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A PATTERN FOR EMULATION.

THROUGH the kind assistance of Bro. L. J. Jukes Secretary of the Derwent Lodge, No. 40, we are this week enabled to publish in another part of our issue a brief account of "The Edwards Trust," which we think will be read with interest by Brethren in all parts of the country. It is difficult to speak in this connection with authority, as it is only a few weeks since we were first made acquainted with the existence of this Masonic Charity, but we believe we are right in saying that it stands as a unique example of the exercise of true Masonic spirit in the Kingdom. But even if there are many other similar benefits about us we feel it will be agreed this one deserves special mention at our hands—to be followed by reference to any other existing Funds, as they may come under notice.

As will be seen by a reference to the account which Bro. Jukes has kindly supplied us, a Home of Rest has been provided for members of the Derwent Lodge, or their widows, through the generosity of a gentleman who desired to show appreciation of the kindness of the Craft towards his late father, who was one of the most respected Past Masters of the Derwent Lodge, and who died in 1842, after being associated with the Lodge for thirty-six years. As the worthy Secretary of the Lodge says, the gift has proved a boon to the Lodge, and we sincerely join him in the wish that "some of our wealthy Brethren will follow the example so admirably set." It is true we have an Institution which cares for a very large number of aged distressed members of the Craft, or their Widows, but we know of no more desirable way of supplementing and assisting the work of that Charity, or of aiding the cause of Masonic Benevolence generally, than by founding such "Homes of Rest" as that so happily associated with the Derwent Lodge, at Hastings. Long may it prosper, and many the imitators it may find in various parts of the country is our ardent desire. We thank Bro. Jukes for enabling us to put the particulars of the Trust before our readers.

BOARD OF BENEVOLENCE.

THE March meeting of the Board of Benevolence, which was held on Wednesday evening, at Freemasons' Hall, was very heavy in the shape of the number of cases which were on the list for relief, and it was also remarkable in the fewness of the petitions which stood over for further information, and in those that were refused. There were no less than forty-three petitions on the list, and of these only three were deferred, one was withdrawn, and one was dismissed.

Bro. J. H. Matthews presided, Bro. D. D. Mercer Senior Vice President, and Bro. Henry Garrod Junior Vice President being at their respective posts. Bro. W. Lake Asst. Grand Secretary, Bro. W. Dodd, and Bro. G. S. Recknell represented the Grand Secretary.

The sum of £210, referred to the Grand Master, at the last meeting for his approval, as gifts to certain Brethren, having met with his sanction, was confirmed, and the new list was then entered upon. In the course of a three hours sitting the sum of £925 was disposed of in the following proportions:—Grand Lodge was asked to sanction £100 being awarded to one petitioner, and £50 each to two others. The Grand Master was asked to approve of five gifts of £40 each, and eight of £30 each. Eight donations were made of £20 each, eleven of £10 each, and three of £5 each.

STARKIE MEMORIAL.

THE East Lancashire Systematic Masonic Educational and Benevolent Institution has determined to perpetuate the

memory of the late Colonel Le Gendre N. Starkie, who was for many years Provincial Grand Master of East Lancashire, by the purchase of a life presentation to the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution for Aged Freemasons and Widows of Freemasons. This will entail an outlay of £1,550. To meet this liability and to otherwise help forward the special objects of the East Lancashire Institution in the way of an enlarged charity, great efforts are being put forth to raise £6,000 at the Provincial festival to be held in the Royal Botanical Gardens, Old Trafford, on the 26th June. By a similar function at the same place in 1895 £4,413 was realised. It is expected that Lord Stanley will preside over the meeting in the Gardens, and will thus make his first public appearance among the Brethren under his rule since his installation as Provincial Grand Master, at the Free Trade Hall, Manchester, in November 1899. His absence from the Province has been amply accounted for by his discharge of duty under Lord Roberts in South Africa, and since his return to England by the calls upon his time as a member of the Government.

CHESHIRE.

AN especial meeting of this Provincial Grand Lodge will be held on the 27th inst., the Prov. Grand Master the Hon. Alan de Tatton Egerton, M.P., presiding. The principal business will be the passing of addresses, one of condolence with the Royal Family on the death of Her Majesty Queen Victoria, the other of congratulation on the accession of King Edward VII.

DURHAM.

IT is announced that Lord Barnard Provincial Grand Master-designate will be installed towards the end of June, in the Hall on College Green, Durham, on which occasion there will also be a function at the Cathedral, and a gathering in the grand old Castle Hall.

WEST LANCASHIRE.

FOR the first time since the Chapter of Harmony, No. 220, Garston, was formed (nearly fifty years ago), Garston is to be honoured by a visit of the Provincial Grand Chapter of West Lancashire, which will take place on the 22nd April. The arrangements for the reception of the Earl of Lathom Grand Superintendent and the Provincial Grand Officers are being made by the local Chapter, and the two largest public rooms in the town, the Co-operative Hall and the Reading Room, have been secured for the occasion.

FREEMASONRY IN FRANCE.

PARIS, March 20.

THE Chamber of Deputies to-day resumed the debate on the Associations Bill. M. Prache continued his speech against Freemasonry. His amendment in favour of subjecting Freemasons to the same regulations as religious congregations was rejected by 319 votes to 3. The whole of the Clause 13 was then adopted by 312 votes to 232. Clause 14, which prohibits members of unauthorised congregations from engaging in educational work, was then taken up.—Reuter.

A question of interest to every Freemason is the date at which the Duke of Connaught will be installed in the position of Grand Master, to which he has just been elected in succession to the King; and with it is coupled another, and that is of the place wherein this ceremony is to be held. The Albert Hall is almost naturally suggested, for not only

has it been associated with such great Masonic gatherings as the meeting of Brethren in June 1897, under the presidency of the then Prince of Wales, to vote an address of congratulation to Queen Victoria on the occasion of her Diamond Jubilee, and the Centenary dinner, a year later, of the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys, but it was the scene of the late Grand Master's own installation in April 1875. The difficulty, however, will be how to accommodate even in that huge building the vast number of English Freemasons who will wish to attend. It has been suggested that the rules of admission will be the same at the coming installation as at the last—Masters, Past Masters, and Wardens, with one Master Mason from each Lodge being allowed to be present. But the enormous growth of Masonry in the last quarter of a century does not seem to have been allowed for in this suggestion. When the Prince of Wales became Grand Master there were some 1,540 Lodges on the register of the United Grand Lodge of England; now there are about 2,840—though, of course, each of these totals is nominal rather than real, for between four and five hundred Lodges have been removed from the roll—mainly because of the formation of Grand Lodges in various Colonies, to which they have become attached—since the last closing up of the numbers in 1863. But taking the present total of Lodges in active existence at 2,400, and remembering that London alone possesses 500, it seems doubtful whether the Albert Hall would hold all who desired to attend the installation if the rule of 1875 be repeated.—*Westminster Gazette.*

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In conjunction with other members of his Chapter, the Camden, No. 704, Comp. H. H. M. Hancock has obtained the sanction of the M.E.Z. to transfer the Camden Chapter of Improvement to Stanley's Restaurant, Lavender Hill, S.W., and he cordially invites Royal Arch Masons to a preliminary meeting to be held there on Friday next, 29th inst., at 8.30 p.m., to consider:—the election of Officers, adoption of by-laws, day and hour of regular meetings, terms upon which to occupy rooms at place of meeting, and any other subject it may, in the interest of the Chapter of Improvement, be desirable to discuss.

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The regular meeting of the Duke of Connaught Lodge, No. 1524, and the celebration of the annual Festival (postponed from the regular day of installation, on account of the death of the late Queen) will take place on Thursday next, 28th inst., at Anderton's Hotel, Fleet Street. The new W.M. has a heavy agenda of business before him, there being four candidates for raising, two for passing, and two for election and initiation. The meeting is timed to commence at 4 o'clock, and we hope to be present to report the proceedings.

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A supper in connection with the Lewisham Lodge of Instruction, No. 2579, will be held at the White Hart Masonic Rooms, High Street, Lewisham, on Friday next, 29th inst. Applications for tickets can be made by Brethren to the Secretary Bro. Frank Lever, 71 Albyn Road, St. John's; to the Treasurer Bro. Harry Lewis, 20 Mount Pleasant Road, Lewisham, or any of the members.

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The installation meeting of the Skelmersdale Lodge, No. 1658, is to be held on Thursday next, 28th inst., at the Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, on which occasion Bro. T. J. Rawlings is to be installed as ruler of the Lodge for the year. We hope to report the proceedings in due course, and trust our worthy Brother will have a happy send off, and a prosperous year as W.M.

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The Minnehahas, those sweet minstrels who have exhibited gentle charity in her numerous aspects on many occasions, announce an entertainment at the Free-trade Hall, Manchester, for to-day (Saturday), in aid of the East Lancashire Systematic Masonic Educational and Benevolent Institution. We trust they will be attended with their usual success.

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Bro. Thomas Powell W.M. 1281 has the pleasure to announce his annual grand Bohemian concert (Ladies' night), for Monday next, 25th inst., at the Cannon Street Hotel (Great Hall), commencing at 7 o'clock. Tickets, price 2s each, can be obtained from Bro. Thomas Powell, 86 Waller Road, New Cross, S.E.

Some active workers in the Craft of the metropolis are arranging for the establishment of a new Lodge of Instruction, and are anxious to secure a second-hand set of furniture, apart from the pedestals and chairs. If any of our readers know of such we shall be pleased to put them in communication with the founders.

"A SPRIG OF ACACIA."

WE announce with regret the death, after a painful illness, of Bro. T. J. Robins, at his residence, Tulse Hill, on Tuesday, 5th inst., at the age of 71. The funeral, which took place at Nunhead Cemetery, was attended by a large number of sorrowing relatives and friends, including his old colleagues on the Metropolitan Asylums Board, the two vestries (St. George's and Newington), Brother Freemasons, &c. The Rev. H. G. Daniell Bainbridge, precentor of Westminster Abbey, officiated at the service. Bro. Robins was a conspicuous and capable public man. For many years he served as vestryman of St. George's (ten years of which he acted as Chairman), and for twenty-five years he was a Guardian of St. Saviour's, and was elected their representative on the Metropolitan Asylums Board, where for twelve years he served as Chairman of the Caterham Asylum Committee. He was a member of the Basket Maker's Company, one of the oldest City Companies, and twice filled the post of Prime Warden. He was a Governor of the Surrey Dispensary. Amongst Freemasons he was admired and respected, having been W.M. of the Robert Burns Lodge, No. 25, and Z. of the Chapter.

MANY Cornishmen and Devonians will regret to hear of the death of Bro. William Pryor, principal of the Plymouth Shorthand and Typewriting Academy. Bro. Pryor, who was born in the sixties near Wendron, Helston, worked as a boy in the tin mines, but being of an ambitious nature, he sought the advantages of education to help him to a position in life. It was his wont, when he had finished his laborious work underground, to walk six miles, in company with another youth, to the residence of the late Bishop of Mashonaland, then the Rev. Knight-Bruce, by whom he was taught to read and write. Migrating to Plymouth, Bro. Pryor obtained a post on the "Western Morning News," where he made many friends. Subsequently he interested himself in shorthand work and typewriting, and opened the Plymouth Academy. He took an active interest in public affairs, and was a member of the local Chamber of Commerce for years. He was an active Freemason, and at his funeral many members of the Order were present, in addition to a large number of friends and former colleagues.

AN old member of the Craft—one who had been associated with us for upwards of fifty years—in the person of Bro. Edward Barker Sutton, for forty-eight years a member of the Stock Exchange, died on Thursday of last week, in his 82nd year. When the Marquis of Ripon was installed for the first time as Grand Master, in June 1870, Bro. Sutton was appointed Junior Grand Deacon; King Edward VII., who had recently been made a P.G. Master, was present on the occasion. The Earl of Jersey, who was appointed Senior Grand Warden, is now the only survivor of all the Grand Officers of that year.

