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FREEMASONRY AND THE WAR.

AS was to be expected, the Special General Court of the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls, which was called for Thursday, unanimously approved of the suggestion to admit Audrey Rennett, daughter of a Brother who died while on active service in South Africa, into the Institution without the usual form of election.

A similar proposal in connection with the Boys School, on behalf of two lads, was down for consideration at the Court held yesterday, and no doubt was equally well received, but we were unable to get definite particulars on application to the office last evening.

WEST LONDON CHARITY.

THE West London Masonic Election Association held its regular monthly meeting on Thursday, 3rd inst., at the Town Hall Tavern, High Street, Kensington. The President Bro. W. Hillier occupied the chair, and the Secretaries Bros. A. Williams and J. H. Cumming, and Treasurer Bro. Craggs were in their places.

The President stated they had a candidate for the Benevolent Institution, and one for the Girls School at the coming elections, and impressed on those present not to relax their efforts in canvassing and endeavouring to get promises of votes, so that the Association might uphold the high reputation it had attained in securing its candidates' election during its six years existence.

The proceedings closed with a vote of thanks to Brother Hillier for presiding.

NEW HALL AT NEWBURY.

THE opening week of the Twentieth Century has furnished substantial proof of the progress and stability of Freemasonry in Newbury, a Masonic Hall having been dedicated on Friday afternoon, 4th inst., with all the rites and ceremonies peculiar to the Order, by the Deputy Prov. Grand Master of Berkshire Bro. John Thornhill Morland (Mayor of Abingdon), assisted by Bro. Charles E. Keyser of Aldermaston Court Past Grand Deacon of England, Bro. John W. Martin Provincial Grand Secretary, Brother Walford W. Ridley Provincial Grand Warden, and other distinguished Brethren.

This important step has been taken under the auspices of the Loyal Berkshire Lodge of Hope, No. 574, which was founded in the year 1850, and therefore attained its jubilee last year, when it was intended that the Masonic Hall should be opened, but the event was deferred in the hope that the Worshipful Master Bro. Colonel Gerald Ricardo would have returned from the war in time to participate in the Jubilee celebration. Unfortunately the marauding tactics of the Boers have had the effect of detaining the Imperial Yeomanry in South Africa, and there being no immediate prospect of their home-coming, Colonel Ricardo expressed his wish that the dedication of the Masonic Temple in Newbury should no longer be delayed, although he had taken such an active and liberal part in connection with the proceedings for its acquisition.

The first Master of the Lodge was Bro. John Packer, who in his turn was succeeded by a number of well known townsmen until the year 1866, when Bro. Bland (who was a veterinary surgeon at Speenhamland, and father-in-law of Alderman Ravenor), was elected Worshipful Master. At this period Masonry was not in such a flourishing condition as at the present time, and owing to the scarceness of local members, well versed in the ritual, Bro. Bland continued to preside over the Lodge for four successive years—an

unparalleled incident in its history. Following Bro. Bland came Bro. W. H. Cave, the well known solicitor of former days, who filled the chair in 1870 and 1871, but this gentleman had previously been Worshipful Master for two years, in 1859 and 1860. The late Bro. Barron Fielder, of Northbrook Street, whose installation was attended by the late Sir Daniel Gooch, M.P. (then Provincial Grand Master of Berks and Bucks) held Office during the years 1872 and 1873. By this time the membership had materially increased, and an era of prosperity for the Lodge had set in. Subsequently no difficulty was experienced in finding a regular succession of members qualified in every respect to hold the position of Worshipful Master, and the interest aroused in Masonry during later years has been such that at the present time the Lodge has a membership of nearly eighty, including clerics, professional men, and tradesmen, the senior initiate member being Bro. G. J. Cosburn, of the Market Place, who was introduced to the mysteries of the Order in 1868, during the presidency of the late Bro. Bland. The next two Brethren in point of seniority are Alderman Ravenor and Bro. E. Head (of Thatcham).

It may be mentioned that the oldest Lodge of Mark Master Masons in the Province of Berks and Oxon exists in Newbury, the Porchester Lodge having been founded in 1858, with the late Bro. H. E. Astley, solicitor, of Hungerford, as the first Worshipful Master. There is also at Newbury a Royal Arch Chapter, founded in 1896, which has now a membership of about forty, the first Principal being Comp. C. E. Keyser.

The building which has been converted to Masonic purposes stands in a by-way off Northbrook Street, and was for a lengthened period used by successive firms of legal practitioners. It is a well constructed house, probably built about a century ago. The conversion of the premises was entrusted to Bro. W. Ravenscroft, F.S.A., of the Forbury, Reading, and the works have been carried out by the contractors, Messrs. Elms and Son, who are themselves members of the Craft. The chief feature is, of course, the Temple itself, measuring 30ft in length and 17½ ft in width, which has been formed by removing the ceiling of the first floor storey and taking in a portion of the roof which originally formed the attic storey. The old tie-beams of the roof which supported the attic floor have been retained, being in oak, and thus a well proportioned room has been secured, the floor extending over the old staircase, which has been taken away and in part used for the new access to the Temple. The ceiling, which is wagon-shaped, is formed with oak ribs, moulded and shaped to form plaster panels, which are left in one tint for future decoration. Beneath the cornice the frieze is similarly treated, and from the under side of this to the floor the whole of the walls are panelled with oak. The treatment thus adopted has been carried into the recesses on the sides and ends of the Temple for the Master's and Wardens' chairs and the Secretary's desk. The style is that of the Jacobean period, and at the east and west ends above the roof cornice level, small windows, similarly treated, give as much light and ventilation as is needed. The heating is effected by means of a "Syndicate" stove on the ground floor, and the lighting is by gas brackets executed in wrought iron and copper. The latter work has been carried out by Bro. Stephen Knight and his son, both of whom are enthusiastic Freemasons, and have for years past devoted much time and energy in promoting the best interests of the Order in this part of the country.

The dedication ceremony was followed by the first regular Lodge held in the new Temple, and by a happy coincidence, the principal business on the somewhat lengthy agenda was the installation of the Senior Warden Bro. John

Rolfe, of the Laurels, Newbury, as Worshipful Master for the ensuing year. The first duty which devolved upon the newly-installed Master was the appointment and investiture of the Officers.

The installation was impressively performed by Bro. Stephen Knight jun., assisted by Bros. C. E. Keyser and J. N. Day. A pleasing incident in the proceedings was the presentation of a jewel to Bro. S. Knight jun., in recognition of the able and devoted manner in which he had carried out the duties of Acting Worshipful Master during the past year, in the enforced absence of Bro. Colonel Ricardo.

At the close of the business at the Masonic Hall, which had occupied several hours, the Brethren adjourned to the Council Chamber, and partook of an excellent banquet, well served by Mrs. Stilwell, of the Dolphin Hotel. The newly-installed Worshipful Master presided, and a very enjoyable evening was spent.

The speeches were interspersed by some capital songs, rendered by Bros. Camp, Langley, W. Wallis, Saltmarsh, Dale, C. Stradling, Pitman, Bailey, and others.—“Reading Mercury.”

NEW HALL AT TAVISTOCK.

THE Brethren of the Bedford Lodge, No. 282, Tavistock, held their annual installation on the 2nd inst., and earlier in the afternoon witnessed the laying of the foundation stone of the Freemasons' Hall, in course of erection in Barley Market Street.

A central position, the site has been taken on a lease of ninety years from the Duke of Bedford, at a yearly rental of £3. On it is being raised a substantial stone building, which is to be cemented on the outside, and relieved with suitable mouldings, coping, &c. Over the entrance door will be a stone, on which will be carved a facsimile of the seal of the Lodge, and at the north-east corner a moulded granite foundation-stone, which was placed in position on the 2nd. The entrance will have a spacious tiled floor, and on the ground floor there will be a committee-room, measuring 24ft by 17ft, two smaller rooms, a chamber for the heating apparatus, and the usual offices. A handsome staircase will lead to the landing, at the end of which is the ante-room leading to the Lodge Room. This Hall will be about 35ft long by 24ft in width. The ceiling will be half open, timbered, and will be 17ft high in the centre and 14ft high to the moulding, at which the sloping part commences. The internal wood-work will be of varnished pitch-pine, and suitable provision has been made for ventilation in the most approved manner. Every effort has been made in preparing the plans and specifications to have a durable and comfortable building, with sufficient ornamentation to make it distinctive. The contract has been entrusted to Bro. T. Kerslake, for the sum of £944, and he has engaged to complete the building by the 1st of August next. All the preliminary arrangements were carried out by the Building Committee, of which Bro. Dennis is the Secretary, whilst Bro. Harry Skinner is the Treasurer of the Building Fund.

Considerable interest was manifested in the ceremony in local as well as Masonic circles, especially as the Brethren marched in procession from the Town Hall to the Parish Church, and thence to the site of the new Hall. At half-past one the Lodge, by special dispensation, was opened in the Town Hall, Bro. T. H. Cranch being in the chair.

A procession was subsequently formed, the Brethren wearing Craft clothing, by special permission of the Acting Prov. Grand Master Bro. Major Davie. Headed by the Tyler with drawn sword, the procession, in which were carried the Bible, the square, the level, and the plumb rule, besides other Masonic emblems, marched to the Parish Church, where Bro. R. T. Tyacke P.P.G. Chaplain preached, the other portions of the service being taken by the Revs. H. G. Le Neveu (vicar of Tavistock), T. O. Wonnacott, and W. G. Leigh-Phillips. The church organ was presided at by Bro. F. R. H. Ivey, of Canynges Lodge, No. 1388, Bristol.

The preacher took as his text, “Honour all men. Love the brotherhood. Fear God. Honour the king” (1st Peter ii, 17). Proceeding, the Rev. Brother said that if Peter had been a Freemason he could not have given better expression to fundamental principles of Freemasonry than was contained in the words of the text. As Freemasons they were taught to look up to the Great Architect of the Universe for guidance and help, and to invoke His blessing on all their undertakings. Freemasonry acknowledged the gifts of God,

and never failed to return thanks for the blessings received from Him. Then, again, Freemasons were required to pay homage to the Sovereign, and to obey the laws of the realm. The teaching of the Order was quite in keeping with the commandment of Peter. A society based upon principles such as had been described could not but be a great power for good, and although it was not intended for it to take the place of a man's religious faith, he thought that if the principles were only acted up to in the spirit and the letter the effect would be admirable and far-reaching. The charity of Freemasonry was universal, and wherever there was any distress there a helping hand was extended. After referring to the new building the Rev. Bro. Tyacke expressed the hope that a superstructure would be raised worthy of the Fraternity of which they were members, and the three great pillars of the Order, wisdom, strength and beauty.

A collection was taken on behalf of the Tavistock Cottage Hospital.

The procession was afterwards re-formed, and proceeded to the site of the new Hall, where, after prayer had been offered, the records, including a copy of the “Western Daily Mercury,” were deposited in the cavity beneath the memorial stone by the Treasurer of the Lodge Bro. G. Merrifield P.P.G. Supt. of Works. A silver trowel, which was suitably inscribed, was then presented to Bro. Major Jos. Mathews P.P.G.S. of Works, who proceeded to lay and prove the stone, which he declared well and truly laid. According to ancient custom, he sprinkled on the stone corn, wine, and oil, symbolical of plenty, joy, and unanimity. The plans, having been approved, were handed, with the working tools, to the builder, Brother T. Kerslake P.P.G.Std.B. The stone bore the following inscription:—

This foundation-stone was laid

by

W. BRO. JOS. MATHEWS P.P.G.S. of Wks. (Devon) P.M. 282.
January 2nd, 1901.”

Bro. F. B. Westlake P.G.D.D.C. England delivered a brief oration, and after expressing his pleasure at being there, congratulated the Lodge on having had such a worthy P.M. as Major Mathews to perform the ceremony in so able a manner.

