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SCHOOL COURTS NEXT WEEK.

THE usual Quarterly General Courts of the two Educational Institutions will be held on Thursday and Friday of next week; the Boys on the latter day, that of the sister Institution on Thursday.

A special feature in each case will be the consideration of proposals to admit children to the benefits of the Institutions without the usual election, in consequence of their respective fathers having lost their lives while engaged in active service with the forces in South Africa. It is proposed to specially admit one girl and two boys under these conditions, and we are convinced the suggestions will be unanimously agreed to, as members of the Craft will gladly seize such an opportunity of showing their patriotism, and sympathy with those who have lately gone through so much in defence of Queen and Empire.

The Court of the Girls School will also be asked to admit two girls from the outstanding list of unsuccessful candidates at the last election, to fill vacancies caused by the withdrawal of two pupils before the expiration of their terms; and the Boys Court will receive a report from the Board of Management respecting the progress in the building of the new Schools at Bushey and the disposal of the existing ones at Wood Green—further reference to which latter item will be found elsewhere.

LANCASHIRE CHARITY.

UNDER the chairmanship of Bro. A. Shawfield 1013, meetings of the Executive and General Committees charged with the arrangements in connection with the annual Festival and ball, which takes place at the Town Hall, Liverpool, on Tuesday, 15th inst., in aid of the funds of the West Lancashire Masonic Educational Institution, were held on the 28th ult., at the Craft Headquarters, Hope Street, where there was a numerous gathering of members.

The Honorary Secretary Bro. Douglas Greame read an autograph letter from the Lord Mayor (Councillor A. Crosthwaite) acknowledging the receipt of the letter of condolence which had been sent to him and his family in view of his brother's death in South Africa, expressing his gratitude for the expressions of sympathy which were embodied in the communication. The general arrangements for the ball were advanced as the result of the meetings, and it was intimated that no fewer than 150 patrons and stewards had been secured for the Charitable function. The President of the Committee the Earl of Lathom Provincial Grand Master and the Countess of Lathom are expected to be present at the ball, which promises to be most enjoyable and successful.

MASONIC BENEVOLENCE IN 1900.

BELOW we have much pleasure in giving summaries of amounts received by the three Institutions of the Craft during the past year, the sum totalling up to £83,702 16s 1d, which amount is nearly £2,500 in excess of last year's total which, it may be remembered, was about £10,000 in excess of any previous records, if we except the results of the special appeals made in connection with the celebration of the Jubilee or the Centenary of the different Funds.

The post of honour, in point of amount received, is again taken by the Benevolent Institution, with a total of £29,587 13s 11d; followed by the Girls School, with £28,021 3s 2d; and then by the Boys, with £26,093 19s. If, however, we take the single item of Donations and Subscriptions (excluding the grants from Grand Lodge and Grand Chapter, interest on invested funds, sundry receipts,

&c.), and this is regarded by some as the real basis on which comparisons of the year's work should be made, we find the Girls first, with £24,162 6s 11d; followed by the Benevolent, and the Boys, with £21,671 14s 6d and £20,579 3s 4d respectively.

But however the results may be considered they must be regarded as most satisfactory. The Craft of England has subscribed largely to patriotic and other outside funds during the past year, and yet is able to eclipse its previous records on behalf of its own Institutions, contributing the immense total of nearly eighty-four thousand pounds for their support. Members of the English Brotherhood must indeed be delighted with such a record. May like success attend the three Institutions year by year in the future.

THE following are full details of the income of the three Institutions of English Freemasonry, for the year 1900:

Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution.

Donations and Subscriptions	...	...	£21,671	14	6
Dividends	...	...	5,671	1	2
Grand Lodge	...	...	1,600	0	0
Grand Chapter	...	...	150	0	0
Interest on Cash at Call	...	...	119	19	4
Re. Humfress' Estate	...	...	124	18	11
Legacy	...	...	250	0	0
Total					£29,587 13 11

Royal Masonic Institution for Girls.

Donations and Subscriptions	...	...	£24,162	6	11
Subscription from Grand Lodge	...	...	150	0	0
Subscription from Grand Chapter	...	...	10	10	0
Interest on Investments	...	...	3,041	19	5
Interest on Deposits	...	...	121	12	11
Receipts for Musical Instruction	...	...	145	10	0
Legacies	...	...	379	3	11
Receipts under Law 104	...	...	10	0	0
Total					£28,021 3 2

Royal Masonic Institution for Boys.

Donations and Subscriptions	...	...	£20,579	3	4
Grand Lodge Subscription	...	...	150	0	0
Grand Chapter Subscription	...	...	10	10	0
Dividends and Interest on Cash at Call	...	...	4,671	13	7
Music Fees	...	...	52	10	0
Science and Art Department (Grants earned)	...	...	39	5	5
Prize Funds	...	...	11	19	6
Sundry Receipts	...	...	65	9	0
Maintenance Refunded	...	...	10	5	0
Legacies	...	...	373	18	11
Balance 1900 Festival Fund—Stewards' Fees	...	...	56	15	3
The Richard Eve Memorial Fund	...	...	72	9	0
Total					£26,093 19 0

In acknowledging the toast of his health at his installation as W.M. of the Moira Lodge, No. 92, Sir Norman R. Pringle, Bart., said he was able to congratulate himself, not only on being in the chair of the Lodge, of which his father before him was an initiate and Past Master, but also on the fact that one of his ancestors—Sir John Pringle—was elected Master of the Lodge at Kelso, in Scotland, in 1702, and that Walter Pringle, Advocate, an uncle of the same Sir John Pringle, was passed F.C. in the Lodge of Edinburgh (Mary's Chapel), No. 1, on 14th June 1670.

LORD ROBERTS AMONG US.

WE are convinced we are echoing the sentiments of the whole Masonic Brotherhood in taking the earliest opportunity of congratulating Brother Lord Roberts on the honours of an Earldom, and appointment as a Knight of the Order of the Garter, conferred upon him by his Sovereign immediately on his return to England from active service in South Africa. May our distinguished Brother live long to enjoy these and the many other distinctions which will be showered upon him after his latest campaign.

Bro. Lord Roberts has accepted the invitation of the Jubilee Masters Lodge to attend a special meeting at which he will be presented with an address of welcome and elected an honorary member. The date will be fixed by his lordship. Full particulars will be issued in due course by the Secretary, Bro. Under-Sheriff J. D. Langton, 2 Paper Buildings, Temple.

Like the Lodge of Edinburgh (Mary's Chapel), the Mother Lodge of Kilwinning has enrolled Lord Roberts on the very select roll of its honorary members.

MASONRY IN ITALY.

A LETTER of Prince Odescalchi deserves to be recorded, because it marks a stage in the advance of Italian feeling and public opinion against Freemasonry. Though he is the heir of the Venerable Innocent XI, as well as of a line of Hungarian magnates, Prince Odescalchi is a Liberal. He is now a Senator of the Italian Kingdom, after having been a member of Parliament for many years. He wields manorial influence at Civitavecchia, where he has a beautiful villa by the sea. As the reputed possessor of upwards of a hundred millions of lire he can afford to be freer of speech than many of his neighbours, and thus his utterance rather gives than follows the pace, but the feeling which he formally set forth is not only most widely spread among Liberal Italians, but also active, and even vocal, if checked by fear and other considerations. This is the letter which he has sent to the electors of the constituency of Civitavecchia: "Many of you have addressed me, as your former deputy, asking my opinion about the candidature which you think of offering to the Commendatore Enrico Galluppi. His personal qualities (and) the important offices which he has laudably discharged in the Roman Municipal Council would point him out as an excellent deputy. But insistent rumours circulate and indicate him as a 'gras-bonnet' of Freemasonry, rumours the foundation for which I do not know. But, none the less, were he not to hasten to deny them publicly, and were the doubt to remain that such assertions might have some foundation in truth, I could not but strongly discounsel your giving him your votes.—Rome, December 18, 1900.—Baldassare Odescalchi." An editorial comment which has been made on this letter is exact—the letter affirms a new principle, that of formally considering Freemasonry to be what it is—a taint. The Prince's declaration, however, merely voices the feelings of crowds of electors all over Italy.—"Tablet."

The members of the Derby Allcroft Lodge, No. 2168, will instal their new Master, Bro. Nathan Robinson P.M., on Thursday next, 10th inst., at the Midland Grand Hotel, St. Pancras, and a large and representative gathering is anticipated. There is a candidate proposed for initiation, and a notice of motion—to vote twenty-five guineas to the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys, to be placed on the list of the W.M.-elect—will be dealt with. Bro. R. D. Cummings P.M. and Secretary of the Lodge will act as Installing Master, and the anthem after obligation will be given by Bro. Maldwyn Humphreys, who will be supported by Bro. J. E. Hambleton (Cello obligato) and Bro. James Kift (Organ). The Lodge is called for 4 o'clock, and the banquet arranged for 7. We hope to report the proceedings in due course.

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The installation meeting of the Domatic Lodge, No. 177, will be held on Friday next, 11th inst., at Anderton's Hotel, Fleet Street, under the presidency of Bro. J. Anley jun. W.M. The Lodge is called for 3 o'clock, when four candidates will be balloted for. There will be a raising at 3.15, and a passing at 4 o'clock. The installation of Brother Thomas Samuel Smith S.W. is set down for 4.30, and he will initiate the new candidates, at 6. Banquet is arranged for 7 o'clock. We tender our good wishes to the new ruler, and trust the same prosperity may attend his Lodge during his Mastership as appears to mark it at the present time.

FREEMASONRY AND NOTORIETY.

THE article "Christianity and Freemasonry" published below, originally appearing in the "Indian Witness," considered together with replies it has elicited from Freemasons and others in the columns of a Calcutta Daily, gives an orthodox member of the Order food for very serious reflection. During the past few years there has been a marked tendency to "popularise" Freemasonry, and with this object misguided votaries of the Craft have not hesitated to step outside the sacred boundaries of the Order to give publicity to its ceremonies and the doings of its leaders, an evil that has so increased that we are in daily dread that the few mystic attributes to our ceremonies will, ere long, become public property, the subject of table talk, the plot of plays and novels and of course the setting of the sun as regards the "original plan," which every earnest and thinking Freemason should strive to preserve in its pristine purity. The tendency to parade the doings of the Order before the "uninstructed world" is not confined to any particular country or centre, but, as the organ of the Craft in India, we briefly deal with the abuse as it is seen in our midst here.

