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### NEW MASONIC RULERS.

THE chief of English Freemasonry has unfortunately been obliged during the last few weeks to find successors to more than one among the leading officials of the Order, by reason of their decease, and from other causes; but it is satisfactory to know that His Royal Highness is still able to enlist the services of distinguished members of the nobility, to support him in the management of the Brotherhood.

The death of Sir Hedworth Williamson, Bart., created two vacancies in the Province of Durham, and the Prince of Wales has appointed Lord Barnard, of Raby Castle, to fill the one—that of Provincial Grand Master; and the Rev. Canon Tristram, D.D., the other—that of Provincial Grand Superintendent.

The vacancies in Wiltshire, caused by the death of the Earl of Radnor Prov. G. Master and Prov. G. Superintendent, have been filled by the appointment of the present Earl of Radnor, who we trust will enjoy a longer and quite as happy a reign as did his lamented father.

It will be remembered that Earl Egerton of Tatton early in the year announced his intention of resigning the rulership of Cheshire, and that he was asked to reconsider his decision. It appears his lordship has not found it to be possible to accede to the prayer of his Brethren and retain office, but we think the fact that his brother and heir-presumptive, the Hon. Alan de Tatton Egerton, M.P., has been appointed as his successor will lessen the pangs of the Brethren of his important Province at parting with so respected a ruler. The new chief of Cheshire has already made himself very popular among the Brethren, and will find no very great difficulty in ruling the Masonic destinies of the county.

### MONMOUTHSHIRE.

THE annual meeting of the Provincial Grand Chapter was held at the Masonic Hall, Monmouth, on the 4th inst., Companion Col. Charles Lyne Provincial Grand Superintendent presiding.

The accounts for the past year having been passed, the Prov. Grand Superintendent appointed his Officers, and afterwards proposed a vote of thanks to the members of 457 for the excellent arrangements made for the reception of Prov. G. Chapter, to which Companion C. C. Powell P.Z. suitably responded.

The Provincial Grand Lodge meeting was held the same day at the Rolls Hall, under the presidency of Bro. Col. Chas. Lyne Provincial Grand Master, who appointed his Officers, as follow:

BRO. Rev. T. Theophilus 1098	...	Senior Warden
T. S. Davies 2186	...	Junior Warden
Rev. Watkin Davies 2186	...	Senior Chaplain
Rev. H. M. T. Bidwell 457	...	Junior Chaplain
Chas. Cullum 1429	...	Treasurer
Henry J. Pillinger 1429	...	Registrar
A. H. Preece 457	...	Senior Deacon
W. H. Le Grand Chambers 683	...	Junior Deacon
H. Peach 1258	...	Supt. of Works
Tom Rosser 1562	...	Dir. of Ceremonies
Wallace J. Long 2226	...	Asst. Dir. of Cers.
Fred. J. Roberts 471	...	Sword Bearer
Robert Price 818	...	Standard Beare.
A. G. Green 2556	...	Ditto

W. H. Webb 457	...	Organist
W. R. Williams 1258	...	Assistant Secretary
A. E. Mullins 2186	...	Pursuivant
C. N. Ballinger 457	...	Steward
Dr. Walter Bassett 683	...	Ditto
Reginald Jacob 818	...	Ditto
Lewis Price 1098	...	Ditto
W. Pitten 1258	...	Ditto
D. B. Jones 2226	...	Ditto
E. W. Evans 1429	...	Tyler.

The Charity Report announced that the efforts of the Provincial Grand Steward Bro. Fred. Phillips (Newport) had resulted in the collection of the handsome sum of £498 15s for the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls. It was also reported that at the spring election Gwendoline Hudson, daughter of the late Bro. Dr. Hudson, of Isca Lodge, Newport, was elected to the School.

The Brethren subsequently adjourned to the Beaufort Hotel for the banquet, to which sixty-six sat down. The music was provided by Mr. Fred. Hinton, Gloucester. The usual toasts were proposed and responded to.

### SHROPSHIRE.

THE annual meeting of this Province, which is usually held in the month of July, but which was postponed owing to military exigencies, was held at the Victoria Rooms, Oswestry, on Thursday, 4th inst., when the Provincial Grand Master Sir Offley Wakeman, Bart., presided.

Soon after two o'clock a procession of Officers was formed and entered the Lodge Room, which had been tastefully decorated by members of the Oswestry Lodges. The usual business was transacted.

The following Brethren were appointed and invested as the Officers for the year:—

BRO. T. J. Salwey 611	...	Senior Warden
J. H. Cooksey 1621	...	Junior Warden
Rev. L. V. Yonge 601	...	Senior Chaplain
Rev. K. W. Williams, Ph.D., 117	...	Junior Chaplain
William Baxter 262	...	Treasurer
J. P. Cartwright 1124 2131	...	Registrar
W. H. Spaul 1124	...	Secretary
A. C. Minshall 1432 2131	...	Senior Deacon
C. H. Cowling 117	...	Junior Deacon
A. T. Davis 202	...	Supt. of Works
H. F. Newman 117	...	Dir. of Ceremonies
J. H. Lockhart 611	...	Asst. Dir. of Cers.
L. J. Rice-Oxley 117	...	Sword Bearer
F. Finnis 1896	...	Standard Bearer
C. W. Campbell-Hyslop 262	...	Ditto
Henry Byolin 117	...	Organist
J. M. Etches 2311	...	Assistant Secretary
J. V. T. Lander 601	...	Pursuivant
A. Featherstone 1896	...	Assistant Pursuivant
R. A. Newill 262	...	Steward
Thomas Poole 2131	...	Ditto
Alfred Gibbs 1621	...	Ditto
W. B. Walker 117	...	Ditto
J. St. Clair Upton 1575	...	Ditto
J. C. Cheadle 1120	...	Ditto
Henry Goodall 1621	...	Tyler.

On the conclusion of the business the procession was reformed and the Brethren left the Hall and adjourned to the Wynnstay Hotel, where an excellent luncheon was provided by Mr. Charles Drew. Sir Offley Wakeman presided, and he was supported by the Deputy Prov. Grand Master, and a large number of Brethren. The usual Masonic toasts were honoured.

Bro. James Yeoman Mosey was installed as Master of the All Saints Lodge, No. 1716, on Thursday, at the Holborn Restaurant. A report of the proceedings will appear in our next issue.

## MASONRY AND THE LORD MAYOR OF LONDON.

Alfred Newton Lodge, No. 2686.

A GRAND ENTERTAINMENT AT THE MANSION HOUSE.

WE have it on the high authority of Bro. Sir J. B. Monckton, one of the oldest Past Grand Wardens on the roll of the Grand Lodge of England—his appointment dating back to 1885—that a record in Freemasonry was created on Saturday, when the regular meeting of this Lodge was held by dispensation of H.R.H. the Prince of Wales M.W.G.M. at the home of the chief magistrate of the City, Bro. Sir Alfred Newton, Bart., Lord Mayor of London; and there is really no doubt that Brother Monckton was perfectly correct in the opinion he then expressed, and which was fully endorsed by the brilliant array of Grand Officers then present, and others who, by age or experience, were in a position to form an estimate of the situation.

Established less than three years back the Alfred Newton Lodge has indeed made a name for itself. Paraphrasing Shakespeare we may say that it was born to greatness; it has achieved greatness; and it has had greatness thrust upon it. Its first Worshipful Master, the present Lord Mayor of London, after whom the Lodge is named, admitted as one of his earliest initiates his son Mr. H. Kotttingham Newton, and that Brother was installed third Master of the Lodge at probably the youngest "Masonic" age at which a Brother has ever risen to the dignity of the chair. We will not repeat what we thought of that proceeding at the time, we are quite content to now take things as we find them, to base an opinion on actual results, and as a consequence to heartily congratulate the W.M., the Past Masters, and every member of the Lodge, on the name it won for itself by Saturday's meeting—a name and a record it will probably enjoy for very many years to come, for it has resulted from such a happy and varied sequence of events as seem hardly likely to recur within the experience of anyone now living.

It will be remembered that at the installation of his son as W.M. of the Lodge the Lord Mayor expressed his intention of inviting the Brethren to hold one of their meetings at the Mansion House, and this invitation was most loyally fulfilled on Saturday, when a party exceeding two hundred Brethren, and including many more Grand Officers than ever before assembled at a meeting of a private Lodge, met under the presidency of the W.M. Bro. H. K. Newton, Barrister-at-law, B.A., D.L., and carried out all the duties of the Lodge in a most masterly and perfect manner.

The Lodge was held in the old ball room of the Mansion House, and after the usual preliminaries three gentlemen were balloted for as candidates for initiation, and unanimously approved of. Mr. F. Newton Husbands, proposed by the W.M., and seconded by the Lord Mayor, was first received and initiated as far as the Obligation. Then Mr. R. J. Reuter and A. B. V. Taffs—the former proposed by Bro. T. G. Heighington J.D., and seconded by Bro. W. Freeman; the latter by the same two Brethren in opposite positions—were also admitted and initiated, the work being completed for all three candidates at the one time, and the Charge after initiation being rendered by the W.M., who afterwards closed his Lodge, going through the whole of his work in perfect and correct style.

Bro. A. J. Naughton I.P.M. proposed that the hearty thanks of the members be voted to the Lord Mayor, for his kindness in inviting and entertaining the Lodge at the Mansion House. This was seconded by Bro. J. J. Thomas P.G.Std.Br., and unanimously approved.

The Lord Mayor acknowledged the vote, saying it had afforded him great gratification to invite the Brethren there that night, and he further took the opportunity of congratulating the Worshipful Master on the admirable manner in which the ceremonies had been worked that day.

The Brethren then adjourned to the Egyptian Hall, where the banquet was served, the W.M. occupying the chair, supported on his right by his father the Lord Mayor of London, and on his left by I.P.M. Bro. A. J. Naughton. We need hardly pause to praise the banquet—those who have had the pleasure of enjoying the hospitality of the Mansion House know full well nothing is neglected there, while for those who have not there is the long record of past princely entertainments, of world wide fame, to guide them; suffice it to say the traditions of the past were well sustained on this occasion.

After grace by the Grand Chaplain the W.M. said it was his privilege, as well as his first duty, to propose the toast of the Queen and the Craft. Of Her Majesty they cried "God bless her," of their beloved Craft they said "God preserve it." Every Mason felt in his heart the value of the connection of the Queen and the Craft, and prayed that the Great Architect of the Universe might cement it, and prosper it, until time with us should be no more.

The W.M. felt no words of his were needed to ensure a hearty reception on the mention of the name of their Grand Master, the Prince of Wales. The deeds of the Grand Master tended to show the interest His Royal Highness took in the actual work of the Craft.

It was with very great pleasure the W.M. brought to the notice of the Brethren the toast of the Pro Grand Master, the Deputy Grand Master, and the rest of the Grand Officers present and past. In the presence of so many Grand Officers he was proud to give expression to those sentiments which were in the hearts of every Freemason towards the Grand Officers, whom they all honoured and respected. He asked the Grand Officers to believe that the sentiments of the Craft towards them were really in inverse ratio to the length of his remarks.

Bro. Sir John B. Monckton P.G.W. responded. The duty had devolved upon him by reason of the old age that was fast falling upon him, but he had the satisfaction of knowing there were at least two older Masons in the Hall than himself. The present

was an age of records, but he thought all records had been beaten that night, for they had in that Hall, in the Chair of the Lodge, a Brother who was universally respected, and on his right his own father, the Lord Mayor of London. They might work it out any way they liked, but they could not beat the record created that night. As Grand Officers they had to commend the Worshipful Master on the excellent work he had performed, on his knowledge of the ritual, his ability, and his lack of excessive display; personally he congratulated him most heartily, and he felt all the Grand Officers present were very pleased indeed to take part in the Lodge at the historic Mansion House. The members initiated that night in the old ball-room ought never to forget their admission into the Craft under such special auspices; they had indeed had such a start in Freemasonry as very few men enjoyed.

Bro. A. J. Naughton I.P.M. next assumed the gavel. The toast he had to propose was that of their worthy Worshipful Master. It having been admitted, by acclamation, that the Lodge work of the evening was the best ever witnessed by the Grand Officers and other Brethren present, remarks on that head were hardly necessary from the Immediate Past Master. The earnestness of the W.M. in the work of the Craft was the same with all he undertook. He had astonished him as a master of organisation, a glutton for work, and one who always proved himself equal to anything he undertook. He had been anxiously looking forward to that evening, and hoping that the Worshipful Master might be in his place, despite the cruel attack that had recently been made upon him, and discharge the duties of his Office as he was so well able to do.

The W.M. replied. He had looked forward to the work in Lodge that evening with a considerable amount of trepidation, knowing he was to be honoured by the presence of so many Grand Officers, but the trepidation had proved to be unnecessary in view of the kindness with which he had been received. Had the Immediate Past Master confined himself to the truth he might possibly have been able to meet it, but such unalloyed flattery as had fallen from Bro. Naughton was beyond his powers.

