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## AID FOR WAR SUFFERERS.

THE returns which come to hand day by day afford ample evidence of the heartiness with which our countrymen in all parts are responding to the appeal for funds with which to relieve sufferers through the war in South Africa, and not the least gratifying feature of the loyal enthusiasm, from our point of view, is the large number of contributions received from Masonic sources. With so many Funds and organisations in operation throughout the country it is all but impossible to compile a full list of Masonic contributions, but we are able to collect sufficient to prove that the Craft is by no means behindhand in the good work, as the list we give elsewhere demonstrates, although it must be understood that the sums therein recorded are those which have been acknowledged during the last two weeks only. We shall be pleased to hear of any other amounts contributed from Masonic sources throughout the country, as we hope to be able to compile a complete record of Masonic contributions ere the different Funds are closed.

At the moment of going to press we have before us a list of the contributions acknowledged to-day, and are pleased to see the total is, Masonically, one of the best since the Funds were started, even if it does not deserve the premier position, including as it does £105 from Grand Mark Lodge; £80 from the Cripplegate Lodge, No. 1613; £30 from the Atlingworth Lodge, No. 1821; £28 10s from the Welcome Lodge, No. 1673; £21 from both the Wanderers Lodge, No 1604 and the Surrey Masonic Hall Lodge, No. 1539; £17 5s from the Manchester Lodge, No. 179; and a large number of other amounts.

## ANOTHER MASONIC SECESSION.

IN the ordinary course of things secessions from a body like the United Grand Lodge of England, for the purpose of forming an Independent Grand Lodge, must be regarded as evidences of strength rather than of weakness, although of course such a proceeding means a reduction in the number of Lodges on the parent register; but at the same time it evidences such progress as calls for the establishment of a new head or governing body; and such is the case to-day, when we have to record a movement—all but unanimous, and entirely constitutional and regular—towards the establishment of a Grand Lodge for the colony of Western Australia.

In another part of this issue we give fuller details of the course taken to bring about this step, and we now take the opportunity of congratulating our colonial Brethren on the position they have achieved, and the brilliant prospects it is fair to say are before them, for unanimity in such a matter as independence is of most vital moment.

As stated in the report to which we refer there are thirty-four Lodges under the jurisdiction of the District Grand Lodge of Western Australia, while our Grand Lodge Calendar records one—at Albany—as under no District Grand Lodge, so that it may mean that the English Roll will lose thirty-five Lodges by this latest movement in the way of independence, if the one opposing Lodge falls in with the views of the majority, as is almost certain. The published records of the Craft do not give the whole of these thirty-five Lodges, but probably a few new ones have been Warranted since the last returns were published, and thus the discrepancy is accounted for. Those we know of as Warranted for Western Australia are as follow, and we imagine our Grand Lodge will, at an early date, greet them as a Sovereign Grand Lodge:

No.	Name and Locality of Lodge.	Date of Warrant.
485	St. John, Perth	1842
1033	Fremantle, Fremantle	1864
1454	Plantagenet, Albany	1873
1689	Geraldton, Geraldton	1877
1840	Wellington, Bunbury	1879
2118	York, York	1885
2165	St. George, Perth	1886
2281	Emulation, Perth	1888
2282	Harmony, Fremantle	1888
2297	Harding, Roebourne	1888
2443	Albany, Albany	1892
2452	Unity, Perth	1892
2471	Avon, Northam	1893
2543	Coalgardie, Coalgardie	1894
2574	Southern Cross, Southern Cross	1895
2617	Murchison, Cuo	1896
2618	Friendship, Helena Vale	1896
2635	Beaconsfield, Fremantle	1896
2636	Military, Perth	1896
2637	Norseman, Norseman	1896
2638	Esperance, Esperance	1896
2639	Menzies, Menzies	1896
2658	Loyal Westralian, Fremantle	1897
2775	Perth, Perth	1899
2776	Richmond, East Fremantle	1899
2777	Diamond Jubilee, Perth	1899
2778	Kalgoorlie, Kalgoorlie	1899
2779	Boulder, Boulder	1899
2780	Finnerty, Kalgoorlie	1899
2781	Katanning, Katanning	1899
2782	Duke of Albany, Perth	1899
2783	Golden Square, Kalgoorlie	1899

## LEICESTERSHIRE AND RUTLAND.

THE annual meeting of this Provincial Grand Lodge will be held at the Freemasons' Hall, Leicester, on Thursday, 30th inst., for the transaction of the usual business of the year, and to present, on behalf of the Province, a portrait and silver salver to the Deputy Provincial Grand Master Bro. S. S. Partridge, who is most highly esteemed in the district.

The Committee of the Provincial Charity Association, in their twenty-first annual report, record the success of two candidates for the Masonic Institutions: a Girl in April, with 4,710 votes; and a Benevolent candidate, in May, with 5,105 votes, and they add they wish it to be observed how large a number of votes it is now necessary to obtain in order to secure success at these elections, and how essential it is that the voting strength of the Province, which is now 4,183 a year, should not only be maintained but largely increased.

After the completion of the work in Lodge, there will be a banquet, tickets for which, including dessert, are 6s each, and may be obtained of the Provincial Grand Secretary Bro. E. Holmes (Freemasons' Hall, Leicester).

## CONSECRATIONS.

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## ASHETON-EGERTON LODGE.

THE consecration of this Lodge, No. 2793, will take place at the Bleeding Wolf Hotel, Hale, near Altrincham, on Saturday afternoon, 25th inst. The founders of the Lodge are: The Hon. Tatton Egerton, M.P., P.G.W. of England, Richard Newhouse P.G.S.B. Eng. Prov.G.Sec., Frederick Broadsmith P.P.S.G.W. W.M.-designate, J. Ferguson P.G.A.S. S.W.-designate, H. H. Mainwaring P.P.G. Std. J.W.-designate, Dr. C. C. Atkinson P.P.G.C. Chaplain, John Hawker P.P.G. Std. Treasurer, J. S. Derbyshire Secretary, A. W. Boucher S.D., Fred W. E. Mehilhaus J.D., Thomas Stephens I.G., Thomas Smallwood Steward, Dr. E. J. Sidebotham P.P.G. Deacon, Wm. Campbell P.P.G.A.D.C., Hy. Walmsley P.P.G.A.D.C., Fred Johnson P.M., Coningsby Disraeli, M.P., John T. C. Blackie, and John W. Norcliffe.

The consecration ceremony will be performed by Earl Egerton of Tatton Provincial Grand Master, assisted by his Honour Judge Sir Horatio Lloyd D.P.G.M., Sir John Brunner Prov.S.G.W., Lilley Ellis Prov.J.G.W., Revs. C. R. Nunn and J. E. Evans Prov.G. Chaplains, Richard Newhouse Prov.G.Sec., Colonel Dean P.P.S.G.W., John Armstrong P.P.J.G.W., and H. Gordon Small Prov.G.D.C.

The rather gory name attached to the hotel where the new Lodge will have its head-quarters is rather belied by the appearance of the edifice. It is, as our auctioneering friends would say, well and substantially built, and the Lodge room is a small but cosy one. Tradition hath it that it was on the site of the hotel that the last wolf in England was killed. The sign attached to the old house showed a wolf with a cut in its throat through which the blood was streaming. The old inn was, fifty or sixty years ago, a favourite resort of Manchester people. The old order, however, has given place to the new. What was even twenty years ago a rural district is now a collection of numerous handsome villa residences, and Peel Causeway is known as a populous place "within the meaning of the Act."

By-the-way, we observe that Bro. William Harris P.P.G.D.C., of this city, has turned out the circular, which is of a very ornate character, from his printing office in Cannon Street. Bro. Harris carried out a similar office for the Provincial Grand Lodge of East Lancashire last week. The menu was a chaste and artistic production, and well merited the lavish admiration bestowed upon it. It was said of a celebrated painter that he mixed his colours with his brains. Bro. Harris performs a similar office with paper and type.—"Manchester Herald."

## CATOR CHAPTER.

ON Friday, 3rd inst., a new Chapter was consecrated at the Holborn Restaurant. It is attached to the Cator Lodge, No. 2266, which meets at the Public Hall, Beckenham, and is named after Bro. Albemarle Cator. Although only eleven years old this Lodge has been very successful, but its objects were not considered to be complete without a Chapter being connected with it. Several of its members, therefore, petitioned for a Warrant, and Grand Chapter granted the prayer.

The Consecrating Officers were: Comps. Frank Richardson, Henry Garrod, Thomas Fenn, P. A. Nairne, and J. H. Matthews. After the consecration the following received collars of office: Comps. John Christian Osterstock P.Z. M.E.Z., J. J. White H., W. J. Hewett P.Z. J., R. C. Davis P.Z. Scribe E., L. V. D. Anley P.Z. Treasurer, V. T. Murchie P.Z. Scribe N., Dr. F. A. Barton P.S., J. W. Cumberland 1st Asst. Soj., J. H. Roscoe 2nd Asst. Soj., Richard Turle D.C., Paul Joskey and F. H. de M. McIntosh Stewards, and R. B. Whiteman Janitor. The Consecrating Officers were elected honorary members of the Chapter.

During the evening a touching incident occurred, says the "City Press." Mrs. Osterstock, who is at Southport for the benefit of her health, sent a telegram, conveying her best wishes to the Cator Chapter and its M.E.Z.

Comp. Osterstock, in reply to the toast of the M.E.Z., said that hour was a very proud one to him. The Consecrating Officer had alluded to his services to Freemasonry; and he only wished he could have done more. Seventeen years ago he was initiated in the Lewis Lodge, and there was now present Bro. Powell, who not only initiated, passed, and raised him in the Craft, but also exalted him in the Royal Arch. He, on his initiation night said with some

trepidation that it was not his ambition to expect to add one ray of light to the glorious brilliancy of Masonry, but he hoped that the day would never dawn on which he would disgrace it. He knew he had not added one ray of brilliancy or glory to it, but after the reception he had had that evening he felt confident it was thought he had done nothing to disgrace it. He expressed his best wishes for the new Chapter, and hoped that only true Masons would be admitted within its door.

The music of the evening was under the direction of Comp. Herbert Schartau.

## MARK MASONRY.

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## BERKS AND OXON.

VISCOOUNT VALENTIA, M.P., Grand Master of this Mark Province, has notified his intention of holding the annual Provincial Grand Lodge at Oxford on Monday, the 4th of December, when the usual appointment of Officers for the coming year will be made, and other business connected with the Province transacted.

## STAFFORDSHIRE.

THIS Provincial Grand Lodge was held at Hanley, on Wednesday, 1st inst., under the presidency of Bro. J. F. Pepper Deputy Prov.G.M.M., who officiated for Bro. G. S. Tudor Prov.G.M.M., who was absent through illness.

The following Brethren were appointed and invested as the Provincial Officers for the year:

Bro. E. B. Devereux	-	-	-	Senior Warden
V. C. L. Crump	-	-	-	Junior Warden
J. Carver	-	-	-	Master Overseer
J. H. Cooksey	-	-	-	Senior Overseer
A. Dewsbury	-	-	-	Junior Overseer
C. A. Nawnham	-	-	-	Treasurer
Lieut.-Col. G. W. Walker	-	-	-	Secretary
J. J. Smith	-	-	-	Registrar
T. H. Bearne	-	-	-	Senior Deacon
C. J. Morris	-	-	-	Junior Deacon
E. J. Trevett	-	-	-	Sword Bearer
Major A. Heber Percy	-	-	-	Standard Bearer
S. Leese	-	-	-	Inner Guard.

