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EXTRAVAGANT LUXURIES.

THE first of the half-yearly elections to the Masonic Educational Institutions was held on Thursday, when sixteen children were elected to the benefits of the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls, from a list of thirty-three candidates.

As has happened in connection with almost every election for the advantages of the Masonic Educational Institutions in recent years the polling was tremendously heavy, not exceptionally so, it is true, but that does not by any means diminish the disparity that is so manifest between the outlay required to secure the benefits of either of the Charities, and the marketable value of the advantages attached to those benefits; and we can only repeat our expressions of surprise that some effort is not made to put the matter on a more equitable footing, with some sort of adjustment of the laws of supply and demand or, as they may better be described in this connection, of give and take.

The candidate highest on the poll at Thursday's election won her place with 5,523 votes, the lowest successful polled 3,701, and she was the only girl who was elected at an expenditure of less than 4,000 votes; while no less than thirteen of the scholarships were secured after the recording of upwards of 4,600 votes in each case. Four thousand, six hundred votes! Has the ordinary subscriber of five or ten guineas to the Educational Institutions any idea of what this means? or does he for one moment think what he is giving his money for, or what he is going to get in return for it? Probably not one in a thousand of the subscribers ever gives a moment's thought to the subject, and if so many people may be induced year after year to give their money as freely as they have lately done, with this disparity staring them in the face, it may be it is no business of ours to draw attention to the wide divergencies which exist, or to urge on the Craft the necessity of making a move with a view to remedy or reform; but we are so continually hearing of Brethren who express themselves as utterly disgusted with Freemasonry, and others who point the finger of scorn at its boasts of charity as compared with its actual performances in that direction, that we regard the subject as a public one, and one that not only needs ventilation, but strong action unless the Craft desires to make itself the laughing stock of level headed and sensible men amongst us; for, despite the fact that one of the leading lights of the Masonic Charity world recently had occasion to express his opinion that no doubt we agreed with Carlyle as to the proportion of Fools in the English population, we yet believe there are some in our midst who cannot endorse all that is being done in the name of Masonic Charity, on behalf of the two English Educational Institutions; although whether the objectors are to be eventually numbered among Carlyle's majority, or with his minority, time alone can prove.

Yes, we do agree with Carlyle, or how else can

we account for the continuous flow of subscriptions to these two Funds, from which, comparatively speaking, little is given in return, for we unhesitatingly say that a $\frac{1}{4600}$ chance in each half yearly election during a Subscriber's lifetime is no adequate return for a donation of five guineas. We have heard the old nonsense that money thus given in charity is not expected to bring any definite return, but we look at the matter in a different light, and are of opinion that the benefits should be in distinct proportion to the amounts given.

One is met at the very outset of investigations into this question by a difficulty which seems almost insurmountable:—the difficulty of putting any monetary value upon the votes obtained by a Subscriber or Governor in return for his donation of five or ten guineas, but even if we give a donor an average life of twenty years he would only receive forty votes for each five guineas subscribed, giving an average of about two shillings and sixpence a vote, so that the 4,600 required to carry a candidate would about represent twice the amount the averaged aged child should cost while on the funds of the Institutions. This goes to prove, what we have all along considered to be equitable, that about 2,500 votes should secure a child's election to either of our Schools, and any number required beyond that can only be regarded as paying an excessive price for what has come to be regarded as a very expensive luxury—a place in either of the central Educational Institutions of English Freemasonry.

On Wednesday, 4th inst., Bro. Rudyard Kipling was admitted as an honorary member of the Canongate Kilwinning Lodge, Edinburgh, No. 2. The election took place at a meeting presided over by the Master of the Lodge, who was supported by Past Masters, Office Bearers, and members of No. 2, and representative members of other Lodges, numbering altogether a hundred. The Secretary of the Lodge Brother Alfred Murray, W.S., proposed that honorary membership be conferred on Brother Joseph Rudyard Kipling, member and past Secretary of Lodge Hope and Perseverance, India. In doing so he mentioned the characteristics of Kipling's writings that endeared him to Scotsmen, and especially to Freemasons, and entitled him to have his name entered in the Lodge's brilliant roll of men distinguished in literature, art, and other departments. Robert Burns was Poet Laureate of the Lodge, and Sir Walter Scott was also a member. Past Master Allan Mackenzie seconded the motion, and said the Brethren would be glad to hear that Brother Kipling at once agreed to accept honorary membership, was sorry he was unable to carry out his original intention of being present at the meeting, and hoped that if, before long, he was in Edinburgh, he would have the pleasure of making their acquaintance in the Lodge room. The motion was adopted with acclamation, and the Secretary was instructed to forward his diploma and a copy of the resolution to Brother Kipling. Afterwards, an hour was dedicated to harmony, in the course of which some of Kipling's ballads were rendered by Brethren, and the Master, in a happy and appropriate speech, proposed the toast of the latest honorary member, which was received with much enthusiasm.

WILTSHIRE.

THE annual meeting of this Provincial Grand Lodge was held in the Council Chamber at the Town Hall, Trowbridge, on Wednesday, 4th inst. In the absence of the Provincial Grand Master Bro. the Earl of Radnor through illness, and of the Deputy Prov. Grand Master Bro. C. N. P. Phipps, the chair was taken by Bro. J. H. Lloyd, Rector of Mere. The usual business was transacted.

At the banquet subsequently held Bro. Lieut.-Colonel Chaloner, M.P., presided.

There were 125 Brethren at Lodge and 85 at the banquet. The arrangements were well carried out by a Committee of the local Lodge.

SOUTH WALES EAST DIVISION.

THE following Officers were appointed at the recent meeting of this Provincial Grand Lodge, reported in our last issue :—

Bro. F. G. Hodges 1754	-	-	-	Senior Warden
Edward Dawson 36	-	-	-	Junior Warden
Rev. W. Lewis 1578	-	-	-	Chaplains
Rev. G. D. Fagden 2382	-	-	-	
Sam Sym Jones 364	-	-	-	Treasurer
J. Williams 2357	-	-	-	Registrar
W. Whittington 364	-	-	-	Secretary
Chas. A. J. Ward	-	-	-	Senior Deacon
Lewis Morgan 2453	-	-	-	Junior Deacon
Angus Mackintosh 110	-	-	-	Superintendent of Works
D. Clement John 960	-	-	-	Director of Ceremonies
Sam Shepton 679	-	-	-	Sword Bearer
David Morgan 1573	-	-	-	Standard Bearers
T. R. Phillips 1578	-	-	-	
W. J. Vaughan 1992	-	-	-	Organist
W. A. Beer 2547	-	-	-	Assistant Secretary
G. D. Loveluck 833	-	-	-	Pursuivant
W. C. Thomas 2606	-	-	-	Assistant Pursuivant
J. H. Edwards 2382	-	-	-	Stewards
E. R. Gill 1807	-	-	-	
J. W. Brooks 651	-	-	-	
John Jones 2720	-	-	-	
A. Lloyd Beard 1992	-	-	-	Tyler.
Bullerwell 237	-	-	-	

MONMOUTHSHIRE.

THE annual meeting of this Provincial Grand Lodge was held at Pontypool, on Thursday evening, 5th inst., under the banner of the Kennard Lodge, No. 1258, when Bro. Colonel C. Lyne Provincial Grand Master presided over a large and representative gathering from all parts of the county.

The Charity report, read by the Deputy Prov. G.M., was to the effect that £477 had been raised in the Province during the year towards the funds of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution for Aged Masons and their Widows, and that Monmouthshire stood fifth in the kingdom in the matter of such subscriptions. A son of a deceased member of the Albert Edward Lodge (Newport) had been presented for admission into the Boys School under the Homfray Memorial Presentation. It was resolved to support next year the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls, and to contribute to the Provincial Grand Secretary's list a donation of thirty guineas.

Bro. Hedges Secretary to the Institution thanked the Prov. G. Lodge, and urged the claims of the Institution upon the Brethren.

The Prov. Grand Officers were afterwards appointed and invested, as follow :—

Bro. W. H. Haskins	-	-	-	Senior Warden
W. J. Dix	-	-	-	Junior Warden
Rev. H. M. Bidwell	-	-	-	Chaplains
Rev. R. W. B. Sanderson	-	-	-	
Charles Cullum	-	-	-	Treasurer
R. H. Spencer	-	-	-	Registrar
J. C. Brook	-	-	-	Secretary
T. Gill Williams	-	-	-	Senior Deacon
J. T. Williams	-	-	-	Junior Deacon
D. J. Lougher	-	-	-	Superintendent of Works
E. S. Schofield	-	-	-	Director of Ceremonies
R. Nancarrow	-	-	-	Assist. Dir. of Ceremonies
Thomas Hughes	-	-	-	Sword Bearer
Thomas W. Thomas	-	-	-	Standard Bearers
Lewis L. Fine	-	-	-	
H. Chedzoy	-	-	-	Organist
Thomas Addis	-	-	-	Assistant Secretary
Tom Rosser	-	-	-	Pursuivant
W. Calvin Thomas 471	-	-	-	Stewards
H. J. Parkhurst 1258	-	-	-	
Thomas A. Hawkes 1429	-	-	-	
J. G. Broackes 1562	-	-	-	
George Smedley 2186	-	-	-	Tyler.
A. G. Green 2556	-	-	-	
E. W. Evans	-	-	-	

The banquet was partaken of at the Crown Hotel, and was numerously attended, the Provincial Grand Master presiding, supported by his Deputy, Bro. Hedges P.G.S.B., and others.

The latter, speaking in reply to the toast of the Masonic Charities, said he hoped the Province would liberally support the Girls School, which was the oldest of the Masonic Charities, and had educated close upon 2,000 daughters of Freemasons. The education given was second to none, and the management was of the best.

ROYAL ARCH.

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CHESHIRE.

THE annual meeting of this Provincial Chapter was held on Saturday, 30th ult., at the Mechanics' Institution, Stockport, under the presidency of the Hon. Alan de Tatton Egerton, M.P., P.G.W. England, the Provincial Grand Superintendent. There was a very numerous attendance.

The Chapter was opened in due form by the Provincial Grand Superintendent and Second and Third Principals. All the Chapters in the Province were represented. The minutes of the last Provincial Chapter, held at Chester on the 19th of October 1898, were read and confirmed. The Report of the Committee was read, showing a steady progress in the Province, and the Committee were again re-appointed to superintend and visit the various Chapters and assist and instruct the Officers during the ensuing year. The Treasurer's statement of accounts had been printed and was distributed, showing a balance in Parr's Bank of over £60. On the proposition of Companion George Ibeson, one of the Auditors, the balance sheet was approved and passed.

The Provincial Grand Superintendent addressed the Companions assembled, and thanked them for their presence in such large numbers. He was pleased to find an improvement in the balance sheet. It was better than last year, and showed that progress was taking place by the addition of Companions joining the Chapters in the Province. Their Masonic education, so to speak, was not considered to be completed in the Craft Lodge, and he therefore recommended Brethren to take the higher degree in the Royal Arch Chapter. He was glad to know the Officers of the various Chapters were showing more interest in their work, and he relied on their performing the duties appertaining to their posts efficiently, thereby setting a good example to those in subordinate positions in the Chapters to which they severally belonged, and also encouraging a laudable ambition to excel each other in the supreme degree. He thanked all the Officers for their loyal support during the past year, and trusted to have a continuance of their help during the ensuing one. Having a substantial balance in the bank they would be employing it to a good purpose by devoting a portion of the fund to the local Charitable Institutions; and acting upon this suggestion, a sum of five guineas was unanimously voted to the Cheshire Educational Institution, and a similar amount to the Cheshire Benevolent Institution.

On the proposition of Companion J. E. Steward, seconded by Companion H. Powell Jones, Companion William Shepherd P.Z. 287 was unanimously elected Provincial Grand Treasurer for the ensuing year. Companion William Shepherd, in a few appropriate words, thanked the proposer and seconder and the Companions, for the honour conferred upon him. Companions George Ibeson, T. M. Lockwood, and T. A. Annett were elected Auditors.

