"New York Dispatch."

### HONOURS TO THE DEAD.

DID it ever strike you, Brothers, that this part of our Masonic duty is being sadly neglected? Did it ever strike you that our funeral honours, as at present conducted, that is as regards numbers, is becoming a "hollow mockery"? Did it ever strike you that we are fast drifting into the ways of the world, and that the day is not far distant when only wealth, station or extreme popularity will insure enough to fill the stations in case of a funeral? Did it ever strike you that you are doing violence to your own conscience by making all sorts of trivial excuses for your absence at the funeral obsequies of a Brother? In short, did it ever strike you that you are violating your duty by not paying proper respect to the memory of our dead? Of course it has, and you never see your Lodge called for this purpose and you voluntarily absent yourself that your conscience does not upbraid you for it. There are times, we know, when it is impossible to attend to this sacred duty, but that those times should continually occur, and to ninety per cent. of the membership of a Lodge at the same time, we do not believe anything of the sort, and neither do you.—"Memphis Appeal."

Bro. Lewis H. Jackson, of Delaware, says the brightest and most impressive worker should confer the degrees, and that he should be Master. He "has seen the incongruity of a beardless youth, scarcely over twenty-one years of age, conferring the degree on a mature man of learning and refinement in such a manner that disgust was inevitable." Bro. Drummond, of Maine, says, "we were called upon to instal as Grand Chaplain a Brother of about double our age, of high standing as a man, and a minister, and the incongruity of the situation almost overcame us, and we think that it occurred to him also; at any rate, as we invested him with his jewel, in place of the charge, added only, 'we shall look to you to point to heaven, and lead the way,' he flashed upon us a look of half surprise, followed by a smile, for an instant, and then, as if appreciating the appeal made to him, the tears came to his eyes as he whispered, in a tone audible only to us, 'God helping me.'"



## HOLIDAY ARRANGEMENTS.

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## GREAT WESTERN RAILWAY.

**T**HIS Company issue ordinary as well as excursion tickets at their City and West End offices, at any of which places tickets can be obtained during the whole week preceding Easter. Tickets can also be obtained at Victoria (L. C. & D. Ry.), Clapham Junction, Chelsea, Battersea, Kensington (Addison Road), and the stations on the Hammersmith and City line.

The booking office at Paddington station will be open for the issue of tickets the whole day on the Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday before Easter.

Cheap tickets at special low fares and available on the forward journey on 30th, 31st March, 1st, 2nd or 3rd April, will be issued from London to Bath, Bristol, Minehead, Ilfracombe, Exeter, Plymouth, Falmouth, Penzance, Yeovil, Dorchester, Weymouth, and certain other stations in the South and West of England.

On Tuesday, 29th March, an excursion, allowing a fortnight, will be run to Killarney (via Cork); On Wednesday, 29th March, excursions, allowing a fortnight in Ireland, will be run to Waterford, Limerick, Killarney, Belfast, Armagh, Giant's Causeway, &c.

On Thursday, 30th March, an excursion for Weston-Super-Mare, Taunton, Minehead, Ilfracombe, Exeter, Plymouth, Bodmin, Penzance, &c., reaching Exeter in 5½ hours, and Plymouth in 7½ hours, will leave Paddington at 8.0 a.m. Excursions will also be run on the same day to Bristol, Yeovil, Weymouth, Oxford, Evesham, Worcester, Malvern, Birmingham, Shrewsbury, Aberystwyth, Barmouth, Llandudno, Carnarvon, Chester, Manchester, Liverpool, Cirencester, Gloucester, Cheltenham, Newport, Cardiff, Swansea, Carmarthen, New Milford, Cork, &c.

On Thursday, 30th March, a special boat express for Weymouth will leave Paddington at 8.50 a.m., and a special day-boat for Guernsey and Jersey will leave Weymouth at 2.0 p.m. Tickets will be issued at 2/6 return, available by this day-light service, or on 30th March, 1st and 3rd April, by the usual boat train leaving Paddington at 9.15 p.m., and the night boat leaving Weymouth at 2.15 a.m. The cheap tickets to the Channel Islands by the popular short-sea route, via Weymouth, will be available for 14 days.

On Good Friday and Easter Sunday, cheap trains will run to Reading, Oxford, and other riverside stations. On Saturday, 1st April, excursions will run to Gloucester, Cheltenham, Cardiff, Swansea, Bath, Bristol, Weston-Super-Mare, &c., and on Easter Monday, to Reading, Pangbourne, Goring, Bath, Bristol, Weston-Super-Mare, Gloucester, Cheltenham, &c.

On Tuesday, 4th April, a cheap half-day excursion will leave Paddington at 12.2 noon, for Banbury, Leamington, and Stratford-on-Avon.

In addition to these excursions, cheap trains will be run to London from most of the provincial towns, and between the principal centres of population.

On the Wednesday and Thursday before Easter most of the long distance trains will be duplicated.

On Good Friday the trains will be run as on Sundays, with the addition of the 5.30 a.m. Newspaper train, which will run as far as Plymouth and Swansea, calling at the usual intermediate stations, and connecting at Chippenham with a special train for the Weymouth line; and at Plymouth with the 2.25 p.m. thence to Penzance.

A special train will leave Paddington at 5.35 a.m. for Reading, Didcot, and Oxford, where it will connect with trains to the Worcester, Birmingham and Wolverhampton districts.

Cheap third class excursion tickets will be issued on Good Friday, Saturday, 1st April, Easter Sunday and Monday, by specified trains from Paddington, Kensington (Addison Road), Hammersmith, and certain stations on the Metropolitan, Metropolitan District and North London Railways, to Staines, Windsor, Taplow, Maidenhead, Henley and other popular riverside resorts. Week-end tickets will also be issued to the same stations on 30th, 31st March, 1st and 2nd April, available for return on the following Saturday, Sunday, Monday, or Tuesday.

Cheap week-end tickets will be issued on Thursday, 30th March, Good Friday, and Saturday, 1st April, to Winchester, Southampton, Bridport, Abbotsbury, Dorchester, Weymouth, Clevedon, Weston-Super-Mare, Dawlish, Teignmouth, Torquay, Dartmouth, Malvern, Church Stretton, Abingdon, Oxford, Leamington, Warwick, Stratford-on-Avon, Aberystwyth, Dolgellay, Barmouth, Rhyl, Llandudno, Bangor, Carnarvon, Holyhead, &c. These tickets are issued on Fridays and Saturdays throughout the year.

## MIDLAND RAILWAY.

**C**HEAP excursion trains will run from London on Tuesday, 28th March, to Londonderry, via Morecambe, by direct Steamer, returning within 16 days as per sailing bill; on Wednesday, 29th, to Dublin, Cork, Killarney, &c., via Morecambe and via Liverpool, returning any week-day within 16 days; on Wednesday, 29th, to Belfast, Londonderry, Portrush, &c., via Barrow and via Liverpool, available for returning any week-day within 16 days. On Thursday, 30th, cheap excursion trains will be run from London to Leicester, Nottingham, Newark, Lincoln, Birmingham, Burton, Derby, Manchester, Blackburn, Bolton, Rochdale, Oldham, Liverpool, Sheffield, Leeds, Bradford, Scarborough, Newcastle-on-Tyne, Barrow and the Furness and Lake District, Carlisle, &c., &c., returning the following Monday or Tuesday; and from London (St. Pancras) to Edinburgh, Glasgow, Greenock, Perth, Stirling, Aberdeen, Inverness, Nairn, Forres, Ballater, &c., returning Monday, 3rd April, or Friday, 7th April. Tickets will also be issued by the Scotch excursion at a single ordinary third class fare for the double journey, available for returning on any day within 16 days from the date of issue.

On Saturday night, 1st April, a cheap two days excursion train will be run to Sheffield, Leeds, Bradford, Manchester, Liverpool, &c.

On Easter Monday, 3rd April, cheap excursion trains will be run to St. Albans, Harpenden, and Luton.

Cheap week-end tickets will be issued on Thursday, Friday, and Saturday, 30th, 31st March, and 1st April, from London (St. Pancras) to the principal holiday and pleasure resorts, including the Peak District of Derbyshire, Morecambe, Yorkshire, the North East Coast, Scotland, and other parts, available for return on any day up to and including Tuesday, 4th April, except day of issue.

Cheap week-end and day excursion tickets will be issued to Southend-on-Sea during the Easter holidays, for particulars of which see special bills. Tickets for joining the trains at St. Pancras Station can be obtained on the two days previous to the running of the trains at the offices of the Company.

