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## MASONIC UNITY.

**H**APPILY the occasions are very rare in Freemasonry when its Lodges or individual Brethren are in open antagonism one with another, but even in the best regulated families there must at times be differences of opinion, and so it is in Freemasonry there are occasions, exceptional though they be, when unanimity does not reign supreme, and when discord makes itself apparent.

Such a case recently occurred in the Mark Degree, when the Grand Lodge had to assert itself against a body of Brethren in Lancashire, Cheshire and Derbyshire, who were working what they termed a Grand Mark Lodge in actual, if not directly active, opposition to the Grand Mark Lodge of England and Wales and the Colonies and Dependencies of the British Crown. Happily good counsels prevailed, and all has now ended satisfactorily, as a reference to our report of the proceedings will show. We congratulate the Brethren primarily concerned on the happy ending of the trouble, trust their Lodge may have a long and prosperous future, and that none of them may ever have occasion to regret having so far given way as to bow to recognised authority. In Freemasonry, of all human Institutions, there should be naught but harmony and unanimity.

We tender our hearty congratulations to Bro. Sir Alfred Newton, Bart., the Lord Mayor of London; and to Sir Alfred H. Bevan Grand Treasurer of England, one of the Sheriffs; who, with their companion Mr. Alderman Treloar, have been specially honoured by Her Majesty—the former with a baronetcy, the two latter with knighthoods—not only in accordance with the custom which has prevailed with reference to Royal visits to the City, but to mark Her Majesty's sense of the distinguished services which the City of London has rendered to the Empire within the last few months.

The Queen has been graciously pleased to appoint Brother Colonel (local Major-General) Sir Francis Reginald Wingate, K.C.M.G., C.B., D.S.O., A.D.C., an Ordinary Member of the Military Division of the Second Class, or Knights Commanders, of the Most Honourable Order of the Bath, in recognition of his services during the pursuit and defeat of the Khalifa in November last.

Brother Lord Sandhurst, G.C.I.E., who has just retired from the Governorship of Bombay, has been appointed by Her Majesty a Knight Grand Commander of the Most Exalted Order of the Star of India.

The Marquis of Zetland Provincial Grand Master North and East Yorkshire has been created by Her Majesty a Knight of the Order of the Thistle, in the room of the late Marquis of Lothian.

H.R.H. the Duke of Connaught has not yet fixed the date for laying the foundation stone of the new Schools at Bushey, for the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys, but in all probability it will be on a day in the second or third week of May.

## WEST LANCASHIRE CHARITY.

**U**NDER the chairmanship of Bro. Major J. D. Murray Past Grand Treasurer of England a special meeting of the Committee of Management of the West Lancashire Alpass Benevolent Institution (established for the maintenance of the widows of Freemasons), was held on the 7th inst., at the Masonic Hall, Hope Street, Liverpool. There was a large and influential attendance of the chiefs of the Order interested in the Charity.

The particular business was the consideration of an offer received from the Lord Lathom Memorial Committee, with regard to the advance of money for the purpose of making a presentation of a candidate, or of more than one candidate, for the foundation of the London Charity. After considerable discussion it was resolved to accept the money at 3 per cent. interest, and subsequently to arrange as to the amount to be paid for the Annuitant on the funds of the Metropolitan Institution.

## NEW LODGE FOR SOUTH DEVON.

**T**O meet a long felt want—a Lodge assembling in the afternoon in the South Devon district—Bro. the Rev. J. Henning P.P.G.C. P.M. 1456, of Cockington, and Bro. F. J. W. Crowe P.P.G.O. P.M. 328, of Torquay, have obtained signatures to a Petition for a Lodge to be established at the Parish Room, Cockington, Torquay. The acting Prov. G. Master Brother Major Davie, D.L., P.A.G.D.C. Eng. has "recommended" the Petition, so there is little doubt that H.R.H. the Prince of Wales M.W.G.M. will assent to the prayer. The title of the Lodge is to be "The Lodge of the Three Pillars." The other signatories to the Petition are Bros. the Rev. T. H. I. Child P.P.G.C. P.M. 750, W. Pierpoint Roberts P.M. 1358, Rev. W. E. Windle P.P.G.C. P.M. 710, T. C. Lindop 328, H. Square P.M. 2641, Rev. J. H. Jones 2641, Rev. E. C. Atherton P.P.G.C. P.M. 328, Dr. Wiggin 328, His Honour Judge Woodfall P.G.J.D. Eng. P.M. 2022, Dr. Grimbley P.P.G.D. P.M. 1138, the Right Hon. Lord Churston P.P.G.S.W. P.M. 548, Dr. Sykes 242, Superintendent Roberts 109, A. H. Dymond P.P.G.R. P.M. 112, Leonard Lees 1358, and H. G. Michelmore 1138. The career of the Lodge will be locally watched with great interest. It is intended to be mainly a professional Lodge for South Devon. The first three Officers nominated are the Rev. James Henning W.M., W. Pierpoint Roberts S.W., and Rev. W. E. Windle J.W. Bros. Lindop and Crowe have consented to act as Treasurer and Secretary respectively pro tem.

## MARK GRAND LODGE.

**A** MOVABLE Grand Lodge of the Mark degree was held at Dukinfield, on the 17th ult., and created considerable interest in the district and, in view of the peculiar circumstances under which the gathering took place, may be said to have marked one of the most important events in the modern history of the Order—the establishment of unity in a district where for some years past a schism has existed.

It will be remembered that some time back Mark Grand Lodge took action against the Ashton District Lodge of Mark Master Masons, which had been in existence a great number of years, and held the designation of a "travelling" Mark Lodge, holding its meetings in Lancashire, Derbyshire, and Cheshire, but which did not own allegiance to the Grand Lodge of Mark Masons of England, Wales, &c., the members rather regarding themselves as an independent Grand body. After some amount of controversy the members arranged to

wind it up, give the balance of its funds to the Charities, and make application to Grand Lodge for regular constitution and recognition as a subordinate Lodge, with precedence in accordance with the long existence it had enjoyed.

The prime mover in this work of reconciliation was Bro. Dr. Thomas D. Foreman P.P.G.W.Lancs., and, as will be seen later on, his services have been fully recognised by Grand Lodge, while locally he has won respect and esteem among a very large circle of Brethren, one and all of whom regretted what at one time promised to cause serious trouble, and a deplorable split in the camp of Masonry in the three counties more intimately concerned.

Upwards of a hundred Brethren were present at the Grand Lodge meeting at Dukinfield, the preliminary proceedings at which were commenced by the Hon. Alan de Tatton Egerton, M.P., Provincial Grand Mark Master of Cheshire, who formally re-obligated fifty-three old members of the Ashton Lodge. A large number of members of Grand Lodge were then announced, and they entered in procession, chief among the number being the Pro G.M.M. of England the Earl of Euston, who, on assuming the chair at once opened Grand Lodge in ample form. After the usual salutes and preliminary business had been despatched, he requested the Grand D.C. to bring forward Bro. Dr. Foreman, on whom was conferred the past rank of a Grand Overseer of England, for the services rendered by him in bringing about the happy events of that day. The Grand Secretary having stated the special objects on account of which Grand Lodge was being held in Dukinfield, and there being no further business, Grand Lodge was closed.

The Pro Grand Master then proceeded to consecrate and dedicate the Ashton District Lodge, proving he was a perfect master of the ritual in every detail. The oration on the nature and principles of the Institution by the Grand Chaplain Rev. C. Chetwynd Atkinson, D.D., was of the highest order, and the musical arrangements under the Grand Organist Bro. Westlake Morgan were simply perfect. The Grand Secretary Bro. C. F. Matier assumed the chair after the consecration, for the purpose of installing Bro. Dr. T. D. Foreman as W.M. Needless to say his rendering of the beautiful ritual was a masterpiece, and worthy of the acknowledged greatest exponent of Mark Masonry in the kingdom.

On investing Bro. Hulme as acting I.P.M., the W.M. reminded him that he (Bro. Hulme) was the last of a long line of Masters of the old Lodge, who for at least a century had maintained the high reputation of that Lodge as he (Dr. Foreman) was the first Master under the new order of things, and he felt little doubt he would have as many successors in the coming years as Bro. Hulme had had predecessors under the older régime.

Bro. Foreman, in the name of the Brethren of the reconstituted Lodge, tendered sincere thanks to the Earl of Euston and all the Grand Officers for their services on the happy event of the re-union with Grand Lodge. It was a red letter day in the history of Masonry in the thriving Province of Cheshire, and would be remembered for many years by those whose good fortune it was to be connected with the inauguration of an epoch in their history. The new W.M. concluded by thanking Bro. Matier Grand Secretary for the impressive manner in which he had installed him in the chair of A.

Bros. Lord Euston, Egerton, Matier, Col. Dean, A. H. Jefferis, R. Newhouse, Wm. Goodacre, and Chas. Belton were elected hon. members, an honour the Pro Grand Master acknowledged on behalf of himself and the others.

The Pro Grand Master and his Officers then retired, and the Lodge was closed by the W.M. The banquet was of the most recherché character, and was partaken of by a large number of Grand and Prov. Grand Officers.

The loyal toasts were received with enthusiasm, after which the W.M. proposed the Right Hon. the Earl of Euston M.W. Pro Grand Master. His Lordship, in responding, mentioned the recent difficulty, now happily arranged, between Grand Lodge and that Lodge, which was all owing to the latter calling itself a Grand Lodge; and as there could only be one Grand Lodge of Mark Masons in England, that over which H.R.H. the Prince of Wales presided, they were bound to take strong measures. They could and did not interfere on any other ground, and he was delighted that any soreness was a thing of the past and that their differences had that day been finally settled in a way honourable to all alike.

The W.M. proposed the Prov.G.M.M. the Hon. Alan de Tatton Egerton, M.P., and referred to the long and intimate connection of the Egerton family, not only with Cheshire, but more particularly with Masonry in the Province.

In responding, the Prov.G.Master spoke at some length on the connection between his brother and himself and Cheshire Masonry. He said they both fully recognised that, placed as they were in a somewhat onerous position, they owed a duty in many public capacities to the county, but in none did they derive greater pleasure than when engaged in discharge of those connected with the Masonic Fraternity.

Bro. C. F. Matier P.G.W. G.Sec. briefly responded for the Grand Officers, and Bro. Col. C. S. Dean D.P.G.M.M. Cheshire responded for the Prov. Grand Officers.

The Earl of Euston Pro Grand Master, in a felicitous speech proposed the toast of the W.M., and paid a high tribute to Dr. Foreman's effort, which had materially resulted in bridging over the difficulties which had hitherto existed.

Bro. Dr. Foreman most ably replied, thanking Earl Euston for the kind and eulogistic expressions he had used, and the Brethren for the enthusiastic manner in which they had received the sentiment. It had been his earnest endeavour all though the correspondence and negotiations of the past, to display a true Masonic spirit in adjusting the existing difficulties, with the view of effecting union, honourable alike to all; and whilst not attempting to conceal errors of commission on his part, or that of his Lodge, he now felt that by their kind and considerate action, and candid explanations, a perfect unity of sentiment existed between them, and that the Earl's words, in conjunction with those of the Provincial Grand Master, had smoothed every asperity of feeling, and that complete harmony and unity now existed, which it would be his endeavour to foster for the good of the Order and the prosperity of the Lodge in its new dispensation under the Grand Lodge of England.

Other Mark toasts followed, and this most memorable day was brought to a happy close. It will long continue to be associated in the minds of the Brethren with pleasant recollections of the past. The meeting was large and representative, comprising the most prominent and influential Mark Masons of Cheshire, Lancashire, and neighbouring Provinces, there being twenty Grand Lodge Officers and upwards of forty Provincial Grand Officers present, besides many Masters, Past Masters, and Brethren of Private Lodges.

