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ROYALTY AND THE CRAFT.

THAT Freemasonry has made most rapid strides during the last quarter of a century is manifest. Not only has it greatly increased numerically, but its influence has widened out and extended to such an extent as to make it really a power in the world—happily, a power for good.

It is nothing unusual for prominent Brethren among us to ascribe very much of this extension to the association of the Prince of Wales with the Craft, and the active interest displayed by His Royal Highness and other members of the Royal Family in our doings, and no doubt the intimate association of Royalty with Freemasonry has had much to do with its great extension in recent years.

Hence it is we are particularly pleased in being able to announce to-day that our Royal Grand Master will—by deputy, it is true—lay the foundation stone of the new Schools for the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys, at Bushey, on Saturday, the 12th May next, with full Masonic honours. Not only must this announcement be a source of gratification to every supporter of our Institutions, but it also serves to illustrate our text—Royalty and the Craft—for the deputy selected by the Prince of Wales to act for him on the occasion is none other than his own brother H.R.H. the Duke of Connaught who, despite his many duties at the present time in Ireland, and the additional work that will devolve upon him in consequence of the Queen's visit to the Isle, yet pledges himself to a truly Masonic action, and thereby forges another link in the chain which unites the Queen and the Craft.

May the good work to be accomplished in the new Schools at Bushey repay the distinguished members of the Royal Family for the time and attention they had devoted to this branch of the Order.

NEXT YEAR'S GRAND TREASURERSHIP.

OUR well known Brother Horace Brooks Marshall is to be proposed as a candidate for the Office of Grand Treasurer for 1901, and a large number of influential Brethren are already at work of his behalf, under the able direction of Bro. J. D. Langton P.D.G.D.C. of England. The proposed candidate bears a name long honoured in Freemasonry, his father having been elected to the Office of Grand Treasurer of England in 1884, but it is not alone as the "son of his father" that the present Bro. H. B. Marshall is entitled to respect and regard. He has been a liberal and consistent supporter of the three Institutions from the moment he entered the portals of Freemasonry in 1886, and holds the unique record of having served as Steward to each of the three Charities every year since his initiation, and not only so but he has done much more for the welfare of Freemasonry, having, among other matters, taking a prominent part in the establishment of the Streatham Lodge where, during his year's Mastership, he initiated no less than nineteen gentlemen. The names of Brethren willing to support the candidature will be thankfully received by Bro. J. D. Langton, Hon. Sec. of the Election Committee, at 12 New Inn, Strand, London, W.C.

EAST LANCASHIRE.

THE annual meeting of the Provincial Grand Chapter of East Lancashire was held in the Exchange, Blackburn, on Thursday. Comp. C. R. N. Beswicke-Royds Prov. G.H. acted as Grand Superintendent.

All the Chapters in the Province, with two exceptions, answered to the roll-call. The Provincial Grand Treasurer presented his financial statement, which showed a substantial balance in favour of the Chapter. On the motion of Companion Colonel Robinson, seconded by Companion R. Gornall, Companion W. H. Peel, of Perseverance Chapter, Blackburn, was elected Provincial Grand Treasurer.

The other Provincial Officers were appointed and invested as follow :

Comp. Jas. Newton 37	-	-	-	Scribe E.
F. R. Cooper 1055	-	-	-	Scribe N.
W. F. Farrington 204	-	-	-	Registrar
J. Higginson 269	-	-	-	Deputy Register
J. F. Reynolds 62	-	-	-	Sojourner
J. Aspinall	-	-	-	1st Assistant Sojourner
J. Wardley 381	-	-	-	2nd Assistant Sojourner
G. T. Lenard 1455	-	-	-	Sword Bearers
T. Oliver 325	-	-	-	
J. Smith 268	-	-	-	Standard Bearers
H. T. Grundy	-	-	-	
J. H. Heap 344	-	-	-	Directors of Ceremonies
A. Hibbert 935	-	-	-	
J. W. White 815	-	-	-	Assist. Dir. of Cers.
C. J. Schofield	-	-	-	
T. Stevenson 2341	-	-	-	Organist
C. Shaw 993	-	-	-	
W. H. Buckley 281	-	-	-	

Bro. Dr. G. Eady (Juglans Lodge, Enfield), has addressed an appeal to the Medical Journals, on behalf of the little son of the late Bro. F. W. Skrimshire, who is a candidate for the Boys School at the coming election, and is, he believes, the only one from the medical profession. Our Brother Eady will be pleased to receive proxies, or they may be sent to Mrs. Skrimshire, Southampton Terrace, Farnborough, Hants.

We are pleased to hear that on Sunday last the pupils of the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys, at Wood Green, made a voluntary collection amounting to £9 17s 3d on behalf of the Widows and Orphans of our Forces in South Africa, and that the amount has been paid over to the "Daily Telegraph" Fund. This kindly action is greatly to the credit of the lads.

We are pleased to know the long Masonic services of Bro. W. C. Lupton Chairman of the Charity Committee of West Yorkshire, Mayor of Bradford, are to be recognised at the coming Festival of Grand Lodge, by his appointment as one of the Junior Grand Deacons of the year. We have had occasion to refer more than once lately to the great liberality of Bro. Lupton, who has won renown for himself by very handsome personal donations for our troops in South Africa, and zealous efforts on their behalf, apart from the great services he has so long rendered to the Craft.

The installation meeting of the Waltham Abbey Lodge, No. 2750, will be held on Thursday next, 5th prox., at the Cock Hotel, Waltham Abbey, when Bro. James Graham P.M. 652 Prov.G.Steward will be installed as ruler, in succession to Bro. James Speller P.P.J.G.D. The Lodge is called for 4 o'clock, and will be followed by a banquet at 6.

The annual supper of the Royal Alfred Lodge of Instruction, No. 780, will be held on Thursday, 19th April next, at the Star and Garter Hotel, Kew Bridge.

R. M. I. BOYS.

WE have much pleasure in announcing that His Royal Highness the Duke of Connaught, K.G., Most Worshipful Past Grand Master will perform the ceremony of laying the Foundation Stone of the new Schools of this Institution, now in course of erection at Bushey, on Saturday, 12th May next.

The ceremony will be performed with Masonic honours, and the Duke of Connaught will act on behalf of H.R.H. the Prince of Wales G.M. of England and President of the Boys School.

CHARITY IN EAST LANCASHIRE.

A MEETING of the Provincial Grand Lodge Charity Committee was held at the Freemasons' Hall, Manchester, on Friday, 16th inst., Bro. C. D. Cheetham P.M. 993 P.P.G.W. Chairman.

The meeting was called to consider and determine what measures should be adopted with the view of promoting the election of candidates from this Province for the ensuing elections of the various Metropolitan Masonic Institutions.

It was decided that the names of two Brethren, aged respectively 73 years and 62 years, should be placed on the list, and that the name of another Brother, aged 71 years, should be adopted, and placed on the list upon a future occasion.

The cases of two girls, aged respectively 8 years and 3 months, and 9 years and 3 months, were also adopted for the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls.

The Chairman and Vice-Chairman were re-elected, and various Committees appointed.

In connection with the Elections Committee, formed to attend the elections of candidates on the Metropolitan Masonic Institutions, Bro. Cheetham made a powerful appeal to the Charity Representatives present to see that their Lodge voting papers were sent into the office of the Provincial Grand Secretary (2 Cooper Street, Manchester) without delay. Former neglect of this duty had caused the loss of a considerable number of votes.

DUBLIN FEMALE ORPHAN SCHOOL.

THE Governors of the Masonic Female Orphan School of Ireland have issued their report concerning the work that has been carried on at the Ball's Bridge Institution during the year 1899. The educational system has been attended with great success. Throughout the year the number of pupils has been maintained at one hundred and four. During the year fifteen girls left; twelve new pupils were admitted at the June election, and three in December; fifteen out-going and nine former pupils received assistance from the Centenary Fund, and thus one hundred and twenty-eight orphans received benefit from the Charity within the year.

The total ordinary income for the year amounted to £2,407 11s 4d, a decrease of £220 8s 7d, and the total ordinary expenditure amounted to £2,381 8s, an increase of £81 11s 7d, as compared with 1898. The special receipts enabled the Governors to close with a balance in hand, but no addition has been made to investments. It is to be regretted that subscriptions for the year show a falling off in every class compared with 1898. Of course this may be accounted for by the unusual demands made on the charity of the community during the year, but the Masonic Order in Ireland has greatly advanced, and is rapidly advancing, in numbers and in resources, and the subscription list ought to advance also. The advance of the Order has brought a corresponding increase in the call upon its Charities, and a proportionate response should follow. There are children from every Masonic Province in Ireland in the School, including thirty-five orphans of Governors.

Efficiency and economy continue to mark the management in every department. The total school expenditure for 1899 amounted to £2,154 5s 8d, and the total office expenditure to £227 2s 4d. The average cost of boarding, lodging, clothing, educating, and maintaining each pupil resident in the School throughout the year was £20 14s 4d, and for that sum everything required for the health, comfort, and education of the children was abundantly supplied. But no exceptional expense was incurred during 1899, and the expenditure will necessarily be higher when large items, such as structural repairs, painting, supplies of out-door clothing, and the like, have to be met.

The invested capital of the Centenary Fund amounts to £15,291 13s, and produces a permanent income of £581 4s 10d. The residue of this income for the past four years, after providing for the late Matron's pension, and for the outgoing pupils, has been carried to the Capital Account, which has borne the cost of completing and enlarging the infirmary and dormitories, erecting the library and Centenary Hall, reconstructing the drainage

system, furnishing the new and additional buildings, and supplying requisites for the enlarged School.

The educational results for 1899 have been remarkably good. Thirty pupils were prepared for the Intermediate examinations, and twenty-eight passed. Honour marks were obtained in, English, French, German, Arithmetic, Euclid, Algebra, Drawing, Music, Domestic Economy and Shorthand. In the Junior Grade, Marion Vance obtained an exhibition of £20.

The successes at the examinations in Religious Knowledge were most satisfactory. At the examination for the Intermediate Schools of all Ireland, held by the Board of Religious Education of the General Synod, sixty-three entered and all passed. Of these forty-five were awarded prizes. At the Presbyterian examinations, ten pupils presented themselves, and all passed, gaining two first and two second prizes. Fifteen pupils were prepared for the Trinity College, London, Music examination; twelve passed. The School was reported by the Science and Art Department as "Good." The annual School examinations were satisfactorily held at Easter. It is to be regretted that, owing to the prevalence of illness in Dublin, no public distribution of prizes could prudently be held. The health of the School generally was good throughout the year, but there were six cases of serious illness among the pupils and staff.

MASONRY IN LADYSMITH.

IT may be of interest to our readers to be informed of a recent ceremony, that took place on Wednesday, 30th September, in Ladysmith. One can hardly realise the peaceful ceremony of the Craft in laying the foundation stone of a Masonic Temple of peace and good will, and in a little more than a month of an invading army hurling weapons of destruction at a peace-loving community. The sympathies of the Craft are with the Brethren in their defence of their homes from the ruthless invader. The meeting of the District Grand Lodge was the occasion on which the ceremony took place.

The District G.M. said he would not detain the Brethren by a long address, as they had a very interesting and important ceremony to perform, viz., the laying of the foundation stone of a new Masonic Temple for the Brethren in Ladysmith. He would content himself by saying that perfect harmony existed throughout the District, and that Masonry was progressing to his entire satisfaction, and that only within the last few days he had received an application for a Warrant for a Lodge in Basutoland. He would, therefore, proceed to lay the foundation stone.

The acting G.D.D.C. then marshalled the Brethren, and they marched in procession to the site of the Temple; arriving there, the beautiful ceremony was most impressively carried out.

The ceremony was brought to a close by the singing of "God save the Queen," which the goodly number of spectators who had assembled to see this interesting ceremony performed loyally joined in. At this critical time, it was most noteworthy the hearty way it was sung by all, especially the words, "Send her victorious."