After the business was concluded the Brethren adjourned to the ante-room, where an excellent banquet had been provided by Bro. John Munro.

Bro. J. F. Pepper occupied the chair, and proposed the health of the Queen, the Prince of Wales Grand Master, and other Mark toasts, which were cordially received. The musical arrangements were in the hands of Bro. C. F. Baker; and gave entire satisfaction.

The Prince of Wales has held the position of Grand Master of the Craft for twenty-five years. His grand-uncle, the late Duke of Sussex, exceeded this term by five years, and the second Earl of Zetland by one year, to which record should be added his three years service as Provincial Grand Master. From such a record it does not seem easy to deduce that Freemasonry is prejudicial to long life, health, or strength. Nominations for a new Grand Treasurer in the Mark Degree and in the Craft will be notified immediately after the Grand Master has been nominated. The only candidate yet in the field appears to be Mr. Harry Manfield, of Northampton, who did not succeed in obtaining the office of Grand Treasurer to the Craft Masons in the present year, when his opponent was Mr. Bevan. The latter created a record by holding three Treasurerships in one year, the Craft, the Royal Arch, and the Mark.—"Western Morning News."

## "A SPRIG OF ACACIA."

THE death occurred on Sunday night, 5th inst., at his residence, Oulton Broad, of Bro. James Tennant, who was sixty-five years of age, and until a few months ago had been manager to Messrs. Everett and Son, corn merchants, which position he held over a quarter of a century. For some time he had been in failing health, and his death was not altogether unexpected, deeply as it is deplored. The deceased was a Freemason, and a member of the Independent Order of Oddfellows, M.U., and was generally held in high esteem and respect.

### INDEPENDENCE FOR WESTERN AUSTRALIA.

THE half-yearly Communication of the District Grand Lodge of Western Australia (E.C.), took place in the Masonic Temple, Freemasons' Hall, Perth, on the 11th ult. His Excellency Sir Gerard Smith P.G.W.Eng. District Grand Master presided, and nearly 200 Brethren were present, including the District Officers, and representatives of nearly all the thirty-four Lodges under the jurisdiction of the District Grand Lodge.

The usual business in connection with the District having been concluded, the special business before the meeting was taken into consideration. This was the recommendation from the Board of General Purposes that the Lodges comprising the District Grand Lodge of Western Australia under the English Constitution declare themselves a Sovereign Grand Lodge. In the history of Freemasonry in the colony no other question has arisen arousing the interest of the Craft to such an extent. In December the District Grand Master, responding to a common desire for the formation of a Sovereign Grand Lodge, addressed a circular to the Lodges, enclosing copies of the new rules in the English Book of Constitutions, with a direction as to the manner in which the question was to be submitted to the members of the Craft.

The circular also stated that from the Grand Secretary of the United Grand Lodge of England a communication had been received to the effect that if the steps taken by the Brethren in the colony to give effect to their wishes were of a constitutional character, neither the Grand Master nor the Grand Lodge would raise any objection to the recognition of the Grand Lodge of Western Australia, provided that the rights of those Lodges which might desire to remain under the English Constitution were reserved and respected. Subsequently to the receipt of the correspondence from the D.G.M., the question was discussed by the thirty-four Lodges, and their decision taken, the result being that thirty-three Lodges declared themselves in favour of the formation of a Sovereign Grand Lodge for the colony, and one Lodge against the proposal. The Board of General Purposes, in making their recommendations to the District Grand Lodge, pointed out that the circumstances under which it was proposed to form a Sovereign Grand Lodge were unique in the history of Masonry, inasmuch as the Grand Lodge to which they at present owed allegiance had granted them the privilege of discussing the question, and establishing themselves as an independent body without committing any act of discourtesy, disloyalty, or rebellion. After fully considering the recommendation of the Board, the District Grand Lodge affirmed the principle of the formation of a Sovereign Grand Lodge, and the Lodges in favour of the proposal, by virtue of resolutions already carried, declared themselves as a Sovereign Grand Lodge for Western Australia.

A Committee, consisting of the District Grand Master and the principal Officers of the District Grand Lodge, together with a representative for each consenting Lodge, was appointed to draft a Constitution and make all necessary arrangements for inaugurating the new Grand Lodge.

Bro. His Excellency Sir Gerard Smith District G.M. was elected Grand Master. Bro. J. W. Hackett D.D.G.M. was appointed Pro Grand Master, and Bro. J. Arthur Wright P.D.G.M. was appointed Deputy Grand Master. The present D.G.L. Officers, it was resolved, should hold office until the installation of the Grand Master and investiture of the new Officers, which it is hoped will take place in the early part of next year.

A petition was adopted for presentation to the Most Wor. Bro. His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales Grand Master of the United Grand Lodge of England, praying for the recognition of the Sovereign Grand Lodge of Western Australia. The petition will be forwarded through Sir Gerard Smith.—“West Australian.”

### CHURCH SERVICES.

AT St. Paul's Church, Devonport, on Sunday afternoon, 5th inst., the eighth annual service for Freemasons of the Three Towns and neighbourhood took place. There was a large congregation, the Lodges of the district being well represented. The service was conducted by the Vicar, Bro. the Rev. A. J. Hamlyn, assisted by Rev. L. G. Cawkes. Bro. the Rev. Frederick King (Vicar of Southmolton) preached the sermon, and pointed out that the lack of subscriptions to the hospitals of the district was no doubt due

to ignorance of the grand work being accomplished by those institutions. During the service Bro. J. W. Wingate played Vieuxtemps's "Reverie" on the violin in a masterly fashion, accompanied by Bro. G. Hele jun., who presided at the organ. Bro. Philip Wright sang "The Shepherd of the fold" with much ability. There was no procession or demonstration this year. The collection was devoted to the funds of the Royal Albert Hospital.

ON the occasion of the recent presentation from the Brethren of Warwickshire to Lord Leigh Prov.G.M., as already reported in our pages there was a special service at St. Mary's Church, Warwick, the sermon being preached by Bro. Rev. H. L. Pearson Prov.G.Chaplain. The preacher devoted his sermon to an explanation of some of the objects of Masonry. He took his text from the following words in the first Epistle of Timothy:—"Study to show thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed." Firstly, said the preacher, there was the devout recognition of worship from The Great Architect of the Universe. Secondly, there was a setting forth, as far as might be, of the righteousness of Freemasonry, the purity of its aims, the beauty of the ideal life it set before the Brethren. Thirdly, there was the fullest realisation of the force and solemnity of their vows, which were covered by such terms as faith, hope, charity. Many of the misapprehensions and misconceptions which had arisen in regard to the Order could hardly be explained away by a Master Mason to the uninitiated.

While the well known saying was true that no man could be a good Mason and a bad man, it was most true that with all the care exercised in reference to new members, unworthy men did gain possession of their secrets. These and others who had fallen from the dignity of the virtue they possessed when they were admitted into Masonry, had caused outsiders to form a wrong estimate; but as right minded men did not reject Christianity on account of a Judas, neither did they reject Freemasonry because some had proved false to their solemn obligations and vows. There was nothing in its tenets which the inspired Moses or the divine Christ would not allow. Those who presided at its initiation must be deceived by others or betray their obligations if any member was admitted who was a bad husband, an unworthy father, a discreditable son, a dishonourable neighbour, or an unpatriotic citizen.

Another point in all her innumerable lines, squares, and circles was the love of God. Upon this point she pinned her faith, from this point she derived her hope of glory. He did not claim for Masonry, indeed, that it was the religion of Christianity under another name. Rather it was a high social institution which appealed for moral and social virtue, and lifted its true disciples along the path of virtue and science till they trampled under their feet the king of terrors and lifted their eye to the bright morning star which brought peace and salvation to the human race. It went further than a mere system of morality. It presented to the earnest searcher a bright gleam of hope, which arose amid the gloom of death. The lofty purity it held up forced the Mason to feel that if he was to acquire this excellence he must seek the aid of one stronger than himself, and the example was ever set before him in the prayer for wisdom and guidance and power offered up at every stage of their proceedings. At every stage the Mason was taught to look to God. His helplessness and his poverty in his entrance into the Brotherhood were the symbol of his own weakness. Surely the man who was thus taught to acknowledge the Almighty as the source of power would not be likely to undervalue the revelation He had given of Himself or to despise the counsels given to His creatures.

The earnest Mason was taught to live as one who must give an account of his conduct, and his life must be loved not only for his own advancement but also for the enrichment of others; he was taught in his prayers to daily remember the wants of others, in his work find time to help the weak, and in his joys to comfort the bereaved and sorrowful, to exercise self-denial and live a righteous and sober life. Could any ideal be higher than that, or any teaching nobler?

Were the high principles for which their Order was established, continued the preacher, out of place at the end of the nineteenth century? Was their Craft to be cast aside into the limbo of things forgotten? Surely while they saw so much to be done for freedom in this world, man denying man that liberty which he enjoyed himself, amidst this war which placed in their midst weeping widows and children, surely their Craft showed itself to be no mere antiquated pageantry or parading of curious and effete customs, no mere

historical and empty show. They believed it to have been and still to be a great and splendid power for deepening the true life of the country, the strengthening of the civil and social virtues which adorned society. They rejoiced to count themselves members of that Brotherhood, a Brotherhood which in that Province of Warwickshire owed so much to so many eminent leaders; but he might say, and he knew he did so in their name, that it owed it to none more than to the most worthy and worshipful Master who for so many years past had well and truly presided over the destinies of the Craft in that Province. He had placed before the younger members a splendid type of what the true Masonry should be. In the various relationships of public and private life he had shown them that the best answer to the captious critic was themselves; the surest hope of the growth of the Order was themselves, cultured by the legitimate practices of a life in that Brotherhood whose supreme object was to show themselves approved unto God, workmen who need not be ashamed.

