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THE SCHOOL ELECTIONS.

THE half yearly elections of the two Masonic Educational Institutions, which took place on Thursday and Friday, present some interesting features for consideration. In the first place it is most satisfactory that so large a number as forty-four children could be admitted from the two lists aggregating sixty-one approved candidates, reduced to fifty-nine by the withdrawal of two—a boy and a girl—for presentation; and we hope the two funds may always be equally well able to admit as large a proportion of the candidates as has been the case this week, although it is questionable whether a long continuance of such a state of affairs would not be likely to prove detrimental, as many Brethren might be led to imagine there were really not so many calls upon the different funds as is urged from time to time, when speaking of them and their needs.

Not so satisfactory, however, is it when we turn to a consideration of the polling of the different candidates, for the number of votes required to secure a place is simply appalling, when viewed in connection with their actual cost.

In the case of the Girls School, for which there were thirty-three candidates remaining on the list, of whom twenty-four were admitted, the highest successful polled 5,294 votes, and the lowest 2,903, whilst the highest among the unsuccessful failed to secure a place with her 1,721 votes.

For the Boys School there were twenty-six candidates to go to the poll, and twenty vacancies to fill. The lad who secured the first place had no less than 9,564 votes polled on his behalf, while the lowest on the list of successful polled 4,768. There were no less than three unsuccessful candidates who polled upwards of four thousand votes each—4,555, 4,396, and 4,229—and it may well be asked, how much higher are these immense totals to rise? Of course we shall be told the subscribers to the Institution get a fair return for their money—if the matter is to be considered on a financial basis—but on the other hand we may ask what return a donor of ten guineas gets for his money under present conditions.

Particulars in regard to the successful candidates will be found in our advertisement pages; the following were unsuccessful, the votes polled on behalf of each being also given:

ROYAL MASONIC INSTITUTION FOR GIRLS.

	Votes: Forward	Polled	Total
Perry, Ada Emily	542	1179	1721
Lewell, Annie	—	835	835
Ferry, Elizabeth	—	134	134
Lerpiniere, Lilian Irene	77	27	104
Sall, Doris	—	74	74
Hodgkinson, Clarice Lillian	12	21	33
Caine, Dorothy	13	17	30
Peace, Alice Kate	—	9	9
Hopkins, Clotilde Protheroe	—	4	4

ROYAL MASONIC INSTITUTION FOR BOYS.

Brannon, Allan Cuthbert	—	4555	4555
Logan, Morris Arthur Ransom	2801	1595	4396
Oliver, Edward	—	4229	4229
Fletcher, John Hinton	—	2196	2196
George, James Robert	—	1511	1511
La Nauze, Basil William	—	1209	1209

GRAND LODGE OF IRELAND.

ON Thursday evening, 4th inst., at the Quarterly meeting of the Grand Lodge of Ireland a full-sized portrait of Sir James Creed Meredith, LL.D., Deputy Grand Master, was unveiled in the presence of a large assembly of members of the Order. The painting is by Bro. Moynihan, and was formally presented by Viscount Templetown Senior Grand Warden to the Deputy Grand Master, who gave its custody to the Grand Lodge.

On the same occasion the Right Hon. Gerald Fitzgibbon was installed Representative of the Grand Lodge of Canada at the Grand Lodge of Ireland.

A letter was received from Her Majesty the Queen acknowledging the address of welcome presented on behalf of the Masonic Order of Ireland, on the occasion of her visit to Dublin.

NORTH WALES.

A MEETING of this Provincial Grand Lodge was held at the Drill Hall, Denbigh, on Friday, 5th inst., under the auspices and banner of the Royal Denbigh Lodge, No. 1143. Lord Harlech Provincial Grand Master was received with the customary ceremonial by the Provincial Grand Officers, and took his place in the chair.

Bro. Sir W. Grenville Williams acted as Deputy Prov. Grand Master.

The Provincial Grand Secretary gave a report upon his examination of the minutes of the several Lodges in the Province which, he said, showed marked improvement in the last ten years in their orderly and methodical working. He highly complimented all the Secretaries, and had a special word of commendation for the well-trying veterans who continued to exhibit their loyalty to Masonry by ungrudgingly devoting the considerable time and attention which the due writing of Lodge minutes demanded. The minutes chronicled unusual activity and zeal on the part of the Province in the matter of the Charity Institutions and charity appeals which the war in South Africa had rendered inevitable. Grants had been made to distressed South African Lodges, to the Welsh Hospital Fund, to the Widows and Orphans Fund, the War Relief Fund, and in one instance to the Reservists' Fund. At least £240 had been altogether so laid out, of which amount 100 guineas came from the St. Tudno Lodge.

Brother W. Price Smith P.M. presented the Auditors' report, which was accepted, a vote of thanks to the Auditors being passed.

Brother C. K. Benson P.M. P.P.G.J.W. Chairman of the North Wales Masonic Charitable Association read his report, and a vote of thanks to the Committee and Officers of the Association was passed for their services. Brother Tuxford was re-elected Treasurer.

The Prov. Grand Master appointed and invested the Officers for the year.

The statistical returns showed that the total membership of the twenty Lodges in the Province is now 1033, that for 1899 being 1027, and that for 1897, 1044.

Other business having been transacted; the Prov. Grand Master closed the Lodge. Afterwards the Brethren attended a Masonic banquet at the Town Hall.

Brother Murray Lyon mentions in his history of Mary's Chapel that the Duke of Fife, then Viscount Macduff, was initiated in the Lodge of Holyrood House, St. Luke, No. 44, thirty years ago.

THE BENEVOLENT INSTITUTION.

THE opening of the new Masonic season has been taken advantage of by Brother James Terry, the Secretary of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution for Aged Freemasons and Widows of Freemasons, to lay before the different Lodges and Chapters which will now be meeting a statement of what the Institution has been doing since it was established in 1842, but it is right to say that the circular is necessary for affording information for those Brethren recently admitted into the Craft, and whose subscriptions may be asked for, who may not be aware of the claims which the Charitable Institutions of the Masonic Order have on the pecuniary aid which can be afforded them by the Brethren who have the honour to belong to it.

Leaving for the present the Masonic Girls School, the eldest of the three Masonic Charities, and the Boys School, which is ten years younger, and taking the Benevolent Institution, the youngest of the three by fifty-four years, whose annual Festival is always the first in the New Year, its record is a remarkable one, judged from the report now presented. It started originally only to assist aged and distressed Freemasons by giving them small annuities, varying, according to the age of the recipient, from £10 to £30, but seven years after its establishment it originated a fund for Widows of Freemasons, and when the Institution had been in existence a quarter of a century, its principles were established on the present basis of giving annuities of £40 to Brethren, and £32 to Widows.

Since its formation 1,017 Brethren and 706 Widows have become Annuitants, and at the election last May 210 Brethren were in receipt of a total of £8,400 annually, 253 Widows of £8,096, and 26 Widows of late annuitants (half their deceased husbands' annuities) £520; the total amount being £17,016 for the year.

The Institution had a very small beginning, for in 1842 Grand Lodge voted only £400 a year to it, and in 1847 Grand Chapter voted £100 a year. That very year it held its first Festival, and the late Earl of Zetland, who was then Grand Master, presided. A sum of £819 16s was realised. The Festivals of the Institution then following were but triennial, but in 1860 Annual Festivals were constituted, and the contributions of the Craft yearly since have resulted in sufficient money being invested to produce dividends of £1,124 10s 5d for the Male Fund and £2,012 6s for the Widows' Fund in the last year. Notwithstanding the large receipts of the Institution, which, after paying annuities, left balances for investment that now yield the dividends above mentioned as income to be relied upon, the Institution has to ask for yearly contributions to pay £17,000 in annuities, leaving out of account altogether the amount required for office expenses. Although eight additional Annuitants were placed on the list last May, thus increasing the payments by £300 a year, many candidates for the annuity have to remain out in the cold, for while there are at present 60 males and 70 females on the list for the next election, there are but eleven vacancies, and it is on account of such great calls on the Institution that the further benevolence of the Craft is solicited. The Festival will be held on 27th February 1901, and the Earl of Warwick Deputy Grand Master will preside.—"Morning Advertiser."

An exchange states that the Freemasons of Canterbury N.Z., are forwarding to Lieut-General Baden-Powell a strikingly handsome present in the form of a Masonic keystone made of greenstone and mounted with 18-carat gold. The keystone is three inches in length, has on top the orthodox "Lewis" in gold, and on the front a gold plate bearing the inscription—"Grande decus colemenne rerum. (A great glory and prop of our fortunes). Presented to Major-General R. S. S. Baden-Powell, the hero and defender of Mafeking, South Africa, by the Freemasons of Canterbury, N.Z., as an expression of their admiration of his Bravery, Energy, and Resourcefulness during the siege, which was relieved May 16, 1900." The keystone is contained in a casket, and rests in a bed of crimson plush.

A fact connected with the history of Mary's Chapel long known to me, is recorded by Bro. Lyon in the new edition as a footnote (page 372). It has been a favourite joke of the historian, and he has startled many friends with the remark, that he had not written a word of that history

published in his name; and then, of course, explanations were forthcoming, as in the footnote, to the effect that he early acquired the habit of dispensing with MS., having been taught, when apprenticed to the "Ayr Advertiser," to put into type, first hand, any matter of local interest he had to report. Filled with the subject of which the history treats, and having a retentive memory, the only MS. used in its production was that of documents from which quotations are given. Bro. Lyon, therefore, composed the work in front of his case, and handed the publisher of the first edition printed slips as the author's "manuscript."—"The Mallet," in "Glasgow Evening News."

AN APPROPRIATE APPOINTMENT.

BY the nomination of our Yorkshire Representative Dr. Chas. Forshaw, F.R.S.L., as Honorary Dental Surgeon to the Northern Police Orphanage, Harrogate, and the Police Convalescent Home, a peculiarly appropriate appointment has taken place. For the past twelve years Bro. Forshaw has been an honorary or Special Constable for Bradford, and surely a Dental Policeman is the proper sort of man to attend to the dental requirements of his brother officers and their children! Dr. Forshaw has fifty orphans to look after, children who have lost their father either from being killed while on duty, or who has died while a member of the Constabulary of the northern counties of England. A like number of disabled policemen are also under his professional care as a Dental Surgeon.

We give a facsimile of our Brother's first appointment as a Special Constable, and we may add that Bro. Forshaw is also the honorary Dentist to the Bradford Tradesmen's Homes, the Boys Orphanage, the Women's Home and Shelter, and the Deaf and Dumb Institution.

Borough of Bradford,
IN THE
West-Riding of Yorkshire,
TO WIT

to Charles F. Forshaw
Esq. *in the Township of* *Harrogate*
in the said Borough *Doctor of Dentistry*

WE, the undersigned, being Two of Her Majesty's Justices of the Peace acting in and for the said Borough of Bradford, do hereby, in pursuance of the Statutes in such case made and provided, nominate and appoint you the said



Charles F. Forshaw

as and to act as a *Special Constable* for the preservation of the public peace, and for the protection of the Inhabitants and security of the property within the said Borough, such appointment to continue in force during the period of Twelve Calendar Months from the day of the date hereof

AND you are hereby required to be and appear at the Town Hall, at Bradford, in the said Borough, on WEDNESDAY, the SEVENTEENTH day of OCTOBER, instant, at Ten o'clock in the Forenoon precisely, then and there to take the Oath of office.