The present tirade against the Order was mainly inspired by Bro. Bishop Welldon's recent lecture on "The grave and gay side of Freemasonry." We made a few brief remarks in our editorials of September last regarding this lecture, but did not feel called upon to add anything in deprecation of the publicity given to Freemasonry, although it occurred to us at the time that detractors might take advantage of the powerful championship the eminent Divine endowed the Order with to formulate an attack. Probably no one among us fails to appreciate Bro. Welldon's sentiments towards the Order, but the eminence of men in his position form too often a modified kind of advertisement, which Freemasonry scarcely benefits from. The indignation one may feel at the numerous misconceptions the writer of the article holds of the Order, become to some extent modified at several truths which strike home, a fact made all the more evident by the "rejoinders" the article has elicited from Freemasons. Has mighty Masonry sunk so low as to require this public vindication, we may ask? If so, why? Trace the reason in the shallow arguments, the banter, the chop logic which our would-be champions have, as a rule, attempted to combat the indictments with. We unhesitatingly say those misguided Brethren have done more harm than good by rushing into print, and we trust the District Grand Master may consider it expedient to issue a circular adjuring Brethren not to utilise the columns of the Secular press for the ventilation of their defence, necessary though it may seem to them in their mistaken zeal. Far from "The Professor's" strictures on Freemasonry being founded on fallacy, there is an under current of truth connected with the experiences he gives that few of us can attempt to gainsay.

We refer, here, to what is suggested in paragraphs 1 and 2 of the article. The other subjects we may leave to individual reflection and conscience. We know Freemasonry can be an actual link to religion. Whether it is so, or not, each votary must decide for himself. But as touching the other points, magnified into abuses by the writer, and in any case amounting to impeachments which if not capable of full repudiation become a source of still greater reproach by a weak attempt at defence in public, we would like to know when our Brethren will realise that Freemasonry's position should be unique in unobtrusion, the searched after, not the searcher? Unostentatiously it should pursue its mission of intellect (for our great object is "Light"), of benevolence, of charity and of purity in life and action:—its effect should be far reaching, but not in the trail of glory and pageantry. The future generation will have less pride in the Order than Freemasons of to-day, even less so than had our immediate predecessors, a fact too obvious to admit of doubt. The tyler of each individual heart has not been sufficiently zealous in guarding its privileges. The hankering after notoriety on the one side has played into the hands of the man who makes his living by pandering to the curiosity of the populace on the other. Pick up any secular paper you like and you will see constant references to the Order and its functions;—to this, or that, man being a leading Freemason, aye—not unfrequently that he had been admitted to this and that degree,—as if the Order was a public institution to be affected by the whims or opinions of the world at large. Compare the effect evolved from this principle with the halo that surrounds Freemasonry of the past.

We grope with a feeling akin to awe among the

mysterious archives of the Order that only vaguely enlighten us of its systems in the preceding age. Is the charm of obscurity to be totally destroyed? Are we to look upon the small selected bands of men, gathered together in obscure haunts for the practice of Masonic principles, as "old fogeys" whose ideas are too primitive to form any serious or lasting influence on Freemasons of succeeding ages? Such notions will endanger Masonry as similar ones are proving disastrous to Religious faith. We know to what inspiration the soul turns on the brink of its final separation;—not to the parade of the processional, with crucifixes, and incense, and the burst of trained harmony,—happily no!—at that moment the medium is dissolved: there are only two—the Creator and the creature. The right thinking Mason will not go to the public meeting place for the inspiration of Masonic principles. Far away into the obscure ages of the past he will find the Alpha of the science, and, as we learn, trace its development to the throne of God Himself. His right hand knoweth not what his left hand performs. This is the Principle. Here Religion and Freemasonry, if they do meet, are analagous. Freemasonry wants no public defence of its private conviction of what is noble and good. Least of all is the stability of its principles dependant on the rank and fame of its many noble supporters, a fact that seems to be harped on far too much, while publicity will tend to effectually add that contempt which invariably arises from familiarity.

CHRISTIANITY AND FREEMASONRY.

A STARTLING INDICTMENT.

IN the current issue of the "Indian Witness" (the leading Methodist paper in India) "The Professor," who contributes a Weekly column entitled "Comment and Criticism," has the following remarks on Freemasonry:—

In view of recent utterances concerning Freemasonry which have sounded through the length and breadth of the land, and to which much importance will be attached because of the character and position of the person who made them, the minds of many Christians must be somewhat exercised as to what course they should pursue in reference to the Masonic cult. Readers of this paper naturally expect some deliverance on the subject from "The Professor"—some expression of opinion by which they may be helped to a decision as to whether they are at liberty to regard Freemasonry with favour or not. Hence this article.

Of Freemasonry, I may premise, I know absolutely nothing by experience. I cannot, therefore, attempt to pronounce judgment upon the Fraternity from personal knowledge of its principles and operations. All that I aim at is to express my personal opinion on the question of the relation of Christian believers to Freemasonry, viewing the subject solely from the standpoint of what I believe to be loyal true-hearted Christian discipleship. While it is true that I am personally ignorant of the inner spirit and principles of Freemasonry, I have known many Freemasons with whom I have had close business, social, and other relations. My opinion is based very largely on what has come under my own personal observation, though I can hardly be uninfluenced by what I have read on the subject from time to time. To facilitate my examination of the subject, I propose this question: Can one who desires to please God in all things and to live the highest Christian life be an active Freemason? To this question I answer, No! My reasons are summarised as follow:

1. There is to my personal knowledge a great deal of dissipation connected with the working of Freemasonry. Of this I have had many painful evidences in various parts of India. I recall at the moment a sleepless Saturday night when the fact was indelibly impressed upon my mind, as I lay awake compelled to listen to the revelry at a Lodge dinner near by my place of abode. It was long past the midnight hour, well into the Lord's Day, when "For he's a jolly good fellow" was boisterously sung, the saddest fact connected with the tamasha being this: the "jolly good fellow" was none other than the chaplain of the station, about to proceed to another station, on transfer. He tried to minister at the altar of God on the Sabbath in question, in connection with his farewell service, but by all accounts might more appropriately have been recuperating in bed. Cases of unhappy domestic circles come before the mind as I write, in which the trouble was laid, and with more or less justice, at the door of the Lodge. Now, it must be conceded that these social festivities are not essential to Freemasonry, but are excrescences which may easily be lopped off. But it cannot be denied that a great part of the attractiveness of Freemasonry in this country belongs to this aspect of it, and much harm is done thereby in obvious ways.

2. I object to Freemasonry because it is a secret society. As such it ought to have no place for those who desire to walk as "children of the day," and to be open and above-board in all they do. Its tendency is to foster a most objectionable form of selfishness. Many become Freemasons that they may secure an adventitious chance to succeed in business, professional life and the public service, because they know their Brother Masons will often be disposed to favour them irrespective of their personal merits. Promotion, or service of one kind or another, is often secured in this way by Freemasons at the expense of others. In this way it undoubtedly fosters injustice. Ignoble motives often inspire men to join the society. Some do so that they may have an opportunity which would never otherwise come to them of hob-nobbing in Lodge functions with those of higher social position and of attracting the attention of those in high official authority. This spirit is not promotive of a lofty type of manhood or morality, not to speak of spiritual-mindedness.

3. The trend of Freemasonry is to supplant Christianity. By multitudes of nominal Christians Freemasonry is accepted as a substitute for evangelical religion. Many non-Christians, feeling after God if happy they may find Him, take up with Freemasonry, supposing it will be a satisfying portion for their restless souls, and many more will do so. There may be large numbers connected with Freemasonry who are still intellectually loyal to the general principles of the Christian faith; but there are large numbers of Freemasons who avowedly reject and positively hate Christianity. "What fellowship has light with darkness? what communion has Christ with Belial?" Christians, it seems to me, may find a more congenial and seemly rallying point than that which Freemasonry furnishes. (I have seen printed burial services arranged by Freemasons, from Scripture passages in which the name of Christ was deliberately eliminated.) If it be true that Freemasonry is an unfriendly rival of the Church of God, an accepted substitute by some for the religion of Christ, it does not approve itself to my judgment that ministers who commend Freemasonry to "the confidence of virtuous, thoughtful citizens" are fulfilling their highest duties as ambassadors of Jesus Christ.

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4. Freemasonry does not promote personal piety. I venture the affirmation that it is impossible for a thorough-going Freemason to grow in grace and in the knowledge of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. A good, that is an earnest, Freemason, is not usually a good, that is a devoted, useful and faithful, church member. Where enthusiasm for Freemasonry increases, there, it is absolutely certain, existing love for Christ and the Church decreases. This testimony I believe to be true. A Freemason friend of mine was soundly converted to God. He at once gave up attendance at Lodge, declaring to the writer that he felt he could not make progress in the new life unless he did so. Fidelity to the Lodge and growth in grace he knew to be incompatible. Who can deny it? The Christian who walks by the Spirit and lives by the Spirit, and who is determined to square his life by example and precepts of the Lord Jesus Christ, must of necessity separate himself and keep aloof from Freemasonry. The man to whom "to live is Christ" can "have no fellowship with the unfruitful works of darkness, but will rather reprove them." This is invariably true: a warmhearted disciple of Christ who goes in for Freemasonry soon loses his relish for spiritual things and rapidly loses ground in the Divine life. On the other hand, a member of the Fraternity who earnestly and with his whole heart begins to seek first the Kingdom of God and His righteousness soon discovers that the first thing he must do is to give up Freemasonry.

It has been my fortune to know upright, kind-hearted men who are Freemasons, and to have acquaintance with ministers who are Freemasons. But if they give themselves with any heartiness to Freemasonry, be assured they are not spiritually-minded Christians or the highest type of ministers. They are not lifters and leaders in the Church of God. They are not the men that people would look to for comfort and guidance in the hour and article of death.

In view of all the considerations named, and of others not referred to, I must be allowed to conscientiously express my sincere regret that Bishop Welldon, who is expected to play the part of a wise master-builder in the Church of God, one, too, for whom I have warm personal admiration, as readers of this paper well know,—should have gone out of his way to extol the virtues of Freemasonry and to clothe it with a value which many are utterly unable to believe it possesses. There are religious builders of olden time of whom inspired prophets declared that they "daubed with untempered mortar," a figure whose spiritual signification is readily apprehended. With all charity, this, I fear, is what Bishop Welldon has been doing. He may have done what he did with the best of motives—as I am quite ready to believe—but this does not compensate for a great blunder. He might have allowed Freemasonry to pursue the even tenor of its way and to gather strength as it may from the world of which it is a part; but I say with all Christian frankness, yet with heart-

felt reluctance, a Bishop of the Church of God might have rendered more acceptable service to His Divine Master by leaving it to others to show forth the praises of Freemasonry. It can hardly be said of those who do this that they are "building upon the foundation of the apostles and prophets, Jesus Christ Himself being the chief corner stone." The position for all absolutely loyal servants of the Son of God to take as it seems to me, is, that which was inculcated by the Apostle Paul when he exhorted his fellow Christians to "cast off the works of darkness and put on the armour of light, putting on also the breastplate of faith and love, and for a helmet the hope of salvation."—"Indian Freemason."

