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### DORSET.

THE regular meeting of this Provincial Grand Lodge was held at Swanage, and was largely attended. The usual business of the year was transacted, and a vote of condolence on the death of Bro. the Earl of Portarlington passed.

The Provincial Grand Master Bro. Montague Guest invested his Officers, as follow :—

Bro. J. M. Burt	-	-	-	Senior Warden
B. Morris	-	-	-	Junior Warden
Rev. F. Salmon	-	-	-	Chaplain
R. Thornton	-	-	-	Treasurer
A. H. Yeatman	-	-	-	Registrar
R. Case	-	-	-	Secretary
F. P. Oakley	-	-	-	Senior Deacon
W. Beck	-	-	-	Junior Deacon
J. Vye	-	-	-	Superintendent of Works
O. Barrow	-	-	-	Director of Ceremonies
H. C. Burt	-	-	-	Assistant Dir. of Cers.
K. J. Courtenay	-	-	-	Sword Bearer
J. T. Hellier	-	-	-	Organist
J. Vincent	-	-	-	Pursuivant
Boon	-	-	-	
G. F. Bignal	-	-	-	
M. J. Luff	-	-	-	
R. Clark	-	-	-	} Stewards
H. Terry	-	-	-	
Wadman	-	-	-	
S. Vye	-	-	-	Tyler.

### THE BISHOP OF RIPON ON MASONRY.

THE Brethren of the Provincial Grand Lodge of Mark Masons of West Yorkshire held their half-yearly meeting at Ripon, on Wednesday, 12th inst., in the Town Hall, under the banner of the Prince Leopold Lodge, No. 352.

The ladies included in the party—which numbered nearly 200—were received by the Mayoress (Mrs. R. Wilkinson) in the Mayor's Parlour, and during the transaction of business visited the cathedral, where Dr. Crow gave an organ recital.

Luncheon was served at the Unicorn Hotel, under the presidency of the Provincial Grand Master Bro. C. L. Mason. There were also present the Bishop of Ripon and Mrs. Boyd Carpenter, the Hon. and Very Rev. the Dean of Ripon, the Mayor and Mayoress of Ripon (Bro. and Mrs. Wilkinson), and others. After the Queen, the Provincial Grand Master gave the toast of the Visitors.

The Bishop of Ripon, in reply, said that he could not address them as "Brethren," as he had not made any degrees in Masonry, and could not even claim to be a "step-brother;" but at the best he might be a "brother-in-law." He had wondered why the Provincial Grand Master invited him to the gathering, and the only reason he could discover was that no good Mason could ever do without a Carpenter. At any rate, he was sure that the spirit of co-operation, which, after all, was the underlying power of almost all charitable and noble endeavour, animated both those who, like himself, stood outside, as well as those who were members of that illustrious body, and it was a co-operation which might be used for the real regeneration of humanity. And if the mason and the carpenter co-operated in building the house, those who belonged to his profession and calling, and those who were united in that noble Brotherhood, might claim to share some portion of the same great work, for all they had in view was the welfare, the dignity, and the progress of the human race.

The Dean of Ripon also responded, and said he was certain that if they could penetrate the mysteries of Freemasonry, they would find nothing but was good and pleasant and beneficent.

The Mayor of Ripon Bro. R. Wilkinson P.M. proposed the Provincial Grand Master, to which the Prov.G.M. responded, and proposed a vote of thanks to the Mayor and the W.M. Bro. W. B. Smith, and the Brethren of the Prince Leopold Lodge, No. 352, for their reception, as well as to the Mayoress and the Rev. G. W. Garrod.

Bro. J. Barker D.P.G.M. seconded the motion, which was adopted.

During the afternoon a most enjoyable visit was paid to Fountains Abbey, where the Rev. G. W. Garrod, Principal of the Diocesan Training College, gave a very instructive historical address.

### INSTALLATION AT THE UPTON LODGE.



**BRO. WALTER JAMES CARROLL,**

WORSHIPFUL MASTER OF THE UPTON LODGE, No. 1227.

THE installation meeting of the popular Upton Lodge took place on Thursday, and is fully reported elsewhere in this issue. The new Master—Brother W. J. Carroll—was initiated in the Lodge of which he is now the Presiding Officer, in November 1893, and has worked through each of its Offices with the exception of that of Junior Warden. He is also a member of the Earl of Warwick Lodge, No. 2504, and of the Doric Chapter, No. 933, and enjoys the distinction of being the youngest Master ever installed in the Upton Lodge. He is a warm supporter of the Charities, having already served two Stewardships—for the Boys, at its Centenary Festival; and for the Girls last year; he has also consented to act as a Steward on behalf of the Benevolent Institution next February, and is looking forward to a good list on that occasion. We wish him every success in his high Office, plenty of work, and the hearty support of his fellow members—three things he is as certain of as any Master can be at the earliest stage of his presidency.

The ceremony of installation will be worked on Thursday evening next, at the Great City Lodge of Instruction, held at the Red Cross Tavern and Restaurant, Paternoster Square, by the popular Preceptor of the Lodge Bro. J. K. Gwyn P.M. 1426.

## CORRESPONDENCE.

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## THE BALLOT.

To the Editor of THE FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—Without in any way agreeing with the writer on this subject, in the extract from "The Tyler" in your last issue, there are some points therein which are worthy of consideration by English Freemasons. Reference is made in two places to "the Investigation Committee," which would imply that in addition to the proposer and seconder of a candidate, inquiry is made as to his character and fitness by some Board of Past Masters, or other independent body. Would that we had such in England! Men are accepted in our Lodges merely on the proposition of members who may know little or nothing about them—while the seconder often is positively ignorant of their very existence. A short time ago the Secretary of a Lodge seconded the nomination of three candidates, proposed by three different members, and upon being asked whether he knew the people, confessed that he did not, but seconded them because Bros. So-and-So would not propose them unless they were good men. The fact of the matter is that Freemasonry has become too cheap in this country. Candidates are too eagerly sought after and accepted—with the consequence that undesirable persons have been admitted.

Again, the method of conducting the ballot as practised generally in our Lodges is a farce—and is regarded simply as a matter of form. Our American Brother would find there is no secrecy about it, and if any black-ball were placed in the box the member would soon be detected if an effort were made to find him out.

Most Lodges are supposed to have a Board of General Purposes, but how seldom are their duties exercised? Yet it is in their power to materially assist and strengthen a Lodge and the Craft in general, if action such as is above referred to were adopted. Let us look rather for quality than quantity, or we may soon discover, to the detriment of our Order, that improper persons have been received into it.

I am, Yours Fraternally,

CAUTION.

## Entertainments.

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THE metropolitan Theatres are now presenting their autumn programmes, and with the advent of the long evenings will doubtless receive the patronage they deserve. It is somewhat strange that two Theatres should produce plays upon the subject of "Nell Gwyn," but as Miss Marie Tempest at the Prince of Wales and Miss Julia Neilson at the Haymarket are the representatives of the frail but good-hearted heroine, it may be assumed that each—and indeed both—will receive attention from their admirers.

MR. CHARLES CARTWRIGHT again appeared as Oliver Cromwell on Tuesday, but in a new play on the subject, at the Globe Theatre. Those who remember his remarkable impersonation some years ago, at Drury Lane, will be pleased to renew the acquaintance, but in another phase of the character.

MR. GEORGE ALEXANDER has re-opened the St. James's, with a modern drama entitled "A Debt of Honour," by Mr. Sydney Grundy, which has evoked considerable discussion.

DRURY LANE will shortly open its doors with a new play, "The Price of Peace," by Mr. Cecil Raleigh, about which report speaks highly, and the Vaudeville will present an adaptation of a French farce—here called "Self and Lady"—on the 10th inst.

MR. BEERBOHM TREE has revived "Julius Cæsar" at Her Majesty's, with Mr. Murray Carson in poor Franklyn McLeay's part of the title role.

MEANWHILE the Criterion, Savoy, Gaiety, Daly's, Shaftesbury, Avenue, Strand, and Lyric are attracting large audiences to their popular programmes. At the present moment the playgoer has really an "embarras de richesse," and it is difficult to decide what to choose.

BRO. CHARLES COLLETTE has resumed his tour with "What happened to Jones," after visiting some of the leading resorts with his entertainment "Collette at Home." His fame as the American Commercial Traveller threatens to eclipse his renown in "The Colonel" and "Cryptoconchoidsyphonostomata." Bro. Collette is booked up to the middle of December, and starts again on Boxing day. Mr. Herbert Sleath has wisely retained his services as "Jones" for next year's tour. Mr. Lilford Arthur continues to be the Manager of the company.

## WEDDING PRESENTATION.

Woodgrange Lodge, No. 2409.

AN informal meeting was held at the Masonic Hall, at the Princess Alice Hotel, Forest Gate, on Thursday evening, 6th inst., for the purpose of making a wedding presentation to Bro. R. T. W. Tucker.

Bro. O. E. Riche P.M. presided, and the W.M. Bro. F. Black

occupied the vice-chair. Those present included the first W.M. and Treasurer Bro. W. Trew, the second W.M. Bro. R. Tucker, Past Master Slater, Bros. Robertson, Johnson, Wright, Grant, Craske, Hutchison, Dr. Wilson, Haselum, Bro. R. T. W. Tucker, and the Secretary Bro. H. W. Clarke.

The Chairman said they had met together that evening for the purpose of offering their hearty congratulations to their respected friend and Brother R. T. W. Tucker, on his forthcoming marriage with Miss Trew, the granddaughter of their first W.M. Bro. W. Trew. On behalf of the Lodge he wished Bro. Tucker and his future wife many years of happiness, and he trusted that the Great Architect of the Universe would spare them to enjoy many happy years of wedded life together. The speaker assured Bro. Tucker that during the time he had been a member of the Lodge he had made himself endeared to the hearts of all the members. He was always willing to do his duty, however humble it might be; and he was always most affable and kind-hearted. The speaker was also proud to offer their congratulations to his father, whom they all knew for many years and greatly respected. It was only on occasions such as those that they saw the real beauties of Freemasonry, when they met together with a unanimity of feeling and concord to do honour and to offer their sincere congratulations to a Brother Mason. He trusted Bro. Tucker would never forget that evening. Many of their members were away through pressure of business and through taking their holidays. He regretted their absence, but he could assure Bro. Tucker that that meeting represented the whole of the Lodge. From the bottom of his heart he wished him every happiness that could be afforded him. He asked Bro. Clarke to make the presentation.

Bro. Clarke said he could endorse every word that the Chairman had said. He had known Bro. Tucker sen. for over forty years, and had watched his son grow up and had always found him ready to do his duty. If he would only follow in the straight and upright path in which he had begun life he felt sure he would never go wrong. His father had always sailed on a straightforward and upright course, and he was always willing to do a good and kind action if he could. The son could not do better than follow in his father's footsteps. He had also known Miss Trew for some years, and he had always found her to possess a kind disposition and to be very kind of heart. He felt sure she would make a most excellent wife. He asked Bro. Tucker's acceptance of their gifts, and he expressed the hope that both he and his future wife would live many happy years together to enjoy them.