The Brethren having formed up in reverse order, returned to the Lodge room, when District Grand Lodge was duly closed.—Exchange.

A TEMPLE OF PEACE.

A FREEMASONS Lodge is a temple of peace, harmony and Brotherly love. Nothing is allowed to enter which has the most remote tendency to disturb the quietude of its pursuits. A calm inquiry into the beauty and wisdom of virtue, and the study of moral geometry may be prosecuted without excitement, and they constitute the chief employments within the tyled recesses of the Lodge. The lessons of virtue which proceed from the E., like rays of brilliant light streaming from the rising sun, illuminate the W. and the S., and as the work proceeds are carefully imbibed by the Brethren. Thus, while Wisdom contrives the plan and instructs the Craftsmen, Strength lends its able support to the moral fabric, and Beauty adorns it with curious and cunning workmanship. All of this is accomplished without the use of either axe, hammer, or any other tool of brass or iron within the precinct of our temple, to disturb the perfect sanctity of that holy place.—Old Masonic Lecture.

It is too frequently the case that men seriously declare upon their honour that, uninfluenced by mercenary motives, they freely and voluntarily offer themselves for the mysteries of Freemasonry, when, as a matter of fact, in their "heart of hearts" they know it is the prospective dollar that prompts them, and when they find that it does not work out that way, they are not slow to say, "Masonry is not what I thought it was," and the disgust which follows generally causes them to dimit or be 'fired.'—Bun F. Price.

MASONRY INVINCIBLE.

By Charles Day, Grand Orator Oklahoma.

TO be a Freemason in thought, in word and in action; a Freemason in fact, as well as in name, we must go beyond the obligations, beyond the ritual and beyond the forms of initiation, passing and raising, and seek the true meaning of the beautiful symbols and ceremonies of the Order; we must study the origin, the aims and the purposes of Masonry and of man. It is here we find the attraction; here we find two classes of Masons, labourers and idlers; the former steadily guiding and directing our time-honoured Institution within its ancient land-marked channel, and diligently disseminating true Masonic Light and information among all uninformed Brethren, wherever they may go; the latter class, inactive, vacillating and floating through and out of life at the expense of the labouring class. Here, too, we view Masonry itself, under two denominations, operative and speculative; the former being a profane and temporal art; the latter, a sacred and eternal science, a system of philosophy, and philosophy is thought, hence the inception of Masonry is coeval with thought and thought is of God. It is sometimes said that, amidst the beautiful traditions clustering around the construction of that superb model of excellence which stood on Mt. Moriah, the birth of Masonry may be found. As well might we judge man by his stature, not his deeds; the one is material, the other spiritual. King Solomon, being the greatest philosopher of his age, well knew when he commenced that stupendous monument to God, that civilisation and all its surroundings were favourable for the propagation of Masonry, and by his wisdom its several parts were grouped together, systematised and applied to his use, whereby he was enabled to so control the one hundred and eighty-four thousand, six hundred men who participated in that sacred service, that the one purpose of each was to so perfect his work that when brought up for inspection his own private mark thereon might be known by the overseers, the work received and given a place in that magnificent structure. "Fraternity" was the password, and the consciousness of duty, well performed, the highest reward sought. No Institution, not founded on Truth, can live beyond a century. The organisations of men, however worthy, do not survive the age of their birth. Truth, and Truth alone, is everlasting. Masonry, whose principles began with thought, whose past services have been grand and noble, and whose purposes of to-day are fixed as in the beginning, is invincible. As the huge rock in mid-ocean breasts the foaming billows and defies the raging waters, so it stands in the noon of Time. It breasts the foaming calumny of ignorance and defies the raging Papal Bull. Founded upon truth, the eternal years of God are hers.

To worship the Creator was inherent in primæval man's nature; so also was the intuition that he was of the thought of the Creator and therefore a part of the Creator. Reason taught him that cause produced effect; that cause was before creation; that what was before creation was infinite, and what was infinite was God, and what was a part of God was in part infinite, hence the unity of God and the immortality of the soul. This is a primary tenet, a perpetuating power, and the vital essence of Masonry.

Like our Brethren of old, we are builders; not with operative tools do we level the foundation, plumb the shaft, or square the work, but with the symbolical implements do we build character, striving to lay its foundation deep and broad, and strong with truth, honesty and virtue, hedging it around about with the great cardinal virtues, temperance, fortitude, prudence and justice; binding and cementing it together with the indissoluble chain of friendship, morality and brotherly love; overlaying it with the God-given theological virtues, faith, hope and charity.

Perfection on earth has never been attained, therefore it is not claimed that all Masons reach the high ideal taught in Masonry, but we do claim that any thinking, reasoning man, who, on bended knee at our sacred altar, takes the several Masonic obligations and hears the several Masonic lectures, must needs be persuaded to a better and more useful life, and thereby the world made brighter and better.

We live in a fast age. Old-time methods are rapidly giving way to the new. No longer do we await the tired postman for last week's news, neither tarry at the wayside inn for the familiar rattle of the old stage coach, and the merry bugle call announcing the approach of long-looked-for friends. Nor are we content with the old freighter's slow and cumbrous outfit, for exchange of commodities with our neighbour county and state.

Subjugated steam, harnessed lightning, and man's ingenuity have relegated these slow methods to the past. To-day the iron horse, propelled by wings of steam, is transferring our people and our products from state to state and from continent to continent, with the rapidity of the wind, and, by the skilled finger touch of the electric button, news from all the world is transmitted more rapidly than time itself. Not since the stars sang together in primæval morn has such rapid change been made, as in this, our day and age, and with equal rapidity comes growing greed for

worldly goods; making money the god to be worshipped. Let us see to it, Brethren, one and all, that this avaricious spirit hinders not our solemn duty to protect the reputation and administer to the wants of the distressed worthy Brother, the destitute widow, the innocent maiden and the helpless orphan. Then may it not only be said of us, "Behold how good and how pleasant it is for Brethren to dwell together in unity," but behold how these Brethren love one another and all mankind. Thus may we be counted of the faithful Craft, our life's work approved by the Supreme Grand Overseer and we receive the shibboleth of admission to a place in that Spiritual Temple, whose maker and builder is the Eternal Great I Am, and in his Divine presence receive the true Master's word, "Well done, thou good and faithful servant, enter into the joys of thy Lord."—"American Tyler."

Sonnets of the Greek Mythology, No. 11.

TO URANIA.

BLEST maid of purest attributes divine—
Of god-like wisdom and celestial grace;
Thou art the chief of all the Sisters Nine
For heaven itself's reflected in thy face.
Seraphic being! How shall I give praise
To thee whose tones nigh silence angels' tongues?
To thee—whose fervent, rich and full-voiced lays
Surpass in majesty their sweetest songs?
Thrice blessed Urania! Nay ten thousand times
Art thou thrice blest, for thou canst sway all hearts
Both here, on earth, and in eternal climes,
And still thy song flows on, and still imparts
To mortals here, to cherubim above
The mighty influence of surpassing love.

Bradford.

CHAS. F. FORSHAW, M.A.

BOYS SCHOOL.
HAROLD MACKENZIE SHERMAN,*
LAST APPLICATION—Votes forward 2,324.

Son of the late WILLIAM HENRY SHERMAN, Clerk and Steward to the Bucks County Asylum, Aylesbury, who died on the 6th May 1894, leaving a widow and three children totally unprovided for. He was W.M. of Buckingham Lodge, No. 591, when he died.

The case, which is strongly recommended by the W.M., Officers, and Members of Lodge 591, is really urgent, as owing to the bad state of the Mother's health she is at times quite unable to work.

Proxies may be sent to the widow, Mrs. SHERMAN, 47 Lambeth Palace Road, London, S.E.

* Has a sister in the School at Clapham.

Second application.

TO THE GOVERNORS AND SUBSCRIBERS OF THE
ROYAL MASONIC BENEVOLENT INSTITUTION.

Your votes and interest are solicited on behalf of

LUCY WHILE.

Aged sixty-one years, Widow of the late Bro. JOHN WHILE, Journalist, who died on January 20th, 1892. Bro. While was initiated in the Lodge of United Strength, No. 228, on December 10th, 1867, and became W.M. of that Lodge in 1875, continuing a member of it until the time of his death. He was also for two years a member of the Gallery Lodge, No. 1928; was a Royal Arch Mason, exalted in the William Preston Chapter, No. 766, and a P.Z. of the Chapter of United Strength. He was a subscriber to the three Masonic Institutions, and in 1875 a Steward of the Benevolent Institution, of which he was a Life Governor. His widow is also a Life Governor of this Institution.

The case is strongly recommended by—

- R.W. Bro. Sir John B. Monckton, P.G.W., Guildhall, E.C.
- W. Bro. J. C. Parkinson, P.G.D., P.D.P.G.M., Middlesex, Reform Club, S.W.
- W. Bro. Lennox Browne, F.R.C.S., P.D.G.D.C., 15 Mansfield Street, W.
- W. Bro. Thomas Catling (Editor Lloyd's Weekly), P.M., 2190 and 2127.
- W. Bro. John Northcott (Daily Chronicle), P.M., 2190.
- Bro. John Lobb, C.C., M.L.S.B., 228, 4 St. Bride Street, E.C.
- W. Bro. Robert Griggs, P.M., 228, 11 Grays Inn Square, W.C.
- * W. Bro. George J. Dawson, P.M., 1853, 41 Holland Road, Brixton, S.W.
- W. Bro. E. E. Peacock (Morning Post), P.M. and P.Z., 1928, I.G., 2190.
- W. Bro. Orton Cooper, P.M., 211, H., 1928, M.E.Z., 483, Tilbury, Essex.
- W. Bro. George Kenning, Patron, P.M. and P.Z., 192 and 1657, P.Prov.G.D. Middlesex, Upper Sydenham, S.E.
- Bro. C. F. H. Smith, 1928 (late 228), 42 Blythwood Road, Crouch Hill.
- Bro. J. Bune, 1928, Cleut, Thurlow Park Road, West Dulwich.
- Bro. J. D. Irvine, 1928, 149 Acre Lane, Brixton, S.W.
- W. Bro. W. T. Perkins, P.M., 1928, 36 Norwood Road, Herne Hill, S.E.
- Bro. William Senior, 2190, 9 Parkhill Road, N.W.
- W. Bro. Percy W. Husk, P.M., 1928, P.Z., 1928, 125 Brixton Hill, S.W.
- * Bro. W. W. Morgan, 177, New Barnet.
- * W. Bro. H. Massey, P.M. and P.Z., 619 and 1928, 1 Clifford's Inn, E.C.

Votes will be thankfully received by the Brethren against whose name a * is marked, and by the candidate, 19 Knighton Park Road, Sydenham, S.E.

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.

- 89 Unity, Inns of Court Hotel
83 United Prudence, Albion
256 Union, Freemasons'-hall
1319 Asaph, Freemasons'-hall
1669 Royal Leopold, Camberwell
1853 Caxton, Freemasons'-hall
2020 St. Botolph, Albion
53 Royal Sussex, Bath
107 Philanthropic, Lynn
113 Unanimity, Preston
119 Sun, Sq. & Compass, Whitechapel
135 Perpetual Friendship, B'water
154 Unanimity, Wakefield
156 Harmony, Plymouth
199 Peace and Harmony, Dover
251 Loyal, Barnstaple
328 St. John, Torquay
331 Phoenix Ho. & Prudence, Truro
338 Vitruvian, Ross
395 Guy, Leamington
428 Sincerity, Northwich
431 St. George, N. Shields
441 Three Grand Principles, C'b'dge
467 Tudor, Oldham
482 St. James, Handsworth
529 Semper Fidelis, Worcester
622 St. Cuthbert, Wimborne
694 Oakley, Basingstoke
839 Rl. Gloucestershire, Gloucester
850 St. Oswald, Ashbourne
928 Friendship, Petersfield
959 Prince of Wales, Ipswich
977 Fowey, Fowey
1045 Stamford, Altrincham
1050 Gundolph, Rochester
1051 Rowley, Lancaster
1070 Starkie, Southport
1071 Zetland, Saltash
1077 Wilton, Blackley
1180 Forward, Birmingham
1211 Goderich, Leeds
1239 Wentworth, Sheffield
1254 Semper Fidelis, Exeter
1264 Neptune, Liverpool
1399 Marlborough, Woodstock
1434 Nottinghamshire, Nottingham
1573 Carodoc, Swansea
1861 Claremont, Croydon
1954 Molesworth, Wadebridge
2039 Londonderry, Sunderland
2078 St. Lawrence, Scunthorpe
2166 Cotehele, Calstock
2240 Arrow, Kington
2322 East Lanc. Cent'rion, M'chester.
2497 Carville, Wallsend-on-Tyne
2520 P. of Wales, Newcastle-on-Tyne
2533 Fitzwilliam, Peterborough
2541 St. Andrew, Avonmouth
2586 St. Nicholas, Scarborough
2758 St. John's Thanet, Margate

Tuesday.

