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## NEXT WEEK.

**F**REEMASONRY, like so many other human institutions, seems to move by fits and starts; we go for weeks without any particular function occupying the attention of the members of the Craft, and at another time a number of important events crowd themselves into a brief week, and sorely tax those who make a point of taking part in all the leading gatherings of the Brotherhood.

Next week is a case in point, and we can imagine some of our busiest workers hardly seeing their way to do all that they wish to do in furtherance of the cause of Masonic Benevolence, or the promotion of the welfare of the Order as a whole.

First and foremost comes the Anniversary Festival of the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys, to take place on Tuesday, under the presidency of H.R.H. the Duke of Connaught; and we are pleased to think we have some foundation for the hope that the result of that celebration will be sufficiently successful to win the approval of the English Brotherhood.

On Wednesday the Annual Festival of the Mark Benevolent Fund will be held, under the presidency of the Earl of Euston Pro G.M.M., and we believe here also the prospects are such as to cause the liveliest satisfaction.

On Thursday the General Court of the Governors and Subscribers of the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls will assemble at Freemasons' Hall, and the following day there will be a similar assembly in connection with the Boys School. There is little of special moment to be considered on either of these occasions, a proposal from the House Committee of the Girls School to award a retiring pension of £100 per annum to Miss Emily Redgrave, the late Head Governess of the Institution, being really the only departure from routine.

As we state elsewhere the Provincial Grand Chapter of Kent will hold its annual meeting on Friday, so that we think we are justified in regarding the coming week as a busy one for the busy members of our Fraternity.

## SOMERSETSHIRE.

**T**HE annual Provincial Grand Lodge was held on Friday of last week, at the Assembly Rooms, Portishead, under the banner of the Eldon Lodge, No. 1175, and was presided over by the Right Hon. Viscount Dungarvan Provincial Grand Master who was supported by Bro. R. C. Else P.G.D. Deputy Prov.G.M.

All the Lodges throughout the Province were duly represented, and the room was filled to its utmost capacity.

The Prov. Grand Treasurer Bro. C. L. Fry Edwards read the Provincial Grand Lodge accounts, and stated that a particularly gratifying feature of them was that the adverse balance of last year was turned into a balance in hand of £41 2s 3d. On the proposition of the Treasurer, the sum of £50 was voted to the War Relief Fund.

Bro. T. P. Ashley proposed that Bro. Edwards be re-appointed Provincial Treasurer for the ensuing year, and this was seconded by Bro. Elworthy, and unanimously agreed to, with thanks to him for his past services.

Bro. Else D.P.G.M. said he desired to say how very pleased they all were to see the Provincial Grand Master Lord Dungarvan had been able to turn up and take the chair, and that he had safely returned from the war in South Africa.

The Prov.G.M. thanked the Brethren for the very staunch support they had given him, especially in connection with the last Girls Festival. It was very gratifying to him to know that, as far as its donations to the Masonic Charities were concerned, Somerset held a place second to none throughout the country.

The Officers were appointed and invested by the Prov. Grand Master.

The alms collected in Lodge, amounting to £5 17s 1½d, were for the local branch of the Seamen's Institute.

It is gratifying to know that Lord Leigh, who holds the premier position in point of length of service among the Prov. Grand Masters of England, having ruled over Warwickshire for forty-eight years, still takes a lively interest in the work of his district, and particularly in the Pupils Aid Fund he established years back; and all must regret that the state of his lordship's health precluded his attendance at the Festival held in its aid last week, at his residence, Stoneleigh Abbey, when subscriptions to the very handsome amount of £3,156 were announced—to be probably increased to £3,500. We can imagine that no Brother took a more lively interest in the proceedings than Lord Leigh, despite his enforced absence from the function, and we cordially express the hope he may be spared for many years yet to continue the good work on behalf of the Craft which many years back won for him the title of "Our Noble Critic" in the series of "Masonic Portraits" we then published.

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There are five gentlemen to be balloted for as candidates for initiation at the next meeting of the Upton Lodge, No. 1227, to be held on Thursday, at the Great Eastern Hotel, Liverpool Street, and two Brethren to be raised to the sublime degree. Other important business to be transacted is the election of Worshipful Master, Treasurer and Tyler for the ensuing year, and the appointment of Lodge Auditors. The Lodge is called for 4 o'clock, supper following the work, at half past seven. We hope next week to be able to congratulate Bro. W. J. Carroll, the popular Senior Warden of the Lodge, on election to the highest dignity in the gift of the members.

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In acknowledging subscriptions to the Famine Fund—from the Prince of Wales Lodge, No. 2520; the Wallsend Lodge, No. 2703; and the Temperance Lodge, No. 2557—the "Newcastle Journal" says it is not surprising that the Freemasons should have pity on our famine-tormented friends in India, because theirs is a house whose foundations rest upon charity, whose mystical ceiling expands towards the Infinitely Merciful. Our contemporary feels as certain as can be that there are other Lodges ready to give him a lift towards the £5,000 he desires.

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The members of the Elliot Lodge of Instruction, No. 1567, are arranging for a launch trip up river from Feltham, on the 1st August.

### WARWICKSHIRE.

THERE was only one cause for regret in connection with a Masonic Festival held at Stoneleigh on the 3rd inst., and that was that Lord Leigh, the venerable Provincial Grand Master of Warwickshire, was unable to be at home to receive his guests. His lordship is at present in London, and he sent an apology for absence, in which it was stated that he had been forbidden by his medical man to attend any public functions. Otherwise the Lord of Stoneleigh would have rejoiced in being amongst the Brethren, for the object of the gathering was to raise funds for the Warwickshire Masonic Benevolent and Pupils Aid Fund, which is very near to this grand old Freemason's heart.

For 25 years the Fund has ministered to the needs of distressed Masons and their dependents, and there are at present sixteen receiving aid from it, of whom all, save one, are ladies. The fund amounts to nearly £7,000, which is far from enough to satisfy the thorough-going members of the Craft in the county, and so a spirited effort is being made to increase it by a substantial amount. It was with this view that the thirty-two Warwickshire Lodges organised Tuesday's Festival, and it must have gratified the many who have worked hard for some time past to hear the announcement that the result of their united efforts has been to add no less a sum than £3,156.

The arrangements for the gathering were made by an influential Committee, of which Councillor G. H. Capewell Hughes, of Birmingham, was Chairman, and everything went off smoothly and successfully, as was only to be expected. Stoneleigh Park was an ideal meeting place. The stately elms and oaks afforded agreeable shade when the sun shone brilliantly, as it did sometimes, and everywhere was the scent of the new-mown hay, which the harvesters were leisurely turning. With the approach of noon visitors began to arrive from all quarters, and the shrill blast of the coach-horn constantly awoke the echoes of the spacious park. Two special trains, and both well filled, ran from Birmingham alone. There were conveyances to cover the couple of miles to the park, but many chose the pleasant walk through the fields.

Immediately on the left of the drive up to the Abbey, just where a view of the grand old pile itself could be obtained through the tree-tops, a cluster of tents was pitched on the greensward. In the largest of these luncheon was laid for over one thousand persons, for on this pleasant occasion the Brethren were accompanied by wives and friends, and there was no business to be transacted with closed doors.

Amongst those who apologised for absence were the Earl of Warwick Deputy Grand Master of England, and the Marquess of Hertford, both engaged in London.

At the luncheon, in a large tent, in the absence of Lord Leigh through his indisposition, the chair was taken by Brother George Beech Deputy Provincial Grand Master, and among those present were Brothers Lord Ernest J. Seymour, Major Burn Callandar, F. G. Swindon Provincial Grand Secretary, G. H. Capewell Hughes Prov. G. Deacon Chairman of the Festival Committee, J. T. Collins P.D.P.G.M., G. E. Wootton Treasurer, and T. G. Pratt Secretary of the Festival Committee.

At the conclusion of luncheon, the Deputy Provincial Grand Master proposed the Loyal toasts.

Lord Ernest Seymour, in proposing the health of Lord Leigh, said they all sincerely deplored the cause of the Provincial Grand Master's absence. Lord Leigh's great qualities were well known to all, and they as Freemasons particularly knew his worth. He had ruled over the Province forty-eight years. The toast was received with cheers and musical honours.

Brother Collins submitted the health of the Vice President, which was responded to by the Deputy Provincial Grand Master, who said the response they had received that day to the appeals in aid of the Pupils Aid Fund should encourage them.

The Hon. Secretary announced that the returns from the Lodges, &c., up to the time of the meeting made a total of over £3,156. It is expected that before the fund is completed the total will have reached £3,500.

After luncheon the visitors dispersed to spend the rest of the afternoon as inclination led. The Abbey, with its art treasures and curios, was open for inspection; so were the gardens and grounds. Some visited the deer park, a couple of miles away. A cricket pitch was placed at the disposal

of those who felt capable of undue exertion, and for those desirous of resting in the open air Mr. Handel Phasey's orchestral band played sweet and soothing music. An al fresco tea was served near the Abbey, and near the deer park. Thunder was heard in the distance more than once, but the weather continued fine until just before six o'clock, when a smart shower fell, causing the company to disperse a little earlier than was anticipated.

### VICTORIA.

THERE are some 20,000 Brethren in the colony of Victoria, and a representative body of them attended at the Freemasons' Hall, Melbourne, on the occasion of the installation of Bro. A. J. Peacock, M.L.A., as Grand Master.

The new ruler expressed his obligation to the Craft for having placed him in such an honourable position. It was a compliment paid not only to himself but to the younger generation in Masonry as a whole. While he had health and strength—no one doubted his energy and enthusiasm—he would do his best to carry out the duties of his high office, so that none of the Masons in the territory of Victoria would feel that they had been brought into discredit by having selected him as their head.

At the conclusion of proceedings in Lodge a banquet was held in the main Hall, and was attended by about 400 members of the Craft.

### MARK MASONRY.

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#### DUNMOW LODGE.

ON the occasion of the Consecration of this Lodge, No. 527, at Dunmow, briefly noticed in our issue of the 16th ult., Col. Lockwood, M.P., D.P.G.M.M. officiated on behalf of the Earl of Warwick Provincial Grand Master, who was then abroad recruiting his health.