The gifts were a very handsome drawing-room clock and ornaments, with a case of dessert knives and forks for Miss Trew. The plinth of the clock bore the following inscription:

Presented to

BROTHER R. T. W. TUCKER,

on the occasion of his marriage, by the Brethren of the Woodgrange Masonic Lodge, No. 2409, as a mark of their high esteem and sincere regard.

September 11th, 1900.

Bro. R. T. W. Tucker said he could not find words grateful enough to thank them for their valuable and splendid gifts. He trusted they would live many years to look upon them and to call to remembrance that pleasant evening. He tendered his sincere thanks on behalf of his future wife and himself.

Bro. Slater proposed, and Bro. Haselum seconded, the health of the parents of the bride and bridegroom, speaking in eulogistic terms of both Bros. Trew and Tucker, who each suitably responded.

## PROFICIENCY.

ONE of the qualifications for advancement to a higher degree is suitable proficiency in the preceding. Unfortunately, this qualification is not always sufficiently insisted on. Formerly there was a regulation requiring that the candidate who desired to be passed or raised should be examined in open Lodge on his proficiency in the preceding degree. This salutary regulation is even now adhered to by some Lodges, who look rather to the quality than to the quantity of their members, and who think that a Lodge had better consist of a few skilful than many ignorant members. Some Grand Lodges, viewing the necessity of due proficiency in its proper light, have strengthened the ancient regulation by express rules.

The proficiency of Officers is also an important requisite. No Brother should accept office in a Lodge unless fully qualified to perform its duties. An ignorant Master and unskilful Wardens reflect discredit not only on their own Lodge, but, by their incapacity to explain the peculiar tenets of the Order, on the whole Fraternity. In February 1844, the Grand Lodge of Ireland adopted resolutions on this subject, declaring that no Brother should be considered eligible for, or admissible to, the Office of Junior or Senior Deacon until, by strict examination in open Lodge, he should have proved himself able to administer the mysteries of initiation to a candidate in the first degree; nor for the Office of Junior or Senior Warden until, by a like examination, he had proved that he was able to pass a candidate to the second degree; nor for the Office of Master, until he had proven his ability to enter, pass, and raise a candidate through the three degrees.—Exchange.

**LAST GAVEL STROKE OF FREDERICK THE GREAT.**

SELECTED FROM THE TRANSACTIONS OF THE QUATUOR  
CORONATI LODGE, BY BRO. G. W. SPETH HON. SEC.

**F**REDERICK'S initiation as Crown Prince of Prussia has often been told, and much has been written about the "Royal Lodge" which he constituted, and over which (at times) he presided in the Palace at Potsdam. The following is alleged to have taken place at one, if not the last, meeting at which as "G. Master," the King presided:—Shortly after the close of the second Silesian war, Prince Kaunitz, the Minister of Maria Theresa, opened a correspondence with Major-General G. C. von Wallrawe, Chief of the Engineer Corps, and induced him to "betray" the plans of the Fortress of Neisse. The correspondence with the Minister (of the Queen) was discovered in the post and unassailable proof of the betrayal laid before the King in the shape of a certain letter from Wallrawe to Kaunitz. Wallrawe was not only a man whom the King had personally trusted, and trusted as an intimate friend, he was also a member of the Royal Lodge, and Frederick saw himself betrayed in every quality, as King, as friend, and as a Mason. The Lodge had not been called together for four years, but after full consideration the King ordered it to be summoned once more for the 10th of February 1748, at Potsdam. At the conclusion of the proceedings the Royal Master spoke as follows:—"One of the Brethren here present has offended against the laws of the Craft, his duty to the State, his oath, his fealty and gratitude to me as his Worshipful Master and King, and deserves death. As King I do not want to know it, as Master I would wish to pardon him, as a Brother I desire to give him my hand and help him to raise his fallen self, and as a man I will forget the past. I only demand that he shall acknowledge his crime here and now repent. In this case everything shall be strictly kept among ourselves, and never again mentioned. Should, however, he be silent, and not seize the pardon here offered to him, then I must point out to him that, as 'Master,' I shall feel obliged, on account of his acts, to close this Lodge forever, and as King and ruler of this realm to hand him over to justice." The Brethren were naturally much disconcerted; but as Wallrawe had no previous suspicion that his treason was discovered, no reply was made. The King repeated his adjuration a second and a third time; still there was no response. Then, with a tremulous voice, and tears in his eyes, he solemnly closed the Royal Lodge forever, and, passing into the ante-chamber, ordered General Winterfeld to arrest the traitor. The condemned Brother, not taking the opportunity offered to him, was imprisoned for life in one of the fortresses which in earlier days he had constructed for the defence of the kingdom. Note.—This erring Brother was repelled for conduct unbecoming a Mason (revealing State and other secrets). How careful our younger Brethren should be in talking about the inner workings of Lodges, or any disputes which may arise, and how sad when there is a serious disagreement between Masonic Brethren. Ladies are always curious, and great care must be exerted that under no circumstances should the secrets of the Craft be communicated to them, as they are not bound by secrecy as a Mason is. The daily Press should not be the first to receive news of the Lodges, but the Masonic papers will exercise due discretion. Going to law about Masonic matters is bad for the Craft. There is bitterness still about well-doings. The principle of a sacred unity should ever be with us, and too much impressiveness cannot be imported into the sublime charge of secrecy, fidelity, and obedience. Brethren expelled only publish their own dishonour by pronouncing themselves Masons. As they are dead to the Masonic world (except occasional relief), so they should unlearn and forget that they ever belonged to the Order. Grave faults may be forgiven upon due submission, but there are breaches of Masonic contracts which cannot be overlooked. Masonry is only the judge—the crime of disclosure brings its own disgrace and punishment.—"Masonry."

**CAN ROMAN CATHOLICS BE MASONS.**

Translated by BRO. ELI BROAD.

**T**HIS is a question which, while probably very much debated in our Lodges, has not yet been resolved in conformity with the sound principles and the ends our Sublime Institution pursues. In effect, it has been believed that

Masonry—recognising liberty under all its phases as a base, and being foreign to purely religious questions—should open the doors of its temples to all men who solicit, without asking them the religion they profess. Such an opinion, at first sight, appears logical and in every way consistent with the spirit of Masonry; but if we go a little deeper into the question, and if we enter into some considerations which experience suggests, we shall agree that the Catholics cannot be Masons and that their presence in our Lodges is a constant threat, a continual menace to all our securities. If Masonry recognises liberty as a base—how can it admit to its bosom individuals who have spontaneously renounced that precious gift, which nature itself concedes them? The Catholics reject liberty as being pernicious, and for that reason we see them adhere in every thing to the dispositions of their prelates. The Catholics have no will of their own, because, as believers, all their actions obey the caprices, the superstition, and even the perversity of their superior, who presents himself before them with all the prestige given to him by the infallibility he has conceded to himself. The Catholics are obliged to accept them without commenting thereon, because the beliefs imposed on them by the church are to them true and unquestionable; because—oh! decay of reason! To them the voice of the Roman Pontiff should surpass the authorised voice of science, which more than once has condemned as absurd and ridiculous the so-called truths of Catholicism. For that reason the Catholics at all times have been opposed to the advance of science and have always pretended to maintain societies "in statu quo," incompatible with human progress.

When men of genius—sacrificing their private interests on the altar of common good—have pretended to lead the people in the paths of their perfection they have always found obstacles at times invincible, placed there by Catholicism, which refractory to all progress and enemy of every reform, when it finds itself conquered on the ground of reason, appeals to the "It is not yet time," a constant argument with which it pretends to assure the empire of routine, and the reign of the old prejudices. Call a Catholic and demonstrate to him that his creed is absurd, because it is in open conflict with reason, and he will reply that his religion is based on mysteries which he cannot and ought not to comment upon; but that he ought to believe in them because the church so commands him and the High Pontiff so ordains—that man who, with the scorn of the modesty and humility which characterised the illustrious executed One of Calvary, of whom he calls himself the representative, accepts without scruple the appellation most holy given to him by the servility, the baseness and abjection of his inferiors. Tell a Catholic that the people should now shake off the yoke imposed on them by theocratic power, as only in this manner can they attain their true felicity, and he will reply that the people are ignorant and for the same reason it is not yet time to emancipate them from the salutary tutelage of the clergy; because for the Catholics it is never time to realise a reform, it is never time to give a step in the path of progress, it is never time to abandon the routine however pernicious it may be.

The Catholics venerate Christ and adore him as their true God. Nevertheless, how distant they are from accepting, even in theory, all the beautiful precepts of the Great Martyr of Liberty. And are such individuals worthy of belonging to the Great Family? The Masons live a life of continuous activity and love Liberty under all its forms, because they see in it a precious gift against which any attempt is a crime; true apostles of progress, their labours are all directed to the fraternising of man, procuring thus to realise the beautiful ideals of the Crucified One. The true Mason sees his fellow creatures as his own brothers, is always disposed to succour in their necessities, even to those who ridicule and despise him, because the true Mason practices goodness for the goodness itself without thinking of the hope of a recompense that will amply repay the kindness done—hope that makes vapid every good action. The true Mason always works to illuminate the people, because he sees in their enlightenment the fount of their true felicity, while the Catholic fears enlightenment, because he considers it as the origin of heresy. The true Mason proclaims equality, and how many times have we seen glitter on the worn garb of humble artisans the insignia and jewels of our high dignitaries, while the Catholics reserve their consideration and respects for the rich and the potentates. The true Mason knows that man is free to think, while the Catholic rejects liberty of thought, as though he could be subject to fixed and invariable laws. The Mason knows that man is at liberty to render cult to God in the manner he considers best, while the Catholics proscribe liberty of cult

as though the rules established by them to render adoration to the Divinity were immutable and eternal.

As it will be seen from the foregoing, the Mason and the Catholic profess very diverse ideas and pursue a distinct end, and it is therefore impossible for them to associate in their labours. But there is still more; the voice of the Roman Pontiff has been heard anathematising Masonry, and for that reason the Catholic is prohibited from joining our Lodges. Why then do many Catholics venture to solicit Masonic light? Because perfidious and artful they desire to know our secrets to immediately divulge them; because astute hypocrites, not being able to overcome us on the grounds of legality and justice, they come to offer us their aid, pretending to introduce into Masonry dissolvent elements that later will end by debiliating its power, without considering that if at the expense of their machinations they manage to extinguish a Lodge, to-morrow it will re-open full of life, because Masonry is the Phoenix which rises from its own ashes. We should not, therefore, admit Catholics to our meeting, and the Lodge that allows them to enter will only be harbouring the viper that will subsequently poison it with its morsure. Thus, when a Catholic seeks Masonic light, we should give the alarming voice, because treason calls at the doors of our temple, and its precinct is going to be profaned.—Nicolas Perez Morales, in "Boletin Masonico" (Mexico).

### ON TO LABOUR.

VACATION ended, next week Labour will be resumed. Again will be heard the sound of the gavel in the East. It is a pleasing and commanding sound. It not only commands attention and obedience, but proclaims the summer months of refreshment are over and the autumn months of labour are begun.

Let us resolve, at the outset, that we will do everything in our power for the advancement of the best interests of our several Masonic bodies. They made us Masons, they have conferred upon us instruction and pleasure, which all of us must be ready to acknowledge, and our loyalty to them is a debt of gratitude which each one of us owes to the Craft.