THE death took place on Monday afternoon, 4th inst., in the Worcester Infirmary, of Bro. James Stretton, late of Broad Street, Worcester, dental surgeon. The deceased was a native of Derbyshire, and went to Worcester from Derby nearly forty years ago. He was for many years a member of the Semper Fidelis Lodge, No. 529, but he never took Office. At the funeral there were wreaths from members of the family, from the Brethren of Semper Fidelis Lodge, and others.

THE funeral took place last month, at Swanbourne, Buckinghamshire, of the Rev. William Miles Myres, rural dean, who died somewhat suddenly. The Bishop of Liverpool officiated, assisted by the Archdeacon of Buckinghamshire. Over forty local clergymen were present. In addition to the chief mourners there were present Lord Cottesloe, Admiral the Hon. Sir E. R. Fremantle, the Hon. Cecil Fremantle, Lord Addington, and many other representatives of Masonic Lodges.

THE vicar of Pamber, Hants., Bro. Rev. E. R. Adams, has just died from influenza, after a short illness. He was a Past Provincial Grand Chaplain of Berkshire.

MASONIC DRONES.

IF there is one thing more than another that we especially dislike it is a drone, whether in the bee hive, the Masonic Lodge, or the world at large, it is all the same—a worthless, lazy, indolent life—living on the labour of others. That there are many such in every phase of human life is evident to the most casual observer, and hence it is not surprising that more or less of them find their way into our Masonic Lodges. That they are the bane of the institution of Freemasonry is evident to every one who has ever held a supervising position in an official capacity in the Order, and how to make them available is the problem that many have attempted to solve, but the result has been generally far from satisfactory. They still exist with their blighting influence; the vitality of Masonry is sapped to its very roots by their connection with it, and it withers in the noontide of its prosperity, as the plant in the sandy soil withers beneath the scorching rays of a meridian sun. It is almost a wonder how such drones ever became Masons, for their petition must have come as their own voluntary act, and they have never been known to do anything voluntarily in a Masonic way since. They pay their dues, when compelled to do so, to preserve their Masonic standing, and attend their Lodge in obedience to a summons for the same reason. If asked to perform any Masonic duty, such as sitting up with a sick Brother, providing for those who are destitute, or relieving those who are in distress, they have important business which must be attended to—they are very sorry that it has happened so—but they must be excused this time. They never perform any such service while there is any possible way to avoid it, but they are the first to ask it for themselves in the hour of need, or when they can be benefited by it, and if it is not promptly rendered to their entire satisfaction, Masonry is declared to be a humbug, and Masonic obligations the merest pretence. The beautiful lessons of Brotherly love and charity inculcated so impressively in the several degrees they have taken, have fallen like good seed upon stony ground, and hence bringeth forth no fruit. Now it is evident that there must be some defect, something wrong, or this condition of affairs could not exist, and to endeavour to discover the cause and apply the remedy should be the aim of all who desire to increase the usefulness and promote the prosperity of Masonry. There are undoubtedly many reasons which will present themselves to the thoughtful Mason, but chief among them, we apprehend, is the fact that a great many men have erroneous ideas in regard to the Institution before they become members of it, and not finding it just what they had supposed it to be, in their disappointment they lose all interest in it and become simply nominal Masons. They had imagined that Masonry was a highway to distinction, honour, riches and power, but round instead that it laid upon them new cares, labours, and responsibilities, which they were unwilling to assume. Instead of a desire of being serviceable to their fellow-creatures, it turns out that their desire is to make the whole Fraternity of service to themselves, and if this cannot be done, they have no further use for Masonry.

Another class have become drones because they have never learned enough of Masonry to become interested in it, or they do not agree with the majority in the management of the Lodge, or they have had a personal difficulty with some Brother, or some members do not live up to their idea of morality, and they do not wish to associate with such profligate fellows. Instead of doing their own plain duty in such cases they shirk the responsibility, and attempt to throw all the blame on others. The great trouble in this whole matter is, these men have none of the spirit of Masonry in them, and ought never to have been admitted into the Lodge. Let our Brothers then profit by their past experience, and more carefully examine into the character and qualifications of those who may seek admission into our Order. Let it not be sufficient that there is nothing against the moral character of the applicant, but see to it that he possesses positive qualities, and the capacity to understand and appreciate what will be required of him as a Mason. Make less members and more Masons, and there will be fewer drones in our Lodges.—“Masonic Advocate.”

AN ATTRACTIVE AND PROSPEROUS LODGE.

WHAT a striking difference there is between the meetings of different Lodges, and even between the meetings of the same Lodge at different times. Some are so interesting, from the opening to the close, while others are so dull

that each member and visitor wishes himself at home. The welcome accorded to visitors in some is cordial and whole-souled, while in others they are treated as stragglers or intruders. In some Lodges the work is rendered accurately and impressively, in others carelessly, erroneously, and raggedly. In some there is evidently a master-mind directing all that occurs, while in others everything happens by chance, the unusual way. In some there is a full attendance, and the Past Masters are distinguishable at a glance by their jewels, while in others vacant seats are the rule, and the Past Masters are apparently all absent. In some Lodges the business is conducted with methodical accuracy and briskness, while in others it lags, is a marked source of contention, and becomes a prevailing cause of unhappiness to both members and visitors. In some Lodges there is all Labour and no Refreshment, while in others the two are harmoniously arranged, and always accompany each other, in accordance with ancient Masonic usage. In some Lodges no meeting is held without a liberal dispensation of charity, while in others the effort required to secure it is so great that it destroys the pleasure which should accompany this Fraternal act. In some Lodges the membership is fairly represented by the attendance, while in others there are more visitors present than members. But we have stated quite enough differences—to what are they all owing? Mainly to one prevailing cause—the lack of interest of the Officers and members in the work and business of the Lodge. The all-important question in this connection is, How shall this interest be awakened?

Too often both Officers and members of Lodges make the mistake of going to Lodge without giving any special preparation or thought to the subject. They appear to think the Lodge will “run itself.” Yes, it will—to the dogs, but nowhere else. A Lodge requires to be run. It must have a head, the head must have a mind, the mind must be active, intelligent, and earnest, and have a heart to inspire it. And the members must have heads and hearts also, and use them continually in behalf of the Lodge.

No Officer or member of a Lodge should attend any meeting without giving some thought in advance to the work and business likely to come before it. General preparation for these will not be sufficient, if you desire to make your Lodge meetings truly interesting and attractive; there must be special preparation. If you desire and expect to derive pleasure from meeting with your Brethren, you must prepare for it in advance. Especially is this important for the Officers in regard to the work. Every night's work should have special preparation given it, and attention should be paid not only to matters in general but also to details. Often it is the details which tell. What a pleasure every Brother derives from witnessing accurate work, smooth work, impressive work, with no omissions, or slurs, or breaks.

But the Officers must be seconded by the members, if the meeting is to be a success. They must constantly co-operate, by their punctual presence, their steady attention and their hearty assistance, in every manner possible. They must lend a hand and a tongue when required. They must each feel a personal pride in all the proceedings, each realise that the Lodge is his own, that every visiting Brother is his guest, and that he is in some degree responsible for the entire work and business of the Lodge.

What may not be accomplished with such a spirit as this rife in the Lodge? Nothing will be denied to well-directed efforts. The work will be correctly performed, the attendance will be large, the proceedings harmonious and fraternal, the reception of visiting Brethren cordial, the Charities of the Lodge will be liberally dispensed, Refreshment will follow Labour, and Officers, members, and visiting Brethren will all hail with delight the approach of every meeting of such a Lodge. Brethren, this is something worth striving for, and as it is your duty it should be your pleasure. The best interests of Freemasonry will thereby be promoted, and the Craft at large will profit by the devotion of the Brethren of every Lodge to the performance of their bounden Masonic duties.—“Keystone.”

Blessed is the man who finds within him the inspiration to build a temple, whether it be great like Solomon's or only a bright spot of joy and praise in some poor darkened life. Oh, Brother, do it, and God speed you. Blessed the man who, though he cannot build, is ready to help a good work, as was the King of Tyre. Oh, Brother, do it, and God speed you.—Rev. E. H. Wellman, New York.

MEETINGS NEXT WEEK.**Monday.**

- 4 Rl. Somerset H. & Inverness, F.M.H.
 26 Castle of Harmony, Savoy Hotel
 28 Old King's Arms, Freemasons' Hall
 79 Pythagorean, Ship, Greenwich
 144 St. Luke, Holborn Restaurant
 183 Unity, Ship and Turtle
 222 St. Andrew, Albion
 706 Florence Nightingale, Woolwich
 902 Burgoyne, Anderton's Hotel
 905 De Grey and Ripon, Freemasons' Hall
 1017 Montefiore, Trocadero
 1540 Chaucer, Bridge House Hotel
 1632 Stuart, Frascati
 1744 Royal Savoy, Criterion Restaurant
 1745 Farringdon Without, Holborn Via. H.
 1828 Shepherd's Bush, Bush Hotel, W.
 1910 Shadwell Clerke, Mark Masons' Hall
 2396 Bishopsgate, Great Eastern Hotel
 2397 Columbia, Hotel Cecil
 43 St. Paul, F.M.H., Birmingham
 48 Industry, F.M.H., Gateshead
 62 Social, Queen's, Manchester
 148 Lights, Austin Cham., Warrington
 491 Royal Sussex, Masonic Temple, Jersey
 1008 Royal St. Edmunds, Bury St. Edmunds
 1110 Tyrian, Gildredge, Eastbourne
 1177 Tenby, F.M.H., Tenby
 1218 Prince Alfred, Ashton-under-Lyne
 1258 Kennard, F.M.H., Pontypool
 1325 Stanley, F.M.H., Liverpool
 1688 Buxton, Palace, Buxton
 1752 Ogmere, F.M.H., Bridgend
 1753 Obedience, White Hart, Okehampton
 1991 Agricola, F.M.H., York
 2042 Apollo, F.M.H., Liverpool
 2068 Portsmouth Temperance, Landport
 2257 Powell, F.M.H., Bristol
 2279 Thornham, F.M.H., Oldham
 2363 Minnehaha Minstrel, Manchester
 2429 Research, F.M.H., Leicester
 2547 Llangattock, F.M.H., Cardiff
 2553 Rufford, F.M.H., Nottingham
 2654 Arter, Moseley Institute, Moseley
 2724 St. Lawrence, Church Sch., Northfield
 2759 Rolle, F.M.H., Exmouth

Tuesday.

- 14 Tuscan, Freemasons' Hall
 46 Old Union, Cafe Royal
 145 Prudent Brethren, Freemasons' Hall
 165 Honour & Generosity, Inns of Court
 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
 2705 Playgoers, Tivoli Restaurant
 299 Emulation, Bull Inn, Dartford
 253 Tyrian, F.M.H., Derby
 310 Union, F.M.H., Carlisle
 564 Stability, Talbot, Stourbridge
 597 St. Cybi, F.M.H., Holyhead
 943 Sincerity, 47 St. Giles Street, Norwich
 1016 Elkington, F.M.H., Birmingham
 1052 Callendar, F.M.H., Manchester
 1358 Torbay, F.M.H., Paignton
 1390 Whitwell, F.M.H., Millom
 1479 Halsey, Town Hall, St. Albans
 1536 United Military, F.M.H., Plumstead
 1566 Ellington, Town Hall, Maidenhead
 1609 Liverpool Dramatic, F.M.H., L'pool
 1636 St. Cecilia, Royal Pavilion, Brighton
 1650 Rose of Raby, Scarth Hall, Staindrop
 1675 Ancient Briton, F.M.H., Liverpool
 1678 Medway, F.M.H., Tonbridge
 1779 Ivanhoe, F.M.H., Sheffield
 1834 Duke Connaught, F.M.H., Landport
 1896 Audley, Town Hall, Newport, Salop
 2025 St. George, F.M.H., Plymouth
 2328 Albert Victor, F.M.H., York
 2358 Mona, F.M.H., Castletown
 2404 Lord Beresford, Sun, Chatham
 2405 Ionic, Impl. Bldgs., S. Helens, Lanc.
 2692 Hastings, Castle, Hastings

Wednesday.

