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A NEW WORK FOR MASONS.

ON the occasion of the installation meeting of the St. Maughold Lodge, No. 1075, held at Ramsey, Isle of Man, visiting Brethren from Douglas and other parts of the Island were particularly struck with the unique collection of antiquities which had, for the present, found a home in the Lodge room and the ante rooms. Bro. C. Kermode P.M. has, for years, been the custodian of this treasure, and, as is well known, has been endeavouring to arouse a sluggish public opinion in the Island in favour of providing a proper museum for those Manx antiquities, as also for a large number of other ancient relics, which are drifting about in the hands of private individuals there and on the mainland. His Excellency Lord Henniker, Governor of the Island, who is also its Provincial Grand Master, made a considerable effort on his arrival there to carry out the proposal for a Manx National Museum, but whether it was that the mass of prejudice and inertness was too much for him to contend with, or whether it was that the idea was not put forward on the most feasible lines, the matter fell, and Manxland remains without a proper building in which to place the priceless and fast-disappearing relics of the past. After the Lodge banquet at the Queen's Hotel, in which a numerous company of influential Brethren took part, the subject of a museum for the Island was warmly discussed. It was broached, of course, by Bro. C. Kermode, who urged on his Masonic Brethren to use all the influence which they were able in order to further the establishment of a Manx museum. He was supported by several members present, and it was suggested that some steps might be taken by the Masonic body of the Island to persuade his Excellency the Lieut.-Governor to again move in the matter. The opinion was general that, inasmuch as the Museum is to be a national institution, the proper source of its establishment and maintenance is the Insular Revenue, and that little difficulty ought to be experienced in obtaining the necessary funds.

A NEW CLASS LODGE.

IN these days of representative Lodges, is it not time that a Lodge, consisting of the members of the Dancing world and its affiliated arts, should exist? We are sure that it would, in a short time, become prosperous and numerous. As so many of the profession are engaged in the winter, it might with advantage be held as a summer Lodge in some sweet sylvan district. It would be almost too much to dream of that it should be held "al fresco," after the manner of our ancient Brethren, as we fear our climate could not be relied upon to respect even our mystic rites. But we feel sure that there is a want of a Lodge, representing the universal arts of dancing, where Fraternal visitors from all quarters of the globe could meet with the sympathy and assistance of the noble Craft. The Lodge might be called "The Terpsichorean." The lady members of the profession could be made participants in some of the pleasures, and by subscribing to the Masonic Charities be invited to the social delights which sometimes follow our work. Here is the suggestion. We shall be glad to hear what the votaries of our art will say upon so interesting a subject.—"Dancing Times."

Liverpool Freemasons naturally took considerable interest in the unique initiation at the Concord Lodge, No. 43, Preston, of three sons of Past Master Stevenson, of Whittingham. The three brothers were, the other evening, all raised to the third degree, their father, who had filled a

part in the two previous ceremonies, on this occasion taking the chief work. This he performed, having a highly retentive memory, most efficiently in the presence of the members and of some forty visiting Brethren, including Grand and Prov. Grand Officers. Another feature of the interesting gathering was the election as honorary member of the Lodge of Bro. A. Beattie, a well known Past Provincial Officer, and long Charity Representative of No. 343, Liverpool.

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On Friday evening of last week, at the usual weekly meeting of the Selwyn Lodge of Instruction, No. 1901, held at the Montpelier Hotel, Choumert Road, Peckham, Brother Daniel Channon P.M., a well known and highly respected Mason, who has for many years acted as Deputy Preceptor of the Lodge, was presented with a gold signet ring bearing his initials, "D. C." After the transaction of the regular business the Brethren dined together. The usual Loyal and Masonic toasts having been duly honoured, the presentation was made by Bro. J. M. Wimble P.M. Preceptor, who occupied the chair on the occasion. In a well considered speech he recalled how for many years Bro. Channon had been held in high esteem by the members of the Lodge, and he hoped that the gift would be considered as a token of the high regard and affection in which he was held. Bro. Channon suitably responded.

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The ordinary meeting of the St. Bride Lodge, No. 2817, was held a few days since, at the Hotel Cecil, when the Worshipful Master, taking advantage of the presence in the building of H.R.H. the Prince of Wales M.W.G.M. tendered, on behalf of the Lodge, his most respectful and loyal greetings. The act of courtesy was much appreciated by the Prince, who sent for the W.M., and, through his equerry, desired that his thanks might be conveyed to the Lodge, and this was done amid much enthusiasm.

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The increase in the minimum initiation fee agreed to by Grand Lodge of Scotland some years ago has had a most beneficial effect on the Craft. The increase then made was understood to be only partial, and that a further addition would be made later. The good results of the increase are now acknowledged even by the opponents to the change when it was proposed, and the present seems most propitious for a further advance, says "The Mallet," in "Glasgow Evening News."

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It is not often a Brother presides over three Lodges at one time, but that distinction is enjoyed by Bro. T. Westlake Morgan, who was installed as Worshipful Master of the Royal Leek Lodge, No. 1849, at Bangor, in March last; rose to the dignity of the chair in the Snowdonia Mark Lodge, No. 259, in November; and has now been installed as W.M. of the Anglesey Craft Lodge, No. 1113, Menai Bridge, the Provincial Grand Master Lord Harlech granting the necessary dispensation.

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We are glad to hear that Bro. H. T. Brickwell has secured a lease for twenty-one years of the Court Theatre, Sloane Square, S.W. Bro. Brickwell has had considerable experience in matters theatrical, and will doubtless enjoy a continuance of the patronage of playgoers for whom he has so ably catered at the Garrick and Terry's Theatres.

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The Earl's Court Lodge of Instruction, No. 2765, meets each Thursday evening, at the Greyhound Hotel, Kensington Square, W., at 8 o'clock.

CHESHIRE.

THE installation of the Hon. Alan de Tatton Egerton, M.P., Past Grand Warden of England P.P.G.W. of Cheshire as Provincial Grand Master of the Province of Cheshire took place on Monday of last week, in the Town Hall, Chester. There was a great influx of visitors to the city, comprising representatives of the Lodges within the Province and many Officers and Brethren from the neighbouring Provinces of East and West Lancashire.

The calling of the roll showed that every Lodge in the Province was represented, the number of Brethren present being calculated at between 600 and 700. The Deputy Prov. Grand Master his Honour Judge Sir Horatio Lloyd P.G.D. England opened the Provincial Grand Lodge, the duties of Deputy being discharged by Bro. Colonel C. S. Dean S.G.D. England, and Brothers J. Fred. May and William Booth occupying respectively the Senior and Junior Wardens' chairs, while Bro. H. Gordon Smith was the Director of Ceremonies, assisted by Brother Frank Richardson P.G.D. England.

Bro. Letchworth, the Installing Master, was afterwards conducted to the chair. He said he was sure there was no one in that Hall who would not share with him the feeling of disappointment at the absence of their late Provincial Grand Master Earl Egerton. He knew it was the intention of Earl Egerton to be there that day, and he felt they would all regret still more the cause which had deprived them of the pleasure of again welcoming his lordship to the Provincial Grand Lodge. It would be within the recollection of them all that at the Provincial Grand Lodge of Cheshire his lordship informed them of the reasons why, in justice to the Province, he felt compelled to submit to His Royal Highness the Grand Master his resignation of the office, which for the past thirteen years he had filled so well, to the advantage of that Province. It was his (the speaker's) duty to submit that resignation to His Royal Highness, who expressed the deepest regret that the Province should lose the benefit which for so many years it had derived from the Mastership of Earl Egerton. But he most heartily congratulated the Province on the choice the Grand Master was graciously pleased to make of his successor their Right Worshipful Brother the Honourable Alan de Tatton Egerton, who was well known in that Province and in that county. He was already a ruler in Masonry, and they knew how well he was able to discharge the duties. He ventured to believe that under his able and genial rule the success which had attended that Province for so many years would be maintained, and that the work would be carried out in every way worthy of its great traditions.

The ceremony of installing the Provincial Grand Master was then proceeded with, the patent of appointment by H.R.H. the Prince of Wales M.W. Grand Master being read by the Prov. Grand Registrar Brother Henry Taylor. The Installing Master subsequently invested the Provincial Grand Master with the apron, chain, and jewel of office, and placed him in the chair.

The Provincial Grand Master said he had pleasure in informing the Provincial Grand Lodge that Sir Horatio Lloyd had been pleased to accept the Office of Deputy Prov. Grand Master, and to continue the good work that he had been doing for so many years. He had, therefore, very great pleasure in re-appointing him to the Office.

The Provincial Grand Master moved that a vote of thanks be given to his Worship the Mayor for the use of the Town Hall. On gatherings of that kind, he said, it was very difficult indeed for the Brethren to find a building of sufficient size to accommodate the Masonic world of Cheshire alone, without inviting all those of their neighbouring friends whom they wished to see. Although he would have liked personally that that ceremony should have taken place under the auspices of his Mother Lodge at Altrincham, still he felt that the demands of the Brethren would be such that nothing short of what they recognised as the county town would suffice to find room for all, and he was very pleased indeed that the Mayor and aldermen of Chester had been kind enough to grant them the use of practically the only building that would contain them. He had been at a good many Masonic functions, and he could assure them that with the exception of one at Berlin he had seldom seen any room filled to the extent that that one was, and he thanked them for coming in such large numbers.

The Deputy Provincial Grand Master seconded the vote,

which he said the Mayor deserved the more because he did not belong to the Craft.

The motion having been carried, a collection, which amounted to £30 8s, was taken on behalf of the Benevolent and Masonic Educational Institution of Cheshire, and the Provincial Grand Lodge was shortly afterwards closed.

GLOUCESTERSHIRE.

THE annual convocation of this Provincial Grand Chapter was held on Friday, 21st inst., at the Masonic Hall, Cheltenham. The meeting was originally appointed for the 6th inst., but it was postponed until the latter date in consequence of the summoning of Parliament and the consequent inability of the Provincial Grand Superintendent the Right Hon. Sir Michael Hicks Beach to attend. During the thirteen years since Provincial Grand Chapter was founded the Chancellor of the Exchequer has not missed one of its annual meetings, and it was an evidence of his continued attachment to the Order that at his request arrangements for the postponement were made to enable him to preside over the Chapter. There was a large attendance of Companions.

Provincial Grand Chapter having been opened in due form, routine matters were disposed of. The report of the Prov. Grand Treasurer was of a most satisfactory character, a substantial balance standing to the credit of the Chapter. This report having been adopted, Comp. Jas. Bruton was again re-elected Treasurer and thanked for his services. The roll of the Chapters was called, and the proceedings closed with the appointment and investiture of the following as the Provincial Officers for the year ensuing:

COMP. R. V. Vassar-Smith 82 and 839 ...	H.
R. W. Northcott 702 ...	J.
James B. Winterbotham 82 ...	Scribe E.
Col. Richard Rogers 82 ...	Scribe N.
James Bruton 839 ...	Treasurer
S. Millard 493 ...	Registrar
J. C. Hill 839 ...	Principal Sojourner
J. L. Tickell 82 ...	1st Assist. Soj.
J. Waghorne 82 ...	2nd Assist. Soj.
Conway Jones 493 ...	Sword Bearer
W. Edwards 493 ...	Standard Bearer
S. B. Darke 702 ...	Dir. of Ceremonies
J. A. Matthews 82 ...	Organist
Llewellyn Evans 82 ...	Assist. Scribe E.
M. Carroll ...	Janitor.