Prayer having been again offered, the procession re-formed, and marched back to the Lodge Room, at the entrance to which the four Lewises who had carried the Holy Writ were presented with Bibles in commemoration of the event.

Afterwards Bro. George William was installed as the W.M. for the ensuing year, the ceremony being conducted by Bros. Bowhay I.P.M. 2166 and Thomas Kerslake P.M. 282. The newly-installed W.M. invested his Officers.

The usual banquet was subsequently held at the Bedford Hotel, a very pleasant evening being enjoyed by a large company.—“Western Mercury.”

Another link was forged this evening between English Freemasonry and the true Masonry of the Continent, while a special honour was paid to all the Brethren in the former branch of the universal Craft, by the election here, by acclamation, of Prince Frederick Leopold of Prussia, Grand Protector of Prussian Masons, as an honorary member of the Quatuor Coronati Lodge. His Royal Highness, who is a cousin of the Kaiser and is Master of one of the greatest German Lodges, is among the only four distinguished Masons who hold the honorary position of Past Grand Master in the Grand Lodge of England, he having been called to this by the Prince of Wales, as Grand Master, in 1894, and the other three being the King of Sweden and Norway, the Duke of Connaught, and the Crown Prince of Denmark. He had graciously consented to become one of the Correspondence Circle of the Quatuor Coronati Lodge, which consists of nearly three thousand members, but, in view of the special position he holds in the Craft, he was this evening elected to the Lodge itself, which is practically limited to thirty-two, though both Lodge and Correspondence Circle alike devote themselves to the study of the historic side, not merely of British, but universal Freemasonry. It may be remembered that in November, at the invitation of Prince Frederick Leopold, a deputation of English Freemasons visited Berlin for the purpose of assisting at an important Masonic function in connection with “The Grand Countries Lodge” of Berlin. The deputation consisted of the Earl of Warwick (Deputy

Grand Master), the Hon. Alan de Tatton Egerton, M.P. (Past Grand Warden, Provincial Grand Master for Cheshire), Colonel Sir Terence O'Brien (Past Grand Deacon, a former Governor of Heligoland), and Colonels John Davis and W. Campbell (Royal Marine Artillery, aides-de-camp to the Queen).—"Birmingham Daily Post," 5th January 1901.

A most enjoyable social function took place at the Public Hall, Clevedon, on Wednesday night, 2nd inst., the occasion being a Ladies' night arranged by the Brethren of the Coleridge Lodge, No. 1750, of which Bro. H. W. Mackenzie is the Worshipful Master, a dispensation for the function being granted by the Prov.G.M. of Somerset Lord Dungarvan. The idea of holding a conversazione in connection with a Masonic Lodge was something entirely new in the town, and was very heartily taken up by the Brethren, and as warmly responded to by those to whom invitations were extended. Many willing hands; under the direction of Bro. E. H. Hazell, assisted in the adequate decoration of the Hall. The company numbered nearly a hundred, a pleasing spectacle being presented by the gay dresses of the ladies and the insignia of the Order worn by the Brethren. The Reception Committee consisted of the Worshipful Master Bro. H. W. Mackenzie, Bro. W. F. Langworthy, Bro. Dr. Stocker, Bro. Dr. Martin, and Bro. F. G. Leman Worshipful Master-elect. Bro. Dr. Stocker performed the duties of M.C. The General Committee was composed of all the Past Masters of the Lodge, the duties of Stewards being efficiently carried out by Bros. J. H. Hart, E. Hagley, E. H. Hazell, and W. W. Winsor. During the proceedings an enjoyable programme of vocal and instrumental music and recitations, arranged by Bros. Gardner and Fulford, was given.

The installation of the Hon. Alan de Tatton Egerton, M.P., as Provincial Grand Master of Cheshire furnished a record in one respect, says "Past Master," in the "Manchester Courier." At no previous meeting in living memory, and the writer vouches for one or two, has there been such a record attendance, or such a display, on the part of Grand or Provincial Grand Officers. The Provincial Grand Master was also introduced by seven Past Masters, also Provincial Grand Officers of high degree—also another record. The hon. Brother commences a career in which all the Brethren wish him prosperity and many happy returns.

We have received from the Grand Council of Freemasonry in Spain, a card of "greetings and congratulations for the year 1901, to all the workers of our Order, and to all Freemasons that are spread over the surface of the earth." We need hardly say that we cordially reciprocate the kind wishes of our Spanish Brothers, and trust that the difficulties that prevent a full development of our principles in their country may vanish before the light of truth and civilisation.

Masonry, as taught and practised by all good Masons, is a vital, uplifting, moral force in the world to-day, and in this respect, while indeed claiming great antiquity, is, in so far as being adapted to the present needs of mankind is concerned, of quite inestimable value. Therefore, the institution may properly be considered young, hale and hearty, and, at any rate, of great practical utility, notwithstanding its well established claims to great age.—Chas. Bonney, Conn.

Brother David Reid Grand Secretary for Scotland intimates that there will be no meeting of the Annuity Board for granting annuities until July 1901, and that at present there are no funds available for new grants.

On the 2nd inst. the West Ham Abbey Lodge, No. 2291, held a ladies' banquet, in the Town Hall, Stratford. The Worshipful Master Brother George Bush presided over the gathering, which was a large one.

"A SPRIG OF ACACIA."

THE hand of death has again robbed us of a dear friend, in Bro. Rev. C. J. Martyn, who passed away suddenly on Wednesday, from heart disease. Bro. Martyn was one of the most distinguished among the many worthy members of Grand Lodge, and one of the oldest among the past

Grand Officers of Freemasonry, his appointment as Grand Chaplain dating back to 1869; for many years, too, he has filled the position of Deputy Provincial Grand Master of Suffolk, and we think it is fair to say no member of the Craft was ever more respected and esteemed than he, by all who knew him, both within the ranks of Freemasonry and outside of it. For many years Bro. Martyn was rector of Long Melford, Suffolk, and took great pride in his church, which in some respects is regarded as one of the most handsome in England; in later years he has filled the position of rector of Daglingworth, Cirencester, where he was equally popular. He was a Chaplain-in-ordinary to the Queen, and a respected friend of many members of the Royal Family. During the whole of our Masonic career we have had the privilege of regarding him as a personal friend, whose place it will indeed be difficult to attempt to fill. A further bond of regard is associated with him in connection with the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE, in the fact that he was its first subscriber, and has ever since occupied the premier position in our registers. Many years ago he figured in our series of "Masonic Portraits," and the title we then gave him, "The Christian Minister," was not only deserved at the time, but was conscientiously acted up to throughout his remaining days. He was indeed a Christian among the many ministers of the Church, and a Brother among Freemasons worthy of being emulated on every hand. Words fail us to express all we feel at his death; just as words fail us to depict his many good qualities. He certainly leaves behind him a reputation which will never be forgotten, so long as any with whom he was associated remain.

THE death occurred at Southport on Monday afternoon, of Bro. Thomas Glaister, J.P., of Mill Hill House, Bolton, who was held in great respect in the latter town by reason of his public work and private worth. For a considerable period Bro. Glaister was chairman of the Master Bleachers' Association of Bolton and district. He was appointed Mayor of Bolton in 1881, and including this term enjoyed membership of the Town Council for twenty-one years, which also embraced a period as Chairman of the Waterworks Committee. From 1880 he was a member of the Borough magisterial bench, and from 1890 a county justice. He was one of the original Trustees of the Blair Convalescent Hospital; a representative Governor of the Grammar School; a member of the Council of the Chamber of Commerce; a member of the Poor-law Assessment Committee; vice-president of the Bolton Savings Bank; and also for several years Chairman of the Board of the Bank of Bolton Limited. Bro. Glaister was for forty-three years associated with the Craft, filling several of the leading district Offices.

AT Norton Churchyard, Stockton, on the afternoon of the 27th ult., the funeral took place of the late Bro. Ald. Thomas Nelson, of Burmanthorpe, Norton, Stockton, who died the previous Monday, at the age of 76 years. The funeral was attended by the Mayor of Stockton and several members of the Council. There were also present several representatives from the Board of Guardians, and from the magistrates, whilst the Lodge of Philanthropy, No. 940, of which the deceased was a Past Master and one of the oldest members, was represented by Bros. Dr. G. Laird Somerville W.M., J. A. Henderson Secretary, and several of the members. Deceased was one of the oldest Freemasons in the town. The funeral service was conducted by the Rev. T. Errington Scott, vicar of Norton.

THE death is announced of Bro. William Astle, of Macclesfield, who died at the beginning of the month, in his seventy-eighth year. Bro. Astle was for many years Treasurer or Secretary of the Unity Lodge, No. 267, and as a railway servant about half a century ago had the distinction of booking the first train through Macclesfield on the London and North Western line.

THE news of the death of Bro. R. Barber P.M. of the Percy Lodge, of Peckham Rye, has caused considerable regret in Masonic circles. Several members of his Lodge, and of the Claremont Lodge of Instruction, attended the obsequies, at Nunhead Cemetery, on the 27th ult.

THE remains of the late Bro. Major Clement Southam, of Elmhurst, were interred in Shrewsbury cemetery, on the 19th ult., several members of the Salopian Lodge, No. 262, and others associated with the Craft, being present.

IRISH FREEMASONRY IN 1900.

A REVIEW of the development of Free and Accepted Masonry in this country during the century which is now closed would, no doubt, prove interesting to a large section of our readers, but the task of compiling this history would entail such prolonged research and arduous labour, even by an expert, and its publication would mean such large demands on space as to render it impracticable to deal with the question in the columns of a newspaper. In the present notice it is, therefore, only intended to glance at some of the principal features which have made themselves conspicuous during the past year in connection with the Craft in Ireland, and not to enter into any details of the general progress of an Institution which is credited with having lived and flourished longer than any other benevolent society ever established by the hand of man. This is not so much to be wondered at when it is remembered that the great principles on which the Order is founded are the common brotherhood of man, charity in word and deed, truth, obedience to all lawful authority, loyalty to the Sovereign, and a humble reverence for the Sacred Name of the Great Architect and Overseer of the Universe.

That Masonry is a helpmate and not a danger to religion is manifest by the fact that ministers of the Gospel are amongst its most ardent members. The late distinguished Prelate and patriotic Irishman, Lord Plunket, Archbishop of Dublin, was for many years Senior Grand Chaplain of the Grand Lodge of Ireland, and he was succeeded in that Office by the venerable and beloved pastor, the Rev. Benjamin Gibson, M.A., who has as his colleague in the Grand Chaplaincy the Right Rev. the Bishop of Down. The Right Rev. the Bishop of Ossory also holds high Office in the Order, and numerous Irish Incumbents and Curates are proud of being enrolled in its ranks.