- 18 Old Dundee, Cannon St. Ho.
101 Temple, Ship and Turtle
166 Union, Criterion
217 Stability, Anderton's
1159 M'quis Dalhousie, 33, Golden Sq.
1259 Duke of Edinburgh, Eastern Hill
1261 Golden Rule, Café Royal
1472 Henley, North Woolwich
1803 Cornhill, Piccadilly
2190 Savage Club, Freemasons'-hall
2469 Hortus, Freemasons'-hall
2715 Acanthus, Gt. Eastern Hotel
2738 Army and Navy, Anderton's H.
47 Newstead, Nottingham
52 Union, Norwich
70 St. John, Plymouth
103 Beauford, Bristol
124 Marquis of Granby, Durham
158 Adam, Sheerness
252 Harmonic, Dudley
265 Royal Yorkshire, Keighley
315 Royal York, Brighton
40 Alfred, Oxford
364 Cambrian, Neath
393 St. David, Berwick
421 Loyal of Industry, S'thmolton
457 Loyal Monmouth, Monmouth
493 Royal Lebanon, Gloucester
510 St. Martin, Liskeard
558 Temple, Folkestone
615 St. John & St. Paul, Erith
624 Abbey, Burton-on-Trent
660 Camalodunum, New Malton
673 St. John, Liverpool

- 685 Northumberland, N'castle-on-T.
702 Sherborne, Stroud
734 Londesborough, Bridlington
794 Warden, Sutton Coldfield
904 Carnarvon, Havant
847 Fortesque, Honiton
859 Isaac Newton, Cambridge
960 Bute, Cardiff
967 Three Grand Principles, Penryn
974 Pentalpha, Bradford
995 Furness, Ulverston
1002 Skiddaw, Cockermouth
1072 Aberystwith, Aberystwith
1096 Lord Warden, Walmer
1134 Newall, Manchester
1222 Saint Kew, Weston-super-Mare
1244 Marwood, Redcar
1310 Harrow, Harrow
1356 Square & Compasses, Wrexham
1367 Beamster Manor, Beamster.
1488 St. Eleth, Almwch
1509 Madoc, Portmadoc
1726 Gordon, Bognor
1780 Albert Edward, Southampton
1785 St. Petroc, Padstow
1807 Loyal Wye, Builth
1970 Hadrian, South Shields
2129 Dorothy Vernon, Bakewell
2133 Swan of Avon, Stratford-on-Avon
2136 St. Michael, Bishops Stortford
2490 Ampthill, Ampthill
2676 Royal Connaught, Eastbourne

Wednesday.

- 511 Zetland, Anderton's
1298 Royal Standard, Highbury
1306 St. John, Guildhall Tavern
1491 Athenæum, Criterion
1687 Rotheray, Frascati
2562 Papyrus, Criterion
2615 Zodiac, East Ham
2739 Verity, Cafe Monico
2764 St. Olave, Tooley-street
94 Phoenix, Sunderland
74 Athol, Birmingham
137 Amity, Poole
159 Brunswick, East Stonehouse
164 Perseverance, Sidmouth
168 Mariner, Guernsey
279 St. John, Leicester
282 Bedford, Tavistock
287 Unanimity, Stockport
298 Harmony, Rochdale
313 United Friends, Gt. Yarmouth
326 Moira of Honour, Bristol
327 St. John, Wigton
406 N'thern Counties, N'castls-on-T.
417 Faith & Unanimity, Dorchester
429 Royal Navy, Ramsgate
471 Silurian, Newport, Mon.
611 Marches, Ludlow
633 Yarborough, Manchester
645 Humphrey Chetham, M'chester
678 Earl Ellesmere, Farnworth
681 Scarsdale, Custerfield
929 Waveney, Bungay
946 Strawberry Hill, Twickenham
970 St. Anne, East Loce
992 St. Thomas, Manchester
1003 Prince of Wales, Jersey
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1010 Kingston, Hull
1013 Royal Victoria, Liverpool
1063 Malling Abbey, West Malling
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1091 Erme, Ivybridge
1124 St. Oswald, Oswestry
1167 Alnwick, Alnwick
1205 Methem, E. Stonehouse
1206 Cinque Ports, Sandwich
1274 Earl Durham, Chester-le-Street
1333 Athelstan, Atherstone
1335 Lindsey, Wigan
1354 Marquis of Lorne, Leigh
1369 Bala, Bala
1431 St. Alphege, Solihull
1461 Clausentum, Woolston
1478 Lougheat, Warminster
1532 Bective, Carlisle
1549 Abercorn, Great Stanmore
1620 Marlborough, Liverpool
1660 Arlecdon, Frizzington
1736 St. John, Halifax
1862 Stranton, West Hartlepool
1908 Cholmondeley, Frodsham
2024 Raymond Thrupp, Hampt'n Ct.
2193 Queen Jubilee, Nelson

- 2224 Fairfield, Long Eaton
2334 Jersey, Bicester
2368 Alan, Alderley Edge
2391 Orde-Powlett, Middlesborough
2464 Longsight, Longsight
2556 Glyn Ebbw, Ebbw Vale
2560 Earl of Lathom, Bury
2684 St. Ivo, St. Ives
2690 West Kirby, West Kirby

Thursday.

- 10 W'minster & Keystone, F.M.H.
27 Egyptian, Anderton's
45 Strong Man, Guildhall Tav.
742 Crystal Palace, Sydenham
1178 Perfect Ashlar, Southwark
1216 Macdonald, Camberwell
1351 St. Clement Danes, Holb'n R'st.
1672 Mornington, Holborn Via. H'tl.
1707 Eleanor, Great Eastern Hotel
1772 Pimlico, Westminster
1790 Old England, Thornton Heath
2271 St. Pancras, Midland Grand Ho
2512 Fulham, Fulham
2580 Crouch End, Highgate
2665 Past and Present, F.M.H.
2675 Diamond Jubilee, Woodford
24 Newcastle O.T., Newcastle
31 United Industrious, Canterbury
38 Union, Chichester
41 Royal Cumberland, Bath
57 Humber, Hull
110 Loyal C'brian, Merthyr-Tydvil
114 British Union, Ipswich
120 Palladian, Hereford
123 Lennox, Richmond, Yorks
195 Hengis, Pournemouthe
219 Prudence, Todmorden
230 Fidelity, Devonport
249 Mariner, Liverpool
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637 Portland, Stoke-upon-Trent
703 Clifton, Blackpool
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913 Pattison, Plumstead
976 Royal Clarence, Bruton
1012 Prince of Wales, Bury
1231 Savile, Elland
1304 Olive Union, Horncastle
1324 Okeover, Ripley
1379 Marquess of Ripon, Darlington
1384 Equity, Widnes
1424 Brownrigg of Unity, Old B'pton
1473 Bootle, Bootle
1500 Walpole, Norwich
1504 Red Rose of Lanc'ster, Padihun
1513 Friendly, Barnsley
1557 Albert Edward, Hexham

- 1565 Earl of Chester, Lynn
1639 Watling St., Stony Stratford
1770 Vale of White Horse, Faringdon
1829 Burrell, Brighton
1874 Lechmere V'Int'r, Balsall H'th
1899 Wellesley, Sandhurst
2169 Osborne, East Cowes
2195 Military Jubilee, Dover
2255 Philbrick, Chingford
2317 Bisley, Woking
2321 Acacia, Bradford
2342 Easterford, Kelvedon
2350 Corinthian, Hindley
2386 Clarence, Chester
2433 Minerva, Birkenhead
2496 Wirral, Birkenhead
2602 Baring, Cromer
2651 Charity, Warrington

Friday.

- 90 St. John, Albion
554 Yarborough, Fenchurch Street
890 Hornsey, Anderton's
1489 Marquess of Ripon, Highbury
1627 Royal Kensington, F'masons'-h.
2511 St. John at Hackney, Hackney
2772 Richard Eve, Freemasons' Hall
44 Friendship, Manchester
242 St. George, Doncaster
291 Royal Philanthropic, Highbridge
306 Alfred, Leeds
521 Truth, Huddersfield
574 Loy. Berkshire Hope, Newbury
601 St. John, Wellington, Salop
698 Ryde, Ryde
709 Invicta of Ashford, Ashford
837 De Grey and Ripon, Ripon
838 Franklin, Boston
936 Adair, Aldeburgh
1009 Shakspeare, Manchester
1130 Rutland, Melton Mowbray
1230 Barnard, Barnard Castle
1375 Architect, Chorlton-cum-Hardy
1405 Southwell, Nottingham
1547 Liverpool, Liverpool
1561 Morecambe, Morecambe
1648 Prince of Wales, Bradford
1664 Gosforth, Gosforth
1754 Windsor, Penarth
1838 Tudor Rifle V'nt'rs., W'v'h'pton
1993 Wolsley, Manchester
2290 Fairfield, Fairfield
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The Jew and other Stories. By Ivan Turgenev. Translated from the Russian by Constance Garnett (3s net).—William Heinemann.

TURGENEV is a leading light in the school of thought; he stands beside George Eliot and Flaubert. Such, at least, is the opinion of Mr. George Moore, and we will not quarrel with his appraisal of the great Russian novelist. Both in method and result he is said to be less exclusively Russian than Dostoeffsky or Tolstoi; but this doctrine is, we believe, regarded as rank heresy in some quarters. This volume is the fifteenth and last of the excellent English translation of the novels of Ivan Turgenev issued by Messrs. Heinemann. It contains four short stories and a strange fragment entitled "Enough." To begin at the end, we may express the opinion that the title of this fragment is a misnomer, for we certainly wish that "Enough" were very much longer. Its excellencies, however, are of a kind which will doubtless rapel many readers,—they are hardly calculated to please critics of the gentler sex who happen, as Mr. Labouchere once said, to possess "more prejudices and less principles." "The Jew" and "An Unhappy Girl," will be more generally appreciated. The former, a very able and efficient "tour de force," is in no way peculiar as the work of a Russian; it has no characteristics of form or treatment indigenous to Eastern Europe. Had we met with it for the first time in an English Magazine we should certainly not have detected the hand of a continental writer. But the reverse is true of "An Unhappy Girl." This powerful story, so shrewdly conceived, so ably worked out, is eminently continental in character. Such a work may be said to set forth the principles laid down in the *Laocoon* of Lessing by borrowing them from the province of Art and applying them to prose fiction. Moreover, "An Unhappy Girl" recalls in many ways the pliancy, the easy strength of the greater novelists of France. Many passages have the flavour of Balzac in his "Histoire des Treize"; of Emile Souvestre in "Un Philosophe sous les Toits"; of Dumas, when he is stern and reflective beyond his wont, as here and there in "Le Chevalier de Maison-Rouge." Turgenev thoroughly masters the arts of compression. From the materials suggested by these short stories many writers of our own country would have spun an interminable rignarole which we should not care to read through either for criticism or for pleasure. Not the least merit of Turgenev is his exquisite literary finish; but this can only be appreciated by those conversant with the Russian language. The study of Russian does not accord with everybody's tastes.