The gallant Colonel reached Dunmow about one o'clock, and was met at the station by the Master-Designate of the new Lodge Bro. J. P. Lewin P.M. 145 342 P.G.Std.Br., &c., and the Prov.S.G.W. Bro. Claude E. Egerton-Green, and was conducted to the Saracen's Head Hotel, where, with the other Provincial Grand Officers, he was entertained to luncheon by the local Brethren.

Subsequently Lodge was opened by the Provincial Grand Secretary Bro. T. J. Ralling P.G.D. and Col. Lockwood having entered, accompanied by his Officers, took the chair and was received with the honours due to his rank. He then briefly addressed the Brethren of the new Lodge. After expressing regret at the absence of the Provincial Grand Master, the gallant Colonel congratulated the Brethren on being the first fruits of the new Mark Province of Essex, and trusted that in other parts of the county an impetus might be thereby given to the Mark Degree, and that before long the Officers of the Province might be called upon to consecrate another Lodge.

The Provincial Grand Chaplain Bro. the Rev. Canon Quennell, in the course of an eloquent address, traced the development of the Masonic life of a man from his entrance into the Craft; how, gradually, as he advanced in Masonic knowledge, he realised that the foundations on which the Order rested are laid broad, deep, and strong, and combine reverence to God, obedience to authority, charity to man. And when they came to the honourable degree of Mark Master, to which it was the privilege of some Masons to be advanced, they saw in it a further adornment and equipment of the Masonic structure, and in the principles it taught a further illustration of the perfect character to which both as men and as Masons they should all aspire. They would all, he felt sure, agree that in that degree the original principles of the Craft were still recognised and, indeed, emphasised, though, no doubt, further graces springing from them were developed and illustrated in the ceremony. The first was industry—to every man his work—his own especial stone to be fashioned according to the plan and pattern given him from above; with the mark of his own individuality stamped upon it—with a certain reward from One who was just and exact, but who was merciful. A second was patient continuance and perseverance, notwithstanding the disappointment of what at first seemed to be failure. For as an encourage-

ment to resource and effort, the teaching of that honourable degree was that no real work was ever lost. It might be misunderstood by their fellow men. It might for a while as it appeared be unproductive and unobserved, but it was not lost. It was under the observance of the Eye that oversaw all, it would be brought to light, purified from all imperfections, and, so far as it was honest and pure, would be admitted to the high dignity of being approved for the Master's work.

The ceremony of Consecration was then proceeded with in regular form, those assisting the D.P.G.M. being Bros. Claude E. Egerton-Green Prov.S.G.W. as S.W., Col. Landon Prov.J.G.W. as J.W., Rev. Canon Quennell Prov.G.Chap. as Chaplain, Thos. J. Ralling P.G.D. Prov.G.Sec. as Sec., Rd. Clowes P.G.Ov. Prov.G.D.C. as D.C., and John J. C. Turner P.M. 145 P.P.S.G.W. as I.G.

The Lodge was regularly constituted by Colonel Lockwood, and the benediction having been pronounced by the Prov.G.Chaplain, this portion of the proceedings closed.

The D.P.G.M. then invited Bro. Claude E. Egerton-Green to take the chair, for the purpose of installing the W.M.-designate Bro. J. P. Lewin P.M. 145 342 P.G.Std.Br. This he did in a most impressive manner, and at the conclusion of the ceremony the new W.M. appointed and invested his Officers as follow: Bros. Fred. J. Snell P.M. 342 S.W., James E. Pegram P.M. 342 J.W., John G. Mackenzie P.M. 342 Sec., John Wright P.M. 342 M.O., Edmund Piper S.O., Arthur Livermore J.O., Charles Livermore S.D., William Turner J.D.

A hearty vote of thanks was passed to the D.P.G.M. and other Consecrating Officers for their services, and they were elected honorary members, while the W.M. invited the Provincial Grand Secretary to act as I.P.M. for the first year of the Lodge.

In the evening a formal meeting of the new Lodge was held, when six Brethren were received into the Order.

#### NORTHUMBERLAND AND DURHAM.

ON Wednesday afternoon, 4th inst., the annual meeting of this Provincial Grand Mark Lodge was held at the Parochial Hall, Victoria Road, Darlington, the Rev. Canon Tristram, D.D., Provincial Grand Master presiding, with Bro. John Strachan, Q.C., Past G.M.O. England officiating as Deputy Provincial Grand Master, in the unavoidable absence of Colonel W. M. Angus D.P.G.M.

The Officers were appointed and invested by the Prov. Grand Master.

It was agreed that Bros. R. A. Luck, Thos. Robinson, Thos. Coulson, and Wm. Brown be the representatives on the Committee of General Purposes. Bros. F. H. Corder and Wm. F. Carmon were re-elected as Auditors.

The Prov.G.M. received an invitation to meet at Sunderland, from Bro. G. W. Bain P.G.Treas., seconded by Bro. S. Peacock W.M., and the Prov.G.M.M. had great pleasure in nominating the Union Lodge, No. 124, as that under which they would meet next year.

The Prov.G.M. thanked the Darlington Lodge and its members for their excellent reception of the Provincial Grand Lodge that day.

The Provincial Grand Mark Master, in the course of a brief address, expressed his pleasure that their Grand Master had escaped from the attempt which was made on his life at Brussels. At an informal meeting of the Provincial Grand Lodge at Stockton, at which nearly all the Provincial Grand Officers were present, a message of congratulation was sent to the Grand Master, and His Royal Highness sent a most gracious reply. They all, he was quite sure, sympathised with the great loss Bro. R. B. Reed had recently sustained. He sincerely trusted that Bro. Reed might soon be restored, and be with them for a long time to come. He could not help expressing his disappointment that their Deputy Provincial Grand Master Bro. Colonel Angus was unable to be present, but they knew it was impossible for him to be with them, his regimental duties preventing him from being in their midst. The Deputy Provincial Grand Master had shown keen interest in the affairs of Mark Masonry, as he had visited every Lodge with the exception of one during the year, and with respect to that exception he (Canon Tristram) was present, so that it might be said that every Lodge had been visited during the year. He felt himself fortunate in having such an admirable Deputy Provincial Grand Master

as Col. Angus. He saw signs of Mark Masonry extending in the Province, and he was given to understand that in all probability there would be a new Lodge established at Bedlington, and another at Blyth. There had been a decided improvement and growth of interest in the Mark Degree and in the working of the Lodges, and he must congratulate the Officers of the various Lodges in respect of the same. In conclusion, the Provincial Grand Master referred in feeling terms to what he considered to be the unprecedented kindness shown to him by the Brethren on the occasion of the celebration of his golden wedding, at the earlier part of the year.

In the evening a banquet was held at the King's Head Hotel, which was presided over by Bro. the Rev. Canon Tristram.

If there is anything which makes one's hair stand on end, it is to have the Master get up and apologise to a candidate for the manner in which a degree has been conferred. If the work has been done in a bungling and erroneous manner, the least said about it the better. A candidate knows nothing different from that which he has received, and to apologise to him does not create a correct impression in his mind. It is exceedingly bad form to call attention to errors during any part of a degree, as is frequently done. It is well to note the incorrect rendering, and then correct it at some opportune time, but never should it be done in the presence of the candidate, lest his good opinion of the institution be destroyed.—Exchange.

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I love Masonry. It is a noble institution. Its object is to promote the happiness of man—its laws are reason—its intention, peace. Nearly a million of the best men on this side of the Atlantic are its votaries. May it prove a mighty factor in hastening the time when swords shall be beaten into plowshares and spears into pruning-hooks, when the reign of peace shall become universal and eternal. May our beloved Fraternity enjoy the smile of Heaven and grow in wisdom, strength and beauty, until the whole earth shall be full of our Royal Art.—Leonard Morris, Prince Edward Island.

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Powerful people and mighty nations, their works, their languages and their religions, are blotted out for ever. Of all the institutions of antiquity which have come down to us from the misty past, Masonry is the sole survivor. Brethren, guard closely our outer door, be true to your obligations, live in the spirit as well as the body of Masonry, and thus transmit to posterity, untainted and unsullied, the brightest jewel of the race, the pearl of great price, around which the hopes, the aspirations and the destiny of humanity are clustered.—J. G. Monahan, Wisconsin.

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Masonry is no association of mere mystic dreamers, no aggregation of selfish individuals banded together for social amusement, but a great society, which, under God's providence, is to take its part in the regeneration of the human race. While secret in its methods, it has nothing in that secrecy which cannot stand the scrutiny of the closest and most critical examination. It works out its own destiny in its own way, asking from the outside world nothing but the charity which it extends to every race, sect or creed.—George W. Wright, Virginia.

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If there is one great truth that Royal Arch Masonry would teach, it is: That labour is honourable, be it ever so servile. That he that would wear the mitre must earn it. That he that would be a ruler must learn to obey. That he that would enter the sanctum sanctorum of the genius of Royal Arch Masonry must enter by self-denying toils, and the hinges of its doors will swing as readily for peasant as for prince, for the subject as for the king.—W. F. Kuhn, Missouri.

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Masonry, by reason of its great antiquity, is necessarily an institution of fixed principles and historical regularity. Along this line Masons should "make haste to go slow." However, along the lines of thoroughness in execution, perfection of detail, unanimity of action, and earnestness in our purpose for the upbuilding of the Craft in our jurisdiction, there is ample room for the exercise of active and vigorous work.—E. M. Bamford, Oklahoma.

### MASONIC DEFINITION OF A SQUARE.

Short Paper by Bro. Wm. Anderson P.M. St. Andrew's Lodge, No. 16 (Canada), read before the Toronto Past Masters Association.

AT the last regular meeting of this association we were favoured with a criticism from the pen of Bro. Matthieu Williams, of Quatuor Coronati Lodge, of London, England, on portions of our Masonic ritual. I took exception at the time to his strictures on the Masonic definition of a square, as given in the following quotation:

"My next criticism applies to a more ambiguous expression, viz., the Masonic definition of a square—an angle of ninety degrees or the fourth part of a circle.

"As the Craftsman, to whom this definition is specially entrusted, is charged to make a special study of the science of geometry, which is established as the basis of our art, his primary geometrical effort should be beyond suspicion. But the plain English reading of this definition involves the statement that a square is part of a circle and that an angle is part of a circle."

