

THE Freemason's Chronicle.

A WEEKLY RECORD OF MASONIC INTELLIGENCE.

Registered at the G.P.O. as a Newspaper.

Reports of United Grand Lodge are published with the Special Sanction of H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, the Most Worshipful the Grand Master of England.

VOL. LIII.—No. 1358.
27th year of issue.

SATURDAY, 19th JANUARY 1901.

PRICE THREEPENCE.
13/6 per annum, in advance

CONSECRATION.

SIR WALTER RALEIGH LODGE, No. 2837.

WITH the object of fostering an interest in Freemasonry among those connected with the wholesale tobacco trade in Liverpool a new Lodge was consecrated on Saturday afternoon, at the Alexandra Hotel, Dale Street, by the Right Hon. the Earl of Lathom P.G.W. Provincial Grand Master of West Lancashire. Appropriately enough the title of the Lodge is the Sir Walter Raleigh, and the number 2837, this bringing the total of the Lodges under the rule of the West Lancashire Provincial Grand Master up to 127.

The Consecration ceremony was very numerously attended. The Prov. Grand Master presided, and at his request Bro. the Hon. Reginald B. Wilbraham P.M. 2682 acted as I.P.M., Bro. J. J. Lambert P.G.D. Eng. and Bro. P. T. Shann P.G.J.W. occupied the Senior and Junior Wardens' chairs respectively, and Bro. G. A. Harradon P.P.G.Treas. discharged the duties of I.G.

The founders of the Lodge present were Bros. John Houlding P.S.G.D. Eng. (Worshipful Master-designate), W. M'Lachlan P.G.D.C., F. W. Knight, William Cantle P.M. 1264, A. J. Weddell, Alfred Shawfield, H. J. B. Osterwald, W. R. Roberts, G. S. MacLaren, A. H. Stevenson, A. G. Baxter, T. J. Preece P.M. 155, and A. Gore.

The ceremony was very impressively conducted, the Prov. Grand Master being ably assisted by the Deputy Provincial Grand Master Bro. R. Wylie, the Prov. Grand Chaplain Bro. the Rev. Edward Wood, Bro. the Rev. Dr. C. T. Potter P.P.G.C., who delivered the Oration on the nature and principles of the Institution, the Prov. Grand Secretary Bro. W. Goodacre P.G.S.B., the Prov. Grand Director of Ceremonies Brother P. Rawsthorne, and his Deputy Brother D. Gabrielsen. The musical portions of the ceremony were ably rendered under the direction of Bro. Geo. D. Platt S.W. 2042.

At the conclusion of the Consecration service the Prov. Grand Master proceeded to instal Bro. Alderman John Houlding as the first W.M. of the Lodge. In the course of a few observations subsequently the Worshipful Master mentioned that the Lodge started under very favourable auspices. The Founders and Officers to be invested had presented the working tools and regalia, and they hoped by the end of the year to be not only out of debt, but in a position to hand something over to the magnificent Charities belonging to the Order.

The Wardens-designate were Bros. F. W. Knight and J. Coxhill, and they were duly invested by Bro. Houlding, who afterwards invested the remainder of his Officers.

At the close of the Lodge the Brethren sat down to a banquet, when the usual Loyal and Masonic toasts were honoured. Bro. Lord Lathom, in responding to the toast of the Consecrating Master, proposed from the chair, said he trusted the Sir Walter Raleigh Lodge would prosper for many years to come, and that the members would look to their first Master for help and guidance. He also wished every success to the tobacco trade of the city, with which, he understood, many members of that new Lodge were connected.

A capital musical programme was contributed by Bros. Geo. Platt, D. J. Davies, Henry Fairfield, H. Bayard Harrock, J. Lane, and C. Jones, and Master Guilbert.

IRELAND'S CHIEF AT WORK.

ON Thursday of last week his Grace the Duke of Abercorn, K.G., as Grand Master of Ireland, visited Limavady for the purpose of dedicating the Hall erected by the members

of St. Alban Lodge. The Grand Master was accompanied by a number of members of the Grand Lodge.

The new Hall occupies a prominent position at the head of the main street of the town, and in design and equipment is not only a credit to the Brethren of St. Alban Lodge, but Masonry in general. The building, of which Messrs. W. J. and M. Given, Coleraine, were the architects, is Gothic in style, and the Lodge Room, which occupies the entire upper portion of the principal building, has been most sumptuously furnished. The building itself cost some £1,200, but so liberal was the Brethren's support, £1,700 altogether being raised, that they were enabled to furnish the Hall in a manner rarely seen in a provincial town.

For the purpose of the dedication a special communication of the Provincial Grand Lodge of Derry and Donegal was called, the Lodge meeting in the new Hall at noon under the presidency of his Grace the Duke of Abercorn.

After the Hall had been dedicated in ancient form His Grace was presented by Brother W. M. Given, one of the architects, with a beautiful gold key as a souvenir of the interesting occasion, and as the Grand Master was leaving the Hall he joined the W.M. of St. Alban Lodge, Bro. G. N. Proctor, in planting two trees, one on each side of the entrance passage.

The dedication ceremony was followed by a luncheon in the Alexander Memorial Hall—the Provincial Grand Master of Derry and Donegal presiding. After the toast of the Queen and the Craft,

The Chairman proposed the health of the Grand Master, expressing the pleasure of the Freemasons of the north-east, to whom his Grace was so well known, at his presence on that occasion. One reason he thought why his Grace had been placed in that high and honourable position was because that from his earliest days he had done everything he could for the benefit of his fellow-man. It was because of that spirit they honoured his Grace, and they knew he was a true and good Mason. Referring to the influence of his Grace and his popularity, he pointed to the fact that he had been elected unanimously as Chairman of the County Council of his own county. It was just such men as that Freemasons delighted to honour, and he (Bro. Scott) was glad to know that among the junior members of the Province of Derry and Donegal they numbered the Marquis of Hamilton, M.P., who was Junior Warden of his (the Chairman's) old Lodge.

The Grand Master, in replying, said that he had been almost overcome by the warmth of the reception he had met with, and the proceedings of that day would ever linger in his recollection. He considered it a great honour to be the Grand Master of the Masons in Ireland. They were a compact and loyal body. There was no doubt about their compactness, and there was no doubt about their loyalty. He might describe himself as the commander-in-chief of 12,000 men in Ireland—a highly disciplined body of men who were ready to do anything and go anywhere consistent with the laws and rights of Freemasonry. He congratulated the members of St. Alban Lodge on their new Hall, which he regarded as giving a stimulus to Masonry in that Province. He regretted that there were no Roman Catholics in their body as in the past, but he wished it to be understood that their Order existed in no spirit of rivalry either in regard to religion or politics. They did not ask whether a man was Roman Catholic or Protestant, and he considered it would be better for the promotion of harmony and good feeling if the Order were more extended throughout the country than ever it was. Speaking of the progress of the body during the year, he said that the results were most

satisfactory, and, in concluding, he referred to what the Order was doing for the orphans of deceased Masons, alluding especially to the Masonic Orphan Schools. He was perfectly certain that the more Masons met together, the more Lodges met together, the better it would be for the good feeling and the prosperity, not only of Masonry, but for the whole of Ireland. The stimulus which Lodge 719, of which Bro. Proctor was the Worshipful Master, and for which Bro. Henry J.W. had done so much, had given to Freemasonry would be the means of bringing more young men into their body. They would find that, once they joined, they would never regret it, and this was especially the case in the country districts, because they were a bond of union amongst themselves. If they became Masons they would find that everything was harmony, and he might say love. He would appeal to them on behalf of the Masonic Orphan Schools, which did so much good to the orphans of poor Masons, and they were all aware how splendidly these children were looked after and educated. They were educated in the highest manner, and they always turned out well in after life, while they never forgot the kindness, affection, and tenderness which they received as children at the schools of the Masonic body. There was also another memorable event which occurred at the beginning of last year, when her Majesty visited the Schools, a visit which gave the heartiest pleasure to every Freemason. He need not say that he was very proud to be amongst them that day. Everyone had done his utmost to act the part of a Mason. They had a most successful inauguration of the Lodge, and he could only hope and pray that that inauguration would be the forerunner of many good things, not only for Masonry, but also for the town of Limavady, because the Order brought together all classes. He thanked them most heartily for the Fraternal manner in which the toast had been received.

Sir James Creed Meredith D.G.M., in proposing the health of the Chairman and the Provincial Grand Lodges of Ireland, said he was one of those who thought that the Masons owed much of that progress which had been spoken of to the Hamilton family. Looking back over the past years, it appeared to him that they had received a very great impetus indeed at the time that the head of that house, when Lord Lieutenant of Ireland, broke through what had almost become a tradition at Dublin Castle. Masonry was not looked upon with favour in Dublin Castle at that time, but the then Lord Lieutenant declined to be led by those who knew nothing of the principles of the Order. Some of them at that end of the table had had the privilege of being in their place in the Grand Lodge when Her Majesty's Lord Lieutenant in Ireland came down, and in open Grand Lodge took upon himself the obligation of the Grand Master of Ireland. His duties were faithfully discharged as long as he lived amongst them. When they looked for a successor they found him in the present Grand Master his Grace the Duke of Abercorn.

The toast was acknowledged by the Chairman and Dr. MacLaughlin D.P.G.M. Derry and Donegal.

The other toasts were St. Alban Lodge, proposed by Bro. Keatinge Clay, and responded to by Bros. G. N. Proctor, W. M. A. Campbell, S. W. H. Henry, Rev. G. W. Hamill P.M.; and Our Visiting Brethren, proposed by Bro. Henry, and responded to by Bro. the Marquis of Hamilton, M.P.

MASONIC GIFT FOR NEWTON ABBOT.

AT Highweek Parish Council at Newton Abbot on Monday evening the Clerk reported the receipt from the Worshipful Master of the Devon Lodge (Brother T. S. M. Underhay) of the correspondence which had taken place between his Lodge and Bro. Passmore Edwards with regard to the latter's offer of a free library to Newton Abbot. At the last meeting the Lodge unanimously expressed the hope that the munificent offer would be accepted. It would undoubtedly be a great educational boon to "Greater Newton."

The correspondence showed that, following Bro. H. T. Parker's report of a conversation he had with Bro. Passmore Edwards at the opening of the Devonian Lodge, in London, the W.M. communicated with the eminent philanthropist, expressing gratification because of his family's connection with the town, and the desire he had at one time to erect an institution in the town to the memory of his late mother, but that he had been forestalled in the object upon which he had set his heart by the old Newtonian family of Mackrell, whose

handsome block of almshouses was a magnificent monument to that esteemed family's memory. The Brethren expressed the hope that it might still be his pleasure to establish an institution to his mother's memory and the perpetuation of his family's name. They, therefore, suggested that if he saw his way to honour Newton Abbot a building for a free library would form a most suitable and appropriate memorial, and would be a great and appreciated boon to the present and future generations of Newtonians.

In reply, Brother Passmore Edwards wrote that some years ago he was prepared to erect a cottage hospital in Newton Abbot to the memory of his mother, born there more than a hundred years ago; but found one erected there. He had since erected a hospital and a convalescent home to her memory—one in Cornwall and the other in the London district. As to providing a public library for Newton Abbot, they would have to ascertain whether the inhabitants would maintain it, provide a site, and equip it. In reply, the Brethren laid before Bro. Passmore Edwards the size, population, and other matters relating to the town, as it will be under the amalgamation scheme, which takes effect next April, and pointed out that a penny in the £ (the amount allowed under the Free Libraries Act) would realise £170. They also showed that the population had increased from 1,623 in 1801 to 13,850 (estimated) in 1900. Writing in answer to that, Bro. Passmore Edwards said if the rate-payers of Newton Abbot district would adopt the Free Libraries Act, and undertake to maintain a Free Library, he would provide the necessary building, and do so in memory of his mother, and he proposed that the building should be similar in size, and cost about as much as the library he had provided in Truro, or St. Ives, Liskeard, or Launceston.

Mr. Chas. Vicary said all must admit it was a very generous offer, and one which could not be refused. It would be a very happy inauguration of the new Council if they were able to establish a free library in the town. He moved that the Council express its hearty thanks for the offer, lend their hearty sympathy to the movement, and endeavour to do their best to meet the conditions. Mr. A. B. Segar seconded. Mr. Vicary added that he would like to see added to the library rooms for the benefit of the Science, Art, and Technical Schools. He thought that might be arranged. Mr. W. Vicary agreed, and said it would strengthen the hands of Wolborough in dealing with the offer to know Highweek was in favour of it. He should like to see a Technical Institute attached to the library.

The motion was carried unanimously.

The members of the Three Grand Principles Lodge, No. 967, Penryn, recently presented to Bro. Manger, who has filled the Office of Secretary for eighteen years, a Past Master's jewel, as a token of the esteem in which he is held.

GRAND TREASURERSHIP 1901.

CANDIDATE:

W. BRO. CAPT. JOHN BARLOW, J.P.,
P.M. 1260, 1012, &c., &c.

CHAIRMAN OF EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE:

W. BRO. JAMES IRVINE P.M., &c.

Brother BARLOW is the LONDON Representative for the Craft, and Bros. WALTER POTTER, 442 Kingsland Road, N.E. and C. D. CHEETHAM, 7 Mosley Street, Manchester, having consented to act as Hon. Secretaries for LONDON and the PROVINCES, respectively, will be pleased to furnish any further information that may be desired.

