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## EXTRAVAGANT LUXURIES YET MORE EXTRAVAGANT.

WHEN we penned our remarks of last week, as to the excessive number of votes now required to carry a case for the Masonic Educational Institutions, and quoted the totals polled at the recent election of the Girls School, we thought the case was bad enough, but the corresponding election for "Our Boys" goes far and away beyond, and if we could only view with alarm the position as we knew it last week, what are we to say now that the returns for the companion Charity are before us?

The election for the Boys School took place on Friday of last week, seventeen lads being admitted, from a list of thirty-four candidates. The first on the list of successful polled 7,389 votes (!), the eight succeeding ones had each a record of upwards of 6,000, the remainder 5,000 odd each, while 5,107 polled on behalf of another lad only placed him at the head of the unsuccessful. It is true there was then a drop to 3,846 votes, but even that immense number is more than 50 per cent. beyond what should be necessary to win a scholarship.

As evidence that these records were not unexpected we may point to the West Yorkshire candidates, which came in third and fifth among the successful, both being first applications. No one would accuse West Yorkshire of wasting votes, and so the totals of 6,453 and 6,365 may be accepted as criterions of what was expected. In face of such figures is it to be wondered at that some think they are paying too much for the luxuries of Masonic education. The fact is coming home to Brethren, slowly perhaps, but surely, else why does the Charity Secretary of the important Province we have mentioned say in his report, "The position of West Yorkshire with respect to the London Charities is not altogether so satisfactory as it should be." Further comment may be left for further developments.

The retiring First Principal of the Bertha Chapter Comp. Horatio Ward P.G.Sw.B. has been presented with a handsome massive silver bowl, richly chased, in recognition of his services as one of the founders and continuous supporter during the past thirty-one years of the Chapter.

The installation meeting of the Metropolitan Lodge, No. 1507, was held at Anderton's Hotel, Fleet Street, on Wednesday, when Bro. E. E. Hawkins was elevated to the Mastership. A report will appear next week.

The consecration of the Richard Eve Lodge, No. 2772, will take place on Saturday next, 28th inst., at Freemasons' Hall, London, at 3:30 p.m. We hope to report the proceedings in due course.

A meeting of the Alliance Lodge will take place on Wednesday, 8th prox., when Dr. E. Clarke will be installed as Master, in succession to Bro. Baron de Bush.

## CONSECRATION.

### MARLOW LODGE.

ON Wednesday, the 11th inst., this new Lodge was consecrated at Marlow. The ceremony was conducted by Bro. John Evan Bowen Deputy Provincial Grand Master Buckinghamshire, he being assisted by Bros. J. C. Fitzroy Tower Prov.S.G.W., William Woollett Prov.G.Sec., Rev. Canon J. Studholme Brownrigg, M.A., P.G. Chaplain, Joseph Bliss P.P.S.G.W., and Charles L. Carson Prov.G. Pursuivant.

The installation of the first W.M. of the Lodge Bro. Henry Hambling followed in due course, and among the Officers appointed and invested were Bro. G. W. S. Kendall as S.W., and Bro. W. T. Porter as J.W. At the subsequent banquet, held at the Crown Hotel, there was a large attendance.

## R. M. I. BOYS.

THE Quarterly Court of Subscribers to this Institution was held on Friday of last week, at Freemasons' Tavern, Bro. Charles E. Keyser, High Sheriff of Berkshire, Past Grand Deacon Treasurer and Patron of the Institution in the chair.

In the name and on behalf of the Board of Management Bro. A. C. Spaul P.G.St.B. presented to Bro. Keyser a memento of the 101st Anniversary Festival of the School held last June, and over which Bro. Keyser presided, the difficulty of the position then being that he voluntarily immediately followed the Prince of Wales's chairmanship of the Centenary Festival, when £140,000 was collected. Bro. Keyser's chairmanship realised £9,000.

After acknowledging the presentation, which was succeeded by some other business of the School, Brother Keyser gave an account of the progress which was being made with the Schools now being built at Bushey, the first stone of which is to be laid by the Duke of Connaught next May. He informed the Brethren that not only had the foundations been prepared, but that so much advance would have been made with the superstructure when the ceremony of May 1900 took place, that the visitors, of whom he hoped a great number would be present, would be able to see a great part of the building.

The election of seventeen sons of Freemasons for education in the School was afterwards proceeded with, the highest successful polling 7,389 votes, and the lowest of them 5,157. Fifteen of the elected were first application cases.

IT will be remembered that at the local examination in Musical Knowledge, conducted in June last, by Trinity College, London, five boys passed in the Junior Division (three with honours), and one in the Intermediate Examination. The last named was William Denis Coales, aged thirteen and a half years. He has now been awarded a special prize, being first of all the boys and girls at the two examinations of the London centre under the age of nineteen, and having gained ninety-five per cent. of the possible marks, a result which is not only very creditable to the lad himself, but a distinct testimony to the efficient and careful training he receives at the Institution at Wood Green.

## R. M. I. GIRLS.

IN accordance with a kindly custom that has prevailed at the Mansion House for some years past, about 150

children of the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls were received by the Lord Mayor and the Lady Mayoress on Saturday. The girls, who were accompanied by the matron (Miss Buck), the head mistress (Miss Redgrave), and several members of the staff, walked in procession through the state drawing-rooms, where they were received by the Lord Mayor and Lady Mayoress and the Sheriffs, who shook hands with each. A lovely basket of flowers was presented to her ladyship by Miss Agnes Robinson (Lord Mayor's gold medallist). A series of entertainments took place in the saloon, and after tea there was dancing in the Egyptian Hall. Among those who took part in the proceedings were: Mrs. Treloar, Miss Bevan, Bros. Sir John B. Monckton (Town Clerk), J. H. Matthews, Peter de Lande Long, T. H. Gardiner, Frank Richardson, Spaul, Langton, and other members of the School Committee.

### PRESENTATION AT HEREFORD.

OUR esteemed Brother H. C. Beddoe Deputy Provincial Grand Master of Herefordshire, Alderman and twice Mayor of the county town, was deservedly honoured at the Shire Hall, Hereford, on Wednesday, 4th inst., when a large number of ladies and gentlemen from city and county assembled for the purpose of presenting him with his portrait in oils, painted by Mr. H. T. Wells, R.A., together with a handsome array of silver plate, as a mark of their recognition of his long career of usefulness in many and varied ways—in agriculture, commerce, and the fine arts, as a member of public bodies, and, lastly, though decidedly not least, in the cause of true athleticism. The first piece of plate was a large silver salver, in King's pattern and shell bordered. It bore the following inscription:—

Presented, with other plate, and his portrait, to Ald. Henry Child Beddoe, Mayor of Hereford 1888-89 and 1897-98 by his fellow citizens and other friends in appreciation of the valuable services rendered by him for so many years to the city and county of Hereford in all matters of public interest, and especially on the occasion of the Centenary Show of the Herefordshire Agricultural Society, the great success of which was in a large measure due to the energy and hospitality displayed by him as Mayor of Hereford and Chairman of the Local Committee. September 1899.

The other articles were a massive two handled silver tankard of George III. design, and four large silver table candlesticks to match. On the tankard were engraved the words:—

Presented to ALD. H. C. BEDDOE,  
Mayor of Hereford 1888-89, 1897-98.  
By his fellow citizens and other friends,  
In recognition of his valuable public services.  
September 1899.

Accompanying the whole was an artistically illuminated address, bound in blue morocco, on which the arms of the city of Hereford were emblazoned, and at the end of which followed the names of over three hundred subscribers.

Among the speakers, all of whom testified to Bro. Beddoe's many estimable qualities, were the Mayor of Hereford, the Bishop of Hereford, Sir James Rankin, M.P., Mr. Radcliffe Cooke, M.P., Mr. W. E. Britten, Mr. T. Carver, Mr. Henry Haywood, Mr. Llanwarne, and the Dean of Hereford, the latter of whom, in the course of his remarks said others had spoken of the many excellent qualities of Mr. Beddoe, and the many offices he had held, but curiously enough, there was one office, the chief office he might say, to which no allusion had been made whatever. It was one in which he (the Dean) was in a position to allude to, because he was a Brother to him in the light that Mr. Beddoe held the very high office of Deputy Provincial Grand Master of the Province of Herefordshire, an honour of which he might be well proud, an honour which Masons throughout the Province recognised he was well deserving of. He ranked second in the Province to Lord Glanusk. He (the Dean) had reason, as a Mason, to bear his own testimony to his worth as a Brother.

### MASONRY AND THE WAR.

THE Board of Management of the Freemasons' Hall, Johannesburg, having placed their building at the disposal of the St. John's Ambulance Association (Transvaal centre), arrangements are already in progress for turning the Hall into a Hospital. During the course of to-day or to-morrow the Red Cross flag will be hoisted over the building, and beds, stores, &c., are being sent in by the Ambulance Association, who are utilising the main Hall as a ward, and

the Lodge Rooms and ante rooms as doctors', nurses', and consulting rooms.

Several Masonic Lodges that usually meet in the Hall have already closed down, and the District Grand Tyler has also in his charge the Charters of a good number of country Lodges that have temporarily suspended meetings.

Owing to the use to which the Hall is now being put, a few affairs that were advertised to take place there have been postponed. The Johannesburg Jewish Guild were to hold a Cinderella dance there to-night, but owing to the above arrangements the Committee have very wisely decided to postpone the affair.—“Transvaal Leader,” 22nd September.

[Probably this is one of the very best uses to which a Masonic Hall has ever been put. The local Craftsmen having provided the building is it too much to ask outside Brethren to keep it well supplied with all necessaries, that is, if it is possible to get them sent through.—Ed. F.C.]

A “Past Master” writes:—The story of Freemasonry on Majuba Hill is not a solitary instance on record. Many similar touching incidents occurred during the Franco-German war. Not only are President Kruger and Piet Joubert enthusiastic Freemasons, but practically every educated Boer belongs to the Order. As most of the British Officers also belong to the Craft it will be a real case of “Brothers” slaying “Brothers.” During the last Transvaal war an appeal was sent by the Grand Orient of the Netherlands to the M.W.G.M. the Prince of Wales, entreating him, as a “Brother,” to use his influence in favour of peace. The Prince replied that, as this was a political question, he could not intervene.—“Daily Chronicle.”

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Referring to the original paragraph, the “Glasgow Evening Times” says: Whatever the truth of the story, it certainly looks very well in print, and it suggests that if the Uitlanders had been a trifle more astute they might have obtained all they have been striving for by judicious pressure upon Boer sentiment in the local Lodges. It is exceedingly doubtful, however, the commissariat officer's experience notwithstanding, whether Freemasonry will ever become much of an ameliorative force in time of war. No doubt the use of smokeless powder leaves a clearer atmosphere between the combatants, and Tommy Atkins might, at a moment of danger, be able to catch the eye of Jan Van Quackenbosh by the dexterous application of his thumb to his nose, or by some of the other complicated signs which form part of the mysteries of the Craft. But in the hurry and confusion of battle, Jan might misunderstand Tommy, and mistake his Brotherly overture for a gesture of contempt. In that case there might conceivably be a sudden vacancy in Tommy's Lodge.

A Brother, a Frenchman, residing in Alsace, who was a few years ago a member of a Kilmarnock Lodge, has written to another Brother resident in the town a very interesting letter. Among other matters in his communication is the following:—“I have not been to Lodge yet; they meet only next month. They are very select people the Masons here. I will write you my impressions after my first visit, also the particulars about the working here.” He has also the following reference to the Dreyfus case: “I see that you were surprised too at the Dreyfus judgment. He is a native of this town, where his people has some big factories, but in general the people are rather anti-Dreyfusards here, as we have so many Jews, but I know from a French Freemason that the word went through all the French Lodges to support Dreyfus, as his case was now merely a battle between the clericals and the Masons.” The “Kilmarnock Herald,” in giving this item, says it “will appear from the above that whoever was on the side of injustice in France, it was not the Freemasons. It is something new to be informed that the Dreyfus case was a battle between the Romish Church and Freemasons!”

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At a recent meeting of the Lodge of Edinburgh (Mary's Chapel), No. 1, Bro. P. L. Henderson W.M. presiding, the Thaker Sahib of Gondul, G.C.I.E., was admitted a member of the Craft. Thereafter the Master reported as to the recent banquet in celebration of the tercentenary of the earliest written record of the Lodge. He claimed that that had been the most successful Masonic function of modern times. Numerous letters were read from Lodges in Australia,

America, and Africa, and other lands, congratulating the Lodge on the event. At a later stage the Lodge entertained Brother Geo. M'Rae, M.P., who is a member. The W.M. proposed Brother M'Rae's health, and he, replying, referred to the Masonic Lodge as a place in which one could meet man to man, apart from all considerations of politics.

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There is, perhaps, no Lodge that represents the Masonic Brotherhood in so cosmopolitan a fashion as the Telegraph Cable Lodge does. It has members in every clime. This was notably proved at the last meeting, at the Hotel Cecil, where Bro. George C. Jack (to whom the song of "We all love Jack" particularly applies) was installed W.M. in succession to Bro. W. O. Smith, whose mastery of the ritual is something quite exceptional. From Buenos Ayres and Shanghai, from Capetown and New South Wales, from Alexandria and Durban, and other distant ports, often come members to the Telegraph Cable Lodge, which is in a very flourishing condition. "Jack's the boy for work, Jack's the boy for play!" — "Sketch."

