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GRAND LODGES NEXT WEEK.

WE are pleased to see that a special meeting of the Grand Lodge of Mark Masons is called for Friday next, to consider and resolve upon Addresses of Congratulation on the recent providential escape of the Grand Master H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, as we are of opinion that Freemasons, as a body, would hardly like the occasion to pass without expressing their thankfulness that the threatened disaster was averted. The regular meeting of the Craft Grand Lodge on Wednesday, for the installation of Grand Master, and appointment of Officers, will afford the opportunity for a similar resolution on the part of the Craft Masons of the kingdom, else we may rest assured a special Craft meeting would have also been convened for the purpose. We trust no similar action may ever again become necessary.

NEXT YEAR'S GRAND TREASURERSHIP.

UNANIMITY of action is generally most commendable, but we do not know that it is always desirable, or is at all times an unmixed blessing. The annual appointment of Grand Treasurer of England is a case in point; true, there is much to be urged against direct competition for the Office, but we think it loses effectiveness and dignity if, as almost seems to be the case when there is no contest, it can be had for the asking. For this reason we are glad to see the prospect of a sharp contest for the honourable position of Treasurer of the Craft for 1901, although it may be regarded as somewhat early yet to give attention to the subject.

We have already spoken of one candidate for the appointment, and now have much pleasure in referring to the other, Bro. Capt. John Barlow, J.P., P.M., &c., on whose behalf, it should be specially borne in mind, a Committee has been actively engaged for close upon twelve months, indeed it was only in consequence of Bro. Barlow's determination to stand aside this year in favour of Bro. Harry Manfield (who fought with such zeal and success at last year's election), that Grand Lodge was not again called upon to exercise its prerogative, and witness a contested election for its Treasurership.

Bro. Barlow was initiated, passed and raised in the John Hervey Lodge, No. 1260, of London, and has filled the Master's Chair of that Lodge for two successive years. He has been a constant and zealous attendant, and has served every Office, the principal ones—W.M., S.W., and J.W.—twice each.

Bro. Barlow's Masonic worth is widely known both in the Craft and R.A. Degrees, and he is identified as a Metropolitan supporter of the three Masonic Charities, having qualified as Patron of the R.M. Institution for Boys, and Vice Patron of both the Girls and Benevolent Institutions. He has also personally made many of the Lodges to which he belongs Vice Presidents or Patrons, but is too modest to say so.

In addition, our Brother is well known in the North, where he holds the rank of P.P. Grand Warden of East Lancashire; a P.M. (twice) of The Prince of Wales Lodge, No. 1012; a Founder and Officer of the East Lancashire Centurion Lodge, No. 2322; the Manchester Dramatic Lodge, No. 2387; and is the present Deacon of the Fortitude Lodge, No. 64; is also J. of the Unanimity Chapter, No. 342; and member of the John Hervey Chapter, No. 1260.

It is interesting to note also that Bro. Barlow has associated himself intimately with the Volunteer movement, and has acted for many years at Bisley as Range Officer, and is well known (*inter alia*) as the donor of the "Barlow" Prize at the N.R.A. Meetings.

Bro. Barlow's supporters, 700 of whom are pledged from the Lodges and Chapters just enumerated, recognising his worth as a man and a Mason, consider him in every way qualified to represent the Craft in the important Office, and in order to secure his election on the next occasion venture to request the promise of support and interest. Bro. Walter Potter, 442 Kingsland Road, N.E., is acting as Hon. Sec. to the London Committee.

R. M. I. BOYS.

THE Quarterly Court was held yesterday (Friday), when thirty boys were elected to the benefits of the Institution, those successful being recorded in our advertisement column. There was also an election for Members of the Board of Management, for which five London and five Provincial Brethren were to be appointed.

Bros. Stanley J. Attenborough, George Everett, John Glass, William Alfred Scurrah, and James Willing jun. being alone nominated for London, were declared duly elected.

The following were successful among the Provincial section: Bros. R. V. Vassar-Smith, J.P. (234 votes), Major J. E. Le Feuvre (220), William Fentiman Smithson (215), James W. Burgess (211), Francis Beer Westlake (195). The other two candidates and the number of votes recorded on their behalf were: Bros. Benjamin Arthur Smith (77), and Thomas Taylor (30).

UNITED GRAND LODGE.

THE annual Installation meeting of Grand Lodge will be held at Freemasons' Hall, Great Queen Street, W.C., on Wednesday next, 25th instant, at 4 for 5 p.m. The annual banquet will follow, at Freemasons' Tavern, at 6 o'clock.

MARK GRAND LODGE.

A SPECIAL Grand Lodge will be held in Mark Masons' Hall, Great Queen Street, Lincoln's Inn Fields, on Friday next, 27th inst., at four for five o'clock punctually, to consider and resolve upon Addresses of Congratulation on the providential escape of His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales M.W. Grand Master, from the dastardly attack of an assassin.

We understand the Grand Secretary was recently appealed to as to the legality of balloting for and initiating candidates into Freemasonry at an emergency meeting—naturally he decided there was nothing illegal about such a proceeding. In fact, where Lodges adjourn over the summer half of the year, as was the case with the Lodge in question, we think there is every reason why an emergency meeting should be summoned when there is sufficient work before the members.

The members of the Clarence and Avondale Lodge, which holds its meetings at the Masonic Hall, Leytonstone, held their eighth annual ball there on Thursday evening, 22nd ult. The attendance numbered about 150, and the ball proved as great a success as any of its predecessors.

BOARD OF BENEVOLENCE.

THE April meeting of the Board of Benevolence was held on Wednesday evening, at Freemasons' Hall. Bro. James Henry Matthews President, Bro. David Dixon Mercer Senior Vice-President, and Bro. Henry Garrod Junior Vice-President occupied the three Presiding Officers' chairs, and the Grand Secretary's department was represented by Bro. W. Lake Assistant Grand Secretary, Bro. W. Dodd, Bro. G. S. Recknell, and the Grand Tyler Bro. Henry Sadler. The attendance of Brethren was very large.

The Brethren confirmed the recommendations they made at the March Meeting, which the Grand Master had since approved of, amounting to £385, and they then proceeded with the new list, which contained the names of thirty-four petitioners.

In the course of a sitting extending over two hours they recommended Grand Lodge to grant £75 to each of two petitioners, and £50 each to two others. They asked the Grand Master's sanction to give £40 to each of six candidates, £30 to each of five, and £25 to one Brother. The sum of £20 was voted in four instances; £10 in three, and £5 in two. One petition on the list was deferred, but eight were dismissed.

WEST LANCASHIRE CHARITY.

IN the 14th annual report of the West Lancashire Alpass Benevolent Institution it is stated that the contributions from Lodges, &c., amounted to £263, against £948 in the previous year. The great falling off is accounted for by donations and subscriptions being sent through the Lord Lathom Memorial Fund, and the Institution will benefit to a greater extent through the division of the Fund. The interest from investments and cash in the bank was £264, against £280 last year. The amount paid in annuities was £1,075, against £985 in the previous year. Six more annuitants have been placed on the foundation; one annuitant died during the year, and one has been withdrawn. The annuitants now number seventy.

WEST LONDON ELECTION ASSOCIATION.

WE had great pleasure in witnessing a very numerous attendance at the General Meeting of the West London Masonic Election Association, on Tuesday, 17th inst., at the Town Hall Tavern, Kensington. Bro. W. Hellier P.M. took the President's chair, and was supported by Bros. W. B. Neville Vice-Pres., F. Craggs Treas., Arthur Williams and J. H. Cumming Secretaries.

Brethren brought with them large quantities of votes they had collected, and the worthy President gave a glowing account of the excellent working order the Association had arrived at, showing that co-operation in the District thoroughly carried out the objects aimed at, and prevented many votes being wasted. The Treasurer stated that the finances were in a sound condition.

The Most Worshipful the Grand Master has been pleased to offer to the worthy and esteemed Brother Robert James Voisey the important positions of Past Grand Standard Bearer in Grand Lodge, and Assistant Grand Director of Ceremonies in Grand Chapter. At a meeting of some of the friends of Bro. Voisey, representing the Sphinx Lodge and Chapter, the Duke of Albany Lodge, the Sir Walter St. John Lodge, the Macdonald Chapter, and the Duke of Fife Chapter, it was decided to present him with his Grand Officer's Clothing, both for Grand Lodge and Grand Chapter, at a dinner, to be held at the Holborn Restaurant, on Tuesday, 29th May, as they considered it not only an honour to Bro. Voisey, but also to the various Lodges and Chapters with which he is associated, and in which he has taken an active interest for very many years in South London. Bro. Percival A. Nairne P.G.D., &c., has kindly consented to preside at the dinner, tickets for which, at 6/- each (exclusive of wine), can be had not later than Friday, 25th May.

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The London County Council Lodge is quoted as an exemplification of the true principles of Freemasonry: within its precincts the Progressive lion is to be found mingling with the Moderate lamb.

EAST LANCASHIRE.

THE Provincial Grand Lodge of East Lancashire will hold its annual meeting at Radcliffe, on Wednesday, 16th prox. The Prov. Grand Master Lord Stanley, M.P., is acting as Press Censor with Lord Roberts in the Free State, and his place in Lodge will be occupied by his Deputy Bro. C. R. N. Beswicke-Royds. The Deputy Prov. Grand Master has given notice to move that a grant of 50 guineas be made to the fund for the relief of the loyal Brethren in South Africa who are sufferers by the war.

GLOUCESTERSHIRE.

THE annual meeting of this Provincial Grand Lodge has been fixed by the Prov.G.M. Sir Michael Hicks Beach, Bart., for Tuesday in Whitsun week, the 5th of June next. The meeting will be opened in the Chapter Room of the Cathedral at Gloucester, at 2 p.m., and will be followed by a special service in the Nave, at 2.30, Bro. the Dean of Gloucester Past Grand Chaplain of England being the preacher on the occasion.

WEST YORKSHIRE.

THERE was an unusually large attendance at the Annual Meeting of the Provincial Grand Lodge of West Yorkshire, which was held on the 11th inst., in the Harrison Road School, Carlton Terrace, Halifax. The meeting was under the banner of St. James Lodge, No. 448, of which Bro. George Tinker is Worshipful Master. The Provincial Grand Master Bro. the Right Hon. William Lawies Jackson, M.P., presided, and he was supported by a large number of Provincial Grand Officers, including Bros. Henry Smith P.G.D. P.D.P.G.M., J. C. Malcolm P.G.D. P.D.P.G.M., Richard Wilson P.G.D. D.P.G.M., &c., &c.

The roll-call disclosed that of the eighty-one Lodges of the Province only six were unrepresented: 401 (Royal Forest, Slaidburn), 1462 (Wharnccliffe, Penistone), 1542 (Legiolium, Castleford), 1779 (Ivanhoe, Sheffield), 2259 (St. Nicholas, Thorne), and 2491 (White Rose of York, Sheffield).

