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#### PROBLEMS IN VOTING.

THE approaching election for the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys—to take place on Friday, 14th inst., when twenty-three vacancies will be filled from a list of thirty-seven candidates—will prove a hard nut for those who have the management of the polling on behalf of Provincial and other Associations, by reason of the difficulty of estimating the number of votes at which it is safe or politic to stop on a lad's behalf, the large number of votes created in connection with the Centenary Festival of the Institution virtually coming into reckoning for the first time on that occasion, although, as we show later on, a part made themselves felt last October. We fully expect to see some very "wide" scores, when the result comes to be published.

Those who have had any experience of the difficulty in recent years of collecting a sufficient number of votes to make a candidate tolerably safe will agree with us that the outlook is far from promising, for we venture to think the number of votes necessary to secure success will show a considerable rise in comparison with the near past, but in that connection it may be pointed out that the same factor which causes the increase, that is to say, the large number of additional votes that will be issued, ought to make it all the easier to collect what is really required—it is the old story of supply and demand over again, and as so often occurs in connection therewith, it is almost certain the supply will, apparently, be far behind the demand.

We do not propose on this occasion to attempt any estimate of the number of votes likely to be required in order to carry a candidate for the Boys School; we should put the figure very high, in comparison with past elections, and yet in all probability should be far below what will prove to be really necessary, and we can imagine workers at no very distant date asking themselves whether the benefits of the School are worth the trouble that is absolutely necessary to expend in securing them; in other words, whether the thousands of votes which will be wanted to win a scholarship do not represent a value far beyond the benefits derived.

This is no new problem in connection with the elections of the Masonic Institutions, but it is one which seems to be intensified year after year, as the figures show a steady upward tendency, only broken by the tremendous leap ahead which we anticipate will occur in connection with next month's returns, as compared with those of a year ago.

Last October the highest successful boy polled 6,164 votes, the lowest (26th on the list) securing a place with 3,813. The previous contest, in April 1898, showed the leader with 4,801 votes, while the last successful (27th on the list) had 1,998. These figures show a very wide difference, and may be explained by

reckoning that a considerable amount of the Centenary Festival contributions had been paid to the Institution, and votes issued in connection therewith, but the problem before the Craft is, how much of the £140,000 odd created votes for October last, and how much was paid in after the election was decided? On a careful adjustment of the difference rests the only possibility of estimating how many votes will be required for a case to be safe this month. No doubt many Brethren who are interested in the matter will look forward as we do with some amount of curiosity to the usual figures supplied by the Institution on this point.

#### MOVABLE GRAND LODGES.

YET another correspondent addresses us as to the desirability of holding meetings of Grand Lodge from time to time away from the metropolis, and urges points in favour of a system of movable Grand Lodges, many of which have been advocated by previous exponents of the idea. We may refer to the subject at an early date.

## ISLE OF MAN MASTERSHIP.

E are pleased to learn that the Most Worshipful the Grand Master has conferred the vacant Mastership of the Isle of Man Province on His Excellency, Lord Henniker, Governor of the Isle.

The members of the Perseverance Lodge of Instruction, No. 1743, held their first meeting on Monday last at the new quarters of the Lodge, Patterson's Hotel, Charterhouse Square, Aldersgate, E.C., which house is under the management of Bro. S. Renant. There were about fifty Brethren present. The Lodge will meet every Monday, at 7'30. p.m. Brethren paying it a visit will receive a hearty welcome.

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We are in receipt of an enquiry this week as to how many Stewards a Worshipful Master may appoint. Our correspondent quotes instances where four, six, and even more Brethren have been invested with the collar of this office, and asks whether it is legal to thus multiply Officers.

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Arrangements have been made for future meetings of the Strand Lodge of Instruction, No. 1987, to be held at the Raglan Hotel, Aldersgate Street, E.C., of which house Bro. H. Cork is the manager. Further particulars will appear in our next issue.

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Members of the County Council had better have a care before joining the L.C.C. Lodge of Freemasons. There is no saying what might happen to them. The mystery and complications of the introductory ceremony might cost a councillor his life. At the Lodge banquet last week Mr. Nathan Robinson, who becomes I.P.M., and hands over the office of W.M. to Mr. G. S. Elliott, replying to the toast of his health, said that he felt that he had done his work properly, and that he knew something of the Masonic ritual.

The reason that was so was that he loved the ritual, which was of so glorious a character that if a Brother did not perform the ceremonies properly it was better for him not to undertake them at all. This reads as solemn as the scriptural warning about the millstone round the neck.—"Municipal Journal."

#### "A SPRIG OF ACACIA."

ON Friday, 24th inst., the remains of our dear Bro. John Hernaman were found in bed, he having expired in the night of angina pectoris. For upwards of thirty years he was Master at Rich's Grammar School, Lambeth, and there as well as at King's College, St. Paul's College, Cheltenham, and many other places, he was held in the highest respect. Passing away at the early age of fifty-three, and while in full work, it was not remarkable that on Tuesday morning the Church of St. Mary, Lambeth, was literally crowded with Passing away at the early age of fifty-three, and while in full work, it was not remarkable that on Tuesday morning the Church of St. Mary, Lambeth, was literally crowded with co-workers and friends of our deceased Brother. Dr. Macnamara, M.L.S.B., Bros. Joseph Bate P.M., S. E. Bray, M.A., Charlie Woods P.M., Messrs. Barker, Robertson, and Yeldham were there as representing the London School Board, under which, for ten years, he had acted as Organiser of Evening Continuation Schools. Many Masonic friends were present, including Bros. C. Wilson P.M. P.Z., C. Castell P.M., Geo. Powell P.M. P.Z., Walter Smith P.M. The clergy of the parish were supported by Dr. Wace, Principal of King's College, and the Hon. the Rev. Canon Pelham (former Rector), who took the service in the Church. As Bro. Hernaman was a past President of the Lambeth Teachers Association it is needless to say that many Teachers came to pay their last tribute of respect to their departed colleague. The coffin was literally covered with beautiful wreaths. A full choir took part in the service, singing with much feeling the Psalm, also the hymns, "God our Help in ages past," and "Lord in this Thy mercy's day." When the service was over the body was conveyed to Cheltenham, for interment on Wednesday. Bro. John Hernaman was distinctly a character. Kind, loving, courteous, persevering, and enegetic, he always made an impression among those with whom he worked. About a vear since he lost his sister. and enegetic, he always made an impression among those with whom he worked. About a year since he lost his sister, who had acted as his housekeeper, and as he was very sensitive this worried him. Some other little troubles also came of late, but as a whole his life must have been a happy one. His pupils are holding good appointments in all parts of the world, and they will miss his kind letters and valuable advice. The Brother who acted as his medical adviser little thought that the end would be so sudden. Truly "a good man and true" has passed away, and one whose place it will be very hard to fill.

#### A SUBJECT FOR MASONIC STUDENTS.

ASONIC archeology, so much and happily studied to-day, has much in store to edify and gratify the Masonic student. Unaccountably neglected or carelessly looked into in former days, it safely retains a vast deal to startle and reward an investigating generation. As we lift the veil which shrouds the past from our often anxions gaze, we see how much there is which lends an interest and charm to Masonic studies. We are treading, so to say, an almost "terra incognita;" we are opening on that "debatable land" with striking results to industry and perseverance. The history of our orient origin soon falls into shape, and cohesion and recularity give it form and splendour and the cohesion and regularity give it form and splendour, and the authenticity of its mural halls and classic columns, and a dazzling light illumines as a revelation the occultism of its long-hidden mysteries as discerned by the pagan philosophers, Pythagoras and Socrates, and other gropers in the realm of darkness, to find a ray of light upon which to hang the subsistence of their hope in immortality. If still here and there, enveloped in the clouds which age and carelessness have thrown around it, if on this and that footway we shall have to tread with cautious steps and "bated breath," if we cannot as yet speak quite decisively on many undecided points, on many a prominent subject, yet we ought to rest satisfied with the progress we have made. We ought to cheer ourselves with our sense of the clearer knowledge, archæologically, we possess than did our forefathers, who seemed to have contented themselves with persistent repetition and habitual stumbling. From them Freemasonry was; for them it had, as for us, many charms and attractions, and they were content to take it for what it was, without inquiring too closely into its antecedents, its birth, parentage and education. But still, as the mind of man is always more or less inquiring, a history had to be found for it, and which in that time of general apathy on similar subjects admirably suited the requirements of an uncritical

Hence the attempts from Hutchinson, which may be said to have culminated in Oliver, to explain historical difficulties, and to solve insuperable enigmas; and to square the all but impossible contradictions of chronology. To-day, when the authentic school has been at work, Masonic archæology is before us in great

Freemasonry is now a wonderful organisation in the world. What is its origin? What is its actual bearing on the multiform development which society and the world assume before our eyes to-day? What is its connection with ages dead and gone, the organisations, the guilds, the secret associations, the mystic chapels which Time, ever relentless, if it has destroyed irrevocably their local habitation and name, and the verity of their original existence? These are the questions we seek and want answers to! Masonic archæology has therefore before it a pleasant, a needful and a wholesome task.