The Companions afterwards dined together, dinner being served in the banquetting room of the Hall, the Provincial Grand Superintendent presiding. The after-dinner speaking was brief, as is of necessity the case when trains have to be caught and guests have to leave early.

The toast of the Prov. Grand Superintendent, proposed by Comp. Norman, was enthusiastically honoured, and was acknowledged in genial terms by Sir Michael. He took occasion to thank the Companions for so readily accepting the postponement of the Chapter, which had enabled him to be present. It was always a pleasure and the most grateful form of relaxation to come amongst his Gloucestershire Brethren and exchange Fraternal greetings with them. Referring to an allusion made to the report of his approaching retirement from office, he said he need hardly say there was no truth in it. He hoped he was not the man to run away from a position because it was an anxious or difficult one.

Sir Michael was the guest of Comp. Vassar-Smith, at Charlton Park, for the night.

At the monthly meeting of the Corinthian Lodge, No. 1208, Dover, Dr. E. Fenn P.M. took leave of the Brethren in response to some appropriate remarks made from the chair in proposing his health. Dr. Fenn is leaving Dover on 2nd January for Ardleigh, near Colchester, where he has built a house, Charlton Lodge, at which it is hoped he will enjoy many years of health in his retirement.

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

MASONRY ON THE HIGH SEAS.

SEVERAL Brethren who travelled from Australia to England by the "Persic" White Star Line, on her last voyage home formed the idea of holding a bi-weekly Lodge of Instruction, and so beguile the wearisomeness of the journey, and instruct themselves in the practice of the rites and ceremonies of Freemasonry. The master of the ship, Captain Sealby, who belongs to the Craft, kindly placed his room at the disposal of the Brethren though his constant attention to the duties of his responsible office as Captain interfered with his presence at the Lodge meetings. The Brethren who met in this Lodge of Instruction on the high seas represented a wide range of Freemasonry. Every quarter of the globe seems to have been in evidence at the Persic Lodge of Instruction. There was a P.M., Bro. H. W. Meggitt, of the E.C. Lincoln, No. 1447; Bro. T. G. Wilson, P.M. of No. 98, New South Wales; Bro. J. H. L. Zellmann, P.M. of No. 35, Kiama Lodge, Kiama, N.S.W., and a number of Master Masons from Lodges in Queensland, New Zealand, Victoria, West Australia and Tasmania, not to mention Bro. David J. Davis of Lodge Aconcagua, Valparaiso, Chili, and a Brother from No. 37, Farmington, Washington, U.S.A. Bro. J. Telfer of Lodge Scotia, No. 861, Coolgardie, acted as Secretary, Bro. Wilson P.M. acted as W.M., and Bro. Zellman P.M. as Chaplain, the Offices of Senior and Junior Wardens were fulfilled by Bro. Frank Hart of 203, E.C., Liverpool, and Bro. Oscar Kalbfell of No. 5, Pacific, Tas., and the Senior and Junior Deaconships by Brethren as was convenient. Much praise is due to Bro. Telfer for the artistic manner in which he prepared the notices and summonses. The last summons issued is in itself a work of art, heading (with Masonic symbols), Persic Lodge of Antient Free and Accepted Masons, then follows names of the three principal Officers. Notice: Dear Sir and Bro., "You are hereby invited to attend a Lodge of Instruction, to be held in the Lodge Room (Officers' dining saloon) this, Saturday evening, at 8.15 p.m. By command of the W.M., John F. Telfer Secretary. Business: 1st Degree, Regalia to be worn." On the back of this paper the owner has secured the signatures of all the Brethren who attended the Lodge meetings. Others he informs us did the same thing. At the close of the voyage, while the vessel was lying outside the mouth of the Thames, waiting for daylight to proceed up the river, the Brethren all waited on the Captain and presented an address of Fraternal farewell, and thanking him for the opportunity which had been placed within their reach of associating Masonically with one another. The captain seemed highly pleased, and expressed the opinion that the good example of the Brethren in holding Lodge meetings of instruction was deserving of being more generally imitated. He said that when he had taken his Third Degree a suggestion was made to him that the opportunity of a lengthened voyage might often help Brethren to cultivate a more correct acquaintance with the usages of Freemasonry, though he did not suppose that so early in his career as commander of a vessel he would have been able to help in giving practical effect to the idea.—"Masonry."

LODGE OF SORROW.

A SPECIAL Communication of the Grand Lodge of all Scottish Freemasonry in India was held on the death of Bro. James W. Smith Past Grand Master of that Jurisdiction, when Bro. K. R. Cama P.G. Master Depute delivered the following Oration: Brethren,—The G.M. Depute in charge asked me a few days ago to deliver an Oration on the occasion of the holding of the Lodge of Sorrow in memory of the late lamented Past Grand Master of All Scottish Freemasonry in India, Rt. Wor. Bro. James William Smith. I hesitated a little at first because I believed that it would be well to find out another Brother who would be better qualified to do justice to the theme. But when I remembered that I had been connected with Bro. Smith for years together in Freemasonry, I thought that I would be failing in my duty as an old Mason were I to shirk the duty I owed to my late friend. I accordingly complied with the desire expressed by Rt. Wor. Bro. Pollen, and I feel a sort of melancholy pleasure in raising my feeble voice in the commemoration ceremony to-night. Brethren, from the manner in which Grand Lodge has been draped in crape, it

shows that we have not met for any ordinary business to-night, but that we have assembled to mourn the loss of a dear and beloved Brother, who held a high rank in Freemasonry, and who had served in both Constitutions in the highest offices appertaining to the two Grand Lodges working in Bombay. And I am pleased to see that such a large number has gathered together this evening to do honour to the memory of our late Brother. Brethren, as a password and passport to the portals of Freemasonry we are required to affirm the belief that there is only one true and living God. The immortality of the soul is our next belief. Every man is a composite made up of body, soul, and spirit, and when one dies, that is to say when his soul takes wing and flies to the next world to render his last account to the Most High, though he may be dead to those who are living in this world, he is to all intents and purposes leading a better and a faultless and pious life in another world.

The ceremony that we have gone through to-night and similar ceremonies performed in places other than the Lodges of Freemasons, are not calculated to do any good to the dead, but they are meant for the instruction and improvement of the living. There is a tenet in Freemasonry which states that every man receives his reward or punishment after death according to his deeds in this world. Every one works out his salvation during life by his own acts and deeds, and hence no ceremony is performed after his death since it does not avail his soul in any way. But we as frail human creatures require to be reminded every now and then that we are mortals and that our fate will be similar to that of the Brother whose death we mourn, and such ceremonies are performed by way of affording a useful lesson to those left behind by him.

The ceremonial that we have passed through to-night will show that death takes hold of at one time or another every man that is born in this world, and that we should be prepared to meet it when it comes. We have, therefore, to avail ourselves of this opportunity to draw a moral for our own benefit from the life and career of our late lamented Brother. Nobody can venture to say about another that all his deeds and actions are worthy of imitation, because no man is perfect. There is always a mixture of good and evil among men, and it often happens that at times the evil may obtain victory over righteousness, and may lead one to transgress the Divine Will and be sinful; but in such cases it is always deemed best to throw a veil of impenetrable thickness over the failings and foibles of the departed Brother, and only try to benefit ourselves by remembering and recounting only his good acts and deeds worthy of admiration and imitation. The best service one can render to the dead is to follow in his foot-steps and imitate his good example. The Masonic career of our late lamented Brother is indeed worthy of our imitation. I will not go into every detail of his very useful and brilliant Masonic career, because they are too numerous to be enumerated during the short time at my command, but if any Brother is desirous of doing so he might look for them in the "Indian Freemason" of May 1894.

I will, therefore, only confine myself to some of the most important points in his career of which, I may say without the least hesitation, I have personal experience and knowledge. It will be found from that magazine that the late Bro. Smith was initiated in the mysteries of the Craft so far back as the year 1871, so that at the time of his death he was a Mason of twenty-nine years standing. He came to Bombay in 1877 and soon joined the English Constitution. He was affiliated in Lodge "St. George," the premier Lodge under the English Constitution. He there rose so fast that within the space of two years he was elected to the chair of the Lodge. I had the honour to be present that night, and I am sure there are a few here who were present on the occasion, many of them having gone to that home whence no one can return. There happened something special that night which has not yet been effaced from my memory. Brethren, it may be quite within your experience that when a Brother is raised to the Master's chair, he is expected to be a little nervous in the presence of a large assembly, and becomes diffident as to how he will be able to go through the beautiful ritual. To my great surprise the late Brother Smith without being in the least diffident or nervous appeared to be self-composed. Without betraying the least hesitation he went through the ceremonial with such skill and practical knowledge and coolness and correctness that he won the admiration of all present on the occasion. They all went away

thoroughly impressed with his ability and integrity and it was at that time that they formed an opinion that Brother Smith was destined to attain a high position in Freemasonry.

Lodge after Lodge sought his services, and he was asked to join this and that Lodge which he readily did by way of extending his right hand of fellowship to those who sought it. He was raised from one high position to another, from one branch of Masonry to another until at last we found him under the English Constitution holding the high and exalted rank of the Deputy District Grand Master. He would have been elevated to the rank of the District Grand Master, but for the fact that the office was held, and during his absence from his country, by H.R.H. the Duke of Connaught. To my mind he excelled himself as a Mason when he was appointed Chairman of the Joint Hall Committee. I may mention for the information of the members of the present generation that about a quarter of a century ago the English and the Scotch Constitutions hired halls of their own, and each of them found it difficult to find a suitable place for its location.

It so happened at the time that both the Constitutions had to vacate their premises, and were in search of suitable places for their location. They both agreed that it would be more economical and conducive to strengthen the bonds of Brotherhood if they both met in one common Hall. They found a place in Nesbit Lane called the Nabob's bungalow, and met there, the bungalow being occupied by the different Lodges almost every day of the month. One management did well for both the Constitutions, and in order that no side got the better of the other and that there might be a balance kept on the Board a Joint Hall Committee was formed of a certain number of members from the English as well as the Scotch Constitutions. When they jointly hired a new hall, Rt. Wor. Bro. D. R. Chichgur (Scottish), who has already made his mark and is known to possess talents of a high order for organisation of a general character, was appointed Secretary of the Joint Hall Committee, and it was so arranged to preserve an equilibrium of power that if the Secretary belonged to the Scotch Constitution, the Chairman should belong to the other Constitution. The Deputy Grand Masters (English) presided over the Hall Committee, but it so happened that they resigned their office one after the other, until Bro. Smith was appointed to that office and was called to the chair. He very well knew that as Chairman of the Committee he had to deal with conflicting interests, and he was accordingly very cautious and careful in the discharge of his duties as such. He managed the affairs of the Hall Committee in such a business-like and harmonious manner that the two Constitutions thought of having a building of their own from contributions made by the two bodies, and with that view different schemes were discussed which did not at first bear any fruit.