#### SOUTHEND MASONIC HALL.

**B**RO. W. Y. HOBBISS, the Architect, announces that the tender of Mr. Ernest West, of Chelmsford, has been accepted by the Directors of the Masonic Hall Co., Ltd., for the addition of a Hall to the present building, this forming the second contract of the full scheme. It is expected that the Hall will be ready by June. The tenders were as follow: Shelborne and Co., £1,115 8s; T. Whur, £1,095; Davis and Leaney, £1,077; F. Dupont, £1,065; A. J. Golding, £1,034; E. West, £977.

The war correspondent of the "Daily Mail" mentions that a Masonic Lodge was held under very exceptional circumstances at Kimberley, during the siege of that town. It is not stated under which banner the Lodge was held, but it is to be hoped further particulars may be forthcoming, as they would be highly interesting, as the occasion is possibly unique.

#### "A SPRIG OF ACACIA."

**W**E notice with regret that Bro. C. W. Garthorne, brother of Mr. Kendal, whose illness we referred to in our issue of 24th ult., on page 96, terminated with painful suddenness a fortnight since.

**T**HE death is announced of Bro. Saville Williams, a well-known Rochdale Brother, who for many years has taken an active interest in sport, particularly cricket and football. He was a member of the Committee of the Rochdale Cricket Club, and a Past Master of the local Masonic Lodge. When the Yeomanry left recently for South Africa he presented each member with a sovereign.

**O**N Friday, 9th inst., at Ipswich, died Bro. John Hunt, a member of the electrical engineering department of the G.E.R. Company. Bro. Hunt, who was sixty years of age, entered the Company's service when the Government took over the telegraphs, prior to which he had been assisting under private companies at the laying of submarine telegraph cables from Lowestoft to the Continent on board the steamships Monarch and Lady Carmichael. He was an ardent Freemason, and his decease will be sincerely regretted.

### CHURCH SERVICES.

ON St. John's Day, 27th December last, the District Grand Lodge of Bengal made arrangements for the holding of a special Service at the Calcutta Cathedral. Bro. Weldon, Lord Bishop of Calcutta, consented to preach the sermon, and also very kindly allowed the members the use of his palace for the purpose of meeting together, prior to marching in procession to the Cathedral. Over 300 members responded to the invitation, among them being Bro. H. E. Lord Sandhurst Pro District Grand Master Bombay, and some of his Officers, while there was also a large number of the public present at the Service.

As soon as all the members of the Lodges had taken their respective places, the Clergy walked up the Aisle, Bro. the Rev. Cole leading, followed by Bro. the Ven. Archdeacon Stone, Bro. the Rev. W. Luckman, Bro. the Rev. W. K. Firminger, who carried the Pastoral Staff, and Bro. Bishop Weldon.

The Service was opened by the singing of the hymn "Hail Architect Most High." The prayers were intoned by Bro. the Rev. W. Luckman, while the special lesson appointed for the occasion was read by the Venerable the Archdeacon.

The Lord Bishop then preached the sermon, taking as his text Revelations xxi 22: "And I saw no temple therein: for the Lord God Almighty and the Lamb are the temple of it."

His Lordship said: In the long history of the Jews no event was more striking or inspiring than the building of the temple under King Solomon. The temple was designed to be exceeding magnificent, of fame and of glory throughout all countries, for which Hiram, King of Tyre, sent his timber in abundance, and cedar trees and fir trees and algarum trees out of Lebanon, and a cunning artist to grave them. Its rich adornments, its porch, its pillars, its precious stones, its brazen altar, its molten sea, its lavers, its candlesticks and silver and gold, and all the instruments that were put among the treasures of the House of God, rendered it stately and splendid, above all that the eyes of men had seen, or their thoughts had imagined. It rose from the ground mysteriously. There was neither hammer nor any tool of iron in the house while it was building. If I may quote the well known lines of Bishop Heber, nowhere perhaps more appropriate than in this Cathedral:—

"No workman's steel, no ponderous axes rung.  
Like some tall palm, the wondrous fabric sprung  
Mysterious silence."

And when the Temple was finished, the King dedicated it in language which must have lifted the minds of his hearers from the Temple upon earth to the City of God not made with hands. "The Heaven, and Heaven of Heavens," he said, "cannot contain Thee; how much less this house which I have built. Hear Thou in Heaven Thy dwelling place, and when Thou hearest, forgive."

From that day there dawned upon the Jewish minds a new conception, a conception of a national faith, associated with the splendid edifice, and that conception never died away and never faded from the recollection of the people. You can hear it in the pathetic words of the Prophet Isaiah when he lamented: "The holy and beautiful house where our fathers praised Thee is burnt up with fire, and all our pleasant places laid waste." You can hear it in the prophetic vision of Haggai, after the restoration from captivity. "The glory of this latter house shall be greater than the former, saith the Lord of Hosts, and in this place will I give peace, saith the Lord of Hosts."

Brethren, I may pause to remind you that it was the words of our Lord Jesus Christ Himself respecting the temple of His body—the words so strangely misunderstood which were construed into blasphemy, and so strong was the feeling of the Jews as to the temple, that when He hung upon the Cross, passers-by pointed the finger of scorn at Him, saying: "Thou that destroyed the Temple and buildest it in three days, save Thyself." And now, St. John in his Apocalypse, looking upon the Holy City which he saw in his vision coming down out of Heaven, adorned as a Bride with her husband, would it not have been natural that he, a Jew, whose mind was instinct with Jewish thoughts, should have beheld a Temple more glorious, more magnificent than Solomon's Temple, the very centre of that Holy City. It was not so, for he writes: "I saw no Temple therein."

Brethren, there are many Temples of God on earth, there is no Temple in Heaven, and it is so, because a Temple in itself, however good, is something that divides man from man. It hallows those who worship within its walls, but

those who stand outside it leaves in the cold. The Christian church, the Mahomedan mosque, the Hindu shrine, each has a symbol of creed.

And may I not say to you that we are to-day differing in many points of belief. We, who meet for the worship of God in this Cathedral, who meet, as some of you may perhaps feel at some sacrifice of your own perditions, we are drawing a little nearer to that Celestial City wherein no Temple needs to rise, for the Lord God and the Lamb are the light of it.

Brethren, I am, as you know, a Christian in the very core and centre of my being; but it has never seemed to me to be a Christian's part to say one word that could give religious offence to anyone who does not hold the faith of Christ.

Brethren, we are all seekers, you and I, after the truth. We love the truth; we welcome the truth; we need but to open the windows of our souls to let the sunlight flash in upon us, while we honour the knowledge that may help us to realise God the better and to live more truly in accordance with His holy will. And the best way to arrive at the highest truths is to make the most of those truths we already hold in common. We believe in God. It is a great belief; it is something that we may all claim as our own; in Him we live, towards Him we aspire. There is none of us who does not reverently bow before the throne of Him, the Infinite, the Almighty, the Everlasting, in Whose sight one day is as a thousand years, and a thousand years as one day.

We believe in God, and we believe in charity. We, the Freemasons, are a charitable Brotherhood. It is our ambition to relieve, as far as in us lies, the burdens and sorrows of humanity. There is no body of men, I suppose, more distinguished, within its limits, for magnanimous charity than the Masonic Brotherhood, and to-day, within a few minutes, your support will be invited for one of those noble Institutions which are the pride of Freemasonry.

Brethren, this Service, if it knits our hearts together, cannot fail to be of interest, I would even say of profit, to us all. I cannot refrain from thanking you for being willing to meet within this Cathedral.

Let us, while life lasts, worship God within our own sanctuaries. Let us adorn our faiths by the dignity and sanctity of our personal lives. It is the highest religion, the religion most fruitful of devotion and purity, which shall spread the widest and endure the longest.

But, let us never cease to lift our eyes and our hearts from earth to heaven, from the visible to the spiritual and eternal; from the many temples of earth to the city in which no temple is seen; the city which hath no need of the sun, neither of the moon to shine in it, for the glory of God doth lighten it, and the Lamb is the light thereof.

A collection was then made on behalf of the Bengal Masonic Association, during which the hymn "Praise the Lord, ye Heavens adore Him" was sung. The sum of over Rs. 800 was collected.

The Service was brought to a conclusion by the pronouncing of the benediction by the Lord Bishop.

NEARLY a generation has come and gone since the people of Oswestry have had an opportunity of seeing a public ceremony conducted with Masonic rites, the last occasion, we believe, being the laying of the foundation stone of the Oswestry and Ellesmere Cottage Hospital by the late Sir Watkin Williams Wynn, Bart. The war appeared to some members of the Craft a fitting opportunity for a Masonic Service of intercession, and though, since the Service was first mooted, the good news has come of the relief of Ladysmith, the Service maintained its intercessory character. The Service was fixed for Holy Trinity Church, on Sunday afternoon, 4th inst., and some time before the hour for the commencement the church was filled to overflowing. The members of the Craft assembled in the vestry, and there assumed their regalia; a little after 3 p.m. the surpliced choir and clergy—who included Bro. the Rev. T. Redfern, vicar of Holy Trinity, Bro. the Rev. Norman Ogilvy, vicar of Oswestry, Bro. the Rev. J. B. Meredith, vicar of Kennerley, and the Rev. W. Pownall Owen, curate of Holy Trinity—formed in procession and marched to the north door to receive the Freemasons.

The hymn "Through the night of doubt and sorrow" was sung as a processional, and the choir led the procession up the nave, the Masons being headed by the Deputy Grand Master of the Province of Shropshire Bro. Rowland G. Venables, and the Provincial Grand Master of North Wales Lord Harlech. The procession also included four Lewises, who bore the volume of the Sacred Law, which was placed on a table at the foot of the altar steps.

The first part of the Service consisted of the second Litany from the form of Intercession, which was said by Bro. the Rev. T. Redfern. Bro. R. G. Venables read the first, and Bro. Lord Harlech the second lesson. The remainder of the Service was taken by Bro. Redfern. The Service was of a special musical character. Disappointment was felt that Bro. Maldwyn Humphreys, R.A.M., who had been announced to take part, found himself unable to do so, but the solo anthem "Thou shalt not leave his soul in hell," and the special Masonic anthem, "Hail, Masonry divine," were taken by Mr. A. Brown and Bro. J. W. Dow in a manner which must have made all feel that in them the musical life of the town had received two invaluable recruits.

The hymn before the sermon was "Peace, perfect peace."

The preacher was Bro. the Rev. J. B. Meredith W.M. of St. Oswald Lodge, No. 1124, and he took as his text the words, "Finally, my brethren, be strong in the Lord, and in the power of his might." (Ephesians vi 10). He knew, he said, that by some Masonry was regarded with derision, and as a pretext for social enjoyment. Never was there a greater mistake. He knew that secrecy might conceal that of which there was reason to be ashamed, but on the other hand we might keep secret what we felt most deeply about. That aspect of secrecy applied especially to us northern nations—we did not wear our hearts upon our sleeves. To those outside the Craft he would say there was not one secret in Masonry that did not tell of high and noble teaching.

Masonry was a religious society; let them see that they made their faith real and strong, a power that controlled them. The next of their teachings was loyalty; let their loyalty be strong, steadfast, and earnest, and not such as was over-borne by the first wave of feeling that passed over the land. Then prayer was an absolute necessity if they believed in God.

Referring to the Benevolent aspect of Masonry, the preacher said their Charities were so organised and distributed that there could be nothing about their administration that could hurt the most delicate feeling.

The offertory, which was divided between the Mayor's Fund and the Masonic War Fund, amounted to £17 5s 9d. The offertory hymn was "O, Lord of Hosts, without whose will," and the service closed with the singing of the National Anthem and the recessional hymn "The God of Abraham praise," during which the procession reformed and left the church at the west door, and returned to the vestry.