GIVEN under our Hands and Seals, the Thirteenth Day of October, in the Year of our Lord One Thousand Eight Hundred and Eighty-eight, at Bradford, in the said Borough.

N.B.—You will, on attending to be sworn, produce this appointment, signed with your name at the bottom.


Wm. McEwen 
Wm. Bury 

OATH OF OFFICE.

I, *Charles F. Forshaw* do swear that I will well and truly serve our Sovereign Lady the Queen, in the Office of Special Constable of the Borough of Bradford, without favour or affection, malice or ill will; and that I will, to the best of my power, cause the peace to be kept and preserved, and prevent all offences against the persons and the properties of Her Majesty's subjects, and that while I continue to hold the said Office, I will, to the best of my skill and knowledge, discharge all the duties thereof, faithfully, according to Law.

So help me God.

Sworn before us, the undersigned, the 17th day of October, One Thousand Eight Hundred and Eighty-eight, at Bradford, in the said Borough.

Chas. F. Forshaw 
John Law
A. T. Myers

MEETINGS NEXT WEEK.

Monday.

- 21 Emulation, Albion
 185 Tranquillity, Frascati
 862 Whittington, Freemasons' Hall
 901 City of London, Guildhall Tavern
 907 Royal Albert, Freemasons' Hall
 1537 St. Peter Westminster, Cafe Royal
 1657 Aldersgate, Albion
 1694 Imperial, Holborn Restaurant
 2489 Willesden, Willesden Green
 2545 Iris, Hotel Cecil
 2549 Benevolentia, Holborn Restaurant
 2699 Wandle, Town Hall, Wandsworth
 37 Anchor and Hope, F.M.H., Bolton
 77 Freedom, Public Hall, Gravesend
 125 Prince Edwin, Bank Bldgs., Hythe
 230 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
 424 Borough, Masonic Rooms, Gateshead
 455 Perseverance, F.M.H., Kettering
 460 Merit, George, Stamford Baron
 827 St. John, Masonic Tem., Dewsbury
 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
 1113 Anglesea, F.M.H., Menai Bridge
 1141 Mid-Sussex, Black Horse, Horsham
 1146 De Moulham, Mowden Inst., Swanage
 1170 St. George, F.M.H., Manchester
 1199 Agriculture, Assembly Rooms, Yatton
 1208 Corinthian, Masonic Temple, Dover
 1238 Gooch, Albany, Twickenham
 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
 1748 Castlemartin, Assembly R., Pembroke
 1814 Worsley, Court House, Worsley
 1833 St. Keyna, F.M.H., Keynsham
 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
 2114 Prudence, F.M.H., Liverpool
 2208 Horsa, F.M.H., Bournemouth
 2289 Blundellsands, Ass. Rooms, Gt. Crosby
 2295 Scarisbrick, F.M.H., Southport
 2316 Princes, Deaf & Dumb Inst., Liverpool
 2327 St. Oswin, F.M.H., North Shields
 2349 W. Lanc. Century, F.M.H., Blackpool
 2425 Ecclesburne, White Hart, Duffield
 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.
 30 United Mariners, Frascati
 73 Mount Lebanon, Bridge House Hotel
 95 Eastern Star, Ship and Turtle
 194 St. Paul, City Terminus Hotel
 435 Salisbury, Freemasons' Hall
 1339 Stockwell, Surrey Masonic Hall
 1695 New Finsbury Park, Holborn Rest.
 2021 Queen's Westminster, Holborn Rest.
 2045 Wharton, Holborn Restaurant
 2191 Anglo American, Holborn Restaurant
 2233 Old Westminsters', Cafe Royal
 2265 Barnato, Cafe Monico
 2500 Old Boys, Criterion Restaurant
 2742 Eyre, Eyre Arms H., Finchley Road
 213 Perseverance, 47 St. Giles St., Norwich
 223 Charity, F.M.H., Plymouth
 384 St. David, F.M.H., Bangor
 402 Royal Sussex, George, Nottingham
 414 Union, F.M.H., Reading
 418 Menturia, F.M.H., Hanley
 432 Abbey, Newdegate Arms, Nuneaton
 468 Light, Great Western, Birmingham
 476 St. Peter, F.M.H., Carmarthen
 551 Yarborough, F.M.H., Ventnor
 560 Vernon, F.M.H., Stourport
 660 Camalodunum, F.M.H., New Malton
 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
 1046 St. Andrew, Bush, Farnham
 1075 St. Maughold, Ramsey, Isle of Man
 1089 De Shurland, Brittainia, Sheerness
 1096 Lord Warden, Foresters' Hall, Walmer
 1225 Hindpool, F.M.H., Barrow-in-Furness
 1276 Warren, Seacombe Hotel, Seacombe
 1309 Acacia, Mitre, Hampton Court
 1395 Wey Side, F.M.H., Woking
 1410 St. Peter & St. Paul, Newport Pagnel
 1427 Percy, F.M.H., Newcastle-on-Tyne
 1551 Charity, F.M.H., Birmingham
 1570 Prince Arthur, F.M.H., Liverpool
 1621 Castle, Crown, Bridgnorth
 1764 Eleanor Cross, F.M.H., Northampton
 1787 Grenville, F.M.H., Buckingham
 1894 Herschel, F.M.H., Slough
 1903 Pr. Ed. Saxe Weimar, M.H., P'tsmouth
 1941 St. Augustine, Shrewsbury A., Rugeley
 2135 Constance, F.M.H., Consett
 2146 Surbiton, Maple Hall, Surbiton
 2155 Makerfield, Pied Bull, Newton-l-Willows
 2351 Ermine, Assembly Rooms, Lincoln
 2360 Victoria, F.M.H., Southport
 2407 Hicks-Beach, Sub. Rooms, Stroud
 2530 Shirley Woolmer, St. John's H., Sidcup
 2572 Tyldesley, Masonic Rooms, Tyldesley
 2641 Dart, Raleigh, Dartmouth
 2659 Northcote, F.M.H., Exeter
 2681 Queen, Skelmersdale Hall, Liverpool
 2747 St. Michael, F.M.H., Newquay

Wednesday.

General Committee, Grand Chapter, at 4.

- 7 Royal York of Perseverance, Albion
 140 St. George, Ship, Greenwich
 169 Temperance, Tower Bridge Hotel
 174 Sincerity, Guildhall Tavern
 619 Beadon, Holborn Restaurant
 1044 Wandsworth, Lavender Hill, S.W.
 1150 Buckingham & Chandos, F.M.H.
 1382 Corinthian, George, Cubitt Town
 1507 Metropolitan, Anderton's Hotel
 1539 Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell
 1571 Leopold, Holborn Restaurant
 1624 Eccleston, Criterion
 1677 Crusaders, Holborn Restaurant
 2266 Cator, Public Hall, Beckenham
 2272 Rye, Holborn Restaurant
 2345 Duke of Fife, Clapham
 2348 Lombardian, Ship and Turtle
 2361 Cricklewood, Frascati
 2409 Woodgrange, Prin. Alice, Forest Gate
 2578 National Artillery, Criterion Restaurant
 2589 Borough, Bridge House Hotel
 2603 London County Council, Hotel Cecil
 2743 Maida Vale, Crown, Maida Vale
 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
 175 East Medina, F.M.H., Ryde
 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
 246 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
 795 St. John, George, Bray
 823 Everton, F.M.H., Liverpool
 865 Dalhousie, Greyhound, Hampton Court
 874 Holmesdale, Tunbridge Wells
 889 Dobie, Kingston, Kingston-on-Thames
 938 Grosvenor, F.M.H., Birmingham
 950 Hesketh, Crown, Fleetwood
 962 Sun & Sector, Ass. Rooms, Workington
 972 St. Augustine, F.M.H., Canterbury
 1019 Sincerity, F.M.H., Wakefield
 1040 Sykes, F.M.H., Driffeld
 1086 Walton, F.M.H., Kirkdale
 1114 Joppa, Corn Hall, Fakenham
 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
 1294 St. Alban, Royal, Grimsby
 1301 Brighthouse, F.M.H., Brighthouse
 1323 Talbot, Masonic Rooms, Swansea
 1334 Norman, F.M.H., Durham
 1337 Anchor, F.M.H., Northallerton
 1353 Duke of Lancaster, F.M.H., Lancaster
 1511 Alexandra, F.M.H., Hornsea
 1634 Starkie, Grant Arms, Ramsbottom
 1774 Mellor, Railway, Manchester
 1797 South Down, Downs, Keymer
 1842 St. Leonard, R. Con. H., St. Leonards
 1973 Saye and Sele, Mas. Rooms, Belvedere
 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
 2434 Anderida, Queen, Eastbourne
 2514 City, Alexandra, Liverpool
 2525 Thurston, Ship Inn, Coniston
 2587 Radnor, F.M.H., Folkestone
 2688 Wythenshawe, Tatton A., Northenden
 2702 Hollingsworth, F.M.H., Oldham
 2725 Maristowe, Yelverton Hotel, Yelverton
 2793 Assheton-Egerton, Altrincham

Thursday.

House Com., R.M.I.G., Battersea, 4.30.

- 49 Gihon, Guildhall Tavern
 55 Constitutional, City Terminus Hotel
 179 Manchester, Anderton's Hotel
 733 Westbourne, Holborn Restaurant
 1287 Great Northern, Freemasons' Hall
 1320 Blackheath, Bridge House Hotel
 1475 Peckham, Surrey Masonic Hall
 1598 Ley Spring, Anderton's Hotel
 1613 Cripplegate, Albion
 1681 Londesborough, Cafe Royal
 1716 All Saints, 117 High Street, Poplar
 1901 Selwyn, Montpelier, Peckham
 2551 Clissold, Great Eastern Hotel
 2612 Navy, Hotel Cecil
 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
 100 Friendship, Great Yarmouth
 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
 489 Benevolence, F.M.H., Bideford
 523 John of Gaunt, F.M.H., Leicester
 591 Buckingham, F.M.H., Aylesbury
 600 Harmony, F.M.H., Bradford
 605 Combermere, Music Hall, Birkenhead
 659 Blagdon, F.M.H., Blyth
 663 Wiltshire Fidelity, F.M.H., Devizes
 758 Ellesmere, F.M.H., Runcorn
 777 Royal Alfred, Angel, Guildford
 802 Repose, F.M.H., Derby
 833 Afan, F.M.H., Aberavon
 939 Pelham, F.M.H., Worsop
 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
 1299 Pembroke, Bear's Paw, Liverpool
 1327 King Harold, Swans, Waltham Cross
 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
 1470 Chiltern, Old Sugar Loaf, Dunstable
 1512 Hemming, Greyhound, Hampton Court
 1534 Concord, District Council, Prestwich
 1562 Homfray, F.M.H., Risca
 1776 Landport, F.M.H., Landport
 1782 Machin, F.M.H., Birmingham
 1821 Atlingworth, Royal Pavilion, Brighton
 1869 Sandown, F.M.H., Sandown
 1872 St. Margaret, Maple Hall, Surbiton
 1887 St. Hilda, Lamb, Wallingford
 1892 Wallington, F.M.H., Sutton, Surrey
 1893 Lumley, Estate Office, Skegness
 2226 St. David, Local Board, Rhymney
 2268 Hallamshire, F.M.H., Sheffield

2302 St. Mary, Assembly Rooms, Southwell
 2305 Stour, Bank Street Hall, Ashford
 2325 Rose of Lancaster, F.M.H., Southport
 2341 Clemency, F.M.H., Oldham
 2352 Universities, F.M.H., Durham
 2390 Exmoor, Public Hall, Minehead
 2495 Goodacre, F.M.H., Bootle
 2555 England's Centre, Weedon
 2570 Prince Llewellyn, Mas. Temple, Cardiff
 2598 St. Sampson, Commercial, Guernsey
 2666 Victoria Commemoration, Newcastle
 2703 Wallsend, F.M.H., Wallsend
 2707 Weald, Lion and Lamb, Brentwood
 2711 Imperial, Sefton Park, Liverpool
 2745 Ambleside, Queen's, Ambleside
 2770 Earl of Yarborough, Great Grimsby

Friday.