The W.M. now took the opportunity of proposing the health of the Lord Mayor, by whose courtesy and kindness they were dining there, in that world renowned ancient Hall.

The Lord Mayor was most enthusiastically received, and in reply said he should indeed be of a very phlegmatic disposition were he unmoved at the very hearty reception of the toast of his health. It was undoubtedly a grand position in which they had placed him, and they might believe him it afforded him the greatest satisfaction to receive the members of the Craft who had honoured his son that evening by accepting his invitation to the Lodge. The dear old Mansion House had seen many notable gatherings, but he doubted if it had ever witnessed such an assembly as that evening's. He had been very deeply moved at the way in which the ceremonies of the Lodge had been carried through that day. He was sorry to say he was a Mason of many years standing, and had assisted at many such assemblies as the present; but he could truthfully say he had never seen such an array of distinguished Masons, or work more effectively rendered. The Master was well supported in the Lodge by his Officers, and there was a feeling of fraternal emulation animating the Lodge which spoke well for the continued prosperity of their Order. What a wonderful Order theirs was—not swayed by religion, politics, or party feeling; and they were all justified in feeling proud of the position it occupied. He believed that as Masons they could perform a great duty to the country and to their countrymen, and they might depend upon it it rested with each one of them to eschew anything like personal aggrandisement, and work rather for the general good of the whole body. The continued advance of the Order was a matter to be proud of, and if he had in the slightest degree advanced the best principles of the Craft he felt exceedingly proud.

The W.M. then gave the toast of the initiates. It was one of the most pleasing duties a Worshipful Master could have to discharge. It was their custom to entertain the newly admitted Brethren, but it was not always so, for he had found a reference in the diary of their late lamented Bro. Ashmole, under date of 11th March 1682, to the following effect: "We all dined at The Halfe Moone Taverne at a noble dinner prepared at the charge of the New-accepted Masons." He found further that the new initiates of those days were expected to present a number of pairs of gloves to the wives of the members; but all that was changed, and, if he might say so, the glove was now on the other arm. Addressing the initiates the W.M. said they had been admitted members of a great and powerful Institution—how great and powerful had not yet been made public—and he trusted they would ever act in conformity with the principles it inculcated, and that, in the words of a Brother who flourished in the middle of the last century, each would say to himself, "I shall ever maintain a strict friendship for the whole of the Fraternity, and always be glad when it may fall in my power to do them any service."

We do not know whether it was the peculiar surroundings of the place, or whether oratory is infectious, but certain it was the three Initiates replied in a far more fluent and consistent manner than we have ever heard before. Certainly we have heard better prepared replies from individual members, but never have we listened to three consecutive responses equal to those of the Alfred Newton Initiates on Saturday.

Bro. Husbands considered it a very great honour to be allowed to become a member of the ancient Society of Freemasons. He had certainly been very greatly struck with the beautiful phraseology with which he had been admitted, and the great impressiveness with which the Worshipful Master delivered it; and could truly say he considered it a great honour that he should have been initiated in so ancient a place as the Mansion House. He hoped that some day he might attain to the proud position then occupied by the Worshipful Master.

Bro. Reuter said he had been asked to be short—and sweet,

and recognising that brevity was the soul of wit he would refrain from referring to all his impressions. Briefly he might say that he never felt so poor and yet so proud, as when he was made a Mason among them.

Bro. Tars compared his position in the Craft to that of an infant at his mother's knee, and trusted he might learn the lessons of Freemasonry as they did those which proceeded from a mother's lips. He also had been very much impressed with what he had heard that evening, and had to thank the Brethren for allowing him to become a member of the Alfred Newton Lodge.

The W.M. said it was next his most gratifying and pleasing duty to submit the toast of the visitors. If the initiates might be said to be the life blood of a Lodge, then the visitors might be compared to the physician, without whose visits they were all apt to wither and decay. Nothing could exceed the honour the Alfred Newton Lodge felt—considering it was not yet three years old—at seeing such a magnificent array of visitors as had graced their assembly that day.

Bro. Rev. H. W. Turner Grand Chaplain responded. Frequent reference had been made that day to "the" Lord Mayor, but in view of all that occurred he thought the references ought rather to have been to "our" Lord Mayor. The honour which the W.M. had conferred on him was a very pleasant one, but it involved a great amount of responsibility. If he had only to respond for himself it would be comparatively easy, but having so many to answer for the task was indeed difficult. Happily theirs was a united meeting, not such as the Worshipful Master and his father had lately taken part in; there were a great many jewels among them, but happily, no rough diamonds. He should like to add the compliment of the visitors on the way in which the work in Lodge had been carried out, and also on their behalf congratulate the Worshipful Master on his recovery from the recent attack made upon him. It appeared from the reports in the papers that it would not have been possible for him to attend this meeting, but they were all very pleased to find such an improvement. Doubtless many among the visitors had received many invitations to attend Masonic meetings, but he ventured to think few had proved more entertaining than the present. Personally he had always loved the Lord Mayors of London, as might be imagined when he explained he went to school not very far from where they were at the moment, and it was the custom to give the scholars a holiday on Lord Mayor's day, or whenever anything special occurred in association with the Lord Mayors. The hospitality of the Craft was known throughout the world, the hospitality of the Mansion House was also well known, but when they got the two mingled, or as he might say—Masonry and Mansionry they had indeed an excellent combination.

The W.M., in submitting the next toast, said those who knew the cordial assistance he had received from the Past Masters, Treasurer, Secretary, and Officers of the Lodge would recognise the herculean task of tackling the duty of submitting their toast. His work in the chair had been made comparatively easy and smooth by the help they had given him, and he cordially thanked them for it.

Bro. Naughton I.P.M., on behalf of himself and his brother Officers, tendered very warm thanks for the way in which the toast had been proposed and received. Obviously the W.M. had most efficient Officers, or the work could not have been done so well as to have won the high praise bestowed upon it that day. If a Lodge had good Officers it might be expected to have good children—they could always see the influence of the parents on the offspring. It had given all the members of the Lodge the greatest satisfaction to have such a Worshipful Master as they now possessed, following so closely on the steps of his illustrious father, the first Master of the Lodge.

The Tyler's toast was then given, and brought the proceedings to a conclusion, at the comfortable hour of 10 p.m.

Bro. H. K. Newton appears to have had a brilliant career up to the present, both professionally and Masonically, having taken his B.A. Degree at Oxford, with honours in Law, when only 22, and being called to the Bar at the age of 23.

He was installed W.M. of the Alfred Newton Lodge at 24, and represented it as Steward at the Festival of the R.M.I.B. in July last, when his list amounted to no less than £305—the second highest in England.

The company for whom accommodation was provided, and who, with few exceptions were present, were Bros. H. K. Newton, M.A., D.L., W.M., the Right Hon. the Lord Mayor of London P.G.D. P.M., A. J. Naughton I.P.M., the Earl of Halsbury, Lord Chancellor, P.G.W., Sir John B. Monckton P.G.W., Thomas Fenn P.G.W., Rev. Dr. J. M. Burton G. Chaplain, Rev. H. W. Turner G. Chaplain, Canon Brownrigg P.G.Chap., D. P. Cama P.G.Treas., George Everett P.G.Treas., W. Heap Bailey P.G.Treas., Alderman and Sheriff Vaughan Morgan P.G.Treas., Lt. Col. Clifford Probyn P.G.Treas., John Strachan, Q.C., G.Reg., Richard Horton Smith, Q.C., P.G.Reg., E. Beaumont Deputy G. Reg., R. D. M. Littler, C.B., Q.C., P. Deputy G. Reg., Sir Forrest Fulton, Q.C., P. Dep. G. Reg., W. R. McConnell, Q.C., Edward Letchworth, F.S.A., G. Sec., Guy Repton S.G.D., Colonel C. Dean S.G.D., Daniel Mayer S.G.D., Peter de Lande Long P.S.G.D., Frank Richardson P.S.G.D. acting G.D.C., Ralph Gooding, M.D., P.S.G.D., Sir George David Harris P.S.G.D., W. C. Lupton J.G.D., J. H. Whadcoat J.G.D., D'Arcy Power, M.A., F.R.C.S., J.G.D., Frederick West P.J.G.D., W. F. Smithson P.J.G.D., Clement Godson, M.D., P.J.G.D., Charles Belton P.G.D., H. L. Florence G. Supt. of Works, Rowland Plumbe P.G.S. of Works, Edgar A. Baylis, Walter H. Harris, Lennox Browne, F.R.C.S., Under Sheriff Langton, and James Stephens Past D.G.D.C.; John Smithers and T. P. Dorman A.G.D.C.; J. L. Thomas, F.S.A., J. A. Farnfield, Charles Martin, F. Gordon Brown, George W. Speth, Under-Sheriff T. H. Gardiner, Henry Neville, C. Fitzgerald Matier, Imre Kiralfy, and Walter Wellsman

P.A.G.D.C.; Col. Blont G.Swd.B.; James Terry, F. R. W. Hedges, T. Hastings Miller, J. M. McLeod, T. A. Bullock, and Capt. R. Gresley Hall P.G. Sword Bearers; Major R. H. Murdock, R.A., Dep. G.Swd.B.; John C. Rutherglen P.D.G. Sword Bearer; W. J. Mason and James Weaver G. Standard Bearers; R. Clay Sudlow, A. Cross Spaul, Major T. C. Walls, William Vincent, and J. J. Thomas P.G. Standard Bearers; W. H. Thomas G. Organist; W. H. Cummings and Lionel Monckton P.G. Organists; W. Lake Asst. G. Sec., Felix Kite G. Purs., W. S. Whitaker A.G.P.; Col. J. Copley Wray, P. Sloper, E. A. Walker, J. Husbands, Harry Passmore Edwards, J. R. Eastwood, Walter Ford, W. J. Styles, Spencer W. Morris, C. Spencer Palmer, and Harry R. Miller Grand Stewards; W. A. Saunders P.G. Steward; A. G. Sandberg, M.D., V.P. Bd. Gen. Purp.; H. B. Marshall P.P.G.W. Middx., Buxton P.P.S.G.W., J. J. Brock P.P.S.G.D. Kent, R. H. Williams P.P.G.D., C. J. Freeman P.P.G.D., F. Evans P.P.G.D. Essex, P. T. Pearce P.A.G.D.C. Middx., Geo. Harlow P.G.S.B. Kent, Robinson P.P.G.P. Worcesters., F. Robinson P.P.G.A.P. Worcesters.; Past Masters F. Pratt Alliston, W. F. Bates, Bonham, Briggs, T. Caseley, H. Croker, W. Croxson, Flack, C. Garton, T. W. Heath, Hill, J. Hillhouse, M. J. Jessop, R. Jones, T. Kingston, Chambers Leete, J. H. Lile, Pierpont, J. P. Rogers, Skelton, E. Styles, H. J. Thomas, Wade Wallis, Weaver, J. Webb, T. Whitford, M.A., Whiting, and A. Williams; Worshipful Masters Clubb and Tyson Crawford; D. F. Norrington S.W., A. Strutt J.W., W. B. Abbott P.M. Sec., R. W. Burbidge Treas., E. J. Rix S.D., T. G. Heighington J.D., J. W. Jupe I.G.; Brothers Algar, Arnold, H. C. Arthur, R. E. Baron, J. H. Baxter, Bertram, A. F. Blades, G. R. Blades, Blanchard, Bland, Brooks, H. Burbidge, J. A. Calf, J. Carmichael, P. Carmichael, Catchpole, J. E. Churchill, C. W. Clay, L. Cohen, Cosens, J. Culverwell, E. J. Davies, O. E. Davies, Day, T. Doncaster, Doughty, Eardley, R. T. Ford, W. Freeman, Gau, Gilardi, Harrold, G. Hinds, Hinton, Howell, Hunt, Hurran, F. Newton Husbands, Johnson, W. Kibble, J. Kynock, F. J. Larkham, F. LeSueur, Lowe, McNeil, F. Pegrum, W. Phelps, Poniting, J. Porter, Redgrave, Repton, Rudolph J. Reuter, Richmond, W. C. Rose, F. H. Harvey Samuel, R. Savage, Scarman, Sowden, Staddon, J. A. Swann, Albert B. V. Taffs, Thwaites, Trauffer, Turnbull, I. L. Van Gelder, Vaughan, E. Vernon, F. J. Walton, E. Warden, E. G. Whiteway, and W. Windsor; and representatives of the "Freemason," "Freemason's Chronicle," "Masonic Illustrated," Press Association, and the "Times."