Brother Williams appears to think that the mathematical definition of a square is the only correct one, namely, "a figure having four equal sides and four equal angles." Our critical Brother has evidently in his mind a figure or tool of this description, whereas the Masonic square is something entirely different; not a four-sided figure, but a two-sided instrument, the two sides enclosing an angle of ninety degrees. In defining the term square, as it occurs in the ritual, why should we be limited to the definition selected by Brother Williams? When we find that a word has several definitions we naturally select the one best adapted to meet the requirements of the case. It would be absurd to confine ourselves to the mathematical definition of the words point and line. In geometry a point is that which has no parts or no magnitude, a purely imaginary thing, having no material existence. A line is length without breadth, something equally intangible. If we must use only the mathematical definition of a square it may also be claimed that point and line should be similarly treated. Instead of being limited to one definition of a square, however, our dictionaries supply us with fourteen, and there is no difficulty in selecting the proper one. Here it is from Worcester's unabridged: "A rule or instrument by which workmen ascertain whether an angle is a right angle or not." This is the square of the ritual. The two sides of the workingman's square contain an angle of ninety degrees. The right angle being the all important part, the two sides are not mentioned; for it is the right angle the operative Mason has constantly in mind when he uses the term. Brother Williams says, "the Masonic definition involves the statement that a square is part of a circle and that an angle is part of a circle." From an operative or practical standpoint (and, as I have shown, this is the proper point of view), this statement may be considered substantially correct; and as a right angle (or in operative phrase, the square) contains 90 degrees and the circle 360 degrees, a square must be the fourth part of a circle. The error arises from losing sight of the fact that the working tools used in speculative Masonry are the same as employed by the operative Mason, and that they are described in the phraseology of the practical workman, not in the exact language of mathematical science. It is surprising that a Brother, having the intelligence and Masonic knowledge undoubtedly possessed by the author of the criticism I have briefly reviewed, should have overlooked the practical application of the language employed in describing a tool symbolising one of the most important principles embodied in our system of morality.

### THE ACTIVE BROTHER.

IN each Lodge there is at least one active member, who is always at the head and front of every movement. He is a true Mason, completely imbued with the ardour of the original Masonic spirit and inspired with a devotion to its precepts. If an anniversary is to be celebrated or any social reunion whatever, under the auspices of the Lodge, the active Brother is the prime mover and without his unquenchable fire and persistent efforts the whole affair would be a complete failure.

He is always in his place in the Lodge and in the absence of any of the Officers he is always ready and willing to occupy whatever chair may be vacant. If any question is discussed, he is the principal speaker, not because he is pleased with the sound of his own voice, nor because he thinks he knows more

than his associates on the question, although he, perhaps, has given more time and study to Lodge subjects. If a Committee is appointed to execute certain work, naturally he is the first one recognised by the presiding Officer, and he is generally left to execute the whole commission, which he does effectually. Upon his shoulders is always laid the charge that is presented and thus it is the active Brother soon becomes the pack-horse of the institution, and, as a rule, what thanks does he generally receive for all this? If his many activities are mentioned, the reply is: "Oh, he likes to do it," and the members who do nothing pride themselves on their goodness in permitting this Brother to occupy himself so affectionately in their service. Is it any wonder that after a time the active Brother becomes tired? Then there is no one to take his place, and the last state of the Lodge with the one active Brother becomes deplorable.

Not only is the diligent Brother not appreciated at his true worth, but it is a common thing that the Brothers who do nothing frequently find fault with and criticise his actions, and oftentimes say that he only takes an active part on account of the prominence it gives him, or that it panders to his self-love, and even sometimes assert that in some manner he only uses this to advance his private business. Supposing these insinuations were true, why do not the fault-finders take hold also and gain some of this supposed shower of gold and grandeur, for all those who desire it could imitate the example of the active Brother. The facts of the case are they do not want to do the work that is to be done and when their consciences accuse them of being lazy and inactive they justify themselves by impugning the motives of the active Brother.

Every member of a Lodge should be an active member, as far as his time and capabilities permit, and the good example set by one active member ought to be followed by all. No doubt many join Masonry seeking influence instead of light, and when these unworthy members find that they do not receive as large an amount of praise or financial results for what they do, they soon become weary of well doing. Masonry should be sought for its teachings, and not for avaricious reasons or desire of bettering one's own individual interests. Nor does it cause surprise that the introduction, occasionally, of such unworthy seekers brings demoralisation on the Lodge they join. Such individuals never become Masons and such influences have done much to mar the brilliant escutcheon of pure Masonry, introducing ideas into the sacred precincts where Masonic virtue should reign supreme, and drawing down dishonour on the Fraternity in the eyes of the outside world. Such members do not possess the moral qualifications to breathe in the moral atmosphere that surrounds them. We should look to it that such persons should not be admitted, and live up to the ancient rule when character and moral strength were the proofs of merit. To do this there must be more than one active member in the Lodge. All who have the true interest of Masonry at heart should take hold of such work as comes in their way and do it heartily and to the best of their ability, with self-abnegation, and also cultivate the brotherly spirit of true Masonry, giving each Brother the credit of his good actions and, "Let your light so shine before men that they may see your good works, and glorify your Father which is in heaven." These were the words of Christ to his disciples, and they are as applicable to us now as to them then.—"American Tyler."

### RESPONSIBILITY OF A FREEMASON.

EVERY Mason is obligated to be a good citizen. This obligation can only be fulfilled by an earnest activity in everything that vitally concerns the welfare of the individual as represented in good government. It is well for us now and again to stop our boasting and, roused from our selfish complacency, remember how much our civil and religious liberties have cost in treasure and blood. Freemasonry owes it to itself and to humanity to put a stop to the glaring sins that invite the certain forfeiture of that heritage. The work of sin has ever been to destroy law, order, harmony. Lawlessness and sin are identical, and mean bondage. Freemasonry has become rich and powerful and vain. "Pride goeth before a fall" we are told. It is true, because the proud man becomes giddy at his height and is no longer safe in his moral vision. So with the Institution. Marching under the banner of the only true God, in the blazing light of His Word yet it proclaims a gospel so vague and uncertain that its novitiates stumble in doubt and uncertainty into the dark ditch



of infidelity, and are led willing captives of a corrupt imagination. The work of reformation must begin at Jerusalem, and that too, at once. The message which the old Scotch woman gave to Dr. Norman Macleod, when he came to his first parish, must be heard and obeyed. The wise old woman told him to "Gang o'er the fundamentals." The great fundamentals must be emphasised again and again, until every doubting heart shall be inspired with the divine certainties of Freemasonry.

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The first duty of a Mason is to God, next to his neighbour, then to himself. Controversy ends with this statement.

To fail in the performance of the first duty as a Mason is to fail in the duties that follow and come to the end of life a miserable bankrupt.

Freemasonry must ever be the bulwark against which absoluteism shall come to grief; it must be the fostering parent of free speech and free thought throughout the world. It was Christian Freemasonry that planned and gave the Declaration of American Independence, and it has ever been both the fulcrum and lever in upholding the liberties guaranteed to the people by that Declaration. It ought also to be the first to extend its hand whenever there is death and want and sorrow. Having been poor and blind and naked every Mason ought to know how to sympathise with the afflicted ones of this sin-cursed world. When he forgets this lesson he is mean, sordid, selfish, devilish. No matter how he may be clothed himself he can have no lot or part in the inheritance of the faithful.

While Politics should never be discussed in a Masonic Lodge, it is demanded of every Mason that he carry his Masonry—its truths and principles—into politics, as well as into business and society, for the reason that every Mason is sent into the world with a mission from God: "Ye have not chosen me, but I have chosen you, and ordained you, that ye should go and bring forth fruit, and that your fruit should remain." His ambassadorship is unmistakable and absolute. There may be differences of opinion as to the ways to be chosen for the speedy accomplishment of that mission, but there can be no question as to the objective point: the glory of God is that righteousness which exalteth a nation. It is now generally conceded that to be a Mason is to possess a passport to the confidence of the suffrages of the people. Even the greatest foe to the Institution recognises this fact in the selection of her political labourers; but she makes decoy ducks of them, by first taking them up upon a high mountain and getting them to fall down and worship her for the glory of the kingdoms of power shown them. This recognition of the principles of honour and integrity in the disciples of Freemasonry is laudable, and the Institution must safeguard her honour when such disciples become betrayers—making compromises with the powers of darkness—by cutting them off forever. Their leprosy is contagious and Masonry cannot afford to cover up the diseased body with her sacred garments. In the recent elections have been seen Brother pitted against Brother—but you would never have known of the relationship if conduct had alone been left to impart the knowledge. Deceit, trickery, slander, and, if hatred in the heart be murder, then murder can be added to the crimes perpetrated in the shadow of the Five Points of Fellowship. Now, Masonry cannot be blind to these crimes without becoming a hiss and a byword to all people, and instead of a temple filled with the beauty of holiness of the Lord, a sepulchre filled with all rottenness.

The faithful performance of the first two duties incumbent upon every Mason guarantees to him and his children the wisest protection of all interests in this world and the world to come.

A Mason's day of twenty-four hours is divided into three equal parts, whereby are found eight hours for the service of God and a distressed worthy Brother; eight for his usual avocation, and eight for refreshment and sleep. What a useless parade to talk of these things within the walls of the Lodge if they are never carried out in the life?—"American Tyler."

#### POPULARISING MASONRY.

THE greatest danger to Freemasonry at the present time is the attempt to popularise it. The tendency

seems to be to do things which will excite the public and cause the curious to seek admission. With this in view, numerous articles appear in the public prints, public exercises are given, and the doings of the Lodge heralded from the housetops. Secrecy is the vital element in our Fraternity. Freemasonry is a silent force, and exerts its influence quietly and unobtrusively. It was not originated to excite attention, and by reason of its peculiar organisation will never become popular with the masses. A great influx of petitioners should be the exception rather than the rule, and the workings of the institution should be "safely lodged in the repository of faithful breasts," and there kept intact. Scrutinise well the candidates for admission, that the impostor, who comes not with a sincere desire of knowledge and favourable opinion of the institution, may be kept far from the door.—"Illinois Freemason."