Board of Management, Boys School, 2.30.
 1962 London Rifle Brigade, Anderton's
 2157 St. Mark's College, Holborn Restaurant
 2242 Argonauts, Frascati
 2346 Warrant Officers, F.M.H.
 2721 Light, Holborn Restaurant
 155 Perseverance, F.M.H., Liverpool
 152 Virtue, F.M.H., Manchester
 271 Royal Clarence, Pavilion, Brighton
 347 Noah's Ark, Waggon & Horses, Tipton
 541 De Lorraine, F.M.H., Newcastle-on-T.
 599 Cherwell, F.M.H., Banbury
 904 Phoenix, Masonic Bldgs., Rotherham
 993 Alexandra, Midland, Levenshulme
 1108 Royal Wharfedale, Mas. Rooms, Otley
 1311 Zetland, F.M.H., Leeds
 1357 Cope, Brookland's, Sale
 1389 Fenwick, F.M.H., Sunderland
 1626 Hotspur, Newcastle-on-Tyne
 1644 Alma Mater, F.M.H., Birmingham
 1773 Albert Victor, Town Hall, Pendleton
 1794 De Vere, F.M.H., Nottingham
 2063 St. Osyth Priory, Clacton-on-Sea
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THERE is more in this work than is implied in the title. As the author tells us in a brief preface, it is a series of studies in Central and South America. These studies are exceedingly well written; the descriptions are clear and concise; the political remarks are carefully weighed and, on the whole, just; the style is a model of its kind. We feel personally indebted to Mr. Scruggs for his first chapter, on the Isthmus of Panama, for he has told us much in the compass of a few pages that is certainly not common knowledge. The remarks about the weather, particularly in regard to the sudden and terrific storms at Colon, are a revelation to such as live under kinder skies where gentler manners reign. We are not prone to discuss politics, national or international; but so far as we are qualified to judge Mr. Scruggs has given us a masterly summary of such questions as the Monroe Doctrine, the Mosquito Coast Controversy, and the Anglo-Venezuelan Boundary Dispute. His handling of these topics is rendered still more intelligent by the addition of some carefully prepared maps. So much for the requirements of that class styled by the reviews "our better class of readers," but some readers are not "better," and they read only for amusement. To all such we can warmly recommend the chapter entitled "A mule ride in the Andes." It would do credit to a

romance. We can remember no superior narrative of travel over the great Cordillera—unless, possibly, it is that in Darwin's "Journal of Researches." Mr. Scruggs tells his story admirably,—the delay at the start, the weakness of the muleteers for a drink at the way side "chicheria," the fine view of the river, and valley of Magdalena, the grander scenery and sweeter climate of the higher slopes, the stillness that pervades the neighbourhood of the great Andean heights, the primitive lack of necessities in the mud-hut town of Villeta, the last lap of the journey from Manzanillas to Bogota. Nor must we overlook the merits of the two chapters concerning the products and mineral resources of Venezuela. Here we have every evidence of that wide grasp of detail, that specialistic knowledge which we have a right to expect from a writer who was for some time United States Minister to Columbia and Venezuela. The value of this work is further enhanced by the excellence of the illustrations. Those of us who read largely in the days of the often uncouth, unsatisfactory woodcut, can fully appreciate the beauty of such illustrations as the publishers have here given us. The book merits a large sale.

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

AN eminently readable book. We enjoyed it greatly without perceiving why. The characters can hardly be called original; the plot, such as it is, has been handled a hundred times; the descriptive passages are merely honest "journeyman-work." And yet, as we have said, Mr. Sugden's book is one to be read. We suspect that his success is largely due to the fact that he seldom interrupts his story in order that he may lecture us on the way. This may appear to some a small merit; but we speak feelingly when we say that it is a very rare one. We think this trait does much credit to Mr. Sugden; for his temptations to preach must have been manifold.

The Rev. Knight Dale, a moderate but zealous High Churchman, is a strong contrast to his curate, the Rev. M. B. Jones; the spiritually minded and the carnally minded are met indeed! A further contrast in character is shown in the persons of the Rector's sister and other ladies of the story; and the interest of the narrative is well sustained by the recital of the many minor annoyances inflicted upon the new, hard-working Rector in his endeavours to reform a sleepy church and congregation. We recommend this book to young folk interested in the controversies of the day; for Mr. Sugden, although his opinions are obvious enough, can insinuate them without bitterness. "A Twentieth Century Parson" is tastefully bound and well printed.

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

FOR a well written story concerning the land of the eucalyptus and the kangaroo commend us to Mr. Hornung. So far as memory serves he has but one serious rival—Rolf Boldrewood. But the author of "Robbery under Arms" generally asks us to devote a week to him; Mr. Hornung can usually be read in a few hours. Which of these two is the greater artist we cannot say; but there is not a "dry" page in the "Belle of Toorak," nor an incident that is clumsily narrated. In tone and characterisation it has reminded us of "Irralie's Bushranger" by the same writer. Moya is a young lady of somewhat complex character, easily offended, not always rational, but eminently lovable withal. Rigden, too, is by no means transparent; but he shares in common with Moya a fitness for the slight drama here enacted. For slight it is. The plot deals with little save the adventures of Moya, who quarrels with her lover for his share in the shielding of an outlaw, has some choice escapades of her own during the search by the police, discovers, as so many do, that she has misjudged her man, and finally quits the stage in that manner so much approved by writers and readers. The "Belle of Toorak" will provide excellent entertainment to such as be weary of well doing, and seek their solace in a quiet read.

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

THERE is merit in almost everything written by Mr. Pett Ridge. He has recently contributed very many short stories to our leading magazines, and his success is we believe largely due to the fact that he has made one aspect of life his peculiar study. Of that aspect of life, that type of character, Bobbie Lancaster, the hero of this book, is a fair representative. As a curiosity he is, in the earlier chapters, almost as good as the "artful dodger" of "Oliver Twist"; later, as a well meaning youth, desirous of getting on in life, he is a pattern to be held up to others. Darker, more mysterious characters, such as Bat Miller, add considerably to the effect of a story by no means lacking in power; whilst the effusive Trixie, so aloof at times and at times so confiding, is an admirable study of a type of girl frequently met with in such families as that of Miss Bell. Bobbie Lancaster's adventures in the hands of his well-wishers, as a "son of the state," are exceedingly well told, and Mr. Pett Ridge deserves warm commendation for the adroitness with which he has handled topics not always inherently interesting. There is that in this book which reminds us of Dickens and of Mr. W. W. Jacobs, and we are sure Mr. Pett Ridge will acknowledge that this is high praise. We are equally sure it is well merited.

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

THIS tastefully printed little volume has reminded us of the famous remark in the "Spectator," "much might be said on both sides." We always do our best to utter honest criticism, for the praise of those who praise everything is worth little; and we must say that—as we have hinted—there is room here for both commendation and censure. Mr. Kenrick deeply appreciates things which are lovely and of good report, and his sentiments are for the most part such as all men should wish to share, but we cannot see that he evinces much skill in his endeavours to express his sentiments in verse. In the poem "Ergo Amicitiae" we find evidence that the writer has read both Scott and Byron diligently; but he has hardly found octosyllabic metre a metre to be written with "fatal facility." There are traces of a gift for lyric expression in the shorter poems, such as "Florence," "The South Downs," and "On the coast," but these stray swallows hardly make a summer. Mr. Kenrick is a better observer than metrist, and we are sure that a volume of prose-fancies or travel sketches from his pen would merit our praise. Perhaps the best effort in this book is that in the form of a Shakespearian Sonnet, entitled "Written near Guildford."

The Masonic Illustrated is the title of a monthly journal for Freemasons started by Messrs. Spencer and Co., the well known firm of Masonic furnishers, and which appears likely to win support among the members of the Craft for whom it caters. The great advances made in recent years in the art of photographic printing have been taken advantage of by the promoters to put before the Craft a profusely illustrated Journal, and if they can only find material to continue as they have started success should attend their efforts. As the "Illustrated" is to appear monthly it would have been better half its present size, as being more convenient for binding, and as giving better opportunity for effective display of the many portraits with which it is embellished. We greet our new contemporary with all good wishes, and trust we may work side by side for many years to come.

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The Conscience of Coralie. By F. Frankfort Moore. With eight illustrations by F. H. Townsend (6s).—C. Arthur Pearson, Limited.

CONSECRATION.

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ST. JOHN LODGE.

THE Provincial Grand Lodge of Warwickshire has extended its borders to Coventry. On Tuesday afternoon a new Lodge, No. 2811, was consecrated there, at St. Mary's Hall, by Brother Edward Letchworth Grand Secretary of England. He was assisted by Bros. G. H. C. Hughes Prov. G.S.W. as S.W., E. A. Eades Prov.G.J.W. as J.W., Rev. Canon Beaumont, M.A., P.P.G. Chaplain as Chaplain, E. Luxmore Marshall P.G.D.D.C. of England as D.C., F. G. Swinden Prov. Grand Secretary as Secretary, and E. L. Field Prov.G. Pursuivant as I.G.

Bro. T. Webb Fowler P.P.G.S.D. P.M. 254 was the W.M. designate, S. Bettmann S.W. designate, and H. Maddocks J.W. designate. The ceremony was characterised by all the impressiveness associated with the Craft, and an able Oration setting forth the nature and principles of the Institution was delivered by the Chaplain.

The list of founders of the Lodge includes many Brethren of prominence in the Craft, and this, together with its splendid send-off, augurs well for the future success of the Lodge.

The annual meeting of the Lodge of Sympathy, No. 483, was held at the Clarendon Hotel, Gravesend, on Wednesday, when Bro. William Spencer Bowen was installed as Master for the year. Our report of the proceedings will appear next week.

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The future meetings of the Confidence Lodge of Instruction, No. 193, will be held at the Hercules Tavern, 119 Leadenhall Street, E.C., on Wednesday evenings. The return of the Lodge to its old quarters will no doubt call up many recollections of the past in the minds of its members. We have spent many pleasant hours at its assemblies there, when the house was the home of our worthy Brother T. J. Maidwell.