Royalty has been for centuries closely identified with Freemasonry in Ireland as well as in England and the Northern countries of Europe. Ever since the Prince of Wales—who is Patron of the Order in Ireland—was initiated into the rites of the Craft by the King of Sweden, at Stockholm, in 1868, his Royal Highness has taken a keen personal interest in its welfare—an observation which also applies to the Duke of Connaught. The Duke of Connaught is Grand Master of the Order of the Temple in Ireland, and, as he is now resident in Dublin as Commander of the Forces, it is hoped that his Royal Highness will early in the year take part in the ceremony of the opening of the new buildings which are being erected as necessary additions to the Masonic Orphan Boys School at Clonskeagh, and which will make this already splendid concern one of the best equipped of the kind in the United Kingdom. For the purposes of the erection and fitting up of the new buildings (which comprise spacious class-rooms and other apartments) a Century Fund was started a couple of years ago, when it was decided to ask the Brethren to contribute to the extent of £6,000—no small sum, having regard to the circumstances of the times. However, this sum has not only been already fully contributed, but augmented by over another £1,000, the outcome of the generosity of Irish Freemasons. The increased and increasing number of their members has also involved further and exceptional expenditure, for the Masonic Hall premises in Molesworth Street—the headquarters of the Order in Ireland—have had to be altered, and extensive additions made thereto. Electric lighting has been introduced, and decorations on a most elaborate and beautiful scale are being carried out. All this desirable and necessary work will probably run to £10,000.

Notwithstanding these unusual outlays, the charitable work of the Order has in no way suffered. If anything, it has had bestowed on it greater concern than ever. The care of the orphan and widow has been always one of the first thoughts of the Freemasons, and the wants of the distressed Brother are also as far as possible provided for. The schools have been maintained in the greatest efficiency during the year, as proved beyond question by the published returns of the Intermediate Education Board. The results fees awarded for the answering of the Girls School, Ball's Bridge, at the examinations held in June last, amounted to £293, as compared with £249 the previous year—a very substantial increase; but there was still even a greater increase in the amount awarded to the pupils of the Boys School, at Clonskeagh. It rose from £268 to £443, while out of the thirty-eight boys who entered for the Intermediate Examinations

thirty-four passed—a record amongst Intermediate schools—and amongst the prizes gained were two exhibitions. Of the thirty-six girls who were examined no less than thirty-three passed, while at the examinations in religious knowledge the results were equally satisfactory. It may not be out of place to state that during the year an ex-pupil of the Boys School, William Burke Wright (who attended no other school prior to his entering Trinity College) gained high distinction at the last examination for Degrees in Dublin University. He obtained the first place and gold medal for Mathematical Moderatorship, as well as first place, with gold medal, in Natural Science. For his answering he was awarded the Mathematical Studentship, with £100 for five years. Other ex-pupils were also successful during the year in Civil Service Competitions. There are at present 104 pupils in the Girls School, and eighty-four in the Boys School. The Masonic Jubilee Fund, the youngest of the Charities, it also well sustained, and as it grows in years it will no doubt grow in usefulness. Additional financial support is all that is needed, for this Fund, like the schools, is most excellently managed.

During the year a very interesting ceremony took place, in which Masons from all parts of Ireland took part—namely, the presentation of an address of congratulation to Sir James Creed Meredith, LL.D., the Deputy Grand Master of Ireland, on the honour of Knighthood being conferred upon him by the Queen. On the same occasion a full-sized oil painted portrait of Sir James was unveiled in its place amongst the pictures of other distinguished Masons which already adorn the Grand Lodge Room, and a magnificent set of diamonds was also sent to Lady Meredith, as a token of the goodwill of the Brethren towards the wife of their Deputy Grand Master.

As to the general progress of the Order in Ireland reports speak very favourably. The membership is still increasing. Nine new Warrants for the constitution of Lodges have been issued, and most of these have gone to the North of Ireland, where Masonry is in a most flourishing condition, particularly in the City of Belfast, which can boast of a larger number of Lodges than the City of Dublin. During the opening month of the new century a very important function will take place in the Northern Capital. As already announced His Grace the Duke of Abercorn Grand Master of Ireland will, on the 15th inst., at a special Communication of the Provincial Grand Lodge of Antrim, instal the Earl of Shaftesbury as Provincial Grand Master, in the room of the Marquis of Hertford, resigned. Another important ceremony, at which the G.M. will preside, will be the opening at Limavady of a new Masonic Hall, which has been built during the year, and which is now receiving the finishing touches. During his stay in Limavady the Grand Master will be the guest of the W.M. Bro. G. N. Proctor and the Officers of St. Alban Lodge. The opening arrangements will be carried out under the auspices of the Provincial Grand Lodge of Londonderry and Donegal, of which Bro. Wm. E. Scott, D.L., is Provincial Grand Master, and Sir Wm. Miller, M.D., is Deputy Provincial Grand Master. A notice of this description would not be complete without reference to Irish Freemasons who have taken part in the South African War—namely, Field Marshal Lord Roberts, Lord Kitchener, and Sir Wm. Thomson. Altogether the members of the Order in Ireland may well feel proud of the records of their organisation in the last year of the century.—“Dublin Daily Express.”

A great number of the Lodges throughout Ontario have during the past two months elected and installed their Officers for the ensuing twelve months, and we would like the Officers, especially the Masters, to read the following paragraph which we have clipped from the “Masonic Standard,” and to guide themselves accordingly: Magpies and parrots are interesting birds, in their places, but they are out of place in a Masonic Lodge. Magpies chatter a meaningless jargon, to the great annoyance of all who hear them. Parrots repeat by rote, over and over again, just what they have been taught, without knowing the meaning of a single word. Magpies in the Lodge room gather in the north-west corner and keep up a chatter that annoys the workers and disturbs the Brethren. Parrots repeat in the East and elsewhere about the Lodge, words, words, words, without comprehending what the words mean. There is no heart in the chatter of a magpie, or the “words” of a parrot. The magpies should be placed in their own cage in the ante-room, and the parrot relegated to a secluded spot.—“Canadian Craftsman.”

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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Mrs. Frederick Graham. A novel. By Alice A. Clowes (2s 6d).—Swan Sonnenschein, and Co., Limited.

AUTOLYCUS, who was a snapper up of unconsidered trifles, might have regarded Miss Clowes's latest story as a curiosity worthy to mingle with his wares. It is a series of love episodes and domesticities rather than a novel in the usual acceptation of that word. Mrs. Frederick Graham one evening fell asleep, and as she slept she dreamed a dream—the retrospect of her past life. The series of figures presented to the mind of the sleeping lady was a very peculiar series indeed. There was Mary Graham, a young girl who leaned from her window one moonlight night at Brighton for a purpose which readers may guess; there was Mary Graham's papa, a literary gentleman of astonishing irritability, who was wont to destroy the furniture when at the height of his tantrums; there was Robert Ward, who married Mary Graham one morning at Hampstead, surreptitiously and before breakfast; there was Robert Ward's son John, who fell in love with Lucy, the housemaid. Time fails us in which to mention other characters in this book, almost all of whom, either fortunately or very unfortunately, fall in love—and sometimes fall out of it again. To do this, with adequate amplification, would be to rival the catalogue of the ships in Homer. We venture to remark that Miss Clowes is not always happy either in her vocabulary or her metaphors. Most persons bestow some care upon the first paragraph of a book. Now we can understand that Miss Clowes, or anybody else, might pen an ill worded sentence, but we cannot think how any lady of her ability can have re-read and approved such a sentence as the following: "SHOALS of white-gowned nurses, ARMED with perambulators, daily CONVEY the infancy of the district to Kensington Gardens and the Park and back again." We are not aware that nurses move about in "shoals" and are certainly of opinion that the lady who "arms" herself with a perambulator has resource to a strange weapon. We could point out other faults, but young readers will fail to notice them, and older readers will pardon them for the sake of what is, after all, a very readable story.

New Century Library (2s net per vol.).—T. Nelson and Sons. The Works of WILLIAM MAKEPEACE THACKERAY.—Vol. ix., **The Virginians.**

THE Thackeray "question," among many others, comes to the front again as we step into the new century. This, considering that his works are among the earliest volumes of the "New Century Library," is perhaps natural. Opinions, as usual, are divided. Thackeray, according to "Lord Bingham," is the enemy of the human race—a wicked cynic; according to Carlyle, he "had more reality, and would cut up into a dozen Dickenses." Most critics agree that the tide of Thackeray's genius flowed up to the completion of the "Virginians," and then the ebb set in. This novel is the sequel to "Esmond," and, like almost all sequels and second parts—witness "Don Quixote," "Robinson Crusoe," and the "Pilgrim's Progress"—is somewhat inferior to its forerunner. But the work has had many admirers. Mr. Walter Pollock after some more or less derogatory remarks, says "it is charming enough in its life-likeness, in the wit and wisdom of its reflections, and in its portrait of Beatrix grown old." Charming, indeed, it will be found by every reader of taste who has not already perused it, for the charm of Thackeray's almost unrivalled style seldom forsook him, and the shrewdness of his observations on men and things is quite as apparent in the "Virginians" as in his other stories. Apropos, we once heard it said that the "Heart of Midlothian," written in the English of "Esmond" and the "Virginians," would be the finest novel in the world. Without endorsing this dictum unconditionally we may point out how high an opinion it expresses of the merits of Thackeray as a stylist. How thoroughly we admire this edition of the great novelist's works is already known to our readers. We heartily hope it will continue to sell largely, and will ultimately prove a splendid success.

The Romany Rye: A Sequel to "Lavengro." By George Borrow. With special introduction by Theodore Watts-Dunton. New edition (2s).—Ward, Lock and Co., Limited.

GEORGE BORROW, as Mr. Theodore Watts-Dunton remarks in the introduction to this volume, is now an English classic. He is best known to the mob of gentlemen who read with ease by his work "The Bible in Spain," but students are attracted to him because he made one subject particularly his own—the gipsy. That ubiquitous Pariah, so little understood in many circles, so little discussed or noticed, has been more fully shown to the world in the works of George Borrow than in those of any other writer. The "Romany Rye" is a sequel to "Lavengro" (already published in the "Minerva Library"), and the two volumes, by the singular nature of their subject-matter, form a work which hardly anybody save George Borrow could have written. Readers will find that the author can strike out very vigorously when he deems it needful, but he is usually candid, and can seldom be charged with inconsistency. Messrs. Ward, Lock and Co. did well to include, in their famous "Minerva Library," several works which had not previously been published at so low a price. These excellent reprints are, moreover, carefully edited and printed, and are so handsomely bound that we expect to see them largely bought as gift-books.

A Sister of the Red Cross. A Tale of the South African War. By Mrs. L. T. Meade (3s 6d).—Thomas Nelson and Sons.

THE volumes by "L. T. Meade," or by "Mrs. L. T. Meade" threaten, like the line of kings which the witches showed Macbeth, to "stretch out to the crack of doom." There the likeness ends, for, whereas Macbeth wished to see no more, we have no objection to see as many volumes by Mrs. L. T. Meade as that lady chooses to write. The volume before us is a "Story of Ladysmith" and an excellent story it is. The writer, who knows well how strongly a character is emphasised by being mixed with other and very diverse characters, has skilfully grouped together personages who, by the very diversity of their gifts and graces, tend to set each other's characteristics in clear relief. We commend this volume to the serious attention of the "new woman," who will find in its pages some very salutary lessons. The stress and storm of those days spent in the beleaguered town may be vividly realised in these chapters, and it is precisely the figure of woman in the discharge of womanly duties that is the attractive feature of the story. We hope the book will find many readers.

MESSRS. CHATTO AND WINDUS will shortly publish a story of Robert Louis Stevenson, by Mr. B. Baildon.