### MASONIC AID FOR WAR VICTIMS.

THE following additional sums have been acknowledged on behalf of the different relief Funds started in connection with the South African campaign:

RED CROSS FUND.	
Bushey Hall Lodge, No. 2323	£4 4 0

MANSION HOUSE FUNDS.	
Refugees Fund.	
Supreme Grand Chapter	105 0 0
Carnarvon Lodge, No. 1909	5 12 6
Unity Lodge, No. 321	5 5 0
Bushey Hall Lodge, No. 2323	4 4 0

War Fund.	
Kaisar-i-Hind Lodge, No. 1724	£100 0 0
Ditto Second Donation	5 5 0
Eleanor Lodge, No. 1707	21 0 0
Tivoli Lodge, No. 2150	21 0 0
Alliance Lodge, No. 1827	15 15 0
Telegraph Cable Lodge, No. 2470	15 15 0
Old England Lodge, No. 1790	15 6 0
Peace and Harmony Lodge, No. 60	10 0 0
St. John Lodge, No. 90	10 10 0
St. Thomas Lodge, No. 142	10 10 0
Phoenix Lodge, No. 173	10 10 0
Menatschim Mark Lodge, No. 224	10 10 0
Sir Thomas White Lodge, No. 1820	10 10 0
Alfred Newton Lodge, No. 2686	10 10 0
Earl of Carnarvon Lodge, No. 1642	7 0 0
Holborn Lodge, No. 2398	6 16 6
Royal Hampton Court Lodge, No. 2183	6 0 0
Cholmeley Lodge, No. 1731	5 10 0
Unity Lodge, No. 321	5 5 0
Sympathy Lodge of Instruction, No. 483	5 5 0
Oakley Lodge, No. 694	5 5 0
Mornington Lodge, No. 1672	5 5 0
Pickwick Lodge, No. 2467	5 5 0
Wychwood Lodge, No. 2414	5 5 0
Adams Lodge, No. 158	5 1 0
Stoke Newington Lodge, No. 2552	5 0 0
Southwark Lodge, No. 879	4 10 0
Bushey Hall Lodge, No. 2323	4 4 0
Amity Mark Lodge, No. 132	3 3 0
Amity Lodge, No. 137	3 3 0
Loyal Monmouth Lodge, No. 457	3 3 0
Warrant Offices Lodge, No. 2346	2 16 6
Temple Lodge of Instruction, No. 101	2 2 0
Loyalty Lodge, No. 1607	1 4 0
Wickham Lodge, No. 1924	1 1 0

DAILY TELEGRAPH FUND.	
	Shillings
Supreme Council 33 <sup>o</sup>	2100
Eccentric Lodge, No. 2488	1460
Proceeds of a Ball given in London last July by the Apollo and Isaac Newton University Lodges, Nos. 357 & 859	580
Sir Hugh Myddleton Lodge, No. 1602	525
Samson Lodge, No. 1668	450
Benevolent Lodge, No. 303	315
Bedford Lodge, No. 157	280
Great City Lodge, No. 1426	280
Southwark Lodge, No. 879	273
Upton Lodge, No. 1227	255½
Byfield Lodge, No. 2632	252
Capper Lodge, No. 1076	240
Penge Lodge, No. 1815	240
Metropolitan Lodge, No. 1507	228½
Britannic Lodge, No. 33	210
Kingsland Lodge, No. 1693	210
Empire Chapter, No. 2108	210
Grafton Lodge, No. 2347	210
Galen Lodge, No. 2394	210
Maida Vale Lodge, No. 2743	210
Canterbury Lodge, No. 1635	200
Pelham Pillar Lodge, No. 792	165
Beaconsfield Lodge, No. 1662	163½
Robert Burns Lodge, No. 25	154

	Shillings
Quatuor Coronati Lodge, No. 2076	150
Earls Court Lodge, No. 2765	147
Windsor Castle Lodge, No. 771	140
Anchor Lodge, No. 1704	140
Bolingbroke Lodge, No. 2117	136½
Hammersmith Lodge, No. 2090	120
Windermere Lodge, No. 2217	120
St. Trillo Lodge, No. 2569	120
Rothesay Lodge, No. 1687	113
Playgoers Lodge, No. 2705	112
Paxton Lodge, No. 1686	110
Eleanor Lodge, No. 1707	110
St. Leonard Lodge, No. 1766	110
Vitruvian Lodge, No. 87	108
Dramatic Mark Lodge, No. 487	105
Kennington Lodge, No. 1381	105
Ley Spring Lodge, No. 1598	105
Hendon Lodge, No. 2206	105
Tivoli Lodge, No. 2150	105
Army and Navy Lodge, No. 2738	105
North Kent Lodge, No. 2499	102
Doric Lodge, No. 933	100
Kingswood Lodge, No. 2278	100
Sancta Maria Lodge, No. 2632	100
Wandsworth Lodge of Instruction, No. 1044	88
Strong Man Lodge, No. 45	75
Royal Jubilee Lodge, No. 72	71
Justice Lodge, No. 147	65
Duke of Albany Lodge, No. 1963	64
Fellowship Lodge, No. 2535	63
Old Masonians' Smoker -	63
Highgate Lodge, No. 1366	60
Harrow Lodge of Instruction, No. 1310	60
Alexandra Palace Lodge of Instruction, No. 1541	60
Ordnance Lodge, No. 2399	60
Lord Waveney Lodge, No. 929	53½
Muswell Hill Lodge, No. 2728	52
Wellington Lodge, No. 548	50
Burrell Lodge, No. 1829	50
Jersey Lodge, No. 2163	47
Westbourne Lodge of Instruction, No. 733	42
Earl of Zetland Chapter, No. 1364	42
Kennington Lodge of Instruction, No. 1381	42
Wellington Lodge of Instruction, No. 548	40
Ryde Lodge, No. 698	40
Egyptian Lodge, No. 27	37
Crays Valley Lodge, No. 2147	35
Thomas-a-Becket Lodge, No. 2754	30
Priory Lodge of Acton, No. 1996	25½
Panmure Ark Mariners Lodge, No. 139	22
Burgoyne Lodge of Instruction, No. 902	21
Marquess of Ripon Lodge of Instruction, No. 1489	21
Metropolitan Chapter, No. 1507	21
Ember Lodge, No. 2540	21
Unanimity Lodge, No. 154	20
Caledonian Lodge, No. 134	16
St. Ambrose Lodge of Instruction, No. 1891	10

At the installation meeting of the Royal Connaught Lodge, No. 2676, Eastbourne, a collection was made on behalf of the Lord Mayor's Fund, and realised fifteen guineas.

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At a recent meeting of the Bromley St. Leonard Lodge of Instruction, No. 1805, held at the Bow Bells, Bow Road, a sum of £2 2s was granted to the "Daily Telegraph" Soldiers Widows and Orphans Fund.

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At the installation meeting of the Lodge of Asaph, No. 1319, ten guineas was unanimously voted to the "Daily Telegraph" Shilling Fund. This sum was afterwards augmented by private contributions to the amount of £4.

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Bro. W. Collis Clark Worshipful Master of the Piccadilly Lodge, "passed round the hat" at a recent meeting, and raised £10 10s for the Lord Mayor's fund, after a recitation of Kipling's poem on the war by Brother Arthur Barrett.

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At the regular meeting of the Burdett Coutts Lodge, No. 1278, on Wednesday, a donation of ten guineas was voted from the Lodge for the Widows and Orphans Funds, while a subsequent collection made at the dinner table realised £3 15s, all of which it was decided to send to the Lord Mayor's Fund.

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At the installation meeting of the Duke of Edinburgh Lodge, No. 1259, held at the Three Nuns Hotel, Aldgate, on Tuesday, 6th inst., a proposition from the Secretary to the effect that a sum of twenty-five guineas should be given to the Princess of Wales Widows and Orphans Fund met with unanimous support.

The Brethren of the St. Kew Lodge, No. 1222, Weston-super-Mare, at their monthly meeting on Tuesday evening, 7th inst., started a subscription list to supplement the War Fund, and over £40 was promised there and then. This amount has since been increased to over £60. The Brethren, at the same meeting, made arrangements for giving an Old Folks' Tea and Entertainment as usual at the New Year.

At the November meeting of the Welcome Lodge, No. 1673, which was held on Wednesday evening at the Café Royal, Bro. John Kellar Frost was installed as Worshipful Master for the ensuing twelve months by his predecessor in the chair, Bro. Gerard R. Newman. As is customary at all Masonic meetings, says the "Daily Telegraph," the "charity box" was not forgotten after dinner, and when that piece of the furniture of a Lodge had been taken round to the Brethren and contributed to by them the Worshipful Master put it up to auction for the benefit of our contemporary's Shilling Fund. There were twenty-five Brethren present, but the bidding was very brisk, and the box was knocked down to an Officer of the Lodge for £18. A visitor, however, was rather annoyed that he had not caught the auctioneer's eye, and he added "five guineas" to the bid which won the box. To Under-Sheriff Langton P. Dep. G. D. C. Past Master and Secretary of the Lodge was deputed the pleasant task of transmitting the total contribution.

Responding at the recent installation meeting of the Eboracum Lodge, the Dean of York spoke of the great principle of Freemasonry as being a very helpful and hopeful principle in this troubled and distracted world,—the great principle of bringing men together and exhibiting goodfellowship in the best sense of the word. In Freemasonry there was a great deal to assist and preserve the stability of the nation in drawing and bringing men of such diverse pursuits, intellects, and opinions together, and producing unity and harmony. Men wanted to be drawn together. Lord Salisbury the other night said that he had confidence in the British soldier; he (the Dean) had unbounded confidence in Freemasons. Freemasonry did a great practical work in the world, and was a great feature in the nation. It was because he wanted to see England in the future as she had been in the past, a great united country, that he was glad to identify himself with the Craft.

#### ENTERTAINMENT AT HALIFAX.

THERE was a crowded attendance of members of St. James Lodge and their friends on Thursday evening, 9th inst., at the Masonic Hall, St. John's Place, to hear a lecture by Bro. W. Clement Williams on "The Land of the Stars and Stripes." Bro. R. C. Sykes W.M. of the Lodge presided.

The lecture, which was freely illustrated by lantern slides, most of them from photographs taken by Bro. Williams, provided an instructive and enjoyable evening's entertainment. As a photographic artist, especially of marine subjects, the lecturer enjoys an enviable reputation. It was expected, therefore, that his picture illustrations would be well worth seeing, and this anticipation was fully realised. The views taken when crossing the Atlantic, with their varied wave and cloud effects, were magnificent examples of photographic skill, charming alike for their realistic beauty and softness of tone. That they were appreciated by the audience was shown by the frequent and hearty applause which the pictures, which were cleverly thrown upon the screen by Mr. Gledhill, elicited. Bro. Williams, besides providing the assembly with so rich a treat in this respect, delighted them also with his brilliant and racy word descriptions. These, from a literary point of view, were exceedingly fine, and were enlivened by entertaining anecdote and sparkling examples of Yankee humour. A more delightful lecture, or one so richly illustrated, has not been given in Halifax for some considerable time.

The Misses Williams played pleasing selections of music on the piano before the lecture, during the interval, and after the lecture had been concluded. In the interval refreshments were handed round to the company by the Lodge members. A vote of thanks to Bro. Williams and his daughters, proposed by Bro. Rose, and seconded by Bro. Alderman Hodgson, was passed with enthusiasm.

#### PUNCTUALITY.

PUNCTUALITY in calling the Lodge to labour cannot be too highly recommended. No matter what the hour of meeting may be—the Brethren can always fix that by law—let the Master and Officers be promptly on hand and at the hour or if a few minutes—say five or ten—be allowed for a difference of time, only that and nothing more—and then let the Lodge be called down. Establish this rule firmly and enforce it by both precept and example. Too frequently is this most important matter disregarded. The punctual members, those who have no time to waste, and who, by the way, are usually the better members, are promptly on hand and are kept waiting by a dilatory Master or

tardy Secretary until, by most reprehensible delay, their patience is exhausted and their tempers sorely tried. They perhaps become impatient and leave; or if they stay are not in the most amiable mood when the Lodge is finally opened. If possible let the Master and Secretary be at the Lodge room a little time before the hour of calling down. The former, in nearly every instance, will have questions to answer, instructions to give, or matters of detail to arrange, which it is well to dispose of before opening. The latter can then give Brethren a statement of their account if asked; arrange his papers; have all reports in readiness and all other matters in proper order. By pursuing this plan time will be saved, confusion avoided, and the business of the Lodge conducted with that order and regularity which is so conducive to a pleasant and profitable Lodge meeting.—"Tyler."

