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EMULATION.

BEARING in mind what we said in days long gone by, when criticising the visitor who "had never seen work so admirably done as had been the case that day," we felt it was first necessary to cast around for an explanation of a somewhat similar theory we propose to lay down—the determination of the ordinary Brother, on being elected to the chair of a Lodge, to outshine all past Officers, and do something in advance of what had been previously accomplished. It is, of course, one thing for a Brother to set himself the task of excelling all of his predecessors, and quite another for a visitor to get up and repeat the old stock phrase, time after time, that the work had never been done better, nor a ceremony more impressively rendered, than at the Lodge of which he was at the moment a guest. One is evidence of a laudable ambition; the other is not only of questionable taste—under circumstances which occasionally surround our gatherings—but very often defeats the very object for which it is uttered, by making the real delinquents appear even more ridiculous than would have been the case had their shortcomings been simply glossed over. But as we have said, our desire being to maintain that every Brother elected to the chair of a Lodge makes up his mind to do better than any of his predecessors, we had to search for a reasonable excuse for advancing such a theory of continued improvement; and we find it in an article we quote elsewhere, in which it is pointed out that every new Master has the experience of his predecessors to look back upon, and in determining to eclipse them he can profit by their mistakes, and avoid troubles which they had to face without previous note or warning.

Thus it is possible for each succeeding Master to do better than those before him, providing he has the spirit of emulation strong within him, the ability to profit by the experiences of those he wishes to excel, and a fair share of those gifts of nature which are essential and necessary for all who desire to shine as rulers or leaders among their fellows. This being so it is well to be able to recognise a strong desire among the Brethren of to-day to emulate the work of the past generation; to even accomplish far greater things in the future than have been done in the past, rather than to rest content with the mere knowledge of having been able to keep things up to the same standard as previously existed.

The spirit of emulation is strong among us, and it is perfectly safe to say that "Excelsior" is the popular motto among members of the Craft. Ever upward, still higher, is certainly the ambition of the ordinary Freemason, and, happily, usages of the Craft allow of the full exercise of that principle, by the promotions and preferment which regularly take place in our Lodges year by year. It is no unusual thing to hear the junior Officers of a Lodge promising to use every

effort to discharge their duties better than they were done by previous holders of the Office, and that, too, even in the presence of the Brethren referred to. But no offence is intended or taken, and it may be the Brethren criticised are themselves of a similar opinion in regard to the higher duties before them, all of which sentiments must have a beneficial effect on the future of the Craft, for the more emulation there is the more likely are we to have good and efficient Officers in years to come.

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At a meeting of Worshipful Masters of Lodges on Friday evening, 14th inst., in the Three Towns, held in the Freemasons' Hall, Plymouth, and presided over by Bro. C. J. Moore W.M. of St. John's Lodge, No. 70, it was unanimously decided that the concert to be given in Plymouth Guildhall, in December, on behalf of the Devon Masonic Educational Fund, should be held under the banner of Lodge Elms, No. 1212, of which Bro. W. H. James is the W.M. Bro. W. Willoughby P.P.G.O., who has conducted several concerts in previous years with marked success, has again consented to undertake the musical arrangements, and is preparing a very attractive programme.

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In connection with the celebration last year of the tercentenary of its consecutive minutes, the Lodge of Edinburgh (Mary's Chapel), No. 1, which according to the authorities is the oldest existing Freemasons' Lodge in the world, is bringing out a new and limited edition of its history. The work, of which Bro. D. Murray Lyon Grand Secretary of Scotland is the author, will be published by the Gresham Publishing Company, 130 Bath Street, Glasgow. A special copy is in course of preparation for H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, who gave his patronage to the first edition, and who has honoured the Lodge by requesting a copy of the present one.

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We regret to learn that Bro. Richard Wilson Deputy Grand Master of West Yorkshire has met with an accident which will confine him to his house for some time. Bro. Wilson recently went to St. Petersburg on a holiday, but shortly before disembarking there he slipped on deck and sprained his ankle. He was brought back to England as soon as convenient, and is now under treatment at his residence, Westfield, Armley.

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Official confirmation is given of the announcement that early in the coming year the Grand Master of England and the Princess of Wales will visit Ireland for the purpose of laying the foundation stone of the new Royal Victoria Hospital, at Belfast, to be erected as a memorial of the Queen's Diamond Jubilee. During their Royal Highnesses' stay they will be the guests of the Marquis of Londonderry, at Mount Stewart, county Down.

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Even his nearest friends might fail to recognise Brother the Lord Mayor of Liverpool as Cohenydd, or the estimable Lady Mayoress as Mai Cohen,—the bardic titles conferred upon them by the gorsedd of bards, at the opening of the Royal Welsh Eisteddfod in the Mersey city this week.

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The installation meeting of the Villiers Lodge, No. 1194, will be held at the Mitre Hotel, Hampton Court, on the first Saturday in October, when we hope to be represented, and give an account of the proceedings.

CUMBERLAND AND WESTMORLAND.

At the annual meeting of the Provincial Grand Lodge, held at Maryport, of Friday of last week, and presided over by Lord Henry Cavendish Bentinck, M.P., there was a large representation from all the Lodges of the Province.

Brother George Dalrymple, of Whitehaven, who for a long series of years had filled the office of Secretary, with marked satisfaction, retired from that position owing to ill-health, and the appointment of a successor was deferred.

The following were appointed as the Provincial Grand Officers for the year:

Bro. J. W. Hayton 1532	-	-	-	Senior Warden
J. W. Scott 962	-	-	-	Junior Warden
Rev. D. G. Douglas 1073	-	-	-	} Chaplains
Rev. H. J. Allen 119	-	-	-	
R. J. Nelson 129	-	-	-	Treasurer
R. T. Derome 129	-	-	-	Registrar
S. L. Barns-Lindow 119	-	-	-	Senior Deacon
Gray 310	-	-	-	Junior Deacon
J. Henderson 310	-	-	-	Superintendent of Works
J. Noble 2285	-	-	-	Director of Ceremonies
R. Robertson 1989	-	-	-	Assistant Dir. of Cers.
Tulley 1220	-	-	-	Sword Bearer
G. Johnson 371	-	-	-	} Standard Bearers.
J. W. Carmichael 962	-	-	-	
I. Silson 371	-	-	-	Organist
E. Griffin 1390	-	-	-	Pursuivant
F. Ireby 1073	-	-	-	Assistant Pursuivant
O. Procter 1074	-	-	-	} Stewards.
J. Young 872	-	-	-	
J. Fletcher	-	-	-	
L. Ferguson 1400	-	-	-	
Dixon 1660	-	-	-	
Aird -	-	-	-	

DEVONSHIRE.

THE Provincial Grand Mark Lodge of Devonshire is to be held at the Masonic Hall, Ilfracombe, on Wednesday, 26th instant, at 3.30 p.m. In the unavoidable absence of the Right Hon. Lord Northcote, G.C.I.E., Prov.G.M.M., the chair will be taken by the Acting Prov.G.M. Bro. G. S. Strode D.Prov. G.Master.

The regular committee, as well as the Prov. Grand Treas. and Auditors, will be elected, and the Officers for the ensuing year appointed and invested. The Committee of General Purposes will assemble soon after 3 p.m. In order for Brethren to obtain the advantage of return railway tickets at a fare and a quarter, not less than six first class or ten second or third class passengers must book "at the same time from the same station," instead of permitting the members to select their own time and without any regard to the number leaving by any particular train.

The North Devon Union Lodge, No. 540, is to be consecrated in the same Hall at Ilfracombe, earlier in the day, at 12.30 p.m., by the Acting Prov.G.M. The Founders are Major G. C. Davie W.M., Rev. R. W. J. Smart S.W., and Bro. William Drew J.W. The other original members are Bros. the Rev. H. G. Morse, the Rev. Thomas Russell, and H. R. Gover. An elaborate programme has been printed respecting the interesting ceremony.

There are twenty-five Mark Lodges in Devonshire, but three, at least, are in abeyance. Possibly these may be soon reopened, the degree being very popular in the county.

LONDON LODGES.

THERE are already on the roll of Grand Lodge of England no less than 498 Lodges situated within the metropolitan area, that is in a radius short of ten miles of London. A considerable proportion of this number have special objects in view, or, to speak more correctly, have, as the reason for foundation, the purpose of uniting by the one more tie of Masonic Brotherhood men engaged in a particular calling in life, or in a pleasure with which they relieve the monotony of obtaining a subsistence. Thus, music, and the drama have a dozen Lodges in which professors and lovers of these respective arts may meet on a common platform and forget their rivalries and jealousies. Another dozen London Lodges bring the already united services of the navy and army together, while the volunteers rejoice in having alone a still larger number of Lodges for themselves than each of the combined professions aforesaid support collectively. As many as five Lodges are connected with the law, three of them being composed entirely of members of

the Bar; and physic and surgery have at least four Lodges. The members of the Jewish faith have always been very strong on Masonry, not only the art of Masonry itself, but its traditions, its history, and its ceremonies, being closely allied with the Biblical records of the ancient creed. The eldest of the Israelitish London Lodges are Nos. 185 and 188, the Tranquillity and the Joppa, and the peculiarity of No. 185 is this: that, whereas it was so ultra-Christian in its early years that it had a bye-law that no Jew should be a member, when it got into pecuniary difficulties it was released from these difficulties by Jews, and thenceforward it became a Jewish Lodge. Masonry also has attracted many persons engaged in particular trades to secure Lodges in London for their fellows in the same trades. The pawnbrokers, therefore, have a Lodge of their own—the Lombardian—and an Attenborough was considered not an unsuitable Brother for its first Master. The gas engineers have an Evening Star Lodge; there are two Lodges connected with the administrators of the Poor Law; tobacco supports the Sir Walter Raleigh Lodge, and working journalists exclusively maintain the Gallery Lodge. With printing and paper, the Caxton, the Papyrus, and the St. Bride Lodges combine companionship of the allied trades in their supporters; and the London School Board and the London County Council have no difficulty—more especially the latter—in keeping up a membership of Lodges of their own which is both numerous and highly representative. The Pilgrim Lodge works in German, and La France in French; La Tolerance worked in French at one time, but it has long abandoned that distinction, and it now only uses English language in its ceremonies. Christ's Hospital has a Lodge of its own; Merchant Taylors' School has the Sir Thomas White Lodge, and the City of London School the John Carpenter Lodge. The tradesmen who have the good fortune to hold warrants for supplying Royalty with their wares, being a very powerful body, formed themselves last year into petitioners for a Lodge entirely to themselves, and they are now a strong Lodge with the significant title of the Royal Warrant Holders Lodge. Several City wards have special Lodges for the members of those wards; Cornwall and Lancashire have their own Lodges in London, and it is expected that shortly Devonshire will join the list, with the Lord Chancellor for its first Master. —"Morning Advertiser."

