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A BUSY WEEK.

THE period which will commence this morning promises to be one of the most exciting and most interesting known in connection with the Craft for many years past, and it is not too much to say it will long stand out as a special epoch in the history of the English Brotherhood.

The round of celebrations will commence to-day, when H.R.H. the Duke of Connaught Past Grand Master will lay the Foundation Stone of the new buildings for the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys, at Bushey; and will be followed by an interesting annual event, on Monday—the Stewards' visit and distribution of prizes at the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls, at Clapham Junction. On Wednesday the 112th Anniversary Festival of the latter Institution will be celebrated at Freemasons' Tavern, London, under the presidency of the Earl of Dartmouth Prov.G.M. Staffordshire; and on Friday the annual meeting of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution, and election of Annuitants, will take place at the same establishment (not on Friday of this week as announced in our last issue).

It is probably fair to say that the first of these gatherings will prove to be the great Masonic event of the year, one that will be looked back upon, long after those who take the lead on the occasion or who witness the ceremony, have passed away; and from what we gather the Anniversary Festival to be held on Wednesday next is also likely to create a record, or nearly so, in the ordinary Festivals—apart from the Centenary Celebration—of the Girls School.

The proceedings at the Institution at Clapham Junction, on Monday, will open at four o'clock, when singing, calisthenics and marching by the Pupils will doubtless prove as attractive an entertainment as usual; the prizes will be distributed by the Countess of Dartmouth; and an opportunity will be afforded for an inspection of the Institution; the whole programme concluding with another selection of music, pianoforte and vocal.

The business of the annual meeting of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution, on Friday, will begin at 12 o'clock, and the ballot for the election of the Annuitants will close at 3. We trust the most deserving among the aged candidates will, by that time, have been made happy and independent for their closing days—a most fitting conclusion to the very busy week before us in the cause of Masonic Benevolence.

At the installation festival of the John Hervey Lodge, No. 1260, a few days ago, Bro. E. T. Pearce was installed as W.M. by Captain John Barlow the outgoing W.M., to whom a jewel was presented for his services in the chair for the past two years. Our Bro. Barlow, as known to our readers, will be a candidate for the Office of Grand Treasurer at the next election.

GRAND LODGE OF SCOTLAND.

THE quarterly communication was held in the Freemasons' Hall, Edinburgh, on Thursday, 3rd inst., the Hon. John Hozier, M.P., Grand Master presiding.

The Grand Master asked that the standing orders be suspended whilst he moved that Grand Lodge present a dutiful address to H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, the Patron of Scottish Freemasonry, expressive of their abhorrence at the dastardly attack made upon him and their thankfulness to Almighty God for his providential escape. He felt that he was entitled to report that the motion had been unanimously and enthusiastically agreed to.

The Grand Master drew attention to the loss of two very old Masons—Brother William Barton, aged 86, Proxy Master of Scoon and Perth, No. 3, and Brother Thomas Halket, aged 81, a Past Grand Bible Bearer, a Past Master of Lodge St. Mark, Glasgow, and for many years Treasurer of the Benevolent Fund connected with the Provincial Grand Lodge of Glasgow.

Amongst those present was Brother Robert Baikie District Grand Master Depute of the Transvaal, who spoke of the advances which Scottish Freemasonry had made in the Transvaal, and expressed the hope that as soon as affairs were settled in South Africa a deputation would visit them. The Grand Master, in expressing the interest of the Brethren in the statement made, mentioned that there was already a distinguished member of the Grand Lodge present in Pretoria—Brother Lord Rosslyn.

Brother Caldwell, Paisley, moved, that in order to provide greater facilities for qualified Brethren being elected to Offices in Grand Lodge than has been found practicable under the present system, No. 12 of the Constitution and Rules be repealed, and one substituted for it to the effect that no elective Grand Office-bearer (the Grand Master and paid Officers excepted) shall hold Office longer than two years consecutively, and that no member who has held Office for such two years be eligible for any Office until he shall have been at least one year out of Office. An amendment was proposed, simply that no elective Grand Officer (the Grand Master and paid Officers excepted) shall hold the same Office longer than one year. The amendment was carried by 148 against 73 for the motion.

The ninth annual dinner of the West Middlesex Lodge of Instruction was held at the Feathers Hotel, Ealing, on Monday evening, 30th ult., when a good array of Brethren sat down to an excellent repast, provided by Bro. Bird. Bro. Geo. H. Gabb P.M. 1612 and Secretary 2662 Preceptor of the Lodge presided, and he was supported in the vice-chairs by Bro. J. Whittle S.W. 2662 S.D. 2157, and Bro. Leo H. Walker W.M. 2157 and 2662, and a number of distinguished local and visiting Brethren. After the usual Loyal and Masonic toasts had been responded to, the Chairman proposed the toast of the evening, the West Middlesex Lodge of Instruction, and said the Lodge served a very useful purpose in the district, by enabling young Masons to perfect themselves in the ritual, and he was glad to see it so well supported.

The Provincial Grand Mark Lodge of North and East Yorkshire will be held, under the presidency of the Rt. Hon. Lord Bolton Prov.G.M.M., at the Masonic Hall, Whitby, on Tuesday next, 15th inst.

The Lodge of the Three Pillars was consecrated on Tuesday, at Cockington. Our report is crowded out until next week.

FREEMASONRY IN BLACKPOOL.

THE Craft has made great progress in this popular Lancashire watering place during the past few years. One of the special architectural features of the town is the Masonic Hall, Adelaide Street, the foundation stone of which was laid by Lord Skelmersdale in 1898. The ground floor of this Hall is occupied by the Blackpool Masonic Club, which is one of the best appointed institutions of its kind in the Provinces. The other portions of the building are used as the "habitat" of Craft Lodges, Royal Arch Chapter, Mark Mason's Lodge, K. T. Preceptory, and Rose Croix Chapter. It has been decided to establish another Craft Lodge, and the Provincial authorities are said to look upon the project with favour. The Masonic Hall at South Shore is the home of the West Lancashire Century Lodge, No. 2349.

STAFFORDSHIRE.

THE annual meeting of the Provincial Grand Lodge of Staffordshire took place on Wednesday, 2nd inst., at the Christ Church School Room, Stone, when upwards of 350 Brethren were present under the banners of the different Lodges, all of which were represented, a circumstance which speaks volumes for the vitality of Staffordshire Freemasonry, and the respect in which the Earl of Dartmouth Provincial Grand Master is held. These Lodges have 1,813 members, the St. Matthew, No. 539, scoring highest with 114; the Menturia, No. 418, running close with 112; the Etruscan being a good third with 98. The oldest Lodge is the St. Martin, No. 98, which has 56 members, and the youngest the Legge, No. 2784, with 15. Other strong and flourishing Lodges are the Noah's Ark (65 members); the Sutherland Unity, with 77; the Honor, with 79; the Portland, with 72; the Dartmouth, with 78; the Josiah Wedgwood and the St. James each with 66; and the Staffordshire Knot, 65. The scene in the Lodge room was very brilliant, and the work was very smartly done, the Prov. Grand Master especially eliciting universal admiration.

Addressing the Lodge as Provincial Grand Master, the Earl of Dartmouth, referring to the substance of his speech at the P.G.L. at Handsworth on 9th May last year, which had been read by the Prov.G.Sec. as part of the minutes, said that it had occurred to him, during the reading, that his words had been mellowed and improved by time. In any case, he thought he could not do better than repeat that part of his address which referred to the satisfactory condition of Masonry in the Province of Staffordshire. Referring to the attack on the Grand Master of England, the Prov.G.M. said one shuddered to think what might have happened if the bullet had been otherwise directed. They heartily joined in the resolution of congratulation passed by Grand Lodge. Referring to the Prov.G.Sec., the Prov.G.M. said that all would congratulate Bro. J. Dunbar Steen on his return from abroad, whither he had journeyed on account of ill-health. He trusted that he might prove to be permanently restored. Referring to the Masonic Girls School, he said that the 190 Stewards would bear with them something like £3,000, which was highly creditable to the Province, which had had many calls of late.

After allusion to Freemasons engaged in the war, the Provincial Grand Master proceeded to invest his Officers:—

Bro. Colonel J. B. Morgan, V.D.	-	-	Senior Warden
T. H. Spencer	-	-	Junior Warden
Rev. W. G. Mayne, M.A.	-	-	} Chaplains
Rev. W. Solly	-	-	
C. A. Newnham	-	-	Treasurer
E. Hallam	-	-	Registrar
J. Dunbar Steen	-	-	Secretary
F. J. Pyatt	-	-	} Senior Deacons
A. E. Hart	-	-	
A. Boulton	-	-	} Junior Deacons
George Wilks	-	-	
S. Mear	-	-	Superintendent of Works
J. Carver	-	-	Director of Ceremonies
G. L. Birch	-	-	Deputy Dir. of Cers.
H. J. Steele	-	-	Assistant Dir. of Cers.
J. E. Mitchell	-	-	Sword Bearer
R. C. Downes	-	-	} Standard Bearers
T. W. Garland	-	-	
John Copeland	-	-	Organist
Lieut. T. E. Lowe	-	-	Assistant Secretary
John Allerton	-	-	Pursuivant
T. Wolverson	-	-	Assistant Pursuivant
I. P. Watton	-	-	} Stewards
J. J. H. Horabin	-	-	
F. Gothard	-	-	
W. Perry	-	-	
W. Davies	-	-	Tyler.

The Rev. G. W. Mayne, M.A., Prov.G.Chap., delivered an address; and on the proposition of the Provincial Grand Treasurer it was decided "that a sum of 200 guineas be paid from the funds of this Provincial Grand Lodge to the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls, at the Festival to be held on 16th May next."

The Lodge was then closed in harmony and brotherly love, and a number of the Brethren concluded with a banquet.

The balance-sheet of the Provincial Grand Lodge showed a prosperous state of affairs, and it was stated that the Foster-Gough Lodge, No. 2706, membership of which is only permitted to Masters or Past Masters of Lodges, numbers 126. This feature of Staffordshire Freemasonry is, therefore, successful in a very high degree.

A cinderella dance will be held in connection with the Wandsworth Lodge, No. 1044, in the Battersea Town Hall, on Thursday, 24th inst.

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The Grand Lodge of Scotland recommends its subordinates to make a regular collection, on the occasion of their annual meetings, on behalf of the Annuity Fund of the Grand Lodge.

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The Waltham Abbey Lodge, No. 2750, will hold its regular meeting on Thursday next, 17th inst., at the Cock Hotel, Waltham Abbey, and as there are five candidates for initiation and one joining member to ballot for we may venture the prediction that Bro. James Graham, the W.M., will be fully employed. We hope to report the proceedings in due course.

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The annual meeting of the Bishopsgate Lodge, No. 2396, was held last month at the Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall Street, Bro. T. Robinson S.W. being elevated to the chair by Bro. Gilbert E. Mead W.M. of the past year. The outgoing Master was presented with a handsome P.M. jewel, and later on in the evening, when responding to the toast of his health, referred to his approaching Stewardship for the Girls School, on behalf of which his list at the time amounted to seventy guineas.

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Bro. Thomas Cull P.M., for many years Secretary of the Royal Standard Lodge, No. 1298, and well known as one of the best Preceptors of the metropolis, especially in the north and north-east districts, has lately taken up his residence at Margate, and as a consequence many of his old haunts know him no more. He gave up the Secretaryship of the Royal Standard Lodge at the last installation meeting, on account of his removal, and for the same reason is seldom seen at the Lodges and Chapters of Instruction he used to frequent, but, applying the old argument—if the mountain will not come to Mahomet, then Mahomet must go to the mountain—we may point out that Bro. Cull will be very pleased to see any of his old friends in his new quarters: "Cullholme," 23a Dalby Square, Cliftonville, which he has fitted up as a very comfortable and convenient private boarding establishment. Liberal terms are offered to guests, and we believe any of our friends who decide on paying a visit to "Cullholme" will be satisfied with the fare and arrangements of our esteemed Brother. We do not see Masonic Instruction included on the tariff, but from what we personally know of Bro. Cull we do not think it would be very difficult for a seeker after Masonic knowledge to secure from him careful and efficient help.