H. T. STEVENS,
High class Family Butcher,
19 High Street, Oxford Street, London, W.C.
(FACING TOTTENHAM COURT ROAD).
Special Quotations given for Hotels, Restaurants and Clubs.
Families waited on daily. Best English Meat.

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

HOW TO SECURE WORK.

IN every Masonic Lodge there is the desire that there should be frequent work. This is proper—nay more, the absence of such a prevalent desire on the part of the members is evidence not only that the Lodge is in an unhealthy condition, but that the members are pleased to have it so. The work of the Lodge is the life of the Lodge. It is to it what the circulation of the blood is to the individual man—the absence of circulation brings with it paralysis and invites death. We need not now discuss why this is so, but we take it for granted for the purpose of this article, which is to discover the most proper and praiseworthy methods for securing continual work for a Lodge. If idleness be death and industry life, it is important that it should be determined how a Lodge may be in the best sense of the term industrious.

For more purposes than one, the Officers are the Lodge. Given the possession of attentive, earnest, skilful Officers and the prosperity of the Lodge ordinarily must follow. They compel success. Their punctuality, energy, ability, and devotion to rendering the work correctly and forcibly are infectious. Like Master like members. The Officers are the leaders, and where they go many others follow, what they do is copied generally by the body of the Craft over which they preside. They are the great luminaries—especially the W.M., around whom all the others revolve. Given a thoroughly competent Master, and a live Lodge is almost inevitably the result. Moral: select your Master, and do not let him select himself. In elevating him you are either elevating or lowering yourselves, since what he is that you will probably become. He, far more than any other Brother, determines the condition and character of the Lodge. Another moral: Masters, recognise the responsibilities you are under, and do everything in your power for the highest advancement of the Masonic body over which you have the honour to preside. Master the work in every part of its details. Be not slouchy about anything. Take a pride in saying the right thing in the right way. When you get your intellectual team into action, do not put the cart before the horse. Be sure you are right and then go ahead, with everything to hope for and nothing to fear. Having mastered the ritual, render it audibly, intelligently, earnestly. Show that you mean what you say, and manifest your sincerity by vigour of utterance, by propriety of intonation and by downright earnestness. Throw yourself into the work. The result will be, every one will be interested, every one attentively listen, every one will be instructed. It will get abroad that excellent work is done in your Lodge, your membership will be largely drawn out, and you will also have numerous visitors. It does not require that you should be a Demosthenes or a Cicero to fill your role with distinction; it only requires that you should be sincere in manner, articulate your words clearly, and speak in tones so as to be heard by all in the Lodge.

But the members have duties to perform as well as the Officers, and distinct from the Officers. The Lodge is your Lodge. It made you, and you may make it—or mar it. If your Officers are model Officers, of course you are attracted to attend regularly, but if they be not, still attend regularly, and endeavour to give them such Fraternal aid and advice as will tend to improve them. They are your Officers, and you owe them your presence, your sympathy, and your assistance. Especially is this true of Past Masters. These should never be Past Masons! Never can a Brother who has been accorded the highest honours in the gift of his Lodge do too much for its advancement and prosperity. If it droops, it is in part his fault; if it prospers, he should be proud to be in part at least the cause of it. Where a healthy spirit of emulation exists among the members as to who can best work and best agree, that Lodge is on the high road to prosperity. It is a live Lodge, an active Lodge, a busy Lodge. Its work is ably performed, its charities are liberally dispensed, and its meetings are attractive and instructive. It properly unites Labour and Refreshment, and when the toil of the evening is over, the Brethren assemble around the Fraternal board, and there enjoy those felicities of speech, anecdote and song which are only known in their perfection to Brethren of the Mystic Tie.

In no instance where the Officers and members of a Lodge conscientiously perform their several duties, can it be said that there is no Labour, no Refreshment, no harmony, and no attractiveness in the Lodge meetings. Just as surely as the work is correctly and impressively performed, so surely the members will be drawn together in increased

numbers, and their presence will secure the frequent presentation of material for moulding into perfect ashlar, so that the spiritual Temple shall have constantly added to it living stones of value and beauty.—“Keystone.”

NOT AFRAID OF PUBLICITY.

RECENTLY, in one of the Toronto Lodges, a discussion arose regarding the publication of reports of Masonic meetings and functions in the public press, and we were surprised to hear of Brethren taking the stand they did against the publicity of events, of what may be said to be in the interest of the Craft. There are, of course, discussions and things that transpire in a Lodge room of such a nature, although innocent in themselves, in which the general public would have no interest whatever, and consequently should not be brought to the notice of those not connected with the Craft. While, on the other hand, there are events which take place under Masonic auspices that should have the widest publicity, as they tend to show that the aims and principles of the Fraternity are for the elevation of the character of men, and not to cover their faults under the guise or cloak of secrecy, as many people believe is the case, as well as showing the bountiful charity of Masonry to the public institutions of the land.

We are fully aware that many things appear in print concerning Masonry that should not, but that is in many cases the fault of the Brethren themselves, in not looking after the interest of the Fraternity by seeing that when anything takes place under Masonic auspices that it is properly placed before the public. What is required, when a Masonic function takes place, is to appoint a Brother properly qualified to give the necessary information to the press, and then the reports would be more in keeping with the dignity of the Craft. What do we find now, especially in Toronto? When a reporter of one of the daily papers arrives at the portals of our Lodge rooms he meets a Mason, very often a Brother “bedecked” with all kinds of jewellery, and he asks him for information, one whom he thinks is capable of giving it to him. The Brother does so, perhaps, to the best of his ability, but the information imparted to the reporter is, in many cases, far from being accurate.

We have frequently listened to such information being given to reporters which was far from the actual facts, owing, no doubt, to the incompetency of the Brother giving it. As to the publicity of reports of Masonic gatherings, the Brethren who condemn them, in our opinion, are not reading Masons, because if they were they would know that the publicity of Masonic meetings of late years has helped to sweep away that strong prejudice which existed, in years gone by, against the Craft. The great cry against Masonry in the early days of this fast dying century was that it was a secret organisation, and that all kinds of crimes were committed under cover of its secrecy. Why was such a charge made? Because the public were unacquainted with its aims and teachings. The great anti Masonic cry that shook the very foundation of the social and political conditions of the United States both before and after the Morgan episode was owing to the lack of knowledge among the people of the purposes of the Craft.

Masonry to-day in England is doing a noble work. Why? Because the English people are better acquainted with its aims and objects on account of a wider publicity of the great charitable work being done by it. Richard Carlisle says, when speaking of secret associations, in his works: “The root of all tyranny and oppression, of all social and human ills, is found in the withholding from the masses of each community mental culture, or knowledge that may be conferred on all.” There is a good deal of truth in this statement. We claim that if the teachings of Masonry are good enough to be dissipated among the 28,000 members of the Craft in Ontario, who are the men of intelligence, then it will do no harm to show the people who are not members what those teachings are doing for those connected with it, by the aid of the public press, because no call for aid, amidst a calamity or otherwise, throughout the world, is unheeded by the Masons. This is a progressive age, and we are assured of this fact that in twenty-five years from now, if not before that time, Masonry in Canada and throughout the world will be far more in touch with the general sympathy of all classes of the people than it is to-day, owing to the greater publicity of its aims and teachings. If Masonry is to be a power for good, then its object must be known to the world.—“Masonic Sun,” 21st December 1900.

MEETINGS NEXT WEEK.

Monday.

- 1 Grand Masters', Freemasons' Tavern
 21 Emulation, Albion
 185 Tranquillity, Frascati
 720 Panmure, Balham Hotel, Balham
 862 Whittington, Freemasons' Hall
 901 City of London, Guildhall Tavern
 907 Royal Albert, Freemasons' Hall
 1537 St. Peter Westminster, Cafe Royal
 1694 Imperial, Holborn Restaurant
 2060 La France, Cafe Royal, Regent Street
 2489 Willesden, Willesden Green
 2545 Iris, Hotel Cecil
 2549 Benevolentia, Holborn Restaurant
 2563 Justicia, Freemasons' Hall
 2699 Wandle, Town Hall, Wandsworth
 77 Freedom, Public Hall, Gravesend
 125 Prince Edwin, Bank Bldgs., Hythe
 236 York, F.M.H., York
 248 True Love & Unity, F.M.H., Brixham
 312 Lion, F.M.H., Whitby
 359 Peace & Har., F.M.H., Southampton
 377 Hope & Charity, F.M.H., Kidderminster
 382 Royal Union, Public Rooms, Uxbridge
 424 Borough, Masonic Rooms, Gateshead
 455 Perseverance, F.M.H., Kettering
 466 Merit, George, Stamford Baron
 840 Scientific, Victoria, Wolverton
 872 Lewis, F.M.H., Whitehaven
 900 St. George, Swan, Tewkesbury
 925 Bedford, F.M.H., Birmingham
 934 Merit, Masons' Arms, Whitefield
 949 Williamson, F.M.H., Monkwearmouth
 986 Hesketh, Grapes Inn, Croston, Preston
 1030 Egerton, George, Heaton Norris
 1113 Anglesea, F.M.H., Menai Bridge
 1141 Mid-Sussex, Black Horse, Horsham
 1146 De Moulham, Mowden Inst., Swanage
 1199 Agriculture, Assembly Rooms, Yatton
 1208 Corinthian, Masonic Temple, Dover
 1255 Dundas, F.M.H., Plymouth
 1443 Salem, F.M.H., Dawlish
 1502 Israel, F.M.H., Liverpool
 1631 St. Andrew, Duke's Head, Gorleston
 1674 Caradoc, F.M.H., Rhyl
 1814 Worsley, Court House, Worsley
 1909 Carnarvon, F.M.H., Nottingham
 2069 Prudence, F.M.H., Leeds
 2074 St. Clair, F.M.H., Landport
 2081 Golden Fleece, F.M.H., Leicester
 2114 Prudence, F.M.H., Liverpool
 2208 Horsa, F.M.H., Bournemouth
 2289 Blundellsands, Ass. Rooms, Gt. Crosby
 2295 Scarisbrick, F.M.H., Southport
 2316 Princes, Deaf & Dumb Inst., Liverpool
 2327 St. Oswin, F.M.H., North Shields
 2340 W. Lanc. Century, F.M.H., Blackpool
 2425 Ecclesburne, White Hart, Duffield
 2482 Duchess of York, Victoria, Manchester
 2557 Temperance, M.H., Newcastle-on-Tyne
 2669 Victoria, F.M.H., Bradford

Tuesday.

- 14 Tuscan, Freemasons' Hall
 46 Old Union, Cafe Royal
 145 Prudent Brethren, Freemasons' Hall
 186 Industry, Freemasons' Hall
 205 Israel, Holborn Restaurant
 259 Prince of Wales, Hotel Metropole.
 1158 Southern Star, Bridge House Hotel
 1348 Ebury, Criterion Restaurant
 1441 Ivy, Surrey Masonic Hall
 1728 Temple Bar, Frascati
 2108 Empire, Criterion Restaurant
 2424 St. Stephen, Art Club, Blackheath
 2606 Arcadian, Hotel Cecil
 2705 Plavgoers, Tivoli Restaurant
 253 Tyrian, F.M.H., Derby
 564 Stability, Talbot, Stourbridge

- 943 Sincerity, 47 St. Giles Street, Norwich
 1016 Elkington, F.M.H., Birmingham
 1052 Callendar, F.M.H., Manchester
 1390 Whitwell, F.M.H., Millom
 1536 United Military, F.M.H., Plumstead
 1609 Liverpool Dramatic, F.M.H., L'pool
 1675 Ancient Briton, F.M.H., Liverpool
 1678 Medway, F.M.H., Tonbridge
 1834 Duke Connaught, F.M.H., Landport
 2025 St. George, F.M.H., Plymouth
 2328 Albert Victor, F.M.H., York
 2404 Lord Beresford, Sun, Chatham
 2405 Ionic, Impl. Bldgs., S. Helens, Lanc.
 2414 Wychwood, F.M.H., Burford
 2536 Staines, Town Hall, Staines
 2602 Hastings, Castle, Hastings
 2784 Legge, F.M.H., West Bromwich

Wednesday.

Board of Benevolence, at 5.