When Lord Sandhurst was appointed the Grand Master of both the Constitutions, the plans and estimates that were formerly made were submitted to him, and a site was granted by his government upon which the present building now stands. The scheme having been thus settled, it was left to Rt. Wor. Bro. Darasha R. Chichgur to secure the necessary sinews of war, which he did with his accustomed energy and zeal for the Craft. The members of the Scotch Lodges having found in Bro. Smith as President of the Hall Committee an energetic and ardent Mason and a sound business-like man, desired that he should be asked to join the Scotch Constitution, and as he saw the offer made was of a sincere character he agreed to join the Constitution. He was affiliated to Lodge Caledonia, No. 490, in 1888, and the next year Lodge Perseverance asked him to join in order to place him in the chair, and in 1890, Most Wor. Bro. Sir Henry Morland, the then Grand Master of All Scottish Freemasonry in India, appointed Bro. Smith as Grand Master Depute. Most Wor. Bro. Sir Henry Morland fell ill at the latter end of the year and the Scotch Masons then cast their eyes on Bro. Smith as a fit successor to Bro. Sir Henry Morland. The latter soon afterwards rallied and when he was consulted on the point he expressed it as his opinion that there would be no better successor found than in Bro. Smith.

When Bro. Sir Henry Morland died, the nomination of Bro. Smith was supported by different Lodges throughout the country and his name having been recommended from all quarters, Grand Lodge of Scotland sent his commission as the Grand Master of All Scottish Freemasonry in India. He was installed as such on the 23rd January 1892, and as the senior Grand Master Depute I had the privilege and the pleasure of installing him in that chair. In whatever Office

he took, Bro. Smith pledged himself to perform the duties of that Office to the best of his power and ability. He never ran after offices nor did he ever seek honours, but honours sought him out. Bro. Smith was blessed with a cool and quiet temper, so much so that though I came in contact with him for so many years, I never saw him in any angry mood or his temper in the least perturbed. His knowledge of jurisprudence and his keen insight into human nature stood him in good stead, and enabled him to fill the various high offices with credit to himself and satisfaction to the Brethren. His regularity and punctuality were proverbial. To my mind Bro. Smith, taking him all in all, was a Mason worthy of our imitation. During my long Masonic career I have not come in contact with a more even-minded, unbiassed, cool and collected, hard-working, assiduous, diligent and arduous Mason than Bro. Smith. It is indeed a rare thing to find a Brother possessed of all such qualifications. No doubt any Mason would feel proud to possess these acquirements. Let us all pray that his mantle may fall on as many of us as possible, and that by imitating his worthy example we may glorify Freemasonry and glorify the model whom we all desire to imitate.—"Indian Freemason."

THE WORSHIPFUL MASTER.

WE have always contended that it is not the number that make a Lodge, but the fraternal warmth and good fellowship of the individuals that comprise it. To obtain this greatly-desired result, a Brother must be "properly made." What we mean by this expression is that he must be taught the beauties of Masonry in a manner so forcible and earnest as to convince him it comes from an honest heart, whose sole desire is "to be serviceable to our fellow creatures." To do this a Worshipful Master must get his life in his work. He must not "play to catch the crowd," by striking attitudes, studied gestures and stage reading, but be circumspect and convince those present that he means and feels what he is doing. He must divest himself of the cold apathy which seems to say, "Because the Brethren have not complimented me by a large turnout, I will just finish this job in a hurry." You have no right to do anything of the kind; you have no right to use your energies for the plaudits of the crowd to the detriment of your duty; you have no right to hold the position unless you give it all the honesty of purpose of your nature; you have no right to slight your work or pout at empty seats.

On all occasions do the best you can and at the conclusion of your work have a "handshaking and a word" with all present. Make them feel glad that they were present, and the next time they will come and bring some one else, and so will the candidate whom you have just "raised."—Bun F. Price.

THE TRUE MASON.

BE silent and prove yourself a Mason by your acts, not by your saying so, that the world may say you are a Mason, not by the emblems you wear, but by the deeds you perform. The world is a severe critic, and one with which, as Masons, we desire to be on the best of terms. From it we are to draw for a fresh supply of manly men, who are to succeed and indeed to fraternise with us. Out of the world comes the material which is to adorn and beautify this magnificent and stately edifice. So when you appear under the canopy of Heaven, clothed in white gloves and aprons, which distinguish you from the rest of the world, and especially when you bury the dead, oh, my Brethren, let me caution, exhort and admonish you to be careful and acquit yourselves like men and Masons. Try and feel the great responsibility that rests upon you individually, remembering that as you appear and as you conduct yourself, and as it is the dignified bearing and manly conduct which is one of the constituent parts of a good Mason, just such will be the character of those who seek to enter your Lodge and desire to be your Brethren.

When you do this, justly can you reject such as are not worthy when they knock at the door, and you yourselves will have done your whole duty as men and Masons.—Past Grand Master Perry, Wisconsin.

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The Life and Death of Richard Yea-and-Nay. By Maurice Hewlett (6s).—Macmillan and Co., Limited.

MR. MAURICE HEWLETT has made for himself a great reputation. Why he has succeeded in doing so is known to most Englishmen of literary competence, none of whom will grudge him his well merited success. That success is due mainly to two qualities by which he is eminently distinguished. He is master of a truly beautiful, poetic prose, and can go back in spirit to a bygone age and realise it with so unerring a vision that he can re-create it with a fidelity to which few writers ever attain. Two of his books have been read on the Continent as few English fictions are—"The Forest Lovers," and "Little Novels of Italy." This volume does in no way belie the promise of his spring! Even readers with vivid memories of the Richard of "Ivanhoe" and "The Talisman" will be delighted with the wonderful creation of Mr. Maurice Hewlett, and will cherish a wish that so able a depicter of the past may try his hand upon other protagonists in the great drama of English History. The many-sided character of Richard the lion-hearted is presented by the writer in a series of romantic adventures well calculated to exercise the creative ingenuity of the most skilful novelist. We are shown his brave and martial spirit chastened, at times, to the temperament of the dove; we are shown his ever resourceful diplomacy, his fiery temper, his powers of endurance, his commanding personality. Here and there we have met a descriptive paragraph so daintily conceived and choicely phrased that it might have been penned by Sidney Colvin or E. A. Freeman. On the whole, if our readers can imagine a story of an historical character written by Mr. Hamilton Drummond in collaboration with Mr. F. Marion Crawford we think they will have a very fair notion of the qualities by which this book by Mr. Hewlett is distinguished. But we hope they will read it for themselves.

The World's Great Snare. By E. Phillips Oppenheim. Illustrated by J. Ambrose Walton (3s 6d).—Ward, Lock and Co., Limited.

AN exciting romance, admirably conceived and fluently written. We have had former opportunities of expressing a high opinion of the ability of Mr. E. Phillips Oppenheim, and are glad to say that in his last work we think he has taken yet another step towards excellence. His style is, indeed, not very original; but what a great number of writers are doing very indifferently Mr. Oppenheim is doing so well that we can hardly expect him to do it better. He is as imaginative as Mr. Richard Marsh; as versatile, and more uniformly correct, than Mr. Guy Boothby; he is as perfect a plotter as Mr. Le Queux. In the volume before us a mining camp in America affords the opening scene, and the doings of Jim Bryan and Myra are so rich in incident and so dramatic in character that the reader finds abundant entertainment to the end of the story. A character at once so noble and self-sacrificing, so refined and so lovable as Myra has not often been sketched of late in English prose fiction. We hope Mr. Oppenheim will give us something more presently, and trust it may equal "The World's Great Snare."

Hibernia Hippica. By M. O'Connor Morris (5s).—Harrison and Sons.

M. O'CONNOR MORRIS is a name well known to readers of the "Field" and indeed to fox-hunters generally. He has here given us a few pleasantly written papers, of somewhat fragmentary character, on the glories of the chase in Ireland, and expresses a hope that this book may induce some readers to visit Ireland and join in the sport. We sincerely hope, for the sake of Mr. Morris and these Irish sportsmen whom he knows so well, that this desire may be realised. We cannot refrain from noticing the extravagant admiration of the writer for fox-hunting gentry and all that pertains to them. Every man to his tastes. Some people think about as highly of a skilful fox-hunter as of a skilful judge of old iron or a clever huckster. However, "Hibernia Hippica" is of course addressed mainly to persons whose tastes accord with the writer's, and they will be pleased to read these papers on the fugitive fox and his pursuers.

Hate, the Destroyer. By R. Norman Silver. Illustrated by T. W. Henry (3s 6d).—Ward, Lock and Co., Limited.

A WONDERFUL copper-mine in the Ural Mountains, a detestable crime, a great hatred, a deal of dialogue of an explanatory nature—these are the more apparent features of Mr. Norman Silver's very readable romance. Two facts stared us persistently in the face when we were reading "Hate, the Destroyer," the fact that Mr. Calvert is in many respects too good a man to be so relentless in search of revenge, even after so great provocation, and the fact that the story is hardly so well knit together as could be wished. We were much pleased with several chapters which, with but little adjustment, would make good short stories. Of these, the chapter in which we are told how "Mr. Morton" engaged the apartments at Mr. Fernyhough's, and how strangely he proceeded to act, is the best. We hope to see Mr. Norman Silver's work on another occasion.

London Memories. Social, Historical, and Topographical. By Charles William Heckethorn (6s).—Chatto and Windus.

EASY reading, as Sheridan once remarked, is very hard writing.

Mr. Heckethorn has written a good book upon old London, in which delightfully easy reading is apparent on almost every page, and doubtless a deal of labour was necessary before such fluent paragraphs could be produced. The work was, we presume, a labour of love, and Mr. Heckethorn has added a valuable contribution to a subject which, in company with our learned Brother Sir Walter Besant, he has studied exhaustively. The chapter on the old religious houses of London could hardly be bettered; whilst professing only to amuse the writer imparts much useful instruction. He has taken the salutary advice of Pope, who has told us that men must be taught as though you taught them not. There is a short chapter of a somewhat lurid character on the savage villany so often prevalent in our great city during the good old days; there is a very long one on the Thames, in which Mr. Heckethorn has woven many an interesting reminiscence of the river-side. "London Memories" should not be opened merely for amusement, for it deserves very careful perusal. The volume is light in the hand, and well printed. There can be no hope for honest literary work if this book does not circulate widely.

BRO. RUDYARD KIPLING'S new story, "Kim," will begin in the January Number of "Cassell's Magazine," and it will probably surprise not a few of his readers to know that the author only completes his thirty-fifth year on the 30th inst. The son of Mr. J. Lockwood Kipling, who was formerly in the Indian Educational Service, he was born at Bombay, and was educated at the United Service College, Westward Ho. He returned to India while he was still a youth, and his father was Principal of the School of Art at Lahore. He began to contribute verses and tales to various journals, but the success of "Departmental Ditties," published in 1886, soon made the way clear for the career which is familiar to everybody.

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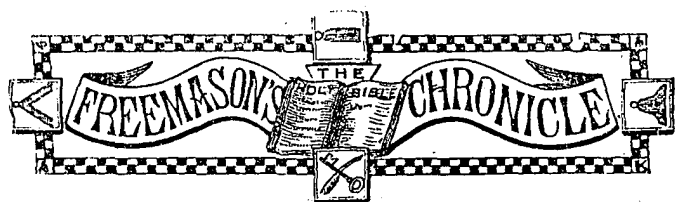
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REPORTS OF MEETINGS.

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

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CRAFT: PROVINCIAL.

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Lodge of Faith, No. 581.

INSTALLATION OF BROTHER S. ANDREW.