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The death of Mgr. Fava (writes the "Daily Chronicle" Paris Correspondent) closes the career of the most anti-Republican prelate in France. The Bishop of Grenoble was a specialist in the denunciation of Freemasonry, and on several occasions he incurred the official reprimand of the Council of State which follows episcopal misdemeanors. On one occasion he refused to grant a religious funeral in his cathedral because the Masonic Lodges of their departments sent their delegates wearing their insignia. Apart from his original and combative temperament, Mgr. Fava was witty and kind-hearted. He visited England in 1880, when he was the guest of Cardinal Newman.

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The Fifteen Sections will be worked by Bro. Charles Johnson J.W. 2206 Preceptor Southern Star Lodge of Instruction, No. 1158 Deputy Preceptor 1563 Secretary 1507 and 1541 (Instruction) in the Israel Lodge of Instruction, No. 205, at the Rising Sun, Globe Road, Bethnal Green, E., on the 29th inst. (the last Sunday in the month), at 6 p.m. prompt. This is the first time Bro. Johnson has worked the Sections; as he will be assisted by Members of the Southern Star and the Israel Lodges of Instruction, it is hoped a successful meeting will result. Further particulars may be had of Bro. H. Harris P.M. 1349 Secretary, 1 Beaumont Street, E.

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At a meeting of St. Michael Lodge, No. 211, held last week, at the Albion, Aldersgate Street, E.C., a very handsome banner was presented by Bro. George Cockerell, who was Master of the Lodge during its Centenary year. The banner, which was designed and executed by Bro. Ernest C. Collings, the present Master, is of light blue corded silk, surrounded by blue and white fringe and tassels, the centre panel representing St. Michael destroying the Demon of Ignorance and Superstition, and is exceedingly effective. A vote of thanks was accorded to Bro. Cockerell by the Lodge, and the fact was ordered to be entered on the minutes.

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A Masonic ball at the Simla Town Hall, on the 12th ult., was a brilliant and successful affair. The ball room was splendidly decorated with Masonic symbols and colours. The Viceroy's Band supplied the music. Lord and Lady Curzon were received and despatched at departure with full Masonic honours. There was an imposing procession to supper, the Lieutenant-Governor, the Commander-in-Chief, and all the leading officials being present.

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The "Sketch" is delighted to hear that the Prince of Wales has graciously honoured the well-earned John Hollingshead "benefit" with his patronage. His Royal Highness has a special faculty for recognising, in his own kind-hearted way, the public services of prominent men. Following the Prince's lead, let us all strive to bring about a bumper "benefit" for Brother "Honest John"—one of the best of good fellows.

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At a meeting of the Medina Lodge of Mark Master Masons, No. 140, held a few days ago at Cowes, it was resolved to present to the Master Bro. C. Brown and to the

Secretary Bro. J. Leftwich Past Master's jewels, in token of the Lodge's appreciation of the services rendered by them to the Lodge. At the same meeting Bro. Geo. Ball S.W. was elected Master for the ensuing year, the installation to take place in November.

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It has been arranged that the Grand Master Mason of Scotland Lord Saltoun will consecrate a new Lodge, Trinity, No. 885, at Newhaven, on 3rd November. This will probably be the last public appearance of Lord Saltoun as Grand Master, for after occupying the Masonic throne for the period of three years, with much acceptance to Grand Lodge, he will retire from office next St. Andrew's Day.

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The eighth annual Festival of the Kirby Lodge of Instruction will be held at the Midland Grand Hotel on Tuesday, 14th prox., when the second lecture will be worked. Only Master Masons can attend. Bro. George Rankin 1641 S.D. 2397 J.D. 2508 Preceptor of the Lodge will preside at the working, and Sir Forrest Fulton, LL.B., Q.C., Deputy Grand Registrar, at the subsequent dinner.

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Lord Wantage Provincial Grand Master Berks was, on Thursday, 12th inst., installed at Abingdon as Worshipful Master of the Abbey Lodge, in succession to Bro. H. G. W. d'Almaine. The ceremony was performed by the Grand Secretary of England Bro. Edward Letchworth, F.S.A.

#### "A SPRIG OF ACACIA."

OUR Brother William Kite P.M. of the Lebanon Lodge, No. 1326, for many years Superintendent at Cannon Street Hotel, died suddenly on Friday, 13th inst., at his residence, 3 Charteris Road, Old Kent Road, S.E., and was buried on Thursday at Nunhead Cemetery, followed by a large number of Masonic friends, relatives, and others.

THE remains of Bro. W. J. Marshall, who for over twenty years has been estate clerk for Earl Fitzwilliam, at Malton, were interred in the cemetery at that place on Thursday afternoon, 28th ult. There was a very large attendance at the funeral, deceased and his family being well known and highly respected. The estate servants carried the body to the grave, and some of them strewed flowers upon the coffin. Mr. Markham, the earl's agent, followed the remains, as also did the Worshipful Master and Officers of the Camalodunum Lodge, of which deceased was a Past Master, former Secretary, &c. The Brethren carried the usual Masonic mourning emblem, which they cast into the grave at the conclusion of the burial service. This was read by the Rev. H. E. Ganseen, Vicar of St. Leonard's and St. Michael's, Malton, whom the deceased had heretofore assisted in the musical services of the church. The funeral cortège included most of the leading professional men and tradesmen of the town, the residents in which showed every token of respect for the dead as the procession moved through the streets.

THE death is announced of Bro. Charles Shenton Du Sautoy, R.N.R., M.I.N.A., M.I.M.E., which occurred at his residence, Sunnyside, Portswood, Southampton, early on Sunday, 8th inst. Three months ago Bro. Du Sautoy, when at the County Bowling Green at Southampton, was suddenly seized with apoplexy. He was at once conveyed to his home, where, notwithstanding the best medical attention, he was confined to his bed until death released him from his sufferings. Bro. Du Sautoy was an officer of the Royal Naval Reserve, being one of the very few men holding the rank of Honorary Chief Engineer in her Majesty's Navy, a distinction of which he was very proud. He was President of the local branch of the Institute of Marine Engineers, and not many years ago secured the attendance of so prominent a man as Sir W. White, the Chief Constructor, as chairman of the annual dinner of the branch at Southampton. He was also a member of the Institute of Naval Architects. He was, like his father before him, a prominent Freemason. He was a Past Master of the Lodge of Peace and Harmony, and only last year held office in Provincial Grand Lodge, receiving his collar at the Grand Lodge meeting held at Ryde, in August 1898. He leaves a widow and family, and the great sympathy felt with them during his illness will be intensified now that it has had a fatal termination. Bro. Sautoy was only forty-nine years of age.

### RECEPTION AT CARLISLE.

ON Friday night, 29th ult., there was a brilliant Masonic gathering in the County Hall, Carlisle, on the occasion of a reception and dance given by the Mayor, who is the W.M. of the Bective Lodge, and the Mayoress. The invitations, which had been limited to the members of the Bective and Union Lodges, and the Officers of the Provincial Grand Lodge of Cumberland and Westmorland, with their wives and their lady friends, had been issued from the office of the Town Clerk, and with a few exceptions had been accepted, so that the number of ladies and gentlemen present was about four hundred, including several unattached Freemasons. The reception of the guests continued from eight o'clock till nine, during which time Mr. Felix Burns's band played a selection of music in the County Hall.

The guests were received near the main door by the Mayor and Mayoress, with whom were Mr. Ernest White, Miss Edith and Miss Dora White, Mr. and Mrs. A. F. Helps, Miss Helps, and Miss Edith Klyne. The Mayor wore the regalia of Provincial Senior Grand Warden of Cumberland and Westmorland, which office he holds in addition to that of Worshipful Master of the Bective Lodge. His Worship also wore the new civic gold chain, while the Mayoress wore the civic badge. The mace and sword bearers and the mace sergeant were in attendance in their uniforms, and behind the Mayor was displayed the banner of the Bective Lodge. A special dispensation allowing Freemasons to appear in their regalia having been obtained from London, the Masons who attended the reception wore aprons and jewels. Dancing commenced at nine o'clock, and was kept up until about two o'clock in the morning.

Refreshments were purveyed by Mr. and Mrs. Koster, of the County Hotel, under whose direction the main entrance to the Hall, the vestibule, and the annexe were decorated with foliage plants from the Knowefield Nurseries.

### MALDON'S HISTORIC TOWER IN DANGER.

THE borough of Maldon contains many ancient buildings, but probably the oldest of them all is St. Peter's Church, now disused, at the top of Market Hill, in the High Street.

The nave fell about the year 1665, but the tower remains, and there is a brick school building adjoining, erected by Dr. Thomas Plume, Archdeacon of Rochester and founder of the Plumerian Professorship of Astronomy, at Cambridge, who was a munificent benefactor to Maldon, his native place. Dr. Plume died in November 1704, and just before his death he built the present brick building to serve as a free school, and to contain his library, which he presented to the town. The library, now under the care of the Vicar, the Rev. E. R. Horwood, J.P., consisted of about 5,000 volumes, mostly of a theological character. Many of the editions are rare and in fine condition, and there are also several valuable topographical works, together with a number of old portraits. The ground floor of the building adjoining the tower is in the occupation of the St. Peter's Lodge of Freemasons, and has been so for some thirty years; while the Plume Chapter of Royal Arch Masons also hold their meetings there.

Some twenty years ago the tower began to show evidences of weakness, and it was supposed that these were due in a great measure to the passing of heavy traction engines. The Rev. E. R. Horwood, who was also Vicar at that period, called in an ecclesiastical architect, and under his direction the place was supported by timber and iron bands, and so on. During the past two years, possibly owing to the very dry summers and to the churchyard being honey-combed with graves, the tower seems to have bulged about midway up on the east side. This has been more noticeable during the last few months, but last month when a few members of the local Lodge went in to hold a Committee meeting, an unmistakable increase in the breaches in the wall induced them to consult the borough surveyor, Mr. P. M. Beaumont, who, after inspecting the tower as far as he could the same night, at once gave it as his opinion that while perhaps not immediately dangerous under ordinary circumstances, it might collapse in the event of a high wind; and, therefore, he recommended the Brethren not to use the rooms again until something had been done. The Mayor kindly gave permission for the use of the Council Chamber at the Town Hall for the meeting of St. Peter's Lodge the following Wednesday evening, and the same course will probably be pursued until the tower is repaired. The Rev. E. R. Horwood, as the librarian, and the Rev. D. Gotto, the curate, have been accustomed to hold meetings in the library room, and they have also noticed ominous signs that the building was in a very dangerous state, although the damage was not then so serious.

The entrance to the library is by a small door at the bottom of the turret at the north-west angle of the old embattled flint and

stone tower; and the spiral staircase leads to the roof, from which a good view of the surrounding country can be obtained. The great fear is that as the tower bulges in the direction of the library, which is situated over the Masonic rooms, it may, should it collapse, destroy the school building as well. Within the past two years the Vicar has spent considerable sums in shoring up and strengthening the buttresses and other parts of the tower.

The free school is no longer held in the building adjoining the tower, its quarters having long since been removed to the London Road.

In the east window of the schoolroom are the arms of Henry VIII. impaling those of his consort, Jane Seymour. There are also a Royal crown, two shields, and other old stained glass, doubtless removed from a window of a church and here preserved.

The Vicar has been in communication with the Mayor, Alderman Fitch, as to the repair of the tower, and it is not improbable that the matter will be undertaken by public subscription. The Society for the Preservation of Ancient Buildings and the Essex Archæological Society will probably be asked to contribute, and it is thought that there will be no difficulty in raising the amount necessary to put the tower in a thoroughly safe condition. It is to be hoped that this will be quickly done, as the valuable works in the library are now in danger of being totally destroyed, to say nothing of the prospect of the borough losing such an ancient and historic building.—"Essex Weekly News."

### FIRST ANNUAL DINNER OF THE EYRE LODGE OF INSTRUCTION, No. 2742.

#### Presentation to the Preceptor.

AN important meeting in the history of this Lodge took place on Wednesday of last week, when the first annual dinner was held at the house of Bro. C. Murless, the Eyre Arms Hotel, St. John's Wood, and a presentation was made to the popular Preceptor Bro. H. J. Weston P.M., in the form of a collar and jewel as Grand Superintendent of Works of Middlesex, to which office he was appointed at the last meeting of that Provincial Grand Lodge.

The chair was taken by Bro. A. Craddock S.W. of the Mother Lodge, whilst Bro. J. D. Graham P.M. occupied the vice-chair, and there were between forty and fifty other Brethren present, among them being Bros. H. J. Weston P.M. Preceptor, C. Murless Treasurer, P. J. Weeden Secretary, S. A. Weeden, G. E. Thompson, W. Handford, W. C. Bersey, W. J. Mitchell, T. E. Mitchell 2271, J. E. Culverhouse, J. Cosham, H. Martin P.M. P.Z., A. Barrell (Manager of the Hotel), T. A. Marks J.W. 1977, H. Bertram, Howard, W. P. Clark, Morgan, Harris P.M., Hardley, H. Cooper, Berry, Dewhurst, Jewell, Allen, C. Dodd P.M. 1194, G. Harris, J. Wynman, &c.