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AT a General Court of this Institution, held at Freemasons' Tavern, Lincoln's Inn Fields, London, W.C., on Thursday, 11th Oct. 1900, SIR REGINALD HANSON, Bart., P.G.W., Treasurer, Patron, in the chair, after the general business was disposed of, the GOVERNORS and SUBSCRIBERS proceeded to the ELECTION by ballot, of Twenty-four GIRLS into the Institution from a list of Thirty-three approved candidates when the following were declared duly ELECTED:

No. on Poll List	Name.	Votes.	No. on Poll List	Name.	Votes.
1 17	Hodges, G. M. O.	5,294	13 28	Weston, C.	3,794
2 11	Piggott, M. E.	4,723	14 1	Collins, J. H.	3,742
3 25	Strong, H. E.	4,598	15 7	Spurgeon, D. M.	3,715
4 19	Henry, D. M.	4,447	16 32	Secker, D. M.	3,686
5 5	Harding, H. G. M.	4,377	17 16	Bergman, L. I.	3,640
6 12	Osborne, P. E. K.	4,344	18 8	Webb, C. E. M.	3,555
7 30	Haywood, F. A.	4,072	19 26	Mitchell, L. M.	3,522
8 14	Gray, M. P.	4,019	20 23	Suddaby, H. H.	3,521
9 21	Jones, V. M.	4,008	21 9	Watson, M. A.	3,521
10 18	Lingley, M. I.	3,972	22 27	Daniels, G.	3,460
11 4	Gates, A. M.	3,891	23 20	Smith, M. E.	3,023
12 9	Peace, R. J.	3,856	24 13	Sheedy, A. M.	2,903

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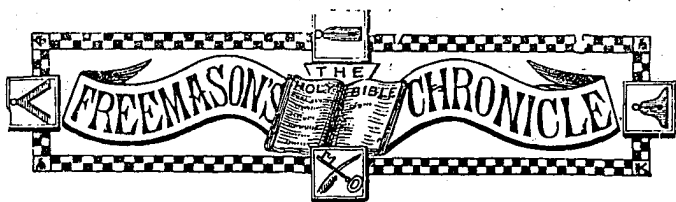
AT a Quarterly Court of the GOVERNORS and SUBSCRIBERS held at Freemasons' Tavern, Great Queen Street, Lincoln's Inn Fields, London, on Friday, the 12th day of October 1900, W. BRO. CHARLES E. KEYSER, M.A., J.P., in the chair, a ballot took place for the ELECTION of Twenty BOYS from an APPROVED LIST of Twenty-seven Candidates, reduced to Twenty-six by the withdrawal of (No. 27 on the list) Austin George Elliott (withdrawn for Presentation) the following being declared SUCCESSFUL:

No.	Name.	Votes.	No.	Name.	Votes.
1	Andrew, W. B.	9,564	11	Nash, C. A.	6,197
2	Herapath, C. A.	8,691	12	Lawson, J. C.	6,113
3	Hall, C. F. A.	7,347	13	Vigor, W. M.	6,103
4	Downing, L. W.	6,945	14	Stickland, A. L.	5,939
5	Roberts, L. H. D.	6,681	15	Duckworth, F.	5,754
6	Williams, H. C.	6,482	16	Flett, H.	5,590
7	Smart, W. P.	6,479	17	Dodd, F. W.	5,518
8	Sear, D.	6,449	18	Gange, P. H.	5,483
9	Myers, L. D.	6,371	19	Bury, J. H.	5,406
10	Case, E. D.	6,276	20	Moseley, H. H.	4,768

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

J. MORRISON McLEOD, Secretary.

* * The 103rd Anniversary Festival will be held on 26th June 1901, under the distinguished Presidency of the Right Hon. W. W. Bramston Beach, M.P., R.W. Prov. Grand Master for Hampshire and the Isle of Wight, Trustee of the Institution. The services of Ladies and Brethren as Stewards on the occasion are earnestly solicited, and will be gratefully acknowledged.



SATURDAY, 13TH OCTOBER 1900.

R. M. I. GIRLS.

THE Quarterly Court of Subscribers to this Institution was held on Thursday, at the Freemasons' Tavern, Sir Reginald Hanson Past Grand Warden and Treasurer of the Institution presiding.

Bro. Hedges the Secretary announced that in May 1901 Earl Amherst Pro Grand Master and Provincial Grand Master for Kent would take the chair at the Festival then to be held to celebrate the one hundred and thirteenth anniversary of

the establishment of the School. The subscribers were also informed that the late Brother W. H. Wood, of the Lodge of Israel, No. 1474, Birmingham, had bequeathed 1,200 guineas to the Institution.

After the ordinary business of the Court was concluded the Subscribers elected twenty-four daughters of Freemasons into the School, out of a list of thirty-three candidates.

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IN our endeavour to ascertain just how physically perfect the novitiate should be, we are apt to forget that he must know something. A man may be a splendid specimen of physical manhood, a pleasant and companionable associate and yet be entirely incapable of comprehending the beauties of Masonry. Masonry is a study, a science. It requires an intelligent being to realise its depth of meaning and its full import. Without such a realisation there can be no adequate comprehension of Masonic duties and no proper conception of Masonic ideals. Masons who lack the necessary intelligence live on from day to day endeavouring to follow the ideals in their mind but knowing nothing of the teachings of Masonry. They are entertained but not instructed in the Lodge-room. They may strive in an upward direction but they have no fixed goal. Masonry means little or nothing to them. They are following a blind path which leads them nowhere. They never can be true Masons since they do not comprehend the principles of the Order. We need men with minds. Masonry cannot inculcate a knowledge of its deeper meaning in a brain incapable of receiving it. It is a useless task which has been attempted much too often for the good of the Fraternity.—“Tyler.”

To celebrate the opening of the Masonic Hall at South-end, the members of the Masonic Club gave a ball on Friday evening of last week, which proved highly successful. Among those present were Bro. F. F. Ramuz, the Mayor, who was accompanied by the Mayoress, Bros. A. Lucking P.G.P. and Prov.G.D.C., A. J. Smethurst, James Berry P.M., T. Cooper, W. Wellingale, J. Byford, A. A. Jenn, E. J. Lockyer, Armstrong, Begley, Elam, Gossett, Knight, and Whur, and a large number of ladies.

The Fifteen Sections will be worked at the New Concord Lodge of Instruction, No. 813, at the Farleigh Hotel, Amhurst Road, Stoke Newington, on Wednesdays, 24th and 31st inst., by members of the new Finsbury Park Lodge of Instruction, No. 1695, under the leadership of Bros. T. G. Hodges P.M. 1695 as W.M., J. E. Paine S.W. 101 S.W., R. P. Walkden P.M. 1366 J.W., H. G. Gush P.M. 1541 Preceptor, and Bernard Barton 2552 Secretary.

“A SPRIG OF ACACIA.”

BY the many who knew and esteemed him, the death of Captain James Glazebrook, which occurred at his residence, West Hoathly House, York Road, Eastbourne, on Saturday evening, will be very sincerely regretted. There were few men better known in Eastbourne. Captain Glazebrook, who was in his seventy-fourth year, was born at Shoreham, and at about the age of thirteen he definitely adopted a seafaring career. Having at the age of twenty-three obtained his certificate as Master, he became engaged in the Australian and American trade, and it was at this period he had a most perilous experience with the brig “Sea Adventure,” 192 tons register, out from Buenos Ayres, with a crew of ten. When about 250 miles N.W. of the Azores, a hurricane carried away the vessel's foremast, bowsprit, cut-water, figure head, cook's galley, iron caboose, and cooking apparatus, and three days later another storm cleared the remainder of her bulwarks, started her stern frame, and carried away the companion. The mainmast and the cabin skylight were all that were left standing. During the gale one of the crew was twice washed overboard, but was providentially rescued. Nothing daunted by his many misfortunes, Capt. Glazebrook, with characteristic perseverance, succeeded in bringing his disabled craft a distance of 1,300 miles into Plymouth Sound. Captain Glazebrook was initiated into the Craft in Hartlepool, in 1851.

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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Eccentric Lodge, No. 2488.

INSTALLATION OF BROTHER THOMAS FRASER.

THE history of the Eccentric Lodge is interesting and instructive, because its truly marvellous success is an impressive object lesson to all present and future Lodges. From a comparatively small circle, since every candidate for the Lodge must of necessity be a member of the Eccentric Club, the founders have drawn some of the best known men in artistic London, all of whom are animated with the praiseworthy desire to make the Lodge as high perfection as is possible. An admirable Lodge of Instruction, with proficient Preceptors, affords the opportunity of learning the ritual, and the wise regulation of the Selection Committee, that no member shall become an Officer until he is perfect in his duties, spurs the Brethren to make every endeavour for that purpose. This excellent spirit of emulation tends to ensure a thorough and intelligent rendering of our beautiful ceremonies and, as a consequence, a higher appreciation of Freemasonry. It is this knowledge that causes us a lively gratification whenever we are called upon to visit the Eccentric Lodge, and it was with the pleasurable anticipation of "a Masonic treat" that we attended on Friday of last week, at the Cafe Royal, Regent Street, W., to take part in the annual installation ceremony.

Bro. W. Sergeant Lee, the outgoing Worshipful Master, is a practised elocutionist and an experienced Freemason—he has already occupied the Chair of the Lodge of Progress, No. 1768—and on this occasion he excelled himself; but we must not anticipate.

The Lodge was opened with "eccentric" punctuality, i.e., at the time stated on the summons (to ensure which the visitors were invited to attend a quarter of an hour earlier, a pardonable eccentricity), when the W.M. was supported by his Officers and a large number of other Brethren.

After the opening Hymn had been cordially sang, the minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed. The report of the Audit Committee, showing a large increase in the funds of the Lodge, was presented and adopted.

We may here remark, in continuation of our previous observations, that the members by no means neglect their duty to the Masonic and other Charities, as will be seen from the following figures. Although established but seven years the Lodge has made grants to the Girls School of £52 10s, Boys School £47 5s, Old People £26 5s, the "Daily Telegraph" War Fund £76 13s (the second largest amount contributed by a Lodge), "Our Brothers' Bed" £5 5s, and Prince of Wales's Hospital Fund £15 15s. Truly a worthy record. The Funds are ably administered by Bro. W. Beard, who has been Treasurer of the Lodge since its inception, and although nearly a hundred pounds have been devoted to charitable purposes during the past year, the members have at present over £500 in hand.

Brothers Walter de Frece and William Henry White were accepted as joining members, and some other details having been disposed of, the principal part of the business was arrived at. Considerable interest was aroused from the fact that Bro. Thomas Fraser was one of the first initiates of the Lodge, and no little curiosity was evinced as to how he would disport himself as its ruler.

Brother Sergeant Lee declared all Offices vacant, and then requested Bros. J. H. Hawkins P.M., H. T. Culliford P.M., C. A. Hooper P.M., and Fred. Dangerfield P.M. to assist him as Wardens, D.C. and I.G. respectively. The Lodge was opened in the second degree, when Bro. Fraser was presented by Bro. Claude Hooper, as W.M.-elect, and the ceremony proceeded on the usual lines. In accordance with the custom of the Eccentric Lodge, the beautiful solo "Be thou faithful" was sung after the Obligation, and was very finely rendered by Bro. Herbert Grover. A Board of Installed Masters was subsequently formed, when Bro. Fraser was placed in the Chair in accordance with ancient tradition, and was cordially congratulated by those present upon the distinction that had been conferred upon him. Having invested his predecessor as I.P.M. the Board was closed, and the Brethren were readmitted, when the new Master was proclaimed and saluted in the three degrees.

The following Officers were then appointed and invested:—J. R. Cleave S.W., W. E. Garstin J.W., W. J. W. Beard Treas., W. Singleton Hooper Secretary, R. S. King S.D., H. J. Horner J.D., Claude A. Hooper D.C., W. Drew I.G., James Kift Organist, Arthur Tite, E. R. Pugh, H. S. Simmonds, and E. Lockwood Stewards, and Samuel Ellis Tyler.