The Grammar of Science. By Karl Pearson, M.A., F.R.S. Second edition, revised and enlarged, with 33 figures in the text (7s 6d net).—Adam and Charles Black.

WHEN, a few years back, the first edition of this work appeared, Mr. St. George Mivart animadverted upon it strongly in the pages of the "Fortnightly Review." He urged that Professor Pearson, by his treatment of the grammar of science, had clearly shown that he had undertaken an impossible task. We read Mr. Mivart's article on "Denominational Science" carefully at the time, but must say that we do not see eye to eye with him in this matter. So far as we can presume to understand the subject, or rather subjects, discussed in this volume, we side with Prof. Pearson. By adopting the method set forth in the *Grammar of Science* he has shown incontestably how supremely inadequate are the language and logic of the street for the exposition of science. Further, we think he has produced a work which should act as an efficacious corrective to the whims and crotchets of any and every sect of pseudo-scientists. For, alas! there are sects in science as in theology; the scientific sectarian has, we admit, been taught the precepts of dogmatism by the theologian; but he usually does his best to better his instruction. Such disciples will learn, if open to conviction, that their respective masters are by no means infallible, and will have to admit, with Prof. Pearson, that even the teachings of Hume, or Spencer, or Wallace, or Comte are to be received "cum grano salis." We greatly question whether the candid reader will find any serious bone of contention in this work; the chapters on "The facts of Science," on "Life," and on "The Classification of the Sciences," are perhaps the most entirely satisfactory. Prof. Tyndal would probably have objected to some of the remarks on "Spontaneous Generation"; but we can readily believe that Prof. Pearson can be trusted to reply to his critics. His work is in many senses masterly; but we miss the well-nigh inimitable lucidity of Huxley in, say, his "Problems of the Deep Sea" and "Sense and the sensiferous organs." We are however too grateful for so able an exposition to quarrel with its author because he does not use somebody else's pen.

Thou shalt not —. By Stanton Morich (3s 6d).—C. Arthur Pearson, Limited.

THIS is a powerful story. We regret to add that it is somewhat objectionable. To state its characteristics in a few words is difficult; but we may say that we find here a little of George Moore, a little of Grant Allen, a little of Zola, and something of Ouida, and of Paul de Kock. Unfortunately, this volume has reminded us of the dark, rather than the bright side of these authors. We say this in no captious mood. When such painful subjects, so repulsive in every detail, are introduced in a fiction intended for general reading we think the parents amongst us should know what manner of book is bound within the covers of "Thou shalt not —." It is quite desirable that our grown sons should read this book, and take its unpleasant truths, its very obvious lessons, and its scathing denunciations of certain conventionalities, very deeply to heart: but we certainly do not wish to see it handed about indiscriminately amongst our daughters of tender years. That school of criticism which would concur in Johnson's dictum that Matthew Prior is a "ladies poet" might laugh our scruples to the wind. Many men, many minds. Having uttered this protest we should be grossly unjust if we omitted to

acknowledge the skill with which the more prominent characters in this book are drawn. The very best is, beyond all question, Miss Skittles. We do not recall a single passage regarding her which is full of description for mere description's sake; yet Miss Skittles, a really charming young woman, albeit of the "half-world," is placed before us in a series of singularly vivid pictures which show the artist as a veritable master of his craft. Kate and Frances are both well drawn, and are skilfully used to bring about the final denouement; but the men—there is only one "gentleman" in the book—do not strike us as being so ably delineated. This writer, by careful exercise of good taste, should give us some sound work presently.

Highways and Byways in Yorkshire. By Arthur H. Norway. With illustrations by Joseph Pennell and Hugh Thomson (6s).—Macmillan and Co., Limited.

THE series of volumes to which this work belongs, so well written, so cleverly illustrated, is one of the very best of the many ventures of its kind now in course of publication. Mr. Norway has traversed the highways and byways of Yorkshire to some purpose. He has a good eye for scenery, and a strong love for the folk-lore and traditions which have gathered around so many of his favourite haunts. He has, too, excellent judgment in the selection and treatment of material. When Mr. Norway published his charming work on the "Highways and Byways of Devon and Cornwall" there was a rare unanimity of opinion amongst the critics as to the merits of his prose. Certainly the book before us must satisfy the most fastidious taste. We do not know whether Mr. Norway is a disciple of the late Mr. Ruskin, but we dare affirm that, consciously or unconsciously, he has penned many a paragraph of sedulously elaborated description which bears a strong resemblance to some passages in "Modern Painters." In chapter V. we read:

"There is a sharp whistle in the wind this morning, and the sea is breaking heavily round the harbour walls. From time to time a surge heavier than the rest sends a cloud of brown spray flying over the wharves and quays where the fishing crates are stored, and as I watch, a drift of flaky foam torn from the crests of the grey breakers whips past the red roofs of the old town and is driven slowly by the wind across the green slopes to the Castle crag."

This is Ruskin, if we know anything about the matter at all. Somehow—the why and the wherefore elude our explanation—there is an enthusiasm in this book which is very contagious. We caught it rather badly, half-way through its pages, and found ourselves longing for a holiday, a bike, fine weather, and Yorkshire. Dwellers north of the Humber will welcome this volume warmly; but Mr. Norway has told us much which is of interest to many who know Yorkshire only on the map.

A CHEAP reprint of Mr. Fitzpatrick's "Transvaal from Within" has been issued by Mr. W. Heinemann. The Book has been revised and a new Introduction added by the Author. This Introduction further elucidates not only the original aspirations of the Boers to extend their Republics and pre-eminence, but shows how down to the present day this has been their settled policy and ambition. A new coloured map has been prepared with a view to demonstrate Mr. Fitzpatrick's argument.

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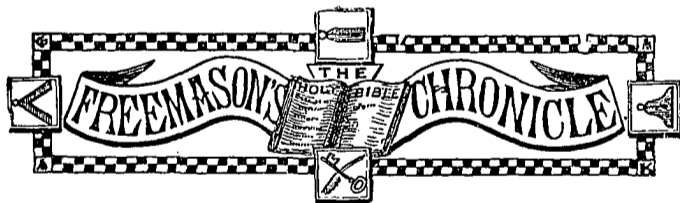
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UPS AND DOWNS OF LODGES.

WE have been very much interested while studying the histories of Lodges and writing their stories, to note their fluctuations in membership. They frequently start out with a "boom." The members who form a new Lodge are full of enthusiasm and they work together in an effort to build it up. Petitions for the first few years are many and the numbers increase rapidly. This would seem to suggest that some "influence" was brought to bear upon the men outside of Masonry, and they were induced by other than a mere high regard for the Institution to fill out an application for membership. This perhaps accounts for the rapid growth of the Lodge in its earlier years, and for the wholesale unaffiliations that occur a few years later.

The history of all Lodges is much the same. Those who form the new body are actuated to do so from various causes. Some, from disappointed ambition, set up another Lodge, where they can be leaders and direct things to suit themselves. They desire to make a success of their new project and work vigorously for the accomplishment of their

ends. Had they put forth the same energy in their old home they would doubtless have had their ambition rewarded. In the new Lodge they labour assiduously until some time when their pet schemes are not carried out, and they either find another home or endeavour to set up another Lodge. In the petition to form a new Lodge the statement is made that those who propose to establish it are actuated by a desire to advance and promote the cause of Masonry, and disseminate Masonic principles. These motives are certainly commendable and ought to be at all times encouraged. It may be truthfully said that in most instances the formation of a new Lodge has been beneficial to the Fraternity. Even though other motives than a simple desire to advance the cause of Masonry may have actuated the Brethren at the beginning, yet the true principles of the Institution have always asserted themselves and the Lodge has become established upon a sound basis.

The question naturally arises, Why is this spasmodic growth? this great increase in numbers during the early years of the history of the Lodge, and the sudden change and, in many instances, the equally rapid decline? The answer is found in the spirit of enthusiasm that generally fills the hearts of those who found a new enterprise. They labour to obtain members and frequently they are not so particular as they should be in their selection. The result is the seed sown falls upon shallow ground and soon springs up, but having no root as quickly withers and dies. The sun of adversity scorches the leaves of interest of the older plants and the result is a blasting influence.

The seasons of depression seem to come periodically. There are very few Lodges that can claim an uninterrupted prosperity from the beginning. Men are influenced by others. They catch energy and interest from contact with one another, precisely as a child is affected by the contagion of the measles. It is in the atmosphere surrounding the one who has it. They breathe it, and become imbued with the spirit of zeal, and it breaks out in active effort in behalf of the Lodge. One man can and does influence the actions of many others. The periods of activity in Lodges can be as clearly traced as the Gulf Stream in mid ocean. They follow the course marked out by the zealous and energetic men who, realising the importance of their positions as leaders, exert an influence which is irresistible. And times of adversity are equally as clearly defined by a carelessness in administration, a lack of interest on the part of Officers, which with its baleful influence stagnates the life blood of the Lodge. Members lose interest in the meetings, absent themselves, fall behind in their dues and end by joining the great army of unaffiliates.

This is but the natural result of such leadership. When men are once unaffiliated, whether at their own request or for cause, the statistics show that not one in four are ever restored to membership. And restorations are in most cases the result of some new element in the Lodge that sets to work to look after its interest, to find out why this good Brother or that dropped out, and endeavour to revive his zeal.

Such careless and indifferent administrations naturally lead to lack of funds, and with a depleted treasury the Lodge is powerless to do its work properly. There is nothing to attract good material, for where there is known to be danger of bankruptcy men are sure to avoid it. Nothing succeeds like success, and nothing depresses like depression. Everyone feels it, and war against it as you will you cannot escape its effect.

Another cause of these depressions in Lodge life is a spirit of contention that sometimes creeps in. Although foreign to the teachings of the Fraternity, yet Masons being human in nature cannot divorce themselves from their natural propensities. How often have we heard, and very recently too, of troubles among Brethren, of difficulties in Lodges, of the work being stopped by the black ball fiend, and the Master and better element becoming discouraged. But these seasons of contention pass away, and a better and brighter day appears. Then by a united effort, under able leadership, the Lodge begins to rise again, and so long as the spirit of concord and unity prevails will the prosperity continue.

And so the ups and downs of Lodges come and go, like the waves of the sea, influenced by the winds which blow, fresh and strong, filling the sails with power to carry the good ship safely on; or with adverse gales that toss the bark upon tempestuous billows, threatening its very existence. But in nearly all cases there is an element of strength and a feeling of hopefulness that leads the true friends of the Lodge, filled with the genuine spirit of Masonry, to battle against the odds that seem to threaten destruction, until the clouds pass away and the calm, prosperous sea is reached, — "Masonic Standard."

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SKELMERSDALE LODGE, No. 1658.

Installation of Bro. R. Gabell.

THE Annual Festival of this Lodge took place on Thursday, 22nd inst., at the Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, those present including Bros. W. M. Croxson W.M., R. Gabell W.M.-elect S.W., T. J. Rawlings J.W., W. H. Boys P.M. Sec., James Farmer S.D., S. E. Rice J.D., J. Thorneloe I.G., A. E. Kipps Org.; Past Masters Erle D. Side I.P.M., J. Cox, H. Cohen, R. Rowland, H. B. Buckeridge; and Bros. R. S. Buckeridge, B. Cohen, T. A. Jones, F. Marlow, J. Shaw, A. Legette, A. Davis, J. Pickering, H. Gibbon, S. Morris, W. R. Knapman, W. J. Bishop, F. O. Bridge, G. F. Tavener, H. Gibbons, R. Alabaster, D. Gunton, C. Emmett, F. C. Penney, J. W. Tratt, J. R. Papworth, E. A. Wass, J. Godefroy, E. Smyth, J. Humphries, J. W. Sandell, J. Danson, F. Marshall, P. Nilen, W. Perrin, Frank Nilen, J. C. Davis, W. Edwards, C. Sisman, W. Biles, J. F. Wetzen, W. Hummerston, W. Clarkson, J. George, W. Greenfield, John Hibble, &c., &c.