To remove errors and lighten up obscurity, to rectify what

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The ONE HUNDRED AND FIRST ANNIVERSARY FESTIVAL will be held on 28th June 1899, under the Presidency of

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carelessness and unskillfulness have combined to create or preserve, to substitute clearer and truer and more reliable annals; to apply the test of truth, reason and accuracy in critical measure and with a simple love of correctness to the confused traditions of yesterday, and the idle reiteration of to-day, to give at last to our globe belted zone that spans the world to-day Masonry, a consistent, a reasonable, an historical account of our great Fraternity, are alike a task as it is noble, and the comforting reward of Masonic archæology. The band of students, once very limited indeed, those vigilant patriarchs of Masonic investigation —whose names we may well hold in some little respect; first, because they are very few, and, secondly, because they worked very hard on an often ungrateful soil, and before an unappreciating audience—is now by slow degrees becoming larger, and as we write to-day, with a full, clear memory of the past struggles of Masonic archæologists, ours, in the unselfishness of Masonic sympathy, is a hope for the future, for fresh efforts, greater discoveries and a more universal taste for Masonic archæology. The writer is quite sure of this, that it will tend to elevate contemporary Masonry, not only within the radius of the Jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge of the State of New York, but become a talisman to animate with promethean fires our own coordinate Grand Lodges, and waft the incense of its classics, dedicated as they are to the diffusion of the arts and sciences to all parts of the world beyond and over the great waters, and make it easier to write to "discover and bring to light" the aroma and supernal mysteries that still lie below the dust and mosses of centuries, and must be upturned by the spade and pick of the archæologist and the mystery of mysteries solved and the arch of our archæology completed. Let us "continue our search." This will remove many an idle cause of needless criticism and discussion, even in our good Lodges, and will lend to the present a greater reality and often to the past a more enduring charm, in that they will insist that kindly Brotherhood, to which we have so happily belonged and clung for years, with the ever-increasing certainty that we have adduced the proofs of its world-wide existence, its cosmopolitan progress, its mission, and development in the world, as the ages themselves have come and gone, and myriads of our race have been steadily moving on with the great world itself to their common appointed goal. Let us encourage the increase of Masonic study and Masonic talks among us, and let us always be ready to offer a favouring hand and help to all that can foster and develop intellectual aspirations and archæological tendencies wherever they exist.—John R. Anderson, in "New York Tribune."

#### THE NEGRO QUESTION.

THE report of the Committee of Grand Lodge of Kentucky on the position of the Grand Lodge of Wentucky on the position of the Grand Lodge of Washington on the Negro in Masonry, takes exception to the action of the Washington Grand Lodge, and refuses to recognise the negro. Its concluding paragraph is as follows: We have no quarrel with the negro, and certainly seek none with the Grand Lodge of Washington. We have no wish to curtail its privileges, or infringe upon its rights. It can select its own associates, and we shall select ours. It has announced a principle whose acceptance means death to American It has contemptuously set aside the doctrine of Jurisdiction upon which our system is founded, and this it has done at the mere request of two irresponsible negroes, and upon what seems to have been an agreed case. It has scoffed at the conclusion of a century; it has reopened a question settled wisely, and justly, long ago, even when the passions of our civil war were not abated. It has been forgetful of its own dignity, reckless of its own honour, and zealous to disturb the harmony of the Craft. We approve the utterances of the Grand Master upon this subject, and agree with him, that this Grand Lodge shall speak with no uncertain sound. We therefore recommend the following: That in view of the action in regard to negro Masonry, taken by the Grand Lodge of Washington Free and Accepted Masons, at its last Communication, this Grand Lodge hereby declares non-intercourse between its subsordinates and members and the said Grand Lodge of Washington, its subordinates and members.

#### MASONRY AND THE MINISTRY.

THE following letters have appeared in the "Irish Ecclesiastical Gazette."

SIR,—"Omne ignotum pro magnifico." Presbuteros holds the reverse of this adage. He depreciates and derides that of which he is utterly ignorant. So did the Grand Inquisitor and his myrmidons the true theory of Galileo. Many Bishops and Archbishops, indeed, never joined Freemasonry, because they knew nothing of it. Archbishop Plunket and Bishop Welland, with men of mark, as the Prince of Wales, the Dukes of Edinburgh, Connaught, York, and Abercorn, and legions of such loyal subjects of God and His church, did become connected with that system, and having had intimate experience of it retained the abiding conviction of its advantageousness. The rolls of Freemasonry are emblazoned with the names of the best and noblest in art, science, literature, statesmanship, philanthropy, and "pure religion," and the few that ever deserted from its ranks did so from influencing motives, similar to those that actuated Julian in his apostasy from the Christian faith. The Shimeis of vilification can be passed by placidly. It is to be hoped that Presbuteros will not imitate the example of the Pharisee, who went up into the temple to pray, but only boasted of his own self-enthroned superiority. Finally—as my Parthian shaft, though unbarbed—I would solicit the foes of Freemasonry to ponder on that comprehensive Gospel sentence found in Phip. iv. 8, also St. Paul's injunction in I Thes. v. 21. I Thes. v. 21.

I remain, Dear Sir, faithfully yours,

A CHURCH AND MASONIC DIGNITARY.

SIR,—Like many of your correspondents I, although not "pressed" have often been "invited" to join the Masonic Institution, but the difficulty to me, a Christman layman, has always been the fact that Masonry proposes to do without the Gospel what the Gospel professes to do? I think I am correct in saying that the Masonic Institution is open to Jews, Unitarians, and such like? In fact, I know several Unitarians very high up in the Order, and yet Prelate of St. John of Jerusalem tells us that "prayers are offered to God through Jesus Christ Our Lord"—by—Jews, Unitarians, etc.!—

Yours,

CHRISTIAN LAYMAN.

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#### BELFAST MASONIC CHARITIES.

O<sup>N</sup> Friday evening the annual meeting of these charities, with which was associated a very enjoyable concert, was held in the Ulster Hall, Belfast, and, as in past years, it was a great success. There was a large attendance of Brethren and their friends, the members of the Order wearing Masonic costume.

The Chairman, Bro. R. J. Hilton, J.P., Dep. Prov. G.M., who was very cordially received, said that night they were to submit the reports of the year. By their Constitution Freemasons were bound to have broad religious views, in which every man of honour, virtue, and truth could agree; bound, yet free—bound to probity and honour, morality, and justice, bound to obey the laws of the country in which they resided, to do nothing that would interfere with the public safety or national weal, bound to assist, to aid the sick, to help and support and assist the widow and the fatherless. To all these things the Masons were bound in honourable bondage to the right, but free to exercise each his own opinions so long as those opinions did not interfere with those virtues he had dedicated himself to in keeping with their Order.

The reports to be presented that night of the labours of their Committees would show that the Belfast and Antrim Brethren were attempting to put into practical operation the principles which he had already enunciated. Those Committees had in the past year brought relief to many homes and done a noble work in the cause of charity; but, while they were proud of what they had realised, it did not cover the work of their Masonic Brethren. They were proud of those noble schools in Dublin—the Boys and Girls Orphan Schools—where over 200 children were fed, clothed, and educated by the generosity of the Masons of Ireland, of whom they in Belfast and the North of Ireland contributed their part. They were sometimes accused of selfishness in connection with their Order—that is, they only afforded assistance and aid to those inside their own household—but that was not so, because they would find the largest and most generous contributors to all their Charities were to be found among the members of their Brotherhood, and that in addition last year the Masonic Lodges of Belfast contributed £2,000 to the new Royal Victoria Hospital, thus proving his statements. He thought from facts he might safely assume the Freemasons of the Province of Antrim were keeping bright those truly Masonic ornaments—benevolence and charity.

The report of the Belfast Masonic Charity Fund contained the following in "Your Committee heave pleasure in the following in "Your Committee heave pleasure in the following in "Your Committee heave pleasure in the selfast masonic Charity Fund contained the following in "Your Committee heave pleasure in the selfast masonic Charity Fund contained the following in "Your Committee heave pleasure in the selfast masonic Charity Fund contained the following in "Your Committee heave pleasure in the selfast masonic Charity Fund contained the following in "Your Committee heave pleasure in the selfast masonic Charity Fund contained the following in "Your Committee heave pleasure in the selfast masonic Charity Fund contai

The report of the Belfast Masonic Charity Fund contained the following:—"Your Committee have pleasure in submitting for the approval of the Subscribers the thirty-seventh annual report. The statement of accounts shows receipts amounting to £496 is id; the sum expended being £487 is. The monthly Committee meetings during the year have been extremely well attended, and every care has been exercised in the dispensing of the funds with which we have been entrusted. In this duty valuable assistance has been rendered by the two permanent sub-committees, and also by those members who willingly acted upon special sub-committees for the investigation of the facts regarding particular cases. With great pleasure your Committee desire to place on record their indebtedness to Bro. John Cregg, J.P., for the generous gift of an appropriately designed gold and enamel jewel to be worn by the Chairman of the Fund for the time being. Your Committee continue to regard with the greatest consideration the claims of aged and indigent Freemasons, in whose cases no permanent improvement can be expected, as distinguished from casual claimants. Of the amount annually expended close upon £250 is distributed in monthly grants to aged members of the Craft or their dependents. This mode of dealing with the cases indicated has always been found most satisfactory. It but rarely happens that your Committee can close a report without having to refer to some well known amongst us whom we shall see in their accustomed place no more. This time we greatly regret the loss of our late Deputy Provincial Grand Master R.W. Bro. Thomas Valentine, J.P., who had an abiding interest in all that concerned the interests of Freemasonry, and who for many years presided at our annual meetings, and R.W. Bro. Lavens M. Ewart, J.P., the senior Trustee of this Fund, who freely gave his valuable services in that responsible position."