In his address the Provincial Grand Master expressed his gratification at seeing so large a gathering, and alluded to the facts that it was the thirteenth meeting of Provincial Grand Lodge in Halifax, and the third meeting under the banner of St. James Lodge, which celebrated its Jubilee in 1888, and was one of the most energetic and prosperous Lodges of the Province. The previous Saturday a successful meeting was held in Halifax of the Charity Committee, of which Bro. W. C. Lupton, who had been Chairman for several years past, had found it necessary, owing to the pressure of his business engagements, to resign his position. Bro. Lupton, than whom no more competent Chairman could be found, might, said the Prov.G.M., regard 1900 as a red-letter year of his life. The inhabitants of Bradford had conferred the highest municipal honour upon him by electing him to the Mayoralty, and the M.W. Grand Master the Prince of Wales had selected him for office in Grand Lodge, a distinction in which the Province enjoyed a reflected honour. Bro. William Blackburn, who for some years had filled the Vice-chair, had been appointed as Bro. Lupton's successor on the Charity Committee, and, with Bro. Child as Vice-Chairman, the Brethren might rest assured that the highest traditions of the Province in the great cause of charity would be maintained. Coming to the annual returns, the Prov.G.M. expressed satisfaction that these had been made with less delay than ever previously in the history of the Province, and that they showed the highest number of initiations and joining members for the past thirty-one years, indicating the harmony that prevailed, and that the Order was growing in importance and numbers. Harmony and good order prevailed throughout the Province, which at no previous time had been so prosperous. Personally he owed a deep debt of gratitude to his Deputy Bro. Richard Wilson, who had visited a large number of the Lodges. Referring to the appointment of Provincial Grand Officers, the Prov.G.M. emphasised the difficulty under which he laboured in making a selection when he had only twenty-six collars for disposal among the eighty-one Lodges, and said the effort was made to cover in a term of years the whole of the widespread districts of the Province. Under the auspices of an energetic Committee an effort was being made to build a new Masonic

Hall, in Leeds, for the use of the whole of the Lodges of the city, and possibly to provide some accommodation for Provincial Grand Lodge. Out of the total of 10,000 shares, representing the capital of £10,000, over 7,000 shares had already been subscribed for. It was intended to mark the occasion of the laying of the foundation stone by a Masonic function, and he was sure the Brethren of the Province generally would support their Leeds Brethren in their effort to provide a home worthy of the Fraternity. In conclusion he asked the Brethren to sanction a grant towards the South African Masonic Relief Fund, instituted by the Prince of Wales, for the relief of Brethren impoverished by the existing war. This fund was entirely independent of the ordinary war funds, towards which Freemasons had been liberal contributors—Grand Lodge having voted 1,000 guineas, while—to take two instances only—the Brethren in Leeds had raised about £400, and in Bradford over £600. The fund was designed to render assistance, and to in some measure express sympathy with the hard lot of Freemasons in the Orange Free State and the South African Republic who had suffered severely in consequence of their loyalty to this country. The Prov.G.M. moved that a sum of twenty guineas be contributed from the funds of Provincial Grand Lodge towards this object; to which Grand Lodge had already assigned 1,000 guineas.

The motion was seconded by Bro. Henry Smith P.D.P.G.M., and supported by Bro. W. C. Lupton, who suggested that a larger grant might have been made, and was carried unanimously.

Bro. William Blackburn P.G.D., in presenting the annual report of the Charity Committee, expressed regret that the subscriptions to the three great Masonic Charities had fallen below the average of the last twenty years, and in view of the fact that West Yorkshire, against a subscription of £1,520, had received £2,800 in benefits, urged the Brethren to adjust the balance. He drew special attention to the West Yorkshire Benevolent and Educational Fund, towards which £130 was subscribed during the year, and invited every Brother in the Province to establish the fund on a solid basis by qualifying for a Life Governorship by a contribution of one guinea annually for a period extending over the next five years.

The balance-sheet of the accounts of Provincial Grand Lodge was adopted, on the motion of Bro. Thomas Woods Treasurer, who proposed as his successor in office Bro. W. H. Wilson P.M. 1102, Mirfield. Bro. J. Barker P.Prov.G. Superintendent of Works seconded the proposition, which was duly carried.

The Provincial Grand Master next proceeded to invest the following as the Officers for the ensuing year:—

Bro. F. Cleaves 904	-	-	-	Senior Warden
H. G. Blackburn 1811	-	-	-	Junior Warden
Rev. Canon Glendinning Nash 974	-	-	-	Chaplains
Rev. G. Ford, M.A., 2558	-	-	-	
W. H. Wilson 1102	-	-	-	Treasurer
Major C. F. Bennett 2608	-	-	-	Registrar
Major H. G. E. Green 1019	-	-	-	Secretary
Lieut.-Col. E. S. Tozer 189	-	-	-	Senior Deacons
R. Hodgson 448	-	-	-	
P. McGregor, J.P., 290	-	-	-	Junior Deacons
W. E. Gray 296	-	-	-	
T. Mallinson 1645	-	-	-	Superintendent of Works
J. W. Foster 289	-	-	-	
J. L. Fox 208	-	-	-	Librarian
W. Watson 61	-	-	-	Director of Ceremonies
J. Millington 1221	-	-	-	Deputy Dir. of Cers.
S. Mortimer 603	-	-	-	Assistant Dirs. of Cers.
W. C. Fox 2263	-	-	-	
C. Middleton 2069	-	-	-	Sword Bearer
J. Sykes 1514	-	-	-	
W. J. Morris 1736	-	-	-	Standard Bearers
C. Lingard 1513	-	-	-	
H. G. E. Ashlin 2259	-	-	-	Organist
J. Dunnill 1019	-	-	-	
H. Banks 1042	-	-	-	Assistant Secretary
W. Townend 750	-	-	-	Pursuivant
W. Ackeroyd 971	-	-	-	Assistant Pursuivant
Edward Newsum 242	-	-	-	Stewards.
W. E. Turner 1108	-	-	-	
Geo. Williams 139	-	-	-	
E. R. Dickinson 308	-	-	-	

Lodge Friendly, No. 1513, Barnsley, tendered an invite to Provincial Grand Lodge to meet under its banner on the occasion of the half-yearly meeting in October next.

Before the proceedings were closed, the Provincial Grand Master was requested to tender to the M.W.G.M. the Prince of Wales, in the name of the Brethren, heartfelt congratulations on his recent providential escape from death at Brussels.

A number of the visiting Brethren subsequently dined with the Brethren of the St. James Lodge, in the Masonic Hall.

NEW HALL AT LIMAVADY.

LIMAVADY is one of those ancient Irish towns where advance is gradual and decorous, but the Masonic body, numerically strong in proportion to the population, have taken the progressive step of erecting a Masonic Hall, which should furnish accommodation for the increasing local membership of the Craft during many years to come. The idea originated with Bro. Hugh Henry, and was enthusiastically taken up by his Brethren of the St. Alban Lodge, No. 719 (I.C.). Previously, the 56 members had met in a somewhat confined area, their Lodge Room being situated in the upper storey of business premises in Main Street. Rather more than twelve months ago it was decided to furnish Limavady Freemasons with a more commodious and a worthier home, and there was eventually obtained from Mr. S. M. Macrory, J.P., at a reduced figure, a site at the end of Main Street, which is central, picturesquely surrounded, and suggests, in point of prominence, the position to be occupied by the new Belfast City Hall. Bro. Henry consented to discharge the duties of Honorary Secretary, with Bro. James Donaghy as Honorary Treasurer, and a Building Committee consisting of Bros. Jas. Donaghy P.M., S. Hanna, John Connell, Rev. G. W. Hamill, W. Gault, Marcus E. Walker P.M., J. O. Irwin, H. J. Phillips, J. A. Long P.M., H. Hazlett, and H. Henry. These Brethren, of course, had the active co-operation of the Officers of the Lodge, principal among whom are Bros. W. J. Swann W.M., H. Hazlett S.W., A. Campbell J.W., H. Henry J.D., John Connell I.G., Robert Simpson P.M. Secretary, and Marshall Gault Treasurer. It is intended to spend £1,000 upon the new structure, which will be of red brick with sandstone facings; and of Gothic style with Ionic front, roofed with red tiles. The architect is Bro. W. J. Given, of Coleraine, and the builder Mr. James Wray, of Limavady.

The foundation-stone of the new Hall was laid on the afternoon of the 10th, by the very distinguished Freemason, Sir Jas. Creed Meredith, LL.D., Deputy Grand Master of Ireland, and the ceremony attracted nearly every dweller on the banks of the Roe who had a possibility of attendance.

The Provincial Grand Lodge was opened by the Deputy Grand Master shortly after noon, in accordance with the customs of the Craft, and on this occasion Bro. Dr. Thomas M'Laughlin (Londonderry) was installed Provincial Deputy Grand Master in succession to Bro. Sir Wm. Miller. A procession was then formed by the Provincial Grand Director of Ceremonies Bro. J. Steele Hanna, and proceeded to the site through the principal streets of the town. The Brethren marched three times round the site of the proposed building, and then formed a hollow square, inside which stood the Grand Officers, Provincial Grand Officers, and Office bearers. The hymn, "Genius of Masonry, descend," having been sung, and prayer offered by the Provincial Grand Chaplain, the ceremony was proceeded with.

Underneath the foundation-stone a cavity was formed, and in it were placed by the Secretary several current coins of the realm, also a parchment roll bearing the names of the members of the Lodge for whom the building is being erected, together with those of the architect and builder, and that of the Brother who laid the foundation-stone, and the date of deposit, the roll being placed inside a bottle or jar, which was hermetically sealed. The stone, hitherto suspended beneath a tripod, was lowered into its place with three brief distinct pauses or checks, and the Deputy Grand Master having received the trowel, proceeded to spread the corn, saturated with the wine and oil, over the stone. He then struck the stone three times with the maul, and the public honours of Freemasonry were given.

After the Deputy Grand Master's address, and the Masonic anthem, "Hail, Masonry Divine,"

Bro. Sir J. C. Meredith D.G.M. said he wished to make a few remarks before the Brethren dispersed. They were assembled for the purpose of commencing a work which he trusted would be of lasting blessing, not merely to the members of their own Fraternity who would assemble within its walls, but to the people of the town and district. He believed the precepts taught to them as Masons must be of lasting benefit to the communities within which Masonic Lodges assembled. They as Masons had been taught their duty to the great God who ruled over the universe, and that they should never mention His name but with all the awe and reverence which were due from the creature to the Creator. They had been taught also to reverence and revere their Sovereign who reigned over them, and he was quite sure that all Masons, wherever dispersed throughout the globe, revered, respected, and venerated the illustrious Sovereign of

the United Kingdom. They, as Masons, had been taught further their duty to their fellow-men and to themselves. To their fellow-men they had been taught to be tolerant of the opinions of those who differed from them, and that they were not to allow anything political to interfere with the love, peace, and harmony which are the true jewels of Masonry. As individuals they were entitled to entertain their political opinions as strongly as ever they pleased, but the Masonic body knew no politics, and welcomed into its ranks those who differed widely in such matters. They only stipulated that none should come amongst them save those who believed in the existence of the great God, and who respected and venerated their Sovereign. To every one of the Brethren was entrusted the honour of the Masonic Order, and if any of them took part in anything that disturbed peace, harmony, and that friendship which ought to exist between man and man, he thereby committed an offence against Masonry itself. He hoped and trusted there would not be anything in the proceedings of any of the Brethren in that part of the country that would interfere in the smallest degree with the duty of all of them as members of the Masonic Order. They all knew that that day week her Majesty arrived in Ireland, and he did not think they would like that that vast assemblage should separate without their asking God Almighty to bless the Sovereign whom He had allowed to reign over them for so many years.

The National Anthem was then enthusiastically sung by the Brethren and onlookers, while a contingent of well-wishers belonging to the Orange Institution, whose Hall is hard by, honoured the occasion with an artillery salute.

The closing benediction having been pronounced, the procession reformed and returned to the Lodge Room, where the Provincial Grand Lodge was "called on," and closed in accordance with ancient form—in Peace, Love, and Harmony.

Luncheon was afterwards served in the Town Hall, Bro. Wm. E. Scott, D.L., Provincial Grand Master of Derry and Donegal, presiding.