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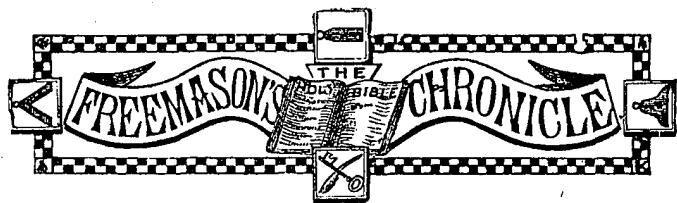
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SATURDAY, 12TH JANUARY 1901.

DEVON AND CORNWALL, 1800-1900.

DURING the nineteenth century Freemasonry in Devon and Cornwall has made immense strides, and ends the century with a prosperity never hitherto attained. All the local Institutions for the education and advancement in life of the children of deceased Brethren (left more or less unprovided for), as well as annuity funds for indigent Freemasons and the widows of Freemasons, have been started in the memory of many living and active Brethren; and the large balances in hand from year to year, belonging to Lodges and the two Provincial Grand Lodges, are features of recent times.

The first Lodge formed in the West of England was the present St. John Lodge, No. 39, Exeter, which was started in 1732, and is now the senior of the sixty Lodges on the roll. In Cornwall, the mother Lodge of Love and Honour, No. 75, was constituted in 1751, and, like its sister Lodge in Exeter, is happily as vigorous as ever as the premier of the thirty Lodges which are at work in the county. The single Lodge of the year 1732, with a dozen or two of members, has now as companions ninety Lodges, with some 6,000 subscribing Brethren. The junior Lodge in Cornwall

was warranted in 1899, as No. 2747, Newquay, and the latest in Devon is the Lodge of the Three Pillars, Chelston, Torquay, which was chartered as No. 2806 during 1900, and has had a special medal struck in commemoration of the event, the first of its kind in this country. Its Secretary Bro. F. J. W. Crowe has had the honour of being elected a member of the Quatuor Coronati Lodge, London.

The Cornwall Masonic Annuity and Benevolent Fund was started in 1864, since which period considerably over £12,000 has been received, about half of which has been spent on behalf of the beneficiaries, and over £6,500 is invested. The next to be formed was the Fortescue Annuity Fund, in 1862, as a memorial to the Earl of Fortescue Prov. G.M. of Devon from 1819 to 1861, the funds of which are in a very healthy state, there being a balance in hand of some £4,500, and about that sum has been devoted to annuities. In 1879 the well-known Devon Masonic Educational Fund was founded, which has been the means of devoting over £4,000 to the purposes of the Institution, and nearly £2,000 is in hand. Over twenty children are on the funds at the present time. Quite recently another society has been launched in Devon, and is doing exceedingly well, namely, the Aged Widows Annuity Fund, the support so far accorded being of a most gratifying character. It is interesting to note that a Devonshire Educational Fund was started in Exeter by the present St. John Lodge, No. 70, since removed to Plymouth. For a time it was generously supported, the children being placed in local schools, but eventually it was dropped. Besides the funds mentioned, there are substantial sums devoted annually for Masonic and general purposes by the two Provincial Grand Lodges, and it is well the fact should be widely known, that the moneys contributed by the Brethren for benevolent purposes are managed by local Craftsmen, who cheerfully give their valuable services without fee or reward, just as the Provincial Grand Secretaries do, who work hard in the discharge of their onerous duties, though the appointments are wholly honorary.

The Provincial Grand Lodge of Devon was held in 1900 at Plymouth, and was a great success, as was also the one for Cornwall, held at Camborne. Several halls have been dedicated during the year in Devon and Cornwall for the exclusive use of the Craft, and are alike creditable to the Fraternity and the neighbourhood in which they are erected, being also free from the unsuitable surroundings and associations of hotels and houses of public resort. The Right Hon. the Earl of Mount Edgcumbe has been able to preside at the Masonic functions held in the county, much to the delight of the Cornish Brethren, but in Devon the work has fallen on the zealous Deputy Prov.G.M. Major Davie, who has ably officiated in the unavoidable absence of the Right Hon. Lord Northcote Provincial Grand Master.

During 1900 the most important local events to be noted are the appointment by H.R.H. the Duke of Connaught (Past Grand Master) of Lord Northcote as Pro District Grand Master of Bombay, and (by the Grand Master of Scotland) Grand Master of all Scottish Freemasonry in India; and by H.R.H. the Prince of Wales Grand Master of Major Davie as Past Grand Deacon, being one of twenty-five Brethren so invested in commemoration of the twenty-fifth year of the Grand Mastership of his Royal Highness. The presentation to Bro. F. B. Westlake P.D.G.D.C. England, of life patronships in the three Masonic Institutions, and an illuminated address, in recognition of his excellent work on behalf of the Central Masonic Charitable Institutions, also calls for mention, as the cost was subscribed for by Lodges and Brethren in the county. The Jordan Lodge, No. 1402, Torquay, has acquired the Masonic Library of the late Bro. John Lane P.A.G.D.C. England, which was formally opened as the Lodge memorial of their lamented Brother by Bro. W. J. Hughan P.S.G.D. England, in September last. The collection is the most valuable of the kind in the West of England, and it is hoped that a catalogue will soon be prepared of its treasures.

The Central Masonic Charities have been fairly supported by the two Provinces, though not so much as should be, considering the sums received locally from such sources. The total subscribed for the trio by the Brethren in England during 1900 exceeded £65,000, so that the Craft cannot have given less through their Grand Lodge and all other funds, than £250 to £300 each day of the past year. The Devonian Lodge has been inaugurated in London under distinguished auspices, so that now the two counties are well represented in the Metropolis.—"Western Morning News."

MEETINGS NEXT WEEK.

Monday.

- 5 St. George & Corner Stone, F.M.H.
 29 St. Alban, Albion
 58 Felicity, Princes Restaurant
 59 Royal Naval, Freemasons' Hall
 103 Confidence, Anderton's Hotel
 1366 Highgate, Midland Grand Hotel
 2426 Wood Green, Fish. Arms, Wood Green
 2565 Royal Rose, Hampstead Road
 2632 Byfield, Great Eastern Hotel
 2682 Sancta Maria, Mark Masons' Hall
 40 Derwent, Castle, Hastings
 68 Royal Clarence, F.M.H., Bristol
 75 Love and Honour, F.M.H., Falmouth
 88 Scientific, Lion, Cambridge
 104 St. John, Mechanics Inst., Stockport
 105 Fortitude, F.M.H., Plymouth
 106 Sun, F.M.H., Exmouth
 133 Harmony, F.M.H., Faversham
 151 Albany, F.M.H., Newport, I. of W.
 189 Sincerity, Town Hall, E. Stonehouse
 237 Indefatigable, F.M.H., Swansea
 240 St. Hilda, F.M.H., South Shields
 262 Salopian, Music Hall, Shrewsbury
 292 Sincerity, Adelphi, Liverpool
 296 Royal Brunswick, F.M.H., Sheffield
 297 Witham, Masonic Rooms, Lincoln
 303 Benevolent, F.M.H., Teignmouth
 314 Peace and Unity, Bull, Preston
 330 One and All, F.M.H., Bodmin
 339 Unanimity, Crown, Penrith
 411 Commercial, F.M.H., Nottingham
 422 Yarborough, M. Rms., Gainsborough
 481 St. Peter, F.M.H., Newcastle-on-Tyne
 587 Howe, F.M.H., Birmingham
 589 Druid of Love & Liberality, Redruth
 632 Concord, F.M.H., Trowbridge
 643 Royal, Foord's, Filey
 665 Montagu, F.M.H., Lyme Regis
 671 Prince of Wales, F.M.H., Llanelli
 721 Independence, F.M.H., Chester
 797 Hauley, Hauley Hall, Dartmouth
 884 Derwent, Town Hall, Wirksworth
 893 Meridian, F.M.H., Millbrook
 941 De Tabley, Royal George, Knutsford
 1069 United Brothers, F.M.H., Portsmouth
 1174 Pentagle, Sun, Chatham
 1221 Defence, F.M.H., Leeds
 1237 Enfield, George, Enfield
 1253 Travellers, Queen, Manchester
 1302 De Warren, White Swan, Halifax
 1350 Fermor Hesketh, F.M.H., Bootle
 1380 Skelmersdale, Town Hall, Liverpool
 1402 Jordan, Masonic Temple, Torquay
 1408 Stamford & Warrington, Stalybridge
 1436 Castle, F.M.H., Sandgate
 1449 Royal Military, Mas. Tem., Canterbury
 1452 St. Margaret, Royal, Lowestoft
 1474 Israel, F.M.H., Birmingham
 1496 Trafford, Western, Moss Side
 1505 Emulation, F.M.H., Liverpool
 1564 St. John, F.M.H., Woking
 1611 Eboracum, F.M.H., York
 1618 Handyside, Riv. Rms., Saltburn-by-Sea
 1730 Urmston, Victoria, Urmston
 1792 Tudor, The Institute, Harborne
 1802 Vernon, Exchange Bldgs., E. Retford
 1852 Forest, Town Hall, Mansfield
 1885 Torridge, F.M.H., Great Torrington
 1914 St. Thomas, Harecastle, Kidsgrove
 1948 Hardman, Queen's Arms, Rawtenstall
 1952 High Peak, Tn. H., Chapel-en-le-Frith
 1966 Fidelity & Sincerity, M.H., Wellington
 2034 Masfield, Institute, Moseley
 2144 De Tatton, Town Hall, Altrincham
 2185 Ardwick, Moseley, Manchester
 2187 Adur, Assembly Rooms, Henfield
 2197 Spencer Walpole Temperance, Douglas
 2376 Carnarvon, Public Hall, Leyland
 2382 Loyal Hay, Hay
 2422 Ebbisham, Spread Eagle, Epsom
 2457 St. Anne's, St. Anne's-on-Sea
 2487 St. Michael, Crown, Stone
 2505 County Palatine, Palace, Birkdale
 2584 Queen Victoria, Con. Club, Cheetham

Tuesday.

