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TORQUAY AND THE RED CROSS FUND.

IT is announced that the contributions of the St. John Lodge, No. 338, to the British Red Cross Fund, invited by the Provincial Grand Master, amount to £19 6s, including five guineas given from the Lodge funds. The other Lodge of the town—the Jordan, No. 1402—will contribute upwards of £25, including five guineas from the Lodge funds, and £10 raised by the W.M. himself.

A resolution of congratulation to the Provincial Grand Master of Devonshire, on his being raised to the peerage, was passed at the regular meeting of the Jordan Lodge, No. 1402, Torquay, of which his lordship is honorary member.

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Our hearty congratulations to our old friend Bro. John Chapman P.P.G.D., of Torquay, on his election to the chair of the St. John Lodge of that town, No. 338. We hope he may have a happy and successful year of office, with plenty of work to afford him opportunities of displaying his abilities.

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In consequence of the present state of public affairs, the usual banquet following the installation of the Royal Clarence Lodge, No. 1823, Clare, was dispensed with, and the cost of it given to the War Relief Fund, the Brethren sitting down instead to an ordinary supper. Including contributions from visitors and absent members, £8 was received and placed on the county list of the Lord Mayor's fund, under Section 3, for wounded and disabled soldiers and sailors.

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During the absence of Colonel Ricardo from England, as commander of the Berkshire Troop of the Imperial Yeomanry in South Africa, Bro. Keyser or some other Past Master will preside at the meetings of the Loyal Berkshire Lodge of Hope, Newbury, of which Col. Ricardo was recently re-installed as Master. At the installation banquet of the Lodge, held at the Chequers Hotel, on the 5th inst., the Colonel's health was drunk, and his Brethren gave him a very hearty farewell. Each member of the Lodge was presented by Bro. Cosburn with a souvenir of the interesting occasion, in the shape of an excellent portrait of Colonel Ricardo, suitably inscribed with the fact of his Masonic installation for the second time, and of his Command of the Berkshire Contingent of the Imperial Yeomanry. Col. Ricardo gave utterance to the hope that the next Masonic Lodge he would attend would be in Pretoria.

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The "Manchester Herald" refers to our recent issues wherein we have raised the question of Masonic reporting, and continues "In this city this work is done with discretion, those engaged being veterans in the Craft, and there is no pressure whatever on the various Lodges for invitations. Within the past two months two journalists have been initiated in Manchester Lodges who, it may be safe to assert, will follow in the same direction. The discretion referred to above, however, is not exercised in some of the neighbouring towns. In one or two instances we have known local papers to pay for tickets for Brethren who otherwise would not have been present. It is then where complaint could be legitimately made, as matter has been published, including portions of the ritual, which should not have appeared in the columns of the public press. We congratulate our contemporary on the tact with which it has handled a rather delicate subject. At any time we will gladly afford facilities for publicity within reasonable bounds, and where possible would attend and report the proceedings."

MASONIC TREAT AT WESTON-SUPER-MARE.

/ HAT old age does not dimish the power of enjoyment was irrefutably demonstrated on Monday, 1st inst., when the annual treat of the St. Kew Lodge to the old folks of Weston was given at the Victoria Hall. There was no doubting the sincerity of the old people's enjoyment, and their joviality was infectious, for even the Freemasons were compelled to join in the merriment of their guests, who numbered about 350. Some of the old folks who have enjoyed the benevolence of the Freemasons in previous years, have joined the great majority, but there was no difficulty in disposing of the tickets, and the gathering was characterised by the usual gaiety. The first portion of the proceedings consisted of a meat tea, and a first class tea it was. The old folks paid the caterer the greatest of compliments by having their plates replenished again and again, until the inner man cried "enough!" It was evident that old age does not always mean impaired appetites; and we trust the old folk always mean impaired appetites; and we trust the old folk who so thoroughly appreciated the good things on Monday had no cause to lament the breakdown of their digestive organs. If the "guests" enjoyed the feed the following ladies appeared to experience equal pleasure in ministering to their requirements:—Mesdames Morris, Butt, H. F. Frampton, Hyndman, Lovell, Cogle, Glass, Ackland, Pearse, T. Cox, Cornwell, Forster, Day, Musgrave, J. G. Lyon, Gorton, Basker, Lawrence, G. H. Perrett, W. E. Perrett, Blackmore, Ballance, Barnard, Biggs, E. Baker, Clothier, Tidman, H. F. Taylor, Parsons, Dunwell, Hyssett, Gray, Bowen, T. E. Macfarlane, Melsome, Lyddon, Huntley, Franklin, Misses Dart, Bryan, Cornelius and Harvey. During the tea the Grosvenor Quintett band very kindly played selections of music. After the hunger of the guests had been thoroughly appeased the tables were cleared, and preparations were made for the customary entertainment. Everyone having been comfortably installed, the Worshipful Master Bro. W. C. Thomas, on behalf of the Lodge, very heartily wished all assembled "A happy New Year," at the same time expressing the delight of the gathering at the presence of the newly-elected parliamentary representative for the division Mr. R. F. Dickinson (Mayor of Bath). This presence of the newly-elected parliamentary representative for the division Mr. R. E. Dickinson (Mayor of Bath). This over the different items of an excellent concert were gone through, and it would be difficult to specify which part of the programme the old folks enjoyed most. The performers acquitted themselves creditably, and laughter was anything but conspicuous by its absence. During the evening refreshments were handed round, and those of the sterner sex who have a weakness for the "weed" were given an opportunity of smoking the "pipe of peace." The entertainment concluded with the distribution of "punch"—which tended to increase the feeling of contentment which seemed tended to increase the feeling of contentment which seemed to inspire the old 'uns—and the singing of "Auld Lang Syne" by the Brethren of the Mystic Tie and the National Anthem.—" Weston-Super-Mare Gazette."

Mr. Alfred Alexander Murray, W.S., Edinburgh, has gifted to the Lodge Kilwinning, No. 2, the properties called "The Tenandrices of Saint John," St. John Street, Edinburgh, to be a trust for the use and behoof of the Lodge, to provide accommodation for Masonic purposes, and to form a fund for charity as well as investment for various Lodge monies.

The Prince of Wales, as Grand Master of England, has conferred on the Hon. C. E. Davies, Member of the Legislative Council, Tasmania, who is Grand Master of that colony, the rank and dignity of Past Grand Warden of England. Bro. Davies is proprietor of the chief Tasmanian newspaper.

The Brethren of Bradford propose to give a dinner on the 29th inst., at which the Mayor of the city Bro. W. C. Lupton Chairman of the West Yorkshire Charity Committee will be the principal guest. The amount subscribed by members of the Craft towards the War Fund raised by Bro. Lupton in his civic capacity will be presented on the occasion. It will be remembered we recently recorded Bro. Lupton's Christmas generosity—in the form of £100 distributed among the Bradford Charities and fifty dozen bottles of whisky sent to our troops in South Africa. We hope the sympathy of Bro. Lupton's fellow Craftsmen may be as tangible as his has lately been.

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A new feature at the "Globe," Finsbury Pavement, London, E.C., is a Hall for Masonic Lodges of Instruction. The Metropolitan, No. 1507, holds its meetings there every Monday evening at 7.30; the Joppa, No. 188, on Tuesdays at 7.30; and the Joppa Mark Lodge on Thursdays, at 7.30. The proprietor, Bro. Elliott, will be pleased to hear from Brethren desiring accommodation for the vacant evenings—Wednesdays, Saturdays, and Sundays.

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There is at present being paid in annuities by the Grand Lodge of Scotland £1,205, to 116 annuitants. The funds available will not allow of any additional cases being considered until July 1900.

"A SPRIG OF ACACIA."

heartfelt regret the news of the death of Bro. W. Peck, which occurred on Wednesday, at his residence, from pleuropneumonia. The deceased leaves a widow, one son, and five daughters. An able and business man, Bro. Peck yet found considerable time to devote to municipal matters, and to furthering the cause of Liberalism, to which he was sincerely and devotedly attached. His unaffected geniality and pleasant manner endeaved him to all classes, and the news of his sad and sudden death will be devolved by his many friends in Colchester and the district, without distinction of party. Bro. Peck went to Colchester about thirty years ago from Huntingdon, of which place he was a native, and for some years was manager for Messrs. Griffiths and Co. He afterwards went into business for himself, and retired about a year ago, after a successful business career. He was an earnest Nonconformist, and attended the Lion Walk Congregational Church. Until about two years ago he was on the Committee of the Liberal Club, and was also a Guardian for the Corn Exchange District. Bro. Peck was on the South Ward of the Town Council, putting up at the same time as Mr. Moore. On that occasion he polled the highest number ever obtained in the old First Ward (now the South Ward), and retained his seat until his decease. His death will be deeply felt by the Council. Councillor Peck was a member of the Angel Lodge, and an honorary member of the Foresters and Oddfellows. He was also Deputy-Chairman of the Colchester Plate Glass Insurance Company, and Chairman of the Board of Directors of the People's Public-house Company.

THE death took place on Saturday of one of the oldest tradesmen of York, Bro. George Balmford, of Coney Street, who had carried on the business of a dyer for over fifty years. Bro. Balmford was for a considerable number of years a member of the City Council, representing Guildhall Ward from 1877 continuously to 1886. He was also for some quarter of a century connected with the Grand Yorkshire Gala, and was also Chairman of the Finance Committee of that Institution. He was held in high esteem amongst the Masonic Fraternity in the city. He held the office of Worshipful Master of the York Lodge, No. 236, during the year when the Provincial Grand Lodge was held in the Guildhall, and was presided over by the late Earl of Zetland Provincial Grand Master. He was appointed Provincial Grand Organist some years after. He was a founder of the Eboracum Lodge, No. 1611, in 1876 and at his decease ranked as a Past Master. For twenty years he acted as Treasurer of this Lodge, and was presented by the Brethren with a handsome Treasurer's gold jewel for his services. He was also Past First Principal of the Zetland Chapter, and for many years filled the office of Almoner for the four Masonic Lodges in the city. His death is a great loss to the Masons of the city and the Province of North and East Yorks. The deceased was seventy-six years of age.

N Monday afternoon, 1st inst., in the presence of some 300 relatives and friends, the remains of Bro. Alfred G. Sanders Chairman-elect of the Licensed Victuallers' Asylum, and landlord of the Lord Howick, Woolwich, were interred in Charlton Cemetery. Bro. Sanders, whose death was somewhat sudden, was a great favourite not only with the trade, but also with the general public of Woolwich. It had ever been the desire of the deceased to become Chairman of the Licensed Victuallers' Asylum, to which he was elected some few weeks ago. Had he been spared to fulfil the duties that would have devolved upon him there is no doubt he would have earned much gratitude from all those with whom he would come into touch. Bro. Sanders a short time ago was the W.M. of the Nelson Lodge. When the cortége left the deceased's residence it was followed by a long procession of acquaintances. The service was impressively read by the Chaplain of the Licensed Victuallers' Asylum the Rev. W. H. W. Casely, who in the course of an address referred to Bro. Sanders' kindliness, and expressed the belief that he was a man who always did his best to improve the lot of his fellows. Among those present at the graveside were the following members of the Nelson Lodge:—Bros. W. Long W.M., Chambers S.W., Gramment P.M., Sanderson, Porter, Stevenson, Thomas, and Plume. A large number of beautiful wreaths were sent from relatives, friends, and various societies of which the deceased was a member.