After the Loyal toast, the Chairman submitted that of the Grand Lodge of Ireland and the Grand Masters in Fraternal communication with it. He coupled with the toast the name of the Deputy Grand Master, to whose kindly services and eloquent words he paid a high tribute.

Bro. Sir J. C. Meredith, in reply, said it had been the greatest pleasure to him to have the privilege of taking part in what he hoped and believed would prove a most important epoch in the history of Masonry in that town. He had been deeply touched by the too kind reception extended to him. He was himself an Irishman from the south, but he knew that in the north the hearts of Irishmen beat as warmly and truly, and the hearts of Irish Masons beat as Loyally and Fraternally as those of any people on the face of the globe. He regretted very much that the function which had fallen to his lot had not been performed by the Grand Master his Grace the Duke of Abercorn, who had written to him expressing his disappointment at inability to attend, owing to the shortness of his visit to Ireland. His Grace came of a Masonic family, the first Duke of Abercorn, when Lord Lieutenant of Ireland, having been installed Grand Master. In the present day it was their proud privilege to have included in that toast the name of one who in the future—they all prayed it might not be the too near future—would be called upon to rule the destinies of their might empire. He thought he could not say more than that to assure those who were not members of the Order of the loyalty and true manhood of Masons. That toast referred not merely to the United Kingdom or the vaster dominions constituting the British Empire, but included the representatives of all the great nations, at any rate, of the north of Europe, and he was not quite sure that even far beyond the bounds of Europe itself there were not to be found Grand Lodges working in unison with their own Grand Lodge. Before resuming his seat the speaker mentioned that he had received from Bro. R. B. Andrews, of Belfast, a letter expressing his deep regret at inability to attend, and conveying his fraternal greetings and wishes for a successful ceremony.

The installation meeting of the Honour and Generosity Lodge, No. 165, will be held on Tuesday, 22nd May next, at the Inns of Court Hotel, Lincoln's Inn Fields, at 4.15 p.m. Bro. John Woodhouse W.M. 96 is the W.M.-elect, and in addition to his installation two ceremonies—those of raising and initiation—will require attention. The installation is timed for 6.15, and the banquet for 7.30.

MARK MASONSRY.

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NORTHS. HUNTS. AND BEDS.

THE annual meeting of this Provincial Grand Mark Lodge was held at the Masonic Hall, Northampton, on Thursday, 29th ult. The Right Hon. the Earl of Euston Prov. Grand Master occupied the chair, supported by a good number of Grand Lodge Officers.

The Provincial Grand Master invested Bro. T. Phipps Dorman as Deputy Prov.G.M.M., and then appointed the following Officers:—

Bro. John Haviland 245 -	-	-	-	Senior Warden
Percy Mitchell 471 -	-	-	-	Junior Warden
H. C. Clarabut 477 -	-	-	-	Master Overseer
H. Manfield 245 -	-	-	-	Senior Overseer
John Smith 494 -	-	-	-	Junior Overseer
Rev. F. G. Hodgson 471 -	-	-	-	Chaplain
A. E. Parsons 431 -	-	-	-	Treasurer
J. O. Bailey 245 -	-	-	-	Registrar
G. Butcher 245 -	-	-	-	Secretary
W. G. Hobbs -	-	-	-	Senior Deacon
John Rogers 71 -	-	-	-	Junior Deacon
Geo. Ellard 245 -	-	-	-	Director of Ceremonies
C. Bune 245 -	-	-	-	Sword Bearer
J. R. Griffen 477 -	-	-	-	Standard Bearer
H. R. Rose 434 -	-	-	-	Organist
F. F. Blunt 245 -	-	-	-	Inner Guard
D. Sellars 245 -	-	-	-	Steward
Geo. Robinson 245 -	-	-	-	Tyler.

The banquet which followed was much enjoyed, and the customary toasts given.

A successful smoking concert was given at the Southend Masonic Club on Friday, 6th inst., several visitors, besides members of the Craft, being present. It is hoped many such pleasant musical evenings will be arranged by the Club.

The members of the Yarborough Lodge, No. 422, Gainsborough, have presented Bro. O. F. Liversidge with a purse of gold containing £20, and an illuminated address, in recognition of his valuable work in connection with the Craft during the last twenty-five years.

An amusing incident occurred a few evenings ago at the meeting of a Lodge in the metropolis, *bien entendu*, when two distinguished and well known Officers of Grand Lodge were announced by the I.G. The Master, true to his obligation, and with a full sense of his duties and responsibilities, asked "*Are they properly vouched for, Brother!*" After this it may be said that the Craft, like the world in general, knows but little of its greatest men.

There is promised a contest next year for the Grand Treasurership, remarks a contemporary, who continues: Last year there was a keen fight between a London and a Provincial representative, and, while the former won, the latter was for this year chosen without opposition. Two candidates, however, are already in the field for next time, and both are of London, these being Bro. Horace Brooks Marshall, the well-known publisher and wholesale newsagent, and Captain John Barlow. It is both interesting and significant to note that a special claim is put forward on behalf of each that he has been a constant and liberal supporter of the three great Masonic Benevolent Institutions—those for Girls, Boys, and Aged Freemasons and their Widows—a claim which, in the case of Bro. Marshall, is strengthened by the cordial assistance given by his late father, as well as by his mother, to this cause. Captain Barlow, however, has an external point of advantage, during the patriotic wave which is passing over us just now, in that he has associated himself intimately with the volunteer movement and has acted for years at Bisley as range officer, being further known as the donor of the "Barlow" prize at the annual meetings of the National Rifle Association.

"A SPRIG OF ACACIA."

THE members of the St. Cyre Lodge, No. 121 (S.C.), recently assisted at the funeral of a late companion, who had a record of 65 years membership of the Lodge, he having been initiated therein in 1835. He was regarded as one of the oldest Masons in Scotland.

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.

4 Rl. Som. Ho. & Pness, F.M.H.
26 Castle Harmony, Savoy Hotel
28 Old King Arms, F.H.
144 St. Luke, Anderton's
706 Florence Nightingale, W'lw'ch.
1017 Montefiore, Café Royal
1744 Royal Savoy, Criterion
2396 Bishopsgate, Gt. Eastern Hotel
43 St. Paul, Birmingham
48 Industry, Gateshead
112 St. George, Exeter
370 St. George, Chertsey
491 Royal Sussex, Jersey
999 Robert Burns, Manchester
1008 Roy. St. Edmund's, Bury St. E.
1325 Stanley, Liverpool
1752 Ogmora, Bridgend
1991 Agricola, York
2042 Apollo, Liverpool
2068 Portsmouth Temperance, L'dp'r.
2257 Powell, Bristol
2363 Minnehaha Minstrel, M'chester.
2502 Gatwick, Horley
2547 Llangatock, Cardiff
2641 Dart, Dartmouth
2654 Arter, Moseley
2724 St. Lawrence, Northfield
2759 Rolle, Exmouth

Tuesday.

92 Moira, Albion
141 Faith, Anderton's
145 Prudent Brethren, F.M.H.
186 Industry, Freemasons'-hall
205 Israel, Cannon Street Hotel
259 Prince of Wales, Metropole
1158 Southern Star, Southwark
1348 Ebury, Criterion
2696 Arcadian, Hotel Cecil
253 Tyrian, Derby
299 Emulation, Dartford
310 Union, Carlisle
357 Apollo University, Oxford
564 Stability, Stourbridge
597 St. Cybi, Holyhead
788 Crescent, Hampton Court
943 Sincerity, Norwich
1007 Howe & Charnwood, Loughboro
1016 Elkington, Birmingham
1052 Callander, Manchester
1353 Torbay, Paignton
1390 Whitwell, Millon
1479 Halsey, St. Albans
1536 United Military, Plumstead
1566 Ellington, Maidenhead
1609 Liverpool Dramatic, Liverpool
1636 St. Cecilia, Brighton
1650 Rose of Raby, Staindrop
1675 Ancient Briton, Liverpool
1678 Medway, Tonbridge
1779 Ivanhoe, Sheffield
1834 Duke of Connaught, Landport
1896 Audley, Newport, Salop
2025 St. George, Plymouth
2328 Albert Victor, York
2358 Mona, Castletown
2404 Lord Charles Beresford, Ch't'm.
2405 Ionic, St. Helen's
2518 Chas. Ed. Keyser, Hoddesden
2692 Hastings, Hastings

Wednesday.

Grand Festival, Freemasons' Hall
201 Jordan, Freemasons'-hall
212 Euphrates, Holborn Restaurant
898 Temperance in East, Poplar
2626 Leyton, Leyton
32 St. Geo. Harmony, Liverpool
76 Economy, Winchester
82 Foundation, Cheltenham
117 Salopian of Charity, Shrewsbury
163 Integrity, Manchester
220 Harmony, Garston
250 Minerva, Hull
257 Phoenix, Portsmouth
304 Philanthropic, Leeds
439 Scientific, Bingley
461 Fortitude, Newton
540 Stuart, Bedford
651 Brecknock, Brecon
724 Derby, Liverpool
785 Twelve Brothers, Southampton
818 Philanthropic, Abergavenny
887 Leigh, Birmingham
996 Sonde, East Dereham

1039 St. John, Lichfield
1083 Townley Parker, Manchester
1119 St. Bede, Jarrow
1219 Strangeways, Manchester
1283 Ryburn, Sowerby Bridge
1633 Avon, Manchester
1714 Albert Edward, Yorktown
1723 St. George, Bolton
1733 Sunbury, Sunbury
1756 Kirkdale, Liverpool
1760 Leopold, Scarborough
1775 Leopold, Church
1809 Fidelis, Guernsey
1868 Unity, Oldham
1953 Prudence & Industry, Chard
1967 Beacon Court, New Brompton
1984 Earl of Clarendon, Watford
1989 Stirling, Cleator Moor
2019 Crook, Crook
2064 Smith Child, Tunstall
2149 Gordon, Hanley
2158 Boscombe, Boscombe
2186 Striguil, Chepstow
2216 Egerton, Swinton
2320 St. Martin, Castleton
2373 Hardwick, Chesterfield
2385 Godson, Oldbury
2444 Noel, Kingston-on-Thames
2448 Bradstow, Broadstairs
2571 Holmes, Newcastle-on-Tyne
2690 Tutbury Castle, Tutbury
2701 Radcliffe, Radcliffe
2762 Lindisfarne, North Shields

Thursday.

General Committee Girls School, F.M.H., 5.
66 Grenadiers, Freemasons'-hall
99 Shakespear, Albion
858 South Middlesex, Fulham
861 Finsbury, Great Eastern Hotel
871 Royal Oak, Deptford
1056 Victoria, Guildhall Tavern
1563 City of Westminster, Café Royal
1601 Ravensbourne, Lewisham
1974 St. Mary Abbott, Kensington
2319 Scots, Crane Court, Fleet Street
2621 Military, Hotel Cecil
2625 Guardian, Ship and Turtle
39 St. John Baptist, Exeter
51 Angel, Colchester
78 Imperial George, Middleton
111 Restoration, Darlington
129 Union, Kendal
202 Friendship, Devonport
214 Hope and Unity, Brentwood
309 Harmony, Fareham
346 United Brethren, Blackburn
348 St. John, Bolton
410 Grove, Ewell
475 Bed. St. John Bap., Luton
594 Downshire, Liverpool
590 La Cesarea, Jersey
536 De Ogle, Morpeth
784 Wellington, Deal
787 Beaureper, Belper
807 Cabbell, Norwich
809 United Good F'ship., Wisbech
935 Harmony, Salford
966 St. Edward, Leek
1032 Townley Parker, Chorley
1097 St. Michael, Tenbury
1151 St. Andrew, Tywardreath
1163 Emulation, Birmingham
1166 Clarendon, Hyde
1313 Fermor, Southport
1322 Waverley, Ashton-under-Lyne
1345 Victoria, Eccles
1392 Egerton, Bury
1404 Saint Vincent, Bristol
1418 Fraternity, Stockton-on-Tees
1501 Wycombe, High Wycombe
1519 Albert Edward, Clayt'n-le-Moors
1578 Merlin, Pontypridd
1705 Prince of Wales, Gosport
1817 St. Andrew, Shoburness
1884 Chine, Shanklin, Isle of Wight
1957 Grove, Hazel Grove
1971 Ald'shot, Army & Navy, A'shot.
2101 Bramston Beach, Godalming
2131 Brownlow, Ellesmere
2214 Josiah Wedgewood, Etruria
2215 Anfield, Anfield
2263 St. Leonards, Sheffield
2269 Peace, Wigan
2335 Cycling and Athletic, Liverpool
2371 Felix, Felixstowe

2375 Hilbre, Hoylake
2387 Manchester Dramatic, M'chester
2415 Tristram, Shildon
2418 Hedworth, South Shields
2462 Clarence, West Hartlepool
2463 Bootle-Wilbraham, Knotty Ash
2474 Hatherton, Walsall

Friday.