- Board of General Purposes, F.M.H., at 5.
 30 United Mariners, Frascati
 73 Mount Lebanon, Bridge House Hotel
 97 Eastern Star, Ship and Turtle
 162 Cadogan, Freemasons' Hall
 194 St. Paul, City Terminus Hotel
 435 Salisbury, Freemasons' Hall
 704 Camden, Anderton's, Fleet Street
 857 St. Mark, Surrey Masonic Hall
 1805 Bromley St. Leonard, Ves. H., Bromley
 2021 Queen's Westminster, Holborn Rest.
 2022 Haven, Public Buildings, Ealing

- 2265 Barnato, Cafe Monaco
 2408 Hampstead, Haverstock Hill
 2500 Old Boys, Criterion Restaurant
 2742 Eyre, Eyre Arms H., Finchley Road
 213 Perseverance, 47 St. Giles St., Norwich
 223 Charity, F.M.H., Plymouth
 384 St. David, F.M.H., Bangor
 402 Royal Sussex, George, Nottingham
 414 Union, F.M.H., Reading
 418 Menturia, F.M.H., Hanley
 432 Abbey, Newdegate Arms, Nuneaton
 468 Light, Great Western, Birmingham
 476 St. Peter, F.M.H., Carmarthen
 551 Yarborough, F.M.H., Ventnor
 560 Vernon, F.M.H., Stourport
 660 Camalodunum, F.M.H., New Malton
 667 Alliance, F.M.H., Liverpool
 707 St. Mary, F.M.H., Bridport
 830 Endeavour, Queen's Arms, Dukinfield
 958 St. Aubin, Masonic Temple, Jersey
 960 Bute, F.M.H., Cardiff
 1006 Tregulow, Masonic Rooms, St. Day
 1028 Royal Alfred, George, Alfreton
 1046 St. Andrew, Bush, Farnham
 1075 St. Maughold, Ramsey, Isle of Man
 1089 De Shurland, Britannia, Sheerness
 1096 Lord Warden, Foresters' Hall, Walmer
 1225 Hindpool, F.M.H., Barrow-in-Furness
 1276 Warren, Seacombe Hotel, Seacombe
 1427 Percy, F.M.H., Newcastle-on-Tyne
 1551 Charity, F.M.H., Birmingham
 1570 Prince Arthur, F.M.H., Liverpool
 1621 Castle, Crown, Bridgnorth
 1764 Eleanor Cross, F.M.H., Northampton
 1787 Grenville, F.M.H., Buckingham
 1894 Herschel, F.M.H., Slough
 1903 Pr. Ed. Saxe Weimar, M.H., P'tsmouth
 1941 St. Augustine, Shrewsbury A., Rugeley
 2135 Constance, F.M.H., Consett
 2146 Surbiton, Maple Hall, Surbiton
 2155 Makerfield, Pied Bull, Newton-l-Willows
 2360 Victoria, F.M.H., Southport
 2407 Hicks-Beach, Sub. Rooms, Stroud
 2521 Noel-Money, Oatlands, Weybridge
 2530 Shirley Woolmer, St. John's H., Sidcup
 2572 Tyldesley, Masonic Rooms, Tyldesley
 2641 Dart, Raleigh, Dartmouth
 2659 Northcote, F.M.H., Exeter
 2681 Queen, Skelmersdale Hall, Liverpool
 2747 St. Michael, F.M.H., Newquay

Wednesday.

- General Committee, Grand Chapter, at 4.
 Grand Stewards, Freemasons' Hall
 7 Royal York of Perseverance, Albion
 140 St. George, Ship, Greenwich
 169 Temperance, Tower Bridge Hotel
 174 Sincerity, Guildhall Tavern
 190 Oak, Freemasons' Hall
 619 Beadon, Holborn Restaurant
 700 Nelson, F.M.H., Plumstead
 969 Maybury, Inns of Court Hotel
 1044 Wandsworth, Lavender Hill, S.W.
 1278 Burdett Coutts, Great Eastern Hotel
 1349 Friars, Ship and Turtle
 1382 Corinthian, George, Cubitt Town
 1507 Metropolitan, Anderton's Hotel
 1539 Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell
 1624 Eccleston, Criterion
 1673 Welcome, Cafe Royal
 1677 Crusaders, Holborn Restaurant
 2241 Cordwainer Ward, City Terminus H.
 2345 Duke of Fife, Clapham
 2348 Lombardian, Ship and Turtle
 2361 Cricklewood, Frascati
 2409 Woodgrange, Prin. Alice, Forest Gate
 2578 National Artillery, Criterion Restaurant
 2589 Borough, Bridge House Hotel
 2601 Holloway, Beale's Restaurant
 2743 Maida Vale, Crown, Maida Vale
 20 Royal Kent of Antiquity, Sun, Chatham
 121 Mount Sinai, F.M.H., Penzance
 127 Union, Masonic Temple, Margate
 137 Amity, F.M.H., Poole
 175 East Medina, F.M.H., Ryde
 178 Antiquity, F.M.H., Wigan
 200 Old Globe, F.M.H., Scarborough
 210 Duke of Athol, Denton, nr. Manchester
 221 St. John, F.M.H., Bolton
 243 Loyalty, Masonic Temple, Guernsey
 246 Royal Union, F.M.H., Cheltenham
 261 Unanimity & Sincerity, M.H., Taunton
 280 Worcester, Masonic Cham., Worcester
 285 Love & Honour, M.H., Shepton Mallet
 311 South Saxon, F.M.H., Lewes
 325 St. John, F.M.H., Salford
 342 Royal Sussex, F.M.H., Landport
 376 Perfect Friendship, F.M.H., Ipswich
 451 Sutherland, Town Hall, Burslem
 537 Zetland, Masonic Chambers, Birkenhead

- 580 Harmony, Wheatsheaf Inn, Ormskirk
 581 Faith, Bradford, Manchester
 592 Cotteswold, King's Head, Cirencester
 610 Colston, F.M.H., Bristol
 662 Dartmouth, F.M.H., West Bromwich
 683 Isca, F.M.H., Newport, Mon.
 726 Staffordshire Knot, Swan, Stafford
 823 Everton, F.M.H., Liverpool
 874 Holmesdale, Tunbridge Wells
 889 Dobie, Kingston, Kingston-on-Thames
 938 Grosvenor, F.M.H., Birmingham
 950 Hesketh, Crown, Fleetwood
 962 Sun & Sector, Ass. Rooms, Workington
 972 St. Augustine, F.M.H., Canterbury
 1019 Sincerity, F.M.H., Wakefield
 1040 Sykes, F.M.H., Driffild
 1086 Walton, F.M.H., Kirkdale
 1114 Joppa, Corn Hall, Fakenham
 1129 St. Chad, Roebuck, Rochdale
 1136 Carew, F.M.H., Torpoint
 1161 De Grey & Ripon, M.H., Manchester
 1179 Rutland, Rutland Hotel, Ilkeston
 1212 Elms, F.M.H., Devonport
 1246 Holte, Victoria, Aston
 1294 St. Alban, Royal, Grimsby
 1301 Brighthouse, F.M.H., Brighthouse
 1323 Talbot, Masonic Rooms, Swansea
 1334 Norman, F.M.H., Durham
 1337 Anchor, F.M.H., Northallerton
 1353 Duke of Lancaster, F.M.H., Lancaster
 1511 Alexandra, F.M.H., Hornsea
 1634 Starkie, Grant Arms, Ramsbottom
 1702 Sub-Urban, Harrow-on-the-Hill
 1774 Mellor, Railway, Manchester
 1797 South Down, Downs, Keymer
 1988 Mawddach, F.M.H., Barmouth
 2153 Hope, India Arms, Gosport
 2203 Farnborough & N. Camp, Farnborough
 2258 W.D. United Ser., M.H., E. Stonehouse
 2260 Ridley, F.M.H., Newcastle-on-Tyne
 2330 St. Lawrence, Masonic Rooms, Pudsey
 2412 Ashfield, Town Hall, Sutton-in-Ashfield
 2434 Anderida, Queen, Eastbourne
 2468 St. John, F.M.H., Douglas
 2514 City, Alexandra, Liverpool
 2525 Thurston, Ship Inn, Coniston
 2587 Radnor, F.M.H., Folkestone
 2688 Wythenshawe, Tatton A., Northenden
 2702 Hollingsworth, F.M.H., Oldham
 2725 Maristowe, Yelverton Hotel, Yelverton
 2793 Assheton-Egerton, Altrincham

Thursday.

- House Com., R.M.I.G., Battersea, 4.30.
 6 Friendship, Criterion Restaurant
 23 Globe, Freemasons' Hall
 55 Constitutional, City Terminus Hotel
 63 St. Mary, Freemasons' Hall
 179 Manchester, Anderton's Hotel
 181 Universal, Albion
 813 New Concord, Guildhall Tavern
 1287 Great Northern, Freemasons' Hall
 1365 Clapton, Great Eastern Hotel
 1420 Earl Spencer, Stanley, Lavender Hill
 1563 City of Westminster, Cafe Royal
 1598 Ley Spring, Anderton's Hotel
 1623 West Smithfield, Freemasons' Hall
 1901 Selwyn, Montpelier, Peckham
 2310 London Scottish Rifles, Criterion
 2612 Navy, Hotel Cecil
 2694 Justinian, Inns of Court Hotel
 42 Relief, Grey Mare, Bury, Lanc.
 56 Howard of Brotherly Love, Littleh'pton
 57 Humber, F.M.H., Hull
 98 St. Martin, Town Hall, Burslem
 100 Friendship, Great Yarmouth
 203 Ancient Union, F.M.H., Liverpool
 245 Mechanics, Masonic Temple, Jersey
 267 Unity, Macclesfield A., Macclesfield
 268 Union, Queen's A., Ashton-under-Lyne
 286 Samaritan, Green Man, Bacup
 322 Peace, Bulkeley Arms, Stockport
 343 Concord, Bull and Royal, Preston
 345 Perseverance, Old Bull, Blackburn
 350 Charity, Railway, Bolton
 363 Keystone, Red Lion, Whitworth
 367 Probity & Freedom, F.M.H., Rochdale
 394 Southampton, F.M.H., Southampton
 425 Cestrian, F.M.H., Chester
 430 Fidelity, Pitt & Nelson, Ashton-u-Lyne
 489 Benevolence, F.M.H., Bideford
 523 John of Gaunt, F.M.H., Leicester
 591 Buckingham, F.M.H., Aylesbury
 600 Harmony, F.M.H., Bradford
 605 Combermere, Music Hall, Birkenhead
 659 Blagdon, F.M.H., Blyth
 663 Wiltshire Fidelity, F.M.H., Devizes
 758 Ellesmere, F.M.H., Runcorn
 777 Royal Alfred, Angel, Guildford
 802 Repose, F.M.H., Derby

833 Afan, F.M.H., Aberavon
 939 Pelham, F.M.H., Worksop
 940 Philanthropy, F.M.H., Stockton
 1000 Priory, Middleton, Southend
 1011 Richmond, Old Boar, Manchester
 1037 Portland, F.M.H., Portland
 1042 Excelsior, F.M.H., Leeds
 1299 Pembroke, Bear's Paw, Liverpool
 1332 Unity, F.M.H., Crediton
 1386 St. Hugh, F.M.H., Lincoln
 1393 Hamer, F.M.H., Liverpool
 1432 Fitz-Alan, Wynnstay Arms, Oswestry
 1459 Ashbury, Justice Birch, West Gorton
 1470 Chiltern, Old Sugar Loaf, Dunstable
 1512 Hemming, Greyhound, Hampton Court
 1534 Concord, District Council, Prestwich
 1562 Homfray, F.M.H., Risca
 1594 Cedewain, M. Tem., Newtown, Mont.
 1776 Landport, F.M.H., Landport
 1782 Machin, F.M.H., Birmingham
 1821 Atlingworth, Royal Pavilion, Brighton
 1869 Sandown, F.M.H., Sandown
 1872 St. Margaret, Maple Hall, Surbiton
 1887 St. Hilda, Lamb, Wallingford
 1892 Wallington, F.M.H., Sutton, Surrey
 1893 Lumley, Estate Office, Skegness
 2107 Etheldreda, Sub. Rooms, Newmarket
 2226 St. David, Local Board, Rhymney
 2268 Hallamshire, F.M.H., Sheffield
 2305 Stour, Bank Street Hall, Ashford
 2325 Rose of Lancaster, F.M.H., Southport
 2341 Clemency, F.M.H., Oldham
 2390 Exmoor, Public Hall, Minehead

2495 Goodacre, F.M.H., Bootle
 2555 England's Centre, Weedon
 2570 Prince Llewellyn, Mas. Temple, Cardiff
 2598 St. Sampson, Commercial, Guernsey
 2666 Victoria Commemoration, Newcastle
 2703 Wallsend, F.M.H., Wallsend
 2711 Imperial, Sefton Park, Liverpool
 2745 Ambleside, Queen's, Ambleside
 2770 Earl of Yarborough, Great Grimsby

Friday.