The Visitors included Bros. George White P.M., C. W. Mayo P.M. 1686, A. H. Hastings J.D. 20, C. M. Morris W.M. 1571, W. H. Bale P.M. 87, J. Smith P.M. 1598, W. Cates 983, G. Thompson S.W. 1622, G. Montague 2728, H. Edwards 186, A. Britton 901, F. Budge S.D. 2699, C. J. Smith P.M. 2504, J. Eedle P.P.G.S. of W. Essex, J. Hearn P.M. 1381, F. Taylor 193, W. Colley 548, A. Doig P.M. 1539, R. Russell 1563, J. Reynolds 87, Walter Wren, J. Wynman, and others.

The minutes of the last regular Lodge, an emergency, and the audit meeting having been read and confirmed, the Lodge was opened in the second degree, when the W.M. declared the Offices vacant.

Bro. Robert Gabell W.M.-elect was presented by Bro. H. B. Buckeridge P.M., and was addressed as to the duties of the high office to which he had been elected, and which he agreed to accept, signifying his assent to the ancient charges in due form. He then took the Obligation, a Board of Installed Masters was formed, and Bro. Gabell was inducted to the chair of King Solomon.

The Brethren were re-admitted and the new Master was proclaimed and saluted in the three degrees. By desire of Bro. Croxson Bro. E. D. Side continued the ceremony, the addresses being impressively rendered by him.

Bro. Gabell appointed his Officers as follow: Bros. T. J. Rawlings S.W., Jas. Farmer J.W., W. H. Boys P.M. Sec., E. S. Rice S.D., J. B. Thorneloe J.D., W. E. Bennett I.G., J. W. Sandell D.C., F. Lloyd A.D.C., R. S. Buckeridge and E. H. Smyth Stewards, A. E. Kipps Organist.

The Worshipful Master said he was very sorry to say that on account of the death of their highly esteemed Treasurer Bro. Hill, the Lodge would require to elect another Brother to occupy that responsible position.

Bro. Side paid a well deserved compliment to the I.P.M. Bro. Croxson, and said he had acted since the death of the Treasurer, and had performed the duties of the important position in such a highly satisfactory manner that he had very much pleasure in proposing that Bro. Croxson be duly elected to the Office. He was sure the Lodge could not find a better man, that the funds would be well looked after by him, and that they would be in sure hands.

Bro. Buckeridge P.M. had very much pleasure in seconding the proposition, and hoped it would result in an unanimous vote. He also was sure the funds could not be in better hands, and could not be looked after better than by Bro. Croxson, who had already shown his ability for the Office.

The W.M., in bringing the proposition forward, said he had much pleasure in supporting it; after which we had the gratification of seeing Bro. W. Croxson I.P.M. elected and invested as the Treasurer of the Lodge, and we sincerely congratulate him on the honourable appointment.

Bro. Croxson said it was a great surprise to him having been unanimously elected Treasurer of the Lodge; he had expected a little opposition from Bro. Buckeridge P.M., but instead of that he had seconded the proposition, for which he sincerely thanked him. He also thanked the Brethren one and all for their kindness in putting so much confidence in him, and assured them he would take great care of the funds of the Lodge, and do everything in his power for its welfare and prosperity.

The ability of the W.M. was now further put to the test, as the ballot was taken for Mr. Joseph Shaw, which proving unanimous in his favour, in due course that gentleman was initiated into the mysteries of Ancient Freemasonry, the ceremony being impressively rendered. This and the able manner in which the W.M. invested the Officers showed that the Brethren had made a proper choice in electing Bro. Gabell as the ruler of the Lodge. Bro. Rowland P.M. gave the ancient charge in capital form.

The W.M. presented Bro. Croxson with the Past Master's jewel, saying that if ever a jewel had been well earned, it was by Bro. Croxson during the past year. No one more richly deserved it than he, and he trusted he might live for many years to wear it, in health and strength.

Bro. Croxson thanked the W.M. for his very kind remarks. He had

arrived at the height of his ambition, by obtaining the Past Master's jewel of the Skelmersdale Lodge. He had had the pleasure of initiating twenty-four new members into the Lodge, and he hoped the present Worshipful Master would have as prosperous a year.

Bro. J. Humphries, one of the Brethren who had been initiated during the year, asked the W.M. if he would kindly allow him to say a few words. The request being granted, he said he would esteem it a great honour if he might also present to their I.P.M. Bro. Croxson a Past Master's collar, which was subscribed by those Brethren who had had the honour of being initiated into the Craft by Bro. Croxson. They trusted the Great Architect of the Universe might grant him health, and spare him to them for many years yet to come.

Bro. Croxson said he could not find words sufficiently to thank the Brethren, firstly in being invested as the I.P.M., then as Treasurer, and now with such a handsome jewel and collar. He felt like a Lord Mayor. He was most happy to accept the collar, knowing it was presented with true loving feeling; he was proud of it, as marking the fact that during his year of Office twenty-four new members had been initiated. Again he sincerely thanked them for their very handsome presents.

Bro. Croxson next proposed that the sum of ten guineas be added to the list of Bro. Side, who will represent the Lodge as Steward for the Girls School, which was unanimously agreed to.

Bro. Side thanked the Brethren, at the same time reminding them it was not for himself, but for the Masonic Charity, and he hoped to attend the Festival with flying colours.

Bro. Foster was elected a joining member. The resignation of a Brother was accepted, and after the communications had been dealt with the Lodge was closed and the Brethren retired to the Banqueting room, where an excellent repast was provided, reflecting great credit on the well known Masonic establishment, also on Mrs. Venables, the proprietress, who always looks after the comfort of the guests to the best of her ability.

After dinner the W.M. sounded the gavel and rose to submit the toast of the Queen and the Craft, which was received with musical honours.

The proposition of the Grand Master was greeted with great applause, as was also that of the Grand Officers.

Bro. Croxson, in well chosen terms proposed the health of the W.M., which he ventured to think would be the toast of the evening. He was sure his conduct in the chair would meet with the satisfaction of the Lodge; he invested his Officers to perfection, and he initiated the candidates to the credit of himself and the Lodge; in fact he had never heard work done better than had been the case that evening. The programme the W.M. had provided was one of the very best, and they could but wish him a prosperous year of Office. He therefore called upon them to give the W.M. an extra bumper, which the Brethren most willingly attended to.

The W.M. on rising was most heartily received. He said he could not thank the Brethren sufficiently for having elected him W.M. of the Lodge; he was indeed proud of the position. It was ten years since he replied to the toast as one of the initiates; and he fully recognised it was a very different position he occupied at the present. He recognised the responsibilities of the Office, but with the assistance of the Past Masters and Officers he hoped to be able to do what was expected from every Master of the Lodge. The more work they gave him the better he would like it, but at the same time he desired to impress upon them that he did not want quantity only, but quality as the first consideration. Again he sincerely thanked them all.

The toast of the initiate Bro. Joseph Shaw was proposed from the chair in happy terms, the W.M. speaking of the great attention that Brother had paid to the ceremony, and feeling sure he would make an excellent Mason.

Bro. Shaw thanked the W.M. for his kindness in having initiated him into the Craft. He was a member of several societies, but in none were the ceremonies so impressive as what he had gone through that evening. The W.M. was saying that ten years since he was initiated in that room, and now he occupied the honourable position of Worshipful Master; he, as the candidate of the moment assured them he should endeavour to make equal progress, and hoped in time to come to prove himself an acquisition to the Lodge. He sincerely thanked them all for having accepted him as a Brother amongst them.

The Visitors toast was next given, the guests being heartily welcomed, and the toast most cordially received by the members.

Bro. W. H. Bale P.M. and Treasurer 87, in response, first thanked the W.M. for his kind invite, and congratulated him on his arriving at the honourable position of representative of King Solomon—a model of wisdom, strength and beauty. Of wisdom the W.M. had a goodly portion; as to strength, physically, he had never had the opportunity of putting him to the test; while as to beauty, he thought they would agree with him his personal appearance spoke for itself. The W.M. having expressed a wish that all speeches should be brief he would conclude by wishing him a very happy and successful year of Office. There was one thing crossing his mind, the W.M.'s name was Robert, and he thought that the Skelmersdale Lodge would, at the end of his year of office, be proud of their little Bobs, who no doubt would be as honoured and respected by his Brother members as was their little Lord Roberts who was fighting their battles in South Africa.

Bro. Eedle P.P.G.S. of Works, Bro. Smith, and several other visitors also acknowledged the compliment.

Bro. Side responded to the toast of the Masonic Charities, and was pleased to say he had already fifty guineas on his list for the Girls School.

The Past Masters and Officers of the Lodge were next toasted, and acknowledged the compliment.

During the evening the Charity Box was handed round, and £2 19s was collected.

A very pleasant programme of music was arranged, amongst others who provided the harmony being the Thespian Glee Singers, Mr. H. C. Shearing, Mr. T. Millar Scott, Mr. G. T. Devonshire, Bro. Jas. Avery. Bro. Kipps Organist, in his usual able manner, accompanied. By special desire Bro. H. Cohen P.M. recited "Ordered to the Front."

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HENRY MUGGERIDGE LODGE, No. 1679.

THE annual election meeting took place on Saturday, at Anderton's Hotel Fleet Street, when the Brethren assembled to attend to their Masonic duties, and probably with the pleasant intention of giving an unanimous vote to their popular friend and Brother T. Fred. Strutt (who we had the great pleasure of seeing installed as Worshipful Master of the Hygeia Lodge, No. 2664, on Saturday, 10th ult.) as he came next in rotation for election as Worshipful Master of the Henry Muggeridge Lodge.

The Lodge was opened by the Worshipful Master Bro. J. A. Worthington, who, on taking the chair received a most hearty ovation, as this was his first attendance since his installation, he having met with a most severe accident last summer in Shropshire, whilst out shooting. The Brotherly Love which was exhibited, and the respect and pleasure shown on seeing Brother

Worthington in the chair must have been most gratifying to him. We wish him renewed health and strength, and sincerely congratulate him on his miraculous escape.

The W.M. had the support of Bros. J. W. Gomm I.P.M., T. F. Strutt S.W., Robert M. Crompton J.W., William Boyce P.M. Sec., C. W. Hiscocks S.D., P. Page J.D., A. E. Patman I.G., Sidney Roberts Org.; with Past Masters Sigismund Stampfer, A. J. Street, C. J. Sowton; and Bros. Henry W. Page, Ch. H. Smallman, R. S. Cox, T. Embrow, W. Tipton, George White, H. Edwards, John Crawford, J. Wynman (visitor), and others.

The Lodge being formed the minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. The ballot was taken for Bro. George White, who wished to re-join the Lodge. It proved unanimous in his favour, and the W.M. said he was pleased to see an old member join again; he gave him a most hearty welcome.

The Lodge was opened in the second degree, and Bro. Charles Henry Smallman being present was examined, answered the questions in a perfect manner, was entrusted, and retired.

The Lodge was opened in the third degree and in due course Bro. Smallman was raised to the sublime degree of a Master Mason, the W.M. rendering the ceremony in an excellent manner.

The Lodge was resumed to the first degree, and the annual election took place. We were not at all surprised to hear the announcement from the Worshipful Master that Bro. Thomas Frederick Strutt had received the unanimous vote of the Brethren as Worshipful Master of the Henry Muggerridge Lodge for the coming year; the announcement of the result of the ballot was most heartily received by the members.

Bro. Strutt thanked the W.M. and Brethren for having elected him W.M. of the Lodge. The Bye-Laws were read.

It was proposed that the usual gold jewel and Past Master's collar be presented to Bro. J. A. Worthington W.M., on his retiring from office in May next, the proposition being carried unanimously.