#### THE ONLY WAY.

THERE is one way, and only one, by which Masons may encourage the profane to become members of the Craft. That is by the force of example. The outside world does not judge Masonry by its principles, but by the exemplification of its principles. To them it is not laws, or regulations, or creeds, or tenets, but the potent force of the lives of men that makes Masonry. They can only call good that which is good in its outward manifestation.

Should, then, a Lodge desire to follow nature's rule of "increase and multiply," should it covet the prosperity of numbers, let it strive after nobility of character, the powerful factor of good living; let it set a splendid example in each individual life; let it become a tower of strength in the community, an uplifter of humanity, and an improver of morals. Then, and not until then, will many candidates knock at its portals seeking the light of its benign influence. Not until then will it enjoy true Masonic prosperity.—"American Tyler."

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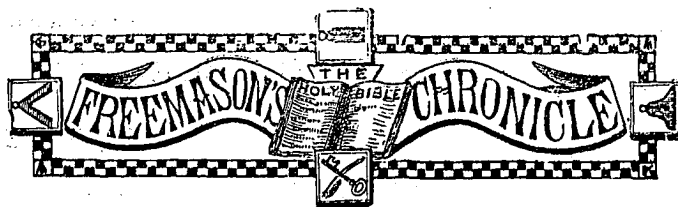
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## LODGE MEETINGS NEXT WEEK.

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.

1366 Highgate, Midland Grand H'tl.  
2426 Wood Green, Wood Green  
2611 London School Board, H. Cecil  
61 Probity, Halifax  
68 Royal Clarence, Bristol  
75 Love and Honour, Falmouth  
89 Unanimity, Dukinfield  
105 Fortitude, Plymouth  
106 Sun, Exmouth  
151 Albany, Newport, I. of Wight  
189 Sincerity, East Stonehouse  
237 Indefatigable, Swansea  
240 St. Hilda, South Shields  
264 Nelson of the Nile, Batley  
297 Whittham, Lincoln  
302 Hope, Bradford  
303 Benevolent, Teignmouth  
307 Prince Frederick, Hebden Bridge  
330 One and All, Bodmin  
339 Unanimity, Penrith  
408 Three Graces, Haworth  
433 Hope, Brightlingsea  
481 St. Peter, Newcastle-on-Tyne  
557 Loyal Victoria, Callington  
589 Druid Love & Lib., Redruth  
643 Royal, Filey  
665 Montagu, Lyme Regis  
671 Prince of Wales, Llanelli  
699 Roscawea, Chacewater  
797 Hauley, Dartmouth  
884 Derwent, Wirksworth  
893 Meridan, Millbrook  
1221 Defence, Leeds  
1271 F'dship & Unity, Bradford-on-Avon  
1272 Tregenna, St. Ives  
1286 Bayon, Market Rasen  
1302 De Warren, Halifax  
1402 Jordan, Torquay  
1408 Stamford & Warrington, St. yb'ge  
1436 Castle, Sandgate  
1449 Royal Military, Canterbury  
1452 St. Margaret, Lowestoft  
1486 Duncombe, Kingsbridge  
1505 Emulation, Liverpool  
1542 Legiolium, Castleford  
1600 Hamilton, Alford  
1611 Eboracum, York  
1618 Handyside, Saltburn-by-Sea  
1691 Quadratic, Hampton Court  
1886 Torridge, Great Torrington  
1948 Hardman, Raytenstall  
1952 High Peak, Chapel-en-le-Frith  
1966 Fidelity & Sincerity, Wellington  
1977 Blackwater, Maldon  
2376 Carnarvon, Leyland  
2382 Loyal Hay, Hay  
2487 St. Michael, Stone

### Tuesday.

167 St. John, Hampstead Heath  
1922 Earl of Lathom, Camberwell  
131 Fortitude, Truro  
184 United Chatham, New Bro'pton  
226 Benevolence, Littleboro'  
241 Merchant, Liverpool  
272 Harmony, Boston  
319 New Forest, Lymington  
371 Perseverance, Maryport  
473 Faithful, Birmingham  
496 Peace & Harmony, St. Austell  
603 Zetland, Cleckheaton  
626 Lansdowne Unity, Chippenham  
764 H'rbour of Refuge, W. H'tlep'l.  
829 Sydney, Sidcup  
877 Royal Alfred, Jersey  
789 Dunheved, Launceston  
814 Parrett and Axe, Crewkerne  
810 St. Oswald, Pontefract  
954 St. Aubyn, Devonport  
979 Four Cardinal Virtues, Crewe  
990 Neyland, Neyland  
1021 Hartington, Barrow-in-Furness  
1073 Greta, Keswick  
1168 Benevolence, Sherbourne  
1214 Scarborough, Batley  
1250 Gilbert Greenall, Warrington  
1266 Honour & Friendship, Blandford  
1267 Kenlis, Egremont  
1314 Acacia, Bromley  
1373 St. Hubert, Andover  
1476 Blackpool, Blackpool  
1482 Isle of Axholme, Crowle  
1528 Fort. Newquay  
1545 Baildon, Baildon  
1713 Wilbraham, Walton-on-the-Hill  
1823 Royal Clarence, Clara

1837 Lullingstone, Willmington  
1847 Ebrington, Stonehouse  
1902 St. Cuthbert, Bedlington  
1942 Minerva, Fenton  
2134 Wilberforce, Hull  
2222 Frederick West, East Molesey  
2357 Barry, Cadroxton  
2475 Border, Blackwater  
2492 Concordia, Wendover  
2595 Trinity, Buckfastleigh  
2714 Temperance, Liverpool

### Wednesday.

Committee Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution, at 4.  
13 Union Waterloo, Plumstead  
1629 United, Freemasons' Hall  
1827 Alliance, Guildhall Tavern  
1986 Honor Oak, Upper Norwood  
2528 Lancastrian, Frascati  
2581 Empress, Earl's Court  
2662 Ealing, Ealing  
2765 Earl's Court, Rl. Palace Hotel  
84 Doyle of Friendship, Guernsey  
86 Loyalty, Prescot  
187 Rl. Sussex Hospitality, Bristol  
250 Minerva, Hull  
258 Amphibious, Heckmondwike  
274 Tranquility, Newchurch  
277 Friendship, Oldham  
281 Fortitude, Lancaster  
288 Harmony, Todmorden  
320 Loyalty, Mottam  
323 Concord, Stockport  
329 Brotherly Love, Yeovil  
366 St. David, Milford  
368 Samaritan, Sandbach  
372 Harmony, Budleigh Salterton  
380 Integrity, Morley  
387 Airedale, Shipley  
498 Royal Standard, Dudley  
504 Berkhamstead, Berkhamstead  
533 Eaton, Congleton  
555 Fidelity, Framlingham  
661 Fawcett, Seaham Harbour  
666 Benevolence, Dartmoor  
679 St. David, Aberdare  
697 United, Colchester  
708 Carnarvon, Hampton Court  
730 Ellesmere, Chorley  
731 Arboretum, Derby  
755 St. Tudno, Llandudno  
852 Zetland, Salford  
906 Royal Albert Edward, Bath  
1018 Shakespeare, Bradford  
1024 St. Peter, Maldon  
1181 De la Pole, Seaton  
1209 Lewises, Ramsgate  
1220 Solway, Aspatria  
1248 Denison, Scarborough  
1273 St. Michael, Sittingbourne  
1331 Aldershot Camp, Aldershot  
1356 Toxteth, Liverpool  
1398 Baldwin, Dalton-in-Furness  
1400 Curwen, Worlington  
1529 Duke of Cornwall, St. Columb  
1544 Mount Edgecumbe, Camborne  
1643 Perseverance, Hebburn-on-Tyne  
1645 Colne Valley, Slaithwaite  
1783 Albert Edward, Huddersfield  
1855 St. Maurice, Plympton  
1879 Lord Warkworth, Amble  
1932 Whitworth, Spennymoor  
1958 St. George, Portsea  
2156 Arthur Sullivan, Manchester  
2355 Chantrey, Dore  
2389 Avondale, Middlewich  
2423 St. Mark, Connah Quay  
2483 Hadrian, Westham  
2583 St. Thomas, Tibshelf  
2655 Queen Victoria, St. Budeaux  
2734 Harlow, Harlow  
2769 East Surrey, Oxted

### Thursday.

General Court, Girls School, F.M.H., at 12.  
1227 Upton, Great Eastern Hotel  
1642 Earl of Carnarvon, Ladbroke-h.  
35 Medina, Cowes  
116 Royal Lancashire, Colne  
130 Royal Gloucester, Southampton  
208 Three Gd. Principles, Dewsbury  
275 Harmony, Huddersfield  
283 Amity, Haslingden  
324 Moira, Stalybridge  
333 Royal Preston, Preston

337 Candour, Uppermill  
369 Limestone Rock, Clitheroe  
381 Harmony & Industry, Darwen  
437 Science, Wincanton  
450 Cornubian, Hayle  
456 Foresters, Uttoxeter  
469 Hundred of Elloe, Spalding  
472 F'ship & Sincerity, Shaftesbury  
546 Etruscan, Longton  
625 Devonshire, Glossop  
630 St. Cuthbert, Howden  
710 Pleiades, Totnes  
816 Royd, Littleboro'  
973 Royal Somerset, Frome  
991 Tyne, Wallsend  
1099 Huyshe, Stoke, Devonport  
1107 Cornwallis, Chiselhurst  
1145 Equality, Accrington  
1182 Duke of Edinburgh, Liverpool  
1235 Phoenix St. Ann, Buxton  
1247 St. John, Plymouth  
1387 Chorlton, Chorlton-cum-Hardy  
1416 Falcon, Thirsk  
1495 Arkwright, Matlock Bath  
1583 Corbet, Towyn  
1697 Hospitality, Waverfoot  
1750 Coleridge, Clevedon  
1915 Graystone, Whitstable  
1992 Tennant, Cardiff  
2091 Castleberg, Settle  
2234 Onslow, Guildford  
2262 Dagmar, Wraybury  
2285 Eden, Worlington  
2372 James Terry, Waltham Cross  
2449 Duke of York, Manchester  
2501 Ixion, Buckhurst Hill  
2523 Roll Call, Hounslow  
2606 Fforest, Treharris  
2619 New Brighton, New Brighton  
2732 Grove Park, Bushey  
2750 Waltham Abbey, Waltham Ab.