The report of the Belfast Masonic Widows Fund contained the following:—"The Committee, in presenting the twenty-sixth annual report to the Subscribers, are gratified at being in a position to state that there is a growing desire among the members of the Order to participate in and to

generously support the truly Masonic work of benevolence and charity, as illustrated in the establishment and carrying to a successful issue of the Belfast Masonic Widows Fund. The large attendance at the monthly meetings of Committee is gratifying evidence of the deep interest which is being taken by the many Lodges who have now connected themselves with this Fund, and a glance at the subscription list will reveal the pleasing fact that nearly every Lodge is represented, and that few are the members who do not subscribe. To add to the dignity of the office of Chairman of Committee, a very handsome jewel of office, with emblematic charity design, was subscribed for by the members of Committee, and will be worn by the Chairman for the year at all meetings of Committee, as well as at other Masonic functions. The Belfast Masonic Widows Fund sustained a great loss by the death of its President, R. W. Bro. Thomas Valentine Provincial Deputy Grand Master Antrim, and one of the Trustees of this Fund. From the inception of the scheme Bro. Valentine took a loving and abiding interest in its success, and most cheerfully gave his services whenever asked by the Committee. In R. W. Bro. R. H. Hilton, who has succeeded him, the Fund will have a tried and true supporter, and one who from his zeal and ability will worthily uphold the cherished traditions of the Craft. 104 widows and their families were assisted during 1898, eighty-four claiming through Lodges belonging to County Down, and receiving grants amounting to £138 10s, making a total of £830 2s. At the request of some members of Province of Down Lodges, meeting within the Parliamentary boundary of Belfast, the following authentic copy of the agreement come to between representatives from the Belfast Masonic Widows Fund is printed so that all may, know and fulfil the obligation made by their representatives: "Ballymacarrett Lodge to remain in connection with the Belfast Masonic Widows Fund. Lodges in the Masonic Widows Fund. Lodges in the Masonic Province of Down withi

adopted, and printed for circulation, and that this meeting, recognising the continued usefulness of these Funds, feels it to be its duty to urge upon Lodges and Brethren the necessity of sustaining them by a liberally-increased pecuniary aid, in order to meet their ever-increasing claims, and thereby promote the noble virtue of Charity, the keystone of the Masonic Order." He said they would all agree in this that the noble and benevolent work of these Charities deserved to be supported by the best and most potent influences that the Order could command, and he was encouraged to say a word or two in favour of that motion by the consideration that the great cause of Charity, for which it wanted their support, was so securely entrenched in the judgments and affections of all the members of the Order. It was not likely to be injuriously affected by the feebleness or the failure of anyone who undertook its advocacy. The value of the work done by those Charities during the year could not be overestimated, and when one thought of the large sums of money that had been expended and the number of cases of need and distress that had been relieved, it was certainly matter for congratulation and thanksgiving that the balance in the case of each of the Funds came out on the right side. There was just one sad note in the report, and that was the reference to the deaths of the two honoured Brethren whose names were mentioned —the late Bros. Valentine and Ewart. The loss which the Order and those Charities had sustained through their removal would be long and deeply deplored.

Proceeding, Bro. Gamble said if the virtue of charity be rooted and grounded in all the members of the Brotherhood, the liberality and the utility of which the motion spoke were as sure to follow as the living branch, with its wealth of flowers and fruit, sprang naturally from the living stem. No intelligent person would undervalue the personal friendship, the sacred comradeship, and the social benefits which the Order was calculated to secure, but, after all, these were not the features most highly esteemed amongst them. It was the crowning glory, the very reason of the existence of the Order, without which it would degenerate into a social club for the mere selfish interests of individual members, that it sought out the sick and distressed, the widow and the orphan, and

out of its abundance tried to relieve them. The crowning glory of the Masonic Order was that charity which "suffereth long and is kind." It was that charity that united and consolidated the members of the Brotherhood, and, like the keystone of the Order, was at once its ornament and its strength. And that charity, which "suffereth long and is kind, which vaunteth not itself, which endureth all things," found its reward when one tear less dropped from the orphan's

cheek, and one sigh less broke from the widow's heart.

Out of the Widows Fund the splendid sum of £839 was distributed among 104 widows and the families of deceased Masons, and out of the Charity Fund the sum of £469 was Masons, and out of the Charity Fund the sum of £459 was devoted to the relief of the aged and the indigent, making a grand total of nearly £1,300 expended in sending a little more sunshine into darkened homes, and making the route of life a little easier for the footsore and weary. The funds of the Society were not recklessly expended, and he affirmed from personal knowledge that not one farthing was given away without the most careful and minute inquiry into the merits of every case. They tried to be generous, but they also tried to be just remembering that above all things it was also tried to be just, remembering that above all things it was required of stewards such as they were to be found faithful. The resolution commended anew those splendid Charities to the sympathy and liberality of the Brethren of the Province,

the sympathy and liberality of the Brethren of the Province, and it asked them to continue their efforts on behalf of these Funds during the present year as they had during past years, and he was sure they would all do so.

Bro. John Gregg, J.P., said it afforded him great pleasure to second the resolution which had been so ably moved. His observations were to be brief, but he could not help thinking that their friends who were assembled in that building liked to hear something of the good work which had been done by Committees, in addition to what had been said by the Brother who had just spoken. One of the objects of their Order was to relieve the sorrow and the suffering of the distressed and the desolate, and in trying to carry out that duty the Committee, as they had already heard, had during duty the Committee, as they had already heard, had during the past year disbursed close on £1,300, and many families through the organisation of those Funds had been enabled to obtain a livelihood, and thereby become independent. He was proud to say that the Freemasons aimed at meeting, and did meet, every claim made upon them, and that there was not a single instance of a deserving applicant being refused that help which was needed. Therefore, he thought it was abundantly proved that they were trying to carry out those great and true Masonic principles—namely, benevolence and charity. He could not help referring to the great loss the Masonic body had sustained by the hand of death, in the removal of two of the Trustees in connection with their Funds during the past year—Bros. Valentine and Ewart. They had always striven by word and deed to advance the interests of Masonry, not only in the Province, but all over the kingdom, and it was their duty to try and emulate the good deeds which the deceased had done, until the Master called the members there to meet them in the Grand Lodge above.

The resolution was then put and passed that the Reports

be adopted.

Bro. James M'Connell moved that the best thanks of the meeting be tendered to the Right Worshipful the Deputy Provincial Grand Master Bro. R. J. Hilton, for his dignified conduct in the chair. He thought everyone welcomed Bro. Hilton as a worthy occupant of the chair, and as a worthy successor to their late Bro. Valentine. He was also sure that all felt satisfied the choice had fallen on Bro. Hilton, as they believed in the future it would be found that their choice was

an eminently happy one.

Bro. Arthur Williamson seconded the resolution. He was certain that all joined in those congratulations Bro.

M'Connell had offered their Deputy Provincial Grand Master on the position he occupied, while they promised to do all they could, as loyal Brethren of the Craft, to sustain him in

his honorary duties

The Deputy Provincial Grand Master, who was loudly applauded on rising to reply, thanked them for the hearty reception they had given him. He would have referred to the death of their late Bro. Valentine but he knew it was part and parcel of the Reports of the Committees. In Bro. Valentine's death they had lost a distinguished leader, one of the noblest, truest, and best of men or Masons it had been his privilege to meet. He was gratified that in the position he now occupied his appointment had Bro. Valentine's sanction and approval. He thanked the Brethren again for their kindness to him, and most heartily for their vote of thanks.

The concert was then proceeded with, Bro. Leighton P.G.O. P.P.S.G.W. being an efficient conductor.—"Northern

Whig."

"Old Boys" of the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys dined together on Saturday night, at Anderton's Hotel, and spent a very pleasant evening, most of the speeches being full of reminiscences of past days spent at Wood Green. The "browny," a mixture strongly suspected of combining the humble properties of salts and senna, which was administered in the old times as a remedy for all complaints, was vividly remembered, and contrasts were drawn between the humble games of former times and those which now absorb attention. Incidentally reference was made to the distinguished positions which some of the Old Boys have attained, a shout of pride greeting the name of Colonel Sparkes, who led one of the native regiments to victory at Omdurman.

H.R.H. the Prince of Wales Patron of Scottish Freemasonry has graciously consented to become Patron of the Festival to be held by the Lodge of Edinburgh (Mary's Chapel) No. 1, in celebration of the ter-centenary of its consecutive minutes. The date fixed is the 5th July, when His Royal Highness, who is a member of the Lodge, is to visit Edinburgh to attend the Highland and Agricultural Society's Show. The arrangements are in the hands of an influential Committee. who at a meeting held in the Grand influential Committee, who at a meeting held in the Grand Lodge Board room, on Thursday, resolved that the celebration should take the form of a grand banquet, tickets for which, price 21s inclusive, will be ready shortly.

The Tredegar Lodge of Instruction, No 1625, which was recently located at Wapping, and the Mother Lodge of which is held at the London Tavern, Fenchurch Street, was removed to Bro. W. Stone's, the Spread Eagle, Gill Street, Limehouse, on Thursday of last week. The meetings open every Thursday evening at seven.

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#### DEVONSHIRE CHARITY.

THE annual meeting of the Devon Masonic Educational Fund is to be held at the Masonic Rooms, Okehampton, on Wednesday, 5th April, at 2.45 p.m. Sir Stafford Northcote, M.P., Prov.G.M. is the President, Bro. J. R. Lord the Treasurer, and its Secretary is Bro. John B. Gover, who has acted in the most efficient manner from its

Bro. C. Mutten will move that £5 be granted towards the advancement in life of a child whose name and circumstances are known to many of the subscribers. There are two candidates for the one vacancy on the Fund, who were unsuccessful at the last election, one having 1,086 votes brought forward, and the other nearly 500.

The Committee desire to call attention to the present

condition of the finances, and not a bit too soon, as owing to a decrease in the subscriptions from all sources last year the expenditure has largely exceeded the income. Of course this cannot continue, and hence Brethren and Lodges must either do more for this excellent society, for which all the Officers and Committee give their services freely, or the number of beneficaries will have to be lessened as the years roll on. It is, however, anticipated there will be a prompt response to this appeal, and that there will be no need to reduce the benefits conferred.—"Western Morning News."

#### ANNUAL DINNER OF THE WESTBOURNE INSTRUCTION LODGE, No. 733.

LODGE, No. 733.

THE Brethren of this prosperous and hard-working Lodge held their annual dinner last week at Bro. E. Stevens's, the Prince of Wales Hotel, Eastbourne Terrace, Bishops Road, W., when the chair was occupied by the worthy Treasurer Bro. R. J. Rogers P.M., whilst the vice-chair was taken by Bro. George Mogford P.M. Secretary.