THE annual meeting and Festival of St. John took place at the Bradford Hotel, Mill Street, Manchester, on Wednesday, 19th inst. Lodge was opened at an early hour by Bro. Dr. E. Evanson Jones Worshipful Master, and there was a very good attendance of members and visitors to witness the installation into the chair of K.S. of Bro. S. Andrew S.W. Bro. Thomas Tyers P.M. P.P.G.Std.B. undertook the ceremony, he being assisted by Past Masters Henry Brotherton Brown Treasurer, Chas. H. Grimths, J. Greenup D.C., G. H. Barnes, J. H. Smith P.D.G.D.C., and Dr. E. E. Jones.

The Festival of St. John followed, and was a very successful function. Loyal and Masonic toasts were pleasantly varied by songs, recitations, etc., the contributaries being Brothers Councillor James Pollitt, Edward Roberts P.M. Prov.Gr.Tr., C. H. Griffiths P.M., Matthew Goth S.W., Arthur Mellor Organist, Geo. Mellor Std., J. Thos. Moorhouse, Hibbert, and Adey.

Bro. James Newton P.G.S.B. Eng. Provincial Grand Sec., who responded on behalf of the Grand Officers, regretted he had not been able to witness the whole of the ceremony of installation, but congratulated Bro. Tyers and the other Past Masters on the excellence of the work so far as he had seen. He referred to the fact of this being the Jubilee year of the Faith Lodge, wished the members every prosperity, and anticipated that they would be ready to perform their share towards the success of the forthcoming Festival in connection with the East Lancashire Systematic Institution. Lord Stanley Provincial Grand Master was expected in the country very shortly, and it would then be possible to fix the date of the meeting.

Bro. C. D. Cheetham Prov.S.G.W. vicariously represented Provincial Grand Lodge, and in thanking the Brethren for their hospitality said the visitors had been treated like princes of the land. Everything had gone very smoothly during Bro. Jones year, which it must be a pleasure to contemplate, and he felt sure that during their Jubilee year the Lodge of Faith would maintain its high reputation, not forgetting, of course, the various excellent Charities.

Bro. Dr. Jones I.P.M. proposed the health of the Installing Master, to which Bro. Tyers made a very suitable reply. The former also proposed the health of the newly-installed Worshipful Master, saying that Bro. Andrew was the right man in the right place. He possessed three essentials: tact, common sense, and a magnificent corporeal build, and together with the assistance of Past Masters and Officers, which would be gladly rendered, he was assured of a successful year. In conclusion he heartily wished him a happy and prosperous term of office.

Bro. Andrew W.M. responded, saying that words could not express the gratitude he felt for the reception which he had received at their hands. Whilst thanking Bro. Dr. Jones for his promise of assistance, he felt that it went without saying that that assistance would be generously accorded. He thanked Bro. Tyers

for his share of the ceremony which, at his advanced age, was an exceedingly creditable performance, and ought to impress upon the younger Brethren the fact that if they would be equally successful in their work, they must be willing to devote some portion of their time to study.

Bro. C. H. Griffiths P.M. proposed the health of the visitors, to which Bros. W. J. Melling P.M. 2185 P.P.G.Swd.Br., W. Bee P.P.G.A.D.C. and Geo. Holford P.M. 1077 responded, the former treating his auditors to a very seasonable and eloquent address upon general matters connected with the Craft.

We must not omit to state that during the evening a handsome Past Master's jewel was presented to Bro. Dr. Jones, which bore the following inscription:

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Brother Jones I.P.M., in thanking the Brethren for their mark of esteem, reminded them of a desire he had expressed, when twelve months ago he began the duties of Worshipful Master. It was then his ambition that he might so adapt himself to the situation as to be able to merit their approval in all he did, and upon the completion of his term resign the position to his successor without tarnish. The various approving remarks uttered in his favour that day led him to believe that he had not been unsuccessful in his efforts.

Other visitors not previously mentioned were Bros. Capt. C. R. N. Beswicke-Royds Dep.Prov.G.Master, R. H. Whatham W.M. 1170, G. Robinson 1459, J. M. Mottram 204, R. S. Noar 935, C. E. Barlow 1588, and others.

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METROPOLITAN: INSTRUCTION.

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Confidence Lodge, No. 193.

A HAPPY band of Brothers met at the Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall Street, E.C., on Wednesday, 19th inst., bent on obtaining all the instruction possible during the two hours for which the meetings are held. Bro. S. Fells Worshipful Master-elect occupied the chair, with Bros. J. Mears S.W., H. Rowland J.W., A. E. Green S.D., W. Hattersley J.D., J. Done I.G., Spice P.M. Preceptor, J. K. Pitt Secretary, C. Goovearts Treasurer, Davey D.C., Simeons, and numerous others.

The ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, Bro. Simeons being candidate. The ceremony of passing was next gone through, Bro. Geddes being candidate. Lodge was opened in the third degree and the Installation ceremony was rehearsed beautifully, and without a hitch by Bro. Simeons. After the investiture of Officers Lodge was closed. So enjoyable had the working been that the Brethren felt sorry when the time of closing arrived. Then there were many congratulations to grand old Bro. Pitt, on his return from his holiday; time deals kindly with him, and the hour glass must have been reversed, he certainly looked twenty years younger than when we last saw him, and his vigour was that of a young man.

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Yarborough Lodge, No. 554.

THE special meeting of this Lodge at which it was arranged to work the Fifteen Sections—on the 11th inst.—and which, by the courtesy of Bro. Butlin, host of the usual quarters at the Citizen, Houndsditch, was held at his other establishment, the Red Lion and Spread Eagle, High Street, Whitechapel, was a great success. Those present included Bros. T. Cowell P.M. 2615 1816 as W.M., D. Moss P.M. 1275 P.G.S.B. Transvaal I.P.M., L. A. DaCosta P.M. 1349 S.W., B. DaCosta P.M. 1349 J.W., D. McNish P.M. 1962 Sec., Latham Treas., G. George I.G., H. Harris, Delmonti, Butlin, Andrews, J. Norden, J. Wynman, J. Cohn, L. Norden, Henshaw, Hammersley, Crabb, etc.

The Sections of the first degree were worked by Bros. G. Wheldon 2615, H. G. Schmidt 2615, Hammersley 554, F. C. Sturton J.D. 2615, G. M. Dale I.P.M. 2615, J. Jagers Sec. 2615, and I. Goulston J.D. 1349; those of the second degree by Bros. S. B. Lotheim 205, R. C. Thomson I.G. 2615, Hall 2615, J. Oxley, and R. Phillips 1349; and those of the third degree by Bros. L. DaCosta, J. Oxley P.M. 1306, and J. Davis J.W. 1349.

Several Brethren were elected members of the Lodge, among them being Bros. R. Phillips, T. Deyell, and G. Wheelton.

Bro. D. Moss in complimentary terms proposed a hearty vote of thanks to Bro. T. Cowell, for his excellent work that evening. This was agreed to, and Bro. Cowell acknowledged the compliment. He said he was never more at home than when among his Brother Masons, and strongly advised the younger members of the Craft to attend their Instruction meetings. As Preceptor of the Lodge he would do his best to make them proficient in the ritual and ceremonies of the Craft.

Bro. Latham Treasurer proposed that a hearty vote of thanks be accorded the Brethren who had assisted in the working of the Sections, which was done, and was acknowledged by Bro. Oxley.

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New Concord Lodge, No. 813.

THE last meeting for the year took place on Wednesday of last week, at the Farleigh Hotel, Amherst Road, Stoke Newington. The chair was taken by Brother E. G. Platt, who received the assistance of Bros. J. Ibbertson S.W., J. A. Chalk W.M. 1929 J.W., H. G. Gush P.M. Prec., J. A. Powell Treas., B. Barton J.D. 2552 Sec., H. Parsons S.D., R. Bell J.D., H. Reed I.G., and J. Wynman.

The Lodge being opened was advanced to the second degree, when Bro. B. Barton Secretary said he would be pleased to act as candidate. Having answered the questions he was entrusted, the Lodge was opened in the third degree, when the Secretary, with the assistance of the Brethren, worked the first section of the lecture. The W.M. then rehearsed the ceremony of raising. The Lodge was closed down in the three degrees.

Bro. R. Bell, of the Whittington Lodge, was elected a member, which compliment was acknowledged in a few well chosen words.

Bro. Gush proposed, with the approval of the S.W., that Bro. Powell Treasurer should take the chair the first Wednesday in the new century.

Bro. Powell said that before that was agreed to, he would propose that Bro. Gush Preceptor should come to the front on the occasion, because when he was Preceptor of the Lodge a like honour was done him. He hoped the Brethren would support him. Bro. Ibbertson S.W. had much pleasure in seconding the latter proposition and it was unanimously agreed that Bro. Gush should officiate the first Wednesday in the new year.

Bro. Powell proposed that a notification of the fact should be sent to each member of the Lodge, which was agreed to.

We hope that on this special occasion an exceptionally good attendance will result. The working of the Preceptor is well known and the members and visitors may rest assured they will be well repaid for attending to support him at the first meeting of the twentieth century.

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Ranelagh Lodge, No. 834.

THIS Lodge of Instruction met at its usual quarters, the Six Bells Hotel, Hammersmith, W., on Friday, 21st inst., and the attendance was well up to the mark. Bro. C. T. Hayward W.M., Robt. Reid P.M. S.W., W. Atkinson J.W., Arthur Williams P.M. Prec., F. Craggs P.M. Sec., R. H. Williams P.M. P.P.G.J.D. Middx. S.D., J. H. Cumming P.M. J.D., T. L. Hellyar I.G., E. Warren and others.

The ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, and after being called off and on Lodge was opened in the second degree, and the first section was worked by the Brethren, under the Preceptor's direction.

On being resumed to the first degree the choice of the Brethren fell on Bro. Robert Reid, who kindly consented to act as W.M. at the last meeting in the century, on the 28th.

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City of London Lodge, No. 901.

A GOOD meeting was held on Tuesday, 18th inst., at the King's Arms, Shoreditch. Those present included Bros. W. R. Haylock W.M., J. Amond S.W., W. Reeves J.W., A. Purkiss P.M. Treas. acting Preceptor, G. Smith S.D., Knight J.D., Jeffries I.G., W. Grant, J. Wynman, Witham, etc.

The ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, Bro. Purkiss being the candidate. The Lodge was opened in the second degree, Bro. Witham was examined and entrusted. The Lodge was opened in the third degree, and the ceremony of raising was rehearsed.

Bro. Amond was elected to preside at the next meeting.

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New Cross Lodge, No. 1559.

KNOWING this Lodge has the reputation of being one of the most perfect working Lodge in the metropolis we paid it a visit on Tuesday, 18th inst., and were agreeably pleased to see the excellent accommodation provided for the meeting, Brother Lewis Lake, the popular proprietor of the Kemble's Head, Long Acre, appearing to do everything in his power for the comfort of the Brethren. On the occasion of our visit Bro. Lewis Lake was in the chair, supported by Bros. G. Faaz Secretary S.W., J. Sutcliffe J.W., J. D. Graham P.M., &c. Preceptor, A. J. Swash P.M. S.D., W. Knill J.D., W. Grove I.G., Hancock, Wynman, and others.

The Lodge being opened, was advanced to the second degree, and then called off. On resuming, the W.M. rehearsed the ceremony of raising, for which Bro. Hancock acted as candidate.