### Friday.

Council Boys School, Freemasons Hall, at 4.

1602 Sir Hugh Myddelton, Islington  
36 Glamorgan, Cardiff  
81 Doric, Woodbridge  
170 All Souls, Weymouth  
401 Royal Forest, Slaidburn  
458 Aire and Calder, Goole  
460 Sutland Unity, N'castle-u-Lyme  
516 Phoenix, Stowmarket  
526 Honour, Wolverhampton  
652 Holme Valley, Holmfirth  
1001 Harrowgate & Claro, Harr'wg'te  
1054 Ecclehill, Ecclehill  
1087 Beaudesert, Leighton Buzzard  
1102 Mirfield, Mirfield  
1121 Wear Valley, Bishop Auckland  
1428 United Service, Landport  
1605 De la Pole, Hull  
1676 St. Nicholas, Newcastle-on-Tyne  
1715 A. J. Brogden, Grange-o'-Sands  
1983 Martyn, Southwold  
2559 Doric, Didsbury  
2554 Manchester, Manchester  
2558 Furnival, Sheffield  
2608 Headingley, Leeds  
2674 Ravensworth, Gateshead  
2677 Calcaria, Tadcaster

### Saturday.

1635 Guelph, Leyton  
1656 Paxton, Camberwell  
2384 Mitcham, Lower Mitcham  
2579 Lewisham, Lewisham  
149 Peace, Meltham  
444 Union, Starcross  
453 Chigwell, Chingford  
869 Gresham, Chestnut Park  
1415 Campbell, Hampton Court  
1755 Eldon, Portishead  
2006 Tilbury, Purfleet  
2105 Cama, Hampton Court  
2246 Cyclist, Croydon  
2326 Wigan, Wigan  
2442 St. Clement, Leigh

## The Theatres, &c.

Avenue.—8, His Wife's Picture. 8.45, A Message from Mars. Matinée, Wednesday, 3.  
Comedy.—8, Pygmalion and Galatea. 10, Comedy and Tragedy. Matinée, Thursday, 2.30.  
Covent Garden.—On Monday, 8, Tannhauser, Tuesday Die Meistersinger, Thursday La Tosca.  
Criterion.—8.30, Lady Huntworth's Experiment. Matinée, Wednesday, 2.30.  
Daly's.—8.15, San Toy. Matinée, Saturday, 2.30.  
Duke of York's.—8, Miss Hobbs. 10, Madame Butterfly.  
Gaiety.—8.15, The Messenger Boy. Matinée, Thursday, 2.  
Garrick.—8, Zaza. Matinée, Saturday, 2.  
Gt. Queen Street.—8.45, The Private Secretary. Matinée, Saturday, 3.  
Haymarket.—8, The School for Scandal. Matinée, Wednesday and Saturday, 2.30.  
Her Majesty's.—8.30, Rip Van Winkle. Matinée, Wednesday, 2.15.  
Lyceum.—Thursday and Saturday, 2, Olivia. 8.15, Waterloo and The Bells.  
Lyric.—8, Florodora. Matinée, Wednesday, 2.30.  
Prince of Wales.—8, Ib and Little Christina. 8.45, The only way.  
Royalty.—8.15, Mrs. Jordan. 9, Magda. Matinée, Wednesday, 3. Thursday and Saturday, 3, Pelleas and Melisande.  
Savoy.—8.15, The Outpost. 8.45, The Pirates of Penzance. Matinée, Saturday, 2.  
Shaftesbury.—The Casino Girl.  
Strand.—8.15, Miss Cinderella. 9, The Brixton Burglary. Matinée, Wednesday, 2.30.  
Vaudeville.—8.15, The Lady Volunteers. 8.50, Kitty Grey. Matinée, Wednesday, 3.  
Wyndham's.—8.30, The Liars. Matinée, Saturday, 2.30.  
Alexandra.—Next week, 8, Honour thy Father.  
Surrey.—Next week, 7.45, Known to the Police.  
Standard.—Next week, 7.45, The Scales of Justice.  
Alhambra.—7.45, Variety Entertainment, &c.  
Aquarium.—The World's great Show. Varied performances, daily.  
Empire.—7.45, Variety Entertainment. Round the Town Again, &c.  
Oxford.—7.30, Variety Entertainment. Saturday, 2.15 also.  
Palace.—7.30, Variety Entertainment. New American Biograph, &c. Saturday, 1.45 also.  
Royal.—7.30, Variety Company. Saturday, 2.30 also.  
Tivoli.—7.30, Variety Entertainment. Saturday, 2.15 also.  
Alexandra Palace.—Thursday and Saturday, varied entertainments.  
Crystal Palace.—Varied attractions daily. Thursday and Saturday, Fireworks, &c.  
Earl's Court.—Woman's Exhibition.  
Egyptian Hall.—3 and 8, Mr. J. N. Maskelyne's entertainment.  
London Hippodrome.—2 and 8, Varied attractions, &c.  
Madame Tussaud's (Baker Street Station).—Open daily. Portrait models of modern celebrities, &c.  
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## REPORTS OF MEETINGS.

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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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## CRAFT: PROVINCIAL.

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## MERCHANTS LODGE, No. 241.

THE annual installation meeting of this Lodge, which celebrated the centenary of its existence several years ago, and now occupies a conspicuous position in the extensive Province of West Lancashire, was held on Tuesday afternoon, 26th ult., at the Masonic Hall, Hope Street, Liverpool, where there was a gathering of about 120 Brethren of varied ranks, a large number of Provincial Grand Officers being present.

The retiring Masonic chief Bro. Richard Brown concluded an excellent year's work by most effectively installing Bro. Robert William Richards as Worshipful Master for 1900-1901.

In the course of the proceedings Bro. R. Brown was presented with a Past Master's jewel, an epergne, and suite of silver in recognition of his valuable services to the "Merchants."

After banquet a musical programme was given in the intervals between the usual Loyal and Masonic toasts.

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## MINERVA LODGE, No. 250.

THE annual festival of St. John was celebrated on the 25th ult., at the Minerva Rooms, Dagger Lane, Hull, when Bro. Frank Hall was installed.

There was a large company of visiting Brethren and a strong muster of the Lodge members. The installation ceremony was impressively performed by Bro. R. R. Hawley P.M., assisted by the retiring Master Bro. John Watson and Past Masters L. E. Stephenson and J. T. Towler. The new Master invested his Officers.

A sumptuous installation banquet was provided at the close of the business by Bro. Feller, of the Imperial Hotel. The new Master occupied the chair and was well supported.

After the usual Loyal and Masonic toasts, the W.M., in submitting that of the Provincial Grand Officers, stated that the Provincial Grand Lodge would visit Hull on the 5th July, on the invitation of the Minerva Lodge, and he trusted on that occasion to have the support, not only of the Brethren of the Minerva, but also of the Brethren of the sister Lodges in Hull and the Province.

Bro. J. G. Wallis P.M. Prov. Grand Director of Ceremonies briefly outlined the arrangements made for the visit of the Provincial Grand Lodge, and trusted that the Brethren of the Province would help to make the gathering a success.

Bro. M. C. Peck P.M. submitted the sentiment of the W.M. of the Minerva Lodge and the newly-appointed Officers. Speaking with reference to the new Master, he congratulated the Lodge on having made a most judicious choice, being confident that Bro. Frank Hall would worthily support the dignity and honour of the Lodge and enhance its reputation.

The W.M. and several Officers replied to the compliment.

Bro. John Watson I.P.M. acknowledged the sentiment of the Immediate Past Master and the retiring Officers.

Other toasts followed, and what with song and sentiment the evening was thoroughly enjoyable, and a conspicuous success throughout.

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## ROYAL FOREST OF DEAN LODGE, No. 1067.

THE annual festival was held on Wednesday, 20th ult., at the Town Hall, Newnham.

The installation of Bro. Chas. A. J. Hall S.W. was performed by Bro. G. D. Woodman, and the new W.M. afterwards invested the Officers.

A banquet was subsequently served in the Town Hall, and the usual Loyal and Masonic toasts were honoured.

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## DE SHURLAND LODGE, No. 1089.

ON Tuesday afternoon, 19th ult., Bro. George Thwaites, headmaster of the Mile Town Junior School at Sheerness, was installed into the Office of Worshipful Master.

The installation ceremony took place in the Mann Memorial Hall, and the banquet at the Britannia Hotel.

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## DUNDAS LODGE, No. 1255.

THE annual installation banquet took place on the 25th ult., at the Freemasons' Hall, Plymouth. The recently-installed W.M. Bro. E. J. Jarvis presided, and was supported by his Officers and a full assembly of other Brethren.

The usual Loyal toasts were honoured, after which, in responding on behalf of the Prov. Grand Lodge, Bro. J. B. Gover referred to the loss which the Province had sustained through the death of Bro. Brewer, of Barnstaple, a Mason who had set them all a bright example.

The toast of the evening, the health of the W.M. Bro. E. J. Jarvis, was submitted by the S.W. Bro. F. Gover, who said they looked forward with confidence to the next twelve months whilst they had such a Brother to preside over the Lodge. They knew that Bro. Jarvis, whom they all respected and esteemed, would do his very best for Dundas.

Replying, Bro. Jarvis thanked the Brethren for the cordial manner in which they had drunk his health, and assured them that he fully appreciated the honour of ruling such an important Lodge. He looked forward to a successful year, characterised by the most harmonious feelings, as he was supported by well-trying Past Masters and energetic Officers. He should do his best to emulate the example set by their retiring Master Bro. H. Bulteel.

In toasting the I.P.M. and the Past Masters, the W.M. regretted that ill-health accounted for the absence of the first-named, who was to have been

presented with a handsome Past Master's jewel, subscribed for by the Lodge, in token of their appreciation of valuable services rendered during the past year.

Bros. Lavers, Botterell, and Potts responded.

Eulogistic references were made to the services of the Treasurer Bro. J. Hammond and the Secretary Bro. W. H. Botterell.

The last named responded, and other toasts followed.

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## LEBANON LODGE, No. 1326.

THE election meeting was held at the Railway Hotel Assembly Rooms, Feltham, on Saturday, 16th ult., when Bro. Gordan Larnier W.M. presided over a large attendance.