## Entertainment Notes.

**Wyndham's Theatre.**—Once again has the story of "A Woman with a past" been presented by Mr. Henry Arthur Jones, but in "Mrs. Dane's Defence" an entirely new feature forms the centre of interest, inasmuch as the guilty heroine secures through her suffering the sympathy of the audience, in spite of her delinquency. The play is in four acts, the first two of which show how the breath of scandal assails the young woman who, representing herself as a widow, has betrothed herself to Lionel, the adopted son of Mr. Justice Caterel. The Judge undertakes to clear up the mystery, and in a magnificent and truly thrilling scene the truth is evoked that she has been betrayed by her employer, and is a mother without being a wife. It is this scene of terrible tension that really makes the play, and the burst of applause with which Mr. Charles Wyndham and Miss Lena Ashwell are greeted at its termination sufficiently proves its success. Mr. Wyndham has never been seen to better advantage, and Miss Ashwell has proved her proficiency for the foremost rank in her profession. Although the interest centres in these two, the supplementary characters are delightfully drawn and perfectly portrayed. Thus Miss Mary Moore as Lady Eastney gives a charming study of a good natured woman of society, whilst her contrast in the person of Mrs. Bulsom-Porter, a mischief making busy body, is admirably represented by Miss Marie Illington. Mr. Kendrick is easy and natural as Lionel, Mr. Alfred Bishop makes a capital Canon Bonsey, and Miss Irwin, Mr. C. Thursby, and Mr. E. W. Garden bring their talent to bear in other characters. Needless to say the piece is beautifully mounted, while the ladies' dresses will cause very unmasonic feelings among the fair members of the audience.

**Sunday Concert Society.**—With the advent of autumn comes the delightful Sunday afternoon concerts at the Queen's Hall, which tend so much to relieve the tedium of the English Sabbath, and afford innocent recreation to thousands of London toilers. That these concerts meet a demand is proved by the vast patronage extended to them, and one has only to look around the audience to be thoroughly convinced of their necessity. The Council has arranged for a series of twenty-six concerts during the winter, at which Mr. Robert Newman's well-trained orchestra, under the direction of Mr. Henry J. Wood, will perform some of the choicest works of the principal masters, and appeal to the public to take up a very moderate subscription to further the movement. No dividend, gift, division, or bonus in money may be made by the Society among its members, and any surplus of receipts is applied towards such charitable or public purposes as the Council may determine. Applications for membership should be made to Mr. Edgar F. Jacques, the Hon. Secretary, at Queen's Hall, Langham Place, W.

"A DEBT OF HONOUR" attained its fiftieth performance at the St. James' Theatre on Wednesday.

**BOOKBINDING** in all its branches. Prices on application. Morgan, Freemason's Chronicle Office, New Barnet.

**MEETINGS NEXT WEEK.****Monday.**

- 28 Old King's Arms, Freemasons' Hall  
 144 St. Luke, Holborn Restaurant  
 183 Unity, Ship and Turtle  
 222 St. Andrew, Albion  
 706 Florence Nightingale, Woolwich  
 902 Burgoyne, Anderton's Hotel  
 905 De Grey and Ripon, Freemasons' Hall  
 1017 Montefiore, Trocadero  
 1540 Chaucer, Bridge House Hotel  
 1744 Royal Savoy, Criterion Restaurant  
 2396 Bishopsgate, Great Eastern Hotel  
 43 St. Paul, F.M.H., Birmingham  
 48 Industry, F.M.H., Gateshead  
 353 Royal Sussex, The Institute, Winhill  
 491 Royal Sussex, Masonic Temple, Jersey  
 999 Robert Burns, Albion, Manchester  
 1008 Royal St. Edmunds, Bury St. Edmunds  
 1325 Stanley, F.M.H., Liverpool  
 1752 Ogmire, F.M.H., Bridgend  
 1991 Agricola, F.M.H., York  
 2042 Apollo, F.M.H., Liverpool  
 2068 Portsmouth Temperance, Landport  
 2257 Powell, F.M.H., Bristol  
 2363 Minnehaha Minstrel, Manchester  
 2547 Llangattock, F.M.H., Cardiff  
 2654 Arter, Moseley Institute, Moseley  
 2724 St. Lawrence, Church Sch., Northfield

**Tuesday.**

- 14 Tuscan, Freemasons' Hall  
 92 Moira, Albion  
 145 Prudent Brethren, Freemasons' Hall  
 186 Industry, Freemasons' Hall  
 1158 Southern Star, Bridge House Hotel  
 1348 Ebury, Criterion Restaurant  
 1441 Ivy, Surrey Masonic Hall  
 1728 Temple Bar, Frascati  
 2696 Arcadian, Hotel Cecil  
 2705 Playgoers, Tivoli Restaurant  
 253 Tyrian, F.M.H., Derby  
 564 Stability, Talbot, Stourbridge  
 859 Isaac Newton Universities, Cambridge  
 943 Sincerity, 47 St. Giles Street, Norwich  
 1016 Elkington, F.M.H., Birmingham  
 1052 Callendar, F.M.H., Manchester  
 1390 Whitwell, F.M.H., Millom  
 1536 United Military, F.M.H., Plumstead  
 1609 Liverpool Dramatic, F.M.H., L'pool  
 1675 Ancient Briton, F.M.H., Liverpool  
 1678 Medway, F.M.H., Tonbridge  
 1834 Duke Connaught, F.M.H., Landport  
 2025 St. George, F.M.H., Plymouth  
 2328 Albert Victor, F.M.H., York  
 2404 Lord Beresford, Sun, Chatham  
 2405 Ionic, Impl. Blds., S. Helens, Lanc.  
 2414 Wychwood, F.M.H., Burford  
 2518 Charles Edward Keyser, Hoddesden  
 2536 Staines, Town Hall, Staines  
 2692 Hastings, Castle, Hastings

**Wednesday.**

- Board of Benevolence, at 5.  
 201 Jordan, Freemasons' Hall  
 212 Euphrates, Holborn Restaurant  
 1056 Victoria, Guildhall Tavern  
 1589 St. Dunstan, Anderton's Hotel  
 1718 Centurion, Inns of Court Hotel  
 1719 Evening Star, Freemasons' Hall  
 2395 Avondale, Clarence Rooms, Brixton  
 2650 Christ's Hospital, Newgate Street  
 2687 Italia, Cafe Monico  
 32 St. George Harmony, Adelphi, L'pool  
 82 Foundation, F.M.H., Cheltenham  
 117 Salopian of Charity, Shrewsbury  
 220 Harmony, Garston Hotel, Garston  
 250 Minerva, F.M.H., Hull  
 257 Phoenix, 110 High Street, Portsmouth  
 724 Derby, F.M.H., Liverpool  
 785 Twelve Bros., F.M.H., Southampton  
 818 Philanthropic, F.M.H., Abergavenny  
 887 Leigh, F.M.H., Birmingham  
 1039 St. John, George, Lichfield  
 1097 St. Michael, Swan, Tenbury  
 1633 Avon, Mosley, Manchester  
 1723 St. George, F.M.H., Bolton  
 1733 Sunbury, Assembly Rooms, Sunbury  
 1756 Kirkdale, Skelmersdale Hall, L'pool  
 1760 Leopold, F.M.H., Scarborough  
 1809 Fidelis, Masonic Temple, Guernsey  
 1967 Beacon Court, Ghuznee, N. Brompton  
 1984 Earl of Clarendon, F.M.H., Watford  
 2019 Crook, F.M.H., Crook  
 2140 Gordon, F.M.H., Hanley  
 2158 Boscombe, Boscombe Club, Boscombe

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

**Thursday.**

Gen. Com. Girl's School, F.M.H., at 5.

- 22 Neptune, Guildhall Tavern  
 34 Mount Moriah, Freemasons' Hall  
 05 Prosperity, Holborn Restaurant  
 60 Grenadiers, Freemasons' Hall  
 507 United Pilgrims, Bridge House Hotel  
 858 South Middlesex, Walham Green, S.W.  
 801 Finsbury, Great Eastern Hotel  
 871 Royal Oak, Trafalgar, Greenwich  
 1601 Ravensbourne, Board of W., Lewisham  
 1608 Kilburn, Blanchard's Restaurant  
 1658 Skelmersdale, Surrey Masonic Hall  
 1816 Victoria Park, London Tavern  
 2264 Chough, City Terminus Hotel  
 2319 Scots, Holborn Restaurant  
 2432 Sir Walter Raleigh, Inns of Court Ho.  
 2621 Military, Hotel Cecil  
 2625 Guardian, Ship and Turtle  
 2780 Royal Warrant Holders, Cafe Royal

- 39 St. John the Baptist, F.M.H., Exeter  
 78 Imperial George, Middleton, Lanc.  
 111 Restoration, F.M.H., Darlington  
 129 Union, St. George's Hall, Kendal  
 202 Friendship, F.M.H., Devonport  
 214 Hope and Unity, White H., Brentwood  
 309 Harmony, Red Lion, Fareham  
 346 Un. Brethren, Grosvenor, Blackburn  
 348 St. John, F.M.H., Bolton  
 410 Grove, F.M.H., Sutton, Surrey  
 475 Bedfordshire of St. John Bap., Luton  
 590 La Cesaree, Masonic Temple, Jersey  
 594 Downshire, F.M.H., Liverpool  
 636 De Ogle, F.M.H., Morpeth  
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 1322 Waverley, Queen's Arms, Ashton-u-Ly.  
 1345 Victoria, Cross Keys, Eccles  
 1392 Egerton, Stanley Arms, Bury, Lanc.  
 1404 St. Vincent, F.M.H., Bristol  
 1418 Fraternity, F.M.H., Stockton-on-Tees  
 1501 Wycombe, Amersham Hill, H. Wycom.  
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 1630 St. Michael, Queen's, Coventry  
 1702 Sub-Urban, Harrow-on-the-Hill  
 1705 Prince of Wales, India Arms, Gosport  
 1817 St. Andrew, Cambridge, Shoeburyness  
 1884 Chine, F.M.H., Shanklin  
 1957 Grove, Cock Inn, Hazel Grove  
 1971 Aldershot Army & Navy, Aldershot  
 2017 Duke of Portland, F.M.H., Nottingham  
 2101 Bramston Beach, F.M.H., Godalming  
 2131 Brownlow, Town Hall, Ellesmere  
 2214 Josiah Wedgwood, F.M.H., Hanley  
 2215 Anfield, Sandon, Anfield  
 2261 Armitage, F.M.H., Milnsbridge  
 2263 St. Leonards, F.M.H., Sheffield  
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 2335 Cycling & Athletic, Adelphi, Liverpool  
 2371 Felix, Bath, Felixstowe  
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 2375 Hilbre, Market Hall, Hoylake  
 2387 M'chester Dramatic, Albion, M'chester  
 2415 Tristram, F.M.H., Shildon  
 2418 Hedworth, F.M.H., South Shields  
 2462 Clarence, F.M.H., West Hartlepool  
 2463 Bootle-Wilbraham, West Derby  
 2474 Hatherton, Stork, Walsall

**Friday.**

Council Boys School, F.M.H., at 4.

- 60 Peace and Harmony, Freemasons' Hall  
 569 Fitz-Roy, Head Qs. Hon. Artillery Co.  
 2000 Earl of Mornington, Cafe Royal  
 2648 Marcians, Trocadero  
 2693 Pellipar, Holborn Restaurant  
 2766 Putney, Parish Offices, Putney  
 602 North York, F.M.H., Middlesbrough

- 751 Eastnor, Masonic Rooms, Ledbury  
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 1435 Anneslev, F.M.H., Nottingham  
 1712 St. John, F.M.H., Newcastle-on-Tyne  
 1822 St. Quintin, Bear Inn, Cowbridge  
 2421 Kingsley, F.M.H., Northampton  
 2631 Com. Trav., Alexandra, Liverpool  
 2679 Hope, Conservative Club, Patricroft

**Saturday.**

- 1297 West Kent, Crystal Palace  
 1584 Loyalty and Charity, Frascati  
 1706 Orpheus, Holborn Restaurant  
 2647 Alleyn, Crown & Greyhound, Dulwich  
 2700 Old Masonians, Anderton's Hotel  
 1284 Brent, Globe, Topsham  
 1293 Burdett, Mitre, Hampton Court  
 1462 Wharnccliffe, Rose & Crown, Penistone  
 1777 Royal Hanover, Albany, Twickenham  
 1871 Gostling Murray, Oddfellows, Hounslow  
 1065 Eastes, Parish Rooms, Bromley, Kent  
 2201 Earl of Sussex, R. Pavilion, Brighton  
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**Sir Stamford Raffles.** England in the Far East (Builders of Greater Britain series). By Hugh Edward Egerton, M.A. (5s).—T. Fisher Unwin.