The Dinner was also attended by the following Officers of the Mother Lodge; Bros. George Weaver W.M., C. T. Brown P.M., C. E. Lilley S.W., H. Bagnall S.D., F. Beesley I.G., Percy Wheeler A.D.C., R. B. Hopkins Org., C. Halston and George Goddard Stewards; also the following other members: Bros. G. Graham, E. Stevens, H. C. Phipps, T. Mogford P.M., T. Ison, E. Shears, J. Bartlett, G. Walker, R. Knight, T. Matthews, C. Bickard, W. J. Lewis, T. Turner, C. S. Mote, C. J. Biorn P.M., E. T. Folley, T. Vine, J. Wynman, and several others, in all about 50 Brethren sitting down to the bountiful and excellent repast. The dinner was highly appreciated, and at its conclusion the Chairman said he had pleasure in giving as the first toast of the evening that of Her Most Gracious Majesty the Queen. This toast, as well as that of His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales, was most heartily received, with musical honours.

Bro. G. D. Mogford then sang "Queen of the Earth" in excellent style.

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By desire of the Chairman Bro. F. Beesley gave the toast of the evening —The Westbourne Lodge of Instruction. He said he was taken rather unawares in being thus called upon, but he felt no hesitation in urging upon them to heartily honour the toast, as he regarded Instruction Lodges as the backbone of proficiency in Freemasonry, and felt that no Brother could expect to hold a prominent place in his Mother Lodge without attending some proper school of Masonry, where he would gain both instruction in the ritual, and experience in the ceremonial work. He especially wished prosperity for the Westbourne Lodge of Instruction. Their Chairman that evening, Bro. Rogers Deputy Preceptor of the Lodge, was a hard worker in the Craft, and was esteemed by every member who knew him, and in submitting the toast of the Instruction Lodge he called upon the Brethren to give a particularly hearty welcome to Bro. Rogers, whose name he had very much pleasure in coupling with the toast, as also that of Bro. George Mogford Secretary of the Lodge.

Bro. Rogers received a hearty reception on rising to respond. He desired to thank Bro. Beesley for his very kind remarks, the Brethren for the hearty reception of the toast, and all for receiving his name so heartily in connection with the toast of their Lodge. He had much pleasure in saying that since last year they had given twenty guineas to the Boys School, and—as Treasurer—he was also pleased to say that the Lodge stood on a very firm footing, with a nice little balance in hand. By their new Bye-laws it was arranged that as soon as the funds allowed five guineas would be voted to one of the Institutions, in the name of one of the members, selected by ballot. He felt that the carrying out of this arrangement would be for the benefit of the Lodge, and promised that as long as he remained its Treasurer he would do his utmost for its welfare.

Bro. George Mogford Secretary of the Lodge also received a hearty reception on

with the toast, and assured the Brethren of the Lodge of Instruction that the little work he had to do was always a pleasure, and if the Brethren were satisfied he was well paid.

The next toast the Chairman had the pleasure of bringing forward was that of the Mother Lodge. He said they recruited their numbers from the members of the Mother Lodge. They were very pleased to see its Worshipful Master present that evening; no doubt they would all agree with him that the three degrees that Brother had rehearsed at the last meeting had been gone through in such a perfect manner as to reflect credit not only on himself, but on the Lodge of which he was the ruler, and also on the Lodge where he gained instruction. He had great pleasure in coupling the name of Bro. Weaver W.M. with the toast.

Bro. George Weaver W.M. was most cordially received. He sincerely thanked the Brethren for their kindness. The knowledge of Freemasonry he had had been gained by attending Lodges of Instruction, and principally from Bro. Rogers and Bro. George Mogford. He was happy to say he was well supported by his Officers in the Westbourne Lodge, and assured them that as W.M. of their Mother Lodge he would do his utmost to give all the satisfaction that was expected.

Bro. Biorn P.M. had very much pleasure in adding a few words. Having been a member of the Lodge since 1879 he was highly delighted to hear such excellent reports of the Instruction Lodge. He had heard of Bro. Weaver the W.M. of the Mother Lodge that the working he had done on the first night after his installation was unsurpassable, and he congratulated that Brother on his ability, and the other members of the Lodge on having so excellent a ruler.

The Visitors toast was next given from the chair, the President saying that whether at the Mother Lodge or the Instruction Lodge they were always most happy to see visitors. He assured the guests they would always receive a most hearty welcome, and if they would join the Instruction Lodge the members would be pleased. He called upon B

a most hearty welcome, and if they would join the Instruction Lodge the members would be pleased. He called upon Brcs. Vine, Muzzle, Knight and Lewis to respond.

Bro. Vine said he was pleased to respond, and being a member of their great and ancient Society for over 20 years he was pleased to hear such grand remarks about the Westbourne Lodge of Instruction. If they would accept him as a member he would be pleased to join. He thanked the Chairman and Brethren for their kind reception.

Bro. Muzzle said it was through the kindness of Bro. Stevens that he was present. He sincerely thanked the Chairman for having been received in so cordial a manner, and, like the previous speaker, he would be pleased to join the Instruction Lodge on a future date.

Bro. Lewis said it was an unexpected pleasure to be called upon. He was not a member of 20 years standing, but one of ten years, and he was sure that no Brother could do better than join such an Instruction Lodge as the Westbourne, especially if he desired to do the work in a regular Lodge to the satisfaction of himself or his fellows. He felt that in the Westbourne Lodge of Instruction they would gain all the knowledge they required. Personally, he would be most happy to join the Lodge.

Bro. Knight said he highly appreciated having been called upon to respond. He had spent a most jolly evening, and thanked the Chairman and Brethren for their kindness. He also would be pleased to join the Instruction Lodge.

Bro. G. Mogford P.M. Secretary in an eloquent speech gave the toast of the Chairman, saying it required no words from him to point out the good and many qualifications of Bro. Rogers.

Bro. Rogers, in reply, thanked Bro. Mogford for his flattering remarks, and the Brethren for the hearty way in which they had received the toast.

He was sorry Bro. Dehane their Preceptor was not present; he hoped it was not illness that kept him away. Before he sat down he would like to retaliate by proposing the health of the Vice-chairman, who, he trusted, would long remain the Secretary of their Lodge.

Bro. Mogford returned thanks. Whatever he could do towards promoting the welfare of the Lodge he would be happy to undertake.

The toast of the Host and Hostess was next given from the chair, Bro. Rogers saying that Bro. Stevens and his wife deserved the greatest compliment for the able manner in which the dinner had been served. Everything was perfection, in fact it could not have been better. He might also tell them that it was through Bro. Stevens he joined the Craft, about fifteen years ago. They all knew him as one of the very best, and they wished him and Mrs. Stevens good health and prosperity. The toast was most cordially received, and the Brethren joined in according it musical honours.

most cordially received, and the Brethren joined in according it musical honours.

Bro. Stevens, who is a very popular host, and an old member of the Westbourne Lodge, was very heartily received. He said they were quite right in saying his wife and himself had done their best to give satisfaction. He was pleased to hear they had succeeded, and on behalf of Mrs. Stevens and himself he thanked the Brethren for their very kind utterances. He had enjoyed himself and hoped all had done the same. As for spending a very enjoyable evening, he wished they had similar jollifications a few times more during the year. Again he thanked them all.

Thus terminated another annual banquet of the strong and popular Westbourne Lodge, a very pleasant evening being spent, with an excellent programme of music. Among the artistes were Bro. George Goddard, who, as a professional, was deservedly several times encored; Bro. C. Rickard enlivened the company with some excellent songs, and Bros. George Mogford, T. Vine, T. Turner, P. Wheeler, George Weaver and T. Mogford added greatly to the enjoyment of the evening with their musical talent. Bro. A. C. Hawkins Organist of the Mother Lodge officiated at the plano, in his usual able manner. The last song of the evening was rendered by Bro. Vine, and joined in by the company—"One more glass before we part."

#### Masonic Sonnet.

To Right Worshipful Brother His Excellency, Lord Henniker, on his appointment as Grand Master of the Isle of Man Province.

WE greet thee well, my Lord, aye, more than well,
And for thy Rulership feel thankful hearts,
Hearts, that our strength of words too feebly tell
The joy thy presence in our Craft imparts.
Full well we know Obedience must be ours,
Prudence and Temperance, Justice, Fortitude,
Brotherly Love, and Truth that still endowers
The Faith and Hope around our pathway strewed.
All these we tend submissive, at thy shrine,
And thank the Maker of Earth, Sea and Sky—
The Grand Geometrician—the Divine—
The Architect—the Builder—the Most High.
And pray that long on thee He'll fondly smile
To Guide thy Brethren in their well-loved Isle!
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#### The Theatres, &c.

Adelphi.—8, The Man in the Iron Mask. Matince, Saturday, 2.30.

Avenue.—8.15, The Rift within the Lute. 8.50, The Cuckoo. Matince, Saturday, 3.

Comedy.—8.15, A Lady of Quality. Matince, Saturday, 2.30

Court.—8.15, For Love of Prim. 9, A Court Scandal. Matince, Saturday, 3.

Criterion.—Thursday, 6th April, The Tyranny of Tears.

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

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

Matince, Wednesday and Saturday, 2.30.

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

Garrick.—8, The Three Musketeers. Matince, Wednesday and Saturday, 2.30.

2:30.

Globe.—Saturday, 8th April, The Gay Lord Quex.
Haymarket.—8:10, A Golden Wedding. 9, The Manœuvres of Jane.
Matinée, Wednesday and Saturday, 2:15.
Her Majesty's—8:15, The Musketeer. Matinée, Wednesday, 2:15.
Lyric.—Wednesday, 5th April, L'amour Mouillé.
Prince of Wales.—8, The Only Way.
Princess's.—7:45, Woman and Wine.
Royalty.—8:15, Confederates. 9, A Little Ray of Sunshine. Matinée,
Saturday, 3.
Savoy.—8:15, The Lucky Star. Matinée, Saturday, 2:30.
Shaftesbury.—8, The Belle of New York. Matinée, Wednesday and
Saturday, 2.
St. James's.—8, A Repentance. 8:45, The Ambassador. Matinée
Wednesday 2.

Saturday, 2.

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Strand.—8.15, An Empty Stocking. 9, What happened to Jones. Matinée, Wednesday and Saturday, 2.30.