Cheap excursion trains for five or six days will also be run on Thursday, 30th, to London, from Carlisle, Bradford, Leeds, Sheffield, Liverpool,

Manchester, Blackburn, Bolton, Blackpool, Preston, Lincoln, Newark, &c., and from Birmingham, Wolverhampton, Walsall, &c. On Good Friday, 31st, from Bradford, Leeds, Sheffield, Blackburn, Bolton, Blackpool, Preston, Oldham, Manchester, &c., for two or four days, and from Burton, Derby, Nottingham, Birmingham, Leicester, &c., for one, four, or five days. Passengers will be booked by these trains at cheap fares to Brighton, and other South Coast Stations, and to the Continent; those for the Continent having the privilege of returning by any ordinary train within 16 days. Cheap three-days trips will also be run to London on Friday night, 31st, from Colne, Blackburn, Bolton, Blackpool, Preston, Rochdale, Oldham, Liverpool, Manchester, &c., and on Saturday, 1st April, from Liverpool, Manchester, &c., for three and five days.

On Easter-Monday, single day trips will be run from Manchester, Stockport, &c., Burton, Derby, Nottingham, Leicester, Northampton, Bedford, Luton, St. Albans, &c., and a one or two days' trip from Birmingham, and the South Stafford District.

To prevent inconvenience and crowding, the booking offices at St. Pancras and Moorgate Street stations will be open for the issue of tickets all day on Wednesday, Thursday, and Saturday, 29th, 30th March, and 1st April, and tickets to all principal stations on the Midland Railway will also be issued beforehand at any of their offices.

The tickets obtained at these offices will be available from St. Pancras station, and will be issued at the same fares as charged at that station, and dated to suit the convenience of passengers.

On Good-Friday the trains will run as appointed for Sundays, with the following exceptions:—The Newspaper express leaving St. Pancras at 5.15 a.m. will run to Bedford, Leicester, Nottingham, Derby, Sheffield, and Manchester. The 8.55 a.m. local train, Sheffield to Leeds, &c., will await the arrival of the Newspaper express at Sheffield. The night expresses will leave Glasgow at 9.30, and Edinburgh at 9.50 p.m. on Good Friday, and proceed from Carlisle at 12.22 and 12.40 a.m. respectively, on Saturday morning, 1st April, in the same way as they are run south of Carlisle on ordinary week-days, and the 12.23 a.m. Carlisle to London will not run on Saturday morning, 1st April. The 2.58 a.m. Carlisle to Stranraer, and 8.50 p.m. Stranraer to Carlisle, in connection with steamers to and from Ireland, will run on Good Friday, the same as on ordinary week-days. The steamers between Barrow and Belfast will sail on Good Friday in both directions. That from Barrow will await the arrival of the 5.0 p.m. train from Leeds.

On Easter Monday, 3rd April, certain booked trains will be discontinued, of which due notice will be given by special bills at the stations.

## GREAT NORTHERN RAILWAY.

**E**XCURSIONS will be run by this Company to the principal stations in Lincolnshire, Nottinghamshire, Staffordshire, Lancashire, Yorkshire, and North Eastern Districts, and to Scotland and other parts of the system. Full particulars may be had at the different stations, and receiving offices throughout the metropolis.

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on **THURSDAY, 30th MARCH,**  
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ON 30th March, 1st and 3rd April, Cheap Tickets, available for 14 days, will be issued to GUERNSEY and JERSEY at Paddington, Clapham Junction, Victoria (L.C. & D.), Battersea, Chelsea, West Brompton, Kensington (Addison Road), Uxbridge Road, Hammersmith, Shepherd's Bush and Westbourne Park. Return Fare 24s 6d, Third Class and After Cabin.

These Tickets will be available on 30th March by the SPECIAL BOAT EXPRESS leaving PADDINGTON at 8.50 a.m., and by the SPECIAL DAY BOAT leaving WEYMOUTH at 2.0 p.m., or on 30th March, 1st and 3rd April, by the usual Boat Train leaving PADDINGTON at 9.15 p.m. and the NIGHT BOAT leaving WEYMOUTH at 2.15 a.m.

On 27th March and following days, CHEAP THIRD CLASS RETURN TICKETS, available for use on the forward journey on either 30th, 31st March, 1st, 2nd or 3rd April, and for return after Good Friday to 5th April inclusive, will be issued at the above-named Stations to BATH, BRISTOL, Minehead, ILFRACOMBE, EXETER, PLYMOUTH, Falmouth, Penzance, Yeovil, Dorchester, WEYMOUTH, and other stations in the South and West of ENGLAND.

EXCURSIONS will leave PADDINGTON as under:—

TUESDAY, 28th March.—To Killarney (via Cork) for a fortnight or less.

WEDNESDAY, 29th March.—To WATERFORD, Clonmel, Tipperary, Limerick, Kilkenny, KILLARNEY (via Waterford), Belfast, Armagh, Enniskillen, Giants' Causeway, &c., for a fortnight or less.

THURSDAY, 30th March.—To Newbury, Devizes, to return 6th, 7th or 8th April; to GLOUCESTER, CHELTENHAM, &c., to return 3rd, 4th or 8th April; to Wells, YEovil, Bridport, Dorchester, WEYMOUTH, Minehead, to return 6th, 7th or 8th April; to Taunton, BARNSTAPLE, ILFRACOMBE, EXETER, Torquay, PLYMOUTH, Bodmin, Newquay, Falmouth, St. Ives, PENZANCE, &c., to return 3rd, 6th, 7th or 8th April; to Chipping Norton, Evesham, Worcester, Malvern, Hereford, BATH, BRISTOL, &c., to return 3rd or 4th April; to WESTON-SUPER-MARE, to return 3rd, 4th, 6th, 7th or 8th April; to Newport and CARDIFF, to return on 3rd or 8th April; to SWANSEA, Llanelli, Carmarthen, Tenby, NEW MILFORD, &c., to return 3rd, 4th or 8th April; to CORK, for a fortnight or less; to OXFORD, Leamington, BIRMINGHAM, Wolverhampton, Manchester, Chester, Birkenhead, Liverpool, &c., to return 3rd or 4th April; and to Shrewsbury, Hereford, Welshpool, Harlech, Aberystwyth, Llangollen, Barmouth, Llandudno, Bettws-y-Coed, Carnarvon, &c., to return 3rd, 4th or 8th April.

GOOD FRIDAY and EASTER SUNDAY.—To READING, Pangbourne, Cholsey, OXFORD, &c., to return same day. Oxford passengers can also return 3rd April.

SATURDAY, 1st April.—To BATH, BRISTOL, WESTON-SUPER-MARE, &c., to return 3rd or 4th April; to CHELTENHAM, GLOUCESTER, &c., to return 3rd, 4th or 8th April; and to Newport, CARDIFF, Swansea, &c., to return 3rd or 8th April.

EASTER MONDAY.—To READING, Newbury, Pangbourne, Goring, Wallingford, &c., to return same day; to Bath, BRISTOL, Weston-super-Mare, &c., to return same day or 4th April; and to CIRENCESTER, GLOUCESTER, CHELTENHAM, &c., to return same day or 5th, 6th or 8th April.

TUESDAY, 4th April.—HALF-DAY TRIP TO SHAKESPEARE'S COUNTRY.—For Banbury, Leamington and STRATFORD-ON-AVON.

CHEAP THIRD CLASS RETURN TICKETS will be issued by certain Trains on GOOD FRIDAY, SATURDAY, EASTER SUNDAY and MONDAY, to Staines 2/0, Windsor 2/6, Maidenhead 3/6, Henley 3/6, Goring 6/0, &c.

Pamphlets, Excursion, Ordinary and Cheap Tickets can be obtained at the Company's Stations, and the usual Receiving Offices.

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## MIDLAND RAILWAY. EASTER EXCURSIONS.

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### Ireland.

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### General Excursion.

Thursday, 30th March, to Principal Towns and Holiday Resorts in the Midland Counties, Lancashire, Yorkshire, the Lake District, and the North East Coast (for 5 or 6 days), also to all parts of Scotland (for 5, 9 or 16 days).

On Saturday night, 1st April, to Sheffield, Normanton, Leeds, Shipley, Bradford, Stockport, Manchester, Warrington and Liverpool, returning on the following Monday night.

### St. Albans, &c.

Easter Monday, 3rd April, to St. Albans, Harpenden and Luton, leaving St. Pancras at 10.10 and 11.20 a.m., and 1.5 p.m.

### Southend-on-Sea.

Cheap day and week-end tickets will be issued to Southend-on-Sea as per Special Bills.

### Cheap Week-end Tickets

will be issued on Thursday, Friday and Saturday, 30th, 31st March, and 1st April, from London (St. Pancras) to the Principal Holiday and Pleasure Resorts, including the Peak of Derbyshire, Morecambe, Yorkshire, the North East Coast, and Scotland, available for return on any day up to and including Tuesday, 4th April, except day of issue.