BANQUET TO SIR GEORGE PHILIPSON.

ON Friday evening of last week, in the new banquetting room of the County Hotel, Newcastle, the Brethren of Northumberland and Durham united to pay honour to Prof. Sir George Philipson, in recognition of the recent knighthood conferred upon him by Her Majesty, and as a testimony of the esteem in which they hold a Brother Mason, holding a high position in the world of medical philanthropy.

The Provincial Grand Master of Northumberland Sir Matthew White Ridley, Secretary of State for Home Affairs, presided, and had on his right hand the guest of the evening Sir George Philipson P.M. 2260 and 2352 P.G.S.W. Durham, and on his left Lord Barnard P.G.W. of England.

The Provincial Grand Master, in proposing the Loyal toast, dwelt on Her Majesty's sympathy with the poor and sick and suffering, and said it must be a matter of profound satisfaction to them all that the Queen marked her interest so clearly by sending the Prince of Wales there to open the New Infirmary on her behalf.

The Provincial Grand Master also proposed the health of the Prince of Wales Grand Master of England.

Bro. J. Gibson Youll proposed the Grand Lodge of England.

Bro. Lord Barnard, in replying, expressed in warm terms the concurrence of the Brethren in the Province of Durham in thus honouring Sir George Philipson. In this honour the whole Province felt itself honoured.

The Provincial Grand Master, in rising to give the toast of the evening, was received with great enthusiasm. He said he had never had more pleasure in presiding over any gathering than in that assembly called to honour a gentleman who had recently been knighted by the Queen for his distinguished services in the medical profession and in other respects in the North of England. There was, he went on, no man more worthy of honour than Sir George Philipson, either among Freemasons or in the medical profession. Touching with a note of regret on the death of Sir Hedworth Williamson, and

the absence of Canon Tristram, he proceeded to say that Her Majesty was well advised in conferring the honour of knighthood upon Sir George Philipson. Some men were only honoured in their own professions, but as Freemasons who were interested in various classes of life in that and the neighbouring county who knew what Sir George Philipson had done for them, and knew the high position he held among them, they felt they had a right to share in giving honour to a man who had been honoured by the North of England.

The New Infirmary, the foundation stone of which was laid so successfully by the Prince of Wales, amid such great enthusiasm, had a great future of prosperity before it, and they owed more of that hope of prosperity to Sir George Philipson than to any other man. He believed that for twenty-eight years their guest was Acting Physician in that Infirmary, and was never absent one day from his duties. He was, Sir Matthew proceeded, the head of the medical profession, was president of the University College of Medicine in Newcastle and Durham, and represented the College in the Medical Council of England. No man deserved better the honours conferred upon him by his medical Brethren, and the laymen among the Freemasons felt entirely persuaded that the medical profession had done quite right in conferring upon him all the honours in their power. The honour conferred by Her Majesty upon Sir George Philipson was an honour to the medical profession in the North of England, a profession which amply deserved the Royal recognition in the person of a distinguished citizen, who in all walks of life had endeared himself to every class of the community.

Bro. Sir George Philipson, who was received with a great outburst of enthusiasm, in feeling terms expressed his gratitude for the cordial manifestation of their regard and for the great kindness they had shown him. This mark of regard from his Brother Masons he particularly valued, as their endorsement of the high honour paid him by Her Majesty. He desired especially to thank the members of the Committee who had organised that banquet, and the exertions of Bro. Seymour Bell and Dr. Leech as Secretaries. The form their honour had taken would leave in his breast a remembrance which would never be effaced. The recognition his own medical brethren intended to give him, superadded to the welcome of his Brother Masons, was almost more than any man could hope or wish for. He returned thanks for the graceful references made by the Provincial Grand Master to himself and to the New Infirmary, one of the greatest medical and surgical Institutions in the North of England between Edinburgh and the cities of the South. It held a unique position, and compared favourably in the work of its honorary staffs with any of the metropolitan or provincial hospitals. The recognition conferred upon the profession would inspire and incite them to still greater efforts to see that the New Infirmary should be in no way wanting. They would do all they could to make it one of the greatest Institutions for the relief of the sick and suffering poor of that and the neighbouring county.

The toast of the Provincial Grand Master was proposed by Bro. Richard Luck, and responded to by Sir Matthew White Ridley.

On the proposition of Bro. John Goolden the toast of the Provinces of Durham and Northumberland was honoured, Bro. Robert Hudson and Bro. Henry Usher replying.

The Masonic dinner on Friday night is to be followed by a similar gathering of his brother medicos; and probably in Durham, where his Masonic career began under the tuition of the Rev. Canon Tristram, and where he advanced highest in Office, there will also be a reunion of his old friends in his honour.

The new banquetting hall of the County Hotel was really inaugurated by the Philipson dinner. It is a long and spacious room, extending the full length of the Neville Street side of the Hotel. Very richly decorated, gold predominating, and magnificently illuminated by electricity, it is of a character very far in advance of any Hotel dining room in Newcastle.

CHURCH SERVICE.

ON Sunday, under the auspices of St. Paul's Lodge and Royal Arch Chapter, No. 160 (I.C.), a Masonic Service was held in the Old Presbyterian Church, Templepatrick. A special train travelled from Belfast, and a number of Brethren from the city took advantage of the opportunity of assisting their friends. The Brethren met at the Masonic

Hall, Templepatrick, and marched in procession to the church, which was filled to its utmost capacity.

Bro. Rev. A. Turner chose for his text I. Kings vi., 7—“And the house, when it was in building, was built of stone made ready before it was brought thither; so that there was neither hammer nor axe nor any tool of iron heard in the house, while it was in building.”

The origin of Freemasonry, let them freely admit, was lost in obscurity. The line of descent was not straight. Tracing backwards, they followed a zig-zag course, touching one corporation here, another there, until at last there was no path left, and they paused. To make the institution coeval with creation was beyond his power. But even so, its great antiquity was acknowledged and at least dated back to the time when men were first gathered together in numbers to build the grand architectural structures of the world. In the fact that the vast numbers employed lay, he thought, the beginning of the present Institution. The first care of the architect was to provide for his men. Huts were built—frequently called Lodges—wherein the workers might lodge, ten men to a Lodge, and one of the ten was appointed Warden or Overseer over the remaining nine. Those small groups doubtless fostered the spirit of Brotherly Love among themselves, and thus from the very beginning Speculative Masonry existed to some extent alongside the operative kind. It was easy to imagine that a worker injured or maimed in the course of his work would be carried to his Lodge, and faithfully and tenderly cared for by the remaining members thereof. Charity of the highest description thus crept in from the commencement, and became an integral part of Freemasonry.

A peculiarity about those old-time architects and builders was that they moved about “en bloc” from place to place, from country to country, to wherever especially good work was to be done. This travelling about in company unconsciously bound them together as a society, kept the Lodges intact, with all their membership and Office-bearers, and fostered a desire to keep within themselves the secrets of their Craft. About the year 1044 before Christ, the Dionysiac Fraternity appeared in Asia Minor—that is to say, about half a century before the building of Solomon's Temple. The Fraternity was established in Tyre, when King Hiram was called upon to assist King Solomon in his design. The Dionysiac workmen were sent from Tyre, at the head of whom was Hiram, the widow's son, correctly known and styled in the Lutherin version of the Scriptures as Hiram Abiff. To this band of workmen many attributed the origin of Freemasonry.

In 926 A.D. the English Freemasons met at York and under the title of the “Gothic Institution” they adopted their rules and regulations. To this Craft they owed the magnificent Gothic religious edifices of the middle ages such as the Cathedral of Strasburg, built between 1015 and 1439, and that of Cologne founded in 1248. The abbey at Kilwinning in Scotland was raised by this Fraternity in the thirteenth century, and the Kilwinning and York Lodges are the most ancient on record. The Grand Mastership of Kilwinning was hereditary in the family of St. Clare of Roslin; while several English Kings have consented to accept the corresponding dignity from the York Lodge.

About the year 1714 a formal resolution was passed by the English Grand Lodge that the privileges of the Order should no longer be restricted to Operative Masons, but extended to men of various professions, provided they were regularly approved and initiated. It was interesting to recall that Sir Christopher Wren, designer and builder of St. Paul's, was in his time Grand Master. The Dionysiac Fraternity settled in Asia Minor about fifty years before the building of Solomon's Temple. With them Freemasonry was by many believed to have begun. This was a little more than one thousand years before Christ. From Asia Minor they made their way to Tyre, and seem to have securely established themselves there when King Solomon sent to King Hiram for help to build the Temple.

Proceeding, Rev. Bro. Turner gave a description of Solomon's Temple, which was one of the most magnificent structures of the ancient world. He drew particular attention to the methods pursued in the building of it—to the awful, the reverent silence which pervaded the work. No doubt the world had listened to a great deal of noise in the name of religion, but it was, perhaps, so-called religion, and one should discriminate between the reality and the semblance. In conclusion, he said he had to ask for their alms in the interests of their Masonic Institution in the village of Templepatrick. He

need hardly point out that Masonry meant the greatest goodwill and charity, so he asked them that afternoon to be as good and as liberal as they thought God had been to them.

The collection, which was then taken, amounted to £30 16s 5d. The service concluded with devotional exercises. —“Belfast News Letter.”