The following were appointed Provincial Grand Officers for the ensuing year :—

Comp. H. Gordon Small	-	-	-	H.
William Booth	-	-	-	J.
Richard Newhouse	-	-	-	Scribe E.
Walter Newton	-	-	-	Scribe N.
A. Walker	-	-	-	Registrar
Joseph Roby	-	-	-	Sojourner
Henry Nash	-	-	-	1st Assistant Sojourner
W. J. Nash	-	-	-	2nd Assistant Sojourner
William Shepherd	-	-	-	Treasurer
R. H. Whatham	-	-	-	Sword Bearer
Hugh Pemberton	-	-	-	Standard Bearer
Thomas Brown	-	-	-	Assist. Standard Bearers
James White	-	-	-	
J. E. Steward	-	-	-	Director of Ceremonies
F. A. Smith	-	-	-	Assistant Dirs. of Cers.
George Wildgoose	-	-	-	
Thomas Thorniley	-	-	-	Organist
Edmund Edmundson	-	-	-	Assistant Scribe E.
J. Ferguson	-	-	-	Janitor.
A. Huxley	-	-	-	

On the motion of Companion James Cookson, the sum of £5 was voted towards the expenses of the Provincial Grand Chapter.

At the conclusion of the meeting the company adjourned to the Florist Hotel, Shaw Heath, where a first-class banquet was provided by Companion William Slack, the host, thirty-five of the principal Officers and Companions supporting the Provincial Grand Superintendent, who presided. The usual Loyal and Arch toasts were submitted and honoured.

The proceedings terminated shortly after nine o'clock, with the singing of the National Anthem. The meeting and after proceedings were pronounced to be one of the most successful Provincial Chapters held since the Hon. A. de Tatton Egerton, M.P., was appointed Provincial Grand Superintendent, and augurs well for the meeting of Provincial Grand Lodge appointed to be held in Stockport in 1900, when we are quite sure Earl Egerton of Tatton Provincial Grand Master of Cheshire will receive a most cordial and hearty welcome.—"Stockport Advertiser."

MONMOUTHSHIRE.

THE annual meeting of this Provincial Grand Chapter was held on Thursday, 5th inst., at Pontypool, under the presidency of Comp. Col. Charles Lyne Prov. G. Superintendent. The usual business of the year was transacted, the Officers being duly appointed.

CHURCH SERVICE.

THE eighth annual service for Brethren of the district of Plymouth will be held at St. Paul's Church, Morice Square, Devonport, on Sunday, 5th November, at 3.30 p.m., when the preacher will be Bro. Rev. Frederick King, M.A., Vicar of Southmolton, P.M. 421 P.P.G.C. Bro. J. W. Wingate has kindly consented to play a violin solo ("Reverie," by Vieuxtemps) at the commencement of the service, and Bro. Philip Wright will sing "The Shepherd of the Fold." Bro. G. Hele jun. will preside at the organ. The collection will be given to the Royal Albert Hospital.

Years ago the Freemasons of Somerset promised to raise sufficient money to restore the west front of the Abbey to some of its ancient glory, but beyond the raising of some two or three hundred pounds nothing further was done. The great scheme of internal restoration in the time of Prebendary Kemble, although a complete success, was a very expensive undertaking, but I am told the present scheme for restoring the west front and replacing some of the fast-decaying architectural beauty of the ancient building will cost about one-tenth of what was spent then. The subscription list, which has been open for some few months, has been liberally patronised, and perhaps no more striking proof of the generosity of Churchmen in this city can be furnished than the fact that within the short space of three or four years no less than £20,000 has been subscribed by them for Church work. Half the sum required for the restoration of the west front has already been collected, or promised, and there is no doubt that the remaining thousand pounds will soon be forthcoming, for the preservation appeals alike in interest to members of all religious sections.—"Bath Argus."

Referring to this subject, the "Bath Chronicle" says "the amount required is very moderate, the estimated cost being only £2,000, and towards this some £1,100 has been given or promised. This includes £300 or £400 which the bankers have husbanded for several years as the remanet of a subscription which the Masonic body initiated for the very purpose when the work was originally undertaken. A graceful, and, we are sure we may say a grateful, addition to the subscription list would be a donation from the Masons of to-day, 'In Memoriam' of their Brethren who, emulating the example of the Craftsmen of old, set about restoring the temple, but were summoned to the Grand Lodge above ere their work was done and their intentions were fulfilled."

It will be remembered that at the meeting of the Provincial Grand Lodge of Hampshire and the Isle of Wight, held at Southampton recently, a handsome presentation was made to Bro. Edgar Goble, of Fareham, in recognition of his services for many years as Provincial Grand Secretary, from

which office he retired on his appointment as Deputy Prov. Grand Master on the vacation of that office by Bro. Le Feuvre. From a statement just issued, we gather that the total contributions to the Testimonial Fund amounted to £286 16s from forty-seven out of the forty-eight Lodges of the Province or private members thereof. The tea and coffee service cost £163 12s 6d, the gold watch and silver bowl £57 10s, and the ring for Mrs. Goble £51. A Life-Governorship in one of the Charities was also purchased for Mrs. Goble, and after payment of expenses a balance of nine shillings was left, which was handed to the Almoner's Fund of Bro. Goble's Lodge, the Harmony, at Fareham.

What does this mean? What serious trouble is at the bottom of the following vaguely worded paragraph by our worthy Scotch contemporary the "Mallet," in the "Glasgow Evening News." "An official of the Grand Lodge of England has given our Brethren of America a poor idea of our system this side the Atlantic. It appears a representative company waited upon the official in question at the headquarters in London, and were curtly, without explanation, denied audience. Officials, even when highly paid, should not be exclusive in Freemasonry, and visitors with friendly, not to say Fraternal intent, should in any circumstances be treated with courtesy."

The Vicar of St. Cyprian's, Brockley, on the occasion of a recent social gathering, congratulated the meeting on the fact that operations had been begun for the building of a permanent church. The date had not yet been fixed for the laying of the foundation stone, but he hoped that it would be on an early day in the spring. It had been suggested that it should be laid with Masonic honours, but as the Countess of Dartmouth had already been asked to perform the ceremony he did not see how that could be done—perhaps, however, Lord Dartmouth might be asked to represent the Countess.

It is with extreme regret we learn that our worthy Bro. G. E. Higginson P.M. 1791, who is Preceptor of several Lodges of Instruction in the West End of London, is lying dangerously ill at his residence in Shepherd's Bush, and but little hope is entertained that he will recover. Bro. Higginson's name is particularly known in connection with Section working, and he is considered to be one who cannot be excelled in either putting or answering the questions. He has our best wishes for a complete restoration to health.

Bros. Alderman Treloar and Alfred Henry Bevan Grand Treasurer, the new Sheriffs of the City of London, were formally admitted to office on the 28th ult., at the Guildhall, in succession to Bros. Alderman Alliston and Colonel Clifford Probyn, whose period of shrievalty had expired. The proceedings were conducted with all the old-fashioned ceremonial.

The "Daily Chronicle" is responsible for the following story of Freemasonry on Majuba Hill. A slightly wounded commissariat officer was being covered by the rifle of a Boer sharpshooter, when the former made a Masonic sign. The Boer lowered his rifle, and stepping over to the other, made him a prisoner, but treated him in a specially hospitable fashion as a Brother member of the Craft. The commissariat man ascertained that Mr. Kruger and General Joubert were also Freemasons.

The humours of Freemasonry.—At a Lodge not a hundred miles from Shaftesbury Avenue, which was recently being opened in the third degree, the Junior Warden (who by the way was an old Past Master) was asked by the Worshipful Master "Whence come you?" The Brother replied "From Babylon, Most Excellent," which reply was greeted with a smile by the Royal Arch Companions present.

Bro. Sir Reginald Hanson, Bart., M.P., has been elected Master of the Spectaclemakers Company for the year ensuing; Sir William Hart-Dyke, M.P., the Upper Warden; and Sir Marcus Samuel the Renter Warden.

The members of the Perseverance Lodge, No. 573, Halesowen, are busy at work preparing for the celebration of the Jubilee of their Lodge, which occurs next year.

CHURCH STONE LAYING.

ON Tuesday afternoon, 3rd inst., the ceremony of laying the foundation stone of the new church of St. Andrew's, Malmesbury Park, Bournemouth, was performed with Masonic rites by Bro. W. W. Beach, M.P., Provincial Grand Master of Hants and the Isle of Wight.

The new church will fill an important want in this eastern end of the parish of Holy Trinity. The rapid growth of Malmesbury Park attracted the attention of the Dean of Windsor when he was vicar of Holy Trinity Church, and before he left Bournemouth the site for a new church had been given by the late Earl of Malmesbury, and a considerable sum of money collected. The present vicar took up the work on his arrival in Bournemouth, and finding that it was urgently necessary to provide some accommodation at once, it was decided to erect a chancel and a temporary brick nave to accommodate about 400 persons. The foundation stone of the chancel was laid by Lady Malmesbury on 13th October 1891, and in May of the following year the church was opened for divine worship, and was in use from that date until June of the present year. Then the temporary nave was taken down and re-erected on a site adjoining the church, as a parish hall, as the Committee had felt encouraged by some generous subscriptions to undertake the completion of the church. The tender of Messrs. Collins and Godfrey, of Tewkesbury, was accepted for the nave. The amount of the contract was £4,651. Towards this sum the Committee have received £2,661, and have secured promises of £280. The church is intended as a memorial to the late Dr. Burslem, one of the founders of the parish of Holy Trinity. It contains, however, other memorials. Mrs. La Motte has given the organ as a memorial to her son, and a handsome oak reredos in memory of her daughter. Mrs. Clarke has contributed £600 to the cost of the nave in memory of her husband. The lectern was the gift of the Misses Dixon, and the pulpit was given by the late Mrs. Beaumont Pease. Canon Twells has kindly promised a font for the new church, and Miss Twells has also promised communion plate.

The architects of the new church are Messrs. Chatwin (Birmingham) and S. Tugwell (Bournemouth), the latter being the successor to the late Mr. Douglas Stewart. The following is a description of the building, which will form a very handsome architectural addition to the neighbourhood when completed:—The nave of the Church is planned with north and south aisles, each with its separate porch, which also communicates with the rest of the building. Central with the nave and at its western end is shown a baptistry, flanked at its angles with buttresses, which, with a steeply pitched roof, will form a striking feature on the west elevation. The nave measures eighty feet long and twenty-five feet wide, and is separated from the aisles by four arches, which carry the clerestory, and the whole is spanned throughout its length by a massive open timber roof. The aisles are eleven feet wide, and broaden out at their eastern end to a width of eighteen feet. The church is eminently adapted for congregational worship, the pulpit and the reading desk controlling every portion of the building. The style adopted is based upon English Gothic of the decorated period. The walls are of Purbeck stone with Bath stone finishings. There is a red tile roof. The total seatings, exclusive of the clergy and the choir, will be for 600 people.

There was a large gathering in the vicinity of the new church at the stone laying. The Provincial Grand Master was accompanied by Bro. Edgar Goble Deputy Provincial Grand Master Past Grand Sword Bearer England, and was supported by a large number of present and past Officers of the Province. The Brethren present from the local Lodges, Hengist, Horsa, Boscombe, and New Forest, numbered about 100. The Masonic procession was headed by the Tylers of 2158 and 2208 with drawn swords, then following the Brethren in the usual order of precedence. The Volume of the Sacred Law was borne by four Lewises (Masters C. Hodges, F. Brazier, H. S. Knight, and Harold Street), and Bro. Hope (Hengist Lodge) officiated as Entered Apprentice, and bore the cement.