#### STABILITY OF FREEMASONRY.

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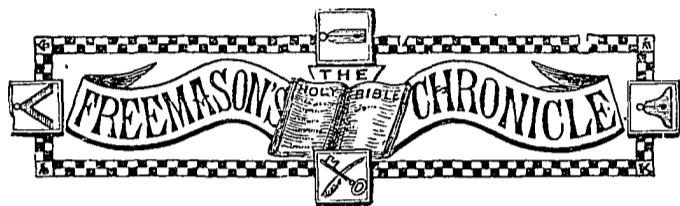
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### IRISH CHARITY.

THE half-yearly meeting of the Board of Governors of the Masonic Orphan Boys School of Ireland was held on Tuesday, 14th inst., at the Schoolhouse, Clonskeagh, when the report of the scrutineers of the ballot for the admission of seven pupils was read, and it was unanimously decided that the seven candidates who obtained the highest number of votes should be admitted. Accordingly Robert H. Bolton, Louis H. Palmer, Singleton A. Harpur, W. A. Cherry, Cecil Gordon, William R. John, and Andrew Hunter were declared duly elected pupils of the School.

### LANCASHIRE CHARITY.

AT the last meeting of the East Lancashire Systematic Masonic Educational and Benevolent Institution an annuity of £32 was granted to an aged Brother, and annuities of £26 each to the widows of two deceased Brethren.

Councillor Frank Jarrett, who was on Thursday elected Mayor of Rye (Sussex), commenced business on his own account at Rye in 1880. In 1891 he purchased the old-established business in High Street, carried on by the late Mr. W. Thorpe. He takes considerable interest in the fishing industry, and is the largest smackowner out of the port of Rye. His public career commences from about ten years ago, when he contested the office of Borough Auditor, and was returned by a large majority at the head of the poll. He resigned that office three years ago to contest a seat on the corporation. He was again returned at the head of the poll, and on 1st November last he was re-elected without opposition. On Thursday, 9th inst., his election as Mayor was unanimous. Bro. Jarrett is a prominent Mason, and in May last was installed as Worshipful Master of the Wellington Lodge, No. 341. Councillor Jarrett is a native of Rye, was educated at Ardingly College, and served his apprenticeship to the grocery trade with Mr. W. F. Revill, J.P., Wellington Place, Hastings, and a former mayor of that town.

The Provincial Grand Master of Cheshire, in thanking the Brethren at a recent meeting for their votes in support of candidates for the Masonic Schools, said that whereas 900 votes were sufficient a few years back to carry a candidate through, now it required 4,000 or 5,000. We have referred to this great increase on several occasions, and regard it as a serious matter for the consideration of the Craft. We are told that the Institutions are worked more economically now than was the case in years gone by, and yet there is this

tremendous increase in votes required to secure a place. It seems to us this is the true criterion of cost, and again we ask how can the increase be accounted for?

The Brethren of the Dublin Masonic Glee Club held their 158th dinner meeting on Friday evening, 3rd inst., and were honoured by the presence of a large number of guests, under the presidency of Brother Sir Charles A. Cameron. A programme of music was excellently rendered by the musical Brethren of the Club. The usual toasts were given and responded to with enthusiasm. The next meeting of the Club is announced to take place on Friday, 1st December, when it is hoped his Grace the Duke of Abercorn M.W.G.M. will be enabled to occupy the chair.

On the occasion of the annual festival of the Honour Lodge, No. 526, Wolverhampton, the Worshipful Master, on behalf of the members of the Lodge, presented handsomely-designed loving cups to Bros. T. J. Barnett and Dr. C. A. Newnham, in recognition of valuable services rendered in various ways, the latter for thirty years and the former for twenty-seven years. The gifts were suitably acknowledged by the recipients. A collection was made on the same occasion on behalf of the Reservists Fund, amounting to £10 10s.

The fifteen sections will be worked at the Upton Lodge of Instruction, No. 1227, at the Great Eastern Hotel, Liverpool Street, on Monday, 27th inst., commencing at 7 o'clock, by members of the Friars Lodge, under the presidency of Bro. B. DaCosta P.M. 1349, who will be supported by Bros. D. Moss P.M. P.D.G.S.B. as I.P.M., L. A. DaCosta P.M. S.W., M. DaCosta P.M. J.W., I. Davis S.D., N. Goldman J.D., and I. Golstone I.G. The Secretarial duties will, as usual, be carried out by Bro. Peters P.M. 1227.

The annual dinner of the Evening Star Lodge of Instruction will be held on Saturday, 2nd December, at 6 p.m., at St. George's Hall, Carholme Road, Perry Hill, Catford. The musical arrangements have again been kindly undertaken by Bro. C. Spencer West, and a good programme may confidently be anticipated. The success which has hitherto attended the annual gatherings will, it is anticipated, be sufficient to command hearty support. The price of tickets is 5s each.

Sergeant W. W. Morrison, of Hull, now on service with the Army Ordnance Corps in Cyprus, has just been honoured by being elected Worshipful Master of the St. Paul Lodge, No. 2277, for 1899-1900, at Limassol. The enthusiasm of the Craft in Cyprus may well be gauged by the fact that to attend Lodge meetings many members have to travel scores of miles, some entirely in the saddle. Sergeant Morrison was recently introduced to the Khedive of Egypt, who is now staying in the island.

Referring to the remarks made by Bro. Cheetham at the Provincial Grand Lodge of East Lancashire, with reference to Lodges failing to send in their voting papers at the proper time, and our comments thereon, a local Brother writes: As a matter of fact, private subscribers are far more attentive in this respect, which ought not to be, as each Lodge in East Lancashire has its Charity Representative, whose duty it is to see that the votes do not go astray.

In deference to the wishes of the Lord Mayor of Liverpool and the Lady Mayoress, it has been decided to alter the date for holding the Masonic Ball from the 9th until Wednesday, the 17th January. His Lordship and the Lady Mayoress have promised to be present. This alteration of the date is to permit of the Children's Fancy Dress Ball taking place before their return to school from the holidays.

A petition to Grand Lodge has been forwarded in favour of establishing a Lodge at Winsford, Cheshire. The Petition is supported by the Sincerity Lodge, Northwich. Bro. Sir John T. Brunner, Bart., M.P., Provincial Grand Senior Warden of Cheshire has consented to undertake the duties of first Worshipful Master.

## 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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#### CONFIDENCE LODGE, No. 193.

THE regular meeting of this Lodge was held on Monday, at Anderton's Hotel, Fleet Street, E.C., under the presidency of Bro. George Spice W.M., who was supported by Bros. J. W. Simeons S.W., E. Pennock I.P.M. acting J.W., R. J. Davey P.M. Sec., Past Masters Joseph Hart, E. Kington, F. S. Plowright, S. Smithers, Cubitt, G. P. Nightingale; S. W. Fells S.D., Metcalfe Bailey J.D., W. Houghton acting I.G., E. H. Lough Org., L. G. Reinhardt Tyler; W. Martin, J. Staal, A. Delmonte, T. J. Goodchild, T. White, J. Sweeney, G. F. Bushel, F. Fells, W. Carr, H. Jones, E. C. Tiffin, F. Pribul, M. Madders, J. C. Turner, T. Scoones, J. Cutting, G. Solomon, J. Fells, J. Done, C. Cornish, R. M. Owen, J. Westley, E. Walden, and C. Brain.

Among the visitors were Bros. J. E. Culverhouse 534, George Smith 463, G. Randall 463, R. Steel P.M. 2012, J. Moss P.M. 141, R. Moore 1273, J. Wynman, and others.

The minutes of the last meeting having been read and confirmed Bros. T. J. Goodchild, E. C. H. Tiffin, and J. Sweeney, who had been initiated at the previous meeting, presented themselves as candidates for preferment, and answered the questions in excellent manner. They were entrusted and, the Lodge being opened in the second degree, they were duly passed to the rank of Fellow Craft.

The W.M. resumed the Lodge to the first degree, and Messrs. George Kimber and Walter Osborn were presented as candidates, the ballot having been proved to be unanimous in their favour. In due course they had the privilege of participating in the mysteries of Ancient Freemasonry.

Bro. John Cecil Ward, of the Broxbourne Lodge, No. 2353 was balloted for and accepted as a joining member. A grant of £10 10s was proposed by Bro. F. S. Plowright for the widow of a late member, and Bro. Kington P.M. proposed that the sum of five guineas be voted to a member of the Lodge. Both these propositions were unanimously carried.

Some discussion took place concerning the Ladies' night, of which further particulars will appear in a later issue.

The working being ended the Lodge was closed in due form, and the Brethren retired to partake of an excellent repast. Bro. Collings as usual looked after the comfort of the guests.

The customary Loyal and Masonic toasts were proposed and honoured. Bros. Kimber and Osborn were cordially received in connection with the toast of the initiates, to which both made suitable response.

During the evening several Brethren contributed songs, thus adding to the enjoyment of another meeting of this successful and happy Lodge.

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#### CITY OF LONDON LODGE, No. 901.

AN emergency meeting of this well known Lodge took place on Monday, at the Guildhall Tavern, Gresham Street, E.C., under the presidency of the popular Worshipful Master, Bro. Joseph Hatton, who received the support of the following: Bros. R. W. Dobin I.P.M., W. H. Haylock S.W., E. Beadle J.W., H. Harbord P.M. Treas., W. R. Haylock P.M. Sec., George English P.M., R. Gillard P.M., E. Venner P.M., W. Reeve S.D., N. Grant J.D., T. Leete I.G., J. Haskins Org., H. Carpenter Steward; George Bolland, A. R. Rome, W. Hobbs, R. Tuffe'mann, J. Mead, M. Child, C. Harrison, D. Mills, T. Dally, W. Stringer, W. White, G. Murrell, A. E. Britton, L. Hall, A. Cooper, W. Bridgen, G. Bailey, N. Owen, W. Quainton, F. W. Salmon, A. Lidgate, B. Cohen, F. Trood, Moss Cohen, and others.

The Visitors included Bros. W. Pitman 1457, A. E. Purkis W.M. 1314, J. Wynman, and others.

The preliminaries of opening having been observed, the W.M. proceeded to advance the Lodge, when Bros. F. Hall, W. Bridgen, and G. Bolland were examined as Fellow Crafts, entrusted, and regularly raised to the sublime degree of Master Mason.

The W.M. resumed the Lodge to the first degree. There were four candidates on the agenda for passing, but two of the Brethren were unavoidably prevented from being present at the appointed time, and the W.M. therefore proceeded to examine Bros. W. H. White and A. E. Britton, who, having answered the questions to the satisfaction of the Brethren, were entrusted. The Lodge was opened in the second degree and the Brethren were passed as Fellow Crafts.

The W.M. again resumed the Lodge to the first degree, and Bros. W. Quainton and G. Bailey were examined; having answered the usual questions without the slightest hesitation they were entrusted and in due course passed to the second degree.

The Worshipful Master was now further put on his mettle, and gave additional evidence of his ability as a worker. He again resumed the Lodge to the first degree, and the ballot having been passed for Messrs. Cook Thomas Wright, and H. G. Hancock, proving unanimous in their favour, and they being present, they were most impressively initiated into the mysteries of ancient Freemasonry.