MR. FISHER UNWIN planned a very opportune publication when he arranged for the preparation of this series. The subject of Greater Britain, like the poor, is ever with us, and it is right that we should honestly enquire how it came about that we entered into so vast a heritage. That enquiry is thoroughly met and answered by the writers who are preparing these biographical studies of the men who built up for us our Greater Britain. Sir Stamford Raffles is a great name in our history, but it is not easy to understand, without careful study, how he came to wield so powerful an influence wherever he went, or to achieve for us the first real settlement of our empire in the far east. He was no man of action like Drake or Wellington; he was no scholar like Sir Phillip Sidney or Warren Hastings; he was no aggressive diplomatist like Chatham or Disraeli. Yet the result of his life's work will compare favourably even with that of the men we have mentioned. Mr. Egerton has shown how he did his duty as an extra clerk in the India House at a salary of a guinea a week; how his health was affected by his strenuous perseverance; how, when only twenty-five years of age, he was appointed assistant Secretary, at a salary of £1,500 a year, to the new Presidency of the Island of Penang; how he became Lieutenant-Governor of Java, how splendid a reception he received on his return to England; and how, largely owing to his efficient instrumentality, that splendid emporium, Singapore, was founded and developed, thereby laying the foundation of our present commercial empire in the Far East. 'Tis a romance indeed—the more interesting to some because true. Mr. Egerton has displayed admirable spirit in the discharge of his labours; he evidently felt that such important topics as the life of Sir Stamford Raffles and the founding of Singapore were worthy of his best efforts. If the remaining volumes of this series are equal to those already published we shall be fortunate. Children might look into this book with profit; for what child could fail to be interested in the story of the man to whom we owe our Zoological Gardens? Possibly, however, they will be satisfied with a glance at the beginning; for an excellent likeness in there given, from the bust of Sir Stamford Raffles by Chantrey.

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

MAJOR BAILLIE has given us a model diary. He has set down briefly, with characteristic and military conciseness, the gist of things that happened day by day, and with the assistance of some useful sketches we are able to form a clear conception of many events. Unfortunately, the value of this book is discounted by the fact that so much has already been published concerning the ever-memorable siege of Mafeking; but town and country seem able to assimilate a great quantity of such details without surfeit, and no doubt a whole army of readers will appreciate this diary none the less because its matter is not wholly new. Many features of the siege are well brought out,—the ever-pressing need of a lynx-eyed vigilance, the many devices of the enemy, and the counter-tactics of the defenders, the hundred and one incidents of war which together made up the by no means trivial round of uncommon tasks. No doubt the full history of the siege of Mafeking is yet unwritten; if narrated in undue haste it would inevitably cause the narrator to repent at leisure. In the meantime Major Baillie has supplied our most pressing needs, and we heartily thank writer and publisher for an opportune and excellent work. We must all buy it for the boys.

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

WE have not yet heard the last of the Boer—we shall not do so for some time. He is the foremost person in the literature of the day. In fact, we are rather tired of bestowing so much attention on his misdeeds; for there are many volumes on the Boer and the struggle in South Africa which cover very much the same ground. Mr. Rowell, we are pleased to say, has gone rather more fully into what some readers will consider "ancient history" than many of his contemporaries. His book is in truth a brief history of Natal and of the Cape. Mr. Rowell has several qualifications necessary to the historian; his style is condensed but perspicuous; his grasp of his subject is comprehensive, and he writes without undue bias—which cannot be said of certain writers on South African affairs. The story of the Great Trek is ably told, as is the "massacre of emigrants;" but, on the whole, we think the best chapter is that on the "Evolution of the Boer." Readers will learn from this book that life in South Africa has hitherto been a fitful fever indeed, and its story as told by Mr. Rowell will show them how important it is that a thoroughly satisfactory settlement should now be arranged.

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

ETHEL TURNER is always welcome. We could name a family who regard a number of the "Windsor Magazine" to which she does not contribute as below the mark. In the volume before us we have a narrative of doings among juveniles who are in their way as interesting as those seven little Australians who solicited our suffrages some time ago. Why these young folk are thus interesting it is not easy to say. We do the writer no injustice when we say that "Three little Maids" is not exactly a work of

art, nor is it a study embodying any very profound reflections upon human life. It is rather "most excellent trifling." It is fiction à la mode Sainte Beuve, for it is more a causerie than anything else. The child, as Wordsworth puts it, is father to the man, and it is very evident that these little maids were mothers to the charming young ladies that were to be. Phyl, Dolly, and Weenie may, we hope, be found in many a home in old England, and we are the losers when such persons find it necessary to go to Australia. Thoroughly natural, these girls put their souls into pastime and task alike; nor must Miss Dolly be too severely censured for finding the writing of fiction more congenial to her tastes than "getting up" Cicero, Euclid, and Pope. The chapter "finance and fashion" will awaken in many readers memories of far off days and youthful struggles with the "res angusta domi." According to Mr. Andrew Lang reviewers read nothing, for they find no time to do so; but we entertain a shrewd suspicion that many busy bookmen will bestow something more than a cursory glance at this volume. "Three little maids," with its full gilt edges and bright, attractive cover, will be a welcome gift in many homes this Christmas.

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

THIS book has displeased some of the critics. The writer—evidently a lady of great ability—has chosen a theme which many consider unfit for the purposes of prose fiction. We side with Lady Hutchinson. We think that each and every phase of life may be portrayed profitably by a writer of suitable ability. It is strange how many folk who take exception to such a book as the one before us will read with avidity the works of Thomas Hardy, or Zola, or Ouida. The moral that underlies "Monica Grey" is, we think, obvious enough. The satirist has told us how nearly great wits are allied to madness; in this story, some passages of which are singularly beautiful both in conception and workmanship, we are shown how narrowly sin may be avoided even by a lady whose mental graces are as evident as her personal charms. An old saying reminds us that temptation is not sin; and we cannot side with those critics who have objected to Monica Grey because she had to wage so long a fight to avoid a fall. Surely one who welcomes death in preference to defeat in such a struggle deserves praise rather than blame. Treat every man according to his deserts, says Hamlet, and who shall escape whipping? We should like Lady Hutchinson to give us a novel on the lines of the gospel according to Mrs. Humphrey Ward. We believe it would score a success.

**The Harmsworth Magazine** for the present month has an article on "Secret Societies," by W. J. Wintle, in which special attention is given to Knight Templary, a number of illustrations adding to the value of the text. The number is a good one in other respects.

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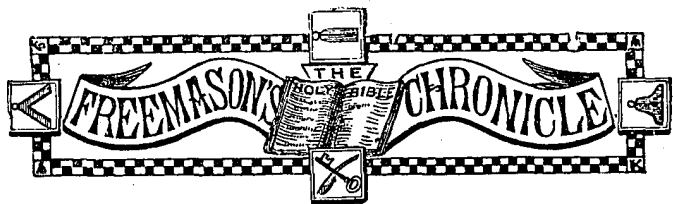
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**R. M. I. BOYS.**

**T**HE Quarterly Court of this Institution was held on Friday of last week, at Freemasons' Tavern, London, under the presidency of Bro. C. E. Keyser P.G.D. Patron and Treasurer of the Institution.

Earl Amherst and the Earl of Lathom were elected Trustees of the Institution, in place of the deceased Earl of Lathom and Bro. Richard Eve.

The report of the Board of Management on the question of a memorial to the late Bro. Eve was referred back to the Board, as the suggestion that from the interest of a fund voluntarily subscribed amounts might be given to assist deserving boys leaving the School might come within the powers of the Charity Commissioners.

Bro. Keyser afterwards made a statement with respect to the progress being made with the building of the new Schools at Bushey, which he hoped would be finished within the contracted time.

It was announced that Bro. W. W. B. Beach, M.P., Prov. Grand Master of Hampshire and the Isle of Wight would preside at the next Festival of the Institution in June 1901, and the Court then elected twenty Boys out of a list of twenty-six into the School, the particulars in regard to the polling on behalf of whom were given in our pages last week.

On Wednesday afternoon of last week the members of the Constance Lodge, No. 2135, Consett, along with their wives and friends to the number of about fifty, had an enjoyable excursion to Lambton Castle, under the supervision of the W.M. Brother George Patrick. After inspecting the castle and gardens, tea was partaken of at the King's Arms Hotel, Chester-le-Street. The Brethren afterwards paid a visit to the Earl of Durham Lodge, Chester-le-Street.

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Brother Orlton Cooper P.Z. read his paper on "The Grand Sanhedrim" before the members of the Mount Sinai Chapter, No. 19, on Tuesday, at Anderton's Hotel, Fleet Street, E.C. Upon the proposition of Comp. E. E. Redman M.E.Z., seconded by Comp. G. P. Gillard P.Z., a cordial vote of thanks was accorded to Comp. Orlton Cooper, for his kindness in affording the Companions an interesting half hour, when there was no work before the Chapter.

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A very handsome banner of light blue satin, with the Egerton arms and motto worked thereon, was presented to the Egerton Lodge, No. 2132, New Brighton, by Bro. James Kiernan, on the occasion of the Installation meeting, held on Thursday, and was accepted with acclamation. Bro. G. J. Coombs was installed Worshipful Master for the year, and presided at the subsequent Festival.

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The installation meeting of the Metropolitan Lodge, No. 1507, was held on Wednesday, at Anderton's Hotel, Fleet Street, Bro. E. G. Steers being raised to the dignity of Worshipful Master. A full report of the meeting will appear in our next issue.

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Brother and Companion the Rev. J. Stephen Barrass preached before Bros. the Lord Mayor and Alderman and Sheriff Green, at St. Lawrence Jewry, on Sunday morning.

**"A SPRIG OF ACACIA."**

**C**ONSIDERABLE regret will be felt at the death of Bro. R. J. Rogers P.M. Westbourne Lodge, No. 733, the Treasurer and an active worker in the Instruction Lodge attached thereto, who died suddenly on his way home from the regular meeting of his Lodge, on Thursday night.

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

**T**HE regular meeting was held on Monday, at the Guildhall Tavern, Gresham Street, E.C., under the presidency of Bro. W. H. Haylock W.M., who was supported by Bros. J. Hatton I.P.M. as S.W., W. Reeves J.W., W. R. Haylock P.M. Sec., E. Venner P.M., G. English P.M., G. M. Cross P.M., T. Leete S.D., W. Carpenter acting J.D., George Smith I.G., Dr. S. Walshe Owen and A. Ludgate Stewards, T. Edmonds P.M. Tyler; Bros. G. A. Bolland, C. Harrison, J. C. Witham, W. Quinton, W. Lee Queen, A. E. Britton, W. Bridgen, G. Bailey, B. G. Hancock, T. Dally, A. Lang, J. West, C. Kiley, A. Cooper, W. Cooper Hobbs, A. J. Dennett, P. Capsall, H. J. Mallett, and several others.

The Visitors included Bros. J. Jeffries I.G. 1437, J. Quin 145, W. Orme Nutt Woodstock Lodge, No. 2379, South Africa, J. F. Saunders P.M. 1507, F. W. Henderson I.G. 1314, J. Shaw 1658, W. R. Hummerston 1658, J. Wynman, &c.

The formalities having been observed, the ballot was taken for two gentlemen, candidates for initiation, who were regularly elected. One of them, Mr. H. J. Watson, was unfortunately prevented by indisposition from attending; but the other, Mr. Horace James Dennett, was present, and was regularly admitted to the privileges of the Craft.

Bros. H. J. Mallett, John S. Witham, and P. Capsall—who were initiated at the previous meeting—were examined and entrusted for the second degree, to which they were afterwards passed by the Worshipful Master, who carried out his duties in a most praiseworthy manner.

The Lodge was resumed to the first degree, when it was unanimously decided that a Ladies banquet, concert and ball, should be held on the third Monday in November, further particulars in regard to which will be announced in our pages later on.

Several letters were read, including one from a Brother tendering his resignation, and another from Brother F. C. Dearling, who was on the agenda for raising, but was prevented from attending by important business; after which the Lodge was closed, and the Brethren retired to partake of an excellent repast, which was followed by the proposition of the usual toasts.

The health of the Master was given by Bro. English P.M., who said it was a pleasure to propose the toast, as the W.M. had worked his way to the highest rung of the ladder, and had performed his work so ably that day as to reflect credit on himself, his tutors, and the Lodge generally. The toast was heartily received.

The W.M. tendered his thanks. He always looked forward with pleasurable anticipation to any work he might have to perform, and was delighted to hear his efforts had given satisfaction. He strongly recommended the younger members of the Lodge to attend Instruction meetings, where they would learn the ritual and other important parts of Freemasonry which were so essential for a full appreciation of it.

The W.M. next had very much pleasure in proposing the health of Bro. Hatton I.P.M., who had worked that day in an able manner, and had rendered valuable assistance as Senior Warden for the time being. With the toast he also had the pleasure of coupling the name of Bro. G. English P.M. acting I.P.M.

Bro. Hatton, after thanking the Brethren for the toast, assured them that whatever he could do for the W.M., or for the Lodge, he would most willingly undertake.

The health of the Initiate was next given, and Bro. Dennett, in reply, thanked the members for the way in which they had toasted him. It had long been his ambition to be a Freemason, and therefore he need hardly say how proud he felt at that moment to be a member of the Craft and of that Lodge. He assured his Brethren he would do his very best in every way to give satisfaction, and again thanked them for his kind reception.

The W.M. had particular pleasure in giving the toast of the Visitors, as he regarded it as really the chief one of the evening. He accorded the guests a most hearty welcome, and hoped to have the pleasure of seeing them again on some future occasion.