- 2 Antiquity, Freemasons' Hall
 201 Jordan, Freemasons' Hall
 212 Euphrates, Holborn Restaurant
 754 High Cross, Great Eastern Hotel
 1056 Victoria, Guildhall Tavern
 1360 Royal Arthur, P. of Wales, Wimbledon
 1580 St. Dunstan, Anderton's Hotel
 1718 Centurion, Inns of Court Hotel
 1818 Clapham, Criterion Restaurant
 2332 Borough of Greenwich, E. Greenwich
 2395 Avondale, Clarence Rooms, Brixton
 2416 Hiram, Freemasons' Hall
 2455 St. Martin, Town Hall, Charing Cross
 2650 Christ's Hospital, Newgate Street
 32 St. George Harmony, Adelphi, L'pool
 82 Foundation, F.M.H., Cheltenham
 117 Salopian of Charity, Shrewsbury
 220 Harmony, Garston Hotel, Garston
 250 Minerva, F.M.H., Hull
 257 Phoenix, 110 High Street, Portsmouth
 724 Derby, F.M.H., Liverpool
 785 Twelve Bros., F.M.H., Southampton
 818 Philanthropic, F.M.H., Abergavenny
 887 Leigh, F.M.H., Birmingham
 1039 St. John, George, Lichfield
 1213 St. John, Queen's, Grays
 1633 Avon, Mosley, Manchester
 1723 St. George, F.M.H., Bolton
 1733 Sunbury, Assembly Rooms, Sunbury
 1756 Kirkdale, Skelmersdale Hall, L'pool
 1760 Leopold, F.M.H., Scarborough
 1809 Fidelis, Masonic Temple, Guernsey
 1967 Beacon Court, Ghuznee, N. Brompton
 1984 Earl of Clarendon, F.M.H., Watford
 2019 Crook, F.M.H., Crook
 2140 Gordon, F.M.H., Hanley
 2158 Boscombe, Boscombe Club, Boscombe
 2216 Egerton, Conservative Club, Swinton
 2320 St. Martin, Church Inn, Castleton
 2373 Hardwick, F.M.H., Chesterfield
 2385 Godson, Talbot, Oldbury
 2427 Wineslai, Bell, Winslow
 2444 Noel, St. James Hall, Kingston-on-T.
 2448 Bradstow, F.M.H., Broadstairs
 2630 Tutbury Castle, Castle, Tutbury
 2701 Radcliffe, Boar's Head, Radcliffe
 2762 Lindisfarne, F.M.H., North Shields

Thursday.

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

- 34 Mount Moriah, Freemasons' Hall
 65 Prosperity, Holborn Restaurant
 66 Grenadiers, Freemasons' Hall
 99 Shakespear, Albion
 507 United Pilgrims, Bridge House Hotel
 766 William Preston, City Terminus Hotel
 858 South Middlesex, Walham Green, S.W.
 871 Royal Oak, Trafalgar, Greenwich
 1421 Langthorne, Angel, Ilford
 1523 St. Mary Magdalen, Café Royal
 1601 Ravensbourne, Board of W., Lewisham

- 1608 Kilburn, Blanchard's Restaurant
 1658 Skelmersdale, Surrey Masonic Hall
 1816 Victoria Park, London Tavern
 1974 St. Mary Abbott, Bailey's Hotel
 2319 Scots, Holborn Restaurant
 2432 Sir Walter Raleigh, Inns of Court Ho.
 2621 Military, Hotel Cecil

- 51 Angel, Three Cups, Colchester
 78 Imperial George, Middleton, Lanc.
 214 Hope and Unity, White H., Brentwood
 202 Friendship, F.M.H., Devonport
 309 Harmony, Red Lion, Fareham
 346 Un. Brethren, Grosvenor, Blackburn
 348 St. John, F.M.H., Bolton
 403 Hertford, Shire Hall, Hertford
 594 Downshire, F.M.H., Liverpool
 784 Wellington, Public Rooms, Deal
 787 Beaureper, Red Lion, Belper
 809 United Good Fellowship, Wisbech
 935 Harmony, F.M.H., Salford
 1163 Emulation, F.M.H., Birmingham
 1345 Victoria, Cross Keys, Eccles
 1392 Egerton, Stanley Arms, Bury, Lanc.
 1404 St. Vincent, F.M.H., Bristol
 1418 Fraternity, F.M.H., Stockton-on-Tees
 1437 Liberty of Havering, Gol. L., Romford
 1501 Wycombe, Amersham Hill, H. Wycom.
 1705 Prince of Wales, India Arms, Gosport
 1817 St. Andrew, Cambridge, Shoeburyness
 1971 Aldershot Army & Navy, Aldershot
 2017 Duke of Portland, F.M.H., Nottingham
 2101 Bramston Beach, F.M.H., Godalming
 2131 Brownlow, Town Hall, Ellesmere
 2214 Josiah Wedgwood, F.M.H., Hanley
 2215 Anfield, Sandon, Anfield
 2261 Armitage, F.M.H., Milnsbridge
 2263 St. Leonards, F.M.H., Sheffield
 2335 Cycling & Athletic, Adelphi, Liverpool
 2371 Felix, Bath, Felixstowe
 2387 M'chester Dramatic, Albion, M'chester
 2415 Tristram, F.M.H., Shildon
 2462 Clarence, F.M.H., West Hartlepool
 2463 Bootle-Wilbraham, West Derby
 2474 Hatherton, Stork, Walsall

Friday.

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

- 60 Peace and Harmony, Freemasons' Hall
 197 Jerusalem, Freemasons' Hall
 569 Fitz-Roy, Head Qs. Hon. Artillery Co.
 1591 Studholme, 33 Golden Square
 2000 Earl of Mornington, Cafe Royal
 2312 London Irish Rifles, Hotel Cecil
 2648 Marcians, Trocadero
 2766 Putney, Parish Offices, Putney
 64 Fortitude, Queens, Manchester
 602 North York, F.M.H., Middlesborough
 751 Eastnor, Masonic Rooms, Ledbury
 810 Craven, Victoria Buildings, Skipton
 1303 Pelham, F.M.H., Lewes
 1385 Gladsmuir, Red Lion, Barnet
 1391 Commercial, F.M.H., Leicester
 1435 Anneslev, F.M.H., Nottingham
 1712 St. John, F.M.H., Newcastle-on-Tyne
 1822 St. Quintin, Bear Inn, Cowbridge
 2471 Kingsley, F.M.H., Northampton
 2631 Com. Trav., Alexandra, Liverpool
 2679 Hope, Conservative Club, Patricroft

Saturday.

- 1679 Henry Muggeridge, Anderton's
 1706 Orpheus, Holborn Restaurant
 2472 Walthamstow, Great Eastern Hotel
 1284 Brent, Globe, Topsham
 1293 Burdett, Mitre, Hampton Court
 1462 Wharnccliffe, Rose & Crown, Penistone
 1579 St. James, George, Enfield
 1871 Gostling Murray, Oddfellows, Hounslow
 2609 Travellers, F.M.H., Chester
 2706 Foster Gough, Borough Hall, Stafford
 2720 Loyal Commercial, Mas. Tem., Cardiff

BOOKS OF THE DAY.

—: o:—

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

—: o:—

The Wrongs of Indian Womanhood. By Mrs. Marcus B. Fuller. With an introduction by Ramabai (5s).—Oliphant, Anderson and Ferrier.

THIS is a well written volume, but a volume which it is very painful to read. The subject which Mrs. Fuller handles so ably, yet so delicately, is of so grave a nature that it is difficult for us to express our sense of its drastic importance without using language more strong than becoming. That hideous immorality, that sins which can hardly be named, are prevalent in our Indian Empire

even in places where we could, if we chose, stamp them out, are facts known to many. But, unfortunately, when a lady or gentleman takes the trouble to lay before us the grim truth about the Zenana, or Infanticide, or the Nautch-girl, they are invariably abused for their pains. People do not like to have the sores exposed, although exposure is necessary before the sores can be healed; and perhaps no class of persons are more universally unpopular than the Steads and the Ormiston Chants. This volume on the wrongs of Indian womanhood contains much which, in a modified form, we have read elsewhere, particularly in the literature issued by the Zenana Missions; but it also contains a deal of information which will probably be news to most readers. There are many astonishing figures given in the chapter on "Enforced Widowhood"; as, for instance, where we are told that the Hindu woman who sacrifices herself at her husband's death will remain in Paradise with him

for 350,000,000 years! Perhaps the most discouraging feature in Mrs. Fuller's book is the fact that, owing to the deeply rooted prejudices and superstitions of the Hindus, they really believe that many of the enormities which they practice are wise and beneficial, and some of those who suffer most by these practices are most strongly in favour of their continuance. This is not a volume for general reading; but it should claim the attention of thinkers and legislators. The illustrations are good.

Emma Marshall. A Biographical sketch, by Beatrice Marshall (6s).—Seeley and Co., Limited.

THIS is the age of biographies. When an obscure country parson dies some relative frequently records his virtues in a handsome volume; a mediocre novelist is not infrequently immortalised in two volumes; the letters of poor poets are collected and arranged with a lavish attention, ludicrously disproportionate to their author's importance. We have prefaced our notice of Miss Marshall's biographical sketch of her mother with these remarks, because we wish to express our strong conviction that "Emma Marshall" is an exceedingly able biography, conspicuous among many bad ones. Every lover of what is sweet and true in literature owes a great debt to the stories which Mrs. Marshall wrote with such surpassing versatility; for, even if they have read none of them, they can hardly have missed reading many books obviously written on the model of "The Parson's Daughter" or "Under Salisbury Spire." The manner in which Miss Marshall has handled her subject is, we think, eminently happy. Emma Marshall, during almost the whole of her active adult life, passed her days successively at Norwich, Wells, Exeter, Gloucester, and Bristol, and her daughter has wisely drawn her character as much from the standpoint of the kindly and refined English gentlewoman as from that of the writer of some of the most charming historico-biographical stories in our language. We can give to this book the highest praise which a book can ever merit; for nobody can read this biography of a noble woman without being the better. On almost every page there are proofs that in the character and genius of Emma Marshall two traits were conspicuous. Her life was ennobled by the loftiest ambitions; her influence was enhanced by the spirit in which she discharged the lowliest duties. We could have wished that a few more letters throwing light upon the progress of the stories, and the range and extent of the writer's studies, had been inserted in this volume; but Miss Marshall, prompted no doubt by feelings of delicacy, has touched but slightly upon the subject of her mother's attainments. How great those attainments were, and how successfully their possessor could turn to the days that are no more, and live in them during the writing of her stories, is known to everybody—from Macaulay's "Schoolboy" to Mr. Andrew Lang. We hope that many—particularly schoolboys—will find opportunity to read this volume. There is a charming literary flavour about its style, and a restraint in its diction which might be imitated with profit. The volume has a few excellent illustrations.

BOOKS RECEIVED.

New Century Library (2s net per vol.).—T. Nelson and Sons.

The Works of WILLIAM MAKEPEACE THACKERAY.

Vol. x., **The Adventures of Philip.**

The Works of CHARLES DICKENS.

Vol. ix., **American Notes, and A Child's History of England.**

The Works of SIR WALTER SCOTT, BART.

Vol. ii., **Guy Mannering.**

Vitruvian Lodge, No. 87.

ON Saturday, at the Duke of Albany, Kitto Road, St. Catherine's Park, Nunhead, Bro. R. Fitch W.M., Butler S.W., Mangold J.W., Bale P.M. acting Preceptor, Reynolds Sec., Bennett S.D., Morris J.D., Phillips I.G., Spaul P.M., Morris P.M., Binns P.M., Birt P.M., Dobell P.M., Hancock, Brandenburg, Down, Jarvis, and others.

The ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, Bro. Hancock acting as the candidate. Bro. Phillips answered the questions leading to the second degree and was entrusted. The Lodge was advanced, and the ceremony of passing was rehearsed. Bros. Dobell and Morris P.M. rehearsed the ceremony of installation, all the work being perfectly rendered.

Bro. Butler was elected W.M. for to-day (Saturday).

Finsbury Park Lodge, No. 1288.

A VERY good meeting was held on Saturday, 5th inst., at the Old Cock Tavern, Highbury, N., those present, including Bros. H. Badman W.M., G. D. Butterworth S.W., J. Key J.W., H. Hill P.M. Prec., C. W. Austin P.M. Sec., John Thom assist. Sec., G. Grant S.D., T. A. Key J.D., E. Baker I.G., J. Coulthard, W. Coby, A. J. Davis Taylor P.M., and others.

The ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, including the ancient charge. Bro. John Thom worked the fifth, Bro. Butterworth the sixth, and Bro. Austin the seventh section of the lecture.

The Preceptor proposed that a hearty vote be passed, congratulating the W.M. on the way in which he had rendered the first ceremony, for the first time in that Lodge. He felt sure that if Bro. Badman, who was W.M.-elect of his Mother Lodge, acquitted himself in the same admirable manner there, it would be a credit to himself and to his Lodge. The complimentary vote was passed and suitably acknowledged.

Bro. James Day 1288 was elected a member, and Bro. Butterworth chosen W.M. for the next meeting.

There was a large gathering at the regular meeting of the Bloomsbury Rifles Lodge, No. 2362, held on Wednesday, 9th inst., at the headquarters of the corps, and an enjoyable evening was spent by those present. The harmony was well sustained during the after dinner proceedings when, thanks to the influence of Bro. J. Balls, the presence of Miss Julia Vivers was secured, she rendering "The meeting of the waters" and "Killarney" most exquisitely, and receiving the hearty applause of the Brethren. Her accompanist was her sister, Miss Edna Vivers.