Prompt attendance at meetings is the first duty which Lodge, Chapter, Council and Commandery have the right to expect from every member who is not prevented by some physical disability. We may not justifiably ignore any meeting. There are applicants for initiation whose character it is our duty to scan, current business to which we should pay attention, fraternal greetings which we owe to our Brethren and Companions who are faithful in the performance of their duties. We should contribute our share in looking after the finances and in dispensing the charities of our several Masonic bodies. In a multitude of counsellors there is strength. The many, not the few, should, for example, "run" the Lodge. If the few do "run" it, it is because the many resign their rights to them.

Work will now be the order of the day, and it should be duly performed. This cannot be done without conscientious effort. It is not easy to confer the degrees. It involves the acquirement of correct work, a faithful and labourious effort to familiarise one's self with all of its parts, an attempt to deliver it in an earnest and impressive manner, and to have all of the Officers, elective and appointed, perform their parts in a workmanlike manner, so that there may be a harmonious mosaic, a complete presentation of the entire degree.

In order to perform good work there must be good material. Just as a decayed stone will mar and endanger an edifice, so an unworthy candidate will be unimpressed by the ceremony of initiation and injure the institution. He who is defective in intellectual or moral intelligence will not be able to perceive the moral and intellectual beauties of the Craft. He who is morally deaf and intellectually dumb is better fitted to be received into an asylum or a reformatory than into a Masonic Lodge. Freemasonry was not designed to reform any man. It requires its initiates to be men, physically, intellectually and morally sound, upright and of good report, in order that they may enjoy and profit by the beautiful symbology and allegories of our Fraternity. How shall only such candidates be secured?

Upon Committees of Inquiry on the petitions of applicants for initiation and membership rests the primary, and often the chief responsibility for ascertaining the fitness of their candidate's physical, intellectual, and moral prepar-

ation. Ideals upon this subject are entirely too lax in the Craft. You cannot determine all the questions involved simply by seeing the applicant. You are to learn his general reputation among those who know him best, his character among his business associates, his standing in society. We owe it to our Fraternity to see to it that it receives as much as it gives. The candidate should be an ornament to Freemasonry, no less than it should be an ornament to him. The Craft relies mainly upon the Committee of Inquiry to ascertain these facts, and they should do it thoroughly, so that no blame may afterwards attach to them. Then no rough ashlar will be built into the Craft to mar its harmony and good order, no preparation will be made for future trials and possible suspensions or expulsions. Look to it at the commencement of this autumn term of labour that good candidates are offered, to have good work performed upon them, so that all things may be done "decently and in order."

Although we are called on to Labour, it will not be all Labour. This is not the system of the Craft. It designedly mingles refreshment with labour. Freemasonry emphatically believes that the labourer is worthy of his hire, and very often after he has well performed his duty, he finds that he is rewarded with a season of conviviality and good fellowship around the festive board. The one error with regard to this is having it at so late an hour that no one can adequately enjoy it. It is little or no pleasure to "eat and run." The enjoyment consists in leisurely chatting with the Brethren between courses, sharing in the creature comforts of the table, and participating in the post-prandial felicities of song, speech, and recitation. Thus, when we are called on to Labour we are called also to Refreshment. The two frequently go together. Let us enjoy both. Let us be earnest, active, intelligent Freemasons, appreciating in the fullest manner the honour conferred upon us by the Craft, and striving to manifest this appreciation by our devotion to the Fraternity.—"Keystone."

### AS A GARMENT.

TRUE Masonry should fit as a garment. It should do for every-day as well as Lodge-night wear. True Masonry elevates a man to the dignity of manhood, and there are none so humble but that they are entitled to our tenderest consideration. I have little patience with that variety of Masonry that only touches the high places. If a man be admitted into the ranks of our sacred Order it is an evidence, or should be, that he is entitled to our esteem.

We cannot all be on dress parade every day of our lives. The drum-major who has no other calling may do so, but there are a lot of us who are only soldiers in the ranks and we are obliged to get our uniforms soiled as we battle in the field. It does me good to meet up with one of those old-fashioned yeomen who are as brave as Cæsar and as honest as the day. With them Masonry is no mockery, but an honest, earnest and glorious reality.

Such are the men who have been made Masons in their hearts, and it fits them like their garments, only it grows stronger and better the longer that it is worn. There is something sublime in the lives of those who endeavour to live up to the teachings of our sacred Order without making any particular display of their attainments. They are the bone and sinews of Masonry. They may never sit in the East, but they are filled with the light that emanates therefrom.

Masonry is not for a season, but for all time and for eternity as well. The time-server who goes into the Order for the mere personal and selfish worldly benefits to be derived from it is no true Mason. He is only a makeshift whom our boundless charity tolerates while our better instincts deplore his shortsightedness. There is no selfishness in true Masonry, and its adherents are always ready to lend a helping-hand to a Brother in distress.

Then we are prone to construe the word "distress" into the ignobler meaning of financial embarrassment or the lack of funds with which to carry on the business of life. In its broader and more liberal construction the term means that we should be ready with a word of cheer when we meet with a Brother who is downhearted and ready to give up to despair. A man may be worth thousands of dollars and yet be in great distress. Money is not all there is in life.

There come times in our lives when we walk in the valley and the shadow of some great sorrow. There are times when a kindly word of cheer will come as a soothing balm to a heart that is sore. It is in such times of distress that temptations

assail us, and the fall of many a man is attributable to some such visitation. If we were always hopeful and radiant and joyous it would be different, but even the most optimistic of us are subject to such trials.

It is then that a man needs and craves human sympathy. Unfortunately we are frequently loath to offer it, because of a false sense of delicacy and the fear of giving offence. We should get over that, and when we see that a kindly word might do good we should not hesitate to offer it to him who is cast down. We should wear our Masonry as a garment in the highways and byways of life without any ostentation or unnecessary display, but in such a manner that all may see its beauties.

There is another trait in poor, blinded human nature that I deplore. That is the revengeful and vindictive spirit that permits a so-called Mason to oppose the entering into the Order of a good man because of some personal difference of opinion. We ought, as Masons, to try to get above such narrow mindedness as that. It is a shame to take refuge behind the black-ball or wreak some malicious revenge upon a man because he has come between us and some pet scheme.

Masonry should be as broad as the universe, and as far-reaching as the aspirations of the human soul in search of light. If we grovel in ways that are dark, our eyes become blinded to the splendour of the light. Unless we take off the hoodwink of prejudice, we can never behold the true glory of Masonry in all its divine effulgence. There is nothing narrow nor contracted about the upright and light seeking Craftsman. Its teachings tend to broaden the perceptions and to beautify the earth, and to lead us onward and upward to the true Source of all light, which is eternal in the heavens, and which fadeth not away.—Montgomery M. Folsom, in "Masonic Herald."

### MASONIC ELECTIONS.

**A** MASONIC election is governed by no ordinary rules or regulations, but is a law unto itself. Political methods are not permissible. Advertising, circularising, personal solicitation, and all similar forms of electioneering are forbidden. If a Brother should adopt them he should defeat himself. There is amply sufficient sense of propriety in the Craft to relegate to the rear any one who seeks lower Freemasonry to the level of the proane by practicing their sinister methods. Now and then, when professional or would-be politicians in the Craft dally with these methods, they speedily find that they "do not pay," and by force of circumstances abandon them.

From the earliest period of which any record remains, it is apparent that the law of Masonry has been, that merit is the only Fraternal ground for advancement, either to degree or to Office.

"All preferment among Masons is grounded upon real worth and personal merit only; that so the Lord may be well served, the Brethren not put to shame, nor the royal Craft despised; therefore no Master or Warden is chosen by seniority, but for merit."

This language deserves to be written in letters of gold in all of our Lodges and to be engraved on the memory of every Freemason.

But the difficulty with all laws and rules of conduct lies in their administration. How shall the regulation that "all preferment among Masons is grounded upon real worth and personal merit only," be applied? The individual conscience and judgment of the Freemason is the court having primary jurisdiction in this matter: every Brother is a ruler and a judge. Hence a weighty responsibility rests with every voter in the Fraternity. He is not to vote for a personal friend who has no merit, nor even for any Brother of inferior merit. If he rightly apprehends his duty, he will vote only for that Brother who in the highest degree possesses the qualifications which an able administration of the office demands. He will select him who possesses moral, intellectual, administrative and social abilities, and perhaps in the order named. He must be a cultured man, of sound judgment; an accomplished Freemason; one who stands well in the community, and is respected and loved; one who can confer honour on Masonry, and not merely receive honour from it; and last, but not least, one who is not diligently seeking the office for himself. The self-seeker should be left severely alone. In Lodge and Chapter, in Grand Lodge and Grand Chapter, let these rules of conduct prevail, and only the best Brethren will be selected to adorn Masonic station, and

only the best results will follow the Masonic elections. The various bodies will be governed with justice and equity, prosperity will attend them, the interest of Freemasons in Masonry will be increased, and the Craft will maintain its prestige of being not only ancient but also honourable.

If our leaders and rulers are those who are eminent for their virtues, their abilities and their achievements, the world will respect us, and the best citizens of the world will be knocking at our portals for admission. Freemasonry courts no man, but it does admire virtue, honour, intelligence, and ability, and wherever men distinguished for these characteristics petition for initiation and membership, our doors are thrown wide open to receive them. Brethren, whether you wield the ballot for the approval or rejection of a candidate for Masonry, or a candidate for Masonic office, remember that "real worth and personal merit" are the only qualifications for either reception into the Fraternity or advancement to any of its stations of honour.—"Keystone."

### BREAK THE LINE.

**O**F the many evils attending the annual elections in Masonic Bodies, says the "Masonic Constellation," none exists that develops into so many detrimental results as the promotion in line Officers regardless of their qualifications or ability to successfully administer the duties thus thrust upon them. Seldom does an Officer exhibit deficiency that is noticed by the occasional attending member; hence, when election night rolls around he should acquaint himself before throwing his ballot for advancement. If, on the other hand, any minor Officer gives evidence of worth, his services should be recognised by advancement. No matter who he is, or what he is, if his work has not been up to the standard, turn him down before he reaches the third or second place in the Official line. Never re-elect a Presiding Officer, no matter what he has accomplished, if the next in line is in all essential particulars qualified to assume and administer the duties.—"Masonic Sun."

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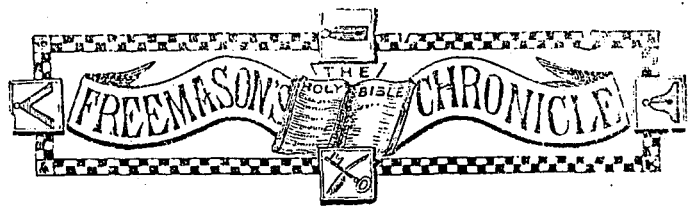
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SATURDAY, 15TH SEPTEMBER 1900.

#### MEMORIAL AT TORQUAY.

THE Jordan Lodge, No. 1402, held its twenty-ninth installation meeting on Monday, at the Masonic Temple, Torquay, under the presidency of Bro. J. D. Beer W.M.