Bro. Jeffries thanked the W.M. for his kind welcome. It was not the first time, and he hoped it would not be the last, on which he had visited their Lodge. He took the opportunity of congratulating the W.M. and the Secretary on the able manner in which they conducted the affairs of the Instruction Lodge associated with that Lodge, and ventured the opinion there could hardly be found a better instructor than Bro. Haylock, the Secretary of the Mother Lodge. He strongly advised all the members to go and see for themselves if it were not so.

Bro. Saunders 1705 said he had enjoyed the working in the Lodge immensely. He thanked their Junior Warden Bro. Reeves for inviting him and felt sure that Brother would give satisfaction to the Lodge when he rose to the dignity of being its Master, as he was well qualified to perform the duties of that high station.

Bro. W. O. Nutt said it was the first time he had visited the Lodge; he highly admired the way in which the work had been performed. The City of London Lodge was well known, in fact it was one of their members, now residing in Africa, who had advised him to visit the Lodge on his trip to England. He was most delighted

to have done so, and could assure the Master and Brethren that should any of them ever be in South Africa they might rely on a hearty welcome from the Brethren there.

Bro. J. Shaw 1658 said that while sitting in the Lodge he had not only admired the working of the W.M., but had specially noticed the excellent assistance rendered by the Officers, especially the two Wardens.

The toast of the Past Masters and the Officers was given and responded to, after which Bro. T. Edmonds P.M. gave the Tyler's toast, and the proceedings were brought to a happy termination.

There were some excellent songs and recitations during the evening, those who contributed being Bros. Edward Johnson, W. Reeves, J. West, G. Smith, J. Shaw 1658, Dr. Walshe Owen, and others.

#### Marquess of Ripon Lodge, No. 1489.

##### INSTALLATION OF BROTHER FREDERICK ARTHUR KING.

THIS Lodge entered on its twenty-seventh year of existence on Friday, 5th inst., and installed a new Master for the year. Consecrated in 1874 at Dalston, it continued for many years at that home, but it has, after a short sojourn at another resting place, now taken up its abode at the Holborn Restaurant, and it was in the capacious Masonic Hall of that establishment that the ceremonies were performed. As usual, there was a grand gathering of Brethren, over whom the outgoing Worshipful Master Bro. J. F. Goddard presided.

The only business before the Lodge consisted of the installation of the Worshipful Master, and the appointment and investment of the Officers for the year. Bro. Campbell P.M. presented Bro. Frederick Arthur King S.W. who, at the last regular meeting of the Lodge, was elected as Worshipful Master for the ensuing year, and the outgoing Master regularly installed him.

In investing Bro. Walford P.M. as Treasurer of the Lodge, an office which he has held from the Lodge's foundation, the Worshipful Master said it gave him very great pleasure to perform that duty, as that Brother had always been unanimously re-elected to the Office he had held so long. He had most faithfully discharged the duties of the appointment and he hoped that many years might be spared to him to continue in the Office which he had honoured.

The Auditors' report, which was very favourable, was received and adopted.

The Worshipful Master presented to Bro. J. F. Goddard a handsome jewel of a Past Master, which, he said, Bro. Goddard had nobly won. Bro. Goddard's working, not only of the installation, but of all the other ceremonies during the year, had been admirable. The Brethren had seen that evening how well he had done the work of the day, and they would be able to confirm the opinion which he had expressed.

The Lodge was then closed, and the Brethren adjourned to a banquet, afterwards honouring the customary toasts, which were interspersed with music.

#### Mendelssohn Lodge, No. 2661.

##### INSTALLATION OF BROTHER ARTHUR WALLINGTON JONES.

THIS, one of the many successful London musical Lodges, held its installation meeting on Saturday, 6th inst., at the Holborn Restaurant, where the Lodge was consecrated three years ago. Bro. William J. Hellyar jun. W.M. presided, and was supported by a very strong company of Officers and other members of the Lodge, besides several visitors.

After the opening preliminaries, the W.M. raised Bro. A. R. Ebling to the third degree. The Lodge having been resumed to the second degree, Bro. C. J. Wilkinson-Pimbury P.M. D.C. presented Bro. Arthur Wallington Jones S.W., for installation in the Master's chair. Bro. Jones conformed to the usual requisitions, undertook the obligations of a ruler in the Craft, and was then regularly installed as Master of the Lodge.

The ceremony of installation was perfectly rendered by Bro. Hellyar, and the new Worshipful Master performed the whole of his investitures in complete compliance with ritual.

A handsome jewel of the rank of a Past Master was presented in the name of the Lodge by Bro. A. W. Jones to Bro. Hellyar, Bro. Jones accompanying the presentation with the observation that if ever a Past Master deserved such a recognition of the performance of his duties while in charge of a Lodge it was the late W.M. of the Mendelssohn Lodge. After an acknowledgment from Bro. Hellyar, the Auditors' report was adopted.

A banquet followed the working of the Lodge, and according to custom in this Lodge the musical entertainment was superb.

In the course of the toasts, Bro. Hellyar I.P.M. proposed the W.M., who, he said, was an old member of the musical club, and, as such, was well known to the members of the Lodge, of which he was a Founder. In his interest in the Lodge he was thorough-going, and he would do his best to carry out its traditions.

Bro. Jones W.M. in replying, said he had all his troubles to come, but if at the end of the year, in which he should place his best abilities at the disposal of the Lodge, the Brethren endorsed the flattering remarks of Bro. Hellyar, he should consider he had done well.

#### Hygeia Lodge, No. 2664.

THE regular meeting was held on Saturday last at the Holborn Restaurant, those present including Bros. T. F. Strutt W.M., W. Hill Watson I.P.M., J. M. Jones S.W., W. E. Groom J.W., E. Tidman Sec., I. Young S.D., A. Taylor I.G., W. Boyce P.M. D.C., W. G. Lacy Org., T. Dee and W. H. Grigg Stewards, T. Williams Tyler, W. Gathercole, W. W. West, G. Branson, A. McNair, J. Kirk, A. Field, J. Williams, F. Aris, C. D. Lill, A.

Bobbitt, A. Stiles, S. Crane, C. Brady, R. Ellis, L. Wearing, Dr. F. J. Allan, S. Fairchild, H. Body, J. W. Whipp, J. Whipp, J. Folland, E. Ward, H. Herriott, H. Alexander, &c.

The Visitors were Bros. A. Darch P.M. 1986, H. A. Darch 1986, H. W. Page 1679, J. Shuttle 1329, W. Tipton 1679, J. Roberts Org. 1679, Wm. Lightfoot 2432, P. Gayer I.G. 1679, E. I. Ginder P.M. 1563, W. J. Street P.M. 1679, Jacques Greebe 1426, W. Chilcott 1624, J. Wynman, &c.

The Lodge having been duly formed, and opened with solemn prayer, the minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed.

There were three candidates for passing, Bros. H. S. Schultess Young, L. G. Wearing, and C. E. Brady, the former of whom was unavoidably prevented from attending. The other two Brethren answered the questions, were entrusted and retired; the Lodge was opened in the second degree, and they were duly passed fellow Crafts.

Lodge was resumed to the first degree, and the ballot taken for Mr. J. I. Roberts, proving unanimous in his favour. He was afterwards initiated into the mysteries of the Craft, the W.M. giving the Charge after the ceremony.

The W.M. rose and said the members were no doubt aware of the death of their highly and much esteemed Brother Raymond P.M., who had held the Office of Treasurer of the Lodge since its consecration. In the name of the members he had caused a wreath to be sent for the funeral of their late Brother, feeling convinced it would be their desire to thus show respect to his memory. As the Lodge could not do without a Treasurer he directed a ballot to be taken, to decide who should succeed Bro. Raymond, the result being an unanimous vote on behalf of Bro. W. Hill Watson I.P.M.

Bro. Watson acknowledged the election in well chosen terms, and promised to further express his thanks later on.

The W.M. informed the Brethren he proposed to represent the Hygeia Lodge as a Steward on behalf of the Charities, and trusted to receive the support of the members; upon which the newly elected Treasurer expressed the pleasure he felt in hearing the Lodge would be so ably represented.

Five gentlemen were proposed for initiation, and a notice of motion was submitted by Bro. W. H. Watson P.M. Treas., that a General Committee of the Lodge be formed, to be called the General Purposes Committee, and to consist of the W.M., Past Masters, and Officers of the Lodge for the time being, whose duty it should be to enquire into the eligibility of proposed members, and such other matters as might from time to time be relegated to them. The Lodge was then closed, and the Brethren repaired to the Caledonian Hall, where one of those excellent dinners was provided which we are so accustomed to expect at this well known establishment.

After the repeat the W.M. gave the Loyal toasts, after which

Bro. Watson I.P.M. proposed that of the Worshipful Master. He said that at the last meeting he had predicted that they would find they had an excellent ruler in Bro. Strutt, and the work which had been so ably performed that evening had proved him to be a good prophet. The Brethren might travel hundreds of miles before finding a more perfect Worshipful Master than the Brother who at present presided over the Hygeia Lodge, and feeling this he might again say how glad he was to find that his prophecy had come true.

The toast was most heartily received, as was the W.M. on rising to reply. He thanked the I.P.M. for his kind remarks, and the Brethren for the very hearty manner in which they had received the toast. He was pleased to know he had given satisfaction, and was delighted with the excellent assistance he had received from the Officers, one and all of whom had done their duty to perfection.

The W.M. next gave the toast of the Initiate, saying how proud he was to feel he had admitted a gentleman who would prove an ornament to the Lodge. He trusted the members would take the opportunity of according their latest member a most hearty welcome.

Bro. J. I. Roberts—better known by his professional name of Karl Kaps, the popular composer and musical director—tendered sincere thanks for his reception. It had long been the height of his ambition to associate himself with the Masonic Brotherhood, and now that he had been admitted a member he could but think of the very impressive ceremony through which he had passed, and which had afforded him so much pleasure.

The W.M. submitted the toast of the I.P.M. Bro. Watson, the newly elected Treasurer, the Past Masters and the Secretary of the Lodge. He was proud of being able to refer to the Brethren included in this toast as a band of hard working members. It was unnecessary to say more in reference to their qualifications, as they were well known to the members.

Bro. Watson acknowledged the toast. He felt a considerable amount of pleasure in being able to congratulate the W.M. on his excellent working that evening. In regard to his new position as Treasurer of the Lodge, he could only say he fully recognised its responsibilities, and promised to take care that any funds entrusted to his keeping should not be wasted. He thanked the members for the confidence they had reposed in him by unanimously electing him as their Treasurer. Bros. Tidman and Boyce also responded.

The W.M. gave the toast of the visitors, and accorded them a most hearty welcome in the name of the Lodge. The toast was acknowledged by several of the guests.

During the evening some excellent music was contributed by different Brethren, among them being Bros. J. Whipp, J. Kirk, J. I. Roberts (the initiate), Percy Gayer I.G. 1679, Jones S.W., Young, Mr. Ernest Pike, Bro. Jacques Greebe (Gaiety Theatre), and others.

#### Brondesbury Lodge, No. 2698.

THE regular meeting was held at the Earl Derby, High Road, Kilburn, on Wednesday of last week. Bro. Edwin George P.M. W.M. presided, and was supported by Bros. A. F. Hardymont I.P.M., R. J. Campbell P.M. P.Z., George Coxen Treas., H. Dunaway Sec., Frank Crocker as S.W., Stocker P.M. J.W., Oldrey P.M.



S.D., Paine J.D., Goodwin I.G., J. Britton Organist, W. G. Coxen, H. Coxen, H. Willsmer, J. Aylett, E. Line, H. J. Crook, Pearce, F. Crook, R. Segar, Stringer, T. H. Palmer, Grover, Hagmaier, Oliver, Morris, Smith P.M. Tyler, and many others.

The visitors included Bros. Woods, Wyatt, and others.

Three gentlemen—Messrs. Morris, Oliver, and Hagmaier—were initiated into the mysteries of the Craft, the W.M. delivering the Charge.

An excellent dinner was afterwards served, under the personal supervision of Bro. W. G. Coxen Steward of the Lodge and proprietor of the Hotel.

Bros. Dunaway, Hardymont, Campbell and Paine contributed to the harmony of the meeting, while Bro. J. Britton presided at the piano.

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#### Thomas-a-Becket Lodge, No. 2754.

INSTALLATION OF BROTHER A. E. REMINGTON.

THE second installation in this Lodge, which was consecrated last year, took place on Thursday, 11th inst., at the house of Bro. G. W. Bucks, the Thomas-a-Becket Hotel, Old Kent Road, and proved most enjoyable.

The usual preliminaries having been observed, Lodge was advanced, and Bro. Simmonds was passed to the second degree, by Bro. H. Carman W.M. Past G. Standard Bearer.