We were highly pleased with the perfect and impressive manner in which the three ceremonies were rendered, and we congratulate the Brethren on having so excellent a ruler as Bro. Joseph Hatton.

The case of a distressed Brother was brought forward and ordered to be investigated, and after some other business had been disposed of the Lodge was closed.

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#### UPTON LODGE, No. 1227.

UPON receiving an invitation to visit this popular Lodge we at once availed ourselves of such a brilliant opportunity of spending a happy evening, for at no Lodge do we receive a more hearty and thoroughly Masonic reception than from the Officers, Past Masters and Brethren of No. 1227.

The work in the Lodge is always excellently and efficiently carried out, from the presiding Officer to his lowest subordinate—and at the banquet table hospitality is the strong point.

The regular meeting was held on Thursday, 9th inst., at the Great Eastern Hotel, Liverpool Street, when Bro. Henry James Rowberry W.M.

was supported by Bros. W. J. Carroll S.W., George W. T. Miles P.M. 1351 acting J.W., Chas. Jno. Free P.M. Sec.; Past Masters S. Toye, J. Stroud, H. Hyde, C. Schmidt, E. M. Jeffreys, J. Smith, W. A. Bray I.P.M., and E. Hill; A. B. Noble S.D., C. T. Papworth 2472 acting J.D., F. J. Rover acting I.G., O. Greensland, C. H. Phillips, F. A. Laurie, A. F. Giles, J. Mills, P. P. Hayne, W. G. Pound, H. T. Hartwell, H. J. Arnold, W. Hartwell, F. W. Ward, C. W. Cooper, T. G. Gunn, O. Sasserath, N. Ansty, J. Isaacs, N. J. Baker, F. Mantell, J. W. Isaacs, W. H. Baker, J. Augtro, J. Bowler P.M. Tyler, &c.

Visitors: Bros. G. W. T. Miles P.M. 1351, C. T. Papworth 2472, J. Page P.M. 753, W. Hone S.W. 715, J. Smith P.M. 933, C. W. Thompson Sted. 895, A. S. Russell 816, F. R. Gurney 2518, Harry Willms 1567 693, and others.

Bro. Rowberry soon testified to the Brethren that their choice in a ruler for the year had been a wise one. This was the first meeting held since the installation of our worthy Brother in September, and he speedily opened his Lodge and had the minutes of the previous meeting read and confirmed.

Bros. C. H. Phillips, J. Mills, A. Giles, and F. A. Laurie, being candidates to be passed to the second degree were examined, entrusted and retired. The Lodge was opened in the 2nd degree, and those Brethren were duly passed as Fellow Crafts.

Bro. W. E. Pound was a candidate to be raised to the third degree, and having answered the usual questions the Lodge was opened up and he was very impressively raised as a Master Mason.

The Lodge was resumed to the first degree. Mr. J. L. Sinclair, a candidate for initiation, was unable to be present on this occasion—but the ballot was taken in his absence, and proved unanimous in his favour. Bros. Noble and J. Baker, his proposer and seconder, spoke in very high terms of the candidate, assuring the Brethren that it was only from the fact that he was on his way from abroad, the ship having been delayed, or he would have been present.

A letter of sympathy was unanimously resolved should be sent to Bro. Treasurer, who unfortunately was prevented from attending the Lodge through illness.

On the proposition by Bro. Jeffreys P.M. the sum of £10 10s was voted from the Benevolent Fund to the "Daily Telegraph" Fund for the benefit of the Widows and Orphans of our soldiers engaged in South Africa, and this grant was afterwards supplemented by the contents of the "Gavel," which amounted to £2 5s 6d.

A proposition of a candidate for initiation at the next meeting was made by Bro. Hyde P.M., and the Lodge having been regularly closed the Brethren retired to the banquet room, where, after the inner man had been refreshed, the usual Loyal and Masonic toasts were given and received with hearty enthusiasm, that of the Queen and the Craft being, naturally at the present time, especially well received.

The I.P.M. proposed in felicitous and kindly terms the toast of the W.M., stating that they had a first class Master in Bro. Rowberry, who would uphold the credit of the Upton Lodge, which would not suffer while the ruling was in such able hands.

The W.M. replied, thanking the Brethren for the unanimous and hearty manner in which they had received the kind and flattering terms used by the I.P.M. in proposing the toast. Brevity being the soul of wit he should not err on the score of long speeches; ever since he had joined the Lodge his desire had always been, that whatsoever his hand found to do he did it with his utmost ability.

The Visitors' toast was responded to by Bros. Smith, Miles and Page P.M.s and Bros. Papworth and Thompson.

The City Choir, and Bros. Martin and Gunn contributed to the harmony during the evening. The Organist of the Lodge presided at the piano.

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#### DUKE OF FIFE LODGE, No. 2345.

THIS Lodge has long since been so firmly established and so flourishing that it becomes a certainty of seeing excellent working of the beautiful ceremonies for which the Mystic Order is noted whenever one of its meetings takes place. On Wednesday evening there was no exception to this rule, for by the courtesy of the W.M. Bro. Andrew Robertson, the first and second degrees were worked by Bro. W. W. Westley P.M. D.C., in a finished, careful manner, indeed that expert Craftsman excelled himself by his earnestness in delivering the full explanation of the working tools in the second degree, a treat which the Lodge has not enjoyed for some years, the last Master who undertook that duty being Bro. Woods. It was fortunate also that all the Officers were present and "fit."

At the examination of the Tyler's book it appears the following were present: Bros. Andrew Robertson W.M., G. F. Winny S.W., H. Mitchell J.W., R. Steele P.M. Treas., J. W. F. lard P.M. Sec., C. J. Fitch S.D., A. Machin P.M. J.D., W. W. Westley P.M. D.C., G. Taylor I.G., F. W. Sinclair, J. Kidman, T. Gregory Stewards, C. Patrick P.M. Tyler, J. Wyer P.P.G.D.C. Kent, Hill, Ballard, Oswald, T. W. Boden, W. H. Jones, S. Baker, J. Simmons, W. T. Hole, A. Harvey P.M. P.Z., J. Langdon P.M., E. Beaven P.M., Merrett, A. Leman, Bruce Kench, Hearsey.

The Visitors were: Bros. T. W. Nesbitt P.D.P.G.M. Isle of Man 1004, E. C. Goff 1672, Bishop W.M. 975, and C. Merrett 172.

Bros. Boden and Jones were passed to the second degree and Mr. Leman initiated.

After all Masonic business had been transacted and the Lodge closed the Brethren dined together under the presidency of the W.M., who afterwards gave the usual Loyal, Patriotic, and Masonic toasts, and they were duly honoured.

Bro. Westley P.M., in proposing the health of the Master, pointed out that they had the right man in the right place, a man who was heart and soul a Mason, one who would be popular wherever the best men assembled.

Bro. Robertson W.M., in reply, said no one had more love for the beauties of Masonry than himself; he loved the beautiful ritual, and would always do his best to carry out the lessons inculcated in the Lodge.

The Initiate suitably responded to the toast of his health.

The W.M. heartily welcomed the Visitors on behalf of the Lodge, and Bro. T. W. Nesbitt P.D.P.G.M. Isle of Man made a stirring speech in reply. He gave good advice to those now commencing their Masonic career, as one with twenty-five years experience of the Order could well do.

The Officers and Tyler's toast closed a capital meeting, the harmony of which had been increased by the efforts of the following musical Brethren:—Bros. G. F. Winny S.W., Boden, Merrett, Machin, and E. C. Goff.

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

A VISITOR to this flourishing Lodge would have guessed that it was "young," even had its age not been shown by its number. There

appeared on Saturday last all the sprightliness and joy of youth; everything was full of vigour, even to effervescence. Consequently the Master, Bro. A. J. Naughton, who is essentially a strong man, was placed in the right position. He gently curbed the vivacity so that it was driven along the right road, and as a consequence the whole meeting proved a complete success.

The air is everywhere full of patriotism just now, and no one was surprised that the infection invaded the quiet of the Masonic banquet table. Bro. Gwilyn Hinds set things going by his vigorous recitation of "The Absent-minded Beggar." The order "to pass the hat round" was immediately given by the W.M., and £10 10s was very shortly announced for the wives and children left behind by our gallant defenders. Bro. F. Driver P.M. took up the subject, and with a poem of his own composition, "Ready, aye ready," raised the enthusiasm to fever heat. The earnestness of the reciter, the tone of the poem, and the sympathy of the audience were all that the most patriotic Briton could desire. The Lodge, guided by Bro. Naughton, who was ably seconded by Bro. J. J. Thomas P.G.Std.B., showed that what has often been inculcated in the first charge had made a deep impression, and that "patriotism" is one of the strongest virtues possessed by the Alfred Newton Brethren.

The attendance included: Bros. A. J. Naughton W.M., Norrington S.W., H. K. Newton J.W., W. B. Abbott P.M. Sec., A. Strutt D.C., E. J. Rix S.D., F. G. Heighington I.G., Windsor Organist, Catchpole Std., J. J. Thomas P.G.Std.Br. acting as I.P.M., C. Bland, J. Brock P.M., T. Casely P.M., R. W. Burbridge, F. Le Steur. W. H. Eardley, C. Forrester, W. J. Jessop P.M., C. Garton P.M., R. T. Pearce P.M., H. Burbridge, Kibble, W. C. Freeman, F. J. Walton, E. Vernon, H. Johnson, P. Carmichael, J. E. Churchill, G. Hinds, J. A. Swan, F. Pegrum, H. Day, C. Bland, A. C. Bonham P.M., L. A. Cohen, and O. E. Davies.

Visitors: Bros. F. Driver P.M. 45, A. L. Sargood J.W. 2728, J. R. Meyrick S.W. 2146, T. E. Claret Std. 2466, J. Hinds 1671, H. J. Gregory P.M. 3, R. H. Williams P.P.G.D.Middx., F. Evans P.M. 2749, C. Woods P.M. 2345, and F. C. Heron 1851.

Apologies for absence were received from the following: Bro. the Right Hon. the Lord Mayor of London I.P.M., Sir R. Hanson, Bart., M.P., Jas. Stephens P.D.G.D.C., J. Bailey M.P., Sir J. B. Monckton P.G.W., T. W. Fenn P.G.W., E. Letchworth G.Sec., and W. F. McNeil.

The Lodge being duly opened the whole of the three ceremonies were worked in faultless style. Bro. J. J. Thomas raised Bro. C. Bland, the W.M. passed Bro. H. Day, and initiated Messrs. L. A. Cohen and O. E. Davies, delivering the charge with great care and precision.

Bros. Skilton and Brooks were proposed as joining members.

The musical portions of the ceremonies were entered into with zest by all the members who were present.

The Masonic business being ended the Brethren enjoyed a capital banquet under the presidency of the W.M., and afterwards honoured the usual Loyal and Masonic toasts.

The W.M. Bro. Naughton, in proposing the Queen, pointed out that now some of our soldiers were employed in another part of the globe they felt that the heart of their Queen was with them; that they had her warmest sympathy and love. This gave all a feeling in return of the deepest loyalty. The Queen, who was the Grand Patroness of the Order, was richly endowed with virtues which inspired the admiration of the Craft.