### Excursion Handbills,

Programmes of Week-end Excursions, and other Easter Notices, may be had on application to Mr. Elliott, Midland Railway, St. Pancras Station, also at any of the Company's Receiving Offices, or Thos. Cook and Son's Agencies.

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## ELECTION OF Grand Treasurer, 1900.

### CANDIDATURE OF Brother Harry Manfield.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE.

CHAIRMAN W. BRO. JOHN GLASS.

A meeting of this Committee will be held at Freemasons' Tavern, Great Queen Street, W.C., on Wednesday, 29th March next, at 6 o'clock p.m.

Brethren desirous of joining the Committee, and will allow their name to be added to the already influential list, will much oblige by communicating with the Hon. Secretary,

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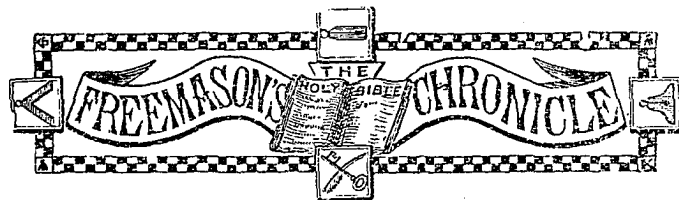
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The 111th ANNIVERSARY FESTIVAL  
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R. W. PROV. G. M. SOMERSET,  
IN THE CHAIR.

Brethren willing to act as Stewards are earnestly solicited to send in their names to the Secretary, as early as convenient. Stewards are much needed, and their services will be gratefully received.

F. R. W. HEDGES, Secretary.

Office—5 Freemasons' Hall, London, W.C.



SATURDAY, 25TH 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.

## BOARD OF BENEVOLENCE.

THE Board of Benevolence met on Wednesday evening, at Freemasons' Hall, London. Bro. J. H. Matthews President, occupied the chair, and Bros. D. D. Mercer Senior Vice-President and Henry Garrod Junior Vice-President, were in their respective places. Bros. E. Letchworth Grand Secretary, W. Lake Assistant Grand Secretary, W. Dodd, and Henry Sadler Grand Tyler, represented Grand Secretary's office.

Recommendations to the Grand Master at the February meeting of grants of over £20 and under £50 to the amount of £220 were confirmed, and out of a new list of forty-three cases, four were dismissed, and recommendations and grants to a total of £930 were made to the remainder, in two sums of £50 each, seven of £40 each, seven of £30 each, thirteen of £20 each, six of £10 each, and four of £5 each.

## GRAND CHAPTER OF SCOTLAND.

THE Annual Convocation of this body was held in the Freemasons' Hall, Edinburgh, on the 20th inst., the Deputy First Grand Principal Comp. G. C. Nisbet, W.S., in the chair. There was a large attendance, including General J. C. Smith Past Grand Master of Illinois, who was welcomed from the chair and made a brief speech in reply.

The Chairman declared all the offices vacant, and the meeting thereupon elected the Companions as nominated at last meeting, the Earl of Haddington being First Grand Principal, Lord Saltoun Past First Grand Principal, W. Iverson Macadam Depute First Grand Principal, William Black Second Grand Principal, W. Munro Denholm Third Grand Principal, R. S. Brown Grand Scibe E., Alexander Bruce Grand Scibe N., P. L. Henderson Grand Treasurer.

The retiring Depute First Grand Principal then installed those office-bearers who were in attendance.

The Companions thereafter adjourned to the Great Hall, where about eighty celebrated the Festival of the Vernal Equinox.

A meeting of the Committee working to secure the election of Bro. Harry Manfield as Grand Treasurer for 1900 will be held on Wednesday next, 29th inst., at Freemasons' Tavern, Great Queen Street, London, at 6 p.m., when it is hoped many additional names will be added to the already influential and numerous list of supporters.

## LODGE MEETINGS 'NEXT WEEK.

Fuller particulars as to place of meeting of the undermentioned Lodges are given in the Freemasons' Calendar and Pocket Book (published by Grand Lodge for the benefit of the Charity Fund).

### Monday.

4 Rl. Som. Ho. & Pness, F.M.H.  
26 Castle Harmony, Savoy Hotel  
28 Old King Arms, F.H.  
79 Pythagorean, Greenwich  
144 St. Luke, Anderton's  
183 Unity, Ship and Turtle  
222 St. Andrew, Albion  
706 Florence Nightingale, W'lw'ch.  
902 Burgoyne, Anderton's  
905 De Grey and Ripon, F.M.H.  
1540 Chaucer, Southwark  
1632 Stuart, Camberwell  
1744 Royal Savoy, Criterion  
1745 Farringdon (Without), Via. H'el  
1828 Shepherd's Bush, S'pherd's B'sh  
2396 Bishopsgate, Gt. Eastern Hotel  
43 St. Paul, Birmingham  
48 Industry, Gateshead  
61 Probity, Halifax  
62 Social, Manchester  
85 Faithful, Harleston  
89 Unanimity, Dukinfield  
102 Unanimity, North Walsham  
270 R. Faith & Friendship, Berkeley  
302 Hope, Bradford  
307 Prince Frederick, Hebden Bridge  
353 Royal Sussex, Winhill  
388 Prudence, Halesworth  
408 Three Graces, Haworth  
433 Hope, Brightlingsea  
467 Tudor, Oldham  
491 Royal Sussex, Jersey  
543 Cleveland, Stokesley  
557 Loyal Victoria, Callington  
607 Chicheley, Thrapston  
613 Unity, Southport  
699 Roscaewa, Chacewater  
737 Wentworth, Wellingboro'  
985 Alexandra, Sutton Bridge  
1008 Roy. St. Edmund's, Bury St. E.  
1110 Tyrian, Eastbourne  
1168 Benevolence, Sherbourne  
1177 Tenby, Tenby  
1218 Prince Alfred, Mossley  
1258 Kennard, Pontypool  
1272 Tregenna, St. Ives  
1280 Walden, Saffron Walden  
1286 Bayon, Market Rasen  
1312 St. Mary, Bocking  
1325 Stanley, Liverpool  
1486 Duncombe, Kingsbridge  
1542 Legiolium, Castleford  
1575 Clive, Drayton  
1600 Hamilton, Alford  
1688 Buxton, Buxton  
1741 Montgomerie, Diss  
1752 Ogmora, Bridgend  
1753 Obedience, Okehampton  
1757 King Henry VIII., Hemel Hemp.  
1895 Thames, Henley  
1977 Blackwater, Maldon  
1991 Agricola, York  
2042 Apollo, Liverpool  
2068 Portsmouth Temperance, L'dp't.  
2187 Adur, Hensfield  
2257 Powell, Bristol  
2279 Thornham, Thornham  
2363 Minnehaha Minstrel, M'chester.  
2429 Research, Leicester  
2547 Llangattock, Cardiff  
2553 Rufford, Nottingham  
2582 Lewisham, Smethwick

### Tuesday.

14 Tuscan, Freemasons'-hall  
46 Old Union, Ship and Turtle  
145 Prudent Brethren, F.M.H.  
165 Hon. & Gen'sity, Inns of Co.Ho.  
186 Industry, Freemasons'-hall  
205 Israel, Cannon Street Hotel  
259 Prince of Wales, Metropole  
1158 Southern Star, Southwark  
1348 Ebury, Criterion  
1441 Ivy, Camberwell  
2108 Empire, Criterion  
2424 St. Stephen, Lewisham  
126 Silent Temple, Burnley  
253 Tyrian, Derby  
293 King Friends, Nantwich  
299 Emulation, Dartford  
310 Union, Carlisle  
373 Socrates, Huntingdon  
378 Loyal Welsh, Pembroke Dock  
386 Unity, Wareham  
448 St. James, Halifax

472 F'ship & Sincerity, Shaftesbury  
506 Mundy Grove, Shipley Gate  
564 Stability, Stourbridge  
597 St. Cybi, Holyhead  
599 Sherwell, Banbury  
779 Ferrers & Ivanhoe, Ashby Z'ch  
855 Sympathy, Wotton-un.-Edge  
943 Sincerity, Norwich  
954 St. Aubyn, Devonport  
1016 Elkington, Birmingham  
1028 Royal Alfred, Alfreton  
1036 Bowyer, Chipping Norton  
1052 Callander, Manchester  
1067 R'y'l Forest Dean, N'h'm S'v'n.  
1256 Fidelity, Poulton-le-Fylde  
1266 Honour & Friendship, Blandford  
1353 Torbay, Paignton  
1390 Whitwell, Millon  
1395 Wey Side, Woking Station  
1447 St. Matthew, Bart'n-on-Humber  
1477 Sir Watkin, Mold  
1479 Halsey, St. Albans  
1522 Olicana, Ilkley  
1533 Loyalty, Marlboro'  
1536 United Military, Plumstead  
1566 Ellington, Maidenhead  
1587 St. Giles, Cheadle  
1609 Liverpool Dramatic, Liverpool  
1636 St. Cecilia, Brighton  
1650 Rose of Raby, Staindrop  
1675 Ancient Briton, Liverpool  
1678 Medway, Tonbridge  
1779 Ivanhoe, Sheffield  
1799 Arnold, Walton-on-Naze  
1834 Duke of Connaught, Landport  
1896 Audley, Newport, Salop  
1942 Minerva, Fenton  
2025 St. George, Plymouth  
2154 Joshua Nunn, Halstead  
2328 Albert Victor, York  
2339 Mistle, Manningtree  
2351 Ermine, Lincoln  
2358 Mona, Castletown  
2404 Lord Charles Beresford, Ch't'm.  
2405 Ionic, St. Helen's