Before dispersing, the Deputy Provincial Grand Master for Shropshire Bro. R. G. Venables, on behalf of the Brethren, congratulated Lord Harlech on entering his eighty-second year. He also addressed a few words of encouragement to the "Lewises," and intimated his intention to present them with copies of the Volume of the Sacred Law. Bro. T. Owen P.G.A.D.C. ably acted as Director of Ceremonies, assisted by Bro. E. M. Gardner P.P.G.A.P. Bro. H. H. Tims presided at the organ, and was assisted by Bro. E. H. Dannatt.—"Oswestry Advertiser."

### THE RECENT SERVICE AT EDINBURGH.

THE Secretary of the Arrangements Committee (Bro. R. Wood Hawks) of the recent Masonic Service in St. Giles, Edinburgh, for the War Funds, has received the following letters from Bro. James Hozier, M.P., Grand Master Mason of Scotland:—

House of Commons, London,  
9th March 1900.

MY DEAR MR. HAWKS,—I am commanded to convey to the Arrangements Committee, and to the Masonic Lodges of Edinburgh and of Mid-Lothian generally, the thanks of Her Majesty the Queen and of the Prince of Wales for the specially bound copies of the order of Divine Service of the 4th of February, which you forwarded to me for dutiful submission. I enclose the letters which I have received to that effect. With kindest regards,

Yours very truly and Fraternaly,  
(Signed) JAMES HOZIER,  
Grand Master Mason of Scotland.

Buckingham Palace,  
9th March 1900.

DEAR SIR,—I have laid before the Queen, with your humble duty, the specially prepared copy of the Order of

Divine Service, held, under the auspices of the Masonic Lodges of Edinburgh and Mid-Lothian, in aid of the Lord Provost's War Relief Funds, on the 4th ultimo, which you have been good enough to offer for Her Majesty's acceptance. I am commanded to thank you for the same, and also to express the Queen's satisfaction at the very liberal sum collected on the occasion.

I have the honour to be, Dear Sir,

Yours very faithfully,

(Signed) ARTHUR BIGGE.

To the Hon. James Hozier, M.P.,  
Grand Master Mason of Scotland.

Marlborough House, Pall Mall, S.W.,

6th March 1900.

DEAR SIR,—I have submitted your letter to the Prince of Wales, and I am desired by His Royal Highness, in reply, to request you to convey to the Masonic Lodges of Edinburgh and of Mid-Lothian the expression of his best thanks for the copy of the book of the Masonic Service held under their auspices in St. Giles' Cathedral, Edinburgh, on Sunday, the 4th of February, which you have been so good as to forward in their name for his acceptance. He is glad to hear that the collection on that occasion reached the handsome sum of nearly £600.

I remain, yours truly,

(Signed) FRANCIS KNOLLYS.

To the Honourable James Hozier, M.P.

The re-election of the Prince of Wales for the twenty-fifth year as Grand Master of the English Freemasons—thus rendering his tenure of the position second only to that of the late Earl of Zetland, who held it for a year longer—is not the less interesting because the Heir-Apparent in his earlier manhood is understood to have more than once declined to join the Craft. This caused "Punch," as long ago as the autumn of 1868, to indulge in several verses on the theme "He Won't be a Mason," which commenced:

We need not prepare,  
For we can't get the Heir  
To make us a Joyful Occasion;  
He thinks it's all stuff  
When we play blind man's buff  
With a Free and an Accepted Mason.

"Punch" even thought that "the time had gone by" for Masonry; but those Brethren of the mystic tie who to-day rejoice over the fact that the number of their Lodges has far more than doubled in the quarter of a century the Prince has been Grand Master, will better appreciate the unconscious prophecy of the last lines of the poem averring that:

When bumpers are tipped,  
And our napkins are dipped  
In the gilded old rosewater basin,  
We'll drink to A.E.  
Whom we still hope to see  
Some day as an Accepted Mason.—"Westminster Gazette."

### LODGE MEETINGS NEXT WEEK.

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

Monday.	
1 Grand Masters, F.T.	102 Unanimity, North Walsham
8 British, Freemasons'-hall	148 Lights, Warrington
21 Emulation, Albion	236 York, York
185 Tranquility, Guildhall Tavern	248 True Love & Unity, Brixham
720 Panmure, Balham	270 R. Faith & Friendship, Berkeley
862 Whittington, Freemasons'-hall	302 Hope, Bradford
901 City of London, Guildhall Tav.	307 Prince Frederick, Hebden Bridge
1537 St. Peter, Westminster, Crtrn.	312 Lion, Whitby
1657 Aldersgate, Albion	359 Peace & Harmony, South'pton
1694 Imperial, Westminster	377 Hope & Charity, Kidderminster
2060 La France, Café Royal	382 Royal Union, Uxbridge
2489 Willesden, Willesden Green	388 Prudence, Halesworth
2545 Iris, Rainbow Tav., Fleet St.	424 Borough, Gateshead
2563 Justicia, Freemasons'-hall	455 Perseverance, Kettering
2699 Wandle, Wandsworth	466 Merit, Stamford Baron
	543 Cleveland, Stokesley
	607 Chicheley, Thrapston
	699 Roscavea, Chacewater
	737 Wentworth, Wellingboro'
37 Anchor and Hope, Bolton	
77 Freedom, Gravesend	

827 St. John, Dewsbury  
840 Scientific, Wolverton  
872 Lewis, Whitehaven  
925 Bedford, Birmingham  
949 Williamson, Monkwearmouth  
985 Alexandra, Sutton Bridge  
986 Hesketh, Croston  
1030 Egerton, Heaton Norris  
1113 Anglesea, Manai Bridge  
1141 Mid-Sussex, Horsham  
1146 De Moulham, Swanage  
1168 Benevolence, Sherbourne  
1199 Ariculture, Yatton  
1208 Corinthian, Dover  
1255 Dundas, Plymouth  
1272 Tregenna, St. Ives  
1337 Anchor, Northallerton  
1443 Salem, Dawlish  
1477 Sir Watkin, Mold  
1486 Duncombe, Kingsbridge  
1502 Israel, Liverpool  
1631 St. Andrew, Gortleston  
1674 Carodoc, Rhyl  
1741 Montgomerie, Diss  
1748 Castlemartin, Pembroke  
1757 King Henry VIII., Hemel Hemp.  
1814 Worsley, Worsley  
1895 Thames, Henley  
1909 Carnarvon, Nottingham  
1977 Blackwater, Maldon  
2049 Ellan Vannin, Douglas, I. of M.  
2069 Prudence, Leeds  
2074 St. Clare, Landport  
2081 Golden Fleece, Leicester  
2114 Prudence, Liverpool  
2208 Horsa, Bournemouth  
2289 Blundellsands, Great Crosby  
2295 Scarisbrick, Southport  
2327 St. Oswin, North Shields  
2349 West Lanc. Century, Blackpool  
2373 Hardwick, Chesterfield  
2425 Ecclesburne, Duffield  
2482 Duchess of York, Manchester  
2557 Temperance, Newcastle-on-T.  
2669 Victoria, Bradford

**Tuesday.**

Board of General Purposes, F.M.H.  
at 5.  
30 United Mariner, Guildhall Tav.  
73 Mount Lebanon, Southwark  
95 Eastern Star, Ship and Turtle  
162 Cadogan, Freemasons'-hall  
194 St. Paul, Cannon St. Hotel  
435 Salisbury, Freemasons'-hall  
704 Camden, Anderton's  
857 St. Mark, Camberwell  
1635 Canterbury, 33, Golden Square  
1805 Bromley St. Leonard, Bromley  
2021 Queen Westm'ster, Holb'n R'st.  
2022 Haven, Ealing  
2045 Wharton, Willesden  
2408 Hampstead, Haverstock Hill  
2500 Old Boys', Criterion  
2742 Eyre, Finchley-road  
2771 Yorick, Queen's Hotel  
213 Perseverance, Norwich  
223 Charity, Plymouth  
293 King Friends, Nantwich  
378 Loyal Welsh, Pembroke Dock  
384 St. David, Bangor  
386 Unity, Wareham  
414 Union, Reading  
418 Menturia, Hanley  
432 Abbey, Nuneaton  
448 St. James, Halifax  
468 Light, Birmingham  
476 St. Peter, Carmarthen  
506 Mundy Grove, Shipley Gate  
551 Yarborough, Ventnor  
560 Vernon, Stourport  
660 Camalodunum, New Malton  
667 Alliance, Liverpool  
681 Scarsdale, Chesterfield  
830 Endeavour, Dukinfield  
958 St. Aubin, Jersey  
960 Bute, Cardiff  
1006 Tregulow, 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  
1276 Warren, Seacombe  
1386 St. Hugh, Lincoln  
1410 S. Peter & S. Paul, N'p't Pagnell  
1424 Brownrigg of Unity, Old B'pton  
1427 Percy, Newcastle-on-Tyne  
1551 Charity, Birmingham  
1570 Prince Arthur, Liverpool  
1621 Castle, Bridgnorth  
1764 Eleanor Cross, Northampton  
1787 Grenville, Buckingham  
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  
2360 Victoria, Southport  
2407 Hicks-Beach, Stroud  
2530 Shirley Woolmer, Sidcup  
2536 Staines, Staines  
2572 Tyldesley, Tyldesley  
2641 Dart, Dartmouth  
2659 Northcote, Exeter  
2681 Queen, Liverpool  
2689 King's Court, Gillingham  
2747 St. Michael, Newquay

**Wednesday.**

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  
700 Nelson, Plumstead  
969 Maybury, Lincoln-Inn's-Fields  
1044 Wandsworth, Wandsworth  
1150 Buck'gham & Chandos, F.M.H.  
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  
1571 Leopold, Southwark  
1624 Eccleston, Criterion  
1673 Welcome, Holborn Viaduct H'tl.  
1677 Crusaders,  
2241 Cordwainer Ward, C'non St. Ho  
2272 Rye, Peckham  
2345 Duke of Fife, Clapham Common  
2361 Cricklewood, Frascati  
2409 Woodgrange, Forest Gate  
2589 Borough, Bridge House Hotel  
2601 Holloway, Beale's Restaurant  
2608 London C. Council, Hotel Cecil  
2743 Maida Vale, Maida Vale  
2744 Sydenham, Sydenham

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, Cheltenham  
261 Unanimity & Sincerity, Taunton  
285 Love & Honour, Shepton Mallet  
311 South Saxon, Lewes  
325 St. John, Salford  
342 Royal Sussex, Landport  
376 Perfect Friendship, Ipswich  
451 Sutherland, Burslem  
537 Zetland, Birkenhead  
581 Faith, Openshaw  
591 Buckingham, Aylesbury  
592 Cotteswold, Cirencester  
610 Colston, Bristol  
662 Dartmouth, West Bromwich  
68 Isca, Newport, Mon.  
726 Staffordshire Knot, Stafford  
750 Friendship, Cleckheaton  
823 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  
1040 Sykes, Driffild  
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 Brighthouse, Brighthouse  
1323 Talbot, Swansea  
1334 Norman, Durham  
1353 Duke of Lancaster, Lancaster  
1403 West Lancashire, Ormskirk  
1511 Alexandra, Hornsey  
1529 Duke of Cornwall, St. Columb  
1634 Starkie, Ramshotom  
1734 Trinity, Rayleigh  
1774 Mellor, Ashton-under-Lyne  
1797 South Down, Hurstpierpoint  
1842 St. Leonard, St. Leonard's  
1868 Unity, Oldham  
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  
2587 Radnor, Folkestone  
2688 Wythenshawe, Northenden  
2702 Hollingsworth, Oldham  
2725 Maristow, Yelverton  
2793 Assheton-Egerton, Altrincham