Board of Management, Boys School, 2.30.

143 Middlesex, Albion
 1118 University, Freemasons' Hall
 1962 London Rifle Brigade, Anderton's
 2157 St. Mark's College, Holborn Restaurant
 2247 Argonauts, Frascati
 2346 Warrant Officers, F.M.H.
 2716 Midland and Oxford Bar, Cafe Royal
 2721 Light, Holborn Restaurant
 152 Virtue, F.M.H., Manchester
 155 Perseverance, F.M.H., Liverpool
 347 Noah's Ark, Waggon & Horses, Tipton
 541 De Loraine, F.M.H., Newcastle-on-T.
 599 Cherwell, F.M.H., Banbury
 904 Phoenix, Masonic Bldgs., Rotherham
 993 Alexandra, Midland, Levenshulme
 1108 Royal Wharfedale, Mas. Rooms, Otley
 1295 Gooch, Queen's Royal, New Swindon
 1311 Zetland, F.M.H., Leeds
 1330 St. Peter, Swans, Market Harborough
 1357 Cope, Brookland's, Sale

1389 Fenwick, F.M.H., Sunderland
 1626 Hotspur, Newcastle-on-Tyne
 1644 Alma Mater, F.M.H., Birmingham
 1773 Albert Victor, Town Hall, Pendleton
 1794 De Vere, F.M.H., Nottingham
 2063 St. Osyth Priory, Clacton-on-Sea
 2231 Talbot, Council Offices, Old Trafford
 2244 Cowper and Newton, F.M.H., Olney
 2447 Palatine, Albion, Manchester
 2610 Beresford Peirse, Assem. R., Bedale
 2644 Chaloner, F.M.H., Melksham
 2657 Liscard, Concert Hall, Liscard
 2695 Doric, F.M.H., Harrogate

Saturday.

715 Panmure, City Terminus Hotel
 1139 South Norwood, South Norwood Park
 1185 Lewis, Holborn Restaurant
 1229 Sphinx, Surrey Masonic Hall
 1364 Earl of Zetland, Ship and Turtle
 1732 King's Cross, Anderton's Hotel
 1767 Kensington, Royal Palace Hotel, W.
 2308 Viator, Anderton's, Fleet Street
 416 Surrey, Public Hall, Reigate
 811 Yarborough, Royal Pavilion, Brighton
 1126 Oakwood, Sale Hotel, Sale
 1897 Citadel, Railway Hotel, Harrow Station
 2035 Beaumont, F.M.H., Kirkburton
 2318 Lennox Browne, Roebuck, Buckh'st Hill
 2458 Eton, Christopher, Eton
 2717 Albert Lucking, M.H., Southend-o-Sea

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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Upton Lodge, No. 1227.

INAUGURAL LADIES BANQUET.

THE Worshipful Master and members of this Lodge entertained their ladies and a number of other friends on Thursday, at the Great Eastern Hotel, Liverpool Street, a company of nearly two hundred ladies, gentlemen, and Brethren being present, and passing a most enjoyable evening under the presidency of the W.M. Bro. W. J. Carroll, who was supported by Mrs. Carroll, Mrs. Carroll sen., his sister, most of the Past Masters of his Lodge, the Officers, and a full assembly of other members.

The regular meeting of the Lodge was first held, and there Bro. C. Schmidt P.M. acted as Senior Warden, the other Officers in their places being Bros. Henry James Rowberry I.P.M., Alfred Barnard Noble J.W., Charles Gieseke P.M. Treas., C. J. Free P.M. Sec., E. M. Jeffery P.M., Samuel Toye P.M., G. A. Peters P.M., George W. Flatman S.D., Charles W. Cooper J.D., Henry Hyde P.M. D.C., Ernest C. Holmes Organist, William Hartwell, Thos. G. Gunn and Frederick J. Rover Stewards, and Thos. Bowler P.M. Tyler.

The visitors who attended the earlier proceedings included Bros. Henry Pryor 1539, W. V. Woodman 1549, C. J. Downton 457, and others.

The Lodge having been opened, the ballot was taken separately for Mr. Richard Henry Ferguson and Mr. Arthur Ferguson, and proved unanimous in their favour. They being in attendance were regularly admitted and initiated into Ancient Freemasonry.

On the proposition of Bro. E. M. Jeffery P.M., seconded by Bro. H. J. Rowberry I.P.M., and supported by Bro. C. J. Free P.M. Secretary, the sum of twenty guineas was voted from the Lodge funds to the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution, to be placed on the list of Bro. Carroll W.M., who is working as Steward and is, we believe, already assured of a very handsome total for the Festival on behalf of the Old People next month.

Other business having been disposed of the Lodge was closed and the Brethren repaired to the reception room, where they were joined by the ladies and other guests, and afterwards proceeded to the banquet hall, where an enjoyable dinner was served.

The dinner was followed by a well sustained concert, a few toasts being interspersed, but as the evening was essentially devoted to ensuring the enjoyment of the special guests, speeches were at a discount, and brevity was recognised as of primary importance.

The Worshipful Master proposed the first toast—that of the Queen, and in doing so said he knew full well that the sentiment would be heartily received in that Lodge. Indeed, among no body of men was the toast of the Queen more zealously received than among the Freemasons of the empire, and in no Lodge was greater loyalty to be found than in the Upton. They sincerely wished Her Majesty continued health and strength to enable her to continue her beneficent reign over them. The toast was enthusiastically honoured, the solo of the National Anthem being rendered by Miss Edith Payne.

The second toast on the list was that of the Prince and Princess of Wales and the Royal Family, and in proposing it Bro. Carroll said all Englishmen were proud of the Prince of Wales, the Masons

of the country particularly so, in view of His Royal Highness's prominent position in the Craft. By her many acts of kindness and forethought—both of a social and charitable character—the Princess of Wales had endeared herself to the people; indeed, the Princess was one of the first in acts of charity, and by her kindness she materially added to the popularity of the Prince of Wales. Other members of the Royal Family were also to the fore in good acts, and won respect and esteem on every hand.

The Immediate Past Master Bro. Rowberry submitted the health of the Worshipful Master. The toast he had the privilege and pleasure to propose was one that he was sure the company would heartily join him in—the health of their esteemed Worshipful Master. They had in Bro. Carroll a typical young English gentleman, who carried out his duties with advantage to the Order of Freemasonry in general and to the Upton Lodge in particular. He felt the Master and other members should be congratulated and highly gratified in having the festive board of the Upton Lodge adorned by such distinguished visitors as were among them that evening, and he took the opportunity of heartily congratulating the W.M. on the splendid result of the hard work he had put into that inaugural Ladies banquet; he and the Committee were deserving of the heartiest thanks of all assembled. This was particularly the case as regarded their Worshipful Master Bro. Carroll, who really fully deserved all the encomiums that could possibly be passed upon him. The toast was most heartily received and, as the usual Masonic "fire" was not permissible in the presence of the ladies and gentlemen guests, musical honours of the good old English style were accorded, additional cheers being given for Mrs. and the Misses Carroll, and for the mother of Bro. Carroll, who appeared delighted at the manifest signs of her son's popularity.

Bro. Carroll, in his response, desired to thank one and all very heartily and very sincerely for the way in which they had received the toast of his health. It was a very proud moment for him as Master of that Lodge to look around and see so many smiling faces and bright eyes assembled under the banner of the Upton Lodge. Ever since he had joined the Lodge he had had a desire to see the ladies present with them at least once a year, and he felt that the success of that meeting had amply repaid them all for any special efforts they had put forth in arranging it. He trusted the success of the gathering would remain in the minds of future Masters, and that a similar happy assembly would become a regular annual event.

In proposing the health of the ladies the W.M. said he regarded it as the great toast of the evening. The members were very proud indeed to have the ladies with them on that occasion, and on behalf of the Upton Lodge he cordially thanked them for coming there that day. No doubt many of the ladies had put themselves to considerable inconvenience in order to be present—he knew of one lady who had travelled up specially from Birmingham—but he hoped that all were fully repaid for any trouble they had gone to, and that, like the promoters of the gathering, they would look forward to attending similar meetings in the future. He felt that all he could say was not nearly enough to express half what the members felt in connection with this toast; he would conclude with the hope that the event might become an annual one in connection with the Upton Lodge.

Bro. Cole acknowledged the toast. He was told a few moments before that it was necessary that an unmarried man should respond, but why that was so he could not understand, as he should have thought a married Brother would have been able to say so much more, as his experiences of the ladies would be greater. However, he had been called upon to acknowledge the toast, and he would ask them for the time being to stretch their imagination to almost breaking point, and regard him for the moment as a lady. In this position he could but feel a certain amount of surprise that after

an existence of some twenty-five or thirty years that was the first occasion on which the Brethren had invited the ladies to be present at one of their banquets. Some of them had naturally wondered, when they had seen their husband or sweetheart prepare for a night off—in order to attend the Lodge—and return some time the next morning, what was actually done at the meetings, and they were therefore glad that first insight into what really took place at a Masonic banquet. With this experience before them he could only say that if their husbands or sweethearts had enjoyed themselves in the past as much as the ladies had done on the present occasion, had done nothing worse than what had taken place that day, and would promise to invite the ladies to such a pleasant gathering year by year, then, on their parts, they would not begrudge the members a night off once every two months, to devote to the duties of the Upton Lodge. A lady friend of his was very much opposed to Freemasonry, because a friend of hers had heard from another friend that in the Lodges one member was selected as the Worshipful Master, and all the other members bowed down and worshipped him. Well, he could only say—as a lady—that if Worshipful Masters as a rule were anything like the Brother who now presided over the Upton Lodge he could well understand the Brethren bowing down and worshipping them. On behalf of the ladies he thanked the Brethren for the very handsome way in which they had been entertained that evening, and promised they would come again whenever the opportunity was afforded them.

Bro. Rowberry I.P.M. proposed the toast of the visitors. They had among the gentlemen visitors that evening many who were members of the Order, as well as many who had not yet sought admission. Among the former were some who had previously visited the Upton Lodge, and knew the hearty way in which it was there customary to entertain guests; the others—those Brethren and gentlemen who had not been there before—might take his assurance that it was the foremost wish of the members to at all times make their visitors happy and comfortable, and to so interest them that they would be anxious to come again. He called upon the members to endorse his words by a hearty reception of the toast, and coupled with it the names of Bro. W. W. Morgan and Mr. H. Gitsham, who each responded.

The final toast of the evening was the Officers and Committee. The W.M., in proposing it, said they could all understand that a night like that could not be arranged without an immense amount of work, and the success that had attended it was in itself proof that the Officers and Committee had done their parts efficiently and well. All had worked hard, and all must be gratified at the success of the gathering.

Bro. Noble tendered thanks on behalf of himself and fellow workers. He assured the company that the efforts of the Committee had been well repaid by the result of that night's assembly. He trusted the event would now become an annual fixture in their Lodge.

The concert was under the direction of the Organist of the Lodge Bro. Ernest C. Holmes and, as we have said, was well sustained. The principal artistes were Miss Edith Payne, Madame Helen Coleman, Bro. Frank Martin, Bro. Robert Dennant, Bro. T. Gunn, Mr. Charles Morton, Mr. George O'Hagan, and Mr. Harry Hudson, one and all of whom acquitted themselves most efficiently. The proceedings were brought to a conclusion at a reasonable hour, this result being greatly facilitated by Bro. T. Bowler, the Tyler of the Lodge, who was a most efficient toast master, and prevented anything in the way of that flagging which occasionally happens and tends to effectually upset the very best of arrangements.