Council Boys School, F.M.H., at 4.
171 Amity, Ship and Turtle
197 Jerusalem, Freemasons'-hall
569 Fitz-Roy, Head Qrs. H.A.C.
2693 Pelliper, Holborn Restaurant
602 North York, Middlesbrough
751 Eastnor, Ledbury
810 Craven, Skipton
998 Welchpool, Welchpool
1295 Gooch, New Swindon
1303 Pelham, Lewes
1391 Commercial, Leicester
1435 Annesley, Nottingham
1712 St. John, Newcastle-on-Tyne
1822 St. Quintin, Cowbridge
1920 Eurydice, Surbiton

2431 Kingsley, Northampton
2631 Com. Travellers, Liverpool
2679 Hope, Patricroft

Saturday.

1541 Alexandra Palace, Holborn
1706 Orpheus, Holborn Restaurant
1900 Montague Guest, Inns of Ct. Hl.
2647 Alleyn, Dulwich
2700 Old Masonians, Anderton's H.
1284 Brent, Topsham
1293 Burdett, Hampton Court
1462 Wharncliffe, Penistone
1531 Chislehurst, Chislehurst
1871 Gostling Murray, Hounslow
1965 Eastes, Bromley
2048 Henry Levander, Harrow St'n.
2201 Earl of Sussex, Brighton
2353 Broxbourne, New Barnet
2421 Carrington, Amersham
2460 Ascot, Ascot
2609 Travellers, Chester
2706 Foster Gough, Stafford
2720 Loyal Commercial, Cardiff

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Comedy.—8.15, Tess. Matinée, Wednesday, and Saturday, 2.
Criterion.—Thursday, 26th April, Lady Huntworth's Experiment.
Daly's.—8.15, San Toy. Matinée, Saturday, 2.30.
Drury Lane.—8, Marsac of Gascony. Matinée, Saturday, 2.
Duke of York's.—8, A Bad Penny. 8.45, Miss Hobbs. Matinée, Saturday, 2.30.
Gaiety.—8.15, The Messenger Boy. Matinée, Saturday, 2.
Garrick.—8, Zaza. Matinée, Saturday, 2.
Globe.—8.15, A broken Halo. 9, Nurse. Matinée, Wednesday, 2.30.
Haymarket.—8.30, The Rivals. Matinée, Wednesday and Saturday, 2.30.
Her Majesty's.—8, A Midsummer Night's Dream. Matinée, Wednesday and Saturday, 2.
Lyceum.—8, Tempest. Matinée, Wednesday and Saturday, 2.
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, 3.
Savoy.—8.15, The Rose of Persia. Matinée, Saturday, 2.30.
Shaftesbury.—An American Beauty.
St. James's.—8.30, A Man of forty. Matinée, Wednesday, and Saturday.
Strand.—8.15, The Lady Bookie. 9, Facing the Music. Matinée, Wednesday and Saturday, 3.
Terry's.—8, The Passport.
Wyndham's.—8 Cyrano de Bergerac. Matinée, Saturday, 2.
Alexandra.—Next week, 8, The Mancevres of Jane.
Opera House, Crouch End.—Next week, 8, The Telephone Girl.
Surrey.—Next week, 7.45, Is life worth living.
Standard.—Next week, 7.45, Hearts are trumps.
Alhambra.—7.45, Variety Entertainment. Napoli, &c.
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London Pavilion.—8, Variety Entertainment. The Poluskis, &c.
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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AT a Quarterly Court of the GOVERNORS and SUBSCRIBERS, held at Freemasons' Tavern, Great Queen Street, Lincoln's Inn Fields, London, on Friday, the 20th day of April 1900, V.W. Bro. Richard Eve, Past Grand Treasurer, Trustee and Patron of the Institution, in the chair, a ballot took place for the ELECTION of Thirty BOYS from an APPROVED LIST of Forty-two Candidates, the following being declared SUCCESSFUL:

No.	Name.	Votes.	No.	Name.	Votes.
1	C. E. Tucker	5,498	16	H. Stafford	4,302
2	N. C. Bannister	5,441	17	H. E. Skrimshire	4,276
3	H. E. Harvey	5,340	18	A. F. Gray	4,265
4	V. O. Leech	4,967	19	E. S. Jones	4,175
5	M. S. Carswell	4,944	20	O. Chesterfield	4,084
6	S. J. Odum	4,914	21	L. G. Payne	4,083
7	H. S. Coulson	4,811	22	L. H. Bufton	4,062
8	R. Dayson	4,761	23	F. M. Long	4,046
9	E. P. Hillyard	4,610	24	C. H. Ashdown	3,951
10	F. Wade	4,514	25	H. M. Sherman	3,904
11	C. E. Palk	4,454	26	R. N. Swinchatt	3,830
12	W. K. Nutting	4,438	27	A. E. Fryer	3,812
13	F. H. Spalding	4,413	28	C. Shipman	3,800
14	F. B. W. Hollands	4,390	29	F. E. Tattersall	3,736
15	K. R. J. Tofts	4,334	30	A. Dingley	3,077

Full particulars of the poll may be had on application at the Office.

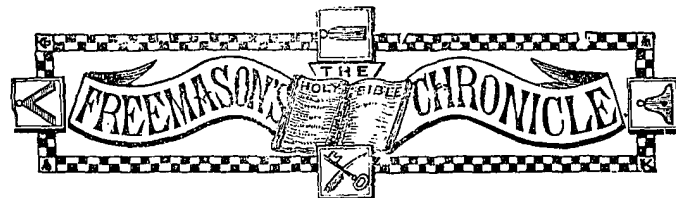
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** The 102nd ANNIVERSARY FESTIVAL will be held at Brighton in July next, under the most distinguished Presidency of H.R.H. The DUKE of CONNAUGHT and STRATHEARN, K.G., &c., &c., &c., M.W. Past Grand Master, Prov. G.M. Sussex, Dist. G.M. Bombay. The services of Brethren representing Lodges or Provinces, and of Ladies as Stewards on this important occasion, are earnestly solicited, and will be gratefully acknowledged.



SATURDAY, 21st APRIL 1900.

THE FIFTEEN SECTIONS

WILL be worked at the Upton Lodge of Instruction, No. 1227, at the Great Eastern Hotel, Liverpool Street, E.C., on Monday, 7th May, commencing at 7 o'clock. Bro. N. Goldman S.D. 1349 will preside as W.M., with Bros. D. Moss P.M. 1275 P.D.G.S.B. Transvaal I.P.M., L. A. Da Costa P.M. 1349 S.W., B. DaCosta P.M. 1349 J.W., M. Da Costa P.M. 1349 S.D., A. E. Crabb S.W. 1349 J.D., W. W. Pegg I.G. 933 I.G., Jas. Smith P.M. Preceptor, Peters P.M. Sec. The Sections will be worked by the following:

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THIRD LECTURE.—Bros. M. Corper P.M. 1349, L. A. DaCosta P.M. 1349, I. Davis J.W. 1349.

AT the Bromley St. Leonard Lodge of Instruction, No. 1805, at the Bow Bells, Bow Road, E., on Wednesday, 23rd May, commencing at 7.30 p.m. sharp. The chair will be taken by Bro. L. A. DaCosta P.M. 1349, supported by Bros. D. Moss P.M. 1349 P.D.G.S.B. I.P.M., J. De Casseres P.M. 1349 S.W., M. Corper I.P.M. 1349 J.W. The following will work the different Sections:

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SECOND LECTURE.—Bros. C. N. Fox P.M. 1349, M. DaCosta P.M. 1349, P. Torlowsky 205, J. Oxley P.M. 1306, R. Phillips 1349.

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THIS has been very carefully compiled, and bears on every page the hall mark of sound workmanship. As we have previously had occasion to remark, such volumes as the one before us are in some respects the easiest form of literary labour; in other respects they are the most difficult. To select, for our subject, St. Paul's Cathedral; to go to the British Museum "Rotunda" and there make copious extracts from many books dealing with the history and architecture of Sir Christopher Wren's masterpiece; then to set to work, and, arranging our materials, make one new book out of many old ones, all this may be done by any man of average intelligence in or out of Grub Street. But to enliven and impress the whole with the stamp of originality, and invest a well worn subject with a wholly fresh interest is a very difficult task indeed. But nothing less than this has been accomplished by Mr. Dimock. He has the spirit of the antiquarian, the judgment of the historian, and the taste of the scholar; and it is difficult to believe that Messrs. Bell could have entrusted this subject to abler hands. The illustrations do not seem to us so good as those in other volumes of a similar character recently issued by the same publishers; they will not compare, as pictures, with the illustrations to "Christchurch Priory and Wimborne Minster"; but this book is so thoroughly satisfactory from other standpoints that we are heartily thankful for the opportunity of looking it through. When the "Cathedral Series" is complete it will require, like Albert Chevalier's "nipper," a lot of beating.

Cinder-Path Tales. By William Lindsey (3s 6d).—Grant Richards.

THERE is admirable entertainment in these pages. The author can tell a good story well, and is sufficiently enthusiastic to satisfy the veriest devotee of the modern craze for sport. He has a manly self confidence in his own powers which is very far removed from boastfulness or self conceit, and does not fail, at the same time, to insist on a wholesome respect for the prowess and skill of an antagonist. To proclaim his partialities is always a prerogative of the critic; so we may say that among these cinder-path tales our favourite is that which tells "how Kitty queered the mile." That story, "My first, for money," and "A Virginia Jumper" are full of such thoroughly good writing that we should like to read a novel by this author on a similar subject. He has done a true service to sport and sportsmen; for he has shown us the good side of his subject so brightly that we can pardon much that lies in the background. This is a very tastefully printed volume. A series of such stories dealing with cricket, football, and golf respectively, in similar manner, issued by Mr. Grant Richards in the same garb and at the same price would, we venture to predict, be welcomed by "Young England" with open arms. Possibly the publisher may take our hint. He could hardly lose money by such a venture.

On Heroes, Hero-worship, and the Heroic in History. By Thomas Carlyle. Edited by Israel Gollancz, M.A. The Temple Classics (1s 6d net).—J. M. Dent and Co.