Brother A. E. Remington was presented as the W.M.-elect, and regularly inducted into the Chair, after which he was proclaimed and saluted, then investing his Assistant Officers, as follow: Bros. T. Gibbs P.M. S.W., G. Brown J.W., G. W. Bucks P.M. Treas., M. Davis P.M. Sec., M. Wartman P.M. S.D., I. P. Torlowsky J.D., F. W. B. Walls I.G., H. R. Boyles D.C., A. Squires and E. W. Craddock Stewards, H. Martin Tyler.

Bro. Carman completed his work as Master of the Lodge by the delivery of the addresses in grand style, after which, the business being completed, Lodge was closed, and the Brethren repaired to the banquet room, where an excellent dinner was served by Bro. Bucks.

The usual toasts were observed, the enjoyment of the evening being enhanced by an excellent musical programme.

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#### Confidence Lodge, No. 193.

THE usual weekly meeting was held at the new quarters, the Hercules Tavern, 119 Leadenhall Street, on Wednesday, when the worthy host, Mr. J. F. Neade, welcomed the Brethren in a courteous manner.

Bro. Metcalfe Baillie occupied the chair, supported by Bros. Cohen S.W., Mears J.W., Simeons W.M. of the Mother Lodge S.D., Done I.G., Hobday P.M. Preceptor, and Goovearts acting Secretary. The first and second ceremonies were rehearsed, Bro. Rowland being candidate, after which Bro. DaCosta worked the first section of the second lecture. Bro. Baillie was not up to his usual form and looked tired; Bro. Cohen was perfect in his part, and the quiet earnest voice of Bro. Mears was very impressive.

Bro. Simeons came out quite strong as Preceptor in the lecture, showing how much he had studied those grand portions of the ritual so seldom heard.

The old faces seated round the room, with Bro. Goovaerts at the books, showed that the link which had bound them together at the Bunch of Grapes was not broken; only transferred to a fresh holding, the door of which will be opened to any Brother seeking admission.

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#### St. Michael Lodge, No. 211.

ON Monday, 15th, at the Richmond Hotel, Shepherds Bush, W., Bros. W. Jupp W.M., J. Holmes S.W., J. Elkin J.W., G. Kirkham P.F.G.R. Bucks. acting Preceptor, R. H. Catling P.M. Sec., J. H. Cumming P.M. S.D., J. H. Barnett J.D., J. Peck I.G., Simpson, Dr. Barrett, and several others.

The initiation ceremony was rehearsed, Bro. Cumming acting as Candidate. The Charge was given by the Junior Warden in a fine manner. Lodge was opened to the third degree, and closed down.

Bro. Holmes was unanimously chosen to take the chair at the next weekly meeting.

Brother Cumming, as Secretary of the West London Masonic Election Association, thanked the Brethren for their kind support at the recent election of the Girls School, and announced that their candidate was successful.

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#### Yarborough Lodge, No. 554.

TUESDAY last, at Bro. Butlin's, the Citizen, Hounsditch, being Officer's night, the Lodge was presided over by Brother Taurmac Worshipful Master of the Mother Lodge, with Brothers R. Mahany S.W., J. Lotheim J.W., T. Cowell P.M. Preceptor, McNish P.M. Sec., Andrews S.D., Butlin I.G., George, Hall, L. DaCosta P.M., Meyers, Reynolds, Wynman.

The ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, Bro. Wynman candidate. The Lodge was opened in the second degree, and Bro. George was presented as W.M. by Bro. Cowell P.M. acting as D.C. Having taken the obligation he was installed and saluted in the three degrees. Bro. Taurmac delivered the addresses in an impressive manner and to the satisfaction of the Brethren.

Bros. Hall and Myers were elected members and Bro. Mahany W.M. for next meeting.

#### Ranelagh Lodge, No. 834.

AT the Six Bells Hotel, Hammersmith, W., on Friday, 12th inst., a very large muster of Brethren took place. The chair was taken by Bro. M. F. Wilkins, and he was supported by Bros. K. M. Ross S.W., W. Atkinson J.W., A. Williams P.M. Preceptor, F. Craggs P.M. Sec., W. Hinds P.M. Treas., G. White S.D., J. Halam J.D., T. W. Hellyar I.G., W. Hide P.M., R. Reid P.M., H. J. Couzens P.M., J. H. Cumming P.M., J. Worth P.M., and several others.

The ceremony of initiation was rehearsed. Bro. Worth having been duly examined as to proficiency the Lodge was opened in the second degree, and the passing ceremony was gone through, after which the Lodge was resumed to the first degree, and a hearty vote of thanks was passed to Bro. Wilkins for the excellent way in which he had rendered the ritual.

Bro. Craggs announced that through the untiring efforts of the Secretaries and Officers of the West London Masonic Election Association they had been able to get their candidate, Dorothy Marian Secker, elected to the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls, and he informed those present that this was the sixteenth candidate who had been successfully returned through their exertions during the seven years existence of the Association.

Bro. T. Leete 901 and 2765 was elected a member.

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#### Burdett Coutts Lodge, No. 1278.

A SPECIAL meeting took place on Wednesday, 10th inst., to mark the removal of the Lodge to Bro. D. L. Shuter's, the Admiral Keppel, High Street, Shoreditch, when Bro. Ben DaCosta P.M., with an efficient staff of Section workers attended to work the Fifteen Sections. Bro. B. DaCosta was supported by Bros. D. Moss P.D.G.S.B. as I.P.M., L. DaCosta P.M. S.W., M. DaCosta P.M. J.W., L. Simmons Preceptor, R. Chitson Sec. and J.D., B. Arber S.D., J. Cohn I.G., Valentine, Emden, B. Stewart P.M., J. Oxley P.M., W. H. Toye P.M., Wood, Barbazon, Bailey, Thompson, Grey, Lloyd P.M., H. Levy P.M., J. Wynman, and others, the company numbering in all some sixty Brethren.

The sections of the first degree were worked by Bros. J. Richmond, B. Stewart, J. Oxley, J. Davis, J. Oxley, D. Moss, and L. DaCosta; those of the second degree by Bros. A. Allison, M. DaCosta, S. B. Lotheim, L. Simmons, and B. Stewart; and those of the third degree by Bros. L. Richmond, L. DaCosta, and H. Harris P.M. Sec. of the Israel Lodge of Instruction.

The working of the different Brethren was all that could be desired, and was highly appreciated by the assembled company. A hearty vote of thanks was passed to the workers, and this was acknowledged by Bro. B. DaCosta who while thanking the Brethren for their recognition said the work was purely a labour of love.

Bro. Moss proposed that a hearty vote of thanks be accorded to Bro. Shuter, the host, for the ample accommodation he had provided for the Lodge, coupling with it the best wishes of the members for his future success. Bro. Shuter returned thanks for the vote.

Bro. R. Chitson Sec. proposed that the Officers of the evening be elected honorary members of the Lodge, in recognition of their services. This was agreed to and suitably acknowledged.

Bro. Harris informed the Brethren that the Sections would be worked on Sunday, 28th inst., at the Israel Lodge of Instruction, at the Rising Sun, Globe Road, Bethnal Green, and expressed the hope that the members of the Burdett Coutts Lodge and their friends would return the compliment of that evening by attending. He assured them they would receive a truly Masonic welcome.

The Lodge meets every Wednesday, at 8 o'clock, under the Preceptorship of Bro. J. Smith P.M. 933.

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#### The Great City Lodge, No. 1426.

ON Thursday, 11th inst., at Bro. Huggett's Red Cross, Paternoster Square, E.C., Bros. J. Boyton W.M., J. R. Gissing S.W., C. K. T. Jones J.W., J. K. Gwyn P.M. Preceptor, A. Davis P.M. Sec., J. Stapleton S.D., F. Parker J.D., M. Buchanan I.G., Francis, Bailey, Guyton, Wynman, Huggett, &c.

The ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, with Bro. Guyton acting as the candidate.

Bro. Gissing was elected W.M. for the ensuing week.

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#### Woodrow Lodge, No. 1708.

A VERY numerous company assembled to do honour to Bro. Making S.W. of the Fellowship Lodge, on Monday afternoon, when the Lodge was formed as follows: Bros. T. Making P.M. W.M., T. G. Lobb S.W., T. Burgess J.W., C. Woodrow P.M. Preceptor, J. W. Simeons P.M. Secretary, W. H. G. Rudderforth P.M. Treasurer, J. E. Culverhouse S.D., P. Gay J.D., T. F. Strutt W.M. 1679, &c., I.G., J. H. Warwick I.P.M. 765, G. Genet, Hollingsworth, J. Detrez, C. W. Lacy, W. E. Davis, A. H. Higgins, A. Menn, J. Morris, J. Morant, G. Youell, W. West, Lewis Lake, J. Barron and Henry Hammond.

The Lodge was opened in the three degrees and the ceremony of raising was rehearsed, Bro. C. W. Lacy acting as candidate. The Lodge was resumed to the first degree, and the ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, Bro. Warwick acting as candidate. A cordial vote of thanks was given the W.M. for the very impressive rendering of the ceremonies.

Bro. James Barron 765 and Bro. Henry Hammond were elected members, and Bro. T. G. Lobb W.M. for the next meeting.

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

LATE TERRIERS.

A GOOD meeting was held on Wednesday afternoon, at 3 o'clock, at the Dover Castle, Westminster Bridge Road, when there

were present: Bros. Edgley P.M. W.M., A. Jones S.W., A. Darch P.M. Prec., W. J. Newstead Sec., T. F. Strutt W.M. 2664 and 1679 S.D., Holmes J.D., C. Andrews I.G., J. Lane P.M., Dr. F. Allen, W. Alabaster, W. King, E. Symons, B. Cohen, W. J. Perrin, J. Wynman.

The ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, Bro. King candidate. The Lodge was advanced to the second degree, and after the usual preliminaries the ceremony of raising was rehearsed, Bro. B. Cohen acting as candidate. The Auditor's report was read, whereupon Bro. Cohen proposed that it be confirmed, and entered on the minutes.

The yearly election of Officers was next proceeded with. Bro. A. Darch proposed that Bro. B. Cohen be elected Preceptor for the ensuing year. Bro. Cohen politely refused, but he had very much pleasure in proposing Bro. A. Darch, who, he was sure, would be unanimously elected, as it would be very difficult to find a better Preceptor than Bro. Darch. After an unanimous vote Bro. Darch thanked the Brethren for having re-elected him Preceptor of the Lodge. He would be pleased to devote all his energy for the welfare of the Brethren who came to obtain the Masonic knowledge they required.

Bro. Strutt in an eloquent speech proposed that Bro. W. J. Newstead be re-elected Secretary of the Lodge. He had acted as such for the past twelve months, and had worked very hard for the members during that time. His efforts had resulted alike creditable to himself and beneficial to the Lodge; his books had been kept in admirable style. The W.M. brought the proposition forward, and it was agreed to unanimously, the Master in a few well chosen words conveying the information to the Secretary, who, in reply, said he was delighted to hear the very kind remarks that had been uttered. He promised to do everything in his power for the happiness and prosperity of the members and the Lodge. He was only a young Mason himself, therefore should like occasionally to work the ritual. He again thanked the Brethren for their confidence and unanimous vote. Bro. Holdon (in his absence) was re-elected Treasurer of the Lodge.

A hearty vote of thanks was recorded on the minutes for the very able manner in which the W.M. had worked the first and second degrees for the first time in the Lodge. Bro. Edgley returned thanks. Bro. J. Lane, who was in kakh uniform, having recently returned from active service in South Africa, was elected a member, and in acknowledging the compliment said he would do his duty to the Lodge, as well as he had done his duty on the battlefield. Bro. Jones was elected W.M. for next meeting.

## PROVINCIAL.

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### Fidelity Lodge, No. 445.

#### INSTALLATION OF BROTHER G. H. DUNKLEY.

THE annual installation festival was held on Friday, 5th inst., in the Lodge Room at the Pomfret Hotel, Towcester. There was a large attendance of Lodge members and others from the sister Lodges in the district, nearly fifty in all.

The routine business of the Lodge having been transacted, Bro. G. H. Dunkley was installed in the chair, the ceremony and ritual being impressively performed by Bro. T. Mattinson, assisted by Bro. H. T. Bradley. The new W.M. then appointed and invested those of his Officers present for the year, as follow:—Bros. J. H. Nickson S.W., W. K. Higham J.W., S. Jacob Chap., Rev. E. K. Jones Assist. Chap., J. C. Jones Treasurer, W. E. Mawle Secretary, W. T. Knight Dir. of Cers., F. Baker Org., W. A. Pratt S.D., S. C. Simmonds J.D., W. E. Wren I.G., C. W. Cole S.S., G. Farey J.S., E. Snedker Tyler.

Lodge was then closed in due form.

Subsequently the Brethren sat down to a banquet, which was served in the large room of the hotel in a very creditable style by Host O. J. and Mrs. Browning, and the catering gave satisfaction.

At the conclusion of the banquet the W.M. gave the usual toasts.

Bro. J. Haviland P.G.D. Dep. Prov. G.M. Norths. and Hunts. responded to the toast of that Prov. Grand Lodge, and congratulated the W.M. on his being installed, and the Lodge on the way the work was done. It was a great pleasure to him to attend.