### Wednesday.

822 Victoria Rifles, Freemasons'-hall  
898 Temperance in East, Poplar  
1768 Progress, Freemasons'-hall  
76 Economy, Winchester  
128 Prince Edwin, Bury  
163 Integrity, Manchester  
187 Rl. Sussex Hospitality, Bristol  
304 Philanthropic, Leeds  
321 Unity, Crewe  
372 Harmony, Budleigh Salterton  
387 Airedale, Shipley  
439 Scientific, Bingley  
461 Fortitude, Newton  
533 Eaton, Congleton  
540 Stuart, Bedford  
555 Fidelity, Framlingham  
606 Segontium, Caernarvon  
651 Brecknock, Brecon  
996 Sondes, East Dereham  
1024 St. Peter, Maldon  
1083 Townley Parker, Manchester  
1119 St. Bede, Jarrow  
1219 Strangeways, Manchester  
1283 Ryburn, Sowerby Bridge  
1520 Earl Shrewsbury, Cannock  
1543 Rosslyn, Dunmow  
1544 Mount Edgecumbe, Camborne  
1645 Colne Valley, Slaithwaite  
1714 Albert Edward, Yorktown  
1775 Leopold, Church  
1793 Sir Charles Bright, Teddington  
1808 Suffield, North Walsham  
1854 Weald of Kent, Tenterden  
1953 Prudence & Industry, Chard  
1989 Stirling, Cleator Moor  
2064 Smith Child, Tunstall  
2186 Striguil, Chepstow  
2571 Holmes, Newcastle-on-Tyne  
2583 St. Thomas, Tibshelf

### Thursday.

General Committee, Girls School,  
Freemasons' Hall, at 5.  
22 Neptune, Guildhall Tavern  
820 Lily Richmond, Inns of Ct. Ho.  
1524 Duke of Connaught, Anderton's  
2192 Highbury, Highbury  
2264 Chough, Cannon Street Hotel  
39 St. John Baptist, Exeter

111 Restoration, Darlington  
129 Union, Kendal  
324 Moira, Stalybridge  
361 Industry, Hyde  
449 Cecil, Hitchin  
450 Cornubian, Hayle  
456 Foresters, Uttoxeter  
469 Hundred of Elloe, Spalding  
475 Bed. St. John Bap., Luton  
590 La Cesaree, Jersey  
625 Devonshire, Glossop  
636 De Ogle, Morpeth  
707 St. Mary, Bridport  
761 St. John, Dursley  
772 Pilgrim, Glastonbury  
807 Cabbell, Norwich  
904 Phoenix, Rotherham  
966 St. Edward, Leek  
998 Welchpool, Welchpool  
1032 Townley Parker, Chorley  
1097 St. Michael, Tenbury

1151 St. Andrew, Tywardreath  
1166 Clarendon, Hyde  
1313 Fernor, Southport  
1322 Waverley, Ashton-under-Lyne  
1385 Gladsmuir, Barnet  
1519 Albert Edward, Clay'n-le-Moors  
1578 Merlin, Pontypridd  
1630 St. Michael, Coventry  
1884 Chine, Shanklin, Isle of Wight  
1957 Grove, Hazel Grove  
2269 Peace, Wigan  
2418 Hedworth, South Shields

### Saturday.

1388 Canynges, Bristol  
1466 Hova Ecclesia, Brighton  
1494 Felix, Hampton Court  
1550 Prudence, Plymouth  
2493 Vale of Eden, Appleby  
2499 North Kent, Bexley Heath  
2541 St. Andrew, Avonmouth

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## CRAFT: METROPOLITAN.

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## WESTBOURNE LODGE, No. 733.

THE first meeting after the installation at this popular Lodge took place on Thursday, 16th inst., when Bro. George Weaver Worshipful Master took the chair, and was supported by C. E. Lilley S.W., W. Busby J.W., J. Welford P.M. Treas., S. R. Walker P.M. Sec., H. H. Bagnall S.D., E. Thomas J.D., F. Beasley I.G., P. Wheeler A.D.C., R. B. Hopkins Org., C. Halston, G. Goddard Stewards, S. Ellis P.M. Tyler; Past Masters L. Ascott, T. W. Allen, J. W. Curtis, R. J. Rogers, A. Arrowsmith, W. Faircloth, W. M. Brown, C. T. Brown; and Bros. J. Woodford, Thomas Gale, Thomas Matthews, R. Gilling, J. Arle, E. Stevens, G. Butcher, N. Rolles, Phipps, White, Josephs, W. Recknell, W. Smith, and others.

There were several Visitors present.

The Lodge being formed, Bro. Walker Sec. read the minutes, which were confirmed. The W.M. opened the Lodge in the second degree, and Bros. W. Recknell and Josephs answered the questions leading to the higher degree. This being done to the satisfaction of the W.M. they were entrusted, the Lodge was opened in the third degree, and the two Brethren were raised to the sublime degree of M.M.

The W.M. resumed the Lodge to the first degree, and Bro. W. H. Smith being present answered the usual questions in a perfect manner. He was then regular passed to the degree of Fellow Craft.

The W.M. again resumed the Lodge to the first degree, when the ballot was taken for Mr. John White, which proved unanimous in his favour, and he had the privilege of being initiated into the mysteries of ancient Freemasonry. The W.M. would have willingly given the charge after the latter ceremony, but time did not permit.

Great compliment is due to the W.M. for having rendered the three ceremonies in such a perfect manner, especially as it was the first meeting since his installation.

The visitors tendered their congratulations, and the Lodge was closed, whereupon the Brethren adjourned to the banqueting room, where an excellent dinner was provided.

Later on the customary toasts were honoured, the speeches being interspersed with an excellent musical entertainment, and a most enjoyable evening was spent.

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## CRIPPLEGATE LODGE, No. 1613.

A MOST successful meeting of this Lodge took place on Thursday, 16th inst., at the Albion, Aldersgate Street, E.C., under the presidency of the popular W.M. Bro. Bernard Groner, who is to be congratulated on the altogether admirable manner in which he conducted the affairs of the Lodge on this occasion. He was well supported by the Officers, who contributed to the general effect by the perfect way in which they performed their part of the work. These included Bros. F. Page P.M. as I.P.M., F. W. Reddell S.W., Arthur Spiegel J.W., H. Stevenson P.M. Treas., W. Medwin P.M. P.Z. Sec., Saul Groner P.M. acting S.D., S. J. Groner P.M. acting J.D., A. J. Millington I.G., F. W. Rose D.C., H. Linwood Org., J. H. Wilson Stewd., T. Williams Tyler, while among others present were Past Masters Thomas Berg, J. Stallard, J. Westerby, G. P. Pointer, &c.; Bros. Percy A. Groner, Adolf Groner, Moritz Wurm, J. Curle, G. Freeman, F. Parkins, A. Flent, H. Tyrell, A. Woolf, D. Mossman, &c.

Amongst the Visitors we noticed Bros. S. D. Fells 193, F. Webster 1743, F. White J.W. 1471, W. Itter J.D. 2551, A. Wood P.M. 1185, W. Salman P.M. 171, R. Barnes P.M. 1261, W. Ferris, J. Wynman, &c.

The Lodge being formed the Secretary Bro. W. Medwin P.M. read the minutes of the last meeting, which were unanimously confirmed.

Bros. Percy A. Groner, Adolf Groner, Claud H. Jarrett, and Moritz Wurm (the two first named being sons of the Worshipful Master, who is the ruler of the Lodge for the second time) answered the questions without the slightest assistance, in a perfect manner, and in due course they were regularly passed to the degree of Fellow Craft.

The W.M. resumed the Lodge to the first degree, and Mr. David Mossman, who had been proposed on the previous meeting by Bro. Arthur Spiegel J.W., and seconded by Bro. Sigmund Groner P.M., as a candidate for initiation, was balloted for and unanimously accepted. He was then initiated into the mysteries of ancient Freemasonry.

Both the ceremonies were perfectly and impressively rendered, and we here congratulate the Brethren of the Cripple Gate Lodge on now having so perfect a worker and ruler as Bro. Bernard Groner as their Worshipful Master.