In India, where the division of races and religions is more acute, perhaps, than anywhere in the world, it is the wisdom of good citizens to seek rallying points. Such a rallying point is found in the cult of Masonic doctrine. To myself, though the most convinced of Christians, the opportunity of meeting men of other beliefs than my own upon the common ground of faith in God and immortality has been a privilege of great utility and pleasure. So long as it is impossible that anyone shall become a Freemason without professing his intellectual and spiritual adhesion to sublime religious doctrines, and so long as no one can live worthily as a Freemason without developing the fruit of his doctrines in charity and philanthropy, Freemasonry will deserve the confidence of thoughtful and virtuous citizens, and will play a great and salutary part in human life.—Right Rev. Dr. Welldon, Metropolitan of India.

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If our professions are less than a hollow mockery; if our appreciation of the light and beauty and uplift of our lives that comes from Masonic truth, from the Masonic Fraternity and from the Christian religion, is nearly equal to our claims, our hearts and our hands will ever be going out in loving sympathy and kindly ministrations to the unfortunate of our kind.—Jas. B. McFatrigh, Illinois.

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On Tuesday, 18th ult., the members of the Constance Lodge, No. 2135, together with other Brethren, entertained Bro. Geo. Dryden sen. to a complimentary dinner in the Masonic Hall, Consett, over forty-five Brethren partaking of a substantial and seasonable repast. Afterwards, Bro. Geo. Patrick W.M., on behalf of the subscribing Brethren, presented Bro. Dryden with a rolled top Derby writing desk, in recognition of his services during the past half-a-dozen years as caretaker of the Masonic Buildings, and congratulating him on obtaining an appointment under the Collierley School Board at Dipton. Bro. Dryden suitably acknowledged the gift.

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**THE RIGHT HON. W. W. BRAMSTON BEACH, M.P.,
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The services of Ladies and Brethren as Stewards are earnestly requested, and will be gratefully acknowledged.

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THE MISSION OF MASONRY.

MASONRY during the past century has made great progress throughout the world, especially in the Province of Ontario, since its introduction into Upper Canada over a century ago by a few devoted Craftsmen. From a dozen or more Brethren one hundred and seven years ago in Upper Canada we have to-day in the Province of Ontario in the neighbourhood of twenty-eight thousand affiliated Masons, and the influence and the welfare of the Craft during the next century depends very largely upon the result of our labours at the present time. We should be careful to guard the interests of our Fraternity in every particular and not allow anything to transpire in our Lodges but that which will tend to cultivate harmony and goodwill between the Brethren. Masonry at the present time is very popular with the people, and why should it not be? We do not know in this practical age a better school for the training of young men who desire to advance in life than that which can be obtained in a Masonic Lodge. At our colleges and universities young men are studying ancient classics, who will, probably at the first opportunity, cast them aside, but the training received by the ambitious young man in a Masonic Lodge will be useful to him in life. He not only gets good experience, but he comes into contact with the brightest intellects of the community where he resides, which must have a beneficial effect upon him. At the beginning of the present century Masonry played an important part in the development of Canada by bringing men of various temperaments and creeds together. Its mission is the same to-day, and if we will only endeavour to be as faithful to our Masonic trust as those who preceded us, then will the Brethren at the end of the twentieth century be thankful for what has been done by us to-day in passing the Craft in all its beauty down to them.—"Masonic Sun."

The Fifteen Sections will be worked at the St. John Lodge of Instruction, at the Camden Head, Islington Green, on the 14th inst., by Bro. David Moss. Bro. C. Weeden is the Preceptor of the Lodge, Bro. White Secretary, Bro. Ficken Treasurer, and Bro. C. Dearing the host.

The Lord Mayor of London, the Sheriffs and the Under Sheriffs have accepted invitations to be present at the installation meeting of the Empire Lodge, No. 2108, to be held on Tuesday, 22nd inst., at the Criterion, Piccadilly. The meeting is called for 5 o'clock, and there is a candidate for initiation to be balloted for, in addition to the installation of Master and investiture of Officers. The banquet will follow at 7.30 p.m.

In accordance with their annual custom the Brethren of St. Kew Lodge, Weston-super-Mare, entertained about 300 of the deserving poor of the town to a meat tea and concert in the Victoria Hall on New Year's eve. The tea tables were presided over by the wives or other lady friends of the Brethren, whilst the "waiting" was done by the Brethren themselves. After tea there was a concert and three twenty-minute exhibitions of animated photographs. Pipes, tobacco, ale, and non-intoxicating drinks were dispensed during the evening, and at the close there was a distribution of hot temperance "punch," which was much appreciated.

The total membership of the Quatuor Coronati Lodge, London, numbers 2,850. The Permanent and Audit Committee, in their annual report (14th December 1900) includes the following statement:—"During the fourteen years we have been at work, our income has steadily increased year by year. Even during the last twelve months, in spite of the fact that we have been unable to communicate with at least one hundred of our members in South Africa, whose dues therefore remain unpaid, the increase of income has been maintained, although not in the same degree as formerly. We are able to present a thoroughly satisfactory balance sheet, which proves the Lodge not only solvent, but well ahead of all of its liabilities."

The Upton Lodge Ladies night is arranged for Thursday next, and the Worshipful Master Bro. Walter James Carroll has made every possible arrangement to ensure its success and the enjoyment of all who participate. The Lodge meeting will be held at 5 o'clock, there being two candidates on the agenda for approval and initiation, and this will be the only business transacted, beyond the confirmation of the

minutes of the last regular Lodge and the emergency held for the purpose of clearing the work for this special meeting. The Ladies and other guests will be received at 6.15 sharp, and the banquet will be served at a quarter to seven. We are looking forward to a most pleasant and most enjoyable meeting at this usually entertaining Lodge.

Brother D. Murray Lyon, the veteran Secretary of the Scottish Grand Lodge, whom advancing years and many frailties have at length driven into retirement, has well earned his rest. When he assumed the duties of the Grand Secretaryship he was by no means, save relatively, a young man. He must have seen well nigh, if not quite, three score years come and go. The task to which he put his hand was not a light one. Financially, Grand Lodge was in a very unsatisfactory condition, and its general business had fallen into serious arrears. For many months Bro. Murray Lyon worked literally night and day. He spared no pains to bring order out of confusion, and to substitute a credit for a debit balance at the bank; and, still persevering, he exalted the Lodge to the position which it now occupies as the worthy head of the Mason Fraternity of Scotland. Prior to his appointment Bro. Murray Lyon was a foreman printer in Ayr, but he was already a high authority on Masonic affairs. He had investigated them historically, and he had written of them with such cultured knowledge that the members of Grand Lodge were fain to see in him the man for the vacant post. If Masonic affairs constituted the one wing of his lifework, and perhaps the more advanced, the antiquities and the archæology of Ayr constituted the other. There is somewhere or other an unpublished history of the Auld Toun that ought long ago to have appeared in book form, but the clientele for a really valuable history of this kind is comparatively small, and the financial considerations attendant on publication are barriers and not inducements to everybody save the man who is willing not only to write the book and to issue it, but who must add to authorship and publication the certainty of having to give his work for nothing, and his cash to the publisher.—"North British Daily Mail."

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In accordance with a Resolution of the General Committee a SPECIAL GENERAL COURT of the Governors and Subscribers of this Institution will be held at Freemasons' Hall, Great Queen Street, Lincoln's Inn Fields, London, W.C., on the morning of Thursday, 10th January 1901, at half-past eleven o'clock precisely, to consider the following Motion by W. Bro. Charles Pulman, P.Prov.G.D. Northumberland:—

"That the Laws relating to Election be and are hereby suspended for the purposes of the Election, with a view to her immediate admission to the Institution, of Audrey Rennett, a duly qualified Candidate, in consideration of the fact that her father died of Enteric Fever during active service in South Africa, and she is hereby elected accordingly, subject nevertheless to all the Laws and Regulations pertaining to Girls after Election."

Also a GENERAL COURT of the Governors and Subscribers of this Institution will be held at Freemasons' Hall, Great Queen Street, Lincoln's Inn Fields, London, W.C., on the morning of Thursday, 10th January 1901, at twelve o'clock precisely, on the General Business of the Institution; to consider Motion by W. Bro. A. C. Spaul, P.G.Std.B., Patron, on behalf of the House Committee, as under; to approve and declare the List of Candidates for the Election on the 11th of April next; and to declare the number of Girls then to be elected.

NOTICE OF MOTION.

"That the vacancies caused by the withdrawal of Beatrice Mitchell Williams and Nora Floyd, before the expiration of their term, be filled by the admission under Law 94 of Ada Emily Perry and Annie Lewell, the two highest unsuccessful Candidates at the October Election."

F. R. W. HEDGES, Secretary.

5 Freemasons' Hall, Great Queen Street, W.C.,
3rd January 1901.

*** The 113th ANNIVERSARY FESTIVAL will be held on Wednesday, 8th MAY next, under the distinguished Presidency of the Right Hon. the EARL AMHERST, M.W. Pro Grand Master, R.W. Prov.G.M. Kent. Brethren willing to act as Stewards on this important occasion are earnestly solicited to send in their names to the Secretary as early as convenient.

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A QUARTERLY COURT of the Governors and Subscribers will be held at FREEMASONS' HALL, Great Queen Street, Lincoln's Inn Fields, London, on FRIDAY, the 11th day of January 1901, for the transaction of the ordinary business of the Institution, and to consider the following Notice of Motion given at the Council Meeting of Friday, 28th December 1900:—

By the V.W. Bro. GEORGE EVERETT, P.G. Treasurer, Vice-Patron of Institution.

"That on the recommendation of the Board of Management,

HARRY DOUGLAS LUCK and THOMAS CECIL PERCY DAVIES, being duly qualified boys whose respective Fathers died whilst being actively engaged in time of War in the military service of their Queen and Country, be placed (without election) on the list of Boys maintained and educated out of the Institution under Law 68A, as adopted by the Quarterly Court of 12th January 1900, and confirmed by the Quarterly Court of 20th April 1900."

To receive a Report from the Board of Management respecting the progress in the Building of the New Schools at Bushey; also as to the sale of the Wood Green Property.

To consider and, if approved, to adopt a recommendation from the Council as to the number of Boys to be elected at the Quarterly Court on Friday, 12th April 1901, and to determine the List of Candidates.

The Chair will be taken at four o'clock in the afternoon precisely.

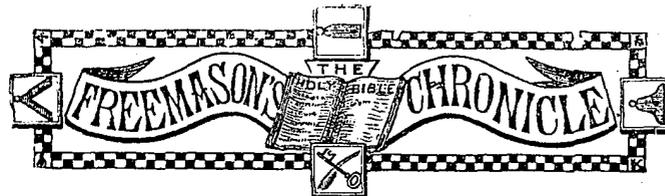
By order, J. M. McLEOD, Secretary.