**Thursday.**

House Committee, Girls' School,  
4-30.  
34 Mount Moriah, Freemasons'-hall  
65 Prosperity, Guildhall Tavern  
66 Grenadiers, Freemasons'-hall  
99 Shakespear, Albion  
507 United Pilgrims, Southwark  
766 William Preston, Cannon-st. H.  
858 South Middlesex, Fulham  
861 Finsbury, Great Eastern Hotel  
871 Royal Oak, Deptford  
1421 Langthorne, Ilford  
1608 Kilburn, Regent Street  
1658 Skelmersdale, Camberwell  
1816 Victoria Park, London Tavern  
1974 St. Mary Abbott, Kensington  
2432 Sir W. Raleigh, Inns of C'rt Ho  
51 Angel, Colchester  
78 Imperial George, Middleton  
132 Unity, Ringwood  
202 Friendship, Devonport  
215 Commerce, Haslingden  
324 Moira, Stalybridge  
346 United Brethren, Blackburn  
348 St. John, Bolton  
403 Hertford, Hertford  
594 Downshire, Liverpool  
625 Devonshire, Glossop  
784 Wellington, Deal  
787 Beaureper, Belper  
809 United Good F'ship., Wisbech  
935 Harmony, Salford  
971 Trafalgar, Batley  
1163 Emulation, Birmingham  
1345 Victoria, Eccles  
1392 Egerton, Bury

1404 Saint Vincent, Bristol  
1418 Fraternity, Stockton-on-Tees  
1437 Liberty of Havering, Romford  
1501 Wycombe, High Wycombe  
1505 Emulation, Liverpool  
1514 Thornhill, Huddersfield  
1626 Hotspur, Newcastle-on-Tyne  
1702 Sub-Urban, Great Stanmore  
1705 Prince of Wales, Gosport  
1817 St. Andrew, Shoeburyness  
1971 Ald'shot, Army & Navy, A'shot.  
2017 Duke of Portland, Nottingham  
2101 Bramston Beach, Godalming  
2131 Brownlow, Ellesmere  
2195 Military Jubilee, Dover  
2214 Josiah Wedgwood, Etruria  
2215 Anfield, Anfield  
2263 St. Leonards, Sheffield  
2335 Cycling and Athletic, Liverpool  
2375 Hilbre, Hoylake  
2387 Manchester Dramatic, M'chester  
2462 Clarence, West Hartlepool  
2463 Bootle-Wilbraham, Knotty Ash  
2474 Hatherton, Walsall

**Friday.**

Council Boys School, Freemasons'  
Hall, at 4.  
60 Peace and Harmony, F.H.  
197 Jerusalem, Freemasons'-hall  
569 Fitz-Roy, Head Qrs. H.A.C.  
1591 Studholme, Café Royal  
2000 Earl of Mornington, Café R'yl.  
2312 London Irish Rifles, F.M.H.  
2648 Marcians, Trocadero  
1712 St. John, Newcastle-on-Tyne  
2371 Felix, Felixstowe  
2380 Beneventa, Daventry  
2681 Com. Travellers, Liverpool  
2679 Hope, Patricroft

**Saturday.**

1297 West Kent, Crystal Palace  
1584 Loyalty and Charity, Frascati  
1679 Henry Muggeridge, Anderton's  
2472 Walthamstow, Walthamstow  
1531 Chislehurst, Chislehurst  
1579 St. James, Enfield  
1777 Royal Hanover, Twickenham  
2720 Loyal Commercial, Cardiff

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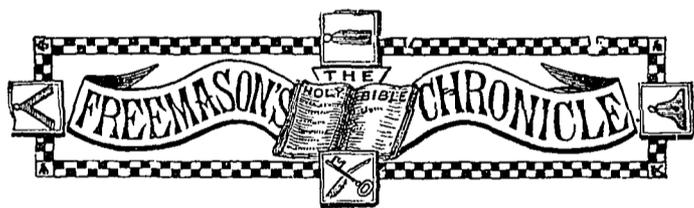
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SATURDAY, 17TH MARCH 1900.

### MASONIC TREAT TO OLD PEOPLE.

NO event during the course of a year is more eagerly looked forward to by the aged poor of Northampton than the annual treat which they receive at the hands of the Brethren of the Craft, who find their chief delight in giving pleasure to those who are not in such comfortable circumstances as themselves. The old people of Northampton had their treat at the Corn Exchange on Thursday afternoon, 8th inst., when some 760 guests were entertained to a substantial meat tea, which was followed by a capital entertainment. The arrangements for the gathering were made by a Committee, of which Bro. H. W. K. Markham and Bro. W. J. Hull were the energetic Hon. Secs.

The Committee discharged their duties with conspicuous ability, with the result that the proceedings went without a hitch from start to finish. The Hall was nicely decorated, prominent in the ornamentation being the banners of the Lodges. Tea was arranged to commence at a quarter to five, but a considerable time before that hour the guests commenced to arrive, and numerous Brethren were in attendance to find them a seat at one or other of the 26 long tables which had been arranged for their

accommodation. When the guests were all seated, and the orchestra had been filled with visitors, the Mayor, Councillor Joseph Jeffery, J.P., and the ex-Mayor, Councillor F. Tonsley, wearing their official robes, were ushered to seats, which had been reserved for them, and near to which were already seated the Mayoress and the ex-Mayoress. A few minutes later the Brethren who were present lined the gangway down the centre of the Hall and formed what might be termed a Masonic Guard of Honour, to await the arrival of the Grand Master of the Province the Earl of Euston, who was accompanied to the orchestra by the Deputy Provincial Grand Master Bro. John Haviland.

This little function over, the band—organised by Bro. Louis Warner P.P.G.O.—played the National Anthem, after which grace was sung and the meal commenced. For the next hour everybody was busy, the guests enjoying to the full the good things which had been provided, and the ladies at the tables having a busy time in attending to the wants of the visitors. In previous years the commissariat department had been under the management of Captain W. Hughes, but that gentleman is now on his way to South Africa with the Northamptonshire volunteers, and he was succeeded in the work by Captain G. S. Eunson. So well, however, had Captain Eunson followed the advice given him by Captain Hughes, and so excellent were the arrangements which he had made, that one might well have imagined that Captain Hughes himself was present directing matters. Quite a small army of Brethren, the great majority of whom were in regalia, were in attendance to assist the ladies in ministering to the requirements of the guests.

While the tea was in progress, Bro. Warner's Band gave an excellent programme of music.

Following the tea there was a distribution of tobacco and pipes to the men, and snuff to the women, while beer and mineral waters were also liberally supplied. Then came a little speech-making.

Earl Euston, welcoming the guests in the name of the Masons, said that various things had happened during the last twelve months, and the British Empire was now at war. He believed that it was thought at one time by some that that tea would not be held on account of the war. The Masons would have to do their share of supporting the men who had gone to the war, but they were not going to forget the old folk at home, and it would be a sorry day if England, because she had to put her hand in her pocket and help to keep up the honour and glory of her Queen, could not afford as well to look after those left at home. Every Englishman, and every Northamptonshire man, would give his last farthing, and himself into the bargain, if necessary. A company of Volunteers had been sent out from Northamptonshire to join the Northamptonshire Regiment in South Africa, and from their captain he had heard that the men had gone on well, and were looking forward to getting up to the battalion before the fun was all over. Those Volunteers had a hearty send-off, and they would have a real good home-coming on their return. He was pleased to see so many present, and he hoped, with his Brother Masons, to have the pleasure of welcoming them at many similar gatherings in the future.

Following a song by Mr. Harvey Reeves, Bro. J. Haviland added words of welcome to those uttered by the Earl of Euston, and said that nothing gave the Masons greater pleasure than entertaining the old folk as they were doing that night.

The Mayor said that he was pleased to be present, both as Mayor of the Borough and as a Mason. Masons believed that the secret of being happy lay in making others happy, and they were carrying that belief into practice that evening. The great fundamental principle of Masonry was charity, and the Masons had Benevolent Societies and Charities of which they were proud. The Benevolent Institution had homes where men and women were kept, or, if such men and women preferred to live with their friends, they were granted a pension; while in the schools a large number of boys and girls were being educated.

The entertainment which followed the speaking, and which was arranged by a Committee, consisted of an exhibition of views and animated photographs by Mr. C. W. Locke, of London. Two or three sets of slides were illustrative of well-known tales, and the readings were given by Bro. C. E. Thorpe. The portraits of all the British Generals at the front were shown, and heartily applauded, and a number of local pictures included portraits of the Earl of Euston, Bro. Haviland, Captain W. Hughes and Lieut. Page (who have gone to South Africa with the Northamptonshire Volunteers), and some photographs by Bro. L. Warner, among these being one of the crowd which filled the Drapery when the Reservists left Northampton for South Africa last October. The pictures were all splendidly shown, and were highly appreciated by the audience. A cinematograph exhibition by Bro. Locke concluded the programme, and the proceedings closed with the National Anthem. Each guest, on leaving the Hall, was presented with a quarter of a pound of tea.—“Northampton Mercury.”

## Books of the Day.

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**The Georgics of Virgil.** Translated by R. D. Blackmore, M.A. (1s).—Sampson Low, Marston, and Co., Limited.

This little volume makes a very eloquent appeal to our sympathies; for it was the work of one of the most eminent of the many men of genius recently taken from us. That Mr. Richard Blackmore was truly a prose poet was known to all readers of that exquisite romance "Lorna Doone," and this admirable rendering of the Georgics of Virgil shows how happy a knack of versification he likewise possessed. Mr. Blackmore has more finish than strength; he is an imitator of Pope and of Cowper rather than of Dryden or Churchill. Indeed, the distinctive qualities of these couplets, their strength and their weakness alike, are sufficiently obvious. They are almost as carefully finished as the Epistle to Arbutnot, nor do they lack the condensation of the Progress of Error; but they have not the swing and energy of Absalom and Ahitophel or The Conference. Perhaps the following lines, from the fourth book, have more of Pope than any other lines in the volume:

"Now (an I were not in a wearied sort,  
Just furling sail, and running into port),  
Rich gardens might I still attempt to sing,  
And all the troubles whence the beauties spring;  
The beds where twice the Paestan roses blow,  
The endives joy to drink the runnel's flow,  
Banks green with parsley, and waylost in grass  
What lordly paunch our encumbers amass."

In fact, it may be safely said that Mr. Blackmore has here done everything that the nature of his task would permit. As our readers are aware no exact translation is possible from verse into verse. At best such a rendering can be but a paraphrase, the sense of which approximates more or less nearly to the sense of the original. Young ladies who read French will readily understand our meaning—they have only to imagine a translation of the Paradise Lost into French verse! But as a paraphrastic rendering of the Georgics of Virgil in finished heroic couplets this little book is worthy of all praise. We hope other readers may enjoy its pages as heartily as we have done. The classics are, we fear, rather in the shade just at present; but perhaps this book may kindle a fresh enthusiasm for the "dog-eared Virgil" of our youth.

**Lord Roberts of Kandahar, V.C.** The life story of a great soldier. By Walter Jerrold. With nine illustrations (2s 6d net).—S. W. Partridge and Co.

MR. WALTER JERROLD has written a good biography of Lord Roberts—the man of the hour. To do this was a somewhat difficult task, for Lord Roberts has written his own life story with conspicuous ability in his book entitled "Forty-one years in India," which we reviewed in these columns a few weeks back. This concise biography by Mr. Jerrold is to the larger work what the "Student's Gibbon" is to the monumental work of the great historian. Yet we will candidly acknowledge that this book is something more than a mere epitome. The writer has that true sympathy with, and appreciation of his subject, without which biography is seldom well written. He has, moreover, no small literary skill, and can narrate a plain story with perspicuity. Readers will find in this book a trustworthy and very readable summary of the chief events in the life of a great soldier—a man as familiar with the realities of regiments and battles as others are familiar with their written records. We congratulate Mr. Jerrold upon the fact that, while touching upon all the important episodes of Lord Roberts's career, he has avoided the common error of giving undue prominence and space to any one event to the detriment of the rest. This book is well printed and tastefully bound. May its success be commensurate with its deserts.