An interesting paragraph appears in the “Masonic Journal,” as to the career of Bro. Henry Taylor Prov. G. Reg. Cheshire who, it is stated, was initiated into Masonry in the Cestrian Lodge, No. 425, in 1873, and was installed as W.M. in 1892. He also fills the office of J. in the Cestrian R.A. Chapter. Bro. Taylor, who was born in 1845, at Wigan, has had a most distinguished career. He received his education at the Wigan and Shrewsbury Grammar Schools, after which he studied for the law, and was admitted a solicitor at the Easter Term, 1868. “Old Salopians” will remember him as long distance runner of 1861, and Cestrians as Hon. Sec. of the Royal Chester Rowing Club, and of the Chester Regatta, and No. 2 in the Chester Four of 1867. In 1874 Brother Taylor became Town Clerk of Flint, and in the same year was appointed Clerk to the justices of Flint borough. He was also Clerk to the Chester Port Sanitary Authority; Registrar of the County Court of Flintshire, at Mold and Flint; Clerk to the Justices of the Broxton Division of Cheshire, and to the Commissioners of Taxes for the same district. In 1875, Bro. Taylor was appointed Deputy Constable of Flint Castle, and since the Redistribution Act of 1885, the high Sheriffs of Cheshire have appointed him the Returning Officer of the Hyde Divisions of the County at Parliamentary elections. Bro. Taylor has always taken a keen interest in literary matters. He was elected a Fellow of the Society of Antiquaries in 1888, and was appointed local Secretary to the Society for Cheshire in 1897. He also serves on the councils of the Cheshire and Cambrian Archaeological Societies, and on that of the Lancashire and Cheshire Record Society. He was appointed an “Ovate” by the Welsh Gorsedd in 1895, with the Bardic appellation of “Flintensis.” Bro. Taylor is author of “Historic Notices of Flint,” and has contributed a variety of papers to the Society of Antiquaries, the *Archæologia Cambrensis*, the Chester Archaeological Society's Journal, etc. In March last Bro. Taylor's Flintshire and literary friends presented him with a very handsome service of plate in celebration of his completion of twenty-five years as Town Clerk of Flint. The gift was accompanied by his portrait in oil by Mr. Leonard Hughes, R.C.A. (which now hangs in the Council Chamber at the Town Hall, Flint.)

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Fruits of the South African war continue to be manifested in all kinds of indirect fashions, and the latest that is forthcoming is an appeal which is being issued to the Governors and Subscribers of the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys, asking help for a particular candidature at the half-yearly election next month, on the ground that it is a colonial case. The lad Herapath's father was an architect in New Zealand, and it is claimed that his election would be “a graceful compliment to our Colonial Brethren, who are so ably and willingly assisting the mother country in the Transvaal”; while the fact that this is the fifth time the candidature has been submitted indicates that it has hitherto lacked the substantial support which is now promised by the Earl of Onslow (a former Governor of New Zealand) and the Sheriffs of London.

“A SPRIG OF ACACIA.”

A LATE mail brings the news of the death, on the 31st July, at his residence, near Melbourne, of Bro. George M'Cracken, a native of Monaghan, and another example of a successful Irishman in the colonies. Bro. M'Cracken went out to Australia over thirty-five years ago, and by foresight, sound business qualities, and steady industry achieved an honourable position, and amassed a considerable fortune in the land of his adoption. That he still retained an affection for the old country after the lapse of so many years is evidenced by the fact that he was contemplating a visit to the North of Ireland, where two of his brothers reside, and a nephew and namesake, when struck down by the illness which proved mortal. A lengthy and appreciative article in a Shepparton paper—one of those new and prosperous colonial towns, with

which Brother M'Cracken was so long and so honourably identified, and where he owned a large amount of land and property—contains the following in a lengthy reference to the deceased gentleman:—“Mr. M'Cracken took up his abode at Shepparton over thirty years ago. He identified himself from the start with all movements for the good and advancement of the town and district. For many years he was a member of the Shepparton Shire Council, and held office as President; was a member of the Urban Water Trust, the Agricultural and Horticultural Society, and from September 1888 was a member of the Masonic Order. Many are the interesting tales he used to relate of the early pioneers of the north-east—of the “good old times” when he used to post his letters at Violettown and received delivery of his mail at the same place. The deceased gentleman was a thorough sportsman of the right sort, a rare judge of horse flesh, a strong supporter of the local racing club, which he founded. To his advocacy and persistency we are mainly indebted for the excellent improvements in Shepparton in the way of street forming and channelling, and those who were then opposed to his scheme as being in advance of the requirements of the time recognised, when it was fully carried out, the forethought and sound judgment he evinced in the matter. Few who knew him intimately will forget the strong personality he possessed. In commercial matters he was both punctual and honourable, and in private life a staunch and lasting friend. The deceased was a native of County Monaghan, in the North of Ireland, and was of the Presbyterian faith. He leaves a widow, one son, and three daughters to mourn his loss, and to them we extend our fullest sympathy in the bereavement they have sustained. To us it is the loss of an old, valued, and much respected friend. His spirit will rest near the scenes in which he figured for over a score of years as a prominent actor, and as time wags on people who never knew him personally will learn to honour the name of one of the fighting pioneers of early Shepparton, one of her steadfast friends. In good or evil days he stuck to Shepparton, believed in it, did his best for it, and when its history comes to be written the name of Mr. George M'Cracken deserves a page to itself.”

THE death is announced of Bro. John Whitelaw, of Newcastle. The deceased, who was 56 years of age, was a native of Scotland, but had lived in Newcastle since he was a boy. He was well known, and held in high regard, especially in Masonic circles. He was a member of St. Peter Lodge. Two or three years ago Bro. Whitelaw met with a serious accident. Whilst on a ladder superintending some painting work, he fell a distance of about 60 feet. Since then he had been more or less an invalid. He managed, however, to look after his business up to Tuesday, 11th inst., when he suddenly became very unwell, and died soon after. He leaves a widow and a grown-up family.

ON the 11th inst. the funeral took place at Stockton of Bro. James Spence, Superintendent of the Britain Steamship Company (Messrs. Watts, Watts and Co.), who died suddenly at the Vane Arms the previous Friday night. The coffin was covered with wreaths and crosses, and in addition there was a carriage load of floral tributes. Those present at the funeral included members of the Philanthropy Lodge (of which the deceased was a member), the Whitwell, Tees, and Fraternity Lodges, and a large following of personal friends. The Rev. J. A. Clark conducted the burial service at the Oxbridge Cemetery.

SIMULTANEOUSLY with the funeral of the late Captain Sir A. Jephson, R.N., in Devonshire, at noon on Saturday, a service in his memory was held at Christ Church, Down St., Piccadilly, at which the Rev. Edgar Sheppard, Sub-Dean of the Chapels Royal, officiated. The Prince of Wales, in his capacity as Grand Prior of the Order of St. John of Jerusalem, was represented at the memorial service by Rear-Admiral Sir Henry Stephenson, K.C.B., while Colonel St. H. Perrott attended as another representative of the Order, with which the late Sir Alfred Jephson was prominently connected.

THE death is announced of Bro. Dr. Isaacher Zacharie Immediate Past Grand Supreme Ruler of the Order of the Secret Monitor, who passed away at noon on Sunday. At a meeting of the Executive Committee of the Grand Council of the Order, held on Monday, it was decided that, in accordance with the wishes of the family, a special S.M. Funeral Service should be held over the body, at the residence of the deceased, prior to the funeral, which took place on Thursday, at Highgate Cemetery.

MASONIC RITES.

WEBSTER'S definition of the word "rite" is, "The manner of performing solemn services as established by custom." In 1717, the period known in Masonic history as "The revival of Masonry," there was but one Masonic rite, known as the Symbolical or York rite. It was composed of three degrees, now distinguished as "Blue," or Craft Masonry.

Through the love of tinsel and display, both alike foreign to pure Masonry, innovators have multiplied "rites" until their number is almost innumerable. But the ancient York rite alone is eminent, universal and unchangeable. It is to be regretted that degree mongers in America have meddled with the original institution by dividing the degrees of Ancient Craft Masonry to make new degrees, which was done sometimes for the unworthy motive of barter and exchange. Some of these so-called "higher degrees" are philosophical and sublime. But it is the opinion of the writer that Freemasonry was injured by this multiplying degrees. Our ancient Fraternity would be more stable to-day if the ambitious degree and rite makers had kept their unholy hands off the original Masonic ritual. We would like to see the original plan of Freemasonry restored in its primitive form with all its beauty, strength and harmony. To do this it would only be necessary to replace the Mark degree where it by right belongs, as a part of the Fellow Craft's degree. The Holy Royal Arch should be again placed under the control of the Master's Degree, as a sequel to it. The Most Excellent Degree is no part of Ancient Craft Masonry, but purely an American invention. The Past Master's ceremony is not and never was a degree. This ceremony should be maintained as a part of the installation of a Worshipful Master. But the so-called Past Master's "Degree" should be eliminated entirely from the ancient structure. It might be disposed of to some modern society at half price as a kind of job lot, not needed in the dispatch of Masonic business. We realise that in writing this we are stirring up a hornet's nest and that we may get stung for our pains. Be that as it may, we believe in the doctrine here promulgated and should the angry hornets fly out at us and sting us, as soon as the smart ceases a little we will punch another stick into the nest.—"Pacific Mason."

THE NEW OFFICERS.

THE new Officers are in the chairs, and naturally they aspire not only to equal, but if possible to excel, their predecessors, in the correctness and impressiveness of the work, and the orderly transaction of business. This is praiseworthy. But those who have had the benefit of experience during all of the past should exceed their predecessors in their own field of endeavour. Those who are latest should prove to be the best. Knowledge should not retrograde. Example should have its proper effect, the bad to be avoided and the good to be followed. Every Master of a Lodge makes it easier for his successor to be an adept in the performance of the functions of his office, while every poor one is a horrible example, to be avoided and buried in oblivion.

The first purpose of the Master should be to perfect the rendition of the opening and closing ceremonies. A good beginning goes far toward a good ending. Look well, then, to the initial work. Open with dignity, with correctness, with impressiveness. Let each of the Officers be accomplished in his part, and all together present a faultless mosaic. To ensure this the Master should convene his officers prior to the meeting, and have the ceremonies carefully rehearsed. If this work is properly accomplished at the beginning of the Masonic year, it will be so continued to the end. Thus will pleasure be ensured to all of the members, and gratification to the Officers, and especially to the Master. At the same preliminary meeting the entire work expected to be performed at the next stated meeting should be rehearsed. This is especially necessary at the beginning of the year, when all the Officers are unaccustomed to their duties. Without such a rehearsal the work is certain to be more or less mangled.

Every Master of a Lodge should prove that he is Master, by requiring at the outset from his Officers evidence of their devotion to the duties of their several stations. The first form that this should take should be their participation in a rehearsal of their several parts, at such a preliminary meeting of the Officers as we have indicated above. If each Master would insist upon this at the beginning of his official career, he would contribute to the enjoyment of the members of his

Lodge, and he would ensure the correct performance of the work, and the proper initiation and advancement of candidates.