The service opened with the hymn, "O God our help in ages past," after which

Canon Eliot welcomed the Masonic Brethren, and alluded to the need of a new church in that locality, owing to the wonderful increase in the population. Bournemouth was not like other large towns in the North and Midlands. They had no industries such as Manchester and Bradford; but people came there for pleasure and for health, and there was a large proportion of the artizan class, who came in search of work. A good many of the latter class settled down in Malmesbury Park, and it was to meet the spiritual wants of this class that they were beginning that church. They in Bournemouth did not rely on the benefactions of their ancestors, but on the liberality and piety of those who lived in the present day. In the parish of Holy Trinity they had already erected two churches, three parsonages, and two sets of schools, and hoped they would soon be able to celebrate the

completion of the church which they were beginning that day. In the name of the Committee he asked the Right Worshipful the Provincial Grand Master to lay the foundation stone of the church.

The choir next sang the "Te Deum," and the Provincial Grand Chaplain offered the customary prayer. Mrs. Roberts Thompson, on behalf of the Church Building Committee, then presented the Provincial Grand Master with a silver trowel, which bore the following inscription:

Presented to

W. W. B. BEACH, Esq., M.P.,

on the occasion of laying the foundation stone of St. Andrew's,
Malmesbury Park, Bournemouth.

October 3rd, 1899.

The Provincial Grand Secretary read aloud the inscription on the foundation stone, as follows:

This stone was laid with Masonic ceremony by

W. W. B. BEACH, Esq., M.P.,

Provincial Grand Master of Hampshire and the Isle of Wight,
assisted by his Officers and Brethren.

October 3rd, 1899.

The interesting and quaint ceremony of the ancient Craft then followed. In a cavity in the stone a glass jar was placed containing coins of the period and an inscription on parchment. The Prov.G.M. spread the cement and declared the stone to be plumb, square and level. Corn, oil and wine were poured on it, and Bro. Beach gave a short congratulatory address. Mr. S. Tugwell, the Architect, then presented the plans to the Prov.G.M., who examined and returned them with a desire that he would proceed to complete the work without loss of time. During the closing hymn, "Angels voices ever singing," an offertory was taken, and the proceedings closed with prayer and the singing of the National Anthem.

After the ceremony, lunch was held in the School room adjoining, at which Canon Eliot presided. After full justice had been done to an excellent cold repast, provided by Mr. J. P. Stone, confectioner, a brief toast list followed.

The Loyal toast was received with acclamation, after which the Chairman called on Major Maunsell to give the toast of the Church, which he did in a few words. At the request of the Chairman, the oldest clergymen present, Mr. Maturin, Vicar of Lymington, responded. He said that he had been for sixty years a minister of the Church of England, and for nearly fifty years Vicar of Lymington. As such he was happy to be present on such an occasion, because the laying of the foundation stone of a new church, and the gradual unfolding of the work, was a beautiful thing to contemplate.

Canon Eliot next proposed the health of the Masonic Brethren, and warmly thanked them for attending and taking so large a share in that ceremony. Bro. Beach was present in a double capacity. First, in his capacity as Grand Master of the County of Hampshire and the Isle of Wight, and also in the capacity of one of the patrons of the living of Holy Trinity. He was responsible for his (the Canon's) presence in that parish. He thanked Mr. Beach heartily for the privilege and for his attendance. It was no easy thing to build a church. People little thought of the immense amount of trouble and anxiety that followed its erection. It had been his lot to have something to do with the building of more than one church. It was some twenty years ago since the anxiety of raising funds to erect a church first rested on him, and he had for the third time attended a Masonic ceremony on the occasion of the laying of the foundation stone of a church. The first was twenty years ago, at the restoration of the Parish Church at Aston, Birmingham, when the Provincial Grand Master for Warwick was present, with a considerable number of his Brethren, and in addition to the corn, the wine, and the oil of the Masonic ceremony, a local newspaper added that there was plenty of water, for it rained hard all day. The second occasion was at the stone-laying of St. John's Church, Boscombe. Canon Eliot referred to the great growth of that neighbourhood even since he came there, eight years ago, and to the necessity for keeping pace in spiritual work with the increase in population that was laid on their shoulders.

The Provincial Grand Master, in response, thanked Canon Eliot heartily, and expressed the pleasure it had given him to be present. Though the Freemasons of the present day were not personally artisans, yet they still took a deep interest in the work their predecessors loved, and in architecture, especially in the erection of churches, they wished to hand down to their children the desire to carry on the good and useful work that had been handed down to them. Therefore, he and his Brethren had been only too happy to attend and carry out the work they had done that day. They hoped that the work begun would be carried to a successful conclusion, to the honour and glory of the Great Architect of the Universe. Referring to what the Canon had said about him, he remarked that he esteemed it a privilege to

have been in the least degree instrumental in securing at Bournemouth the services in the cause of church work of two such able men as the Dean of Windsor and Canon Eliot.—“Bournemouth Guardian.”

BRO. BEACH'S MASONIC JUBILEE.

THE meeting of the Lodge of Economy, No. 76, to which we referred in our issue of 30th ult., was indeed a most happy Masonic function. The Lodge has flourished in the city for nearly 150 years, and has had for the past half century the advantageous pleasure of the membership of Bro. W. W. B. Beach, M.P., the present Prov.G.M. of the great Province of Hampshire and the Isle of Wight. The function on Thursday, 28th ult., at an emergency meeting, was the celebration of Bro. Beach's connection with the Lodge, and the presentation to him of an appropriate and enduring souvenir of the jubilee of a most influential and beloved Brother.

The W.M. of the Lodge Bro. C. Shenton invited representatives from various other Lodges in the Province, and over thirty Visiting Brothers attended, and there was also a full attendance of the Economy members, one of the oldest of whom, Bro. James Harris, was, however, regretfully unable to be present.

The Lodge was opened at six o'clock, when the Prov.G.M., accompanied by the D.P.G.M. Bro. Goble, and the Prov.G.T. Bro. Gieve, entered the Lodge Room, with a procession of Prov.G. Officers present and past. The W.M. expressed his pleasure at the large attendance, and heartily welcomed the Prov.G.M. and the Brethren by whom he was accompanied.

Bro. T. Stopher, the member of the Lodge next senior to Bro. Beach, made the presentation to the Prov.G.M. in a most felicitous manner, giving a sketch of the history of the old Lodge; its vicissitudes; its varied localities, including inns; its somewhat, in the distant past, gastronomic extravagancies; and its financial trials; its reform in the matter of gastronomy at the expense of the Lodge funds; and, under better management, of its substantial condition and its achievement in the establishment of a Masonic Hall, started on the modest capital of £35, and subsequently a grown and growing concern, for now the Lodge had in its possession the Hall they were then assembled in. They had, too, a Benevolent Fund of nearly £400, and it was a proof of the soundness of the Lodge and of its excellent administration that there had been only three applications for relief from this fund since its foundation. They celebrated the Lodge Centenary in 1861 and had now, instead of the twenty or thirty members of years ago, their recognised proportion of seventy-six, which was their limit of admission. Their good friend, Bro. Beach, had assisted them always with his advice, experience, and attention, and also in the foundation of that Hall financially, and was highly esteemed by all the Brethren, not only in that Lodge, but throughout the Province. The Brethren of the Lodge, in order to commemorate the Jubilee of Bro. Beach's membership, had provided a set of working tools, which would, no doubt, be used at many Masonic functions by Bro. Beach. This form of present was prompted in order to obviate the use of toy tools, such as were used at the Southampton Docks the other day. The tools now before them were substantial and handsome implements, and in the name of the Lodge he begged the Provincial Grand Master to accept them in commemoration of his Jubilee, with the expression of their hope that he might be spared many years, to work amongst them, and for the good of Freemasonry in general.

The case of oak containing the tools, made out of polished ebony, with gilt gun metal attachments, and enclosed in blue and quilted silk (provided by Bro. Matthews), was then placed before the Prov.G.M. A brass plate on the lid bears a suitable inscription. With the case was also presented the following address:—

To the Right Worshipful Bro. William Wither Bramston Beach, M.P., Provincial Grand Master of the Province of Hants and the Isle of Wight, Grand Z. of the Provincial Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons.

We, the Worshipful Master, Past Masters, Officers, and Brethren of the Lodge of Economy, being No. 76 on the Register of the Grand Lodge of England, beg to offer you our most hearty congratulations on your having completed in August last the fiftieth year of your membership of our Lodge. For many years you contributed in no small degree to the success of our Lodge by acting as Installing Master, and it is to your teaching we owe our present efficiency in the working of that beautiful ceremony. In the founding of the Masonic Hall Company your help was of material value to us, and we recognise that that help and support has enabled us to become the actual owners of the Hall in which we meet. As Masons we cannot forget the great strides the Craft has made in the Province under your beneficent sway. During the thirty years you have ruled over us the number of the Lodges have more than doubled, and the influence of the Province in Grand Lodge, in the great Charities of the Order, and in the Masonic world generally, has increased to a very remarkable extent.

As a small memento of so unique an event as your completing fifty years membership of the old Lodge of Economy, we beg your acceptance of this case of working tools, designed to be of practical use in the laying of foundation stones with Masonic ceremonies.

That you may be spared many years to preside over the Brethren of the

Province, and to continue an honoured member of our old Lodge, is the earnest wish of all the Brethren.

Given in open Lodge the twenty-seventh day of September 1899.

Chaloner Shenton W.M.
Walter Naish S.W.
Charles Bunch J.W.
William Henry Jacob P.M. Treas.
William Gamon P.M. Secretary.
H. Searle P.M. Chaplain.
Fred J. Harris S.D.
H. E. Johnson J.D.
Percy W. Snelling I.G.
E. W. Ward P.M. D.C.

The Provincial Grand Master, who was evidently highly gratified at the warm welcome and handsome souvenir, thanked the Lodge, and then recalled to mind some of those who had passed away, notably Bros. Naish and Cowen, and the many others he knew. Some were dead now, and others left the Province. In alluding to his work, many years back, in securing the recognition of the Grand Lodge of Canada, the P.G.M. said he recently heard his labours spoken of by a Grand Officer from the Dominion, who did not know him, and he said his speeches at this distance of time would ensure Bro. Beach a welcome always. “Time rolls its ceaseless course,” and many changes had occurred. He was initiated into Masonry in the Apollo Lodge, Oxford, and the Economy Lodge was his Provincial Mother Lodge. He had attended at the White Hart and the Black Swan at the small Lodge meetings, but since those days the Lodge had grown greatly, and even the establishment of a second one in the city had not been injurious to it, but otherwise. Masonry in the Province, too, had made immense strides. Having reviewed the increase in the number of Lodges, he said he had always been most heartily welcomed by his Brethren, and had made many warm friendships. He hoped Freemasonry would always flourish. He thanked them heartily for their gift, and their kindness that night. So long as health lasted he should be glad to promote Masonry in every way as far as he was able to do so. He hoped long to retain the loving kindness and affection of the members. Bro. Beach sat down amid warm tokens of regard.

There was a banquet at the City Guildhall after the Lodge meeting, to which over fifty Brethren sat down. Bro. Clowser capitally catered. In the course of the proceedings the excellent work of Bro. Stopher in initiating his son and his nephew at the regular Lodge meeting on Wednesday was alluded to. The W.M. had a hearty “toasting.”—“Hampshire Independent.”

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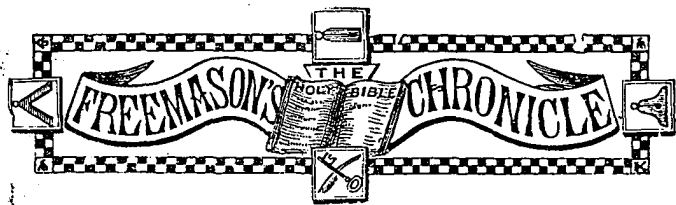
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SATURDAY, 14TH OCTOBER 1899.