The Grand Hotel, Cromer, was on Thursday evening, the 10th inst., the scene of the third annual ball given by the Worshipful Master and Brethren of the Baring Lodge, in aid of the Charities of the Craft. The appointments of the ball-room left nothing to be desired in the tastefulness of decoration or brilliancy of general effect. The band was supplied by Bro. Salkind, and was under the able conductorship of Bro. S. Bennett. The programme comprised twenty dances. Bro. H. Callow was M.C., and Bros. J. Lovelace, H. S. Fowler and R. M. Ling Assistants. There were upwards of a hundred and twenty guests. The spacious entrance hall was used as a lounge. An excellent supper was served by Bro. James Clarke.

Last week we spoke of a "record"—an Organist having been invested nine years in succession, but this pales into insignificance before that of Bro. James Lawton, Uppermill, near Oldham. Bro. Lawton is in his 82nd year, and is a P.M. of the Candour Lodge, No. 337, which was formed in 1812. He has been in Office for thirty-six years continuously, and was invested on Thursday last as Secretary for the 30th time. He is the oldest member of the Lodge, and a P.P.G. S. of W. for West Yorkshire, in which Province Uppermill is situate. We congratulate Bro. Lawton on his admirable "record," and trust he will have still further prosperity and many happy days.—"Manchester Courier." [We cordially endorse the congratulations.—Ed. F.C.]

SPIERS & POND'S STORES

(No Tickets Required)

QUEEN VICTORIA STREET, E.C.,

Opposite

Blackfriars Station (District Rly.)

AND

St. Paul's Station (L. C. & D. Rly.).

PRICE BOOK (1,000 pages),

illustrated,

free on application.

FREE DELIVERY

IN SUBURBS

by our own Vans.

Liberal terms

for Country Orders.

FOR FULL DETAILS

SEE PRICE BOOK.

QUEEN'S

Hotel & Restaurant,

LEICESTER SQUARE, W.

A SUITE OF ROOMS

ADAPTED FOR

MASONIC PURPOSES

IS

One of the Features of this Hotel.

INSPECTION INVITED.

DATES CAN NOW BE BOOKED.

TELEPHONE: 2088 GERRARD.

EYRE ARMS HOTEL AND WELLINGTON HALL, St. JOHN'S WOOD, N.W.

The accommodation at this old and popular establishment
FOR

MASONIC LODGES, CHAPTERS, BALLS, DANCES, DINNERS, &c.
will be found of the most complete character.

The LODGE ROOMS are commodious and well appointed.

The Handsome Ball Room,

with Electric Light, and floor on Roller Springs, is one of the
finest in London.

THE BANQUET HALL WILL SEAT OVER 400.

These elegant rooms are also to let for Weddings, Private Parties, Concerts, &c.

COFFEE ROOM & BILLIARD ROOM OPEN ALL DAY.

The Eyre Lodge, No. 274 ; and the Instruction Lodge, every Wednesday, at
hold their meetings at this establishment.

Bro. ALFRED J. BARRELL, Manager.

HOSKIN'S HOTEL, OXTED, SURREY,

One minute's walk from S.E. and L.B. & S.C. Railway Stations,

Proprietor - - BRO. THOMAS TUCKER

Special Accommodation for Lodges and Chapters.

Spacious Banquet Room, Ante-Rooms, and other conveniences.

EVERY FACILITY FOR SUMMER OUTINGS.

Culinary arrangements perfection. Wines, Cigars, &c., of finest brands.
The East Surrey Lodge, 2769, meets at this establishment.

GOOD STABLING. SPLENDID SCENERY

Charges very moderate. Further particulars of the Proprietor.

ROYAL MASONIC BENEVOLENT INSTITUTION

For Aged Freemasons and Widows of Freemasons.

Grand Patron and President:

HIS ROYAL HIGHNESS THE PRINCE OF WALES, K.G. &c., M.W.G.M.

Treasurer:—JOHN A. FARNFIELD, Esq.

Bankers:—LONDON AND WESTMINSTER BANK (Bloomsbury Branch),
214 High Holborn, London, W.C.

Upwards of 1723 Annuitants have received the benefits of the Institution
since its foundation in 1842 and 1849. 210 men and 253 widows are
Annuitants at the present time. 26 widows, in addition, are receiving half
their late husband's annuity.

Amount paid Annually in Annuities £17,016.

Over 100 Candidates for next election.
ONLY 2 VACANCIES.

THE ANNIVERSARY FESTIVAL

Will be held at the FREEMASONS' TAVERN, LONDON, W.C.,

ON WEDNESDAY, 27TH FEBRUARY 1901,

Under the distinguished Presidency of

The Right Honourable
The EARL OF WARWICK,
R.W. Deputy G. Master, R.W. Prov.G.M. for Essex.

Brethren are earnestly solicited to accept the Stewardship upon this most important occasion, and to kindly forward their names as soon as possible, with full particulars, to

JAMES TERRY (Pat., P.G.Swd.B.), Secretary,
by whom the same will be gladly received, and who will
thankfully acknowledge same.

Office—4 Freemasons' Hall, London, W.C.

THE CASTLE HOTEL, EAST MOLESEY, Adjoining Hampton Court Station, FACING THE RIVER AND PALACE.

Special Provision for Lodge and other meetings, including

A MASONIC TEMPLE

with ample Ante-Rooms, Banquet Hall, and every convenience

FIVE LODGES ALREADY MEET HERE.

Ample accommodation in the new wing of this old-established and noted River-side Hotel for Banquets for any number up to 100. Every convenience for Ladies' Gatherings. Spacious landing to river, whence Steam Launches can start. Specimens of Menus, with prices, sent on application.

TWO BILLIARD TABLES. GOOD STABLING ACCOMMODATION
STEAM LAUNCHES AND SCULLING BOATS
provided at the shortest notice.

Tariff, &c. of Bro. JOHN MAYO, Proprietor.

Th. Marquis et Cie., 74 TOTTENHAM COURT ROAD, LONDON.

Braised and Pressed Beef, 1/4 per lb.; Ox Tongues, Dressed, 5/3 each;
Galantine of Chicken, Truffled, 2/- per lb.; Galantine of Chicken, Plain, 1/8
per lb.; Galantine of Wild Boar's Head, with Pistachion, 1/6; Dressed Wild
Boar's Head, with Pistachion, 2/3.

Masonic Parties, Picnics, Summer Outings, &c., attended to or supplied on special terms. Families waited upon daily. Distance no object.

THE HERCULES, LEADENHALL STREET.

J. F. NEADE, Proprietor,

WINE AND SPIRIT MERCHANT,

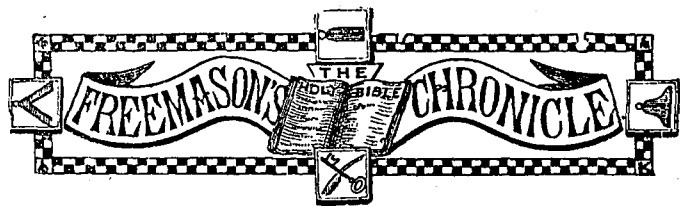
119 Leadenhall Street, London, E.C.

Excellent accommodation for Lodges of Instruction. The Confidence Lodge, No. 193, meets at this establishment every Wednesday, at 7 o'clock.

G. A. BOLLAND,
Wine and Spirit Merchant,
"THE BLACK HORSE,"
19 Tottenham Court Road, London, W.

WINES and SPIRITS of FINEST QUALITY, CIGARS of the CHOICEST BRANDS,

◆ **WILLIAM WILLSHIRE,** ★
WINE AND SPIRIT MERCHANT,
THE BRITANNIA,
BERWICK STREET, OXFORD STREET, LONDON.
Accommodation for Instruction Lodges and Good Clubs.



SATURDAY, 19TH JANUARY 1901.

THE LATE BRO. MARTYN.

THE following sketch of the Masonic career of the late Bro. Rev. C. J. Martyn P.G.C. D.P.G.M. Suffolk was recently supplied to one of our representatives, by that worthy Brother himself:

Bro. the Rev. Charles J. Martyn was born in 1836, and educated at Harrow and Christ Church, Oxford. He was initiated in the Apollo University Lodge, January 1856, made Inner Guard same year, and Secretary in 1857. Joined Churchill Lodge in 1856, J.W. 1857, W.M. 1858. Appointed Prov. Grand Sec. of Oxfordshire 1858. Exalted in Alfred Chapter, Oxford, in 1857, and installed a Knight Templar in Coeur de Lion Encampment same year. Joined Foundation Lodge, Cheltenham, 1864, W.M. in 1867, and Prov.G.J. Warden same year. Advanced in Keystone Mark Lodge, Cheltenham in 1868. Appointed Grand Chaplain of Mark Masons of England and Grand Chaplain of England (Craft) 1869-71. Z. of Chapter of Unanimity, Cheltenham in 1870, and Grand Principal Sojourner of England same year; also perfected as Rose Croix in Metropolitan Chapter, London, in 1871. Joined Stour Valley Lodge, Sudbury, in 1870, W.M. 1870, 1871, 1874. Joined Royal Alpha Lodge, No. 16, London, in 1876, also became Founder and first Secretary of United Lodge, No. 1629, which latter post he held till quite recently. Appointed D.P.G.M. Suffolk in 1877, and Grand Superintendent of Suffolk in 1878; D.P.G.M.M. East Anglia in 1883, resigned 1895; was made Prov.G. Chaplain of Middlesex about 1880, and Grand Prelate of the Order of Knights Templar and Grand Prelate of Order of Rose and Constantine somewhere about the same date. Was W.M. of the Freeman Lodge of Mark Masons 1884-7, and of Henniker Lodge of Ark Mariners in 1890. Has had the honour of having named after him—the Martyn Lodge, Southwold; the Martyn Chapter, Sudbury; the Martyn Lodge Ark Mariners, Yarmouth. At the time of his death he was Chaplain of the Prince of Wales Lodge, No. 259, London; Drury Lane Lodge, London; and Cotteswold Lodge, Cirencester. Was Patron of the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls (254 votes), Boys (280 votes), and Aged Freemasons (292 votes), and Vice President of the Dublin Orphan Boys School.

In connection with his votes for the English Masonic Charities it may be mentioned that the loss of such a large number (826 votes) to the Province of Suffolk would have been a rather serious matter, but the Brethren in that Province had insured the Rev. Brother's life to the amount of the value of the votes, so that on his death the Province will be enabled to purchase a similar number to replace those lost. In addition to the Lodges, &c. already mentioned, the Rev. Bro. Martyn was an Honorary Member of some ten or twelve other Lodges in different parts of the country.

The funeral of our esteemed Brother took place at Long Melford, Suffolk, where Mrs. Martyn is buried, on Tuesday, it being estimated that upwards of 2,000 persons were present, including a large number of Brethren from all parts of the country.

Royal Masonic Institution for Boys.

THE Quarterly Court of the Governors and Subscribers was held at Freemasons' Hall, London, on Friday, 11th instant, Bro. Chas. E. Keyser, M.A., P.G.D. Patron and Treasurer of the Institution in the chair.

In accordance with notice of motion, and on the proposition of Bro. George Everett P.G. Treasurer Vice-

Patron of the Institution, two boys, whose fathers were killed whilst being actively engaged in time of war, were placed (without election) on the list of boys maintained and educated out of the Institution, under the new law adopted in January last. It was stated that the reason the boys could only be placed on the list for out-education was because the School at Wood Green was more than full at the present time; but it was hoped that when the new Schools now in course of erection at Bushey were completed, these lads, along with other out-educated boys, would be received into the establishment.

One boy, named Luck, is the son of a Colour-Sergeant in the Northamptonshire Regiment, who was killed in the Tirah campaign, and the father of the boy Davies was a Sergeant in the Army Ordnance Corps, who died of enteric fever during the present war in South Africa.

The Board of Management reported respecting the progress in the building of the new Schools at Bushey, and also that they had acted on the powers conferred by the Quarterly Court of 10th April 1896, and that the Trustees had entered into a contract for the sale of the Wood Green estate for the sum of £40,000, the purchase to be completed on the 24th June 1903. Throughout the negotiations the Board was guided by the advice of Mr. Bousfield, of the firm of Messrs. Edwin Fox and Bousfield, and the only expense incurred is £352 10s, being commission paid for the introduction of the purchasers, and valuer's charges.

The purchasers are the Trustees of the Home and Colonial School Society, and the Board feels that the subscribers will be glad to learn that the buildings will stand for scholastic purposes, and that an advantageous sale has been effected. A hearty vote of thanks was accorded to Bro. Stanley J. Attenborough P.A.G.D.C. Patron and Hon. Solicitor to the Institution, for his great services in successfully negotiating a satisfactory sale of the Wood Green property.

It was resolved that twenty-three boys should be elected from an approved list of thirty-seven candidates, at the election on Friday, 12th April next.

It was announced that the Right Hon. W. W. Bramston Beach, M.P., Prov. Grand Master for Hampshire and the Isle of Wight Trustee of the Institution, had kindly consented to act as Chairman of the 103rd Anniversary Festival, due to be held on 26th June next.

The Secretary reported that the income of the Institution for the past year amounted to £26,093 19s 0d, being the third highest amount, apart from the Centenary year, in the history of the Institution.

IT appears our inability to get the information we desired from the Boys School last week was due to the vagaries of the telephone. When we called up the Boys Institution office some kind friend at the other end of the line, not connected with its staff, replied to us and, instead of explaining who he was, answered us in such a way as to leave us no option but to go to press without knowing the result of the Quarterly Court proposition.