- 2 Antiquity, Freemasons' Hall
 201 Jordan, Freemasons' Hall
 212 Euphrates, Holborn Restaurant
 753 Prince Frederick William, Frascati
 754 High Cross, Great Eastern Hotel
 822 Victoria Rifles, Cafe Royal

- 898 Temperance in East, Assy. R., Poplar
 1056 Victoria, Guildhall Tavern
 1360 Royal Arthur, P. of Wales, Wimbledon
 1580 St. Dunstan, Anderton's Hotel
 1718 Centurion, Inns of Court Hotel
 1719 Evening Star, Freemasons' Hall
 1768 Progress, Freemasons' Hall
 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
 76 Economy, F.M.H., Winchester
 82 Foundation, F.M.H., Cheltenham
 117 Salopian of Charity, Shrewsbury
 163 Integrity, F.M.H., Manchester
 220 Harmony, Garston Hotel, Garston
 250 Minerva, F.M.H., Hull
 257 Phoenix, 110 High Street, Portsmouth
 304 Philanthropic, F.M.H., Leeds
 321 Unity, Crewe Arms, Crewe
 439 Scientific, Masonic Rooms, Bingley
 461 Fortitude, Commercial, Newton Moor
 540 Stuart, Swan, Bedford
 651 Brecknock, Castle, Brecon
 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
 996 Sondes, F.M.H., East Dereham
 1039 St. John, George, Lichfield
 1083 Townley Parker, Grand, Manchester
 1119 St. Bede, F.M.H., Jarrow
 1219 Strangeways, Boar's Head, M'chester
 1283 Ryburn, F.M.H., Sowerby Bridge
 1313 St. John, Queen's, Grays
 1633 Avon, Mosley, Manchester
 1714 Albert Edward, D. York, York Town
 1723 St. George, F.M.H., Bolton
 1756 Kirkdale, Skelmersdale Hall, L'pool
 1760 Leopold, F.M.H., Scarborough
 1775 Leopold, Comm., Church, Accrington
 1793 Sir C. Bright, Clarence, Teddington
 1809 Fidelis, Masonic Temple, Guernsey
 1868 Unity, F.M.H., Oldham
 1953 Prudence and Industry, George, Chard
 1967 Beacon Court, Ghuznee, N. Brompton
 1989 Stirling, F.M.H., Cleator Moor
 2019 Crook, F.M.H., Crook
 2064 Smith Child, Town Hall, Tunstall
 2140 Gordon, F.M.H., Hanley
 2158 Boscombe, Boscombe Club, Boscombe
 2186 Striguil, F.M.H., Chepstow
 2216 Egerton, Conservative Club, Swinton
 2320 St. Martin, Church Inn, Castleton
 2351 Ermine, Assembly Rooms, Lincoln
 2373 Hardwick, F.M.H., Chesterfield
 2385 Godson, Talbot, Oldbury
 2477 Wineslai, Bell, Winslow
 2444 Noel, St. James Hall, Kingston-on-T.
 2448 Bradstow, F.M.H., Broadstairs
 2536 Staines, Town Hall, Staines
 2571 Holmes, F.M.H., Newcastle-on-Tyne
 2630 Tutbury Castle, Castle, Tutbury
 2684 St. Ivo, Mas. Temple, St. Ives, Hunts.
 2701 Radcliffe, Boar's Head, Radcliffe
 2762 Lindisfarne, F.M.H., North Shields
 2784 Legge, F.M.H., West Bromwich

Thursday.

- Gen. Com. Girl's School, F.M.H., at 5.
 22 Neptune, Guildhall Tavern
 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.
 861 Finsbury, Great Eastern Hotel
 871 Royal Oak, Trafalgar, Greenwich
 1421 Langthorne, Angel, Ilford
 1524 Duke of Connaught, Anderton's
 1608 Kilburn, Blanchard's Restaurant
 1658 Skelmersdale, Surrey Masonic Hall
 1816 Victoria Park, London Tavern
 1974 St. Mary Abbott, Bailey's Hotel
 2192 Highbury, Cock Tavern, Highbury
 2261 Chough, City Terminus Hotel
 2432 Sir Walter Raleigh, Inns of Court Ho.
 39 St. John the Baptist, F.M.H., Exeter
 51 Angel, Three Cups, Colchester
 71 Unity, F.M.H., Lowestoft
 78 Imperial George, Middleton, Lanc.
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 772 Pilgrims, George, Glastonbury
 784 Wellington, Public Rooms, Deal
 787 Beaureper, Red Lion, Belper
 807 Cabbell, 47 St. Giles Street, Norwich
 809 United Good Fellowship, Wisbech
 935 Harmony, F.M.H., Salford
 990 St. Edward, Literary Institute, Leek
 1032 Townley Parker, Mas. Rms., Chorley
 1097 St. Michael, Swan, Tenbury
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 1166 Clarendon, Queen's, Hyde
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 1322 Waverley, Queen's Arms, Ashton-u-Ly.
 1345 Victoria, Cross Keys, Eccles
 1392 Egerton, Stanley Arms, Bury, Lanc.
 1404 St. Vincent, F.M.H., Bristol
 1418 Fraternity, F.M.H., Stockton-on-Tees
 1437 Liberty of Havering, Gol. L., Romford
 1501 Wycombe, Amersham Hill, H. Wycom.
 1519 Albert Ed., Albion, Clayton-le-Moors
 1578 Merlin, F.M.H., Pontypridd
 1630 St. Michael, Queen's, Coventry
 1705 Prince of Wales, India Arms, Gosport
 1817 St. Andrew, Cambridge, Shoeburyness
 1884 Chine, F.M.H., Shanklin
 1957 Grove, Cock Inn, Hazel Grove
 1971 Aldershot Army & Navy, Aldershot
 2017 Duke of Portland, F.M.H., Nottingham
 2101 Bramston Beach, F.M.H., Godalming
 2131 Brownlow, Town Hall, Ellesmere
 2214 Josiah Wedgwood, F.M.H., Hanley
 2215 Anfield, Sandon, Anfield
 2263 St. Leonards, F.M.H., Sheffield
 2269 Peace, F.M.H., Wigan
 2335 Cycling & Athletic, Adelphi, Liverpool
 2371 Felix, Bath, Felixstowe
 2375 Hilbre, Market Hall, Hoylake
 2387 M'chester Dramatic, Albion, M'chester
 2415 Tristram, F.M.H., Shildon
 2418 Hedworth, F.M.H., South Shields
 2462 Clarence, F.M.H., West Hartlepool
 2463 Bootle-Wilbraham, West Derby
 2474 Hatherton, Stork, Walsall

Friday.

- Council Boys School, Freemasons' Hall, 4.
 2766 Putney, Parish Offices, Putney
 318 True and Faithful, F.M.H., Helston
 426 Shakespeare, F.M.H., Spilsby
 445 Fidelity, Pomfret, Towcester
 566 St. Germain, F.M.H., Selby
 602 North York, F.M.H., Middlesborough
 712 Lindsey, F.M.H., Louth
 751 Eastnor, Masonic Rooms, Ledbury
 810 Craven, Victoria Buildings, Skipton
 951 Prince of Wales, F.M.H., Stow-o-Wold
 1074 Underley, Mas. R., Kirkby Lonsdale
 1224 Stour Valley, F.M.H., Sudbury
 1232 Hereward, Angel, Bourne
 1303 Pelham, F.M.H., Lewes
 1363 Tyndall, Church Institute, Gloucester
 1385 Gladsmuir, Red Lion, Barnet
 1391 Commercial, F.M.H., Leicester
 1435 Anneslev, F.M.H., Nottingham
 1822 St. Quintin, Bear Inn, Cowbridge
 2001 Narberth, Masonic Rooms, Narberth
 2421 Kingsley, F.M.H., Northampton

Saturday.

- 1706 Orpheus, Holborn Restaurant
 308 Pr. George, Station House, Todmorden
 336 Benevolence, Jolly Sailor, Marple
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The Survivor. By E. Phillips Oppenheim. Illustrated by Stanley L. Wood (6s).—Ward, Lock and Co., Limited.

READERS of "The World's Great Snare" expected great things from the author's next venture. They will not be disappointed. Mr. Oppenheim has in one sense at least bettered all his previous work. "Mysterious Mr. Sabin" was powerful, but it was not a book for everybody; and the same may be said even more truthfully of "A Millionaire of Yesterday." But "The Survivor" is a book for every class of readers. Like all good prose fiction, it may be read rapidly for pure love of the story, which is exceedingly interesting; but it should also be more carefully read a second time, for it contains some wholesome truths, some clever scenes, and much knowledge of the world. Of the two chief characters figuring in its pages, Douglas Guest and Emily de Reuss, we prefer the lady. Mr. Oppenheim has, we think, imparted more originality to her than to her lover. Douglas Guest is in London to-day under the coat of many a literary gent—in fact, he is typical rather than original; but the lady, regarded from all standpoints, is an unique personality. There is adventure in this book, and adventure of a surprising character too—as when Joan Strong fails to notice the object of her search seated a few yards off, but sees, instead, a long lost brother upon the next bench. The struggles of Douglas in the bathos of the literary world are described in Mr. Oppenheim's best manner, and his ultimate success is led up to skilfully. If you would enjoy a wet afternoon, read "The Survivors." You will thank the elements for keeping you indoors.

Ballad Stories of the Affections. From the Scandinavian. By Robert Buchanan.—Sampson Low and Co.

MR. ROBERT BUCHANAN performed yeoman service to literature when he translated these ballads from the Scandinavian. The ballad is a more potent factor in a nation's history than many suppose. Mr. Buchanan has reminded us that these metrical stories were transmitted orally from father to son. This, of course, is the usual history of the evolution of the ballad, from the days when the Greek rhapsodist recited Homer to eager crowds, to the days of the minstrelsy of the Border tribes of Scotland. Messrs. Sampson Low's edition of these ballads is so lavishly printed and bound that it is pleasant to the eye, and may well be coveted for the library even by those careless of its contents. We would, however, strongly recommend these poems—so strong, so pathetic, so human in the English of Mr. Buchanan—to the careful consideration of all lovers of literature. They cannot fail to find much to interest them. One of the very best of these ballads is beyond question that entitled "The Treasure Seeker," in which the gruesome nature of the story is only less apparent than the exquisite choice of the language in which it is rendered. "Scorn not the sonnet" wrote Wordsworth. We would add, "nor the ballad"; for nowhere is the character of a country more faithfully reflected—unless indeed it be in the early drama. Readers who doubt this should turn to the pages of our old friend "The Spectator," and see what Joseph Addison had to say upon the subject.

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

The Works of SIR WALTER SCOTT, BART.

Vol. iii., **The Antiquary.**

CAN any reader of the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE need an introduction to Jonathan Oldbuck? Is there one who has not walked beside the gaberlunzie Edie Ochiltree, nor sat in the cottage of Luckie Mucklebackit, nor smiled at the roguery of Dousterswivel? It is no mean testimony to the uniform excellence of most of the novels of Sir Walter Scott that they are each in turn pronounced the best of all. "The Antiquary" is no exception to this rule. The quaint humour and almost infantile credulity of Monkbarns have been the delight of multitudes of readers for three quarters of a century, and the verbal niceties displayed in much of the dialogue in this novel should go far to condone any offence in regard to the English language committed by the "Author of Waverley." The rescue of Miss Wardour on the coast is an incident so incomparably narrated that it would make the reputation of a lesser novelist; but such chapters are of so frequent occurrence in the romances of Scott that we take but small account of them. Of still greater tragic strength is the thirty-first chapter, concerning the funeral which Monkbarns attended at the fisher-cottage at Mussel Crag. Well might Scott write that Wilkie alone could have painted the scene! "The Antiquary" is not a book to be skipped; it is rather, as Bacon puts it regarding certain volumes, a book to be digested.

The Commonwealth Pictorial. A monthly social and commercial Review of Australian matters. Edited by Chas. S. Rutledge, F.R.G.S., F.R.C.I. (1s).—The Commonwealth Publishing and Advertising Co., Limited.