THE death took place on Thursday evening, 4th inst., of Bro. Thomas Graham, of Sunniside House, Tow Law. The deceased, who had been unwell for some ten or twelve days, died somewhat suddenly from failure of the heart's action. Bro. Graham, who came originally from the Cleveland district, had held the position of architect to Messrs. Pease and Partners for some considerable length of time. It was whilst he occupied this position—prior to his retirement—that he built most, if not all, of the more recent property of Messrs. Pease in the Crook district. He also had acted as architect to the Crook School Board, and in this connection built all the schools under the Board. He was a prominent Mason. He belonged to the Wear Valley Lodge, and became a member of the Crook Lodge when it was established in 1884. He carried out the erection, it may be stated, of the Crook Masonic Hall. Bro. Graham was a Past Master of the Crook Lodge, occupying the position of Master in 1888-89. He had resided in the Tow Law and Crook district for upwards of forty-five years, and his interest in building and agricultural matters made him known in a very wide district.

PRO. HENRY DOMAN, an old and well-known and highly respersed tradesman of Lymington passed away on the evaping of the 2nd inst., to the great grief of his family and the regret of a large circle of sorrowing friends. By his death Lymington loses another of its oldest inhabitants and tradesmen. Bro. Doman was a man of considerable literary ability, and some published works, as well as the columns of the newspapers, furnish evidence of his intelligence and industry. He was a poet of no mean order. He had a great fund of local reminiscence, and had many stories at hand concerning the hot political contests in the "good old days" when Lymington borough returned its own member to Parliament. He was well-known in Masonic circles, and was the oldest Past Master of the New Forest Lodge, a distinction which now falls to Bro. Silas Dore. Bro. Doman was Senior Grand Deacon of the Province as long ago as 1872, and his zeal in the work of the Craft was shown by the ability with which year after year he installed in the chair of his Lodge several of the Worshipful Masters.

A T the ordinary meeting of the Jordan Lodge, No. 1402, at the Masonic Temple, Torquay, on the 9th inst., the W.M. Bro. J. D. Beer presiding, a telegram of condolence on the death of Bro. John Lane, one of the oldest Past Masters of the Lodge, was received from the sister Lodge of St. John. Bro. Lane's chair was draped in black, and the Lodge and the Brethren were in full mourning, which will be continued for three months. A vote of sympathy with the widow and family was passed on the motion of the W.M., seconded by Bro. J. Dodge P.P.G.T. the oldest P.M.

PHE death took place on New Year's Eve of Bro. Fred Bates, at his residence, Eastlake Road, Brixton, after a very short illness. The deceased was a prominent Mason, and a member of several South London Lodges. He was also well known in connection with the tobacco trade.

CONSECRATION.

SCARSDALE LODGE.

THIS new Mark Lodge was consecrated at Chesterfield on Tuesday, oth inst., the Consecrating Officer being

A on Tuesday, 9th inst., the Consecrating Officer being Bro. A. Woodiwiss, J.P., Prov.G.M.M. Derbyshire, who was assisted by Bro. C. F. Matier Mark Grand Secretary of

was assisted by Bro. C. F. Matier Mark Grand Secretary of England, and other prominent members of the Degree.

The new Lodge is numbered 529 on the English Register, and the following were appointed the first Officers: Bros. W. W. Jeudwine P.M. P.P.G.W. W.M., Holland Rowbottom P.M. P.P.G.O. as I.P.M., T. Shipton S.W., W. O. Plowright J.W., W. H. Edmunds Secretary, Rev. J. B. Le Gassick M.O., G. E. Carline S.O., S. E. Short J.O., H. R. Proctor S.D., W. H. Eyre J.D., and F. L. Somerset I.G.

At night there was a Masonic ball, in the Stephenson Memorial Hall, which was beautifully decorated for the occasion. There was a very large attendance. The Stewards

occasion. There was a very large attendance. The Stewards were Bros. W. W. Jeudwine, F. L. Somerset, E. Emery, E. Taylor, E. W. Barnes, C. P. Markham, and F. Stanton. Mr. Mountney's band provided the music.

The proceeds will be given to the War Fund.

Elaborate preparations have been made for the Consecration of the John Brunner Lodge, at Winsford, to-day (Saturday). Sir John has invited the whole of the members of his Mother Lodge, the Sincerity, of Northwich, to the function, and a large number of invitations will be extended to present and past Provincial Grand Officers. The ceremony will take place at the Brunner Guildhall. The founders number twenty-seven of the best names in the district and constitute of themselves a hearty send-off to the new Lodge.

Congratulations to Mr. William Wither Bramston Beach, member for the Andover Division of Hampshire and Father of the House of Commons. The hon. member, who is an illustration of the happy fact that the race of the "fine old English gentleman" has not entirely died out, is one of the three new Privy Councillors whose names appear in the list of New Year's honours conferred by Her Majesty the Queen. Bro. Beach in April next will have sat in the House of Commons for forty-three years uninterruptedly as a Hamp-shire representative, first of the North Hants Division and then of the Andover Division, when the two Parliamentary divisions of the county were cut up into four under the last Redistribution of Seats Act. During this long period he has, therefore, practically represented the same constituency, a fact of which Sir John Mowbray, Bart., the late "Father" of the House, could not boast, though he had been a member of the Lower Chamber for a longer period than Mr. Beach; hence it was that the distinction of seniority was generally conceded to him when, on Mr. Villiers's death, a question was raised as to who should be the new "Father." The new Privy Councillor was first elected at the head of the poll for North Hants in April 1857, when he was travelling in Canada, where he rendered signal service to Freemasonry under a commission from the Grand Lodge of England. As member for North Hants he filled the vacancy caused by the retirement of his friend and neighbour, Mr. Melville Portal. He had to contest his seat once or twice at subsequent elections, but in the last fight he had a majority of over fourteen hundred, and since then he has been allowed a walkover at successive general elections. Mr. Beach may be classed among the silent members, but many will regard him as none the worse for that, and yet it is in the field of politics that he has perhaps achieved his greatest fame, for a man who has sat in the House of Commons for forty-three years, even though he be not a talker, must become famous. He has sat under fourteen Ministers, and must have a store of memories of unrivalled interest. There would be no necessity to state that he is a sound Conservative were it not to emphasise the fact that the Liberals among his constituents would not yield to their political opponents in the strength of the feelings of respect and esteem they entertain towards him. He is a man of many parts. He has had his share in Hamp-shire Yeomanry work, he is a Deputy-Lieutenant of his county, he is an Alderman of the County Council, and has for years been a constant attendant at Quarter Sessions, and an active been a constant attendant at Quarter Sessions, and an active been a constant attendant at Quarter Sessions, and an active been accounted in the administrative business of the counter for worker in the administrative business of the county; for twenty-one years he was President of the Hants County Cricket Club; and for almost as long a period was President of the Hamphire Chamber of Agriculture, a child of his own

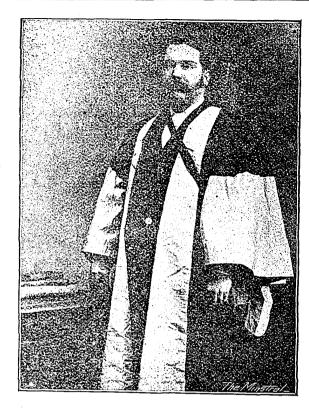
creation. He has been for over half a century a Freemason, for he commenced his career in the mystic Craft while yet an undergraduate at Oxford, being initiated in the Apollo Lodge of that city, and for nearly thirty years he has been Grand Master of the Province of Hampshire and the Isle of Wight. He is simply revered by the Brethren of his Province, who when he had been twenty-one years their Grand Master presented him with a large oil portrait of himself, by Ouless, at an immense gathering at Portsmouth, the presentation being made on their behalf by the Duke of Connaught. He has also received other tangible marks of esteem from his Masonic Brethren, who will be among the first to congratulate him on the honour which, after long years of waiting, has now been conferred upon him.—"Hampshire Independent

The fourth annual ball inaugurated by the Egerton Lodge, No. 2132, in aid of the Masonic Charities, was held on Friday evening of last week, at the New Brighton Tower. This ball has now come to be regarded as one of the events of the season in the Wallasey district, and that it is gaining in popularity was shown by the increased number who patronised it on this occasion. About 250 ladies and gentlemen assembled in the magnificent ballroom of the Tower, which had been lavishly adorned with palms and plants. The Worshipful Master of the Lodge Bro. R. plants. The Worshipful Master of the Lodge Bro. R. Grundy and Mrs. Grundy received the Brethren and their ladies, and a Masonic procession took place prior to the commencement of dancing, for which an admirable programme of music was provided by the Tower orchestra, under the conductorship of Bro. Granville Bantock. There was a goodly sprinkling of visitors from Liverpool. The President of the ball was Bro. Dr. T. W. A. Napier P.M. P.P.G.A.P., while Bro. R. Grundy was the Chairman, and Bro. Councillor G. J. Coombs S.W. the Vice-Chairman of the Committee having charge of the arrangements, the excellence of which was in a large measure the result of the energetic services rendered by the Secretaries, Bros. Albert Bulmer and John Ashler. Credit is also due to the Masters of Ceremonies Bros. C. L. Casson, J. T. Hindle, J. B. Crispin, and E. C. Gaskill, and to the Stewards Bros. J. C. Bulmer, E. A. Ash, T. W. Atkinson, D. Mackenzie, J. S. Warden, W. Boughey, and J. Boughey. The supper was catered by Bro. F. Beller con of New Brichton. Rollwagen, of New Brighton.

The "Newcastle Journal" was glad to see so goodly a company at the Masonic Ball in the old Assembly Rooms, on the 9th—from 90 to 100 couples; this in spite of influenza, which kept some half-dozen Stewards and ever so many more Brethren from being present. The arrangements were excellent, as they were bound to be, being in the hands of Bros. F. W. Sykes, R. Plumpton and H. Spittle. But if I may venture to judge by what I saw from the gallery, says the writer in our contemporary, there are not a few Free. the writer in our contemporary, there are not a few Free-masons who are not particularly good dancers. However, they are kind-hearted gentlemen, seeing that they get up this annual ball for the purpose of helping, not the charities under their own control, but the local charities of the town and district. For this reason alone, quite apart from the merry dancers, it is good for the blind, for the little orphans, and for ever so many more, when the Masonia Ball is a success. for ever so many more, when the Masonic Ball is a success.

While entertainments innumerable are being arranged for the purpose of raising funds to relieve the distress consequent on the war in South Africa, it is satisfactory to note that the claims of our Masonic Institutions are not forgotten; and a number of good Masons, among whom we notice Major Woolmer Williams, Bro. F. W. Berry W.M.-elect of the St. Michael Lodge, No. 211, Bro. H. Banks, and Bro. W. Johnson, have organised a Cinderella Dance, to be held next Friday, 19th inst., at the King's Hall, Holborn, in aid of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution. Bro. F. R. Pritchard's band will be in attendance, and tickets, at the moderate cost of half-a-crown each, may be obtained from Bro. H. Kemp, Thavies Inn, W.C.

The annual ball promoted by the Officers and members of the Amphibious Lodge took place on the 5th, at the Masonic Hall, Heckmondwike. Some 100 guests put in an appearance, and from 8 p.m. until 2.30 a.m. indulged in dancing to music supplied by Robinson's band, of Cleckheaton. During intervals in the programme supper was served. The ball was very successful.