It is not often a Lodge can refer to four of its orphans—or the children of its former members—being maintained and educated in one of the Masonic Educational Institutions, and in view of the number of children so provided for, in comparison with the number of our Lodges, we should think it would be a long time before such a coincidence occurred again. The Lodge which at present has this distinction is the Derby Allcroft, four children of its former members being at present on the funds of the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys. This certainly goes far to prove the unanimity of the Lodge, the popularity of its members, and their desire to try and do their duty to their departed companions to the fullest extent in their power. Bro. J. M. McLeod, Secretary of the Institution, in referring to the coincidence also mentioned that the father of one of the lads had not even taken his second degree; an exemplification, indeed, of the universality of Freemasonry. The Derby Allcroft Lodge might be cited as an incentive for others which find it impossible, or nearly so, to carry a single candidate once in an ordinary lifetime. Energetic action may be assumed to account for much of the exceptional success there recorded.

REPORTS OF MEETINGS.

—: 0:—

CRAFT: METROPOLITAN.

—: 0:—

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.

—: 0:—

Joppa Lodge, No. 188.

INSTALLATION OF BRO. J. HAMILTON CRAIG.

IN these days of Class Lodges and particular objects set out for the attention of different sections of the Craft, so as to specialise the work of the Brotherhood for almost every section of the community—a line of procedure we cannot even yet regard as being in keeping with the true tenets of Freemasonry, the basis of which is certainly freedom from all outside considerations—it is refreshing to turn to a Lodge which can be credited with having created a record in some special direction; one which, indeed may be said to have been among the foremost in "specialising" the work of the Craft of England. Such a Lodge is the Joppa, which has really more than one claim to distinction in this connection, and has won such renown in years gone by as will certainly entitle it to a special position among the Lodges of England for all time.

Although younger by a matter of two years than its companion the Tranquillity (No. 185), we think the Joppa Lodge enjoys the distinction of being the premier among the "Hebrew" Lodges of the metropolis for, as was recently recorded in our pages, it is within the memory of the present generation that the older Lodge was at one time so anti-Jewish as to specially preclude any member of the Jewish persuasion from being enrolled among its members, and although a great change has come over the spirit of the members of the Tranquillity Lodge, its historians fail to find any record that the "exclusion" law has been revoked.

We may, then, give the Joppa precedence over the Tranquillity, the Montefiore, and the Samson, among the four "Jewish" Lodges of the metropolis, and thus accord it distinction for a period long previous to the date of the popular introduction of the system of Class Lodges; but as we have said, it is not in this direction alone that the Joppa has achieved distinction—it is one of the earliest instances of a Lodge starting and maintaining a Benevolent Fund for its own members, and not only has it set a brilliant example in the actual formation of its Fund, but even now it has a record for good work accomplished in connection therewith which few, if any, of its imitators are yet able to point to. At the present time the Lodge has an invested capital of several hundred pounds under this head, and can point to an expenditure of upwards of £1,400 during the past twenty years, many members of the Lodge having been assisted by its means in a quiet and practical manner, and to such good effect that not a few subsequent successes can be ascribed to the "turning point" when financial aid was speedily and quietly accorded, in the hour of special trial or adversity, by the Joppa Fund.

There is much to be proud of in rising to the Office of Worshipful Master of such a Lodge, and we accordingly have special reason for tendering hearty congratulations to Bro. J. Hamilton Craig—our neighbour as proprietor of the Hadley Hotel, New Barnet, and more widely known in the neighbourhood, and generally throughout Hertfordshire and the district, as the representative of Messrs. Wright and Greig, Limited, of Glasgow and London—who was installed as Worshipful Master at the regular meeting of the Lodge on the first Monday of the new century, in the presence of a large gathering of members of the Lodge and visitors.

The early work on the day of installation included the opening of the Lodge and the confirmation of the minutes, after which the Auditors' Reports in regard to the state of the Lodge and Benevolent Funds was received and adopted, and Mr. R. J. Andrews was initiated into Freemasonry. Then followed the great event of the year, the installation of the new Master, Bro. J. H. Craig being inducted into the chair by Bro. I. Cohen, the W.M. of the past year, in a most impressive manner. He subsequently appointed his Assistant Officers, and presented a handsome Past Master's jewel to his predecessor, as a mark of the esteem of the members, and in recognition of his services in the chair during 1900.

The presentation was suitably acknowledged, other business disposed of, and the Lodge closed, after which the company adjourned to the banquet, at the conclusion of which the usual toasts were honoured.

Bro. Lewis Lazarus P.M. P.G.P.—for many years Secretary of the Lodge—responded for the Grand Officers of England, and called to mind the time when he saw H.R.H. the Prince of Wales first installed as Grand Master of England, at the Albert Hall. The success of the Craft since then had been most marked, and they must all hope it would long continue the same career of prosperity.

The Immediate Past Master Bro. Cohen proposed the health of the new Master in cordial terms. Bro. Craig had been associated with the Joppa Lodge for many years, had worked his way up to the distinction of the chair, and started upon the duties of that exalted position with the good wishes of all the members. He considered the cardinal principles of a Worshipful Master should be to have trust in himself, to have faith in himself, and to pursue a straight course. If he acted up to those principles the W.M. would be able to keep up the traditions of the Lodge, which had existed for upwards of a hundred and ten years.

The new Master replied, saying he regarded it a great honour to be elected Worshipful Master of such a Lodge as the Joppa. He looked back on the long array of Masters who had presided over the Lodge—many of them most influential Brethren in their time—

and hoped he might be enabled to be as good a ruler as any of them, if not better. His ambition would be to emulate the example they had set him, and endeavour to leave the Lodge in a better position than he found it, and without a stain on its reputation. If he failed it would not be from want of desire to succeed, but rather from inability. He once again thanked the Brethren for the confidence they had reposed in him, and implored them to be to his faults a little blind, and to his merits very kind. His endeavour would be to follow in the footsteps of his predecessors.

The toast of the Installing Master was next given, the W.M. specially thanking his predecessor for the way in which he had performed the chief ceremony of the day, and congratulating him on the successful termination of his year of Office.

Bro. Cohen tendered his thanks, and said the chief credit for anything he had done during the past year should fall on his Officers, who had so ably supported him in all the work of the Lodge. He especially acknowledged his indebtedness to the Secretary Bro. L. Lazarus, whose long experience rendered him a most efficient and capable Officer, and in conclusion hoped he had not done anything during his term of Office to in any way tarnish the reputation of their ancient Lodge.

Now followed the toast of the Initiate, to which the newly admitted Brother responded.

Bro. H. Lazarus P.M. proposed the toast of the Joppa Benevolent Fund, on behalf of which Bro. L. Lazarus P.M. P.G.P. responded, expressing the pride of the members of the Lodge in the Fund, the Jubilee of the establishment of which was celebrated in December last. It was started for the purpose of assisting members of the Lodge, and had frequently materially aided those who had had occasion to appeal for its benefits, preventing many from having to appeal to the Fund of Benevolence of Grand Lodge, and winning wide approval of its work. During the past twenty years £1,400 had been paid to those who had appealed to them, and only in one case had any dissatisfaction been expressed at the amount of the grants, which it should be mentioned were made with as much secrecy as possible, even the names of recipients and the amounts awarded them being unknown to the ordinary members of the Lodge.

Other toasts followed, the whole being interspersed with some excellent songs, &c., given under the direction of Bro. John Porter.

* * *

Confidence Lodge, No. 193.

INSTALLATION OF BROTHER SIDNEY WILLIAM FELLS.

ONE of the most successful years in the history of this Lodge—which was consecrated in the reign of King George III., in 1790—was brought to a conclusion on Monday, when Bro. J. W. Simeons vacated the chair, and installed as his successor Bro. S. W. Fells.

For many years past the Lodge has enjoyed a deservedly high place in the estimation of metropolitan Brethren, not alone for the example set by its Past Masters, W.M., and other Officers in the matter of good work, but also for the true Fraternal spirit existing among the members, and the heartiness with which guests are received and welcomed at any of the meetings. This year's installation showed the Lodge to be as popular as ever, an exceptionally large number of members and visitors assembling at Anderton's Hotel, Fleet Street, to take part in the events of the day, and all appearing to thoroughly enjoy the fare set for their delectation.

The agenda showed there was plenty of business to be transacted, and to deal with it Lodge was called for three o'clock, at which hour Bro. Simeons opened the proceedings. He was supported during the meeting by Bros. George Spice I.P.M., S. W. Fells W.M.-elect S.W., Metcalfe Baillie J.W., John E. Fells P.M. Treas., E. J. Davey P.M. Sec., B. Houghton acting S.D., G. Bushell J.D., G. H. Carr acting I.G., E. Lough Organist, Reinhardt Tyler; Past Masters W. A. Cubitt, T. Kington, E. Pennock, Francis Haynes, G. Nightingale, Samuel Smither, F. S. Plowright; together with the following members: Bros. G. Baker, M. Madders, W. M. Martin, W. Wise, W. Osborn, H. Jones, W. Johnson, J. Webber, A. E. Green, J. Richardson, W. Hattersley, E. T. Davy, A. L. Scott, R. Schwartz, E. Tiffen, S. Geddes, F. Tisbury, G. Barlow, W. Speller, H. King, J. Westley, D. Comes, J. Goodchild, J. Done, C. Way, J. Mendoza, A. Delmonte, Alfred Jay, S. Firman, J. Taylor, F. Pribull, R. M. Owles, G. Barratt, and others.

The Visitors included Bros. W. R. Hummerston 1658, R. Gilmour P.M. 1950, J. K. Pitt P.P.G. Std. Bearer Surrey, C. Eales P.M. Dep. Reg. Bengal, A. Downes 95, H. Jay, J. Moss 2442, A. P. Blaxter, A. Pooley P.M. 1612, Rev. H. E. Wilson 2662, H. C. Holdup I.G. 1728, W. Batting 1566, R. B. Hopkins 1381, C. Martin 1320, W. H. Latham W.M. 1962, T. Hobley 1320, E. Mendge, J. H. Richardson W.M. 1828, P. P. Morris 788, R. D. Heckels P.M. 788, Richard Poore P.M. P.Z. 1949, M. Bushell 2264, J. Wynman, H. Broadway, G. Kimber, F. Webster, &c.

The meeting was opened in regular form and the minutes confirmed, after which Lodge was advanced to the second degree, and Bros. A. Wise, F. W. Tisbury, and R. C. Schnitzner were examined and entrusted. Lodge was further advanced, and those three Brethren were raised as Master Masons, the ceremony, by request of the W.M., being undertaken by Bro. Spice I.P.M., who displayed his old dashing style most effectively on this occasion.

The Lodge was resumed to the first degree, and the ballot taken for Bro. John Mears W.M. of the Crescent Lodge, No. 788, as a Joining Member. He was unanimously elected, and made suitable response in acknowledgment.

Bro. Simeons again assumed command, and resumed the

Lodge in the second degree, for the purpose of proceeding with the great event of the year—the installation of new Master. He declared all Offices vacant, and appointed qualified Brethren to assist him in the work. Bro. Past Master Kington made an efficient D.C., and presented Bro. Sidney W. Fells as Master-elect, and he having been addressed, signified assent to the ancient charges in regular form, and was obligated. A Board of Installed Masters was opened, and the new ruler of the Lodge was formally inducted into the chair. On the re-admission of the Brethren he was proclaimed and saluted, and the ceremony proceeded on the usual lines, the following being appointed and invested as the Assistant Officers for the year: M. Baillie S.W., G. F. H. Busheill J.W., J. E. Fells P.M. Treas. (in investing his father with the collar of Office the W.M. said he had known the Brother for many years, and felt by experience that he might be entrusted with the funds of the Confidence Lodge—personally he had placed great confidence in their Treasurer, and he felt the Brethren might do the same; comments which naturally caused some amount of laughter, coming as they did from son to father), E. J. Davey P.M. Sec., E. H. Lough S.D., W. Haughton J.D., T. T. C. Scoones I.G., T. Kington P.M. D.C., F. Haines P.M. and W. Hattersley Stewards, G. F. Carr A.D.C., J. G. Reinhardt Tyler.

The customary addresses were now given, and we take the opportunity of here adding our congratulations to the many Bro. Simeons received on the splendid way in which he conducted this and the earlier parts of the ceremony of installation. As we said at the outset, his has been a prosperous year for the Lodge, and no doubt much of the renown achieved during the past twelve months is directly traceable to the splendid work and example set by Bro. Simeons to the Officers and lay members of the Lodge.

The Treasurer proposed that a grant of five guineas be made for a Brother in distress, but Bro. Pennock P.M. proposed that the amount be raised to ten guineas, which was heartily supported, and unanimously agreed to.

Other matters of interest to the Lodge were disposed of, including the proposition of a candidate for initiation, and the Lodge was closed. The Brethren subsequently adjourned to the banquet room; where an excellent dinner was provided, the Rev. Bro. H. E. Wilson first saying grace.

The usual Loyal toasts were given from the chair, and heartily received by the Brethren, the solo to the National Anthem being sung by Miss Annie Swinfen.