In view of the Christmas and New Year holidays the Lodge was adjourned until Tuesday, 8th January, Bro. Faaz Secretary being elected to act as W.M. at the first meeting of the new year.

Bro. Faaz reminded the Brethren that the annual supper was arranged for Tuesday, 15th January, and urged those who desired to attend to give timely notice, as supper would only be provided for those who sent in their names. The Preceptor said he hoped the W.M.-elect of the Mother Lodge would be able to preside on the occasion.

The W.M., before closing the Lodge, said he could not let the opportunity pass without wishing the Brethren a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year; and he hoped the Brethren would join him in the loving cup. The Brethren having given expression to their true fellowship separated a little later than usual.

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Woodrow Lodge, No. 1708.

ON Monday, 17th, at Bro. Rudderforth's (Stone's) Restaurant, Panton Street, Haymarket, Bros. G. W. Lacy W.M., J. E. Culverhouse S.W., S. Firminger J.W., C. Woodrow P.M. Prec., J. W. Simeons W.M. 193 Sec., Lewis Lake S.D., W. H. Making P.M. J.D., J. G. Lobb I.G., A. Grille, A. Elliott, J. Burgess, T. Edmonds P.M., G. Coop P.M., G. E. Genet, J. Ollington, J. Wynman, &c.

The Lodge was opened in the three degrees, when the W.M. vacated the chair in favour of Bro. Simeons, who resumed the Lodge to the second degree, and then rehearsed the ceremony

of raising, with Bro. Grille as the candidate. The W.M. re-occupied his position, resumed the Lodge to the first degree, and rehearsed the ceremony of initiation, Bro. A. Elliott taking the part of candidate.

Bro. Woodrow said it was not the first time Bro. Lacy had occupied the chair in their Lodge, but on the previous occasion he merely opened. At that meeting he had not alone opened the Lodge in the three degrees, but had gone through the ceremony of initiation with very little assistance. He therefore proposed that a hearty vote of thanks be accorded him, congratulating him on the way in which he had discharged the duties of the chair that day. Brother Simeons had very much pleasure in seconding the vote, which was carried, and suitably acknowledged by Bro. Lacy.

Bro. Culverhouse was selected to preside on Monday next, 31st inst., and it being the last day of the year, and his ability as a worker being well known, it is expected there will be a specially good attendance to support him.

The Lodge being closed the true fellowship which exists among the members was evinced by the loving cup being passed round, the Brethren pledging each other and wishing all the compliments of the season.

ON the 10th inst., Bro. G. Coop P.M. 141 occupied the chair, and had the support of Bros. C. Lacy S.W., A. Grille J.W., C. Woodrow P.M. Prec., W. H. G. Rudderforth P.M. Treas. acting Sec., G. Yeowell S.D., J. E. Culverhouse J.D., J. G. Lobb I.G., Percy Gayer, A. Elliott, G. E. Genet, A. Higgins, J. Ollington, J. Cunningham, J. Wynman, G. Baker.

The Lodge being opened, Bro. Gayer was entrusted, and the second ceremony was rehearsed. Bro. A. Elliott was then examined and entrusted, the Lodge advanced, and the ceremony of raising gone through.

A Brother in distress was awarded the sum of one guinea out of the Benevolent Fund. It was proposed by Bro. Rudderforth and unanimously agreed to that a hearty vote of thanks be accorded to Bro. Coop, for the admirable manner in which he had officiated as W.M., for the first time in the Lodge. This was unanimously agreed to and acknowledged by Bro. Coop, to whom we desire to add our word of praise, for the way in which he discharged the duties of the chair on the occasion.

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Chiswick Lodge, No. 2012.

ON Saturday, 15th inst., at the Windsor Castle Hotel, Hammersmith, Bros. L. J. Powell W.M., H. Warren S.W., W. Atkinson J.W., Arthur Williams P.M. Prec., F. Craggs P.M. Treas., J. H. Cumming P.M. acting Sec., H. J. Cousens P.M. S.D., Hugh Mair J.D., K. M. Ross I.G., R. Reid P.M., W. Hide P.M., E. Fox P.M., Humphrey Bright P.M., T. Harrington P.M., Jeffrey Stewart W.M. of the Woodgrange Lodge, and others.

The Lodge was opened to the second degree, and Brother Harrington having been examined was entrusted. The Lodge was opened in the third, and the raising ceremony gone through. Lodge having been resumed to the first degree was called off and on. Several sections were worked by those present, in a first class manner, for it should be noted that with one or two exceptions most of the company had attained P.M. or W.M. rank.

ON the 22nd Bros. H. Warren W.M., W. Atkinson S.W., R. Reid P.M. J.W., Arthur Williams P.M. Prec., F. Craggs P.M. Treas., R. Josey P.M. Sec., W. Hide P.M. S.D., H. Mair J.D., T. Harrington P.M. I.G., J. H. Cumming P.M. Std., M. F. Wilkins, K. M. Ross, F. Hiscocks, Hayes, H. T. Johnson, R. M. Larter P.M.

The ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, Bro. Hiscocks taking the candidate's place. Lodge was opened in the second and third degrees and the Preceptor put the questions of the first section of the third to those present, who promptly answered them. Lodge being resumed to first degree was called off and on.

A vote of thanks was ordered to be registered to Bro. Harry Warren, for the excellent manner in which he had rendered the ritual, for the first time in the Lodge.

Bro. W. Atkinson was elected W.M. for the 29th inst. Being so near to Christmas the Brethren separated at an early hour.

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Hammersmith Lodge, No. 2090.

THE usual weekly meeting was held at Wycombe Hall, Broadway, Hammersmith, W., on Wednesday, 12th inst., Bro. Arthur Williams P.M. occupying the W.M.'s chair, supported by Bros. W. Handover P.M. S.W., Lewis Beale J.W., W. Hillier P.M. Preceptor, R. W. Gale Sec., W. H. Cave S.D., Lichenburg J.D., Harry Warren I.G., H. P. Gilbert P.M., H. J. Cousens P.M., W. Hodgson W.M. of the Mother Lodge, Hayes, Youngsen, A. Ellenden, Ingledew, Marchant, Morgan, Pratt, J. H. Cumming.

Lodge was opened in the second degree. Bro. Lewis Beale, who had temporarily deputed his position to Bro. Ellerden, answered the questions leading to the third degree, and the ceremony of raising was gone through. Lodge was resumed to the first degree, and Bro. Beale resumed his position as J.W. Lodge was called off and on. The second section of the lecture was worked by the Brethren, under the W.M.'s direction.

Bro. William Marchment, of the Hemming Lodge, No. 1512, was elected a member, and Bro. W. Handover unanimously selected to officiate as W.M. at the next meeting.

EXPERIENCED Reviewer is open to supply a column of criticisms weekly, to Provincial or London newspapers. Will submit specimen notices, T., care of FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE, New Barnet.

WHAT DOES FREEMASONRY TEACH US?

AN interesting address was delivered by Bro. Henry T. Smith P.M. St. Andrew Lodge, No. 16, Toronto, at the last regular meeting of Rehoboam Lodge, No. 65, on the subject of "What Does Freemasonry Teach us?" of which the following is a synopsis:

We know that the records of the past are full of instruction. That the pages of bygone history are laden with the rich treasures of other days, which have come down to us along the ages, and it is only necessary that we open the book and read for ourselves what has been accomplished.

What is Freemasonry? is naturally the first question that arises in one's mind when speaking of its teachings. What are its claims to popular approval? What right has it to exist as an Institution or as a system? As a matter of fact, despite the calumnies of its enemies, and the exaggerated claims of its friends, it has in the moral world a held, as an educating force, and serenely, silently and non-ostentatiously it holds the even tenor of its way by its teachings.

Permit me, in the first place, to point out that Freemasonry is not primarily an alms-giving society, nor a death benefit association. Many outside, and not a few within the Fraternity, appear to entertain the idea that these are its principal functions. It is true we are taught to contribute to the relief of the distressed, so far as our ability will permit, without material injury to ourselves or to our families, but this is not the principal aim or the purpose of the Institution. An examination of the Ancient Charges of a Freemason makes it appear that anciently the giving of alms was a personal matter purely, which addressed itself to the judgment and conscience of the individual Brother, and it was not the custom to vote appropriations of the common funds of the Lodge for the relief of the destitute and indigent.

I desire also to point out that Freemasonry is not a co-operative benefit association. Many organisations have been formed in which from a certain tribute laid upon all the members of the Order, regardless of individual ability to pay, a common fund is raised to be paid as benefits, as a matter of right in certain contingencies, whether the parties to whom the payments are made are in need of financial succour or not. To relieve the distressed is a duty incumbent on all men, but particularly on Masons, who are linked together by an indissoluble chain of sincere affection. To soothe the unhappy, to sympathise with their misfortune, to compassionate their miseries, and to restore peace to their troubled minds, is the great aim we have in view. On this basis we form our friendships and establish our connections.

Then Freemasonry is not a religion. It is, to my mind, a grave mistake to regard it as a religion, and nothing can result therefrom but harm. But Freemasonry regards truth as a divine attribute and the foundation of every virtue. To be good and true is the first lesson we are taught in Freemasonry. On this theme we contemplate, and by its dictates endeavour to regulate our conduct. Hence, so long as we are influenced by this principle, hypocrisy and deceit are unknown among us; sincerity and plain dealing distinguish us, and the heart and the tongue join in promoting one another's welfare and rejoicing in one another's prosperity.

We find nothing in the teachings of Freemasonry opposed to any Church. What they ought to do, is to lead us into the acceptance of the broader and more comprehensive truths of religion, or, in other words, to respect the good to be found among all classes of people, all civilised races of men, and in all religious creeds. Permit me to interject here that one of the greatest factors, in my opinion, during the past hundred years in the civilisation of the world has been the dissemination of the teachings of Freemasonry. For Brethren, on the threshold of the Lodge every Brother should lay down and even forget every vain title of worldly pomp and sectarianism by which he may be distinguished in the outer world, for the teachings of Freemasonry are comprised in the words, "Liberty, Equality, and Fraternity," as well as "Knowledge, Morality, and Labour."

Now the teachings of Freemasonry do not contemplate anything political in character. A Mason is taught to conform to the law of the land under the protection of which he lives, and to never lose sight of the allegiance due to his country, but so far from teaching anything political in a partisan sense, it is in accordance with the scheme and plan of Freemasonry that it should constitute a middle state or common rallying ground for men of every shade of political

opinion, and make friends of those who might otherwise have remained at a perpetual distance from each other.

Then in Freemasonry we are taught patriotism, that holy love of country which is inherent in all races and keeps the world moving, which thrills the pulse and fires the heart and nerves the arm. What man in the whole land is a more ardent patriot than the Mason? He is taught to be true to his God, his country, his neighbour and himself. Patriotism is one of the landmarks of the Craftsman. Thus in everything which goes to make up the true man, the Mason finds its counterpart in the Lodge room. The things which make for peace are diligently pursued by him in the Lodge room. But should the country call her sons to arms to fight for God and right, none responds to that cry for sacrifice more promptly than the Mason. We have recently witnessed that, for when our sons and Brothers were contending on battlefields red with their blood did they not display patriotism? And when in all appearance the Empire, of which we form a part, may find herself in worse straits than the South African difficulty has proved to be, do we need to defend our noble Order in its teachings of patriotism? I answer that interrogation by saying: No, not when we had such noble men and Masons in the past as Bros. the Duke of Wellington and Lord Nelson, and in the present day as Bros. Lord Roberts, General Kitchener, the hero of Ladysmith, General White, the hero of Mafeking, General Baden-Powell, Colonel Otter, Captain Barker, and hosts of others ready to sacrifice life, if need be, to lead our brave British or Colonial soldiers to victory.