WE have before had the pleasure of reviewing the Temple Classics; but are particularly gratified to find that these lectures by Carlyle on "Heroes and Hero-Worship" have been included in the series. In the red cloth edition issued by Messrs. Chapman and Hall this work must be familiar to almost everybody; but as Messrs. Dent's volume is about half the size and is, to say the least, equally well printed, we do no injustice to anybody when we assert our preference for the volume before us. In these lectures Carlyle gave utterance to many wise saws and profound truths in language much more eloquent and less enigmatic than was his wont. The fact is that in discoursing on man from the heroic standpoint, and taking as examples men like Mahomet, Cromwell, Dante, and Napoleon, compared with whom the mass of mankind are, in his opinion, as mere dross, Carlyle was at his best. He had read history deeply, and thought upon it philosophically, and in "Heroes and Hero-Worship" he expressed some of his most sane and serious conclusions on the whole matter. His tribute to Dante is, for him, singularly lucid, generous and appreciative; on the whole it is perhaps the most satisfactory section in the volume. We trust Messrs. Dent will sell a great many copies of this elegant edition of an invaluable English classic.

A Man of his Age. By Hamilton Drummond. Illustrated by J. Ambrose Walton (3s 6d).—Ward, Lock and Co., Limited.

MR. HAMILTON DRUMMOND is a writer of great ability. We have no hesitation in affirming that "A Man of his Age" is very much in advance of the average volume of fiction put into our hands now-a-days. In the first place it is the work of a rare master of style. It combines an easy flow of diction and an adroitness of transition with a sententious and epigrammatic conciseness which is at times truly Baconian. Thoroughly earnest in narrative, and realising his scenes with unerring vision, Mr. Drummond nevertheless contrives to drop a memorable phrase here and there which adds greatly to the dignity and permanent value of his prose. "Not even the devil himself can keep a man from bettering his generation;" "He who fights from underneath and strikes upward is weakened by a truce"; "If your peasant heats slowly, even to his own quarrel, he cools quickly to that of another man"; such sentences as these meet us almost at every turn. As a story "A Man of his Age" is uniformly interesting, and is, as we have hinted, exceedingly well written. Those who have read "For the Religion," a former volume by the same writer, and those fine short stories "A Queen's Favour" and "Man and Monk" recently contributed by him to the "English Illustrated Magazine" will find all his characteristic qualities of style and treatment well to the front in this volume. The great human

passions of hatred and of love are depicted with much power and pathos; and characters like Blaise de Bernauld, and his lady, Marcel, La Hake and Mademoiselle Suzanne, are conceived and elaborated with a completeness only too rarely evinced in prose fiction. There are some scenes in the latter chapters which greatly pleased us, such as the submission of De Luxe, the dash from Bernauld by night, and the final encounter between Blaise and La Hake. Mr. Hamilton Drummond has gone once again to the days of Coligny for his subject; and as we can honestly say that his choice of a theme was as happy as his treatment of it our readers may suppose that we regard him as a writer of the first rank. Messrs. Ward, Lock and Co. have recently issued many new novels. We will venture to say they know quite well that "A Man of his Age" is one of the best of them.

BOOKS RECEIVED.**A Maker of Nations.** By Guy Boothby. Illustrated by Gordon Browne (5s).—Ward, Lock and Co., Limited.**The Disenchantment of Nurse Dorothy.** A story of Hospital life. By Florence Baxendale.—Skeffington and Son.**Of the House of Chloe.** A tale of the times. By Ellis Marston (4s net).—Simpkin, Marshall, Hamilton, Kent and Co., Ltd.**The Love of Parson Lord and other stories.** By Mary E. Wilkins. Illustrated (6s).—Harper and Brothers.**Towards Pretoria.** A record of the war between Briton and Boer to the hoisting of the British flag at Bloemfontein. By Julian Ralph. With historical forward appendices and map (6s).—C. Arthur Pearson, Ltd.**Love, Sport, and a Double Event.** By W. P. Gilpin (3s 6d).—Leadenhall Press, Ltd.**Chiswick Shakespeare.** Midsummer Night's Dream, and King Lear (1s 6d each).—G. Bell and Sons.**Words from St. Paul's.** By William Sinclair, Archdeacon of London. No. 1 (4d).—Thomas Burleigh.**Music of the Day.**

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Bosworth and Co.—The Rose and the Bee. Words and music by William Wallace.—Till Death. By Mazzoni and Clifton Bingham, music by Angelo Mascheroni.—Where Roses Gleam. English words by Will Ransom, music by Angelo Mascheroni.—Ière Valse. By Gabriel-Marie.—Tarantellette. Pianoforte Solo by Graham P. Moore.—Murmuring Breezes. Transcribed for piano by R. Niemann.—Liedchen ohne Worte. By Franz Zureich.—Schlummerlied. For piano, by Cornelius Gurliitt.—Auf der Pustta. Hungarian dance, by Wilhelm Fink.

Gould and Co.—Farewell to Summer. By Edward Teschemacher, music by Noel Johnson.—The Garden Beautiful. By Edward Oxenford, music by H. G. Pellissier.—Those Memories Divine. By Sidney A. Herbert, music by Angelo Mascheroni.—The Golden Valley. By Ed. Teschemacher, music by Franco Sarroni.—Love's Greeting. By Clifton Bingham, music by Frank L. Moir.—The Soldier's Farewell. Descriptive Fantasia by J. Pridham (new edition).—Comrades-in-Arms. March by Arthur E. Godfrey.

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Patey and Willis.—Thoughts of Thee. By Thomas K. Hervey, music by E. Hopkins Hann.—An old Tender Song. By J. Anthony McDonald, music by Clement Locknane.—John Bull and Jonathan. By Clifton Bingham, music by H. Trotère.—In Bygone Years. By Clifton Bingham, music by Anton Strelezki.—Moonbeamland. By Clifton Bingham, music by H. Trotère.—All that you are to me. By Clifton Bingham, music by Noel Johnson.

Phillips and Oliver.—Tommy's a-coming along! By Powell Mackenzie.—The Kingdom beautiful. By John Muir, music by Hartwell Jones.—Rock of Ages. By A. M. Toplady, music by Ch. Gounod.—O Divine Redeemer. By Alfred Phillips, music by Ch. Gounod.—Royal Military Tournament. Descriptive piece for piano, by Theo. Bonheur.—Schöne Roselein Waltz. By Max Werner.—Regal Beauty Waltz. By Juan Gomez.—Japanese Barn Dance. By Neville Flux.—Drei Tanze (1 Türkischer, 2 Danischer, 3 Afrikanischer). By G. Sarakowski.—Air de Ballet. By R. Bernard Elliott.—Pensée fur das piano. By Max Werner.—Sonatina in C. By F. W. Davenport.—Pretty songs and nursery rhymes. Set to music by Leigh Kingsmill.—At the Zoo. Twelve action songs for Children. By Edward Oxenford, music by Percy Jackman.

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We shall be pleased to receive particulars of Masonic meetings for insertion in our columns, and where desired will endeavour to send a representative, to report Lodge or other proceedings.

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INSTALLATIONS.

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LODGE OF INDUSTRY, No. 48, GATESHEAD.

Installation of Brother Joseph T. Pragnell.

THE annual meeting was held on the 26th ult., at the Masonic Hall, Jackson Street, Gateshead, there being a large attendance of members and visiting Brethren. Bro. Joseph T. Pragnell S.W. was installed W.M. for the ensuing twelve months, the ceremony being ably performed by Bro. John Armstrong W.M.

Subsequently the annual festival was held at the Royal Hotel, Prince Consort Road, an excellent dinner being provided by Bro. Twibell, the manager.

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ST. JOHN LODGE, No. 1306.

Installation of Brother John Barrieff.

THE installation meeting was held on Wednesday, 4th inst., at the Guildhall Tavern, E.C., Bro. Jas. Beard W.M. being in the chair, and being well supported by members and visitors.

Lodge being opened, a ballot was taken for Mr. Frederick George Jary, and proved unanimous in his favour. He being in attendance was duly initiated into the Order.

The Auditors' report was next received, which proved the Lodge to be in good financial condition, the Auditors all agreeing that the accounts, etc., of the Lodge were well kept, and reflected credit upon the Secretary Bro. J. G. Twinn P.M.

The W.M. now vacated the chair in favour of Bro. J. Oxley P.M., who proceeded with the installation ceremony, installing Bro. John Barrieff J.W. into the chair. The newly installed W.M. then appointed his Officers, as follow:—Bros. G. Olley S.W., E. P. Staples J.W., J. Magrath P.M. Treasurer, J. G. Twinn P.M. Secretary, J. H. Magrath S.D., G. W. Danson J.D., C. Spencer I.G., R. C. Blow, W. Imber and R. S. Ratcliffe Stewards, J. Taylor P.M. Tyler.

Bro. Oxley P.M. addressed the Master, Wardens, and Brethren, and the installation ceremony was brought to a close in regular order.

The W.M. then presented to Bro. J. Beard I.P.M. the jewel that had been voted to him by the Lodge, mentioning that this was one of the first pleasing duties of a new Master. He wished Bro. Beard health and long life to wear it. Bro. Beard suitably responded.

A Committee was formed to revise the bye-laws, some of them having become obsolete, and others requiring amendment. A deal of routine business was gone through, and the Lodge was closed, the Brethren adjourning to the banquet hall, where, under the personal superintendence of Bro. Wells, an excellent banquet was served.

The usual Loyal and Masonic toasts were honoured, interspersed with an excellent musical programme, arranged by Bro. Sam Waller. Amongst those who assisted were Master Sam Waller, a young gentleman in khaki, of nine years, who sang "Under the same old flag"; Bro. Harry Hawkes, who gave "When father laid the carpet on the stairs," and "All for the sake of Finnigan"; Bro. W. T. Dawson, "Shipmates"; Mr. John Manley, "When love steps in"; Bro. Sam Waller, recitation, "Wait a week or two," all of which were highly appreciated; also a fine piano solo, "Imps' Revels," by Bro. W. T. Dawson, who, it may be mentioned, accompanied the vocalists with great skill.

BRONDESBURY LODGE, No. 2698.

Installation of Bro. Edwin George.

THE installation meeting was held on Wednesday, 11th inst., at the Earl Derby, High Road, Kilburn, the Worshipful Master Bro. A. F. Hardyment presiding. There was a large attendance of members of the Lodge and visitors.

As the installation of the new Worshipful Master was the only work to be performed, the chairs of the Senior and Junior Wardens were occupied by Bro. James Stephens P.D.G.D.C. as S.W., and Bro. Walter Hancock P.M. 2191 as J.W. Bro. Alfred Rusby I.P.M. 2511 acted as Inner Guard. Bro. Hardyment W.M. installed Bro. Edwin George P.M. 1489, who had acted as the Secretary of the Lodge from its commencement; and had been unanimously elected. Bro. Campbell P.M., the Lodge's first Master, acted as Director of Ceremonies. Bro. Hardyment was invested as the Immediate Past Master, and was complimented by Bro. Edwin George on the admirable manner in which he had discharged the duties of Master during the past year. Mendelssohn's anthem, "Be thou faithful," was beautifully rendered by Bro. James Gawthrop, at the request of the W.M.

The Auditors' report, the reception of which was carried on the motion of Bro. Hardyment P.M., seconded by Bro. Campbell P.M., showed a balance of £63 17s 9d in favour of the Lodge. The Lodge was then closed, and the Brethren adjourned to banquet.

Between the toasts a charming musical programme was presented, under the direction of Bro. J. Gawthrop P.M. 1706.

Bro. James Stephens, responding to the toast of the Grand Officers present and past, alluded to the part he played in the formation of the Lodge, and said he was delighted that the Lodge had such a good balance after discharging Masonic duties by subscribing to the Masonic Institutions.

Bro. Hardyment gave the toast of the Worshipful Master, and Bro. Edwin George responded, assuring the Brethren he would take in the Brondesbury Lodge as much interest as he had shown with respect to his old Lodge, the Marquess of Ripon, No. 1489.