Terry's.—8.20, Sweet Lavender. Matinée, Saturday, 2.30.

Vaudeville.—8, A Woman's Love. 9, On and Off. Matinée, Saturday, 3.

Dalston.—7.45, The Second Mrs. Tanqueray.

Grand.—Next week, The Sign of the Cross.

Queen's Opera House, Crouch End.—Next week, My "Soldier" Boy.

Alhambra.—7.45, Variety Entertainment. Jack Ashore, Red Shoes, &c.

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

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

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794 Warden, Sutton Coldfield
804 Carnarvon, Havant
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1002 Skiddaw, Cockermouth
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1076 Lord Warden, Walmer
1134 Newall, Manchester
1197 Nyanza, Ilminster
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1282 Ancholme, Brigg
1310 Harrow, Harrow
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2133 Swan of Avon, Stratford-on-Avn
2136 St. Michael, Bishops Stortford
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2290 Fairfield, Fairfield
2490 Ampthill, Ampthill
2561 West Essex, Buckhurst Hill

Monday. o9 Unity, Inns of Court Hotel 83 United Prudence, Albion 256 Union, Freemasons'-hall 1319 Asaph, Freemasons'-hall 1669 Royal Leopold, Camberwell 1853 Caxton, Freemasons'-hall 2020 St. Botolph, Albion 2578 National Artillery, Criterion 1853 Caxton, Freemasons'-hall
2020 St. Botolph, Albion
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53 Royal Sussex, Bath
107 Philanthropic, Lynn
113 Unanimity, Preston
119 Sun, Sq. & Compass, Whiteh'v'n
135 Perpetual Friendship, B'waten
154 Unanimity, Wakefield
156 Harmony, Plymouth
199 Peace and Harmony, Dover
251 Loyal, Barnstaple
328 St. John, Torquay
331 Pheenix Ho. & Prudence, Truro
338 Vitruvian, Ross
395 Guy, Leamington
422 Yarborough, Gainsboro'
428 Sincerity, Northwich
431 St. George, N. Shields
441 Three Grand Principles, C'b'dge
482 St. James, Handsworth
529 Semper Fidelis, Worcester
622 St. Cuthberga, Wimborne
694 Oakley, Basingstoke
850 St. Oswald, Ashbourne
928 Friendship, Petersfield
959 Prince of Wales, Ipswich
977 Fowey, Fowey
1045 Stamford, Altrincham
1050 Gundolph, Rochester
1051 Rowley, Lancaster
1070 Starkie, Southport
1071 Zetland, Saltash
1077 Wilton, Blackley
1124 St. Oswald, Oswestry
1180 Forward, Birmingham
1211 Goderich, Leeds
1239 Wentworth, Sheffield
1254 Semper Fidelis, Exeter
1264 Neptune, Liverpool
1434 Nottinghamshire, Nottingham
1452 St. Margaret, Lowestoft
1573 Carodoc, Swansea
1954 Molesworth, Wadebridge
2038 Londonderry, Sunderland
2166 Cotchele, Calstock
2240 Arrow, Kington
2322 East Lanc. Cent'rion, M'chester.
2497 Carville, Wallsend-on-Tyne
2525 Thurston, Coniston
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2537 Fitzwilliam, Peterborough
2586 St. Nicholas, Scarborough

Tuesday.

702 Sherborne, Stroud

## Wednesday.

Committee Royal Masonic Benevo-lent Institution, at 4.

511 Zetland, Anderton's
1298 Royal Standard, Highbury
1491 Athenæum, Criterion
1687 Rothesay, Frascati
74 Athol, Birmingham
94 Phænix, Sunderland
137 Amity, Poole
159 Brunswick, East Stonehouse
164 Perseverance, Sidmouth
168 Mariner, Guernsey
279 St. John, Leicester
282 Bedford, Tavistock
287 Unanimity, Stockport
298 Harmony, Rochdale
326 Moira of Honour, Bristol
327 St. John, Wigton
406 N'theru Counties, N'castle-on-T.
417 Faith & Unanimity, Dorchester
429 Royal Navy, Ramsgate
471 Silurian, Newport, Mon.
645 Humphrey Chetham, M'chester
678 Earl Ellesmere, Farnworth
838 Franklin, Boston
929 Waveney, Bungay
970 St. Anne, East Looe
992 St. Thomas, Manchester
1003 Prince of Wales, Jersey
1004 Athole, Douglas, Isle of Man
1010 Kingston, Hull
1013 Royal Victoria, Liverpool
1063 Malling Abbey, West Malling
1085 Hartington, Derby
1167 Alnwick, Alnwick
1205 Methem, E. Stonehouse
1206 Cinque Ports, Sandwich
1274 Earl Durham, Chester-le-Street
1335 Athelstan, Atherstone
1335 Lindsey, Wigan
1354 Marquis of Lorne, Leigh
1431 St. Alphege, Solihull
1461 Clausentum, Woolston
1478 Lougleat, Warminster
1532 Bective, Carlisle
1549 Abercorn, Great Stanmore
1620 Marlborough, Liverpool
1660 Arlecdon, Frizzington
1736 St. John, Halifax
1862 Stranton, West Hartlepool
2024 Raymond Thrupp, Hampt'n Ct.
2193 Queen Jubilee, Nelson
2224 Fairfield, Long Eaton
2334 Jersey, Bicester
2368 Alan, Alderley Edge
2382 Loval Hay, Hay
2391 Orde-Powlett, Middlesborough
2464 Longsight Longsight
256 Long Long Schales

Tuesday.

18 Old Dundee, Cannon St. Ho.
101 Temple, Ship and Turtle
166 Union, Criterion
217 Stability, Anderton's
1159 M'quis Dalhousie, 33, Golden Sq.
1259 Duke of Edinburgh, Eastern Htl
1261 Golden Rule, Café Royal
1472 Henley, North Woolwich
1803 Cornhill, Piccadilly
2190 Savage Club, Freemasons'-hall
2469 Hortus, Freemasons'-hall
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2524 Train Bands, Finsbury Barr'ks.
47 Newstead Nottingham

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47 Newstead, Nottingham
52 Union, Norwich
70 St. John, Plymouth
103 Beauford, Bristol
120 Palladian, Hereford
124 Marquis of Granby, Durham
158 Adam, Sheerness
226 Benevolence, Littleboro'
252 Harmonic, Dudley
265 Royal Yorkshire, Keighley
315 Royal York, Brighton
340 Alfred, Oxford
364 Cambrian, Neath
393 St. David, Berwick
421 Loyal of Industry, S'thmolton
457 Loyal Monmouth, Monmouth
493 Royal Lebanon, Gloucester
510 St. Martin, Liskeard
558 Temple, Folkestone
615 St. John & St. Paul, Erith
673 St. John, Liverpool
685 Northumberland, N'castle-on-T.
702 Sherborne, Stroud

2464 Longsight, Longsight 2495 Goodacre. Bootle 2556 Glyn Ebbw, Ebbw Vale 2560 Earl of Lathom, Bury

Thursday. 10 W'minster & Keystone, F.M.H.

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27 Egyptian, Anderton's
45 Strong Man, Guildhall Tav.
742 Crystal Palace, Sydenham
1178 Perfect Ashlar, Southwark
1216 Macdonald, Camberwell
1351 St. Clement Danes, Holb'n R'st.
1672 Mornington, Holborn Via. H'tl.
1707 Eleanor, Great Eastern Hotel
1772 Pimlico, Westminster
1790 Old England, Thornton Heath
2271 St. Pancras, Midland Grand Ho
2512 Fulham, Fulham
2580 Crouch End, Highgate
24 Newcastle O.T., Newcastle
31 United Industrious, Canterbury
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41 Royal Cumberland, Bath
110 Loyal C'brian, Merthyr-Tydvil
114 British Union, Ipswich
123 Lennol, Richmond, Yorks
195 Hengis', Pournemouth
219 Prudence, Todmorden
249 Mariner, Liverpool
254 Trinity, Coventry
266 Naphtali, Heywood
269 Fidelity, Blackburn
289 Fidelity, Leeds
294 Constitutional, Beverley
295 Combermere Union, Macclesfield
300 Minerva, Ashton-under-Lyne
305 Apollo, Beccles
309 Harmony, Fareham
317 Affability, Manchester
360 Pomfret, Northampton
362 Doric, Grantham
419 St. Peter, Wolverhampton
466 Bank Terrace, Accrington
503 St. Matthew, Walsall
633 Yarborough, Manchester
637 Portland, Stoke-upon-Trent
703 Clifton, Blackpool
792 Peiham Pillar, Grimsby
803 St. Andrew, Biggleswade
856 Restormel, Lostwithiel
913 Pattison, Plumstead
976 Royal Clarence, Bruton
1012 Prince of Wales, Bury
1231 Savile, Elland
1284 Brent, Topsham
1304 Olive Union, Horncastle
1324 Okeover, Ripley
1379 Marquess of Ripon, Darlington
1384 Equity, Widnes
1473 Bootle, Bootle
1500 Walpole, Norwich
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1565 Earl of Chester, Lymm
1639 Watling St., Stony Stratford
1770 Vale of White Horse, Faringdon

1829 Burrell, Brighton 1874 Lechmere V'l'nt'r, Balsall H'th

1899 Wellesley, Sandhurst 2169 Osborne, East Cowes 2255 Philbrick, Chingford 2317 Bisley, Woking 2321 Acacia, Bradford 2342 Easterford, Kelvedon 2350 Corinthian, Hindley 2386 Clarence, Chester 2496 Wirral, Birkenhead

#### Friday.

Council Boys School, Freemasons Hall, at 4

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90 St. John, Albion
890 Hornsey, Anderton's
1489 Marquess of Ripon, Highbury
1627 Royal Kensington, F'masons'-h.
2488 Eccentric, Criterion
2511 St. John at Hackney, Hackney
44 Friendship, Manchester
242 St. George, Doncaster
291 Royal Philanthropic, Highbridge
306 Alfred, Leeds
521 Truth, Huddersfield
574 Loy. Berkshire Hope, Newbury
601 St. John, Wellington, Salop
698 Ryde, Ryde
709 Invicta of Ashford, Ashford
751 Eastnor, Ledbury
837 De Grey and Ripon, Ripon
936 Adair, Aldeburgh
1009 Shakspere, Manchester
1230 Barnard, Barnard Castle
1375 Architect, Chorlton-cum-Hardy
1405 Southwell, Nottingham
1458 Truth, Manchester
1561 Morecambe, Morecambe
1648 Prince of Wales, Bradford
1664 Gosforth, Gosforth
1754 Windsor, Penarth
1838 Tudor Rifle V'nt'rs., W'v'h'pton
1993 Wolseley, Manchester
2433 Minerva, Birkenhead
2491 White Rose of York, Sheffield
2494 Humber Installed Masters', Hull
2569 St. Trillo, Colwyn Bay

Saturday.