Another purpose should actuate every Master, viz., the determination to advance no candidate who has not shown proficiency in the preceding degree.

That Master is derelict in his duty to the candidate, to his Lodge, and to the Fraternity at large, who launches upon the Masonic world a Master Mason who is practically Master of nothing in Masonry, and cannot work his way into a Lodge. He who learns nothing at the outset, will, in all probability, learn little or nothing afterwards.

Every Master should recollect that the work of Masonry is the life of Masonry. Without it no Freemason can be made, or advanced, and no moral lesson can be taught. All of the charming philosophy of Freemasonry grows out of it. It is the mystic tie which unites the Craft; it is the cement which binds us together. Hence the importance of having correct work, impressive work, work that is attractive in form and instructive in substance. The first aim of the Master should be to get the authorised work (which alone is the correct work), and with his Officers render it in earnest manner.

He should remember that he is a creator of Freemasons—that is, he assumes to be. But if he and his Officers make a deformed Mason from a Masonic standpoint, one who is a hunchback or lame because he has been intellectually and morally mangled in the making, they are responsible for introducing into the Craft an incompetent Brother, one who does not comprehend his Masonic obligations, and hence will never rightly fulfill them. Every Master who does not produce a perfect ashlar from the material for initiation or advancement in his hands, fails to comprehend the responsibilities of his station, and fails also in his duty to himself and the Fraternity.

Let the aim of all Freemasons be to equal the past in Masonry in all that is excellent on its records, and excel the past in whatever is susceptible of improvement. Especially should Masters aim to make their mark during their year of office, so that when its history comes to be written their fair fame shall be precious to the Craft, because they were wise, devoted and successful exponents of the good, the true and the beautiful of Freemasonry.—"Keystone."

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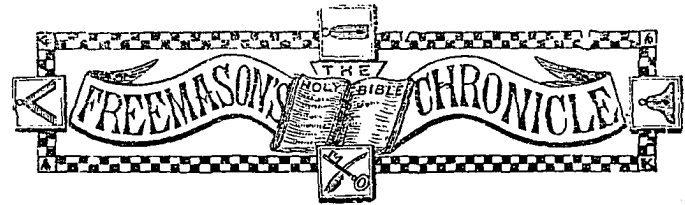
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BOARD OF BENEVOLENCE.

THE monthly meeting of the Board of Benevolence was held on Wednesday evening, at Freemasons' Hall, London. Bro. J. H. Matthews President, Bro. D. D. Mercer Senior Vice-President, and Bro. Henry Garrod Junior Vice-President occupied their respective chairs. Bro. W. Lake Assistant Grand Secretary, Bro. G. S. Recknell and Bro. Inglis represented the Grand Secretary's office. The attendance of Brethren was not large.

After confirming recommendations to the amount of £70 made at the August meeting, for the Grand Master to approve, the Brethren proceeded to deal with sixteen new cases which were on the paper, and in the course of an hour and a half's sitting voted £360 to thirteen of them, dismissing two, and deferring one. Grand Lodge was recommended to approve of £75 in one case, and £50 in a second. Two grants of £40 each, and one of £30 were referred to the Grand Master for his sanction, and five grants of £20 each, two of £10 each, and one of £5 were made before the Brethren separated.

RESIGNATION OF THE G. SEC. OF SCOTLAND.

WE regret to learn that the health of Bro. D. Murray Lyon Grand Secretary of Scotland, which has been far from satisfactory for some time past, shows so little sign of improvement that he has been compelled to place his resignation in the hands of his Grand Master. Bro. Lyon has discharged the important duties of his high Office for many years past with the most satisfactory results so far as Scottish Freemasonry is concerned. In fact it may truly be said that to his untiring efforts may be attributed much of the great improvement that has taken place in the Order there in recent years. It will be a very difficult task to find a worthy successor to so distinguished a Craftsman. We trust Bro. Lyon will live for many years to enjoy well merited retirement and rest from official cares.

THE MYSTERY OF THE MASONS.

OUR contemporary, the "Daily Express," has started a series of articles under this heading, in which, it is promised, the origin of Freemasonry and its symbols is to be discussed. We do not think it necessary to do more than quote the first article to convince our readers that Mr. Allen Upward, the author of the series, is hardly likely to shine as a writer on Freemasonry. It seems almost impossible that a daily paper, in the great metropolis of London, should have no member of its staff able to give an opinion on the technicalities of Freemasonry sufficiently weighty to prevent the publication of such nonsense as appears in our contemporary. The author admits "not being a Mason," and that as a consequence he "of course is not in a position to speak definitely," and we can but ask if it is not absurd to give him space in a popular newspaper to write on a subject of which he is wholly ignorant? We confess we cannot understand the management of the paper making known their stupidity and lack of journalistic ability in so public a manner. Fancy their entrusting their Sporting department to a man who boasted of being wholly ignorant of racing and race horses? yet it would be no more absurd than entrusting a series of articles on our Craft to a man who confesses his ignorance of the practical side of the subject, and apparently has to rely on obsolete encyclopædias and text books for his matter. The first of the promised series of articles is as follows:

THE fascinating subject of Freemasonry has been strangely neglected by the scientific historian.

To the man in the street—indeed, to many "Free and Accepted Masons"—the Craft is no more than a friendly society, which happens to be encumbered with some unmeaning and rather

ridiculous ceremonies, hedged round with a secrecy for which there is no rational cause.

Freemasonry's account of itself is to be found in the old Charges handed down for the last century or so, and in the ritual, which has been several times made public by deserters from the society.

The official legend, as it may be termed, connects the beginning of Masonry with various Biblical characters, going back to Noah and Lamech, but particularly with Solomon, whose Temple bulks largely in the ritual.

This legend is a typical mediæval composition. It may be classed with the old histories of Brute the Trojan, and his coming into Britain.

On the other hand, the enemies of Masonry have represented it as a modern institution, founded by Weisshaupt and the Illuminati in the last century, as an organ for the overthrow of the Roman Church.

It is perfectly true that a great change came over the society about that time—a change, on a greater scale, resembling that which has come over the London City Companies and other mediæval guilds. It enlarged its borders to include those who were not working builders, and it put on more of an international character.

But the essential features of Masonry were not invented by Weisshaupt, nor by any other man. In the ritual are embedded relics of a primeval world.

In the Middle Ages.

The Freemasons were one of the innumerable trade guilds of the Middle Ages, each of which had its oaths, its passwords, and its "Mystery," or symbolic drama, bearing on the theory and practice of the Craft.

The Builders held the place of honour among those guilds, because their work was the noblest. The nameless architects of those majestic cathedrals which shine out like jewels on the dark web of mediæval anarchy and ignorance were Master Masons who had gone through precisely the same ordeal that every English Freemason goes through to-day.

Like the Masons, each trade had its apprentices, its fellows or journeymen, and its masters.

The oaths imposed at each stage of initiation were intended to guard the trade secrets. Such secrets are not unknown in modern handicrafts. Thus it is that the word Craft has come to carry with it a suggestion of something concealed.

It was part of the training of the Fellow Craft to travel from town to town, improving himself in the practice of his trade.

Hence the necessity for signs, grips, and passwords, to ensure the reception of bona-fide workmen, and keep out blacklegs or "cowans."

The innermost secrets of the Craft were reserved for the initiation of the Master. It is in this part of the ritual that we must look for the core of the Masonic mystery.

The Core of the Mystery.

In the case of the Joiners' guild we learn that the candidate was introduced to the Lodge under the description of "rough wood." After hearing a charge from the president he had to go through an ordeal known as "handling."

He was laid on a bench (no doubt stripped), and planes and other joiners' tools were passed rather roughly over his body, as though he were an actual log in process of being shaped. At the end of this ceremony he was pronounced to be "smooth wood," and duly admitted to membership of the guild.

Such an ordeal would lend itself to be moralised in a vein of Christian allegory, quite as readily as the Masonic ceremonies; and such an interpretation was very likely given to it in Christian times.

But if so, the allegory was invented to fit the rite, and not the rite to fit the allegory. The ordeal was, in point of fact, a symbolic representation of the joiners' work, in which the candidate was made to play the part of a dummy.

With this clue in our hands we shall be prepared to understand the Masonic ritual. It will be found to consist of certain actions symbolical of the builders' craft, explained by a religious legend. The legend is mediæval and Christian; the drama which it professes to explain goes back into the night of Pagandom.

The Ordeal.

We shall be prepared to find (and the writer, not being a Mason, of course is not in a position to speak more definitely) that the Masonic candidate is subjected to an ordeal bearing some resemblance to that of the Joiners described above, in which he is touched with various implements of the Craft, as though he were a stone being dressed. The rough horse-play of the ancient guilds will naturally be dispensed with in a modern Lodge.

Again, since the two most important stages in building are the laying of the foundation stone and the placing of the keystone in the arch, we may confidently anticipate that both will figure in the symbolic ritual.

We now approach the kernel of the whole ritual.

It is generally understood that a species of symbolic interment does take place, in which the candidate personifies the buried person or thing.

The spoken allegory which accompanies this remarkable rite among modern Freemasons need not be discussed. It is sufficient to say that it throws but little light on the remote origins of the ritual, with which we are alone concerned.

Among the mediæval builders it is probable that such a rite was regarded as typifying the lowering of the foundation stone into its place.

But the student of folklore will at once see a deeper and more gruesome significance in the rite. He will see in it a blurred, but unmistakable, symbol of a human sacrifice, in which the candidate personates the foundation-victim.

REPORTS OF MEETINGS.

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

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CRAFT: PROVINCIAL.

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Lodge of Sympathy, No. 483.

THE election meeting of this wonderfully prosperous Lodge was held on Wednesday of last week, at the Clarendon Hotel, Gravesend. Before proceeding to the Lodge room a photograph of the members was taken on the Clarendon lawn.

Bro. N. J. Willis W.M. presided, being supported by his Officers, a goodly array of Past Masters, and a large number of the Brethren.

Bro. W. Spencer Bowen S.W. was unanimously elected as Master for the ensuing year, and Bro. Thos. T. Hogg P.M. was re-elected Treasurer. Bro. George Martin, who has been Tyler of the Lodge almost from its commencement, was re-appointed in that capacity for the fifty-fifth time. This is surely a Masonic record. Bros. Rayfield, Lockhart and Kemp were elected upon the Audit Committee.