Offices—6 Freemasons' Hall, Great Queen St., London, W.C.,
3rd January 1901.

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

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SATURDAY, 5TH JANUARY 1901.

SALE OF THE BOYS SCHOOL.

IT is very satisfactory to be able to announce that the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys has found a purchaser for its School and other buildings at Wood Green, as a "going concern," which is far more likely to be a profitable bargain for the Institution than if it had been found necessary to demolish the buildings, and break the land up into separate plots for building purposes, as was at one time suggested in some quarters. We tender our congratulations to the Committee of Management, and feel sure their success in this direction will meet the general approval of the English Brotherhood.

The premises at Wood Green have been purchased for the Home and Colonial Training College, now in Gray's Inn Road, King's Cross.

RULERS IN THE CRAFT.

THE following, in addition to those reported elsewhere in our columns, have recently been installed, Bros.:

E. F. Taylor, Sykes Lodge, No. 1040, Driffield, Yorks.
W. R. Bryden, Buxton Lodge, No. 1688, Buxton.
Thomas Grieve Whyte, Robinson Lodge, No. 2046, Maidstone.
George H. Elgar, St. Nicholas Lodge, No. 2586, Scarborough.
W. M'Kenzie Williams, Star of Gwynedd Chapter, No. 384, Bangor.
W. H. Hanson, All Saints Chapter, No. 422, Gainsborough.
R. Norton, Avalon Chapter, No. 446, Wells, Somerset.
John A. Morris, Walton Mark Lodge, No. 161, Liverpool.
T. Westlake Morgan, Snowdonia Mark Lodge, No. 259, Bangor.

Books of the Day.

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

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In the Palace of the King. A love story of old Madrid. By Francis Marion Crawford. With illustrations by Fred Roe (6s).—Macmillan and Co., Limited.

SUSTAINED effort, despite the strictures of Edgar Allan Poe, counts for much in the world of letters. Masters of prose fiction are often as remarkable for the quantity as for the quality of their writings. The truth of this will be recognised by all who know Fielding, Defoe, Scott, Dickens, Thackeray, Trollope, Melville, Dumas, Balzac, Black, or Stevenson, to whom we may add the names of Brother Sir Walter Besant and Mr. Marion Crawford. "In the Palace of the King" is the latest of a long series of literary triumphs achieved by one whose writings form a library of fiction in themselves. Candid critics will temper their praises of this book with discrimination, for while it bears the impress of its author's genius on every page, it differs in many respects from his customary methods. The story runs its entire course in a few hours, and is enacted wholly within the precincts of the palace of Madrid. Perhaps it has hardly the breadth and power of "Saracinesca," hardly the grace and charm of "Corleone," hardly the rare literary skill of "Mr. Isaacs"; but it is nevertheless an excellent love story. It takes us back to the stately etiquette, the courtly intrigue, the passionate love and hatred of Spain in the days of Don John of Austria. Dolores de Mendoza, the daughter of King Philip's Captain of the Guard, was beloved by Don John, but the course of their true love by no means ran smoothly—in fact, when the story opens, its happy consummation seems very far off indeed. Mr. Marion Crawford, though never diffuse and certainly never dull, contrives to fill 360 pages in telling how, by the play of wholly unlooked for circumstances, the love of Don John was rewarded by success, the craftiness of the king baffled, and the intrigues of the courtier once again set at rest. We are not sure whether description or dialogue is best handled in this book—certainly the scene between King Philip and Mendoza, after the supposed death of Don John, is of surpassing excellence. The character of Dolores is drawn in a manner worthy of the best traditions of historic romance; she is eminently a lady of her age, but only as regards its virtues. More frail a personality, but equally well sketched, Inez is an example of those who, in spite of physical blindness, take the initiative in much that goes on around them, and whose inner vision is but the clearer for the darkness without. The illustrations to this charming story are well conceived, and the printing all that could be wished.

"As a Watch in the Night." A drama of waking and dream in five acts. By Mrs. Campbell Praed (6s).—Chatto and Windus.

MRS. CAMPBELL PRAED has written what is in some respects the most remarkable novel we have reviewed in these columns. The canons of her art are here interpreted and exemplified pretty much at the writer's own sweet will, as a glance at the "contents" page shows clearly enough. We ought perhaps to premise that "Dorothea Queste" is a lady of mystical as well as mythical character, who is represented as having enjoyed a dual existence and as being strongly impressed at intervals with memories of her life under different skies in other lands than ours. This in part accounts for the extraordinary arrangement of the subject matter in the volume, which is divided into chapters of waking and dreaming, of scenes and interludes, of memory and present sensation. Brilliantly as Mrs. Campbell Praed can write, her method is, we think, somewhat unhappy. We venture to believe that only unusually careful and acute readers will readily grasp the purport of this long and singular story; it is like a fabric into which several designs are woven so closely as to render it difficult to trace any one of them. We certainly cannot attempt to lay before our readers the gist of the story. But we should fail to do justice to a lady of very eminent and rare gifts if we omitted to point out the merits of many passages of impassioned prose which form the finest portions of "As a watch in the night." We hardly know to what we can liken some of these visions of past splendour, unless we go back to Thomas De Quincey, and remind readers of the beautiful conceptions of "A Daughter of Lebanon," "De Profundis" and the more pleasing portions of the immortal "Confessions of an English Opium Eater." We doubt greatly whether this novel, at once so clever and so peculiar, will be largely asked for at the libraries; but we have no doubt whatever that all who bestow upon it the attention which it deserves will feel rewarded for their pains.

Shadows from the Thames. By Edward Noble (6s).—C. Arthur Pearson, Limited.

MR. EDWARD NOBLE was, if we remember rightly, a former contributor to the "English Illustrated Magazine," for the pages of which he wrote some clever stories. He has now tried his hand upon a class of subject very much in vogue just now—the delineation of the characteristic traits of those men whose calling in life leads them to spend their days upon the bosom of the Thames or among the purlieus of the river-side. Mr. Noble has succeeded in writing a volume sufficiently entertaining to preserve it from critical damnation; but we must say that those among our contemporaries who have likened his stories to those of Mr. W. W. Jacobs have, in our estimation, erred on the side of generosity. We trust, however, that Mr. Noble will persevere in the cultivation of his gifts; for feeble efforts never yet produced a good story,

any more than faint hearts have won fair ladies. Messrs. Pearson have lavished their customary care on the printing and cover of this volume.

MESSRS. MACMILLAN announce a volume of metaphysics, entitled "The Foundation of Knowledge," by Mr. A. T. Ormond; "The Elements of Rhetoric and English Composition," by G. R. Carpenter; "Spanish Highways and Bye-ways," by Katherine L. Bates; and "Selections from Plato," edited by L. L. Fodman.

MR. FISHER UNWIN is publishing "Eben Holding" by Mr. Irving Bacheller. Mr. Bacheller is an American, and a former edition of this book, published "across the streak," was so successful that 125,000 copies were sold in three months.

ON the 1st January the "Cornhill Magazine" commenced its 41st year. Owing to the increase of magazines more consonant with "popular" and "up to date" ideas, some of the grand old issues have of late seemed more or less under a cloud. This is not very creditable to readers generally. The "Cornhill" has always been "literature"—which can hardly be said of some magazines we could name.

BOOKS RECEIVED.

New Century Library (2s net per vol.).—T. Nelson and Sons. THE WORKS OF SIR WALTER SCOTT, BART.—Vol. 1—Waverley.

A SILVER WEDDING.

ON Christmas Day the Master of the Edmonton House and Infirmary, Bro. James Graham, celebrated the twenty-fifth anniversary of his wedding day, and the occasion was taken advantage of by a number of his intimate Brother Masons to present him and his wife a suitable token in commemoration of the happy event.

As Bro. Graham was one of the active Founders of the Waltham Abbey Lodge, No. 2750, and is at the present time its Worshipful Master, it naturally followed that the Brethren connected therewith took the initiative in the celebration, and it is saying much for the popularity of Bro. Graham when we have to place on record that the matter was enthusiastically taken up and the memento subscribed to by the Officers and members of the St. James, Enfield, Eleanor, High Cross, and Holme Valley Lodges, as well as the James Terry Chapter.

Naturally with such a representation the fund was handsomely supported, and enabled the Committee to purchase a beautiful and artistic solid silver salver, solid silver bowl, claret jug, and tea service, suitably inscribed.

Unfortunately the day (Christmas) was one of the most inconvenient for a function of the kind, as every subscriber desired to be at home with his family. The presentation had therefore to be made by a small deputation, with Past Master Dr. Benjafield as spokesman.

Bro. Dr. Benjafield, in making the presentation, spoke in eulogistic terms of Bro. Graham and, pointing to the large array of silver, remarked that that was a proof of the popularity, respect, and esteem in which Bro. Graham was held. These remarks were equally applicable to Mrs. Graham, who always supported her husband in all his endeavours, and in all his acts of kindness and charity. He had known Bro. Graham since he came from Huddersfield, about ten years since, and during that time he had found him to be a worthy Mason in every sense of the word, both as to the ritual, and its grand principles of Benevolence and Charity. He had served the Office of Steward of the Charities on ten occasions, and had qualified himself as Vice President of the Boys and Old Peoples Institutions, and as Life Governor of the Girls. He was also Charity Representative of the Waltham Abbey Lodge, for the Province of Essex. He wished the recipients many more years of happiness together. Twenty-five years was a good long period, but he trusted that the Great Architect of the Universe would spare them to enjoy in health and prosperity their Golden Wedding; nothing would please him more than to be spared also, and have the honour to make a similar presentation, only in gold next time, that day 1925.

Bro. Graham said that in the Great Light in Freemasonry there was a quotation that, "out of the fulness of the heart the mouth speaketh." There were, however, exceptions, when the heart was so charged with fulness of gratitude and thankfulness that it was almost impossible for the mouth to utter a syllable, and as such he felt on the present occasion. He was sure it rarely fell to the lot of any Brother to receive a presentation of such beauty and value. Valuable as to their sterling worth, but far more valuable as a perpetual reminder of the affection and good-will of his Brother Masons, and as such they would be treasured and, he hoped, handed down from generation to generation. He was sorry the day was so inconvenient for the subscribers. Had he known twenty-five years ago that he was going to receive such an elaborate and expensive Silver Wedding present, he would have made different arrangements, but a quarter of a century was a long time to look ahead, although a short one to look back upon, especially when the pathway had been strewn with the roses of happiness, and travelled in company with such a good and faithful partner. The handsome and costly presentation was befitting a grander reception, and he could dearly have liked all the subscribers to have been present, so that he could have publicly and personally thanked them on behalf of Mrs. Graham and himself. He trusted, however, that that deputation would convey to the respective Lodges, Chapters and Brethren who had subscribed, his wife's, and his own most sincere thanks and gratitude for their very kind, handsome, costly, and magnificent present.