Bro. J. W. Simeons I.P.M.—who was enthusiastically greeted on rising—said that was the first time he had the pleasure of proposing a toast in the Lodge of Confidence as one of its Past Masters. It was that of the Worshipful Master, and from the way in which Bro. Fells had that evening invested his Officers, and performed the other duties attached to his post, he felt convinced he would continue to deserve the satisfaction of the members. He has no hesitation in giving the toast, feeling sure it would merit the heartiest of receptions.

The W.M. was also warmly received. He thanked the Brethren most sincerely for having placed him in the honourable position of Master of the Lodge, and was much indebted to them for the confidence they had reposed in him. He hoped to maintain the high reputation of the Lodge, conduct it with the same success as his predecessors had done, and so act as to earn commendation from the Brethren.

The Master next gave the toast of his predecessor Bro. J. W. Simeons, saying he did not consider the toast needed any recommendation from him. Personally he had first to thank Brother Simeons for the very able manner in which he had installed him that day, and he also took the opportunity of complimenting him on the approbation he had won from the members, and the great esteem and regard that was felt towards him on the completion of his Office. In the name of the members he had much pleasure in presenting him a Past Master's jewel. It was richly deserved, as the Lodge had been so very prosperous while under the rule of Bro. Simeons, and the members, in giving it, sincerely hoped their Immediate Past Master might live in health and strength for many years to wear it. The jewel bore the following inscription:

Presented

By the Brethren of the Confidence Lodge, No. 1193, to

BRO. JOHN WYATT SIMEONS,

for his able services as W.M.

January 1901.

The toast was most warmly honoured, as also was Brother Simeons on rising in acknowledgment. Twelve months back, he said, he had had to respond in the position of Worshipful Master, and he remembered he was very bashful on that occasion—but he felt more so that evening. He most sincerely thanked the Brethren for the very handsome Past Master's jewel they had presented him, and the W.M. for the kind words he had used in giving it. He most sincerely hoped that Brother would receive the same kind and hearty support in the coming term as he had enjoyed during his year of Office, and in this connection he desired to tender thanks to the Officers of the past year, for the able assistance they had rendered him in discharging the work of his exalted station. He judged from the heartiness of his reception, that the Brethren were satisfied with the efforts he had been able to put forth; he was sorry to have to vacate the chair, but of course that was expected; he was sure the present Master would give all the satisfaction that was expected of him, and concluded with other expressions of his indebtedness to the members, and high appreciation of the recognition they had accorded him.

The next toast was that of the Visitors, the W.M. offering them a hearty welcome.

Bro. Eales I.P.M. 1843 D.G.Reg. Bengal replied. He fully appreciated the cordial reception given the guests, and had been

highly impressed with the way in which the installation ceremony had been conducted. The manner in which Bro. Simeons had installed his successor was really a grand performance. Great compliment was also due to the D.C. Bro. P.M. Kington; while he had experienced a most pleasant and agreeable surprise in seeing the very able manner in which the new Master invested his Officers; especially was this the case when the W.M.'s father came up as Treasurer. It was a very happy idea on the part of the Master to say he could trust his father in so important a position, and he was quite right in putting his ideas in such happy terms.

Bro. Richardson W.M. 1828 also congratulated the I.P.M. on the ability he had displayed at the conclusion of his year of Office, and the W.M. on the efficiency he had shown at the commencement of his period of service. The W.M. had a grand prospect in view before him and he wished him, the Officers, and members, a prosperous year.

Bro. Latham W.M. 1692 also replied, tendering thanks. His father had been initiated in that Lodge fifty years ago, so that he hardly felt to be quite a stranger among them. Indeed he saw there many familiar faces, Brethren he met at the Confidence Instruction Lodge, of which he was a member, and where they were all pleased to have the D.C. of that day, Bro. Spice, as their Preceptor. Other of the guests also responded.

The toast of the Past Masters was next given by the W.M., who said the members of the Lodge knew it would be difficult to find a better set of Past Masters than were associated with the Confidence Lodge. Whatever advice or help was needed they were always able and ready to give.

Bro. Cubitt—the oldest member present, he having been associated with the Lodge for thirty-two years; and the oldest but one of its Past Masters—responded. It gave him much pleasure to acknowledge the toast of the Past Masters, for two especial reasons. First, because seeing his old friend's son installed that evening had brought to his mind a pleasure which he had hoped for, namely to have initiated his own son into the Lodge. But unfortunately—perhaps for better, or it might be for worse—his son, just before attaining the age of twenty-one years, left for South Africa, where he was now fighting for his Queen and country in Thorneycroft's Mounted Infantry. Then it was with the greatest of pleasure he had listened to the Master's remarks when presenting the collar of Treasurer to his father, he made some few jokes in his remarks, but he forgot to say how much the members of the Lodge were indebted to Bro. Fells sen., without whom they would not have had the present Master in the chair.

Bro. Pennock followed. He felt it must be a great gratification to father and son to have the confidence of the Brethren in two such important positions as Treasurer and Master of the Lodge, and to know that yet another son was a member among them, respected and esteemed by all. No doubt he would have liked to welcome his brother as Worshipful Master, and his father as Treasurer, but it was not possible for him to be present; he having volunteered his services as a mounted Yeoman for South Africa, where he was still away, fighting for Queen and country. They could at least wish him success there, and a safe and speedy return, in health and strength.

Bro. Nightingale followed. He had had the pleasure of knowing the W.M. for over twenty years, and felt sure he would fulfil the duties of his present high Office to the satisfaction of the members, and the honour of the Lodge.

Bros. Smithers, Haines, Plowright, Spice, and Kington also made suitable response.

The toast of the Treasurer and Secretary was now proposed, followed by that of the Wardens and other Officers, replies being given by Bros. Fells P.M., Davey P.M., and others.

Bro. Fells said that was a red letter day with him, and one of the happiest moments of his life, he being the oldest Past Master of the Lodge, and seeing his son installed. He thanked God none of his sons had ever caused him a moment's anxiety, and trusted the W.M. might be spared to go through his year of Office with honour to the Lodge and credit to himself. He thanked Bro. Pennock for mentioning his youngest son's name as a member of the Lodge. He was then out at Harrismith fighting for his Queen and country. He thanked the W.M. for proposing the toast, and with the able assistance of the worthy Secretary hoped to keep a good balance of cash in hand. He might just mention the Lodge was in a better position than it had been since he was W.M. twenty-seven years ago. He hoped his son who was away would see his brother, the W.M., in the chair before his year of Office terminated.

Bro. Davey P.M. Sec. said that one of the greatest pleasures in his life was the performance of the duties of Secretary, and the promotion of the best interests of the Lodge of Confidence. Its funds were in a sound financial condition, and its prosperity resulted, in a great measure, from the good fellowship and fraternity of its Brethren. He rejoiced to see the eldest son of their esteemed Treasurer Bro. Fells installed as the 111th W.M. of the Lodge, and trusted that his younger son, who was now serving his country at the front, as one of the Imperial Yeomanry, might safely pass through the dangers surrounding him, and at some future time occupy that exalted position.

The musical arrangements were under the direction of Bro. R. B. Hopkins (King of Silver Bells), and he was supported by Miss Annie Swinfen, Miss Annie Wilson, Bro. Wilfred Stracey, Mr. A. Cornish and Mr. Musgrove Tufnail (the Euterpean Vocal Quartette), who won hearty applause; but, as usual whenever our worthy Bro. Hopkins is in evidence, his manipulation of the silver bells proved to be the greatest attraction in the evening's entertainment.

* * *

Hammersmith Lodge, No. 2090.

THIS well known Lodge held its meeting at the Town Hall, Hammersmith, on Thursday, 10th inst., and the Council Chamber

(which is a splendidly fitted apartment) was well filled at 4 p.m., at which hour Bro. Thomas G. Hodgson W.M. took the chair, supported by his Officers, as follow: Bros. Chas. Pascall I.P.M., Harry Warren S.W., Thos. Chamberlen J.W., Hugh Mair S.D., Albert Hunt J.D., George A. Payne I.G., F. Oliver P.M. Organist, R. Dare Stewd., E. C. Rawlings Assist. Stewd., A. Williams P.M. Secretary.

Among other members present were Bros. J. M. Levy P.M., W. Hillier P.M., W. Herring, W. T. Lea, G. Wimpey, W. H. Prior, Vincent, H. Broadway, W. Elliott P.M., F. W. Chilton.

The Visitors included Bros. H. J. Cousens P.M. Old Concord Lodge, J. H. Cumming P.M. 534, and J. M. East.

The minutes having been confirmed, the Lodge was opened in the second degree, when Bros. Leslie Simpson and W. S. Wilson were duly examined and entrusted. These Brethren retired, the Lodge was opened in the third degree, and they were raised as Master Masons.

Lodge being resumed to the first degree, the ballot was taken for Bro. Harry Broadway, a member of the Blackheath Lodge, No. 1320, as a Joining Member. As this Brother is known throughout the length and breadth of the borough as "one of the best" it is almost needless to say that his election was unanimous, and when the W.M. announced the fact hearty congratulations were showered upon him.

Bro. Broadway replied in his well known style, and assured those present how pleased he was to be numbered amongst them.

The ballot was then taken for Messrs. F. J. Harden and John A. Barnett, and proving unanimous in their favour, they were introduced and initiated into the mysteries of the Craft. We must congratulate the W.M. on the excellent manner in which he rendered the ritual in both the ceremonies.

The next business was to receive the resignation (with regret) of Bro. W. P. Cockburn Treasurer, but owing to the lateness of the hour the election of a successor was left over till the March meeting. The name of a gentleman for initiation (if approved) at the next meeting was handed in by Bro. Thos. Chamberlen. Hearty good wishes from the visitors and Brethren were given, and the Lodge was closed in ancient form.

The reception of the Ladies and Brethren took place in the Audience Chamber by the W.M. and Mrs. Hodgson, and the sight was one to be remembered, the splendid dresses and jewels of the ladies being reflected in the mirrors by the large supply of electric light. The buzz of conversation and congratulation was interrupted by the Steward announcing that dinner was served, and the guests at once bent their steps to the large Hall, which was most handsomely decorated for the occasion, the supply of plants and flowers being simply magnificent.

Dinner being finished the W.M. gave the toast of the Queen and H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, and Bro. Oliver then introduced his artistes. Songs, Violin Solos, Orchestral Trios, &c., followed in quick succession, and were greatly appreciated by the large audience. Bro. E. W. Scolding, a member of the Lodge, was highly complimented on his rendering of "Mary," and "I'll sing the songs of Araby." The accompanist, Mr. J. Hoyes McLean, was most attentive to the singer's requirements.

The toast of the W.M. was given by Bro. Pascall and heartily responded to.

Bro. Leslie Simpson replied in a most humorous vein on behalf of the Ladies, and the reply to the visitors toast could not have been in better hands than that of Bro. H. J. Cousens.

It was late before the initiate's toast was proposed, but Bro. Harden gave a most effective reply, and if this Brother can speak (when taken at a disadvantage as is usual on the night of one's initiation) as he did on this occasion we feel bound to predict that he will be a most useful member of the Craft. Bro. Barnett also responded.

At the conclusion the Ladies night was voted a complete success, and more than one lady expressed a wish that she would be invited to the next Ladies banquet.

Derby Allcroft Lodge, No. 2168.

INSTALLATION OF BRO. NATHAN ROBINSON, L.C.C.

OWING to a regrettable accident that befel the Master-elect, the installation festival of this excellent Lodge was postponed from November last until the 10th instant, when the Brethren and their friends, to the number of a hundred and thirty, assembled at the Midland Grand Hotel, St. Pancras, N.W., to take part in the auspicious solemnity. The meeting was held in the handsome drawing room of the hotel, which made an ideal Lodge Room, there being plenty of accommodation for the unusually large company, with sufficient space in the centre for working the ceremonies.

Bro. Robert Gregory the retiring Master presided, and was duly supported by his Officers, while among those present were Bros. Alfred C. Spaul P.G.S.B., John J. Thomas P.G.S.B., J. Morrison McLeod P.G.S.B., William Wilson P.G.P., E. Barnes P.M. 1351 (Mayor of St. Pancras), Frank Todman P.M. 2030, J. D. Hood I.P.M. 1668, George Procter W.M. 1531, H. E. Saunders P.M. 55, R. G. Robinson W.M. 55, H. Bangs P.M. 1693, C. Dodd P.M. 1104, G. P. Augspurg P.M. 538, S. R. Lamb P.M. 27, W. W. Lee P.M. 2381, S. J. Heilbron W.M. 1668, G. S. Dauntun P.M. 2255, J. H. Barnes W.M.-elect 2127, Orton Cooper P.M. 211, Hy. Jay 174, A. P. Lye P.M. 2157, A. T. Duck P.M. 898, W. T. Farthing P.M. 55, L. M. Myers P.M. 188, W. Gimlett P.M. 1695, Haswell J. Furner P.M. 1608, Dr. Milson Rees W.M. 1584, Robert Manuel P.M. 1196, S. P. Elliott P.M. 1732, J. G. W. James P.R.G. S.B. Bucks, C. F. Quicke P.P.G.S.W., J. Percy Fitzgerald P.M., Robert J. Smerdon P.M., and many others.