Previous to the elections Mr. Samuel James Smith was balloted for and approved and subsequently initiated into Freemasonry by Bro. A. J. Walklin I.P.M., who performed the ceremony at the request of the Worshipful Master.

A Past Master's jewel of the usual value was voted to Bro. A. J. Willis, as a souvenir of his year of Office. The resignation of a member, owing to leaving the Province, was accepted with regret; but his place will be filled by another candidate proposed for initiation at the next meeting.

The widow of Bro. Andrews returned her thanks to the Lodge for the attendance of so many members on the occasion of the funeral, and for the handsome wreath that was placed on his grave, as a mark of respect.

A letter from the Master of the Pegasus Lodge, No. 2205, was read, thanking the members of the Lodge of Sympathy for so kindly lending furniture for their meetings. This concluding the business the Lodge was closed, and the Brethren adjourned to supper.

The installation of the new Master will take place on Wednesday, 10th October.

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Whitworth Lodge, No. 1932.

INSTALLATION OF BROTHER JOHN CHISHOLM.

THE annual meeting was held on Wednesday evening, 12th inst., in the Masonic Hall, Spennymoor. The principal business was the installation of Bro. John Chisholm S.W. as W.M. for the ensuing year. Bro. Chisholm was presented by Bro. T. Raine to the acting W.M. Bro. Robert Hogg, who performed the ceremony of installation, Bro. Chisholm afterwards investing his Officers.

The annual banquet was held in the Town Hall, the new W.M. presiding, and Bro. J. Fleming occupying the vice-chair. After dinner the usual Loyal and Masonic toasts were honoured, the proceedings being pleasantly varied by musical contributions from the choir (Bros. Rowland, Bramley, Baines, and Charlton), and other Brethren. Bro. Rippon presided at the piano.

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Blackwater Lodge, No. 1977.

INSTALLATION OF BROTHER FREDERICK W. RUDRUM.

THE installation meeting was held on Monday, 10th inst., and passed off most successfully. The programme was unusually long, there being two ceremonies in addition to that of the installation, but the whole was very ably carried out by the Worshipful Master Bro. Arthur Hodsell Brooks. An interesting feature of the installation ceremony was the fact that the new W.M. Bro. Frederick W. Rudrum was presented by his father Bro. William Rudrum, an old P.M. of the Lodge, who was subsequently invested as D.C. by his son.

At the close of the ceremony, a hearty vote of thanks was passed to Bro. A. H. Brooks for the ability with which he had conducted the business of the Lodge during the past year, culminating in the ceremonies of the day, and a handsome Past Master's jewel was presented to him as an acknowledgment thereof.

Letters of regret were received from several Brethren unable to be present, including one from Colonel Lockwood, M.P., D.P.G.M., who sent a forcible appeal to the Brethren to do their utmost to support Lord Warwick at the forthcoming Festival of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution, at which his Lordship is to preside. On account of the lateness of the hour, the consideration of the letter was adjourned till the next meeting. About forty Brethren afterwards dined together at the Blue Boar Hotel, an excellent repast being well served by the hostess, Mrs. Hickford, under the personal superintendence of her nephew Bro. E. E. Eve P.M.

In the course of the evening regret was expressed at the absence, through illness, of two old members of the Lodge, Bro. R. Clowes P.G.Std.B., and S. Shawyer P.M. and Treas., and it was arranged that the Secretary should write a letter of condolence to both.

An interesting feature of the proceedings was the presentation of a handsome marble dining room clock to Bro. Wm. Rudrum P.M., as a mark of respect from the Brethren, on the occasion of his second marriage.

Bro. Rudrum, who was completely taken by surprise, warmly expressed his thanks to the Lodge for the handsome gift, which would be as highly appreciated by his wife as it was by himself.

Amongst the toasts was that of the Secretary Bro. G. A. Eustace who, in response, mentioned that this was his eighteenth year in the position, and though he sometimes felt it difficult to continue in Office on account of the distance at which he resided from the meeting place of the Lodge, yet he was constrained to accept Office again from the great interest he felt in its affairs, and the fact that his late lamented father was its first W.M.

Amongst the visitors was the Provincial Grand Secretary Bro. T. J. Ralling.

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METROPOLITAN.

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City of London Lodge, No. 901.

THE first regular meeting of this well known Lodge, after the installation of Bro. William Henry Haylock, took place on Monday, at the famous old established Masonic city house, the Guildhall Tavern, Gresham Street, which is now under the management of Bro. S. J. Wells.

The W.M. was supported by Bros. Joseph Hatton I.P.M., E. Beadle S.W., W. Reeve J.W., W. R. Haylock P.M. Sec., W. Grant S.D., T. Leete J.D., G. Smith I.G., J. F. Haskins P.P.G.O. Org., Dr. S. Walshe Owen and A. Lidgate Stewards, T. C. Edmonds P.M. Tyler; Past Masters R. Gillard, E. Venner, and R. W. Dobing, with Bros. F. C. Dearling, G. Clark, W. Lee Quin, J. T. West, A. Stewart, A. T. Yardley, T. Lingley, G. A. Bolland, T. Dally, G. Pryer, W. Chandler, W. Quainton, A. E. Button, G. Bailey, W. Budgen, W. Jeffries, C. F. Hall, A. R. Rome, C. A. Riley, M. B. Cohen, A. E. Cooper, H. Hancock, T. Osment, A. W. Hardens, H. J. Mallett, J. Sylvester Witham, Ph. Capsall, and others.

The Visitors included Bros. A. E. Purkiss P.M. 1314, R. Hubbard 463, S. Onken 188, A. Lohmann 1512, T. Bowles W.M. 2262, G. Bonner 1239, W. Parson P.M. 753, W. Diamond 1305, Gratten E. Blake Secretary 2467, W. Osmond P.M., C. Graham, W. Glifford Prov.G.D. Middlesex, J. Wynman, &c.

The Lodge being duly formed, was opened with solemn prayer, and the usual preliminaries were disposed of.

There were two candidates on the agenda seeking advancement to the second degree, but only one of these—Bro. F. C. Dearling—was present, and he having answered the usual questions to the satisfaction of the Brethren, was entrusted. The Lodge was opened in the second degree, and he was regularly passed a Fellow Craft.

Lodge was now resumed to the first degree, and Messrs. Henry James Mallett and John Sylvester Witham, candidates for Freemasonry, who had been unanimously accepted on the ballot, were introduced and initiated into the mysteries of the Ancient Brotherhood.

The W.M. now asked Bro. Hatton I.P.M. to take the chair, and that Brother, having resumed the Lodge in the second degree, proceeded to examine Bros. W. J. Jeffries and W. Chandler—who had been passed at the previous meeting—and duly prepared them for the sublime degree of Master Mason, to which they were raised in proper form.

The Lodge was again resumed to the first degree, and the W.M. re-occupied his chair. Mr. Phillip Capsall, who was unavoidably prevented being present at the earlier hour, was now introduced, and admitted to the light of Freemasonry, the ceremony being carried out in excellent form by the W.M., despite the previous heavy work he had undertaken. He was well supported by his I.P.M., and the two Brethren deserve commendation for the impressive way in which they conferred the several degrees.

Bro. Venner P.M. reminded the Brethren that last November the Lodge arranged a Ladies Night, and the W.M. wished to know if the members desired to do the same this year. The suggestion was supported by Bro. T. Leete, who felt sure it would meet approval to arrange such a meeting, bearing in mind the success of last year's experiment; and the same met with general support.

Two gentlemen were proposed as candidates for initiation, and then the W.M. proceeded to close the Lodge, first of all receiving the hearty good wishes of the Visiting Brethren. The company adjourned to the banquet room where, despite the fact that the great amount of work performed in Lodge had caused a delay of about an hour, a most enjoyable dinner was served—a repast, in fact, which did credit to the high reputation of the establishment. Bro. Wells was most assiduous in looking after the comfort of the party.

In due course the W.M. submitted the toast of the Queen and the Craft, after which Bro. Reeve J.W. sang the National Anthem; and then the other leading toasts were disposed of.

Bro. Hatton I.P.M. proposed the health of the Worshipful Master. He felt the Brethren had had a fair sample of the Master's ability that evening. Personally he felt it unnecessary to say more than that the work which Bro. W. H. Haylock had performed had been done to perfection, and that on that account the members of the Lodge, and their Visitors would join him in heartily wishing the W.M. a prosperous year as ruler of the Lodge, long life and happiness. The toast was well received.

The W.M. tendered his sincere thanks. He was extremely proud to occupy the position of Master in the City of London Lodge. He adored Freemasonry, and the more work the Brethren provided for him to do the better he would like it.

The W.M. now had the pleasure of submitting the toast of the initiates, to whom he accorded a hearty welcome. The strict attention the newly admitted Brethren had paid to the ceremony convinced him they would make excellent members of the Craft, and he hoped to see each of them working round to the position he himself then occupied.

Bro. H. J. Mallett, in reply, said he was so deeply impressed with the working and reception accorded him that night that he could hardly find words to sufficiently thank the W.M. and members of the

Lodge. He pledged himself never to forget his obligation, and expressed his special indebtedness to the Brethren who had so kindly proposed and seconded him as a candidate for Freemasonry.

Bro. J. S. Witham followed. He thanked the W.M. for having initiated him into Freemasonry, and the Brethren for having accepted him as a Brother among them.

Bro. P. Capsall said he had been delighted with the ceremony; it had been very impressive, and he should never forget what he had gone through. He was proud of being a member of the City of London Lodge, and hoped to prove himself an acquisition to it.

The toast of the Visitors was next submitted, and in reply Bro. Bowles W.M. 2262 congratulated the Master on the excellent work done that day in the Lodge. He had particularly admired the way in which the W.M. had rendered the ceremony of initiation, which was most impressively given. The ceremony of passing had also proved a treat to all who listened to it, and could hardly fail to make a lasting impression on the candidates. On behalf of the guests he tendered hearty thanks for the enjoyable evening they had spent. Other of the visitors also responded.

The W.M. next submitted the toast of the Past Masters of the Lodge, coupling with it the name of the Secretary Bro. W. R. Haylock.

Replying, Bro. Venner expressed the pleasure he felt in seeing the W.M. in his present honourable position, and sincerely congratulated him on the ability he had displayed in so perfectly working the ceremonies. He hoped he and the other members would spend many, many happy hours together, in the City of London Lodge. The remaining Past Masters responded in rotation.