After an excellent repast the President proposed the Loyal toast of the Queen and the Craft, and followed on with that of H.R.H. the Prince of Wales Grand Master, as also that of the Grand Officers, coupling with the latter the names of Bro. Weston Prov.G.S. of Works Middlesex, and Bro. E. J. Lynn P.P.G.P. Middlesex, the latter of whom, responding to the toast, said he had to heartily thank them for the cordial greeting they had given to the toast. He was there that night to help to honour Past Master Weston, the Preceptor of the Eyre Lodge of Instruction, as Provincial Grand Superintendent of Works—the highest honour the Harrow Lodge had ever conferred on one of its members—and likewise to see him presented with the jewel and clothing of his office, by the members of that Lodge of Instruction and the Harrow Lodge of Instruction, held at the Waterloo Arms, High Street, Marylebone.

Bro. Weston thanked the Brethren for their reception of the toast, and Bro. Lynn for his kind utterances in his behalf. He was proud of being promoted to Provincial Grand Office, and assured them that whatever he could do for the welfare of their Lodge, or for the Craft in general, he would be happy to undertake.

The Chairman now had very much pleasure in submitting the toast of Bro. Weston, congratulating him on the honour recently conferred on him by the Provincial Grand Master of Middlesex, and complimenting him on his position as Preceptor of that and the Harrow Lodge, No. 1301. By desire of the Brethren of those Lodges he had now considerable gratification in asking Bro. Weston's acceptance of a Provincial jewel and clothing, which had been well-earned, and was given with the sincere wish that the recipient might live many years to wear them, in good health and prosperity.

Bro. Weston's popularity was evidenced by the ovation with which he was received on rising to respond. He was most thankful to the Brethren of his two Lodges of Instruction for their handsome testimonial, and tendered his heartfelt thanks to all who had subscribed towards it. Once again he could assure the Brethren of the two Lodges that he would do everything in his power to make the Eyre and the Harrow Lodges of Instruction great successes.

Bro. Weston then in brief terms proposed the health of the Chairman Bro. Craddock, coupling with it that of Bro. J. D. Graham P.M. the Vice-Chairman of the evening. It would indeed be difficult, he said, to find better or more capable men. Bro. Craddock S.W. of the Mother Lodge had presided that evening as representative of the Master of the Mother Lodge, and he felt all would agree the position had been most ably filled.

In acknowledgment, the Chairman said he had acted to the best of his ability, and was very pleased to see so many familiar faces around him. He wished the Eyre Lodge of Instruction every prosperity.

Bro. Graham also replied, thanking the Preceptor for coupling him with the toast. He was sure there was no better Mason than Bro. Weston, who deserved the honourable position he had won in Provincial Grand Lodge, and the hearty congratulations of his fellow members in the two Lodges of Instruction.

The President next proposed the toast of the Visitors.

Bro. Martin P.M. P.Z. responded, saying how much obliged he was to them for their kind reception. With so excellent a Preceptor as Bro. Weston he felt sure the Lodge would prosper. The working of the present day was very different to what it was thirty years ago, and much of the improvement was due to such persevering Masons as Bro. Weston.

Bro. T. E. Mitchell 2271 said he had thoroughly enjoyed himself and felt

that more such jovial meetings as the present would add greatly to the popularity of Lodges of Instruction. It was his first attendance at the Eyre Lodge, but he hoped to attend many times in the future.

Several other Visitors also responded.

The next toast was that of the Harrow Lodge, of which Bro. Lynn was the esteemed Secretary.

That Brother said he felt some younger member would have better responded to this toast, but being the Secretary of the Harrow Lodge he had an especial interest in its welfare; he was pleased to say the Lodge was prosperous, and he was glad to see there were several of its members present that evening, all of whom he would advise to become members of the Eyre Lodge, as it was not possible to find a better Preceptor than their Brother Weston.

Prosperity to the Eyre Lodge of Instruction was next proposed, coupled with the name of Bro. Graham, who acknowledged the compliment.

In proposing the toast of the host, Bro. Craddock said Bro. Murless deserved great compliment for the able way in which the dinner had been served, and for his kindness whenever the Lodge met under his roof.

The toast was most cordially received, and Bro. Murless, in reply, said it was not alone an honour, but also a pleasure to be amongst such a company; he thanked them for their compliment as to the catering, but felt their thanks were rather due to Bro. Barrell, who had had the entire management. He was pleased to say he had enjoyed himself, and he hoped all the others—members as well as visitors—had done so likewise.

Bro. Barrell being called upon, most heartily thanked the Brethren, and pledged himself to do everything in his power to make the members of the Lodge always comfortable.

During the evening some capital songs were rendered, among those who contributed to the harmony being Bros. W. J. Mitchell, Jewell, Thompson, Percy Weeden, Jordan, Lynn and others. We also had the pleasure of hearing an excellent song by Mrs. Barrell, who was deservedly encored; while later on Bro. Professor Devant (of Messrs. Maskelyne and Cooke's) gave an exhibition of sleight of hand which aroused both wonder and appreciation on the part of his audience. This ended one of the most pleasant meetings it has been our fortune to attend. As one of the speaker's said, a few more such would add to the attractiveness and the pleasures of our Lodges of Instruction.

### LODGE MEETINGS NEXT WEEK.

#### Monday.

28 Old King Arms, F.H.  
144 St. Luke, Anderton's  
183 Unity, Ship and Turtle  
222 St. Andrew, Albion  
706 Florence Nightingale, W'lw'ch.  
902 Burgoyne, Anderton's  
905 De Grey and Ripon, F.M.H.  
1540 Chaucer, Southwark  
1744 Royal Savoy, Criterion  
2396 Bishopsgate, Gt. Eastern Hotel  
43 St. Paul, Birmingham  
48 Industry, Gateshead  
491 Royal Sussex, Jersey  
827 St. John, Dewsbury  
999 Robert Burns, Manchester  
1008 Roy. St. Edmund's, Bury St. E.  
1325 Stanley, Liverpool  
1477 Sir Watkin, Mold  
1748 Castlemartin, Pembroke  
1752 Ogmores, Bridgend  
1861 Claremont, Croydon  
1991 Agricola, York  
2042 Apollo, Liverpool  
2068 Portsmouth Temperance, L'dp't.  
2257 Powell, Bristol  
2353 Minnehaha Minstrel, M'chester.  
2373 Hardwick, Chesterfield  
2547 Llangattock, Cardiff  
2582 Lewisham, Smethwick

#### Tuesday.

14 Tuscan, Freemasons'-hall  
92 Moira, Albion  
145 Prudent Brethren, F.M.H.  
186 Industry, Freemasons'-hall  
205 Israel, Cannon Street Hotel  
1158 Southern Star, Southwark  
1348 Ebury, Criterion  
1441 Ivy, Camberwell  
2424 St. Stephen, Lewisham  
253 Tyrian, Derby  
293 King Friends, Nantwich  
378 Loyal Welsh, Pembroke Dock  
386 Unity, Wareham  
448 St. James, Halifax  
506 Mundy Grove, Shipley Gate  
564 Stability, Stourbridge  
943 Sincerity, Norwich  
954 St. Aubyn, Devonport  
1016 Elkington, Birmingham  
1052 Callander, Manchester  
1390 Whitwell, Millon  
1536 United Military, Plumstead  
1609 Liverpool Dramatic, Liverpool  
1678 Medway, Tonbridge  
1834 Duke of Connaught, Landport  
2025 St. George, Plymouth  
2154 Joshua Nunn, Halstead  
2328 Albert Victor, York  
2404 Lord Charles Beresford, Ch'tm.  
2405 Ionic, St. Helen's  
2518 Chas. Ed. Keyser, Hoddesden

#### Wednesday.

201 Jordan, Freemasons'-hall

212 Euphrates, Holborn Restaurant  
822 Victoria Rifles, Freemasons'-hall  
898 Temperance in East, Poplar  
1017 Montefiore, Café Royal  
1056 Victoria, Guildhall Tavern  
1589 St. Dunstan, Anderton's  
1718 Centurion, Inns of Court Hotel  
1719 Evening Star, Freemasons'-hall  
1768 Progress, Freemasons'-hall  
2395 Avondale, Brixton  
2455 St. Martin, Charing Cross  
2562 Papyrus, Criterion

32 St. Geo. Harmony, Liverpool  
76 Economy, Winchester  
82 Foundation, Cheltenham  
117 Salopian of Charity, Shrewsbury  
163 Integrity, Manchester  
220 Harmony, Garston  
250 Minerva, Hull  
257 Phoenix, Portsmouth  
304 Philanthropic, Leeds  
321 Unity, Crewe  
439 Scientific, Bingley  
461 Fortitude, Newton  
540 Stuart, Bedford  
651 Brecknock, Brecon  
724 Derby, Liverpool  
750 Friendship, Cleckheaton  
785 Twelve Brothers, Southampton  
887 Leigh, Birmingham  
996 Soudes, East Dereham  
1039 St. John, Lichfield  
1083 Townley Parker, Manchester  
1119 St. Bede, Jarrow  
1219 Strangeways, Manchester  
1283 Ryburn, Sowerby Bridge  
1403 West Lancashire, Ormskirk  
1633 Avon, Manchester  
1714 Albert Edward, Yorktown  
1723 St. George, Bolton  
1733 Sunbury, Sunbury  
1756 Kirkdale, Liverpool  
1760 Leopold, Scarborough  
1775 Leopold, Church  
1809 Fidelis, Guernsey  
1868 Unity, Oldham  
1953 Prudence & Industry, Chard  
1967 Beacon Court, New Brompton  
1984 Earl of Clarendon, Watford  
1989 Stirling, Cleator Moor  
2019 Crook, Crook  
2064 Smith Child, Tunstall  
2149 Gordon, Hanley  
2186 Striguil, Chepstow  
2216 Egerton, Swinton  
2259 St. Nicholas, Thorne  
2320 St. Martin, Castleton  
2357 Barry, Cadoxton  
2385 Godson, Oldbury  
2444 Noel, Kingston-on-Thames  
2448 Bradstow, Broadstairs  
2571 Holmes, Newcastle-on-Tyne

#### Thursday.

General Committee, Girls School, F.M.H., 5.

22 Neptune, Guildhall Tavern  
34 Mount Moriah, Freemasons'-hall  
65 Prosperity, Guildhall Tavern  
66 Grenadiers, Freemasons'-hall  
507 United Pilgrims, Southwark  
858 South Middlesex, Fulham  
861 Finsbury, Great Eastern Hotel  
871 Royal Oak, Deptford  
1601 Ravensbourne, Lewisham  
1608 Kilburn, Regent Street  
1658 Skelmersdale, Camberwell  
1816 Victoria Park, London Tavern  
2012 Chiswick, Criterion  
2264 Chough, Cannon Street Hotel  
2319 Scots, Crane Court, Fleet Street  
2432 Sir W. Raleigh, Inns of C't Ho

39 St. John Baptist, Exeter  
51 Angel, Colchester  
78 Imperial George, Middleton  
111 Restoration, Darlington  
129 Union, Kendal  
202 Friendship, Devonport  
214 Hope and Unity, Brentwood  
346 United Brethren, Blackburn  
348 St. John, Bolton  
410 Grove, Ewell  
475 Bed. St. John Bap., Luton  
590 La Cesaree, Jersey  
594 Downshire, Liverpool  
636 De Ogle, Morpeth  
707 St. Mary, Bridport  
784 Wellington, Deal  
787 Beaufort, Belper  
807 Cabbell, Norwich  
904 Phoenix, Rotherham  
935 Harmony, Salford  
966 St. Edward, Leek  
1032 Townley Parker, Chorley  
1097 St. Michael, Tenbury  
1151 St. Andrew, Tywardreath  
1163 Emulation, Birmingham  
1166 Clarendon, Hyde  
1345 Victoria, Eccles  
1313 Fermor, Southport  
1322 Waverley, Ashton-under-Lyne  
1392 Egerton, Bury  
1404 Saint Vincent, Bristol  
1418 Fraternity, Stockton-on-Tees  
1437 Liberty of Havering, Romford  
1501 Wycombe, High Wycombe  
1505 Emulation, Liverpool  
1519 Albert Edward, Clayt'n-le-Moors  
1578 Merlin, Pontypridd

1626 Hotspur, Newcastle-on-Tyne  
1630 St. Michael, Coventry  
1702 Sub-Urban, Great Stanmore  
1705 Prince of Wales, Gosport  
1817 St. Andrew, Shoeburyness  
1884 Chine, Shanklin, Isle of Wight  
1957 Grove, Hazel Grove  
1971 Ald'shot, Army & Navy, A'shot.  
2017 Duke of Portland, Nottingham  
2101 Bramston Beach, Godalming  
2131 Brownlow, Ellesmere  
2195 Military Jubilee, Dover  
2214 Josiah Wedgewood, Etruria  
2215 Anfield, Anfield  
2263 St. Leonards, Sheffield  
2269 Peace, Wigan  
2335 Cycling and Athletic, Liverpool  
2375 Hilbre, Hoylake  
2387 Manchester Dramatic, M'chester  
2418 Hedworth, South Shields  
2462 Clarence, West Hartlepool  
2463 Bootle-Wilbraham, Knotty Ash  
2474 Hatherton, Walsall

#### Friday.

Council Boys School, Freemasons Hall, at 4  
60 Peace and Harmony, F.H.  
569 Fitz-Roy, Head Qrs. H.A.C.  
2000 Earl of Mornington, Café R'y'l.  
602 North York, Middlesbrough  
810 Craven, Skipton  
1303 Pelham, Lewes  
1385 Gladsmuir, Barnet  
1391 Commercial, Leicester  
1435 Annesley, Nottingham  
1712 St. John, Newcastle-on-Tyne  
1822 St. Quintin, Cowbridge  
2371 Felix, Felixstowe  
2415 Tristram, Shildon  
2431 Kingsley, Northampton

#### Saturday.

1297 West Kent, Crystal Palace  
1541 Alexandra Palace, Holborn  
1584 Loyalty and Charity, Frascati  
1706 Orpheus, Holborn Restaurant  
1293 Burdett, Hampton Court  
1462 Wharnclyffe, Penistone  
1777 Royal Hanover, Twickenham  
1965 Eastes, Bromley  
2201 Earl of Sussex, Brighton

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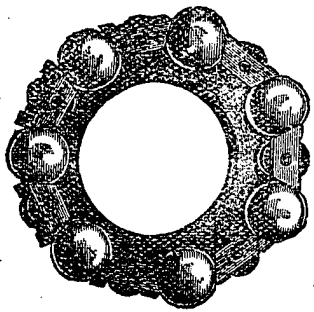
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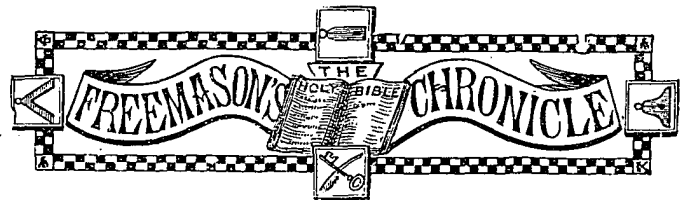
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BOARD OF BENEVOLENCE.