108 London, Ship and Turtle 173 Phenix, Freemasons'-hall 1446 Mount Edgcumbe, Southwark 1607 Loyalty, London Tavern 1612 West Middlesex, Ealing 1671 Mizpah, Albion

1743 Perseverance, Anderton's 2369 Cornish, Markmasons'-hall 2384 Mitcham, Lower Mitcham 2579 Lewisham, Lewisham

1347 Lorne, Sutton 1415 Campbell, Hampton Court 1423 Era, Twickenham 1755 Eldon, Portishead

1990 Hampshire of Emulat'n, L'dp't. 2006 Tilbury, Purfleet 2326 Wigan, Wigan 2359 Doric, Didsbury

#### REPORTS OF MEETINGS.

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

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#### CRAFT: METROPOLITAN.

#### DORIC LODGE, No. 933.

THE Ladies night, which now is an annual event at this Lodge, was arranged for Tuesday evening, 14th ult., at Anderton's Hotel, Fleet Street, and was well attended, there being nearly eighty Brethren and Ladies

present.

Lodge was opened by Bro. Robert Ayton jun. W.M., and after the business of the evening had been disposed of in a smart and punctual manner, including a raising and a passing, the Brethren adjourned to meet the ladies at an excellently served banquet.

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The Ladies present made a brilliant appearance, and thoroughly enjoyed the programme of entertainment.

After the dinner, the W.M. gave the Loyal toasts.

In the absence of the I.P.M. Bro. Sherry, the toast of the W.M. was proposed by Bro. Ayton P.M., who, in feeling terms, expressed the gratification that he felt, as the oldest Past Master of the Lodge present, to see his son in a position which he had occupied so many years ago, and to be able to compliment him on the very able manner in which he had carried out his duties in the Lodge, a remark which was received with cheers.

The toast was most heartily honoured, and the W.M. responded, afterwards proposing the Ladies, coupled with the name of Bro. Boswell, who replied in a humorous speech.

The W.M. also proposed the Officers, and this toast, heartily honoured,

was responded to by Bro. Ayton P.M. Treasurer, and Bro. Calver P.M.

Secretary.

The next toast from the chair was that of the Visitors, and this was responded to by Bro. Roll, Mr. Hodsoll, and Mr. Reece.

In the course of the evening the W.M. received a message from the father of the Lodge, Bro. Barnes P.M., who regretted his inability to be present again, but expressed a wish that the Brethren would take wine with him at a given time, and this was done by the W.M. and all present, says the "East London Observer."

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During the evening there was capital vocalisation contributed by Miss Edith Payne, Bro. E. Chatterton P.M., Bro. Malcom Johnston, Bro. H. J. Chatterton, Mr. T. Slayton Reader, Mr. Richard Reader, Miss Ella Johnston, and Bro. Tom Burgess. Bro. E. Chatterton P.M. Organist was accompanist throughout, and had arranged, as Director of the Musical Ceremonies, an enjoyable programme.

#### SKELMERSDALE LODGE, No. 1658.

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THE W.M.-elect of this Lodge, Bro. W. Croxson, is such an extremely popular Craftsman that a successful gathering was confidently anticipated on the occasion of his installation—an expectation which was fully realised on Thursday of last week.

Lodge was called for 3:30 p.m., the Officers, members and visitors present then and dding the afternoon being Bros. Erle Douglas Side W.M., W. Croxson S.W., G. Bennett D.C. A. B. Kipps. Org., E. S. Rice 1:G., R. P. Rewisands P.M., H. Gohen P.M., H. B. Bowkeridge P.M., C. W. Lubbook, T. Gramer J.D., W. G. Bennett D.C. A. B. Kipps. Org., E. S. Rice 1:G., R. H. Smyth, F. M. Nilen, J. B. Thorneloe, B. Cohen, W. H. Kuypers, J. W. Sandell, D. Gunton, E. A. Wass, C. H. Sisman, J. S. Smith, S. Morris, T. S. Defeher, J. Pickering, H. L. Brigge, T. A. Jones, R. S. Buckeridge, J. Hibble, J. Gibbs, C. Davis, A. E. Evans, W. J. Perrin, A. Emary, W. F. Blies, W. B. Hummerstone, J. Humphries, H. C. Davies, F. Marlow, P. Twitchin, C. Emmeti, H. Levy, A. A. Logette.

Visitors:—H. E. Sanders F.M., E. H. Mundy Org., H. C. Parker S.D., P. H. Dalbiac, M.P., P.M., A. H. Hasting I.G., T. Hobby, H. Cornford, F. W. Trotter, G. White P.M., J. P. P. Readshaw, W. E. Groom S.D., T. West, J. M. Jones J.W., W. Guilford, F. C. Fleming, J. Stanton, O. F. Mackway P. M., Ezekiel I.G., Bruce, Perkins, &c.

On the Lodge being opened, the W.M. proceeded, after the usual initial business, to raise Bro. F. M. Nilen.

The W.M. then installed his successor into the chair of K.S., the work being done in a most satisfactory manner. The newly-appointed W.M. Bro. W. Croxson afterwards invested the following Officers: R. Gabell S.W., T. Rawings J.W., J. Hill P.M. Treasurer, W. H. Boys P.M. Sec., J. Farmer S.D., E. A. Rice J.D., J. B. Thornelos L.G., W. Bennett D.C., A. A. Logette Assistant D.C., J. W. Sandell Steward, F. Libyd Assistant Steward, A. E. Kipps Org., H. Thomas Tyler.

The universal testimony was that Worshipful Master and the rest of the next healing indeed.

An adjournment

would ever regret having elected Bro. Croxson as Master of the Skelmersdale Lodge. He called upon the Brethren to drink the toast in the heartiest of bumpers.

The W.M., on rising to reply, received a most enthusiastic ovation, for which he warmly thanked the Brethren. Having acknowledged also the kindly words of the I.P.M., he referred to that Brother's successful year, and said he had received a great incentive to go on and emulate the work of the outgoing Master. He had had five initiates that night, who were only the pioneers of the twenty he hoped to have during his year of office. Still, the speaker's idea was not to establish a record, but to do the best he could during his year, and to cherish the hope that his successor would surpass him. He hoped the Brethren would assist him in the work of the Lodge by coming early to its gatherings. The initiates they had, and the five candidates proposed that evening, would necessitate an emergency meeting in April, but he should not be content unless in May he had more, and so reach the summit of a Master's ambition, and work all the three degrees in one evening. He had already anticipated their wishes by engaging the big hall for the Ladies night next year, but in the meantime he thought they might arrange for an up-river summer outing. He suggested a Committee should be formed to carry out details, and while he hoped that the outing might result in a profit to buy votes for the Lodge, if it did not he would indemnify the Lodge against any loss. He warmly thanked the Lodge for the honour done him, and would do his very best to justify their choice.

The W.M. now very cordially proposed the I.P.M., enlarging upon the able manner in which Bro. Side had filled the chair, his mastery of the work, and the eloquence he had displayed on all occasions.

The I.P.M., in reply, fully justified the allusion to his excellence as a speaker. Having reviewed the progress of the Lodge during his occupancy of the chair, he humorously appealed to the "South London Chronicle" not to

believe its representations. He heartily promised his successor loyal support

and sat down amidst applause.

The Initiates were then toasted, at the instance of the W.M., and suitably responded; after which the Visitors was given, among the respondents being Bro. Col. Dalbiac, M.P., P.M. The Past Masters and Officers were also cordially honoured.

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Excellent songs were given during the evening by Miss Helen Murby, Bro. Frank Nilen, Miss Annie Cheal, Bro. E. T. Walford, Bro. Fred Everill, Mr. Edwin Crofton, Bro. Robert Rolands P.M. (Initiate's Song), Bro. Richard Fowler, and Bro. W. Perrin. Bro. H. Cohen P.M. gave a stirring recitation.

Everyone had a good word to say of Bro. Kipps for his admirable work in the Lodge and out, as Organist and Musical Director, Bro. Kipps is a most genial, good hearted Mason, and much esteemed in the Lodge.

#### HYGEIA LODGE, No. 2664.

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N Saturday, 11th ult., at the meeting held in the Masonic Rooms at the Holborn Restaurant, there was conferred upon Bro. William Hill Watson the highest honour the Brethren of the Lodge could bestow, and doubtless the great ability and perseverance which he has shown in his public capacity will prove as useful to himself and the members of his Lodge as it has in his various walks in life in the past.

After the ceremony the Brethren sat down to a banquet, the new Master presiding over a gathering of fifty-three members and visitors.

The Worshipful Master, in proposing the toast of the Queen, said that in asking the Brethren to honour the toast many words could not express more than that which was contained in the very true expression, "That as mother, as wife, as Queen, Her Most Gracious Majesty fulfilled each position with grace and ability unsurpassable."

In offering the toast of His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales as Grand Master of their Ancient Order, Bro. Watson felt that he was presenting the assembled Brethren with an opportunity of once again honouring as

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The W.M., in proposing the Grand Lodge Officers, stated that the presence of two Past Grand Officers amongst them that evening, one of whom, Bro. Gardiner, had assisted at the consecration of the Lodge, showed that young as Hygeia was she was known to be working in the plane of true Masonic influence, and to be aiming to fulfil the ancient traditions of the Order.