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.

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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United Mariners Lodge, No. 30.

THE members held their last meeting of the century at the Restaurant Frascati, Oxford Street, on Tuesday evening, 18th ult. In this case the end of the W.M.'s period of Office synchronised with the end of the century, but neither of these important events appeared to unduly depress the large number of Brethren who entered an appearance, says the "Islington Gazette."

The agenda was a lengthy one, and included not only the election of W.M., Treasurer, and Tyler for the ensuing year, but also the initiation of Mr. A. E. Mitchell, and the passing of Bro. K. B. Kretschmar. Bro. George Fagg W.M. again demonstrated his acquaintance with the ritual, and performed the dual ceremony in such an exceedingly able manner as to call forth the marked approval of the visitors.

Bro. Frederick C. Foster S.W. was unanimously elected W.M. for the ensuing year, and Bro. Thos. Smith P.M. Treasurer. Bro. L. G. Reinhardt was re-elected Tyler.

The business before the Lodge having been disposed of, an adjournment was made to one of the spacious banqueting halls in the restaurant, when ample justice was done to supper. After the usual loyal toasts, a capital impromptu programme was gone through.

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St. John Lodge, No. 70.

INSTALLATION OF BROTHER JOSEPH JACOBS.

THIS Lodge held its installation meeting and banquet on the 27th ult., at the Freemasons' Hall, Plymouth. The popularity and high esteem in which Bro. Joseph Jacobs, the W.M.-elect, is held was evidenced by the exceptionally large attendance of Brethren, and the fact that the number of Installed Masters present exceeded sixty.

The ceremony of installation was impressively performed by Bros. C. J. Moore, G. Stanlake, W. H. Treasure, J. R. Lord, F. J. Prout, G. Leach, and J. B. Gover. The following were afterwards appointed and invested by the W.M. as his Officers for the ensuing year:—Bros. F. J. Prout I.P.M., A. Andrews S.W., C. A. Organ J.W., C. G. Withell Treasurer, J. B. Gover Secretary, G. R. Stanlake Assist. Sec., G. Leach Chaplain, W. H. Crang S.D., J. Newton J.D., E. G. Goad D.C., E. E. Farley A.D.C. and Assist. Org., G. Gomez Org., J. H. Brenton I.G., T. Wainwright and C. Allwright S.S., P. E. Bateman and J. S. Vincent J.S., and W. H. Phillips Tyler. Bro. C. G. Withell was re-appointed Representative on the Committee of Petitions, Bro. W. T. Hocking as Charity Steward, and Bro. G. R. Stanlake as Representative of the Devon Widows' Annuity Fund.

The installation banquet, which was subsequently held, was presided over by the new W.M., who was supported by practically the whole of the Brethren who attended the earlier proceedings, and several additional guests. A capable orchestra, under the direction of Bro. J. W. Wingate, rendered selections during the progress of the banquet, which was admirably served, and at intervals later in the evening several enjoyable vocal and instrumental items were contributed by various Brethren, the musical arrangements being organised by Bro. W. Willoughby. Bro. J. N. Pearce efficiently presided at the piano.

Bro. A. Andrews S.W. submitted the health of the W.M., and remarked that Bro. Jacobs had worked extremely hard for the welfare of Lodge St. John and for the Masonic Charities, and richly deserved the honour conferred upon him. The Brethren had made a wise selection, and they had every confidence that the W.M. would prove himself a worthy man in a worthy place.

The toast was accorded musical honours, and, on rising to respond, Bro. Jacobs received a great ovation. He returned thanks for his election, and promised to do all that was becoming a Mason. Who dared to do more proved himself to be unworthy of the name.

The toast of the I.P.M. Bro. C. J. Moore and Past Masters of the Lodge was proposed by Bro. J. B. Gover, who extolled the ability and urbanity with which Bro. Moore had discharged his duties during the past year, and said that largely through his energy and interest Lodge St. John had been raised to the position of one of the premier Lodges of the Province. In appreciation of his valuable services, the Brethren had unanimously voted him a Past Master's jewel, and wished him long life to wear it and continue giving the Lodge the benefit of his advice and assistance.

Bro. Moore expressed his warm gratitude for the gift, which he should greatly value as a token of the Brethren's esteem and goodwill, and his obligations to the Officers for the whole-hearted manner in which they had supported him during the past year. He also pledged himself to render every possible help to the new W.M., to make his term of office one of pleasure to himself and prosperity to the Lodge.

Bros. Treasure, Prout, and Stanlake replied for the Past Masters.

Bro. G. Leach gave in complimentary terms the health of the Treasurer and Secretary of the Lodge, to which Bros. C. G. Withell P.P.G.J.D. and J. B. Gover P.P.G. Secretary respectively responded.

Foundation Lodge, No. 82.

INSTALLATION OF BROTHER HORACE FISHER.

THE installation festival, usually held on St. John's Day, took place, under dispensation, on Saturday, 29th ult., at the Masonic Hall, Cheltenham, when Bro. Horace Fisher S.W. was duly installed as Master for the ensuing year. There was a large attendance, Grand Lodge and Provincial Grand Lodge being strongly represented and there being nearly thirty Past Masters of Lodges present. The D.Prov.G.M. Bro. R. V. Vassar-Smith, who was to have taken part in the installation ceremony, was prevented doing so by indisposition, but the ceremony was admirably performed by the retiring W.M. Bro. Lewis Hann.

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Anglesey Lodge, No. 1113.

INSTALLATION OF BRO. WESTLAKE MORGAN.

ON Monday, 17th ult., Bro. T. Westlake Morgan was, by dispensation from Lord Harlech, installed into the chair of King Solomon at the Masonic Hall newly-erected at Menai Bridge, this being the third occasion during the past year that that Brother has been entrusted with the charge of local Lodges. Last March Colonel Henry Platt installed Bro. Westlake Morgan into the chair of the Royal Leek Lodge, at Bangor; in November Gwynedd placed him in the East in the Snowdonia Lodge of Mark Masons at Bangor, and now has Bro. Lloyd-Griffith installed him into the chair of No. 1113. Brother Westlake Morgan thus holds the unique and very unusual distinction of being Master of three Masonic Lodges at one and the same time.

Colonel Platt presented the Master-elect to Bro. J. Lloyd-Griffith, who ably installed him in ancient form, before a Board of some fifteen Installed Masters. Hearty good wishes were offered to Bro. Westlake Morgan from the Grand Lodge of England, the Grand Lodge of Scotland, the Grand Lodge of Greece, the Prov. Grand Lodge of North Wales, St. David, St. Cybi, St. Tudno, St. Elth, Segontium, the Royal Leek, Ridley, and Quatuor Coronati Lodges; also from the "Old 407" Lodge, County Donegal (Irish Constitution), and the very old Lodge of Edinburgh, Mary's Chapel, No. 1 on the roll of the Grand Lodge of Scotland.

A Past Master's jewel was presented to the I.P.M. Bro. Walter R. Jones.

The subsequent banquet was admirably catered for by Bro. R. G. Thomas, at the Victoria Hotel, music being kindly provided by the Cathedral quartette party (Bro. W. Jones, Messrs. Jevons, Roberts, and Morris), and the orchestra being under the able direction of Bandmaster W. P. McElwee, of the Royal Anglesey Engineers.

During the evening the usual toasts were duly honoured, Col. Hunter, of Plas Coch, responding for the Grand Officers, and Col. Platt for the Province.

In responding for the visitors, Bro. P. Shearson Gregory (W.M. of the Mother Lodge of the Province) said that at the coming bazaar, which was being organised to liquidate the heavy debt on the new Anglesey Lodge Room, the St. David's Lodge would not forsake them.

Bro. Millard, who hailed from the "Old 407" Lodge of the Irish Constitution, said that much was to be learnt from visiting Lodges. He had been initiated in Ireland in 1865, and had visited Lodges in Gibraltar, Malta, Bombay, Calcutta, Shanghai, Hong Kong, and the Cape of Good Hope, and had found something fresh to learn in each.

In replying for the charities Bro. W. A. Foster P.M. P.Prov.G. Stand.Br. said he had realised a considerable sum that evening, and he thought that this year the Anglesey Lodge would stand well in the matter of benevolence.

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Marlborough Lodge, No. 1620.

INSTALLATION OF BROTHER THOMAS WALES.

THE annual installation was conducted in the Derby Hall, Tuebrook, Liverpool, on the 2nd inst., in the presence of a very large number of Brethren, both members and visitors. Bro. Thos. Wales W.M.-elect was presented and regularly installed, after which he appointed his Officers.

A banquet was subsequently held at the Central Café, North John Street, and in the course of the after proceedings the Immediate Past Master Bro. Young was presented with a Past Master's jewel and case of cutlery, in recognition of the ably manner in which he had discharged the duties of his Office during the past year.

A capital musical programme was contributed by several members and visitors.

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Dramatic Lodge, No. 487.

INSTALLATION OF BRO. HENRY GEORGE DANBY.

THE Brethren held their installation meeting on Thursday, 13th ult., under the Mastership of Bro. Harry Nicholls P.G.Std.B., who was supported by the Rev. C. E. L. Wright, Chas. Cruikshanks, and several other distinguished Brethren.

Bros. Sidney R. J. Smith and Frank Atherley were advanced to the honourable degree of Mark Master in an impressive manner by the W.M., assisted in loyal fashion by his Officers.

Bro. the Rev. C. E. L. Wright assumed the chair as Installing Master, and Bro. Harry Nicholls, acting as D.C., presented Bro. Henry George Danby to receive at his hands the benefits of installation, the ceremony being performed in an able manner by the Reverend Brother, who afterwards addressed the Brethren of the Lodge eloquently upon the merits of the Degree and its symbolic and other beauties.

Bro. Charles Cruikshanks was invested with the collar of Treasurer of the Lodge. The balance sheet for the year, showing a very handsome sum in the Treasurer's hands, was read, adopted, and ordered to be placed on the minutes. Notices of nominations for the advancement of three Brethren at the next meeting were received.

The labours of the day being ended, the Brethren dined together under the genial rule of their W.M.

NEW TEMPLE AT EDINBURGH.

ON the afternoon of Wednesday, 19th ult., the members of the Supreme Grand Chapter of Scotland held a special meeting for the opening and dedication of their new Temple, which has lately been constructed at No. 75 Queen Street, Edinburgh. There was a large attendance of the members of the Grand Chapter, and representatives of Chapters in Edinburgh, Glasgow, and other parts of the country. The chair was occupied by Colonel W. Ivison M'Adam Depute First Grand Principal.

About four o'clock the Companions assembled in the lower Hall, all attired in their Arch regalia, and proceeded to the door of the Grand Chapter Hall. The Grand Officers followed, and at the door the Architect (Comp. P. L. Henderson) presented the key of the Grand Chapter Hall, and the acting First Principal opened the door. The Companions then entered, and the ceremonial was carried through with dignity and solemnity, almost in the terms used at the Consecration of the Grand Chapter in 1817.