THE October meeting of the Board of Benevolence was held on Wednesday, at Freemasons' Hall, when there was a numerous attendance. Bro. James Henry Matthews President, Bro. David Dixon Mercer Senior Vice President, and Bro. Henry Garrod Junior Vice President, occupied their usual positions. Bro. E. Letchworth Grand Secretary, Bro. W. Lake Assistant Grand Secretary, Bro. W. Dodd, Bro. G. S. Recknell, and Bro. Henry Sadler Grand Tyler also attended.

Recommendations that the Grand Master should sanction grants of £140 by the September meeting having been approved by His Royal Highness were confirmed. The list of new petitioners comprised twenty-nine names, but the Board was relieved of the duty of considering the case of one petitioner by his death. Three other cases were deferred until next meeting for further particulars, and the remaining cases received consideration to the amount of £895. One petitioner was recommended to Grand Lodge for £150, two for £100 each, and four for £50 each. The Grand Master was asked to approve of £40 being given in each of three cases, and £30 each in four cases. Two grants were voted of £20 each, four of £10 each, and five of £5 each.

The "Bells," in "Islington Gazette," say that "Bro. Arthur White, of the Kingsland Lodge, and a member of the Clerkenwell Vestry, has just passed the chair of his Lodge, and received his jewel in token of good service rendered. He should have had two jewels, because he brought in seventeen initiates during his year of office, doubled the funds, and organised merry meetings for ladies as well as gentlemen. In fact, set a very difficult example for Bro. Dimes to follow."

## 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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## ROYAL ARCH.

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## GALLERY CHAPTER, No. 1928.

THE installation meeting of this (the London Press) Chapter took place on Saturday, at Anderton's Hotel, Fleet Street, E.C., when the Principals were installed, and the Officers invested for the ensuing year. Comp. P. Wallace Husk M.E.Z. presided, and was supported by Comps. J. C. Manning as H., and Henry Massey as J.

The minutes of the previous convocation were read and confirmed, after which the First Principal's Chair was occupied by Comp. John Read P.G.O. Eng., who had kindly consented to perform the installation ceremonies.

Comp. J. J. Fretwell was presented by Comp. Husk, and duly promoted as M.E.Z. of the Chapter; Comp. Orilton Cooper was presented by Comp. Massey, and installed as H.; and Comp. Ernest A. Peachey was presented by Comp. Peacock, and inducted into the Chair of J. The Companions were then admitted and saluted the new Principals.

The M.E.Z. appointed as his Officers: Comps. Herbert Wright Scribe E., Rev. Stephen Barras Scribe N., H. Tarran P.S., G. H. Ribbons First Assistant, Cornwallis H. Smith Second Assistant, E. E. Peacock Treasurer, J. C. Manning D.C., J. Peacock Organist, H. L. Bell and Frank W. Pattison Stewards, J. Sheppard Janitor.

Upon the proposition of Comp. Orilton Cooper, seconded by Comp. Peachey, and supported by the M.E.Z., a vote of thanks was accorded to Comp. John Reed for his efficient services as Installing Principal, and the fact was ordered to be recorded in the minutes of the Chapter. Comp. Reed returned thanks for the compliment, and expressed his pleasure at being permitted to perform the ceremonies.

The convocation was then closed, and the Companions celebrated the occasion in the usual manner.

The following Companions were also present: John Hurdell P.Z., Dr. A. Churchward P.Z. 590, Lionel F. Gowing, T. G. Scott, &c.

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## TRUTH CHAPTER OF INSTRUCTION, No. 1458.

A MEETING was held at the Mosley Hotel, Manchester, on Tuesday, 10th inst., Companion Buckley Carr P.Z. 993 P.P.G.J. Preceptor.

After the reading and confirmation of minutes a successful ballot was taken for Comp. W. E. Mowbray 581, who was desirous of becoming a member. This was followed by the ceremony of exaltation, performed in his usual finished style by Comp. Geo. T. Lenard Z., the candidate being Comp. William Mosley.

The historical lecture was given by Comp. G. W. Howe, the symbolical by Comp. J. T. Reynolds, and the mystical by Comp. Alfred Hibbert Z. 935, vice Comp. Walter R. Sharp, who was absent from the meeting. In each instance the work was well done, and reflected great credit upon all concerned.

Among others present were Comps. Thos. Threlfall S.N. 1458, John J. Dean P.Soj. 1458, Leonard Jagger, H. G. Walker, and John Renwick. Visitors:—Comps. Alan Sykes P.S. 62, Wm. Hughes 993, and Geo. J. Critchley 1458.

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

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## CRAFT: METROPOLITAN.

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## CONFIDENCE LODGE, No. 193.

THE first regular meeting of the season of this ancient and well known Lodge took place on Monday of last week, at Anderton's Hotel, Fleet Street, when the chair was taken by the popular Worshipful Master Bro. George Spice, who was supported by Bros. J. W. Simeons S.W., E. Pennock I.P.M. acting J.W., E. J. Davey P.M. Sec., S. W. Fells S.D., Metcalfe Baillie J.D., W. Haughton acting I.G., Past Masters E. Pennock I.P.M., Francis Haynes, S. Smith, W. A. Cubitt, E. Kington, Robert Nightingale, and F. S. Plowright; L. G. Reinhardt Tyler; with Bros. W. Haughton, H. Brooks, W. Martin, G. Baker, G. Curr, H. Jones, J. Webber, C. Brain, W. Hattersley, L. Forman, A. Delmonte, J. Staal, J. Westley, F. Pirbul, J. C. Turner, T. T. C. Scoons, G. D. Baker, T. White, G. Barlow, Frank E. Fells, E. H. Walden, T. J. White, H. King, &c.

Visitors: Bros. Ross Carbur 122, M. D. Reese 405 (Trinidad, W. Indies), J. L. George 469, R. J. Fletcher 1446, Henry Woodcock 2417, A. Ford 469, J. Goovaert 2581, M. H. Cleaver 1584, J. G. Sims 1343, James Morris 1625, J. Wynman, and others.

The minutes of the two previous meetings were read and confirmed. The Lodge was opened in the second degree, when Bros. C. H. Brain and John Done were examined, and having answered the questions in a perfect manner, were entrusted and retired. The Lodge was opened in the third degree, and in due course those Brethren were raised as Master Masons. The W.M. resumed the Lodge to the first degree, and the ballot was taken for the following gentlemen: Messrs. T. J. Goodchild, E. C. H. Tiffin, and James Sweeney, proving unanimous in their favour. In due course they were regularly initiated into the mysteries of ancient Freemasonry. The perfect working of Bro. Spice being so well known requires no comment, suffice to say it was all that could be desired; the Brethren may well be proud of having such a perfect worker for their Worshipful Master.

There were several communications from Brethren regretting inability to attend.

The true Masonic sentiment of the Brethren of the Confidence Lodge was displayed by some grants in aid of Brethren in need.

The Lodge was then closed, but not before the W.M. had received well earned hearty good wishes from the Visitors.

The Brethren now repaired to the banqueting room, where an excellent repast was provided. Bro. Charles E. Wagstaff, Manager of the Hotel,

looking most particularly after the comfort of the guests, whilst Bro. Collings superintended the banquet in his usual able manner.

Afterwards the W.M. gave the toast of the Queen and the Craft, which was most heartily responded to.

Bro. Pennock I.P.M., in his usual eloquent manner proposed the health of the W.M., directing attention to his qualifications. He cordially invited the W.M. to let the Brethren know something as to the Ladies' night; the last one they had in connection with the Lodge was a great success, and he felt they might arrange another.

The W.M. thanked Bro. Pennock for his kind remarks, and was pleased to hear he gave satisfaction. He liked the working to be done perfectly. Concerning the Ladies' night, if he could get the same support as last year there would be another Ladies' night; he knew the Ladies were looking forward to it, and he hoped it would result in another success.

The W.M. proposed the toast of the Initiates. By the strict attention they had paid to the ceremony he felt they would make good Masons. At the same time he strongly advised them to attend the Instruction Lodge, as without doing so they would find it a difficult task to gain that Masonic knowledge which was necessary to enable them to rise to the proud position which he then occupied. At this point, Bro. Davey, the popular Secretary of the Lodge, gave the Initiates' song, in his usual able manner, and was well supported by the company.

The Initiates replied. Bro. Goodchild hoped it would be sufficient for him to say that he thanked them for having accepted him as a Brother amongst them. He hoped they would be even more pleased with him on future occasions.

Bro. Edward Tiffin thanked the W.M. and Brethren for accepting him as a Brother amongst them, and specially acknowledged the W.M.'s very kind remarks.

Bro. Sweeney particularly thanked Bro. Jones for having proposed him, also Bro. Haughton for seconding, and felt he should never forget the impressions made on him that day. In time to come he hoped to become a credit to the Lodge.

The W.M. now had very much pleasure in giving the toast of the Visitors. The Confidence Lodge was always pleased to see guests; there were several present that night, and he hoped they would accept the compliment of the toast as proof of the desire of the members that they would be able to pay them another visit on some future occasion.

Bro. Beech said he could hardly express his thanks for the kind reception. Before his attendance there, his own Lodge, No. 405, Trinidad, had been the oldest with which he had been associated, but the Confidence was yet older. He had been delighted with his visit, and whenever he got back to his own Lodge he would certainly tell of the excellent working he had witnessed that evening.

Several other visitors also acknowledged the compliment paid them.

The W.M. gave the toast of the Past Masters, saying they were Brethren to be proud of. He called on Bro. Cubitt, the oldest Past Master of the Lodge, to respond.

Bro. Cubitt said the Lodge had most wonderfully improved since he had joined. It was indeed a great pleasure to say this. Years ago the Lodge was not so prosperous as at present, and the same could be said in regard to the working. Thirty years ago it was not done nearly so perfectly as it had been done that evening by the Worshipful Master. He also strongly advised the Initiates to attend the Lodge of Instruction, and was sure that by so doing in time to come they would be creditable members of the Lodge. Several other Past Masters also made suitable response.

The W.M. having expressed a well deserved eulogium upon the Officers, the Tyler's toast was given, and brought a most enjoyable evening to a pleasant termination.

During the evening Bros. Davey, Simeons, Frank Fells, Webber, Haughton, Henry Woodcock, and several other Brethren contributed greatly to the enjoyment of the party with capital songs, several being encored, especially Bro. Simeons and Bro. E. J. Davey P.M. Sec.

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## NEW CROSS LODGE, No. 1559.

## Ladies Banquet and Ball.

THE regular meeting of this Lodge was held on Friday of last week, at the Hotel Cecil, Strand, and proved in every way a success, fully in keeping with the high reputation the Lodge had long enjoyed, both in regard to the working and the hospitality of its members.

The Lodge was opened punctually at 4 o'clock by the Worshipful Master Bro. Thomas Richard Busby, who had the support of the following Officers: Bros. W. Menninger I.P.M., C. B. Powell S.W., S. Firminger J.W., E. H. Thielly P.M. P.G.S.B. Treas., Thomas Grumman P.M. Sec., Wm. Knill acting S.D., H. G. Walden J.D., J. E. Hambleton Org., T. Waterman I.G., R. Foster Steward, J. Whiteman Tyler, R. B. Whiteman Assist. Tyler; with Past Masters W. T. Winsor (Toastmaster of the Lodge), J. S. Targett, J. D. Graham (Preceptor of the New Cross Lodge of Instruction), A. Cogliati, Carlo Grassi, W. Cowley; Bros. J. Wilson, A. E. Brain, J. Candell, L. French, Carlo Allio, J. H. Leber, Geo. Dyer, E. F. Coccioletti, M. Erde, G. W. Kriegbaum, J. Butzbach, W. Byrne, O. R. Goring, W. B. Bromwich, Pierre Etettin, G. J. Faaz (Secretary of the Instruction Lodge), W. Smith, E. Abre, P. Cavalli, W. Gibbs, A. Hammond, J. Hoffer, E. Peroni, J. White, O. David, G. H. Fisher, W. D. Miffan, W. E. Smith, O. Simmons, Luigi Azario, G. Honour, E. Robinson, C. Guffanti, and several others.