Bro. Gardiner Past Assistant Grand Director of Ceremonies, in responding, said that looking around him at the Brethren he could not feel otherwise than gratified that he had been so fortunate as to be able to lay claim to the maternity of so promising a child. He trusted that he should be enabled to see this lusty offspring develop into a full maturity, and still walking in the onward track guided by and following the landmarks of the Order.

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Bro. Boyce I.P.M. said it gave him great pleasure to propose what to the Lodge was the toast of the evening—the health of the W.M. Bro. W. H. Watson. He knew that in Bro. Watson the Brethren would find a Master worthy of their choice, one who would fulfil the duties of the office faithfully and honourably, reflecting credit upon the position, and pass on, unsullied, to his successor the duties and privileges of his exalted position.

Bro. Watson, in acknowledging the honour done him, stated that in following the footsteps of Bro. Boyce, and in having such an able Immediate Past Master on whom to rely, he felt able to attempt to carry out the duties of the high office he had been elected to, well knowing that in every case of difficulty he would have the assistance of a capable Brother to fall back upon; so that in no case would the Lodge suffer by any failing on his part. He thanked the Brethren, and promised them that no effort of his should be wanting to enchance the well-being of Hygeia Lodge.

In response to the toast of the Immediate Past Master, Bro. Boyce expressed his thanks for the assistance of all present during his year of office, and promised to aid to the uttermost the future welfare of the Lodge.

In answer to the toast of the Visitors, ably proposed by the W.M., Past Master Monson said that as a visitor he was very pleased to be present under the presidency of Bro. Watson, whom he had had the honour of knowing for many years, and he felt that under his guidance members of and visitors to Hygeia would have much to be thankful for.

Rev. Bro. Chambers said that he was pleased as a clergyman of the Church of England to be able to take his place amongst them as a man and a Mason, and aptly put as his expression of feeling in meeting the members of Hygeia Lodge, that "he had been there and still would go, 'twas like a little heaven below."

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#### INDUSTRY LODGE, No. 48.

THE annual meeting was held on Monday, 27th ult., in the Masonic Hall, Jackson Street, Gateshead. There was a large attendance of members and visitors from other Lodges. Bro. John Armstrong was installed W.M. for the ensuing year, the installing Officer being Bro. W. C. A. Hopzapfel.

In the evening the Brethren partook of a dinner in the banqueting hall of the Lodge, presided over by the Worshipful Master. The usual Loyal and Masonic toasts were given.

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### METHAM LODGE, No. 1205.

THE members met on the 20th ult., at Stonehouse, the S.W. Bro. Robert Stoneman being installed W.M. for the ensuing year.

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MISTLEY LODGE, No. 2339.

PECIAL interest attached to the monthly meeting of this Lodge, on Thursday, 23rd ult., from the fact that the opportunity was taken to bid farewell to Bro. the Rev. Wm. Cree Chaplain of the Lodge and Provincial Grand Chaplain of Essex, who has resigned the Vicarage of Manningtree, and is leaving for another sphere of work in London.

The W.M. Bro. I. B. Burton expressed the great regret of all the members of No. 2339 at losing a Brother who had been a consistent Mason amongst them ever since he came to Manningtree. No Lodge could afford to lose such a Brother, and they felt they could not let him depart without some

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token to remind him of the friends he left behind him. It was the fervent token to remind him of the friends he left behind him. It was the left hope of them all that Bro. Cree might long live to wear the jewel of a Provincial Grand Chaplain, which he was about to hand to him, and he might be assured that whenever he had an opportunity to visit the Mistley Lodge he would have a most hearty welcome. The W.M. then, amidst the hearty plaudits of the Brethren, placed on Bro. Cree's breast the jewel, which was inscribed as follows:

#### Presented to

W. Bro. the Rev. W. Cree, Prov.G. Chaplain Essex, by some of the Brethren of the Mistley Lodge, No. 2339, as a token of their esteem for his truly Masonic spirit.

Bro. the Rev. W. Cree, who on rising was received with applause, said he had been quite taken by surprise, as he had never contemplated receiving such a token of their kindness. He felt it was quite undeserved. Since he had been in Manningtree he had received nothing but kindness, courtesy, and Brotherly love from all the members, and he should value their handsome gift, not only for its own sake, but from the kind feeling that had prompted them to give it.

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A letter expressing regret at his inability to be present was received from the Provincial Grand Secretary Bro. T. J. Ralling, and Bro. A. J. H. Ward P.M. 650 P.P.S.G.W telegraphed his regret.

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#### HARDWICK LODGE, No. 2373.

THE anniversary festival was held at the Masonic Hall, Chesterfield, on Wednesday, 22nd ult., under very happy auspices.

The ceremony of installation was impressively conducted by Bro. Allcock W.M., and the new W.M. Bro. Emery most fittingly invested his

After the W.M. had received cordial congratulations, the Brethren adjourned to the Angel Hotel, where Mr. W. H. Hawkins had arranged an excellent banquet. The usual Loyal and Masonic toasts were honoured, the health of the W.M. being drunk with much enthusiasm.

## LLANGATTOCK LODGE, No. 2547.

THE installation of Bro. W. A. Beer as W.M. took place on Monday afternoon, 27th ult., at the Masonic Temple, Cardiff, in the presence of a large gathering, including the D.P.G.M. of the Eastern Division of South Wales Bro. Marmaduke Tennant.

The installation ceremony was performed by the W.M. Bro. Sam. Jones

Prov.G. Treasurer.

## INSTRUCTION.

#### CONFIDENCE LODGE, No. 193.

A T the Bunch of Grapes, Lime Street, E.C., on Wednesday, 29th ult., Bros. J. W. Simeons W.M., W. H. Latham S.W., A. Baillie J.W., J. K. Pitt P.M. P.P.G.S.B. Surrey Secretary, T. A. Stenner P.M. Preceptor, E. Pennock P.M. S.D., W. Hattersley J.D., G. Bushell I.G., Carr, Johns, and other Brethren.

The questions leading to the second degree were answered, and the ceremony of passing was rehearsed, Bro. Johns being the candidate. The questions leading to the third were answered, and a raising was rehearsed, Bro. Carr being candidate.

Bro. W. H. Latham was elected W.M. for the next meeting.

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#### 0 FRIARS LODGE, No. 1349.

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No. Thursday, at Bro. Morris Abraham's, the Aldgate Distillery, Aldgate Bros. Emden W.M., Lotheim S.W., M. Moses J.W., J. Oxley P.M. acting Prec., J. Davis Sec., M. Maken S.D., Goldman J.D., Friend I.G., Crabb Steward, M. DaCosta P.M., Corper, Morris Abrahams, J. Wyuman, L. A. DaCosta P.M. Preceptor of the Lodge, Hart, King, D. Moss P.M., Toye P.M., Sheveren, Sassienic, J. Hyams, Ramson, Torlowsky.

The ceremony of passing was rehearsed, Bro. Torlowsky being the candidate. This ceremony was rendered in a perfect manner. The W.M. vacated the chair in favour of Bro. M. DaCosta, who announced his intention of rehearsing the ceremony of installation. Bro. Corper W.M.-elect 1349 was presented by Bro. D. Moss, a really perfect Director of Ceremonies, The obligation having been taken, the W.M. proceeded to invest the Officers, which was done to the credit of himself and the Lodge.

Bro. DaCosta afterwards delivered the three addresses in his usual perfect manner.

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## WOODROW LODGE, No. 1708.

T Stone's Restaurant, Panton Street, on Monday, Bros. J. W. Simeons W.M., W. H. G. Rudderforth P.M. S.W., S. Firminger J.W., G. Spice S.D., C. Woodrow Preceptor, C. E. Wetton Assistant Prec., V. Weston I.G., D. H. Kyd, and other Brethren.

The Lodge was opened and the minutes read. The Lodge was honoured by the presence of Bro. W. A. Scurrah P.G.S.B., who received the usual welcome accorded to Grand Officers. The ceremonies of passing and raising were rehearsed by the W.M., and very favourably received by the Brethren assembled. Bro. W. H. G. Rudderforth P.M. was unanimously elected W.M. for the next meeting, Monday, 10th April.

### CHISWICK LODGE, No. 2012.

ON the 18th ult., Bros. W. T. Ridgway W.M., F. M. Wilkins S.W., H. J. Cousens J.W., Arthur Williams P.M. Prec., Fred Craggs P.M. Treas., R. Josey P.M. Sec., R. Reid S.D., K. M. Ross J.D., J. H. Cumming P.M. I.G., H. T. Johnson, W. Hyde P.M., Anthony jun, and several others.

Lodge was opened to the second degree, and Bro. Hyde answered the questions, the third degree ceremony being rehearsed. The W.M. gave the traditional history in a perfect manner. Lodge was resumed to the first degree, and was called off and on. The second section of the first lecture was worked by the assembled Brethren, the questions being but by the Preceptor,

who afterwards made a strong appeal to those present to support the West London Masonic Election Association at the poll. Bro. Wilkins was elected to occupy the chair at the next meeting.

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#### ALFRED NEWTON LODGE, No. 2686.

N Tuesday, at the Royal Palace Hotel, Kensington, W., Bros. H. R. Newton (son of Alderman Alfred Newton) W.M., A. J. Naughton S.W., H. Thompson J.W., R. H. Williams P.M. Preceptor, W. R. Flack P.M. Assist. Prec., D. F. Norrington S.W. 2686 Sec., H. Redgrave S.D., W. B. Abbott P.M. J.D., Dr. T. G. Heighington I.G., T. W. Jupes, F. Catchpole, P. Carmichael, J. Wynman.

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The W.M. rehearsed the ceremony of initiation, for which Bro. F. Catchpole acted as candidate. The ceremony being ended, the Lodge was called from labour to refreshment. On resuming, the W.M. vacated his chair in favour of Bro. Norrington Secretary of the Lodge.