Mr. Charles Cronin was initiated into the Craft, and there were three passings.

The new W.M. was elected, and the installation was fixed for the 21st July. In view of the fact that there are three candidates awaiting initiation, it was decided to hold an emergency meeting on Thursday, 5th inst.

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## ROLL CALL LODGE, No. 2523.

THE quarterly meeting was held at the Oddfellows Hall, Hounslow, on Thursday, 14th ult., when Bro. J. Price W.M. presided over a large attendance.

Bro. E. C. P. Hodgkinson was elected W.M. for the ensuing year, Bro. Saunders was elected Treasurer, and Bro. W. H. Duffy Tyler. Bro. Ralph Grist was appointed Secretary of the Lodge, in place of Bro. W. A. Jutton, who is serving at the front.

The installation takes place next Thursday.

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## ALDERMASTON LODGE, No. 2760.

MEMBERS of the Lodges in Berkshire and adjacent Provinces assembled in goodly numbers in the picturesque village of Aldermaston on Wednesday afternoon, 20th ult., on the occasion of the installation of the Senior Warden of this Lodge Bro. Thomas Salway Cambridge as Worshipful Master, in succession to Bro. Charles E. Keyser, of Aldermaston Court, who was the chief Founder of the Lodge. The Brethren, who arrived between three and four o'clock, met with a cordial reception at the hands of the W.M., the W.M.-elect, and other Officers of the Lodge.

The Lodge was opened by Bro. Keyser about four o'clock, in the large room at the Hind's Head Hotel, where in bygone days the families of the district were wont to meet occasionally for a dance.

After the usual preliminaries Bro. Bonny Secretary read the report and balance-sheet of the first year's working of the Lodge, which appeared to be in a flourishing condition, financially and otherwise. The membership already numbered thirty-four, and on this occasion several new members were proposed. In connection with the Lodge a benevolent fund had been formed, and the sum of £2 2s was voted therefrom, in aid of the distressed Masons in the Transvaal. During the past twelve months a contribution of ten guineas had been made from the Lodge funds to each of the three great Masonic Charities. The report was unanimously adopted, on the proposal of Bro. Ferguson, seconded by Bro. Prince.

The installation ceremony was then proceeded with, being performed in an impressive manner by the outgoing Master, who was complimented upon the complete way in which the ritual of the Order was carried out. The newly-installed Worshipful Master then appointed and invested the Lodge Officers for the ensuing year.

The next item on the agenda was the presentation to Bro. Keyser of a valuable Masonic jewel, in recognition of the eminent services he had rendered to the Lodge. This duty devolved upon the W.M. Bro. Cambridge, who observed that most of the Brethren present knew how keenly Brother Keyser took up the suggestion to form a summer Lodge at Aldermaston, and also with what energy and liberality he took the necessary steps to carry out the proposal. Several well-known Brethren gave their cordial support to the scheme, and the result was a splendid success. Indeed, it rarely happened that a Masonic Lodge commenced its career under such favourable auspices as the Aldermaston Lodge. They had had the advantage of being presided over during the past year by Bro. Keyser, who had set a very high standard of efficiency before them. His remarkable zeal and great benevolence in the cause of Masonry were familiar to all who took an interest in the welfare of the Craft, and it was within his personal knowledge that Bro. Keyser devoted a considerable portion of his life and energies in advancing the best interests of the Masonic Order. They were all agreed that it was a great privilege and honour to have had Bro. Keyser as the first Master of the Aldermaston Lodge, and on behalf of the Brethren he had the pleasure of handing to Bro. Keyser a Past Master's jewel as a token of their appreciation of the excellent manner in which he had discharged his duties as W.M. of the Lodge. They desired to tender him their best wishes, and to express their hope that he might long be spared to promote the welfare and prosperity of the Craft.

Bro. Keyser, who on rising was greeted with applause, assured the W.M. and Brethren that he valued the presentation very highly. He could only say that he had occupied the chair of W.M. in a number of Lodges in different parts of the country, and he had always endeavoured to fulfil his duties to the best of his ability. He trusted that this would prove only the first of a series of jewels presented for good Masonic work performed by successive Masters of the Aldermaston Lodge. Bro. Keyser assured the Brethren that it would give him much pleasure to occupy the office of Treasurer of the Lodge, on behalf of Colonel Gerald Ricardo, until the gallant officer's return from South Africa. He had the pleasure of receiving a letter a few days ago from Colonel Ricardo, who no doubt wrote it with the idea of its reaching him just before the present gathering. In that letter Colonel Ricardo desired him to mention to the Brethren that he often had the Aldermaston Lodge in memory, and hoped to rejoin them all as soon as the war was over. He was glad to say that Col. Ricardo was filling a post at Kimberley which must be quite congenial to his feelings. He had been appointed to look after the supply of horses for the army. The Colonel was a very good judge of a horse, and there could be no doubt that he would fill the responsible position in question with advantage to the army and entire credit to himself. Bro. Keyser suggested that immediately after the Lodge they should telegraph their hearty good wishes to Bro. Colonel Ricardo. This proposal was fully approved, and a message despatched accordingly.

The Lodge proceedings, which had occupied nearly two hours, having concluded, the Brethren accepted the kind invitation of Bro. Keyser to stroll through the grounds surrounding Aldermaston Court. Some of the visitors with antiquarian tastes halted within the walls of the parish church, where the work of restoration and decoration is still proceeding, the cost being generously defrayed by Bro. Keyser.

At seven o'clock the Brethren returned to the Hotel, and sat down to a

banquet. Masonic toasts were honoured, and excellent speeches were delivered in the course of the evening, although the time at the disposal of the party was limited, most of the visitors having to drive off shortly before ten o'clock in order to catch the last up train to Reading.

On behalf of the Officers of the Grand Lodge, whose health was proposed by Bro. Bonny, Bro. Martin P.A.G.D.C. Eng. made an able response.

In reply to the toast of the Provincial Grand Officers, Bro. Ferguson Past Prov. Senior Grand Warden made some suitable observations.

Bro. Keyser said it gave him the greatest pleasure to propose the toast of the evening—the health of the Worshipful Master. He had only been residing at Aldermaston a few years, but one of the first institutions he became acquainted with on his arrival there was their worthy Worshipful Master, who had been living in the place for nearly forty years, and who was one of its leading lights. It was his privilege when Master of the Lodge of Hope at Newbury to initiate Bros. Cambridge and Wright, feeling that both would make good members of the Order. Since then Bro. Cambridge had worked assiduously, and had evinced great interest in the Craft, and they all felt glad to see him raised to the position of Worshipful Master of the Aldermaston Lodge, the duties of which he would no doubt discharge to the satisfaction of the Brethren and the welfare of the Lodge, as well as credit to himself.

The W.M. having responded in graceful terms, Bro. Martin proposed the health of the Immediate Past Master, and Bro. Keyser suitably returned thanks.

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## METROPOLITAN: INSTRUCTION.

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### EGYPTIAN LODGE, No. 27.

ON Monday, at the King's Arms, Beech Street (corner of Golden Lane), Barbican, E.C., Bros. Y. Bolton W.M., J. J. Skellorn S.W., D. L. Cropper J.W., H. Hill P.M. Prec., S. W. Cropper Sec., W. H. King S.D., J. Haskings I.G., J. Wynman.

The ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, Bro. King acting as candidate. The working of Bro. Bolton was highly admired.

Bro. Skellorn was elected W.M. for Monday next, and his efficiency being well known we expect a good attendance.

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### CONFIDENCE LODGE, No. 193.

ON Wednesday, at the Bunch of Grapes Leadenhall Market, Bros. J. Mears P.M. W.M., Metcalfe Baillie S.W., Rowland J.W., G. Spice P.M. Prec., E. J. Davey P.M. Sec., C. Goovaerts Treas., W. Houghton S.D., G. F. H. Bushell J.D., G. F. Carr I.G.

The second ceremony was rehearsed, Bro. Latham acting as candidate. Bro. Mears vacated the chair in favour of Bro. D. Moss P.D.G.Sword Bearer Transvaal, who rendered the third degree in most efficient manner, Bro. Done acting as the candidate. Bro. Baillie was chosen as W.M. for the next meeting.

Bro. Spice P.M. Preceptor proposed a hearty vote of thanks to Bro. D. Moss, for the honour he had paid them in visiting and assisting in the work of the Lodge. Bro. J. K. Pitt P.M. seconded, endorsing the approval expressed by Bro. Spice, and adding his compliments to the working of Bro. Moss, whom he had known for many years past. The vote having been agreed to Bro. Moss tendered his thanks, and in the course of his remarks said that twenty years ago he was the Deputy Preceptor of the Confidence Lodge, and had spent many pleasant hours with its members. No matter whether he was in England, or 7,000 miles away in South Africa, his heart was in Freemasonry, and with the Brethren of the City of London in particular.

The Brethren afterwards sat down to one of the very nice suppers which Bro. Goovaerts has made a feature at the weekly meetings of this Lodge—a pattern worthy of imitation in other quarters.

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### YARBOROUGH LODGE, No. 554.

THE Brethren assembled on Tuesday, at Bro. Butlin's, the Citizen, Houndsditch, to attend to their Masonic duties. Bro. J. Cohn, who is so well known for his admirable working, had the assistance on the occasion of Bros. J. Henshaw S.W., J. George J.W., T. Cowell P.M. Prec., D. McNish P.M. Sec., G. Stock S.D., L. Sassienie J.D., J. Andrews I.G., Tourmac W.M. of the Mother Lodge, J. Wynman, R. Butlin.

The W.M. rehearsed the ceremony of initiation, Bro. Andrews acting as candidate. By desire of the W.M. Bro. Cowell Preceptor, in his usual able manner, gave the ancient charge. Bro. Cowell, with the assistance of the Brethren, worked the fifth section of the lecture, which was highly appreciated by those present.

Bro. Cowell proposed that a hearty vote of thanks be recorded on the minutes for the very able and impressive manner in which the W.M. had worked the ceremony of initiation for the first time in the Lodge, which compliment was acknowledged.

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

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### CITY OF LONDON LODGE, No. 901.