After the Secretary's toast, Bro. Dr. Knight proposed the Worshipful Master of the Lodge of Fidelity, and spoke of the excellent way in which Bro. Dunkley had carried out his duties, and how pleased he was that, in spite of great difficulties, he had done his utmost to carry them out as they should be carried out in every Office he had filled until he had that day obtained the proud position of W.M. In electing him to the chair they had done him great honour, and equal honour to the Lodge of Fidelity, and they were looking forward to a most prosperous year.

Bro. Dunkley, in reply, said he was proud to see such a distinguished company of Masons to give him a send-off, and his only regret was that he did not join the Lodge earlier than he did. However, he had done his best, and to the best of his ability.

Other toasts followed, songs being rendered at intervals.

### Lodge of Sympathy, No. 483.

#### INSTALLATION OF BROTHER WILLIAM SPENCER BOWEN.

THE fifty-eighth anniversary of this successful Lodge, which now numbers some one hundred and thirty members, was held on Wednesday, at the Clarendon Hotel, Gravesend, when as usual a large company assembled to take part in the interesting proceedings.

Bro. J. N. Willis W.M. (Mayor of Gravesend) presided, and

opened the Lodge with praiseworthy punctuality. He was supported by his Officers, and a goodly number of visitors, it being the good old custom to invite the Masters of all the Lodges in the Province. Among those present were Bros. George Naylor P.P.G.D.C., Arthur Ronaldson P.P.A.G.S., Henry Doughty P.P.G.Std.Br., Charles Cobham P.P.G.S. of W. Durham, R. J. Beamish P.P.G.D.C., T. H. Lygo Prov.G.D.C., Henry Forss P.M., William Hawker P.M., Charles Matthews P.M., A. J. Walklin I.P.M., William Gunn P.M. 77, S. R. Macartney P.M. 1464, George Fishenden P.M. 706, W. Payne W.M. of the Lodge of Antiquity, No. 20, the oldest Lodge in the Province, C. F. Bow I.P.M. 503, W. H. Hedger P.M. 77, Frederick Mitchell P.M. 1464, Dr. James Tees W.M. 700, H. E. Pearce W.M. 290, R. Vivyan 2128, A. Williamson 592, T. Dutton 554, Geo. R. Ceiley 1464, Orlton Cooper P.M. 211, &c., &c.

After the minutes of the previous meeting had been read and confirmed, the Treasurer's report was presented, but discussion thereon was postponed.

The preliminary business having been disposed of, the W.M. resigned the Chair to Bro. A. J. Walklin I.P.M., who had kindly consented to perform the installation ceremony. Having declared all Offices vacant, Bro. Walklin appointed Bros. George Naylor S.W., R. J. Beamish J.W., T. H. Lygo D.C., and W. Hawker I.G.

Bro. William Spencer Bowen W.M.-elect was presented, and formally signified his assent to the ancient charges and regulations. A Board of Installed Masters was formed, and Bro. Bowen was regularly installed as Master of the Lodge. An interesting innovation was introduced by Bro. Bowen when investing his predecessor as I.P.M., by giving the explanation of the Past Master's jewel, which is but too seldom heard now-a-days. Also in the investiture of his Officers, Bro. Bowen gave the old charges, which were refreshing to listen to. These facts prove that the new Master is not only competent to maintain his position, but evidently intends to discharge his duties in a proper spirit. Upon the re-admission of the Brethren Bro. Bowen was duly proclaimed and saluted.

The following are the Officers for the year: Ernest Ingman S.W., J. A. Gillett J.W., Thos. T. Hogg Treasurer, A. E. Lockhart Secretary, J. A. Axcell S.D., C. P. Bowen J.D., T. A. Mummery I.G., R. Matthews Organist, J. Hewison D.C., G. A. Grant A.D.C., Dr. H. L. Thurnell Steward, H. Minton, T. H. Raine, and E. Pittingale Assistant Stewards, and George Martin (for the fifty-first year) Tyler.

The Addresses were then delivered by Bro. Walklin. Bro. Arthur Ronaldson was elected Charity Representative of the Lodge, and returned thanks for the appointment. Five candidates were proposed for acceptance at the next meeting, so that in all probability the strength of the Lodge will be further increased. This concluding the business of the evening the W.M. received the congratulations of those present, and the Lodge was closed.

The customary banquet followed, after which the usual Loyal and Masonic toasts were submitted from the Chair. Bro. George Naylor responded for the Provincial Grand Officers, all of whom, he said, were animated by a desire to do their duty to the best of their ability and promote the tenets of Freemasonry in the Province of Kent.

In highly complimentary terms Bro. Willis proposed the health of the Master, who, on rising to reply, met with a cordial reception. Bro. Bowen in response expressed his pride and pleasure at being installed as their Chief, though he had accepted the position with a considerable amount of diffidence. However, he knew that he would receive the active help of the Past Masters, and the loyal assistance of the Brethren, which would make his task easy. As Freemasons he considered they were building a Temple more grand than that of King Solomon, and as the Brethren had elected him as the Master Workman he would endeavour to cement the work with the good will and respect of all in the Lodge, so that when he handed over the tools to his successor they would say he had fulfilled his duties in a proper manner.

Bro. Doughty proposed the Installing Master who, he said, had conducted the ceremony and delivered the Addresses in an admirable manner. He had always attended the Lodge when he was its W.M., in spite of the long journey he had to take to reach Gravesend, while he was an ardent supporter of, and an active worker in the Lodge of Instruction.

Bro. Walklin replied that it was a great pleasure for him to perform the ceremonies, and so long as he had health and strength his services were always at the disposal of the Brethren.

In submitting the toast of the I.P.M., Bro. Bowen presented to Bro. Willis the very handsome Lodge jewel, and the collar that had been voted by the Brethren, for which the late Master expressed his thanks.

Bros. Major Newman, W. Payne, and Dr. Tees responded for the Visitors, and the Officers having been congratulated, the Tyler's toast brought the pleasant proceedings to a close.

### Shurmur Lodge, No. 2374.

#### INSTALLATION OF BROTHER PERCY TRICKETT.

A REPRESENTATION of "Hamlet" without the character of the Prince of Denmark would hardly be more strange than was the meeting of this Lodge, held on Thursday, at the Royal Forest Hotel, Chingford, without the genial Brother who was its principal Founder, and whose name it bears. It has been a matter of extreme regret to a large number of Brethren that for some months past our Brother William Shurmur Past Grand Standard Bearer of England has been too ill to take the active interest he so long displayed in the work of Freemasonry, but it is probable his absence has never been more keenly felt, or made more manifest, than was the case on Thursday, when he was not able to perform his accustomed task of installing the Master of his pet Lodge—the

vigorous Masonic child that bears his honoured name. In this instance there was certainly evidence that "absence makes the heart grow fonder," and we venture to think it will be some satisfaction to Bro. Shurmur to hear he was really missed by the Brethren who have come to regard him as the guiding spirit of their Lodge; but at the same time we are convinced he will regret to learn that his absence caused a certain amount of gloom to overspread the whole of this year's celebration.

Charity and true Brotherhood were the characteristic features of the gathering, as they have so often been at previous meetings of the Shurmur Lodge, and we can well imagine the satisfaction with which its founder will receive the news that a proposal to give one hundred guineas to the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution was received with acclamation, and would undoubtedly have been agreed to on the moment, had not the bye-laws of the Lodge made previous notice necessary. To fully appreciate the liberality of this proposal we may point to the record already achieved by the Lodge—it is ten years old; is a Patron of the Benevolent Institution, with 850 votes in perpetuity; a vice Patron of the Boys, with 210 permanent votes; and a Vice President of the Girls, with 100 votes. Truly, as more than one Brother remarked on Thursday, there are very few Lodges who are likely, even if they were in a position to do so, to attempt to improve on the Shurmur record.

Thursday's proceedings were held under the presidency of Bro. Walter Fortescue W.M., who was supported by Bros. Joseph Holland P.M. 1804 I.P.M., Percy Trickett S.W., G. H. Pizey J.W., James Clark P.M. Sec., C. H. Bestow P.P.G.D. P.M., S. C. Kaufman Prov.A.G.D.C. P.M., M. J. H. Bleick S.D., J. Hamilton J.D., T. How D.C., T. Body A.D.C., J. C. Francis I.G., C. C. Holmes Organist, J. Ives P.M. Tyler, and many other members.

The Visitors included Bros. S. C. Rhodes I.G. 2467, C. T. Papworth D.C. 2256, J. C. Young 2749, W. C. May 2749, Rev. Chas. Sergeant 189, L. Yexley 1662, F. C. Finke 1225, W. Brockwell J.D. 2552, G. R. Browne W.M. 2256, T. H. Longmore 2472, D. Thomas 1227, H. J. Bonner D.C. 754, Geo. Pentecost 1804, Alfred Tucker P.M. 1365, W. A. Martin 79, Geo. Browne 65, J. R. Johnson 2757 P.P.G.D., Leo Taylor W.M. 2501, B. Stowe 1707, G. W. Knight P.M. 1507, W. W. Morgan 177, H. Slatter 1805, H. F. J. Hallows 2472.

There was as usual a full agenda of business, there being four candidates on the agenda for raising, four for passing, and three for initiation, two of whom had already been approved on the ballot. The latter, however, were not present, so that the work previous to the installation comprised the raising of Bros. J. S. Brown, G. W. Barker jun., W. R. Tucker, and A. Bishop; and the passing of Bros. F. W. Appleyard, Harry Gilbert, H. Chandos Dümöre, and A. E. Lawrence.

The W.M. resigned his position in favour of Past Master Kaufman, who acted as Installing Officer, having the support of Bros. Holland, Gower and Bestow, as Wardens and Director of Ceremonies respectively.

Bro. Percy Trickett was presented as W.M.-elect, was obligated, and regularly installed ruler of the Lodge for the ensuing year. Having been proclaimed and saluted he appointed his Assistant Officers, as follow: G. H. Pizey S.W., M. J. H. Bleick J.W., W. Shurmur P.G.St.B. (elected) Treas. (to be invested at a later meeting), James Clark P.M. Sec., John Hamilton S.D., J. C. Francis J.D., T. How I.G., T. Body D.C., T. Maynard A.D.C., C. C. Holmes Organist, G. T. Bagnall, E. Loeb, J. R. Friend, G. J. Stubbings, G. Burton, and Craig Stewards, J. Ives P.M. Tyler.

Notice of motion was given to vote the sum of one hundred guineas from the Lodge funds to the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution, to be placed on the list of Bro. Walter Fortescue, who will represent the Lodge as a Steward at the Festival to be held in February next, under the presidency of the Provincial Grand Master the Earl of Warwick. Two candidates were proposed for initiation at the next meeting, other business was disposed of and the Lodge was closed.

An excellent banquet followed, at the conclusion of which the W.M. gave the customary toasts.

In proposing the first on the list the W.M. said the Queen was always honoured by all Englishmen, but especially so this year, as by her visit to Ireland, and in many other ways, she had displayed great interest in the welfare of her people.

Next came the toast of the Grand Master—whose good qualities were known to the Craft at large—and then that of the other Grand Officers. The Brethren knew how much Grand Lodge did for the Fraternity, and could respect its Officers accordingly. The Shurmur Lodge was honoured in having among its members an Officer of Grand Lodge, in Bro. Shurmur, their founder, whom they all regretted was not present that night to respond to the toast.

In proposing the health of the Provincial Grand Master and the Prov. G. Officers present and past the W.M. said all, or most of them, had met their chief, the Earl of Warwick, at some time or other. The Deputy was also well known among them, and he always did what he could for the welfare of the Order. The same could also be said of the other Officers. They had seven Brethren who had been honoured with Provincial rank among the members of the Lodge, but he proposed to call on a visitor to respond.

Bro. Johnson, on behalf of the present as well as the past Officers of the Province, tendered thanks for the hearty reception of the toast on that and many previous occasions in the Shurmur Lodge. The Officers of the Province were most anxious to do what they could for the Brethren and Lodges of Essex, and were delighted at the large sums sent up to the Charities of the Order. Every Lodge in the Province was glad to know their chief proposed to take so prominent a part next year in the Charitable work as to preside at the Festival of the Benevolent Institution, in support of which the Shurmur Lodge had set an example it would be most difficult to follow. Other Lodges were not so well off as the Shurmur, but if it was not possible to do what they proposed it would at least

be possible for each of the Essex Lodges to vote ten guineas, and that would make a really respectable amount with which to support the Provincial chief in February next, supplemented as it would undoubtedly be, by liberal contributions from individual Brethren.

Bro. Fortescue had a very special duty to perform in proposing the toast of the W.M. Bro. Trickett had really grown up among them, as he was one of the first initiates in the Lodge, and had filled every office in it from Inner Guard upwards. Now that he had risen to the position of Worshipful Master he might rely on receiving the same support as had been accorded his predecessors in the office.