"A SPRIG OF ACACIA."

THE funeral of the late Bro. John Watson took place at the West Cemetery, Darlington, on the 25th ult. At one time the deceased took a great interest in the Craft, and held the office of W.M. of the Restoration Lodge, Darlington. The Rev. C. H. Rolt, vicar of Holy Trinity Church, conducted a memorial service in the church prior to the sad procession going to the cemetery.

SOUTH London Masons will hear with regret of the death of Private E. Pearce, of the 2nd Battalion Essex Regiment. Private Pearce, who was killed in action, was a popular member of the Prince of Wales Lodge.

LOGIC CLUB.

THE question is often asked by outsiders—and not a few of those within the Craft are also occasionally at a loss to fully understand the reason—why Freemasonry is so attractive to all classes and conditions of mankind, and why even the best among us find a distinct pleasure and enjoyment in listening to its work. A visit to the Logic Club last Sunday morning would, we think, have proved two or three points in connection with this subject; the attendance of one hundred and fifty Brethren, on a fine Sunday morning in May, would in the first place have proved that there is a great attraction in Freemasonry, even when it is only proposed to “rehearse” one of its ceremonies; this was no gaudy pageant of show and grandeur, but an undress rehearsal, the only insignia of the Craft visible on the occasion being the collars worn by the acting Officers of the day, and it was only those who knew the Brethren by sight who were able to recognise the Grand Treasurer of England, Past Grand Sword Bearers, Assistant Grand Directors of Ceremonies, and other Officers of Grand Lodge among the members of the Logic Club present. This was an ample demonstration that Brethren who are well acquainted with Freemasonry can, and do, derive a pleasure from its actual work; and ought to be sufficient to silence any who think that those who rise to distinction in our midst lose interest in the really elementary work of the Craft.

It is safe to say, too, that there was not one among the large assembly but was distinctly interested in what took place, despite the fact it was only a rehearsal of the first degree of Freemasonry; but as the Preceptor of the Logic Club observed, that rehearsal was received with such attention and interest as to really prove it to be regarded by the audience as a religious ceremony. The ritual of the Craft as it was rendered on this occasion appealed so directly to the heart, and was so impressive, as to convince the most sceptical that there really is a beautiful meaning underlying our ceremonies, and that, even when regarded in the most casual manner, there is actual merit in the lessons sought to be conveyed by Freemasonry—and this, we think, may be accepted as an explanation of the question with which we started our remarks.

The occasion was the annual visit of the members of the Genesis Club to the older organisation—the Logic—at the quarters of the latter, the Cavendish Rooms, Mortimer Street, W., the Officers on the occasion being Bros. Herbert Leonard as W.M., W. Lestocq Preceptor Genesis Club as I.P.M., J. W. Mathews S.W., Akerman May J.W., A. H. Snow S.D., C. T. Coggin J.D., Edwin Smith I.G., and Harry Nicholls D.C.

After the usual preliminaries in regard to the opening of the Lodge had been observed, the ceremony of initiation was splendidly rehearsed, Bro. Vincent personating the candidate, and doing much by faithfully “acting” the part to add to the reality of the performance. It too often happens that the candidates at our instruction meetings know too much, and by a careless display of their knowledge nullify the effect which might otherwise be produced; in this respect Bro. Vincent certainly provided a splendid object lesson. Then, too, the musical and vocal accompaniment by trained artistes added to the effect, which was crowned by a masterly delivery of the Ancient Charge after initiation, by the W.M. When one hears either of the Charges given, with but moderate ability, it is impossible to avoid a regret that it is so seldom convenient for this part of the work to be performed in our Lodges; but when rendered as we heard it done on Sunday, it becomes a matter for serious consideration whether some steps are not necessary to ensure a more general attention to this very important portion of the ritual of Freemasonry; indeed, it would be well if some of the leaders among us were to advocate the view that the work of conferring a degree is not complete without the rendering of the Charge, and the explanation of the Tracing Board—not necessarily all at one meeting, it may be said.

After the completion of the ceremonial work, and previous to closing, Bro. Robert Manuel Preceptor of the Logic Club rose and said: Worshipful Master, Brother Wardens, Worshipful Bro. Lestocq, and Brethren of the Genesis Club, I feel sure I express the opinion of every Brother present at this representative assembly of the Craft, that the work we have all followed with so much interest reflects the greatest credit on you, Worshipful Master, and the able Officers who have so efficiently assisted you. Of course on the occasion of our annual interchange of visits the standard of the working is expected to be a high one, and Worshipful Master you and your Officers have fully reached our highest standard in your reverent rendering of this morning's beautiful ceremonial. But, perhaps, Worshipful Master, high as our interest in the adequate rendering of the ritual is, there is something in this great gathering itself of even higher interest. I mean that devotion to our Great Order which has brought into this Hall, this beautiful May morning, some (I should say) 150 not undistinguished Brethren, coming, as many of them do, from all parts of the wide and distant Arch of Greater London. I feel

that it will not be irreverent to express the hope that our service this morning may prove an acceptable one to the Great Architect of the Universe, beautified as it has been by the delightful music of our Bros. Louis Honig, Frank Boor, Richard Green, and J. Edward Hambleton. We have for our Bro. Wm. Lestocq a little surprise. On behalf of the Logic Club I ask our dear old friend and Brother, the Preceptor of the Genesis Club, to accept from us the Immediate Past Master's Collar and Apron he now wears. On the Jewel attached to the collar will be found engraved a few words conveying our high appreciation of our Bro. Lestocq as a man, and our admiration for him as a Brother Mason who has done so much to promote the best interests of our Noble Order. Brethren, I propose that we specially record on our minutes the delight we have all enjoyed at being present this morning, to welcome the members of the Genesis Club, and to hear their admirable rendering of the first degree.

The jewel bore the following inscription:

Presented (with apron) to
BRO. WILLIAM LESTOCQ P.M.
Preceptor of the Genesis Club,
As a mark of Fraternal Regard and Esteem,
by the Brethren of the Logic Club,
Cavendish Rooms, 6th May 1900.

The vote was seconded by Bro. Harry Manfield, Grand Treasurer of England, who expressed his admiration of the work he had witnessed that morning. He sincerely hoped that it would some day be possible for the Brethren of the Provinces to hold such meetings as the present. It was true much had been done in recent years to set an example in careful work, and as a result great improvements had been effected; and he felt that if the task was persevered in it might some day be possible for the Provincial Brethren to emulate the work of that day, or at least to perform it so well that even the splendid exponents of the ritual they had been listening to would be willing to regard their Provincial imitators as by no means bad seconds to themselves.

Bro. Leonard, the acting W.M., acknowledged the vote, expressing the satisfaction of the workers that their efforts had been approved of.

Bro. Lestocq, replying for the Visiting Club, added his thanks and appreciation of the hearty reception accorded them. He was very gratified the work of the Brethren of the Genesis Club who had filled the Offices that day was satisfactory, because he recognised how difficult it was to win applause from so critical an audience. It was something to be proud of that one's pupils could do the work as well as it had been done that morning, and he thought it was but fair that the Brethren should all regard it in its proper light, as a performance of young Freemasons—for there was not a single member among those who had officiated in the initiation ceremony that had yet risen to the chair of a Lodge. To say they had aspirations in that direction was hardly necessary. Those around could pretty well tell that Brethren who displayed so much enthusiasm in the rehearsal of a ceremony were looking forward to the time when they would be called upon to perform it in reality. He trusted they would then be equally successful in impressing their audience.

With regard to the present they had been good enough to make him—that certainly had come as a surprise, and he felt wholly incapable of finding words with which to thank them. It was indeed a compliment to be regarded as worthy of official recognition by his Mother Club, and the good feeling displayed and the memory of their gift would be an incentive to even greater efforts on his part in the future. He assured them he should wear that apron and collar on every possible occasion, and should he be spared to fulfil his great wish of initiating his eldest son into Freemasonry, he trusted his son would equally prize them after it had pleased the Great Architect of the Universe to remove him hence. It was often said a particular occasion was the proudest moment of one's life, and the phrase was apt to be sometimes lightly regarded, but he could truly say that moment was the proudest of his Masonic life, and one not likely to be easily forgotten by him so long as life lasted. He cordially and sincerely thanked them for the great kindness they had evinced.

Bro. J. Morrison McLeod P.G. Sword Bearer Sec. R.M.I. Boys said he gladly availed himself of the opportunity of bringing forward a proposition which concerned the two Clubs—the Logic and the Genesis—equally, and which was particularly opportune at the moment, in the presence of so large a gathering of each. He thought the time had come when the Logic and the Genesis Clubs, and the working they practiced, should be directly represented on the Board of General Purposes—the governing tribunal of Grand Lodge—as he felt that questions were likely to arise in the future that must be of great concern to them, and could only be properly met and answered by direct representation on that Board. He was aware they had one of their members, Bro. A. G. Duck, already on the Board, and he trusted he might have health to continue his work there, and that he might be re-elected year after year for many years to come; but that was hardly sufficient from his point of view, and in order to bring the

matter formally before them he would suggest that the necessary steps be taken to put their esteemed Preceptor Bro. Robert Manuel in nomination, and to use every legitimate means to ensure his election. He had drawn out a proposition, and if it met approval he hoped Bro. Lestocq would see his way to second it, as representative of the Genesis Club. It was to the following effect: "This meeting being of opinion it would be a distinct advantage to the Logic and Genesis Clubs to have a representative on the Board of General Purposes, requests W. Bro. Robert Manuel P.M. Urban Lodge, No. 1196, Preceptor of the Logic Club, to permit his name to be placed in nomination; that the V.W. Bro. Richard Eve P.G. Treas. be requested to make the nomination for the next election; and this meeting pledges itself to use every legitimate means to secure the election of Bro. Manuel."

Bro. Lestocq asked who could object, who could oppose, or who refuse to support so excellent a suggestion? He thought he could promise on behalf of the Genesis Club a hearty support of the action of the Logic Club in this direction, and that no great time would elapse before they saw their Brother Manuel—respected and esteemed as he was by every member of the two Clubs—occupying the place on the Board for which he was so peculiarly fitted. The proposition was carried with acclamation.

Bro. Manuel acknowledged the compliment expressed in the vote. If it rested with the members of the Logic and the Genesis Clubs he felt he might regard himself as a member-elect of the Board of General Purposes, but there was a much wider constituency to appeal to, and he then ventured to hope his name might be equally well received. Of one thing he could assure them, if elected to a place on the Board such experience and knowledge of the work of the Craft as he had would be cheerfully given in the endeavour to serve the interests they all had so much at heart.

The names of two Brethren were proposed as members for election, and Lodge was then closed, the entertaining Club inviting their guests to partake of light refreshment ere separating after what had proved to be a most instructive and entertaining morning.

In the Refreshment Room, Bro. H. G. Danby P.M. 1056 Deputy Preceptor of the Genesis Club made a humorous speech in asking the visitors to drink to the health of the members of the Logic Club. He said they of the Genesis Club, the visitors and guests of that day, had come fully prepared to receive commendation of their work, and the vote of thanks that had been so kindly passed. They felt convinced it would be the inevitable result of the visit, and they were not surprised, though they were much gratified. On a recent occasion, when the members of the Logic Club had journeyed to the far west and visited the Genesis Club, they had been very pleased to receive them; they had recognised the probable inconveniences of the visit, and hoped the possible cold dinner at home would be in a measure compensated for by the warmth of the reception they were able to offer. They of the Genesis Club, anticipating something of the sort on the present occasion, had, he thought, done ample justice to the light refreshments so bountifully provided. Such meetings as the present, for social improvement, were really very enjoyable gatherings, and many of them would regret that for the season the meetings of the Genesis Club were now at an end. He appealed to his fellow members, however, to drink to the members of the Logic Club, wishing them long life, health, and prosperity in the good work they had set themselves to perform, a sentiment which met the enthusiastic approval of the large company of visitors.

MERCENARY MASONS.