The occasion was made memorable by the unveiling of the "John Lane Memorial Library" by Bro. William James Hughan P.S.G.D. of England. The library, which was collected by the late Bro. Lane P.A.G.D.C. England, has been acquired by the Lodge, through the generosity of the members, as a tribute to his unselfish labours and distinguished ability displayed in the interests of the Craft. Brother Hughan described the library as rich in "Books of Constitution," including that of 1723, which had been priced as high as £50, and also other special editions, exceedingly rare, and not often found even in general Masonic libraries. There were a large number of histories of Lodges, many of which had been printed privately, and therefore did not occur for sale, and copies were not to be found in the British Museum. There were also a number of Calendars of the Grand Lodge of England, which were published annually, and therefore generally destroyed as the new ones came, making them as difficult to obtain after date as old newspapers. Inasmuch as Bro. Lane had been for years collecting material for his standard work "Masonic Records," the library contained a large number of Pocket Companions, with lists of old Lodges, collection of songs, and other information of the period, which were simply invaluable, and furnished particulars as to meetings not to be obtained elsewhere. Altogether the library has no equal of its kind that side of Bristol, and the only other of a deceased Brother of the kind was purchased from the widow of the late Bro. John Coombe P.M. 450, and now forms the Coombe Memorial Library at Hayle, and belongs to the Corinthian Lodge. Bro. Hughan was cordially thanked for unveiling the memorial in such an able speech.

Bro. R. D. Scholes S.W. W.M.-elect was afterwards installed by Bro. John Taylor P.P.G.R., in the presence of a large number of installed Masters. The W.M. appointed and invested his Officers.

The finances were deemed very satisfactory, one hundred

guineas having been paid off the building fund in two years, besides £125 for furnishing, &c., at the opening in 1898. During the past year £27 had been contributed to the Red Cross Relief Funds, in connection with the South African war. The annual banquet followed, at which the usual Loyal and Masonic toasts were observed.

The members of the Friars Lodge of Instruction, No. 1349, have accepted the invitation of the Confidence Lodge of Instruction, to work the Fifteen Sections there on Wednesday, 26th inst., at 7 o'clock, at the Bunch of Grapes, Leadenhall Market.

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The plans submitted by competitors for the proposed Masonic Buildings at Motherwell numbered thirteen, and as the Committee did not care to take the responsibility of a selection they secured through the agency of Bro. Murray Lyon Grand Secretary of Scotland, a neutral party to make a selection from among the plans, with the result that the plan submitted by Bro. J. L. Cowan, architect of the Masonic Chambers in Glasgow, has been adopted.

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Lieutenant-General Sir Charles Warren, writing on Bro. Gould's "Military Lodges," points out that in the Army Masonry banishes class and even rank distinctions, without in the least endangering discipline. He quotes instances where subalterns and even non-commissioned officers have controlled Lodges in which their superior officers were sitting as ordinary members. Is it not strange, he asks, that there are cases exactly parallel in the Mithraic mysteries under the old Romans?

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Lord Ampthill, whose appointment to succeed Sir Arthur Havelock as Governor of Madras has been well received on all hands here, will have the advantage in that presidency, which contains some thirty Masonic Lodges, of being a Brother among Masons, and there is a likelihood that he will be of great assistance to Colonel Sir George Montgomerie Moore, Madras's District Grand Master since 1891, and District Grand Superintendent of the Royal Arch since 1888. Lord Ampthill, although he has never been an Officer of United Grand Lodge of England, much to the regret of very many Masons, has not been entirely overlooked by the Prince of Wales, as he certainly attracted the Grand Master's attention in the Mark degree, because in 1893 he was made Senior Grand Warden in the English Grand Lodge of Mark Masons. In that Office he carried out his duties well, and he would certainly have adorned the "purple" had he been selected for an Office in Craft Grand Lodge. In Mark Masonry, as well as in the Craft and the Royal Arch, Lord Ampthill will have in his new residence Colonel Montgomerie Moore as his Masonic chief, that Officer being District Grand Master of Madras among Mark Masons. — "Birmingham Daily Post."

#### "A SPRIG OF ACACIA."

THE funeral of the late Bro. Henry Marks, proprietor of the Railway Hotel, Teignmouth, took place on Saturday, the members of the Benevolent Lodge attending and sending a splendid wreath. The floral tributes were so numerous that a carriage had to be utilised for them. Rev. J. Veysey, vicar of East Teignmouth, and his curate (Rev. R. Le Sueur) conducted the service, which was attended by a large concourse. At the morning service at St. Michael's Church, on Sunday, the vicar touchingly alluded to the deceased, who had been a faithful Churchman and an active sidesman.

THE death occurred on Wednesday, 5th inst., at his residence at Landport, of Bro. H. Fitzmaurice, late torpedo-gunner of the Royal Navy. Bro. Fitzmaurice was invalided from the Service, and had been ailing for some time, but the end came suddenly. He was well-known in Masonic circles, being W.M. of the Prince Edward of Saxe-Weimar Lodge, No. 1903. The funeral took place at the Portsea Cemetery at Kingston, and was of a Masonic character.

THE funeral of the late Bro. Legg, of Islington, who died a few days since at the age of 77 years, took place at Abney Park Cemetery, and was attended by a number of members of the Masonic body, by whom the deceased was much respected.

### BEAUTY OF RITUALISM.

**T**HERE is an attractiveness in all forms and ceremonies that appeals with striking force to all hearts. These forms and ceremonies appeal to the disposition of men and women with a varied influence. As all men do not believe alike, have different views of social and religious life, so are they affected by ceremonials. Education and refinement have much to do with the influence of forms and rites upon the heart. One looks upon them with reverence, another with admiration, and still another with indifference. The moods of men have also much to do with the regard with which ceremonies are viewed. A man with the "blues" will not see the same beauty in ritualism as one with cheerful spirit and unburdened soul.

Ritualism appeals to the souls of men. The eye beholds the ceremony, the ear listens to the words and music, and the tender chords of the heart are thus reached through these two powerful senses. Ritualism emphasises truth by portraying a picture of the great lessons taught.

Ritualism has much to do with the attractiveness of the Lodge. We have often wondered why men go night after night to Lodge meetings and see the same work over and over again, and never seem to tire of it. The beautiful forms and ceremonies are features that doubtless lead men to witness with pleasure a repetition of them. And there are hidden beauties which are not seen at first. They must be repeated in order to be appreciated. The veil of symbol and allegory must be lifted, and the essential truth that lies hidden beneath must be seen before there is a full realisation of its importance. The varied ways of presenting the ritual are also attractive features of Lodge work.

There is an enchantment about mystery and exclusiveness. The thought that we are in possession of a knowledge that others are not taught in; that we can retire within the precincts of the Lodge and be free from prying eyes, and there meet with an exclusive set, leads men to regard Lodge meetings and Lodge work with so much favour.

There is a pleasure in testing the memory and recalling almost forgotten lessons of truth. Men go to Lodge to see how one Brother and another does his work. Thus does curiosity enter into the attractiveness to some men. Another goes to criticise, or to find fault. One will count the number of mistakes a certain Officer makes in the ritual. Another goes to help confer the Degrees or aid in any way that may be necessary. These and other motives actuate men in attending Lodge meetings.

The best of all motives is to study the beauty of the ritual and behold the hidden and glorious truths that lie beneath the veil of allegory.—"Masonic Standard."

### NON-AFFILIATES.

**T**HERE is nothing coercive about Freemasonry. Every one entering her portals must come of his own free will and accord. And as he comes, so he goes. A Freemason has a right, subject to the election of its members, to be a member of a Lodge; and he has a right to call for a dimit at any time he may elect. By so doing he loses none of his Masonic privileges, except Lodge privileges. A dimitted Freemason can visit Lodges and is subject to Masonic charity, but he can take no part in Lodge business, unless invited to do so, and then perhaps only so far as ceremonial is concerned.

But morally no Freemason has a right to remain a non-affiliate except the time necessarily required to change his membership from one Lodge to another. If he does so, he becomes a drone; and, although the workers may not sting him out of the hive, yet sometimes they may feel disposed to do so. Brother non-affiliates, it is your Masonic duty to become a member of some Lodge and help "to bear the heat and burden of the day."—"Pacific Mason."

### WHAT MASONRY TEACHES.

**M**ASONRY teaches us to regard our Brother's welfare as our own. That command is imperative, and the injunction must be lived up to. There is no way by which we can shift the responsibility. The duty is ours, and must be performed—lovingly, fully, and in a Fraternal spirit. We must keep in mind what will promote the welfare of our Brother, and do for him that which will advance his interests. The measure of this duty is "as our own," and his measure-

ment applies to every department of life, and here is a very safe rule to follow: "As ye would that others should do to you, do ye even so to them." The man who lives thus, keeping this statute in the spirit as well as the letter, fulfills the law of love, and reaps the reward of him who is faithful in that which is another's. Every Mason is, to a good degree, his Brother's keeper. This is the trust committed. His obligation binds him to this, and to violate this obligation is to surrender, by his own deed, the tie which binds him to the Fraternity, and which he should ever keep sacred and inviolable. The relation which we sustain to each other as Masons is of a most sacred character, and the way to keep this relation intact is for each one to do his whole duty toward perpetuating its existence. In this matter our interests are a common one, and we must therefore do what we can to build up, strengthen and support this common cause. There can be no division here. There must be unity of purpose, unity of effort, and these must be supported by a oneness of mind and heart. "Two cannot walk together except they be agreed," and therefore we must be actuated by one and the same spirit, and hence this injunction covers the entire ground, "Let the same mind be in you." There must be no strife or contention, but we must be actuated by that noble spirit of emulation, "as to who can best work and best agree," preferring one another.—A. H. Barkley P.G.M. Mississippi.

### UNITY OF THE BROTHERHOOD.

**T**HE chief characteristic of the Masonic Fraternity is the unity of its members. There is something surprising in the chain which links Freemasons together in the bonds of unity. To promote each other's welfare and to rejoice in each other's prosperity is a characteristic element of Freemasonry. Political parties divide and fall to pieces. Church organisations have factions among them which frequently break them asunder. But no matter what the magnitude of the schism which sometimes appears in Masonry through the weakness of human nature, sooner or later the difficulty is healed and that sublime harmony which is the order of the universe and the support of all institutions prevails, and Freemasons are linked together by the endless chain of harmony.—Exchange.