THIS new monthly, of which three numbers have already appeared, should meet with unqualified success. We are all interested in matters Australasian now, and the "Commonwealth Pictorial" is just the publication to keep that interest alive. Nobody will doubt that if the editor can maintain the high standard of excellence which he has attained hitherto a large circulation will reward his labours; we see no reason why he should not be able to do this. He has himself lived in Australia; he has studied her resources; he has thought much concerning her future; he has conversed with many of her ablest sons. His knowledge of the salient features of Australasian life is shown to great advantage in the pages of the "Commonwealth Pictorial," where he has provided paragraphs which every Australian would like to read, and pictures which every Australian would like to

see. He has, as he so felicitously expresses it, "put his little boat to sea upon the dark waters of the unknown." May the voyage be long and prosperous, and may the boat frequently touch at some desired haven. The numerous illustrations, which are printed in colours, are beautifully reproduced.

BOOKS RECEIVED.

Industrial Social Organisation. By J. C. Van Marken. Translated by S. de Jastrzebski.—Swan Sonnenschein and Co., Limited.

Malcolm. By George Macdonald (6d).—George Newnes, Limited.

French Life in Town and Country. By Hannah Lynch (3s 6d).—George Newnes, Limited.

At the Gates of Song. Sonnets, by Lloyd Mifflin.—Henry Frowde.

A Path of Thorns. By Ernest Alfred Vizetelly (6s).—Chatto and Windus.

Martyred Missionaries of the China Inland Mission. With a record of the perils and sufferings of some who escaped. With portraits, maps, and illustrations. Edited by Marshall Broomhall, B.A. (5s).—Morgan and Scott.

Highways and Byways in East Anglia. By William A. Dutt, with illustrations by Joseph Pennell (6s).—Macmillan and Co., Limited.

The Naulahka. A story of West and East. By Rudyard Kipling and Wolcott Balestier (6s).—Macmillan and Co., Limited.

Souvenir of the Siege of Mafeking. Being fac-simile reproductions of the most interesting general orders issued to the garrison of Mafeking by General Baden-Powell during the siege. With introduction by Chas. E. Hands, War Correspondent for the "Daily Mail" (6d).—John Lewis and Co.

New Century Library (2s net per vol.).—T. Nelson and Sons. The Works of CHARLES DICKENS.

Vol. x., **Bleak House.**

Days of Doubt. By Alice Maud Meadows. Illustrated by G. Demain Hammond (3s 6d).—Ward, Lock and Co., Ltd.

The French Revolution. A history by Thomas Carlyle. Three volumes complete in one. With an introduction and full page illustrations (2s).—Ward, Lock and Co., Ltd.

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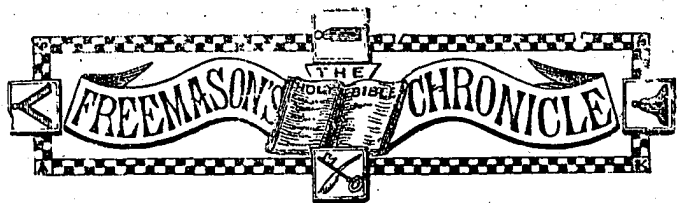
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In 1842 a minute of the Lodge is thus recorded:—

"Died March 30th, our venerable and respected Bro. Wm. Edwards, aged 83 years, and on April 4th nineteen of the Brethren accompanied his mortal remains to see them consigned to their Mother Earth.

"The deceased Brother was a subscribing member thirty-six years. His zeal for Masonry was manifested by punctual attendance to all summonses, rarely equalled and never excelled."

The Brethren, to show their esteem and regard, erected a handsome headstone to his memory in All Saints Churchyard, and a painting of the deceased was subscribed for by the members, and now hangs in the Lodge room.

In 1871, the following letter was addressed to the then Secretary Bro. J. Winter:

MY DEAR OLD FRIEND,—You are the oldest acquaintance I have in dear old Hastings. You are also a Freemason of that Order of which my father as a member was so much respected, and to whose memory the Lodge has paid so many marks of respect.

I therefore beg (through you) to convey my thanks to the Brotherhood for the lasting proof of the esteem which they have carried out to perpetuate the memory of my father as a Mason; and I am desirous of supplementing the good and generous acts of the Order by giving them (if they will accept it) the Freehold house in perpetuity, for the use of, and a residence for an old and needy member of the Lodge. If you will be so good as to lay this proposition before the proper authorities you will oblige.

Yours truly,

RICHARD EDWARDS.

At the next meeting of the Lodge the following minute is recorded:

"That the offer of Mr. R. Edwards of a Freehold house in Cavendish Place, Hastings, be accepted with gratitude."

The necessary legal documents were prepared free of charge, by a legal Brother, and Trustees appointed for the carrying out of the duties appertaining to the Trust. The Trust Deed is particularly restrictive and drawn with great care and ability, reflecting great credit on the draftsman.

On the decease of the donor, the records show that the following resolution was forwarded to the widow:

"That this Lodge, having heard of the death of the late Mr. Richard Edwards, beg to unite in a vote of sincere condolence with his relatives on their loss. They again desire to express their sense of the deep and lasting debt of gratitude they owe to the memory of the late lamented gentleman, he having during his lifetime given in trust to the Brethren of the Derwent Lodge a house in the Parish of St. Clements, Hastings, the proceeds of the "rest" to be devoted to the benefit of, or the house to be used as a home by any poor and distressed Brother, or widow of any Brother, of the aforesaid Lodge, who might need such a refuge as "Edwards's rest," to render the close of their days happy and comfortable. Mr. Edwards, although not a member of the Masonic Fraternity, but deeply impressed in its favour through the example of his father—long one of the oldest and most respected P.M.'s of the Derwent Lodge—has by this munificent gift enshrined his memory amongst the Freemasons of Hastings, as having signally exemplified during his lifetime the distinguishing characteristic of every Freemason's heart, viz.: Charity—the very bond of Peace and of all virtues."

Such is the history of the Edwards Trust. It is needless to add how great a boon the gift has proved to the Lodge, and with what appreciation the assistance, to some of our distressed but deserving Brethren, has been welcomed in the hour of need; happily though, up to the present time, no application has been made for the occupation of the "Rest." It is let to a desirable tenant, and the rent devoted to the cause of charity as requested by the donor, the rights and duties of the Trust being jealously guarded by the Trustees, who are responsible to the Lodge for the true and trusty carrying out of the donor's wishes.

I fear the account is unduly long; but the object in view

in sending you these details of the "Rest" would be lost were the facts not complete. I sincerely trust that the foregoing may be widely read by the Fraternity, and that some of our wealthy Brethren will follow the example so admirably set by a gentleman—truly a Mason at heart, although never admitted a member of the Order. The Lodge is never in want of funds for the relief of distress among its members, nor a deserving Brother refused substantial assistance from the Trust, when the Trustees have satisfied themselves as to the bona fide claim on the Charity. Long may such a state of affairs continue! and many may there be among our Order who will follow the noble example of the charitable-hearted "Richard Edwards."!

I shall be delighted to send a rough draft of the Trust Deed, to any Brother desirous of forming a similar Trust in connection with his Lodge, on application.

L. J. J. P.M. P.P.D.G.D.C. of Sussex,
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THE KING AND THE CRAFT.

ON Wednesday his Majesty the King held a Court at St. James's Palace, at which his Majesty received, on the Throne, a number of deputations and addresses, among them being the Address from the Freemasons of England, which was presented by a deputation numbering about one hundred Brethren, among them being the Earl Amherst Pro G.M., the Earl of Warwick Deputy G.M., Bro. W. W. B. Beach, M.P., Provincial Grand Master Hants and Isle of Wight, &c. The deputation was introduced by the M.W. the Grand Master-elect H.R.H. the Duke of Connaught, and in acknowledgment His Majesty the King was pleased to reply as follows:

I am specially pleased to have been able to receive in person the loyal address of sympathy and of dutiful and Fraternal congratulation and goodwill presented to me by so distinguished and representative a deputation of Ancient, Free, and Accepted Masons of England. I have felt much regret at relinquishing the high and honourable post of Grand Master, which I have held since 1874, but I shall not cease to retain the same deep interest that I have always felt in Freemasonry, and as Protector of English Freemasons I shall continue to watch over your interests and to rejoice over the prosperity and growth which I anticipate for you in the future.

It is a great satisfaction to me that my brother, the Duke of Connaught, has assumed the post of Grand Master in succession to me, and that your interests are in the hands of one so near to me in blood and united in sympathy with the Fraternity.

Brother R. Hudson Prov.G.Sec. Durham, speaking at a meeting of the Williamson Lodge, No. 949, said he had been introduced into Freemasonry in 1862, and had been the W.M. of the Williamson Lodge thirty-one years ago. He congratulated the two Provinces of Durham and Northumberland on the great strides which Masonry had made during the past twenty years. He trusted those who came after them would also see great strides made, and that it would be esteemed by all with whom they came in contact.

A matinée will be given at the Haymarket Theatre on 30th April, for the benefit of the funds of the Shipwrecked Mariners' Society, a worthy institution which does much good in relieving the distress of those who have been shipwrecked on our coast. The Secretary of the Society is a brother of Mr. Cyril Maude, and both are sons of Captain the Hon. Francis Maude, R.N., for many years Chairman of the Committee of Management. Sir Henry Irving has kindly promised to appear in "A Story of Waterloo."

It is on the tapis to found an Islington Council Lodge, for the cultivation of Masonry amongst the "Happy Family at the Town Hall." Councillors feeling that way will do well to attend a meeting at the Cock Hotel, Highbury, on Wednesday next, at 8.30 p.m., when Councillor Grant will be ready to enter the names of founders, says the "Merrie Villager," in "Islington Gazette."

The annual ball of the West Smithfield Lodge, No. 1623, which was postponed from 30th January, on account of the death of the Queen, will take place on Wednesday next, 27th inst., at the Holborn Restaurant. Particulars may be had of the Secretary Brother Hoffmann, 30 and 31 Queen Street, E.C.

REPORTS OF MEETINGS.

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"We shall be pleased to receive particulars of Masonic meetings for insertion in our columns, and where desired will endeavour to send a representative, to report Lodge or other proceedings. We do not sanction anyone attending Lodge meetings as our representative without a specific invitation.

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CRAFT: METROPOLITAN.

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Royal Athelstan Lodge, No. 19.

THIS ancient Lodge was constituted so far back as the 27th February 1769, as one of the Atholl Lodges, under the number 159, was advanced to number 10 on 7th March 1792, and received its present position at the Union of the Grand Lodges in 1813. It has a long array of Past Masters, of whom the most distinguished is the Father of the Lodge Bro. Witham Matthew Bywater Past Grand Sword Bearer of England, who was Master of the Lodge so far back as 1853. The Lodge is in a flourishing financial position, having a large sum invested from which grants are annually made to the Masonic Charities (of all of which it is a Vice-President) and cases of distress brought to the notice of the Brethren. It is therefore no small an honour to preside over so distinguished a Lodge, and the annual festival is always an evening to look forward to with pleasure.

The installation meeting took place on the 14th ult., but the country in general and Freemasons in particular were then in deep grief on account of the death of Queen Victoria, of blessed memory. The ceremony, however, was held on that date as provided by the bye-laws, and Bro. Martin Pulvermann was regularly installed by Bro. Bywater, and the following Officers were invested: Octavius Marsland S.W., Maurice Miroy J.W., Arthur Digby-Green P.M. Treasurer, John Walter Barnes Secretary, Arthur C. Burnley S.D., Thomas E. Williams J.D., W. M. Bywater D.C., W. P. Campbell Everden I.G., William Pound P.M. and H. L. Pound Stewards, and George Gilbert Prov. G.T. Middx. Tyler.

The Worshipful Master decided to postpone the celebration until the March meeting, and it is safe to say that the Brethren lost nothing by the delay. Bro. Pulvermann had time to arrange a magnificent programme, and everything was done in right royal fashion.