THE Institution of Freemasonry is founded upon principles of equality and charity. No man can set up a claim to higher or greater privileges than another when in the Lodge room. As he recognises one true and everliving God, who breathed into man the breath of life and made him a living soul, so he must regard the whole human race as one family, the rich, the poor, the high, the low. It is, however, only in this equality of creation that he meets his Brother on the level. In the Lodge Room all distinctions of rank, fortune and circumstances are done away with, and the titles of the world are lost in the comprehensive term of Brother. No matter what differences exist in society, and they must exist, for, as one star in the firmament differeth from another star in glory, so, in this world, must one man differ from another man in rank, opportunity, intellect, gentility, and every condition of life; there can be none of these peculiarities shown upon the checkered floor of the Lodge room. In no other society in the world is the principle of equality taught with so much emphasis as in Masonry. Not even in the Church is it so clearly recognised. In the one the suffering Brother is relieved without stint or questioning. In the other the charity is bestowed as with a spirit of condescension, a feeling of patronising sympathy. The rich visit the sick in a perfunctory manner, and as an imposed

task. There is an equality that in the sight of God makes all men equal. The rich man's soul is of no more value in the sight of its Creator than the soul of the poor man. It is therefore soul equality that Masonry recognises.

From first to last this lesson, and that nearly akin to it, charity, are taught in the ritual of the Lodge. These cover everything that is good, and ennoble every action. Charity, as taught in the Scriptures and in Masonry, is portrayed in the broad and comprehensive term love—that love that is pure and perfect. It is the love of God, "the giver of every good and perfect gift," the Creator, whom the Mason is most impressively taught to revere; the sustainer and benefactor of the whole race of man; the Father whose very name is Love. It is the love of man, the creature of God's perfect work, each and every one made in the likeness of his Maker, whose aspirations, Godlike in their nature, are after things higher, greater and nobler than are found in this unsatisfactory world. It is the soul of man that is made in the image of its Creator, and makes all men equal.

There can be nothing in Masonry, therefore, that is mercenary or degrading, but everything that is unselfish and elevating. Mercenary motives are as foreign to the spirit of equality and charity as purity is above vice. Being mercenary is being selfish. It is serving for gain, or profit only. It sees only the sordid, selfish, greed of money, or its own good. It is thoroughly devoid of charity. It has a whole train of evils that follow in its wake. Its foul fountainhead sends down its stream a poisonous effluvia that spreads its evils wherever it flows. Mercenary motives and actions lower man from the high and noble position for which the Creator intended him: They cause him to commit crimes the most wicked and heinous. They cause him to bring suffering upon his fellowman and lead him to the practice of tyranny in order to serve his own purpose. To be selfish or mercenary, is to be ignoble. Thorough selfishness destroys or paralyses all enjoyment. To be selfish is to sacrifice the nobler for the meaner ends, and to be sordidly content.

How foreign to every principle of Masonry are mercenary motives, or selfishness! The man who joins a Lodge from selfish or mercenary motives is as much out of place as Lucifer was in heaven. He has mistaken the character of the Institution he has connected himself with, and soon finds it out. There is, perhaps, in principle, no society so calculated to benefit a man who unites with it from pure motives, actuated by a proper desire to be of benefit to his fellows, as Freemasonry. The very teachings of Brotherhood indicate it. The lesson of equality teaches it. The great fundamental principle of charity inculcates it. But the man must come fully imbued with these pure intentions in order to secure its benefits. Masonry may be of benefit to a man in his business, but it will be that indirect benefit that comes from the actions of the man himself in the practice of an unselfish devotion to the pure principles of fraternity. There is no society so ready to set its seal of disapprobation upon one who unites with it from purely selfish or mercenary motives as Freemasonry. As soon as a man shows that his only object in uniting with the Fraternity is for personal gain, so soon he finds his Brethren have no use for him and refuse to encourage him in his designs. While, perhaps, all of the evils attendant upon a mercenary disposition may not be developed in one who becomes a Mason from that motive, yet enough will show themselves to prove his unworthiness. Such a spirit should be crushed at once.

Let the spirit of equality, unselfishness, and charity, that recognises that we are Brother to every man, and have duties to perform to every one, actuate everyone who seeks the benefits of Masonry. It is natural that the members of the Fraternity should patronise one another in business. They have a right to expect fair and just dealing. They have a right to look for that advice and spirit of truthfulness that will prove for their mutual good. They expect to find all sharp practices, "tricks of trade," and the taking of undue advantage abandoned, and that frankness and justice will characterise their mutual transactions.

A mercenary man has no place in Masonry, and he will soon find it out if he attempts to carry out his designs to get gain by "working" the Fraternity.—"Masonic Standard."

A TABLE LODGE.

A TABLE Lodge, like everything in Freemasonry, is unique. As the name implies it is a Lodge at table at which place a Lodge is duly opened, this particular Lodge being styled a Table Lodge.

A Table Lodge has its especial forms and ceremonies. It is not an ordinary Lodge, but a Table Lodge. Yet none but the Officers of a lawfully Warranted and duly constituted Lodge may open it. Brethren at large may not open such a Lodge—it can only be opened by the duly installed Master and Wardens of a regular Lodge.

It is always opened in the Entered Apprentice degree and

remains open in that degree, and any Entered Apprentice Mason, duly vouched for, may be present.

The custom of opening a Table Lodge in the Entered Apprentice degree is, no doubt, a survival of the formerly universal custom of opening and transacting all of the business of a Lodge in the Entered Apprentice degree.

In the early part of the last century this degree was conferred only in Grand Lodge, at a Quarterly Communication.

This regulation limited the number of possible Master Masons. Now the Table Lodge is the only organisation in Freemasonry which perpetuates the rights of Entered Apprentice Masons.

There are many Brethren who have never seen a Table Lodge opened. Nevertheless, we think the genius of Freemasonry requires that whenever the Craft is formally assembled at refreshment such a Lodge should be opened. It ensures under all circumstances the preservation of Fraternal harmony and the maintenance of good order. It forbids, also, the presence of the profane, who are not entitled to be at a Masonic feast. A Table Lodge is limited to Freemasons, and none others, under any circumstances, may be present. It is known how difficult it is to exclude eavesdroppers, and even open participants who are not Masons, at a banquet held in a public place, where a Table Lodge is not opened. The invasive press is always ready to enter. If the press representative is not a Mason, he has no right to be present, any more than any other profane, at a Masonic banquet, and the opening of a Table Lodge certainly excludes him.

A Table Lodge is both opened and closed Masonically. The Officers are at their stations, the Master wields the gavel, and governs the Brethren in the proper enjoyment of the evening's pleasures. At a Table Lodge the Brethren are as much in duty bound to obey the sound of the gavel as if they were in a regular open Lodge.

When a Table Lodge is open no one should leave the table and retire without asking and receiving permission. This is not merely an act of courtesy, but an obligation of duty. A Lodge—a Table Lodge—is regularly open, and the members and visitors are amenable to all the customary Masonic regulations.

The toasts of the Table Lodge are typical and significant. They teach, with all the force of an object lesson, the duty of obedience to the highest Masonic authority—the Grand Lodge and its Grand Officers; the duty of looking beyond ourselves, and embracing with our fraternal good-will and sympathy our Brethren of all the Lodges throughout the world; and the further duty of ever keeping green in our memories the example and virtues of our deceased Brother, George Washington. Thus the three lessons of the Masonic toasts of the Table Lodge are: Obedience to Masonic authority, Brotherly Love for every member of the Craft round the globe, and Respect for the memory of our Fraternal dead.

In the olden time the opening of a Table Lodge was a custom much honoured in the observance. It dates back to the origin of the Craft in Pennsylvania. Our Grand Masters in their annual addresses have often called attention to it, and its proper observance. Grand Master Milnor did so, in the year 1807. We should jealously maintain the old usages and customs of the Craft. One of these is the Table Lodge. It is characteristic of Freemasonry. Freemasons do not partake of a collation merely to satisfy their physical craving for food, but to introduce and lead up to those peculiar Masonic observances which distinguish and glorify the Craft. A Table Lodge is at once a Craft privilege and a Craft pleasure, and whenever the Brethren are formally at refreshment it is fitting that a Table Lodge be opened.—“Keystone.”

Entertainment Notes.

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Drury Lane.—It is a great wonder that no English playwright has not long ere this adapted Theophile Gautier's charming romance, “Le Capitain Fracasse,” which deals with the struggles of the play actors of the seventeenth century, the most romantic period of French history. A drama founded on the story achieved a great success in Paris some twenty years or more ago; and it has been left for Mr. Edward Vroom to introduce it on the English stage. Unfortunately Mr. Vroom has interpolated extraneous incidents in such a manner as to cause the hero to become a reflection of the “Three Musketeers.” However, in “Marsac of Gascony,” as Mr. Vroom terms his adaptation, we have a highly interesting and exciting drama, and as it is magnificently costumed and staged by Mr. Arthur Collins, there appears to be no reason why it should not attain success. There is somewhat too much of the demigod in Mr. Vroom's Adrian Marsac, with his marvellous fights and hair-breadth escapes, but he portrays the part with remarkable energy, and makes a very pleasant picture on the stage. Messrs. W. Devereux, J. A. Rosier and Charles Fulton admirably represent the malign influences of the piece, and Mr. Julian Cross is a dignified and pathetic Duc de Beaufort. Miss Eva Moore imparts the charm of beauty to the persecuted Louise, and clever character sketches are given by Mr. Edward O'Neill as Cardaize, a swashbuckler, and Mr. Hubert Druce, as Pontalais. Others who call for notice are Miss E. Concanen as Seraphine, Mr. Fred Emney as a dandy Marquis, and Mr. Fuller Mellish as Armand Durcc. The beautiful scenery by Messrs. Bruce Smith, W. Johnston and others, merits special commend-

ation, the old Chateaux interiors, the Courtyard of “Le Cheval de Bronze,” and, above all, the Pont Neuf at night, with the solid equestrian statue of Henry IV., eliciting the high appreciation of the audience. Matinées of the play are given on Wednesdays and Saturdays.

With the enterprise which invariably characterises it, the Midland Railway Company has just introduced on its Scotch expresses sleeping carriages of a new design, which should certainly enhance the comfort of the travelling public. The cars, which are some sixty feet in length, and travel with great smoothness on the two six wheeled bogies which support them, have been constructed in America by the Pullman Company, and put together by their representatives at Derby. In contour they accord with the Midland rolling stock, and in point of external decoration the uniformity of the train is also secured. But the interior of the “sleepers” presents many special features, not the least important of which is the entire abolition of top berths, and the allocation of the commodious vehicle to the use of no more than eleven persons. Provision is also made for private compartments, capable of holding one or two persons. Smoking saloon, lavatory, and a buffet for light refreshments form part of the accommodation of each car, to which covered entrances, so desirable for the prevention of draught, are provided at each end. The new carriages, which run on the trains leaving St. Pancras at 9.15 p.m. and 10 p.m., Glasgow at 9.30 p.m., and Edinburgh at 10 p.m., mark a substantial advance upon previous efforts to meet the convenience of night travellers to and from the North.

THE London and North Western Railway Company have just brought out a new van for the carriage of cycles. It is 44ft 6in in length, and has a breadth of 7ft 8in. It has carrying capacity for 44 cycles, and by an ingenious system of extending arms which shoot out from hinged plates at the sides, and which are intended to hold the cycles in position, ample space is allowed for carriage of personal luggage between the machines. These vans are practically intended for the carriage of cycles, but if there is an insufficiency, then other luggage may be stowed away without injury to the machines. The system, which is the invention of one of the Company's guards, is very ingenious.

IN connection with the important Annual Show of the Royal Agricultural Society, to be held at York from 16th to 22nd June, the Great Northern Railway Company are making special arrangements for the working of through vehicles with live stock and other exhibits. Information with regard to rates, train service, &c., can be obtained on application to any of the Company's agents, or at King's Cross Station, London. Through fast trains with exhibits will be run to York from Great Northern Stations, Southern Lines, and other parts of the kingdom, in connection with the Great Northern Railway.

ON Thursday of last week, a new Belle steamer, constructed for the Coast Development Company Limited, was launched from the shipyard of Messrs. William Denny and Brothers, of Dumbarton. The vessel, which is named the Southwold Belle, is expected to be brought round from the Clyde early in June.