BRO. DR. CHAS. FORSHAW.

WE have pleasure in giving a portrait of Brother Charles F. Forshaw, LL.D., of Bradford, the Yorkshire Representative of THE FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE for the past ten years. Bro. Forshaw is well known as the Masonic Bard par excellence—his effusions having appeared on some five thousand occasions in different publications throughout the world. The portrait is from last month's London "Minstrel, in which a biographical sketch of the Doctor is given. Bro. Forshaw is Bard to the Peebles Kilwinning Lodge, No. 24, and is an Honorary Member of Masonic Lodges and Chapters in different parts of Great Britain and Ireland.

Sonnets of the Greek Mythology, Do. 2.

TO MNEMOSYNE.

ODDESS of memory! sweet Mnemosyne,
Fill thou the chasms of my wandering brain;
Impart to me that gay exuberancy
Which banisheth rebellious thoughts of pain.
Then shall my tongue as the unloosed by wine
Break forth from out the bonds that held it fast,
And, 'stead of dark oblivions of the past
Shall come melodious utterances divine.
Unwearied from the pastureland of joy.
Then shall my fingers string the mellow lyre,
And nought shall come to injure or destroy
Its fluttering pinions, as, on wings of fire,
Trembling with ecstasy, it swiftly flies,
To lands immortal where it never dies.

CHAS. F. FORSHAW, M.A.

Bradford.

Bro. Rudyard Kipling.

"Brother Joe," which has been inspired by the fact that Rudyard Kipling has joined an Edinburgh Lodge, and is fraternally styled "Brother

I chanced to be at Rottingdean upon a little trip;
I met a fellow Mason there, and gave the man the grip,
"What ho," I said "my Rudyard!" but his look was cold as snow.
"My name, you ought to understand," he said, "is Brother Joe."

Oh, it's Rudyard this, and Kipling that, with poems, tales and such, And Rudyard Kipling is a name that can't be known too much! Oh, it's Rudyard this, and Kipling that, with any writing dodge, But it's Brother Joseph Kipling when he joins a blooming Lodge!

I went into a Library to get a book to read;
The man behind the counter asked, "What is it, Sir, you need?"
"I want," I said, "the latest thing that Joseph Kipling's done."
"Go on," he said, "you're having me. Joe Kip! There isn't one."

Oh, it's Brother Joe, and Joseph, when insignia are out, And knives and forks are busy, and the bottle goes about, It's "Brother Joe from India" where'er the Masons throng, But it's Rudyard Kipling only when he writes a blooming song!

Books, Music, &c. intended for review, should be addressed to the Editor of the Freemason's Chronicle, at Fleet Works, New Barnet.

LODGE MEETINGS NEXT WEEK.

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

Monday. 1 Grand Masters, F.T. 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 1537 St. Peter, Westminster, Crtrn. 1694 Imperial, Westminster 1728 Temple Bar, Anderton's 2060 La France, Café Royal 2489 Willesden, Willesden Green 2545 Iris, Rainbow Tav., Fleet St. 2563 Justicia, Freemasons'-hall 37 Anchor and Hope, Bolton Monday. 194 St. Paul, Cannon St. Hotel 194 St. Paul, Cannon St. Hotel 255 Harmony, Richmond 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 2265 Barnato, Piccadilly 2408 Hampstead, Haverstock Hill 2500 Old Boys', Griterion 126 Silant Tauple, Rumley 2500 Old Boys', Criterion 126 Silent Temple, Burnley 213 Perseverance, Norwich 223 Charity, Plymouth 293 King Friends, Nantwich 373 Socrates, Huntingdon 378 Loyal Welsh, Pembroke Dock 384 St. David, Bangor 366 Unity, Wareham 402 Royal Sussex, Nottingham 414 Union, Reading 418 Menturia, Hanley 432 Abbey, Nuneaton 448 St. James, Halifax 468 Light, Birmingham 476 St. Peter, Carmarthen 506 Mundy Grore, Shipley Gate 551 Yarborough, Ventnor 560 Yernon, Stourport 599 Sherwell, Banbury 660 Camalodunum, New Malton 667 Alliance, Li. appool 37 Anchor and Hope, Bolton 61 Probity, Halifax 77 Freedom, Gravesend 85 Faithful, Harleston 89 Unanimity, Dukinfield 102 Unanimity, North Walsham 148 Lights, Warrington 236 York, York 248 True Love & Unity, Brixham 264 Nelson of the Nile, Batley 270 R. Faith & Friendship, Berkeley 302 Hope, Bradford 307 Prince Frederick, HebdenBridge 312 Lion, Whitby 359 Peace & Harmony, South'pton 377 Hope & Charity, Kidderminster 382 Royal Union, Uxbridge 388 Prudence, Halesworth 403 Three Graces, Haworth 424 Borough, Gateshead 435 Hope, Brightlingsea 455 Perseverance, Ketering 466 Merit, Stamford Baron 467 Tudor, Oldham 543 Cleveland, Stokesley 607 Chicheley, Thrapston 613 Unity, Southport 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 1163 Benevolence, Sherbourne 1199 Ariculture, Yatton 1208 Corinthian, Dover 1255 Dundas, Plymouth 1272 Tregenna, St. Ives 1280 Walden, Saffron Walden 1286 Bayon, Market Rasen 1337 Anchor, Northallerton 1443 Salem, Dawlish 1477 Sir Watkin, Mold 1486 Duncombe, Kingsbridge 1502 Israel, Liverpool 1631 St. Andrew, Gorleston 1674 Carodoc, Rhyl 1741 Montgomerie, Diss 1757 King HenryVIII., Hemel Hemp. 1814 Worsley, Worsley 1895 Thames, Henley 1909 Carnarvon, Nottingham 1977 Blackwater, Maldon 2049 Ellan Vannin, Douglas, I. of M. 560 Vernon, Stourport 599 Sherwell, Banbury 660 Camalodunum, New Malton 667 Alliance, Li. arpool 681 Scarsdale, Chesterfield 779 Ferrers & Ivanhoe, Ashby'Z'ch 830 Endeavour, Dukinfield 855 Sympathy, Wotton-un.-Edge 958 St. Aubin, Jersey 960 Bute, Cardiff 1006 Tregullow, St. Day 1046 St. Andrew, Farnham 1075 St. Maughold, Ramsey, I. of M. 1089 De Shurland, Sheerness 1096 Lord Warden, Walmer 1225 Hindpool, Barrow-in-Furness 1256 Fidelity, Poulton-le-Fylde 1266 Honour & Friendship, Blandford 1276 Warren, Seacombe 1395 Wey Side, Woking Station 1424 Brownrigg of Unity, Old B'pton 1427 Percy, Newcastle-on-Tyne 1447 St. Matthew, Bart'n-on-Humber 1522 Olicana, Ilkley 1551 Charity, Birmingham 1570 Prince Arthur, Liverpool 1587 St. Giles, Cheadle 1621 Castle, Bridgnorth 1764 Eleanor Cross, Northampton 1787 Grenville, Buckingham 1799 Arnold, Walton-on-Naze 1893 Lumley, Skegness 1894 Hershel, Slough 1903 Pr. Ed. Saxe Weimar, P'tsm'th. 1941 St. Augustine, Rugeley 2146 Surbiton, Surbiton 2154 Joshua Nunn, Halstead 2155 Makerfield, Newton-le-Willows 2316 Princes, Liverpool 2339 Mistley, Manningtree 2360 Victoria, Southport 2407 Hicks-Beach, Stroud 2530 Shirley Woolmer, Sidcup 2536 Staines, Staines 2572 Tyldesley, Tyldesley 2572 Tyldesley, Tyldesley

2069 Prudence, Leeds 2074 St. Clare, Landport 2081 Golden Fleece, Leicester 2114 Prudence, Liverpool 2187 Adur, Henfield 2208 Horsa, Bournemouth

2208 Horsa, Bournemouth
2289 Blundellsands, Great Crosby
2295 Scarisbrick, Southport
2327 St. Oswin, North Shields
2349 West Lanc. Century, Blackpool
2425 Ecclesburne, Duffield
2482 Duchess of York, Manchester
2557 Temperance, Newcastle-on-T.

Tuesday.

Board of General Purposes, F.M.H.

30 United Mariner, Guildhall Tav. 73 Mount Lebanon, Southwark 95 Eastern Star, Ship and Turtle 162 Cadogan, Freemasons'-hall

at 5.

Wednesday. General Committee Grand Chapter, Board of Benevolence, F.M.H., 5. Grand Stewards, Freemasons'-hall.
7 Rl. York Perseverance, Albion
140 St. George, Greenwich
169 Temperance, Deptford
174 Sincerity, Guildhall Tavern
190 Oak, Freemasons'-hall
619 Beadon, Upper Norwood
700 Nelson, Plumstead
969 Maybury, Lincoln-Inn's-Fields 700 Nelson, Plumstead
969 Maybury, Lincoln-Inn's-Fields
1044 Wandsworth, Wandsworth
1278 Burdett Coutts, London Tavern
1349 Friars, Ship and Turtle
1382 Corinthian, Cubitt Town
1507 Metropolitan, Anderton's
1539 Surrey Masonic Hall, C'mb'rw'll
1624 Eccleston, Criterion
1673 Welcome, Holborn Viaduct H'tl.
1677 Crusaders. 2241 Cordwainer Ward, C'non St. Ho 2345 Duke of Fife, Clapham Common 2348 Lombardian, Ship and Turtle 2361 Cricklewood, Frascati 2409 Woodgrange, Forest Gate 2456 Chanc'y Bar, Hall Lincolns Inn 2589 Borough, Bridge House Hotel 2409 Woodgrange, Forest Gate
2456 Chane'y Bar, Hall Lincolns Inn
2589 Borough, Bridge House Hotel
20 Rl, Kent Antiquity, Chatham
121 Mount Sinai, Penzance
127 Union, Margate
137 Amity, Poole
175 East Medina, Ryde
178 Antiquity, Wigan
200 Old Globe, Scarborough
210 Duke of Athol, Denton
221 St. John, Bolton
243 Loyalty, Guernsey
246 Royal Union, Cheltentham
258 Amphibious, Heckmondwike
261 Unanimity & Sincerity, Taunton
285 Love & Honour, Shepton Mallet
290 Huddersfield, Huddersfield
311 South Saxon, Lewes
325 St. John, Salford
342 Royal Sussex, Landport
372 Harmony, Budleigh Salterton
376 Perfect Friendship, Ipswich
387 Airedale, Shipley
451 Sutherland, Burslem
504 Berkhampstead, Berkhampstead
533 Eaton, Congleton
537 Zetland, Birkenhead
535 Eaton, Framlingham
551 Faith, Openshaw
591 Buckingham, Aylesbury
592 Cotteswold, Cirencester
606 Segontium, Caernarvon
610 Colston, Bristol
620 Dartmouth, West Bromwich
63 Isca, Newport, Mon.
726 Staffordshire Knot, Stafford
750 Friendship, Cleckheaton
825 Everton, Liverpool
874 Holmesdale, Tunbridge Wells
889 Dobie, Kingston-on-Thames
934 Merit, Whitefield
938 Grosvenor, Birmingham
950 Hesketh, Fleetwood
962 Sun and Sector, Workington
972 St. Augustine, Canterbury
1019 Sincerity, Wakefield
1024 St. Peter, Maldon
1040 Sykes, Driffield
1086 Walton, Liverpool
1114 Jodda. 972 St. Augustine, Canterbury
1019 Sincerity, Wakefield
1024 St. Peter, Maldon
1040 Sykes, Driffield
1086 Walton, Liverpool
1114 Joppa, Fakenham
1129 St Chad, Rochdale
1136 Carew, Torpoint
1161 De Grey & Ripon, Manchester
1179 Rutland, Ilkeston
1212 Elms, Stoke Damerel
1246 Holte, Aston, Warwicks
1294 St. Alban, Grimsby
1301 Brighouse, Brighouse
1323 Talbot, Swansea
1334 Norman, Durham
1353 Duke of Lancaster, Lancaster
1403 West Lancashire, Ormskirk
1511 Alexandra, Hornsey
1520 Earl Shrewsbury, Cannock
1529 Duke of Cornwall, St. Columb
1544 Mount Edgcumbe, Camborne
1634 Starkie, Ramsbottom
1645 Colne Valley, Slaithwaite
1734 Trinity, Rayleigh
1774 Mellor, Ashton-under-Lyne
1797 South Down, Hurstpierpoint
1808 Suffield, North Walsham
1854 Weald of Kent, Tenterden
1868 Unity, Oldham
1973 Saye & Sele, Belvedere
1988 Mawddach, Barmouth
2050 St. Trinians, Douglas, I. of M.
2135 Constance, Consett
2153 Hope, Gosport
2203 Farnborough & N.C., Farnboro'
2258 West. Dist. U.S., E. Stonehouse
2259 St. Nicholas, Thorne
2412 Ashfield, Sutton-in-Ashfield
2434 Anderida, Eastbourne
2475 Border, Blackwater
2514 City, Liverpool
2583 St. Thomas, Tibshelf
2587 Radnor, Folkestone