R. M. I. GIRLS.

THE Quarterly Court of the Governors and Subscribers connected with this Institution was held on Thursday, in the large Hall of Freemasons' Tavern, London. Bro. Henry Smith P.G.D. Past Deputy Provincial Grand Master West Yorkshire Past Treasurer of the Institution was voted to the chair.

Bro. Hedges Secretary announced that the Earl of Dartmouth Provincial Grand Master for Staffordshire would preside at the Festival to celebrate the 112th anniversary of the foundation of the Institution, on 9th May 1900. Bro. Hedges also reported that the appointment of new Trustees of the freehold property of the Institution had become necessary, by the death of some of the Trustees, Lord Leigh being the only survivor. A conveyance to the new Trustees had been prepared by Bro. Frank Richardson, and executed.

Bro. A. C. Spaul P.G.St.B. thereupon moved, and Bro. Sir John B. Monckton P.G.W. seconded, a vote of thanks to Bro. Frank Richardson, which having been put was carried unanimously, and Bro. Frank Richardson P.G.D. returned thanks. He said that this, as well as all other work he had done for the Institution, had given him great pleasure in carrying out.

Bro. Spaul also moved, and Bro. C. E. Keyser P.G.D. seconded, a vote of thanks to Bro. Thomas Fenn P.G.W. for doing the stockbroker's work in transferring the stock from the old to the new Trustees free of expense. This was also carried.

The Scrutineers of votes for the election of sixteen girls out of a list of thirty-three candidates for admission to the School were then appointed, and the said election proceeded.

The usual vote of thanks closed the proceedings.

R. M. I. BOYS.

AT the July examinations of the London University Matriculation, Ewart Richardson passed in the first division, being the sixth boy to gain this high honour in the last four years, besides one second division. The scholarship of £5 5s, presented by the University of London Lodge, No. 2033, has now been won by five of the pupils of the Institution.

In the intermediate examination in medicine at the London University, Mr. J. A. Coupland, first "Grand Lodge Scholar," passed with second-class honours in anatomy.

The annual ball of the Confidence Lodge, No. 193, has been arranged for 29th November next, at Anderton's Hotel, Fleet Street.

The Confidence Lodge, No. 193, held its first meeting for the season on Monday, at Anderton's Hotel, Fleet Street, under the presidency of Bro. George Spice W.M. We are compelled to hold over our report of the proceedings until next week.

The first annual dinner of the Eyre Lodge of Instruction, No. 2742, was held on Wednesday, at the Eyre Arms Hotel, St. John's Wood, opportunity being taken to make a presentation to the Preceptor Bro. H. J. Weston P.M. We shall give a full report of the proceedings in our next issue.

To show the absurdity of the bestowal of honours there is in London a highly respectable and creditable Lodge, long past its centenary, whose members are both ardent workers in the Craft and generous supporters of the Masonic Charities. But they could not boast a single Officer of Grand Lodge, either metropolitan or provincial. This week, however, the announcement was made that a fortunate

member had been the recipient of the Provincial Purple and Gold. He is the Tyler of the Lodge!

The Fifteen Sections will be worked on Thursday next, 19th inst., at the Friars Lodge of Instruction, No. 1349, at the Aldgate Distillery, adjoining Aldgate East Railway Station. Bro. B. Stewart P.M. 1278 2411 will preside, with Bros. B. DaCosta P.M. 1349 as S.W., S. A. DaCosta P.M. 1349 as J.W., J. Oxley P.M. 1306 as I.P.M., and I. Davis Secretary.

A correspondent, writing from Dunblane, to the "Glasgow Evening News," referring to our contemporary's recent remarks, is surprised that the "colour" question is so lightly viewed in Masonry in Scotland. He had lived in the colonies, where the question is regarded in quite a different light among his own countrymen, and wishes that the home Grand Lodges could get the views of some of their daughter Lodges on the subject. It may be, adds our contemporary, as the correspondent suggests, that it is our ignorance of the social conditions in these countries where colour abounds that keeps our Constitutions free of the subject, but suppose, in a weak moment, Grand Lodges were inserting a law prohibiting the initiation of coloured men, where would be the boasted universality of our Institution?

There was a humorous hitch at the blessing before meat at a recent Scottish gathering. The Chairman bent his head, and the Croupier taking that as a signal that he should say grace started exactly at the same time as the Chairman, the latter gracefully retiring in favour of the other. It is wonderful how a little thing affects a meeting, remarks a contemporary, for immediately afterwards the episode gave scope to friendly talk and apt stories. One Brother told of a meeting at which eighty were present. Prior to that meeting the Chairman had written to each guest mentioning in the letter that when before meat he knocked on the table he was to stand up and give the blessing. It was a funny sight when the seventy-nine got up at one time to say grace and began the medly.

"A SPRIG OF ACACIA."

THE news of the death of Bro. John B. Bridgman, of Norwich, will be received with general regret. It occurred on the 6th inst. Bro. Bridgman was attacked with blood-poisoning while staying at Scarborough some weeks ago, and remained there under treatment for a fortnight; he was then brought home, where he was attended by Dr. Robinson and others, whose care and skill, however, did not avail to save him. He was in his sixty-third year. He leaves a devoted wife, but no family. The deceased was a prominent and ardent Mason, among the offices he held being those of Warden of Prov. Grand Lodge, P.M. of Social Lodge, P.M. of Walpole Mark Lodge, P.Z. of Perseverance and Cabbell Chapters, P. Eminent Preceptor of Cabbell Preceptory of Knights Templar, Past M.W.S. of Clarence Chapter of Rose Croix, Present W.C.N. of the Bridgman Lodge of Royal Ark Mariners (named after him and of which he was a founder in May last). He was also a member of Sincerity Lodge, No. 943, to which he acted as Preceptor, and also occupied the office of Treasurer until quite recently. He was an active Director of the Norwich Masonic Association. Deceased had been a remarkable shot, winning many trophies, and he retired from the Norwich Rifle Volunteers with the rank of Major some years ago. He joined the Rifles when it was under the command of Colonel Black, and the late Mr. H. S. Patteson as Major—somewhere in the early sixties. The deceased Brother was an enthusiastic fisherman, sea-angling being very much in favour with him.

THE funeral of Bro. Joseph Cook, who died on Saturday, 30th ult., at his residence in Richmond Road, Stockton, took place the following Tuesday afternoon at the Oxbridge Lane Cemetery. The deceased was a prominent member of the Fraternity Lodge, No. 1418, having acted for some time as Secretary, and the cortège was preceded by a large body of his fellow Freemasons in the town, another large assembly of friends following behind. Bro. Cook had lived in retirement for a number of years, and was formerly an excise officer in the town. He was sixty-eight years of age, and leaves a widow to mourn his loss. The Rev. Keith Frazer, curate of St. Peter's, performed the last rites.

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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DUKE OF CONNAUGHT LODGE, No. 1524.

Presentation to the Secretary.

THE meeting of this Lodge, held on the 25th ult., at Anderton's Hotel, Fleet Street, was one of the most successful in the records of this very flourishing body.

There was a full agenda of business—enough to satisfy the most exacting of Masonic gourmands—there being no less than seven candidates for raising, seven for passing, and two for ballot and initiation, besides the appointment of some new Officers to fill exceptional vacancies; but beyond all this there was an event of even greater interest and importance—the presentation of a testimonial to the respected and beloved Brother who has long discharged the duties of Secretary, Bro. C. Lorkin, who filled the chair of the Lodge as far back as 1883, and has always taken a prominent and active interest in the welfare of the Lodge, since the day of his admission as one of its members.

We very much regret that a previous engagement prevented our personal attendance at the meeting, as we should have taken special pleasure in witnessing the well deserved compliment paid to our old friend; while the indisposition of our representative also kept him away, and as a consequence we are unable to fully report the proceedings, but we are pleased to know that the Worshipful Master of the Lodge Bro. Edmund Frisby addressed the Brethren in the following terms:—

During my year of office I have had a few pleasant duties to perform, but to-night it falls to my lot to carry out on your behalf the most pleasant of all. No Secretary, I feel certain has, or could, carry out his duties, in such an important Lodge as the Duke of Connaught, with more gratification to himself and pleasure to the Brethren than Past Master Lorkin. This being a busy year I have had many experiences of his many duties, and am in a position to say that everything has been done to our entire satisfaction, with his usual kindness and courteousness. The W.M. then, addressing Bro. Lorkin, said: Bro. Lorkin, it gives me the utmost pleasure to ask your acceptance of these tributes of our affection and esteem (meanwhile pinning the handsome jewel to his left breast, and placing the gold Masonic ring on his finger), and also to carry home to your dear wife this gold watch, all of which may you and yours be long spared to wear and enjoy, and when the time shall come that you will be summoned from this sublunary abode, may they be passed on to some member or members of your family, with the full knowledge that they were well earned, and presented to you by the members of the Duke of Connaught Lodge for the very efficient manner in which, as our Secretary, you always did your duty.

Previous to these remarks of the Worshipful Master Bro. Turnbull P.M., who had taken a leading part in getting up the testimonial, made a lengthy speech, in which he also spoke of the great amount of work which Bro. Lorkin performed in the interests of the Lodge, and the indebtedness of its members to him.

Bro. Lorkin made suitable response, and tendered his sincerest thanks for the presents made to his wife and himself.

Bro. Pearce P.M. acknowledged the presentation of the Brethren on behalf of Mrs. Lorkin, who will, we are sure, fully appreciate the kindness of the Lodge members on her behalf, and regard it as an additional evidence of their respect for her husband.

Both the Secretary's jewel and the gold signet ring presented to Bro. Lorkin were suitably inscribed, as was also the gold watch intended for that Brother's wife.

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ECCENTRIC LODGE, No. 2488.

THE annual festival of this popular Lodge is one of those Masonic events that are always anticipated with pleasure, and enjoyed with satisfaction, because it is well known that everything is done to delight the most ardent Freemason, and the Fraternal gathering generally embraces many of the most distinguished members of the Craft. The installation meeting, which was held at the Café Royal, Regent Street, W., on Friday of last week, proved no exception to the rule, and the occasion was graced by the attendance of a larger number of Brethren than had previously been the case. The popularity of the outgoing Master Bro. Lionel W. Harris, and of his elected successor Bro. Sergeant Lee, had doubtless much to do with the success of the meeting, and such an array of Grand Officers as was seen in the Lodge Room is seldom witnessed in a private Lodge.

The proceedings commenced with praiseworthy punctuality at six o'clock, when Bro. Lionel Harris opened the Lodge in due form, and the minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed. The report of the Audit Committee, which was presented and adopted, showed that the cause of Charity is fully maintained by the Eccentrics, each of the Masonic Institutions, besides outside bodies, having been assisted during the past year.

Bros. Benjamin Phillips, of the Tranquillity Lodge, No. 185, and John Sefton Mayors, of the Empire Lodge, No. 2108, were balloted for as joining members and duly accepted.

The principal business of the evening was then proceeded with. The Worshipful Master first declared all Offices vacant, and requested Bros. J. H. Hawkins P.Prov.G.D.C. Surrey and F. Dangerfield P.M. to assist him as Wardens pro tem. The Lodge was then opened in the second degree, when Bro. William Sergeant Lee W.M.-elect was presented by Bro. J. R. Cleave P.M. and duly signified his assent to the ancient Charges and Regulations. After the obligation Bro. W. R. Maxwell sang the beautiful anthem, "Be thou faithful unto death," in a most impressive manner, which considerably enhanced the solemnity of the proceedings. The Brethren having retired, a Board of thirty-five Installed Masters was formed, and Bro. Lee was formally inducted into the Chair of King Solomon for the ensuing twelve months. As he is endowed with a considerable portion of that monarch's wisdom, and has already served the office of Master in two other Lodges (Nos. 1201 and 1768) there can be but little doubt that a happy and successful year awaits him. The ceremony was admirably performed by Bro. Lionel Harris, whose

subsequent delivery of the Addresses elicited the hearty appreciation of those present. Additional satisfaction was given by the fact that Bro. Harris was the first initiate of the Lodge to pass through the Chair, and who has thus successfully demonstrated what may be achieved by an ardent and intelligent Mason. Surely never was the Past Master's jewel more worthily earned; and the Lodge thoroughly endorsed the remarks of Bro. Lee, in making the presentation, that it was anything but an empty compliment, for the work had been conducted in such a manner as to ensue the admiration and praise of all his fellows.