The W.M. gave the Installing Master and the Past Masters, presenting Bro. Hardyment with a handsome jewel of a Past Master, and also a Past Master's collar. Bro. Hardyment duly acknowledged the toast and the handsome gifts, and said that as an old member of the Walpole Lodge, No. 1500, Norwich, he was going to represent that Lodge as a Steward at the forthcoming Festival of the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls. He asked the assistance of the Brethren on that occasion.

An enlarged photograph of the first Worshipful Master Bro. R. J. Campbell, executed by Bro. Harold Coxen, was presented by that Brother to the Lodge.

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HENRY COOK CHAPTER, No. 1021.

Installation of Companion R. C. Turner.

THE twelfth anniversary of the Consecration of this flourishing Chapter took place at the Masonic Hall, Abbey Road, Barrow-in-Furness, on Tuesday, 27th ult., when a large and influential gathering took place, under the presidency of Comp. A. Brown Z.

The installation of the Principals and Officers for the ensuing year was conducted by Comp. Dr. J. Murray, and the addresses delivered by Comp. Henry Cook. The following are the new Officers:—R. C. Turner Z., Captain W. A. Main H., Alfred Brown I.P.Z. J., S. M. S. Townsend Treasurer, J. P. Williams S.E., H. G. Wright S.N., J. McDougal P.S., R. Heseltine and Robert Newton Assistant Sojrs., R. W. Worrall D.C., J. Artis Janitor.

At the conclusion of the installation the outgoing Z. was presented with a very handsome P.Z. jewel, as a token of esteem from the Companions. Also Comp. J. F. Davison was presented with a beautiful Treasurer's jewel, to mark the Companions' appreciation of his services previous to leaving Barrow.

Business over, the Companions sat down to a substantial banquet in their own rooms, provided by the Steward of the Hall, which gave universal satisfaction. The usual toasts were honoured.

The only regret the Companions had was the absence of Comp. Captain W. A. Main, Active Service Company 1st King's Own Volunteer Battalion Royal Lancaster Regiment, now on his way to South Africa.

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ST. MICHAEL LODGE, No. 211.

A VERY pleasing incident occurred at the last meeting of this Lodge, held at the Albion, Aldersgate Street, E.C., on the 10th inst., when a Past Treasurer's jewel was presented by the members to Bro. Alfred Green P.M., who, in addition to being the father of the Lodge, held the position of Treasurer for many years. Bro. Green was compelled to resign the Office in

February, in consequence of ill health, and had been recuperating in the south of France for some weeks past, with the result, we are pleased to say, that he is now fairly well. He had, however, felt it incumbent upon him to sever his connection as a working member of the Lodge, and the Brethren thought they could not do better than present him with this jewel to mark their esteem and regard. Bro. Frederick W. Berry W.M. made the presentation with a few well chosen remarks, and hoped that Bro. Green would be spared for many years yet to come among them. He then pinned the jewel upon Bro. Green's breast, amidst the applause of those present.

The happy recipient of this well deserved recognition was visibly affected by the heartiness of his reception, but cordially thanked the Brethren for their handsome present. He was not quite sure that he deserved it, but during the time that he had been Treasurer he had always endeavoured to keep the Lodge in a solvent state, and he was glad that he left it in a prosperous condition. He had seen many changes among the Brethren during the thirty years he had been a member, and was gratified to find the present Officers were carrying on the old traditions of the Lodge. He felt very proud when he received the Past Master's jewel, and he would wear this one alongside of it, as a souvenir of the happy hours he had spent in the Lodge, and of the sincere Fraternal regard of the Brethren.

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KENNINGTON LODGE, No. 1381.

AN emergency meeting was held at the Horns, Kennington, on Tuesday, 3rd inst., for the purpose of admitting three gentlemen into the Order, they being first of all regularly balloted for and elected.

Bro. W. H. Wolsey presided, and impressively received the three candidates: Mr. Amos W. Coombe, Mr. T. Marston, and Mr. Ernest Cootes. Other work included the raising of Bro. F. W. Sharpe, and the passing of Bro. E. F. Roberts.

A banquet followed, which, together with a well arranged musical programme, was much enjoyed.

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EMPRESS LODGE, No. 2581.

FOR years past it has been a matter of considerable cogitation with us as to what constitutes the undoubted difference that exists when visiting various Lodges. At some, indeed at most, it is a real pleasure to be present; at others we have felt that an evening has been wasted. It cannot be that the ritual is better rendered in this Lodge or that, because, as a rule, especially of late years, the work is usually well done; and though perhaps one may occasionally hear a more fluent or better emphasised delivery in certain places, yet the ceremonies are intelligently performed, and the work of the Officers leaves nothing to be desired. It is not the difference at the fourth degree, because universal cordiality prevails in every Lodge, and the question of the menu is a mere detail. It is not a matter of temperament, because when visiting a Lodge we are prompted both by duty and inclination to view the proceedings in an impartial manner, and to give a faithful report thereon. Still the fact remains—to whatever cause it may be attributed—that we enjoy an evening passed in certain Lodges very much more than we do a visit to some others.

Such an evening it was our privilege to enjoy on Wednesday of last week, at the Empress Lodge, which meets at the Café Royal, Regent Street, W. It was only an ordinary meeting, "an off night," as it is termed, and the first and third ceremonies had to be performed. It was somewhat of a disappointment that, owing to urgent business which detained him in New York, we were debarred from hearing the work of the Worshipful Master Bro. Charles I. Kiralfy, but an excellent substitute was at hand in the person of his father, Bro. Imre Kiralfy P.A.G.D.C., who undertook the duties.

After the Lodge had been formally opened and the minutes of the previous meeting confirmed, the ballot was taken for Messrs. Bennett Opie, George Withers, Albert Enrico Kiralfy, and Frederick Thoresby, as candidates for initiation. They, being all good men and true, were unanimously approved, and were subsequently instructed in the mysteries and privileges of the Order. Bro. Montague C. Dent was raised to the sublime degree, and invested as a Master Mason.

Both the ceremonies were worked with due care by Bro. Kiralfy, and he was admirably assisted by the Officers:—Dr. Maitland Coffin I.P.M., G. C. Breese S.W., W. Singleton Hooper P.M. acting as S.D., G. N. Blades J.D., and W. H. Bond I.G.

After this portion of the business was concluded Bro. Sir Joseph Dimsdale P.M. proposed that the sum of five guineas be voted by the Lodge for the relief of distressed Brethren in South Africa. This was agreed to, and Bro. Kiralfy, with his usual generosity, supplemented the vote by a similar amount. A collection was afterwards made at the dinner table, with the result that £17 will now be sent to Bro. George Richards District Grand Master of the Transvaal, for his Fund.

A further sum of ten guineas was voted for the Master's list as a Charity Steward, then the Lodge was closed and the meeting adjourned.

Great cordiality and good humour, tempered with becoming mirth, reigned at the banquet, which was served in the handsome salon. A rival entertainment was being given in an adjoining room, and a somewhat quaint effect was produced by the other "Band of Brothers" getting in advance of our party and singing "God save the Queen" while our Master was saying Grace. However, our turn soon came, and we put all our lungs into the National Anthem after Bro. Kiralfy had appropriately proposed "Our Empress Queen."

After the Grand Master had been duly honoured, a telegram, drafted by Sir Joseph Dimsdale, was sent to the Prince of Wales congratulating him upon his safety after the attempt upon his life in Brussels. This was a happy thought on the part of Bro. Kiralfy, and evoked the applause of the assembly.

A touch of patriotism was evoked by Bro. T. P. Griffin Junior Grand Deacon, who said he was proud to respond for the Grand Officers as a colleague of three such men as General Roberts, Lord Kitchener, and Sir Charles Warren.

Bro. Maitland Coffin said that although the Master was unavoidably absent in America, his place was very ably filled by his father, and they could not have a better substitute. He had done the work so well that the least they could do was to drink his health.

Bro. Imre Kiralfy returned thanks for this compliment, but deprecated the flattering remarks of the proposer, saying that in consequence of the enormous pressure of work upon him at that moment he was afraid he had not performed the ceremonies so well as he might have done. He had been very anxious to initiate his son into the Order, as he considered that Freemasonry had always been an element for good, and he was sure that the four worthy men who had that evening been enrolled in the Empress Lodge would

ever remember the noble objects of the Craft. He could assure them it was a step they would never forget or regret.

Each of the Initiates expressed their high appreciation of the ceremony they had experienced, and modestly hoped they might do honour to the Lodge.

Genial Sir Joseph Dimsdale proposed the visitors, and extended a hearty welcome to the Brethren who had graced the meeting by their presence. He hoped they had enjoyed their visit both in the Lodge and elsewhere. The Empress Lodge always endeavoured to carry out the interesting and religious ceremonies—for religious they were—in accordance with the best traditions of the Craft. He associated with the toast the names of Bros. A. J. Thomas P.M. 91, W. H. Baylis P.M. 9. Few men had showed more charity, quietly and unostentatiously, than those two Brothers, thoroughly good and conscientious men, who obeyed the Divine command of doing to others as they would be done by.

Bro. Thomas, after thanking the Lodge for their kind reception, addressed a few remarks to the Initiates, on the subject of the Masonic Charities, which he considered were excellently well managed, and deserved the support of all the Brethren. Bro. Baylis followed in a somewhat similar strain.

The services of the Past Masters and Officers of the Lodge were recognised in due course, and suitably acknowledged.

Then entered Bro. Ellis, the Tyler, bearing a warning that time was on the wing; and the good old custom of signifying our sympathy with all poor and distressed Masons having been expressed, this very agreeable evening was brought to a pleasant conclusion.

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MINNEHAHA MINSTREL LODGE, No. 2363.

THE regular meeting, held at the Victoria Hotel, Manchester, on Monday, 26th ult., was an unqualified success. Not only was there a large number of members present, but Bro. Sam Luke W.M. was well supported by visitors, among whom we noticed Bros. Hy. Nall P.M. 2363, 1375 P.P.G.T. (W.L.), Arthur A. Moss P.M. 1375 P.P.G.W. (W.L.), Geo. G. Bromley P.M. 1375, Rev. Philip Hains P.M. Chaplain 204, W. H. Start P.M. 1052, and C. A. Wright S.W. 2491.

Three ceremonies were performed, namely, the passing of Bro. Matthew Henry Chapman, and the raising of Bros. John Prescott Crankshaw and Robert Brotherton Whitfield. The W.M. undertook the first function, being assisted by Bro. S. H. Stubbs S.W., who presented and explained the working tools. He also essayed the last ceremony, the second one falling to the lot of Bro. Seth Wrigley P.M. D.C. P.P.G.D.

A very excellent programme of music had been provided for the festive board, the contributors being Bros. F. Todd J.W., W. H. Purdy Org., R. B. Whitfield, C. Harrop, and W. E. Argyle S.W. 2216.

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VICTORIA LODGE, No. 2671.

THE second annual Ladies' evening in connection with this Lodge took place recently at the White Hart Hotel, Windsor, after a regular meeting of the Lodge at the Masonic Hall. The Brethren and their visitors, to the number of seventy-five, assembled in the Shakespeare Room of the Hotel, and were received by the W.M. Bro. E. C. Broquet, and Mrs. Broquet, and at 6 p.m. sat down to a banquet in the Victoria Hall.

After grace, the W.M. proposed the toast of the Queen and the Craft, commenting on the anxiety which her Majesty had lately been called upon to undergo, owing to the deplorable war in South Africa, and also alluding to the deep sympathy existing between her and her subjects all over the world.