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IF it were days when glad religion's light  
Had not dispersed the darkness of the past;  
When men were heathen and the king of night  
Upon them all his gloomy blackness cast.  
I'd be content to have thee for my god—  
To kneel with clasped hands and pray to thee,  
To worship e'en thy birthplace—that dear clod  
Which gave thee life and sent such joy to me.  
But pilgrim-like I still may haunt thy isle  
And kiss the emerald of thy glist'ning leaf  
While voices whisper—every bud's a smile  
And every stem a comforter of grief.  
Such is thy power to calm the heart's dull ache  
I'd almost be a Pagan for thy sake!

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## THOMAS-A-BECKET LODGE, No. 2754.

THE Worshipful Master Bro. H. Carman P.M. 548 442 2535 P.P.G.Org. Norths and Hunts and one of the numerous Founders of the Lodge presided at the regular meeting held at Bro. George W. Duck's, the Thomas-a-Becket Tavern, Old Kent Road, S.E., on Thursday, 8th inst., and received the able assistance of Bros. G. Duck P.M. 1475 acting I.P.M., A. E. Remington I.P.M. and Sec. 30 S.W., T. Gibbs P.M. 1696 J.W., G. W. Duck P.M. Treasurer, Morris Davis P.M. 141 Secretary, George Brown J.W. 902 S.D., Max Wartman P.M. 1687 J.D., J. P. Torlowsky I.G., A. J. Squires and F. W. B. Watts Stewards, H. Martin P.M. Tyler.

There were also present Bros. E. W. Craddock, H. R. Boyles, D. Rosenberg, E. Jones—all these Brethren being the Founders of the Lodge—also Bro. H. Groom. Visitors: G. Ballard 2345, J. Wynman, and others.

The Lodge being formed the minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed. The Lodge was then opened in the second degree, and Bro. H. Groom was examined and entrusted. The Lodge was advanced to the third degree, and in due course that Brother was raised as a Master Mason. The Lodge was resumed to the first degree and the ballot was taken for Messrs. Henry Robert Alford and Harry Lapsley, which proving unanimous in their favour in due course they were initiated into the mysteries of Ancient Freemasonry. The working of the Worshipful Master was perfectly and impressively rendered.

There were several communications read from Grand Lodge and other quarters. The W.M. informed the Brethren that he had the pleasure of handing over to the Benevolent Institution the sum of £34 2s 6d, also that the Treasurer Bro. G. W. Duck presented that Institution with the sum of £10 10s, which announcement was received with approbation. The W.M. also informed the Brethren that he should like to represent the Lodge at the next Festival, but if any other Brother wished to do so he would be very pleased to give that Brother the opportunity; to which the Brethren replied that the duty could not be in better hands. The W.M. thanked the Brethren for their confidence, and hoped to receive the same support as had been accorded him on the last occasion.

All Masonic business being attended to the Lodge was closed in harmony, but not before the W.M. had received well earned hearty good wishes from members and visitors alike. The Brethren now adjourned to partake of an excellent repast, which reflected great credit on the esteemed host and hostess Bro. and Mrs. George W. Duck.

At the conclusion of the dinner the W.M. in eloquent style gave the toast of the Queen. At her great age to honour her loving people by driving through the town at that time of the year was a further proof of her regard for the nation. The toast was drunk with great enthusiasm, and Bro. A. E. Remington sang "God save the Queen."

The W.M. next proceeded to give the toast of the M.W.G.M. the Prince of Wales, which was also received with enthusiasm. Bro. Ballard sang "God bless the Prince of Wales."

Bro. G. Duck I.P.M. proposed the toast of the Worshipful Master. He was sorry that such an important matter was not entrusted to better hands, but the working the W.M. had done that evening spoke well for him and also for the Lodge. It was an excellent example for the Officers, and he felt they could not have found a better ruler throughout the United Kingdom than Bro. Carman. He asked the Brethren to give an exceptional Masonic fire, to which call the Brethren most heartily responded.

The W.M. received further proof of his popularity in the Lodge on rising to respond. He sincerely thanked Bro. Duck. He had done his best, and was sure that the Thomas-a-Becket would be a prosperous Lodge. It was only consecrated last June, and contained good and true Masons. As the first W.M. of the Lodge he was proud to say they had a nice little sum in hand, and that was very pleasant for a young Lodge; also he was proud to say that the Officers did everything in their power to make the Lodge a great success. Their Senior Warden, who was also a Past Master, was an excellent worker, and he knew that when he came to be elected W.M. of the Lodge he would give still greater satisfaction than he did in his present position. He assured the Brethren that whatever he could do for the welfare of the Lodge he would most willingly undertake.

The W.M. next proposed the toast of the Initiates, who, by the attention they had paid to the ceremony had given evidence of a desire to do their very best to become acquisitions to the Lodge. They did not seek large numbers, but rather required quality; and that they had found it in their two newly made Brethren he was satisfied.

Bro. Alford, in response, thanked the W.M. for having initiated him in such an impressive manner; he also thanked the members for the kind way in which they had received him, and assured all that he should never forget his obligation and the proceedings of that day.

Bro. Lapsley also thanked the W.M. and Brethren for having accepted him as a Mason amongst them. In time to come he hoped to give proof that their confidence was not misplaced.

Bro. H. Martin P.M. gave the Initiate's song, the W.M. showing his proficiency as an artist at the piano.

The W.M. next in eloquent terms proposed the toast of the Visitors, and accorded them a most hearty welcome.

Bro. Ballard thanked the W.M. and Brethren for their very kind reception. It was not the first time he had visited the Lodge, and he hoped it would not be the last. The working he had witnessed was most perfectly and impressively rendered, and he felt sure that the Lodge would become one of the most prosperous in the district, and, by adding an Instruction Lodge had met a great need. Other visitors responded.

The W.M. rose again, and said he could not let the opportunity pass without congratulating Bro. E. M. Jones, who as Chairman of the Licensed Victualler's Asylum during the year 1899 was the previous evening entertained at dinner, and during the evening was presented with a silver salver, tea and coffee service, together with a diamond bracelet for Mrs. Jones, in recognition of the great services he had rendered during his year of office. The W.M. sincerely congratulated him, and said it was very gratifying to have such a noble Brother amongst them.

Bro. Jones said he was taken by surprise, and really did not know how to thank the W.M. for his hearty congratulations and very kind remarks. He most sincerely thanked them all for the way in which they had received the toast.

The W.M. paid a well deserved tribute to the Officers, of whom he was proud; every one of them knew his working to perfection. Being rather late he would call upon Bro. Davis the Secretary to respond.

The Secretary, on behalf of himself and the Officers generally, acknowledged the compliment, and congratulated the W.M. on his perfect working that evening. When he (Bro. Davis) was initiated he made up his mind to be Worshipful Master of the Faith Lodge; he was proud to say he had succeeded. As the Secretary of their Lodge he thanked them for the compliment they had paid to the Officers, and he assured the W.M. all would do everything in their power to make the Lodge prosperous. He also reminded the initiates that the Instruction Lodge was held there, at the Thomas-a-Becket Hotel, every Thursday at eight o'clock. Bro. A. E. Remington the S.W. was the Preceptor, and to find a better one it would be difficult.

Several Brethren added greatly to the enjoyment of the evening with some excellent songs, whilst Bro. M. Davis gave a very humorous recitation, and Mrs. G. W. Duck accompanied on several occasions on the piano, in perfect style.

The Tyler's toast brought the proceedings to a close.

Bro. Henry Carman, the first Master of this new Lodge, was initiated in the Wellington Lodge, No. 548, on 14th January 1879, was regularly passed, and raised to the third degree on the 11th March following. He rose to the dignity of Master of the Lodge in 1887. He was exalted in the Wellington Chapter, No. 548, on 27th April 1880, and filled the chair of Z. in 1889. He has become a joining member of the St. Peter Lodge, No. 442; the Fellowship Lodge, No. 2535; and the Frederick Chapter of Unity, No. 452. He was appointed Provincial Grand Organist of Norths and Hunts in 1895, and acted as a Special Steward at both the Jubilee celebrations, in 1887 and 1897.

Bro. Carman has been a warm supporter of the Charities, and has served no less than twenty-four Stewardships on behalf of the different Institutions, his personal qualifications in connection therewith being: Vice Patron of the Boys, of the Girls, and the Benevolent Institution.

He was advanced as a Mark Mason in the Bon Accord Lodge, in 1887, and filled its chair in 1897; admitted as a Royal Ark Mariner in the Prince of Wales Lodge, in 1890; Allied Degrees—Rose and Lily Council, No. 15, 1889; Royal and Select Master—Grand Master's Council, No. 1, 1888; Select Master—Alfred Meadows Conclave, 1888; Knight Templar—St. George Preceptory, 1889; Knight of Malta—1889; 18<sup>o</sup>—Rose and Lily, 1888; 30<sup>o</sup>—1891; Grand Tyler of King Solomon, 1893; Red Cross of Constantine—St. Andrew, 1892; K.H.S. Holy Order of St. John the Evangelist, 1894.

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## HYGEIA LODGE, No. 2664.

## Installation of Brother Thomas Frederick Strutt.

THE annual installation festival of this young Lodge, which was consecrated on the 14th July 1897, and now numbers over forty members, took place on Saturday, 10th inst., at the Holborn Restaurant, High Holborn, with considerable success. Bro. William Hill Watson W.M. presided for the last time during his year as Master, and was supported by the following Officers: T. F. Strutt W.M.-elect S.W., J. M. Jones J.W., C. W. Raymond P.M. Treas., E. Tidman Sec., W. E. Groom S.D., I. Young J.D., J. W. Metcalfe I.G., A. Taylor and T. G. Dee Stewards, T. Williams Tyler; with W. Boyce I.P.M., and the following members: Frank Richardson P.G.D. (Honorary), Dr. Francis John Allan, W. W. West, F. Barth, A. Sanders, R. Butland, W. J. Gathercole, S. Fairchild, S. Crane, A. McNair, W. H. Grigg, G. Lill, E. P. Ward, F. Aris, G. W. Branson, J. P. Folland, E. W. Robinson, H. Herriott, A. J. Bobbitt, R. H. Ellis, H. Body, J. C. Webb, F. J. Anthony, J. Williams, H. Marrable, &c.

Amongst the Visitors we had the pleasure of seeing Bros. C. Papworth 2472, G. A. Westrope W.M. 1741, J. Shuttle 1329, J. A. Wilson I.G. 1732, T. Tucker S.D. 1320, H. W. Page 1679, H. Hudson S.W. 141, W. Willshire J.W. 1602, J. H. Moore 1767, W. S. Masters 2346, C. B. Wood 1977, T. Archer 142, A. Garton P.M. 192, &c., J. Wynman, F. Love, W. R. Love, C. Kemp I.P.M. 27.

The Lodge was formally opened and the minutes of the last regular meeting were read and confirmed. The Lodge was then opened in the second degree and Bro. A. J. Bobbitt and R. H. Ellis having very well answered the questions leading to the third degree were entrusted and retired. The Lodge was opened in the third degree, and those Brethren were raised as Master Masons, the ceremony being very ably and impressively performed by Bro. Watson.

The Lodge was resumed to the second degree; the W.M. declared all Offices vacant, and Bro. Thomas Frederick Strutt W.M.-elect was presented by Bro. W. Boyce and signified his assent to the ancient charges and regulations. The lay Brethren were requested to retire, and a Board of Installed Masters was formed, presided over by Bro. Frank Richardson P.G.D., who performed the installation ceremony, and placed Bro. Strutt in the chair of K.S. in accordance with the old traditions. Bro. Watson was invested as I.P.M.