Among the Visitors were Bros. C. Powell W.M.-elect 1319, J. D. Murrey 1441, F. Ruden 1549, J. E. Lyons 1743, G. Heron 1004, W. Tayler 2409, J. Wynman, Percy C. Kerbage S. 2005, and numerous others.

The Lodge being duly formed the minutes of the regular meeting of the 14th April, and those of an emergency meeting on the 28th May, were read and confirmed.

The ballot was then taken for Mr. Jacques Hoffer, which proved unanimous in his favour, and he being present was initiated into the mysteries of the Craft. This being ended Bros. J. Butzbach and G. W. Kriegbaum, who were initiated at the previous meeting, were examined, and having answered the questions in a perfect manner, they were entrusted and retired.

The Lodge was opened in the second degree, and those Brethren were passed as Fellow Crafts. The Worshipful Master was now further put on his mettle, and gave evidence of his ability as a worker by examining Bros. A. Brain, W. Byrne, and O. R. Goring, who were candidates for the third degree. In due course those Brethren were raised to the sublime degree of Master Mason, and took their seats amongst the Brethren as such. We were highly pleased with the perfect and impressive manner in which the three ceremonies were rendered, and are sure the W.M. would have willingly given the charges of the different degrees had the ladies not been waiting for their Annual Masonic entertainment.



The W.M. resumed the Lodge to the first degree. A letter from Grand Lodge was read by the Secretary, who also informed the W.M. and Brethren of the death of Bro. Charles Niven McIntyre North, a Past Master of the Lodge, which announcement was received with great regret. Also a letter was read from an old member of the Lodge, who made an application for assistance. The worthy Secretary told the W.M. that the Lodge was in a very good financial position, and the application was a worthy one. The case was seconded by Bro. Thielly, and supported by Bro. Menninger, and the charitable disposition of the Lodge was evinced by a grant from the Funds. The Secretary now brought forward the accounts of the Ladies summer outing, which took place last July. He was pleased to say it was a great success, but unfortunately there was no balance.

All Masonic business being ended, the W.M. received the hearty good wishes of the Visitors, and the Lodge was closed with solemn prayer.

The W.M. and other Brethren now repaired to the reception room, to welcome their Lady friends and Gentleman visitors. After a little pleasant chat the Ladies were conducted to the banquet room, which presented a really beautiful spectacle, the tables being effectively decorated with choice flowers, placed in tall stands of exquisite design and workmanship. Bro. A. Judah, the manager, quite surpassed himself with a choice dinner of the highest class, Bros. A. Creppa and P. Sonderly also looking after the comfort of the company, which numbered about a hundred and twenty.

Full justice having been done to the excellent repast the Worshipful Master proposed the toast of the Queen and the Craft, followed by the other sentiments suitable to the occasion.

Bro. W. Menninger I.P.M., in proposing the health of the Worshipful Master, said the working the Brethren had seen that evening was a great credit to the Master of the Lodge, indeed the working was all that could be desired. The same might be said of the hospitality and the entertainment, and he called upon the Brethren to give expression of their approval by giving the W.M. an extra good reception. With the toast he coupled "our Worshipful Sister Mrs. Thomas E. Busby and all the little Busbys."

The W.M. thanked the Immediate Past Master for the toast, and the Brethren for receiving it in such a cordial manner. It was a pleasure, and most gratifying, to know the Brethren were satisfied with his working, and that it was appreciated. He had done his best. He was also delighted to see such a pleasant company together, and likewise thanked the Officers for their assistance. The W.M. proceeded to read a letter he had received from Bro. Manners, wishing the Lodge every prosperity, and a most enjoyable evening.

The W.M. rose again, and in a most complimentary manner gave the toast of the Ladies and Visitors. The members of the New Cross Lodge were always pleased to see guests, not alone that evening, but always, and he hoped to see the visitors there on some future occasion. Their company was highly appreciated, especially that of the Ladies, and he hoped they all were enjoying themselves, and that the Ladies would continue to do so later on in the ball room.

Bro. Bromwich was called upon to respond for the Ladies, and in doing so said he was delighted to reply, as both the Ladies and himself were enjoying themselves; not alone the excellent banquet, but the pleasant company likewise. They hoped the W.M. and Brethren would not be long in asking them again; they looked forward to further enjoyment later on in the ball room. He said that he was considering what a poor figure some of them would cut without the Ladies, but of course single men could not understand that so well as the married fossils. He would not prolong the speech, as the Ladies were anxious to have a dance, but he felt he must again sincerely thank the W.M. and Brethren for their very kind reception.

The company now retired to the ball room, which is one of the finest in London, and there an excellent band (the Metropolitan Orchestra), under the conductorship of Bro. J. Wilson, played some lively dance music. Bro. J. D. Graham P.M. was the principal M.O., receiving the assistance of Bros. R. W. Foster, L. French, J. D. Wright, and W. B. Bromwich, all of whom have to be complimented for the attention they paid to the company.

The gathering broke up at an early hour in the morning, all doubtless thinking of the enjoyable entertainment they had received from Bro. Busby W.M. and other members of the New Cross Lodge.

Amongst those present were Bro. and Mrs. Busby (W.M.), Bro. and Mrs. Menninger (I.P.M.), Bro. and Miss Graham (P.M.), Bro. W. Cowley P.M., Mrs. and Miss Cowley and Mrs. Scott, Bro. and Mrs. Dyer, Bro. and Mrs. Krugbaum, Bro. R. Foster and Miss Parker, Bro. Walden and Miss Diver, Bro. and Mrs. Smith, Bro. and Mrs. Erde, Bro. and Mrs. Wilson, &c., &c.

The musical entertainment provided was of the highest class, amongst the artistes being Bro. John Solomon, who gave a cornet solo, accompanied by Miss Solomon; Bros. Harry Hudson, John Wilson, and others, who were deservedly encored; also Miss Solomon, who gave an excellent solo on the piano.

#### HUGH OWEN LODGE, No. 2593.

THE installation of Bro. W. Chapman Grigg, M.D., P.M. 10 and 1635 as Worshipful Master took place on Friday of last week, at the regular meeting of the Lodge, held at the Frascati, Oxford Street, the event being somewhat of a curiosity in the way of Masonic procedure, inasmuch as the previous meeting was the regular night for installation, but as the W.M.-elect was then absent on the continent, the ceremony was deferred so far as he was concerned, although the Assistant Officers were regularly invested, on his behalf, in his absence.

The installation ceremony was performed by Bro. R. H. Nicholls W.M. of the past year, who was supported by Bros. J. W. Hunt W.M. 2353 S.W., H. Ramsbottom J.W., Rev. F. J. Greenwood Chaplain and Treasurer, W. B. Neville P.M. Sec., C. G. Ridgway S.D., E. A. Frith J.D., J. B. Schrader Organist, H. G. Holland P.M. P.G.S.B. Herts D.C., A. E. Lee and H. Tull Assist. D.C., H. T. Willis I.G., J. A. Battersby and J. Claxton Stewards, J. G. Swinton Assist. Sec., John Lee Tyler.

The Visitors included Bros. J. H. Nesbitt P.D.P.G.M. Isle of Man, D. A. Romaine P.M., W. Hillier P.M., H. Levey P.M., F. W. Cardall P.M., W. W. Lee P.M., R. H. Williams P.M., A. J. Turner P.M., H. J. Aherm P.M., H. B. Spaul W.M., F. P. Brunner, William Roberts, T. S. Hanson, Geo. Stubbs, Frank Tebbutt, S. Millington Jones, T. P. Adams, H. T. Dudman, J. Mayhew, H. C. Wootton, Everitt E. Norton, Lewis Beale, R. Hendry, W. H. Cave, Isaac Cohen, James Lee, W. Norville, T. Simpson. Amongst others present were Bros. E. Atherley Jones, Q.C., M.P., Francis Birch, Jas. Barnett, J. H. Rutherglen P.M. P.G.S.B. Eng., F. Ernest Pocock, M.D., P.A.G.D.C., Henry Sadler Grand Tyler, H. E. Williams, Geo. E. Hope, Robert Brown, J. Badcock, Chas. Spencer, R. Nicholls, John C. Morgan, Henry Thomas Kobelt, Arthur Frith, A. Barden, E. Burgess, A. H. Hope, M. M. Bhowndagree, M.P., K.C.I.E., A. A. March, J. Lamb, A. Campion, Robt. Allingham, F. P. Warwick, W. Spencer, R. Brown, E. Cruidy.

Previous to the installation Bro. F. C. Banner was passed to the second

degree, while the candidates for initiation were unable to be present, and so the ceremony was deferred on their behalf.

After banquet, and before the toasts were proceeded with, the Worshipful Master said this was a special occasion and a new sensation, to have an installation deferred from the ordinary meeting. That being the case he wished to make a new departure, to ask the Brethren if they would refrain from making long speeches, which no doubt were prepared beforehand. He had secured superlative talent in the way of musicians, who were prepared to undertake the agreeable duty of replying for the Brethren. He asked those who had so laboriously worked up a speech to allow the able songsters to delight them instead. He gave them the Queen and the Craft—God bless her!, and next the toast of the Prince of Wales M.W.G.M.

In proposing the Grand Officers the W.M. said it was through the Pro Grand Master and his enthusiasm for Masonry that he (the W.M.) became a Mason, in 1876.

Bro. Dr. Pocock P.D.G.D.C. replied. He was grateful to the W.M. for shortening the speeches, and could not fail to feel the honour devolving upon him in returning thanks. The Grand Officers were willing and anxious to do their duty in that state to which they were called. The Lodge possessed a Grand Officer who had borne the heat and burden of the day in its inauguration—Bro. Rutherglen—whom he had known for many years. They were initiated almost at the same time, and Bro. Rutherglen had filled the chair in his mother Lodge in an admirable manner.

The health of the W.M. was given by the I.P.M. The rule of brevity had taken a vast amount of responsibility off his shoulders. If he were able to use the most flowery language it could not be too flowery for the members to express their pride in seeing so highly esteemed and worthy a Brother in the chair. The W.M. had been one of the Lodge's most useful and able supporters.

The Worshipful Master, responding, said he acceded to their wishes, and tendered grateful thanks for the kind way in which they had received the toast. He did not know where to begin his thanks. The cause of his delayed installation was so painful he would not refer to it. He thanked the Senior Warden for allowing him to take a post he should highly appreciate, for the S.W. no doubt had regard to his (the W.M.'s) years. It was that alone, he believed, that induced the S.W. to stand aside. He also thanked the I.P.M. for having fulfilled the office of Master so well and ably during a part of the present year. It had been his experience to hear the installation ceremony many times, and on three occasions it had been conferred upon him, but until that night he never realised its beauties. The I.P.M.'s working had fixed it indelibly upon his mind, and all must feel their unworthiness, on the rules laid down in Masonry, to fill the post of W.M. He again thanked them one and all for their kindness.

For the Visitors Bro. Atherley Jones, M.P., assured the Lodge he had not spent weary hours in preparing a speech. He was in an ambiguous position, being an Honorary member of the Lodge, and yet the guest of the W.M. He sympathised with the W.M. in the rule of short speeches, for he knew no one suffered more from that self denying ordinance than the W.M. He asked himself whether it was necessary for members of the Civil Service to form and belong to a Masonic Lodge, because there was a genuine bond of fellowship existing between members of that body, which rendered it almost unnecessary to band themselves by any other tie? But this was the holy of holies, and they were assembled, not merely as representatives of that great branch of the Civil Service, but for the purpose of promoting that good fellowship which showed itself largely in dispensing hospitality to those who did not belong to their body.

Bro. Bhowndagree, M.P., said he also claimed the privileges of Honorary membership. His honourable colleague, for some inscrutable reason, had levelled the accusation against him of being anxious to out rival him in oratory. He repudiated that insinuation, and only replied in obedience to the command of the W.M., and expressed his gratitude for their kindly hospitality. He congratulated the Lodge on having so eminent a Master, and the bond between the W.M. and himself was stronger from the fact that the W.M. intended going to a place in India which he knew very well.

Bro. H. Sadler Grand Tyler likewise was an Honorary member. He congratulated the Lodge on its growth, progress and working.

Bros. F. Hanson P.G.Stil. and Turner P.M. also responded.

The W.M. next gave the I.P.M. and Installing Master, and again referred to Bro. Nicholls' rendering of the ceremony.

The I.P.M. acknowledged the toast, and assured the Brethren of the pride he had felt in occupying the chair. If he had given them satisfaction in the performance of his duties he was amply repaid for any trouble he had had. It had been a very pleasant time for him, and his humble services had always been at the disposal of the Lodge.

Bro. Rutherglen P.M. replied for the Past Masters, and said it was a great compliment paid him when his colleagues asked him to take the first Mastership of the Lodge. There was no compliment in his thirty-eight years public service in the "poor law" that had touched him more. He appeared in the full dress clothing that night of Deputy Grand Sword Bearer, as a compliment to the Brethren, who had been generous and kind enough to present him with the regalia. He hoped he should be appreciated, whatever garb he came in, for "a man's a man for a' that."