The next toast, that of the Worshipful Master, was proposed by Bro. E. Prince P.M. and Secretary, who referred to the thoroughly efficient manner in which Bro. Broquet discharged his duties in the Lodge, thus winning the goodwill and esteem of every one of its members; and to the active interest shown by him in connection with the arrangements made for that successful gathering. He stated that the W.M. had at his own cost provided the beautiful and choice floral offerings, consisting of sprays and buttonholes, which the ladies and gentlemen were then wearing. He had also engaged the splendid band of Messrs. Dyson and Sons, which had discoursed sweet music during the dinner, and, further, the handsome cut-glass bottle of perfume handed to each lady was presented by him, as a souvenir of the occasion. Bro. Prince associated Mrs. Broquet's name with the toast, and concluded by wishing them and their family long life, continued happiness, health and prosperity.

On rising to respond, the W.M. met with a most cordial reception. He thanked the Officers and Brethren for their hearty support on this and all other occasions, and stated that he had made up his mind to do his best to make this a red-letter day in the annals of the Lodge, and that he saw no reason to doubt that the "Ladies' evening" would become an annual event.

He next proposed the toast of the evening, the Ladies, expressing his gratification at seeing so many gathered together to do honour to the Lodge and to him. Bro. A. Moss responded in a humorous manner.

This ended the toast list, and coffee was partaken of in the Shakespeare Room whilst the tables were being cleared away and the Victoria Hall rearranged in drawing-room fashion for a concert.

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MERTON LODGE, No. 2790.

THE regular meeting was held at the Merton Boys Club, Merton, on Tuesday, 10th inst., those present including Bros. E. W. Pillinger P.M. 902 W.M., W. H. Brand S.W., T. Holloway J.W., T. Skelton P.M. Treas., A. J. Sendell Sec., W. E. Manby P.M., R. Hopkins P.M., Dr. M. K. Hargreaves S.D., R. Leach J.D., J. Mundy I.G., N. J. Lawrence and W. Poupard Stewards, A. Chandler, H. G. Crumbleholme Organist, W. Way, G. Anger, T. Nightingale, G. Neal, and others.

After the usual formalities of opening the Lodge, five candidates for passing—Bros. W. P. Smith, Looker, Bailey, Downing, and Cattell—were examined, and in due order admitted to the second degree. Mr. Walter Monro Higgs and Mr. Henry Philip Smith were balloted for, approved, and regularly initiated into Freemasonry, the whole of the ritual being choral, and very well rendered by the Master and his Officers.

It was decided to establish a Lodge of Instruction in connection with the Lodge, which was subsequently closed, an excellent dinner being afterwards partaken of at the neighbouring Assembly Rooms, Mr. Skinner catering.

The usual toasts were honoured, and everything passed off in a highly satisfactory manner.

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CONFIDENCE LODGE, No. 193.

AT the Bunch of Grapes, Lime Street, E.C., on Wednesday, 11th inst., at 7 o'clock, Bros. Metcalf Baillie W.M., J. W. Simeons W.M. 193 S.W., H. Houghton J.W., C. Goovearts S.D., G. Bushell J.D., G. Spice P.M. Preceptor, J. K. Pitt Secretary, H. Rowlands I.G., Pennock F.M., A. J. Cook, Nat Wood, and other Brethren.

The ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, with Bro. Cook as candidate. Bro. Wood answered the questions leading to the second degree, and that ceremony was rehearsed. Bro. Pitt worked the second lecture, assisted by the Brethren.

Bro. Simeons W.M. of the Mother Lodge was elected to the chair for Wednesday next, 25th inst.

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ST. MICHAEL LODGE, No. 211.

ON Monday, 9th inst., at the Richmond Hotel, Shepherds Bush, W., Bro. J. Jupp occupied the chair, and was supported by Bros. J. H. Cumming P.M. S.W., Stansell J.W., R. H. Williams P.M. P.P.G.J.D. Middx. Prec., Johnson Treas., R. H. Catling P.M. Sec., Elkin S.D., Smyth J.D., W. T. Ridley I.G., R. Reid P.M., Webb P.M., A. Reid, Standing, and several others.

Bro. Williams was examined and entrusted, after which the Lodge was opened in the second degree, and the passing ceremony rehearsed. It was then opened in the third degree, and closed to the first, when the second section was worked by the Brethren, under the Preceptor's direction.

Bro. J. H. Cumming was elected to preside at the meeting on 23rd inst.

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RANELAGH LODGE, No. 834.

ON Good Friday the members turned up in very large numbers. The W.M.'s chair was occupied by Bro. G. F. Payne, who appointed the following Officers: G. T. Meek S.W., R. Reid P.M. J.W., Arthur Williams P.M. Prec., W. Hinds P.M. Treas., F. Craggs P.M. Sec., J. H. Cumming P.M. S.D., J. H. King J.D., J. Hallam I.G. There were also present Bros. R. H. Williams P.M., W. Hide P.M., H. J. Cousens P.M., John Worth P.M., W. Barton Jones P.M., H. Bone, W. Busby, and J. Hume.

The ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, Bro. Busby taking the candidate's place, after which the W.M. vacated the chair in favour of Bro. Cozens I.P.M. of the Old Concord Lodge, and having signified his intention of rehearsing the second ceremony Bro. John Worth I.P.M. of the Mother Lodge offered himself as a candidate, was examined, and entrusted. The Lodge was advanced and the ceremony gone through. Bro. Payne having returned to his position resumed the Lodge to the first degree.

Bro. Meek was unanimously elected to act as W.M. at the next meeting, and on the proposition of the worthy Preceptor a vote of thanks was ordered to be entered on the minutes to Bro. G. F. Payne, for the excellent manner in which he had carried out the duties of W.M. for the first time in any Lodge of Instruction. We can cordially endorse Bro. A. Williams's remarks, and considering that Bro. Payne has only been initiated a few months we believe he will prove himself a great acquisition to the Craft.

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DALHOUSIE LODGE, No. 865.

A MOST successful meeting was held on Monday, 9th inst., at Bro. Joel Davis's, the Greyhound, Kensington Square. Bro. T. O. Dyer S.W. 865 acted as W.M., with P. Howard S.W., J. W. Facey J.W., J. Worth P.M. acting Preceptor, G. C. Hatt P.M. Treas., J. Cox P.M. Sec., R. Von Donat S.D., E. Johnson J.D., H. G. Cox I.G., F. Cousens P.M., R. Cawley P.M., H. Inderwick, J. D. King, J. Harris, R. M. Spring, H. Sergeant, J. Wynman, and others.

The minutes were confirmed and Bro. King answered the questions. The Lodge was opened in the second degree and the ceremony of passing was rehearsed. The Lodge was called off and on. The W.M. vacated the chair in favour of Bro. Worth, who wished to rehearse the ceremony of installation. Bro. Dyer was presented as the W.M.-elect by Bro. Cousens P.M., and the work was gone through, the W.M. being saluted in the various degrees, and afterwards investing the Officers.

Bro. Worth P.M. Preceptor of the Earl's Court Lodge proceeded to deliver the addresses in an impressive and faultless manner, the Brethren complimenting him on the Masonic treat.

Bro. Howard was elected W.M. for Monday next.

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ECLECTIC LODGE, No. 1201.

ON Sunday, at 7 o'clock, at the Frascati, Oxford Street, there was an unusually small attendance, on account of the Easter holidays, but the working was all that could be desired. Bro. A. R. Godrich presided, with Bros. J. Leach S.W., D. Baker J.W., E. C. Mulvey P.M. P.G.P. Prec., J. Mason Sec., W. Hudson S.D., W. J. Wall P.M. Dep. Prec. J.D., William Proctor P.M. Tyler, J. Wynman, and others.

The W.M. rehearsed the ceremony of initiation, Bro. Mulvey kindly acting as candidate. The W.M. followed with the ceremony of passing, Bro. Mulvey again acting as candidate.

Lodge was closed down, and Bro. J. Leach was elected W.M. for to-morrow (Sunday).

Bro. Mulvey said the working of Bro. Godrich had given great satisfaction. The fact could not be recorded on the minutes, because that was only done on the first occasion when a Brother acted as Worshipful Master; otherwise his performance was well worthy of such recognition. This being the first time we had had the pleasure of listening to Bro. Godrich's working we congratulate him on rendering both the ceremonies in so faultless a manner.

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FINSBURY PARK LODGE, No. 1288.

A VERY good meeting took place on Saturday, 7th inst., at the Old Cock Tavern, Highbury, N., those present including Bros. Edward Parker W.M., J. E. Payne S.W., A. J. Davis J.W., H. Hill P.M. Prec., John Thom Secretary, E. Rawlinson S.D., J. Coulthard J.D., W. H. Coley I.G., Marlborough, Milbank, Taylor P.M., T. Moore, A. W. Child, J. Dew, J. Wynman, G. Dixon P.M.

The ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, Bro. Child acting as candidate. Bro. Dew answered the questions leading to the second degree. Bro. J. E. Payne was elected W.M. for to-day (Saturday).

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FRIARS LODGE, No. 1349.

THERE was an excellent meeting on Thursday, 12th inst., at Bro. Abrahams's, the Aldgate Distillery, Aldgate, E., those present including Bros. M. Moses W.M., M. Goodman S.W., S. B. Lotheim J.W., L. A. DaCosta P.M. Prec., I. Davis Sec., J. Goulston S.D., C. Fox J.D., B. Friend I.G., A. E. Crabb S.W. 1349, L. Marks, Sarsieni, Scheversen, M. Corper I.P.M. 1349, N. Goldman, B. DaCosta P.M., D. Moss P.M., &c., J. Hymans, J. Wynman.

The W.M. rehearsed the second ceremony, with Bro. Goldman as the candidate, and was complimented by the Past Masters on his excellent working. The W.M. next worked the first section of the degree. Having resumed the Lodge to the first Bro. Goldman worked the 7th section, and, by desire of the W.M. and Brethren, continued with the sixth, whilst Bro. Lotheim answered all the questions put to him by Bro. Goldman for the fifth section.

The Brethren of the Friars Lodge being so widely known for their perfect section working, the performance on this occasion hardly requires compliment on our part, suffice it to say, a real Masonic treat was afforded those who were present.

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HIGHGATE LODGE, No. 1366.

ON Thursday, 5th inst., at the Falkland Arms, Falkland Road, N.W., there was an exceptionally good attendance at the well adapted Masonic rooms of Bro. A. L. Garrod, about thirty being present to listen to the continuation of the Fifteen Sections, the first seven of which were worked here on Thursday, 29th ult. As at the previous meeting the chair was taken by Bro. J. E. Paine S.W. 101, with Bro. H. G. Gush P.M. 1541 as S.W., and R. P. Walkden P.M. 1366 J.W.

The Lodge being formed was advanced to the second degree, and the Sections were worked by Bros. A. J. Davis, J. Rothschild, A. J. Berry, John Thom, and G. A. Grant.

The Lodge was opened in the third degree, and the following Brethren completed the working: F. W. Kessler, R. P. Walkden, and W. G. Hildreth.

The W.M. resumed the Lodge to the first degree and several Brethren were proposed and unanimously elected members.

In answer to an unanimous vote of thanks Bro. J. E. Paine acknowledged the compliment, and at the same time thanked the Brethren who had so ably assisted him in the work, especially those who were unexpectedly called upon at the last moment to fill the places of Brethren who were absent.

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WEST SMITHFIELD LODGE, No. 1623.

ON the 18th inst., at the City Scotch Stores, 27 Knighttrider Street, E.C., Bros. Chas. J. Pratt P.M. W.M., Thos. Powell S.W., Chas. Strong J.W., J. J. Howes P.M. Treas., J. Hoffmann Sec., John Ward, D. F. Weiste, Chas. Eth. Smith, and J. R. L. Daish.