Other items of business were disposed of, hearty good wishes were rendered, and the W.M. proceeded to close the Lodge. The Brethren afterwards adjourned to the banquet table, where an enjoyable repast was partaken of.

At its conclusion the W.M. gave the usual Loyal toasts, which were duly honoured.

Bro. F. Page P.M., in the absence of the Immediate Past Master Bro. S. DaCosta Andrade, proposed the health of the W.M. It was a privilege and at the same time a great pleasure to do so, and he hoped the toast would be honoured with all the enthusiasm it deserved. They had the pleasure of being presided over by Bro. Groner as Worshipful Master for the second time. Not only had the W.M. had the pleasure of initiating his two brothers, but his two sons also, which was an honour seldom enjoyed by a Master in the Craft. He was sure the impressive manner in which the W.M. had initiated his sons at the previous meeting, and passed them that evening as Fellow Crafts, would be an everlasting memory to them. The working the Worshipful Master had done that evening was perfection, and it only remained for him to call upon the Brethren to give the W.M. that most hearty reception he so well deserved.

The toast was received with considerable enthusiasm, as was Bro. Barnard Groner the W.M. on rising. He thanked Bro. Page, the acting I.P.M., for his very kind remarks, and the Brethren for receiving the toast in so cordial a manner. He really could not find words sufficiently to express

himself for the cordiality shown him. He had been connected with the Lodge since its consecration, and as long as the Great Architect of the Universe gave him health and strength he would attend to his duties in it. That being the last meeting until September he asked the Brethren's attention to the Summer outing, and assured them he would do his very best to make it a great success. If they only said the word he would be content to carry it out to the best of his ability, a remark which was received with applause and hearty approval. The W.M. said he was standing as a Steward for the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls at the next Festival. He had been a Steward for the Boys School last year, and was supported to the extent of £150; he hoped the Brethren would give him the same support on the coming occasion. The Lodge had already voted £21 to his list, for which he heartily thanked them. Once again he sincerely thanked them all for their very kind reception.

The next toast the W.M. said was most important to the Cripple Gate Lodge, and that was the toast of the Initiate Bro. David Mossman, who was now one of the Cripple Gateians. By the strict attention he had paid to the ceremony he was sure he would make an excellent Brother. He was convinced he was a worthy man to be received amongst them, being proposed by Bro. A. Spiegel, and seconded by Bro. Sigmund Groner.

Bro. Mossman, replying, said he had long desired to join the old and ancient Craft, but he had been prevented. Now that he was a Brother amongst them he hoped to be with them for many years to come. He most sincerely thanked the Worshipful Master for his very kind remarks, and for having initiated him into the mysteries of the Craft; also Bro. Spiegel for having introduced him amongst them. The ceremony conferred upon him had impressed him very much, and he assured them he would never forget the Obligation, or what he had promised that day.

The W.M. proceeded by giving the toast of the Past Masters, saying they were not alone ornamental, but very useful to the Lodge. They were working Past Masters, as Bros. Saul Groner, and Sigmund Groner had given proof that evening; in fact, the Past Masters of the Lodge were always ready to render all the assistance that was required of them.

Bro. Saul Groner, in reply, said he was pleased to hear the kind remarks of the W.M. Concerning the Past Masters, not alone he, but all of them, would render any assistance that was required of them.

Bro. Sigmund Groner endorsed the speech of his brother, and also said he was always ready to respond to the call of the Worshipful Master, and was pleased to afford the little assistance he had been called upon to render that evening.

Bro. H. Stevenson P.M. Treasurer of the Lodge said the W.M. was perfectly right, the Past Masters were always most willing to give assistance whenever required. He had been connected with the Lodge for over twenty years as Treasurer, and now he felt he required a little rest, therefore, as there were several good Past Masters among them he desired to give them timely warning of his intention to resign the office of Treasurer, an announcement received with many expressions of dissent, our worthy Brother being very popular in the Lodge. Bro. Stevenson thanked the Brethren for their cordial expressions, and for the very kind manner in which they had received the toast of the Past Masters. He had very much pleasure in announcing that they had received that evening £51 8s 6d on behalf of the Girls School, making a total of £71 8s 6d thus far for the list of the Worshipful Master.

The next toast was that of the Visitors, the W.M. saying that any Brethren who might pay them a visit could rest assured that they would always receive a hearty welcome.

Bro. Barnes P.M. 1261 said he was fortunate in having been present on three or four occasions. The working he had witnessed that evening was again perfection, and a great credit to the W.M., as also to the Cripple Gate Lodge. The hospitality shown by the members was all that could be desired, and he sincerely thanked the Lodge on behalf of himself and the other visitors for their entertainment.

The W.M. now gave the toast of the Officers of the Lodge, referring to their different qualifications. He also called the attention of the younger members among them to the fact that there was an Instruction Lodge held in connection with their Lodge, every Wednesday, at 6.30 p.m., at the Kings Arms, Golden Lane, St. Luke's, and he strongly advised them to patronise it, as without attending Lodges of Instruction it would be very difficult to rise to a prominent position in any Lodge.

The Officers responded in suitable terms, in rotation, and the Tyler's toast closed a most happy and pleasant meeting.

During the evening an excellent programme of music was provided, the following artists adding greatly to the enjoyment with excellent songs: Miss Marion Lewis, Miss Amy Spencer, Mr. Jay Kay, Bros. Herbert Linwood, George Freeman, F. A. Hearn, and others. The whole of the musical arrangements were under the direction of Bro. Herbert Linwood Organist of the Lodge.

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## JUBILEE MASTERS LODGE, No. 2712.

FRIDAY, 17th inst.—“St. Patrick's Day in the evening”—witnessed the first anniversary of this Lodge, which was celebrated at the Hotel Cecil with considerable success. This Lodge is unique of its kind, because only Masters and Past Masters can become members of it, and though various Lodges are invited to rehearse the three degrees for the instruction and edification of the Brethren at the quarterly meetings, yet the only ceremony to be regularly performed is that of the Master's Installation.

Another peculiarity is that of following the practice of Grand Lodge in the appointment of the Officers. The Brethren invested for the year give place to an entirely new set at the annual festival, and these Officers are selected by the Permanent Committee in accordance with the services they have rendered to the Craft.

The handsome Lodge room was well filled when Bro. Alderman W. Vaughan Morgan, the retiring Master, took the chair, being supported by his Officers, viz., Bros. J. R. Cleave S.W., W. S. Hooper J.W., J. D. Langton Secretary, Imre Kiralfy S.D., J. A. Harrison J.D., and H. T. Brickwell I.G.

In addition to a full muster of the members the following Visitors were present: George English P.M. 901, David Jones W.M. 1586, H. T. Meadows P.M. 1571, Harry H. Jones P.M. Treasurer 1586, James H. Perown P.M. 933, G. Herbert Burns S.W. 1687, O. L. Tuckey W.M. 1694, F. T. Pain W.M. 22, R. L. Bonham J.W. 21, W. F. Jackie P.M. 1511, F. W. Miller S.W. 441, W. S. Bunting W.M. 2318, Alfred Beavis 1599, Rev. T. H. Russell Chap. 2408, W. S. Phillips 1761, R. H. Wynn 862, A. Eades I.P.M. 2332, C. Webster W.M. 2663, B. J. Jacob P.P.G.D. Middx., Robert Coombes P.M. Treasurer 12, J. Brockett Sorrell P.M. Treasurer 1260, T. G. Doughty I.P.M. 1287, Col. Wyndham Hart P.M. 49, J. Ray Lancaster 21, W. W. Lee P.M. 2381, J. S. Lovett P.M. 709, T. E. Hanson 2, J. C. Osterstock P.M. 1183, A. A. Foley W.M. 2417, J. W. Callon P.M. 777, G. E. Saunder P.W. 1920, A. H. Waller 2648, Thos. Hy. Gardiner P.A.G.D.C., A. J. R. Trendell P.A.G.D.C., W. Lake

A.G.S., Hy. Tipper P.A.G.P., J. H. Dimsdale I.P.M. 2581, A. J. Thomas P.M. 91, D. S. Woolf 185, T. Simpson W.M. 2648, C. J. Smith I.P.M. 2648, Orlton Cooper P.M. 211, &c.

Letters of apology for absence were sent by several Grand Lodge Officers, including Bros. Letchworth, Brownrigg, Richardson, Matier, Freeman, Thomas, and Sir Joseph Dimsdale, and many other Brethren.

The Lodge was formally opened by the Worshipful Master, when the minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed. The ballot was then taken for Bro. William Biggs W.M. of No. 45, as a joining member, which proved unanimous.

The Permanent Committee then presented their report, dealing with the finances and other business of the Lodge, which was received, and ordered to be entered on the minutes.