### The Theatres, &c.

Avenue.—8, His Wife's Picture. 8.45, A Message from Mars. Matinée, Wednesday, 3.  
 Criterion.—8.30, Lady Huntworth's Experiment. Matinée, Wednesday, 2.30.  
 Daly's.—8.15, San Toy. Matinée, Saturday, 2.30.  
 Drury Lane.—On Thursday, 20th, The Price of Peace.  
 Duke of York's.—Friday, 21st September, The Lackey's Carnival.  
 Gaiety.—8.15, The Messenger Boy. Matinée, Saturday, 2.  
 Garrick.—Thursday, 27th September, The Wedding Guest.  
 Globe.—8.30, Colonel Cromwell. Matinée, Wednesday, 2.30.  
 Gt. Queen Street.—8.15, A Boer Meisje. 9, The Private Secretary. Matinée, Wednesday and Saturday, 3.  
 Haymarket.—8.30, Sweet Nell of Old Drury. Matinée, Wednesday and Saturday, 2.30.  
 Her Majesty's.—8, Julius Caesar. Matinée, Saturday, 2.  
 Lyric.—8, Florodora. Matinée, Wednesday, 2.30.  
 Prince of Wales.—8.30, English Nell. Matinée, Wednesday and Saturday, 2.30.  
 St. James's.—8.30, A debt of Honour. Matinée, Wednesday and Saturday, 2.30.  
 Savoy.—8.15, The Outpost. 8.45, The Pirates of Penzance. Matinée, Saturday, 2.30.  
 Shaftesbury.—8, The Casino Girl. Matinée, Wednesday, 2.  
 Strand.—8.15, Punctured. 9, In the Soup. Matinée, Wednesday, 3.  
 Vaudeville.—Wednesday, 19th September, 8.15, The Yellow Peril. 9, Self and Lady.  
 Alexandra.—Next week, 8, Hearts are Trumps.  
 Opera House, Crouch End.—Next week, 8, A Runaway Girl.  
 Surrey.—Next week, 7.45, Rich and Poor of London.  
 Standard.—Next week, 7.45, Frivolity.  
 Alhambra.—8, Variety Entertainment, Soldiers of the Queen, &c.  
 Aquarium.—Varied performances, daily.  
 Empire.—8, Variety Entertainment. Sea-side, War Pictures, &c.  
 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. A Galaxy of Stars, &c. Saturday, 2.15 also.  
 Agricultural Hall.—Saturday, 8, Mohawk Minstrels.  
 Egyptian Hall.—8 and 8, Mr. J. N. Maskelyne's entertainment.  
 London Hippodrome.—2 and 8, Varied attractions. Siberia, &c.  
 St. James's Hall.—8 (except Saturday), Mohawk Minstrels. Matinée, Monday, Wednesday, and Saturday, 3.  
 Crystal Palace.—Varied attractions daily. Thursday and Saturday, Fireworks, &c.  
 Earls Court.—Woman's Exhibition.  
 Madame Tussaud's (Baker Street Station).—Open daily. Portrait models of modern celebrities, &c.

## MEETINGS NEXT WEEK.

## Monday.

- 720 Panmure, Balham Hotel, Balham  
 901 City of London, Guildhall Tavern  
 2060 La France, Cafe Royal, Regent Street  
 37 Anchor and Hope, F.M.H., Bolton  
 77 Freedom, Public Hall, Gravesend  
 236 York, F.M.H., York  
 248 True Love & Unity, F.M.H., Brixham  
 312 Lion, F.M.H., Whitby  
 359 Peace & Har., F.M.H., Southampton  
 377 Hope & Charity, F.M.H., Kidderminster  
 382 Royal Union, Public Rooms, Uxbridge  
 424 Borough, Masonic Rooms, Gateshead  
 455 Perseverance, F.M.H., Kettering  
 466 Merit, George, Stamford Baron  
 840 Scientific, Victoria, Wolverton  
 872 Lewis, F.M.H., Whitehaven  
 900 St. George, Swan, Tewkesbury  
 925 Bedford, F.M.H., Birmingham  
 934 Merit, Masons' Arms, Whitefield  
 949 Williamson, F.M.H., Monkwearmouth  
 986 Hesketh, Grapes Inn, Croston, Preston  
 1030 Egerton, George, Heaton Norris  
 1141 Mid-Sussex, Black Horse, Horsham  
 1146 De Moulham, Mowden Inst., Swanage  
 1199 Agriculture, Assembly Rooms, Yatton  
 1208 Corinthian, Masonic Temple, Dover  
 1255 Dundas, F.M.H., Plymouth  
 1443 Salem, F.M.H., Dawlish  
 1502 Israel, F.M.H., Liverpool  
 1631 St. Andrew, Duke's Head, Gorleston  
 1674 Caradoc, F.M.H., Rhyl  
 1814 Worsley, Court House, Worsley  
 1909 Carnarvon, F.M.H., Nottingham  
 2069 Prudence, F.M.H., Leeds  
 2074 St. Clair, F.M.H., Landport  
 2081 Golden Fleece, F.M.H., Leicester  
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 2208 Horsa, F.M.H., Bournemouth  
 2289 Blundellsands, Ass. Rooms, Gt. Crosby  
 2316 Princes, Deaf & Dumb Inst., Liverpool  
 2327 St. Oswin, F.M.H., North Shields  
 2340 W. Lanc. Century, F.M.H., Blackpool  
 2425 Ecclesburne, White Hart, Duffield  
 2437 Downshire, Town Hall, Wokingham  
 2482 Duchess of York, Victoria, Manchester  
 2557 Temperance, M.H., Newcastle-on-Tyne  
 2669 Victoria, F.M.H., Bradford

## Tuesday.

- Board of General Purposes, F.M.H., at 5.  
 704 Camden, Anderton's, Fleet Street  
 857 St. Mark, Surrey Masonic Hall  
 1805 Bromley St. Leonard, Ves. H., Bromley  
 2045 Wharton, Holborn Restaurant  
 2191 Anglo American, Holborn Restaurant  
 213 Perseverance, 47 St. Giles St., Norwich  
 223 Charity, F.M.H., Plymouth  
 384 St. David, F.M.H., Bangor  
 418 Menturia, F.M.H., Hanley  
 476 St. Peter, F.M.H., Carmarthen  
 551 Yarborough, F.M.H., Ventnor  
 560 Vernon, F.M.H., Stourport  
 667 Alliance, F.M.H., Liverpool  
 707 St. Mary, F.M.H., Bridport  
 830 Endeavour, Queen's Arms, Dukinfield  
 958 St. Aubin, Masonic Temple, Jersey  
 960 Bute, F.M.H., Cardiff  
 1006 Tregulow, Masonic Rooms, St. Day  
 1028 Royal Alfred, George, Alfreton  
 1089 De Shurland, Britannia, Sheerness  
 1225 Hindpool, F.M.H., Barrow-in-Furness  
 1276 Warren, Seacombe Hotel, Seacombe  
 1427 Percy, F.M.H., Newcastle-on-Tyne  
 1551 Charity, F.M.H., Birmingham  
 1570 Prince Arthur, F.M.H., Liverpool  
 1764 Eleanor Cross, F.M.H., Northampton  
 1787 Grenville, F.M.H., Buckingham  
 1903 Pr. Ed. Saxe Weimar, M.H., Portsmouth  
 1941 St. Augustine, Shrewsbury A., Rugeley  
 2135 Constance, F.M.H., Consett  
 2146 Surbiton, Maple Hall, Surbiton  
 2155 Makerfield, Pied Bull, Newton-l-Willows  
 2360 Victoria, F.M.H., Southport  
 2407 Hicks-Beach, Sub. Rooms, Stroud  
 2572 Tyldesley, Masonic Rooms, Tyldesley  
 2659 Northcote, F.M.H., Exeter  
 2681 Queen, Skelmersdale Hall, Liverpool  
 2747 St. Michael, F.M.H., Newquay

## Wednesday.

- Board of Benevolence, at 5.  
 1278 Burdett Coutts, Great Eastern Hotel  
 1382 Corinthian, George, Cubitt Town  
 1624 Eccleston, Criterion  
 2266 Cator, Public Hall, Beckenham

- 2601 Holloway, Beale's Restaurant  
 20 Royal Kent of Antiquity, Sun, Chatham  
 121 Mount Sinai, F.M.H., Penzance  
 127 Union, Masonic Temple, Margate  
 137 Amity, F.M.H., Poole  
 178 Antiquity, F.M.H., Wigan  
 200 Old Globe, F.M.H., Scarborough  
 210 Duke of Athol, Denton, nr. Manchester  
 221 St. John, F.M.H., Bolton  
 243 Loyalty, Masonic Temple, Guernsey  
 240 Royal Union, F.M.H., Cheltenham  
 261 Unanimity & Sincerity, M.H., Taunton  
 285 Love & Honour, M.H., Shepton Mallet  
 311 South Saxon, F.M.H., Lewes  
 325 St. John, F.M.H., Salford  
 342 Royal Sussex, F.M.H., Landport  
 376 Perfect Friendship, F.M.H., Ipswich  
 451 Sutherland, Town Hall, Burslem  
 537 Zetland, Masonic Chambers, Birkenhead  
 580 Harmony, Wheatsheaf Inn, Ormskirk  
 581 Faith, Bradford, Manchester  
 592 Cotteswold, King's Head, Cirencester  
 610 Colston, F.M.H., Bristol  
 662 Dartmouth, F.M.H., West Bromwich  
 683 Isca, F.M.H., Newport, Mon.  
 726 Staffordshire Knot, Swan, Stafford  
 823 Everton, F.M.H., Liverpool  
 865 Dalhousie, Greyhound, Hampton Court  
 938 Grosvenor, F.M.H., Birmingham  
 950 Hesketh, Crown, Fleetwood  
 962 Sun & Sector, Ass. Rooms, Workington  
 972 St. Augustine, F.M.H., Canterbury  
 1040 Sykes, F.M.H., Driffield  
 1086 Walton, F.M.H., Kirkdale  
 1129 St. Chad, Roebuck, Rochdale  
 1136 Carew, F.M.H., Torpoint  
 1161 De Grey & Ripon, M.H., Manchester  
 1179 Rutland, Rutland Hotel, Ilkeston  
 1212 Elms, F.M.H., Devonport  
 1246 Holte, Victoria, Aston  
 1301 Brighthouse, F.M.H., Brighthouse  
 1334 Norman, F.M.H., Durham  
 1337 Anchor, F.M.H., Northallerton  
 1511 Alexandra, F.M.H., Hornsea  
 1634 Starkie, Grant Arms, Ramsbottom  
 1638 Brownrigg, Sun, Kingston-on-Thames  
 1774 Mellor, Railway, Manchester  
 1797 South Down, Downs, Keymer  
 1988 Mawddach, F.M.H., Barmouth  
 2153 Hope, India Arms, Gosport  
 2203 Farnborough & N. Camp, Farnborough  
 2258 W.D. United Ser., M.H., E. Stonehouse  
 2260 Ridley, F.M.H., Newcastle-on-Tyne  
 2412 Ashfield, Town Hall, Sutton-in-Ashfield  
 2468 St. John, F.M.H., Douglas  
 2514 City, Alexandra, Liverpool  
 2688 Wythenshawe, Tatton A., Northenden  
 2725 Maristowe, Yelverton Hotel, Yelverton  
 2760 Aldermaston, Hind's Hd., Aldermaston  
 2793 Assheton-Egerton, Altrincham