Bro. Pratt rehearsed the ceremony of initiation and subsequently kindly vacated the chair for Bro. Thos. Powell, who rehearsed the ceremony of raising for the first time, and in a most laudable manner; he was subsequently elected W.M. for the ensuing week.

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WOODROW LODGE, No. 1708.

THERE was a large attendance at the usual meeting on Monday afternoon, 9th inst., at Bro. Rudderforth's (Stone's) Restaurant, Pantons Street, Haymarket. Present: Bros. J. E. Culverhouse W.M., T. F. Strutt S.W., T. Burgess J.W., C. Woodrow P.M. Prec., J. W. Simeons W.M. 193 Sec., W. Hann S.D., W. West J.D., J. E. Lobb I.G., R. Cawley P.M., G. Spice P.M., L. Hollingworth, G. E. Genet, A. Bird, G. Baker, J. Ollington, J. Wynman, and others.

The formalities being observed, Bro. Bird answered the questions leading to the second degree, and was entrusted. The Lodge was advanced and the ceremony was rehearsed. The W.M. now proposed to rehearse the third degree, for which Bro. G. E. Genet offered himself as candidate. He answered the questions, was entrusted, and the ceremony was gone through.

Bro. Strutt was elected W.M. for Monday next, 23rd inst.

A ballot in connection with the Benevolent Association resulted in favour of Bro. T. Burgess.

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ROYAL VICTORIAN JUBILEE LODGE, No. 2184.

(LATE TERRIERS.)

ON Wednesday afternoon, 11th inst., at three o'clock, at the Dover Castle Hotel, Westminster Bridge Road, Bros. W. J. Dillon W.M., B. Cohen S.W., W. Newton J.W., A. Darch P.M. Prec., J. W. Newstead Sec. acting S.D., W. J. Alabaster J.D., J. Wynman I.G.

The ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, including the ancient charge. The Lodge was opened in the second degree, and the ceremony of passing was rehearsed. The working was all that could be desired.

Bro. B. Cohen was elected W.M. for Wednesday, 2nd May.

Bro. Darch proposed that a hearty vote of thanks be recorded on the minutes for the able manner in which the W.M. had fulfilled the duties of W.M. for the first time in the Lodge. The Preceptor will preside next Wednesday.

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ALFRED NEWTON LODGE, No. 2686.

ON Tuesday, 10th inst., at the Royal Palace Hotel, Kensington, W., Bros. J. Nichols W.M., W. H. Arnold S.W., A. Weiss J.W., R. H. Williams P.M. Prec., E. Vernon Assist. Sec., W. W. Woolliscroft S.D., K. Von Donat J.D., E. A. Bertram I.G., W. R. Flack P.M., J. Wynman.

The ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, Bro. Flack acting as candidate. The Lodge was called off and on. Bro. Williams Preceptor, in his usual able manner, worked the first section of the lecture.

Bro. W. A. Arnold was elected to preside at the next meeting.

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EARL'S COURT LODGE, No. 2765.

THIS young and prosperous Lodge held its regular meeting on Wednesday, 11th inst., at Bro. Joel Davis's, the Greyhound Hotel, Kensington

Square, W., when Bro. J. W. Facey P.M. Treasurer 2665 acted as W.M., with Bros. P. Howard S.W., G. F. Payne J.W., J. Worth P.M. Prec., J. Cox P.M. Dep. Prec., J. Taylor Sec., J. Cox S.D., W. S. Lyon J.D., H. G. Cox I.G., J. H. McNaughton Steward, H. J. Cousens P.M., J. Gilbeart, S. H. Proctor, J. Davis, J. Wynman.

Bro. Proctor answered the questions leading to the second degree, and was entrusted. The Lodge was advanced and the ceremony was rehearsed, with Bro. Facey's usual ability. A letter was read by the Secretary from Grand Lodge, thanking the Brethren for the letter sent to the Most Worshipful Grand Master, congratulating him on his escape from the dastardly attempt made upon him at Brussels. It was proposed that the letter be entered on the minute book, which was unanimously agreed to.

Bros. W. McNaughton J.D. 1585, S. H. Proctor 2765, and G. F. Payne 2705 were elected members, which compliment was acknowledged by those Brethren. Bro. P. Howard was elected W.M. for the next meeting.

Entertainments.

AFTER a successful run round the principal North and Midland Cities with his latest success, "What happened to Jones," Bro. Charlie Collette proposes to play the same piece in a round of the Suburban Theatres commencing on Monday, 30th inst., at the Opera House, Crouch End. Those who remember "The Cheerful One" in "The Colonel" and in *Cryptochochoidsophonostomata* may be prepared for a treat, when it is said that as "Jones" he has broken his own record.

MANAGEMENT IN MASONIC WORK.

THE fifth chapter of the Ancient Charges treats of the "Management of the Craft in working." Its instruction would seem to apply more directly to the operative art than to the speculative science of Masonry, yet, as the latter is a continuation of the former and has adopted its language, laws, rules, regulations, landmarks and working tools, it is not difficult to adapt its teachings to managing the Craft in working as builders of a social and moral edifice. If Masons never lose sight of the idea that they are builders; if they make this the primal object of their labour; if each and all strive to see how wisely, strongly and beautifully he can build, it will be easy for them to apply this Ancient Charge to the management of their work.

They are charged to "work honestly on working days, that they may live creditably on holy days; * * * to be faithful to the Lord, and honestly finish their work." The Masonic "working days" are those specified times when, in Lodge assembled, the Craft engage in labour. The Masonic "holy days" are the Sabbath days—Sabbath being a Hebrew word meaning to "rest from labour, to lie by, to keep holy day;" and as our ancient Brethren were engaged six days in labour, they consecrated one, according to the divine command, as a Sabbath, a day of rest from all ordinary employments and recreations, that they might devote the whole day to the worship and service of God, in contemplating his gracious and glorious works, and in studying His Word as the divine trestle board, that they might work more closely to the designs drawn therein; and they have left on record the order that "the time appointed by the law of the land, or confirmed by custom, shall be observed." This is Masonic law for a proper observance of the Sabbath, and no Masonic work should be done on that day set apart for rest, if Masons are to "live creditably on holy days, to the Lord's profit."

The "Lord's Work," to which allusion is made in the Charge, points to a feature in Speculative Masonry that deserves closer attention than it receives from many of the Craftsmen, and a due recognition of this feature might lead to better results in the character of the work done.

The ancient workmen, when engaged in their proper work, wrought as fellow-craftsmen, under the supervision of a Master, who was chosen, or appointed, from the most expert of their number as overseer of the Lord's work. The lords of the work were among the lords of the land—kings, princes, earls, dukes, bishops, and such like—who were engaged at various times and in divers places in erecting palaces, fortresses, cathedrals and mansions which required a high degree of knowledge, skill and industry for their completion. "The Master, knowing himself to be able of cunning shall undertake the Lord's work as reasonably as possible," and "both the Master and the Masons, receiving their wages justly, shall be faithful to the Lord and honestly finish their work." This was the law governing Ancient Craft Masons engaged in the operative art as builders, and its mandate can readily be transferred to all Free and Accepted Masons who are engaged in the speculative science of building a social and moral temple, erected to God and dedicated to humanity.

The Lord of this work is the Lord of the whole earth—the Great Architect of the Universe, who, with infinite wisdom and an unerring hand, has drawn the plans and specifications, in every detail, upon that divine trestle board, the Holy Scriptures; and every Craftsman should esteem it a privilege and regard it a duty to be faithful to his Lord and honestly finish the work agreeably to the design. His work is to transform the rough ashlar as

taken from the quarry in its rude and natural state into a perfect ashlar, and fit it according to the designs drawn on the trestle board, as a "lively stone for that spiritual building, that house not made with hands, eternal in the heavens," and then to place it in the wall of the temple with the cement of brotherly love with such exactness as to present the appearance of the Supreme Architect's handiwork. His working tools are those of the operative, adopted by the speculative Mason as symbols, and used for the more noble and glorious purpose of operating upon mind instead of matter, gradually changing it under the diligent operation of a skilful Craftsman, till its passions are subdued, its appetites curbed, its pride humbled, its prejudices removed, and its charity unfolded.

Such in Speculative Masonry, is the Lord's work, which is to be faithfully done and honestly finished if the Craftsman would earn his wages and expect to receive them when due. Good, square work all along this line—work wrought according to specifications and that will be received when brought up for inspection, is imperatively demanded, if the Masonic Temple, erected to God, and now in process of building, is to give evidence to the world that it is founded in strength, enriched by wisdom, and adorned with beauty.

The lessons in Masonry from beginning to end; its symbolic teachings; its brief, comprehensive creed; its esoteric instructions, all point to the fact that Speculative Masons, by virtue of their profession, are employed in the service of God; before whom all should with reference most humbly bow, and to whom they should be faithful till their work is finished.

This presents a view of Masonry, as unfolded in its ritual and manual and illustrated in its ceremonies, that seems to be overlooked by many who have travelled from the west to the east in their search, and not a few are inclined to look back over the trodden path and ask, What is there in it? Such a question indicates a lack of "management of the Craft in working," and should call forth a large increase of good and wholesome instruction from the Master who is chosen as overseer of the Lord's work. He, being chosen from the most expert of the Fellow craftsmen, should be well skilled in Masonic architecture, capable of following the various designs drawn by the Great Architect on the trestle board, and as prompt to set the Craftsmen to work according to the designs, and hold them to the task till it is finished.

The Master holds no sinecure station, nor should he take his seat in the East without "knowing himself to be able of cunning" to oversee the work in every department from corner to cap-stone; nor should he "give more wages to any Brother than he may really deserve," or, in other words, he should not appoint a Brother to a place till he knows that he is capable of filling it, for the reason that if an incapable or an inefficient—no matter how popular or ambitious he may be—is selected to fill a station or a place, the work is sure to be spoiled, being done in such an unworkmanlike manner as will never pass inspection. As the Master should never take an apprentice for whom he has no work, neither should he take one whom he has not time or ability to properly instruct, or who may prove too careless or indolent to receive instruction. The charge reads, "A younger Brother shall be instructed in working, to prevent spoiling the materials for want of judgment, and for increasing and continuing of Brotherly love."

For want of a due observance of this mandate a large amount of good material is so badly spoiled as to damage the strength and beauty of the Masonic wall—so much so that Grand Lodges are making strenuous efforts to correct and improve in many Lodges "the management of the Craft in working." To produce honest work, no candidate should be advanced till he has attained suitable proficiency in all the preceding lessons, with no reference to "time or circumstances." This may require much labour, patience and perseverance, but it will prove for the good of Masonry to advance no one till his proficiency is established to the full and entire satisfaction of all in open Lodge.

To erect a temple of such magnitude as the Masonic—to prepare and adjust each stone in the wall—to bind all in one common fraternity by the cement of Brotherly love—all resting on the support of wisdom, strength and beauty—is a task that requires toil, self-denial and sacrifice to a large extent; and none should be permitted to engage in this laudable undertaking unless he be willing to do and endure cheerfully and courageously to the end, for "all Masons employed shall meekly receive their wages without murmuring or mutiny, and not desert the Master till the work is finished."

Then, Brethren, let us all take notice that the management of the Craft in working is in all points fully up to the required standard of excellence and proficiency, and then govern ourselves accordingly, that the world may take knowledge that "no institution was ever raised on better principles, or on a more solid foundation; nor were ever more excellent rules and useful maxims laid down than are inculcated in the several Masonic lectures."—Rev. Gilbert Small, in "American Tyler."