Bro. J. R. Cleave then proposed the formation of a Benevolent Association in connection with the Lodge, and submitted the details of a most excellent scheme whereby in two years every member of the Lodge could become a Life Subscriber or a Life Governor to either of the Masonic Charities. This was seconded by Bro. Kiralfy and adopted without discussion by the Brethren.

The Lodge was opened in the second degree, when Bro. J. D. Langton W.M.-elect was presented by Bro. H. Thomson Lyon, to receive at the hands of his predecessor the benefit of installation. The ceremony was carried out in all its details by Bro. Vaughan Morgan, thought Bro. Langton introduced a novelty by repeating both the obligations without dictation.

After being placed in the chair the new Master was proclaimed and saluted in the usual manner. Having invested Bro. Morgan as I.P.M., Bro. Langton appointed the following Officers for the year: Dr. Frederick Lawrance P.A.G.D.C. S.W., George Scott Miller J.W., C. O. Burgess P.G.S.W. Berks. and P.P.G.D. Surrey Treasurer, Major Eustace Anderson Secretary, Harry Nicholls S.D., William Briant J.D., J. Tollworthy I.G., H. Thomson Lyon D.C., L. F. Everest, T. Nixon Morris, J. A. Shelton and G. Pidduck Stewards, and D. Potter Tyler. The customary addresses were delivered by Bro. Vaughan Morgan.

Several names of intending joining members were submitted for ballot at the next meeting, and the resignation of one Brother was accepted with regret.

The W.M. then rose and said that a very pleasing duty now devolved upon him, which he undertook with a great amount of satisfaction, and that was to present, in the name and on behalf of the Brethren, the first Past Master's jewel to his predecessor in the chair. It was a great thing for the Jubilee Masters Lodge to have so distinguished a Mason as Alderman Vaughan Morgan for its first Master, and the members deeply thanked him for the assistance he had rendered in promoting the foundation of the Lodge, and for presiding over them during the first year of its existence. In pinning the jewel to his Past Master's collar he trusted that Bro. Morgan might long live to wear it, and be present with them in the Lodge.

The I.P.M., in expressing his thanks for the very handsome jewel, said that it was a mark of the esteem and affection of the Brethren, and he should ever regard and consider it as such. He was very proud of being their first Master, and he hoped, indeed he was sure, that the Lodge would have a prosperous career, and be useful in promoting good work for the Craft.

This concluding the business of the evening, Bro. Langton received the congratulations of those present, and the Lodge was closed with the invocation of the I.P.M.

The installation banquet was served in the Grand Hall, at which Bro. Langton presided, and the company numbered about a hundred and twenty. At its termination the customary Loyal and Masonic toasts were submitted from the chair and received with enthusiasm.

Bro. Thomas H. Gardiner P.G.A.D.C. responded for the Officers of Grand Lodge.

In acknowledging the toast of the Worshipful Master, proposed in highly complimentary terms by Bro. Vaughan Morgan, Bro. Langton said he was much obliged and grateful to the Brethren for electing him to preside over them. With their assistance he fully intended to maintain the reputation of the Lodge, which was unique in Freemasonry; and when he passed on the gavel to his successor he was sure it would have lost nothing at his hands.

Bros. T. E. Hanson, Colonel Wyndham Hart, Rev. C. J. Smith and T. H. Russell responded for the Visitors.

The I.P.M. and other Officers were duly recognised, and the proceedings were brought to a pleasant termination at a late hour by the Tyler's toast.

The speeches during the evening were interspersed with an excellent entertainment provided by Bro. James Kift, those appearing being Bros. Capper (whistling solo), Arthur Smith (post horn), Fred Russell (ventriloquist), Harry Tipper (silver bells), Fred Upton (recitations), and songs by Bros. Franklyn Clive, Walter Tilbury, and Mr. Maxwell.

## PROVINCIAL.

### LODGE OF FAITH, No. 581.

THE regular meeting was held at the Bradford Hotel, Bradford, Manchester, on Wednesday, 15th inst., Brother Chas. H. Griffiths Worshipful Master. The proceedings commenced at a very early hour. There was a good attendance.

After the reading and confirmation of minutes, a successful ballot was taken for Mr. Stephen Ramsbottom, Leather Merchant, Bradford, he being afterwards initiated into the mysteries and privileges of Ancient Freemasonry by the W.M., assisted by Bro. S. Andrew J.W., who presented and explained the working tools to the candidate.

Bros. Chas. Albert Toyn, Henry Bailey, and John Lawton were raised to the sublime degree of M.M., the first by Bro. J. H. Smith P.M., the second by the Worshipful Master, and the latter by Bro. William Jones P.M. Bro. Dr. E. E. Jones S.W. presented and explained the working tools of this degree.

The usual festive board followed these proceedings, Loyal and Masonic toasts being varied by songs, recitations, &c., the contributors being Bros. Griffiths W.M., Matthew Goth J.D., A. Mellor, John Lawton, Geo. Thompson 2185, and others.

During the evening the W.M. proposed the health of the candidates, who responded, and also of Bro. Thomas Tyers P.M. P.P.G.S.B., saying of the latter that in a few months he would have completed his fortieth year as Past Master of the Lodge of Faith.

Bro. Tyers, in replying to the very well-chosen remarks of Bro. Griffiths, explained that he was a founder of the Lodge, and also one of the seven Brethren who had formed the Lodge of Instruction now being successfully held at the Old Boar's Head Hotel, Manchester, and which had produced

more effective Masters than any institution of its kind in the kingdom. Bro. Tyers also reverted to the recent Provincial honours which had been bestowed upon him, and exhorted his younger Brethren to labour on in the cause of Freemasonry, for they might rest assured that their efforts would not go unrewarded.

Other toasts followed.

### ST. JOHN LODGE, No. 1343.

WE were pleased to see Bro. Joseph Weymouth W.M., once more restored to health after his long and severe illness, presiding at the meeting of this Lodge held on Wednesday, at the Queen's Hotel, Grays. Bro. Weymouth was assisted by Bros. G. H. Silverwood S.W., Asplin J.W., R. Atkins S.D., J. Walker J.D., H. Chalvey I.G., H. C. Borradaile P.P.G.Std.B. Sec., Charles Westwood P.P.G.D.C. Treas., F. W. Pelling Prov. G.J.D., C. Rigby, J. W. Banford, H. T. Tosler, H. W. P. Hunt, J. W. S. Burke, Jas. Melvin, H. H. Slater, P. W. Wilson.

The Visitors included Bros. A. E. Lockhart 483, Chas. Cobham P.P.G. S. of W. Durham, Geo. H. Buckeridge 34 (N.Z.), W. Harding P.M. 2168.

The Lodge was formally opened, when the minutes were read and confirmed. The ballot was then taken for Messrs. Anthony Frewster Blake, Frederick Noakes, and William Mitchell, and proved unanimous.

The Lodge was next advanced to the third degree, when Bros. S. H. Snell and H. T. Bisher, having proved their proficiency, were raised to the sublime degree, were invested, and took their seats in the Lodge as Master Masons. The ceremony was deliberately and impressively rendered by Bro. Weymouth, who then resigned the chair to Bro. Westwood, who proceeded to pass Bro. C. H. Seabrooke to the degree of a Fellow Craft. This ceremony was also perfectly rendered, and proved that Bro. Westwood had lost none of his former lustre.

The chair was next assumed by Bro. Pelling, who initiated Messrs. Blake, Noakes and Mitchell into the mysteries and privileges of the Order, in a masterly manner. This division of the work was much appreciated by the Brethren, and made the proceedings more interesting to those present. Bro. Weymouth then resumed the chair.

Relief from the Lodge Benevolent Fund was granted to the widow and family of a deceased Past Master of the Lodge.

A vote of thanks, together with a Past Master's jewel and collar, were accorded to Bro. Weymouth, for his able conduct in the chair during his year of office, and general service to the Lodge.

The Brethren then proceeded to elect a Master for the ensuing year, and the choice of the Lodge fell unanimously upon Bro. G. H. Silverwood, who briefly returned his thanks for the honour conferred upon him.

Bro. Charles Westwood was re-elected Treasurer, and Bro. George Martin was re-appointed Tyler of the Lodge. An Audit Committee was appointed to prepare the annual balance sheet, and there being no further business the W.M. received the hearty good wishes of the Brethren, and the Lodge was closed with prayer and hymn.

The Brethren subsequently dined together, and a pleasant evening was spent.

### PRINCE LEOPOLD LODGE, No. 1588.

THE twenty-fourth annual meeting and festival of St. John of Jerusalem took place at the Angel Hotel, Stretford, on Wednesday, 8th inst., Brother R. H. Ibbotson Worshipful Master, the function being held in the room where the Lodge was originally consecrated. According to announcement on the summons, business commenced shortly after noon, three ceremonies being due, namely two initiations and a passing, but only two of these were taken.