The W.M. proposed H.R.H. the Prince of Wales M.W.G.M., and in doing so alluded to the fact that recently the heir apparent to the Throne took the trouble to go out of his way to see the General off who was given the command of our arms in South Africa. He was also equally interested in every soldier sent there. Just as his excellent work was known in the Craft so did he do everything that he undertook. His interest in the people was always manifest in good works, and as a consequence wherever he went his presence was an incentive to renewed efforts and greater energy. Just now all hoped with H.R.H. that our soldiers would be inspired with enthusiasm to carry the dear old flag to victory, for the right.

The W.M. proposed the Grand Officers, alluding to the fact that they did their work well, and also reminding them that they had an exemplary Past Grand Officer (Bro. J. J. Thomas) who was always with them, who did anything and everything they wanted, and always in faultless style. His counsel and work were always appreciated, as he was "one of the best."

Bro. J. J. Thomas responded. He referred to the excellent work done by the Pro G.M. and D.G.M., the G.Sec., and other Grand Officers. They were always ready and willing to work for the good of the Craft. As for himself, it was a great encouragement to work when one knew that his efforts were appreciated. He thanked them for their recognition of his labours on behalf of the Lodge.

Bro. J. J. Thomas P.G.Std.Br. proposed the health of the W.M. They knew Bro. Naughton inside and outside Freemasonry, and appreciated him fully wherever he was. His efforts for the Lodge had been very great. They were crowned with success. His following the first Master the Right Hon. the Lord Mayor of London set him a very difficult task. He, however, was doing unusually well. His influence was great, he was an excellent worker, perfectly well at home in the ritual, and an earnest Masonic student.

The W.M., in response, said it was difficult to find words to answer the flattering statements of Bro. Thomas. He was proud of the Lodge, of its members, its work, its enthusiasm, and its generally excellent character. He had worked hard as a founder, but so had all the other founders. Following so illustrious a Master as Alderman Newton he had a hard task before him, but he intended to allow no effort to fail to deserve the success that had been attributed to his past labours.

The W.M. gave the I.P.M. the Right Hon. the Lord Mayor of London and the acting I.P.M. Bro. J. J. Thomas. The Lord Mayor was unavoidably absent that evening. They expected he would spare a few minutes at some time to look in on the Lodge for which he had done so much, and in which he was so deeply interested. Their acting I.P.M. had that evening given evidence of his value; he was in attendance, and as they all knew him thoroughly they could appreciate him as an excellent Deputy for their absent I.P.M.

Bro. J. J. Thomas replied. They all hoped the Right Hon. the Lord Mayor and his excellent wife would have good health throughout the year; that the time would be as happy and successful as they both deserved. For himself he knew well his willingness to act as Deputy I.P.M. when necessary.

The W.M. proposed the Initiates, in felicitous terms, and Bros. Cohen and Davies suitably responded.

Bro. Newton J.W. proposed the next toast. It was of sympathy with the Brethren in the home and colonial forces who were serving their Queen in South Africa, and a desire for their safe return to their own homes. The Brethren received this with the utmost enthusiasm, just as Bro. Newton expected.

The W.M. proposed the Visitors, all of whom were welcomed by the Lodge.

Bro. F. Evans P.P.G.S.B. Essex, R. H. Williams P.M. 1767 P.P.G.D.

Middx., and H. J. Gregory P.M. 3 responded. All had been really delighted with "everything" that evening.

The W.M. proposed the Officers, and after the Tyler's toast a most happy evening came to a conclusion.

The musical part of the programme was well carried out, the following taking their parts: Bros. Windsor, Bonham P.M., Evans, and Day, and Messrs. Worth and Owers.

## INSTRUCTION.

KIRBY LODGE, No. 263.

THE eighth annual festival was celebrated on Tuesday, at the Midland Grand Hotel, St. Pancras. The Lodge is attached to the Bank of England Lodge, which dates as far back as the year 1788, and meets at the Albion, Aldersgate Street. The Lodge of Instruction has, like the mother Lodge under which it works, been very successful, and has carried out the work of Freemasonry in a remarkable degree, says the "City Press." It is held in high favour in the Craft, and has the support of some of the best instructors in Freemasonry, including Bro. R. Clay Sudlow Past Grand Standard Bearer, who is the present chief of the Emulation Lodge of Improvement, which meets every Friday evening, except in August and September, at Freemasons' Hall, and is looked upon as the premier Lodge of Improvement in Masonic working. The Hon. James Hannen, Bros. W. G. Kentish Past Grand Standard Bearer, Henry Pritchard Secretary of the Bank of England Lodge and Past Provincial Grand Treasurer Middlesex, Henry Sadler Grand Tyler, and R. Minton Senhouse are also among the numerous supporters of the Lodge; and George Rankins 1641 S.D. 2397 J.D. 2508 is its Preceptor.

The Lodge meets every Tuesday throughout the year at the Midland Grand Hotel at half-past seven, and at its annual festivals it finds no difficulty in securing a distinguished Freemason as its president. Last year the Archdeacon of London took that position, and this week Sir Forrest Fulton, Q.C., Deputy Grand Registrar occupied the chair. There was a very large gathering of Brethren, those present including: Bros. H. S. Wellcome Treasurer, P. A. Nairne P.G.D., C. E. Keyser P.G.D., D. West, A. M. Barnard, Dr. Pocock P.D.G.D.C., W. R. Bennett, Charles Lewis, W. Baker, F. W. Ward, Major-General Sir Stanley d'A. Clarke, K.C.V.O., C.M.G., P.G.D., George Rankin, Arthur Slee, Martin Kennaby, Thomas J. Ralling P.A.G.D.C., Harvey Löhr, W. H. Oldham, R. Newton Crane, T. A. Hurley, Sutton Shepley, C. H. Stone, F. Freke Palmer, Frank Griffith, and Percy Griffith.

In the Lodge Bro. George Rankin Preceptor presided, and the second lecture was worked, the sections being answered by Bros. Arthur Slee, Martin Kennaby, Harvey Löhr, W. H. Oldham, and T. A. Hurley.

The work was done to perfection, and a vote of thanks was at its completion passed to the Preceptor, who put the questions, and to the Brethren, who gave the answers. At the conclusion of the working of the Lodge the Brethren sat down to an excellent repast under Sir Forrest Fulton's chairmanship, afterwards honouring the usual toasts.

RANELAGH LODGE, No. 834.

ON Friday, 3rd inst., at the Six Bells Hotel, Hammersmith, W., Bros. K. M. Ross W.M., John Worth S.W., W. Atkinson J.W., W. Hinds P.M. Treas., F. Craggs P.M. Sec., Arthur Williams P.M. Preceptor, G. T. Meek S.D., R. Reid P.M. J.D., E. Salt I.G., and several others.

The Lodge was advanced to the second degree and Bro. R. H. Williams P.M. offered himself as a candidate for raising. He was examined, entrusted, and the ceremony rehearsed. Lodge was resumed to the second degree and Bro. Worth rehearsed the first section of the lecture, the questions being put by Bro. Preceptor. Lodge was resumed to the first degree.

Bro. Worth was unanimously elected to occupy the chair of W.M. at the next meeting. Bro. Ernest Hayes, of the South Middlesex Lodge, No. 858, was elected a member.

ON the 10th inst., Bros. Robert Reid P.M. 1275 W.M., J. J. Lewen S.W., G. T. Meek J.W., W. Hinds P.M. Treas., F. Craggs P.M. Sec., Arthur Williams P.M. Preceptor, H. Stokes S.D., J. H. King J.D., W. G. Palmer I.G., R. H. Williams P.M. P.P.G.J.D. Middx., J. H. Cumming P.M., John Worth W.M. 834, H. J. Cousins W.M. 172, K. M. Ross, G. White, E. Hayes, and others.

The ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, Bro. K. M. Ross acting as candidate. Bro. Reid then vacated the chair in favour of Bro. John Worth W.M. of the Mother Lodge, who opened in the second degree, and Bro. White having answered the usual questions was entrusted. The Lodge was opened in the third degree and the ceremony of raising was gone through.

Bro. J. J. Lewin was elected to act as W.M. on the next occasion.

Bro. Craggs P.M. announced that he was opening a new series of the Ranelagh Masonic Charity Association. Lodge was closed in due form.

FINSBURY PARK LODGE, No. 1288.

THERE was a very good attendance of Brethren on Saturday, at the Cock Tavern, Highbury, N., the chair being taken by Bro. J. Hume S.W. 2031, with Bros. W. Briggs S.W., E. Baker J.W., H. Hill P.M. Prec., W. Syckelmore P.M. Treas., C. W. Austin P.M. Sec., W. H. Pocklington P.M. Musical Director, E. Rawlinson W.M. 2031 S.D., T. Henderson J.D., W. Newbold I.G., M. M. Taylor P.M., John Thom Secretary Benevolent Association, F. Linfoot, J. W. Key, T. Key, J. W. Coley, J. Foppoli, W. S. Wheeler, T. Anson, T. Edmonds P.M., Snelling P.M., J. Wynman, H. Oppenheimer, J. Davis, and several others.

After the minutes were confirmed Bro. J. W. Key answered the questions leading to the second degree. The Lodge was opened up and the ceremony of passing was rehearsed. The W.M. kindly vacated the chair in favour of Bro. W. S. Wheeler W.M. 2454, who rehearsed the ceremony of installation, Bro. Hume being presented as Worshipful Master-elect. He having taken the obligation the Lodge was opened in the third degree, and he was installed, and afterwards saluted in regular form. Bro. W. Syckelmore P.M. making an excellent Director of Ceremonies. The Lodge was resumed to the first degree and the W.M. invested the Officers, which was done without the slightest hitch, after which Bro. Wheeler continued with the three addresses, which were highly appreciated by the Brethren. The W.M. again vacated the chair in favour of Bro. A. C. Smith W.M. 1356, who in an able manner opened the Lodge in the third degree and closed down to the first.

Bro. A. C. Smith W.M. 1356, and H. Oppheimer 1540 were elected members, and Bro. Briggs chosen W.M. for to-day (Saturday).

Bro. H. Hill, the Preceptor, announced that the ceremony of raising would be rehearsed with Choir and Organ accompaniment on Saturday, 25th inst., at 7.45 sharp, and that several professionals would attend, therefore the Brethren may expect an exceptional Masonic treat.

The large Masonic Hall of the establishment has been secured for the evening, and we strongly advise Brethren to attend, as such work is rarely witnessed in our Lodges of Instruction. Visitors will receive a most hearty welcome. The Preceptor of the Lodge will act as Worshipful Master. Bro. W. Syckelmore P.M. is the Treasurer and Bro. W. H. Pocklington P.M. the Musical Director.

The ballot for the Benevolent Association was taken, and proved in favour of Bro. E. Baker.

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#### HYDE PARK LODGE, No. 1425.

ON the 6th inst., at the Prince of Wales Hotel, Eastbourne Terrace, Bishops Road, Paddington, W., Bros. L. J. Powell W.M., P. S. Wallis S.W., H. G. Blackmore W.M. 2410 J.W., G. Read P.G.S.B. Eng. Treas., H. Dehane P.M. 1543 P.P.G.S.D. Essex Sec., J. Chubb S.D., H. Armfield J.D., H. C. Martin I.G., J. H. Beardon Steward, W. J. Ferguson P.M. 177 Dep. Prec., T. M. Lambie P.M. 1681, J. Bartlett P.M. 2637, C. Riemann, W. H. Smith, F. Mills, W. C. Franklin, and G. F. Ridge 890.