Bro. Harris briefly returned thanks for the handsome present and kind remarks of Bro. Lee.

The customary salutations were given by the Brethren, after which the following Officers were invested: Bros. Tom Fraser S.W., J. R. Cleave J.W., W. J. W. Beard Treasurer, W. Singleton Hooper Secretary, W. E. Garstin S.D., R. S. King J.D., H. J. Homer I.G., Claud A. Hooper D.C., Arthur Tite, Willie Drew, F. H. E. R. Pugh and H. S. Simmons Stewards, James Kift Organist, and Samuel Ellis Tyler.

Several names for initiation and joining were submitted for acceptance at the next meeting, and four members resigned in consequence of removal from London. Many letters and telegrams of regret for absence were read by the Secretary, and the new Master having received the congratulations of the visiting Brethren, the closing hymn was sung, and the Lodge was adjourned. Everything was worked well and smoothly, without haste or delay, and terminated exactly at the time specified.

The banquet was held in the large hall, which presented a brilliant appearance, "blazing with light and breathing with perfume." Bro. Oddenino had surpassed himself with the beautiful floral decorations, while the dinner was of the highest class, and reflected great credit upon the cuisine of the establishment.

Although, as we have previously affirmed, there is nothing eccentric in the manner in which the ritual is performed in this Lodge, eccentricity certainly presides at the festive board. Even the Grace, though perfectly reverential, was out of the usual course. The menu cards were specially designed, and contained the portrait of the W.M. and the Eccentric Club badge. Originality graced the speeches, though in compliance with the Master's request they were brief and to the point.

Thorough enthusiasm (pronounced enthooism by the Eccentrics) greeted the toast of the Queen and the Craft. This was followed by that of the Grand Master, and the Grand Officers, past, present, and "to come," an idea that evoked much laughter. Bro. J. D. Langton acknowledged the toast on behalf of Grand Lodge.

Bro. Lionel Harris I.P.M. in feeling terms proposed the health of the Worshipful Master, referring to his talents, experience and eloquence, which would ensure the duties of the chair being discharged in accordance with the Eccentric Lodge ideas.

Bro. Sergeant Lee gave an example of his eloquence in his reply, "For the kind manner, the cordial way, in which you have received me, I will merely say thanks, thanks, and ever thanks."

In submitting the toast of the Installing Master Bro. Lee referred to the brilliant Masonic career of his predecessor. He had performed his work in a manner that had elicited the admiration of those who had listened to him; he was a Principal in two Chapters, and was working his way up in Mark Masonry. As a Steward for the last Festival of the Boys School he had succeeded in getting the second highest place on the list of subscriptions, and it was a matter for congratulation that the Eccentric Lodge had such a member. Finally, he had to announce that Bro. Harris had presented the Lodge with a beautiful solid silver Charity Box, bearing the Owl and the peculiar Clock face of the Eccentric Club, in commemoration of his being the first initiate of the Lodge to pass the chair.

In response, Bro. Harris said that he must for a moment adopt a serious tone, while he thanked all the Brethren for their great kindness and forbearance towards him during his year of office. He should always regard the handsome jewel as the greatest compliment he had ever received. He also thanked them for the generous support they had given him as a Steward last June, and concluded by asking the company to drink success to the Masonic Charities.

Bro. Morrison McLeod replied with one of his vigorous speeches, that worked upon the feelings of the Brethren to such an extent that nothing was more suitable nor propitious than to send round the above mentioned Charity Box. This met with a ready response, and then, according to the Eccentric tradition, the contents were sold. After a keen competition Bro. A. J. Thomas secured it for twenty guineas, but when it was explained to him that the Box was not included, he pretended to be very indignant, and declared that if he could not have the Box (which by the way cost a much larger sum) he would not have the contents either, so the Benevolent Fund must have been benefited to a considerable extent.

Bros. Rolands, Simpson, Grover, and Stearns responded for the visiting Brethren, congratulating the Eccentrics upon their magnificent working and thanking them for their grand hospitality.

The customary compliments were paid to the Past Masters and Officers, and were suitably acknowledged. The proceedings concluded at a late hour with the Tyler's toast, which brought the Festival to a happy termination.

This pleasant evening was rendered still more enjoyable by an admirable musical programme provided by Bro. James Kift, who was assisted by Bros. A. H. Gee, S. Masters, Harold Garstin, E. J. Wood, and Mr. Walter Tilbury.

Among the numerous Brethren present on the occasion were Brothers Richard Clowes P.G.S.B., J. D. Langton P.G.D.C., Imré Kiralfy P.G.D.C., C. F. Matier P.G.D.C., J. Morrison McLeod P.G.S.B., J. H. Hawkins P.Prov.D.C. Surrey, G. E. Lewis P.Prov.G.R., A. W. Oxford P.G.S., C. G. Archer P.Prov.G.W. Cornwall, W. W. Lee P.Prov.G.D. Middx., C. Carson P.Prov.G.D. Surrey, Walter Clifford P.M., W. Singleton Hooper P.M., J. A. Harrison P.M., Arthur Tite, G. P. Hadley, W. H. Baylis P.M., Claud A. Hooper P.M., A. J. Thomas P.M., J. R. Cleave P.M., Dr. E. J. Lang, H. T. Brickwell P.M., F. Dangerfield P.M., A. H. Collings P.M. 211, C. J. Smith P.M. 2648, B. Grover W.M. 1613, J. Easterbrook P.M. 1820, Major H. Bolina 29, W. Oxford P.M. 4, W. A. Colyer P.M. 193, Guy Raption W.M. (Drury Lane), C. Pullen P.M. 98, Luigi Lablache W.M. 1319, Joseph Harrison P.M. 189, H. Saundon P.M. 1423, J. Simpson W.M. 2648, T. M. E. Armstrong W.M. 2545, H. T. Culliford W.M. 1563, W. H. White W.M. 55, Ernest W. Harris P.M. 158 (I.C.), L. W. Thomas P.M. 91, C. J. Pitcher P.M. 1216, H. Garstin 58, W. Lee 2381, F. G. Filles 97, A. W. Stearn P.M. 69 and 2739, H. Bateman P.M. 95, H. W. Woodhouse S.W. 96, Dr. Maitland Coffin W.M. 2581, Hy. Watt S.W. 108, H. Paul Monckton S.W. 1150, J. Denby Hars, Orton Cooper P.M. 211, &c.

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STREATHAM LODGE, No. 2729.

THIS Lodge, which was consecrated a year ago with Bro. H. B. Marshall, C.C., J.P., as its first Worshipful Master, started a new year on

Wednesday evening, 4th inst., at the Streatham Hall, after having fully verified the anticipations of its Founders that it would prove a great success.

After the Lodge had been opened, and the minutes of the previous regular and emergency meetings confirmed, the balance-sheet, which showed a very satisfactory position of affairs, was adopted. Bro. H. Brooks Marshall W.M. then installed Bro. Charles Cheers Wakefield, F.R.G.S., as the Master of the Lodge for the year ensuing, afterwards delivering the addresses, and completing the work of his term of office in a masterly style.

The company concluded the ceremonies of the evening by partaking of a banquet, and honouring the customary toasts.

Bro. H. B. Marshall I.P.M. proposed the toast of the Worshipful Master, and said he was convinced that during Bro. Wakefield's year of office he would discharge his duties efficiently and well, and would uphold in his daily life the highest traditions of Masonry. In the Streatham Lodge they endeavoured to carry out the highest ideals of Masonry, and he believed that Bro. Wakefield would do much for the Lodge in many respects.

Bro. Wakefield, in responding, said the position of Master was one of great responsibility, but yet one that any man might reasonably be proud to occupy. As far as in him lay he would endeavour to perform his duties with fervent zeal and untiring effort.

He next proposed the toast of the Immediate Past Master and Installing Master, and in doing so presented Bro. Marshall with a Past Master's jewel. Bro. Marshall, he pointed out, was his Masonic father, and had guided and instructed him in the mysteries of the Craft. He would strive to imitate him, being sure that imitation was the sincerest compliment.

Bro. Marshall, in reply, said his year of office had been most pleasant. He had been most loyally supported by his Officers. He should always value the jewel just presented to him. If he had been of any service to the Lodge he was amply repaid, and he could assure the Brethren that, whether as P.M. or as a humble member of the Lodge, he would always try to promote its best interests.

PROVINCIAL.

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EGERTON LODGE, No. 1030.

THE last meeting, recently held at the George Hotel, Heaton Norris, was mainly occupied in selecting the forthcoming principal Officer, and in presenting a jewel to a deserving member of the Lodge.

Bro. W. A. Bacon S.W. was unanimously chosen as W.M.

Bro. Thos. Knott P.M. Secretary was presented with a past Secretary's jewel, which bore the following inscription:—

Presented to

Bro. THOMAS KNOTT P.M.

by the members of the Lodge, in

recognition of his services as Secretary, since October 1893.

18th September 1899.

After the close of the Lodge business the Brethren adjourned to supper this being followed by the usual Loyal and Masonic toasts.

LIBERTY OF HAVERING LODGE, No. 1437.

THE annual installation was held on the 28th ult., when Bro. J. Boreham W.M. installed Bro. Fred. A. Stratford as his successor in the chair.

Bro. J. S. Hammond was elected to represent the Lodge on the Essex Charity Committee.

The banquet was afterwards served in first-rate style at the Golden Lion Hotel by Bro. P. Reynolds. The W.M. presided over a company numbering nearly sixty.

During the evening Bro. Boreham was presented with a Past Master's jewel, and Bro. John Spencer with a framed testimonial, in recognition of their work for the Lodge.

MINNEHAHA MINSTREL LODGE, No. 2363.

THE regular meeting was held at the Victoria Hotel, Manchester, on 25th ult., Bro. Thomas Hamnett W.M., there being an attendance of nearly forty members and visitors. Prominent among the latter were Bros. William Goldthorpe P.M. 2156 P.P.G.Reg., John Partington P.M. 266 P.P.G.S.D., Eli Winterbottom P.M. 1773 P.P.G.D.C., Geo. R. Lloyd P.M. 1730 2231 P.P.G.Treas. (W.L.), John G. Bromley P.M. 1375, T. Deakin I.P.M. 325, and H. S. Holdsworth P.M. 408 P.P.G.D.C.

A successful ballot having been taken for Mr. Robert Christopher Irwin, Secretary, Lancashire and Yorkshire Railway, Hunt's Bank, Manchester, that gentleman was duly initiated into the mysteries and privileges of ancient Freemasonry by the W.M., the working tools being presented and admirably described by Bro. S. H. Stubbs J.W.

The election of W.M. for the ensuing year then took place, Bro. Sam Luke S.W. being unanimously selected for this position, and his installation will take place on Monday, 27th November.

ECCLESBURNE LODGE, No. 2425.

THE seventh anniversary was held a few days since, when Bro. C. A. Holloway was installed as W.M. There was a numerous attendance of members of the Lodge, as well as Visiting Brethren.

The installation ceremony was ably performed by Bro. A. W. Allen, the charge to the Brethren being impressively given by Bro. Dr. Hoskyns. The new Master appointed and invested his Officers.

The Brethren subsequently dined together at the White Hart Hotel, Duffield, Host Flanders catering most satisfactorily. The usual toasts were honoured.

INSTRUCTION.

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ROYAL ATHELSTAN LODGE, No. 19.