Then followed the finest delivery of the Addresses to which it has ever been our pleasure to listen. It is no flattery to say that Bro. Sergeant Lee's rendition was absolutely perfect. Spoken with deliberation, with fine emphasis and faultless elocution, Bro. Lee appeared to give an altogether different interpretation of the beautiful words; and it was the opinion of many Past Masters, who had heard them over and over again, and many who had themselves delivered them, that it was not possible to surpass him. The final Lecture had such an effect upon the Brethren that the usual

Masonic applause was forgotten, and the Master, carried away by emotion, did not wait till the usual time, but proceeded immediately to present the Past Master's jewel to Bro. Lee, that had been voted by the Lodge. We can cordially endorse the remarks of Brother Fraser in making the presentation, "that if all succeeding Masters carried out their duties like Bro. Sergeant Lee, the Eccentric Lodge would never suffer from inefficient direction."

The I.P.M. briefly returned thanks, and said he had tried to serve the Lodge to the best of his ability, and if he had succeeded in meriting the approbation of the Brethren he was amply repaid.

The resignation of four members was accepted with regret, but on the other hand one joining member, and one candidate were proposed for acceptance at the next meeting. The Visiting Brethren having tendered their congratulations, this very interesting meeting was brought to a close.

The Installation Banquet was held in the large Hall, and was worthy the reputation of Bro. A. Oddenino, who, himself a member of the Club and Lodge, always gives of his best. Each Master of the Eccentric Lodge endeavours to present a novelty in the shape of the menu, and this year Bro. Fraser designed a very handsome cover, which, though a trifle large for the table, will doubtless be kept by those present as a souvenir of a very memorable Masonic gathering.

Bro. Fraser proved a very masterful Master, and lost no time in getting to work, setting an excellent example in the brevity of his remarks.

Immediately Grace had been sung, he proposed the Queen and the Craft, which was followed by the National Anthem. The M.W. the Grand Master H.R.H. the Prince of Wales constituted the second toast, but the Spartan brevity of the announcement in no wise detracted from the Eccentric "enthusiasm" of its reception. Bro. the Rev. A. W. Oxford acknowledged the compliment to the Officers of Grand Lodge in the eccentric spirit of the evening, since he declared that "our qualifications are nil, and our virtues still less."

Eccentricity was the dominant feature of the speeches, but under the levity and the laughter was the true Masonic spirit and sincerity which characterises the members of this Lodge. A report of the words would convey nothing of the manner of the delivery to our readers, and we therefore record the bare facts that the customary complimentary toasts were proposed and acknowledged, and that universal harmony prevailed.

Bros. J. D. Langton and T. H. Gardiner, both P.A.G.D.C. of England, attired in their official uniform as Under Sheriffs of the city, arrived late in the evening, and were accorded hearty welcome.

The musical programme arranged by Bro. James Kift was as usual a prominent feature of the evening's entertainment. Upon this occasion he was assisted by Brothers Herbert Grover, Arthur Strugnell, Edward Lauri, W. R. Maxwell, and Frank Tebbutt, all of whom were in excellent voice, while Bro. Walter Churcher gave some of his humorous recitations. The pleasant evening caused us to regret its termination.

Among those present were the following: Brothers Charles Belton P.G.D., V. P. Freeman P.G.D. Provincial Grand Secretary of Sussex, Rev. A. W. Oxford P.G.D., Imre Kiralfy P.A.G.D.C., C. F. Matier P.G.S.B., Major C. W. Carrell P.G.S.B., Dr. A. King P.G.O., T. Phipps Dorman A.G.D.C., General Astley Terry P.P.G.S.B. Cheshire, Captain J. Barlow P.P.G.W. E. Lancs., A. Conyers Haycraft P.M. 2424, Fred. Nield P.M. 235, George Briggs P.M. 1572, Harry Nicholls P.M. 2127, Oakley Welsford P.M. 1321, Col. Newnham-Davis, A. W. Boote W.M. 617, E. H. Harris P.M. 158, Charles Kiralfy W.M. 2581, G. D. Coleman W.M.-elect 2581, Henry Watts W.M. 108, Harry Homer W.M. 1563, George Beeching W.M. 2430, J. Sefton Mayors W.M. 2108, Herman Klein P.G.O., H. T. Brickwell P.M., A. J. Thomas P.M., J. R. Cleave P.M., Frank Boor, Charles Danby, F. Dangerfield P.M., J. Denby Hare, Albert H. Collings P.M. 211, C. H. Mansfield, Frank Curzan, Vernon Dowsett, Harry Peck, and several others, the company numbering over a hundred.

Bro. Thomas Fraser, the new Master, was initiated, passed and raised in the Lodge of which he is now the head, in 1893, and was exalted into the Royal Arch in the Eccentric Chapter. He was a founder of the Dramatic Mark Lodge, No. 487, and also of the Empress Mark Lodge, No. 533, and is at present S.O. of the former and D.C. of the latter. He has also taken some of the higher degrees, and is at present a member of the Eureka Chapter, No. 43, Rose Croix 18th degree; Eminent Preceptor of the Holy Palestine Preceptory, London; Member of the De Warrenne Preceptory, Brighton; and Prov. Captain of the Guard in the Sussex Province of Knights Templar; and also E. Prior of the Holy Palestine Priory, Knights of Malta, No. 120, London.

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Hampden Lodge, No. 2427.

INSTALLATION OF BROTHER A. C. WEBB.

LONDON has undergone many changes within the memory of the present generation, but it is probable that in no other part of the great metropolis has a more radical alteration taken place than in the neighbourhood of St. Pancras and Somers Town. We do not propose to go back to the time when those were popular suburbs of the great city; suffice it for our purpose to call the neighbourhood to mind as we knew it in our younger days, when the frontage now occupied by the palatial Midland Grand Hotel presented a substantial row of comfortable dwelling houses, with long front gardens, many of which were given over to the stone and monumental masons who were so numerous at this spot in those days; while just behind was the busy and sadly over-crowded district of Somers Town. All, or nearly all of this has been swept away to make room for the handsome passenger station, goods depot, and coal yards of the Midland Railway Company, and what we can well remember as one of the busiest spots of the great metropolis is now to all intents and purposes little more than a desert, covered, how-

ever, by the buildings we have referred to, and which play no unimportant part in the every day life of the English capital. We thought of all this as we wended our way on Tuesday evening to the meeting of the Hampden Lodge, and found the comfortable quarters thereof—at Hampden House—a veritable oasis on the borders of our imaginary desert; an oasis which is one of the most notable spots around London, being the home of something like two hundred and fifty members of the sterner sex, who have here, all self contained, every accommodation they can reasonably require, for recreation and living purposes.

From a Masonic point of view Hampden House is probably unique—a part of its accommodation includes a Masonic Temple, specially erected and furnished for the purposes of Freemasonry—as being the only place in the country where members of the Craft can live and sleep, in private residence, under the same roof as their Lodge, and enjoy all the privileges of Masonic working veritably at their own doors—truly it deserves a prominent position in any list of the “Homes of English Freemasonry,” especially when, as was the case on the occasion of our visit on Tuesday, it contained within its walls a jovial gathering of members and visitors, one and all of whom appeared to be imbued with the truest principles of Freemasonry, not only striving to be happy themselves, but endeavouring to communicate happiness to all around them.

Tuesday's was the annual installation meeting of the Lodge, and was opened by Bro. Edgar Gerson W.M., who had the support of Bros. A. C. Webb W.M.-elect S.W., H. P. Hewson J.W., W. Lawrence P.M. Treas., Thos. Moss, B.A., P.M. Sec., R. D. Cummings P.M., T. J. Mercer P.M., Chas. A. Underwood S.D., W. E. Catesby J.D., J. R. Elliot D.C., I. Seaman I.G., W. G. Smith P.M. and H. Williams Organists, W. E. Kent Steward, J. W. Smith P.M. 1744 Tyler; several members of the Lodge, and the following Visitors: Bros. F. Driver P.M. 45, Herbert Emlyn 1348, Arthur W. Briggs 1615, J. Lancaster P.M. Sec. 534, Thos. Voile 371, J. J. Thomas P.G.Std.Br., J. Hart I.G. 2265, W. W. Morgan 177, C. H. Morrison S.W. 1901, H. J. Wallis 1201, H. Saunton P.M. 1423, G. Somerville 765, Robert Manuel P.M. 1196, J. Wyatt S.D. 1328, J. C. Steiner 2168, Clement Harris 1321, D. Osborn Knight 1185, and others.

Lodge was regularly opened, the minutes were confirmed, and then Lodge was advanced to the second degree, when Bro. T. J. Mercer P.M. presented Bro. A. C. Webb, as W.M.-elect, for the benefits of installation. He was obligated in due form, and the appropriate “Be thou faithful” was impressively sung previous to his formal recognition as Master-elect. Then followed the constitution of a Board of Installed Masters and the regular induction of Bro. Webb into the Chair of the Lodge, as its ruler for the ensuing year. He was proclaimed and saluted in the three degrees, and appointed his Assistant Officers. Various communications were reported, and the W.M. proceeded to close his Lodge.

We have heard much both for and against the custom on the part of visitors of tendering “hearty good wishes” to the W.M. previous to the closing of a Lodge. Some argue that it is an unjustifiable proceeding on the part of individual members, because they have not received special instructions from their Lodge to pledge it in such a manner; others maintain that each and every visitor should pay homage to the Master of an entertaining Lodge, in this formula; others go to the opposite extreme, and expect every member present to tender his “hearty good wishes.” This latter course is absurd, but it seems that something is missing from an assembly when all the visitors appear to come under the first category, and let the Master close his Lodge without any greetings of cordiality—as was the case on this occasion, whether by accident or design we cannot say. The omission is certainly not to be commended, despite the dictum of those who argue otherwise.

At the conclusion of the Lodge business the Brethren passed, as did our Brethren of long ago, down a winding staircase from labour to refreshment, and an excellent banquet was served in the Dining Hall, proving that Hampden House can cater for the inner man, as well as it does for the technical classes and the many other of its special features.

After the installation banquet, and the customary loyal toasts having been honoured, the W.M. gave that of the Grand Officers. He said they had that evening the honour of having among them a Past Officer of Grand Lodge in Bro. J. J. Thomas, whom they also honoured as a very old friend of the Hampden Lodge.

Bro. Thomas replied, thanking the W.M. very much indeed for his proposition of the toast of the Grand Officers of England. It was most gratifying to those Brethren to know—as they were so constantly told—that the work they performed met the approval of the Craft. They were all very pleased to do anything that fell to their lot, and so long as they were received as their names had been received that night it would be a pleasure to them to perform any work that might fall to their share, in the exercise of their duties in the cause of Freemasonry. The way in which the work had been performed in the Lodge that day deserved special reference; it was indeed creditable to Bro. Gerson to have been able to instal his successor so ably as he had done. He could but regret there had not been other Grand Officers present to witness the ability of the members of the Hampden Lodge.

The I.P.M. now assumed the gavel, and said it was quite a new position in which he found himself in addressing the Brethren that night. He felt an especial pleasure in proposing the health of their Worshipful Master, as he owed his advent into the Lodge to Bro. Webb, and felt it would be many years before he could adequately repay him for that introduction. What Bro. Webb had done as a lay member, as Secretary, and as Senior Warden was a matter of history with the members of the Hampden Lodge, and in recognition thereof he felt the members would one and all do everything in their power to make his year of Office a success.