The Lodge was opened to the third degree and resumed as required. After the usual preliminaries the ceremony of passing was rehearsed, Bro. Ridge candidate. The Lodge was called off and on, after which the ceremony of raising was rehearsed.

The Officers were elected for the ensuing year as follow: Bros. G. Read P.G.S.B. Treasurer and Preceptor, H. Dehane P.M. 1543 P.P.G.S.D. Essex Secretary, J. W. Ferguson P.M. 177 Deputy Preceptor, Blackmore, Wallis, and Franklin Auditors, all of whom acknowledged the compliment.

Bro. Ridge was elected a member, and also acknowledged the compliment in suitable terms. Bro. Wallis was elected W.M. for next week.

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#### NEW CROSS LODGE, No. 1559.

ON Tuesday, at Bro. Lake's, the Kemble's Head, Long Acre, W.C., Bros. W. Knill W.M., B. G. Lacey S.W., C. Johnson J.W., J. D. Graham P.M. Prec., L. French S.D., G. Faaz Sec. acting J.D., R. A. Miles I.G., T. Davies W.M. 1381, W. Smith, G. A. Bolland, J. Wynman, J. Sutcliffe.

The ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, Bro. Bolland being the candidate. This being ended the W.M. kindly vacated the chair, and changed places with Bro. Johnson J.W., who advanced the Lodge to the second degree, when Bro. Smith answered the usual questions and was entrusted. The Lodge was opened up and the ceremony of raising was rehearsed, including the traditional history.

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

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#### WOODROW LODGE, No. 1708.

ON Monday, 6th inst., at 3 o'clock, at 24 Panton Street, Haymarket, Bros. J. E. Culverhouse W.M., H. J. Rose S.W., W. West J.W., C. Woodrow P.M. Prec., C. Wetton P.M. Dep. Prec., J. W. Simeons Sec., George Baker S.D., G. Spice W.M. 193 J.D., A. Pion I.G., J. Lobb, J. Wynman, J. H. Cousins W.M. 172, Victor Weston.

The ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, Bro. Lobb acting as candidate. The same Brother answered the questions leading to the second degree.

Bro. James George Lobb was elected a member, and Bro. H. J. Rose W.M. for the next meeting.

Bro. Simeons Secretary informed the Brethren that there was more than sufficient cash in hand to have another ballot for the Masonic Benevolent Association, and this resulted in favour of Bro. S. E. Firminger.

ON Monday, 13th inst., Bros. H. J. Rose W.M., W. West S.W., T. Burgess J.W., C. Wetton Dep. Prec., J. W. Simeons Sec., J. G. Lobb S.D., G. Yeowell J.D., W. Menn I.G., W. Hann, A. Pion, J. Wynman, Victor Weston, J. W. Ollington.

The Lodge was opened in the three degrees, resumed to the first, and then called off and on. The ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, Bro. Hann being the candidate. Bro. Lobb answered the questions leading to the second degree.

Bro. W. Hann 1056 was elected a member, and Bro. C. West W.M. for Monday next.

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#### CITADEL LODGE, No. 1897.

ON Friday, 10th inst., at the Farleigh Hotel, Amhurst Road, Stoke Newington, Bros. A. R. Revill W.M., G. Larner S.W., U. B. Ladler J.W., A. Rusby P.M. acting Preceptor, H. Willsmer Sec., E. G. Platt S.D., J. Bartlett J.D., J. Howard I.G., T. Feistel, M. Wigginton, Ashton, J. Abrahams.

The first and second ceremonies were rehearsed.

The sum of two guineas was voted to the "Daily Telegraph" Fund for widows and orphans of soldiers killed in South Africa.

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#### WALTHAMSTOW LODGE, No. 2472.

WE were agreeably surprised to see such an excellent attendance on Monday of last week at the Lord Brooke Hotel, Walthamstow. Bro. C. Horst was the W.M., and was supported by the following: Bros. C. T. Papworth S.W., J. H. Tailby J.W., J. Clarke P.M. Treas., J. W. West Dep. Prec., F. Budd Treas. acting Sec., W. Bleick S.D., A. G. Hopkins J.D., T. Stacey W.M. 2472 Org., C. J. Stubbings I.G., T. S. Griffiths Tyler, R. Darling P.M., G. Burgin, T. J. Parkins, S. C. Rhodes, S. C. Botten, G. J. Edkins, T. Pinder, W. Beck, J. C. Francis, T. Maynard, J. Wynman.

The W.M. rehearsed the ceremony of initiation, Bro. W. Beck being the candidate. The Lodge was called off and on. Resuming, the W.M. gave the ancient charge. The W.M. kindly vacated the chair in favour of Bro. Rhodes, and the fifth and sixth sections were worked, the former by Bro. Botten, the latter by Bro. Parkins, Bro. Rhodes asking the questions. The W.M. resumed the chair and Bro. J. Wynman was elected an hon. member, which compliment was acknowledged.

A ballot for the Masonic Charity Association was taken, which proved in favour of Bro. C. T. Papworth, who was elected to preside at the next meeting.

## PROVINCIAL.

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### HENGIST LODGE, No. 195.

THERE was an interesting ceremony at the meeting on Thursday, 2nd inst., in the Masonic Hall, Bournemouth, the special function consisting of the presentation of Bibles to the lads who acted as Lewises in the Masonic ceremonies of laying the first stones of the new Boscombe Hospital and the St. Andrew's Church, Bournemouth, this year. The five Lewises on those occasions were F. P. Brazier, son of Bro. J. J. Brazier P.M. of Lodge Horsa, No. 2208; C. C. Hodges, son of Bro. R. Hodges P.M. of Lodge Hengist, No. 195; E. Humphry, son of Bro. W. Humphry P.M. of Lodge Hengist; H. S. Knight, son of Bro. H. G. Knight I.P.M. of Lodge Horsa; and H. H. Street, son of Bro. Street, of Lodge Horsa.

The lads having been introduced into the Lodge, selected verses from the Volume of the Sacred Law were read by the Chaplain Bro. H. J. Atkins; and then the boys were presented to the W.M. by Bro. C. T. Miles, who made a grateful allusion to the devotion of their fathers to the Craft.

The Worshipful Master Bro. W. Mattocks, in addressing the lads, said: It very rarely happens that any but regularly initiated Brethren are admitted within the precincts of an open Masonic Lodge. We have, however, invited you five Lewises here this evening to present each of you with a souvenir of the two recent functions in which you were privileged to take a somewhat important part. The religious and humanitarian objects to which those two buildings will be dedicated when they are complete were referred to in your presence by our revered Provincial Grand Master, and it only remains for me to remind you that the Volume of the Sacred Law, which you had the honour of carrying on both occasions, is an essential part of every Masonic ceremony. It may happen that on reaching the years of manhood you will desire to enter the Fraternity in which your respective fathers are esteemed Brethren. In the meantime, whether you ultimately become Freemasons or not, let me enjoin you to make a daily study of this grand old Book, and you will become acquainted with the real basis of our Masonic Art. By the same means you will have laid the foundation of a manly, honest life, devoted, we earnestly trust, to the service of your fellow men. On behalf of the three sister Lodges of Bournemouth I now present each one of you with a copy of the Sacred Volume, which we regard as the unerring Standard of Truth and Justice, in the hope that you will always direct your conduct by the divine precepts it contains.

Inside each of the Bibles then presented was the following inscription:—

Presented by the Lodge of Hengist, 195; Boscombe Lodge, 2158; and  
Horsa Lodge, 2208, to

as a memento of his having assisted in carrying the Volume of the Sacred  
Law in the Masonic ceremonies of laying the first stones of the new  
Boscombe Hospital, 28th June 1899, and  
St. Andrew's Church, Bournemouth, 3rd October 1899.

W. Mattocks W.M. Lodge of Hengist, 195.  
A. C. Grosutt W.M. Boscombe Lodge, 2158.  
H. B. Harvey W.M. Horsa Lodge, 2208.

Bro. J. J. Brazier, in responding on behalf of the lads, expressed appreciation of the kindness of the three Lodges on presenting to them the Bibles which they had just received, and said no more fitting present could have been chosen, because whilst the Volume of the Sacred Law was opened at all Masonic meetings, it was also taken as the rule and guide for the lives of Freemasons in their intercourse with the outer world. The lads, he said, felt it to have been a great privilege to assist in the Masonic ceremonies at Boscombe and Malmesbury Park, and they were old enough to hope that the connection with Freemasonry formed on the occasions referred to might be consummated when they arrived at mature age. They felt that the fact of their fathers being members of the Craft was sufficient to induce them to follow in their footsteps. Bro. Brazier thanked the W.M. for the kind words he had addressed to them, and assured him that his remarks had made a deep impression on their minds, and that they would earnestly strive to follow the advice given. In conclusion, Bro. Brazier conveyed the thanks of the lads to the W.M. and Officers for having permitted the presentation to take place there, and especially expressed thanks to Bro. Miles for the trouble he had taken in the matter.

The Bibles presented were of the Teacher edition, and handsomely bound.

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#### CENTURION LODGE, No. 2322.

THE regular meeting was held at the Victoria Hotel, Manchester, on Monday, 6th inst., Bro. Surg.-Capt. J. J. Kent Fairclough W.M., the principal business of the evening being the annual election of Officers. Bro. Rev. J. W. Challinor P.P.G. Chap. S.W. was unanimously chosen as W.M.-elect. Bro. Lieut.-Col. J. Howarth-Clarke P.P.G.D. P.M. Treasurer was re-appointed to that position.

Besides those mentioned, there were present Bros. Capt. Peter Nightingale J.W., Major Fred Pratt P.M. Secretary, Capt. Jas. Andrew P.P.G.D.C. P.M., Major Wm. Humphreys P.M., Lieut. Geo. Keys S.D., Major H. B. Moss J.D., Surg.-Lieut. J. Turville Smith I.G., Capt. H. S. Hardy Organist, Capt. W. C. Hall, Lieut. E. Fallows, Surg.-Lieut. Afec Phillips, &c.

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

THE regular meeting was held at the Albion Hotel, Manchester, on Thursday, 9th instant, Bro. A. G. Bryce W.M., there being a very good attendance. After the reading and confirmation of minutes, Mr. William Brantingham, who had been balloted for on a previous occasion, was initiated into the mysteries and privileges of ancient Freemasonry by the W.M., assisted by Bro. J. T. Whittle J.W., who presented and explained the working tools, and delivered the Ancient Charge. Another initiation had been announced to take place, but the candidate was absent through illness.

The usual festive board followed, songs, recitations, &c., being given by Bros. Clement Jno. Hall P.M., Saml. Kew S.D., Arthur Sutcliffe J.D., Wm. Morecroft P.M., T. W. Lewin, Edward Roberts P.M., and others, a pleasant evening being spent.

Principal among those present, and not mentioned above were Bros. Simon Mamelok P.M. P.P.J.G.D. S.W., J. H. Crowther I.G., Wm. Boden P.M., T. T. Hardicker P.M. P.P.G.S.B., and others. Visitors: Bros. W. F. Chambers P.M. 210, and Joel Fisher 268.