Freemasonry does not purport to give its members either social or financial standing in the community, and its teachings are strongly against such a view.

What motive, my Brethren, actuated each one of you to become a Mason? Was it its teachings? The motives that actuate men in uniting with the Fraternity are various. Some are attracted by its great age, and the halo of antiquity that surrounds it. They imagine that from its mystical past there comes a troop of wonderful, weird and solemn mysticisms which are calculated to strike terror to the timid. Their curiosity is aroused, and they seek the darkened chambers of the unrevealed, only to be disappointed. Some look upon the extent of the Brotherhood, encircling as it does the very globe, as affording a means of extensive acquaintance, and they are proud of the distinction of being members of the most widely diffused organisation in the world. They imagine they can find "a friend in need" in any quarter of the globe; for, like the possessions of Great Britain, the sun never sets upon Freemasonry. It has, perhaps, the only universal language among men; for whether in Europe, Asia, or Africa, in America, India, or the far-away islands of the sea, under the frigid skies of the Arctic, or the burning sun of the equator, its peculiar tongue is spoken and its teachings promulgated for the benefit of the human race. It is certainly commendable in a man to desire to be one of such an universal Brotherhood, but he should seek to become a member of the Fraternity "uninfluenced by mercenary or other unworthy motives," and then he is able to grasp intelligently the very spirit of its teachings.

Then Freemasonry has never pretended to be, nor is it, as a matter of fact, an asylum for wrong doers or transgressors of law. Those who imagine that the members of the Institution are taught under any circumstances to condone his transgressions or whitewash his unlawful conduct are mistaken. If a man calling himself a Mason chooses to do wrong, to persist in error and to violate law, he does what he can find no warrant for in the teachings of Masonry, and he will be disappointed if he expects the members of the Institution to apologise for his wrong doing, or uphold him in his errors.

What is Freemasonry then? It is a system of education. It appeals to the intellect and the conscience. It develops man intellectually and morally and is calculated to give him a higher conception of his duty to God, his fellowman and himself. It is a course of hieroglyphic moral instruction taught agreeably to ancient usages, by types, emblems and allegorical figures. In other words it is an ancient system of object teaching. "Tools and implements of architecture have been selected by the Fraternity to imprint on the memory wise and serious truths and thus through a succession of ages are transmitted unimpaired the most excellent tenets of our Institution." The Mason is taught that it is his duty as well as his privilege to cultivate a knowledge of the liberal arts and sciences.

If I might designate what to my mind may be termed the leading characteristics of him who has learned aright the lesson inculcated by Freemasonry, I would call them liberality, equality, and Fraternity. Liberality not merely in his dealings in temporal matters, but more especially in his ideas and thoughts. He who has learned aright the lessons inculcated by Masonry is free from bigotry and intolerance, and in forming his estimate of his neighbours is large-minded, candid, tolerant, generous and impartial. He concedes to his neighbour the utmost freedom of ideas and conduct, and grants him the full exercise of every right and prerogative which he claims for himself. My Brother, you tenaciously cling to and cherish the right to entertain whatever opinions you please, and within limits fixed by law and right to pursue whatever line of conduct meets your approbation, but have you learned to exercise that degree of liberality which concedes to every man under the sun the same prerogative? If not, one of the most important lessons taught by Freemasonry has been lost upon you.

When we speak of equality in our Masonic Lodges we do not have reference to worldly wealth or honours, to ability or mental endowments, nor to social distinction. Equality in any of these respects is impossible, and is, perhaps, not desirable.

But when we speak of equality as taught in Freemasonry, we mean that we are all descended from one common stock, partake of the same nature and share the same hope. Distinctions among men are necessary in order to preserve subordination, yet no eminence of station should make us forget that we are Brethren, and that a time is rapidly approaching when every distinction save that of goodness shall cease, and death, the final leveller, reduce us to the same state.

The teachings of Freemasonry can be likened to an intellectual ocean, whose waves touch the shores of thought, within which the sunlight of content and love burst forth with a radiance beautiful to behold. Then what does it teach us? To cultivate that friendship which Addison said: "Is a strong and habitual inclination in two persons to promote the good and happiness of each other." And that which Cicero has declared: "Improves happiness and abates misery by doubling our joy and dividing our grief." And that which Southey likened to: "The shadows of the evening which strengthen with the setting sun of life." We have plenty of friends (so-called) when we are in prosperity, but adversity sometimes turns the tide. Brethren, in carrying out the teachings of Freemasonry, let us cultivate that friendship which can be found in these words: "Do unto others that which we would like to have done unto ourselves."

Now, to recapitulate, Freemasonry is at the close of this 19th century no mere childish and contemptible medium for the display of finery and empty pomp. It is no machinery for the encouragement of disloyalty, either to God or man. It is no substitute for the religion of home or Church. It is a system of morality veiled in allegory and illustrated by symbols. It inculcates the highest and deepest moral lessons. Its universality denotes its hold on the needs of mankind. It seeks no notoriety. It canvasses for no membership. It goes quietly on in its beneficent way. It neither exploits nor conceals its noble and helpful ambitions. Its aid is given without ostentation, and without hypocrisy. The needs of the widow and the fatherless, of the wanderer and the outcast, are met, if found worthy, with a generosity and Brotherly open-heartedness which neither craves nor allows recognition. It lets not its left hand know what its right hand does.

And yet it has been assailed with a virulence which is often as bitter as it is unaccountable. It has been proscribed with a ban and attacked with anathema. It has been ridiculed in pulpit and press. It has been beset with the open assault, and scourged with the covert sneer. It has been the opprobrium of the narrow-minded and the butt of the bigot.

Yet, amidst it all, Freemasonry still glides smoothly on, as it were, accomplishing its great object and proclaiming to the world by its teachings the same messages which heralded the coming of that wonderful man upon the plains of Bethlehem nineteen hundred years ago: "Peace on earth, good will to men."

Brethren of Rehoboam Lodge, in promulgating the teachings of Freemasonry within the portals of your Lodge, I would judge by the number of Brethren on your membership roll that the ashlar upon which you have worked have been gradually smoothed and prepared without too rude a

blow, producing an unseemly fracture—may it ever be thus with you—may those kindly feelings and that amicable conduct which you have extended, I trust, one to the other, be continued. May the G.A.O.T.U. continue to support your Lodge by cementing and adorning it with every moral, social, and religious virtue. And my earnest wish to the Brethren of Rehoboam Lodge is, "That length of days may be in her right hand, and in her left riches and honour—may her ways be ways of pleasantness and all her paths be peace."—"Masonic Sun."

THE LOOKOUT COMMITTEE.

ONE of the most difficult problems, one of the most universal, and one of the longest standing, is how to secure the regular attendance of members at Lodge meetings. Masters have resorted to various methods to arouse an interest on the part of indifferent members. They have made personal visits to them and urged them to attend. They have written letters, setting forth the needs of the Lodge, and appealing to them to renew their interest and encourage the Officers and those who are active in its affairs. Attractive notices have been sent out, giving in detail the work of the Lodge, reminding the members of their duty and soliciting their co-operation.

The first two methods have in some instances resulted in good, and have led some members to attend the meetings and take an interest in the work of the Lodge. They are good as far as they go, but the ordinary Master cannot spare the time to make repeated visits that are sometimes necessary in order to secure an interview, and sometimes when he does see the Brother he finds him uninterested, and with one excuse or another dismisses the matter from his mind. He receives the Master courteously, listens to what he has to say, makes a half way promise, with a mental reservation, to be present at the next meeting. After the interview, he concludes that the Master is ambitious to make a good record, and his motive in visiting the members is a selfish one, and he does not consider it a Masonic duty to encourage selfishness, so the meeting night comes and goes but he is not present.

The letter is read, laid aside, or "filed for future reference." In the "multitude of business cares" it is forgotten, and the good intention that may have been framed in his mind is not carried out. The "attractive" notice is received by the persistently absent member and in many instances finds its way into the waste basket unopened. In others it is simply glanced at and not wholly read. Some complain at the "squandering of money" on printer's ink. And so it goes.

The great trouble in most Lodges is the failure to look after and develop those who are brought in. More attention is paid to bringing new men into the Lodge than to retaining and educating those already in. A candidate is raised, signs the bye-laws, and is then turned adrift to "paddle his own canoe" and look out for himself. If he chances to sail into smooth waters all right, but if he strikes upon shoals he must get along as best he can. It is of vastly more importance to the health, strength and vigour of the Lodge to develop the old members, to look after them, and help them to retain the enthusiasm of their Masonic youth, than to confer degrees upon new men.

Bro. Charles A. Alden, Senior Warden of Washington Lodge, made a suggestion at the last meeting of that body which strikes us most favourably. It was to appoint a "Lookout Committee," whose duty should be to visit the absentees and urge them to attend the meetings, and to look out for them when they do come to the Lodge, extend to them the warm grasp of Brotherly love, and lead them to catch some of the enthusiasm which is found in others. If the absentees fail to respond after one visit, call again, and follow up the work in a kind and Brotherly way. The work of this Committee must be careful, persistent and continuous. The members of it must be on the lookout for an opportunity to meet some who need cultivation and impress them with the importance of their presence at the Lodge, and tell them of the pleasant and profitable meetings that are held. This, followed up day by day, cannot fail to result in good to the Lodge.

There is much other good work that this Lookout Committee can do which will suggest itself to the thoughtful Mason.

Try the "Lookout Committee" plan.—"Standard."

NEW PROV.G.M. ANTRIM.

ONE of the most interesting ceremonies ever seen in Belfast will take place on the 15th January, when the Earl of Shaftesbury will be installed as Provincial Grand Master of the Province of Antrim. The last ceremonial of a similar kind in the city was the installation of the Most Honourable the Marquis of Hertford as Provincial Grand Master, in the month of October 1889, on which occasion a grand banquet was given by the members of the Masonic body in the Ulster Hall. The gift of the dignity of Provincial Grand Master is the especial prerogative of his Grace the Duke of Abercorn M.W. Grand Master of Ireland, and the lot has fallen most worthily upon the Earl of Shaftesbury, who resides in the district and who promises to become exceedingly popular among the Brethren of the important Province.

A special communication of the Provincial Grand Lodge will be convened on the 15th proximo in the Exhibition Hall, Botanic Avenue, at 4 p.m. At this meeting the Duke of Abercorn will preside, and he will be attended by the Deputy Grand Master Sir James Creed Meredith, LL.D., and the Officers of the Grand Lodge of Ireland. The newly appointed Provincial Grand Master will then be formally installed with the customary ceremonials and honours of Masonry by the Duke of Abercorn, and having been duly saluted, the Prov. Grand Lodge will be closed.