The toast of the Treasurer and Secretary and that of the Officers followed. An excellent programme of music was provided, the artistes being Madame Kate Cove, Miss Greta Williams, and the Schartau part singers.

#### BRONDESBURY LODGE, No. 2698.

ON the 11th inst., at the Earl Derby Hotel, High Road, Kilburn, Bros. A. F. Hardyment W.M., C. Goodman S.W., B. Stocker P.M. J.W., Geo. Coxen Treas., E. George P.M. Sec., W. J. Smith P.M. Tyler, A. H. Oldrey P.M. S.D., C. W. Paine J.D., J. M. Goodwin I.G., J. Britton Organist, F. Crook, W. G. Coxen, J. Luxton, H. Coxen, H. J. Crook, H. Willsmer, Pearce, Line, A. R. Greaves, Aylett, Segar, Dunnaway, C. J. Greaves, Peach, and several other members of the Lodge. Visitors: Bros. A. Wyatt, T. Golby, Will Edwards, G. D. Fraser, and others.

Three Brethren were passed to the degree of Fellow Craft. After the banquet the usual Loyal and Masonic toasts were indulged in, interspersed with vocal and instrumental contributions by members and visitors.

## INSTRUCTION.

#### CONFIDENCE LODGE, No. 193.

AT the Bunch of Grapes, Lime Street, City (Bro. Goovairtz, Proprietor), on Wednesday, 18th inst., Bros. Metcalf Bailie W.M., F. S. Plowright

P.M. S.W., G. Spice P.M. J.W., J. K. Pitt P.M. P.G.S.B. Surrey Sec., E. Pannock P.M. acting Preceptor, G. Bushell S.D., W. Houghton J.D., J. W. Simeons I.G., J. Done Candidate, E. J. Davey P.M., Stenner P.M., D. Elvin, W. M. Martin, Leopard, Gooovairtz, and others.

Bro. Done offered himself a candidate for initiation, and the ceremony was rehearsed.

Bro. W. M. Martin was elected a member, and Bro. Plowright P.M. as W.M. for next Wednesday, after which a Committee was held to make arrangements for the Ladies Night of the Mother Lodge, on the 29th November.

#### PRINCE FREDERICK WILLIAM LODGE, No. 753.

ON Tuesday, at Bro. F. Crocker's, the Crown Hotel, Aberdeen Place, Maida Vale, W., Bros. M. Hart P.M. W.M., C. A. Barter S.W., W. Constant J.W., W. J. Stratton P.M. Treas., H. J. Thomas P.M. Sec., W. Yeo S.D., J. H. Craig J.D., H. D. Wall I.G., M. Spiegel P.M. P.P.G.S.B. Surrey, G. W. Barter W.M. 2362, M. Swan, J. C. Kruse, J. Hearn, J. Wynman, R. C. Bicknell.

After the minutes were confirmed the Lodge was called off and on. The ceremony of passing was rehearsed, Bro. J. C. Kruse acting as candidate. This was followed by the rehearsal of the ceremony of raising, Bro. Constant being the candidate. Both ceremonies were most perfectly rendered, including the traditional history.

Bro. G. W. Barter W.M. 2362 was elected a member, and Bro. C. A. Barter W.M. for the next meeting.

#### RANELAGH LODGE, No. 834.

ON Friday, 13th inst., at the Six Bells Hotel, Hammersmith, W., Bros. M. F. Wilkins W.M., H. J. Cousins S.W., R. Reid P.M. J.W., W. Hinds P.M. Treas., F. Craggs P.M. Sec., Arthur Williams P.M. Preceptor, K. M. Ross S.D., J. H. Cumming P.M. J.D., C. T. Meek I.G., C. T. Hayward, John Worth W.M. of the Mother Lodge, and several others.

The ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, Bro. Hayward acting as candidate. Bro. Worth having offered as a candidate for passing, was examined and entrusted, and that ceremony was gone through.

Bro. Cousins was unanimously elected to act as W.M. at next meeting. Bro. Arthur Williams read a telegram stating that L. W. Cox, the candidate for the R.M.I.B. that the West London Masonic Election Association had supported, had been successful, having polled 6,189 votes.

#### FINSBURY PARK LODGE, No. 1288.

ON Saturday, at the Cook Tavern, Highbury, N., Bros. J. Hume W.M., A. J. Davis S.W., F. Parker J.W., H. Hill P.M. Prec., W. Sycklemore P.M. Treas., C. W. Austin P.M. Sec., G. Paine S.D., W. H. Coley J.D., W. Newbold I.G., D. Moss P.M., J. Thom P.M., W. Haines W.M. 177, J. Henson P.M., G. Butterworth, F. Linford, J. Wynman, &c.

Bro. Hill said he neglected the previous week to propose that a hearty vote of thanks be recorded on the minutes for the able manner in which Bro. J. A. Key had fulfilled the duties of W.M. for the first time in that Lodge, and he now had pleasure in proposing such a vote, which was carried unanimously.

Bro. Henson was examined for the second degree. Bro. A. J. Davis worked the first section of the lecture. The Lodge was opened in the second degree, and the ceremony rehearsed. Lodge was resumed to the first degree and the accounts were taken for the last twelve months, which proved satisfactory. The re-election of the principal Officers took place, being unanimous in favour of Bros. H. Hill P.M. Preceptor, W. Sycklemore P.M. Treasurer, C. W. Austin P.M. Sec.

Bro. J. Pockleton, M.D., P.M. proposed that a hearty vote of thanks be recorded on the minutes to those Officers, who had fulfilled their duties for the last twelve months in a most satisfactory manner. Bro. Hill acknowledged the compliment on behalf of himself and the other Officers.

Bro. A. E. Chisman 1289 was elected a member, and Bro. A. J. Davis W.M. for to-day (Saturday).

Bro. Hill proposed that a hearty vote of thanks be recorded on the minutes for the able manner in which the W.M. had fulfilled the duties of the chair for the first time in the Lodge; this compliment being acknowledged the Lodge was closed.

A Ballot in connection with the Benevolent Association was next taken, and proved in favour of Bro. Silvester.

#### WOODROW LODGE, No. 1708.

ON Monday, at 3 o'clock, at Bro. Rudderforth's (Stone's) Restaurant, Pantou Street, Haymarket, Bros. H. J. Rose W.M., S. E. Firminger S.W., J. E. Culverhouse J.W., C. Woodrow P.M. Prec., C. Wetton P.M. Dep. Prec., J. W. Simeons Sec., A. Espezel S.D., G. Yeowell J.D., W. West I.G., W. J. Cousins W.M. 172, T. Burgess, G. Jacquin, A. Menn, J. W. Catling, J. Wynman, J. Cunningham. Visitor, Bro. Albert Pion.

The Lodge was opened in the three degrees and resumed to the first. The ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, Bro. Jacquin being the candidate.

The W.M. vacated the chair in favour of Bro. J. W. Simeons Secretary of the Lodge, who opened in the second degree, when Bro. Pion answered the questions. The Lodge was opened in the third degree and the ceremony of raising was rehearsed. Bro. Rose resumed the chair, when Bro. Albert Pion 1563 was elected a member, and Bro. Firminger J.W. New Cross Lodge, No. 1559 W.M. for Monday next, when the ceremony of installation will be rehearsed.

#### PERSEVERANCE LODGE, No. 1743.

AN exceptionally good meeting was held on Monday, at Patterson's Hotel, Charterhouse Square, E.C., when the chair was taken by the popular Secretary Bro. G. Daunton, who had the able assistance of Bros. J. A. Collins S.W., H. J. Cathie J.W., T. Humphreys P.M. Prec., J. W. Bridgeman P.M. Treas., J. Timms S.D., A. Pepper J.D., C. Patterer I.G., H. C. Lonsdale P.M., C. Sharpe, J. Goldstein, G. Herbert Burns W.M., Millard, J. Wynman, &c.

The ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, Bro. H. C. Lonsdale P.M. as the candidate. The W.M. proceeded to examine Bro. Herbert Burns and then rehearsed the second ceremony. The working was highly appreciated by the Brethren.

Two ballots for the Benevolent Association now took place, and proved

in favour of Bros. Donner and John Handley. Bro. J. A. Collins was elected W.M. for Monday next.

The Lodge meets every Monday, at half past 7, and Brethren seeking Masonic knowledge would do well to make a practice of attending. Bro. T. Humphreys P.M. P.P.G.S.W. is an excellent Preceptor, one who deserves great compliment for the patience he shows to every Brother seeking improvement in the ritual and practices of the Craft.

#### CITADEL LODGE, No. 1897.

ON the 13th inst., at the Farleigh Hotel, Amherst Road, Stoke Newington, Bros. Gordon Larner W.M. Lebanon Lodge W.M., E. G. Platt S.W. King Harold S.W., A. B. Ladler J.W. Crusaders J.W., F. Dunstan P.M. Treas. and Preceptor, Harry Willsmer Secretary, J. Abrahams S.D., G. D. Skates J.D., W. A. Wallace I.G., Owen, Ashton, Bartlett, and Wigginton.

The ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, Bro. Wigginton acting as candidate. The W.M. delivered the charge. The ceremony of passing was rehearsed, Bro. Ashton acting as candidate. Bro. Dunstan P.M. Preceptor delivered a lecture on the second tracing board.

Bro. Bartlett, of the Unity Lodge, was accepted as a member.

#### GHISWICK LODGE, No. 2012.

ON Saturday, 14th inst., at the Windsor Castle Hotel, Hammersmith, W., Bros. W. T. Ridgway W.M., W. Jeffries S.W., P. Cronin P.M. J.W., F. Craggs P.M. Treas., R. Joscy P.M. Sec., Maurice Spiegel P.M. acting Prec., L. J. Powell S.D., W. Handover J.D., K. M. Ross I.G., E. Fox P.M., Robert Ried P.M., J. H. Cumming P.M., R. H. Williams P.M. P.P.G.J.D. Middx., H. J. Cousins W.M. 172, G. T. Meek, G. Turner, J. Potter, W. Hiscock, and others.

Lodge was opened to the second degree, and Brother Cousins having been examined was entrusted. Lodge was opened in the third degree, and the ceremony of raising was rehearsed. The W.M. gave the traditional history in a perfect manner, showing that although young in the Craft he has mastered the rendering of the ritual thoroughly. Lodge was resumed to the first degree and called off and on.

Bro. Jefferies W.M. Ravensbourne Lodge, No. 1601, was elected to preside at the next weekly meeting. In consequence of the room that the meeting was held in temporarily being very small and hot, the W.M. closed the proceedings at an early hour.

#### BRONDESBURY LODGE, No. 2698.

ON the 16th inst., at the Earl Derby, High Road, Kilburn, Bros. A. R. Greaves W.M., T. Bore S.W., H. Coxen J.W., R. J. Campbell P.M. Treas., Harry Willsmer Sec., M. Spiegel P.M., W. J. Smith P.M., J. H. Clemens P.M., H. Dunaway S.D., T. Palmer J.D., H. de L. Woods I.G., A. E. Horstead Org., G. Coxen, T. Golby, Buck, Wilson, Curtis, E. Stanger, Wheeler, W. G. Coxon.

The Lodge was opened, and the minutes confirmed. The Lodge was called off and on, and then opened in the second degree. Bro. Golby being a candidate to be raised to the third was examined and entrusted. The ceremony of raising was rehearsed. The W.M. gave the traditional history. Bro. F. Bore was elected W.M. for the next meeting, and Bro. E. Stanger of the Clapton Lodge was elected a member.

## PROVINCIAL.

#### LODGE OF FREEDOM, No. 77.

THE Worshipful Master Bro. John Solomon presided at a meeting held at the Public Hall, Gravesend, on Monday, when he was supported by his Officers:—George Masters I.P.M., Joseph Davis S.W., F. W. Martin J.W., J. Percy White P.M. Secretary, Frank Hitchens P.M. Treasurer, E. B. Wilks S.D., Robert Matthews J.D., J. G. Prevost I.G., W. B. Sargeant Organist, E. J. Bennett and D. J. Williams Stewards, all of whom appeared in new collars presented by Bro. Solomon.

There were also present Bros. R. J. Beamish P.P.G.D.C., Joseph Solomon P.G.S., George Rackstraw P.M., James A. Whitfield P.M., Wm. Gunn P.M., Thomas Sandford P.M., Charles Cobham P.P.G.S.W. Durham, W. J. Light P.P.G.S.W. Kent, George Knowles P.M. 2305, J. N. Willis W.M. 483, Henry Forss P.M. 483, A. J. Walklin P.M. 483, S. R. Macartney P.M. 1464, H. J. Nash 282, F. J. Hawkins 860, A. Carter Clout 1269, A. E. Russell 251, F. Noakes 1243, Hy. G. Davies 1243, Charles Lane J.W. 2404, together with a large number of the members of the Lodge.

After the formal opening, the minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed. The Treasurer's report was received. The ballot was then taken and proved unanimous in favour of Messrs. Edward Solomon, William Youwin, and Thomas George Sandford, as candidates for initiation.

Those gentlemen were then prepared and admitted, and were regularly initiated into the mysteries and privileges of the Craft by the Worshipful Master. The ceremony was admirably carried out by all concerned. The ancient charge was given by Bro. Masters P.M.