ON Sunday, at Bro. Coombs's (P.M. 780), Cambrian Hotel, Glasshouse Street, Regent Street, Bros. A. P. Lowthian W.M., F. Walker S.W., A. Carlstone J.W., C. A. Coltebrune P.M. P.G.P. acting Prec., J. I. Moar P.M.

Sec., J. E. Culverhouse S.D., T. Burgess J.D., R. Sandiland I.G., G. Simpson, M. Redstone, H. Wickham, C. Coombs, J. Wynman, and others.

The ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, with Bro. Redstone as candidate. Bro. Simpson was examined and entrusted, after which the ceremony of passing was gone through. Lodge was opened in the third degree, and Bro. Sandiland worked the first section of the lecture.

Bro. H. Wickham 357 was elected a member, and Bro. Walker W.M. for the next meeting.

The Lodge meets every Sunday evening, at 7.30.

CONFIDENCE LODGE, No. 193.

AT the old quarters, the Bunch of Grapes, Lime Street, City, on Monday, Bros. J. W. Simeons W.M., M. Baillie S.W., Plowright P.M. J.W., J. K. Pitt P.M. Secretary, E. J. Davey P.M. Preceptor, S. Fells S.D., Stenner P.M. J.D., G. Spice I.G., J. Done, C. Latham, and others.

The ceremonies of passing and raising were rehearsed, Bros. Done and Latham acting as candidates. After the closing of the Lodge it was decided to hold the annual Ball of the Mother Lodge on the 29th November, at Anderton's Hotel, Fleet Street.

PRINCE FREDERICK WILLIAM LODGE, No. 753.

ON Tuesday, at Bro. F. Crocker's, the Crown Hotel, Aberdeen Place, Maida Vale, W., Bros. J. Hobbs W.M., F. Crocker S.W., W. Yeo J.W., G. Wood P.M. Prec., W. J. Stratton P.M. Treas., H. J. Thomas P.M. Sec., W. Constant S.D., W. Grosvenor J.D., A. Achard I.G., M. Meehan, M. Hart, J. Hands, C. T. Bevan, J. Hearn, J. Buck, J. Wynman, R. Haines, M. Swan, and others.

After the minutes were confirmed the Lodge was called off and on. The ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, Bro. Hearn acting as candidate. The W.M. vacated the chair in favour of Bro. Achard, who rehearsed the ceremony of passing, Bro. Hobbs acting as candidate. Lodge was resumed to the first degree and the W.M., with the assistance of the Brethren, worked the second section of the lecture. Bro. Hobbs resumed the chair.

Bro. Diment 101 was elected a member.

Bro. Wood Preceptor proposed that a vote of thanks be recorded on the minutes for the perfect manner in which the W.M. had rehearsed the ceremony of initiation for the first time in this, or any other Lodge, which compliment was highly appreciated.

Bro. Crocker was elected W.M. for next meeting.

A ballot was taken in connection with the Benevolent Association, which resulted in favour of Bro. W. Smith.

RANELAGH LODGE, No. 834.

ON Friday, 29th ult., at the Six Bells Hotel, Hammersmith, W., Bros. A. Williams P.M. W.M., John Worth S.W., M. F. Wilkins J.W., W. Hinds P.M. Treas., F. Craggs P.M. Sec., R. Reid P.M. acting Preceptor, W. G. Palmer S.D., G. White J.D., G. T. Meek I.G., R. W. Edgley P.M., C. T. Hayward, and others.

Lodge was advanced to the second degree and the ceremony of installation rehearsed, Bro. Worth acting as W.M.-elect and Bro. Hinds as D.C. Lodge was opened in the third degree and Brother Worth was placed in the chair of K.S. The investment of Officers was rehearsed, and the Brethren saluted the W.M. in the three degrees. Bro. Arthur Williams gave the incidental addresses in his well-known style. Bro. Reid having offered as a candidate for passing he was examined and entrusted. The Lodge was resumed in the second degree and the ceremony gone through.

Bro. John Worth W.M. of the Ranelagh Lodge was unanimously elected to occupy the chair at the next meeting.

ON the 6th inst., Bros. John Worth W.M., J. Banks P.M. S.W., W. Atkinson J.W., W. Hinds P.M. Treas., F. Craggs P.M. Sec., Arthur Williams P.M. Preceptor, K. M. Ross S.D., M. F. Wilkins J.D., G. T. Meek I.G., J. H. Cumming P.M. Steward, R. H. Williams P.M. P.P.G.J.D. Middx., C. Pascall W.M. 2090, H. J. Cousens W.M. 172, E. Price, W. Thomas, C. T. Hayward, and several others.

Lodge was advanced to the third degree and resumed to the first, when the ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, Bro. Pascall taking the place of the candidate. Lodge was resumed to the second degree, and Bro. Thomas was examined and entrusted. After Lodge was resumed to the third degree the ceremony of raising was rehearsed, the same Brother personating the candidate. Lodge was resumed to the first degree and Bro. Thomas, who is a member of the mother Lodge, was elected a member.

The ballot for the sum of five guineas to be given to one of the Masonic Institutions took place, the successful member being Bro. K. M. Ross.

This well attended Lodge of Instruction is one minute's walk from the Broadway, Hammersmith, and can easily be reached by train, tram or bus from any part of the Metropolis.

ST. JOHN LODGE, No. 1306.

ON Thursday, at Bro. T. F. Bates's, the Red Cow Tavern, Mile End Road, E., on account of the unfavourable weather there was but a small attendance. The chair was taken by Bro. H. T. Lloyd W.M., with Bros. J. Barrett S.W., J. Beard J.W., T. A. Arter P.M. Prec., C. J. Holmes P.M. Sec., E. P. Staples S.D., T. F. Bates J.D., J. Kendrick I.G., E. Le Boutillier, J. Wynman, &c.

The ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, Bro. Le Boutillier acting as candidate. The W.M. kindly vacated the chair in favour of Bro. Beard, who rehearsed the second ceremony, with Bro. Kendrick as the candidate.

Bro. H. T. Lloyd W.M. 1278 and Bro. E. Le Boutillier 1306 were elected members.

Bro. Barrett S.W. of the Mother Lodge will preside on Thursday next. His working is well known, and we expect to see a very good attendance.

FRIARS LODGE, No. 1349.

ON Thursday, at Bro. Abrahams's, the Aldgate Distillery, Aldgate, E., Bros. Durrell W.M., Moses S.W., Lothian J.W., B. DaCosta P.M. Prec., D. Moss P.M. Treas., J. Davis Sec., D. Moss S.D., Crabb J.D., J. Harris I.G., Phillips, J. Oxley P.M., N. Goldman, M. Da Costa P.M., J. Abrahams, J. Wynman, and others.

The ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, Bro. Oxley P.M. as the

candidate. The W.M. vacated the chair in favour of Bro. M. DaCosta, who rehearsed the ceremony of passing, Bro. Phillips being the candidate.

Bro. Goldman worked one of the sections. Lodge was resumed to the first degree and Bro. Lotheim worked the first section. Bro. Moses was elected to preside on Thursday, 26th inst., next Thursday being the night of the working of the Fifteen sections.

EARL OF CARNARVON LODGE, No. 1642.

ON Friday last week, at Bro. Darby's, the Elgin Hotel, Ladbroke Grove, Notting Hill, W., Bros. J. Chapman W.M., W. H. Handover S.W., A. R. Finch J.W., G. Davis P.M. Prec., W. J. Mason P.M. Sec., W. R. Flack P.M. S.D., W. Cave J.D., A. England I.G., F. Gardner, J. Moore, Millington P.M., T. Neale, J. Wynman, F. L. Chandler P.M., E. G. Salmon, and T. Darby.

The W.M. rehearsed the second ceremony, with Bro. Gardner as the candidate. The W.M. vacated the chair in favour of Bro. Flack, who resumed the Lodge to the first degree, and the ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, Bro. Chandler candidate.

Bro. Handover was elected W.M. for the next meeting.

WOODROW LODGE, No. 1708.

ON Monday, at 3 o'clock, at Bro. W. H. G. Rudderforth's (Stone's) Restaurant, Pantion Street, Haymarket, Bros. W. West W.M., H. J. Rose S.W., S. E. Firminger J.W., C. Woodrow P.M. Prec., C. Wetton P.M. Deputy Prec. acting Sec., B. G. Lacy S.D., T. Burgess J.D., J. Cunningham I.G., C. Walton, L. Lake, W. H. Making, J. Wynman, Vernon Weston, A. Menn.

After opening, the W.M. advanced the Lodge to the third degree and resumed to the first, when the ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, Bro. L. Lake acting as candidate. The W.M. examined Bro. Making, who was entrusted, and the ceremony of passing was rehearsed.

Bro. G. W. Lacy 1310 was elected a member, and Bro. H. J. Rose to preside on Monday next.

CITADEL LODGE, No. 1897.

THE first meeting of the season was held on Friday, 6th inst., at the Farleigh Hotel, Amburst Road, Stoke Newington, when Bro. F. Dunstan P.M. Preceptor occupied the chair.

CHISWICK LODGE, No. 2012.

ON Saturday, 7th inst., at the Windsor Castle Hotel, Hammersmith, Bros. John H. Cumming P.M. W.M., W. T. Ridgway S.W., W. Jeffries J.W., R. Josey P.M. Sec., Arthur Williams P.M. Preceptor, John Knight S.D., P. Cronin P.M. J.D., J. L. Powell I.G., K. M. Ross Steward, Robert Reid P.M., G. Kirkham P.M., H. J. Cousins W.M. 172, W. Atkinson, W. J. Cave, W. Hiscocks, W. Handover, and several others.

After the minutes had been read the ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, Bro. Handover taking the candidate's place. Lodge was called off and on. Bro. Cumming opened the Lodge in the second degree, and called on Bro. Cousins to assume the chair and work a portion of the installation ceremony, Bro. Handover acting as W.M.-elect. Bro. Cousins, who is one of the hardest working Masons in the district, carried out his duties in such a perfect manner as to draw forth the approbation of all present. Bro. Handover went through the ceremony of investing Officers. The W.M. was saluted by the Brethren under the direction of Bro. Reid, who acted as D.C. Bro. Cumming returned to the chair.

Bro. Cave, of the Kensington Lodge, No. 1767, was elected a member. Bro. Reid was successful in winning the five guinea ballot for one of the Masonic Institutions.

BRONDESBURY LODGE, No. 2698.

ON the 2nd inst., at the Earl Derby Hotel, High Road, Kilburn, Bros. Thos. Golby W.M., M. Spiegel P.M. S.W., A. R. Greaves J.W., R. J. Campbell P.M. Treas. and Assistant Preceptor, Geo. D. Fraser Acting Sec., W. G. Coxen S.D., H. Coxen J.D., H. Dunnaway I.G., A. E. Horstead Org., G. Coxen, Lines, Woods, Palmer, Knowles, Gawthrop, Wyatt, Wilson, Marks, S. A. Pardoe, Levin, Smith P.M., C. Greaves, and S. Pardoe P.M.

The second ceremony was rehearsed, with Bro. Wilson as the candidate. Bro. S. Pardoe P.M. then assumed the chair and rendered the first ceremony, with Bro. Coxen acting as candidate.

Bro. Spiegel was elected to preside at the next meeting.

ON the 9th inst., Bros. M. Spiegel P.M. P.Z. W.M., A. R. Greaves S.W., T. Bone J.W., A. F. Hardymont W.M. 2698 Prec., P. J. Campbell P.M. Treas., Harry Willmer Sec., W. Knowles S.D., H. Dunnaway J.D., G. D. Fraser I.G., A. E. Horstead Org., Browne, Woods, Golby, Wilson, Palmer, Geo. Coxen, C. J. Greaves, R. Segar, J. Gawthrop P.M., Aylett.

Assisted by the W.M. Bro. Campbell P.M. worked the first three sections, and Bro. H. de L. Woods the fourth. Bro. C. J. Greaves worked the second section of the second lecture, and Bro. Golby the first of the third.