The Worshipful Master replied, thanking the Brethren most

heartily and most sincerely for the kind way, and the enthusiasm with which they had drunk the toast of his health. He felt he hardly deserved the kind words the Immediate Past Master had said, but he assured them it would be his endeavour to make them all comrades during his year of Office. He was not really fond of work, but he hoped to satisfactorily deal with all the members could bring him, and in all respects act in such a way as to add to the reputation of the Hampden Lodge.

The next toast was that of the Immediate Past Master. The W.M. said the Brethren of the Lodge all knew their Bro. Gerson, and he felt that any words he could utter would not add to the respect or regard they entertained towards him. He was pleased to be in the position to present him with the Past Master's jewel of the Lodge, which he hoped Bro. Gerson would live to wear for many years among them. The jewel was inscribed:

OCTAVUS.

Presented to

W. BRO. EDGAR GERSON P.M.,

by the Brethren of 2427,

in warm appreciation of his valuable services as W.M.

1899-1900.

The toast was heartily received, and acknowledged by the I.P.M. Twelve months ago, he said, when he rose to respond to the toast of his health as W.M. of the Lodge, he had many tremblings. That night he did not feel much difference, and further he felt that day, as he also did twelve months ago, that he had to thank them very much for all they had done, and all the appreciation they had shown him. He was very proud indeed to receive the jewel of Past Master. He did not feel he really deserved it, but was pleased to think the members regarded him as worthy of such recognition. He did not wish to cast any doubt as to the veracity of their present Master, but really he had said too much in referring to the poor services he had been able to render during the past year as Master of the Lodge. The Hampden Lodge had won a name for itself, and had made a reputation for its working, much of which reputation was due to their Bro. Cummings; and he might very justly ask, what would they have been without that Brother's tuition, as Preceptor of their Lodge of Instruction. He had worked very hard and often under the most adverse circumstances, for it had happened that only some three or four Brethren had turned up at the meetings. He might also refer to the fact that there were several among the Officers of the Hampden Lodge who had learnt under Bro. Manuel at the Logic Club, so that they really enjoyed the advantage of most efficient tuition.

The Immediate Past Master submitted the health of the Visitors—a toast received at all times in their Lodge with the greatest amount of enthusiasm, the members well knowing how much visiting was encouraged among them.

Bro. Manuel replied. It was not the first occasion on which he had had the pleasure of visiting the Hampden Lodge. He always felt when he came into that building there was something special about it—the whole surroundings seemed to speak of true Brotherhood. It was at all times a pleasure to attend the meetings of the Lodge, but in his case particularly so this year, as he had had the pleasure of being present when their W.M. was initiated, and on that occasion he thought Bro. Webb shaped well; his performances that evening had proved his aptitude for the position he now occupied. A long experience of the work of Freemasonry placed him in the position of being able to express an opinion, and he could say advisedly that the work of the I.P.M. that day had been performed in a way that could not be excelled—he had thoroughly warmed to the task, and as a result it was no parrot like repetition they had had to listen to, but the heartfelt expression of a true and sincere Freemason.

Bro. Lancaster followed. He had several nephews members of the Hampden Club, and felt they excelled as members of its Athletic class, so that it would not have surprised him had he seen Athletics introduced into the Lodge affairs that day. What he had seen, however, had convinced him the working of the Lodge was most admirable—not alone in matter, but also in manner. The mode of working that day was really such as anyone might be proud of, and if that was Logic Club teaching he could truly say it was most logical.

Bro. Saunton also responded, saying it was indeed a pleasure to be present at the meeting. The kind way, and the homely way in which the visitors had been received would not fail to make a lasting impression on one and all of them. It seemed to him that every member of the Lodge could be congratulated on the way in which its affairs were managed.

The I.P.M. proposed the health of the Officers; old colleagues, one and all of whom he had to thank for the hearty and unanimous support they had given him during his year of Office. He felt they would accord the same measure of support to the present chief, and that the Brethren would give them a hearty toast, which was done.

The Tyler's toast concluded the proceedings which, as may be judged from our comments “en passant,” were of the most enjoyable character. There was an excellent programme of music provided for the enjoyment of the company, and all passed off most successfully.—May we have many future opportunities of enjoying the pleasures of this oasis in the desert of St. Pancras!

The new Worshipful Master Bro. Alfred Charles Webb, is a native of St. Pancras, having been born there on 27th March 1852. He was initiated into Freemasonry in the Lodge of which he is now the presiding Officer, on 10th January 1893, and has every prospect of a successful year before him. We tender him and the members of his Lodge our heartiest of good wishes.

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Skelmersdale Lodge, No. 1658.

WORSHIPFUL Master Bro. Robert Gabell presided at the regular meeting of this Lodge, held at the Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell New Road, on Thursday, 27th ult., and was supported by Bros. William Croxson I.P.M. and Treasurer, R. Rowlands P.M., Henry Buckeridge P.M., Erle Side P.M., Humphrey Cohen P.M., B. Cohen acting S.W., James Palmer J.W., W. H. Boys P.M. Sec., E. S. Rice S.D., J. B. Thorneloe J.D., W. E. Bennett I.G., J. W. Sandell D.C., F. Lloyd A.D.C., E. H. Smyth Steward, A. E. Kipps Organist, and C. Plant P.M. Tyler; and the following among other members of the Lodge: Bros. G. F. Taverner, T. Morris, R. Symons, J. C. Davis, C. H. Smyth, P. Nilen, J. Shaw, W. Hammerton, W. Biles, Frank Nilen, E. Wass, W. J. Bishop, F. G. Penny, G. Cully, F. Bridge, G. Potter, H. Gibbons, W. Rose, W. Edwards, C. Atkinson, W. Perrin, Jos. Atkinson, F. A. Martin, J. R. Papworth, J. Hibble, C. Sisman, J. Gibbs, W. H. Greenfield, &c., &c.

The Visitors included Bros. Alfred E. Britton 901, Joseph Purdue 1722, J. W. Jones S.W. 2664, F. Carpenter 2411, W. J. Holt 1366, T. Cutlin 1772, F. Collins 1609, H. P. White S.D. 1541, R. Ramsden 87, G. White P.M. 977, W. Williams 1287, J. Wynman and others.

The Lodge was called for half past four, and the preliminaries having been observed, the minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed, after which the Lodge was opened in the second degree, and Bros. W. J. Bishop, F. O. Bridge, H. Gibbons, and J. Shaw—candidates for raising—who had been passed at the last meeting, were examined and entrusted. The Lodge was opened up in the sublime degree, and the four Brethren named were regularly raised to the dignity of Master Mason.

The Lodge was resumed to the first degree, and the ballot having been proved favourable on behalf of Messrs. George Cully, George Potter, William Rose, Frederick Charles Atkinson, and Joseph Atkinson, those gentlemen were regularly admitted, and had the honour of being initiated into the mysteries of the Craft by the Worshipful Master, who, we are pleased to say, fulfilled the duties of his station in a really satisfactory manner, thereby winning the approval of the assembled Brethren. Bro. Humphrey Cohen P.M. gave the charge.

Various communications to the Lodge having been dealt with the Lodge was closed, and the company sat down to an excellent repast, modestly put down on the programme as "refreshment," but which deserved a better description, and which was well served by the hostess Mrs. Venables.

At its conclusion the W.M. submitted the usual introductory toasts, which were heartily received and accorded musical honours.

Bro. Croxson I.P.M. proposed the health of the Worshipful Master, considering it the most important toast of the evening. Their W.M. had had a busy day, having raised four Brethren, and initiated five gentlemen into Freemasonry, and he felt perfectly justified in saying the working had been done in such a way as to be a credit alike to their chief and to the Lodge. The toast met a hearty reception.

The W.M. responded, tendering his thanks. It was not for himself alone he was pleased the work of the day had given satisfaction, but for his Officers also, for they had certainly rendered good service that evening, especially Bro. B. Cohen, who had been unexpectedly called upon to act as Senior Warden, and was certainly deserving of compliment for the way in which he had carried out the duties of that station.

The W.M. next proposed the toast of the Initiates, and said that while it was true no Lodge could prosper without the introduction of new members, they of the Skelmersdale looked for quality rather than quantity. Members of the Craft in general had to be very particular as to whom they admitted into the Order, but he had no hesitation in saying the gentlemen they had admitted that night were desirable acquisitions. They had come to the Lodge with excellent recommendations, and he was sure they would prove themselves good and true members of the Masonic Brotherhood. He urged them to remember that the motto of Freemasonry was Brotherly Love, Relief and Truth, as he felt that if every man kept that in mind they would make good Masons, good husbands, and true friends and Brothers.

Bro. F. C. Atkinson regarded it as a red letter day in his career. He considered a great honour had been conferred upon him by his initiation into Freemasonry, and was delighted with the cordial reception the Brethren had given him. He specially thanked Bro. J. C. Davis, who had proposed him, and Bro. J. Shaw for seconding the nomination.

Bro. Joseph Atkinson tendered his thanks. He had been very much impressed with the ceremony, and pledged himself that so long as he lived he would not forget his obligation. He also had to thank Bro. Davis for his introduction into the Lodge.

Bro. George Potter said he was pleased to have been initiated. He had been very much impressed with the ceremony, and in due time he hoped to prove to the Brethren that he would make a worthy member of the Craft. He should certainly try to gain the confidence of the members, whom he sincerely thanked for admitting him into the Lodge.

Bro. William Rose said he did not know what to say after the able speeches of his predecessors, but he promised that whatever he could do for the welfare of the Lodge he would be most happy to undertake.

Bro. George Cully also responded, acknowledging the compliments paid him and also promising to do everything in his power to deserve the confidence they had reposed in him by accepting him as a member amongst them.

The Visitors were next toasted, the W.M. hoping their reception that night would be so cordial as to induce them to again wish to visit the Skelmersdale Lodge, the members of which were always

pleased to see guests, and were ever ready to accord them a hearty welcome.

Bro. George White, in reply, said he was sorry he had not been able to attend in time to see the raisings, but he had been amply repaid for his attendance in witnessing the splendid working of the ceremony of initiation, which had been gone through in such a way as to reflect credit on the Master, the Officers and the Lodge generally.

Bro. H. P. White S.D. 1541 was pleased for two reasons that he was present that evening. He had enjoyed the working immensely—it had really been done to perfection—and he had had the pleasure of seeing a dear old friend, Bro. H. Gibbons, raised to the sublime degree of Master Mason. In him the members would find a true and faithful Brother.

Bro. J. W. Jones S.W. 2664 and several other visitors also replied, returning thanks for the hospitality shown them.

The Past Masters' toast was next given, the W.M. thanking them for the assistance they had rendered, and as they had that night four candidates for raising and five for initiation that was no light matter, in fact, it would have been very difficult to have done without them; but the Past Masters of the Skelmersdale Lodge were always ready and willing to render any service required of them. They had all of them been good Officers in their turn and it was indeed a difficult matter to have to follow such a body of men, and keep up the reputation of the Lodge—in fact he regarded it as somewhat of a misfortune, a statement met with an emphatic No! No! from the Brethren. He was pleased to have the approval of the members, and promised to do his utmost to continue to give them satisfaction.

Bro. W. H. Boys P.M. Secretary thanked the W.M. for having coupled his name with the toast. He was very pleased to see such a good gathering of members and visitors to the Lodge, and hoped the Brethren would always come forward in such force. The Lodge was now twenty-four years old, and in that time they had had two hundred members, many of whom, to their regret, they had lost through death and other misfortunes; but he was pleased to say that at present they had about one hundred on their roll. He congratulated the W.M. on following so closely in the footsteps of their Bro. Croxson—that night they had added five members to the roll. He was pleased to say the Lodge was in a very sound financial position, indeed the pockets of their worthy Treasurer were well filled on both sides.