## Thursday.

- House Com., R.M.I.G., Battersea, 4.30.  
 813 New Concord, Guildhall Tavern  
 1365 Clapton, Great Eastern Hotel  
 1420 Earl Spencer, Stanley, Lavender Hill  
 1613 Cripplegate, Albion  
 1623 West Smithfield, Freemasons' Hall  
 1716 All Saints, 117 High Street, Poplar  
 42 Relief, Grey Mare, Bury, Lanc.  
 56 Howard of Brotherly Love, Littleh'pton  
 57 Humber, F.M.H., Hull  
 98 St. Martin, Town Hall, Burslem  
 203 Ancient Union, F.M.H., Liverpool  
 245 Mechanics, Masonic Temple, Jersey  
 267 Unity, Macclesfield A., Macclesfield  
 268 Union, Queen's A., Ashton-under-Lyne  
 286 Samaritan, Green Man, Bacup  
 322 Peace, Bulkeley Arms, Stockport  
 343 Concord, Bull and Royal, Preston  
 345 Perseverance, Old Bull, Blackburn  
 350 Charity, Railway, Bolton  
 363 Keystone, Red Lion, Whitworth  
 367 Probity & Freedom, F.M.H., Rochdale  
 394 Southampton, F.M.H., Southampton  
 425 Cestrian, F.M.H., Chester  
 430 Fidelity, Pitt & Nelson, Ashton-u-Lyne  
 480 Benevolence, F.M.H., Bideford  
 523 John of Gaunt, F.M.H., Leicester  
 600 Harmony, F.M.H., Bradford  
 659 Blagdon, F.M.H., Blyth  
 663 Wiltshire Fidelity, F.M.H., Devizes  
 758 Ellesmere, F.M.H., Runcorn  
 802 Repose, F.M.H., Derby  
 940 Philanthropy, F.M.H., Stockton  
 1000 Priory, Middleton, Southend  
 1011 Richmond, Old Boar, Manchester  
 1037 Portland, F.M.H., Portland  
 1042 Excelsior, F.M.H., Leeds

- 1184 Abbey, F.M.H., Battle  
 1299 Pembroke, Bear's Paw, Liverpool  
 1332 Unity, F.M.H., Crediton  
 1386 St. Hugh, F.M.H., Lincoln  
 1393 Hamer, F.M.H., Liverpool  
 1432 Fitz-Alan, Wynnstay Arms, Oswestry  
 1459 Ashbury, Justice Birch, West Gorton  
 1534 Concord, District Council, Prestwich  
 1562 Homfray, F.M.H., Risca  
 1594 Cedewain, M. Tem., Newtown, Mont.  
 1776 Landport, F.M.H., Landport  
 1821 Atlingworth, Royal Pavilion, Brighton  
 1869 Sandown, F.M.H., Sandown  
 1893 Lumley, Estate Office, Skegness  
 2268 Hallamshire, F.M.H., Sheffield  
 2305 Stour, Bank Street Hall, Ashford  
 2325 Rose of Lancaster, F.M.H., Southport  
 2341 Clemency, F.M.H., Oldham  
 2390 Exmoor, Public Hall, Minehead  
 2430 Runnymede, Anglers' Rest, Wraybury  
 2495 Goodacre, F.M.H., Bootle  
 2555 England's Centre, Weedon  
 2598 St. Sampson, Commercial, Guernsey  
 2703 Wallend, F.M.H., Wallsend  
 2745 Ambleside, Queen's, Ambleside

## Friday.

- Board of Management, Boys School, 2.30.  
 975 Rose of Denmark, Horns, Kennington  
 2346 Warrant Officers, F.M.H.  
 2712 Jubilee Masters, Hotel Cecil  
 152 Virtue, F.M.H., Manchester  
 347 Noah's Ark, Waggon & Horses, Tipton  
 541 De Loraine, F.M.H., Newcastle-on-T.  
 904 Phoenix, Masonic Bldgs., Rotherham  
 993 Alexandra, Midland, Levenshulme  
 1108 Royal Wharfedale, Mas. Rooms, Otley  
 1311 Zetland, F.M.H., Leeds  
 1330 St. Peter, Swans, Market Harborough  
 1357 Cope, Brookland's, Sale  
 1626 Hotspur, Newcastle-on-Tyne  
 1773 Albert Victor, Town Hall, Pendleton  
 1794 De Vere, F.M.H., Nottingham  
 2005 Brooke, Royal Forest, Chingford  
 2063 St. Osyth Priory, Clacton-on-Sea  
 2231 Talbot, Council Offices, Old Trafford  
 2447 Palatine, Albion, Manchester  
 2644 Chaloner, F.M.H., Melksham  
 2657 Liscard, Concert Hall, Liscard  
 2695 Doric, F.M.H., Harrogate

## Saturday.

- 1679 Henry Muggeridge, Anderton's  
 2472 Walthamstow, Great Eastern Hotel  
 1531 Chislehurst, Tiger Head, Bexley Heath  
 1579 St. James, George, Enfield  
 1871 Gostling Murray, Oddfellows, Hounslow  
 2087 Electric, Mitre, Hampton Court  
 2309 Christopher, Christopher Hotel, Eton  
 2353 Broxbourne, Red Lion, Barnet  
 2381 Bushey Park, Greyhound, Hampton Crt.  
 2421 Carrington, Station Hotel, Amersham  
 2508 Th. Ralling, Roebuck, Buckhurst Hill  
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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: METROPOLITAN.

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## Upton Lodge, No. 1227.

## INSTALLATION OF BROTHER WALTER J. CARROLL.

A thing of beauty is a joy for ever;  
Its loveliness increases; it will never  
Pass into nothingness.

ADMITTING the truth of the first line of our text, it may next be asked, how are we to make sure anything we possess is "a thing of beauty"? For reply we quote further from the author we have drawn upon, and in words of the second line of our excerpt declare that "its loveliness increases." Judged by this standard there need be no hesitation in applying the famous lines of Keats to the Upton Lodge of Freemasons; it is certainly a thing of beauty; its loveliness increases; and we sincerely hope it may remain "a joy for ever," and that it will never "pass into nothingness."

Looking back is not at all times a pleasurable occupation! There are often periods in the past one would rather forget, or feel it would be better had they shaped themselves differently, and yet, viewed in the light of later experience, we may reasonably wonder whither we might have drifted had this or that event not happened as it did to check or alter our course of action. What at the time seemed a calamity proved itself in after years the turning point in a career, and many of us have reason to thank some event of long ago, which was at the time viewed with regret or alarm, as being a veritable blessing in disguise. Much of this kind of sentiment probably passed through the minds of the older members of the Upton Lodge, present at this year's installation meeting, which was held on Thursday, at the Holborn Restaurant (whence the Lodge had temporarily removed in consequence of the extensive alterations in progress at its regular place of meeting, the Great Eastern Hotel, Bishopsgate), when they looked back on the Upton Lodge as they knew it at its original home, and the Upton Lodge of to-day. Truly a great change has taken place; and it must have been very gratifying to the worthy Treasurer to look back on his action of some sixteen years since, when he was the leading spirit in the movement which resulted in the Lodge changing its quarters from the home of its origin, at Upton, to the great metropolis of London. Then he had the co-operation of no more than a dozen fellow members; this week the newly installed Master was supported by some sixty Brethren directly associated with the Lodge, together with several visiting friends, the assembly numbering no less than eighty. Then the Lodge could hardly be described as being in affluent circumstances, to-day it will compare favourably with any of its fellows in London—sets an example, indeed, in the matter of Masonic benevolence, that might profitably be imitated by many Lodges around us.

As we have said, this year's installation took place at the Holborn Restaurant, a dispensation having been obtained sanctioning the temporary removal, and there the W.M. of the past year—Bro. Henry James Rowberry—opened his Lodge, the following Officers and Visiting Brethren supporting him during the meeting: Bros. W. J. Carroll S.W. W.M.-elect, R. F. Thompson J.W., C. Gieseke P.M. Treas., C. J. Free P.M. Sec., W. Athol Bray I.P.M., E. M. Jeffery P.M., C. Schmidt P.M., Edwin Hill P.M., G. A. Peters P.M., Samuel Toye P.M., Alfred B. Noble S.D., G. W. Flatman J.D., H. Hyde P.M. D.C., W. T. Hustwayte and C. W. Cooper Stewards, E. C. Holmes Organist, and T. Bowler Tyler.

The Visitors included Bros. Arthur Martin S.W. 2372 2518, Fred. R. Gurney 2518, C. Morgan 108, G. J. Taylor P.M. D.C. 180, C. Feist 1189, T. Robinson P.M. 2396, G. F. Miles W.M. 1851, Harry Willsmer 2608, Fred W. Bishop I.G. 1056, W. W. Morgan 177, E. Petfield 1607, E. J. Davey P.M. 193, W. Cambden P.M. 2395, W. C. Ferris, S. Groner P.M. 1613, W. S. Jones 753, Samuel W. Vale P.M. 861, Arthur Wade 2705, A. Millbourn I.G. 1237.

The preliminaries having been disposed of, four of the five candidates on the agenda for passing—Bros. T. C. Neill, H. W. Walker, G. W. Codd, and H. C. Godfrey—received the privileges of the second degree, while Mr. Samuel Charles Farrow and Bro. J. A. Keable were elected members of the Lodge, the former as a candidate for initiation, the latter as a joining member. The advancement of Bro. William Farrier, the fifth of the candidates for passing, was deferred till another occasion.

Then followed the great event of the year, the installation of the new Worshipful Master, for which purpose Bro. W. J. Carroll was presented as W.M.-elect, and after obligation was regularly placed in the chair, as ruler of the Lodge for the ensuing year. He appointed as his Assistant Officers Bros. Thomson S.W., Noble J.W., Gieseke P.M. Treas., Free P.M. Sec., Flatman S.D., Cooper J.D., Hustwayte I.G., Hyde P.M. D.C., Theodore Martin A.D.C., Holmes Organist, W. Hartwell, T. G. Gunn and F. J. Rover Stewards, and T. Bowler Tyler.

Bro. Rowberry ably brought his term of Office to a conclusion by a capable delivery of the addresses to Master, Wardens, and Brethren, and took his seat as a Past Master in the Lodge amid the general approbation of its members.

We are not sure we like ceremonial work after an installation—and we really feel that in a majority of cases any attempt in this direction is a mistake, but there are exceptions, and Bro. Carroll

proved an exception on this occasion, when he initiated a personal friend in Mr. Farrow. There was none of the nervousness or confusion which is often witnessed, and fully excusable in a newly installed Master, about the new ruler of the Upton Lodge when he admitted the candidate to a participation in the mysteries of the Craft; indeed, we question if he will appear to better advantage during his year of office than in this, his first ceremony, and the fact points conclusively to the advantages of the actual rehearsals possible at a Lodge of Instruction. Although really fresh to the work, the new Master was quite at his ease in conferring the degree—in fact, improved on his performances at the Lodge of Instruction, by an evident earnestness inseparable from his newly acquired honours. If first impressions have a weight in forming a Mason, then surely Bro. Farrow should reap the advantages of a thoroughly good start.

Two candidates were proposed for next meeting, and other work having been disposed of the Lodge was closed, after which the Brethren repaired to the banquet room, where an excellent repast was provided, and thoroughly enjoyed by the large company present. The room was tastefully adorned—as the head quarters of one of the most influential Piscatorial Societies should be—with many specimens of the finny tribe, and it was quite useless, in face of the all but living evidences before us, to attempt anything in the way of references to one's skill with the rod and line. Even the most ardent fishermen were lulled to silence in regard to personal exploits with a 36lb salmon quietly ensconced over the Master's chair, and other "monsters of the deep" all around, and as a consequence those who wished to recount their prowess—or exaggerate thereon—had to confine themselves to dry land enterprise; had in fact to work on the left division of the Upton "crest" rather than attempt anything in connection with its right hand side.

At the conclusion of the banquet grace was sung, and then the W.M. gave the toast of the Queen. This, the first on Masonic lists, was, he said, always well received in the Lodge, as the Upton was really one of the most loyal in the Craft. The toast had been proposed by many Masters in years gone by, but by no one with more sincerity than was the case with him on that occasion, and he had no hesitation in submitting it, being assured it would be well received. The National Anthem followed.