Thursday.

House Committee, Girls' School, 4:30. 4·30.
6 Friendship, Criterion
23 Globe, Freemasons'-hall
55 Constitutional, Cannon St. Ho.
63 St. Mary, Freemasons'-hall
179 Manchester, Anderton's
181 Universal, Albion
813 New Concord, Guildhall Tavern
1287 Great Northern, Freemasons'-h.
1365 Clapton. Great Eastern Hotel
1420 Earl Spencer, Lavender Hill

1598 Ley Spring, Anderton's 1625 West Smitnfield, Freemasons'-h. 1901 Selwyn, Peckham 2310 London Scottish Rifles, Crit'ion.

42 Relief. Bury

56 Howard B'ly Love, L'hampton
57 Humber, Hull
96 St. Martin, Burslem
100 Friendship, Great Yarmouth
132 Unity, Ringwood
203 Ancient Union, Liverpool
215 Commerce, Haslingden
230 Fidelity, Devonport
245 Mechanics, Jersey
267 Unity, Macclesfield
268 Union, Ashton-under-Lyne
260 Worcester, Worcester
236 Samaritan, Bacup
322 Peace, Stockport
324 Moira, Stalybridge
343 Concord, Preston
345 Perseverance, Blackburn
350 Charity, Farmworth
361 Industry, Hyde
363 Keystone, Whitworth
367 Probity & Freedom, Rochdale
394 Southampton, Southampton
425 Cestrian, Chester
430 Fidelity, Ashton-under-Lyne
449 Cecil, Hitchin
450 Cornubian, Hayle
456 Forester's, Uttoxeter
469 Hundred of Elloe, Spalding
489 Benevolence, Bideford
523 John of Gaunt, Leicester
600 Harmony, Bradford
605 Combermere, Birkenhead
625 Devonshire, Glossop
659 Blagdon, Blyth
663 Wiltshire of Fidelity, Devizes
758 Ellesmere, Runcorn
761 St. John, Dursley
777 Royal Alfred, Guildford
802 Repose, Derby
833 Afan, Aberavon
900 St. George, Tewkesbury
939 Pelham, Worksop
940 Philanthropy, Stockton
971 Trafalgar, Batley
1000 Priory, Southend
1011 Richmond, Manchester
1037 Portland, Portland
1042 Excelsior, Leeds
1184 Abbey, Battle
1299 Pembroke, Liverpool
1332 Unity, Crediton
1368 St. Hugh, Lincoln
1393 Hamer, Liverpool
1404 Excelsior, Leeds
1184 Abbey, Battle
1299 Pembroke, Liverpool
1405 Concord, Prestwich
1504 Concord, Prestwich
1505 Hammer, Liverpool
1470 Chilteru, Dunstable
1512 Atlingworth, Brighton
1698 Sandown, Sandown, I. of Wht.
1672 St. Margaret, Surbiton
1673 Chordital, Huddersfield
1634 Concord, Prestwich
1674 Landport, Landport
1675 Landport, Landport
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1678 St. Margaret, Surbiton
1679 Sandown, Sandown, I. of Wht.
1672 St. Margaret, Surbiton
1673 Concord, Prestwich
1674 Concord, Prestwich
1675 Rose of Lancaster, Southport
1675 Rose of Lancaster, Southport
1676 Chemecy, Oldham
1677 Childen, Cardiff
1677 Childen, Cardiff
1678

Friday.

Board of Management, Boys School,

143 Middlesex, Albion 1118 Oxford and Cambridge, F.M.H. 1962 London Rifle Brigade, And't'n's. 2157 St. Mark's College, H'lborn Rest 2243 Argonauts, Putney 2346 Warrant Officers, F'masons'-hall

2346 Warrant Officers, F'masons'-hall
152 Virtue, Manchester
271 Royal Clarence, Brighton
347 Noah Ark, Tipton
541 De Loraine, Newcastle-on-Tyne
993 Alexandra, Levenshulme
1108 Royal Wharfedale, Otley
1311 Zetland, Leeds
1330 St. Feter, Market Harborough
1357 Cope, Sale
1389 Fenwick, Sunderland
1644 Alma Mater, Birmingham
1773 Albert Victor, Pendleton
1794 De Vere, Nottingham
2063 St. Osyth Priory, Cl'ct'n-on-Sea

2231 Talbot, Stretford

Saturday.
715 Panmure, Cannon Street Hotel
1139 South Norwood, S. Norwood P.
1185 Lewis, Wood Green
1329 Sphinx, Camberwell
1364 Earl of Zetland, Guildhall Tav.
1732 King's Cross, Anderton's
1767 Kensington, Kensington

2308 Viator, Anderton's

416 Surrey, Reigate
811 Yarborough, Brighton
1126 Oakwood, Romiley
1556 Addiscombe, Croydon
1671 Gostling Murray, Hounslow
1897 Citadel, Harrow Station
2035 Beaumont, Kirkburton
2318 Lennox Browne, B'khurst Hill
2437 Downshire, Wokingham
2458 Eton, Eton

In a recent issue of the "Jewish Chronicle" reference was made to the distinction conferred on Rev. G. J. Emanuel, who was made a Provincial Grand Chaplain in English Freemasonry, this being considered to be a unique honour. A correspondent of our contemporary writes from Buenos Ayres to the effect that Bro. Dr. Henry Joseph P.M. P.D.D.G.M. has been for many years and is still District Grand Chaplain of the District Grand Lodge in Argentina, working under the Grand Lodge of England. Bro. Joseph is also now an old Chaplain of his Mother Lodge, the Excelsior, of which the late Bro. Hess was one of the principal founders, over forty years ago. Many English Lews there founders over forty years ago. Many English Jews there, continues the correspondent, are Masons, and have held various offices in the English Lodges of the District. In the German Lodges the community is largely represented, and several others of various nationalities belong to the native Lodges working under the Argentine Grand Orient.

Bro. Gidley P.P.G. Treasurer of Devon has achieved a record which falls to the lot of few Masons. At the installation banquet of St. John Lodge, No. 70, on Wednesday, 27th ult., the Worshipful Master Bro. C. Moore referred to the fact that Bro. Gidley that day completed the fiftieth anniversary of his installation as W.M. of Fortitude Lodge, No. 105. Bro. Gidley suitably acknowledged the compliment. To have been a Past Master for half a century is something nobody in the Three Towns, or possibly in Devon and Cornwall, can now set claim to. For the remaining years that belong to him Bro. Gidley is assured of an honoured seat in every Lodge in the locality.—"Western Mercury."

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SATURDAY, 13TH JANUARY 1900.

WEST LONDON ELECTION ASSOCIATION.

THE general meeting of the West London Masonic Election Association was held at the Town Hall Tavern, Kensington, on Thursday, 4th inst., and was numerously attended.

Bro. W. Fisher A.G.P. was unanimously voted to the chair of President, in the unavoidable absence of Bro. W. Hillier P.M.

Bro. Craggs P.M. the worthy Treasurer dwelt at some length on the great influence the Association had attained in the district, not only in concentrating the voting facilities, but also gathering in many votes that through forgetfulness would be lost. He urged all present to endeavour to get Brethren they were acquainted with to join.

Bro. Arthur Williams Secretary stated that the Associations are in a healthy and flourishing and districtions.

tion was in a healthy and flourishing condition, and he trusted they would continue to be as fortunate with their candidates for the Institutions as in the past. He proposed a vote of thanks to Bro. Fisher for presiding, which was unanimously carried.

Bro. John A. Collings Organist of the Playgoers Lodge, No. 2705, and the popular pianist of many London Lodges and Societies, announces his annual concert for Monday next, the 15th inst., at the Suffolk Street Galleries, Pall Mall East, S.W., when a splendid array of talent will appear. Bro. Collings is so well known to London Brethren that we need hardly recommend him to their kindly consideration; but we hope they will rally round him, and that the result of the concert will be as satisfactory as the programme provided.

Books of the Day.

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Boy Life on the Prairie. By Hamlin Garland, illustrated by E. W Deming.-Macmillan and Co., Ltd.

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Author, illustrator and publisher have done their best. They have given us an attractive volume and deserve our thanks. We wish to point out (and trust that other reviewers will do so too) how difficult it is to handle such a subject satisfactorily. This book upon life on the open prairie in Iowa is not a treatise on manners, it is not a novel, it is not a study of natural sights and sounds; it is something of all three. To write such a book is like trying to ride several horses at once, and who is sufficient for these things? Mr. Hamlin Garland has done all that could be reasonably looked for. He has narrated some entertaining incidents; he has given us some vignettes from nature; he has given us some graceful essays in descriptive verse. Such a book, however, courts criticism; it suggests comparisons not always favourable to the author. One is sometimes apt to envy those who have read little. We enjoyed our perusal of "Boy life on the Prairie," but we entertain a shrewd suspicion that our enjoyment would have been deeper had not Hugh Miller, Thoreau, Gilbert White, and Richard Jefferies sometimes come between us and the page. But criticism is ungracious where so much is worthy of commendation. Perhaps, among the many good things in this book, we ought to make special mention of the indefatigable labours of Lincoln in learning to plough; the terrible fury of the great blizzard, when cattle starved and were frozen in their stalls, and the wind blew the water out of the pails; the chapter on prairie game and the verses entitled "A summer mood." The illustrations are good; for Mr. Deming has been careful that they should really illustrate the text. Altogether this book is a welcome addition to that rapidly growing American Literature of which we are all so proud. To add worthily to that literature which can boast an Emerson, a Hawthorne, a Longfellow and a Lowell, is no easy task; but it is a task which is being yearly accomplished by several eminent men "across the silver streak.

The Making of Europe. By "Nemo." A simple account of the origin and formation of the principal countries and states of modern Europe (3s 6d).—Thomas Nelson and Sons.