The Depute First Principal afterwards addressed the Grand Chapter, and congratulated them on now having so comfortable a home in which to carry on their work. Comp. J. Dalrymple Duncan proposed thanks to the Committees who had carried on the work, and said that of all the Masonic Halls he had seen—and he had seen many—none was so artistically designed or had the details so admirably carried out. Dr. Auchinleck expressed the congratulations of the Grand Chapter of Ireland, which he represented, and expressed the hope that their foundations would be strengthened and the Order made stronger in Scotland.

The usual Quarterly business meeting was then held, and thereafter the company, to the number of 120, sat down to dinner—the Depute First Grand Principal occupying the chair, supported by the Companions who had attended the ceremony.

The new Temple has been constructed according to the plans of Comp. P. L. Henderson, architect, Edinburgh. The property entering by No. 75 Queen Street has been entirely gutted out and reconstructed, and consists of three flats—sunk, ground, and first floors. On the sunk floor are the caretaker's house, kitchens, store rooms, &c.; on the ground floor, offices of the Chapter and a Chapter Hall or dining room; and on the first floor is the Royal Arch Temple, with retiring rooms, &c. The entrance from Queen Street is protected by an Ionic porch, projecting out to the pavement, with a pediment over the front, and gives a dignified prominence to the premises. On the left of the vestibule are the Chapter offices, and in the front a double swinging glass door gives entrance to the inner lobby communicating with the Chapter Hall on the ground floor, and the grand staircase to the Royal Arch Temple. The Chapter Hall is arranged to be suitable as a dining room to seat about 200 persons, and is elaborate in design, with pilasters at intervals supporting a massive frieze and elegant consoles. Each console has two lions couchant, on the heads of which is a deep abacus supporting the beams of the upper floor. In the end of this Hall is a deeply recessed arch, which gives relief to the rhythmic repetition of the pilasters. The lighting is by a series of windows in the depth of the frieze opened and shut by a shaft and screw gearing worked from a side room. The staircase is extremely handsome, being seven feet wide, constructed of solid granite, concrete steps, with mahogany balustrades of chaste and beautiful design, the baluster being Ionic columns of the Venetian type, supporting semi-circular arches curiously moulded, and the main balusters having finials and pendants delicately carved. The effect at the top of the staircase is very effective. The landings have three quaint looking arches resting on ornamental columns. On the one side these arches communicate with a large balcony, and are richly draped; while on the other side two of the arches contain heavy mullioned windows, while the third gives access by a half a dozen wide steps to the *pronaos* of the Temple.

The Temple is designed in the Egyptian style, and is modelled on the hypostyle hall of the palace of the King

Maneptha at Karnac. It is entered by a wide and heavily panelled door with low and deeply recessed lintel, which is calculated to impress the sympathetic visitor with a sense of solemnity. Nor is this sense relieved when the stranger enters the home of the Pharaohs, with its Sphinx's heads, pylons, and other familiar Egyptian details. Following the plan of the hypostyle hall at Karnac above referred to, the Temple has a row of small columns at each side, with entablature and clerestory above; while in the centre, forming the supports of the recess at the dais or throne, are two rows of tall and handsome columns, which are very imposing, and give a dignity and repose to the whole design. The details are simple and massive rather than elaborate, and have been arranged purposely with a view to an extensive and rather ambitious scheme of mural decorations, which will probably be carried out in the summer months. The heating is by electric radiators of the latest type, specially arranged with spaces between heated plates through which cold air is admitted at the floor level at will, while the vitiated air is exhausted at the ceiling by fans with electric motors. In the basement is an elaborately-equipped kitchen, with serving rooms, hot closets, and hoists communicating with all floors.—"Scotsman."

After a Mason has received his third degree, he is left to shift for himself. He is not directed to Masonic literature, nor is definite attempt made to acquaint him with the genius of the institution. He is allowed to acquire his knowledge haphazard, and yet a study of Masonic literature is more necessary now than ever before. Numbers of those who become Masons are already members of other societies, and instead of absorbing the spirit of the organisation into which they have entered, they endeavour, consciously and unconsciously, to introduce the methods of the institutions from which they come. The fact should be impressed on every Mason that in its origin and development, Freemasonry, as a Fraternal institution, holds a unique position, and this fact should never be lost sight of if Freemasonry is to retain its distinguishing characteristics. In most, if not all, other Fraternal organisations the Fraternal bond is established as a means to a certain end, which is the real object of the existence of the society. In Freemasonry it is the end itself, and all other matters are subservient to it.—R. S. Thornton, Manitoba.

There may be conspiracies for crime, like the Mafia or the Chinese Tongs; there may be secret conventicles of sin, like the Luciferians of Paris, or the gambling clubs of our own cities. But the principle of mutual association remains unaffected, though the corruption of the best is the worst; and vast good arises from it in every walk of life. Such voluntary societies are to be judged by a threefold rule: Their principles, their works, and their membership. Where these three are harmoniously praiseworthy, we may not fear to pass a favourable verdict, confident that even secrecy hides no harm, but is only the natural reserve drawn round family matters, the privacy proper to every home. So, I believe and testify, we are compelled to pass favourable judgment upon Freemasonry.—Rev. W. H. Van Allen, New York.

Oh, men and women, there is a light that lighteth every man that cometh into the world. It is not difficult to know our duty, it is not difficult to see our way. We do not need to pray for more light, as men are disposed to do, but we need to use more of the light which we have. We do not need to know more things to do, but we need to do more of the things that we know. That is the need. And God will not stultify Himself by giving His child more light, until His child shows a better disposition to use the light He has already given.—Rev. E. M. Stires, Illinois.

Entertainment Notes.

Alexandra Theatre.—All round praise is certainly due to Bro. F. W. Purcell in connection with his fourth annual Christmas Pantomime at his comfortable Theatre at Stoke Newington, upwards of four hours continuous enjoyment being provided for his patrons. The old time story of "Puss in Boots" has been selected for the groundwork, and on that foundation Mr. J. Hickory Wood has written an interesting story. The chief honours of the entertainment are secured by Paul Cinquevalli, whose performances are certainly marvellous, and are alone worth a visit. He is, however, well supported by the other members of the company, who among them succeed in keeping their audiences in a continuous round of laughter.

MEETINGS NEXT WEEK.

Monday.

- 25 Robert Burns, Freemasons' Hall
 188 Joppa, Freemasons' Tavern
 1319 Asaph, Freemasons' Hall
 1321 Emblematic, Criterion
 1924 Wickham, St. Peter's Hall, Brockley
 2535 Fellowship, Frascati
 53 Royal Sussex, F.M.H., Bath
 102 Unanimity, King's Arms, N. Walsham
 107 Philanthropic, F.M.H., Lynn
 113 Unanimity, Bull, Preston
 119 Sun, Square & Compasses, Whitehaven
 135 Perpetual Friendship, Bridgwater
 154 Unanimity, F.M.H., Wakefield
 156 Harmony, F.M.H., Plymouth
 199 Peace and Harmony, F.M.H., Dover
 270 Royal Faith and Friendship, Berkeley
 302 Hope, F.M.H., Bradford
 307 Prince Frederick, Hebden Bridge
 328 St. John, F.M.H., Torquay
 331 Phoenix of Honour & Prudence, Truro
 338 Vitruvian, Royal, Ross
 388 Prudence, F.M.H., Halesworth
 395 Guy, Victoria House, Leamington
 428 Sincerity, Angel, Northwich
 431 St. George, F.M.H., North Shields
 441 Three Grand Principles, Cambridge
 467 Tudor, F.M.H., Oldham
 482 St. James, Wretham Rm., Handsworth
 529 Semper Fidelis, F.M.H., Worcester
 607 Chicheley, F.M.H., Thrapston
 622 St. Cuthberga, F.M.H., Wimborne
 694 Oakley, F.M.H., Basingstoke
 699 Boscawen, F.M.H., Chacewater
 839 Rl. Gloucestershire, Bell, Gloucester
 850 St. Oswald, Town Hall, Ashborne
 928 Friendship, F.M.H., Petersfield
 959 Prince of Wales, F.M.H., Ipswich
 977 Fowey, F.M.H., Fowey
 985 Alexandra, F.M.H., Sutton Bridge
 1045 Stamford, Town Hall, Altrincham
 1050 Gundulph, King's Head, Rochester
 1071 Zetland, F.M.H., Saltash
 1077 Wilton, Red Lion, Blackley
 1180 Forward, F.M.H., Birmingham
 1211 Goderich, F.M.H., Leeds
 1230 Wentworth, F.M.H., Sheffield
 1254 Semper Fidelis, F.M.H., Exeter
 1264 Neptune, F.M.H., Liverpool
 1272 Tregenna, F.M.H., St. Ives, Cornwall
 1282 Ancholme, Masonic Rooms, Brigg
 1399 Marlborough, Mlb. Arms, Woodstock
 1434 Nottinghamshire, F.M.H., Nottingham
 1486 Duncombe, F.M.H., Kingsbridge
 1573 Caradoc, F.M.H., Swansea
 1757 King Henry VIII, Hemel Hempstead
 1954 Molesworth, F.M.H., Wadebridge
 1977 Blackwater, Blue Boar, Maldon
 2039 Londonderry, F.M.H., Sunderland
 2078 St. Lawrence, F.M.H., Scunthorpe
 2163 Jerssev. Railway Hotel, Southall
 2166 Cotehele, F.M.H., Calstock
 2237 Earl of Leicester, New Hall, Wells
 2240 Arrow, Burton, Kington
 2497 Carville, F.M.H., Wallsend-on-Tyne
 2520 Prince Wales, F.M.H., Newcastle-on-T.
 2533 Fitzwilliam, F.M.H., Peterborough
 2541 St. Andrew, F.M.H., Avonmouth
 2586 St. Nicholas, F.M.H., Scarborough
 2753 St. John's Thanet, Mas. Tem., Margate

Tuesday.