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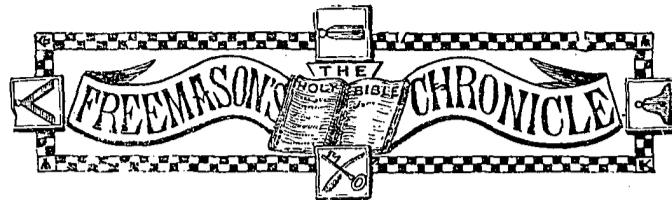
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The Theatres, &c.

Adelphi.—8, Quo Vadis. Matinée, Wednesday, 2.
Avenue.—8, An Old Admirer. 8.45, A Message from Mars. Matinée, Wednesday and Saturday, 3.
Comedy.—Kenyon's Widow.
Covent Garden.—8, Monday Faust, Tuesday Tannhauser, Wednesday Aida, Thursday Carmen, Friday La Boheme, Saturday Pagliacci, and Cavalleria Rusticana.
Criterion.—8.30, Lady Huntworth's Experiment. Matinée, Wednesday, 2.30.
Daly's.—8.15, San Toy. Matinée, Saturday, 2.30.
Drury Lane.—8, Marsac of Gascony. Matinée, Wednesday and Saturday, 2.
Duke of York's.—8, Miss Hobbs. 10, Madame Butterfly. Matinée, Saturday, 2.
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, Monday Gioconda, Wednesday Fedora, Friday Princesse Georges, 2.30, Saturday, The second Mrs. Tanqueray.
Lyric.—8, Florodora. Matinée, Saturday, 2.30. Other afternoons, 3, L'enfant prodigue.
Prince of Wales.—Tuesday, 15th May, Rouget de l'isle, and Ib and Little Christiana.
Princess's.—8, In the Ranks.
Royalty.—8.15, Mrs. Jordan. 9, Magda. Matinée, Wednesday and Saturday, 3.
Savoy.—8.15, The Rose of Persia. Matinée, Saturday, 2.30.
Shaftesbury.—8, An American Beauty. Matinée, Wednesday and Saturday, 2.
St. James's.—8.30, The Man of forty. Matinée, Wednesday and Saturday, 2.30.
Strand.—8.15, The Game of Love. 9, Facing the Music. Matinée, Saturday.
Terry's.—8.30, The Passport. Matinée, Saturday, 3.
Vaudeville.—8.15, The Lady Volunteers. 8.50, Kitty Grey. Matinée, Wednesday, 3.
Wyndham's.—8.15 Cyrano de Bergerac. Matinée, Saturday, 2.30.
Alexandra.—Next week, 8, A Runaway Girl.
Opera House, Crouch End.—Next week, 8, A Pair of Spectacles.
Surrey.—Next week, 7.45, A French Spy.
Standard.—Next week, 7.45, The Girl of my heart.
Alhambra.—7.45, Variety Entertainment. Napoli, &c.
Aquarium.—The World's great Show. Varied performances, daily.
Empire.—7.45, Variety Entertainment. Round the Town Again, &c.
London Pavilion.—8, Variety Entertainment.
Oxford.—7.30, Variety Entertainment. Saturday, 2.15 also.
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Royal.—7.30, Variety Company. Saturday, 2.30 also.
Tivoli.—7.30, Variety Entertainment. Saturday, 2.15 also.
Agricultural Hall.—8, Mohawk Minstrels.
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SATURDAY, 12TH MAY 1900.

SALEBEIA CHAPTER.

ON Tuesday, 24th ult., the Right Hon. Lord Bolton P.G.S.N. of England Prov. Second Grand Principal of N. and E. Yorkshire consecrated the Salebeia Royal Arch Chapter, at the Crescent, Selby.

The ceremony of consecration was most impressively performed by Lord Bolton, after which the Officers were installed, and at the close of business the Companions sat down to banquet together.

Our congratulations to Bro. Walter Callingham, on being installed W.M. of the Skelmersdale Lodge, No. 1599.

Bro. W. Henry Edwards, of New Cross, has been elected W.M. of the Papyrus Lodge, No. 2562.

PRESENTATION TO THE FOUNDER OF THE PERSEVERANCE LODGE, No. 1743, AND LADIES FESTIVAL.

THE regular meeting was held on Saturday, 21st ult., at Anderton's Hotel, Fleet Street, under the Mastership of Bro. W. B. Cossham, there being a full paper of business before the Brethren.

Bro. Kearney P.M. raised Bro. L. S. Bickley to the third degree, and Bro. Cossham initiated Mr. Alfred Sach in the earliest of the Masonic rites.

Bro. Richard Perry Senior Warden was unanimously elected Worshipful Master for the ensuing year, and Bro. T. Lovell P.M. was re-elected Treasurer, although he said he would have preferred, after so many years service in that honourable office, that some other Brother should have the distinction conferred upon him. Bro. W. Lane was re-elected Tyler.

Following upon these transactions, a Past Master's jewel was voted to Bro. Cossham, and the Audit Committee was appointed.

Bro. Kearney P.M. next communicated the steps he had taken in promoting a testimonial to Bro. Louis Augustus Leins P.M., the father of the Lodge. His endeavours had met, he said, with the greatest success, and the result was the memorial he now produced. This consisted firstly of a beautifully engrossed and illuminated vellum, executed by Bro. C. E. Ferry P.M., the address being couched in the following terms:

This Testimonial was presented by the Brethren of the Lodge of Perseverance, No. 1743, of Free and Accepted Masons of England, to

BROTHER LOUIS AUGUSTUS LEINS P.M. P.Z.,

in recognition of the valuable services he has rendered to the Lodge, and especially in acknowledgment of his being the principal Founder of the same. Also as a mark of personal esteem and friendship for the Fraternal spirit shown by him to the Brethren on all occasions; and they trust that he may long continue to enjoy the honorary membership of the Lodge conferred upon him on the 10th of February 1900.

(Signed) FREDERICK KEARNEY
CHARLES DANIEL } Founders.
C. E. FERRY
WILLIAM BARCLAY COSSHAM W.M.
RICHARD PERRY S.W.
JOHN HANDLEY J.W.

21st April 1900.

As a balance was left after the cost of the testimonial had been defrayed, a case of four handsome silver fruit spoons had been purchased for presentation to Mrs. Leins. These testimonials were on view in the Lodge room, and in the course of the evening the following acknowledgment by telegraph was received by Bro. Cossham W.M.: "Our very best wishes for a happy evening to you all, and very many thanks for your elegant gift to your dear old father and his good wife.—LEINS."

The Lodge proceedings were followed by an eloquent banquet, to which ladies were invited. The vocal music was performed by Miss Lilian Corner, Miss May Davy, and Mr. E. Genders. The musical arrangements were directed by Dr. T. F. Bucknell, of Ilford.

Bro. John Handley J.W. proposed the Ladies, and the toast was responded to by Bro. R. F. Sharp.

Bro. Joseph T. Dormer P.M. gave the Visitors. Bro. A. E. Fridmore, J.P., C.C., replied, and referring to Bro. Cossham W.M., said he was a member of the Watford Town Council. He (Bro. Fridmore) was an inhabitant of Watford, and as such could say that if Bro. Cossham carried out his Masonic duties as well as he performed his duties as a Town Councillor, the members of the Lodge of Perseverance had a very good Master. The Worshipful Master-elect Bro. Richard Perry had been a friend of his for many years. He was pleased to recognise, he added, that the Lodge of Perseverance was showing the ladies that Freemasonry was not altogether selfish. A Ladies' evening would do something to prove to the ladies what Masonry was. The more ladies knew about the philanthropic side of Freemasonry the more they would be convinced that Masons were not so selfish as they were sometimes supposed to be.

Bro. Kearney P.M. proposed the W.M., and congratulated Bro. Cossham on the success of the evening.

Bro. Cossham replied, and said he and his wife were much honoured by the ladies and Brethren coming in such numbers to the gathering.

A pleasant dance brought a delightful evening to a fitting close.

Books of the Day.

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

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Traces of a Hidden Tradition in Masonry and Mediæval Mysticism. Five Essays, by Isabel Cooper-Oakley (3s 6d net).—Theosophical Publishing Society.

A MASONIC book written by a lady appears at first sight something of an anomaly, but Mrs. Cooper-Oakley's five essays on the above subject are of considerable interest to Freemasons, and may be commended to the perusal of all thoughtful members of our Order. Written mainly for the purpose of promulgating the principles of Theosophy, there is so much that is in accord with our most cherished traditions that the student may well weigh the statements of the numerous authorities mentioned by the authoress before rejecting them. Freemasonry, which is founded upon the purest principles of piety and virtue, has a great deal in common with Theosophy. We do not give preference to any one creed, and in this sense can uphold the contention that "the deplorable scepticism of our own day is the result of the methods adopted by the Catholic and Protestant Churches in the struggles of the Middle Ages." Mrs. Cooper-Oakley thus accounts for the bitter attacks against all secret societies in general, our Order in particular. There can be but little doubt that Freemasonry in some form or another has been known for many hundreds of years; and though the important documents which were destroyed by conscientious Brethren in 1720 have deprived English Freemasons of a vast well of knowledge, still other authorities, especially German and Italian, exist, that go far to prove the antiquity of the Craft. The authoress endeavours to show that Freemasonry and Theosophy are strongly linked together, and though we cannot go so far as to endorse her opinion we must acknowledge that her reasonings are deserving of all respect. The book evinces great research and much careful study, and cannot fail to prove interesting to our readers.

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.

MR. JULIAN RALPH is well known to readers of the "Daily Mail," but this volume should bring him something better than vogue. We can give unqualified praise to "Towards Pretoria." It is well planned, well written, well edited and well printed. The historical foreword on the Dutch in South Africa and on the Boer ultimatum and armament is satisfactory from every standpoint. Mr. Julian Ralph never loses his head. He spares us the customary modicum of twaddle about the "iniquity of the Boer," and gives us instead an excellent résumé of events prior to the invasion of Natal, and a still more excellent narrative of things that have subsequently come to pass. Here and there the writer's prose rises into dignified, yet restrained eloquence. Indeed, he writes so well that, contrary to custom, we cannot refrain from quoting one paragraph which shows his best qualities in the compass of a few words—"On this eventful morning, for the first time in their lives, perhaps for the first time in British history, the officers threw aside their swords and put on the accoutrements of privates, even to the rifles. Thus I saw Colonel Barter, of the Yorkshires, stride off with his battalion, and thus he led them into the hell's rain of lead, obeying the letter of the new regulation by an attempt at disguise, which took no note of his towering and athletic figure, or his natural pose and carriage of command. Thus dressed I also saw the gallant commander of the Grenadier Guards lying in the broiling sun, propped against a rock, wounded—and telling the ambulance men to look after his gashed and blood-stained men who lay around him among the rocks. Let it be remembered in all accounts of battles in this war, that if Tommy has the hottest sort of work, he does it side by side with his officers. Such is the traditional Anglo-Saxon way." The chapters entitled "Echoes of Modder River" and "Filling Tommy's Water-bottle" form excellent commentaries on the methods and procedure of the present war, and the large map gives an equally good view of the territories upon which the war is being fought out so doggedly on both sides. We are still with our faces set "Towards Pretoria." Mr. Julian Ralph shows very clearly why it is difficult to advance more quickly.

The Disenchantment of Nurse Dorothy. A story of Hospital life. By Florence Baxendale.—Skeffington and Son.

READERS of this volume may kill two birds with one stone. The story of the "Disenchantment of Nurse Dorothy" is fluently written and is very readable; but it is more than a mere story. It is a faithful study of life in a London hospital. The descriptions of ward and work are so realistic, so true to the most trivial detail, that they add materially to our knowledge, and readers are therefore both amused and instructed. We cannot say that, as a novel, this book displays much power or pathos; but the title does not belie the text, and the writer has handled a subject of some difficulty with considerable success. Nurse Dorothy is a person who possesses some uncommon abilities, without lacking common sense; and the story of her doings among patients and doctors is told by one who, to use a favourite phrase of Mr. Guy Boothby, "knows the ropes." A hospital, like a ship, is a perilous thing to handle in a fiction unless you know its ins and outs, and unless the writer of this story has served her time as probationer, as nurse, and as sister successively, she has been exceedingly well informed. We hope to read another volume by Florence Baxendale before we are much older.