The W.M., on rising, was again most heartily received. He thanked the Brethren for having voted the jewel and collar, but he did not think he had earned it, on account of not having been able to attend by reason of his severe accident; during his illness his heart was with the Brethren, and after the severe operation he had to go through he was told he had spoken while under chloroform about the Lodge. At any rate he would content himself for the present by thanking the Brethren, and he also thanked the Great Architect of the Universe that he was again amongst them. Again and again he sincerely thanked them all.

Bro. Sowton proposed that the sum of five guineas be given to the widow of a late Brother. The W.M. asked if five guineas would do the poor widow any good; if the Brethren intended to assist her let it be more substantially, and let them give her something that would do her good; therefore he proposed that ten guineas be given to her, so as to render her a better service, and this was unanimously supported.

Four gentlemen were proposed as members, showing that the Brethren intend to give their W.M.-elect ample work during his year of Office.

Letters were read from Bro. Sack P.M. Treasurer, and Bro. John H. Kirby, expressing their inability to attend. The important communications from Grand Lodge were read by the Secretary.

Bro. R. M. Crompton J.W. proposed that a hearty vote of congratulation be passed, and recorded on the minutes, to their esteemed Worshipful Master, Bro. Worthington, on his recovery from his very severe accident.

Bro. Strutt W.M.-elect in a nice little speech brought the proposition forward, and also seconded it, whilst the Brethren unanimously endorsed the sentiments expressed.

The W.M. briefly thanked the members for their expression of goodwill.

There being no further work the Lodge was closed, and the Brethren retired to partake of an excellent repast, after which the W.M. gave the Loyal toast, which was most heartily received by the Brethren; the National Anthem being sung by the W.M.

This was followed by the toast of the Grand Master, Bro. Gomm I.P.M. singing the solo of "God bless the Prince of Wales."

Bro. Gomm I.P.M. also gave the next toast, that of the W.M. He had been prevented from being present since his installation, on account of the severe accident he met with. He would have performed the duties of the chair to perfection, but it had been willed otherwise. The ceremony he had worked that evening had given sufficient proof of his ability, as it had been rendered most efficiently. He therefore felt confidence in calling upon them to drink the health of the W.M., wishing him renewed health and strength, and expressing their pleasure at seeing him again occupying the position in the Lodge of which he had been deprived for such a very long time.

The W.M.'s reception on rising to respond showed his popularity amongst the members. He thanked the Brethren for their very hearty greeting, and said he could not find words sufficient to express his feelings for the way in which his toast had been received. He thanked Bro. Gomm I.P.M. for giving it, and the Brethren for honouring the same in such a cordial manner. Since last July he had passed through a very hard time, but he thanked the Great Architect of the Universe that he was again amongst them. In spirit he had been present at all their meetings, and he had very much regretted his enforced absence. He thanked Bro. Gomm for having done all the work of the Mastership during his absence. He was happy to say he was greatly improving, and at the next meeting he hoped to be among them again to hand over the gavel of his Office to his successor Bro. Strutt. He should have liked to say a good deal more, but his heart was too full for words. He could but again thank them for all their kindnesses.

The W.M. next gave the toast of the W.M.-elect. It was a very happy moment to him to be able to give that toast, and it was principally for that purpose he had attended. He felt very proud to be in the position to congratulate Bro. Strutt, as they had worked together for many years, and Bro. Strutt had proved himself one of the most worthy members of the Craft. He had the interests of Masonry at heart, and showed it in various ways. They must not only allow he did everything in his power for the welfare of the Lodge, but also that he studied the pleasures of the Brethren likewise. He knew the W.M.-elect would have good support from the Past Masters—really the pillars of the Lodge, and ready at all times to render any assistance that might be required of them—and also from good Officers, especially from Bro. Crompton, who was coming on next in rotation.

Bro. Strutt, replying, thanked the Brethren for the way in which they had elected him as Master of the Lodge; and now, for the very hearty manner in which they had received the toast. He was pleased to know he had introduced several members into the Lodge, and was happy to see all its members so united. He hoped to say much more on the occasion of his installation, when he should be very happy to have the present Worshipful Master on his left, in greatly improved health. He felt sure he would receive able support from his Officers, from the Past Masters, and, indeed, from every member of the Lodge.

The W.M., in submitting the health of the Past Masters, said it was the last time he would be entitled to give the toast, and he desired to accord them all the honour in his power. They had Past Masters in the Lodge to be proud of; they were, indeed, of the very best; there was nothing too much for them to undertake in furtherance of the welfare of the Lodge. He hoped each of those present would say a few words in response.

Bro. Stampfer, as one of the oldest members of the Lodge, expressed the pleasure all must feel in seeing the W.M. present again after his accident. He trusted God might grant him health and strength to wholly recover.

Bro. Street said he was initiated twenty years ago, and had the pleasure of introducing the W.M. as a candidate. Ever since he had carried out his duties in perfect manner, and it was most unfortunate that during his year as Master such a great misfortune should have happened to him as his accident of last summer. Their worthy Secretary had read the letter from Grand Lodge as to assisting their Masonic Brethren in South Africa; he hoped that a proposition would be made at the next meeting to meet the case, and that it would be favourably received.

Bro. Boys tendered his thanks. It was very flattering for the Past Masters to be so honoured as they had been that evening. He spoke of the unfortunate absence of the W.M., and commended his working that evening as a pattern to be followed by his successor, who, as they were no doubt aware, was at the present time Worshipful Master of the Hygeia Lodge, of which he was a prominent founder. They would find in Bro. Strutt an excellent worker, one who did not study inconveniences, or his pocket; one who stuck to his post like a true soldier.

Bro. Sowton followed, tendering his thanks, and congratulations to the Master and Master-elect.

Bro. Gomm I.P.M. said the small services he had rendered during the absence of the Master were, he was pleased to think, regarded as satisfactory by the members.

The Treasurer and Secretary were next toasted, the Master complimenting those Officers, and congratulating the members on the general good feeling that existed as the direct result of their efforts.

The Secretary said he was sure important business kept the Treasurer away that evening, but he always studied the welfare of the Lodge. As Secretary he thanked them for their kind remarks.

Bro. Crompton J.W. responded on behalf of the Officers.

The W.M. said it was rather out of place to make a proposition, but as he thought they ought to strike the iron while it was hot he suggested that all fees be remitted for those members of the Lodge away fulfilling their duties on the battlefields of South Africa; that during such absence no fees should accumulate; and, further, that any arrears should be wiped out. The approval and patriotism of the Brethren was shown in the heartiest manner, and the kindness evinced was acknowledged by Bro. Hiscocks, a personal friend of one of the Brethren more intimately concerned.

During the evening several Brethren added to the enjoyment of the company with displays of their musical ability, among them Bros. Carl Brandt, H. Page, C. Hiscocks, T. F. Strutt, &c., while Bro. R. S. Cox, a retired soldier, gave an excellent exhibition of sword practice. Bro. S. Roberts presided at the piano.

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DUKE OF FIFE LODGE, No. 2345.

THE annual Installation of this Lodge took place on Wednesday, 21st inst., and was exceedingly well attended. Bro. G. F. Winny was most impressively installed, and invested his Officers.

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LOMBARDIAN LODGE, No. 2348.

THE last meeting of this Lodge, held on the 7th inst., under the presidency of Bro. C. A. Cuthbert Keeson P.M. Worshipful Master, was transferred from the Ship and Turtle Hotel, Leadenhall Street, to the Masonic Temple, Holborn Restaurant, and was visited by a very large contingent of Provincial Lombardians, who had received a special invitation.

After the dispensation had been read Bro. Herbert Attenbury was raised to the sublime degree of M.M. Bro. La Fenillade then proposed for election as an honorary member of the Lodge Bro. Ernest Attenbury P.M., one of the founders, who is now serving with the 37th Company of the Imperial Yeomanry in South Africa. Bro. Alfred Layman S.W. seconded the proposition, which was carried unanimously.

Lodge was closed about 7 p.m., and the members and visitors proceeded to partake of an excellent banquet, which had been prepared in the magnificent Gordon Room of the Restaurant. The menu, a copy of which we have received, is identical with that provided by Her Most Gracious Majesty the Queen, for the Emperor of Germany, at Windsor Castle, on 21st November 1899.

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EARL'S COURT LODGE, No. 2765.

THE fifth, and perhaps we may truly say the most enjoyable meeting of this flourishing Lodge, one of the latest additions to West London Masonry, was held on Wednesday, 14th inst., at the Royal Palace Hotel, Kensington, when upwards of fifty members and visitors assembled.

The W.M. Lieut.-Col. G. E. E. Blunt P.P.S.G.W. Middx. presided, supported by Bros. J. Worth S.W., Imre Kiralfy P.A.G.D.C. as J.W., F. Langford I.P.M., J. Cox P.J.G.D. Middx. Treasurer, J. W. Facey P.M. Secretary, C. G. Hatt P.M. J.D., W. S. Lyon D.C., A. J. Taylor A.D.C., J. J. Orr I.G., W. Neighbour and J. H. King Stewards, and F. Packer Organist.

Among the visitors were Bros. F. Stutfield P.M. 144, C. Ormond P.M. 51, C. H. Dancocks P.M. 1671, H. J. Cousens P.M. 172, S. Sidders P.M. 865, and many others.

On the opening of the Lodge the W.M. announced that Bro. Lieut.-Col. William Watts P.P.G.S.W. Dorset, their J.W., was now with his regiment in South Africa, and that Bro. Imre Kiralfy had most kindly undertaken the duties during the gallant Colonel's absence at the front.

The Lodge was opened in the three degrees, and in the course of the ceremonies Bro. Thomas M. Ross was raised as a M.M., and Bro. Frederick Fewell passed F.C.

The ballot was taken, and proving unanimously in their favour, Messrs. E. A. Warton, F. Stovold, S. H. Procter, and S. R. Rogers were initiated into Ancient Freemasonry. The whole of the working reflected the highest credit upon the W.M., and was typical of the high standard of excellence aimed at by the members of the Lodge.

At the banquet, the usual Loyal and Masonic toasts were duly honoured, and ten guineas was subscribed for the Masonic Refugees (South Africa) Fund.

Bro. Imre Kiralfy, replying for the Grand Officers, caused much laughter

by saying that if all roads led to Earl's Court it was no less true that all candidates came to the Earl's Court Lodge, for its progress was amazing. He was delighted to be associated with such a Lodge, and proud to occupy the J.W. chair on behalf of Bro. Lieut.-Col. Watts.

Replying to the toast of the W.M., proposed by Bro. F. Langford I.P.M., Lieut.-Col. Blunt said he hoped to be long spared to come amongst them. He attributed the success of the Lodge in a great measure to the business-like method evinced by their Treasurer and Secretary, no less than to the cordial manner in which every Brother of the Lodge worked for the common cause, and the advancement of the best interests of the Craft.

Bro. Cox Treasurer, in his reply, stated that the Lodge was absolutely financially solvent; they had entertained their guests well, and furnished their Lodge in good style, and with all the expenses incidental to a first year he would enable the W.M. to hand over a substantial balance to his successor. He thought this highly satisfactory.

Bro. Facey Secretary thanked the Brethren for their ready help. They had absolute unanimity and concord, and not a dissonant voice in the Lodge. He hoped they never would have, for the formation of cliques was the ruin of any Lodge, and Masonry should be above the petty jealousies of the outer world. He believed they all thanked Bro. Kiralfy for so worthily filling the place of Col. Watts, to whom he, on behalf of the Lodge, had conveyed their good wishes for his speedy and victorious return from the campaign. They earnestly hoped to see him yet as their W.M., and give him their loyal support.

Other toasts followed, that of the Visitors being heartily responded to by Bros. Stutfield, Dancocks, Ormond, Sidders, &c.

The meeting was indeed altogether a most enjoyable evening, both from the business and social aspect, and we heartily congratulate the Officers and Brethren of the Lodge.

COMMERCIAL TRAVELLERS LODGE, No 2795.