Upon the re-admission of the Brethren the new W.M. was regularly proclaimed and saluted, and then proceeded to appoint and invest his Officers, viz.: J. M. Jones S.W., W. E. Groom J.W., C. W. Raymond P.M. Treas., E. Tidman Secretary, I. Young S.D., J. W. Metcalfe J.D., A. Taylor I.G., W. Boyce P.M. D.C., W. G. Lacy Org., T. G. Dee and W. H. Grigg Stewards, T. Williams Tyler.

After the completion of the work of installation the W.M. proceeded to examine Bro. Ernest Paul Ward, who, having answered the questions leading to the second degree, was entrusted; the Lodge was opened in the second degree, and in due course that Brother was passed as a Fellow Craft. That the Lodge was more than justified in the choice made in electing Bro. Strutt as ruler for the ensuing year was evidenced by the extremely fine manner in which he delivered the obligation.

In eloquent and brief well chosen sentences the W.M. presented, on behalf of the Lodge, Bro. William Hill Watson with a Past Master's jewel, and expressed the hope that he would long live to wear it. It had been well earned. The Past Master's jewel bore the following legend:—

Presented to

Bro. WILLIAM HILL WATSON.

Unanimously voted by the members of the Hygeia Lodge, in acknowledgment of the very satisfactory manner in which the duties of the Lodge were discharged,

1899-1900.

Bro. Watson acknowledged the gift in suitable terms.

The installation banquet was held immediately after the Lodge was closed, and after ample justice had been done to the excellent repast the W.M. gave the toast of the Queen and the Craft. The Queen was the grand

patroness of the Order and its noble Institutions. Her Majesty's glorious reign has been a record of records in history—speaking kind words to those who were in trouble, and loyalty was shown her on every side. Might the Great Architect of the Universe bless her for many many years to come! The toast was most loyally received, and was followed by the National Anthem, Mr. James Davis singing the solo.

Then followed the toast of the Grand Master, Bro. Louis Breeze singing the solo of "God bless the Prince of Wales"; and next that of the Grand Officers, with the latter being coupled the name of Bro. Frank Richardson P.G.D.

In responding, Bro. Richardson said it was a great honour to him to respond to the hearty toast of the W.M., on behalf of the Grand Officers, who were hard working Masons, who did everything in their power for the welfare of Freemasonry. He was proud to possess the purple collar, and hoped he might wear it for many years yet to come. It was a very great pleasure to him to have installed so excellent a worker as Bro. Strutt, and it was also a great pleasure to see that no sooner was the new ruler placed in the chair than he was called upon to work the ceremony of passing; and that was done to his great satisfaction. He wished him a prosperous year of office, and success to his Lodge.

The I.P.M. then assumed the gavel, and on rising was most heartily received. He said it was the first time he had had the honour of proposing the toast of the evening—the Worshipful Master. He assured them he did it with the greatest amount of pleasure. He had known the W.M. for many years, and what was more, he was delighted to know him. As the Grand Officer who had just spoken had said, it was rather trying to work the ceremony of passing directly after being installed, but Bro. Strutt had given them a good taste of his ability as to the working. He was convinced of Bro. Strutt's Masonic power; the ceremony had been performed to his credit, and to the satisfaction of the Lodge. They could depend on the impressive manner of the W.M., who would make the candidates feel their Masonic responsibilities. He was, indeed, a master in the art, and he felt sure they would join in wishing him a prosperous year of Office.

The Worshipful Master received quite an ovation. He most sincerely thanked the I.P.M. for having proposed his health in such a cordial way, and also thanked the Brethren for having received the toast in such a hearty manner. He sincerely thanked all for having placed him in his present honourable position, and assured them his duties as W.M. of the Lodge would be carried out to their satisfaction as far as lay in his power. The Officers he had appointed that evening were the right sort of men, and he was sure they would give satisfaction. He would not detain them further than to say he would study the interests of the Institutions of the Craft, and hoped to do some good before his year of Office expired. Again he thanked them all for the very cordial manner in which they had received him.

The next toast was that of the Visitors, and the W.M. in an eloquent speech gave them a hearty welcome.

Bro. Garton P.M. 192, responding on behalf of the guests, thanked the Master for the kindly words of welcome he had accorded them. He was more than pleased to be present that evening, and see the W.M. installed, as he had the pleasure of Bro. Strutt's acquaintance in another Fraternity, also devoted to charitable objects. He also had the pleasure of knowing Bro. Henry Muggeridge, the founder of the W.M.'s Mother Lodge, and if time permitted could recount some interesting reminiscences of the founder of that celebrated Lodge, of which he understood Bro. Strutt was to be installed Master in May next.

Bro. G. Westrope W.M. 1741 also thanked the W.M. for his kind reception. It had given him great pleasure to see him installed; he had never been more impressed with the working than that evening. When he was installed he thought the installation was done perfectly, but the Grand Officer Bro. Richardson had done so well that day that it had been really a Masonic treat. He tendered his sincere congratulations to the Worshipful Master for the able manner in which he had worked the ceremony of passing.

Bro. W. Wiltshire J.W. 1602 also thanked the W.M. for his kind reception, and for having coupled his name with the toast. The W.M. was no stranger to him, as he had worked with him in a civil capacity for upwards of sixteen years. He also complimented him on the able manner in which he had invested the Officers and worked the second degree. Other of the guests also responded.

The toast of the Immediate P.M. and other Past Masters of the Lodge was now given. The W.M. felt the Brethren knew Bro. Watson, and the excellent way in which he ruled the Lodge. He had had the pleasure of his acquaintance for upwards of sixteen years, and congratulated him on having done everything in his power for the welfare of the Lodge. Bro. Boyce was also one of the best, and he did not think they could have done better than appoint him Director of Ceremonies.

Bro. Watson was heartily received, and first thanked the W.M. for his very kind remarks. He felt all the members could endorse what the W.M. had just said about Bro. Boyce, and agree it was a great acquisition having him as D.C. of the Lodge. He did not think he had better say anything more about Bro. Boyce, in case he might say too many nice words, but he thought him to be really the right man in the right place. He felt his duties would be light ones, as the W.M. would not require his assistance, he knowing his work so well. He was pleased to say he was the possessor of many jewels from different societies, but the jewel he had received that day he should always regard as the greatest compliment he had ever received. He also thanked the Officers who had worked with him during the past year, for their excellent support. He had had the best of Officers, while the Brethren appointed that evening had shown by their working that they could perform the ritual in such a way as to make the Hygeia one of the most prosperous Lodges of the metropolis.

The toasts of the Treasurer, Secretary, and Officers of the Lodge were duly honoured and responded to, the proceedings concluding at a late hour with the Tyler's toast.

The pleasant meeting was rendered still more enjoyable by an admirable quartet, Bros. Percy Gayer (clarinet), Sidney Roberts (piano), Alfred Martin (violin), and W. J. Reynolds (bassoon), who played some excellent selections during the dinner, and were highly complimented by the W.M. on their performance. Other artistes added greatly to the enjoyment of the evening by their displays of musical talent, among them being Miss Machin, Bros. Louis Breeze, Carl Brandt, William Reynolds (bassoon solo), Percy Gayer (clarinet solo), Messrs. James Davis, Frank Hook, and Walter Broughton. Bros. Roberts and Martin presided at the piano.

The Worshipful Master Bro. Thomas Frederick Strutt was born 29th May 1856, at Abbots Hall, Great Wigborough, Essex, and was initiated into Freemasonry in March 1891, in the Henry Muggeridge Lodge, No. 1679, held at Anderton's Hotel, Fleet Street. He is present S.W. of that Lodge. He is a member of the Mark degree, and holds the position of J.W. in the Earl of Carnarvon Lodge, No. 211. We tender him our best wishes for a successful year of office.

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

THE installation meeting was held at the Frascati Restaurant, Oxford Street, on Friday, 9th inst. The Lodge, formed for the convenience of gentlemen engaged in the administration of the poor-law, has been established only four years, yet it now numbers fifty-seven members, who hail from various parts of the country, membership of the Lodge not being confined to the metropolis.

There was a numerous company present to witness the incoming of the new Master, and all regretted the absence of the outgoing Master Dr. W. Chapman Grigg P.M. 10 and 1635, who is at the seat of war in South Africa. His place as presiding Officer was ably filled by Bro. R. H. Nicholls Past Master of the Lodge.

After the minutes of the previous meeting had been confirmed, Bro. R. H. Nicholls P.M. raised Bro. John Dean to the third degree, and then installed Bro. Henry Ramsbottom J.W. as the Master of the Lodge in succession to Dr. Grigg.

The other Brethren invested as Officers of the Lodge for the year were: Bros. J. W. Hunt S.W., C. G. Ridgway J.W., Rev. F. J. Greenwood, M.A., Treasurer, W. B. Neville P.M. 1767 Secretary, R. H. Nicholls P.M. D.C., E. A. Frith S.D., H. T. Willis J.D., E. Tull I.G., J. B. Schrader Org., J. A. Battersby Assist. D.C., H. T. Kobelt Steward, T. P. Warwick W.M. 145 Assist. Steward, J. G. Swinton Assist. Secretary, and John Lee Tyler.

After the ceremonies had been completed the Lodge voted three guineas to Bro. J. B. Schrader for his services to the Lodge as Organist. The Lodge also voted two guineas a year to the West London Masonic Charitable Association.

A banquet succeeded the working of the Lodge, and the usual toasts followed, the music accompanying the speeches being arranged by Bro. J. B. Schrader.

Bro. E. C. Mulvey, in replying to the toast of the Grand Officers, mentioned the unusual circumstance that he had initiated in another Lodge the W.M., the S.W., the S.D., and the J.D.

Bro. R. H. Nicholls P.M., in proposing the toast of the Worshipful Master, said that Bro. Ramsbottom would do honour and credit to the Lodge. Bro. Ramsbottom was initiated with him, and therefore it was a great honour to instal him. The W.M. had worked hard to learn the ritual of Freemasonry, was a founder of the Lodge, and had taken a great interest in it. He felt sure that when the W.M. came to instal his successor he would leave the chair having reflected honour on himself and credit on the Lodge.

Bro. Ramsbottom W.M., in reply, thanked the Brethren for placing him in the highest position in the Lodge, and said he hoped to have plenty of work to do during his year. He would endeavour to do it to the satisfaction of the Brethren, and with the object of making the candidates good Masons. If he discharged his work as well as the other Masters of the Lodge had done theirs he should feel he had done something for Freemasonry in general, and the world at large. He asked for the hearty co-operation of the Brethren, and hoped they would assist in strengthening the membership by bringing in good men. It was the most telling of all the honourable positions he had ever filled. In conclusion he reminded the Brethren that he was going up as Steward for the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls, at its next Festival, and expressed the hope that he would be well supported by the subscriptions of the Brethren.

Bro. A. Rusby I.P.M. 2511, in reply to the toast of the Visitors, said the Lodge had done much for the cause of charity. Bro. Kutherglen, the first Master, took up over £100, and now Bro. Ramsbottom was about to act as a Steward for the Girls School.

#### UPTON LODGE, No. 1227.

A REGULAR meeting of this Lodge was held at the Great Eastern Hotel, Liverpool Street, E.C., on Thursday, 8th inst. Bro. Henry James Rowberry W.M. presided, and was supported by his Officers: Bros. W. J. Carroll S.W., Alfred B. Noble acting J.W., Charles Gieseke P.M. Treasurer, Charles J. Free P.M. Secretary, W. J. Hustwayte acting S.D., G. W. Flatman J.D., T. J. Room acting I.G., E. C. Holmes Organist, and J. Baker D.C. There were also present: Bros. W. A. Bray I.P.M., E. M. Jeffery P.M., Henry Hyde P.M., S. Toyé P.M., Chas. Schmidt P.M., and a goodly number of other members and Visiting Brethren.

The Lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed. The ballot was then taken for Mr. Robert Malcolm Bruce Laing, and Mr. John David Thomas, as candidates for admission into the Order. They were unanimously approved, and being in attendance were admitted and regularly initiated into the mysteries and privileges of Freemasonry. Bros. Albert Edward Tibbatts, Samuel Higgs, Samuel David Thomas Clarke, and Reuben Thain answered the questions leading to the second degree, and were afterwards passed to the rank of Fellow Craft.

Both the ceremonies were very perfectly rendered by Bro. Rowberry, who was admirably assisted by the Brethren in the various Offices. This not only reflected great credit upon those Brethren, but also upon the teaching received in the Lodge of Instruction, and caused the work of the Lodge to be carried on with that smoothness which tends so greatly to render the ritual impressive to the candidates. It is this completeness in the work that makes a visit to the Upton Lodge so thoroughly enjoyable. It was therefore only a fitting testimony to Bro. James Smith P.M. the Preceptor of the Lodge of Instruction that, upon the proposition of Bros. Hyde and Toyé, he was unanimously elected an Honorary member of the Upton Lodge. Bro. Smith returned thanks for the compliment bestowed upon him, and assured the Brethren that nothing should be wanting on his part to ensure the Brethren proper instruction. When he saw the manner in which the ceremonies were rendered in the Lodge he was well rewarded for all his trouble.

The Lodge voted a sum of twenty guineas to head the list of Bro. Carroll, who is going up as a Steward at the ensuing Festival of the Girls School; and also a donation of five guineas to relieve the pressing necessities of a distressed Brother. There being no further business before the meeting the Lodge was closed, and the Brethren adjourned to supper. A pleasant evening followed.

#### CONFIDENCE LODGE, No. 193.

THE regular meeting was held at Anderton's Hotel, Fleet Street, on Monday evening, when a goodly number of the Brethren assembled under the Mastership of Bro. J. W. Simeons, with Bros. S. Fells S.W., M. Baillie J.W., G. Spice I.P.M., J. E. Fells P.M. Treasurer, E. J. Davey P.M. Sec., W. Haughton acting S.D., G. Bushell J.D., R. M. Owen I.G., T. Kingston P.M. D.C., F. Haines P.M. Steward, Lough A.D.C., L. G. Reinhardt

Tyler; Past Masters Nightingale, S. Smithers, F. S. Plowright, E. Pennock; Bros. G. Butcher, E. H. Waldron, E. J. Talbot, H. King, G. S. Solomon, C. Wright, C. Cornish, C. Way, I. Mendoza, H. P. Brooks, G. T. Baker, E. Gosherson, S. C. Foreman, H. Jones, A. Delmonti, G. F. Carr, C. H. Brain, W. Hattersley, J. Done, J. J. Goodchild, A. E. Green, M. Madders, C. W. Leopard, L. Parker, E. E. Johnstone, M. M. Martin, G. Kimber, J. Sweeney, F. W. Clark, E. C. Tiffin, A. Jay, T. Tayler, J. W. Osborne, J. J. Webber, &c.

Visitors: Bros. J. K. Pitt 463 P.G.S.B. Surrey, W. H. Making S.W. 2535 P.M. 1278, Geo. Samuel P.M. 1708, S. E. Firminger S.W. 1559, J. E. Culverhouse J.W. 534, J. Morris 1624, C. Coulthurst 2626, W. A. Sterling 174 and 2595, and J. R. Roper 780.

The Lodge was opened and the minutes read. Bro. A. F. Green was passed to the degree of Fellow Craft. Mr. William Harry Johnson was unanimously elected for initiation, and that ceremony was performed. The Lodge granted, in answer to the Prince of Wales's appeal, £5 5s for our distressed Brethren in South Africa, and £2 2s for the Widow of a late Brother.

The company then adjourned to the festive board, and after the usual Loyal toasts from the chair the W.M. thanked the Brethren for the very handsome list they had enabled him to take up for the Old People, and said he hoped by the aid of the Benevolent Association started by the Lodge of Instruction the amount would be exceeded on the next occasion by the Lodge Steward.

The Initiate's toast was duly honoured, and the song well rendered by Bro. Davey P.M.

The Initiate, in his reply, said he should not forget the obligation he had that night entered into, and hoped to live to be a credit to the Lodge in the near future.

The Visitors were toasted and replied, expressing the pleasure they received in visiting the Confidence Lodge, and witnessing the good feeling that existed between all the Brethren.

The harmony of the evening was rendered by the following Brethren: The Queen, Bro. Madders; Prince of Wales, Bro. Owen; Boys of the Old Brigade, Bro. Brooks; Silver Wedding, Bro. Lough; Charge of the Light Brigade, Bro. Smithers P.M.; Jolly Smiths, Bro. Spice P.M.; Like a Soldier Fall, Bro. Way. Bro. Haughton and the W.M. also obliged. Bro. Lough presided at the piano with his well-known ability.

The Lodge was adjourned until the second Monday in October.

#### PANMURE LODGE, No. 715.

THE installation meeting was held at the Cannon Street Hotel, when Bro. W. Stone was installed as W.M. for the ensuing year, the ceremony being performed by Bro. E. Anderson P.M.

A handsome "Tantalus" was presented to Bro. F. G. Kemble I.P.M., on his leaving the chair, which he had occupied for two years in succession. The W.M. signalled his entry into the chair by performing the ceremonies of the first and second degrees. Special interest attached to the initiation ceremony, as the initiate, Mr. Percy S. Tavener, had joined the Imperial Yeomanry, and was under orders to embark at an early date.

#### HONOUR AND GENEROSITY LODGE, No. 165.

A REGULAR meeting of this old established Lodge was held on Tuesday, 27th ult., at the Inns of Court Hotel, when the following Brethren were present: Bros. F. Howard Roshier W.M., Alfred Crabb I.P.M., John Woodhouse S.W., Godfrey Sykes J.W., Howard Thompson P.M. Treas., Henry Times P.M. Sec., W. Herbert S.D., W. Marcus Thompson J.D., H. Bearman I.G., Richard Eve P.M. P.G. Treas., F. E. Roshier P.M., H. W. Clarkson Org., J. A. Dugdale, F. B. Thompson, W. H. Burt, C. J. Andrews, Percy Ellis, E. Francis, W. Hulbert, Joseph Ellis, Hayward J. Strudwick, Bertram B. Van Praagh and G. Pitt-Lewis, Q.C., P.G. Deacon and P.M. Nos. 44 and 165. Visitors: Bros. E. N. Benningfield S.W. 2278, W. T. Farthing 55, Reginald Groome 1929, Robert Ganthony Savage Club Lodge, F. H. Cheesewright P.M. 907, and Sir William Murray, Bart.

The ceremony of raising was worked by Bro. Alfred Crabb I.P.M., and the Lodge having been resumed in the first degree the ballot for Mr. John Harris Stone, M.A., barrister-at-law was taken; which, having proved unanimous in his favour, he was initiated into Freemasonry by the W.M.

It was moved by Bro. Howard Thompson, and seconded by Bro. Alfred Crabb I.P.M., that Bro. Henry Times Secretary should represent the Lodge as Steward at the forthcoming Festival of the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls, and that the sum of ten guineas from the Lodge Funds should be placed on his list; this was carried unanimously.

Other Masonic business having been concluded, and the Lodge closed, the Brethren adjourned to the dining room, where, after a pleasant dinner, an excellent musical programme was thoroughly appreciated. Among the artists who appeared to please the most may be mentioned Bro. Reginald Groome and his pretty daughter Miss Groome, Bros. Robert Ganthony (musical sketches) and Fred Cheesewright (with some new songs which were greeted with loud demands for encores). During the evening letters of regret for non-attendance, owing to illness and other unavoidable causes, were read from Bros. Sir John Monckton P.G.W., The Archdeacon of London P.G.Chap., Sir Arthur Collins P.M., and Charles Warner.

## INSTRUCTION.

#### EARLS COURT LODGE, No. 2765.

ANOTHER good meeting of this young Lodge of Instruction took place on Wednesday of last week, at Bro. Joel Davis's, the Greyhound Hotel, Kensington, on which occasion we had the pleasure of seeing the Treasurer Bro. J. W. Facey P.M. 1767 in the chair, supported by Bros. T. Nicholds S.W., T. Leete J.W., J. Worth P.M. Prec., J. Cox P.M. Dep. Prec., Albert J. Taylor Sec., J. H. King S.D., W. Neighbour J.D., S. Mussell I.G., H. G. Cox Steward, Arthur Williams P.M. Preceptor of several Lodges, S. W. Keene, R. Young, H. O. Sanders, W. James, F. Smethurst, J. Hallam, W. Lyons, P. Howard, J. Hall, T. C. Dyer, J. J. Orr, J. Wynman, J. Davis, H. Holley, Gordon Lodge, No. 804, Johannesburg.

Bro. Hallam answered the questions and was entrusted; the Lodge was advanced to the second degree, and the ceremony of passing was rehearsed. Bro. Young answered the questions leading to the third degree, was entrusted, and the ceremony rehearsed. The Lodge was resumed to the first degree, and the W.M. rehearsed the ceremony of initiation, Bro. Lyons candidate.

Bro. Worth, in well deserved terms proposed that a hearty vote of

thanks be recorded on the minutes for the able and really faultless manner in which the W.M. had rehearsed the three degrees. He was sure if time had permitted the W.M. could have given the charges equally well. This was seconded, and unanimously supported. The W.M. in a short but eloquent speech acknowledged the compliment.

Bros. H. Holley 804, Arthur Williams P.M., F. J. Ingram 144 were elected members.

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

TUESDAY of last week, at the Royal Palace Hotel, Kensington, was Officers' night, and the chair was taken on the occasion by the popular Worshipful Master of the Mother Lodge, Bro. A. J. Naughton, who was supported by Bros. R. H. Catling S.W., S. Ellis J.W., W. Plack P.M. Deputy Prec., E. A. Bertram acting Sec., T. Nichols S.D., C. Godwin J.D., H. H. Stephens I.G., F. Evans P.M. 2749, A. Weiss, H. Day, W. Arnold, H. Redgrave, W. G. Hunt, E. Davies, O. E. Davies, J. Wynman, J. Jupe.

The ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, Bro. A. Weiss candidate. The Lodge was called off and on, and then opened in the second degree, when Bro. Redgrave was examined and entrusted; the ceremony of raising being afterwards rehearsed. Both the ceremonies were perfectly rendered, and highly appreciated by the Brethren.

Bros. Charles Goodwin P.M. 820, E. T. Davies 2749 and O. E. Davies 2686, were elected members.

#### COMMEMORATION LODGE, No. 2663.

THE annual supper of this Lodge of Instruction, which is held at Bro. C. M. Holland's, the Star and Garter, Arbour Square, E., took place on Tuesday evening, 6th inst., in the Lodge room, with much success. The chair was filled by Bro. J. De Casseres P.M. Preceptor.

After dinner the customary toasts received attention, these being interspersed with pleasing musical selections by several Brethren.

#### ROYAL VICTORIAN JUBILEE LODGE, No. 2184.

(LATE TERRIERS.)

A VERY good meeting was held on Wednesday afternoon, 7th inst., at 3 o'clock, at the Dover Castle Hotel, Westminster Bridge Road, those present including Bros. W. Newton W.M., E. Sinclair S.W., B. Cohen J.W., A. Darch P.M. Prec., C. Wetton P.M. Dep. Prec., W. J. Newstead Sec. acting S.D., P. Page J.D., Percy Gwyer I.G., Dr. F. J. Allen, W. T. Dillon, G. W. Clarke, C. Clarke, J. Wynman.

The ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, Bro. Dr. Allen acting as candidate. Bro. B. Cohen S.W. was asked to give the ancient charge, which he rendered to the credit of himself and the marked satisfaction of the Brethren, evidenced by the Masonic applause which followed. The W.M. rehearsed the second degree, with Bro. C. Clarke as the candidate.

#### WOODROW LODGE, No. 1708.

ON Monday afternoon, at 3 o'clock, at Bro. Rudderforth's (Stone's) Restaurant, 24 Panton Street, Haymarket, Bros. W. H. Rudderforth P.M. 1668 12 and W.M. 2742 W.M., G. Yeowell S.W., W. West J.W., C. Wetton P.M. Dep. Prec., H. J. Rose acting Sec., P. Page S.D., J. G. Lobb J.D., H. W. Page I.G., P. Amato, A. Bird, G. Baker, A. Myall, J. Davies.

The ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, Bro. Bird acting as candidate, this being ended the Lodge was opened in the second degree, and the ceremony of installation was rehearsed, Bro. H. J. Rose being presented by Bro. C. Wetton P.M. as W.M.-elect. The W.M. having been saluted the installing Master proceeded to deliver the three addresses, which were given without the slightest hitch.

The Lodge having been resumed Bro. G. Yeowell was elected W.M. for Monday.

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

ON Tuesday, at Bro. Lake's, the Kemble's Head, Long Acre, Bros. J. Swash W.M., E. Beadle S.W., T. Woods J.W., H. Weston P.M. Prov. S.G.W. Middx. acting Preceptor, G. Faaz Sec., W. Knill S.D., F. Payne J.D., G. Lacey I.G., J. Culverhouse, Gammon, Hollingsworth, Lake, F. Payne, Denny, T. Davis, W. Smith, J. Sutcliffe, Wynman, W. Menninger, &c.

The Lodge was opened in the three degrees, and resumed to the second. The usual questions were answered by the candidate Bro. Denny, who was entrusted. The Lodge was resumed to the third degree and the ceremony of raising was rehearsed. Lodge was again resumed to the second degree, and the ceremony of installation was gone through, Bro. Culverhouse being presented as W.M.-elect by Bro. T. Davis P.M. Bro. Culverhouse invested the Officers, and Bro. Swash delivered the three addresses.

Bro. E. Gammon 177 was elected a member, and Bro. Beadle W.M. for next meeting.

#### ALEXANDRA PALACE LODGE, No. 1541.

ON Saturday, 3rd inst., at Bro. C. Sisman's, the Railway Tavern, Camberwell New Road, S.E., Bros. C. West W.M., H. Randall S.W., F. G. Messant J.W., C. L. Plant P.M. Dep. Prec., J. Hooper P.M. Treas., W. Hill acting Sec., H. Comford S.D., Brightwell J.D., T. Proctor I.G., R. Taylor P.M., M. McVey W.M. 1310, W. Wilshire, J. Stafford, J. Wynman.

The ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, Bro. Wynman acting as candidate. The 4th and 5th sections of the lecture were worked by Bros. Comford and Plant.

Bro. Wilshire congratulated Bro. Hill on his recovery from his late illness, and expressed the hope that the Great Architect of the Universe would spare him for many years to come, which sentiment was endorsed by the other Brethren present and highly appreciated by Bro. Hill.

A Brother was relieved with the sum of one guinea from the Benevolent Fund, and Bro. Randall was elected W.M. for the following Lodge.

#### DALHOUSIE LODGE, No. 865.

THE Brethren of this well known Lodge of Instruction recently removed to well appointed rooms at the house of Bro. Joel Davis, the Greyhound Hotel, Kensington, and we were agreeably surprised to see a very good attendance on the occasion of our visit there.

Bro. J. W. Facey P.M. acted as W.M., with P. Howard S.W., K. Von

Donut J.W., A. Williams P.M. Prec., J. Cox P.M. P.J.G.D.Middx. Sec., J. Judd S.D., H. Webster J.D., J. Worth (W.M. 834) I.G., H. Bright W.M. 1203, H. J. Cousins P.M., Smithers, A. Sergeant, W. Benfield, M. J. Spring, A. Davis P.M.

The Lodge was opened to the second degree, and Bro. Spring was examined and entrusted. The Lodge was further advanced, and the ceremony of raising was rehearsed. The Lodge was resumed to the first degree, and then called off and on. Bro. Sergeant answered the questions and was entrusted, the Lodge was advanced to the second degree, and the ceremony was gone through. The Lodge was resumed to the first degree, and by special desire Bro. J. Worth W.M. 834 delivered the three addresses.

All the ceremonies were perfectly rendered.

Bro. F. W. Smethurst was elected a member. Bro. Williams P.M. proposed the S.W. Bro. Howard as W.M. for next meeting. The W.M. before bringing the proposition before the Lodge said he most sincerely thanked Bro. Howard for standing aside and allowing him to preside that evening. Bro. Howard was pleased he was elected W.M. for next meeting, but if any other Brother wished to take the place he would willingly resign the position for that evening.

#### ROYAL ALFRED LODGE, No. 780.

ON Thursday, 8th inst., at the Star and Garter Hotel, Kew Bridge, Bros. Ridley W.M., H. T. Johnson S.W., H. R. Worth J.W., A. H. A. Bridger Sec., Jacobs P.M. S.D., Dowling J.D., Williams I.G., Bentfield.

The W.M. rehearsed the ceremony of initiation, Bro. Jacobs P.M. as the candidate; also that of passing, for which Bro. Bridger acted as candidate. Bro. Johnson was elected to preside at the next meeting.

#### CONFIDENCE LODGE, No. 193.

A VERY interesting and instructive meeting was held at the Bunch of Grapes, Lime Street, on Wednesday evening, when the second and third degrees were rehearsed, the former by Bro. Latham, and the latter by Bro. Davey P.M.

The Officers present were: Latham W.M., Simeons W.M. 193 S.W., Hattersley J.W., Done S.D., Goodchild J.D., Jackson I.G., Davey P.M. Preceptor, Pitt P.M. Secretary.

The attendance of Brethren was not quite so large as usual, owing to the day being so soon after the meeting of the Mother Lodge, but the ritual was carried out in a masterly manner, and the candidates appeared to feel the solemnity of the proceedings. Much interesting instruction was imparted by Bro. Latham, especially to the Deacons. A cosy half hour in Bro. Goovearts's grill-room ended the evening, to the joy and happiness of all.

#### PROVINCIAL.

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

A MEETING of this highly successful Lodge, which now boasts of no less than 135 members, was held at the Royal Clarendon Hotel, Gravesend, on Wednesday, when Bro. John N. Willis (Mayor) W.M. presided, being supported by the following Officers:—Bros. W. Spencer Bowen S.W., Ernest Ingman J.W., T. T. Hogg P.M. Treasurer, A. Ronaldson P.Prov.G.A.S. Secretary, J. A. Gillett S.D., J. A. Axcell J.D., T. A. Mummery D.C., C. Percy Bowen I.G., Robert Matthews Organist, and a large number of other members and visiting Brethren.

The Lodge was opened in due form by Bro. Willis, after which the minutes were read and confirmed. The Treasurer's Report, showing a very healthy financial state of affairs, was presented. The ballot was taken and proved unanimous in favour of Messrs. David Thomas Mulley, and William J. Forbes. Bro. W. W. Simmons, of the Lodge of Freedom, was accepted as a joining member.

In order to diversify the work the chair was taken by Bro. H. Forss P.M., who advanced the Lodge to the second degree, when Bros. L. Drake and A. G. Mason answered the usual questions, were subsequently raised to the sublime degree, and were invested and took their seats in the Lodge as Master Masons.

The chair was then assumed by Bro. R. J. Beamish P.Prov.D.C., and Bros. H. Treadwell, H. A. Harvey, C. Fothergill, T. G. Letten and Alex. Holland proved their proficiency and were passed as Craftsmen.

Mr. David Mulley being in attendance was then admitted and regularly initiated into the mysteries and privileges of Ancient Freemasonry.

Considering that Bros. Forss and Beamish are the Preceptors of the Sympathy Lodge of Instruction it may be readily imagined that the ceremonies were rendered in a very perfect manner. A word of praise is also due to the Officers, who likewise performed their duties most satisfactorily.

A candidate was proposed for initiation at the next meeting. Various communications from Grand Lodge were read by the Secretary. A proposition to grant five guineas from the funds of the Lodge for the relief of the distress of English Freemasons in South Africa was made by Bro. Beamish. This concluding the business of the evening the Lodge was closed, and the Brethren adjourned to supper.

THE Midland Railway Company announce a number of cheap excursions to the north, for 2, 3, or 5 days, from St. Pancras, City Stations, Woolwich and Greenwich, on Friday (midnight) and Saturday next, special tickets being issued for Nottingham, Sheffield, Warrington, Liverpool, Leicester, Loughborough, Stockport, Manchester, &c., &c., by different trains, the times for the starting of which are given elsewhere in this issue.

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Avenue.—8, An Old Admirer. 8.45, A Message from Mars. Matinée, Wednesday and Saturday, 3.  
Covent Garden.—Friday, 23rd March, Grand Fancy Dress Ball.  
Criterion.—8.20, A Pair of Knickerbockers. 9, His Excellency the Governor. Matinée, Saturday, 3.  
Daly's.—8.15, San Toy. Matinée, Saturday, 2.30.  
Drury Lane.—7.30, Jack and the Beanstalk. Matinée, Wednesday and Saturday, 1.30.  
Duke of York's.—8, A Bad Penny. 8.30, Miss Hobbs. Matinée, Saturday, 2.30.  
Gaiety.—8, The Messenger Boy. Matinée, Saturday, 2.  
Garrick.—8.15, Bootles Baby. Matinée, Wednesday and Saturday, 2.30.  
Globe.—8.15, A broken Halo. 9, Nurse.  
Haymarket.—8, The Bogle Call. 8.50, She Stoops to Conquer. Matinée, Wednesday and Saturday, 2.15.  
Her Majesty's.—8, A Midsummer Night's Dream. Matinée, Wednesday and Saturday, 2.  
Lyceum.—8, Richard the second. Matinée, Wednesday, 2.  
Lyric.—8, Florodora. Matinée, Saturday, 2.30.  
Prince of Wales's.—8, Don Juan's Last Wager. Wednesday and Saturday, 2. The Only Way.  
Princess's.—8, It's never too late to mend.  
Royalty.—8.15, Mrs. Jordan. 9, Magda. Matinée, Wednesday and Saturday, 2.30.  
Savoy.—8.15, The Rose of Persia. Matinée, Saturday, 2.30.  
St. James's.—8.30, Rupert of Hentzau. Matinée, Wednesday and Saturday, 2.30.  
Strand.—8.15, The Lady Bookie. 9, Facing the Music. Matinée, Wednesday and Saturday, 3.  
Wyndham's.—8.30, Dandy Dick. Matinée, Wednesday and Saturday, 2.30.  
Alexandra.—Next week, 7.45, Hearts are Trumps.  
Opera House, Crouch End.—Next week, 8, East Lynne.  
Surrey.—Next week, 7.45, The Merciless World.  
Alhambra.—7.45, Variety Entertainment. Napoli, &c.  
Aquarium.—The World's great Show. Varied Performances, daily.  
Empire.—7.50, Variety Entertainment. Round the Town Again, &c.  
London Pavilion.—8, Variety Entertainment. A dream of fair women, &c.  
Oxford.—7.30, Variety Entertainment, &c. Saturday, 2.15 also.  
Palace.—7.45, Variety Entertainment. New American Biograph, &c. Saturday, 2 also.  
Royal.—7.30, Variety Company. Saturday, 2.30 also.  
Tivoli.—7.30, Variety Entertainment. La Belle Siffleuse, &c. Saturday, 2.15 also.  
Agricultural Hall.—8, Mohawk Minstrels.  
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