Subsequently, a grand banquet will be given in the Ulster Hall, under the auspices of the Deputy Provincial Grand Master Bro. R. J. Hilton, J.P., and the Officers and members of the Prov. G. Lodge of Antrim, in honour of the installation of the Earl of Shaftesbury, and at this banquet the Duke of Abercorn will preside. The Hall will be gaily and handsomely decorated for the occasion, and the arrangements of the tables will be similar to that of the banquet recently given to General Sir George White. The balcony has been specially reserved for the ladies, who will be supplied with refreshments in the Ulster Minor Hall during the evening. Arrangements have also been made for the orchestral band to be in attendance, and a choice vocal musical programme has been prepared to enliven the intervals between the various toasts. The members of the Order will appear at the banquet in full Masonic costume, representing the various degrees of Freemasonry.

NEW HALL AT NEWBURY.

AT a meeting of Brethren held in the early part of last week the arrangements for the dedication of the Masonic Hall were discussed and settled. The ceremony will be performed on the afternoon of Friday, 4th January, by the Deputy Provincial Grand Master of Berkshire Bro. J. T. Morland, Mayor of Abingdon, Past G. Deacon of England, assisted by the Provincial Grand Wardens and other Officers. Following this will come the installation of Bro. John Rolfe as Worshipful Master of the Loyal Berkshire Lodge of Hope for the ensuing year. In the evening there will be a banquet in the Council Chamber. It is hoped that the Provincial Grand Master Lord Wantage V.C. will be able to honour the gathering with his presence. The Mayor of Reading Bro. A. H. Bull and other representatives of Lodges in the Province, as well as distinguished Brethren from the Grand Lodge of England, are expected to be present.

The premises which have been converted for the purpose of providing a commodious Masonic Hall and ante-rooms are well adapted for such a use, being spacious, and on a convenient site within a few yards of Northbrook Street, one of the main thoroughfares. For a considerable period prior to the opening of the Municipal Buildings and the police-court, the house was the scene of the sittings of the Justices for the Newbury division, and also used as the Town Clerk's office during the lifetime of the late Mr. H. B. Godwin. The interior is notable on account of a quantity of oak panelling, which has been carefully preserved.

The Masonic Hall, which is upstairs, is a handsome apartment, 40ft 6in by 17ft 6in, and the basement has been fitted up to meet the various requirements of the Brethren who will from time to time assemble within the walls in connection with the Royal Arch Chapter and the Craft and Mark Lodges. The entire work has been carried out most satisfactorily by Messrs. G. Elms and Sons, of Newbury and Marsh Benham, from plans prepared by Bro. W. Ravenscroft, Architect, of Reading.

OUR G.M. AND EDINBURGH BRETHREN.

THE W.M. and Secretary of the Lodge of Edinburgh (Mary's Chapel), No. 1, Bros. W. W. Robertson and R. Wood Hawks, under date December 13, wrote to Sir Francis Knollys:—

In a letter received from you, under date 26th February 1899, you intimated that His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales had been graciously pleased to indicate that he would accept a copy of the tercentenary edition of the history of the Lodge of Edinburgh (Mary's Chapel) No. 1. We have been instructed to express, on behalf of the Committee of the Lodge, on behalf of those members who assisted in the production of the work, and especially on behalf of the author, D. Murray Lyon, who this day demits office as Secretary of the Grand Lodge of Scotland after twenty-three years service, the deep sense of the honour which His Royal Highness has conferred upon the Lodge. The copy, which is sent under separate cover, has been specially prepared for, and is submitted to, His Royal Highness in all humility by the Lodge, with their most dutiful submission to the patron of Scottish Freemasonry.

The following reply has been received:—

Marlborough House, Pall Mall, S.W.,

19th December 1900.

Gentlemen,—I have submitted your letter and also the copy of the tercentenary edition of the history of the Lodge of Edinburgh to the Prince of Wales. His Royal Highness desires me to say that he sincerely appreciates the kind feeling which prompted the members of your Lodge to send him this volume, and he feels sure that the work is one which cannot fail to interest the Craft generally.

I am, Gentlemen,

Your obedient servant,

FRANCIS KNOLLYS.

W. W. Robertson, Esq., R.W.M.,
R. Wood Hawks, Esq., Secretary,

Entertainment Notes.

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Lyric.—Miss Kate Phillips has so charming a personality, and is so capable an actress in her special line of character, that we cannot but regret her selection of Mr. Robert Ganthony's farcical comedy "The King Mistress" for her first essay as a manageress. The very title is a misnomer, as there is not even a suspicion of the scent of the sawdust in the piece, the humour of which consists of a man committing bigamy with his own wife. Miss Phillips represents Mrs. Van Brown, who is designated as "a retired circus proprietress," but her husband is a photographer, who, finding the bonds of matrimony too galling, advertises for another wife. Mrs. Van Brown, by some occult means, finds this out, and answers the advertisement herself, with the result that the pair are re-married at an adjacent registrar's office. An appointment is made for the next day at Southampton, whither another couple, Alderman Grinstead and the Countess Mobrais, proceed for their honeymoon. The Countess wears a dress similar to that of Mrs. Van Brown and is mistaken by the peccant husband for his innamorata, but the fun that ensues is very forced and entirely improbable. After believing himself to be the murderer of his wife, Mr. Van Brown returns repentant to the studio, where explanations are made and the farce ends. Miss Phillips is vivacious enough as the jealous wife, but Mr. Robb Harwood is somewhat too heavy for the part of Van Brown. Two pretty characters, Ada Grinstead and Lawrence Mobrais are introduced, and are capably played by Miss Victoria Addison, who makes her first appearance; and Mr. Michael Dure. Admirable assistance is also rendered by Mr. Webb Darleigh and Miss Beatrice Lamb, as the Alderman and Countess; by Mr. Chas. Garth as a Detective; and Mr. M. Clifton as Willie Wank. The piece requires to be played with greater briskness both in action and dialogue, but we cannot predict an overwhelming success.

Duke of York's.—Genuine fun, delightful humour, and charming romance are united in Mr. Louis Parker's play "The Swashbuckler," which is now attracting large audiences, and may be recommended for the delectation of both old and young during the holidays. The story narrates the adventures of Count Maximilian, of Andlau, and Loretta, who, unknown to each other, are heirs to the estate, which by the eccentric will of the late lord is to belong to the first to arrive at the castle. This fact is known by the Baron of Randegg, who kidnaps Loretta for the purpose of marrying her to his son Johannes. Of course she is rescued by Max, who naturally falls in love with her, with the usual result. This brief description fails to convey the pretty and stirring scenes that lead up to the dénouement, and it would be a pity to describe them since it would detract from the pleasure of witnessing them. Suffice it to say that Mr. Herbert Waring is the Max, and there is no brighter hero of romance than he, while Loretta is portrayed by Miss Evelyn Millard, who appears to surpass her previous efforts. Nothing more delightful than the scene in the Forest, where Loretta, disguised as a Boy, listens to Max's love for herself, has been conceived since Shakespeare wrote "As you like it." Mr. William Day as the Baron, Mr. J. L. Mackay as his son, and Mr. Alfred Mansfield as Loretta's Page are also excellent, and Miss Oliffe, Miss Hunter, and Messrs. Shelton, Tyler, Willes, and Norrie ably sustain the minor characters. The play is beautifully staged, and the incidental music, by Edward Jones, is clever and appropriate.

MEETINGS NEXT WEEK.

Tuesday.

- 172 Old Concord, Freemasons' Hall
 765 St. James, Bridge House Hotel
 1472 Henley, Three Crowns, Nth. Woolwich
 1662 Beaconsfield, Brooke, Walthamstow
 2524 Train-Bands, Barracks, Finsbury
 2715 Acanthus, Gt. Eastern Hotel
 2738 Army and Navy, Anderton's
 52 Union, 47 St. Giles Street, Norwich
 70 St. John, F.M.H., Plymouth
 103 Beaufort, F.M.H., Bristol
 124 Marquis of Granby, F.M.H., Durham
 158 Adam, Britannia, Sheerness
 160 True Friendship, Old Ship, Rochford
 209 Etonian, F.M.H., Windsor
 252 Harmonic, F.M.T., Dudley
 265 Royal Yorkshire, F.M.H., Keighley
 315 Royal York, Royal Pavilion, Brighton
 340 Alfred, F.M.H., Oxford
 364 Cambrian, F.M.H., Neath
 393 St. David, F.M.H., Berwick
 457 Loyal Monmouth, F.M.H., Monmouth
 492 Royal Lebanon, Bell, Gloucester
 510 St. Martin, F.M.H., Liskeard
 558 Temple, F.M.H., Folkestone
 624 Abbey, F.M.H., Burton-on-Trent
 660 Camalodunum, F.M.H., New Malton
 673 St. John, F.M.H., Liverpool
 734 Londesborough, F.M.H., Bridlington
 789 Dunheved, F.M.H., Launceston
 794 Warden, New Royal, Sutton Coldfield
 804 Carnarvon, F.M.H., Havant
 814 Parrett & Axe, Town Hall, Crewkerne
 847 Fortescue, F.M.H., Honiton
 910 St. Oswald, F.M.H., Pontefract
 949 St. Barnabas, Elephant & Cst., Linslade
 960 Bute, F.M.H., Cardiff
 967 Three G. Principles, F.M.H., Penryn
 974 Pentalpha, F.M.H., Bradford
 979 Four Cardinal Virtues, Royal, Crewe
 990 Neyland, New Masonic Hall, Neyland
 995 Furness, Masonic Temple, Ulveston
 1002 Skiddaw, Masonic Rooms, Cockermouth
 1072 Aberystwith, F.M.H., Aberystwith
 1096 Lord Warden, Forester's H., Walmer
 1134 Newall, F.M.H., Manchester
 1214 Scarborough, Station Hotel, Batley
 1222 Saint Kew, F.M.H., Weston-super-Mare
 1244 Marwood, F.M.H., Redcar
 1265 Vale of Catmos, Agri. Hall, Oakham
 1266 Honour & Friendship, Blandford
 1336 Square & Compass, F.M.H., Wrexham
 1482 Isle of Axholme, F.M.H., Crowle
 1488 St. Eleth, Eleth Inn, Amlwch
 1509 Madoc, F.M.H., Portmadoc
 1619 Sackville, F.M.H., East Grinstead
 1780 Albert Edward, F.M.H., Southampton
 1785 St. Petroc, F.M.H., Padstow
 1807 Loyal Wye, F.M.H., Builth
 1823 Royal Clarence, F.M.H., Clare
 1902 St. Cuthbert, King's Arms, Bedlington
 1908 Cholmondeley, F.M.H., Frodsham
 1970 Hadrian, F.M.H., South Shields
 2129 Dorothy Vernon, Town Hall, Bakewell
 2133 Swan of Avon, Stratford-on-Avon
 2136 St. Michael, Bishops Stortford
 2561 West Essex, Roebuck, Buckhurst Hill
 2595 Trinity, Assembly Rm., Buckfastleigh
 2676 Royal Connaught, Grand, Eastbourne

Wednesday.