THE regular meeting was held at the Hotel Cecil, on Saturday, 17th inst., when Bro. Robert A. Tidmas W.M. presided, and was supported by his Officers Bro. H. O. Budd S.W., Thomas Elliott J.W., John Irwin Secretary, B. Kench S.D., C. W. Bailey J.D., C. H. Simmons I.G., J. M. Maynard D.C., John Poole Robinson and Alexander Albu Stewards.

There were also present Bros. R. J. Vincent P.M. P.Z. as I.P.M., Lt.-Col. Peckover, and a goodly number of other members and visiting Brethren. Among the latter we had the pleasure of seeing Bros. H. Hall P.M. 1693, Robt. Jackson P.M. 1815, John J. Potter P.M. 503, W. O. Welsford P.M. 1321, J. S. Whitley I.P.M. 1730.

The Lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed.

A very handsome set of working tools was presented to the Lodge by Bro. John Irwin Sec. It was proposed by Bro. R. A. Tidmas W.M., and seconded by Bro. H. O. Budd S.W., that the very best thanks of the Lodge be given to Bro. J. Irwin for his present.

The ballot was then taken for Mr. W. H. Harris, Mr. Henry Hall, and Mr. A. J. A. Santi, as candidates for admission into the Order. They were unanimously approved, and regularly initiated into the mysteries and privileges of Freemasonry. Bros. Robt. Bowman and Frederick Charles Walker answered the questions leading to the second degree, and were afterwards passed to the rank of Fellow Craft.

Bros. Frederick Coysh, William Walter Gibbings, John James Hanson, Rev. William Henry Maynard, M.A., Morris William Coopman, and Henry Enderby, after answering the usual questions, were raised to the sublime degree of Master Mason.

The three degrees were worked by the W.M. in his usual inimitable style, which will leave a lasting impression on those fortunate enough to be present.

The Lodge voted ten guineas to Bro. R. A. Tidmas's list, who will represent the Lodge at the ensuing Festival of the Boys School.

The Brethren, after the close of the Lodge, adjourned to the banqueting room, where a very pleasant evening was spent, the speeches and songs being of a high order.

PROVINCIAL.

METHAM LODGE, No. 1205.

THE annual installation was held at the Masonic Hall, Caroline Place, Stonehouse. The retiring W.M. Bro. R. Stoneman presided over the large company which assembled to honour the W.M.-elect Bro. J. Baynard James. The ceremony of installation was very impressively performed by Bros. Captain W. Powell P.P.G.D., P. J. Dunn P.P.G.S.B., R. Dickson P.P.G.D.D.C., G. Perring, J. J. Facey, and R. Stoneman.

Before the Lodge was closed an interesting presentation took place, Bro. D. Cross, who for many years past had carried out the duties of Treasurer, being the recipient of a framed illuminated address, voted him by the Brethren in recognition of his valuable services to the Lodge.

The installation banquet was held on the 27th inst., the W.M. Bro. J. Baynard James presiding. Amongst those present were Bros. Colonel J. Elliott, C.B., C.M.G., Past District Grand Master of Barbadoes, F. B. Westlake P.G.D.D.C. England P.Prov.G.S.W., Major J. G. Shanks P.M., Colonel Edyvean W.M. 2655, J. E. Bone J.W. 1550, &c.

In giving the toast of the Queen, the W.M. said her womanly and gracious sympathy with her soldiers had been an example to the whole world.

Bro. Dunn brought the colonial forces into the usual service toast. Bro. Lieut.-Col. Edyvean W.M. of Queen Victoria Lodge, St. Budeaux, replied. He thought the short service system had been justified in the present war—their young soldiers had fulfilled the highest traditions of the British Army.

Bro. Powell proposed H.R.H. the Prince of Wales Grand Master of England and Grand Lodge. He congratulated them on having two members of Grand Lodge present. One of them was one of the principal founders and the first Master of Metham Lodge; he alluded to Bro. Colonel Elliott. He was initiated in Metham Lodge the first night of Colonel Elliott's Mastership, and they all hoped the Great Architect of the Universe would long preserve their Brother to them.

Colonel Elliott, in reply, said there could be no doubt of the progress of Freemasonry during the past quarter of a century, not only in numbers, but in the manner of its government. As to their Lodge, he remained among them to instal seven of his successors in the chair, the last being Lord Charles Beresford, and he (Colonel Elliott), was in the chair for a great portion of those years, because each Master was removed by the service. He

could never forget the interest he took in Metham Lodge then, an interest which had never waned, nor could he ever forget the confidence placed in him, and the support he received from the Brethren.

Bro. Westlake, whose name was also coupled with the toast, said the great increase in their numbers caused some anxiety, and he urged them to be very cautious whom they admitted into Freemasonry.

Bro. Facey proposed the Prov. Grand Master and P.G. Lodge, for which Bros. Westlake and Shanks responded.

The health of the Worshipful Master Bro. James was proposed by Bro. Stoneman I.P.M., who said they knew they had in Bro. James one very capable of filling the chair of their Lodge.

The W.M. responded, and asked the support of the members to make the coming year memorable to the Lodge and to Freemasonry in connection with it, and trusted that at the end of the year the confidence they had reposed in him would be fully justified.

Bro. Dickson proposed the I.P.M., who was cordially received, and the other toasts usual on such occasions followed.

ZION LODGE, No. 1798.

THE regular meeting took place at the Grand Hotel, Manchester, on Wednesday, 14th inst., Bro. Mark Steel W.M.

The principal business was that of balloting for and initiating Mr. Alfred Hirsch, Merchant, &c., Manchester. The ceremony was performed by the W.M., assisted by Bro. Hy. Norris J.W., who presented and explained the working tools and also delivered the ancient charge. The usual festive board followed.

MINNEHAHA MINSTREL LODGE, No. 2363.

THE regular meeting was held at the Victoria Hotel, on Monday, 26th ult., Bro. Sam Luke W.M.

After the confirmation of minutes, and the reading of an ancient charge, Mr. Matthew Henry Chapman, who had been previously balloted for, was initiated into the mysteries and privileges of Freemasonry by Bro. Cyril H. Beaver P.M., assisted by Bro. Todd J.W., who presented and explained the working tools, and delivered the charge.

Bros. John Prescott Crankshaw and Robert Brotherton Whitfield were then passed to the degree of F.C., the former by the W.M., and the latter by Bro. Fred Hilton P.M. P.P.G.D.C. Bro. Stubbs S.W. presented and explained the working tools. The W.M. next raised Bro. Joseph Gabriel to the sublime degree of Master Mason.

The usual festive board followed.

DUKE OF YORK LODGE, No. 2449.

THE annual meeting and festival of St. John took place at the Albion Hotel, Manchester, on Thursday, 8th instant.

A ceremony of passing and one of raising had been announced, but these were waived for the more important business of installing Brother Simon Mamelok P.M. 1798 P.P.G.J.D. into the chair of K.S. The ceremony was performed by Bro. A. G. Bryce, the retiring Master, assisted by Past Masters of the Lodge.

The Festival of St. John, which followed, was an excellent function, something like forty Brethren sitting down to the same. Loyal and Masonic toasts were agreeably varied by the efforts of a glee party under the direction of Bro. Bridge Hopkinson P.M. 1140, and consisting of Bros. J. H. Greenwood P.M. P.G.O., K. M. Stewart W.M. 1140, R. Morecroft P.M., and others.

During the evening a very handsome Past Master's jewel was presented to the retiring Master, which contained an inscription as follows:—

Presented to

BRO. ALEX GRAHAM BRYCE P.M.

by the Brethren of the Duke of York Lodge, No. 2449,

for services as W.M. during the years 1899-1900.

8th March 1900.

Among the many visitors were Bros. C. R. N. Beswicke-Royds Dep.Prov. Grand Master, C. D. Cheetham P.M. 993 P.P.G.W., T. J. Hooper P.M., &c., C. H. Griffiths I.P.M. 581, Geo. Rideal P.M. 1798, Mark Steel W.M. 1798, and J. H. Maybury W.M. 1219.

THE MANCHESTER LODGE, No. 2554.

THE regular meeting was held at the Freemasons' Hall, Manchester, on Friday, 9th inst. Bro. Arthur C. K. Smith Worshipful Master.

Three initiations had been announced, but only two were taken, namely those of Messrs. Harry Taylor Nicholson, Chartered Accountant; and Hiram Taylor, Surveyor; both of Manchester. The first ceremony was performed by the W.M., and the second one by Bro. W. A. Boyer I.P.M. Prov.G.D.Reg., Bro. W. E. Davis J.W. presented and explained the working tools, and also delivered the ancient charge.

At the festive board which followed, Loyal and Masonic toasts were pleasantly relieved by songs, recitations, &c., given by Bros. J. A. Thompson Treas., A. J. Hoyland, F. J. Yates 317, Francis W. Gatley 1993, M. Harday 317, and others.

METROPOLITAN : INSTRUCTION.

CONFIDENCE LODGE, No. 193.

GOOD wine needs no bush, and good work requires no blazoning of trumpets—both will soon win a reputation for themselves, and each will secure the position its merit deserves. Recognising this we were not at all surprised to find a particularly good attendance at this Lodge of Instruction when we paid a visit to the quarters at the Bunch of Grapes, Lime Street, Leadenhall Market, on Wednesday evening.

The chair was taken by Bro. W. Hattersley, who was supported by Bros. J. Done S.W., T. Goodchild J.W., G. Spice I.P.M. 193 Preceptor, D. Elbin P.M. Treasurer, J. K. Pitt P.M. P.P.G.J.D. Secretary, Metcalfe Baillie S.D., A. Carr J.D., J. Jackson I.G., Alex. E. Green, C. Gooveartz, W. Osborne, W. H. Latham P.M., J. W. Simeons W.M. 193, H. Rowland, J. Wynman.

Having observed the formalities of opening, the W.M. proceeded to rehearse the ceremony of initiation, for which Bro. J. W. Simeons kindly

acted as candidate. Bro. Spice gave the ancient charge, without the slightest hitch, and in such an impressive manner as to be highly appreciated by all present. Bro. Pitt, with the assistance of the Brethren, worked the first and second sections of the lecture.

Bro. J. Done was elected to preside on Wednesday next, and he being one of the most energetic members of the Mother Lodge, with Masonic friends in other quarters, we expect to see a specially large attendance to support him.

The Preceptor, in well chosen words, proposed that a hearty vote of thanks be passed, and recorded on the minutes, to the W.M., in recognition of the very able manner in which he had discharged the duties of the chair, for the first time in that or any other Lodge. The suggestion was seconded, and unanimously supported, the compliment being much appreciated by Bro. Hattersley, who tendered his thanks for the vote.

Bro. Pitt reported that according to instructions he had written to their esteemed friend Bro. Davey, expressing their sympathy with him, and wishing him a speedy recovery from his illness. Bro. Davey had replied, thanking the Brethren for their attention and kindness, and expressing his pleasure at being able to say he was much better, and hoped to be with them next week.

There being no further business the Lodge was closed, and the Brethren sat down to the social board which has now come to be a recognised adjunct to the meetings under the roof of Bro. Goovearts.

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ROYAL ALFRED LODGE, No. 780.

AT the Star and Garter Hotel, Kew Bridge, on Thursday, 29th inst., Bros. E. C. St. Aubyn W.M., Wilcox S.W., Johnson J.W., R. H. Williams P.M. Prec., A. H. A. Bridger Sec., Ridley S.D., Humble J.D., Larkman P.M. I.G., Dowling, H. T. Town.

The W.M. rehearsed the ceremony of initiation.

The Lodge of Instruction Supper will be held at the Star and Garter Hotel, Kew Bridge, on the 19th prox.

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WOODROW LODGE, No. 1708.

THERE was an excellent meeting on Monday afternoon, at 3 o'clock, at Bro. Rudderforth's Restaurant (late Stone's), 24 Panton Street, Haymarket, those present including Bros. H. T. Rose W.M., C. Murless S.W., J. G. Lobb J.W., C. Woodrow P.M. Prec., J. W. Simeons (W.M. 193) Sec., T. Burgess S.D., W. Hann J.D., G. Yeowell I.G., W. E. Davis, J. W. Ollington, S. Firminger, J. Wynman, and several other members, with Bro. George E. Ganet as a visitor.