Bro. A. R. Greaves was elected to take the chair at the next meeting.

ROYAL ARCH.

CHAPTER OF RECTITUDE, No. 581.

A MEETING was held at the Mosley Hotel, Manchester, on Thursday, 5th inst., Companion Robert Rudman M.E.Z., the most important business being the election of Principals and Officers. In the former instance the result was as follows: Comp. T. C. Lilley Z., Robert Adshead H., and Wm. Roston J., whilst in the latter case the undermentioned were successful, viz., Comps. H. G. Walker as S.E., Samuel Andrews as S.N., John Chapman as Treasurer, A. Ostara as P.S., W. E. Mowbray and E. Turner as Sojs., W. J. Melling P.Z. P.P.G.A.D.C. as D.C., and S. O. Eaton as Organist.

Before the meeting was closed the Organist (Comp. Mowbray) played the "Dead March in Saul," as a tribute to the memory of the late Comp. Wm. Goodman H., whose death occurred a few weeks back.

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BELFAST LODGE, No. 7.

AT the last meeting, held at Belfast, the Right Honourable Otto Jaffé, Lord Mayor of Belfast, was initiated into the Order. The Lodge was presided over most efficiently by the W.M. Bro. Arthur I. Herdman, who was supported by Bro. Hilton Deputy Provincial Grand Master; Sir Samuel Black, Town Clerk; and other influential citizens. There was a large attendance of Brethren. Bro. Maurice E. Solomons, J.P., of Dublin, attended in compliance with the invitation of the Officers and Brethren of the Lodge, and acted as lecturer and conductor of the prescribed ceremonies. Bro. Solomons was warmly thanked for his services on the occasion.

ST. JOHN LODGE, No. 697.

ON Tuesday evening, 3rd inst., the regular monthly meeting was held, when the chair was occupied by Bro. W. Bond, who was supported by Bros. Gwen S.W., T. Saunders J.W., W. Jones P.M. Sec. and Treas., W. Cowen S.D., H. Ll. Booth J.D., R. Grandy I.G., Rev. Dr. Glenning P.M., Rev. Dr. Naylor P.M., J. Dale, Dr. Maine, E. Smith, Dr. W. Bell P.M., Wilson P.M., Ingram, Cranstone, Jones, Burns P.M.

The usual formalities having been observed the minutes were confirmed, and the nomination of Officers for the ensuing year took place.

AN EXTRAORDINARY APPLICATION.

ON Wednesday of last week Mr. Ebenezer Breach appeared in the original character of "Honorary Grand Master of the Lodge," though of what Lodge Mr. Breach appeared to be as much in the dark as anybody else. He was positive, however, that he was to be honorary Grand Master of some Lodge, and he went to the Portsmouth Police-court, buoyed up by confidence in his infallible theories, to request the presiding Magistrates, Messrs. A. W. White and J. W. Gieve to sign a somewhat ambiguous document, which ran as follows:—

"This is to certify that we have intervened, and declare that this is Professor Ebenezer Breach, resident and burgess of the town of Portsmouth, England. Witness our signatures, as two Magistrates of this borough, this 4th day of October 1899,

The document was handed to the Magisterial Bench for inspection, and, after reading it through, Mr. White drew Mr. Breach's attention to a glaring mistake. "We cannot sign this document in its present form," said Mr. White. "You state here that 'this,' the paper, is Professor Ebenezer Breach. That, of course, is palpably wrong. You should have placed your photograph on the certificate, and possibly we might then have signed it."

Mr. Breach protested that it was not usual to have photographs on certificates. The Magistrates, however, were immovable, and Mr. Breach finally expressed himself as willing to fall in with their views. "When should he come?" he inquired. "To-morrow morning?"

"Any time," said Mr. White, and Mr. Breach then took his departure.

We understand that the "Lodge" of which Mr. Breach is to become Hon. Grand Master belongs to the "Ancient Order of Unshaven Boers." Recently Mr. Breach received a document purporting to come from Johannesburg, and to the effect that he was made Grand Master of the Order, on condition that he applied to the Magistrates in yellow breeches with red embroidery (the regalia of the Order), and obtained a certificate of identification. Mr. Breach seems to have acted on this "command," though he omitted the regalia.—"Hampshire Telegraph."

Crystal Palace.—Among the arrangements for the winter season are a series of "Afternoons in Bohemia," the first of which takes place on Thursday, 26th inst., when Miss Edna May, Miss Connie Ediss, Mr. Frank Boor, and Mr. Mervyn Dene will appear. Monday popular concerts and Saturday promenade concerts will also shortly be started. The immense area of the North Transept of the Crystal Palace will very shortly be devoted on certain evenings to indoor sports, principally skating carnivals and gymkhanas, the sports including a new game entitled "Skate Football." The programme for the Crystal Palace Saturday concerts is unusually attractive. Mr. August Manns will, of course, conduct each concert.

The Kennel Club's forty-fourth exhibition of Dogs will be held at the Palace on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday next, 17th, 18th and 19th inst., and will doubtless prove of equal merit to any of its predecessors, even if it does not surpass them.

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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.

21 Emulation, Albion
185 Tranquility, Guildhall Tavern
862 Whittington, Freemasons'-hall
901 City of London, Guildhall Tav.
907 Royal Albert, Freemasons'-hall
1537 St. Peter, Westminster, Crtrn.
1657 Aldersgate, Albion
1694 Imperial, Westminster
1728 Temple Bar, Anderton's
2489 Willesden, Willesden Green
2545 Iris, Rainbow Tav., Fleet St.
37 Anchor and Hope, Bolton
61 Probity, Halifax
77 Freedom, Gravesend
85 Faithful, Harleston
89 Unanimity, Dukinfield
102 Unanimity, North Walsham
148 Lights, Warrington
236 York, York
248 True Love & Unity, Brixham
264 Nelson of the Nile, Batley
270 R. Faith & Friendship, Berkeley
302 Hope, Bradford
307 Prince Frederick, Hebden Bridge
312 Lion, Whitby
359 Peace & Harmony, South'pton
377 Hope & Charity, Kidderminster
388 Prudence, Halesworth
408 Three Graces, Haworth
424 Borough, Gateshead
433 Hope, Brightlingsea
455 Perseverance, Kettering
466 Merit, Stamford Baron
467 Tudor, Oldham
543 Cleveland, Stokesley
607 Chicheley, Thrapston
613 Unity, Southport
699 Roscawea, Chacewater
737 Wentworth, Wellingboro'
872 Lewis, Whitehaven
925 Bedford, Birmingham
949 Williamson, Monkwearmouth
985 Alexandra, Sutton Bridge
986 Hesketh, Croston
1030 Egerton, Heaton Norris
1113 Anglesea, Manai Bridge
1141 Mid-Sussex, Horsham
1146 De Moulham, Swanage
1168 Benevolence, Sherbourne
1170 St. George, Manchester
1199 Ariculture, Yatton
1208 Corinthian, Dover
1238 Gooch, Twickenham
1255 Dundas, Plymouth
1272 Tregenna, St. Ives
1280 Walden, Saffron Walden
1286 Bayon, Market Rasen
1312 St. Mary, Bocking
1337 Anchor, Northallerton
1443 Salem, Dawlish
1486 Duncombe, Kingsbridge
1502 Israel, Liverpool
1542 Legiolum, Castleford
1575 Clive, Drayton
1600 Hamilton, Alford
1631 St. Andrew, Gorleston
1674 Carodoc, Rhyl
1741 Montgomerie, Diss
1757 King Henry VIII., Hemel Hemp.
1814 Worsley, Worsley
1833 St. Keyna, Keynsham
1895 Thames, Henley
1909 Carnarvon, Nottingham
1977 Blackwater, Maldon
2069 Prudence, Leeds
2074 St. Clare, Landport
2081 Golden Fleece, Leicester
2086 Dacre, Stevenage
2114 Prudence, Liverpool
2187 Adur, Henfield
2208 Horsa, Bournemouth
2289 Blundellsands, Great Crosby
2295 Scarisbrick, Southport
2327 St. Oswin, North Shields
2349 West Lanc. Century, Blackpool
2425 Ecclesburne, Duffield
2482 Duchess of York, Manchester
2557 Temperance, Newcastle-on-T.

Tuesday.

Board of General Purposes, F.M.H.
at 5.
30 United Mariner, Guildhall Tav.
73 Mount Lebanon, Southwark
95 Eastern Star, Ship and Turtle

194 St. Paul, Cannon St. Hotel
255 Harmony, Richmond
435 Salisbury, Freemasons'-hall
1339 Stockwell, Camberwell
1695 New Finsbury Park, Via. H'tl.
2021 Queen Westminster, Holb'n R'st.
2045 Wharton, Willesden
2191 Anglo-American, Criterion
2233 Old Westminster, Café Royal
2265 Barnato, Piccadilly
2500 Old Boys', Criterion
126 Silent Temple, Burnley
160 True Friendship, Rochford
213 Perseverance, Norwich
223 Charity, Plymouth
366 St. David, Milford
373 Socrates, Huntingdon
384 St. David, Bangor
402 Royal Sussex, Nottingham
414 Union, Reading
418 Menturia, Hanley
432 Abbey, Nuneaton
468 Light, Birmingham
476 St. Peter, Carmarthen
484 Faith, Newton-le-Willows
551 Yarborough, Ventnor
560 Vernon, Stourport
599 Sherwell, Banbury
624 Abbey, Burton-on-Trent
667 Alliance, Li. rpool
681 Scarsdale, Chesterfield
789 Dunheved, Launceston
830 Endeavour, Dukinfield
855 Sympathy, Wotton-un.-Edge
958 St. Aubin, Jersey
960 Bute, Cardiff
979 Four Cardinal Virtues, Crewe
990 Neyland, Neyland
1006 Tregullow, St. Day
1028 Royal Alfred, Alfreton
1036 Bowyer, Chipping Norton
1046 St. Andrew, Farnham
1067 R'y'l Forest Dean, N'h'm S'v'u.
1075 St. Maughold, Ramsey, I. of M.
1089 De Shurland, Sheerness
1214 Scarborough, Batley
1225 Hindpool, Barrow-in-Furness
1256 Fidelity, Poulton-le-Fylde
1266 Honour & Friendship, Blandford
1276 Warren, Seacombe
1395 Wey Side, Woking Station
1410 S. Peter & S. Paul, N'p't Pagnell
1424 Brownrigg of Unity, Old B'pton
1427 Percy, Newcastle-on-Tyne
1447 St. Matthew, Bart'n-on-Humber
1482 Isle of Axholme, Crowle
1522 Olicana, Ilkley
1533 Loyalty, Marlboro'
1551 Charity, Birmingham
1570 Prince Arthur, Liverpool
1587 St. Giles, Cheadle
1621 Castle, Bridgnorth
1764 Eleanor Cross, Northampton
1787 Grenville, Buckingham
1799 Arnold, Walton-on-Naze
1893 Lumley, Skegness
1894 Hershel, Slough
1902 St. Cuthbert, Bedlington
1903 Pr. Ed. Saxe Weimar, P'tsm'th.
1941 St. Augustine, Rugeley
2001 Narberth, Narberth
2146 Surbiton, Surbiton
2155 Makerfield, Newton-le-Willows
2316 Princes, Liverpool
2339 Mistle, Manningtree
2351 Ermine, Lincoln
2360 Victoria, Southport
2407 Hicks-Beach, Stroud
2530 Shirley Woolmer, Sidcup
2536 Staines, Staines
2572 Tyldesley, Tyldesley

Wednesday.

General Committee Grand Chapter,
at 4.