- 180 St. James's Union, Freemasons' Hall
 198 Percy, Ship and Turtle
 211 St. Michael, Albion
 255 Harmony, Greyhound, Richmond
 781 Merchant Navy, Town H., Limehouse
 917 Cosmopolitan, City Terminus Hotel
 933 Doric, Anderton's Hotel
 1004 Wanderers, Freemasons' Hall
 1668 Samson, Café Royal
 1693 Kingsland, Holborn Restaurant
 1922 Earl of Lathom, Surrey Masonic Hall
 1969 Waldeck, Freemasons' Hall
 2400 Brentford, Castle, Brentford
 2427 Hampden, Hampden House, N.W.
 2546 Rahere, Frascati
 2751 Arts, Freemasons' Hall
 80 St. John, F.M.H., Sunderland
 93 Social, 47 St. Giles Street, Norwich
 126 Silent Temple, Bull, Burnley
 131 Fortitude, F.M.H., Truro
 184 United Benevolence, New Brompton
 226 Benevolence, Red Lion, Littleboro'
 241 Merchants, F.M.H., Liverpool
 272 Harmony, F.M.H., Boston
 284 Shakespeare, F.M.H., Warwick
 293 King's Friends, Lamb, Nantwich
 319 New Forest, Visitors Hall, Lymington

- 371 Perseverance, F.M.H., Maryport
 373 Socrates, George, Huntingdon
 378 Loyal Welsh, F.M.H., Pembroke Dock
 386 Unity, Town Hall, Wareham
 448 St. James, F.M.H., Halifax
 473 Faithful, F.M.H., Birmingham
 494 Virtue and Honour, F.M.H., Axminster
 495 Wakefield, F.M.H., Wakefield
 496 Peace and Harmony, St. Austell
 502 Rectitude, F.M.H., Rugby
 503 Belvedere, F.M.H., Maidstone
 506 Mundy Grove, Boat Inn, Shipley Gate
 573 Perseverance, Drill Hall, Hales Owen
 593 St. Ann, Masonic Rooms, Alderney
 603 Zetland, F.M.H., Cleckheaton
 606 Segontium, F.M.H., Carnarvon
 626 Lansdowne of Unity, Chippenham
 650 Star in the East, Gt. Eastern, Harwich
 696 St. Bartholomew, Anchor, Wednesbury
 723 Panmure, F.M.H., Aldershot
 764 Harbour o'Refuge, M.H., W.Hartlepool
 771 Windsor Castle, F.M.H., Windsor
 779 Ferrers & Ivanhoe, Ashby-de-la-Zouch
 855 Sympathy, Swan, Wotton-under-Edge
 877 Royal Alfred, Masonic Temple, Jersey
 892 Royal Edward, Royal Oak, Leominster
 897 St. Helens of Loyalty, St. Helens
 903 Gosport, India Arms, Gosport
 954 St. Aubyn, Mas. Hall, Morice Town
 1021 Hartington, F.M.H., Barrow-in-Fur.
 1036 Bowyer, F.M.H., Chipping Norton
 1067 Ry. Forest of Dean, Newnham-on-S.
 1073 Greta, Keswick Hotel, Keswick
 1120 St. Milburga, Tontine, Ironbridge
 1138 Devon, F.M.H., Newton Abbot
 1168 Benevolence, F.M.H., Sherborne
 1197 Nyanza, F.M.H., Ilminster
 1250 Gilbert Greenall, Lion, Warrington
 1256 Fidelity, F.M.H., Poulton-le-Fylde
 1267 Kenlis, Oddfellows Hall, Egremont
 1314 Acacia, Bell, Bromley, Kent
 1367 Beaminster Manor, Beaminster
 1373 St. Hubert, F.M.H., Andover
 1414 Knole, Parish Room, Sevenoaks
 1447 St. Matthew, Barton-upon-Humber
 1476 Blackpool, F.M.H., Blackpool
 1522 Olicana, New Masonic Hall, Ilkley
 1528 Fort, F.M.H., Newquay
 1545 Baildon, Masonic Rooms, Baildon
 1560 Albert Edward, F.M.H., Leicester
 1587 St. Giles, Town Hall, Cheadle
 1713 Wilbraham, Walton-on-the-Hill
 1799 Arnold, Marine, Walton-on-Naze
 1837 Lullingstone, F.M.H., Wilmington
 1847 Ebrington, Masonic H., E. Stonehouse
 1942 Minerva, Public Hall, Fenton
 2099 Ethelbert, Masonic Rooms, Herne Bay
 2104 Whitwell, F.M.H., Stockton-on-Tees
 2134 Wilberforce, F.M.H., Hull
 2154 Joshua Nunn, George, Halstead
 2324 Horwich, Bridge, Horwich
 2339 Mistley, White Hart, Manningtree
 2357 Barrv, Royal, Cadoxton-Juxta-Barry
 2475 Border, White Hart, Blackwater
 2477 Colne, Greyhound Inn, Wyvenhoe
 2492 Concordia, Red Lion, Wendover
 2550 St. Aldhelm, F.M.H., Branksome
 2582 Lewisham, Blue Gates, Smethwick
 2600 Stanlev, Bull, Preston
 2667 Buckingham & Chandos, Rockferry
 2680 King's Court, F.M.H., Gillingham
 2708 Holmes, F.M.H., Wigan
 2709 Royal York, F.M.H., Nailsworth
 2714 Temperance, F.M.H., Liverpool
 2723 Heaton, 232 Shields Road, Byker

Wednesday.

Committee R.M.Benevolent Inst., at 4.

- 11 Enoch, Freemasons' Hall
 13 Union Waterloo, F.M.H., Plumstead
 15 Kent, Freemasons' Hall
 87 Vitruvian, Bridge House Hotel
 147 Justice, Ship, Greenwich
 548 Wellington, City Terminus Hotel
 749 Belgrave, Anderton's Hotel
 1538 St. Martins-le-Grand, Holborn Rest.
 1586 Upper Norwood, White Hart, Up. N.
 1815 Penge, Clarence Hall, Penge
 1827 Alliance, Albion
 1964 Clerkenwell, Holborn Viaduct Hotel
 1986 Honor Oak, Anderton's
 2362 Bloomsbury Rifles, Chenies Street
 2697 St. Michael le Querne, Holborn Rest.
 2765 Earl's Court, Royal Palace Hotel
 54 Hope, Spread Eagle, Rochdale
 84 Doyle's Fellowship, F.M.H., Guernsey
 128 Prince Edwin, Bridge Inn, Bury
 146 Antiquity, F.M.H., Bolton
 187 Roy. Sussex Hospitality, M.H., Bristol
 204 Caledonian, F.M.H., Manchester
 225 St. Luke, F.M.H., Ipswich
 244 Yarborough, Masonic Temple, Jersey

- 250 Minerva, F.M.H., Hull
 274 Tranquillity, Boar's Head, Newchurch
 277 Friendship, F.M.H., Oldham
 281 Fortitude, F.M.H., Lancaster
 288 Harmony, F.M.H., Todmorden
 290 Huddersfield, F.M.H., Huddersfield
 323 Concord, Florist, Stockport
 329 Brotherly Love, F.M.H., Yeovil
 463 Croydon of Concord, Croydon
 483 Sympathy, Royal Clarendon, Gravesend
 498 Royal Standard, Dudley Arms, Dudley
 567 Unity, Woolpack, Warwick
 654 Peveril of the Peak, F.M.H., New Mills
 661 Fawcett, F.M.H., Seaham Harbour
 666 Benevolence, Wes. School, Princetown
 679 St. David, F.M.H., Aberdare
 730 Ellesmere, F.M.H., Chorley
 731 Arboretum, F.M.H., Derby
 750 Friendship, F.M.H., Cleckheaton
 755 St. Tudno, F.M.H., Llandudno
 851 Worthing of Friendship, Worthing
 852 Zetland, F.M.H., Salford
 854 Albert, Duke of York, Shaw
 1005 Zetland, Bell, Gloucester
 1018 Shakespeare, F.M.H., Bradford
 1031 Fletcher, F.M.H., Birmingham
 1060 Marmion, 14 Church St., Tamworth
 1064 Borough, Bull, Burnley
 1088 Royal Edward, Mas. Club, Stalybridge
 1094 Temple, F.M.H., Liverpool
 1101 Grey Friars, F.M.H., Reading
 1112 Shirley, F.M.H., Southampton
 1125 St. Peter, F.M.H., Tiverton
 1135 Concord, Masonic Temple, Ilfracombe
 1140 Ashton, Reform Club, Heaton Moor
 1181 De la Pole, F.M.H., Seaton
 1209 Lewises, Royal, Ramsgate
 1220 Solway, F.M.H., Aspatria
 1242 Tynwald, F.M.H., Douglas
 1248 Denison, F.M.H., Scarborough
 1273 St. Michael, F.M.H., Sittingbourne
 1331 Aldershot Camp, So. Westn., Aldershot
 1342 Walker, F.M.H., Newcastle-on-Tyne
 1356 Toxteth, So North Hill St., Liverpool
 1398 Baldwin, Castle, Dalton-in-Furness
 1400 Curwen, F.M.H., Workington
 1403 West Lancashire, Bull, Preston
 1465 Ockenden, Ass. Rs., Haywards Heath
 1582 St. Idloes, Llanidloes
 1588 Prince Leopold, Angel, Stretford
 1643 Perseverance, M.H., Hebburn-on-Tyne
 1707 Windrush, Corn Exchange, Witney
 1734 Trinity, Golden Lion, Rayleigh
 1798 Zion, Grand, Manchester
 1848 Ferrum, F.M.H., Middlesborough
 1855 St. Maurice, Working Hall, Plympton
 1870 Lord Warkworth, F.M.H., Amble
 1895 Thames, F.M.H., Henley
 1932 Whitworth, F.M.H., Spennymoor
 1947 Stanford, Town Hall, Hove
 1958 St. George, F.M.H., Portsea
 2016 Shalden, Assembly Rooms, Alton
 2046 Robinson, F.M.H., Maidstone
 2120 Abbey, F.M.H., Chertsey
 2147 Crays Valley, Institute, St. Mary Cray
 2156 Ar. Sullivan, Boar's Head, Manchester
 2259 St. Nicholas, Masonic Rooms, Thorne
 2284 Smyth, F.M.H., Grimsby
 2294 Wavertree, Coffee House, Wavertree
 2389 Avondale, King's Arms, Middlewich
 2423 St. Mark, Hare & H's, Connah's Quay
 2483 Hadrian, Devonshire, Bexhill
 2540 Ember, Castle, East Molesey
 2583 St. Thomas, F.M.H., Tibshelf
 2591 St. Mary, Town Hall, New Shoreham
 2727 St. Audrey, F.M.H., Ely
 2752 Marlow, Crown, Marlow
 2758 Fylde, Palatine, Blackpool

Thursday.

Quarterly General Court, Girls School, F.M.H. at 12.