THE usual weekly meeting was held on Tuesday, at 6.30, at Bro. C. Morris's, the King's Arms, Shoreditch, E., those present including Bros. A. E. Purkis W.M., J. Jeffries S.W., H. P. Hill J.W., W. R. Haylock P.M. Prec., W. Grant Dep. Sec., W. H. Haylock W.M. 901 S.D., A. Payne J.D., J. W. Almond I.G., J. Bull, T. Langley, S. A. East W.M., J. Wynman.

The ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, Bro. W. H. Haylock acting as candidate. Bro. Bull answered the questions leading to the second degree. The W.M. invested the Officers, and, by desire of the W.M., Bro. Jeffries gave the ancient charge.

The W.M. kindly vacated the chair in favour of Bro. W. H. Haylock, who repeated the ceremony of initiation, Bro. A. E. Purkis acting as candidate.

Bro. Jeffries was unanimously elected to preside on Tuesday next.

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### ECLECTIC LODGE, No. 1201.

ON Sunday, at 7 o'clock, at the Frascati, Oxford Street, there was a good attendance, including Bros. W. Hudson W.M., Fred Henderson S.W., C. Fischer J.W., E. Mulvey P.M. P.G.P. Prec., Wall P.M. Dep. Prec., J.

Harnell P.M. Treas., J. W. Williams Dep. Sec., F. Kelly S.D., L. Rolph J.D. J. Williams I.G., H. W. Moy, J. Wynman.

The ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, Bro. Wall acting as candidate. The Lodge was opened in the second degree and Bro. Kelly worked the first section of the lecture, whilst Bro. Mulvey dictated the answers in his usual able manner.

Bro. Fischer was elected a member, which compliment was acknowledged. Bro. F. Henderson will preside on Sunday next.

Bro. Mulvey proposed that a hearty vote of thanks be recorded on the minutes for the able manner Bro. W. Hudson had fulfilled the duties of W.M. for the first time in the Lodge. The W.M. in well chosen words acknowledged the compliment.

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### WOODROW LODGE, No. 1708.

ON Monday, at 8 o'clock, at Bro. Rudderforth's (Stone's) Restaurant, Pantons Street, Haymarket, on account of the unfavourable weather there was not such a good attendance as usual, but the working of Bro. W. West was highly appreciated. He received the support of Bros. N. Cawley W.M. 172 S.W., H. J. Rose J.W., C. Woodrow P.M. Prec., J. W. Simeons W.M. 193 Sec., T. Burgess S.D., G. E. Genet J.D., J. G. Lobb I.G., J. Wynman, G. Baker, S. Firminger.

The ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, Bro. Simeons kindly acting as candidate. Bro. G. Baker answered the questions leading to the second degree, was entrusted, and that ceremony was gone through. The Lodge was opened in the third degree and closed down.

Bro. N. Cawley W.M. 172 was elected to preside on Monday next.

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## ROYAL ARCH.

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### ROYAL CYRUS CHAPTER, No. 285.

THE annual festival took place at Shepton Mallet, on Thursday, 21st ult., when Comps. Buckley, Warner and Woodforde were installed as the three Principals, by Comp. E. R. Hayter P.Z. P.P.G.S.N. Somersetshire.

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Freemasonry was never so popular in the world as it is to-day. It is spreading fast and everywhere. But in order that it become thoroughly popular and thoroughly understood, you and I must realise that it is religious, as it essentially is, and live lives that measure up to its ideas. Our career more than anything else, will hurt and help our Craft.—Rev. Henry R. Rose, New Jersey.

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The principles of Freemasonry approach perfection, but as perfection is an absolute impossibility in humanity, so is an absolute conformity with Masonic teachings. All that is expected is that one tries to do and be good to the best of his ability, and leave the reward with his God.—"Texas Freemason."

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In Western Australia a meeting of Roman Catholics has drawn up resolutions to be forwarded to the Secretary of State for the colonies, condemning the conduct of the Governor, Col. Sir Gerard Smith, for giving, in his official capacity, prominence to the Masonic Craft.

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### OBJECTORS.

TO what extent a member of a Lodge may exercise his "right" to object to a visitor is a matter for individual decision. To harbour malice is un-Masonic. To object to a visitor, just from a personal animosity, is foreign to the spirit of Brotherly Love, which, the Mason is told when he starts on his new life, is one of the tenets of his profession. Profession? Yes, of his profession. Is it only to be professional? What about the practice? Does it speak well for a member of a Lodge simply because he can do so, to say "I am in, but you shall not come in. I do not like you?" It reminds me of little girls and boys who are favoured by fond and loving parents with toys. When Dot or Willie wants to play, Lalla says, "You shan't; 'oo des' do 'way, I won't play wis 'oo. 'Oore grand-pa's dot no hair on his head." There is just as much sense in much of the personal spite manifested in some objections as in the childish objections of Lalla, who takes a dislike to Dot, because Dot's "drampa is bald-headed."

No member ought to object to a visitor simply because he does not like him. He should have good reasons for such a course and not do so from "strong prejudice." Men of strong "convictions" often make themselves ridiculous by the "strength" displayed. They jump like a mad hyena at the mention of the name of a man with whom they once—well, some time ago—had a disagreement. They do not show the slightest spirit of reconciliation, or disposition to meet him half way. I have often been struck with the lack of a proper forgiving spirit in those who are loud in preaching Masonic charity. It makes a great deal of difference whose ox is gored. "Oh! well" said a good Brother one day "you ought not to think such hard things about Robbins, he is a good fellow, and perhaps you are as much to blame in this matter as he is." Good, wholesome, friendly, Masonic charity! But how does it work? The good Brother who thus advised his friend, to "be easy" on his enemy, a few moments later was in a perfect rage at the mention of the name of a Brother with whom he (the lecturer) had had a little tilt. His ox was being gored, and the way he did "go for" that Brother put the one to whom he had given good advice away off in the dark shade. Hyperion to a satyr.

Peace and harmony should be preserved in every Lodge, and a Brotherly spirit should be manifested on all occasions. And if the admission of a visitor would cause disturbance, he should not be admitted, but it may happen that the best man is outside. I am satisfied that nine-tenths—yes, fully nine-tenths—of the difficulties of life could be amicably settled if there was the slightest disposition to listen to explanations. Of course both parties are absolutely right, as they each see the matter, but as you and I who stand off and look on see it, they are both absolutely wrong.

I have sometimes thought the teachings of Masonry ought to be revised. We ought not to be living encyclopedias of mere professional moralists. We ought not to teach one thing and practice another. Suppose we say the tenets of our profession are "friendship when it suits us; morality when convenient; and brotherly love on his side toward us." How would that suit? Or suppose we make the "broad mantle of Masonic charity" to apply only when it does not in any way affect our own personal feelings. The "Masonic Charity Mantle" is now a shield of glass; you can see clear through it. It does not hide "his foibles" one single bit. I think the mantle ought either to be repaired, or a new one made.—*Lounger*, in "New York Dispatch."

### LIFE MEMBERSHIP.

WE have as yet failed to discover any reason why "life membership" should exist in Masonry. The most enthusiastic advocates of this scheme have but one argument of any strength whatever, and that is, that there are many Masons who, after years of faithful service, have become poor and deserve to be exempt from the payment of dues. That is all very well, but we already have ample provision made for our "deserving poor." And, if a Brother has too much pride to ask his Lodge to remit his dues, it is not life membership but an investigation committee that should be established. Lodges should, of course, take most excellent care of those who have grown grey in Masonic service, and the older and poorer members should be carefully looked

after—but this must be done by a careful investigation of each and every individual case. To make the sweeping provision that all who have been Masons for, say twenty-one years, are thereafter exempt from the duty of paying dues is to cut off no small amount of revenue which would, did no such provision exist, be paid willingly enough. We are not a benefit society; there are no endowment policies in Masonry. If there is any fault to be found with the treatment of aged members, who are short of purse, it is not our law, but the administration of it, which is at fault. Our present provision for remission of dues to those who deserve such consideration at the hands of their Lodge is a law which should cover all cases. Any further or more general exemption from Masovian obligations is, we believe, useless and unjust.—*American Tyler*.

### SHORT SESSIONS DESIRABLE.

THE principal cause of slim attendance at Lodge Meetings is because they are too drawn out. Men object to be cooped up in a hot and badly ventilated room three or four hours, and besides they do not care to lose sleep. As a usual thing most Lodge meetings are late in opening, the routine business drags, some members want to occupy the floor all the time, disputing about questions that do not amount to anything, the degree work is long drawn out and everything lags, so that the members grow impatient and many of them seldom visit the Lodge room. If you want a good attendance convene the Lodge promptly and let everything move along with a snap and a vim. Put plenty of ginger into the whole proceedings, and if you have not anything of importance to say, why keep still. Do not intrude your personality at every opportunity for the sake of being prominent, or with the idea of impressing the new members with your importance. Ten chances to one if they will not become disgusted with you and stay away from the Lodge. Let everyone work to get through with the business promptly, and then if there is any time for chin music it can be brought forth under Good and Welfare and the member who wants to get home early can be excused. If church services kept up from 8 p.m. until midnight there would be a mighty big kick, and they would soon have to shut down for lack of attendance. Men do not care to stay much longer in a Lodge room than in a church and are not to be blamed for eschewing long sessions. When there is degree work we think the Lodges should meet a half hour earlier to transact the regular business.—*Exchange*.

### ORDER OF THE GARTER.

WHILE the Order of the Garter may not be per se a parcel of Masonry, the happy and appropriate reference made to it by the Master upon the presentation to the candidate of the lambskin, the first badge of a Mason, gives it a peculiar Masonic significance, and makes by a pleasing association its motto, "Evil to him who evil thinks," a wholesome tenet of the Order.

It may have been the inspiration of a refined and courtly gallant that called these golden words to the lips of the royal Edward as he rebuked his ribald courtiers, when he presented the blushing Countess of Salisbury with her truant garter, the tribute of manly politeness to the blush of womanly modesty, or these utterances may have found an inspiration deeper down in his soul. From trifles light as air are sometimes evolved the most weighty principles of moral philosophy, as from the mouth of babes and sucklings men may sometimes learn wisdom.