The Brethren assembled on the 14th inst. at the Cannon Street Hotel, E.C. and the Lodge was regularly opened by Bro. Pulvermann soon after half past five. The minutes of the last meeting contained the following touching record of the late Queen's death:

Whereas it hath pleased the Great Architect of the Universe to take unto Himself our late beloved Sovereign Queen Victoria of blessed memory,

We, the members of the Royal Athelstan Lodge, No. 10, in open Lodge assembled, desire to record upon our minutes, our deep sorrow at the great loss which we have sustained by the death of that illustrious Lady, whose life was consecrated to the work of promoting Peace and Goodwill.

As the Grand Patroness of our two Masonic Schools, and as the mother of our Most Worshipful Grand Master and his illustrious Brother the Duke of Connaught, her memory finds a place in every Mason's heart.

Proposed by Bro. W. M. Bywater.
Seconded by Bro. Whadcoat.

14th February 1901.

Upon the proposition of the Master, seconded by Bro. Pound, and supported by Bro. Digby-Green, the sum of twenty-five pounds was granted from the Benevolent Fund to relieve the necessities of a former Past Master of the Lodge. The case of the widow of a Brother who asked for assistance was considered, and two Brethren were instructed to inquire into the circumstances and report at the next meeting. Bro. Pulvermann announced that he was going to serve as a Steward at both the Girls and Boys School Festivals, and the Lodge made a liberal contribution to his lists.

The Secretary read a letter from the widow of a late member, expressing her thanks for the sympathy of the Brethren in her distress.

One Brother tendered his resignation, and one candidate was proposed for initiation at the next meeting, so the number of members is maintained.

Bro. Dix P.M. stated their Master had presented new collars to the Officers of the Lodge, and also thirty-six firing glasses for use at the fourth degree, and proposed that the same be cordially accepted, and a record of the gift be entered on the minutes. This was carried with applause.

The business before the Lodge being transacted, the Master called upon Bro. William Foxton, a junior member, to give the lecture on the second tracing board. This was done in a very perfect manner, with excellent elocution, and elicited the hearty approval of those present, especially the Past Masters.

The Lodge was then closed and the Brethren adjourned to the large Hall, where the banquet was served. The programmes were designed by Bro. Milton Smith P.M., and consisted of a very beautiful and elaborate record of the history of the Lodge, and will doubtless be preserved as a souvenir of this interesting occasion. The outer cover, printed in green, red and gold, bore the arms of the Lodge and the Centennial Medal. Inside were the portraits of the Master and his Wardens, a photographic reproduction of the Ancient Charter of 1769, with the signature of Bro. Robert Leslie Grand Secretary, a list of the homes, and the names of the Past Masters from Bro. Robert Lockhart the first W.M. in 1769, and the present Officers of the Lodge, the menu, the toast list, and the programme of the music, with words of the songs.

At the termination of the sumptuous repast, grace was sung by the vocalists, and the various silver loving cups, the property of the Lodge, were passed round.

Bro. Pulvermann, on rising to propose the first toast, received quite an ovation, which bore testimony to his popularity among the Brethren. The King, he said, must ever be endeared to Freemasons on account of the prosperity he brought them during his Grand Mastership, so that to-day they boasted nearly three thousand Lodges, with a membership of over 200,000. The toast was drank with enthusiasm, as was also that of the Duke of Connaught for the first time associated with the title of the Grand Master.

Bro. G. W. Speth P.A.G.D.C. having responded for the Officers of Grand Lodge, Bro. Money Marsland in felicitous terms proposed the health of the Worshipful Master.

Bro. Pulvermann, in reply, thanked the Brethren for their hearty reception, and promised to do his best to uphold the dignity of the Lodge, and promote harmony and charitable feeling among the Brethren.

Bro. Bywater cordially welcomed the visitors, and referred to the Old Charge exhorting the members to attend other Lodges as often as possible.

Bros. J. B. Sorell, of the City Masonic Club, Lewis Ferguson, H. J. Skelton, and Robert Manuel acknowledged the compliment, and referred to the admirable working in the Lodge and the bounteous hospitality extended to them, for which they returned their sincere thanks.

The Past Masters and Officers of the Lodge having been complimented the very enjoyable proceedings were brought to a happy termination by the Tyler's toast.

The musical entertainment was far above the usual average, and was under the direction of Bro. W. Wright P.P.G.O. Middx. The artistes were Miss Emily Davies, Miss Emily Foxcroft, Miss Margaret Stone, Bro. Mandeno Jackson, and Bro. W. L. Cockburn.

The following is a list of the visitors: Bros. Henry Lovegrove P.G.S.B., T. A. Bullock P.G.S.B., G. W. Speth P.A.G.D.C., R. D. Voisey P.G.Std.Br., H. A. Howe P.P.G.Reg. Surrey, Robert Manuel P.M. 1196, J. Soddy 15, W. W. Segrove 1604, H. Tufnell P.M. 700, G. Hall 1571, R. Barrett P.M. 172, A. A. Waller 18, A. W. Ball 1965, J. March P.M. 2722, C. Deakin P.M. 1178, G. A. Brandram 648, C. J. Wilkinson-Pimbury P.M. 1997, Orlton Cooper P.M. 211, J. Simmons 77, H. Grimsdall 2549, H. Lane 2272, E. Frampton P.M. 1584, A. E. Rowe 2580, A. M. Leaff S.D. 1364, J. Brockett-Sorell P.M. 1260, T. Bailey 2532, J. Percy Fitzgerald Sec. 2772, H. Saunton 1423, T. H. B. Riddle, G. A. Corderoy, E. Brooks, F. Cole, A. T. Duck, G. Pattison, Vincent F. Murché, and the following, invited by the W.M.: W. W. Bartlett 1929, F. H. Brace 1928, Lewis Ferguson P.M. 1997, J. Tschuschner 435, H. J. Skelton W.M. 231, E. Winterbottom P.M. 1549, W. H. C. Crump S.D. 58, and H. Risch Miller.

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Upton Lodge, No. 1227.

"NOTHING succeeds like success, we are told, and on that principle we can account for the fact that this month's meeting of the Upton Lodge—although an off-night in every sense of the word—proved another "gala day" in its history, the special feature of the meeting being the report of the Worshipful Master Bro. W. J. Carroll, who secured the honourable position of premier Steward of England at the recent Festival of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution, taking up a list of £525 10s. It was a matter of particular gratification to the members of the Lodge that at this Festival they had actually secured the first place in point of amount sent up, as on a previous occasion the Steward of the Upton Lodge at one of the Festivals missed the distinction by a few shillings only; on this occasion the Lodge representative had a good surplus, the next list in order being upwards of £30 behind, and naturally the workers of 1227, and the Brethren who had supported the list of the W.M., were particularly gratified at the splendid result—it was indeed most creditable to all concerned.

The meeting was held at the Great Eastern Hotel, Liverpool Street, on Thursday of last week, and was well attended by Officers of the Lodge and other members, and visitors. The whole of the proceedings were ably presided over by Bro. W. J. Carroll W.M., who won general approval and added to his reputation by the manner in which he performed the different ceremonies. There were four candidates for raising—Bros. Arthur Ekins, Thomas Dorman Carter, Charles J. Gilmer, and Morris C. Cole—and all of them were present, and were duly admitted to a participation in the secrets of the sublime degree of Master Mason. Five of six candidates for passing were present, Brothers Herbert C. Houghton, Thomas Saunders, James Avery, Richard Henry Ferguson, and Arthur Ferguson, and they were passed to the second degree.

In announcing the result of his Stewardship on behalf of the Old People Bro. Carroll said that no less than forty members of the Upton Lodge had supported him with Life Governorship contributions of ten guineas each; the Upton Lodge itself had given him twenty guineas, and the Lodge of Instruction five guineas; while a few friends had also placed their contributions on his list—including a donation of ten shillings from a non-Masonic customer of his, and of which he was particularly proud—with the result that he was able to announce a total of five hundred guineas and ten shillings. He was very proud of the fact that this total placed him at the head of the Stewards of the year so far as amount was concerned, and felt that every member of the Upton would unite with him in the satisfaction of knowing their Lodge had been able to give so good an account of itself. Needless to say the report and comments of the Worshipful Master were heartily received by the members and visitors; it was certainly a matter to be proud of.

Two candidates were proposed for initiation, and a grant of five guineas made to relieve the pressing wants of the widow of a Brother who was initiated in the Lodge some twenty odd years back. Bro. Free, the Secretary, and others who spoke in reference to this grant,

urged that the Lodge could hardly be said to be liable after so long a period, and bearing in mind the fact that the Brother only paid for a very short time, and left the Lodge in debt, but they hoped it would never be said that the cry of distress was disregarded by them, no matter the length of time which had elapsed or the special features of the case which might be urged as an excuse. Here was a poor widow in want, and they were only too pleased it was in their power to render her some help.

The Lodge was subsequently closed, and the Brethren repaired to dinner, at the conclusion of which the W.M. submitted the toasts.

It was the first time in the history of the Upton Lodge, said the W.M., that they had had the pleasure of honouring the toast of the King and the Craft. As Masons they were indeed proud to have His Majesty in the Office of Protector of English Freemasonry. His Majesty had been initiated some thirty-three years, and had been at the head of the Brotherhood for upwards of twenty-six years; they were really sorry to lose him as chief of the Order.

In proposing the toast of the Duke of Connaught M.W.G.M.-elect the W.M. said no words of his were needed to convince the Brethren that the Duke was well qualified for the high office to which he had been elected. He was already a Past Grand Master of England, a Provincial, and District Grand Master, and he would, he was sure, ably follow in the footsteps of his brother, the late ruler of the Craft.

The next toast was that of the Grand Officers. The W.M. said he prided himself on having seen a little of the work of the Grand Officers and he thought so much of it that he felt that any Brother qualified to attend Grand Lodge could not go there without learning something of the way in which Freemasonry should be conducted. Bro. Carroll referred to his presence, with many others associated with the Lodge, at the Festival of the Emulation Lodge of Improvement when the work performed was excellently done, in true Masonic style.

Bro. C. J. R. Tijou P.G.P. replied. He regretted he had not been able to attend the Lodge more often than he had done. Many of his friends were members, and he had had many invitations. He trusted the example already set by the Duke of Connaught as a Mason would be extended in his new Office of Grand Master, and that as a consequence the Order, instead of losing through the retirement of the Prince of Wales, might actually advance under the rule of the new Grand Master. He felt it would be acceptable to the Brethren generally to see more of the Grand Officers in the east end of London, or even better still, if an occasional Grand Lodge collar came that way.

Bro. Rowberry I.P.M. said it was his privilege and pleasure to propose a toast he felt sure would be well received—that of the W.M. of the Lodge. They had in Bro. Carroll, as was amply demonstrated in their Lodge that evening, a real good worker in the Craft, and they felt very proud of him in consequence. He certainly followed in the footsteps of his predecessors, and upheld the prestige of the Lodge most worthily. The last meeting of their Lodge, the first Ladies night they had had, was a great success, and that was mainly due to the exertions of Bro. Carroll, who, he might truly say, had the entire support of all the members of the Lodge. They were very proud indeed to see their W.M. come out so well at the recent Festival, that, again, was an evidence that he had the hearty and unanimous support of the members of the Upton Lodge, and it proved what was possible under such conditions.

Bro. Carroll thanked the Brethren for the hearty and very sincere way in which they had honoured the toast. The whole grit of the matter of his success lay in a small compass, and could be expressed in a few words. It was, as Bro. Rowberry had told them, that he had the confidence of the members of the Lodge—that was the whole secret of the matter. Whatever he could do for the future success of the Lodge he should be most pleased to undertake, and he promised them he would carry it out to the best of his ability.

Bro. Hyde P.M. proposed what he regarded as a most important toast, the health of the visitors to the Lodge.

Bro. F. H. Bright P.P.S.G.W. Essex replied. He had been with his friend Bro. Tijou at another Masonic meeting in the building, and having occupied the chair there had already made six or seven speeches that night. The short time he had been with them he had enjoyed himself very much; that was the first time he had had the pleasure of attending a London Lodge, and if what he had seen was a fair specimen of what had been done the whole evening he could but regret he had not been able to attend earlier. He had the pleasure of belonging to the Province of Essex, where they were ruled over by a Prov.G.M. whom they all loved and revered, and that Brother was especially pleased with the result of the recent Festival over which he presided, and where the Upton Lodge took so important a part. He wished the Lodge great success in the future, and trusted it might go on as it had done in the past, and be a great strength to the Craft in years to come.