- 91 Regularity, Freemasons' Hall
 206 Friendship, Ship and Turtle
 238 Pilgrim, Freemasons' Hall
 263 Bank of England, Albion
 534 Polish National, Freemasons' Hall
 860 Dalhousie, Anderton's Hotel
 879 Southwark, Bridge House Hotel
 1076 Capper, Guildhall Tavern
 1155 Excelsior, Bridge House Hotel
 1227 Upton, Great Eastern Hotel
 1471 Islington, Cock Tavern, Highbury, N.
 1599 Skelmersdale, Ship and Turtle
 1642 Earl of Carnarvon, Notting Hill
 1708 Plucknett, Woodside Hall, N. Finchley
 1820 Sir Thomas White, Cafe Royal
 1987 Strand, Criterion Restaurant
 2000 Hammersmith, Vestry Hall, Hammer.
 2168 Derby Allcroft, Midland Grand Hotel
 2417 Bolingbroke, Mun. Bg., Lavender Hill
 2509 Barnet, Assembly Rooms, New Barnet

- 35 Medina, F.M.H., Cowes
 50 Knights of Malta, Hinckley
 97 Palatine, F.M.H., Sunderland
 112 St. George, F.M.H., Exeter
 130 Royal Gloucester, M.H., Southampton
 132 Unity, F.M.H., Ringwood
 139 Britannia, F.M.H., Sheffield
 191 St. John, Knowsley, Bury
 215 Commerce, Commercial, Haslingden
 216 Harmonic, Adelphi, Liverpool
 324 Moira, Wellington, Stalybridge
 333 Royal Preston, Castle, Preston
 344 Faith, Ram's Head, Radcliffe
 369 Limestone Rock, Swan, Clitheroe
 381 Harmony & Industry, M.H., Darwen
 437 Science, F.M.H., Wincanton
 442 St. Peter, F.M.H., Peterborough
 477 Mersey, Mas. Chambers, Birkenhead
 487 Portsmouth, F.M.H., Portsmouth
 546 Etruscan, F.M.H., Longton
 561 Zetland, F.M.H., Guisborough
 586 Elias De Derham, F.M.H., Salisbury
 625 Devonshire, F.M.H., Glossop
 725 Stoneleigh, Craven Arms, Coventry
 732 Royal Brunswick, Pavilion, Brighton
 739 Temperance, F.M.H., Birmingham
 784 Wellington, Public Rooms, Deal
 816 Royd, Falcon, Littleborough
 945 Abbey. Council Chamber, Abingdon
 971 Trafalgar, F.M.H., Batley
 973 Royal Somerset, F.M.H., Frome
 991 Tyne, F.M.H., Wallsend
 1035 Pr. of Wales, Skelmers. Hall, Liverpool
 1055 Derby, Victoria, Manchester
 1061 Triumph, County & Com., Lytham
 1098 St. George, Temper. Hall, Tredegar
 1099 Huyshe, F.M.H., Stoke
 1143 Royal Denbigh, Town Hall, Denbigh
 1144 Milton, George and D., Ashton-u-Lyne
 1145 Equality, Red Lion, Accrington
 1147 St. David, F.M.H., Manchester
 1182 Duke of Edinburgh, M.H., Liverpool
 1204 Royd, F.M.H., Malvern
 1213 Bridgwater, Assembly Rooms, Eccles
 1387 Chorlton, M.H., Chorlton-cum-Hardy
 1416 Falcon, F.M.H., Thirsk
 1429 Albert Edward P. W., Newport, Mon.
 1495 Arkwright, New Bath H., Matlock Bath
 1514 Thornhill, F.M.H., Huddersfield
 1515 Bertie, F.M.H., Oxford
 1583 Corbet, Whitehall House, Towyn
 1592 Abbey, F.M.H., Bury St. Edmunds
 1697 Hospitality, Royal, Waterfoot
 1750 Coleridge, Public Hall, Clevedon
 1863 Priory, F.M.H., Tynemouth
 1915 Graystone, Foresters H., Whitstable
 1992 Tennant, Masonic Temple, Cardiff
 2038 Portcullis, St. Mary's Chapel, Langport
 2109 Pr. Edward, Assy. Hall, Heaton Moor
 2132 Egerton, F.M.H., New Brighton
 2217 Windermere, Mas. Room, Windermere
 2218 Rickmansworth, Victoria, Rick'worth
 2227 White Horse, F.M.H., Westbury
 2234 Onslow, F.M.H., Guildford
 2285 Eden, Masonic Rooms, Workington
 2311 St. Alkmund, Victoria, Whitchurch
 2343 Sir W. Harpur, Assy. Room, Bedford
 2372 James Terry, Falcon, Waltham Cross
 2428 Gracedieu, F.M.H., Coalville
 2449 Duke of York, Albion, Manchester
 2568 Delaval, Central, Newcastle-on-Tyne
 2606 Fforest, Masonic Rooms, Treharris
 2619 New Brighton, Victoria, New Brighton
- Friday.**
- Quarterly Court, Boys School, at 4.
 157 Bedford, Freemasons' Hall
 177 Domatic, Anderton's Hotel
 1602 Sir Hugh Myddelton, Agricultural Hall
 1704 Anchor, Cafe Royal
 1997 John Carpenter, Albion
 2399 Ordnance, F.M.H., Plumstead
 2593 Hugh Owen, Frascati
 2663 Commemoration, Holborn Restaurant
 2737 Captain Coram, Foundling Hospital
 36 Glamorgan, F.M.H., Cardiff
 81 Doric, Private Room, Woodbridge
 170 All Souls, F.M.H., Weymouth
- 458 Aire and Calder, F.M.H., Goole
 516 Phoenix, Fox, Stowmarket
 526 Honour, Star & Garter, Wolverhampton
 680 Sefton, Adelphi, Liverpool
 786 Croxteth United Service, Liverpool
 815 Blair, Town Hall, Hulme
 916 Hartington, Queen's, Eastbourne
 1001 Harrogate & Claro, F.M.H., Harrogate
 1087 Beaudesert, Ass. Rs., Leighton Buzzard
 1102 Mirfield, F.M.H., Mirfield
 1121 Wear Valley, F.M.H., Bishop Auckland
 1289 Rock, Masonic Chambers, Birkenhead
 1428 United Service, F.M.H., Landport
 1605 De la Pole, F.M.H., Hull
 1661 Newton, F.M.H., Newark-upon-Trent
 1676 St. Nicholas, Cen. M.H., Newcastle-o-T.
 1715 A. J. Brogden, M.H., Grange-o-Sands
 1849 Royal Leek, F.M.H., Bangor
 1983 Martyn, Town Hall, Southwold
 2380 Beneventa, Wheatsheaf, Daventry
 2554 Manchester, F.M.H., Manchester
 2558 Furnival, F.M.H., Sheffield
 2594 Old Priory, Masonic Rooms, Beeston
 2608 Headingley, Parochial Institute, Leeds
 2622 Albany, Kingston-on-Thames
 2660 Crane, George, Cranbrook
 2674 Ravensworth, F.M.H., Gateshead
 2677 Calcaria, Masonic Rooms, Tadcaster
- Saturday.**
- 176 Caveac, Albion
 1328 Granite, Holborn Restaurant
 1426 Great City, City Terminus Hotel
 1686 Paxton, Surrey Masonic Hall
 1743 Perseverance, Anderton's Hotel
 1839 Duke of Cornwall, Freemasons' Hall
 2029 King Solomon, Freemasons' Hall
 2206 Hendon, Midland Grand Hotel
 2599 Engineer, 33 Golden Square
 2686 Alfred Newton, Royal Palace Hotel
 1556 Addiscombe, Public Hall, Croydon
 1755 Eldon, Royal, Portishead
 2300 Christopher, Christopher Hotel, Eton
 2326 Wigan, F.M.H., Wigan

DUTIES OF RECOMMENDERS.

NO applicant can be received or balloted for in Freemasonry until after he has been recommended, and well recommended.

In the jurisdiction of Pennsylvania and generally elsewhere, an applicant must have two recommenders, both of whom must be Master Masons, and members of the Lodge in which he petitions for initiation and membership.

When the Craft requires two recommenders, it means two, and not one; that is to say, two members who have personal knowledge of the applicant. The second recommender is not for ornament, but for use. If the second recommender signs merely at the request of the first, he is in fact no recommender at all, but merely the shadow of the first Brother. No Brother should ever sign such a petition without having first inquired about and known the applicant.

We well remember when we were first practically taught this lesson. In our state of innocence we signed. What was the result? The applicant was rejected; and again rejected. How chagrined we were. We had recommended an applicant about whom we personally knew nothing, and he proved Masonically worthless. We have often been asked since to sign as second recommender, and often done so, but not until we had personally seen the applicant, made his acquaintance and inquired of his associates as to his moral character and fitness to be made a Mason.

It is too common a practice for the first recommender to ask the Secretary of his Lodge to become the second recommender. The Secretary should never do so if the applicant is unknown to him. Secretaries are not elected or paid for this purpose. They have a duty to perform to themselves and to the Lodge, and this duty requires a personal knowledge of the applicant by the recommender, whether he be first or second in order on the petition.

Freemasonry requires that every applicant should seek the Craft of his own volition. This is the unique characteristic of our Fraternity, distinguishing it from all others. Probably the Brother who is most tempted to infringe this rule is a Worshipful Master, especially an ambitious one, who desires to "break the record" of all previous Masters in his Lodge. It is to be feared that such a one too frequently importunes his intimate friends to seek admission to the Craft. The result is always injurious to Freemasonry. Men are led to seek admission from selfish motives, or merely to gratify a friend. Seeking to gratify an idle curiosity never made a good Mason.

If Freemasonry should ever become in the profane sense, popular, its high character will be greatly imperilled.

Every applicant should be a man of good moral character, of reputable standing in society, physically sound, and of sufficient means to amply provide for himself and family. An impecunious man is not fit material for Masonry. No one should join it to better his fortunes. A man without comfortable means of support may speedily become a charge on the Craft.

Every recommender should personally know that the applicant he recommends seeks the Craft voluntarily, is upright and of good report, has satisfactory visible means of support, and will possibly add to, or certainly not subtract from, the character of Freemasonry.

Brethren, lay hands suddenly on no material for our spiritual Temple. Ask no profane to become a Mason. Never be a recommender who cannot recommend. Never sign an applicant's petition out of compliment to the first recommender. All this is plain Masonic duty, and he who departs from it inflicts an injury, it may be of great magnitude, upon the Fraternity which honoured him by making him a Mason.—"Keystone."

Masonry has aided wonderfully in the Fraternisation of the human family. It has ever stood for peace. It has ever stood for liberty. It has ever stood for freedom of conscience. Within our sacred temple the good and true of every faith meet on one common level. Religious distinctions are unknown. All who profess a belief in the G.A. of the U., whose lives are clean, whose hearts are pure, may worship around one common altar, as brothers of the square.—Max Meyerhardt, Georgia.

The first lesson taught in a Masonic Lodge is that all men are equal by virtue of their humanity. Its narrow wicket has never been widened for a king, nor converted into a triumphal arch to welcome an incoming conqueror. The passport to its sacred inclosure is virtue, and not rank; manhood, and not money.—Kittredge Haskins, Vermont.

It is easy to criticise any other man's landmarks, and as for formulating any of my own—well, I think not. The truth is that there is nothing more difficult than defining a landmark. We all admit that they exist, but no two thinkers will agree as to what they are.—G. W. Speth.