Then the Master proposed the toast of the Grand Master. He felt he could not tell the Brethren much more about the Prince of Wales than what they already knew, but he ventured to think that so long as the Craft had such a Grand Master as the Prince of Wales it must continue to prosper.

The Pro G.M., the Deputy, and the rest of the Grand Officers present and past was the next sentiment. So far as the Master was able to judge he felt they had a body of men among the Grand Officers of whom they ought to be very proud. They appeared to spare neither time, trouble, or expense in furthering the interests of the Craft, and he felt they ought to be very thankful to them for all their efforts on behalf of the Brotherhood.

The Immediate Past Master now assumed the gavel. The toast he had the privilege to propose that evening was the health of the Worshipful Master. He felt sure that the Lodge had in Bro. Carroll one in whom they could place the greatest of confidence, and he felt that in handing over to him the reins of power—as he had done in their presence that evening—he had transferred them to one by whom the work and reputation of the Lodge would by no means be slighted, but rather, that it would be enhanced by Bro. Carroll.

The W.M. tendered his thanks for the heartiness and sincerity with which the toast had been received. He was just beginning to appreciate there was a great amount of responsibility associated with the presidency of the Lodge. He fully recognised that no Master could even hope to succeed without the co-operation and support of the members of his Lodge, and felt he possessed both in a very marked degree. For this reason he was confident that the Lodge would lose none of its lustre while under his command, but would rather gain fresh laurels during his term of Office.

The next toast—that of the Immediate Past and Installing Master—the W.M. regarded as the chief one of the evening. The Brethren had heard Bro. Rowberry work the different ceremonies during his year of office, and could but be delighted at his performances. That day they had seen him perform the ceremony of installation, and must agree with him he had concluded his year's work most creditably. The W.M. was glad the official duty had devolved upon him to pin on the breast of Bro. Rowberry the Past Master's jewel of the Lodge, as he felt that if ever a Past Master of the Lodge deserved such a decoration it was Bro. Rowberry. But the thanks of the Brethren did not end there, as on behalf of the members of the Lodge he asked the I.P.M.'s acceptance of a diamond ring and chain appendage for Mrs. Rowberry, with the best wishes of the members for her future long life and prosperity.

The Master then called upon Bro. Mills, whose pleasing duty it was to present to the Immediate Past Master, on behalf of the initiates of his year of Office, two souvenirs, in the forms of a cigar case and signet ring, the latter being adorned with the arms of the Upton Lodge.

The I.P.M., in the course of his reply, said he hardly knew how to express his delight at the very handsome presents they had made him and his wife. He could assure them he hoped to live long to look upon them, as mementoes of a very pleasant year of office as Master of the Upton Lodge. He felt particularly pleased at receiving the gift for his wife also, and in knowing that what he had accomplished would not have been possible without the co-operation of all the members, to one and all of whom he tendered his thankful congratulations. On behalf of his good lady he had also to thank the members of the Lodge for their handsome gift, which he knew would be greatly appreciated, and would be an ample recompense for any time he had spent away from home on the work of the Lodge. To the initiates he was particularly indebted, and he congratulated them on the quiet way in which they had worked and provided such handsome testimonials of their appreciation. It would be a source of gratification to him in the future—a shining light, as it were—to

know he had admitted a number of young men to the Lodge whom he now regarded as most desirable acquisitions, and whom he hoped would long act in the spirit of the three addresses which had been his last effort in the Lodge that night.

The toast of the Initiate was next given, and in proposing it the W.M. felt he could assure the Brethren they had just admitted a very worthy member. He was a personal friend of some years acquaintance, and he felt sure the latest addition to their number would become a credit to the Upton Lodge. He desired to include with the toast the health of their newly admitted joining member.

Bro. Farrow cordially thanked the Brethren for electing him as a member of the Lodge that evening. He did not know much of the working of the Craft at present, but could truly promise to do his best to become a good Mason, and a worthy member of the Upton Lodge.

Bro. J. A. Keable did not know he could add anything to what he had said in Lodge, in acknowledgment of his election as a member, but he could assure them that if in the future he could do anything for their entertainment, or the prosperity of the Lodge, he should only be too pleased to undertake it.

In proposing the health of the Visitors the W.M. characterised the toast as a most important one, for the reason that the Upton Lodge took credit to itself for making a feature of according a hearty welcome to Visiting Brethren. He spoke of several of the guests personally and coupled the names of some of the more important visitors with the toast, with the further invitation that any other of the guests who desired to do so would also express their views.

Bro. Miles W.M. 1851 first responded. He had not expected to be called upon, being probably the youngest Master present. He had been looking forward to the auspicious events of that day, and while cordially greeting the new Master of the Lodge trusted the Great Architect of the Universe would give him health, strength and wisdom to so discharge the duties of his Office as to render the Upton Lodge more extensively useful than it had hitherto been.

Bro. Robinson followed, saying how much he had enjoyed himself. He had not hitherto seen the work of installation performed, for, if he might say so, his eyes were really blinded by the excitement of the moment when he had himself been placed in the chair of his Lodge. He congratulated the Lodge on the performances of its members that day.

Bro. Taylor followed, adding his congratulations. He was an Australian Mason, and might say the Brethren out there prided themselves on the way in which they performed Lodge work, and this being so they would the better appreciate his feelings when he told them he was delighted with what he had seen in the Upton Lodge that day.

Bro. Cambden P.M. said he had been very much struck by the working of the present Master, and felt sure their initiate of that day would benefit by the ability displayed on the occasion of his admittance. He felt he was echoing the sentiment of every visiting Brother in wishing the Upton Lodge all success.

The I.P.M. again assumed command, this time to propose the Masonic Institutions. The toast was one that was received with enthusiasm at all Masonic gatherings, and he felt it was sure of a special welcome on that occasion, in view of the fact that their Worshipful Master—who had already qualified and acted as a Steward for both the Boys and Girls Schools—had now accepted a Stewardship on behalf of the Benevolent Institution. Many of those present could testify to the fact that numerous orphan boys and girls of the Craft were well looked after, and would agree it was but right that the old people of both sexes among them should also be specially cared for.

The W.M. acknowledged the toast. He did not propose to say much on that occasion, except that he had accepted a Stewardship on behalf of the Old Peoples Institution, and should be asking them ere long for subscriptions in support of that Fund. He hoped to meet as hearty a response as he did when he similarly acted for the Boys and Girls Charities.

Now came the toast of the Treasurer and Secretary, and in submitting it the Master said it was a matter that required a much better speaker than he was to do it justice. The two Brethren honoured in the toast were essentially a part of the Lodge, ever ready to do anything in their power for its welfare and prosperity. He was very pleased in having to make a little present to their worthy Secretary Bro. Free. The members would remember that at the last meeting it was arranged to present him with a Past Master's jewel, but it had been decided to alter the form of the presentation, and the clock which was then displayed to their view had been selected instead. Bro. Free had worked hard for the Lodge, and had done much to bring it up to its present high position of financial and numerical soundness, and it was but right his unceasing efforts in their behalf should be recognised. He hoped Bro. Free would be spared for many years, and that whenever he had occasion to look at the clock he was now presented with he would remember the members of the Upton Lodge, and their appreciation of his services.

Bro. Treasurer Geiseke thanked the Brethren very much for the toast. He was now one of the oldest Past Masters and one of the oldest members of the Lodge. He was one of the few—with his Brother Secretary—who shifted the Lodge from the place of its foundation at Upton to London, and although they had had great difficulties to surmount at the time he felt they were well repaid in the present prosperous condition of the Lodge. He hoped to be spared for many years more to watch its further development.

Bro. Free was sure no one could entertain more heartfelt thankfulness than he did on the present occasion. He had been associated with the Lodge since 1880, and with Bro. Geiseke held the distinction of being the oldest Past Masters. He hoped to have the same confidence reposed in him in the future as had been the case in the past. He considered the present condition of the Lodge

redounded greatly to the credit of its members. He very much appreciated their kindness in presenting him with such a handsome clock. They would now be able to knock at his door at any time, should they desire to know "Upton" time, and he felt he might express equal thankfulness on behalf of "sister" Free, who would be as much delighted with the gift as he was.

The toast of the Past Masters was then given, followed by the health of the Officers and the closing sentiment by the Tyler—who concluded a most happy and enjoyable meeting.

We give a portrait of the new Worshipful Master on page 121 of this issue.

## PROVINCIAL.

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### St. Bede Lodge, No. 1119.

THE installation of Bro. John Wood S.W., who was unanimously elected as W.M. for the ensuing year at the July meeting, took place on Wednesday, 29th ult., at Jarrow. A large number of the Past Masters and Brethren assembled to witness the ceremony, and there were also many influential Brethren present from the neighbouring Lodges in Newcastle, Sunderland, Hebburn, South Shields, Gateshead, &c.

The installation ceremony was very ably performed by Bro. Henry Dancaster W.M., assisted by Bro. J. F. Douglas P.M. r.P.G.Std. After Bro. Wood had been placed in the chair he appointed the Officers for the ensuing year.

Many visiting Brethren offered their hearty congratulations to Bro. Wood on his having attained the high position of W.M. of St. Bede Lodge, wishing him a happy and prosperous year of Office.

The annual festival and banquet was held at Bro. A. Barrasford's, Ben Lomond Hotel, and was presided over by the newly installed W.M., who was supported by a large company of Brethren. After dinner the usual Loyal and Masonic toasts were honoured and a very pleasant and harmonious evening was spent.

### Liverpool Dramatic Lodge, No. 1609.

AFTER the usual two months summer vacation, which has been in existence for many years, in connection with this Lodge, the members once more assembled in strong force at the Masonic Hall, Hope Street, Liverpool, on Tuesday afternoon, 28th ult., for the transaction of business, which was of an important nature. This included the passing and raising of candidates, the election of W.M. and Treasurer, and the usual representatives on the various Lodge and other Committees. Bro. Dr. A. G. Goodwin W.M. was at his post, and was well supported.

After the two degrees had been conferred, Bro. W. H. Dutton S.W. was unanimously elected W.M. for the coming year; and cordial recognition of almost invaluable services was given to Bro. William Savage P.P.G.Treas., who was again selected with every evidence of enthusiasm to fill the important office of Treasurer of the Dramatic—a position he has held for a considerable period with great distinction to himself and advantage to his Brethren.

The other minor appointments were subsequently made, and after the banquet which followed business a capital musical programme was given.

### St. Cuthbert Lodge, No. 1902.

ON Tuesday, 4th inst., the annual meeting was held in the new Masonic Hall, Bedlington, Bro. S. Hare W.M. presiding. There was a good attendance of Provincial Officers and others.

After the transaction of the preliminary business Bro. Edward W. Carr W.M.-elect was installed into the chair of Worshipful Master for the ensuing year, the impressive ceremony being ably given by Bro. G. R. Turner P.M., who was assisted by Bros. J. Swann P.M., and P. H. Gibson P.M.

Bro. Charlton, on behalf of Bro. Newsome Tyler, made an interesting presentation of useful articles to the Lodge, which were thankfully received by the Master on behalf of the members.