Bro. Beamish gave notice of motion that at the next meeting he would propose the customary Christmas gratuities to the local charities. The resignation of two old members was accepted with regret.

The Secretary read a letter dated from Lagos, West Coast of Africa, from Bro. Wimpess, who was initiated prior to his leaving England, stating that he had been regularly raised to the third degree in the Lodge of St. John, at Lagos, and signifying his early return to England.

The Visitors having tendered their congratulations the Lodge was closed and the proceedings terminated. The Brethren subsequently partook of supper, after which some interesting Masonic topics were discussed.

#### LODGE OF SYMPATHY, No. 483.

THE annual festival of this flourishing Lodge took place on the 11th inst., at the Clarendon Hotel, Gravesend, with all the success that usually makes its gatherings so conspicuous. The excellent Masonic custom exists of inviting the Masters of surrounding Lodges to be present upon these auspicious occasions, and most of the Lodges were represented, besides a large number of other visiting Brethren, forming altogether an assemblage of nearly a hundred persons.

Bro. Alfred John Walklin terminated his year of office in brilliant fashion

by installing his successor in the chair, an emergency meeting having previously been held to clear off the accumulation of work.

The Lodge was opened soon after four o'clock, when the minutes of the previous meeting were confirmed. The Treasurer's report, showing the highly satisfactory state of the Lodge, was presented and adopted. The Worshipful Master then declared all offices vacant, and requested Bro. George Naylor P.P.G.D.C. Kent and Charles Westwood P.P.G.A.D.C. Essex to assist him as Wardens, Bro. R. J. Beamish P.P.G.D.C. as D.C., and Bro. Hawker as I.G. The Lodge was then opened in the second degree, when Bro. John Nathaniel Willis W.M.-elect was presented and signified his assent to the ancient charges and regulations.

The Brethren retired, and a Board of twenty-five Installed Masters was formed, when Bro. Willis was formally installed as Master for the ensuing year. He was then saluted in accordance with the ancient tradition by the Past Masters. Upon the re-admission of the Brethren, Bro. Willis was proclaimed Master and saluted in the three degrees.

The following Officers were then invested: W. Spencer Bowen S.W., E. Ingram J.W., T. T. Hogg Treasurer, Arthur Ronaldson Secretary, J. A. Gillett S.D., J. Axell J.D., C. Percy Bowen I.G., T. A. Mummery D.C., T. Geo A.D.C., G. R. Ceiley Organist, J. Hewison, H. Newton and H. L. Thurnell Stewards, Geo. Martin Tyler.

The whole of the ceremony and the three addresses were rendered by Bro. Walklin in an altogether admirable manner, and was certainly deserving of the vote of thanks given by the Lodge in appreciation thereof. After the vote had been carried the W.M. presented Bro. Walklin with the Past Master's jewel and collar, in the name of the members, for the very able and efficient manner in which he had conducted the Lodge during his year of office. Bro. Walklin briefly returned thanks for the compliment.

Bro. Arthur Ronaldson was elected Charity Representative. Three candidates and one joining member were proposed for acceptance at the next meeting, and the visitors having tendered their congratulation the Lodge was closed with harmony and goodfellowship.

Bro. J. N. Willis presided at the installation banquet (which was served in the large hall by Bro. Cosh), and was supported by most of those present at the Lodge. At its termination the W.M. proposed the usual Loyal and Masonic toasts.

That of the Queen was received perhaps with more than the usual enthusiasm, owing to the fact that the troopship "Nineveh," with the New South Wales Lancers on board, had just previously passed Gravesend. Several Brethren assembled on the river bank in front of the hotel and cheered the steamer as she passed, which was responded to most cordially by the men on board.

Bro. H. Forss proposed the Provincial Grand Master and Officers, which was acknowledged by Bro. G. Naylor.

Bro. Walklin in a neat little speech proposed the Worshipful Master, and promised on behalf of the Officers and himself to render every assistance that lay in their power to make his year of office a pleasant and successful one.

Bro. Willis, who was received with great cordiality when rising to respond, thanked the Brethren most sincerely for placing him in the honourable position of Master, which was the height of his Masonic ambition. He would endeavour to maintain the dignity of the Lodge, and carry out his duty to the best of his ability.

Bro. Beamish said they could not do less than drink success to the Immediate Past Master, who had so satisfactorily completed his year of office by installing his successor. He had watched his career as he had advanced through the various Offices of the Lodge, and they could congratulate Bro. Walklin upon having completed a most successful reign, during which he had initiated nearly a score of new Brethren.

Bro. Walklin, in returning thanks, said that whatever success he had achieved was due to his love of Freemasonry, and the good feeling the Brethren had shown towards him. He should certainly always refer with pride and pleasure to the happy time he had passed through, of which he would be reminded when he glanced at the handsome jewel they had presented to him.

Bro. John Solomon W.M. of the Lodge of Freedom, and Bro. Charles Westwood P.M. of St. John Lodge, responded for the Visiting Brethren.

In submitting the toast of the Past Masters, Bro. Willis said he particularly wished to refer to the great kindness and assistance he had received from them all, especially Bro. Forss, their able Preceptor of the Lodge of Instruction. It was owing to his aid that he had been able to carry out his duty that day, and he desired to recognise his courtesy by presenting him with a token of his regard. He then handed to Bro. Forss a handsome diamond cluster scarf pin. Bro. Forss said he hardly knew what to say in return for the present. It came quite as a surprise to him, as he had only performed his duty in preparing Bro. Willis for his high position, but he thanked him for the feeling of good fellowship that prompted the gift. He was sure all the Past Masters were ever ready to lend their assistance whenever required.

The Officers of the Lodge were felicitated upon their appointments, and the proceedings were brought to a pleasant termination by the venerable Tyler, Bro. George Martin, at a somewhat late hour.

An excellent musical programme was provided by Bro. G. R. Ceiley, and tended much to the harmony of the meeting. The artistes who appeared were Miss Beatrix Adair, Miss Mabel Erle, Bro. H. Denton, Ernest Ingman, F. Noakes, and the ever popular George Pritchard.

In addition to those above mentioned the following Brethren were present: Charles Cobham P.P.G.S.W. Durham, H. Doughty P.P.G.S.B., Jonas Hill P.P.G.P., Frank Hitchens P.P.G.R. Kent, Wm. Hawken P.M., Orton Cooper P.M., George Pritchard P.M., H. W. T. Oaks W.M. 20, C. T. Bow W.M. 503, Elias W. Carter P.M. 858, J. Percy White P.M. 2277, G. R. S. Cowling W.M. 184, John Solomon W.M. 77, George Naylor W.M. 20, Wm. Gunn P.M. 77, Sam R. Macartney P.M. 1464, G. F. Fishenden P.M. 706, H. E. Parsons W.M. 1837, Alfred Simmons W.M. 1536, H. J. Anderson 251, Ernest Russell 25 I.C., Henry Arthur 503, J. G. Prevost 77, W. E. Hewison 1541, Alfred B. Noble S.D. 1227, H. P. Mackenzie 77, W. J. Avere 860, W. W. Robinson 1524, J. P. Robinson 1524, H. J. Mallkin 781, John Simpson 77, D. Williams 77, A. J. Walklin jun., F. Pettingale, W. H. Upton, W. Mason, T. B. Braine, A. E. Lockhart, T. Kemp, W. F. Buckland, C. G. Rayfield, R. L. Cosh, Geo. C. Realf, Alf. E. Bruton, G. H. Scrutton, J. A. Merchant, F. T. Webber, A. Holland, Arthur Tulk, Sidney Blandford, and H. Dunicliff.

#### EGERTON LODGE, No. 1030.

THE annual meeting took place at the George Hotel, Heaton Norris, on Monday, 14th inst.

Bro. William A. Bacon S.W. was installed into the chair of K.S. by Bro.

G. B. Goodfellow P.M. D.C., assisted by Past Masters of the Lodge, twenty Installed Masters being present at the ceremony.

The festival of St. John, afterwards held in the Lodge room, was well attended, the following distinguished visitors, among others, being present:—Bro. C. D. Cheetham P.M. 993 P.P.G.W., Wm. Gouldthorpe P.M. 2156 P.P.G.W., Wm. A. Boyer I.P.M. 2554 P.P.G.D.Reg., A. Wilson P.M. 633 P.G.D.C., John Smith P.M. 323 P.P.G.D., J. W. Bromley P.M. 1009 P.P.G.S., J. H. Walker P.M. 361, A. C. K. Smith W.M. 2554, and Hy. Wood S.W. 2464.

#### ARCHITECT LODGE, No. 1375.

THE regular meeting was held at the Freemasons' Hall, Chorlton-cum-Hardy, on Friday, 6th inst., under the presidency of Bro. John Mann Crone Worshipful Master, there being an attendance of over fifty members and visitors from neighbouring Lodges.

After the reading and confirmation of minutes, successful ballots were taken for the following: Bro. William Arthur Wellesley Orr, Didsbury, Hesketh Lodge, No. 986, who was desirous of becoming a joining member, and Messrs. Joshua Lingard, Mill Manager, Ardenshaw, and Chrétien James Holt Gradisky, Contractor, Victoria Park, Manchester, candidates for initiation. The first ceremony was performed by the Worshipful Master, assisted by Bro. Charles Rawle P.M., who delivered the address at the N.E., whilst the second fell to the lot of Bro. Cyril H. Beever P.M. Charity Representative, assisted by Bros. H. W. Bloomer S.W., who presented and explained the working tools, and Wm. Rushton J.W., who delivered the ancient charge.

Probably the large attendance of members and visitors was caused by a desire to hear the promised rendition of a "Masonic Ode," written by Bro. C. T. Tallent-Batement Organist, and set to music by Bro. Dr. Henry Watson, Mus. Doc., Cantab, Organist Arthur Sullivan Lodge, No. 2156; conductor of the Gentlemen's Glee Club, the Manchester Vocal Society, and instructor of a choral class of the Manchester Royal Academy of Music.

Bro. Dr. Watson is not only a well-known Freemason, and a personality in the City of Manchester, and surrounding districts, but a gentleman of wider distinction and renown, whose musical attainments are familiar throughout England; his glees, sacred numbers, and notably a Shaksperian cantata being very popular. No wonder then that he was enabled to provide a powerful and competent choir for the effective interpretation of his work, as the following names of the vocalists will testify, viz., Bros. W. H. Kershaw P.M. 344, John Grimshaw S.W. 1147 first tenors; Ridsdale Bowley P.M. 1213, W. H. Anderton P.M. 1161, second tenors; Alfred Brown J.D. 210, Fred Collyer I.G. 2156, first basses; John Smith and Jas. Hart 1773, second basses.

The composer accompanied on the pianoforte, whilst Bro. Bateman, the author of the words, officiated at the organ.

An excellently well-printed copy of the ode was presented to every Brother present, Bro. Crone W.M. explaining that the work in another form, with the addition of the music, had been published at a nominal sum, and it was intended to divide the proceeds equally between the charity funds of the Architect and Arthur Sullivan Lodges. With such a laudable object in view he felt sure that his appeal would meet with an adequate response.

At the social board which followed, Loyal and Masonic toasts were relieved by songs, sketches, &c., contributed by Bros. Hy. Nall P.M. P.P.G.Tr., Hart, Collyer, and Walker. The ode was repeated, and an opportunity taken of thanking Bro. Dr. Watson and his choir for their very valuable services of the evening, fitting responses being made by those concerned.

Principal among the numerous visitors were Bros. Walter Newton P.M. 268 830 1322 P.P.G.D. East Lancashire and Cheshire, Mayor of Ashton-under-Lyne, John Smith P.M. 323 P.P.G.D. Cheshire, George Hargreaves I.P.M. 1993, Chas. Shaw P.M. 1147, Walter Lingard W.M. 1952, Wm. Thos. Blease W.M. 1773, John Traver P.M. 1387, J. Crompton P.M. 152, Thos. Griffith P.M. 645, and Rev. F. E. Thomas Chaplain 1387.

#### SHURMUR LODGE, No. 2374.

NO doubt those of our readers who have had any lengthened association with the Craft, and have practiced the Masonic injunction to visit other Lodges, will agree that there are some which seem to exercise a special influence over them; which from some particular association or attraction seem to be out of the common; and which provide enjoyment of a character altogether peculiar to themselves. We find such a Lodge in the Shurmur, No. 2374, which meets on the borders of Epping Forest, at the famous Forest Hotel, Chingford, and it may not be out of place to pause for a moment and ask ourselves why this Lodge should stand out so prominently among the many it has been our privilege to attend, and why we should be specially drawn to its annual meetings? In the first place the outing, if the weather is anything like fine, is an enjoyable one, falling as it does at a time of the year when the autumn tints of the Forest are a decided attraction, while the quietness of the surroundings is an agreeable change from the busy scenes we are accustomed to nearer the heart of our great city; then there is the possibility—nay, the probability—of meeting many Brethren who from long acquaintance we regard as personal friends, and also the certainty of associating with jovial good fellows, Brethren who in reality carry out the Masonic precept to be happy, and communicate happiness to others; but above all this we have a name—and in spite of Shakespeare there is much in a name—to conjure with: that of the worthy Brother in whose honour the Lodge was formed, and designated as we know it—our Bro. William Shurmur, who is probably one of the most respected and the best honoured Masons of the metropolis, particularly in its eastern corner, where he is regarded as a leader, and a representative man among his fellows, and who always seems to have a kindly greeting and a word of welcome for every Brother who is present at the annual meetings of the Lodge, even though the attendance is usually above a hundred. But whatever the cause it is very certain we experience a special pleasure in attending a Shurmur Lodge meeting, and we believe we are by no means singular in this respect.