Board of Benevolence, F.M.H., 5.
7 Rl. York Perseverance, Albion
140 St. George, Greenwich
169 Temperance, Deptford
174 Sincerity, Guildhall Tavern
619 Beadon, Upper Norwood
1044 Wandsworth, Wandsworth
1150 Buck'gham & Chandos, F.M.H.
1382 Corinthian, Cubitt Town
1507 Metropolitan, Anderton's
1539 Surrey Masonic Hall, C'mb'rw'll

1624 Eccleston, Criterion
1677 Crusaders,
2266 Cator, Beckenham
2272 Rye, Peckham
2345 Duke of Fife, Clapham Common
2348 Lombardian, Ship and Turtle
2361 Cricklewood, Frascati
2409 Woodgrange, Forest Gate
2589 Borough, Bridge House Hotel

20 Rl. Kent Antiquity, Chatham
121 Mount Sinai, Penzance
127 Union, Margate
128 Prince Edwin, Bury
137 Amity, Poole
175 East Medina, Ryde
178 Antiquity, Wigan
200 Old Globe, Scarborough
210 Duke of Athol, Denton
221 St. John, Bolton
243 Loyalty, Guernsey
246 Royal Union, Cheltenham
258 Amphibious, Heckmondwike
261 Unanimity & Sincerity, Taunton
285 Love & Honour, Shepton Mallet
290 Huddersfield, Huddersfield
301 Apollo, Alcester
311 South Saxon, Lewes
320 Loyalty, Mottram
325 St. John, Salford
329 Brotherly Love, Yeovil
341 Wellington, Rye
342 Royal Sussex, Landport
368 Samaritan, Sandbach
372 Harmony, Budleigh Salterton
376 Perfect Friendship, Ipswich
380 Integrity, Morley
387 Airedale, Shipley
451 Sutherland, Burslem
504 Berkhamstead, Berkhamstead
533 Eaton, Congleton
537 Zetland, Birkenhead
555 Fidelity, Framlingham
580 Harmony, Ormskirk
581 Faith, Openshaw
591 Buckingham, Aylesbury
592 Cotteswold, Cirencester
606 Segontium, Caernarvon
610 Colston, Bristol
662 Dartmouth, West Bromwich
68 Isca, Newport, Mon.
697 United, Colchester
726 Staffordshire Knot, Stafford
795 St. John, Maidenhead
823 Everton, Liverpool
865 Dalhousie, Hounslow
874 Holmesdale, Tunbridge Wells
889 Dobie, Kingston-on-Thames
910 St. Oswald, Pontefract
934 Merit, Whitefield
938 Grosvenor, Birmingham
950 Hesketh, Fleetwood
962 Sun and Sector, Workington
972 St. Augustine, Canterbury
1019 Sincerity, Wakefield
1024 St. Peter, Maldon
1040 Sykes, Driffeld
1086 Walton, Liverpool
1114 Joppa, Fakenham
1129 St. Chad, Rochdale
1136 Carew, Torpoint
1161 De Grey & Ripon, Manchester
1179 Rutland, Ilkeston
1212 Elms, Stoke Damerel
1246 Holte, Aston, Warwicks
1265 Vale of Catnos, Oakham
1294 St. Alban, Grimsby
1301 Brighthouse, Brighthouse
1323 Talbot, Swansea
1334 Norman, Durham
1353 Duke of Lancaster, Lancaster
1363 Tyndall, Chipping Sodbury
1493 Robin Hood, Eastwood
1511 Alexandra, Hornsey
1520 Earl Shrewsbury, Cannock
1529 Duke of Cornwall, St. Columb
1543 Rosslyn, Dunmow
1544 Mount Edgumbe, Camborne
1576 Dee, Park-gate, Cheshire
1634 Starkie, Ramsbottom
1645 Colne Valley, Slaithwaite
1734 Trinity, Rayleigh
1774 Mellor, Ashton-under-Lyne
1797 South Down, Hurstpierpoint
1808 Suffield, North Walsham
1842 St. Leonard, St. Leonard's
1854 Weald of Kent, Tenterden
1973 Saye & Sele, Belvedere
1988 Mawddach, Barmouth
2050 St. Trinians, Douglas, I. of M.
2135 Constance, Consett
2153 Hope, Gosport
2203 Farnborough & N.C., Farnboro'
2258 West. Dist. U.S., E. Stonehouse
2355 Chantry, Dore
2412 Ashfield, Sutton-in-Ashfield
2434 Anderida, Eastbourne
2475 Border, Blackwater

2514 City, Liverpool
2583 St. Thomas, Tibshelf
2587 Radnor, Folkestone

Thursday.

House Committee, Girl's School,
4.30.
49 Gihon, Guildhall Tavern
55 Constitutional, Cannon St. Ho.
179 Manchester, Anderton's
733 Westbourne, Holborn Rest
1287 Great Northern, Freemasons'-h.
1320 Blackheath, Southwark
1475 Peckham, Camberwell
1598 Ley Spring, Anderton's
1613 Cripplegate, Albion
1681 Londesborough, Café Royal
1716 All Saints, Poplar
1901 Selwyn, Peckham
2551 Clissold,
42 Relief, Bury
56 Howard B'ly Love, L'hampton
57 Humber, Hull
98 St. Martin, Burslem
100 Friendship, Great Yarmouth
132 Unity, Ringwood
203 Ancient Union, Liverpool
215 Commerce, Haslingden
230 Fidelity, Devonport
245 Mechanics, Jersey
267 Unity, Macclesfield
268 Union, Ashton-under-Lyne
286 Samaritan, Bacup
322 Peace, Stockport
324 Moira, Stalybridge
343 Concord, Preston
345 Perseverance, Blackburn
350 Charity, Farnworth
361 Industry, Hyde
363 Keystone, Whitworth
367 Probity & Freedom, Rochdale
394 Southampton, Southampton
425 Cestrian, Chester
430 Fidelity, Ashton-under-Lyne
449 Cecil, Hitchin
450 Cornubian, Hayle
456 Foresters, Uttoxeter
469 Hundred of Elloe, Spalding
472 F'ship & Sincerity, Shaftesbury
489 Benevolence, Bideford
523 John of Gaunt, Leicester
600 Harmony, Bradford
605 Combermere, Birkenhead
625 Devonshire, Glossop
659 Blagdon, Blyth
663 Wiltshire of Fidelity, Devizes
758 Ellesmere, Runcorn
761 St. John, Dursley
777 Royal Alfred, Guildford
802 Repose, Derby
833 Afan, Aberavon
900 St. George, Tewkesbury
939 Pelham, Workson
940 Philanthropy, Stockton
971 Trafalgar, Batley
1000 Priory, Southend
1011 Richmond, Manchester
1037 Portland, Portland
1042 Excelsior, Leeds
1184 Abbey, Battle
1247 St. John, Plymouth
1299 Pembroke, Liverpool
1327 King Harold, Waltham Cross
1332 Unity, Crediton
1386 St. Hugh, Lincoln
1393 Hamer, Liverpool
1432 Fitz-Allan, Oswestry
1459 Ashbury, West Gorton
1470 Chiltern, Dunstable
1512 Hemming, Hampton Court
1514 Thornhill, Huddersfield
1534 Concord, Prestwich
1562 Homfray, Risca
1776 Landport, Landport
1821 Atlingworth, Brighton
1869 Sandown, Sandown, I. of W'ht.
1872 St. Margaret, Surbiton
1887 St. Hilda, Wallingford
1892 Wallington, Sutton
2158 Boscombe, Boscombe
2189 Ashburton, Ashburton
2226 St. David, Rhymney
2268 Hallamshire, Sheffield
2302 St. Mary, Southwell
2305 Stour, Ashford, Kent
2325 Rose of Lancaster, Southport
2341 Clemency, Oldham
2352 Universities, Durham
2374 Shurmur, Chingford
2555 England Centre, Weedon
2570 Prince Llewellyn, Cardiff

Friday.

Board of Management, Boys School,
2.30.

1962 London Rifle Brigade, And't'n's.
2157 St. Mark's College, H'born Rest
2243 Argonauts, Putney
2346 Warrant Officers, F'masons'-hall

152 Virtue, Manchester
155 Perseverance, Liverpool
271 Royal Clarence, Brighton
347 Noah Ark, Tipton
355 R'l. S'x. Emulation, Swindon
401 Royal Forest, Slaidburn
404 Watford, Watford
460 Sut'land Unity, N'castle-u-Lyme
541 De Loraine, Newcastle-on-Tyne
652 Holme Valley, Holmfirth
993 Alexandra, Levenshulme
1034 Eccleshill, Eccleshill
1074 Underley, Kirkby Lonsdale
1108 Royal Wharfedale, Otley
1311 Zetland, Leeds
1330 St. Peter, Market Harborough
1357 Cope, Sale
1389 Fenwick, Sunderland
1644 Alma Mater, Birmingham
1739 Carnarvon, Swadlincote

1773 Albert Victor, Pendleton
1794 De Vere, Nottingham
2063 St. Osyth Priory, Cl'et'n-on-Sea
2078 St. Lawrence, Scunthorpe
2231 Talbot, Stretford
2380 Beneventa, Daventry
2447 Palatine, Manchester

Saturday.

1139 South Norwood, S. Norwood P.
1185 Lewis, Wood Green
1364 Earl of Zetland, Guildhall Tav.
1641 Crichton, Camberwell
1732 King's Cross, Anderton's
149 Peace, Meltham
370 St. George, Chertsey
444 Union, Starcross
811 Yarborough, Brighton
1126 Oakwood, Romiley
1871 Gostling Murray, Hounslow
1897 Citadel, Hurrow Station
2035 Beaumont, Kirkburton
2458 Eton, Eton
2548 Herga, Harrow

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Avenue.—8.15, The Queen's Messenger. 9, An Interrupted Honeymoon. Matinée, Wednesday, 3.
Court.—8.30, A Royal Family.
Covent Garden.—Friday, 20th October, 11, Grand Fancy Dress Ball.
Criterion.—8.15, A pretty piece of business. 9, My Daughter-in-Law. Matinée, Wednesday and Saturday, 3.
Drury Lane.—7.30, Hearts are Trumps. Matinée, Wednesday, Thursday, and Saturday, 1.30.
Duke of York's.—Monday, 16th October, 8, The Christian. Matinée, Saturday, 2.
Gaiety.—8.15, A Runaway Girl. Matinée, Saturday, 2.
Garrick.—8.30, The Degenerates. Matinée, Wednesday and Saturday, 2.30.
Globe.—8, The Gay Lord Quex. Matinée, Wednesday and Saturday, 2.
Haymarket.—Saturday, 28th October, The Black Tulip.
Her Majesty's.—8.15, King John. Matinée, Wednesday and Saturday, 2.15.
Lyceum.—Thursday, 19th October, The Sign of the Cross.
Lyric.—8.30, El Capitan. Matinée, Thursday, 2.30.
New Olympic.—8.15, A trip to Midget town. Matinée, Wednesday and Saturday, 2.30.
Prince of Wales's.—8, The Moonlight Blossom. The Sacrament of Judas. Matinée, Saturday, 2.30.
Princess's.—8, Alone in London
Savoy.—8.30, H.M.S. Pinafore. Trial by Jury. Matinée, Saturday, 2.30.
Shaftesbury.—8, The Belle of New York. Matinée, Wednesday and Saturday, 2.
Strand.—8.15, The Prince of Borneo. Matinée, Wednesday, 2.30.
Vaudeville.—8.15, Hook and Eye. 9, The Elixir of Youth. Matinée, Wednesday, 3.

Alexandra.—Next week, 7.45, The Tyranny of Tears.
Grand.—Next week, 7.30, A Greek Slave.
Queen's Opera House, Crouch End.—Next week, 8, A Runaway Girl.
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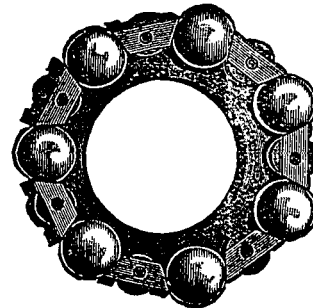
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