Bro. Venning said the meeting had been the most enjoyable one he had ever attended since his association with the Craft, and if they would receive him he hoped on some future occasion to become a member of their Lodge.

Bro. Hall said that he and the other members of the Earl of Warwick Lodge had as much regard for Bro. Carroll as they of the Upton Lodge had; he was also a member of that Lodge, and had always evinced the true spirit of Masonry and of Masonic benevolence among them. He would be glad to go back to the Earl of Warwick Lodge and assure the members that some day in the future they would have in Bro. Carroll a Master of whom they would all be proud.

The Master next proposed the toast of the Past Masters, saying they had some of the best on the roll of the Upton Lodge.

Bro. Free, the Secretary, replied. He was very pleased to hear the remarks of the W.M., the Past Masters, and the members generally at the way in which the Lodge was going on. He always regarded and termed the members of the Lodge the Upton boys, and he was very pleased and proud of the way in which those boys had conducted themselves. They were particularly gratified at what the

W.M. had done as Steward at the recent Festival of the Benevolent Institution. The members of the Lodge worked with that love and harmony which characterised Freemasonry and although it was said a rolling stone gathered no moss, yet they could point to the different changes in the habitation of the Lodge and show the Lodge had certainly gathered numbers. He congratulated the W.M. on the hard work he had had to carry out in conferring different degrees, but felt they must take care not to make the Lodge too large. They then had some seventy or eighty members, and were still progressing although he had heard Grand Officers on many occasions urge that about forty was a fair limit, and gave the Master as much to look after as he could desire.

A handsome present was made to Bro. E. C. Holmes Organist of the Lodge, as a mark of appreciation of services so efficiently and willingly rendered on every occasion the Lodge met. It took the form of a gold brooch set with diamonds, for Mrs. Holmes, and was given with the heartiest of good wishes on the part of the members of the Lodge. It is well known to frequenters of the Upton Lodge that music plays a prominent part in the enjoyment of the meetings, and in providing it Bro. Holmes may be said to take the leading part.

Engineer Lodge, No. 2599.

An interesting meeting of this rapidly increasing Lodge took place at the Frascati Restaurant, Oxford Street, W., on Saturday, 9th inst. As usual there was plenty of business on the agenda, for "the work's the thing" with the Royal Engineers, and as every Officer makes it a pleasure as well as a duty to be proficient in his part, it is always agreeable to be present at the meetings.

Bro. J. Percy White W.M. opened the Lodge with military punctuality at 3.30 p.m., after which the minutes of the last regular and emergency meetings were read and confirmed. The ballot was taken on behalf of Lieut. Cyril Henry Ayscough and C.S.M. Harry Gill, which proved unanimous.

The chair was then taken by Bro. James Coombs P.M. 398, Nova Scotia, when Messrs. Ayscough and Gill, together with Messrs. Chas. Williams and Joseph Chambers, previously balloted for, were admitted and regularly initiated into the mysteries and privileges of the Order.

Bro. E. S. Standing I.P.M. then took the Chair and passed Bro. P. K. Lawry to the degree of a Fellow Craft.

The Worshipful Master now resumed his seat, when Brothers Capt. Allan Smythe and H. Hammett, having answered the usual questions in the second degree, were raised as Master Masons, and took their seats in the Lodge.

All the ceremonies were admirably rendered by the various Masters above mentioned and this division of the work rendered it doubly interesting. Another pleasing innovation was made by the Junior Warden Bro. John Fitch explaining the different working tools, and the Senior Warden Bro. J. Kearney giving the ancient charge to the Initiates. A word of praise must also be accorded to the Deacons for their excellent work, which tended so much to enhance the dignity of the ritual.

The W.M. announced that he had received the following letter:

War Office, London, 14th Feb. 1901.

SIR,—I am desired by Field Marshal Lord Roberts to acknowledge and thank you for your letter of the 11th inst., intimating your wish to propose him as an Honorary Member of your Lodge, and to say that his Lordship will be glad to offer himself as a candidate.

Yours faithfully,

H. STREATFIELD, Major, Private Secretary.

J. PERCY WHITE, ESQ.

He therefore proposed that Earl Roberts of Khandahar and Pretoria Past Grand Warden of England be elected an Honorary member of the Lodge. This was seconded by Bro. Standing, and carried with acclamation. Bro. White also stated that he had received a letter from H.R.H. the Duke of Connaught, in answer to a request, written long before his election as Grand Master, regretting that he could not become a member of the Lodge, as he already belonged to so many that he did not desire to extend the number.

The Brethren then proceeded to elect a Master, Treasurer, and Tyler for the ensuing year, with the result that Bros. J. Kearney S.W., Capt. J. Coles P.M., and H. Martin P.M. were selected for those respective Offices. Bro. Kearney returned thanks for the honour conferred upon him, and pledged himself to do all in his power to render himself worthy of the confidence of the Brethren.

Bro. Taylor P.M. brought under the notice of the Lodge the distressful circumstances of the widow of Colour Sergeant Potter, of the Irish Fusiliers, who was killed at the battle of Spion Kop; and with characteristic generosity the Brethren immediately voted the sum of five guineas for the relief of the family of their dead comrade. The sympathy of the Lodge was also extended to Bro. Captain Coles, who had received a telegram from the Cape that his son, who is serving in the Imperial Yeomanry, had been severely wounded.

Bro. Percy White announced that he would go up as a Steward at the next Festival of the Girls School, and invited contributions from the Brethren. This was cordially responded to during the evening, and a very respectable sum was collected. In accordance with the usual custom of the Lodge, the charity box was passed round before the closing hymn was sung, and a goodly amount was handed to the Treasurer for the Benevolent Fund. There being no further business the Lodge was closed, and the meeting adjourned.

The Brethren afterwards dined together, and a pleasant evening was enjoyed, the harmony being supplied by Bro. George R. Ceiley, A.R.C.O.

Among those who were present were Bros. Col. A. Knight Prescott P.A.G.D.C., R. Ford P.M. 1817 Prov.G. Steward Essex, F. Harries 1341, H. E. Milton 77, J. O. West 190, W. Johnson 1882, A. E. Crouch 2517, Henry Woodcock 2247, &c.

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Confidence Lodge, No. 193.

At the Hercules Tavern, 115 Leadenhall Street, at 7 o'clock, on the 13th inst., Bros. E. G. Bygrave W.M., W. Hattersley S.W., G. F. Carr J.W., J. W. Simeons P.M. acting Preceptor, J. K. Pitt P.M. Secretary, W. Chittock S.D., T. J. Goodchild J.D., Alex. Green I.G., Davey P.M., Mears P.M., and other Brethren.

Bro. Scoones offered himself a candidate for initiation, and the ceremony was impressively rehearsed by the W.M., a member of the Crescent Lodge, who officiated for the first time in any Lodge; a vote of thanks to him was afterwards recorded on the minutes. Brother Metcalf Baillie S.W. of the Mother Lodge, by courtesy of the W.M. then occupied the chair, and rehearsed the ceremony of passing, giving the lectures on the tracing board. We congratulate him on his knowledge of the ritual. Bro. W. Hattersley was elected W.M. for the following Wednesday.

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Westbourne Lodge, No. 733.

AS usual there was a good attendance at this Lodge of Instruction on Tuesday, 12th inst., at the Oliver Arms, Westbourne Terrace North, Harrow Road, W., those present including Bros. F. Chedley W.M., C. Halston S.W., F. J. Middleton J.W., H. Dehane P.M. Prec., G. Weaver P.M. Treas., G. Mogford P.M. Sec., H. Bagnall S.D., W. Wiffenbach J.D., E. Thomas I.G., C. E. Lilley P.M. 733, R. Barns, Snow, Potter, Lindsay, Wynman, W. H. Handover I.P.M. 1642.

The minutes having been confirmed the W.M. vacated the chair in favour of Bro. Lilley, who rehearsed the second degree, Brother Chedley candidate. The Lodge was resumed to the first degree, and called off. On resuming Bro. Halston was elected W.M. for Tuesday 26th, the next Tuesday being Officers' night.

Bro. Middleton proposed that the annual supper should take place on 2nd April, at Bro. F. E. Stevens's, the Prince of Wales, Bishop's Road, W., which was carried unanimously, and it was decided that Bro. C. E. Lilley I.P.M. should preside on the occasion.

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Ranelagh Lodge, No. 834.

ON Friday, 8th inst., the weekly meeting of this old established Lodge of Instruction was held at the Six Bells Hotel, Hammersmith. Bro. K. M. Ross, the preseat W.M. of the Paxton Lodge, occupied the chair and his Officers were Bros. J. Hallam S.W., M. F. Wilkins J.W., Arthur Williams P.M. Prec., W. Hinds P.M. Treas., F. Craggs P.M. Sec., H. G. Cox S.D., W. Atkinson J.D., W. L. Hellyar I.G. We also noticed Bros. H. J. Cousens P.M. of the Old Concord Lodge, R. Reid P.M., J. H. Cumming P.M., W. G. Lee and G. J. Meek.

The Lodge having been opened, the W.M. stated his intention of rehearsing the initiation ceremony, which he carried out, Bro. Lee taking the candidate's place. The first and second sections of the first lecture were worked by the Brethren, under the Preceptor's direction.

Bro. Hallam was elected to the position of W.M. for the next meeting and Bro. Craggs, the able Secretary, made an appeal to those present to support the candidate for the Royal Masonic Girls School put forward by the West London Masonic Election Association.

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Metropolitan Lodge, No. 1056.

At the Mail Coach Hotel, Farringdon Street, E.C., on Friday, 15th inst., Bros. Wood W.M., Waldvogel P.M. S.W., Pewtress J.W., Neilson S.D., Fuller J.D., Hayward I.G., Witt P.M. Sec., Weinell P.M. Preceptor, Clarke, Clayton, Ferguson, Newnham, Hampton, Spaul P.M., Moyle. The Lodge was opened to the third degree, and the first section of the lecture was worked by Bro. Clayton, assisted by the Brethren. The W.M. then rehearsed the ceremony of raising, in a most perfect and impressive manner, Bro. Sayer acting as candidate. Bro. Wood was heartily congratulated on having attained the chair in his Mother Lodge, and for the able way in which he had presided for the first time in this Lodge of Instruction.

Bro. Waldvogel was elected as W.M. for the first Friday in April.

It was announced that the annual banquet would take place the following Friday evening, at Anderton's Hotel, at 6.30, also that the Fifteen Sections would be worked on Friday, 26th April.

A letter was read from a West Australian Lodge, inquiring as to the best means of popularising a Lodge of Instruction.

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Metropolitan Lodge, No. 1507.

ON Monday, at Bro. Richard Blunden's, the Globe Tavern and Restaurant, Finsbury Pavement, Moorgate Street, Bros. R. Hunt W.M., G. Ryon S.W., J. Kern J.W., J. F. Saunders P.M. Preceptor, Charles Johnson W.M.-elect 2206 Secretary, W. Collins S.D., J. W. Doubtfire J.D., E. Pidduck I.G., H. Hill P.M., J. Ward, J. Webster, H. Abrahams P.M., C. G. Zander W.M., J. Wynman, J. W. Honniball.

The Lodge being formed to the third degree and resumed to the second, when the usual formalities were observed, and the ceremony of raising was rehearsed, Brother Ward making an excellent candidate. The Lodge was resumed to the first degree, and the investiture of Officers was rehearsed, Bro. Johnson Secretary acting as D.C. We compliment Bro. Hunt on his excellent working, also on the very able manner in which he invested the Officers.

The W.M. kindly vacated the chair for the popular Preceptor of the Lodge, who rehearsed the ceremony of initiation, Bro. Zander P.M. kindly acting as candidate.

The faultless working of Bro. Saunders being so well known

requires no remarks on our part, suffice it to say it was done to perfection.

Bro. G. Ryon S.W. was elected W.M. for Monday.

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New Cross Lodge, No. 1559.