This year's installation was held on Thursday, when the chair was taken by Bro. J. Holland W.M., who had the support of his immediate predecessor Bro. S. C. Kaufman P.P.G.D.C., W. Fortescue S.W. W.M.-elect, P. Tricket J.W., Rev. W. H. Langhorne Prov. G. O. Chaplain, W. Shurmur P.P.G.S.B. England P.P.G. Treas. Essex Treasurer, James Clark P.M. Secretary, N. Fortescue P.M. P.P.G. Treas., J. Speller P.M. P.P.G.D., C. H. Bestow P.M. P.P.G.P., G. H. Pizey S.D., W. Gower P.P.G. Treas. J.D., J. C. Francis A.D.C., M. Bleick I.G., E. C. Holmes Organist, T. How jun., R. Eustace, G. Burton and T. Body Stewards, John Ives P.M. Tyler, and many others.

After the formalities of opening and the advancement of the Lodge, Bro. J. Speller P.M. P.P.G.D. Essex raised three candidates to the third degree—Bros. E. Lake, E. Betts, and C. E. Morris, performing the ceremony in his

well known way, to the evident interest and appreciation of the candidates. It was a matter of regret that Bro. Speller had to leave the meeting at this stage, his duties as Worshipful Master of the new Waltham Abbey Lodge, which met the same day, calling him away.

The next business was the passing of Bros. H. G. Ramden and F. J. Cope, followed by the initiation of Mr. Arthur William Croger, who was first balloted for and regularly elected.

An adjournment was now made to the large Hall of the Hotel, where Bro. Shurmur P.G.S.B. assumed the chair and regularly installed Bro. Walter Fortescue as Master for the ensuing year, Bro. Kaufman P.P.G.D.C. rendering him great assistance as Director of Ceremonies.

The following were appointed and invested as the Assistant Officers for the year: Bros. Percy Trickett S.W., G. H. Pizy J.W., Rev. W. H. Langhorne Prov.G.C. Chaplain, W. Shurmur P.G.S.B. Treasurer, James Clark P.M. Secretary, M. J. H. Bleick S.D., John Hamilton J.D., J. C. Francis I.G., T. How D.C., T. Body A.D.C., T. Maynard, G. T. Bagnall, J. R. Friend, G. Burton, R. Eustace and E. Loeb Stewards, J. Ives P.M. Tyler.

Bro. Shurmur next delivered the three addresses, performing the whole of the work of installation in splendid style, and winning most hearty and well deserved Masonic applause.

Two gentlemen were proposed for initiation, and one Brother as a joining member; other work of the annual meeting was completed, the visitors tendered hearty good wishes, and the Lodge was closed.

After an excellent banquet the W.M. proposed the Loyal toasts. In submitting that of the Grand Officers he said the Lodge had one among their members, and he a host in himself—their worthy Brother Shurmur, the founder of their Lodge, and the Brother after whom it was named.

Brother Shurmur desired to thank the Brethren in all sincerity for the hearty applause with which they had greeted the remarks of the Worshipful Master. He also thanked the Master for so cordially coupling his name with the noble Brethren at the head of the Craft, and desired to express his warmest thanks for the way in which the toast had been received.

The next toast was that of the Provincial Grand Master and the Officers of Provincial Grand Lodge present and past. The W.M. said the head of their county, the Earl of Warwick, was a shining light in Freemasonry, occupying the high office of Deputy Grand Master of England, while coming nearer home they had Bros. Shurmur, Fortescue and Gower, each of whom had filled the office of Provincial Grand Treasurer, Bro. Kaufman Prov. G.D.C., Bro. Langhorne Prov. Grand Chaplain, and Bro. Bestow Prov. G. Pursuivant—a noble array of Provincial Officers for one Lodge to include among its members, while with the visitors they were honoured by the presence of Bro. J. Barnes P.P.G.St.B., and Bro. Evans P.P.G. Steward.

The two last named were the first to respond, thanking the Master for the toast and the company for their hearty reception of it.

Bro. Langhorne followed, adding his personal thanks. They had read of the man who woke up one day and found himself famous—such, in fact, was his experience when one day he received a letter from the Earl of Warwick offering him the dignity of Chaplain of the important Province of Essex, a post he was indeed proud to fill. An old friend had always urged him to "Have a great number of irons in the fire," and he endeavoured to act up to that advice; but he often found it very difficult to keep them all warm. This was the seventh engagement of his for that day, and he had had to chevy and chase about in order to get in an attendance at as many as possible. He was indeed pleased to have been able to be at the gathering.

Bro. N. Fortescue, who was enthusiastically asked for, said he could quite understand the Worshipful Master not calling on him to respond to the toast, as for the last twenty years or more he had not been in the habit of "giving orders" in that direction. It afforded him a great amount of gratification to see his son occupying the position of Worshipful Master in the Lodge, and he was also pleased to see two other of his sons there present—but that was not all, he had yet two other boys, who were coming on, and it might be they would some day desire to become members of the Shurmur Lodge; he should not advise them in the matter, but if they asked him he should have much pleasure in proposing them for initiation. He felt it was the duty of a father to speak well of his sons when he had such sons as he was blessed with. He recollected some nine years ago, when he had resigned from his Lodge and had decided to have nothing further to do with Freemasonry, mentioning the matter to his friend Shurmur, and saying if what he had experienced was Freemasonry then he wanted nothing of it. Bro. Shurmur replied, come and see what I can show you, and perhaps you will alter your opinion. He went with his friend to the Warner Lodge, and found things so different that he now felt it a privilege to belong to Freemasonry, and to be associated with such a Lodge as the Shurmur, which Lodge he had heard referred to as being too pushing—but it was necessary to push in Freemasonry, just as in other walks of life.

In proposing the toast of the Worshipful Master the I.P.M. said he did not think a better or more congenial ruler could have been chosen than the Brother then in the chair, and seeing the character he had just had from his father he did not think there was any necessity for him to say anything further except to wish him a hearty and successful year of office.

In acknowledgment, the W.M. tendered his thanks. It was just nine years since he first saw the light of Freemasonry in the William Shurmur Lodge, and he fully appreciated the honour that had been conferred upon him in placing him in the proud position of its Worshipful Master.

The W.M. now proposed the toast of his predecessor in the chair. He felt all would agree that Bro. Holland had made a most efficient Master, and all would sympathise with him when they looked back and remembered he had not been blessed with the best of health during his year of mastership, in fact on one occasion he was unable to attend, being ill in bed. They were all delighted to see him in better health. He was particularly pleased to have the privilege of decorating Bro. Holland with the Past Master's jewel of the Lodge, and assured him it was presented with the best wishes of the Brethren. With the toast was coupled the health of the other Past Masters. The W.M. felt no one in the Province of Essex could have performed the ceremony of raising better than their Past Master Speller had done that day; then there was his "dear old dad," who he knew had the respect of the Lodge over which he had presided a few years back; while as regarded Bros. Shurmur and Kaufman he could only say that he had visited many Lodges, but had never heard the work done better than when it was performed by one of those Brethren. He felt it a great honour that he had been initiated, passed, raised, and now installed by such a splendid Masonic worker as their Past Master Shurmur.

In responding, the I.P.M. heartily thanked the Lodge for the handsome jewel presented him. That gift marked a great event in his life, and he should always so regard it. He did not expect such a mark of their favour. He could say a very great deal in acknowledgment of their kindness, but felt he must only then say that he most heartily thanked them.

Bro. Shurmur said it had indeed been a great pleasure to place so worthy a Mason as their Bro. Walter Fortescue in the chair. He (Bro. Shurmur)

was the first Master of the Lodge, and Bro. Fortescue the first initiate. He need hardly say how pleased the Lodge would be to welcome yet another son of their worthy Past Master in the Lodge, and he felt it would be very gratifying to see the Worshipful Master initiating his own brother as a member of the Craft. Another gratifying feature of the day was to hear their Brother Barker propose his son for initiation in the Lodge.

Bro. Kaufman tendered thanks yet again for the kind reception accorded him in the Lodge. It had been his pleasure to take an active part in Freemasonry—he took an active part at the consecration of that Lodge, and he believed he had been present at almost every meeting since, at most of them taking some active part in the work.

The W.M., in proposing the Initiate, considered his the most important toast of the series. Without initiates the Lodge would not have made such a name for itself as it now had.

The initiate briefly replied, tendering thanks and saying he had never been so deeply moved in his life as during the ceremony of his admittance as a member of the Masonic body.

The Master proposed the toast of the Visitors, who were very welcome. There had been about forty guests present at the meeting, and he was sure the members hoped they had enjoyed themselves so much as to desire to come again.

Speaking of the Officers the W.M. said the Lodge was fortunate in having so energetic and conscientious a Mason as Bro. Shurmur as its Treasurer. Notwithstanding the fact that the members had voted one hundred guineas to the Boys School they had a balance of upwards of £100 to carry forward. Their Secretary, too, was most painstaking, while the other Officers—all of whom were initiated in the Lodge—gave promise of following in the same good course.

The Tyler concluded the proceedings just at the stroke of "closing time," which came, in the opinion of many who were present, all too soon. What better evidence could be given of the success of the meeting?

The Visitors included Bros. L. Yexley 1662, H. E. Parce 1662, H. E. Trafford J.D. 2511, E. M. Jeffery P.M. 1227, Fred Hughes P.M. 192, John Black 2501, N. Fortescue jun. 2472, F. Stacey W.M. 2472, H. Barnes Prov. G.St.B., C. T. Papworth 2256, T. Probert P.M. 1662, A. L. Simmons 45, K. M. Yeoman S.W. 2467, T. J. Boulter W.M. 2467, F. C. Gooding 2467, F. W. Kendall S.W., W. W. West 2664, F. Small S.W. 2245, S. O. Rhodes 2467, Frank Budd I.G. 2476, L. Budd 2476, W. W. Morgan 177, Frank Evans W.M. 2747 Prov.G. Steward, R. Fenwick 427, S. Fortescue 2467, &c.

Alhambra.—Bro. Dundas Slater has taken advantage of the present electric moment when men's minds are full of war, and has engaged Bro. James Fernandez P.M. to recite Mr. Swinburne's stirring poem on "The Transvaal." The piece is almost too short to have a good dramatic effect, but Bro. Fernandez gives a little introduction of his own, and his splendid recital evokes thunders of applause as he pronounces the last words "Strike England, but strike home." The recitation is followed by a selection of English Airs played by the magnificent orchestra, and includes "Hearts of Oak," and other patriotic songs, and winds up with "Rule Britannia," the enthusiasm of the audience making the roof resound. The pretty ballet "Napoli" is the latest addition to the attractiveness of this popular house of entertainment and is peculiarly pleasing and lively.

## The Theatres, &c.

- Adelphi.—7:45, With flying colours. Matinée, Wednesday, 2.  
 Avenue.—8:15, The Queen's Messenger. 9, An Interrupted Honeymoon. Matinée, Wednesday, 3.  
 Court.—8:30, A Royal Family. Matinée, Saturday, 2:30.  
 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. Special Transvaal Refugee Matinée, Monday, 30th.  
 Duke of York's.—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.—8:30, The Black Tulip.  
 Her Majesty's.—8:15, King John. Matinée, Wednesday and Saturday, 2:15.  
 Lyceum.—8, The Sign of the Cross. Matinée, Wednesday and Saturday, 2.  
 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. Matinée, Wednesday, 2.  
 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.  
 Terry's.—Monday, 30th October, Captain Birchell's Luck.  
 Vaudeville.—8:15, Hook and Eye. 9, The Elixir of Youth. Matinée, Wednesday and Saturday, 3. Special Transvaal Refugee Matinée, Wednesday, 25th October.  
 Alexandra.—Next week, 7:45, A Runaway Girl.  
 Grand.—Next week, 7:30, The Manœuvres of Jane.  
 Queen's Opera House, Crouch End.—Next week, 8, The Gay Parisienne.  
 Standard.—Next week, 7:45, The worst woman in London.  
 Surrey.—Next week, 7:45, On active Service.  
 Alhambra.—8:15, Variety Entertainment. A Day Off, Napoli, &c.  
 Aquarium.—The world's great Show. The Great Fight. Varied Performances, daily.  
 Empire.—8:15, Variety Entertainment. Round the Town again, &c.  
 London Pavilion.—8, Variety Entertainment.  
 Oxford.—7:30, Variety Entertainment, Talma, &c. Saturday, 2:15 also.  
 Palace.—7:40, Variety Entertainment. New American Biograph, &c. Saturday, 2 also.  
 Royal.—7:30, Variety Company. A duel in the snow. Saturday, 2:30 also.  
 Tivoli.—7:30, Variety Entertainment. My little Octoroon, &c. Saturday, 2:15 also.  
 Agricultural Hall.—8, Mohawk Minstrels.  
 Crystal Palace.—Varied attractions daily.  
 Earl's Court.—Savage South Africa, &c.  
 Egyptian Hall.—3 and 8, Mr. J. N. Maskelyne's entertainment.