During the evening some excellent songs were given, amongst others who contributed being Bro. Reeves J.W. of the Lodge, who gave "Ora pro nobis," and "Alice where art thou," in fine style; and Bro. William Clifford.

The Tyler's toast brought the proceedings to a close.

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London Rifle Brigade Lodge, No. 1962.

ON emergency meeting was held on Friday, 14th inst., at Anderton's Hotel, Fleet Street, under the presidency of the W.M. Bro. W. H. Latham, who was supported by Bros. Wright P.M. as S.W., Collins J.W., Bishop S.D., Chandler J.D., Potter I.G., Swinford Organist, McNish P.M. as I.P.M., Walker P.M., N. Morris, Lintott, Ward, Niblett, Merrit, Bernan, A. Read, Folliott, and Lackland Tyler.

The Lodge was opened in due form and Bro. A. Read, a candidate for passing, was examined and entrusted. The Lodge was opened in the second degree and that Brother was admitted to the privileges of a Fellow Craft.

Bro. Potter, one of the C.I.V., who has been invalided home from South Africa, but is happily now in excellent health, was present, and was invested as I.G., he having been on his way to the front at the time of the installation meeting, when he was appointed to the Office.

The Lodge having been called to consider the advisability of forming a Lodge of Instruction, the question was fully discussed, and it was decided to form such a Lodge, the meetings to be held at the Clarence Hotel, Aldersgate Street, on Thursday evenings, at 7.45 p.m., the date of commencement being left for future settlement.

The Lodge was closed and the Brethren adjourned for refreshment.

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INSTRUCTION.

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Confidence Lodge, No. 193.

THE regular weekly meeting was held on Wednesday, at 7 o'clock, at the Bunch of Grapes, Lime Street, E.C., on which occasion we had the pleasure of seeing Bro. D. Moss P.M. P.Z., &c. acting as Preceptor, whilst Bro. L. Da Costa P.M. Preceptor of the Friars Lodge kindly acted as Senior Deacon. The other Officers were Bros. J. Mears W.M., J. A. Hobday S.W., W. H. Latham J.W., Metcalf Baillie acting Sec., A. E. Green I.D., J. Done I.G., with Bros. H. Lewis, A. Cook, H. Rowland, J. Wynman, and others.

After the usual formalities the ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, Bro. H. Lewis acting as the candidate. The Lodge was then called off.

On resumption, Bro. L. Da Costa worked the first, second, and fourth sections of the lecture, the acting Preceptor Bro. Moss putting the questions. This was excellently done, and was regarded as a sort of rehearsal or sample of what is to be expected next Wednesday, when the Fifteen Sections are to be worked in this Lodge, under the presidency of Bro. Dave Moss P.M., &c. (as more fully noticed elsewhere in this issue). We strongly advise Brethren to attend on that occasion, and can safely promise them a great Masonic treat, the Brethren set down to do the work being among the best known exponents of the ritual in the east end of London.

Bro. Metcalf Baillie proposed that a hearty vote of thanks be accorded to Bros. Moss and L. Da Costa, for their working that evening, and this having been agreed to Bro. Moss acknowledged the compliment on behalf of himself and Bro. Da Costa. They would be most happy to at any time render assistance to the Lodge in Section or other work. He sincerely hoped a large number of Brethren would attend next Wednesday, not later than 6.45, as it was desired to commence the Fifteen Sections punctually at 7.

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Yarborough Lodge, No. 554.

A GOOD meeting was held on Tuesday, at Bro. Butlin's, the Citizen, Houndsditch, those present being Bros. Cohn W.M., D. J. George S.W., Stocks J.W., T. Cowell P.M. Prec., L. Da Costa P.M. Dep. Prec., W. Latham Treas., D. McNish Sec., Mahony S.D.,

Latham, I.G., Andrews, J. Norden, J. Wynman, Lotheim, Sanders P.M., &c.

The ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, Bro. Da Costa acting as candidate. This being ended the W.M. proposed to rehearse the second degree, for which Bro. J. Norden was accepted as candidate. He having answered the questions was entrusted, the Lodge was advanced, and the ceremony of passing was gone through. Both the ceremonies were perfectly rendered.

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

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City of London Lodge, No. 901.

ON Tuesday, at 6.30 p.m., at the King's Arms, Shoreditch, Bros. W. H. Haylock W.M., W. Reeves S.W., J. Jeffries J.W., W. R. Haylock P.M. Prec., S. W. Henderson S.D., A. E. Purkiss J.D., J. Wynman I.G., J. Hopper, &c.

The Lodge was advanced to the second degree, and the worthy Preceptor having answered the questions leading to the third, was entrusted. The Lodge was advanced, and the ceremony of raising was rehearsed. This being ended, the Lodge was called off and on resumption the W.M. resumed to the first degree, when Bro. Purkiss answered the questions leading to the second degree and was entrusted. Lodge was again opened in the second degree, and the ceremony of raising was rehearsed. Both the ceremonies were well rendered.

Bro. W. Reeves J.W. of the Mother Lodge was elected W.M. for Tuesday next.

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The Great City Lodge, No. 1426.

SOME of our earliest recollections in connection with Freemasonry are associated with the famous Lodge, the Great City, which from its foundation took a prominent place in London Freemasonry, and in its young days won a reputation for good and sound work which has been well maintained ever since. It is therefore with considerable pleasure we hear that the Lodge of Instruction working under its sanction is keeping up the old traditions of the Mother Lodge, and by useful work in the ceremonial and ritual of the Craft is preparing members for future progress.

Last week our representative visited the Lodge, which is held at the house of Brother H. J. Huggett, the Red Cross Tavern and Restaurant, 18A and 19 Paternoster Square, E.C., where excellent accommodation is provided for the practice of the Masonic ceremonial and ritual, the room devoted to the Lodge being well ventilated and perfectly arranged.

It was intended to rehearse the ceremony of installation on this occasion, but by desire of several who could not attend this was postponed until Thursday last. The acting Officers on the 13th were Bros. R. Simpson W.M., G. M. Fraser P.M. 1426 S.W., J. R. Gissing J.W., J. K. Gwyn P.M. Sec. 1426 Preceptor, A. Davis W.M. 1194 Sec., M. B. Perry S.D., G. P. Nash J.D., H. W. Gissing I.G.; the others present including Bros. L. A. J. Francis, Bliss, Huggett, Hellyar, and Wynman.

After the ceremony of opening, the W.M. kindly vacated the chair in favour of Bro. A. Davis Secretary of the Lodge, who rehearsed the ceremony of initiation, including the Charge, with Bro. Bliss acting as the candidate. The Lodge was called off and duly resumed, when the W.M. examined Bro. Francis as a candidate for the second degree, entrusted him, and rehearsed the ceremony. The Lodge was resumed to the first degree, Bro. Simpson re-occupied his position as W.M., and Bro. Francis 1194 was elected a member.

Bro. G. M. Fraser was elected W.M. for the next meeting, when the ceremony of installation was to be worked by the able Preceptor of the Lodge Bro. J. K. Gwyn P.M. We hope to give a report of the proceedings on that occasion, and at many future meetings of the Lodge. It is worthy of note that upwards of two hundred guineas was subscribed through the Benevolent Association of the Lodge in a little over two years—a good record, surely.

THE first meeting of the season was held on the 6th inst., those present including Bros. A. Davis W.M., Philips S.W., Simson J.W., Gwyn Preceptor, G. P. Nash acting Sec., Swan S.D., Jones J.D., Hopkins I.G., and about fifteen other Brethren.

The Lodge was opened, and advanced to the second degree, when Bro. Perry was examined and entrusted as a candidate for raising, after which that ceremony was rehearsed.

Brother the Lord Mayor of London will not proceed to Paris, as had been arranged, at the end of this week, in consequence of the abandonment by the Municipal Council of Paris of the fetes intended to be given in honour of the other municipalities. His lordship hopes, however, to visit Paris after the General Election.

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A new Lodge of Instruction—under the sanction of the London Rifle Brigade Lodge, No. 1962—has been decided upon, the meetings to be held on Thursday evenings, at 7.45, at the Clarence Hotel, Aldersgate Street. We wish the Founders every success in their endeavours.

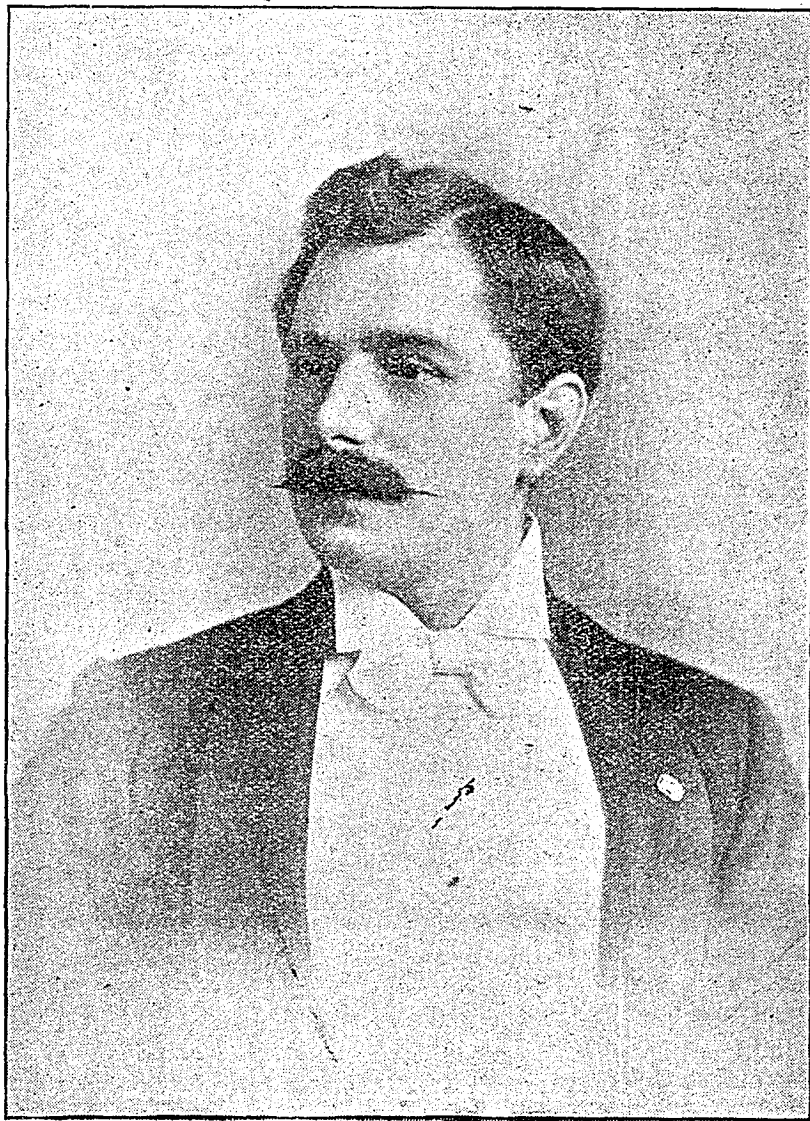
BROTHER A. P. LENNON.