CONSIDERING the unfavourable weather there was a good attendance on Tuesday at Bro. Lewis Lake's, the Kemble's Head, Long Acre, those present including Bros. G. Faaz Secretary W.M., T. Woods W.M. 87 S.W., A. Calot J.W., Charles Johnson (W.M.-elect) acting Preceptor, W. Knill acting Sec., F. H. Middleton S.D., E. Hancock J.D., L. Lake I.G., Brown, Wynman, Messenger P.M., &c.

The ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, Bro. Brown acting as candidate. Bro. Lewis Lake assisted Bro. Johnson to work the second section, and Bro. Johnson in return assisted Bro. Lake to work the first section. The working was highly appreciated by the Brethren.

Bro. T. Woods was elected W.M. for Tuesday.

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West Smithfield Lodge, No. 1623.

THERE was an exceptionally good meeting on Wednesday, at 7 o'clock, at the well adapted rooms of Bro. J. R. L. Daish, the City Scotch Stores, Knightrider Street, E.C. Being Officers' night we noticed with pleasure that all the Officers of the regular Lodge were in their places: Bros. C. A. Barter W.M., J. C. Pratt I.P.M., F. P. Weinell P.M. P.Z. Preceptor, J. Hoffmann J.D. Secretary, G. Heinrich S.W., A. Ellenden J.W., G. Oakden S.D., Charles Strong acting J.D., S. Van Royen I.G., T. Powell W.M. 1281, J. Kent, Lionel Killock, J. Wynman, G. Meissner, G. H. Hall, J. R. L. Daish.

The ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, Bro. J. Kent acting as candidate. This was followed by the second degree, Bro. Meissner as the candidate being first examined and entrusted. We compliment the W.M. on his excellent working and the assistance rendered by his Officers; it augurs well for the Mother Lodge. By desire of the W.M. Bro. T. Powell W.M. 2182, with the assistance of the Brethren, worked the second section of the lecture.

Bro. G. Hall 1623 was elected a member, which compliment was acknowledged. Bro. G. Heinrich S.W. 1623 will officiate on Wednesday next, and his ability being well known we expect to see another good assembly.

Bro. Hoffmann Secretary informed the Brethren that the 11th annual dance of the West Smithfield Lodge would take place on Wednesday next, 27th inst., at the Holborn Restaurant. The dance was postponed from 30th January, on account of the death of the Queen. Further particulars may be had from Bro. Hoffmann, 30 and 31 Queen Street, E.C.

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Kensington Lodge, No. 1767.

At the Town Hall Tavern, Kensington, Tuesday, 12th inst., was Officers' night and Brethren turned up in large numbers. Bro. Lewis Beale W.M. of the Mother Lodge occupied the chair, and was supported by Bros. F. Cave S.W., R. H. Meyer J.W., W. B. Neville P.M. acting Prec., F. Craggs P.M. Sec., W. H. Cave S.D., W. F. Cave J.D., W. Watson I.G., W. H. Dresden P.M., J. H. Neville P.M., H. J. Cousens P.M., J. H. Cumming P.M., Arthur Williams P.M., T. W. Blott P.M., A. J. Turner P.M., Morgan, Moore, Hiscox, etc.

After the opening of the Lodge and confirmation of minutes it was advanced to the second degree, and Bro. Watson having been examined retired. Bro. Dresden P.M. was entrusted. The Lodge was opened up to the third degree, and Bro. Dresden occupied the candidate's place during the raising ceremony. The rendering of the ritual by Bro. Beale was completed in a perfect manner. Lodge being resumed to the first degree Bro. Beale ordered Bro. Watson to be re-admitted, and the second section of the first lecture was worked by Bro. Arthur Williams Preceptor, assisted by the Brethren. Bro. Cave was elected W.M. for next meeting, and as the Town Hall Tavern, Kensington is adjacent to the District Railway Station we recommend any Brethren living in the district to pay it a visit. They will be accorded a hearty welcome.

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Chiswick Lodge, No. 2012.

ON Saturday, 9th inst., the usual weekly meeting was held at the Windsor Castle Hotel, Hammersmith, the chair being occupied by Bro. W. Hide P.M., who was supported by Bros. T. W. Hodgson S.W., M. F. Wilkins J.W., Arthur Williams P.M. Prec., R. Josey P.M. Sec., H. Mair S.D., F. G. Evans J.D., L. Walsh I.G., R. Reid P.M., J. H. Cumming P.M., H. J. Cousens P.M., R. H. Larter P.M., Bunce, etc.

The installation ceremony was gone through, Bro. Bunce candidate. The W.M. then vacated his position in favour of the S.W. Bro. Hodgson, who is the W.M. of the Hammersmith Lodge. Bro. Walsh was examined and entrusted, and the Lodge opened in the second degree, when the passing ceremony was rehearsed. Bro. Hide was chosen to preside again at the next meeting.

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Hammersmith Lodge, No. 2090.

ON the 27th ult., at Wycombe House, Hammersmith, Bros. J. Hallam W.M., H. Warren S.W., H. A. Barnett J.W., R. W. Gale Sec., W. Hillier P.M. Prec., M. F. Wilkins S.D., W. Golby J.D., G. W. Turner I.G., Bartlett P.M., J. H. Cumming P.M., H. J. Cousens P.M., E. W. Scolding, F. Cave, and others.

The ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, the candidate being Bro. F. Cave. Lodge was called off and on and the second section of the lecture was worked by the Preceptor, assisted by the Brethren. A vote of thanks was passed to Bro. Hallam for his rendering of the ritual.

ON the 6th inst., Bros. H. Warren W.M., E. A. Barnett S.W., M. F. Wilkins J.W., W. Hillier P.M. Prec., R. W. Gale Sec., W. Golby S.D., F. Cave J.D., Holland I.G., R. Reid P.M., J. H. Cumming P.M., Albert Hunt, Bratt, J. Wood, J. Hallam.

The initiation ceremony was gone through, the position of candidate being taken by Bro. Wood. Bro. Bratt having offered, was examined and entrusted. The Lodge having been opened in the second degree the passing ceremony was rehearsed. On the resumption of the Lodge the S.W. Bro. Barnett was elected to occupy the chair on the 20th inst., the next meeting being Officers night.

The Secretary informed the W.M. that he had received a notification from the Royal Savoy Lodge of Instruction accepting an invitation to visit the Hammersmith Lodge of Instruction on 3rd April. These friendly interchanges of ideas are in our opinion of great use in the metropolis, as they no doubt insure the ritual being rehearsed in a more uniform manner. Bro. Warren was complimented on the way in which he had carried out the duties of W.M.

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Woodrow Lodge, No. 2271.

AN exceptionally good meeting was held on Monday, at Bro. Rudderforth's Restaurant, 24 Panton Street, Haymarket, those present including Bros. G. W. Lacy W.M., A. Elliott S.W., G. Yeowell J.W., C. Woodrow P.M. Prec., J. W. Simeons P.M. Sec., T. Burgess S.D., L. Lake J.D., T. G. Lobbs I.G., Edward W. Davis P.A.G.D.C. Middx., W. H. Making P.M., W. West W.M., T. F. Strutt I.P.M., H. Lassam, J. E. Culverhouse, B. A. Calot, J. Cunningham, F. A. Grille, J. H. Francis, T. Detrez, P. Gayer, Percy Cooper, J. Wynman.

The Lodge being opened, the W.M. kindly vacated the chair in favour of the Deputy Preceptor, who advanced the Lodge to the second degree and rehearsed the ceremony of raising, for which Bro. Cooper acted as candidate. The Lodge was resumed to the first degree, and the W.M. again assumed the chair. He rehearsed the ceremony of passing.

Bro. H. Lassam 1381 was elected a member, which compliment was acknowledged, and Bro. Elliott was chosen W.M. for Monday.

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York Lodge, No. 236.

THE Worshipful Master Bro. E. S. Robinson, at the meeting on Monday night, read the following gratifying communication which he had received from the Freemasons of New-York:—

"Preamble and Resolution adopted at a stated Communication of York Lodge, No. 197, Free and Accepted Masons, Masonic Hall, New York City, 8th February 1901, A.L. 5901.

"Whereas in the Providence of God, and in the course of wise nature Victoria, the noble Queen of Great Britain, has entered into rest after a reign of unprecedented splendour and progress, and of unexampled purity and justice, wherein doth repose the glory and royalty of rulers; whereas the womanly Queen Victoria was an unchallenged descendant, in the direct line of the famous House of York, the House of the White Rose, which in the renown of statecraft and in valour or arms, no less than in the more prolific arts of peace excelled among many illustrious lines of Kings, and from which ancient and distinguished House York Lodge, No. 197, Free and Accepted Masons of the State of New York, U.S.A., derives its name and inherits much honour, therefore be it resolved that York Lodge, No. 197, Free and Accepted Masons, duly constituted and assembled, doth hereby register its deep sorrow and loss in the death of the august Queen and illustrious woman Victoria, who has by her example and encouragement fostered the growth of civil and religious liberty and promoted amity and concord among the nations of the earth, thereby justly earning the lasting regard and respect of the entire world; and be it further resolved that York Lodge, No. 197, Free and Accepted Masons, doth hereby express its sympathy with the Most Worshipful Grand Master of England, his Majesty King Edward VII., King of England and Emperor of India, in the intense bereavement and grief which has come to him and to his House in the sad death of his esteemed and honoured mother, and be it further resolved that the York Lodge, No. 197, Free and Accepted Masons of the State of New York, U.S.A., hereby extends to the York Lodge, No. 236, Free and Accepted Masons, in York, England, its sincere condolence and sympathy for the personal loss sustained at the decease of its gracious Queen and Patron.

(Signed) DAVID J. DE CLARCK
Secretary."

The document was sealed with the seal of the Lodge, the emblem of which is the White Rose. A Committee was appointed to draw up and send a suitable reply.

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Loyal Berkshire Lodge of Hope, No. 574.

A NUMEROUSLY attended meeting of Officers and Brethren was held in the newly-consecrated Temple in Northbrook Street, Newbury, on Tuesday evening, 12th inst., under the presidency of the Worshipful Master Bro. John Rolfe.

The main object with which the Brethren had gathered together was to present Past Master Stephen Knight jun. with a testimonial in recognition of the valuable services he had rendered to the Lodge for some years. The W.M., in befitting terms, made reference to the successive Offices Bro. Knight had filled in the Lodge, including that of W.M., and also acting W.M. in the absence of Colonel Gerald Ricardo, on active service with the Imperial Yeomanry in South Africa. He had likewise taken deep interest in the working of the Lodge of Instruction—a valuable adjunct to a regular Lodge. The proposal to acknowledge Bro. Knight's services met with such a ready and liberal response that a sufficient sum was raised not

only for the purchase of a handsome timepiece for Bro. Knight, but also a gold watch for Mrs. Knight, who, during the two years her husband presided over the Lodge, assisted in promoting the success of several social functions.

The clock and watch were handed by the W.M. to Bro. Knight, who made a feeling reply, expressing the very hearty thanks of his wife and himself for the handsome gifts the Brethren had made. Bro. Knight mentioned that when he was initiated, eleven years ago, the membership was fifty, but it had since increased to a material extent. Notwithstanding deaths, removals, etc., the roll of subscribing members now contained the names of some eighty clerics and laymen, and the Lodge had become the strongest in the Province of Berkshire—a position which he hoped it would continue to maintain.

Bros. W. G. Mount, W. H. Belcher, and G. J. Cosburn followed with interesting addresses relating to the history of Freemasonry in Newbury, and the W.M. was warmly thanked for the satisfactory manner in which he had carried out the arrangements in connection with the testimonial.

The presentation proceedings having concluded, the Brethren were hospitably entertained by the W.M. and Mrs. Rolfe in a spacious ante-room, where for many years the Petty Sessions for the Division were weekly held, being presided over for some years by Mr. Mount's father, and subsequently by Bro. Mount himself. Mrs. Rolfe superintended the catering for the guests, and was assisted by her daughter, also by Mrs. J. Stradling, Mrs. and Miss Beatrice Cosburn, Mrs. E. Turner, and other ladies.