Some Problems of the day in Natural Science: An introduction. By Alex. Hill, M.A., M.D., Master of Downing College, Cambridge. Temple Primer (1s net).—J. M. Dent and Co.

THIS is the best Introduction to Science with which we are acquainted. Dr. Hill, like Huxley, seems to cherish an ineradicable tendency to try to make things clear. Transparent lucidity of treatment is an uncommon merit, and deserves recognition. Some sections of this primer would make admirable articles in a review. The aims and boundaries of science are discussed with great acumen. As readers will have anticipated, the prominent feature of this little volume is its recognition of the revolution wrought in the scientific world by the now almost universally admitted theory of evolution. Order now reigns where chaos once prevailed. The chapter on the ultimate constitution of matter requires a knowledge of chemistry for its comprehension; that on the age of the earth is a fair sample of the arithmetical gymnastics of physicists and geologists. If Messrs. Dent's primers are in future as excellent as those already noticed in our columns other publishers must look to their laurels.

Of the House of Chloë. A tale of the times. By Ellis Marston (4s net).—Simpkin, Marshall, Hamilton, Kent and Co., Ltd.

THERE is good writing in this book, which would be a better book still were it not a "novel with a purpose." We give the writer every credit for righteous and humane zeal; but are quite persuaded that the many paragraphs concerning vivisection, sometimes so obviously "dragged in," are very perturbing elements. In fact, we fear this is a good story partially spoilt. We are the more sorry to record this opinion because Chloë and Hugh are skilfully drawn, and many descriptive passages are happily executed. The intended effect of the special pleading is, moreover, weakened by the author being compelled to have recourse to very dubious argumentation. Does the writer really believe that a mother, because her son performs operations in vivisection, may suffer in her own body the agonies of the mutilated brute? or are vivisectionists, in real life, wont to dream that they are being tortured to a slow death somewhere in the infernal regions? The "purpose" of this book is so destructive of its art that none save an equally accomplished writer could have saved it from critical damnation. "'Tis true, 'tis pity, pity 'tis 'tis true."

A Maker of Nations. By Guy Boothby. Illustrated by Gordon Browne (5s).—Ward, Lock and Co., Limited.

WE have read this book with considerable disappointment. Mr. Guy Boothby has done much better work. His fertility of invention, his eye for local colour, his incomparable vivacity, so well shown in "In Strange Company," "The Beautiful White Devil," and "Pharos the Egyptian," are here but the shadow of their former selves. He is writing too rapidly, thereby doing an injustice to himself and to us. No subjects are so congenial to him as the immemorial East, or the Southern Seas, and we trust he will soon return to his old hunting grounds. If we may hazard an estimate the "Treasure of Sacramento Nick" a short story contributed to the "Windsor Magazine," is the best thing Mr. Guy Boothby has ever done. Now his peculiar excellencies, so strongly evinced in that story, are almost wholly absent from "A Maker of Nations: hinc illæ lachrymæ. And yet the subject is not without its attractiveness. Speilnan, a mysterious Mr. Sabin No. 2, and Durrington, are both well drawn, and the plot to overturn a South American Republic should furnish ample matter for a May morning. But, unless we are greatly mistaken, haste and crudeness of conception have left their impress on every chapter, on almost every page. This is greatly to be deplored, for there are very few writers of fiction so thoroughly readable as Mr. Guy Boothby when at his somewhat infrequent best. His books, as Mr. Kipling says, sell like hot cakes. We hope he will exercise his dexterity again presently, and show us once more how well he can write. "A Maker of Nations" may interest readers to whom any book is preferable to none. It has doubtless found its market, like other volumes by the same author, but it is not "literature."

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.

5 S. Geo. & C'ner Stone, b. M.H.	699 Roscawea, Chacewater
58 Felicity, Ship and Turtle	721 Independence, Chester
957 Leigh, Freemasons'-hall	797 Hauley, Dartmouth
1366 Highgate, Midland Grand H'tl.	884 Derwent, Wirksworth
1670 Adelphi, Freemasons'-hall	893 Meridan, Millbrook
1789 Ubique, Criterion	941 De Tabley, Knutsford
2030 The Abbey, Westminster	1069 United Brothers, Portsmouth
2426 Wood Green, Wood Green	1174 Pentangle, Chatham
2454 Guildhall School Music, Holb'n.	1221 Defence, Leeds
2611 London School Board, H. Cecil	1237 Enfield, Enfield
40 Derwent, Hastings	1253 Travellers, Manchester
61 Probity, Halifax	1271 F'dship & Unity, Bradford-on-A'v'n
68 Royal Clarence, Bristol	1272 Tregenna, St. Ives
75 Love and Honour, Falmouth	1282 Ancholme, Brigg
85 Faithful, Harleston	1286 Bayon, Market Rasen
88 Scientific, Cambridge	1302 De Warren, Halifax
89 Unanimity, Dukinfield	1312 St. Mary, Bocking
104 St. John, Stockport	1350 Fernor Hesketh, Bootle
105 Fortitude, Plymouth	1350 Skelmersdale, Liverpool
106 Sun, Exmouth	1402 Jordan, Torquay
133 Harmony, Faversham	1408 Stamford & Warr'gton, St'yb'ge
151 Albany, Newport, I. of Wight	1436 Castle, Sandgate
189 Sincerity, East Stonehouse	1449 Royal Military, Canterbury
237 Indefatigable, Swansea	1452 St. Margaret, Lowestoft
240 St. Hilda, South Shields	1474 Israel, Birmingham
264 Nelson of the Nile, Batley	1486 Duncombe, Kingsbridge
270 R. Faith & Friendship, Berkeley	1496 Trafford, Moss Side
292 Sincerity, Liverpool	1505 Emulation, Liverpool
296 Royal Brunswick, Sheffield	1542 Legiolium, Castleford
297 Whitham, Lincoln	1564 St. John, Woking
303 Benevolent, Teignmouth	1575 Clive, Drayton
307 Prince Frederick, Hebden Bridge	1593 Hamilton, Alford
314 Peace and Unity, Preston	1611 Eboracum, York
330 One and All, Bodmin	1618 Handyside, Saltburn-by-Sea
339 Unanimity, Penrith	1656 Wolsey, Hampton Court
388 Prudence, Halesworth	1691 Quadratic, Hampton Court
408 Three Graces, Haworth	1730 Urmston, Urmston
422 Yarborough, Gainsboro'	1792 Tudor, Harborne
433 Hope, Brightlingsea	1802 Vernon, Retford
481 St. Peter, Newcastle-on-Tyne	1852 Forest, Mansfield
543 Cleveland, Stokesley	1885 Torridge, Great Torrington
557 Loyal Victoria, Callington	1914 St. Thomas, Kildgrove
587 Howe, Birmingham	1948 Hardman, Rawtenstall
589 Druid Love & Lib., Redruth	1952 High Peak, Chapel-en-le-Frith
613 Unity, Southport	1966 Fidelity & Sincerity, Wellington
632 Concord, Trowbridge	1977 Blackwater, Maldon
643 Royal, Filey	2034 Masefield, Moseley
665 Montagu, Lyme Regis	2144 De Tatton, Altrincham
671 Prince of Wales, Llanelly	2185 Ardwick, Manchester
	2187 Adur, Henfield

2197 Spencer Walpole Temp., D'glas
2237 Earl of Leicester, Wells
2376 Carnarvon, Leyland
2382 Loyal Hay, Hay
2422 Ebbisham, Epsom
2457 St. Anne, St. Anne's-on-Sea
2487 St. Michael, Stone
2584 Queen Victoria, Manchester

Tuesday.

Board of General Purposes, F.M.H. at 5.

704 Camden, Anderton's
857 St. Mark, Camberwell
1805 Bromley St. Leonard, Bromley
2045 Wharton, Willesden
2191 Anglo-American, Criterion
2265 Barnato, Piccadilly
2408 Hampstead, Haverstock Hill
2771 Yorick, Queen's Hotel
160 True Friendship, Rochford
213 Perseverance, Norwich
223 Charity, Plymouth
384 St. David, Bangor
418 Menturia, Hanley
432 Abbey, Nuneaton
476 St. Peter, Carmarthen
484 Faith, Newton-le-Willows
551 Yarborough, Ventnor
560 Vernon, Stourport
663 Wiltshire of Fidelity, Devizes
667 Alliance, Liverpool
707 St. Mary, Bridport
779 Ferrers & Ivanhoe, Ashby Z'ch
789 Dunheved, Launceston
814 Parrett and Axe, Crewkern
830 Endeavour, Dukinfield
855 Sympathy, Wotton-un.-Edge
910 St. Oswald, Pontefract
958 St. Aubin, Jersey
979 Four Cardinal Virtues, Crewe
990 Neyland, Neyland
1006 Tregullow, St. Day
1028 Royal Alfred, Alfreton
1036 Bowyer, Chipping Norton
1046 St. Andrew, Farnham
1067 R'y'l Forest Dean, N'h'm S'v'u.
1075 St. Maughold, Ramsey, I. of M.
1089 De Shurland, Sheerness
1096 Lord Warden, Walmer
1168 Benevolence, Sherbourne
1214 Scarborough, Batley
1225 Hindpool, Barrow-in-Furness
1256 Fidelity, Poulton-le-Fylde
1266 Honour & Friendship, Blandford
1276 Warren, Seacombe
1309 Acacia, Hampton Court
1395 Wey Side, Woking Station
1427 Percy, Newcastle-on-Tyne
1447 St. Matthew, Bart'n-on-Humber
1482 Isle of Axholme, Crowle
1522 Olicana, Ilkley
1533 Loyalty, Marlboro'
1551 Charity, Birmingham
1570 Prince Arthur, Liverpool
1587 St. Giles, Cheadle
1764 Eleanor Cross, Northampton
1787 Grenville, Buckingham
1799 Arnold, Walton-on-Naze
1823 Royal Clarence, Clare
1826 Parthenon, Croydon
1902 St. Cuthbert, Bedlington
1903 Pr. Ed. Saxe Weimar, P'tsm'th
1941 St. Augustine, Rugeley
2135 Constance, Consett
2146 Surbiton, Surbiton
2155 Makerfield, Newton-le-Willows
2339 Mistle, Manningtree
2360 Victoria, Southport
2530 Shirley Woolmer, Sidcup
2572 Tyldesley, Tyldesley
2595 Trinity, Buckfastleigh
2659 Northcote, Exeter
2681 Queen, Liverpool
2747 St. Michael, Newquay

Wednesday.