Bro. Croxson P.M. Treas. said the W.M. did not require any assistance from the Past Masters, as he was well up in the work, and was a Brother who might be relied on to do his very best for the Lodge and its members. He felt convinced the present W.M. would pass him in regard to the amount of work done during his term of Mastership. He was pleased to endorse what their Secretary had said concerning the financial position of the Lodge—he was proud to say the Lodge was in a very good condition.

Bro. Humphrey Cohen felt doubly gratified at the success of the W.M., having not only a fraternal, but also a paternal interest in him, he being one of the initiates of his own year of Office. It was very gratifying to the old Past Masters to see the Lodge so flourishing, as they had stood by it through thick and thin in the past.

Bro. Erle Side followed. He was particularly pleased to see the Deacons had fulfilled their duties in a most admirable manner, and congratulated Past Master Cohen on the ability he had displayed as a deputy in the chair of S.W.

The musical arrangements of the evening were in the hands of Bro. Kipps Organist of the Lodge, and gave great satisfaction. Among those who contributed to the harmony were Miss Ethel Hunt, Miss Ettie Croft, Bro. J. Shaw, Bro. R. Rowlands P.M. (who sang the Initiate's song), Bro. Humphrey Cohen (who recited "Not in the programme," with good effect) and others.

As usual at this Lodge the Charity Box was passed round, with the result that £1 10s 6d was collected.

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Confidence Lodge, No. 193.

THE members of this old Lodge met after the summer vacation on Monday, at Anderton's Hotel, Fleet Street, under the presidency of the Worshipful Master Bro. John Wyatt Simeons, who was supported by Bros. Sidney Fells S.W., Metcalfe Baillie J.W., Fells P.M. Treasurer, E. J. Davey P.M. Secretary, W. A. Cubitt P.M., S. Smithers P.M., F. Haines P.M. Steward, F. S. Plowright P.M., T. Kington P.M. D.C., E. Pennock P.M., G. Spice I.P.M., G. Baker acting S.D., G. Bushell J.D., Carr acting I.G.

Among the Visitors we noticed Bros. J. S. Vigo P.M. 1671, W. H. Snowden J.W. 2599, A. W. Vincent 958, W. Wolley 1259, G. Hawking 198, L. Sassinienne 1349, A. T. M. Kroenig 2206, C. King 1624, and others.

Bro. W. H. Johnson was raised to the degree of a M.M. Bro. S. Geddis was initiated. Two other members were balloted for, and the names of two gentlemen were given in for the next meeting.

Two cases of distress were investigated, and relief ordered to be given. Notice of Motion for a grant of £10 10s for children of a late Brother was also given.

A letter was read from the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys, stating that a lad named Hall had shown such abilities that the Institution was keeping him on for a superior education, which information was received with pleasure, and a letter was ordered to be written and sent to the boy, congratulating him on his success accompanied by a present.

The members and visitors, to the number of seventy, afterwards sat down to their usual supper. The Masonic toasts were done honour to, intermingled with harmony, under the direction of Bro. Lough Organist of the Lodge. The members adjourned at 11.15, all agreeing they had spent a most enjoyable evening.

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Rolle Lodge, No. 2759.

INSTALLATION OF BROTHER G. ELLETT.

AT the Masonic Hall, Exmouth, on the 24th ult., was held the installation of W.M., when Bro. G. Ellett was impressively installed by Bro. W. H. Perry P.P.G.D.D.C., in the presence of a large gathering.

St. Leonard Lodge, No. 2263.

INSTALLATION OF BROTHER A. L. PHILLIPS.

THE installation meeting took place on the 27th ult., in the Masonic Hall, Sheffield, when Bro. A. L. Phillips, who has held the Office of S.W. for a year, was installed by his predecessor Bro. C. A. Mays. The ceremony was carried out by Bro. Mays in a manner that called forth the earnest approval of the Brethren. In the course of the ceremony an anthem was very acceptably and commendably rendered by Brother W. C. Newton.

At the banquet which followed the installation there were about seventy guests, and besides the usual toasts there was an excellent musical programme, admirably rendered by Brethren of the Lodge.

St. Andrew Lodge, No. 1817.

INSTALLATION OF BROTHER WALTER WILLINGALE.

THE twenty-second annual festival and installation took place on Thursday, 27th ult., at the Cambridge Hotel, Shoeburyness. Mr. Percival C. Watts was initiated, and Bro. Walter Willingale was installed, after which he invested his Officers.

The ceremony over, Bro. Alban Dix put on the usual banquet in first-class style.

The usual toast list was gone through. Bro. J. Terry, in responding on behalf of the Grand Officers, referred to those Brethren at present in South Africa, earning the respect and esteem of England and the world.

Bro. Marden, in responding for the Provincial Grand Officers, hoped that Bro. Willingale would go out with Provincial honours.

Bro. Ford proposed the health of the W.M., who had, he remarked, worked hard in connection with the Lodge.

The Worshipful Master replied, and presented the I.P.M. with the usual jewel.

Hartismere Lodge, No. 1663.

INSTALLATION OF BROTHER ARTHUR FLATMAN.

THE Festival of St. John was celebrated on Wednesday evening, 3rd inst., at Eye, when Bro. Arthur Flatman was installed in the chair of K.S., according to ancient custom, by Bro. James Terry P.G.S.B. England, in the presence of a large assembly of Visitors and Brethren of the Lodge. He afterwards appointed and invested his Officers.

After the ceremony, the annual banquet was held at the White Lion Hotel, presided over by the newly-installed Master. The usual Loyal and Masonic toasts were given, interspersed with harmony.

Liverpool Dramatic Lodge, No. 1609.

INSTALLATION OF BROTHER WALTER H. DUTTON.

CONSECRATED in 1876, and now nearly approaching the celebration of its silver jubilee, the Liverpool Dramatic Lodge has been conspicuous throughout its existence, and at the present time it numbers about 200 members.

The annual installation festival at the Masonic Hall, Hope Street, Liverpool, on Tuesday afternoon of last week was again a great success, there being a total attendance of about 120 Brethren of all ranks from various parts of Lancashire, and other parts of the United Kingdom. The chair, at the commencement of the proceedings was occupied by Bro. A. G. Goodwin W.M.

Five candidates, all connected with the theatrical profession, were on the circular for initiation—Messrs. Hyman (Henry) Claff, Alfred Bennett, Charles Cleveland, Charles Daley Cooper, and Sidney D. H. Hall—but the two last-named candidates did not put in an appearance. The other three gentlemen were duly initiated by the W.M., who subsequently proceeded to instal Bro. Walter H. Dutton as his successor in the chair, being assisted in the ceremony by Bros. H. Round P.M. and E. Baxter P.M.

In the course of the evening the I.P.M. was presented with substantial tokens of the esteem in which he is held by the Brethren.

Amongst the novelties of the after-banquet proceedings were the "Masonic Overture," performed by eighteen instruments, conducted by Bro. H. Round, the composer; a violin-piano duet by Brothers Studelev and Rowlands; and an unaccompanied trombone trio by Bros. Howell, Lloyd, and Greenwood. Songs were also given by Mr. Tom Thomas, Bros J. Greenwood, Sam Lloyd, and others, Bro. A. E. Workman P.P.G.O. being the accompanist.

Villiers Lodge, No. 1194.

INSTALLATION OF BROTHER W. TOMES.

THE annual festival of this Lodge took place at the Mitre Hotel, Hampton Court, on Saturday last.

The Lodge was opened at 3.45 p.m. by Bro. A. Davis W.M., who was assisted by Bros. W. Tomes S.W. and W.M.-elect, L. Cook

J.W., William Dodd P.M. P.G.D. Middlesex Sec., William Vincent P.M. P.G.Standard Bearer and P.G.S.B. Middlesex as Treasurer and acting D.C., W. G. Vincent S.D., T. C. Walters acting J.D., A. J. Hill I.G., John Gilbert P.M. Tyler.

The following were also present: Bros. Thomas A. Woodbridge P.M. P.P.G.Reg. Midd., John Adams P.M. Prov.G.D.C. Midd., Philip Monson P.M. Prov.G.Supt. Works Midd., G. T. Thomas P.M. Prov.G.Supt. Works Midd., R. T. Pearce P.M. Prov. Assist. G.D.C. Midd., G. S. Peachey P.M., T. F. Collinson P.M. Prov.G. Supt. Works Midd., L. A. Francis P.M., W. A. Clark I.P.M., and ten other members.

The Visitors were Bros. Harry Tipper 185 P.A.G.P., Henry F. Bing 1597 Prov. Grand Secretary Midd., J. Longhurst P.M. 2157, D. F. Norrington S.W. 1891, A. E. Green 2030, E. A. Kent 1339, F. W. Green 1339.

The minutes having been read, the Lodge proceeded to ballot for the admission of Mr. Edward Lefevre Brownhill. The ballot having proved unanimously in favour of the candidate, the ceremony of initiation was performed, as afterwards described by the Prov. Grand Secretary in an excellent and perfect manner.

The report of the Audit Committee was read, which showed the satisfactory balance of £38 in hand on the General Fund, and £79 on the Charity Fund. The report was adopted.

The chair of S.W. was then taken by Bro. Francis P.M. and that of J.W. by Bro. Adams P.M. The Lodge was opened in the second degree, and the ceremony of the installation of Bro. Tomes was proceeded with. Bro. Davis installed his successor in excellent style, and the delivery of the three beautiful addresses was worthy of praise.

The following Officers were appointed and invested by Bro. Tomes: Bros. L. Cook S.W., W. G. Vincent J.W., Wm. Vincent P.M. P.G.Std.Br. Treasurer, Wm. Dodd P.M. P.P.G.D. Sec., B. H. Griffiths S.D., A. Hill J.D., F. Cormack I.G., Edward Monson P.M. D.C., John Gilbert P.M. Tyler.

After investing the Officers, the W.M., on behalf of the Lodge presented a Past Master's jewel to Bro. Davis, accompanying the present with a few well chosen words of hearty appreciation for the services Bro. Davis had rendered during the year.

Bro. Davis I.P.M. suitably responded, and thanked the Lodge not only for the jewel, but also for the Past Master's collar and jewel which had also been voted.

At 6 p.m. the Lodge adjourned to a first class banquet, served by Bro. Sadler in true "Mitre" style, after which the customary toasts were honoured.

Replying for the Grand Officers Bro. Harry Tipper P.A.G.P. referred to the high quality of the work he had witnessed, and expressed his thanks to the newly installed W.M. for the kind invitation which had enabled him to be present. He wished the Lodge every possible success.

Replying for the Provincial Grand Officers, Bro. Bing Prov.G. Secretary expressed the pleasure he felt at being present. He congratulated the Lodge on its work, and sincerely thanked the members for the reception they had given him. As he had only recently been appointed to the Office of Provincial Grand Secretary he would of necessity have to visit many other Lodges in the Province, and he only hoped that he would be as cordially received as he had been that evening. He regretted that the Deputy Provincial Grand Master was not present, but he could assure them that they would receive a visit from him before long, as he was an indefatigable worker, and would undoubtedly visit all the Lodges in the Province.