Some handsome presents were provided for the ladies in the form of a pretty civic badge for each—presented by the Worshipful Master—and a bottle of scent given to each previous to their departure.

Surely, on the whole, the Upton Brethren may be proud of their latest achievement—they have added another triumph to the many they have already achieved.

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Confidence Lodge, No. 193.

THE first meeting for the year was held at the Hercules, Leadenhall Street, on Wednesday, 2nd inst., when the whole of the degrees were admirably worked by Bro. Mears, with Bro. A. E. Green S.W., Bushell J.W., Pound S.D., Done J.D., Bygrave I.G., Pitt Secretary, and a fair number of other members and visitors.

Bro. Green, who is a rising young member of the Mother Lodge, and a very earnest and careful worker, was appointed to the chair for the 16th. Bro. Green is so well known in the city, and has so many Masonic friends, we anticipate a large gathering on that occasion.

WEDNESDAY, 9th inst., was Officers' night, and, as usual on such occasions, was numerously attended. The installation ceremony was admirably and beautifully rehearsed by Bro. Simeons, Bro. Pinnock I.P.M. acting as Director of Ceremonies. The distribution of collars was rehearsed twice by Bro. Fells W.M.-elect.

Many items of business and the introduction and election of new members taking up the rest of the evening, there were no rehearsals of the degrees.

New Concord Lodge, No. 813.

THE new year's meeting of this Lodge took place on Wednesday, 2nd inst., at the Farleigh Hotel, Amherst Road, Stoke Newington, when Bro. H. G. Gush P.M. Preceptor of the Lodge occupied the chair, and was supported by Bros. J. A. Powell Treas. S.W., W. Witte J.W., B. Barton Sec., J. Ibbertson S.D., A.

Stallard I.D., H. Parsons I.G., and some twenty-five other Brethren.

After the usual formalities Bro. Powell, with the assistance of the Brethren, worked the second section of the lecture. The W.M. rehearsed the ceremony of initiation, Bro. Nicholls acting as candidate.

Bro. Powell Treasurer said he had very much pleasure, on behalf of the members of the Lodge of Instruction, to present Bro. H. Gush P.M., their esteemed Preceptor, with a Past Master's jewel and collar, as a token of their high esteem and appreciation of the valuable services he had rendered to the Lodge. Bro. Gush said he was taken quite by surprise. He most sincerely thanked Bro. Powell and the Brethren for their very handsome present, and assured them that whatever he could do for the welfare of the Lodge he would willingly undertake. As long as the Great Architect of the Universe gave him health and strength he would do everything in his power to secure the prosperity of the Lodge; whenever he had occasion to wear their magnificent present he should remember the very happy moments he had spent at the New Concord Lodge of Instruction.

Bro. Reed was elected a member, which compliment was acknowledged, and Bro. Powell was unanimously chosen W.M. for the next meeting.

ON Tuesday, 9th inst., those present included Bros. T. A. Powell W.M., E. G. Platt W.M. 1327 S.W., J. Ibbertson J.W., H. G. Gush P.M. Preceptor, B. Barton Sec., H. Parsons S.D., W. Witte J.D., R. G. Nicholls I.G., Allen, Howard, Bell, Conelhurst, Lichtfoot, Wynman.

The Lodge was opened in due form, Bro. Bell answered the questions, and was entrusted. Lodge was opened in the second degree and Bro. Barton, with the assistance of the Brethren, worked the first section of the lecture. The W.M. proceeded with the ceremony of passing, including the full explanation of the working tools. The Lodge was called off and on. The W.M. worked the second section of the lecture. Bro. A. E. Allen was examined for the third degree.

Bro. Platt W.M. 1327 was unanimously elected W.M. for Wednesday next. One guinea was voted for the Old People's Institution. Bros. Parsons and Ibbertson were elected Auditors, and the Lodge was closed.

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New Cross Lodge, No. 1559.

ON Tuesday, at Brother Lewis Lake's, the Kemble's Head, Long Acre, W.C., Bros. R. Fitch W.M., T. Wood S.W., Lewis Lake J.W., J. D. Graham P.M. Preceptor, G. Faaz Secretary, F. H. Middleton S.D., J. Sutcliffe J.D., R. W. Fitch I.G., W. Menninger P.M., A. J. Swash P.M., C. Johnson, W. B. Smith, J. Wynman, E. Hancock.

The ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, Bro. Menninger acting as candidate. Brother Swash was examined and entrusted, the Lodge was advanced to the second degree, and the ceremony of passing was rehearsed. The ceremony of raising was next gone through, Bro. Faaz candidate. We cannot let the opportunity pass without complimenting Bro. R. Fitch W.M. on his perfect working in the three degrees, which were most impressively and faultlessly rendered. This is all the more creditable as the acting W.M. has only risen to the dignity of a Steward in his Mother Lodge. We hope other young Brethren will take him as an example.

Bro. T. Wood was elected W.M. for Tuesday, 22nd inst., next Tuesday being the occasion of the annual dinner, when we hope to see an exceptionally good attendance, as Bro. Lewis Lake, the proprietor, has made special arrangements to ensure the enjoyment of all who attend. Dinner will be served at 7.30 p.m. punctually.

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Kensington Lodge, No. 1767.

AT the Town Hall Tavern, High Street, Kensington, on Thursday, 1st inst., Bro. F. W. Blott P.M. occupied the Chair and had for his Officers Bros. Arthur Williams P.M. S.W., C. W. Hatt P.M. J.W., W. Hellier P.M. Prec., J. H. Cumming P.M. acting Sec., J. Blank S.D., A. Smith J.D., W. H. Dresden I.G.

The Lodge was opened with the usual formalities. The first section of the lecture was worked by the Brethren, and the third by Bro. Dresden, the questions in both cases being put by the Preceptor.

Bro. Arthur Williams was elected to act as W.M. on the next occasion of the Lodge meeting, and reference was made to the loss West London Freemasonry had sustained by the death of Bro. J. J. Cattle.

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Duke of Cornwall Lodge, No. 1839.

ON Monday we paid a visit to this Lodge, and were pleased to find the Brethren had pitched their tent at one of the magnificent rooms of the Manchester Hotel, Aldersgate Street. Bro. E. A. Fuller was in the chair, with Bros. E. F. Schrier S.W., A. F. Jones J.W., W. Wright P.M. acting Preceptor, H. C. Pink Sec., R. G. Goodwin S.D., T. Jackson, G. Gibbons, E. Styles, G. A. H. Hinchcliff, Skinner, Wynman, &c.

The W.M. rehearsed the ceremony of initiation, Bro. E. Styles acting as candidate. The Lodge was advanced to the second degree, when the W.M. proposed to rehearse the ceremony of raising, for which Bro. H. C. Pink Secretary kindly offered himself as candidate. He having answered the questions was entrusted, the Lodge was further advanced, and the ceremony was gone through. The Lodge was resumed to the first degree.

A letter was read from Bro. Percy Gray P.M. Preceptor of the Lodge, expressing his inability to attend, on account of business, but he hoped to be with the Brethren at the following

meeting. A letter was also read from the Treasurer Bro. W. Vincent Jull P.M., who expressed his sorrow at not attending; he did not feel strong enough, as since his accident he was compelled to take as much rest as possible. It was decided that a letter of sympathy be sent to Bro. Jull, wishing him a speedy recovery, and also expressing the hope of seeing him at the next meeting.

Bros. R. C. Goodwin and E. Styles, both members of No. 917, were elected members, and Brother E. F. Schrier W.M. for Monday next.

The Lodge meets every Monday at 7 o'clock, and Brethren wishing to join will receive a hearty reception.

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Chiswick Lodge, No. 2012.

ON Saturday, 29th ult., a numerously attended meeting of this well known Lodge of Instruction was held at the Windsor Castle Hotel, Hammersmith. Being one of the quarterly meetings when the chair of W.M. is placed at the disposal of the Preceptor Bro. Arthur Williams P.M. 834 2090 at once took that position, and appointed his Office-bearers as follow: W. Atkinson S.W., K. M. Ross J.W., W. Hide P.M. S.D., R. N. Larter P.M. J.D., Robert Reid P.M. I.G., R. Josey P.M. Secretary, H. J. Cousens P.M. acting Prec., F. Craggs P.M. Treasurer. Among others present we noticed Bros. J. H. Cumming P.M., Humphrey Bright P.M., E. Fox P.M., T. Harrington P.M., H. J. Hiscocks W.M.-elect of the Mother Lodge, Hugh Mair, J. Hayes, A. J. Winter.

Lodge was opened in due form and advanced to the second degree, when Bro. Hiscocks having given his assent was duly presented by Bro. Cousens as W.M.-elect. The Lodge was opened in the third degree, and resumed to the second, and then to the first, when the investiture of Officers took place. Bro. Arthur Williams gave the three addresses in an admirable manner, and it would be well if some Brethren in Lodges of Instruction would endeavour to copy the elocutionary points as given by our worthy Brother. On resuming the chair Bro. Williams examined Brother Mair, and after the Lodge had been resumed to the second degree the passing ceremony was rehearsed.

Brother A. J. Winter, of the Yorick Lodge, No. 2771, was elected a member, and a vote of condolence with the family of the late Bro. J. J. Cantle was ordered to be sent and entered on the minutes.

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Hammersmith Lodge, No. 2090.

WE paid a visit to Wycombe Hall, Hammersmith, on Wednesday, 2nd inst., and found nearly forty Brethren present, the W.M. of the evening being Bro. Bartlett P.M., who appointed his Officers as follow: Lichenburg S.W., H. Warren J.W., W. Hellier P.M. Prec., W. Gale Sec., Morgan S.D., F. Cave J.D., Dawe I.G. Amongst others present were Bros. Thos. Chamberlen, J.P., the first mayor of the Borough, Councillors J. M. Levy P.M., E. Scolding and W. Hodgson (W.M. of the Mother Lodge), and H. J. Cousens P.M., Lewis Beale P.M., W. Handover P.M., J. H. Cumming P.M., F. M. Wilkins, E. Hiscocks, Barnett, Hunt, Hayes, Chubb, Woods, Bratt, Golby, Brown, W. H. Cave, &c.

The Lodge having been opened the ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, Bro. Chubb W.M. of the Unity Lodge being candidate. The Lodge was then called off for refreshment, and on being resumed a ballot for five guineas to be paid into one of the Masonic Institutions was taken, and resulted in favour of Bro. F. Cave, who was congratulated on his good fortune.

The third section of the first lecture was worked by the Brethren, under the direction and with the assistance of the Preceptor.

At the second rising propositions were handed in on behalf of Bros. J. M. Levv P.M. of the Tranquillity Lodge, A. J. Turner P.M. and W. Holland, both of the Kensington Lodge, and the three named were duly received as members.

We must compliment Bro. Hellier P.M. on the great success his efforts have been crowned with since the removal of this excellently conducted Lodge of Instruction to its present quarters.

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PROVINCIAL.

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Lodge of Sympathy, No. 483.

THERE was a full agenda of work transacted at the regular meeting of this Lodge held at the Clarendon Hotel, Gravesend, on Wednesday evening. In the unavoidable absence of the Master, the Lodge was opened by Bro. J. N. Willis I.P.M. Mayor of Gravesend, who was supported by Bros. R. J. Beamish P.M. P.I.G. A.D.C., A. J. Walklin P.M., Henry Forss P.M., Ernest Ingman S.W., J. A. Gillett J.W., J. Axccl S.D., Percy Bowen J.D., J. Hewison I.G., A. E. Lockhart Secretary, and a large number of other members.