The minutes having been read and confirmed, Mr. Alfred Lucas, Builder, Moss Side, Manchester, was successfully balloted for and afterwards initiated into the mysteries and privileges of Ancient Freemasonry by the W.M., assisted by Brother F. G. Floyd J.W., who presented and explained the working tools.

Bro. J. Edge was then passed to the degree of F.C. by Bro. C. Cooper P.M., the working tools in this instance being explained by Bro. Walter Edward Harrison S.W. Worshipful Master-elect.

The next, and perhaps most important business of the day was that of installing Brother Harrison S.W. into the chair of K.S., the ceremony being undertaken by Bro. W. Cole P.M. P.P.G.Org., assisted by the retiring Master, Past Masters William Boden Treasurer, and C. Cooper P.P.G.P. The various portions of the ceremonial were efficiently performed, and during the evening received very high encomiums from several visitors.

The following is a list of Officers appointed and invested for the ensuing financial year: Bros. F. G. Floyd S.W., Tinker J.W., William Boden P.M. Treasurer, Hy. Crosby P.M. P.P.G.P. Secretary, J. McEvoy S.D., Thos. Nunwick J.D., W. Cole P.M. P.P.G.Org. Dir. of Cers., Chas. Pepper P.M. Org., Burdon I.G., Council. Hesketh Chaplain, G. McEvoy, Symes, and Maynard Stewards, W. Amery P.M. Charity Representative.

A very recherché banquet followed, and during its progress the usual Loyal and Masonic toasts were submitted and very heartily responded to, that of the Worshipful Master being proposed by Bro. G. Bell P.M., to which Bro. Harrison W.M. responded in a very neat and effective speech.

The latter afterwards proposed the health of the retiring Master, explaining in the course of his remarks that he had been deputed by the Brethren of the Lodge to present a very handsome Past Master's jewel to his predecessor. It bore the following inscription:—

Presented

by the Brethren of the Prince Leopold Lodge, No. 1588, to

BRO. R. H. IBBOTSON P.M.,

in appreciation of his services rendered as W.M. during his year of office, 1898-9.

Bro. Ibbotson, in responding, thanked the Brethren for their beautiful gift, and further said that he could not possibly have spent a more enjoyable year than that of his Mastership. It had been pleasant in every way, and the Officers had not only worked amicably together, but had been perfect in their duties. Personally he had tried to do his best in his onerous position, and hoped he had added to its dignity. He had not the slightest fear with regard to the traditions of the Lodge, knowing that in being handed down to Brother Harrison they were in the keeping of a very worthy successor.

Several members and visitors contributed to the harmony of the evening by songs, recitations, &c., among others being Bros. Hesketh, Nunwick, Pepper, Owles, &c.

The following distinguished visitors were present, viz., Bros. John Mann Crone W.M. 1375, Ogden Stanley 1325, Herbert A. Owles P.M. 163, Done

W.M. 1496, Jones P.M. 2688 P.P.G.Std.Br., Unsworth P.M. 2331, Norton 1219, Jeffrey, Cade, &c.

We must not omit mentioning the fact that at the close of the proceedings, Bro. Boden P.M. congratulated Bro. Seddon, host of the Hotel, on his very excellent catering. Bro. Boden said it was the general wish of the Brethren that he should perform this pleasant duty on their behalf, and thus testify to the general courtesy and efficiency of Bro. Seddon's staff. Bro. Seddon made a suitable response.

#### URMSTON LODGE, No. 1730.

THE regular meeting was held at the Victoria Hotel, Urmston, on Monday, 13th inst., the principal business being that of passing Bros. R. L. Hattersley and J. C. Ratcliffe to the degree of F.C., the ceremonies being performed by Bro. James Shaw Whitley Worshipful Master.

A proposition of Bro. J. Slyman, J.P., P.P.G.S.D. Charity Representative, that the sum of £20 be voted by the Lodge as a donation to the late Lord Lathom Memorial Fund, was deferred.

The usual festive board followed these proceedings, and a very pleasant evening was spent.

#### ALBERT VICTOR LODGE, No. 1773.

THE regular meeting was held at the Town Hall, Pendleton, on Friday, 17th inst., Bro. Wm. Thos. Blease W.M.

After the reading and confirmation of minutes, Bro. George Agnew Main, Physician and Surgeon, Prince Alfred Lodge, No. 1218, was successfully balloted for as a joining member. Bros. Chas. Joshua Bower and William Statham were then raised to the sublime degree of M.M., the first ceremony being undertaken by Bro. Wm. Lambert I.P.M. Secretary, and the latter by the W.M.

Following Lodge work was the festive board, Loyal and Masonic toasts being pleasantly varied by songs, recitations, &c.

#### DUKE OF YORK LODGE, No. 2449.

THE annual meeting and festival of St. John in connection with the above Lodge took place at the Albion Hotel, Manchester, on Thursday, 9th inst.

In the absence of the Worshipful Master, Lodge was opened by a Past Master, and the minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed.

Bro. W. T. Schofield P.M. P.P.G.J.D. then took the principal chair, and, with the assistance of Past Masters Simon Mamelok Prov. G.J.D., Clement John Hall, and William Boden, duly installed Bro. A. G. Bryce S.W. as Master of the Lodge. Subjoined is a list of Officers appointed for the ensuing financial year: Bros. S. Mamelok P.M. 1798 P.G.J.D. S.W., J. T. Whittle J.W., T. Hy. Stott Chaplain, R. H. Whatham Treasurer, Fred Warburton P.M. Secretary, S. Kew S.D., A. Sutcliffe J.D., W. T. Schofield P.M. P.P.G.J.D. Dir. of Cers., J. H. Crowther I.G., W. Simpson, W. Greenhalgh, G. Sawyer Stewards, Wm. Boden P.M. Charity Representative.

The festival of St. John was held in the large room of the Hotel, and was a successful function, Loyal and Masonic toasts being agreeably interspersed by songs, &c., rendered by the Abbey Quartette, consisting of Bros. Nelson Stokes, Cuthbert Blacow, W. T. Haworth, and J. W. Maltby. Bro. Stott, whose humour is always irresistible, sang several songs. Bro. Bridge Hopkinson P.M. 1140 993 was the accompanist.

Besides those mentioned above there were present: Bros. Capt. Clement R. N. Beswicke-Royds Deputy Prov. Grand Master, James Newton P.M. 37 Prov. Grand Secretary, Rev. J. O. Jelly P.M. 277 P.P.G.C., W. Morecroft P.M. 1317 D.C., L. H. Keay W.M. 1219, and many others.

#### INSTRUCTION.

#### CONFIDENCE LODGE, No. 193.

AT the Bunch of Grapes, Lime Street, on Wednesday, at 7 p.m., Bros. Samuel Vale W.M., G. Bushell S.W., J. W. Simeons J.W., J. K. Pitt P.M. Sec., T. A. Stenner P.M. Acting Preceptor, W. H. Lathom S.D., M. Baillie J.D., W. Houghton I.G., W. Hattersley, W. J. Henry, Elvin, and others.

The Lodge was opened in the three degrees, and the ceremony of raising was rehearsed, Bro. Hattersley candidate. The W.M. gave the traditional history. Bro. Stenner P.M. afterwards gave the addresses to the Brethren and Officers in the installation ceremony.

Bro. Bushell was elected to the chair for next Wednesday.

#### WELLINGTON LODGE, No. 548.

THIS Lodge, which is under the able preceptorship of Bro. J. G. Milbourne, met on Monday, at the New Cross House, New Cross Road, S.E., with Bros. F. T. Adams Secretary of the Lodge as W.M., T. J. Peckham S.W., E. Wilmott J.W., J. G. Milbourne P.M. Prec., W. Riminton P.M., F. Hancock P.M. Treas., H. W. Wybourn P.M., E. W. Hattersich P.M. acting Sec., J. Hewison S.D., J. Laxson J.D., W. J. Harris I.G., A. Martin, W. Neill, J. Wynman, J. O. Welch.

The ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, Bro. Neill acting as candidate. This ceremony being ended, Bro. A. Martin answered the questions, and was entrusted. The W.M. advanced the Lodge to the second degree, and the ceremony of passing was rehearsed. Both the ceremonies gave great satisfaction, and credit is due to Bro. Adams for having rehearsed them in so faultless a manner. Bro. Milbourne Preceptor worked the second section of the lecture. The W.M. resumed the Lodge to the first degree.

Bro. Peckham W.M.-elect 1423 will preside at the meeting after Monday next, which is Preceptor's night.