THE NEW LORD MAYOR OF LONDON.

**T**HE Right Hon. Alfred James Newton, the new Lord Mayor of London, has, during the last twelve years taken a great deal of interest in Civic affairs. Like Sir Joseph Savory and Sir G. Faudel-Phillips, he began by being elected Sheriff before he was Alderman, and these three gentlemen are, at present, the only members of the Board of Aldermen who are so distinguished. Some few years ago, indeed, shortly after he became an Alderman, the Lord Mayor had a very good chance of being elected to his present office, as he was one of only two or three of the Aldermen who had not passed the Chair who had held both the offices, and thus possessed the necessary qualification for the Lord Mayoralty.

Born fifty years ago in Hull, he made his fortune in the yeast trade. It was his knowledge of French which proved the stepping-stone to his advancement, and it is therefore not difficult to understand his enthusiasm on the subject of the acquirement of modern languages by those destined for a commercial career. In addition to French and German, he strongly advocates the study of Spanish and Portuguese, for, through the growing importance of the Argentine Republic, he believes many great opportunities will present themselves to engineers and others who are acquainted with these last-mentioned tongues, which have hitherto been more or less ignored by Englishmen.

His own career dates from the time when, a youth yet in his teens, a correspondent on the Continent wrote making certain inquiries about the possibility of getting yeast for France and Belgium from England. He went from Hull to Burton-on-Trent to investigate. There he found that the special ferment required by those countries was practically a by-product to be obtained in enormous quantities. He at once started buying and exporting the commodity, with the result that in time he became the largest yeast-merchant not only in England, but in Europe as well.

During the years in which the yeast trade was in existence, some of the Belgian distilleries would, each, often buy as much as fifty tons a-week, and continue this purchase for many weeks in succession. As the value of yeast was then between fifteen and twenty pounds a ton, the trade naturally ran up into very large figures.

It was worth noting that, when the Lord Mayor, as a young man, first went to Burton-on-Trent, the breweries were, for the most part, idle from the end of March to the end of September, while now they are nearly, if not quite, as active in the summer as in the winter, through the tastes of the people having been diverted from the heavy beers of our fathers to the light ones which are in vogue at the present time.

In the early 'eighties the Lord Mayor came from Hull to ally himself with his brothers in the firm of Messrs. Newton Bros. and Co., steam ship owners. Among their vessels at the time was the "Principia," which conveyed the "Black Watch" from India to Egypt during the Egyptian Campaign, and the firm, in consequence, filled as conspicuous a position in the public eye as that which one of its then representatives will during the coming year at the Mansion House. In consequence of the death of his brother, who was the practical man of the business, the Lord Mayor retired from it about 1886, and two years after he made his first appearance in Civic life. Now he has practically retired from business entirely; but he is Chairman of two well known joint-stock concerns, Harrod's Stores and D. H. Evans and Co., both of which positions he has held since their incorporation as companies.

In the benevolent world of Freemasonry the new Civic King is well known, and has had the very marked distinction paid to him of a Lodge being called by his name, for the custom is one which is by no means general. In that Lodge his son, Mr. H. K. Newton, was the first person initiated into the mysteries of Freemasonry.

The Lord Mayor is a man of about middle-height, with a powerful physique, and a face suggestive of artistic perceptions, recalling, as it does in a way, that of Gustave Doré. His Lordship, indeed, has marked artistic tastes, which everyone who visits his beautiful House at Sydenham Hill has had cause to notice. There, in the garden of six acres, a portion of which formed part of the old Sydenham Hill Wood, one may still see plenty of wood-pigeons and squirrels, and there his Lordship prosecutes what is, to all intents and purposes, his only hobby—gardening.

The Lord Mayor's politics are those of a Liberal-Unionist, and nine years ago he was asked to contest Hull, as a Liberal, an invitation which he did not accept, as he was unable to endorse the then Irish policy of the Liberal Party.

The social side of the Lord Mayor's duties will in no way be neglected, though he regards the City Banquets as among the most serious tasks which the Lord Mayor has to perform, for, in his private capacity, his Lordship has always been fond of entertaining. So, too, has his wife, who will bring to the Mansion House a distinctly striking and interesting personality. The Lady Mayoress; whose portrait will probably be seen in the Academy next year; as it is now being painted by Mrs. Ernest Normand (Henrietta Rae), is rather over than under the middle-height, and, in addition to the other attractions of a face in which great charm mingles with the subtle suggestion of power, she shares with some of the most lovely women of the day the distinction of having very beautiful eyes and teeth. Her Ladyship is a brilliant conversationalist, and that in more than one European language; the possessor of a happy wit allied to a sympathetic nature; and she has a vivacity of manner which will stand her in good stead at the Mansion House, where her rule is destined to be as popular as that of any Lady Mayoress of our time.—"Vanity Fair."

LODGE MEETINGS NEXT WEEK.


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

- Monday.**
- 8 British, Freemasons'-hall
  - 21 Emulation, Albion
  - 185 Tranquility, Guildhall Tavern
  - 720 Panmure, Balham
  - 862 Whittington, Freemasons'-hall
  - 901 City of London, Guildhall Tav.
  - 907 Royal Albert, Freemasons'-hall
  - 1506 White Horse o' K't., HlbrnV.Hl.
  - 1537 St. Peter, Westminster, Crtrn.
  - 1657 Aldersgate, Albion
  - 1694 Imperial, Westminster
  - 1728 Temple Bar, Anderton's
  - 2050 La France, Café Royal
  - 2489 Willesden, Willesden Green
  - 2545 Iris, Rainbow Tav., Fleet St.
  - 2563 Justicia, Freemasons'-hall
  - 37 Anchor and Hope, Bolton
  - 77 Freedom, Gravesend
  - 102 Unanimity, North Walsham
  - 148 Lights, Warrington
  - 236 York, York
  - 248 True Love & Unity, Brixham
  - 270 R. Faith & Friendship, Berkeley
  - 302 Hope, Bradford
  - 307 Prince Frederick, HebdenBridge
  - 312 Lion, Whitby
  - 359 Peace & Harmony, South'pton
  - 377 Hope & Charity, Kidderminster
  - 382 Royal Union, Uxbridge
  - 388 Prudence, Halesworth
  - 424 Borough, Gateshead
  - 455 Perseverance, Ketering
  - 466 Merit, Stamford Baron
  - 543 Cleveland, Stokesley
  - 607 Chicheley, Thrapston
  - 699 Roscawea, Chacewater
  - 737 Wentworth, Wellingboro'
  - 840 Scientific, Wolverton
  - 872 Lewis, Whitehaven
  - 925 Bedford, Birmingham
  - 949 Williamson, Monkwearmouth
  - 985 Alexandra, Sutton Bridge
  - 986 Hesketh, Croston
  - 1030 Egerton, Heaton Norris
  - 1113 Anglesea, Manai Bridge
  - 1141 Mid-Sussex, Horsham
  - 1146 De Moulham, Swanage
  - 1168 Benevolence, Sherbourne
  - 1199 Agriculture, Yatton
  - 1208 Corinthian, Dover
  - 1255 Dundas, Plymouth
  - 1272 Tregenna, St. Ives
  - 1337 Anchor, Northallerton
  - 1443 Salem, Dawlish
  - 1486 Duncombe, Kingsbridge
  - 1502 Israel, Liverpool
  - 1631 St. Andrew, Gorleston
  - 1674 Carodoc, Rhyl
  - 1741 Montgomerie, Diss
  - 1757 King Henry VIII., Hemel Hemp.
  - 1814 Worsley, Worsley
  - 1895 Thames, Henley
  - 1909 Carnarvon, Nottingham
  - 1977 Blackwater, Maldon
  - 2069 Prudence, Leeds
  - 2074 St. Clare, Landport
  - 2081 Golden Fleece, Leicester
  - 2114 Prudence, Liverpool
  - 2208 Horsa, Bournemouth
  - 2289 Blundellsands, Great Crosby
  - 2295 Scarisbrick, Southport
  - 2309 Christopher, Eton
  - 2327 St. Oswin, North Shields
  - 2349 West Lanc. Century, Blackpool
  - 2425 Ecclesburne, Duffield
  - 2432 Duchess of York, Manchester
  - 2557 Temperance, Newcastle-on-T.

- Wednesday.**
- General Committee Grand Lodge, and Board of Benevolence, 5.
- 2 Antiquity, Freemasons'-hall
  - 201 Jordan, Freemasons'-hall
  - 212 Euphrates, Holborn Restaurant
  - 754 High Cross, Tottenham
  - 1017 Montefiore, Café Royal
  - 1056 Victoria, Guildhall Tavern
  - 1360 Royal Arthur, Wimbledon
  - 1589 St. Dunstan, Anderton's
  - 1718 Centurion, Inns of Court Hotel
  - 1719 Evening Star, Freemasons'-hall
  - 1818 Clapham, Criterion
  - 2332 Borough of G'n'wich, E. G'wich
  - 2395 Avondale, Brixton
  - 2416 Hiram, Freemasons'-hall
  - 2455 St. Martin, Charing Cross
  - 2562 Papyrus, Criterion
  - 32 St. Geo. Harmony, Liverpool
  - 82 Foundation, Cheltenham
  - 117 Salopian of Charity, Shrewsbury
  - 220 Harmony, Garston
  - 250 Minerva, Hull
  - 257 Phoenix, Portsmouth
  - 290 Huddersfield, Huddersfield
  - 724 Derby, Liverpool
  - 750 Friendship, Cleckheaton
  - 785 Twelve Brothers, Southampton
  - 887 Leigh, Birmingham
  - 1039 St. John, Lichfield
  - 1343 Saint John, Grays
  - 1403 West Lancashire, Ormskirk
  - 1529 Duke of Cornwall, St. Columb
  - 1633 Avon, Manchester
  - 1723 St. George, Bolton
  - 1734 Trinity, Rayleigh
  - 1756 Kirkdale, Liverpool
  - 1760 Leopold, Scarborough
  - 1809 Fidelis, Guernsey
  - 1868 Unity, Oldham
  - 1967 Beacon Court, New Brompton
  - 1984 Earl of Clarendon, Watford
  - 2019 Crook, Crook
  - 2149 Gordon, Hanley
  - 2216 Egerton, Swinton
  - 2259 St. Nicholas, Thorne
  - 2320 St. Martin, Castleton
  - 2357 Barry, Cadoxton
  - 2385 Godson, Oldbury
  - 2435 Wineslai, Winslow
  - 2444 Noel, Kingston-on-Thames
- Tuesday.**
- Board of General Purposes, F.M.H. at 5.
- 30 United Mariner, Guildhall Tav.
  - 73 Mount Lebanon, Southwark
  - 95 Eastern Star, Ship and Turtle
  - 162 Cadogan, Freemasons'-hall
  - 194 St. Paul, Cannon St. Hotel
  - 435 Salisbury, Freemasons'-hall
  - 704 Camden, Anderton's
  - 857 St. Mark, Camberwell
  - 1805 Bromley St. Leonard, Bromley
  - 2021 Queen Westm'ster, Holb'n R'st.
  - 2022 Haven, Ealing
  - 2408 Hampstead, Haverstock Hill
  - 2500 Old Boys', Criterion
  - 213 Perseverance, Norwich

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