After the minutes had been read and confirmed, the ballot was taken and proved unanimous in favour of Messrs. Walter Edwin Holland, and George Alexander Pattison, as candidates for Freemasonry. These gentlemen being in attendance, together with Messrs. Richard Louis Morris and Kennett Dickenson, previously approved, they were admitted and regularly initiated into the mysteries and privileges of the Order. Bros. V. W. Denton, T. C. Davis and J. J. Noakes were passed to the second degree, but the four Brothers who were to be raised were unable to be present. Both the ceremonies were performed by Bro. Beamish, in his usual careful and masterly manner.

Reference was made to the very sudden death of Bro. Thomas Raine, who so recently as Monday had signified his intention of being present at this meeting. But it pleased the Great Architect to call him to the Grand Lodge above in the early hours of the

morning. A letter was ordered to be sent to the family, and a wreath was directed to be placed on his coffin, and at the conclusion of the business Bro. Robert Matthews, the Organist, played the Dead March from Saul, the Brethren remaining standing.

No less than six candidates were proposed for initiation at future meetings. A letter from Bro. James S. Eastes Deputy Prov. Grand Master was read, suggesting that every Lodge in the Province of Kent should send a Steward at the next Festival of the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls, to support Earl Amherst, who will preside on the occasion. It was announced that Bro. Spencer Bowen W.M. would represent the Lodge of Sympathy, and that he would be supported by a donation from the Lodge funds.

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Zetland Lodge, No. 603.

INSTALLATION OF BRO. COUNCILLOR F. NEWSOME.

THE usual monthly meeting was held at the Masonic Hall, Tofts, Cleckheaton, on Tuesday. There were present Bros. H. E. Hodgson W.M., A. Thornton I.P.M., F. Newsome S.W., S. Halliday P.M. Chaplain, L. R. Wood Secretary, A. Heaton J.D., Dr. Chas. F. Forshaw, F.R.S.L. (FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE), J. H. Shelley, W. S. Cliff, W. Daniels, S. H. Stocks P.M. P.P.G.D., W. Sharp, C. Jowett, G. Blackburn P.M., J. Birkhead, W. H. Sharp, R. H. Jackson D.C., A. Hall, W. Armytage P.M., W. Smith, W. H. Howarth, G. Tetlow, J. Snowden, and others.

Among the visitors were Bros. R. Mitchell P.M. 2035, I. Fogson Secretary 2335, G. Marchbank P.M. 758 Chicago, Jas. Tindell S.D. 1034, W. Townsend 750, Edwin Whitehouse 2008, A. B. Goldthrop I.P.M. 750, G. G. Senior S.D. 1380, S. Robinson W.M. 750, J. Lane Fox P.M. 2635 P.P.G.S.D., G. Bowdon 158, F. Gate 827, J. T. Last 1531 P.P.G.P., and C. Rippon 258.

After the Lodge had been opened in the first, second, and third degrees, a board of past and present Masters was formed, and Bro. Frank Newsome was duly installed into the chair of K.S., the Installing Master, who performed his work in a really creditable manner, being Brother Sidney Mortimer P.M. P.P.G.Std. The working tools for the three degrees were presented by Bros. Armytage, Thornton, and Blackburn.

The Worshipful Master then appointed and invested his Officers, as follow:—Bros. W. H. Howarth S.W., L. R. Wood J.W., S. Halliday Chaplain, J. Chough Treasurer, A. Heaton Secretary, J. Birkhead S.D., W. H. Hudson J.D., R. H. Jackson Supt. of Works, J. H. Shelley D.C., C. H. Powell and A. Townend Organists, W. Smith I.G., P. G. Lodge O.G., R. H. Jackson and G. Tetlow Bar Stewards, W. H. Sharp Lodge Steward, C. Jowett and W. A. Cliff Senior Stewards, W. Daniels and J. Snowden Junior Stewards, S. Halliday and H. Waddington Auditors.

After hearty good wishes the Lodge was closed, and the Brethren retired to celebrate the Festival of St. John. An excellent menu was provided, the customary toasts being interspersed with songs, &c.

ROYAL ARCH.

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Eccentric Chapter, No. 2488.

INSTALLATION OF COMPANION LIONEL W. HARRIS.

THE installation meeting of this flourishing Chapter was held at 33 Golden Square, W., on Friday of last week, when there was a full attendance of the members and a goodly array of visitors. Companion J. R. Cleave P.P.G.P. Surrey M.E.Z. presided, and was supported by Comps. L. W. Harris as H. and Walter Clifford as J.

The convocation was opened by the Principals in due form, and the minutes of the last meeting having been confirmed, the installation ceremonies were immediately proceeded with. Comp. Lionel W. Harris being already a Past Principal of the Caveac Chapter, merely signified his adherence to the regulations of the Order, and was formally inducted into the Chair of Z. Comp. Walter Clifford, the H. elect, was duly presented, and having taken the solemn obligation of Second Principal, was duly invested and installed. The ceremony was admirably rendered by Comp. Cleave. Later in the evening Comp. John Arthur Harrison, having been previously proposed, was presented by Comp. Dangerfield P.Z., and was regularly installed as Third Principal of the Chapter. This ceremony was undertaken by Comp. Sergeant Lee P.Z., and was performed in a manner worthy of his reputation as an exponent of the ritual.

The following Officers for the year were invested by Comp. Harris: W. Singleton Hooper P.Z. Scribe E., James Dangerfield Scribe N., W. J. W. Beard Treasurer, K. S. King P.S., W. E. Garstin 1st Assistant, E. Lockwood 2nd Assistant, Claude A. Hooper D.C., Imre Kiralfy and Thos. Fraser Stewards, James Kift Organist, G. Austin Janitor.

The Treasurer presented the balance sheet and the report of the Audit Committee, which showed the excellent financial position of the Chapter, and was received and adopted.

The date of the next convocation falling upon Good Friday, it was resolved to meet a week earlier, and the Chapter will therefore assemble on the 29th March. The resignation of a member was received with regret, but his loss will be compensated for by a worthy Brother who was proposed as a candidate for exaltation.

At the conclusion of the business the M.E.Z. referred in eulogistic terms to the services rendered by Comp. J. R. Cleave, and in the name of the Chapter presented him with a P.Z. jewel as a mark of their appreciation. Comp. Cleave briefly returned thanks for the handsome present, and expressed his desire to be at all times of service to the Chapter.

The convocation was then closed, and the Companions adjourned to the Eccentric Club, where an excellent dinner was served, and a very pleasant evening was enjoyed.

ABOUT VOUCHING.

THE question of vouching for a Brother has long been a vexed one. A voucher is permitted in Masonry to save the trouble of an examination. It is a right which every Mason possesses. It is an all important prerogative and should be most carefully exercised, and guarded by the most stringent regulations. If it is carelessly regarded, and injudiciously used, impostors may be admitted among the Brethren.

To vouch for one is to bear witness to the truth of his position in the Fraternity, and his right to mingle with the Craft. Every precaution should be taken that the one vouched for is truly what he professes to be. The Brother vouching should know of a certainty that the one vouched for has all the qualifications requisite, not from a casual conversation, or from a loose and careless enquiry, but from "strict trial, due examination and lawful information." These are the three requisites which are laid down as essentially necessary to authorise the act of vouching.

Not a night passes, but some Brothers are vouched for, and we have been struck by the careless manner in which some perform that duty. They do not want to be discourteous, and after asking a question or two they are "satisfied," or take it for granted that the Brother is really what he professes to be, and so they say he is. While it is probably true that very few men who are not Masons ever seek to enter a Lodge, yet occasionally one does, and the admission of one such might work incalculable harm. Having once gained admission he meets with many Brethren who are able to vouch for him because they have sat with him in open Lodge. In some jurisdictions the sitting in open Lodge is made a pre-requisite for one Brother to vouch for another. The Master, who alone decides whether the voucher is proper or not, is required to ask the question if the Brother ever sat in open Lodge with the stranger, if he has not, then the voucher is not satisfactory, and a committee is appointed to examine the visitor.

It is not enough, either, that the voucher has met the intended visitor in one of the "higher" bodies. All he must know is whether he is a member in good standing of his Lodge. The knowledge that he is a Royal Arch Mason, or a Knight Templar, does not qualify a Brother to vouch for another. Strict trial means that every question must be asked and properly answered, which is necessary to convince the examiner that the party examined is in truth what he professes to be—a Brother. Nothing should be taken for granted, nor forgetfulness excused, nor lack of memory considered a valid reason for want of knowledge. Due examination alludes to the mode of investigation. It should be preceded by the Tyler's oath, and an enquiry as to the time and place of initiation, and then the needed examination follows. In doing this, "leading" questions should never be asked, nor should the party being examined have his memory aided by hints. Lawful information includes the foregoing, for no Mason can give lawful information without having actually tested the Brother.

These rules should never be violated. Mackey says: "It is better that ninety and nine true men be turned away from the door of a Lodge, than that one cowan should be admitted." Too much care cannot be taken to avoid the admission of improper persons into a Lodge.—"Masonic Standard."

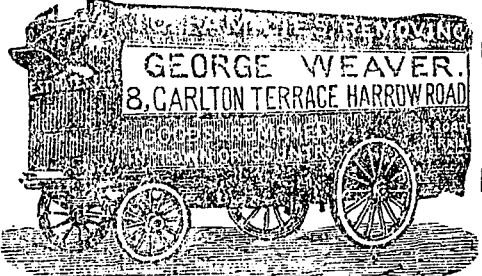
The Town Clerk of Beverley, Yorks., Bro. J. Willis Mills, was installed as Worshipful Master of the Constitutional Lodge, No. 294, on Thursday evening, 3rd inst. The installation ceremony was performed by Bros. T. Turner P.M., M. M. Westerby P.M., and Thomson Foley P.M.

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A respectably dressed woman was recently prosecuted at the Birmingham Police Court, charged with fraudulently obtaining a charitable contribution by false pretences. It appeared that the prisoner called at the offices of Brother Loxdale Warren, the Almoner for the Birmingham Lodges, in Bennett's Hill, and applied for a few shillings to meet pressing wants. Bro. Warren allowed her 12s, but the next day she returned saying that her husband was dead, and the funeral was fixed for two o'clock, but the undertakers would not move the body unless they received £2 down. Believing this statement, Bro. Warren gave her an order for that sum, but on making inquiries at an insurance office, in which the husband had a policy, he found there had been no claim, and he afterwards found the husband was alive, was, in fact, in the Court at the time of the trial. Bro. Warren went on to say that so many frauds were perpetrated that he felt it his duty to press for punishment in this case. Prisoner pleaded guilty, but said that her husband was nearly blind, and had been out of employment, and they were starving. They expected to have the bailiffs in, and she got the money to avoid the disgrace. Detective-sergeant Goldrick said that the husband had been in the King's Own Borderers, and had a pension of 1s 6d a day, and when he went to the house the family were sitting down to a very good meal indeed. The Prisoner said that was a bit of bacon Miss Cadbury sent them, hearing that they had nothing in the house. Prisoner's husband said he was in ignorance of what his wife had done. He had only earned 2s 9d during the previous six or seven weeks. The Stipendiary said the couple did not look as if they were in want. The woman must go to prison for a month's hard labour.

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