The W.M. tendered his thanks. It was in a measure true that he had grown up among them—in a Masonic sense—although he had really grown up before he was admitted a member of the Lodge. As long as he remained a member he should endeavour to do his duty to the Lodge.

The W.M. now took the opportunity of presenting to the I.P.M. the Past Master's jewel of the Lodge, and trusted Bro. Fortescue might be spared for many years to adorn the jewel and to be adorned by it.

The toast of the I.P.M., the Installing and other Past Masters might best be introduced, said the W.M., by the old quotation "Good wine needs no bush." The I.P.M. was there that night and the Brethren knew what he could do; the Installing Master had also proved himself by his actions, far better than he could do by mere words; while if they looked at the full list of Past Masters of the Lodge they could but be proud of the array. They were genial, kind-hearted Brethren, who had done much for the Lodge, and he had no hesitation in asking the Brethren to drink cordially to their very good health.

Bro. Fortescue said one of the hardest duties he had to perform in the Shurmur Lodge was to return thanks for the many kind things that had been said of him. He had now first to thank them for the very handsome Past Master's jewel they had presented him, and which he should prize and always look upon as a memento of a very successful year as Master of the Lodge. He had also to thank them for the way in which the proposal to vote a hundred guineas for his list, as a Steward for the Benevolent Institution was received; he should be more than proud to go up to the Festival, with a list having a Lodge grant of one hundred guineas at its head.

Bro. Kaufman next replied. He assured the Brethren his interests—as much as theirs—were with the Shurmur Lodge, and anything he could do to promote its welfare or its progress he would be only too happy to undertake. He did not think he had been absent from any of the work of the Shurmur Lodge since its foundation. His first duty was that of a Steward, to take round the Charity box of the Lodge, and in thinking of that he could but regret no one had discharged a similar duty on that occasion. While he had energy left he hoped to be able to help on the work of the Lodge as far as lay in his power.

Bro. Bestow had felt great pleasure in acting as D.C. that night, at the installation of their Bro. Trickett, as he had had the pleasure of working side by side with that Brother since his initiation in the Lodge. He instanced several occasions on which the present Master had taken a leading part in the promotion of Charity; notably when the Lodge desired to secure the election of an orphan child to one of the Schools, and said the way in which he had discharged his duties as a Mason proved there was something better in the Craft than to attend meetings and scrub each others backs.

Bro. Holland also replied.

The W.M. next submitted the toast of the visitors, a sentiment, he said, always received with acclamation in the Shurmur Lodge. They were always pleased to see visitors, and to extend to them the right hand of fellowship. They had the satisfaction of welcoming some thirty guests on that occasion.

Bro. G. R. Browne W.M. of the Warner Lodge said it was less than a fortnight since he was installed Master of his Mother Lodge in that building. During the short period he had been a Master he had received at least a dozen invites to attend other Lodges, but theirs was the only one he had been able to accept. As the W.M. of the Shurmur Lodge had done him the honour of attending his installation he felt he could not do less than accept the return invite. In so large a Lodge as the Shurmur it was but natural to expect good working as, promotion being so slow, the Brethren had ample time in which to perfect themselves in their duties. In regard to their W.M.—his face was pretty well known in local homes of Masonic work; indeed, they might go to any Lodge of Instruction in the neighbourhood, and be almost certain to find him among the workers. The proposition to give as large a sum as 100 guineas to one of the Charities was something to be proud of; there was probably no other Lodge in the Province that could even suggest such a grant. He was delighted when his Lodge voted him ten guineas for the same purpose.

Bro. Taylor followed. It was a pleasing custom in the Province that invitations should be exchanged between the different Lodges for the installation nights. He hardly felt a visitor there, however, as so many of his friends were among the members of the Lodge.

Bro. Sergeant said that was his second visit to the Lodge. On the first occasion he recognised that the entertainment of visitors was a feature with the Shurmur members, and that feeling had been intensified by his experiences that day. One of the Past Masters had just regretted there were not more of that rank present, which was very different to a friend of his, who had to lament that few but Past Masters attended to support him—and that he never got an initiate. They must not, however, imagine from this that initiates were being sought after. They should be most careful as to whom they admitted, and look upon all new comers with careful scrutiny, mentally asking themselves the question whether a gentleman proposed for initiation was the sort of person under whom they

would care to sit if he were to rise to become a Worshipful Master.

Bro. Knight said it was some years since he had been a member of the Lodge. As one of the Founders of the Lodge he took great interest in its earlier meetings and well remembered seeing the present Master initiated. He was pleased to see the Lodge so prosperous. It had always been so, and probably because it had always made a feature of supporting the Charities of the Order. It had probably sent up more money to the Institutions than any other Lodge in a similar period.

The Officers were next toasted. The W.M. said certain laudatory things had been said of him, but he was about to tell them a fact, and that was, no matter how well he was able to do the work, it would be nothing without good Officers. He regretted the absence of Bro. Shurmur, who had initiated, passed and raised him in the Lodge, and would have installed him that day had his health allowed his attendance, so that they could understand him when he said his whole Masonic life was associated with their Bro. Treasurer. The Secretary was well up in his duties, and performed the work of the Lodge so well as to induce the hope that he might be long spared to continue it, and he also felt he had a good array of other Officers.

Bros. Pizey S.W. and Clark Secretary responded, the latter trusting Bro. Shurmur might be spared for many years to support him in the work of the Lodge. What he had personally done had been carried out to the best of his ability, and in the interests of the Lodge, and he trusted he might be spared for many years longer to be associated with the Lodge and its members.

The Tyler's toast was then given and the meeting brought to a conclusion.

The music of the evening was under the direction of the Lodge Organist Bro. C. C. Holmes, who was assisted by Miss Edith Payne, Bro. Robert Dennant, Bro. W. Clifford, and Bro. W. H. Berry.

#### Duke of York Lodge, No. 2449.

THE regular meeting was held at the Albion Hotel, Manchester, on Thursday, 11th inst., Bro. Simon Mamelok P.M. P.P.J.G.D. Worshipful Master.

After the reading and confirmation of minutes, Messrs. James Thomas Taylor, Pickle Manufacturer, Salford; George Harry Simpson Mason, Commission Agent, Stretford; and Arthur Dickinson Henderson, Manchester, were initiated into the mysteries and privileges of Antient Freemasonry. This ceremony was followed by the passing of Bro. Arthur Thomas Warren to the degree of F.C. The usual festive board succeeded the proceedings.

### ROYAL ARCH.

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#### Chapter of Rectitude, No. 581.

A MEETING was held at the Wheat Sheaf Hotel, High Street, Manchester, on Thursday, 4th instant.

After the reading and confirmation of minutes, a successful ballot was taken for Brother Henry Arrowsmith P.M. Lodge of Relief, No. 42, Bury, and he was exalted by Companion T. C. Lilley M.E.Z., the ceremony being admirably performed.

An election of Officers afterwards took place, resulting as follow: Comps. Robert Adshead H. for first Principal, Wm. Roston J. for Second, H. G. Walker P.M. for Third, Turner S.E., Dove S.N., Mowbray Treas., Goth Prin. Soj., Chapman First Assistant, and Lindop Second Assistant.

Other important business was transacted, and, as the Chapter was not closed until a late hour of the evening, it was impossible to hold the festive board.

#### Gallery Chapter, No. 1928.

##### INSTALLATION OF COMPANION ORLTON COOPER.

THE sixteenth anniversary of this excellent Chapter, the members of which are connected with the profession of journalism, was celebrated on Saturday, at Anderton's Hotel, Fleet Street, E.C., when the new Principals were installed, and the Officers invested.

Comp. J. J. Fretwell M.E.Z. presided, and was supported by his colleagues in office, and a good number of the Companions. The minutes of the previous convocation, recording the election of the Principals, having been confirmed, the M.E.Z. resigned the chair to Comp. John Read P.Z. P.G.O. Eng., who had courteously consented to perform the installation ceremonies. He was assisted by Comps. C. J. Manning as H., and John Hurdell as J.

Comp. Orlton Cooper was presented by Comp. Herbert Wright P.Z., and was formally inducted into the chair of Z. Comp. Ernest A. Peachey was promoted to Second Principal, and Comp. George Tarran was installed J. The various ceremonies were impressively rendered by Comp. Read, who thoroughly merited the vote of thanks that was subsequently accorded him. The Companions were then admitted and saluted the new Principals.

The following Officers for the year were elected, and those who were present were invested:—Comps. Herbert Wright Scribe E., Lionel F. Gowing Scribe N., Alfred Robbins P.S., Cornwallis Smith First Assistant, I. Froom Second Assistant, J. J. Fretwell P.Z. D.C., G. H. Ribbons and H. L. Bell Stewards, and J. Sheppard Janitor.

Comp. E. E. Peacock P.Z., having been compelled to resign the position of Treasurer in consequence of increased duties, it was decided to suspend the appointment for the present, and a cordial vote of thanks for his past services was directed to be sent him. A Past Principal's jewel was ordered for Comp. Fretwell, in recognition of his successful year of Office, and there being no further business, the Chapter was closed and the convocation adjourned.

An excellent dinner was provided by Comp. Clemow, and a very pleasant evening followed, during which the customary complimentary speeches were made.

## ORDER OF THE SECRET MONITOR.

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#### Champion Conclave, No. 26.

A MEETING was held at the Palatine Hotel, Manchester, on Friday, 5th inst., Bro. J. A. Kirkland Supreme Ruler, there being a good attendance, probably in consequence of the fact that Bro. John Henry Heap P.M. Faith Lodge, No. 344 Provincial Grand Treasurer East Lancashire, had been announced for election and induction into the Order. The ceremony was duly performed, and other important business transacted.

Bro. John Marshall P.G. Guide Secretary announced the death of Brother Dr. Zacharie Past G.S. Ruler, and expressions of regret were recorded. A substantial banquet followed, several Loyal and other toasts being given and responded to.

#### BOOKS RECEIVED.

**The Princess of Copper.** A novel. By Archibald Clavering Gunter.—F. V. White and Co.

**A Self-made Countess.** The justification of a Husband. By John Strange Winter. Third Edition.—F. V. White and Co.

**A Cyclist's Note Book.** By A. W. Rumney.—W. and A. K. Johnston.

**An Old Man's Holidays.** By The Amateur Angler (2s net).—Sampson Low, Marston and Company.

**The Wreck of the "Grosvenor."** An account of the mutiny of the crew and the loss of the ship when trying to make the Bermudas. By W. Clark Russell (2s 6d).—Sampson Low, Marston and Company.

**In a Cathedral City.** By Bertha Thomas. A new edition (6s).—Chatto and Windus.

**A Master of Craft.** By W. W. Jacobs. With twelve illustrations by Will Owen (6s).—Methuen and Co.

We recently paid a visit to the house of Bro. G. H. Millett, the Royal Oak, Lingham Street, Stockwell, and were delighted to find excellent accommodation there, suitable for a Lodge of Instruction, or similar purposes. Brethren wishing to form such a Lodge, or Brethren who may desire to change their quarters, could not do better than pay Bro. Millett a visit. He will be happy to give them any information they may desire, and will, we are sure, use every effort to make them feel at home.

## The Theatres, &c.

Avenue.—8, His Wife's Picture. 8:45, A Message from Mars. Matinée, Wednesday, 3.

Covent Garden.—On Friday, Fancy Dress Ball.

Criterion.—8:30, The Noble Lord. Matinée, Saturday, 3.

Daly's.—8:15, San Toy. Matinée, Saturday, 2:30.

Drury Lane.—7:45, The Price of Peace. Matinée, Wednesday and Saturday, 1:45.

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.

Gt. Queen Street.—8:15, A Boer Meisje. 9, The Private Secretary. Matinée, Saturday, 3.

Haymarket.—8, The School for Scandal. Matinée, Wednesday and Saturday, 2.

Her Majesty's.—8, Julius Caesar. Matinée, Saturday, 2.

Lyceum.—8, For Auld Lang Syne. Matinée, Saturday, 2.

Lyric.—8, Florodora. Matinée, Wednesday, 2:30.

Prince of Wales.—8:30, English Nell. Matinée, Wednesday and Saturday, 2:30.

Royalty.—On Thursday, Mr. and Mrs. Daventry.

St. James's.—8:30, A debt of Honour, and In Honour Bound. 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, 3.

Terhy's.—8:15, A Parlour Match. Matinée, Saturday, 2:30.

Vaudeville.—8:15, The Yellow Peril. 9, Self and Lady. Matinée, Wednesday and Saturday, 3.

Wyndham's.—8:20, Mrs. Dane's Defence. Matinée, Wednesday and Saturday, 2:30.

Alexandra.—Next week, 8, A Message from Mars.

Opera House, Crouch End.—Next week, 8, Zaza.

Surrey.—Next week, 7:45, A Man's Shadow.

Standard.—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.—7:45, Variety Entertainment. New American Biograph, &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.—8 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. International Music Exhibition, &c.

Madame Tussaud's (Baker Street Station).—Open daily. Portrait models of modern celebrities, &c.