619 Beadon, Upper Norwood
700 Nelson, Plumstead
969 Maybury, Lincoln-Inn's-Fields
1278 Burdett Coutts, London Tavern
1382 Corinthian, Cubitt Town
1539 Surrey Masonic Hall, C'mb'rw'll
2140 Hughenot, Criterion
2241 Cordwainer Ward, C'non St. Ho
2345 Duke of Fife, Clapham Common
2601 Holloway, Beale's Restaurant
20 Rl. Kent Antiquity, Chatham
121 Mount Sinai, Penzance
127 Union, Margate
137 Amity, Poole
175 East Medina, Ryde
178 Antiquity, Wigan
200 Old Globe, Scarborough
210 Duke of Athol, Denton
221 St. John, Bolton
243 Loyalty, Guernsey

246 Royal Union, Cheltenham
258 Amphibious, Heskmondwike
261 Unanimity & Sincerity, Taunton
280 Worcester, Worcester
285 Love & Honour, Shepton Mallet
290 Huddersfield, Huddersfield
311 South Saxon, Lewes
320 Loyalty, Mottram
325 St. John, Salford
329 Brotherly Love, Yeovil
332 Virtue and Silence, Hadleigh
341 Wellington, Rye
342 Royal Sussex, Landport
368 Samaritan, Sandbach
372 Harmony, Budleigh Salterton
376 Perfect Friendship, Ipswich
380 Integrity, Morley
387 Airedale, Shipley
409 Stortford, Bishops Stortford
451 Sutherland, Burslem
504 Berkhamstead, Berkhamstead
533 Eaton, Congleton
555 Fidelity, Framlingham
580 Harmony, Ormskirk
581 Faith, Openshaw
610 Colston, Bristol
662 Dartmouth, West Bromwich
68 Isca, Newport, Mon.
697 United, Colchester
726 Staffordshire Knot, Stafford
795 St. John, Maidenhead
823 Everton, Liverpool
865 Dalhousie, Hounslow
874 Holmesdale, Tunbridge Wells
889 Dobie, Kingston-on-Thames
950 Hesketh, Fleetwood
962 Sun and Sector, Workington
972 St. Augustine, Canterbury
1019 Sincerity, Wakefield
1024 St. Peter, Maldon
1040 Sykes, Driffild
1086 Walton, Liverpool
1114 Joppa, Fakenham
1129 St. Chad, Rochdale
1136 Carew, Torpoint
1161 De Grey & Ripon, Manchester
1179 Rutland, Ilkeston
1193 Doric, Wymondham
1212 Elms, Stoke Damerel
1246 Holte, Aston, Warwicks
1301 Brighthouse, Brighouse
1323 Talbot, Swansea
1334 Norman, Durham
1337 Anchor, Northallerton
1353 Duke of Lancaster, Lancaster
1493 Robin Hood, Eastwood
1511 Alexandra, Hornsey
1520 Earl Shrewsbury, Cannock
1529 Duke of Cornwall, St. Columb
1544 Mount Edgcombe, Camborne
1634 Starkie, Ramsbottom
1645 Colne Valley, Slaithwaite
1702 Sub-Urban, Great Stanmore
1774 Mellor, Ashton-under-Lyne
1808 Suffield, North Walsham
1842 St. Leonard, St. Leonard's
1854 Weald of Kent, Tenterden
1973 Saye & Sele, Belvedere
1988 Mawddach, Barmouth
2153 Hope, Gosport
2203 Farnborough & N.C., Farnboro'
2258 West. Dist. U.S., E. Stonehouse
2260 Ridley, Newcastle-on-Tyne
2355 Chantrey, Dore
2412 Ashfield, Sutton-in-Ashfield
2434 Anderida, Eastbourne
2468 St. John, Douglas, Isle of Man
2514 City, Liverpool
2525 Thurston, Coniston
2688 Wythenshawe, Northenden
2702 Hollingsworth, Oldham
2725 Maristow, Yelverton
2793 Assheton-Egerton, Altrincham

Thursday.

6 Friendship, Criterion
813 New Concord, Guildhall Tavern
1365 Clapton, Great Eastern Hotel
1420 Earl Spencer, Lavender Hill
1623 West Smithfield, Freemasons'-h.
1963 Duke of Albany, Camberwell
2310 London Scottish Rifles, Crit'ion.
2694 Justinian, Inns of Court Hotel
42 Relief, Bury
56 Howard B'ly Love, L'hampton
57 Humber, Hull
98 St. Martin, Burslem
100 Friendship, Great Yarmouth
132 Unity, Ringwood
203 Ancient Union, Liverpool
215 Commerce, Haslingden
245 Mechanics, Jersey
267 Unity, Macclesfield
268 Union, Ashton-under-Lyne
286 Samaritan, Bacup
322 Peace, Stockport
324 Moira, Stalybridge
343 Concord, Preston

345 Perseverance, Blackburn
350 Charity, Farnworth
361 Industry, Hyde
363 Keystone, Whitworth
367 Probity & Freedom, Rochdale
430 Fidelity, Ashton-under-Lyne
449 Cecil, Hitchin
450 Cornubian, Hayle
456 Foresters, Uttoxeter
469 Hundred of Elloe, Spalding
472 F'ship & Sincerity, Shaftesbury
489 Benevolence, Bideford
523 John of Gaunt, Leicester
591 Buckingham, Aylesbury
600 Harmony, Bradford
605 Combermere, Birkenhead
625 Devonshire, Glossop
659 Blagdon, Blyth
758 Ellesmere, Runcorn
761 St. John, Dursley
777 Royal Alfred, Guildford
802 Repose, Derby
833 Afan, Aberavon
939 Pelham, Worksop
940 Philanthropy, Stockton
971 Trafalgar, Batley
1000 Priory, Southend
1011 Richmond, Manchester
1037 Portland, Portland
1042 Excelsior, Leeds
1184 Abbey, Battle
1299 Pembroke, Liverpool
1327 King Harold, Waltham Cross
1332 Unity, Crediton
1386 St. Hugh, Lincoln
1393 Hamer, Liverpool
1459 Ashbury, West Gorton
1464 Erasmus Wilson, Gravesend
1470 Chiltern, Dunstable
1514 Thornhill, Huddersfield
1534 Concord, Prestwich
1562 Homfray, Risca
1594 Cedewain, Newtown, Mont.
1741 Montgomerie, Diss
1763 St. Mary, Thame
1776 Landport, Landport
1782 Machen, Coleshill
1821 Atlingworth, Brighton
1869 Sandown, Sandown, I. of W'ht.
1872 St. Margaret, Surbiton
1887 St. Hilda, Wallingford
1893 Lumley, Skegness
2189 Ashburton, Ashburton
2226 St. David, Rhymney
2268 Hallamshire, Sheffield
2302 St. Mary, Southwell
2305 Stour, Ashford, Kent
2325 Rose of Lancaster, Southport
2341 Clemency, Oldham
2352 Universities, Durham
2390 Exmoor, Minehead
2430 Runnymede, Wraysbury
2495 Goodacre, Bootle
2555 England Centre, Weedon
2598 St. Sampson, Guernsey
2703 Wallsend, Wallsend
2750 Waltham Abbey, Waltham Ab.

Friday.

Annual Meeting of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution, F.M.H., at 12. General Business. Election of Annuitants, &c.
Board of Management, Boys School, 2-30.
143 Middlesex, Albion
1118 Oxford and Cambridge, F.M.H.
2157 St. Mark's College, H'born Rest
2346 Warrant Officers, F'masons'-hall
2716 Mid. & Oxford Bar, Café Royal
2721 Light, Holborn Restaurant
152 Virtue, Manchester
271 Royal Clarence, Brighton
347 Noah Ark, Tipton
355 R'l. S'x. Emulation, Swindon
401 Royal Forest, Slaidburn
460 Sut'land Unity, N'castle-u-Lyne
541 De Loraine, Newcastle-on-Tyne
599 Sherwell, Bambury
631 Methuen, Taplow
652 Holme Valley, Holmfirth
904 Phoenix, Rotherham
993 Alexandra, Levenshulme
1054 Eccleshill, Eccleshill
1108 Royal Wharfedale, Otley
1311 Zetland, Leeds
1330 St. Peter, Market Harborough
1357 Cope, Sale
1389 Fenwick, Sunderland
1626 Hotspur, Newcastle-on-Tyne
1739 Carnarvon, Swadlincote
1773 Albert Victor, Pendleton
2005 Brooke, Chingford
2063 St. Osyth Priory, Cl'ct'n-on-Sea
2231 Talbot, Stretford
2380 Beneventa, Daventry
2447 Palatine, Manchester
2605 Wyreside, Garstang
2610 Beresford Peirse, Bedale
2644 Chaloner, Melksham
2657 Liscard, Liscard
2695 Doric, Harrogate

Saturday.

1329 Sphinx, Camberwell
1767 Kensington, Kensington
2041 West Kent Volunteer, Plums'd.
2308 Viator, Anderton's
2466 Cheerybles, Freemasons'-hall
2513 Sir Walter S. John, Cam'well
149 Peace, Meltham
416 Surrey, Reigate
444 Union, Starcross
452 Frederick of Unity, Croydon
453 Chigwell, Chingford
1126 Oakwood, Romiley
1326 Lebanon, Feltham
2035 Beaumont, Kirkburton
2318 Lennox Browne, B'khurst Hill
2381 Bushey Park, Hampton Court
2458 Eton, Eton
2671 Victoria, Windsor
2717 Albert Lucking, Southend

In connection with the reconstruction of the Queen's Hotel, Leeds, the Midland Railway Company have erected a very handsome restaurant, the opening of which was celebrated on Monday evening of last week, by a dinner, presided over by Mr. W. Towle, Manager of the Midland Railway Hotels. The new structure is a lofty apartment, the walls of which are of delicate cream coloured tiles relieved with gold, the various portions being modelled in low relief. The four chief panels are occupied by fine decorative paintings, representing the seasons, executed by Mr. Kutzon M. Borglum. The room is Louis Quinze in character and the faience decoration is probably unrivalled in this country. The dinner was admirably served, and Mr. Towle, in welcoming his guests, said the new restaurant had been opened with a view to the provision of a place where busy business men could take their wives and daughters. Things were changing, and in order to retain the commercial supremacy of England it was necessary to follow more closely the lines prevalent on the Continent. Mr. Erasmus S. Day, Consul of the United States for Bradford, said that England had not only a past and a present, but a glorious future. His heart was with the English people because they loved humanity.

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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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EMPIRE CHAPTER, No. 2108.

Installation of Companion James Speller.

THE annual festival of this Chapter was held on Friday of last week, at the Criterion, Piccadilly, W., when the Principals and Officers for the ensuing year were installed and invested. The convocation assembled soon after 5 o'clock, when Comps. Hermann Klein M.E.Z. Past Grand Organist, James Speller H., and E. E. Harding J. formally opened the Chapter, and the business was immediately proceeded with.

After the minutes of the previous meeting had been read and confirmed the ballot was taken on behalf of three distinguished Masons, as candidates for exaltation, viz. His Highness Raj Kumar Sirdah Singh, Alfred August Rothschild, and Sydney Rothschild, all members of the Empire Lodge and, being well known, they were unanimously approved. They were admitted and regularly exalted to the Supreme Degree. The ceremony was beautifully rendered by Comp. Klein and his Officers, especially Comp. Bassett Hopkins, whose delivery of the speeches of the P.S. met with considerable commendation. The lectures were given by Comps. James Speller and James Terry P.G.St.B.

A conclave of Installed Principals was then formed, presided over by Comp. Klein, who next proceeded to instal his successor Comp. James Speller as Z. of the Chapter, and that worthy Companion in turn installed Comp. E. E. Harding to succeed him in the chair of H. The Installation of Comp. J. Sefton Mayors as J. was kindly undertaken by Comp. James Terry, and needless to say was performed in a masterly manner. The following Officers had been elected, and those who were present were then invested by the M.E.Z.:—Comps. William Shurmur P.G.Std.B. Scribe E., Bassett Hopkins Scribe N., Hermann Klein I.P.Z. Treasurer, Franz Deutsch P.S., Frank P. Rider and C. R. Valentine Assistants, E. Warden Denniss P.Z. D.C., Benno Schönberger Organist, Albert Cohn and Oscar Goldstein Stewards, and R. W. Edgeley Janitor.

In the name of the Chapter the M.E.Z. then presented Comp. Hermann Klein with a very handsome P.Z.'s jewel, with an additional bar, which Comp. Speller said was to mark the appreciation of the members of the services rendered by him for two successive years as their First Principal. Comp. Klein expressed his thanks for the really beautiful present, which he would ever regard as a mark of their friendship and esteem.

The Audit Committee reported that the finances of the Chapter were in a very flourishing condition, whereupon the Treasurer proposed that a grant of five guineas might very appropriately be made by the Empire Chapter to the South African Relief Fund, which was cordially approved, and a cheque for that amount was directed to be sent to Comp. George Richards District Grand Superintendent of the Transvaal.

The resignation of two members was accepted with regret, and this concluding the business of the evening the Companions adjourned for refreshment.

A very elegant banquet was provided by Messrs. Spiers and Pond, under the superintendence of the Manager, Bro. Thierry, and the programme of the menu, toasts and music was beautifully designed by Comp. Speller, and will doubtless be kept as a pleasing souvenir of the occasion. The "firing glasses" used at the table were presented to the Empire Lodge by Bro. and Comp. Albert Cohn. The toasts of the Queen and the Grand Z. were drunk with enthusiasm.