The ceremony of installation was rehearsed, Bro. H. T. Rose being presented as W.M.-elect by Bro. Woodrow Preceptor. After being saluted the W.M. proceeded to rehearse the ceremony of initiation, Bro. Ganet acting as candidate.

Bro. George Edward Ganet 1624 was elected a member. There being again sufficient funds in hand two ballots were taken for the Institutions of the Craft, falling to Bros. G. Spice I.P.M. 193 and W. E. Davis.

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KING'S CROSS LODGE, No. 1732.

ON Sunday, at Bro. Hemmings's, the Prince of Wales, 119 Hampstead Road, N.W., there was a very good attendance, under the direction of Bro. G. Lacy W.M., with Bros. A. George S.W., G. H. Peters J.W., James Hemmings P.M., &c. Prec., C. Leather P.M. Treas., L. S. Genese P.M. acting Sec., J. Goldstein S.D., J. Beedle J.D., J. Wynman I.G., E. Kluge, T. Lenton, F. Kerswell. Visitor, Bro. Isaacs 2265.

The first section of the first lecture was worked by Bro. Beedle. The W.M. rehearsed the ceremony of initiation, Bro. Lenton acting as candidate. The J.W. worked the fourth section, Bro. Leather Treasurer the fifth, and the J.W. the sixth. Bro. Isaacs answered the questions leading to the second degree. All the work was perfectly rendered.

Bro. Isaacs were elected a member, and Bro. A. George W.M. 1744 to preside to-morrow (Sunday), when the Brethren may expect a real Masonic treat.

We again remind our readers that the Lodge meets every Sunday, at 7 o'clock sharp.

Brethren seeking for an opportunity for practising or learning the ritual of the Craft on Sunday evenings will find this one of the best Lodges among the few available for the purpose.

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HAMMERSMITH LODGE, No. 2090.

ON Wednesday, 28th inst., at the Assembly Rooms, 263 Hammersmith Road, a very large number of Brethren were present, amongst whom could be noticed many of the most influential residents of the neighbourhood, who represent the different Wards on the Vestry.

The Officers were as follow: Bros. F. Cave W.M., G. T. Meek S.W., Humphrey Bright J.W., W. Hillier P.M. Prec., W. Gale acting Sec., W. G. Cave S.D., F. Flower J.D., J. H. Cumming P.M. I.G.; the members included Arthur Williams P.M., C. Pascall W.M. of the Mother Lodge, Payne, Thos. Chamberlan, Chubb, Warren, Johnstone, Scolding.

The Lodge was opened to the second degree and Bro. Chubb having proved his proficiency was entrusted. The Lodge was advanced, and the ceremony of raising rehearsed, including the full traditional history, by the W.M. in the most perfect manner. We cannot allow the occasion to pass without commenting on the excellent way the W.M. was supported by all the Officers, showing that the Preceptor Bro. Hillier, who officiates at several Lodges of Instruction, spares neither time nor trouble to make his pupils perfect in their duties. Lodge was resumed to the first degree, and called off and on.

Bros. Chubb and Flowers having been informed that they had been elected members replied, thanking the Brethren for accepting them.

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ROYAL VICTORIAN JUBILEE LODGE, No. 2184.

(LATE TERRIERS.)

ON Wednesday afternoon, at 3 o'clock, at the Dover Castle Hotel, Westminster Bridge Road, Bro. A. Darch the popular Preceptor presided, and received the able assistance of Bros. T. Fred Strutt S.W., F. Holden J.W., J. Newstead S.D., E. Sinclair J.D., W. Newton I.G., C. Randall, W. J. Alabaster, J. Wynman, P. Page, B. Cohen, T. Shaw P.M.

After the usual formalities Bro. Alabaster answered the questions leading to the third degree and was entrusted. The Lodge was further advanced and the ceremony of raising was rehearsed; the explanation of the tracing board being given. The ceremony was very impressively rendered, to the entire satisfaction and delight of the Brethren. The W.M. resumed the Lodge to the second degree, and vacated the chair in favour of the Deputy Preceptor, when the installation ceremony was rehearsed, Bro. Strutt being presented as W.M.-elect. Bro. Sinclair P.M. made an excellent Director of Ceremonies. After the Obligation the Lodge was opened in the third degree and Bro. Strutt was installed, was saluted, and invested the Officers. The Deputy Preceptor delivered the three addresses in grand style.

The W.M. having resumed the chair proposed that a vote of thanks be recorded on the minutes for the able and beautiful manner in which the Deputy Preceptor had rendered the work, which compliment was acknowledged.

Bro. Newstead proposed that a Benevolent Association should be formed in connection with the Lodge, which was seconded by Bro. A. Cohen, and unanimously supported, several of those present giving in their names as members. We are pleased to see this important matter arranged in connection with this Lodge, and hope the Association will be among the most successful of the many established to aid the great Institutions of the Craft.

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COWLEY CLUB OF INSTRUCTION.

THE members held their weekly meeting at the Cowley Club, Lyonsdown, New Barnet, on Tuesday evening, when the chair was occupied by Bro. Amos Ford, who was ably supported by Bros. Falconer P.M. S.W., Rev. G. E. Gardner J.W., Brickwell S.D., Ambrose Jones J.D., W. Wood I.G., Gabell Secretary, Mason P.M. Preceptor.

The first and second degrees were rehearsed by the Worshipful Master in a manner which called forth commendation from the Preceptor and others, the candidates being Bros. Toms and Rev. A. E. Jones, whereupon the W.M. eloquently explained the second tracing board. After two hours working the Brethren felt highly satisfied with the evening's instruction.

Entertainment Notes.

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Savoy.—The long line of successful comic operas with which this popular Theatre is so closely associated has been continued in the "Rose of Persia," written by Mr. Basil Hood, with the music composed by Sir Arthur Sullivan. The story might have been taken from the "Arabian Nights," so truly Eastern is its plot, though it is leavened by certain up-to-date songs and remarks that almost appear anachronisms. The Sultan Mahmood is in the habit of going about the city in disguise, in order to know what is going on. Accompanied by his Grand Vizier, Physician, and Royal Executioner, he visits the house of a wealthy merchant Hassan, who, from philanthropic motives, entertains the beggars and cripples. Hither come also the Sultana, Rose-in-Bloom, and her favourite slaves, who have escaped from the Palace for a skip round the town. They are discovered by Abdallah, a crafty priest who desires to possess Hassan's wealth, and betrays him to the Sultan as a traitor. Under fear of execution Hassan eats some "bhag" to dry his senses, and in this condition is ordered by the Sultan to be carried to the palace, dressed in the royal robes, and placed on the throne. The amusing complications that ensue are capitally worked out, and "the happy ending" ordered by the Sultan follows in due course. It is unnecessary to record that the music of Sir Arthur Sullivan is masterly, interesting, and of the highest class; the choruses and part songs are very fine, while the more humorous ditties like "Something in the City" and the Sultan's "Song of Society" recall the old skill evinced in so many previous instances. The "local colour" has been perfectly caught, and the exquisite combination both of voices and instruments has been most harmoniously attained. Mr. Henry A. Lytton makes an admirable Sultan, and hits off the grim humour of the part in a highly satisfactory manner. The Hassan of Mr. Walter Passmore is a perfect study in tragic comedy, and Mr. Robert Evett's powerful tenor voice is heard to full advantage as Yussuf, the story-teller. Miss Isabel Jay sings prettily as the Sultana, Miss Rosina Brandram is up to her usual mark as Mrs. Hassam No. 1, and Miss Louie Pounds is a lively Heart's Desire. In fact every part is perfectly represented, and the chorus, both male and female, are thorough artistes. The orchestra, under the direction of Mr. Francois Cellier, renders full justice to the composer; while the pretty scenery and rich dresses are visions of delight. Mr. D'Oyly Carte is to be again congratulated.

Globe.—Miss Clo Graves has written an amusing farce entitled "Nurse," the main idea of which is that a young lady and gentleman, destined by their friends to be man and wife, take a dislike to be foisted unknown on one another. The young man becomes "broke," and to escape arrest pretends to be ill, and as such is nursed by the young lady. But around this simple story there are a jealous husband and a flighty wife, men about town, society doctors, and others who form the olla podrida of a wild couple of hours, the termination being that the young couple are united. Mr. Sydney Brough as Reginald Fastnel runs the piece through by sheer talent and animal spirits, and he is ably seconded by Miss Lottie Venne, who makes a pretty and demurely roguish Nurse. Capital sketches are given by handsome Miss Ethel Clinton as Mrs. Walker-Wilson, Mr. Mark Kinghorne as the devoted Valet, Mr. Alfred Maltby as a fashionable physician, and Mr. William Cheesman as Bittles. The farce is preceded by a pathetic one-act play "A Broken Halo," by Mr. Charles Thursby, in which Mr. Oswald Yorke and Miss B. Sitgreaves sustain the principal parts in a satisfactory manner. The management is now under the direction of Mr. Richard Lambart, who has introduced two innovations which are sure to be popular. The orchestra plays a selection of music for a quarter of an hour before the play commences, so that early comers are relieved from the tedium of weariness that often exists. And at the Wednesday matinée performances Mr. Lambart has arranged for "Afternoon Tea" to be served to all parts of the house, free of charge.

DR. G. H. JONES, the well known dentist (opposite the British Museum, London) offered his services without charge to the Imperial Yeomanry and the Lord Mayor's Own, before those troops proceeded to the front. The importance of good teeth to the soldier is a "sine qua non," and this is graphically illustrated by the following incident related to Mr. Jones by one of his patients, a Medical Officer in the German lines during the Franco-German war. "When in our tents in the early morning an alarm was

sounded, the French were upon us, and away we went helter skelter; but the German Dr. halted and said I must return to my tent, I have forgotten my teeth, his comrades said if you go back you will be killed, but nevertheless through a hail of bullets he went back, for he said I know I could not live without my teeth, so I must take my chance, and he returned safely with his dentals." Does not this incident speak in the highest terms for dental art, which is as valuable to the soldier as to the civilian? Dr. Jones is a Fellow of the Royal Society of Literature, the Royal Geographical and Microscopical Societies, and, almost needless to add, a prominent Freemason. He is a Doctor of Dental Surgery, by residence and examination, of the Baltimore College of Dental Surgery, the oldest Educational dental body in existence.

The Theatres, &c.

Adelphi.—8, Bonnie Dundee. Matinée, Wednesday, 2.
Avenue.—8, An Old Admirer. 8:45, A Message from Mars. Matinée, Wednesday and Saturday, 3.
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.
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. Matinée, Wednesday, 2:30.
Haymarket.—8:15, The Rivals. Matinée, Wednesday and Saturday, 2:30.
Her Majesty's.—8, A Midsummer Night's Dream. Matinée, Wednesday and Saturday, 2.
Lyceum.—8, Anthony and Cleopatra.
Lyric.—8, Florodora. Matinée, Saturday, 2:30.
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.
Shaftesbury.—8, Society's Verdict.
St. James's.—8:30, A Man of forty.
Strand.—8:15, The Lady Bookie. 9, Facing the Music. Matinée, Wednesday and Saturday, 3.
Wyndham's.—8:30, Dandy Dick. Matinée, Saturday, 2:30.
Alexandra.—Next week, 7:45, Hearts are Trumps. Matinée, Thursday, 2:30
Opera House, Crouch End.—Next week, 8, The Great Ruby.
Surrey.—Next week, 7:45, East Lynne.
Alhambra.—7:45, Variety Entertainment. Napoli, &c.
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Oxford.—7:30, Variety Entertainment, &c. Saturday, 2:15 also.
Palace.—7:45, Variety Entertainment. New American Biograph, &c. Saturday, 1:45 also.
Royal.—7:30, Variety Company. Saturday, 2:30 also.
Tivoli.—7:30, Variety Entertainment. Saturday, 2:15 also.
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