The Lodge having been duly formed and opened, the minutes of the last meeting were read, and upon their confirmation the

Brethren proceeded to ballot for Mr. Charles R. Woolley, solicitor, which proved unanimous. This gentleman being in attendance was then admitted and regularly initiated into the mysteries and privileges of Freemasonry by Bro. Gregory.

The chair was next taken by Bro. Robert D. Cummings P.M., who had kindly undertaken to perform the installation ceremony. Bro. Nathan Robinson was presented by Bro. Samuel Garcia P.M., as the Master elected by the Lodge, and signified his assent to the ancient charges and regulations. He subsequently repeated the obligation without dictation, at the conclusion of which Bro. Maldwyn Humphreys sang with fine effect, the anthem "Be thou faithful," being accompanied on the organ and cello by Bros. James Kift and J. C. Hambleton. A Board of Installed Masters was then formed, when Bro. Nathan Robinson was formally installed in the chair in accordance with ancient tradition. The ceremony was beautifully performed by Bro. Cummings, and his delivery of the Addresses met with the approbation of all who had the pleasure of listening to him.

The new Master having been proclaimed and saluted proceeded to appoint and invest his Officers as follow:—Dr. Thomas Wholey P.M. S.W., J. H. Mitchell J.W., William Thomas P.M. Treas., Robert D. Cummings P.M. Sec., F. A. Baldwin S.D., Wm. Short J.D., E. F. James I.G., Samuel Garcia P.M. D.C., Dr. J. F. Haskins Organist, J. R. Musto, J. H. Moggridge P.M., Thos. Moore, and Chas. Duvall Stewards, and R. H. Goddard Tyler.

Bro. Cummings proposed that the sum of twenty-five guineas be voted from the Lodge funds, and placed on the list of the Worshipful Master, who will represent the Lodge at the forthcoming Festival of the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys. This was agreed to, and Bro. Robinson, in thanking the Brethren for their liberality, stated that he had several promises of five guineas for his list, so that he hoped to take up an amount worthy of the Lodge.

There being no further business, the new Master was congratulated upon his preferment, the Lodge was closed, and the Brethren adjourned to the large hall, where the banquet was served.

Upon the termination of an excellent dinner Bro. Nathan Robinson rose and requested that the speeches might be brief, as they had a nice musical programme before them; but, carried away by his loyalty and admiration of our Gracious Sovereign, he proceeded to dilate upon her virtues until he was reminded of his request. Needless to say the toast was drank with all enthusiasm, as was also that of the Prince of Wales.

Bros. A. C. Spaul and J. J. Thomas having responded for the Officers of Grand Lodge, Bro. Cummings said he had been asked to propose the health of the Worshipful Master, and in so doing referred to the cloud that had rested upon the Lodge last November, when they heard of the accident to Bro. Robinson; but it had pleased the Great Architect to restore him, and he was again among them. Bro. Cummings assured him he had a most successful year before him, because every Officer and member of the Lodge would help towards that desired end. In addition to their gratification at his recovery, the Brethren wished to tender their congratulations to Bro. Robinson upon the recent celebration of his Golden Wedding; and it had occurred to the Lodge that it was a fitting opportunity to mark their esteem and appreciation. A Committee had been formed, and subscriptions were invited, with the result that they desired to ask Brother Nathan's acceptance of the silver salver which he now presented to him. Intrinsically it was not perhaps worth very much to such a favourite of fortune as Bro. Robinson, but it was intended to remind him that he occupied a warm corner in the hearts and affection of the Derby Allcroft Lodge.

The salver bore the following inscription, which was surmounted by the Lodge crest beautifully engraved:

Presented to our

WORSHIPFUL BRO. NATHAN ROBINSON P.M. P.Z.

by the Brethren of the Derby Allcroft Lodge, in commemoration of his Golden Wedding, and as a mark of our fraternal regard on the occasion of his installation as Master of the Lodge.

10th January 1901.

Loud and long continued applause greeted the Worshipful Master when he rose to respond, so that his first remarks were inaudible. He said he had been the happy recipient of many marks of approval from many different societies, but he was more than obliged to the members of the Lodge for their kindness. Brother Cummings was quite right when he said that the present would not be prized for its intrinsic value, great though it was, but for the kind spirit that had prompted it. He also thanked them for electing him as Master of the Lodge, although this was the fourth time that the honour had been conferred upon him; he hoped to be able to give them absolute satisfaction. He had three sons in Freemasonry, all of whom were present that evening. One was a Past Master, another was now occupying the chair of his Lodge, while the third was a junior Officer. He could say therefore that he had given hostages to Masonry, and he was proud of them. He concluded by assuring the members that he should do all in his power to promote the best interests of the Lodge.

The W.M. proposed the Initiate, to which Bro. Woolley suitably responded.

Bros. Barnes, Manuel, Dr. Rees, and Elliott responded for the Visitors, all of whom expressed their pleasure at being present on so interesting an occasion.

Once again did Bro. McLeod, in response for the Masonic Charities deliver an earnest and impressive appeal on behalf of the three Institutions. Those present well knew the great work they were doing, 500 Widows and old Masons were being assisted annually, 265 girls were being educated, clothed and maintained, and 293 boys were being similarly provided for. The two latest additions to the School he represented were sons of deceased Brethren who had fallen in the war. With regard to the Derby

Allcroft Lodge, he had four very excellent reasons for a special call upon their generosity, namely, the four sons of members of the Lodge who were present inmates of the Institution, and he might mention that the father of one of the boys was a Mason who had not taken his second degree. He thanked the members for their liberal support in the past, and paid a grateful tribute to Brother William Thomas, who had brought up a record list of subscriptions; but he hoped their present Worshipful Master would beat that record, and so enable the Board of Management to extend their beneficial work.

The usual compliments were paid to the Officers of the Lodge, and the proceedings were brought to a happy termination at a late hour.

During the evening an excellent entertainment was provided, in which Bros. Walter Churcher, Maldwyn Humphreys, John Josey and Will Edwards took part, while Bros. Dr. Haskins and James Kift ably officiated at the piano.

Barnato Lodge, No. 2265.

INSTALLATION OF BRO. JOHN HODGKYNs.

THE annual festival of this prosperous Lodge was held on Tuesday, at the Cafe Monico, Piccadilly Circus, W., when, as is usual at these meetings, a large number of Brethren assembled to take part in the interesting proceedings. Bro. J. L. Goldstein W.M. presided and opened the Lodge, which was held in the handsome "Regent" Saloon of the establishment, at half past six o'clock.

Among those then present were Bros. George Everett P.G.T., Major T. C. Walls P.G.S.B., W. A. Scurrah P.G.S.B., J. J. Thomas P.G.S.B., John Mason P.G.S.B., George Macfarlane P.G.J.D. Queensland, William Yeo P.G.S. Bucks, S. J. Heilbron W.M. 1668, W. Digby Owens W.M. 1817, Alfred H. Cooper I.P.M. 2551, H. Trask P.M. 2743, George Lichtenfeld I.M. 205, H. Gerson W.M. 185, A. Drincqbier W.M. 429, Henry H. Jones P.M. 1586, W. Miles W.M. 1540, Robert Manuel P.M. 1196, J. M. Bockbinder 205, J. J. Roberts I.P.M. 1076, Joseph Levy P.M. 205, Joseph Turner W.M. 205, A. E. Webb W.M. 2427, B. Bridgman P.M. 144, C. Coleman P.M. 1425, H. Lichtenfeld W.M.-elect 205, F. W. Downes I.M. 1158, Edgar Gerson I.P.M. 2417, Percie C. Cooper J.W. 2551, F. E. Thorn I.G. 2243, Isaac Myers S.D. 43, Stanley E. Morris 822, H. J. Thomas I.M. 753, Henry Townsend P.M. 2551, H. Raphael, I.P.M., W. Van Dyck P.M., Orlton Cooper P.M. 211, and others.

The minutes of the previous meeting having been confirmed, the Lodge was advanced to the second degree, when Bro. John Hodgkyns W.M.-elect was presented by Bro. Humphrey Phillips P.M., to receive at the hands of his predecessor the benefit of installation. This ceremony was very creditably performed by Bro. Goldstein, who was assisted by Bros. Geo. Everett as S.W., C. Marcus as J.W., and Van Dyck as I.G. Bro. Hodgkyns was placed in the chair of the Lodge in the presence of a Board of thirty-seven Installed Masters, who afterwards tendered their congratulations.

Upon the return of the Brethren the new Master was duly proclaimed and saluted. The following Officers for the year were invested: Bros. G. H. Paine S.W., J. J. Harwood J.W., M. J. Jessop P.M. Treasurer, L. S. Genese P.M. Secretary, S. L. Isaacs S.D., J. Hart J.D., W. D. Courtney D.C., G. Louisson I.G., W. Wright Organist, H. J. Barnato, L. A. Britton and A. M. Abrahams Stewards, R. Whiting Tyler.

The beautiful addresses were delivered by Bro. Goldstein, at the conclusion of which Bro. Hodgkyns, in the name of the Lodge, presented him the truly magnificent Past Master's jewel, which was further embellished by a fine diamond, the gift of Bro. H. J. Barnato. In making the presentation the W.M. referred in very flattering terms to the efficient manner in which Bro. Goldstein had performed his various and onerous duties during the past year, whilst his popularity was so great that it was with much diffidence that he, the Master, followed in his footsteps. The Lodge would ever remember the services he had rendered, and he cordially wished him long life to wear the jewel and enjoy his honours.

Bro. Goldstein, in reply, said he had endeavoured to do his duty while in the chair, and to further the interests of the Barnato Lodge. Although he belonged to others Lodges, there was really only one Lodge for every Mason, and that was the one in which he was initiated. He was very proud to receive the jewel, because he knew that the Brethren were satisfied with him. He thanked them most sincerely for the honour they had paid him.

Bro. Jessop Treasurer presented the balance sheet, showing the flourishing state of the finances of the Lodge and its Benevolent Fund, which, after a few remarks, was accepted and adopted. The Secretary read letters from Lord Roberts, the Lord Mayor, and several other distinguished Freemasons, regretting their inability to attend. The Visiting Brethren having tendered their congratulations the Lodge was closed.

The installation banquet was served in the International Hall, the company numbering about 130. The menu was of novel design, being "something like a scroll of vellum or parchment" with the items printed thereon, but was hardly convenient for its intended purpose. Profuse liberality reigned supreme, and the wants of the Brethren were amply administered to by the Stewards. After dinner the customary complimentary toasts were submitted by Brother Hodgkyns, who was enthusiastically received; and cordiality and unanimity were the order of the evening.

An excellent musical programme was provided by Brother W. Wright P.P.G.O. Middlesex, the items being sustained by Miss Marian Lewis. Miss Jeanie Allester, Bros. Will Edwards, Walter George, Arthur Court. The two latter lent colour to the scene by appearing in a fancy costume, with red dress coats, faced with blue, knee breeches, and silk stockings, which made a pleasing variation. The proceedings were protracted till a late hour, but all agreed they had spent a most enjoyable evening.

PROVINCIAL.

—:0:—

Zion Lodge, No. 1798.

THE regular meeting was held at the Grand Hotel, Aytoun Street, Manchester, on Wednesday, 9th inst., Bro. William Dagnall Worshipful Master.

A formidable list of ceremonies was presented on the summons, namely, three initiations and a raising, but under the capable hands of the W.M. and Past Masters Simon Mamelok P.P.G.J.D., Mark Steel, and Bernhard Steel, the work was successfully accomplished, although at a late hour of the evening.

The initiates were Messrs. Henry McCann, Justices' Clerk; William Moreton, Hotel Manager; and Jack Lichtenstein, Electrician, all of Manchester; the candidate for raising being Bro. Leonidas Theodorides.

A successful ballot was also taken for Brother George S. Elliott, Manager of the Grand Hotel, who was desirous of becoming a Joining Member of the Lodge.

* * *

Castleberg Lodge, No. 2091.

INSTALLATION OF BRO. C. A. L. SWALE, M.A., J.P.

THE annual meeting and festival of St. John of Jerusalem took place at the Ashfield Hotel, Settle (West Yorks) on Thursday, 3rd instant. Lodge was opened at an early hour of the afternoon, and a successful ballot having been taken for Mr. Edward Henry Marsh, M.R.C.S., L.R.C.P., of Long Preston, that gentleman was initiated into the mysteries and privileges of Ancient Freemasonry by Bro. John Mann Crone Worshipful Master. The principal business of the day, however, was that of installing Bro. C. A. L. Swale into the chair of K.S., this ceremony being also performed by Brother Crone, assisted by Past Masters Bro. Thos. Brayshaw, who addressed the newly-installed Master; Bro. Dr. C. W. Buck, who addressed the Wardens; Bro. Chas. E. Bygrave, who performed a similar service towards the Brethren generally; and Bro. J. Lunn Brayshaw J.W., who delivered the various addresses to the under-mentioned Officers:—Bros. C. F. Armistead S.W., Rev. A. Crofton Chaplain, C. E. Bygrave P.M. Treasurer and Steward, S. Parker P.M. Secretary, E. Handby P.M. S.D. and Char. Rep., J. L. Kidd J.D., T. Brayshaw P.M. D.C., F. E. Atkinson P.M. I.G., C. W. Buck P.M. O.G.