Comp. A. J. R. Trendell P.G.Std.B. responded for the Grand Officers, and remarked upon the strenuous vitality of this

comparatively young Chapter, which had now passed into a great success. He was sure there was a good future before it when he saw the excellent work of the Officers that evening.

Comp. Hermann Klein proposed the M.E.Z., and bore testimony to the good service rendered by Comp. Speller at a time when they sorely needed the assistance of an experienced and worthy Companion.

Comp. Speller, in the course of his reply, said that he deemed it a great honour when they elected him as an Honorary Member of the Chapter, but he thought he could be of more use as a Subscribing member, and he had been rewarded for any services he had rendered by being elected as their First Principal. He thanked them for all the kindness that had been extended to him, and hoped he might be with them for many years to come.

In acknowledging the toast of H. and J., Comps. Harding and Sefton Mayors both confessed that the ceremonies of the evening had revealed matters to them of which they had no previous idea, and were gratified at being elected to their positions.

The Exaltees next came on for recognition, and met with a flattering reception. Comp. Sirdah Singh said he might consider himself a fortunate Freemason, as he was initiated in the Order before he came of age, by a dispensation from Grand Lodge, and now that he had been exalted to this Supreme Degree he would endeavour to show his countrymen the teachings and benefits of Freemasonry.

Comp. Alfred Rothschild said it was an extreme pleasure to him to be received into the Chapter. He was rather an old Mason, as it was over thirty years ago since he was initiated into the privileges of the Craft at Bloemfontein; but the beautiful ceremony that evening had made a great impression upon him, and what he had now learned in the autumn of life would ever be remembered until he paid the last debt of nature.

Comp. Sydney Rothschild said that his father had always impressed upon him the beautiful teachings of Freemasonry, and he considered the Royal Arch degree was like a handsome frame to a grand picture.

Comps. James Terry, Dr. A. G. Sandberg P.G.D.C. and T. G. Lynde (of the Scottish Grand Chapter in India) responded for the Visitors.

The Past Principals and the Officers were also honoured, and this very pleasant evening was brought to a close with the Janitor's toast, delivered by Comp. Edgeley.

An excellent musical entertainment was given between the speeches, the artistes being Miss Edith Clegg, Miss Lilian Courtenay, and Mr. Montague Borwell, while Comps. Hermann Klein P.G.Org. and W. H. Thomas P.G.Org. assisted at the piano.

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ROYAL COMMEMORATION LODGE, No. 1585.

Installation of Brother C. C. Barber.

THE above well known Lodge deservedly bears a good name for its excellent rendering of the ritual, as well as its genial hospitality, and under Worshipful Master Bro. A. E. W. MacCamley these excellent Masonic qualities have been worthily upheld during the past year; in fact, Bro. MacCamley can look back on his term of Office with pardonable pride, alike at the amount of work done, as well as its quality.

It was therefore with no feelings of surprise that we found a crowded Lodge, on attending at the Masonic Temple of the Holborn Restaurant, on Wednesday, 2nd inst. A large number of visitors put in an appearance, among them being Bros. W. Whiteside W.M. 1897, Jos. J. Trenner W.M. 205, Gordon Larner W.M. 1326, Harold Griffiths I.P.M. 1347, J. W. Facey I.P.M. 1767, C. J. Simmons-Jaques 1524, Saffeld Foot 862, J. Freeman 55, &c.

As the Agenda showed, a large amount of business was set down, and the proceedings were promptly commenced at 4:15 by Bro. MacCamley W.M., who was supported by the following: Bros. C. C. Barber S.W., G. W. Fortescue P.M. J.W., R. R. Collick P.M. Treasurer, J. W. Robinson P.M. Secretary, R. M. Sharpin S.D., F. A. Sier J.D., J. H. MacNaughton I.G., John Cox Organist, Pardoe, D. W. B. Swain, Thomas P.M., Keene P.M., Coombes P.M., and about sixty other Brethren.

After the minutes of the last regular Lodge had been read and confirmed, the W.M. raised Bros. Smith, Pease, and Villiers, and passed Bros. Brown, Osborne, Willcocks, and Lewis.

Having declared all Offices vacant, the W.M. proceeded to the ceremony of installation, for which Bro. C. C. Barber was presented as the W.M.-elect. Bro. MacCamley impressively addressed the incoming Master on the duties of the high office to which he had been unanimously elected, and Bro. Barber signified his assent to the Ancient Charges, and took the customary obligation.

A Board of Installed Masters having been formed, Bro. Barber was duly installed in the chair of King Solomon, in accordance with ancient custom. The Brethren were re-admitted, and the new Master proclaimed and saluted; the entire ceremony being effectively performed.

The new W.M. then proceeded to appoint his Officers, as follow: Bros. G. W. Fortescue P.M., S.W., R. M. Sharpin J.W., R. R. Collick P.M. Treasurer, J. W. Robinson P.M. Secretary, F. A. Sier S.D., J. H. MacNaughton J.D., A. Wyatt I.G., Joseph Cox P.M. P.G.S. Middlx. D.C., John Cox Organist, C. Knight and T. V. Fenn Stewards.

The Lodge Auditors' report was received, and then the new W.M. proceeded to initiate Mr. John Samuel Bateman. That the members had made a good choice in their new ruler was amply evidenced by the extremely creditable manner in which he performed the ceremony, and delivered the obligation and charge; while throughout the proceedings the work done in the Lodge was impressive and highly creditable to all concerned, Bro. MacCamley in particular doing several hours consecutive work in splendid style.

The installation banquet was held immediately after the Lodge was closed.

With commendable promptitude the W.M. sounded the gavel and set the fashion in a short crisp speech, proposing the health of Her Majesty the Queen. In submitting the toast the W.M. said it was proposed so often that it was scarcely possible to say anything new, but she was undoubtedly one of the finest ladies in the world, and had done a particularly gracious act in visiting Ireland at this juncture. The solo of "God Save the Queen" was sung by Bro. Knight P.M.

The W.M. next proposed the toast of the Most Worshipful the Grand Master, and in the course of his remarks referred to the recent attempt on the life of His Royal Highness at Brussels, and said Masons in particular felt exceedingly glad at his providential escape. The toast was drunk most heartily, the solo of "God bless the Prince of Wales" being sung by Bro. Knight P.M.

Again on the initiative of the W.M. the health of the Pro Grand Master, the Deputy Grand Master, and the rest of the Grand Officers was loyally drunk.

Bro. A. E. W. MacCamley I.P.M. next assumed command of the gavel, and in a happily conceived and pithy little speech proposed the toast of the W.M. He expressed the pleasure it personally gave him to submit the toast. He prognosticated that the new W.M. would do his work well, and in all ways keep untarnished and unsullied the reputation and prestige of the Lodge. Bro. MacCamley was in his happiest vein, and Royal Commemorators and their visitors know what that means. The toast was received in a most enthusiastic way, and the "fire" was exceedingly fine and well directed.

On rising to respond, the W.M. met with a ringing welcome of cheers. In the course of his remarks he incidentally mentioned that they had a long programme to get through, and that he would be brief in his remarks. He felt very deeply the honour and dignity they had that day conferred upon him by installing him Master of the Royal Commemoration Lodge. He expressed his thanks to the I.P.M. for the manner in which he had proposed his health, and he trusted he might have the same success during his year of Office that had so distinguished his predecessors.

The toast of the Initiate was proposed by the W.M., who in so doing said that from the manner in which the candidate had borne himself during the course of the ceremony he gave the impression that he would always act as a true and faithful Brother.

Bro. Bateman briefly acknowledged the compliment.

In proposing the toast of the visitors, the W.M. said how pleased he was to find he had such a large array of guests. They of the Royal Commemoration Lodge always extended a cordial invitation, and welcomed their guests most heartily. Amongst the visitors he noticed there were three Worshipful Masters, and several Immediate Past Masters, and he would ask the first three to respond. The three Masters briefly acknowledged the compliment.

The next toast proposed by the Master was that of the Immediate Past and Installing Master. In proposing it the W.M. said it might well be called the toast of the evening, and it gave him the greatest pleasure to submit it. He referred in glowing terms to the able manner in which the I.P.M. had performed the work of the Lodge during the past twelve months, which called forth their highest praise; and he hoped he should be as well received at the conclusion of his tenure of Office as was Bro. MacCamley. It gave him the greatest pleasure to pin on the late Master's breast the Past Master's jewel which had been unanimously voted him from the Lodge, and which would be found to be suitably inscribed.

Bro. MacCamley I.P.M. met with a most enthusiastic reception on rising to respond, and again treated the Brethren to a characteristic little speech, specially referring to the fact that amongst many deeds of charity performed in and by the Lodge during his year of Office nothing gave him greater pleasure than as representative of the Lodge as a Steward at the Girls Festival to hand over between £60 and £70, and that there had been two

subscriptions to the War Funds. In glowing terms he referred to the very happy time he had spent during the period he occupied the chair. He had tried to do justice to himself and to the Lodge, and he was particularly pleased to find his labours had been appreciated. He thanked the Lodge through their W.M. for the handsome jewel they had given him, and for the exceedingly kind manner in which the presentation had been made; and he trusted that the same Brotherly feeling and support which the Officers and members had extended to him during his position as Master of the Lodge, would be extended to his successor. The speech was enthusiastically received.

In responding to the toast of his health the Secretary Bro. J. W. Robinson P.M. furnished some interesting particulars, from which it was gathered that the Lodge had been in existence close upon 25 years, and during that time had given away in charity £1,400. It had never refused charity to anyone in distress. It was formerly known as the Loyalty and Charity Lodge, but on the return of the M.W. the Grand Master H.R.H. the Prince of Wales from his visit to India, the name of the Lodge was changed to commemorate that event, and had so remained. He thanked the proposer for the very kind way he had spoken in giving the toast, and should do his duty as Secretary faithfully and truly during the coming year, as he had done in previous years. The Treas., S.W. and J.W. also replied.

The musical arrangements were under the direction of Bro. Knight P.M., and gave great satisfaction. Among the items of more than passing merit may be named violin solo by Bro. Thomas P.M., song "Queen of the Earth" by Bro. Nichols, and the comic effusions of Augustus Pardoe.

We might add that Bro. the Right Hon. Bro. Jesse Collings was present.

One of the brightest and best Festivals held by the Royal Commemoration was brought to a happy termination, and the outgoing and incoming Masters are to be heartily congratulated; the former for the capable work done during the past year, and the latter on the splendid inauguration of his term of Office.

PELHAM LODGE, No. 1303.

Installation of Brother H. Tuff.

THE annual installation and banquet took place at Lewes, on Friday evening, 27th ult. In the absence of the retiring W.M. Councillor Holman (the Mayor), the ceremony of installation was performed by Bro. Richard Weston P.M.

Bro. Holman being already the possessor of a Past Master's jewel, was voted a bar for the same, and in recognition of his services to the Craft the Lodge also voted a sum of ten guineas to his fund in aid of the Boys School, in which he takes great interest.

At the banquet, which took place at the White Hart Hotel, covers were laid for over fifty. The new W.M. was supported by the Masters of various Lodges in the Province, and by a number of other visitors, as well as a goodly muster of members of the Pelham Lodge. The musical arrangements were on an unusually elaborate scale. An orchestral band played during dinner, and the speeches were interspersed with songs by Miss Marie Vagnolini, Miss Maud Poole, and Bro. Patrick. Miss Ada Tunks Aram also played violin solos very beautifully, and Mr. Eisler James contributed two remarkably clever musical sketches.

TRAVELLERS LODGE, No. 2609.

Installation of Brother D. P. Morgan.

THE members celebrated the Festival of St. John and the installation of the W.M. for the ensuing year at the Masonic Hall, Chester, on Saturday, 28th ult., when there was a large assemblage of Brethren, including visitors from the Provinces of Cheshire, North Wales, and Shropshire. The Brother installed as Master was Bro. D. P. Morgan, and the beautiful ceremony of installation was most admirably performed by Bro. Thomas Owen, the second W.M. of the Lodge, and a Past Provincial Officer of Salop and Cheshire; and Bro. W. Peers, the first W.M. of the Lodge and the present Provincial Grand Treasurer of Cheshire.