Before Bro. Newton retired from the chair, however, Bro. R. H. Williams P.M. Preceptor, in a neat and well received speech, complimented him on the faultless manner in which he had rehearsed the ceremony of initiation for the first time in the Lodge, and proposed that a hearty vote of thanks be recorded on the minutes to that effect. This was seconded by Bro. Flack P.M. Deputy Preceptor and unanimously supported.

Bro. Newton W.M., in a few appreciative words, thanked the Brethren for their compliments, and was very pleased to hear he had given satisfaction.

Bro. Norrington advanced the Lodge to the second degree, and Bro. Carmichael answered the questions leading to the third degree. He was entrusted, the Lodge was opened up, and the ceremony of raising was rehearsed. Bro. Norrington showed he was well suited to occupy the leading position in the Lodge.

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The W.M. resumed the Lodge to the first degree, and Bro. A. J. Naughton was unanimously elected to preside on Tuesday next.

As we said on a recent occasion, the appointments of this Lodge are of the highest character. We were pleased to see the Secretary taking the chair, as in several Lodges it is noticable that the most hard worked member seldom has the opportunity of presiding. The Lodge meets every Tuesday at 7.45 p.m., and, as Bro. R. H. Williamsip.M. is well known amongst the Craft as one of the very best Preceptors, we strongly advise Brethren to pay the Lodge a visit. They may rely on receiving a most hearty reception from the members.

## ROYAL ARCH.

#### HOPE CHAPTER, No. 574.

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THE regular meeting was held at Newbury, on Thursday, 16th ult., when there was a numerous attendance. The three chairs were occupied by the Rev. W. M. Hope M.E.Z., S. Knight H., and W. H. Belcher P.Z. J.

Past Master Stephen Knight jun., and Bro. Joseph Howard, of Benham, were exalted, after which the Principals and other Officers for the ensuing year were elected, as follow:—Comp. Stephen Knight M.E.Z., W. H. Belcher H., Reginald Maples J., Hanington S.E., Col. Ricardo S.N., E. Head Treasurer, E. Hill P. Soj., J. N. Day 1st Asst. Soj., C. Stradling 2nd Asst. Soj., H. D'o. W. Astley Steward, C. E. Keyser P.Z. P.G.Sw.B. Director of Ceremonies, and S. P. Burton Janitor.

The Chapter having been closed, the Companions, joined by the Mark Masons, dined together at the Jack of Newbury Hotel. Bro. Day, the newly-installed Master of the Mark Lodge, presided, the vice-chairman being the Senior Warden Col. Ricardo. The health of the W.M. of the Porchester Lodge, proposed by Past Master Belcher, was drunk with much enthusiasm, and Bro. Day suitably returned thanks.

Comp. Knight gave the health of the retiring M.E.Z. Rev. W. M. Hope, bearing testimony to the great ability he had shown in the high office he had held during the past year.

Comp. Hanington proposed the health of Comp. A. E. Pike, and on behalf of those present offered him every good wish on his departure for a more important position in connection with the Capital and Counties Banking Company at Nottingham.

Comp. Pike, in replying, said he had spent a very happy time amongst the Newbury Masons, and he was sorry to leave the neighbourhood.

The W.M. of the Porchester Lodge proposed the health of his newly-appointed Officers, for whom Col. Ricardo returned thanks. Comp. Raynor gave the health of the exaltees, and Comps. S. Knight jun. and J. Howard responded.

## MARK MASONRY.

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#### PORCHESTER LODGE, No. 27.

THE Officers and Brethren of this Lodge, which is the oldest Mark Lodge in the Province of Berks and Oven having beautiful for the Province of Berks and Oven having beautiful in the Province of Berks and Oxon, having been founded in 1858, assembled at the Temperance Hall, Newbury, on Thursday afternoon, 16th ult., under the presidency of the Worshipful Master Bro. C. E. Keyser P.G.D. England, supported by several of the Past Masters.

The principal business was the installation of the Senior Warden Bro. Joseph Napoleon Day Provincial Grand Superintendent Works as Worshipful Master for the ensuing year. The ceremony having been completed, the W.M. appointed his Officers.

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The installation ceremony was ably and impressively performed by Bro.

Apologies for non-attendance were read from the Provincial Grand Master Viscount Valentia and other distinguished Brethren.

The Audit Committee presented a report, showing that the Lodge finances had been brought into a most satisfactory condition, and Bro. Belcher Treasurer and the Committee were congratulated upon the successful issue of their labours, and warmly thanked for the time and trouble they had devoted to the matter. to the matter.

On the proposal of Past Master Cosburn, seconded by Past Master Heard, a hearty vote of thanks, unanimously passed, was presented to Bro. Keyser, for the valuable services he had rendered to the Lodge during the past year, and, indeed, throughout the period during which he had been associated with Masonry in Newbury.

Bro. Keyser, who was greeted with much applause, made a graceful response, after which the Lodge business was brought to a termination in the usual form.

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#### MASONIC EQUALITY.

WHENEVER and wherever Freemasons congregate in Lodges, they "meet on the Level." Princes and presidents, philosophers and statesmen, the learned and the unlearned, are only Brethren there. Their distinctions, and even their virtues, they may flaunt before the world, but there all inequalities are veiled; Mr. President is but Brother, and his lowliest fellow-citizen greets him as an equal. There is a lofty principle underlying this practice, and this principle gives birth to the noblest of Masonic efforts; to both of these we would devote

a few thoughts.

The socialist, anarchist and the Utopian have brought into disrepute the great doctrine of moral equality, but they can only pervert it—never annul it. It is an outgrowth of the better part of every man's nature, and it is the declared truth of the Father of us all. The Prophet Malachi asks: "Have we not all one Father? Hath not one God created us? Why do we deal treacherously every man against his brother?" While Solomon, whom we acknowledge as the first Grand Master of Freemasonry, says: "The rich and the poor meet together; the Lord is the Maker of them all." So, in apostolic times, St. Paul wrote: "The multitude of them that believed were of one heart and of one soul, and had all things common." We are all the children of one Father; we enter and leave the world in like manner, at birth and death, to appear before T. G. A. O. T. U., who is no respecter of persons.

The doctrine of complete equality, social and political, as well as moral, while desirable in itself, numberless experiments have proved to be fallacious and unattainable this side of the stars. This, Masonry does not teach. It strikes at no form of government, no rank of society. While it closes its doors upon all outside distinctions, and admits only the man, it allows him to assume all again as soon as he has recrossed its portals. While it has been demonstrated that life is too long, and the spirit of man is too much biased by time and sense, to justify a complete community of interest, it has been equally proven that it is possible for a band of Brothers to meet periodically, to lose all sense of their earthly distinctions in the Lodge, while there to be engaged only in labours of love, and on parting to carry away with them so much of the spirit of their meeting as to bias for good all of

their subsequent actions.

Freemasonry is essentially democratic in this feature of equality. It teaches the truth that we have mutual wants and need mutual assistance; that every Brother must aid, to the extent of his ability, his Brother in sickness, need or other adversity; that being all subject to the same perils of fortune, all should minister alike to those having need. But while democratic in this leading doctrine of equality of rights, in another aspect it is essentially aristocratic. The power of the W.M. is absolute. We will not discuss this now; we only note it in passing to show how complex, and at the same time complete a system Masonry is, containing the germs of many systems, of government as well as of justice and right—ever seeking to find the good in every system, weed it of its possibly accompanying evils, and retain only those parts which tend to the well-being of man and the honour

This leading Masonic feature strikes at the very root of the chief human imperfection—pride, which caused alike the fall of angels and of man. It perhaps is the first well defined feeling of the human heart, the firmest to retain its hold, the last to yield its sway, according to the course of nature; while humility is a golden virtue, giving grace to the life, and exalting it in the very act of abasement. Equality and humility are twin-sisters; they always coexist. Masonry in teaching the one teaches the other, and, so far as it successfully does this, spreads abroad the practice of one of the noblest virtues known to man, the sincere exemplification of which purifies the heart, and so far fits it for the Grand Lodge above. Of pride it has been forcibly said, "Masonry has banished it from the Lodge and sung its requiem."

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But the chief glory of the doctrine of Masonic equality is, that is has given birth to all of our efforts in behalf of our needy, worthy Brethren and the distressed of every name the wide world over. The "Brotherhood of man" once acknowledged, we must aid and succour our fellows, for they are, if Masons, joined to us by the "mystic tie;" if not, still of one blood with us, with a common Father, and journeying to the same goal, pursued by the same great leveler—Death. All our benevolences have their origin in the acknowledgment of a common equality; hence it is the foundation-stone of the Fraternity, the first to be taught, the last to be forgotten. In the language of Job, God "accepteth not the to be forgotten. In the language of Job, God "accepteth not the person of princes, nor regardeth the rich more than the poor, for all are the work of his hands." Masons have a double reason for treating their Brethren in every respect as their equals, their second selves. First, there is the example just quoted, which in itself is an injunction to go and do likewise; and we may, in a much lower, but no irreverent sense say, that every Mason as such is the work of our Craft's hands-our ancient and venerated

system has taken him, a profane, and cast upon him the privileges of the Fraternity. He is one of us by our own act, and hence it becomes us to love him with a Brother's love, and aid him with a Brother's hand.—" Keystone."

Bro. Biggs, of the Enfield Lodge, London, when responding as a visitor at the Orion Lodge, Victoria, remarked upon the readiness with which he, as a young Mason, had been accepted by the Craft in Victoria since his arrival there, and, whilst admiring personally their confidence in him, related an amusing anecdote. "Passing along Fleet Street one afternoon, Douglas Jerrold was accosted by a casual acquaintance, who mildly enquired if he had sufficient confidence in him (the applicant) to lend him half-a-guinea. Jerrold replied that he had any amount of confidence, but he really had not the half-guinea." The speaker evidently intended to point a moral by this tale.

## ELECTION OF Grand Treasurer, 1900.

CANDIDATURE OF

## Brother Harry Mansield.

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