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Messes. Nelson deserve our thanks for a volume so carefully printed and so light in weight. We wish, however, that the author had provided us with an index. Lacking that, readers are as much at a loss for purposes of reference as with Gibbon's History or Johnson's Lives of the Poets. We hope to see the day when every work in biography, criticism and history shall be provided with a thoroughly reliable and exhaustive index. "Something too much of this." Dr. Johnson, had he read "The Making of Europe," would have repeated his famous dictum that a man will turn over a whole library to make a new book. "Nemo" has used the arts of compression skilfully. He has compiled a handbook that should prove a boon to many, and we know of no volume better suited to the requirements of students who are preparing say for an University Extension Examination. The whole gist of the subject lies within these three hundred pages. In short, "Nemo" has done for events what Hallam did for books; and when we remember, with Pope, that to err is human, we are agreeably surprised to find how free from obvious error these pages are. The errors, where we have noted any, are errors of manner rather than of matter. A few remarks appear to us rather childish, as, for instance, where the traits and characteristics of the Turk are commented upon. We have been reminded, too, of a remark of Mr. John Morley about Emerson; for we have noticed a certain straining after epigrams that do not always come. "Nemo" has, however, done us a good service. He has told us much that is eminently useful, and the reader who does not benefit by a perusal of this volume must be qualifying for a corner in the twentieth century Dunciad.

Gulliver's Travels. By Johnthan Swift. Edited by G. Ravenscroft

Gulliver's Travels. By Jonathan Swift. Edited by G. Ravenscroft Dennis, B.A., London. Bohn's Standard Library. Vol. VIII of the prose works of Jonathan Swift, D.D. Edited by Temple Scott, with a biographical introduction by the Rt. Hon. W. E. H. Lecky, M.P.— George Bell and Sons.

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It is hardly necessary to say that this is a fine edition of a celebrated work. Messrs. Bell have cared for the outfit; Mr. Lecky has written the introduction; Mr. G. Ravenscroft Dennis is responsible for the text. The name of Swift is one of the greatest in English Literature, and "Gulliver's Travels" is the best known of all Swift's writings. It has had almost as many readers as "Robinson Crusoe," the Arabian Nights," or the "Pilgrim's Progress." It was first published in 1726—the era of Gay's "Beggar's Opera," and of Savage's "Miscellanies"—the era of such eminent men as Pope, Arbuthnot, Addison, Steele and Bentley, some of whom were warm in its commendation. We question whether Swift is seen at his bost in "Gulliver's Travels"; readers of this edition will discover for themselves that he is sometimes tedious and often gross, and it is only necessary to read a few pages in order to learn why this book is hardly a suitable present for young ladies. But it is, nevertheless, a book which, as the advertisements sometimes say, no gentleman's library should be without. We have had many editions of "Gulliver's Travels" in our hands, and think it only just to express the opinion that the one Messrs. Bell have sent us is, on the whole the most satisfactory. It is more to our liking than that in the edition of Swift's writings issued in fifteen duodecimo volumes many years ago; it is more correct than the edition cared for by Sir Walter Scott. The student of literature who is fortunate enough to possess the whole of Swift's prose writings in Messrs. Bell's eleven volumes may rest assured that their edition is not likely to be superseded in a hurry. Dr. Johnson tells us that the travels of Mr. Lemuel Gulliver were read, on their first appearance, by high and low, by the learned and the illiterate. We heartily wish this volume a similar reception, and are anticipating with pleasure the publication of the Literary Essays in a subsequent volume.

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ILITARY LODGES. The Apron and the Sword, or Freemasonry under Arms; being an account of Lodges in Regiments and Ships of War, and of famous soldiers and sailors (of all countries), who have belonged to the Society, together with biographies of distinguished Military and Naval Brethren, and anecdotes showing the influence of Masonry in warfare. By Robert Freke Gould (late 31st Foot, barrister-at-law) Past Senior Grand Deacon of England, P.M. Nos. 92 and 2076 London, 153 Gibraltar, 570 Shanghai, and 743 1st Batt. East Surrey Regiment, &c. Author of "The History of Freemasonry," and other Works.

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Entertainment Dotes.

Shaftesbury.—In the course of transferring "The Mystical Miss" from the Comedy to the Shaftesbury we must certainly say Mr. De Wolf Hopper has not allowed anything to be lost. If this amusing piece was a success at the first house, it is certainly more so at the latter. It has been livened up in several places, fresh songs and business introduced, while the imaginary game of billiards played between Mr. De Wolf Hopper and Miss Jessie Mackaye is a thing to be remembered. Mr. Hopper is a clever and amusing comedian, and in "The Mystical Miss" scores well; his peculiar style and voice admirably suits the part of Demidoff, the conjurer, and from first to last he works hard and achieves success. Mr. Harold Blake is good as Prince Boris, and shares with Miss Nella Bergen the vocal honours of the piece. Miss Bergen scores a great success in her card song. Mr. Henry Norman acts well as the Grand Duke, and is heartily applauded for his "Tommy Atkins" song. Other members of the cast make their mark, and we shall be surprised if the piece does not have a good run.

Gaietv.—To-night (Saturday) is the last night of the successful piece

Gaiety.—To-night (Saturday) is the last night of the successful piece "A Runaway Girl," and the Theatre will remain closed for a short time for the final rehearsals of "A Messenger Girl," by Messrs. Alfred Murray and J. T. Tanner. From all accounts the new piece will be as welcome as many of its predecessors at this well known house.

Adelphi.—On Monday next Messrs. George R. Sims' and Arthur Shirley's me'odrama, "The Two Little Vagabonds" will be revived, with a very strong

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Grand.—It has often been asked, Why do not our Theatres produce more pantomimes with now plots, rather than so continually rely on the Arabian Nights stories? In some cases this is done, but we feel inclined to doubt if it would be wise to do so in all. The old, old tales, so well known and beloved by our younger children—and in many cases by our older ones too—with the bold, wicked uncle or robber, the happy principal boy and girl, and the ever welcome immortals, are received with the same applause year after year. Take, for instance, the Grand's latest production—The Forty Thieves—written by Mr. Fred Bowyer, with music by Mr. W. T. Gliddon, and arranged and produced by Bro. H. A. Freeman. Here we have a pantomime of the good old rollicking sort, full of fun and merriment, no vulgarity, yet everything that can be desired. Opening in the Valley of the Golden Egg we follow the fortunes of the Forty Thieves, with Ali Baba, Mrs. Ali Baba, Ganem—the dashing principal boy—and all the rest of the well known characters in an up-to-date pantomime, through scene after scene, the wave of merriment rolling on without a pause until the curtain falls at the end. Mr. Bowyer's book is full of good things, and the jokes, topical allusions, and funny sayings never seem to be thrown away on the audience. Mr. G. R. Hemsley is responsible for the scenery, and never before has the Grand had such taking and attractive scenes for its pantomime. The Oriental ballet, which brings the first half to a conclusion, is something to be remembered, the dresses, grouping and dancing being of the very best. The "World's Stamp Review" shows us a collection of foreign stamps.—a rare treat for those who may indulge in the hobby of collecting, and interesting to others also. At the end is the usual transformation scene, and here Mr. Hemsley scores one of his well known successes. "The Valley of Lillies," as it is called,

Mohawk Minstrels.—The merry band of Minstrels at the Agricultural Hall, Islington, are receiving hearty support in their new Christmas programme. All the old favourites are well supplied with good songs, &c., and the full company do themselves justice in the screaming farce "The Belle of Burnt Cork." One is sure to thoroughly enjoy the fun. On Monday last, Mr. G. R. Sims' new patriotic song, "The British Volunteer," was introduced into the programme, by Mr. Will Lansdowne.

It is with regret we hear of the illness of Mr. Forbes Robertson, more so as it has been the means of keeping him out of the cast of "The Sacrament of Judas," transferred from the Prince of Wales's Theatre to the Royalty. "The Canary," with Mrs. Patrick Campbell in the cast, is going strong, and is likely to be popular for some time to come.

THE annual meeting of the Actors' Benevolent Fund, with Mr. Beerbohm Tree in the chair, will be held on Tuesday, 23rd inst., at Hor Majesty's

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REPORTS OFMEETINGS.

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. Installation of Bro. John Wyatt Simeons.

It said, where, by reason of the excellent example set by the Past Masters, and the care taken in the selection of Officers, a respectful and reverent rendering of the ritual may always be depended upon. This remaik applies with particular force to the Confidence Lodge, which is now in its 110th year, having been consecrated in 1790, and it was therefore with considerable pleasure that we obeyed the summons to attend at Anderton's Hotel, Fleet Street, on Monday last, to be present to witness the completion of a most successful year in the history of the Lodge, and the commencement of a new one which gives every promise of adding to the high reputation alike of the Lodge and its new ruler Bro. John Wyatt Simeons. We were not surprised to see the annual meeting so largely attended, as the gatherings of the past and its reputation for perfect working has made the Lodge one of the most popular in the metropolis.

There was a full agenda of business before the members, and as a consequence proceedings were opened shortly after three o'clock by Bro. George Spice, who was supported by the following Officers and Brethren: John W. Simeons S.W. W.M.-elect. Metcalfe Baillie acting J.W., J. E. Fells P.M. Treasurer, E. J. Davey P.M. Sec., Sidney Fells S.D., T. Kington P.M. acting J.D., E. H. Lough Org., II. Haughton acting I.G., L. G. Reinhardt Tyler; Past Masters E. Pennock I.P.M., T. Kington, W. A. Cubitt, S. Webb, F. Nightingale, S. Smithers, J. K. Pitt P.P.G.D. Surrey (Hon. member); together with Bros. T. Goodchild, J. Cuttney, W. Hattersley, J. Done, W. Osborne, G. Kemble, G. Forman, E. T. Davey, H. Jones, E. Tippen, W. Carr, C. Way, J. Taylor, G. Baker, G. Bushill, John H. Bigg, C. Brain, E. Gasheron, J. Webber, E. Walesbey, J. Compet Turner, L. Parker, G. Barlow, J. Westley, J. Mendoza, F. Pribul, J. Delmonte, J. Staal, &c.

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The Lodge was resumed to the first degree, and Bio. George Nimber being present answered the questions, was entrusted and retired; the Lodge was again advanced, and that Brother was passed to the degree of Fellow Craft.

The W.M. seemed to enjoy the working, and again resumed the Lodge to the first degree, when the ballot was taken for Mr. Alexander Ernest Green, which proved unanimous in his favour, and in due course he was initiated into the mysterics of the Craft.

The Lodge Auditors' report was received and adopted, from which we perceive that not only are the funds of the Lodge in a highly satisfactory condition, but the various Masonic and other Charities have been supported, and the Benevolent Fund considerably increased during the year.

The Lodge was again opened in the second degree, when the W.M. declared all Offices vacant, and appointed Bro. E. Pennock I.P.M. S.W., and Bro. Kington P.M. J.W. to assist him during the ceremony of installation, for which Bro. John Wyatt simeons was presented as W.M.-elect. Bro. G. Spice addressed him upon the duties of the high office to which he had been elected, and Bro. Simeons signified his assent to the ancient charges and took the customary obligation. The junior Brethren were than requested to withdraw for a short time, while a Board of Installed Masters—about thirty in number—was declared, and Bro. Simeons was conducted to the chair in accordance with ancient tradition. The Brethren were re-admitted, and the new Master was proclaimed and saluted, the entire ceremony and subsequent addressess being impressively rendered by Bro. George Spice, who received the applause and appreciation of the Brethren.