Proposing the toast of the W.M. the I.P.M. said it was usual when proposing this toast to refer to the excellent personal qualities of the chief, and his skill as a worker. As regarded their present W.M., he could unhesitatingly say he was undoubtedly a right down jolly good fellow, and the Lodge would never regret having elected him to the Chair, but as regarded his working, his year had only just begun, and it remained to be seen what manner of worker he would prove himself. He had no doubt he would follow in the footsteps of his predecessors.

The W.M., in reply, assured the Brethren they might rely upon him always using every endeavour to perform his duties creditably, whatever the result might be they might know that he had done his very best. Of his good feeling and real attachment to the Lodge no assurances were needed.

Replying to the toast of the visitors, Bro. Longhurst P.M. made some really humorous remarks, amongst which he compared himself to the child who was always admonished when going to a party, to behave himself properly, or he would not get invited to that party again; and the application was, that although it was not his first visit there, he hoped to be allowed to come on a future occasion, and he trusted his friend Bro. Philcox would consider his conduct worthy of another invitation.

The toasts of the Installing Master, the Past Masters, and the Officers, were each duly proposed and replied to.

Replying for the Past Masters Bro. Francis took the occasion to refer to the River Trip in the summer, and to inform the Brethren that the success of that outing was due to the personal efforts of Bro. A. Davis, Bro. Tomes, Bro. W. G. Vincent, and Bro. W. E. Davis. The first named was unsparing in his efforts, both beforehand and on the day of the trip.

During the evening Bro. Harry Tipper gave some of his beautiful selections on the Handbells. Bro. Francis Junr., Bro. Vincent Junr., and Bro. Tomes the W.M. each proved themselves to be in fine singing form, and Bro. Martin gave a very amusing recitation about "That Dirty Looking Boy on Margate Pier."

Merit Lodge, No. 466.

INSTALLATION OF BROTHER LIEUT.-COL. COSTOBADIE.

THE festival of this Lodge was held on Monday, 17th ult., when Bro. Lieut.-Colonel Costobadie was installed as Worshipful

Master by Bro. H. Knott. Bro. Costobadie, who is now filling the chief chair in two English Lodges, appointed his Officers.

A banquet was subsequently held at the George Hotel, and visiting Brethren were present from Oakham, Stamford, Market Rasen, and Constantinople.

METROPOLITAN : INSTRUCTION.

Woodrow Lodge, No. 1708.

GOOD work was done at the weekly meeting of this Lodge of Instruction on Monday afternoon, at 24 Pantan Street, Haymarket. Among other items of business was the disposal of five ballots of five guineas each, in connection with the Lodge Benevolent Association. These resulted in favour of Bro. C. King (£10 10s), Bro. J. W. Simeons (£10 10s), and Bro. W. H. Making (£5 5s).

West Smithfield Lodge, No. 1623.

ON the 3rd inst., at 27 Knighttrider Street, E.C., Bros. Thomas Powell W.M., C. A. Barter W.M. 1623 S.W., G. Henrich J.W., F. P. Weinell P.M. Preceptor, J. A. Hoffmann Sec. and S.D., J. J. Howes P.M. 1623 Treas. and J.D., Leo Harris I.G., John Ward, Stanley Galpin, and J. R. L. Daish.

The ceremony of Initiation was rehearsed, Brother L. Harris candidate. The Lodge was opened in the second degree and after Bro. J. Ward had answered the usual questions leading to the third, and been entrusted, the Lodge was opened up, and the ceremony of raising rehearsed.

Bro. C. A. Barter was unanimously elected W.M. for the ensuing week.

The Great City Lodge, No. 1426.

AT the Red Cross Tavern and Restaurant, Paternoster Square, E.C., on Thursday, 4th inst., Bros. Boyton W.M. 1426 W.M., Guyton P.M. 1426 S.W., Halliwell J.W., Gwyn P.M. 1426 Prec., Davis W.M. 1194 Sec., J. Phillips S.D., Jones J.D., Hill-Hartland I.G., Bailey P.M. 1426, and eight other Brethren.

The ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, Bro. Martin acting as candidate. Lodge was opened up to the third degree, and closed to the first.

Bro. Guyton P.M. was elected to preside at the next meeting.

City of London Lodge, No. 901.

A VERY good meeting was held on Tuesday, at the King's Arms, Shoreditch.

By desire of the Brethren the W.M. of the Mother Lodge Bro. W. H. Haylock occupied the chair, supported by Bros. W. Reeves J.W. 901 S.W., W. Grant J.W., W. R. Haylock P.M. Prec., A. Payne S.D., W. Jeffries J.D., Henderson I.G., P. Capsall, J. Wynman, T. Lingley, and others.

The ceremony of raising was rehearsed, Bro. Jeffries candidate. Lodge was resumed to the first degree, and called off and on. The ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, Bro. West acting as candidate. Bro. P. Capsall, who was recently initiated in the Mother Lodge, was examined, and we were pleased to hear him give such proofs of progress in the Craft as were evinced by his replies. Here was evidence of the advantage of attending Instruction Lodges, and we can but re-echo the oft repeated advice to younger members of the Craft to take advantage of the facilities this and other Lodges offer.

Bro. Capsall was elected a member, and Bro. W. Reeves J.W. 901 chosen as W.M. for Tuesday next.

Yarborough Lodge, No. 554.

ON Tuesday, at Bro. Butlin's, the Citizen, Houndsditch, Bros. Stock W.M., Henshaw S.W., Mahany J.W., T. Covell P.M. Prec., McNish P.M. Sec., George S.D., Andrews I.G., J. Wynman, and others.

The ceremony of passing was rehearsed, after which the Lodge was opened in the third degree, and closed down.

Bro. Henshaw was elected to occupy the chair at next week's meeting.

Confidence Lodge, No. 193.

THE members met at the new quarters of the Lodge, the Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall Street, on Wednesday, under the presidency of Bro. F. A. Hobday W.M., with Bros. J. Mears S.W., Metcalfe Baillie J.W., G. Carr S.D., A. E. Green J.D., J. W. Simeons I.G., G. Spice Preceptor, E. J. Davey P.M., H. W. Latham P.M., C. Goovaerts Treas. and acting Sec., Samuel Geddes Candidate, &c.

The ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, and the questions leading to the second degree answered by Bro. Geddes. The questions of the first and second sections were put by the Preceptor in his usual masterly manner, and answered by the Brethren in good style.

Bro. Metcalfe Baillie was elected W.M. for next Wednesday.

We take the opportunity of here congratulating the members of the Confidence Lodge on being again under the same roof with Bro. Goovaerts. There is no doubt his efforts to make the Brethren comfortable at his old establishment did much to enhance the popularity of recent meetings of this Lodge, and the same will no doubt prove to be the case at the Hercules.

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United Service Lodge, No. 69.

INSTALLATION OF BROTHER W. G. A. STEPHENSON.

THE annual installation gathering was held on Tuesday evening, 2nd inst., at the King's Arms, Old Brompton.

The installation banquet was presided over by the new W.M. Bro. Stephenson, and the usual toast list was observed.

The Grand Master H.R.H. the Prince of Wales has given another proof of the great interest he takes in the movement for the prevention and cure of Tuberculosis, by graciously accepting a copy of Dr. J. E. Squire's new work, "Essays on Consumption. The book, to which Sir Wm. Broadbent contributes an introduction, is among the publications of the week.

ACCORDING to the "Court Circular," of 6th October, there is a well-known saying, "As well be out of the world as out of the fashion," and it would seem as if no amount of writing against crape can affect its being extremely fashionable. According to a writer in a Sunday paper, who evidently does not love this material, "a feature of Paris life, which the visitor cannot fail to notice, is the large number of women clad from head to foot in dismal crape. These are widows, young and old." Possibly the writer forgets that a vast number of ladies (the Princess of Wales included) look extremely well in crape, and that would quite account for the quantity to be seen just now in London as well as in Paris.

ARRANGEMENTS have been made with the Great Northern Railway Company for a special corridor dining express, at reduced fares, to leave King's Cross on Monday next, at 9.30 a.m., Finsbury Park 9.35, Peterborough 11.35, and Grantham 12.20, in connection with the Congregational Union of England and Wales autumnal assembly at Newcastle-on-Tyne. The excursion will return from Newcastle on Friday, 19th at 10.12 a.m. Tickets can be obtained on application at 16 Memorial Hall, Farringdon Street; or at King's Cross Station (G.N.R.) on the morning of the running of the train. As the dining accommodation is limited, those wishing to dine should make early application for tickets and seats.

The Theatres, &c.

Avenue.—8, His Wife's Picture. 8.45, A Message from Mars. Matinée, Wednesday, 3.
 Criterion.—Thursday, 18th October, The Noble Lord.
 Daly's.—8.15, San Toy. Matinée, Saturday, 2.30.
 Drury Lane.—7.30, The Price of Peace. Matinée, Wednesday and Saturday, 1.30.
 Duke of York's.—8.30, The Lackey's Carnival. Matinée, Saturday, 2.30.
 Gaiety.—8.15, The Messenger Boy. Matinée, Saturday, 2.
 Garrick.—8, Realism. 8.40, The Wedding Guest. Matinée, Saturday, 2.30.
 Globe.—8.30, Colonel Cromwell. Matinée, Wednesday, 2.30.
 Gt. Queen Street.—8.15, A Boer Meisje. 9, The Private Secretary. Matinée, Saturday, 3.
 Haymarket.—Tuesday, 16th October, The School for Scandal.
 Her Majesty's.—8, Julius Caesar. Matinée, Saturday, 2.
 Lyceum.—8, For Auld Lang Syne. Matinée, Wednesday and 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.—8.15, The Casino Girl. Matinée, Wednesday, 2.30.
 Strand.—8.15, Punctured. 9, In the Soup. Matinée, Wednesday, 2.45.
 Terry's.—8.15, A Parlour Match. Matinée, Saturday, 2.30.
 Vaudeville.—8.15, The Yellow Peril. 9, Self and Lady. Matinée, Wednesday, 3.
 Wyndham's.—8.30, Mrs. Dane's Defence. Matinée, Wednesday and Saturday, 2.30.
 Alexandra.—Next week, 8, The Drum Major.
 Opera House, Crouch End.—Next week, 8, Confusion.
 Surrey.—Next week, 7.45, The Belle of New York.
 Standard.—Next week, 7.45, The Worst Woman in London.
 Alhambra.—8, Variety Entertainment, Soldiers of the Queen, &c.
 Aquarium.—Varied performances, World's Great Show, &c., daily.
 Empire.—8, Variety Entertainment. Sea-side, War Pictures, &c.
 Oxford.—7.30, Variety Entertainment. Saturday, 2.15 also.
 Palace.—7.30, Variety Entertainment. New American Biography, &c. Saturday, 2 also.
 Royal.—7.30, Variety Company. Saturday, 2.30 also.
 Tivoli.—7.30, Variety Entertainment. A Galaxy of Stars. Saturday, 2.15 also.
 Egyptian Hall.—3 and 8, Mr. J. N. Maskelyne's entertainment.
 London Hippodrome.—2 and 8, Varied attractions. Siberia, Sandow, &c.
 St. James Hall.—8, Mohawk and Moore and Burgess Minstrels. Matinée, Monday, Wednesday, Thursday and Saturday, 3.
 Crystal Palace.—Varied attractions daily. Café Chantant. The Luminescriptor, &c.
 Madame Tussaud's (Baker Street Station).—Open daily. Portrait models of modern celebrities, &c.