A handsome Past Master's jewel was presented to Bro. Duck I.P.M., as a small mark of the Brethren's esteem of his services during the past year.

On the occasion of the recent consecration of the Erkenwald Lodge, reported in our last issue, the speeches were pleasantly interspersed with a capital selection of songs by Miss Alma Jones and Bros. H. C. Cribb, John Probert, and J. L. Haddon. Bro. Tom Taylor P.M. also favoured the company with one or two comic songs, which met with marked approval. It only remains to be said that the entire proceedings were carried out in a most successful and enjoyable manner.

CRAFT: PROVINCIAL.

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ZETLAND LODGE, No. 603.

THE usual monthly meeting was held on Tuesday, 8th inst., in the Masonic Hall, Tofts, Cleckheaton, the Worshipful Master Bro. H. E. Hodgson presiding.

There were also present Bros. Alfred Thornton I.P.M., F. Newsome S.W., R. W. Warren J.W., S. Halliday P.M. Chaplain, J. Clough P.M. Treasurer, G. Blackburn P.M. Acting I.G., W. Armitage P.M., H. Waddington P.M., Alfred Hall P.M., S. Stocks P.M. P.P.G.D., W. H. Sharp P.M., J. Birkhead J.D., Alfred Heaton S.D., C. H. Barrowes, W. H. Howarth, Dr. Percy G. Lodge, M.D., S. Hewett, L. R. Wood Secretary, and Dr. Charles Forshaw LL.D. (FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE).

The Lodge was opened in due form and Mr. W. A. Cliff, of Cleckheaton, was initiated into Freemasonry by the W.M., the working tools being given by the Junior Warden. This was the first ceremony performed by Bro. Hodgson since his appointment to the chair of K.S., and his work was performed in a thoroughly creditable manner. The Lodge was closed in peace and harmony, and the Brethren adjourned for refreshment, after which the evening was spent in a convivial manner.

Bro. Stocks was presented by the members of the Lodge with a handsome framed portrait of himself, which had been executed in a masterly manner by Bro. C. H. Burrows, and which met with the hearty approbation of the Brethren.

Each member of the Lodge present also subscribed for Bro. Dr. Forshaw's forthcoming "Masonic Musings" and the Doctor received many congratulations on the fact that Her Majesty had ordered a copy of the volume for the Royal Library at Windsor Castle.

ARCHITECT LODGE, No. 1375.

THE regular meeting was held at the Masonic Hall, Chorlton-cum-Hardy, on Friday, 4th inst., there being a good attendance. As there was not very much Lodge work to perform on this occasion Brother Alfred Pickford P.M. D.C. undertook to give a lesson on the signs of the various degrees, which proved instructive and beneficial to an appreciative audience. The festive board followed.

METROPOLITAN: INSTRUCTION.

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CONFIDENCE LODGE, No. 193.

BRO. DONE occupied the chair at the meeting on Wednesday, supported by Bros. Carr S.W., Rowland J.W., Cooke S.D., Davey J.D., Bushell I.G., Pitt Secretary, Spice I.P.M. Preceptor, Hattersley, Jackson, Osborne, Clarke, Green, and other Brethren.

The ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, Bro. Goovearts being candidate. Lodge was opened in the second degree, and called off and on. Bro. Pitt worked the second section of the lecture, assisted by the Brethren.

Lodge was resumed in the first degree, and on the second rising of the W.M. the Secretary announced the resignation of Bro. Elvin as Treasurer. The resignation was not unexpected, Bro. Elvin having previously announced that in consequence of his removal to a distant part of the country he would no longer be able to hold the Office. Many kind words were spoken in reference to Bro. Elvin, and the members hoped an opportunity would occur to bid him farewell, and to express their appreciation of his services in a manner we are not at liberty to mention. The appointment of the new Treasurer and his investiture by the W.M. protracted the business of the Lodge somewhat, and to the annoyance of Bro. Goovearts's chef, who had prepared for the fourth degree with his usual punctuality.

YARBOROUGH LODGE, No. 554.

ON the 8th inst., at Bro. R. Butlin's, the Citizen, Houndsditch, Brothers G. T. Stock W.M., J. W. Taurinac W.M. of the Mound Lodge S.W., R. Mahoney J.W., H. Aarons S.D., T. J. George J.D., W. T. Andrews I.G., T. Cowell P.M. Prec., D. McNish P.M. Sec., J. Wynman, &c.

The ceremony of the first degree was rehearsed, Bro. Metcalf acting as candidate, and the Preceptor giving the Ancient Charge, after which Lodge was opened in the second and third degrees.

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

This Lodge should be very popular at its new quarters, where the efforts of the host are ably seconded by his wife, who, on the occasion of our visit, was particularly attentive to the requirements of the guests, being well supported in this direction by Mr. Alfred Franks.

ROYAL ALFRED LODGE, No. 780.

AT the Star and Garter Hotel, Kew Bridge, on Thursday, 3rd inst., Bros. Justin Allen P.M. W.M., Johnson S.W., Langdon P.M. J.W., F. Larkman P.M. Treas., A. Bridger Sec., E. E. Dowling S.D., J. Dennis P.M. J.D., E. St. Auban I.G., H. T. Town.

The ceremony of raising was rehearsed, Bro. Larkman candidate. The ceremony of installation was then gone through.

Bro. Langdon P.M. was elected to the chair for the next meeting.

DALHOUSIE LODGE, No. 865.

WE are pleased to visit Lodges where there is the possibility of hearing the ritual of Freemasonry perfectly rehearsed, and hence it was with a certain amount of satisfaction we turned our steps on Monday towards the meeting house of this Lodge of Instruction, the Greyhound, Kensington Square, W., where we had the pleasure of seeing Bro. T. C. Dyer S.W. of the Mother Lodge in the chair. Bro. Dyer is a steady and careful worker, and we offer him our congratulations on his selection as W.M.-elect of the Dalhousie. We feel convinced the Brethren of that Lodge have made a wise selection, and that he will do everything in the power of a Brother to ensure its success during the time it is under his rule.

The others present on Monday included Bros. P. Howard S.W., Maurice Davis P.M. and Secretary 2754 J.W., J. Worth P.M. Preceptor, M. Spring Sec., C. S. Hatt P.M. Treas., K. von Donat S.D., W. Seal J.D., H. G. Cox I.G., J. Cox P.M., F. Cousens P.M., Catten P.M., J. H. McNaughton, J. Honnibal, T. E. P. Bell, J. Wynman.

The W.M. rehearsed the ceremony of raising, for which Bro. Cousens P.M. acted as candidate. The Lodge was called off, and on resuming the ceremony of passing was gone through, both the ceremonies being perfectly rendered, and highly appreciated by the Brethren.

Monday next being Officers' night, Bro. Howard was elected W.M. for Monday, 21st inst.

Bro. J. Cox P.M., late Secretary, who came on purpose to offer his services, and to assist Bro. Spring in his new office as Secretary pro tem., proposed that the sum of one guinea be voted to the West London Hospital Fund, which was unanimously carried.

WANDSWORTH LODGE, No. 1044.

THIS well-known South London Lodge met on Tuesday, 1st inst., in St. Mark's School, Battersea Rise, when there was a good attendance of members. Bro. A. E. W. MacCamley W.M. Royal Commemoration Lodge was in the chair, supported by the following: Bros. W. R. Wise S.W., C. W. Cornish J.W., Moorhead P.M. Secretary, Welsh P.M. Treasurer, Swaine S.D., F. W. King J.D., C. W. Shepherd I.G., J. R. Casey Assistant Secretary, W. G. King P.M., J. W. Kingston W.M., F. H. Baker Acting Preceptor, W. J. Morgan, C. J. S. Jaques, A. C. Hawes, G. T. Dobson, &c.

The W.M. rehearsed the ceremony of raising, Bro. C. J. Simmons-Jaques acting as the candidate. The W.M., who, we may add, was to vacate the W.M.'s chair of the Royal Commemoration Lodge the following evening, rehearsed the ceremony of installation, Bro. J. M. Kingston W.M. acting as the candidate, and Bro. W. G. King P.M. as Director of Ceremonies.

It may be here stated that in connection with this Lodge it is proposed to hold a Cinderella Dance, in the Battersea Town Hall, on Thursday, 24th.

SKELMERSDALE LODGE, No. 1658.

THERE was an excellent meeting on Sunday, at the house of Bro. Frank Nilen, the Rockingham, Newington Causeway, S.E., when we had the pleasure of seeing Bro. R. B. Hopkins S.W. 1381 (of silver bells fame) in the chair as W.M., with the following Brethren rendering him able assistance: Bros. J. C. Davies S.W., J. Farmer (Treasurer) J.W., Charles Plant P.M. Prec., B. Cohen Sec., H. B. Buckeridge P.M. 1658 Treasurer of the Lodge Benevolent Association, F. Budge S.D., J. Hibble J.D., Philip Last I.G., H. Cohen P.M., I. Levy, W. J. H. Faull, Goldner, W. H. Coote, W. Shorter, W. Franklin, J. Wynman, &c.

After formalities, Bro. Franklin answered the questions and was entrusted. The Lodge was opened in the second degree, and the ceremony was gone through. The Lodge was resumed to the first degree and Bro. B. Cohen worked the second section of the lecture. We cannot allow the opportunity to pass without complimenting the W.M. Bro. Hopkins, who we had the pleasure of seeing in the chair for the first time. His working was all that could be desired, whilst Bro. Plant P.M. Preceptor was on the alert should there be any assistance required; but his post was really a sinecure, the excellent working of the W.M. being a credit to himself, to the Preceptor, and to the Lodge alike.

Bro. B. Cohen announced there was sufficient funds in hand for another Charity ballot, which fell to Bro. Godefroy. This is a pleasing feature in connection with the Skelmersdale Lodge, which was established but twelve months since, and has already made its mark among the workers in the cause of Masonic Charity. We commend the Brethren for their activity in this direction.

Bro. J. C. Davies was elected W.M. for the next meeting, when we hope he will have a good number of Brethren to support him.

WOODROW LODGE, No. 1708.

PATRIOTISM, exhibited in connection with the naval display in London, proved a counter attraction for many who often attend this Lodge, and as a consequence there was not so good a muster as usual on Monday afternoon, at Bro. Rudderforth's, Panton Street, Haymarket. However, those who were absent missed a fine display of Masonic working.

The chair was taken by Bro. J. E. Culverhouse, who was supported by Bros. T. Burgess S.W., W. E. Davis J.W., O. Woodrow P.M. Prec., J. W. Simeons W.M. 193 Sec., J. Ollington J.D., J. Wynman I.G., and G. Genet.

The W.M. rehearsed the ceremony of initiation, including the Ancient Charge, Bro. Genet acting as candidate. Bro. Simeons answered the questions leading to the second degree and was entrusted. The Lodge was advanced, and that ceremony was gone through.

Bro. T. Burgess was elected W.M. for next meeting.

Sonnets of the Greek Mythology, No. 15.

TO AOIDE.

TRIUMPHANT Empress of all tuneful song—

Spirit of lavish gaiety supreme—

Bounding and leaping joyously along,

Thy flowing numbers are a sunlit gleam

To light our path to heaven-born joys above;

Glimmering incessantly, they sparkling shine,

And speak of chaste and sempiternal love—

Which worlds of darkness cannot undermine.

Bright as a rivulet of molten gold

Swift as the lightning—gorgeous as the sun

Thy strains flow on, and softly sighing, run

Into some dazzling ocean, brave and bold.

Nought can compare, oh! peerless Aoide

With the bright beacons of thy harmony.

Bradford.

CHAS. F. FORSHAW, M.A.

THE coach trips through the charming scenery of the New Forest, instituted last summer by the London and South Western Railway in conjunction with Messrs. Thomas Cook and Son, having proved so popular it has been decided to repeat them. The trips commence on Thursday next, 17th inst., and continue on Thursdays until further notice. The charge for the day's outing, including rail fare (first-class only), carriage drive, and luncheon, is 20s. Applications for tickets should be made to Messrs. Thomas Cook and Son.