#### STAR LODGE, No. 1275.

A VERY good meeting was held on Saturday, at the New Cross House, New Cross Road, S.E., with Bros. C. M. Morris W.M., H. Peirce S.W., G. Barton J.W., J. Frances P.M. acting Prec., Ellinger acting Sec., L. J. D. Whalley S.D., R. Carey J.D., Bidgood I.G., J. P. Newsham W.M. 2346, Smith, Collings, Ward, Stone, Loney, Tamms, Dryher, W. Penrose P.M. 147

Preceptor of Temperance Lodge; John Radford, St. John's Lodge, No. 4, Winnipeg, Canada; George Malthouse, Victoria Kilwinning Lodge, No. 93, Melbourne, Australia; Reed, Walford, Wynman, and others.

The Lodge was opened to the second degree, and the W.M. announced his intention of rehearsing the third ceremony, for which Bro. J. P. Newsham W.M. 2346 kindly offered himself a candidate. Having answered the usual questions he was entrusted, the Lodge was advanced to the third degree, and the ceremony of raising was rehearsed, including the traditional history. The Lodge was called off. On resuming, the W.M. was saluted in the three degrees.

Bros. Radford and Malthouse were elected members, which compliment was acknowledged by those Brethren.

Bro. H. Peirce was elected W.M. for to-day, Saturday.

The Star Lodge meets every Saturday, at the above address, at 7 o'clock, and is under the Preceptorship of Bro. Walter Martin P.M. Past A.G.P.

#### WOODROW LODGE, No. 1708.

ON Monday afternoon, at 3 o'clock, at Bro. Rudderforth's (Stone's) Restaurant, Pantons Street, Haymarket, W., Bros. D. W. Kyd W.M., J. E. Culverhouse S.W., R. Cawley J.W., C. Woodrow P.M. Prec., C. Wetton P.M. Dep. Prec., J. W. Simeons Sec., H. T. Rose S.D., W. Speller J.D., J. Cunningham I.G., E. Berry, N. Weston, P. Amato, J. Wynman, S. Firminger, W. Morant.

The Lodge was opened in the three degrees, and then resumed to the first. The W.M. rehearsed the ceremony of initiation, Bro. N. Weston acting as the candidate. The W.M. vacated the chair in favour of Bro. Simeons Secretary of the Lodge, Bro. Weston answered the questions, the Lodge was opened in the second degree, and the ceremony of passing was gone through. We were exceedingly pleased to hear the ceremony so perfectly rendered, being the first time we had the pleasure of seeing Bro. Simeons in the chair of K.S. Also Bro. Weston, who rehearsed the ceremony of initiation for the first time in this Lodge, deserves great compliment for the perfect manner in which he rendered it. Bro. Weston having resumed the chair, Bro. Woodrow called the attention of the Brethren to the fact, and proposed that a hearty vote of thanks be passed and recorded on the minutes to Bro. Weston. Bro. C. Wetton P.M. had very much pleasure in seconding this, which was carried unanimously.

Bro. E. L. Berry was elected a member, and Bro. Culverhouse W.M. for Monday next.

#### CHISWICK LODGE, No. 2012.

AT the Windor Castle Hotel, Hammersmith, on the 11th inst., Bros. John H. Cumming P.M. W.M., R. Woolfers S.W., W. T. Ridgway J.W., W. Hillier P.M. Acting Preceptor, F. Crags P.M. Treasurer, R. Josey P.M. Secretary, W. Atkinson S.D., F. M. Wilkins J.D., H. J. Cousens I.G., W. Hide P.M., H. Bone, R. Reid, Anthony jun., J. Knight, and several others.

The ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, Bro. H. Bone acting as candidate. Lodge was called off and on, and then opened in the second and third degrees. The first section of the third lecture was worked by Bro. Knight, the questions being put by Bro. Hillier P.M. The M.M. Lodge was closed, and resumed to the first degree.

Bro. Woolfers was unanimously elected to occupy the chair at the next meeting, and Bro. C. B. Wood was elected a member.

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INVICTA CHAPTER, No. 709.

A CONVOCAION of this Chapter was held on the 18th inst., at Ashford, Kent, when Comps. C. A. P. Osbourne, Charles Loud, and William Daws were installed in the chairs of Z., H. and J. respectively. The ceremony was admirably carried out by Comp. B. Suell P.Z. 709.

The other Officers invested were Comps. F. Hughes-Hallett P.Z. P.Prov.G.S.N. Scribe E., Robert Elliott P.Z. Treasurer, Edmund Pawlett Scribe N., C. F. Hughes-Hallett P.S., Bernard G. Drake 1st A.S., J. M. A. Poncia 2nd A.S., and John Cooke Janitor.

The Companions subsequently dined together at the Kent Arms Hotel, and the customary congratulatory and complimentary speeches were delivered.

## ENTERTAINMENT NOTES.

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Comedy.—They who have read Mrs. Burnett's novel, "A Lady of Quality," will not be surprised to find that the dramatic episodes therein depicted have been transferred to the stage. This has been effected by Mr. Stephen Townsend, and a very excellent play is the result, although a little compression would be beneficial. The story is followed with due regard to effect, and thus in the first act we see the young hoyden Clorinda Wildairs, attired in breeches and drinking with the men, suddenly awakened by love to maidenly propriety. In the second act she begins to reap the whirlwind, by the discovery of her lover's treachery, and in despair accepts the offer of the Earl of Dunstanwold. Acts 3 and 4, which might be united, show her widowed, but still pursued by the ruined rake Sir John Oxon, who threatens her with exposure, when, goaded to frenzy by his insolent taunts, she kills him with a heavy hunting whip. The final scene her penance is ended, and she finds consolation in the love of the Duke of Osmonde. The burden of such a play naturally centres on the heroine, and Miss Eleanor Calhoun must be congratulated upon a very artistic success. The dashing young roysterer and horsewoman gives place to the deceived but dignified young lady, who in turn becomes changed to the woman goaded to murder, and in each we find her excellent. The intensity of her acting after the quarrel with Oxon is almost tragic, and the audience testified their appreciation by a double recall. The scoundrel Oxon is very ably performed by Mr. Alfred Kendrick. The other characters, all carefully played, are quite subservient to these, but we must note the acting of Miss Marie Linden, as the gentle sister Annie, the Lady Betty Snervell of Miss May Palfrey, and the Squire Wildairs of Mr. William Farren jun. The play is admirably placed on the stage—the seventeenth century interiors and the pretty rose garden eliciting much applause.

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Garrick.—This Theatre will remain closed on the Thursday, Friday and Saturday in Holy Week, re-opening with a special matinee on Easter Monday, when the run of "The Three Musketeers" will be resumed, and Miss Annie Hughes will play the part of Gabrielle, which has been vacated by Miss Eva Moore. All announcements re the cast of "Change Alley," which will follow the "The Three Musketeers" at the Garrick Theatre, are premature, as Bro. Brickwell will not produce it so long as "The Three Musketeers" is doing anything like its present business. One of the principal scenes in "Change Alley" will be an attempt to reproduce E. M. Wardes' famous picture of the South Sea Bubble, which is now on view at the Tate Gallery, Vauxhall.

## The Theatres, &amp;c.

Adelphi.—8, The Man in the Iron Mask.  
Avenue.—8-15, The Rift within the Lute. 8-50, The Cuckoo. Matinée, Saturday, 3.  
Comedy.—Saturday, 1st April, 8-15, A Lady of Quality. Matinée, Saturday, Court.—8-15, For Love of Prim. 9, A Court Scandal. Matinée, Saturday, 3.  
Criterion.—Thursday, 6th April, The Tyranny of Tears.  
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.  
Haymarket.—8-10, A Golden Wedding. 9, The Manceuvres of Jane. Matinée, Saturday, 2-15.  
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.  
Strand.—Saturday, 1st April, 8-15, An Empty Stocking. 9, What happened to Jones. Matinée, Wednesday and Saturday, 2-30.  
Terry's.—8-15, Sweet Lavender.  
Vaudeville.—8, A Woman's Love. 9, On and Off. Matinée, Saturday, 3.  
Alexandra.—Next week, The Grip of Iron.  
Dalston.—7-45, Temptations of the Great City.  
Grand.—Next week, East Lynne.  
Queen's Opera House, Crouch End.—Next week, A Woman of No Importance.  
Alhambra.—7-45, Variety Entertainment. Jack Ashore, Red Shoes, &c.  
Aquarium.—The Fisheries, Varied Performances, &c., twice daily.  
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London Pavilion.—8, Variety Entertainment.  
Oxford.—7-30, Variety Entertainment. On the Roofs. Saturday 2-30, also.  
Palace.—7-45, Variety Entertainment. New American Biography, &c. Saturday, 2 also.  
Royal.—7-30, Variety Company. Saturday, 2-30 also.  
Tivoli.—7-30, Variety Entertainment. Saturday, 2-15 also.  
Alexandra Palace.—Good Friday, The Messiah, at 3.  
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