Before the Lodge was closed Bro. Crone, following the usual custom, presented to the members a large portrait of himself, which will be placed on the wall to accompany those of the fifteen other Masters who have preceded him in the chair.

Letters of apology for non-attendance were received from Bros. the Right Hon. Wm. Lawies Jackson, M.P., Prov. Grand Master, Rd. Wilson (Leeds) Dep. Prov. G. Master, Herbert G. E. Green Prov. G. Secretary, Norval Watson Helme, M.P., P.P.G.W. West Lancs, A. Cross P.P.G.D. West Lancs, Edward Roberts Prov. G. Tlr. East Lancs, H. W. Bloomer W.M. 1375, and others.

Last year, when Bro. Crone was installed as W.M. of the Castleberg Lodge, we referred to the loyal support given him by members of his Mother Lodge (the Architect, No. 1375) of which he was at the time Worshipful Master, and on this occasion that loyalty was not withheld, several members being present from the Province of West Lancashire to see him instal his successor.

The festival of St. John was held as heretofore in the large dining room of the hotel, and the menu furnished by the proprietor (Mr. J. W. Dugdale) would have elicited words of commendation—had it been possible for him to be present—even from that ancient and successful general Paulus Æmilius, the best entertainer of his time, who contended that "it required the same sort of spirit to manage a banquet as a battle, with this difference, that the one should be made as pleasant to friends, and the other as formidable to enemies, as possible."

Loyal and Masonic toasts were proposed and duly responded to, the visitors being primarily represented by Bro. Councillor Jas. J. Lambert P.G.D. Eng., who said he was glad to be there that evening to support his old friend John Mann Crone. He felt disappointed that he had not been able to be at his installation a year ago, and no doubt Bro. Crone would have begun to think that he would not be present on this occasion, but there he was. He might add that unfortunately he had never before visited any Yorkshire Lodge. But he had heard a great deal about their hospitality, and he must acknowledge that he was really very much impressed with the hearty and good old Yorkshire welcome which had been extended towards him. He also thanked Bro. Crone for this kind invitation.

The health of the Worshipful Master was proposed by Brother Tom Proctor, in a very neat and appropriate speech, the same being briefly responded to by Bro. Swale W.M.

Bro. Chas. E. Bygrave P.M., &c., who had performed a similar function at Bro. Crone's installation, again proposed the toast of his health, to which the latter replied, saying that the fact of living so far away from Settle must necessarily have militated against his successful work as their principal Officer. Bro. Swale, however, would not suffer from this disadvantage, for he would be in constant touch with them, and he possessed all the qualifications for becoming a popular Master. He had had a pleasant year in the chair, and he was extremely glad that he had not retired without a candidate for initiation. Bro. Swale was a very old friend, and he could assure him that he would endeavour to attend regularly during his tenure of Office, so as to render whatever support he could to his successor. Personally he must thank all his Officers for their well-intentioned and worthy efforts towards himself. Without such support it was impossible for a Worshipful Master to be successful, but he firmly believed that in this respect Bro. Swale was in good hands.

Duke of York Lodge, No. 2449.

THE regular meeting was held at the Albion Hotel, Manchester, on Thursday, 10th inst., Bro. S. Mamelok P.M. P.F.G.J.D. Worshipful Master.

There was a good attendance of members. The principal business of the evening was that of passing Bro. Samuel Charles Wood to the degree of F.C., and raising Bro. Timothy Shawcross to that of M.M.

The usual festive board followed, Loyal and Masonic toasts being agreeably varied by songs, &c.

* * *

METROPOLITAN: INSTRUCTION.

—: o:—

St. Luke Lodge, No. 144.

THE "mother" of this Lodge enjoys a high reputation for past good work, and a visit to the instruction meeting, on Thursday of last week, at the comfortable quarters at the Victoria Tavern, Chelsea, convinced us that the offspring is also determined to make a name for itself. Those present included Bros. W. H. Royle (W.M. of the Mother Lodge) as W.M., S. C. M. Austin P.M. S.W., T. J. Nicholls J.W., H. Carlstrom P.M. Prec., F. Stutfield P.M. Sec., F. J. Ingram S.D., C. W. Jordan J.D., G. H. Butcher I.G., H. Hayward, R. M. Sharpin, J. Wynman, and others.

The Lodge was opened up and the ceremony of raising was rehearsed, Bro. Sharpin acting as the candidate and being first examined and entrusted. Lodge was resumed to the first degree, and the same Brother was examined and entrusted, the ceremony of passing being rehearsed. Lodge was again resumed to the first degree, and the ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, Bro. Jordan acting as the candidate and Bro. H. Hayward as J.D. We compliment the W.M. on the excellence of his working; all the ceremonies were beautifully rehearsed. Great praise is also due to the Officers, who rendered able and efficient assistance.

Bro. Austin was elected to preside at the meeting on Thursday next.

We are pleased to record that a prosperous Benevolent Association is attached to this Lodge. The Lodge meets every Thursday, at 8 o'clock, and is well worth attention from Brethren resident in the district.

* * *

Ranelagh Lodge, No. 834.

ON Friday, 28th ult., a meeting was held at the Six Bells Hotel, Hammersmith, and the following Brethren were present: Robert Reid P.M. W.M., J. H. Cumming P.M. S.W., W. Atkinson J.W., H. J. Cousens P.M. acting Preceptor, F. Craggs P.M. Sec., W. Hinds P.M. Treas., J. Stafford S.D., G. T. Meek J.D., K. M. Ross I.G.

The Lodge being opened with the usual preliminaries, the Brethren worked the first, second, and third sections of the first lecture, the questions being put by the W.M.

We may mention that the Fifteen Sections are to be worked by the Ranelagh Lodge of Instruction members (assisted by Brethren residing in the neighbourhood), in two divisions; the first and second lectures on Friday, 11th inst., and the third lecture on Friday of next week.

AT the weekly meeting held at the Six Bells Hotel, Hammersmith, on Friday, 4th inst., the following were present; Bros. H. J. Cousens P.M. W.M., W. Atkinson S.W., K. M. Ross J.W., John Worth P.M. acting Prec., F. Craggs P.M. Sec., W. Hinds P.M. Treas., F. F. Payne S.D., E. H. Barnett J.D., J. Hallam I.G., John H. Cumming P.M., Ernest Hayes.

Lodge was opened to the second degree, when Bro. Hayes was examined and entrusted and after the Lodge was opened in the third degree the raising ceremony was rehearsed, Bro. Cousens being simply letter perfect in the ritual. The Lodge was called off and on, after being reduced to the first degree. Brother Hallam having proved his efficiency, Lodge was advanced to the second degree, and the passing ceremony was gone through.

Bro. Atkinson was elected to act as W.M. at the meeting on 25th inst.

Bro. Craggs asked the Brethren to do all in their power to support Bro. Henry James Johnson, aged 71, at the election of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution in May next.

* * *

New Cross Lodge, No. 1559.**ANNUAL DINNER.**

A MOST successful function resulted from the arrangements made by the popular Preceptor Bro. J. D. Graham and the highly esteemed Secretary Bro. G. Faaz, in connection with the annual dinner of this Lodge of Instruction, which took place on Tuesday, at the house of Bro. Lewis Lake, the Kemble's Head, Long Acre. The meeting proved to be one of the most enjoyable of its kind it has been our fortune to attend.

For the time being work was not thought of, the aim of the promoters of the dinner being to be happy themselves and communicate happiness, and so there were merely friendly greetings and social intercourse prior to the adjournment to the dining room, where the tables were most tastefully decorated. The dinner was served in good old English style, and was a great credit to the popular host, at a reasonable cost.

The chair was occupied by the Preceptor who, at the conclusion of the repast, submitted the usual Loyal toasts.

Bro. Johnson, a well known worker in the Craft, and Preceptor of more than one of its Lodges of Instruction, had much pleasure in proposing the health of the Chairman Bro. Graham. He said it

was their custom to devote one of their Instruction nights to an annual jollification, with the object of bringing the members together, and in the hope of strengthening the Lodge. He might say a great deal more in regard to their Masonic working, but as there were gentlemen present who were not members of the Order, that was not desirable. The New Cross Lodge of Instruction was only a young organisation, but it was making good progress. They were always ready and delighted to welcome new members, as no Lodge could progress without such, and as they had one of the best of Preceptors in Bro. Graham he cordially invited his Brother Masons to join them. They might rely on Bro. Graham doing his level best to instruct all who were seeking Masonic knowledge, and who placed themselves under his tuition. He urged the members of the Lodge to show appreciation of his services by regular attendance, and a hearty reception of the toast he now had the pleasure to submit. With the health of their Preceptor he coupled prosperity to the New Cross Lodge of Instruction.

Bro. Graham sincerely thanked the Brethren for their hearty reception of the toast of his health and for drinking to the prosperity of the New Cross Lodge of Instruction with so much cordiality. He should like to see the Lodge better supported, particularly by members of the Mother Lodge. They had a very convenient room for their meetings, and Bro. Lake always did everything in his power for the comfort of the Brethren who attended. He could assure all who were seeking Masonic instruction that he would do his very best to give them the tuition they desired.

Bro. Menninger P.M. in brief but hearty terms gave the toast of the Secretary Bro. Faaz, whom he described as a hard working member, ever ready to do everything in his power to promote the prosperity of the Lodge; no work on its behalf was too much for him to undertake. He had gone to great trouble in getting together the nice company assembled that evening; his idea being not only to afford enjoyment to those who did attend, but also to attract new members to the Lodge. The work Bro. Faaz did for the Lodge was truly a labour of Masonic love.

Bro. Faaz tendered his hearty thanks. Although theirs was but a new Lodge he was proud to say they had a good number of members, and that the meetings were of a most cordial and Brotherly character.

Bro. Swash gave the toast of the visitors, to which Bro. W. B. Schwarz P.M. replied.

Bro. P. Cariello submitted the toast of the host. It was a pleasure to do so as everyone knew Bro. Lewis Lake did everything in his power for the welfare of the New Cross Lodge and the comfort of the Brethren who attended its meetings. As their Secretary had told them it was but a young Lodge, but it was a very prosperous one, and there was every sign of continued prosperity in the future. They had a good Preceptor, a good Secretary, and a good host, and he had much pleasure in calling on the Brethren to drink to the very good health of the last named Brother.

Bro. Lake tendered thanks for the toast and its very hearty reception. It was at all times a great pleasure to him to make the members comfortable, and to ensure that he did not mind what he did, or how much work he devoted to the interests of the New Cross Lodge of Instruction. Any trouble he took in connection with their annual gatherings was amply repaid when he saw how heartily the members and visitors appeared to enjoy themselves; he was particularly pleased to see such a nice company present on that occasion.

Other toasts followed, and were duly responded to, great cordiality marking the whole of the proceedings.

Among those present were Bros. J. D. Graham P.M. Preceptor, G. Faaz Secretary, W. Grove, A. R. Aston, E. Aston, P. Cariello, W. D. Fiske, V. E. Gammon and son, W. Menninger P.M., R. A. Miles, F. Middleton, W. B. Smith, A. J. Swash P.M., W. Tipton, J. Sutcliffe, C. Johnson, S. Jacobs P.M., L. Lake, E. Hancock, T. Wood, H. A. Jones, Beaching, W. B. Schwarz P.M., J. Wynman, and several others.

Commendation is due to those Brethren and gentlemen who contributed to the enjoyment of the company by displays of musical talent, among them being Bros. Beaching, Gammon, Miles, Jacobs P.M., and Messrs. Gammon jun. and Nelson. A word of praise is also due to Mr. Frank Gifford, for the way in which he contributed to the harmony by his presidency at the piano.

* * *

Woodrow Lodge, No. 1708.

ON Monday, 7th, at Bro. Rudderforth's (Stone's) Restaurant, Panton Street, Haymarket, Bros. S. E. Firminger W.M., W. H. Making S.W., T. Burgess J.W., C. Woodrow P.M. Prec., W. H. Rudderforth P.M. Treas., G. Coop S.D., J. Warwick J.D., J. G. Lobb I.G., J. E. Culverhouse, A. Elliott, L. Hollingworth, A. Whittington, J. Wynman, J. Wheeler.

The Lodge was opened in the three degrees and resumed to the first, when the ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, Brother Elliott acting as candidate. The W.M. vacated the chair in favour of Bro. Coop, who rehearsed the second ceremony, with Brother Whittington as the candidate, he being first examined and entrusted.

Bro. W. H. Making was elected W.M. for Monday next.

It was proposed that a hearty vote of thanks be passed, and recorded on the minutes, congratulating the W.M. on the very able manner in which he had fulfilled the duties of the chair, for the first time in that or any other Lodge, and this was agreed to. The W.M., in acknowledgment, said he did not expect such an honour. He sincerely thanked the Brethren for their indulgence. We may add that Bro. Firminger is W.M.-elect of the New Cross Lodge, and from what we saw on this occasion we may predict a successful year's work in that Lodge, under his direction.