- 1298 Royal Standard, Holborn Restaurant
 1306 St. John, Guildhall Tavern
 1687 Rothesay, Frascati
 2032 Richmond, Greyhound, Richmond
 2615 Zodiac, Denmark, East Ham
 2739 Verity, Cafe Monico
 2764 St. Olave, Tower Bridge Hotel
 74 Athol, F.M.H., Birmingham
 86 Loyalty, King's Arms, Prescot, Lanc.
 94 Phoenix, F.M.H., Sunderland
 137 Amity, F.M.H., Poole
 159 Brunswick, F.M.H., East Stonehouse
 164 Perseverance, F.M.H., Sidmouth
 168 Mariners, Masonic Temple, Guernsey
 279 St. John, F.M.H., Leicester
 282 Bedford, F.M.H., Tavistock
 287 Unanimity, White Lion, Stockport
 298 Harmony, Masonic Room, Rochdale
 313 United Friends, Great Yarmouth
 320 Loyalty, F.M.H., Mottram
 326 Moira of Honour, F.M.H., Bristol
 327 St. John, Lion and Lamb, Wigton
 332 Virtue and Silence, Hadleigh
 341 Wellington, George, Rye
 366 St. David, F.M.H., Milford
 368 Samaritan, F.M.H., Sandbach
 372 Harmony, F.M.H., Budleigh Salterton

- 380 Integrity, F.M.H., Morley, Yorks.
 387 Airedale, Saltaire Inst., Shipley
 406 Northern Counties, Newcastle-on-Tyne
 417 Faith & Unanimity, F.M.H., Dorchester
 429 Royal Navy, Royal, Ramsgate
 464 Cambrian, F.M.H., Haverfordwest
 471 Silurian, F.M.H., Newport, Mon.
 533 Eaton, F.M.H., Congleton
 555 Fidelity, Crown, Framlingham
 633 Yarborough, Grand, Manchester
 678 Earl Ellesmere, Farnworth
 681 Scarsdale, F.M.H., Chesterfield
 697 United, George, Colchester
 920 Waveney, King's Head, Bungay
 970 St. Anne, F.M.H., East Looe
 992 St. Thomas, Griffin, L. Broughton
 1003 Prince of Wales, Mas. Tem., Jersey
 1004 Athole, F.M.H., Douglas, I. of Man
 1010 Kingston, F.M.H., Hull
 1013 Royal Victoria, F.M.H., Liverpool
 1024 St. Peter, F.M.H., Maldon
 1085 Hartington, F.M.H., Derby
 1091 Erme, F.M.H., Ivybridge
 1167 Alnwick, F.M.H., Alnwick
 1193 Doric, White Hart, Wymondham
 1205 Metham, F.M.H., East Stonehouse
 1206 Cinque Ports, Town Hall, Sandwich
 1274 Earl of Durham, F.M.H., Chester-le-St.
 1333 Athelstan, Town Hall, Atherstone
 1335 Lindsay, F.M.H., Wigan
 1354 Marquis of Lorne, F.M.H., Leigh
 1369 Bala, Plas Cock, Bala
 1431 St. Alphege, George, Solihull
 1461 Clausentum, F.M.H., Woolston
 1478 Longleat, Town Hall, Warminster
 1493 Robin Hood, Eastwood
 1520 Earl Shrewsbury, Council H., Cannock
 1529 Duke of Cornwall, St. Columb
 1532 Bective, F.M.H., Carlisle
 1544 Mount-Edgcumbe, F.M.H., Camborne
 1576 Dee, Park Gate, Chester
 1620 Marlborough, Derby Hall, Liverpool
 1645 Colne Valley, F.M.H., Slaithwaite
 1660 Arleccon, F.M.H., Frizington
 1663 Hartismere, White Lion, Eye
 1736 St. John, F.M.H., Halifax
 1783 Albert Edward, F.M.H., Huddersfield
 1808 Suffield, Angel, North Walsham
 1854 Weald of Kent, Tenterden
 1862 Stranton, F.M.H., West Hartlepool
 2193 Queen's Jubilee, Lord Nelson, Nelson
 2200 Antilles Pump R., Tunbridge Wells
 2224 Fairfield, Pavilion, Long Eaton
 2283 Luston, New Inn, St. Neots
 2334 Jersey, Masonic Temple, Bicester
 2355 Chantrey, Lic. Vic. Bldgs., Dore
 2368 Alan, Queens, Alderly Edge
 2391 Orde-Powlett, F.M.H., Middlesbrough
 2450 Loxfield, Maiden's Head, Uckfield
 2453 Duke of York, F.M.H., Cardiff
 2464 Longsight, Club House, Longsight
 2556 Glyn Ebbw, F.M.H., Ebbw Vale
 2560 Earl of Lathom, Royal, Bury
 2655 Queen Victoria, St. Budeaux
 2690 West Kirby, Tynwald Hall, W. Kirby
 2729 Streatham, Streatham

Thursday.

- 538 La Tolerance, Freemasons' Hall
 820 Lily of Richmond, Inns of Court Hotel
 1288 Finsbury Park, Holborn Restaurant
 1383 Friends in Council, 33 Golden Square
 1445 Prince Leopold, Three Nuns, Aldgate
 1950 Southgate, Beale's Restaurant
 1963 Duke of Albany, Surrey Masonic Hall
 2291 West Ham Abbey, Town H., Stratford
 24 Newcastle-upon-Tyne, Newcastle-on-T.
 31 United Industrious, Canterbury
 38 Union, Council Cham., Chichester
 41 Royal Cumberland, F.M.H., Bath
 57 Humber, F.M.H., Hull
 71 Unity, F.M.H., Lowestoft
 110 Loyal Cambrian, Merthyr Tydvil
 114 British Union, F.M.H., Ipswich
 116 Royal Lancashire, Swan, Colne
 120 Palladian, Green Dragon, Hereford
 195 Hengist, F.M.H., Bournemouth
 208 Three Grand Principles, Dewsbury
 219 Prudence, F.M.H., Todmorden
 249 Mariners, F.M.H., Liverpool
 254 Trinity, Craven Arms, Coventry
 266 Naphtali, Freemasons' Arms, Heywood
 269 Fidelity, Volunteer Hd. Qts., Blackburn
 275 Harmony, F.M.H., Huddersfield
 276 Good Fellowship, Chelmsford
 283 Amity, Grey Mare, Haslingden
 289 Fidelity, F.M.H., Leeds
 294 Constitutional, F.M.H., Beverley
 295 Combermere of Union, Macclesfield
 300 Minerva, Ashton-under-Lyne
 305 Apollo, Town Hall, Beccles

- 317 Affability, F.M.H., Manchester
 337 Candour, F.M.H., Uppermill
 360 Pomfret, F.M.H., Northampton
 361 Industry, Norfolk Arms, Hyde
 362 Doric, F.M.H., Grantham
 419 St. Peter, Wolverhampton
 446 Benevolent, Vicar's Hall, Wells, Som.
 449 Cecil, Sun, Hitchin
 450 Cornubian, F.M.H., Hayle
 456 Foresters, Town Hall, Uttuxeter
 462 Bank Terrace, Hargreaves, Accrington
 469 Hundred of Elloe, F.M.H., Spalding
 509 Tees, F.M.H., Stockton
 531 St. Helen, F.M.H., Hartlepool
 539 St. Matthew, Dragon, Walsall
 630 St. Cuthbert, F.M.H., Howden
 637 Portland, Town Hall, Stoke-upon-Trent
 703 Clifton, F.M.H., Blackpool
 710 Pleiades, F.M.H., Totnes
 761 St. John, F.M.H., Dursley
 792 Pelham Pillar, F.M.H., Grimsby
 856 Restormel, Duchy Palace, Lostwithiel
 913 Pattison, F.M.H., Plumstead
 976 Royal Clarence, Blue Ball, Bruton
 1012 Prince of Wales, Derby, Bury, Lanc.
 1164 Eliot F.M.H., St. Germans
 1231 Savile, Masonic Room, Elland
 1235 Phoenix of St. Ann, Town Hall, Buxton
 1304 Olive Union, F.M.H., Horncastle
 1324 Okeover, Masonic Room, Ripley
 1379 Marquess of Ripon, M.H., Darlington
 1384 Equity, Central, Widnes
 1424 Brownrigg of Unity, Old Brompton
 1473 Bootle, F.M.H., Bootle
 1500 Walpole, 47 St. Giles St., Norwich
 1504 Red Rose of Lancaster, Padiham
 1512 Friendly, F.M.H., Barnsley
 1557 Albert Edward, F.M.H., Hexham
 1565 Earl of Chester, F.M.H., Lymm
 1639 Watling Street, Cock, Stony Stratford
 1770 Vale of White Horse, Faringdon
 1790 Old England, Art Gallery, Croydon
 1829 Burrell, Royal Pavilion, Brighton
 1874 Lechmere, F.M.H., Balsall Heath
 1899 Wellesley, Wellington, Crowhurst
 2028 Granite, Narborough H., Narborough
 2043 Kendrick, F.M.H., Reading
 2091 Castleberg, Ashfield, Settle
 2169 Osborne, F.M.H., East Cowes
 2189 Ashburton, F.M.H., Ashburton
 2195 Military Jubilee, F.M.H., Dover
 2321 Acacia, F.M.H., Bradford
 2342 Easterford, Mas. Temple, Kelvedon
 2350 Corinthian, Bird i' th' hand, Hindley
 2386 Clarence, F.M.H., Chester
 2433 Minerva, Bank Bldgs., Connah's Quay
 2496 Wirral, Claughton Hall, Birkenhead
 2512 Baring, Hotel Metropole, Cromer
 2651 Charity, F.M.H., Warrington

Friday.

- 90 St. John, Albion
 2076 Quatuor Coronati, Freemasons' Hall
 2511 St. John at Hackney, Finsbury
 242 St. George, F.M.H., Doncaster
 306 Alfred, F.M.H., Leeds
 318 True and Faithful, F.M.H., Helston
 355 Royal Sussex of Emulation, Swindon
 375 Lambton, Chester-le-Street
 401 Royal Forest, Slaidburn
 426 Shakespeare, F.M.H., Spilsby
 445 Fidelity, Pomfret, Towcester
 460 Sutherland of Unity, Newcastle-u-Lyne
 521 Truth, F.M.H., Huddersfield
 566 St. Germain, F.M.H., Selby
 574 Loyal Berkshire of Hope, Newbury
 601 St. John, Wellington, Salop
 652 Holme Valley, Victoria, Holmfirth
 709 Invicta of Ashford, Bank St, Ashford
 712 Lindsey, F.M.H., Louth
 837 De Grey and Ripon, Town Hall, Ripon
 838 Franklin, Peacock and Royal, Boston
 936 Adair, White Lion, Aldeburgh
 951 Prince of Wales, F.M.H., Stow-o-Wold
 1009 Shakespeare, F.M.H., Manchester
 1034 Eccleshill, F.M.H., Bradford
 1120 Rutland, George, Melton Mowbray
 1224 Stour Valley, F.M.H., Sudbury
 1230 Barnard, F.M.H., Barnard-Castle
 1232 Hereward, Angel, Bourne
 1363 Tyndall, Church Institute, Gloucester
 1375 Architect, F.M.H., Chorlton-cum-Hardy
 1405 Southwell, F.M.H., Nottingham
 1547 Liverpool, F.M.H., Liverpool
 1561 Morecambe, King's Arms, Morecambe
 1648 Prince of Wales, F.M.H., Bradford
 1664 Gosforth, F.M.H., Gosforth
 1725 Douglas, Ancient College, Maidstone
 1739 Carnarvon, F.M.H., Swadlincote
 1754 Windsor, F.M.H., Penarth
 1838 Tudor of Rifle Volunteers, Wolverhampton