HEARING that Mr. A. P. Lennon, the recently appointed manager of the Empire Theatre, Bradford, was a member of the Masonic Fraternity, our representative for Yorkshire waited

upon him, and requested the favour of an interview. Bro. Lennon cheerfully consented to the inquisition, and the following facts were gleaned. Several years ago Mr. Lennon passed the ballot for initiation in the Old England Lodge, No. 1790, Croydon, and in due course was successively passed and raised. Born in 1870, in Market Street, off Oxford Street and within a few yards of the Princess's Theatre, London, Bro. Lennon might almost be said to have been cradled in the dramatic profession. He commenced his stage career at the age of ten, at the Haymarket Theatre, London, as chorister boy with Mrs. Scott-Siddons in "Queen and Cardinal," following on at the Imperial Theatre, with Miss Lytton, in "As you like it" also with Mrs. Langtry in the same place, and Miss Calhoun. He was then with Bro. Wilson Barrett's first production of "The Silver King," at the Princess's Theatre, and subsequently at the Adelphi in "Dora," "Last Chance," and "Storm beaten." Then seasons of Italian Opera at Covent Garden, two seasons at Her Majesty's, and two seasons with the Carl Rosa Opera Company, at Drury Lane.

His first pantomime engagement was at the Old Astley's Theatre, the next at the Britannia, then followed "Saints and Sinners" at the Vaudeville, Olympic and Princess's "Called Back," and at the Lyceum with Bro. Sir Henry Irving and Miss Mary Anderson, in "Romeo and Juliet," and "Much Ado about Nothing." All these were as chorister, and in addition must be added engagements with an Old English Glee Choir at the Paragon, Royal, Oxford, Canterbury, and Alhambra. Young Lennon then commenced as call-boy at the Theatre in Leicester Square, afterwards becoming assistant stage manager, when, in 1887, the building was turned into the present "Empire," and he remained there till 1891.

Bro. Lennon was then appointed Stage Manager by the same directorate on the opening of the Palace, Manchester, during which time he reproduced the following successful ballets:—"Cleopatra," "Cecile," "Dolly," "Dream of Wealth," and "Paris Exhibition." He then returned to the Empire, London, as Stage Manager and produced there "Round the Town," and "Katrina." After this he joined Messrs. Moss and Thornton as Stage Manager in 1894, at the Empire, Birmingham, and remained there until January 1897, when he was appointed manager of the Palace, Croydon, until July 1898, when he became licensee. Then he rejoined Messrs. Moss and Thornton as Stage Manager pro tem at Leeds, until the Empire, Bradford, was ready, which makes the fourth establishment he has opened with the above firm, Birmingham, Sheffield, Leeds, and Bradford. He has in addition been connected with the opening of four other places under other management. Surely this establishes a record, and one that will be hard to beat. During the time he has resided in Worstedopolis, Bradfordians have found Brother Lennon admirably adapted to all the faithful tenets of geniality and good-fellowship, and all that goes towards the making of the measure—true man and perfect Mason. He has become affiliated with the Eccleshill Lodge, No. 1034, Bradford, where we hope in the near future to see him occupying the chair of K.S. We append a photo of our worthy Brother, and wish him all prosperity.



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MUSICAL HONOURS.

To the Editor of THE FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—I do not agree with you in wholly condemning "Musical honours" at Masonic gatherings, and can hardly think you wish to abolish everything in that direction, as seems to be the case judging from the remarks in Saturday's issue—the Initiate's song for instance, and, it might almost be added, the National Anthem, and "God bless the Prince of Wales" into the bargain. I quite agree with you that "He's a jolly good fellow" is out of place at our festive boards, but surely we ought to be able to discover some Masonic songs to liven the sometimes very dreary toast lists.

Yours fraternally,

CHORALIST.

12th September 1900.

The West London Masonic Election Association is working in support of the candidature of Dorothy Marian Secker, who is seeking the benefits of the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls. The child is just under eight years of age, daughter of the late Bro. George Secker, who was initiated in the Dalhousie Lodge, No. 865, remaining a subscribing member thereof until his death at the age of 32 years. The case is strongly supported by Brethren apart from the Association we mention, and we hope the child will be successful at the poll. Proxies on her behalf may be sent to Bro. J. H. Cumming (one of the Secretaries of the Association), at 69 Dalling Road, Hammersmith, W.

THE FIFTEEN SECTIONS.

ARRANGEMENTS have been made for the working of the Fifteen Sections in the undermentioned Lodges of Instruction:

AT the Confidence Lodge of Instruction, No. 193, at the Bunch of Grapes, 14 Lime Street, E.C., on Wednesday next, 26th inst., commencing at 7 o'clock. Bro. Dave Moss P.M. 1275 2607 P.D.G.S.B. Transvaal will preside, with Bros. L. A. DaCosta P.M. as S.W., J. Oxley P.M. J.W., and J. K. Pitt P.M. &c. Secretary. The Sections will be taken by the following: FIRST DEGREE—Bros. J. Durrell 1349, A. Crabb S.W. 1349, S. Emden Steward 1349, I. Richmond J.W. 205, S. Lotheim 205, N. Goldman S.D. 1349, L. Simmons 1278. SECOND DEGREE—Bros. A. Valentine P.M. 1275, M. Da Costa P.M. 1349, P. Goldstein J.D. 1349, J. Oxley P.M. 2411, R. Phillips 1349. THIRD DEGREE—Bros. J. Abrahams W.M. 1349, L. A. Da Costa P.M. 1349, H. Harris P.M. 1349.

FROM LABOUR TO REFRESHMENT.

MANY Brethren whose names are well known in the Craft happened recently to be staying at Bourne End, and a Lodge of Instruction was improvised at the well-known hostel kept by Bro. Butler, when the first three sections were worked. When we state that Bros. Dave Moss, L. A. DaCosta, M. DaCosta, A. Valentine, Butler, Alvery, Anderson, Cohen and others took part, our readers will understand that a truly happy evening was spent.

Bro Butler's house is indeed a place for relaxation and rest. Beautiful surroundings, faultless catering, and genial company are always to be found there by the tired and weary. Brethren in the north, east, south and west, kindly note this if you are in want of a day's refreshment after labour!

Entertainments.

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Palace Theatre.—Mdle. Marie de Labounskaya, who on Monday made a first appearance at this Theatre, is described as an accomplished exponent of the most up-to-date style of dancing, and it was no small pleasure to find that this lady's view was not that of much waving of drapery and considerable elevation of the nether limb. Indeed, Mdle. de Labounskaya, who was throughout assisted by a male companion clad in a resplendent uniform of blue and silver, waltzes in far more reposeful fashion, and many of her movements partook largely of a series of terpsichorean poses, executed, however, with no little grace and suppleness, and in a manner which evoked much appreciation from the audience. Distinctly amusing is Mr. Frank Lincoln, an American raconteur with a genuine fund of humour, and the programme further gains in attraction from the artistic singing of Miss Aida Jenoure and the clever club manipulation of Albutus and Bartram.

Crystal Palace.—A decidedly novel attraction has been added to the cafe chantant entertainment given daily at the Crystal Palace, in the Lumiscriptor, an ingenious contrivance by which portraits or sketches are drawn and transmitted by electricity on to a screen in full view of the spectators. While the actual mechanism naturally remains secret, it may be said that the drawing and its ultimate projection is based on the pantograph principle, with the difference that the sketch is reduced. As given at the Palace, the operator or artist makes his sketch on paper 15in square, which is transmitted by an electric current to a specially prepared blackened surface on glass, rather less than 1¼in. square, and then in the usual manner is thrown by limelight on to a large white screen. As the artist draws so does the picture appear line by line, and the effect is decidedly pretty as well as amusing in watching the presentment of some celebrity grow stroke by stroke. The Lumiscriptor was on view on Monday for the first time, and the result was decidedly successful, several of the portraits drawn, notably one of Lord Roberts, being particularly happy in expression. The inventor claims that, given a sufficiently powerful light, such as a searchlight, for instance, and a large enough screen, a portrait, the result of a race, or a contest at the coming General Election could be transmitted a distance of miles. Owing, however, to certain mechanical properties which enter into the scheme, the operator must be placed close to the prepared slide. But for whatever other purpose it may be adopted this ingenious invention adds very materially to the enjoyment of the attractive programme now being rendered in the Theatre.

BOOKS RECEIVED.

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

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New Century Library (2s net per vol).—T. Nelson and Sons. The Works of CHARLES DICKENS.—Vol. vi., **Barnaby Rudge**. Vol. vii., **Dombey and Son**. Vol. viii., **David Copperfield**.

The Works of WILLIAM MAKEPEACE THACKERAY.—Vol. v., **The Paris Sketch Book, &c.**

Three Little Maids. By Ethel Turner. Illustrated. (3s 6d).—Ward, Lock and Co., Limited.

Natal and the Boers. The Birth of a Colony. By T. Rowell.—J. M. Dent and Co.

Cycling in the Alps. With some notes on the chief passes. By C. L. Freeston, with twenty-four full page drawings by A. R. Quinton (5s).—Grant Richards.

The Belle of Toorak. By E. W. Hornung (3s 6d).—Grant Richards.

The Influence of Mars. By Eva Anstruther (3s 6d).—Grant Richards.

How to write for the Magazines. By "£600 a year from it" (2s 6d).—Grant Richards.

The Colombian and Venezuelan Republics. With notes on other parts of Central and South America. By William L. Scruggs. With maps and illustrations (12s 6d net).—Sampson Low, Marston and Co., Limited.