And thus, from the frivolous gaiety and fashion of that court, where the flutter of pleasure and the sparkle of wit engaged the hearts, the motto of an order, less ancient but not less honourable than the Golden Fleece or Roman Eagle, was uttered, and whatever may have been the inspiration that moved the king, whether of chivalric gallantry or a true sense of moral philosophy, no utterance of human lips ever formed itself into words more nearly akin to the divine injunction, "Judge not that ye be not judged," than these words of King Edward, "Evil be to him who evil thinks."

What a volume is written in these few words! What a sermon is preached in this short text! And yet how few of our Brethren appreciate their force, or heed the truth of their wisdom! How few in their rigid virtue to condemn pause a

moment to mark "the reason why they do it" before passing this judgment, and thinking all manner of evil.

In this busy world of ours, where appearances are so often deceitful, where the glitter of tinsel is so often mistaken for the less sparkling gold; where the impulse of passion and dictates of prejudice so often outweigh the sober deliberations of judgment; where men seem not as they are, but as from our own viewpoint they appear to us, how pertinent to all men, but especially to Masons, should come the motto, "Honi soit qui mal y pense." How we should con over it day by day, gauging our opinions by it when we pass judgment upon our fellow-men, the fruitless faults and foibles of others, and make it a standard by which we ourselves should wish to be judged.

If we would do so how much happier and really better would we all be.

The world is not really so bad as it seems, and I doubt if the devil is so black as he is painted. Causes are not always to be judged by their effects. Men often say things innocent enough in their meaning and intentions, until contrasted by the evil in others into words of shame and dishonour.

In truth, evil, like goodness, is largely reflective, and we are very often esteemed good or evil as our surroundings are good or evil. The purest motives of a life may be assailed, and if adjudged by an individual prejudice will be condemned.

The bright face of the noonday sun may be made to look dim by seeing it through a bit of smoked glass, and so may the fairest character be stained by the malignant lens of an evil eye. But it is not the sun that is marred by the smoke obscured vision; it shines as brightly to others as ever; it is only the darkened eye that is deceived, the one who levels the glass, who is in the dark; everywhere else effulgence abounds.

So, too, with the evil eye and the jaundiced heart, the fair character is as pure as ever, it is only the obliquity of vision and the prejudice of the evil heart that distracts its symmetry and mars its beauty.

It is sad and "True, 'tis pity, and pity 'tis 'tis true."

Then let all Masons adopt as their own motto, "Honi soit qui mal y pense."—B. F. Sawyer, in "Masonic Herald."

### HEAD MASONS AND HEART MASONS.

**A**MONG the several classes into which the members of the Masonic Fraternity may be divided, two stand out prominently, viz., Head Masons and Heart Masons.

The first class includes those expert ritualists that have the language, both esoteric and monotorial, at their tongue's end. They rehearse the lectures like a parrot, without force and oftentimes without meaning. As to the philosophy of Masonry, they know nothing. In the language of Hamlet, it is "words, words, words." Ask a Head Mason the meaning of some symbol, and he looks at you in blank amazement. All he knows is that a symbol or emblem is something to be talked about, just as the monitor gives it verbatim et literatim. In his mind it would be an innovation, almost a violation of an ancient landmark, to turn aside from the ritual for a moment to explain the philosophy embodied in the sublime symbology of Freemasonry. On the other hand, the Heart Mason cares but little for form or ceremony. The deep philosophical meaning of every symbol presented to the initiate is what he is concerned about. To him the word charity means charity. Not a "tinkling symbol or sounding brass." Protherly Love, Relief and Truth are to be practised, not explained, in the system of the Heart Mason. The Masonry of the Heart Mason is conceived and worked out in his own heart, not in the ceremony of the Lodge room. To the Heart Mason the symbol is grand and beautiful, because it contains in its subtle meaning the sublime philosophy. To the Head Mason the symbol is beautiful to the extent that it gives him an opportunity to work on the curiosity of a candidate who often sees more in the symbol than he who is blindly talking about it. Ambition leads the Head Mason. The Heart Mason is guided by pure philanthropy. Let us have more Heart Masons. Learn the ritual, and expound it in a forcible, intelligent manner, but while giving its form find opportunities to lead the mind of the recipient into the paths of the sublime philosophy of Freemasonry. It is the best, truest, profoundest system of moral philosophy ever devised.—"Pacific Mason."

It is in contemplation to establish a new Lodge at Dulwich special accommodation for which is to be provided in the new Imperial Hall in course of erection there.

### ESSEX.

**T**HE Provincial Grand Lodge will be held at the Town Hall, Clacton-on-Sea, on Tuesday, 17th inst., under the presidency of the Earl of Warwick Deputy Grand Master of England Masonic chief of the Province. The Grand Lodge will meet at 3 p.m., and will be followed by a banquet at 5.30. The Great Eastern Railway Company will grant cheap return tickets on their system to "Pleasure Parties" (six first class or ten third class passengers travelling together), at three days notice.

### BIRKBECK BUILDING SOCIETY.

**T**HE forty-ninth annual report shows that the business of the Society during the past year has been of a satisfactory character—the total receipts having exceeded eighteen millions sterling.

The amount received from Investing Members, on completed and uncompleted shares, is £278,106 9s 9d; the amount repaid is £265,117 7s 4d and the total sum now due to Investors is £947,258 11s 7d.

The sum received on Current and Deposit accounts during the same period amounts to £15,569,074 4s 10d, the amount withdrawn is £16,685,621 19s 0d and the balance due to Depositors £9,001,108 17s 6d.

The period under review has been in many respects an exceptional one, owing to the large demands for money arising from the requirements of the war in South Africa, coupled with an enormous increase in the exports and imports of this country; these causes produced a marked effect on the money market, and resulted in a general shrinkage of resources, accentuated by the cessation of the output of gold from South Africa. The reduction in the balance due to Depositors, as compared with last year, is doubtless attributable to these general causes, and in particular to the increase of the bank rate during the last six months, which at one time was as high as six per cent.—resulting in the leading London Banks paying four per cent. for money placed on deposit, or one and a half per cent. in excess of the interest allowed by the Birkbeck—and to the recent issue of the National War Loan, which was widely subscribed for by Depositors. The Directors deemed it expedient to adapt the business of the Society to these special circumstances, and since the 1st January last money has been received on deposit receipt, withdrawable at seven days' notice, at the rates and upon the conditions adopted by the leading London Banks. This class of business does not in any way interfere with the standing rates of interest paid upon the ordinary current accounts, two per cent.; and deposit accounts, two and a half per cent.

The sixteenth triennial bonus has been apportioned this year to all unadvanced shares, viz.—7s 6d per share per annum to all "B" shares, 5s per share per annum to all "A" Shares issued between the period 31st December 1876 and 31st December 1893, and 2s 6d per share per annum to all "A" Shares issued after the latter date. These sums, with the bonus previously set aside, are only payable to members holding shares that have been in existence ten years and upwards, and upon which the instalments have been regularly paid.

The result of the year's working shows a surplus profit of £33,509 10s 3d. Of this amount, the Directors have added £25,000 to the permanent guarantee fund, making that fund £225,000, and the Balance £8,509 10s 3d, they have carried to the temporary reserve fund, which, at the close of the year, stands at £275,403 9s 4d; the two funds together amounting to £500,403 9s 4d, less the amount of £12,640 2s 0d losses realised and written off investments, thus reducing the balance to £487,763 7s 4d.

The Society was established in the year 1851, at 29 and 30 Southampton Buildings. Very early in its history it was realised that there were large classes to whom banking facilities were of the greatest value, but for whom no provision, or very inadequate provision, had hitherto been made. As year by year the banking department became more and more appreciated, the need for increased accommodation became absolutely imperative. The business was accordingly removed on 1st January 1900, to the present new freshhold building. The Directors are gratified to think that the new premises have already proved of great advantage and convenience to the members and depositors. The final portion of this block, having an extensive frontage to Holborn, is now in course of construction; and, on the completion, when the various suites of offices and shops are available for tenants, a remunerative and valuable asset will have been created. Since the business has been carried on in the new building, the office has been closed on Mondays at 4 p.m., the same as on other days, except on the last Monday in the month.

The Register of Shareholders now contains the names of 14,612 members. Besides these there are 20,201 current accounts, and 54,440 deposit accounts, thus making the total number of members and depositors 89,253. The number of shares in existence at the close of the year was 67,839.

The Directors have felt it to be in the interests of the Society to employ Messrs Deloitte, Dever, Griffiths and Co. to inspect the securities as on the 31st March 1900, and propose that it should be done annually for the future. They reported on the 19th July 1899 that the unquoted securities—only a very small proportion of which would not command a ready and immediate market—represent some of the finest issues, consisting of British Government and other Treasury Bills, Bankers' Bills, Bank Deposits, Belgian Government Bonds, Indian Railways Guaranteed Debentures and Bonds, County Council and Corporation Loans, New River Company's Stocks, Trustee Investments, and Victorian Government Stocks.

It is with feelings of the deepest regret that the Directors have to record the death of Mr. Horatio Ravenscroft the senior Director, who had held that office since the foundation of the Society, in the year 1851. In conclusion the Directors have every reason to be satisfied with the position which the Society now occupies, and they can assure the members that no effort will be wanting on their part to secure a continuance of the steady prosperity which has attended it throughout its career.

**T**HE Midland Railway Company announce a cheap excursion to Edinburgh, for four days, leaving St. Pancras on Wednesday evening next, at 9.15, the fare for the return journey being 26s. There are also weekly excursions running to the Isle of Man, on Fridays (midnight) and Saturdays, at 5.15 and 9.30 a.m., the tickets being available for 3, 8, 10, 15 or 17 days; and other weekly excursions for the Lake District, Buxton, Matlock, Southport, Blackpool, Liverpool, Scarborough, &c., at different times each Saturday.



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**“ A SPRIG OF ACACIA.”**

**I**T is with the greatest regret we have to record the death of Bro. Richard Eve Past Grand Treasurer of England, which sad event occurred yesterday morning, at half past eleven. This melancholy intelligence reaches us as we are publishing, and precludes the possibility of our paying a fair tribute to our Brother's worth at the moment. His work in the Craft, and particularly on behalf of the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys, is well known, and we feel that Freemasons as a body will join in our regret at his death. He was certainly one of the most zealous Brethren the Craft has known in recent years.

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