The new Worshipful Master proceeded to invest his Officers, as follow: George Spice I.P.M., S. W. Fells S.W., Metcalfe Baille J.W., J. E. Fells P.M. Treasurer, E. J. Davey P.M. Secretary, T. Whiffen (nominated) S.D., G. F. H. Bushell J.D., R. M. Owen I.G., T. Kington P.M. D.C., F. Haines P.M. Steward, E. H. Lough Org. and A.D.C., W. Haughton Assist Steward, L. G.

Presented by the Brethren of the Confidence Lodge, No. 193, to Bro. George Spice,

in appreciation of his efficient services as W.M. during his year of office, 1899-1900

Bro. Spice most cordially thanked the Worshipful Master and Brethron for their handsome gift, and promised to say a few more words about it later in the evening.

The Secretary read messages of regret from Brethren for unavoidable

and after some other Masonic transactions the visiting Brethren absence. tendered their congratulations to the W.M., and that concluding the business of the evening the Lodge was closed in perfect harmony, and the meeting was adjourned.

The Installation Banquet was held in the large hall, and reflected the highest credit alike on the Proprietor of the Hotel and Bro. Wagstaff the Manager, whilst Bro. Collins, in his usual attentive manner, superintended the repast. The menu card was of an unusually novel design, and bore the portrait of the W.M. The banquet was only what might be expected from one who is the possessor of "La Cordon Rouge," our Bro. Simeons owning that distinction.

Appreciation having been shown to the exquisite dinner, Bro. Simeons sounded the gavel and rose to submit the toast of the Queen and Prosperity to the Craft, saying it was the first toast he had the honour and privilege to propose, and it needed no words from him to commend it to their acceptance. It had been proposed by more eloquent speakers, but never with greater sincerity than he then submitted it.

The next toast was that of the M.W.G.M. the Prince of Wales. We had a ruler of whom all Brethren were proud. The Prince had so much identified himself with Freemasonry in general that he had become a necessary portion of it.

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The next toast the W.M. had the honour to propose was that of the M.W. Pro Grand Master Earl Amherst, the Deputy G.M. the Earl of Warwick, and the rest of the Grand Officers present and past. In the Grand Officers they had a body of gentlemen who set a noble example, and spared neither time nor money in the cause of Freemasonry.

Later on the I.P.M. Bro. Spice took command of the gavel for the purpose of proposing the health of the Worshipful Master. The Brethren knew Bro. Simeons well, and must have noticed the able manner in which he had invested his Officers. It was evident they had the right man in the right place. He had had the pleasure of being his intimate friend for the last thirty years, and he knew the W.M. as one of the best-hearted fellows they could possibly meet with. Bro. Simeons had done everything in his power for the welfare of the Craft and the cause of charity. He trusted the W.M. would have the same attention he had received from the Brethren during his year of office, and concluded by wishing his successor every prosperity.

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Bro. Simeons, on rising to respond, was greeted with a real Confidence fire. He said he felt very deeply the honour and dignity of the office to which he had been appointed, and in being installed in the chair of so honourable and ancient a Lodge as the Confidence. He would do everything in his power to further the interests of the Lodge, and thanked the L.P.M. for the very kind manner in which the toast had been proposed, and the Brethren for the enthusiastic manner in which it had been received.

The W.M. said he had now a most pleasant duty to perform, in proposing the toast of the L.P.M. He felt especially pleased that one of his first official duties had been to present his predecessor with the Past Master's jewel which had been voted to him by the Lodge, and he could but again express the hope that Bro. Spice would live to wear it for many years in prosperity and health, and that they might enjoy the advantages of the knowledge of Preemasonry of which he was the possessor. He could assure them that with Bro. Spice at his side he had little fear of the success of his year of office.

The L.P.M. thanked the W.M. most heartily for proposing his health in such a very kind manner, and the Brethren for receiving it in so cordial a way. He was proud to have accepted the position of Worshipful Master. After all, if a Brother wished to succeed he must attend to his work, and he strongly advised the younger members to attend the Instruction Lodge. It was with a certain amount of regret he had to leave the chair, but of course he knew he had to make room for another. He was pleased to say the Lodge was in a glorious condition, and proud that he had had several initiates during his year of office. He had tried hard to giv

The health of the Treasurer and Secretary was next proposed, the W.M. regarding Bro. Fells as one of the best; always in his place and always willing to assist those who desired it. Of the Secretary Bro. Davey he could not say enough. He was sure the Lodge could not do without him; he was always the first to look after the interests of the Lodge, and always found time to give advice and assistance as required. He had very arduous duties to perform, for a Lodge with ninety-eight members entailed a great amount of work.

The Treasurer and Secretary made suitable response.

The Past Masters of the Lodge were next toastel, the W.M. saying they were the pillars of the Lodge. It was by their industry and hard work in the past that they were enabled to show the Lodge in such a proud position,

Bro. Cubitt, in response, said he was pleased to hear the kind remarks of the W.M. Being a member of the Lodge for over thirty years he knew the great advances that had been made.

The Officers of the Lodge were next toasted, the W.M. saying he was sure he had selected the right Brethren, and hoped they would retain the good opinion of the members of the Lodge.

Bro. Lough responded on behalf of Bro. Fells S.W. Bro. Baillie J.W. highly appreciated the compliment paid him. Other Officers responded.

Prior to the call of the Tyler it was felt by a very large number of those present that distance from home necessitated a much too early termination to one of the most enjoyable meetings held in connection with this popular Lodge.

An excellent programme of music was provided by and under the able direction of Bro. E. H. Lough the talented Organist of the Lodge.

Bro. John Wyatt Simeons was initiated into Freemasony in the Confidence Lodge, on 10th October 1892, and has served the offices of Inner Guard, Junior and Senior Deacon, and Junior and Senior Warden. He was exalted into the Royal Arch Degree in the Fellowship Chapter, No. 2535, on 7th December 1896. For the past six years he has acted as Secretary of the Woodrow Lodge of Instruction, No. 1708, of which he was one of the founders. He has served six Stewardships on behalf of the Masonic Institutions, and done much to advance their interests among his fellows—a worthy Mason he, in every sense of the word. in every sense of the word.

ST. MICHAEL LODGE, No. 211.

A T the meeting of this Lodge, held at the Albion, Aldersgate Street, E.C., on Tuesday, Bro. F. W. Berry was elected as W.M. for the ensuing year, and Bro. A. B. Spawforth was chosen as Treasurer in succession to Bro. Alfred Green, who has been compelled to resign the position, held for many years, in consequence of ill health. The installation will take place on 13th February.

PROVINCIAL.

SCIENTIFIC LODGE, No. 88.

THE installation meeting of this Lodge, which is now 146 years old, took place at the Lion Hotel, Cambridge, on Monday, 8th inst., when Bro. Frederick John Moden was installed as W.M., in succession to Bro. H. S. Davison. The large attendance included Bro. Colonel R. Townley Caldwell Provincial Grand Master of Cambridgeshire, Sir J. E. Gorst, M.P., Past Grand Junior Warden of England (who was initiated in the Scientific Lodge many years ago), and Bro. McKay Past Grand Sword Bearer of England.

The ceremony of installation was performed by Bro. H. S. Davison W.M., while Bro. Frank Piggott P.P.J.G.W. did the proclamation and working tools, and Bro. J. H. Moyes P.P.G.S.B. gave the charges.

SUN LODGE, No. 106.

THE installation meeting was held at Exmouth, on Monday, 8th inst., when Bro. H. W. Crews was installed by Bro. W. H. Perry P.P.G.D.D.C. The banquet was subsequently held at the Imperial Hotel.

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MARQUIS OF GRANBY LODGE, No. 124.

N the 2nd inst. there was a large attendance at the Masonic Hall, Old Elvet, Durham, on the occasion of the installation of Bro. J. Rickerby S.W. who was supported, in addition to the members of the Marquis of Granby, by a number of visiting Brethren from other Lodges in the Province. The ceremony of installation was very ably performed by the retiring W.M. Bro. A. Hollingworth.

At the conclusion of the business the Brethren adjourned to the banqueting hall, where refreshments were served and the usual Loyal and Masonic toasts were heartily drunk, several of the Brethren present contributing to the harmony of the evening.

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ST. PETER LODGE, No. 419.

A T the Star and Garter Hotel, Wolverhampton, on Thursday, 4th inst., the installation took place of Bro. Sidney Dean as Worshipful Master. Amongst those present were the Installing Master Bro. John N. Lester, the W.M.s of Honour, Tudor, Noah's Ark, and Staffordshire Knot Lodges, and other distinguished Brethren of Provincial and sister Lodges.

A banquet was partaken of, the company numbering about seventy. Selections of music were excellently rendered by the Brethren of the Lodge.

ROYAL NAVY LODGE, No. 429.

THE annual installation meeting was held at the Royal Hotel, Ramsgate, on Wednesday, 3rd inst., when Bro. A. H. Hale was installed as W.M. for the ensuing year. A banquet was held afterwards and was served in Bro. Roach's usual excellent style.

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LOYAL MONMOUTH LODGE, No. 457.

THE installation festival was held at the Masonic Hall, Monmouth, on Tuesday, 2nd inst., when Bro. A. H. Preece was installed by Bro. C. C. Powell P.M.

The Brethren subsequently dined together at the Beaufort Arms Hotel. Fraternal wishes were sent to Bro. Colonel Noel-Noel P.M., who is at present in Ladysmith.

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SILURIAN LODGE, No. 471.

THE annual festival and installation meeting took place on Wednesday, 3rd inst., at Newport, Mon., the installation ceremony being held at the Masonic Hall, Dock Street, when Bro. Fred J. Roberts was installed by Bro. Tom Shute P.M.

There was a large and influential gathering of Masons from the Province

of Monmouthshire and the adjoining Province of the Eastern Division of

At the conclusion of the business of the Lodge there was an adjournment to the King's Head Hotel, where the newly installed Worshipful Master presided over a banquet, at which about seventy were present.

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ZETLAND LODGE, No. 603.

THE ordinary monthly meeting was held in the Masouic Hall, Bath Road, I Tofts, Cleckheaton, on Tuesday, 9th inst., when the fullowing members of the Lodge and visiting Brethren were present:—Bros. Alfred Thornton W.M., W. Armitage I.P.M., H. E. Hodgson S.W., F. Newsome J.W., R. W. Warrener S.D., Jas. Clough P.M. Treasurer, L. R. Wood Secretary, J. Holden D.O., R. H. Jackson O.G., S. Mortimer P.M. Charley Stoward, George Blackburn P.M., Henry Waddington P.M., Chas. F. Forshaw L.D. (FineMason's Chronicole), John Birkhead, W. Young, C. H. Burrows, Alfred Hall, Cooper Jowett, S. Townond, Allan Drake, W. H. Hudson, W. H. Haworth, W. H. Sharp, and J. W. Barry.

Visiting Brethren: D. Macauley, M.D., L.R.C.P., 61, J. T. Last P.M. 2321 P.P.G. Register, H. S. Holdsworth 408 P.P.G.D.C. All. Robertshaw 448 P.P.G.D., Alderman Richard Hodgson P.M. 448, J. Robertshaw 448 P.P.G.D., Alderman Richard Hodgson P.M. 448, I. Robertshaw 448 P.P.G., Alderman Richard Hodgson P.M. 1750, Harry Thornton 887, J. P. Varley 1736, W. Clegg 1034, and C. Broekhorn P.M. 750.