The health of his Majesty King Edward VII., Protector of Freemasonry, proposed by the W.M., was loyally honoured.

Bro. Cosburn, the senior member of the Lodge, at the call of the W.M., gave in suitable terms the toast of Bro. W. G. Mount, referring to his valuable public services to the county, and particularly to the Newbury Division, and expressing the appreciation of the Brethren of the honour Brother Mount had done them by travelling from town at his advanced age for the purpose of testifying to the interest he still felt in the Lodge.

The toast was drunk with the utmost enthusiasm. Bro. Mount made a graceful reply, and congratulated the Brethren upon having acquired a building so well adapted for Masonic purposes.

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Zion Lodge, No. 1798.

THE regular meeting was held at the Grand Hotel, Aytoun Street, Manchester, on Wednesday, 13th inst., Bro. William Dagnall Worshipful Master.

After the reading and confirmation of minutes, a successful ballot was taken for Mr. Thomas Chant, Traveller, Moss Side, Manchester, whose initiation was postponed until next month, in consequence of the fact that three raisings were due, namely of Bros. Henry McCann, William Moreton, and Jack Lichtenstein. These ceremonies were ultimately taken, being performed by Bros. Mark Steel I.P.M., the W.M. (who also gave the working tools), and Bernhard Steel P.M. respectively.

At the festive board which followed Bro. George Rideal P.M. proposed the health of the candidates, who responded. Bro. Rideal also proposed that of the W.M., which in turn received a fitting response.

In replying to the toast of the visitors, ably introduced by Bro. Bernhard Steel P.M., Bro. C. H. Clubb S.W. 1633, and Bro. Mark Goldman 815 spoke of the excellence of the work done that evening, and paid a special compliment to Bro. Nathan Robinson J.D., who had undertaken the duty of his senior Officer, and had acquitted himself in a most intelligent and praiseworthy manner. His heart and soul were in the work, and it was predicted for him that he would be certain to make satisfactory progress in the Craft.

Several songs enlivened the proceedings, which did not terminate until a late hour of the evening.

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Cycling and Athletic Lodge, No. 2335.

INSTALLATION OF BRO. CLAUDE S. KERSHAW.

THE annual installation took place on the 7th inst., at the Masonic Hall, Hope Street, Liverpool, when there was a fairly large attendance of members and visiting Brethren.

Before the Lodge was closed, Bro. Hunter I.P.M. was presented with a Past Master's jewel in recognition of his services to the Lodge during the past year, and he was also warmly thanked for the able manner in which he had installed his successor.

An excellent banquet was subsequently served, and the usual Loyal and Masonic toasts honoured. In the course of the proceedings further evidence was forthcoming of the popularity Bro. Hunter had achieved, a handsome tea and coffee service being presented him as a slight acknowledgment of his past work.

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The Manchester Lodge, No. 2554.

A LADIES' social followed the ordinary business of this Lodge, which held its March meeting at the Freemasons' Hall, Manchester, on Friday, 8th inst.

Bro. Alfred Blades Smith W.M. received the fair guests in the Lodge room, whence they were conducted to the dining hall, and members of the Craft, who attended in satisfactory numbers, partook of a splendid banquet.

The loyal toasts were introduced by Bro. Smith W.M. who, in apropos terms dilated upon the many excellencies of His Most Gracious Majesty the King, the Queen Consort, and other members of the Royal Family, not forgetting to pay a fitting tribute of respect to the lately deceased Queen Victoria.

An excellent programme had been prepared, Miss Katharine

Glover creating a first and pleasing impression by her singing of "Mia Piccirella" (Gomes), which was further accentuated when she essayed another song, "The Swallows" (Cowan). Brothers J. G. Hewson and Thurgate Simpson, who are well known in connection with the Manchester and other concerts, were in their best form, being assisted by the efforts of Bro. Chas. Jordan and Miss Pauline Stuart, accompanists. The humorous part of the entertainment was relegated to Bros. Arthur J. Hoyland, who sang "The Three Ages of Man," with other numbers (principally written by Bro. Nelson Jackson), and Edward Roberts P.M., etc., who rendered sketches "Setting a Hen," "Father Phil," etc.

After the toast of the Ladies had been given and duly responded to, Bro. Arthur C. K. Smith I.P.M. proposed the health of the Worshipful Master, in his usual happy vein, explaining that after the loyal toasts that of the W.M. might be considered the principal one of the evening. Bro. Smith W.M. was, like himself, of retiring habits, but he (the speaker) was proud to say that the subject of his remarks had, thanks to his occupancy of the chair, which was educational in this respect, developed many latent talents, and shown abilities not hitherto thought of.

Bro. A. B. Smith W.M. responded at some length, his well-balanced remarks fully justifying the eulogium which the I.P.M. had passed upon him.

Bro. P. Z. da Cunha Secretary proposed the toast of the visitors, which received responses from Messrs. Major Preston and Albert Britain.

The health of the I.P.M. was proposed by Bro. Frank J. Large Treasurer, to which Bro. A. C. K. Smith replied.

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Invicta Chapter, No. 709.

INSTALLATION OF COMPANION WILLIAM DAWES.

THE installation meeting of this Chapter was held on Wednesday, 13th inst., at the Bank Street Hall, Ashford, Kent, when Comp. W. Dawes was installed as First Principal. Comps. Edmund Pawlett and Alfred John Burrows were placed in the chairs of H. and J. respectively, and the following Companions were elected to the subordinate Offices: Frederick Hughes-Hallett P.Z. Scribe E., B. C. Drake Scribe N., James M. A. Poncia P.S., Richard Fuggle and J. H. Brooke Assistants, Robert Elliott P.Z. Treasurer, James D. Tappen-den Janitor.

Upon the conclusion of the business, the Companions adjourned to the Kent Arms Hotel, where the banquet was served.

Hornsey Chapter of Improvement, No. 890.

ON 15th inst., at the Prince of Wales Hotel, Eastbourne Terrace, Bishops Road, Paddington, W., Comps. Walter Hancock P.Z. 91 and 1614 M.E.Z., H. Foskett H. 185 H., E. Gilbert P.Z. 173 J., H. Foskett 890 Treas., H. Dehane P.Z. 890 P.P.G.P.S. Essex Scribe E., W. J. Lewis P.S. 890 Scribe N., H. Armfield P.S. 1642 P.S., F. Marchant 1st A.S. 890 1st A.S., A. L. Butters N. 890, R. N. Larter H. 186, E. Stephens 733, J. Rowe 1614, G. Mogford 1361; Visitor: Comp. A. F. Hardyment J. 1489.

The Chapter was opened and the minutes of the last convocation read and confirmed. The ceremony of exaltation was rehearsed, Comp. Hardyment candidate, who was afterwards elected a member, and acknowledged the compliment.

CLAIM AGAINST THE CRAFT.

AN alleged lunatic, Charles George Holland, was brought before Mr. Reynolds, J.P., at St. George's Workhouse, Southwark, in custody of Mr. J. C. Glover, relieving officer, who had arrested him at Sumner Street, Blackfriars, upon the information of Mr. Hunter, London County Council, that he was subject to extraordinary delusions, and had threatened violence if his demands were not complied with. It appeared that Holland, who was a very intelligent man, and had taken an active part in local politics, became possessed of the idea that he was the "king of the schnorrers" (or beggars), described by Mr. Zangwill in one of his later stories. He also believed that he had a "claim for £20,000 compensation from the Grand Lodge of Freemasons, on account of some mysterious persecution" which he had suffered through his having acquired a partial knowledge of the "secrets" of the Craft. Acting upon this latter notion, he had given up a situation which he had held for twenty years at a drug warehouse in Farrington Road, in order to press his claims upon the officials at Freemasons' Hall. He delivered a formal "statement of claim," and called next day for an answer, but was not admitted, and it was then that he used the alleged threats, which led to his arrest. In a statement made subsequently Holland said he was not a member of the Masonic body, but he had laid his case before them, and had no doubt it would be favourably considered. They had made him swear some terrible oaths, and had practically "turned his brain inside out," but he was willing to compromise the matter for an allowance of £400 a year, and as the Masons were very rich and nice fellows he should be pleased to join them when matters were settled. He expressed great admiration for Zangwill's "Children of the Ghetto," and said he had played the part of the "King of the Schnorrers" with great success in Petticoat Lane and Spitalfields. He hoped the Press would support his petition to Grand Lodge.

Holland repeated his statement, with amplifications, before the justice, and said he had been hypnotised and terrorised at a house in Waterloo Road.

Dr. Smith, medical officer of the workhouse, gave evidence as to prisoner's mental condition.

Mrs. Holland stated that her husband's delusions had possessed him since Christmas. He forbade her to let her rooms, on the ground that he was to receive a lot of money, and that the King and Baron Rothschild were coming on horseback to see him. He said that now the King had become "Protector" of the Freemasons, no doubt his Majesty would protect him from further persecution.

The prisoner appealed to the justice not to send him away until the Press had investigated his case, but Mr. Reynolds declared himself satisfied, and signed the usual order for the removal of Holland to an asylum.—"Morning Advertiser."

CORRESPONDENCE.

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THE GRAND TREASURERSHIP.

To the Editor of THE FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—I am pleased to see that others besides myself addressed you on this subject, and that all seem to agree that a change is both necessary and desirable.

I think the voting should be done by papers regularly sent out to each Lodge in the country, and that all qualified Brethren, i.e., Masters, Past Masters, and Wardens, should be allowed to vote. This could easily be done if the Master or Secretary of each Lodge was answerable for all the voting papers sent him. Some Lodges would want twenty or more, some a dozen, and some but eight or six, or the vote might be taken in open Lodge, and the figures entered on the minutes and sent up duly authenticated to the Grand Secretary. This might seem to entail considerable delay, but it must be remembered that three months elapses between the nomination for the Office and the election. Or, it might be arranged as suggested by your correspondent, H. Haworth; let each Lodge have one vote, the decision of the majority of eligible members thereof to decide it.

No doubt a change would entail more trouble for the Officials than is the case now, but surely something could be devised to get over the difficulty.

Yours fraternally,

AN ELECTOR.

TO A SNOWDROP.

BY BRO. THE REV. F. ST. JOHN CORBETT, M.A.

MY first Sonnet, dedicated to my valued friend Bro. Dr. Chas. F. Forshaw, F.R.S.L., F.R.H.S., &c., &c., to whom I would pay, if I could, a greater compliment, in return for many favours.

SCARCE has the Winter e'en begun to die,
The golden glow of Summer seems afar,
The silver Moon, the radiant Evening Star,
Hold longer sway than Sol o'er earth and sky.
I see no floweret peep above the bed
So trim, so cared-for by the gardener's hand—
No lily-leaf as yet toward Heaven expand,
Or daffodil upraise its dainty head.
But, smiling through the snow-flakes in the grass
I see a tiny harbinger of Spring.
So heavenly-sweet it is, this earthly thing,
With tender touch I pluck it as I pass.

Hail! gentle Snowdrop, coming year by year
In Winter's arms, to whisper, "Spring is near."

The Rectory, Long Marton,
Midnight, 18th March 1901.

As it has been said that Masonry is a progressive science, so it may be said that Masonry is an exhaustive science. Freemasonry touches every phase of life. It is not particularly of a religious order, but it is running over with religious deeds. It is not termed a charitable society, yet thousands of dollars every year go for good deeds; one-eighth of the proceeds of the Grand Lodge is appropriated for charity. It is not called a benevolent order, yet it is full of benevolence. It teaches us to be industrious, to be kind to one another, to live a life of uprightness, to live on a level, bringing the high and lowly together. Masonry has found and will find a place among men as long as the race lives.—J. B. Gilmore, Iowa.

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While Masonry demands belief in God and the authority of His Inspired Word, it allows the largest liberty in interpretation, and therefore unites men of all religious faiths in one Brotherhood. Accepting the Bible as the law of life, the Mason sees that he is commanded to love the Lord with his whole heart and his neighbour as himself. He who loves that which is noblest, best, and purest in man loves Him best whose essence is invisible and whose character is incomprehensible.—Kittredge Haskins.