The meeting shortly afterwards terminated, and adjourned to Bro. Metcalf's, the Turk's Head Hotel, where the annual banquet was held. After the removal of the cloth the usual toasts were given and enthusiastically received, songs and recitations being rendered at intervals by several Brethren.

### St. Albans Lodge, No. 2786.

ON Thursday, 6th inst., a meeting was held at the Red Lion Hotel, St. Albans, under the presidency of Brother C. O. Burgess W.M. P.M. P.P.S.G.Warden Berks. P.Z., &c., supported by Bros. Frank Crocker S.W., H. Watts P.M. J.W., Wm. G. Coxen acting Secretary, Francis Fisher P.M. P.P.G.Std.Br. Treasurer, W. Sergeant Lee P.M. S.D., J. T. Matthews Steward, Harry Willmsmer (visitor) acting I.G., R. H. Balderson, Harry Burkett, C. E. Griffin, G. Rolis, J. Wheelhouse, and Geo. Everett Tyler.

The other Visitors were Bros. J. Parry-Cole P.M. P.P. Grand Chaplain Sussex (who kindly acted as Organist during the meeting, and afterwards presided at the piano during the evening), Arthur Spicer P.M. 2218 P.P.G.Std.Br., and F. J. Mackadam.

The Lodge being opened in due form, and the minutes read and confirmed, of the meeting held on 5th July, the ballot was taken for Bro. Councillor Thos. Oakley 1470 as a joining member and proved unanimous in his favour.

Bro. Frank Crocker S.W. was unanimously elected the second Master of the Lodge, Bro. F. Fisher P.M. Treasurer, Brothers Balderson, Griffin, and Wheelhouse Auditors, Brother F. Crocker Charity Representative and Finance Committee Representative,

and Bro. Geo. Everett Tyler. Three shares of £5 5s in the Benevolent Association were ballotted for.

The usual Loyal and Masonic toasts were duly observed, interspersed by musical contributions.

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## METROPOLITAN : INSTRUCTION.

### Confidence Lodge, No. 193.

THE members of this excellent Lodge, who are so well known for good work, assembled at the Bunch of Grapes, Lime Street, on Wednesday, under the presidency of Bro. A. G. McDonald, who was supported by Bros. J. A. Hobday S.W., H. Rowland J.W., L. Da Costa P.M. Preceptor of the Friars Lodge acting Preceptor, C. Goovaerts Treas., J. K. Pitt P.M. &c. Sec., J. Mears P.M. S.D., A. E. Green J.D., F. W. Clark I.G., E. J. Davey P.M., Metcalf Baillie, J. Goodchild, W. H. Lotheim, A. Davis W.M. 1194, D. Chittock, J. Done, J. Wynman, and others.

The W.M. rehearsed the ceremony of initiation, Bro. J. Done, who made an excellent substitute, acting as the candidate. The W.M. vacated the chair in favour of Bro. J. Mears, Bro. McDonald taking his place as S.D. The Lodge was opened in the second degree, and the ceremony rehearsed, Bro. Baillie acting as candidate.

Bro. A. Davis W.M. 1149 was elected a member, and duly acknowledged his admittance into the Lodge. Bro. J. A. Hobday was chosen W.M. for the next meeting.

The worthy Secretary announced that the Fifteen Sections would be worked in the Lodge on Wednesday, 26th inst., at 7 o'clock, with Bro. Dave Moss P.M. 1275 2607 P.D.G.S.B. Transvaal in the chair, Bro. L. A. DaCosta P.M. as S.W., and J. Oxley P.M. as J.W.

Bro. DaCosta proposed that a hearty vote of thanks be passed, and recorded on the minutes, congratulating the W.M. on the very able manner in which he had rehearsed the ceremony of initiation for the first time in that Lodge. Bro. Pitt seconded, and the vote was unanimously agreed to. In reply the W.M. said that was the first occasion on which he had presided at a Masonic meeting and he was proud of the reception that had been accorded him. He thanked the Brethren for their kindness and indulgence.

After the closing of the Lodge ballot was taken for three Life Subscriberships in connection with the Benevolent Association of the Lodge, and resulted in favour of Bros. Houghton, Goovaerts, and Pribul.

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### Yarborough Lodge, No. 554.

A VERY good meeting was held on Tuesday, at Bro. Butlin's, the Citizen, Hounsdlitch, when Bro. E. H. Norden was in the chair, supported by Bros. J. Cohn S.W., D. J. George J.W., L. Da Costa P.M. Preceptor of the Friars Lodge acting Preceptor, D. McNich P.M. Sec., Stock S.D., Crabb I.G., Butlin, W. Latham, J. Wynman, Andrews, &c.

The Lodge being duly formed the W.M. expressed his intention of rehearsing the ceremony of passing, for which Bro. Latham kindly offered himself as the candidate. He having answered the questions to the satisfaction of the W.M. was entrusted, the Lodge was opened in the second degree and the ceremony was rendered in a most perfect and impressive manner. By desire of the W.M. Bro. D. McNich P.M. Secretary of the Lodge worked the first and second sections of the Lecture.

Bro. J. Cohn was elected W.M. for Tuesday next. Bro. Da Costa in well deserved complimentary terms proposed that a hearty vote of thanks be recorded on the minutes for the excellent working of the W.M., for the first time in the Lodge. The W.M. was a Past Master of the Israel Lodge, the Brethren need not therefore be surprised at the excellence of his performance, as the members of the Israel Lodge were all good workers. The W.M. thanked Bro. Da Costa for his kind remarks, and the Brethren for the great attention they had given to the ceremony, but he himself had thought he was a little rusty, and no doubt would do better next time.

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### City of London Lodge, No. 901.

ON Tuesday, at 6.30, at the King's Arms, Shoreditch, there was not such a good meeting as on the previous occasion, as several of the Brethren belonging to the Acacia and other Lodges were obliged to attend to their regular meeting.

Bro. W. R. Haylock W.M. 901 acted as W.M., with Bros. G. M. Gross S.W., J. Wynman J.W., W. R. Haylock P.M. Prec., G. Smith S.D., F. M. Case I.G., and several new members we had not the pleasure of knowing.

The ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, including the ancient charge. The Lodge was called off to partake of a little well earned refreshment. On resuming Bro. Case was desired to take the Inner Guard's duties, and the W.M. proposed to rehearse the ceremony of passing, for which Bro. Smith was accepted as the candidate. Having answered the questions he was entrusted, the Lodge was opened in the second degree, and the ceremony was gone through. The Lodge was further advanced, and part of the ceremony of raising was rehearsed.

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### Friars Lodge, No. 1349.

ON Thursday, 6th inst., we paid another visit to this Lodge, at Bro. Abraham's, the Aldgate Distillery, Aldgate, when we had the pleasure of seeing in the chair Bro. Crabb, who is well known for faultless working. In the temporary absence of Bro. L. DaCosta P.M. Preceptor Bro. M. Davis P.M. P.Z., &c., undertook the duties of that Office, but the work was so perfect that his assistance was not required. The W.M. received the support of Bros. Emden S.W., J. Cohn J.W., J. Davis Sec., J. Otley P.M. S.D., C. Lotheim J.D., J. Durell I.G., B. Philips Steward, H.

Harris P.M., M. DaCosta P.M., J. Richmond, N. Goldman, L. Simmons, J. Wynman, and others.

The ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, Bro. Lotheim acting as candidate. This being ended Bro. Emden was elected W.M. for Thursday.

Bro. D. Moss informed the W.M. that he had received a letter from Bro. J. K. Pitt, of the Confidence Lodge of Instruction, No. 193 kindly asking them to work the Fifteen Sections in that Lodge. It was unanimously agreed this should be done, on Wednesday, the 26th inst., at 7 o'clock.

The Lodge being closed Brother D. Moss President of the Benevolent Association took the chair, and informed the Brethren there was more than sufficient money in hand to have two ballots of five guineas each. These proved to be in favour of Bros. J. Davis and J. Goulston, a coincidence being that those two Brethren are cousins. We hope to be able to report similar acts on behalf of the Charities in many other Lodges.

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### Royal Victorian Jubilee Lodge, No. 2184.

#### LATE TERRIERS.

IT is with much pleasure we are able to record a specially good meeting on Wednesday afternoon, at 3 o'clock, at the Dover Castle, Westminster Bridge Road. Those present included Bros. Allen W.M., F. Strutt S.W., W. J. Alabaster J.W., A. Darch P.M. Preceptor, W. J. Newstead Sec., J. Wynman S.D., C. Andrews I.G., J. McCann, H. Dunyer, C. West, &c.

After preliminaries, the ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, Bro. McCann acting as the candidate. The W.M. then changed places with Bro. F. Strutt S.W., who rehearsed the second ceremony, Bro. Andrews, as candidate, first answering the questions and being entrusted. We have had the opportunity of testifying to Bro. Strutt's Masonic abilities in regular Lodge, and moreover his capabilities are well known. On this occasion he was quite up to the mark, and his performances gave great gratification to the Brethren present. For this reason it is particularly fortunate he stood next in rotation for the chair, to which he was elected for next Wednesday's meeting. It is expected he will be well supported on that occasion by members of the Hygeia and Henry Muggeridge Lodges, of both of which he is the present Worshipful Master.

The Lodge being closed the third ballot in connection with the Benevolent Association of the Lodge was proceeded with, and resulted in favour of Bro. Conley, who took the opportunity of congratulating his fellow members on the formation of the Association and their perseverance in so good a cause. The Association has only been in existence a short time. We trust it may have a prosperous career, and be followed by many similar ones.

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THE summer excursions on the Midland Railway will be continued during the present month, trains being arranged to leave St. Pancras on Friday midnights (21st and 28th inst.) for the Isle of Man via Liverpool, on Saturdays, 22nd via Barrow, and on the 22nd and 29th via Liverpool. The excursions to the Lake District, Buxton, Matlock, Southport, Blackpool, Liverpool, Scarborough, &c. will also run on the 22nd and 29th, and special facilities are likewise offered for those who may desire to visit Manchester for the races.

## UNIFORM WORK.

MASONRY is universal. The forms and ceremonies peculiar to the institution are in substance the same throughout the world. The differences which exist in the several jurisdictions consist chiefly in the phraseology or language of the ritual.

While these differences are quite marked, yet a skilful Mason has no difficulty in proving his right to recognition wherever he may go.

Nevertheless, there is a growing sentiment in favour of unifying the Masonic ritual in the various grand jurisdictions. Prominent members of the Fraternity favour the making of a universal uniform Masonic work. How to bring it about is the question. The establishment of a general Grand Lodge with supreme authority over all Grand Lodges would result, no doubt, in the making of a uniform ritual.

But the possibility of such a body being ever established is very remote. The various sovereign Grand Lodges could hardly be induced to surrender their sovereignty for the sake of a uniform ritual. They care less for the ritual than they do for their sovereignty. It is but natural that they should do so. We feel quite sure that a general Grand Lodge of Freemasons having supreme authority will never be established.

However, a compact might be formed among the Grand Lodges agreeing to a uniform ritual. To bring about such an agreement would be a difficult task, but not an impossible one.

Some Grand Lodge might take the initiative step and appoint a Commission to negotiate with the other Grand Lodges.

We would be glad to publish any article on this question, and invite those who have given it thought to send us their opinions for publication.—"Pacific Mason."