The Lodge was opened with solemu prayer in the first, second and third degrees respectively, and the Worsbipful Master-elect Bro. H. R. Hodgson S.W. duly obligated, his brother, Alderman R. Hodgson P.M. 448 presenting to him the tools of a Worsbipful Master. All below the rank of installed Master retired while Bro. Hodgson was installed W.M. of the Lodge. On reentering the Brethren saluted the new occupant of the Chair in the usual manner, who then proceeded to invest his Officers for the ensuing year, as follow:—Bros. Frank Newsome S.W., R. W. Warrener J.W., S. Halliday P.M. Chaplain, J. Clough P.M. Treasurer, L. R. Wood Secretary, J. Holden S.D., A. Heaton J.D., R. H. Jackson D.C., A. Townend Organist, G. Tetlow The Lodge was closed in peace and harmony at 6.30 p.m., after which the Brethren celebrated the feetival of St. John.

After a most excellent menu had been done thorough justice to the toat list was dealt with. Bro. Hodgson proposed the Qu

We are met to-night as you're aware
Under certain circumstances—
To welcome Brother Hodgson in the chair
Under the circumstances:
As W.M. of 6 0 3,
A better Brother there could not be,
And a Happy Year we trust he'll see
Under the circumstances!

Never once during the evening did the fun flag—all went merry as a wedding bell, everyone kept within due bounds, and each Brother went home feeling thoroughly convinced that he had had his due, looking forward with eager anticipation in the near future to another visit to 603.

0 0 0 HAULEY LODGE, No. 797.

T the annual meeting, held at Dartmouth, on Monday, 8th inst., Bro. Edmund Pike S.W. was ably installed as W.M. for the ensuing year by Bro. W. R. Wedlake W.M., assisted by Bro. J. Conroy Oldrieve Prov. G.A.D.C.

The banquet was afterwards held at Bro. Underwood's Commercial Hotel, where the W.M., instead of placing champagne on the table, announced that he contributed five guineas to the Fortescue Annuity Fund.

EARL OF DURHAM LODGE, No. 1274.

A T the regular meeting on Wednesday, 3rd inst., at Chester-le-Street, the chief business was the installation of Bro. S. Shepherd S.W., the ceremony of installation being impressively performed by Bro. F. Bolam W.M., assisted by Bro. Legg P.M. P.P.G.St.B.

The festival of St. John the Evangelist was afterwards held at the King's Head Hotel, when Bro. Lamb P.M. provided a substantial banquot. About sixty Brethren sat down.

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CHRISTOPHER LODGE, No. 2309.

THIS Lodge met at the Christopher Hotel, Eton, on the 8th inst. In the unavoidable absence of the W.M. Bro. E. D. Everard, who was detained on business in the Isle of Wight, Bro. R. J. Manlove P.M. presided.

There was a goodly muster, and amongst those present were Bros. J. Bailey 948, H. C. Holdup 1728, A. Allan Hope 1687, W. M. Ridley S.W., F. G. Pacey J.W., R. S. Cobden S.D., J. Bailey as J.D., A. E. Trigg as I.G., W. Brown Steward, and C. P. Bellerby P.M.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read by Bro. Cobden, and were passed and confirmed. The ballot for Mr. William A. E. Holdup being unanimous he was duly initiated, rather impressively, by the acting W.M.

Bro. James Hemming P.M. 2398 having arrived he occupied the chair and opened the Lodge in the second degree. Bros. W. H. Street and A. Luker answered the questions capitally and were entrusted. The Lodge was opened in the third degree and they were raised to the sublime degree of M.M., in a perfect rendering of the beautiful ritual, such as only an eloquent Preceptor, like Bro. Hemming, could deliver; after which he gave an interesting exposition of the use of the operating instruments of a Master Mason.

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It being election night, with fraternal unanimity Bro. W. M. Ridley became W.M.-elect, Bro. C. P. Bellerby P.M. Treasuror, Bro. D. Ellis Tyler (re-elected), and Bros. W. Brown and Holdup were added to the Audit Committee.

A Past Master's jewel was cordially voted to the W.M. Bro. Everard. The amended Bye-Laws were passed for printing and circulation. Bro. Cobden made an eloquent appeal on behalf of the Charities. A very hearty vote of thanks was accorded to P.M. Bro. J. Hemming, for the able services given by him to the Lodge, which Bro. James sweetly acknowledged and then closed.

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An excellent repast was provided by Bro. Page, to which due justice was done, and at this entrancing function P.M. Bro. C. Bellerby presided and forwarded the proceedings with fluent energy.

The usual toasts were duly honoured; Bro. Ridley was warmly acclaimed as W.M.-elect, Past Master Bellerby was congratulated as Treasurer, and Bro. Holdup, as the Initiate, was carefully attended to and duly honoured. The three Brothers briefly acknowledged the compliments.

The Officers and Visitors were accorded a bumper, and Bros. Cobden, Manlove, Hemming, Hope and Garrett acknowledged the same.

The Tyler's toast finished a thoroughly enjoyable meeting, and some twenty Brethren returned to town in a spacious G.W.R. salcon.

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CLARENCE LODGE, No. 2386.

A N important gathering of local Masons took place at the Masonic Hall,
Chester, on Thursday evening, 4th inst., the occasion being the
installation of Bro. Joseph Potts as Worshipful Master. The installation
ceremony was performed by Bros. J. Thomas P.M. and Edward, P.M.
At the conclusion of the business the Brethren sat down to a banquet.

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CONFIDENCE LODGE, No. 193.

N Wednesday, at the Buuch of Grapes, Lime Street, E.C., Bros. J. W. Simeons W.M., S. Fells S.W., Metcalfe Baillie J.W., J. K. Pitt P.M. Sec. acting Prec., J. Wynman S.D., F. W. Clark J.D., G. Carr I.G., W. Hattersley, T. Goodchild.

The Lodge was opened to the second degree, and Bro. Goodchild was examined and entrusted. the third ceremony being rehearsed. Lodge was resumed to the first degree, Bro. Clark was examined, and the ceremony of passing was rehearsed.

Bro. S. Fells was elected to preside on Wednesday next.

ROYAL ALFRED LODGE, No. 780.

N Thursday, at the Star and Garter Hotel, Kew Bridge, Bros. E. Wilcox W.M., D. Heath S.W., E. C. St. Aubyn J.W., F. M. Ridley acting Prec., A. H. Bridger Sec., H. R. Worth S.D., J. Wynman J.D., H. J. Cousin I.G., L. G. Williams, H. T. Johnson.

The ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, Bro. Williams acting as candidate.

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Bro. Heath W.M. No. 2012 was elected to preside on Thursday next.

The working of that Brother being well known we expect to see a grand meeting, and we are sure the Brethren will receive a real Masonic treat.

RANELAGH LCDGE, No. 834.

ON Friday, 29th ult., at the Six Bells Hotel, Hammersmith, W., Bros Arthur Williams P.M. W.M., R. Reid P.M. S.W., J. H. Cumming P.M. J.W., W. Hinds P.M. Treasurer, F. Craggs P.M. Sec., H. J. Couseus W.M. 172 J.P.M., G. T. Meek S.D., K. M. Ross J.D., M. F. Wilkins I.G., H. A.

Barnett, and others.

Lodge was opened to the third degree, and resumed to the second. Bro. Barnett was examined and entrusted. Lodge was resumed to the third degree, and the ceremony of raising was rehearsed. Lodge was resumed to the first degree and called off and on. Bro. Williams vacated the chair in favour of Bro. Cousens, who having resumed the Lodge to the second degree, rehearsed the ceremony of passing.

Bro. Reid was unanimously elected to occupy the chair at the next meeting. As it was the last gathering for the year 1899, the W.M. closed at an earlier time than usual, and the Brethren spent a pleasant hour in conversation, &c.

N the 5th inst., Bros. John H. Cumming P.M. W.M., K. M. Ross S.W., M. F. Wilkins J.W., W. Hinds P.M. Treasurer, F. Craggs P.M. Sec., Arthur Williams P.M. Preceptor, T. J. Meek S.D., F. J. Hayward J.D., A. Barnett I.G., and several others.

The W.M. rehearsed the initiation ceremony, having Bro. Meek as candidate, and then he opened the Lodge to the third degree, afterwards electing down

Bro. Ross was elected to fill the chair at the next meeting.

FINSBURY PARK LODGE, No. 1288.

O^N Saturday, at the Old Cock Tavern, Highbury, N., Bros. Edward Parker W.M., John W. Key S.W., T. A. Key J.W., H. Hill P.M. Prec., W. Sycklemoore P.M. Treas., John Thom acting Sec., G. A. Grant S.D., A.J.

Davis J.D., M. Johnson I.G., W. Hudson, M. Taylor P.M., T. Edmonds P.M., W. Pocklington P.M., F. Parkington P.M., W. T. Bichardson, A. E. Chisman, J. Parker, T. Elvin, E. Baker, E. Rawlinson, Dixon P.M., T. Moore, T. Gray G. Foster, J. Wynman, W. Bead P.M.

This being the first meeting in the new year there was a very good attendance, and after the usual formalities the ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, Bro. Hudson acting as candidate. This being ended the W.M. proceeded to examine Bros. Elvin and Rawlinson, who having answered the questions in due form were entrusied. The Lodge was opened in the second degree, and the ceremony of passing was rehearsed.

Bro. J. W. Key was elected W.M. for to-day (Saturday).

Bro. Dixon with sorrowful regret informed the W.M. and Brethren of the untimely death of Bro. Haines, who had been a member of the Lodge for many years, and proposed that a letter of sincere sympathy and condolence be sent to his son, Gaughter, and relatives, also that a wreath should be sent by the members of the Lodge, for which the Brethren most liberally subscribed.

NEW CROSS LODGE, No. 1559.

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N Tuesday, at Bro. Lake's, the Kemble's Head, Long Acre, Bros. Knill W.M., B. G. Lacy S.W., E. Beadle J.W., J. D. Graham P.M. Prec., G. Faaz Sec., R. W. Foster S.D., L. Lake J.D., W. Quinton I.G., W. Messinger P.M., A. Swash, C. Johnson, Fred Payne, J. Wynman.

The ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, Bro. Payne candidate. Bro. Foster was examined as a candidate for passing, and that ceremony was gone through, Bro. Johnson J.W. 2206 giving the explanation of the Tracing Board.

Bro. Lacy was elected W.M. for Tuesday next.

Bro. W. B. Messinger proposed that the first annual supper of the Lodge be held on Tuesday, 30th inst., Bros. Messinger P.M., Lacy, Lake and Beadle being elected the Stewards.

Bros. Lacy, Lake and Fred Payne were elected Auditors of the Lodge

0 0 CRANBOURNE LODGE, No. 1580.

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N Tuesday, 2nd inst., at the Red Lion Hotel, Hatfield, Bros. M. Johnson W.M., C. G. Smith S.W., John Gray J.W., F. W. Robinson P.M. Prec., J. Aird S.D., J. Wynman J.D., W. J. Richardson I.G., B. Grand P.M., W. J. Canning, J. Webb, and others.

The ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, Bro. Canning acting as candidate. Bro. Robinson P.M. proposed a vote of thanks to Bro. Grand for having again visited the Lodge, previous to his leaving England for South Africa, at the same time wishing him God speed, and a safe return; a sentiment which the Brethren heartily endorsed.

Bro. C. G. Smith, who is well known among Hertfordshire members of the Craft, will preside on Tuesday next, 16th inst. Bro. Canning was elected a member.

a member.

Bros. Grand, Smith and Canning severally responded to the compliments paid them, and the Lodge was closed.

HAMMERSMITH LODGE, No. 2090.

N Wednesday, 3rd inst., at Wycombe House, Hammersmith, Bros Goldby W.M., Wood S.W., F. Cave J.W., H. Warren Treas, acting as Sec., W. Hıllier P.M. Preceptor, W. H. Cave S.D., H. Mair J.D., J. H. Cumming P.M. I.G., C. Pascall, Bratt, W. G. Cave, G. T. Meek, Greenwood, Johnson, Hunt, and others.

Lodge was opened to the second degree, when Bro. Meek was examined and entrusted. Lodge was opened in the third degree, and called off and on. The W.M. gave the traditional history.

Bro. Barnett was elected a member, and as next meeting is for the benefit of Officers in the Mother Lodge the present W.M. Bro. Pascall will take the chair.

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It gives us great pleasure to notice how well this Lodge of Instruction is attended since its removal to the beautifully constructed premises placed at its disposal by our esteemed Bro. Currie.

ROYAL VICTORIAN JUBILEE LODGE, No. 2184.

(LATE TERRIERS.)

N Wednesday afternoon, at 3 o'clock, at the Dover Castle Hotel, Westminster Bridge Road, Bros. W. Parkinson W.M. 1589 as W.M., Dr. J. Allen S.W., W. Carter J.W., A. Darch P.M. Preceptor, W. J. Newstead Sec., C. B. Andrews S.D., E. Sinclair J.D., T. F. Strutt I.G., H. Clark, P. Page, J. Wynman.

Lodge was opened in the three degrees and resumed to the second, when Bro. H. Clark was examined and entrusted, the third ceremony being re-

Bro. Allen was elected W.M. for next Wednesday.

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CHAPTER OF FIDELITY, No. 3.

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THE installation meeting of this Chapter took place on Friday of last week, at the Freemasons' Hall, Great Queen Street, W.C. Comp. H. J. Lardner M.E.Z. presided, and was assisted by Comps. Wyndham Hart H, Samuel Cochrane P.G. T. as J., William Radcliffe P.Z., C. E. Birch P.Z., A. W. Weeks P.Z., F. McDougall P.Z., Major T. C. Walls P.Z., J. Mapleton P.Z., W. J. Collens P.Z., Eustace Anderson P.Z. 22, H. Potter Rose 1622, Dr. W. C. Clark, J. Bryant, Orlion Cooper 1928, and many others.

The only business before the Chapter was the installation of the Principals and the investiture of the Officers for the ensuing year; therefore, after the minutes of the previous meeting had been read and confirmed, the Companious retired and a Board of Installed Principals was formed. Major Wyndham Hart M.E.Z.-elect was presented by Comp. Radcliffe, who acted throughout as D.A., and was dely installed in the First Prioripal's Chair. Comp. Coch ene, who only accepted the office at the earnest solicitation of the Chapter, was invested as Haggai; and Comp. Joseph Ithell Birch was regularly installed as Joshua. The ceremonies were admirably rendered by

Comp. Lardner, who fully merited the approbation of the Companions, and

the handsome jewel that was bestowed upon him.

The following Officers were appointed: Comps. W. J. Collens S.E., J. C. Pratt S.N., Joseph Heming Treasurer, Arthur B. Spawforth P.S.. J. Cooper and Campbell Assistants, H. Birch D.C., A. E. Samuel Steward, and Goddard

and Campbell Assistants, H. Birch D.C., A. E. Samuel Stewar 1, and Goudard Janitor.

Comp. Mapleton, in accordance with his notice of motion, proposed that the sum of five guineas be voted from the Charity Fund of the Chapter to the Mansion House Transvaal War Fund for Widows and Orphans. This was seconded by Comp. Radcliffe, and carried unanimously. Comp. Collens stated that, anticipating the desire of the Chapter, he had already forwarded a cheque for the amount.

The Chapter was then closed, and the Companions adjourned to the Freemasons' Tavern, where the banquet was served. A very pleasant evening followed.

ECCENTRIC CHAPTER, No. 2488.

A T the annual Festival of this popular Chapter, held at Golden Square, on Friday, 5th inst., Comp. J. R. Cleave P.Prov.G.J.Surrey was installed as M.E.Z., Comp. Lionel W. Harris as H., and Comp. Walter Clifford as J. The officers were invested, and Bro. Willie Drew, of Lodges 157 and 2488 was exalted to the Supreme Degree. The Companions subsequently dined together at the Eccentric Club.

THE WAR IN SOUTH AFRICA.

THE Proprietor of Beecham's Pills desires us to state that he will be pleased to send a gratis box of Beecham's Pills, postage paid, to any individual soldier now on active service in South Africa, in whom any of our readers are interested, if they will send to St. Helens an address which will find their absent friend at the seat of war. He adopts this course having received so many letters complaining that Beecham's Pills cannot at present be obtained at the front.

MASONRY IN CUBA.

ARRIVED in Havana last Thursday and was surprised to see in the paper that an American Lodge was about to be instituted under the Grand Lodge of the Island of Cuba. I at once went to the office of the Grand Secretary Senor Aurelio Miranda, with whom I afterwards went to visit Havana Lodge, and found it to be the first English-speaking Lodge on the Island of Cuba, composed of some of the most energetic Masons that could ever come together in any part of the world. Bro. E. W. King hails from the State of Texas, and holds the important office of W.M., Bro. William B. Knight S.W. hails from the State of New York, Bro. George N. Rowe J.W. hails from the State of Texas, and Dr. Henry Dejan Secretary and Representative to the Grand Lodge, almost indispensable on account of his perfect knowledge of the Spanish language, hails from the Republic of Chili. The Lodge was duly consecrated.

Bro. Calixto Farjardo G.S.W. acting G.M. addressed the

Brethren as follows:

W.M. and dear Brothers of Havana Lodge: I feel much regret in not being able to express myself more fluently in your language, to praise the acts done by you and consummated in this day's work. I wish to congratulate you first upon your success in bringing your Lodge within the constitution of the Grand Lodge of the Island of Cuba and installing it within its jurisdiction. Your enthusiastic membership portend much honour and pleasure to the Cuban Craft. I congratulate you upon your membership and your earnestness; I trust that your Lodge may soon be a Masonic beacon that will cast Masonic light throughout the Island of Cuba, and help to strengthen the ties of friendship and brotherly love between the people of the United States of America and the Island of Cuba. In conclusion, permit me to invoke the blessing of the Great Architect of the Universe for the prosperity of your Lodge, yourselves and your families, and for the prosperity of all the Grand Lodges of the United States of America.

Bro. A. H. Gamel, of Havana Lodge, replied in the name of the Lodge to the G.M. Several other speeches were made by different Brethren, all praising American Masonry. After the ceremonies we had an elegant banquet, which was something new to the Cuban Masons, as they have never been in the habit of meeting thus in public.

Remigio Lopez.

Havana, Cuba, 18th Oct.—" Masonic Standard."

The fifteen sections will be worked in the Alexandra Palace Instruction Lodge, at the Station Hotel, Camberwell New Road, S.E., on Saturday, 27th inst., commencing at 6.30 p.m. Bro. Chas. Johnson J.W. 2206 Secretary will act as W.M., with Bros. W. S. Whitaker P.M. 1572 Preceptor as I.P.M., C. L. Plant P.M. 101 Assistant Preceptor as S.W., and F. W. Trotter 2182 as J.W.

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The Theatres.

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Adelphi.—Monday, 15th January, Two Little Vagabonds.

Avenue.—8, An old Admirer. 8:45, A message from Mars. Matinée, Wednesday and Saturday, 3.

Court.—8:30, A Royal Family. Matinée, Saturday, 2:30.

Criterion.—8:15, A pretty piece of business. 8:50, The Masked Ball.

Matinée, Saturday, 3.

Daly's.—8:15. San Tov. Matinée Saturday, 2:30.

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Drury Lane.—1·30 and 7·30, Jack and the Beanstalk.

Duke of York's.—8, A bad Penny. 8·30, Miss Hobbs. Matinée, Saturday

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2:30.

Garrick.—1:30 and 7:30, Puss in Boots.
Globe.—8, The Gay Lord Quex. Matinée, Wednesday and Saturday, 2.

Haymarket.—7:50, The Bugle Call. 8:30, She stoops to conquer. Matinée, Wednesday and Saturday, 2:15.

Her Majesty's.—8, A midsummer night's dream. Matinée, Monday, Wednesday, and Saturday, 2:15.

Lyceum.—2:15, and 8:15, The Snow Man.

Lyric.—8, Florodora. Matinée, Saturday, 2:30.

Prince of Wales's.—8, The Only Way. Matinée, Saturday, 2.

Princess's.—8, How London lives.

Royalty.—Saturday, 2:7th January, The Sacrament of Judas, and the Canary.
Savoy.—8:15, The Rose of Persia. Matinée, Saturday, 2:30.

Shaftesbury.—8:15, The Mystical Miss. Matinée, Wednesday, and Saturday, 2:15.

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Strand.—8·15, The Grey Parrot. 9, The wrong Mr. Wright. Matinée, Wednesday and Saturday, 2·30.
Terry's.—8·15, Jerry and a Sunbeam. 9, Jane. Matinée, Wednesday and Saturday, 3.
Wyndham's.—8·15, Dr. Johnson. 9, David Garrick. Matinée, Saturday, 3.
Alexandra.—7·30. Sinbad the Sailor. Matinée, Thursday and Saturday, 1·30.
Grand.—7·30, The Forty Thieves. Matinée, Monday, Wednesday, and Saturday, 1·30.
Opera House. Crouch End.—Next week, 2, Alice in Wonderland. 8, A

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Gaiety Girl.
Standard.—2 and 7.30, Cinderella.
Surrey.—7.45, Little Goody Two Shops. Matinée, Monday, Wednesday, Thursday, Saturday, 1.30.

Alhambra.—7.45, Variety Entertainment. Napoli, &c.
Aquarium.—The world's great Show. Varied Performances, daily.
Empire.—7.50, Variety Entertainment. Ordered to the Front. Round the Town again, &c.
London Pavilion.—8, Variety Entertainment.
Oxford.—7.30, Variety Entertainment, &c. Saturday, 2.15 also.
Palace.—7.45, Variety Entertainment. New American Biograph, &c. Saturday, 2.2 also

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Royal.—7·30, Variety Company. Saturday, 2·30 also.

Tivoli.—7·30, Variety Entertainment. La Belle Sufficuse, &c. Saturday,

Agricultural Hall.—8, Mohawk Minstrels. World's Fair, &c.
Crystal Palace.—Varied attractions daily. 3 and 8, Grand Circus,

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Egyptian Hall.—3 and 8, Mr. J. N. Maskelyne's entertainment.
London Hippodrome.—2 and 8, Giddy Ostend, &c.
Madame Tussaud's (Baker Street Station).—Open daily. Portrait models of modern celebrities, &c.
Moore and Burgess Minstrels (St. James's Hall).—Every evening at 8, Tuesday, Wednesday, and Saturday at 3 and 8.
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