A Son of the State. By W. Pett Ridge (6s).—Methuen and Co.

The rise of Wellington. By General Lord Roberts, V.C. With portraits and plans. Third edition (3s 6d net).—Sampson Low, Marston and Co., Limited.

The Catacombs of Paris. By E. Berthet. Rendered into English by M. C. Helmore (6s).—Archibald Constable and Co., Limited.

Mafeking. A Diary of the Siege. By Major F. D. Baillie. With numerous illustrations (6s).—Archibald Constable and Co., Ltd.

The Atlantic Ferry. Its Ships, Men, and working. By Arthur J. Maginnis, M.I.C.E. With numerous illustrations, diagrams, and plans. Third edition, revised and enlarged (7s 6d).—Whittaker and Co.

A twentieth century Parson. A story, by the Rev. E. H. Sugden, M.A.—Skeffington and Son.

Ergo Amicitiae and other Poems. By the Rev. C. W. H. Kenrick.—Skeffington and Son.

The Humours of a Hydro. By Dagny Major. Second edition (1s).—Skeffington and Son.

Monica Grey. By Lady Hely-Hutchinson (2s 6d net).—John Murray.

Books for the young. A Life on the Ocean Wave. The Iron Horse. The Farmer's Friends. Nursery Rhymes Alphabet. Baby's Picture Book. Baby's Picture Gallery. Coloured Picture books.—Thomas Nelson and Sons.

NEW MUSIC.

Morley and Co.—"Cornflowers," pour piano, par Leona Lacoste. "Sparkling Diamonds," pour piano, par Leona Lacoste. "The World's Awakening," song by Edward Teschemacher, music by Noel Johnson. "A memory," song by Maud Theo Bello, music by James Philp. "My Bonnie Laddie," song by G. Hubi Newcombe, music by Bryceson Treharne. "The Golden Gateway," song by Clifton Bingham, music by Frank Peskett.

MEETINGS NEXT WEEK.**Monday.**

- 144 St. Luke, Holborn Restaurant
 1540 Chaucer, Bridge House Hotel
 1632 Stuart, Frascati
 1828 Shepherd's Bush, Bush Hotel, W.
 1910 Shadwell Clerke, Mark Masons' Hall
 48 Industry, F.M.H., Gateshead
 491 Royal Sussex, Masonic Temple, Jersey
 1325 Stanley, F.M.H., Liverpool
 1991 Agricola, F.M.H., York
 2042 Apollo, F.M.H., Liverpool
 2068 Portsmouth Temperance, Landport
 2257 Powell, F.M.H., Bristol
 2363 Minnehaha Minstrel, Manchester
 2429 Research, F.M.H., Leicester
 2547 Llangattock, F.M.H., Cardiff
 2654 Arter, Moseley Institute, Moseley
 2724 St. Lawrence, Church Sch., Northfield

Tuesday.

- 141 Faith, Anderton's Hotel
 186 Industry, Freemasons' Hall
 205 Israel, Holborn Restaurant
 1158 Southern Star, Bridge House Hotel
 1441 Ivy, Surrey Masonic Hall
 253 Tyrian, F.M.H., Derby
 299 Emulation, Bull Inn, Dartford
 310 Union, F.M.H., Carlisle
 564 Stability, Talbot, Stourbridge
 597 St. Cybi, F.M.H., Holyhead
 788 Crescent, Mitre, Hampton Court
 943 Sincerity, 47 St. Giles Street, Norwich
 1007 Howe & Charnwood, Loughborough
 1016 Elkington, F.M.H., Birmingham
 1052 Callendar, F.M.H., Manchester
 1358 Torbay, F.M.H., Paignton
 1390 Whitwell, F.M.H., Millom
 1479 Halsey, Town Hall, St. Albans
 1566 Ellington, Town Hall, Maidenhead
 1580 Cranbourne, Red Lion, Hatfield
 1609 Liverpool Dramatic, F.M.H., L'pool
 1636 St. Cecilia, Royal Pavilion, Brighton
 1650 Rose of Raby, Scarth Hall, Staindrop
 1675 Ancient Briton, F.M.H., Liverpool
 1779 Ivanhoe, F.M.H., Sheffield
 1834 Duke Connaught, F.M.H., Landport
 1896 Audley, Town Hall, Newport, Salop
 2025 St. George, F.M.H., Plymouth
 2358 Mona, F.M.H., Castletown
 2404 Lord Beresford, Sun, Chatham
 2405 Ionic, Impl. Bldgs., S. Helens, Lanc.
 2536 Staines, Town Hall, Staines
 2692 Hastings, Castle, Hastings
 2784 Legge, F.M.H., West Bromwich

Wednesday.

- 753 Prince Frederick William, Frascati
 754 High Cross, Great Eastern Hotel
 898 Temperance in East, Assy. R., Poplar
 1056 Victoria, Guildhall Tavern
 1360 Royal Arthur, P. of Wales, Wimbledon
 2332 Borough of Greenwich, E. Greenwich
 2650 Christ's Hospital, Newgate Street
 32 St. George Harmony, Adelphi, L'pool
 76 Economy, F.M.H., Winchester
 82 Foundation, F.M.H., Cheltenham
 117 Salopian of Charity, Shrewsbury
 163 Integrity, F.M.H., Manchester
 220 Harmony, Garston Hotel, Garston
 257 Phoenix, 110 High Street, Portsmouth
 304 Philanthropic, F.M.H., Leeds
 439 Scientific, Masonic Rooms, Bingley
 461 Fortitude, Commercial, Newton Moor
 540 Stuart, Swan, Bedford
 651 Brecknock, Castle, Brecon
 724 Derby, F.M.H., Liverpool
 818 Philanthropic, F.M.H., Abergavenny
 996 Soudes, F.M.H., East Dereham
 1039 St. John, George, Lichfield
 1083 Townley Parker, Grand, Manchester
 1119 St. Bede, F.M.H., Jarrow
 1219 Strangeways, Boar's Head, M'chester
 1283 Ryburn, F.M.H., Sowerby Bridge
 1343 St. John, Queen's, Grays
 1633 Avon, Mosley, Manchester
 1714 Albert Edward, D. York, York Town
 1723 St. George, F.M.H., Bolton
 1756 Kirkdale, Skelmersdale Hall, L'pool
 1760 Leopold, F.M.H., Scarborough
 1775 Leopold, Comm., Church, Accrington
 1793 Sir C. Bright, Clarence, Teddington
 1809 Fidelis, Masonic Temple, Guernsey
 1868 Unity, F.M.H., Oldham
 1953 Prudence and Industry, George, Chard
 1967 Beacon Court, Ghuznee, N. Brompton
 1989 Stirling, F.M.H., Cleator Moor
 2019 Crook, F.M.H., Crook

- 2064 Smith Child, Town Hall, Tunstall
 2140 Gordon, F.M.H., Hanley
 2158 Boscombe, Boscombe Club, Boscombe
 2216 Egerton, Conservative Club, Swinton
 2320 St. Martin, Church Inn, Castleton
 2330 St. Lawrence, Masonic Rooms, Pudsey
 2373 Hardwick, F.M.H., Chesterfield
 2385 Godson, Talbot, Oldbury
 2425 Wineslai, Bell, Winslow
 2444 Noel, St. James Hall, Kingston-on-T.
 2448 Bradstow, F.M.H., Broadstairs
 2571 Holmes, F.M.H., Newcastle-on-Tyne
 2630 Tutbury Castle, Castle, Tutbury
 2701 Radcliffe, Boar's Head, Radcliffe
 2762 Lindisfarne, F.M.H., North Shields

Thursday.

- Gen. Com. Girl's School, F.M.H., at 5.
 65 Prosperity, Holborn Restaurant
 766 William Preston, City Terminus Hotel
 1421 Langthorne, Angel, Ilford
 1524 Duke of Connaught, Anderton's
 1563 City of Westminster, Cafe Royal
 1658 Skelmersdale, Surrey Masonic Hall
 1816 Victoria Park, London Tavern
 2192 Highbury, Cock Tavern, Highbury
 2261 Chough, City Terminus Hotel
 2432 Sir Walter Raleigh, Inns of Court Ho.
 39 St. John the Baptist, F.M.H., Exeter
 78 Imperial George, Middleton, Lanc.
 111 Restoration, F.M.H., Darlington
 129 Union, St. George's Hall, Kendal
 202 Friendship, F.M.H., Devonport
 346 Un. Brethren, Grosvenor, Blackburn
 348 St. John, F.M.H., Bolton
 403 Hertford, Shire Hall, Hertford
 410 Grove, F.M.H., Sutton, Surrey
 594 Downshire, F.M.H., Liverpool
 636 De Ogle, F.M.H., Morpeth
 772 Pilgrims, George, Glastonbury
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 807 Cabbell, 47 St. Giles Street, Norwich
 935 Harmony, F.M.H., Salford
 966 St. Edward, Literary Institute, Leek
 1032 Townley Parker, Mas. Rms., Chorley
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 1163 Emulation, F.M.H., Birmingham
 1166 Clarendon, Queen's, Hyde
 1313 Fermor, F.M.H., Southport
 1322 Waverley, Queen's Arms, Ashton-u-Ly.
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 1971 Aldershot Army & Navy, Aldershot
 2131 Brownlow, Town Hall, Ellesmere
 2184 R. Vic. Jubilee, King's Head, Chigwell
 2214 Josiah Wedgwood, F.M.H., Hanley
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 2415 Tristram, F.M.H., Shildon
 2418 Hedworth, F.M.H., South Shields
 2462 Clarence, F.M.H., West Hartlepool
 2463 Bootle-Wilbraham, West Derby
 2474 Hatherton, Stork, Walsall

Friday.

- Council Boys School, F.M.H., at 4.
 602 North York, F.M.H., Middlesbrough
 751 Eastnor, Masonic Rooms, Ledbury
 810 Craven, Victoria Buildings, Skipton
 1303 Pelham, F.M.H., Lewes
 1385 Gladsmuir, Red Lion, Barnet
 1391 Commercial, F.M.H., Leicester
 1435 Anneslev, F.M.H., Nottingham
 1712 St. John, F.M.H., Newcastle-on-Tyne
 1822 St. Quintin, Bear Inn, Cowbridge
 2421 Kingsley, F.M.H., Northampton
 2631 Com. Trav., Alexandra, Liverpool
 2679 Hope, Conservative Club, Patricroft

Saturday.

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