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UNITED GRAND LODGE.

THE Grand Festival of the English Craft was celebrated on Wednesday, at Freemasons' Hall, London, under the presidency of Earl Amherst Pro Grand Master of England, who was supported by Bro. George Richards District Grand Master of the Transvaal as Deputy Grand Master, Viscount Templetown Senior Grand Warden, Sir J. B. Monckton as J.G.W., the Lord Mayor of London, and a large assembly of other Brethren.

Bro. Frank Richardson, acting for Sir Albert W. Woods G.D.C., proclaimed the Duke of Connaught as M.W. Grand Master of England, and the proclamation was accorded a hearty reception from the members of Grand Lodge.

The Grand Master of Scotland Bro. the Hon. James Hozier, M.P., who was present as a visitor was then saluted, and in the course of his acknowledgment he mentioned there were 100,000 members enrolled under the Grand Lodge of Scotland.

Earl Amherst next said the Grand Master had appointed him Pro G.M., whereupon his Lordship was saluted with full honours, which he acknowledged with his usual "Brethren, I greet you well." He next informed the Brethren that the Grand Master had appointed the Earl of Warwick Deputy Grand Master, and his Lordship was so proclaimed.

The appointment of the other Grand Officers for the year provided a surprise, and an innovation in the Craft which we are at a loss to understand. We can only imagine something unexpectedly occurred at the last moment to upset the arranged programme, and in order to avoid further complications it was considered desirable to re-appoint the Senior Warden of Grand Lodge for a second term of Office. Fortunately the Craft has in Viscount Templetown a Brother who has shown sufficient interest in his work to justify re-appointment, and we congratulate his lordship on the singular honour of which he is the recipient; but all the same we should like to know the special circumstances which have rendered this most unusual course necessary. It must be something pretty serious, for in view of the great number of members of the titled aristocracy who displayed interest in the Brotherhood under the rule of our late Grand Master, it is hardly possible that his brother should find himself without an eligible Senior Warden in the first year of his rule. Private Lodges have often been severely condemned under similar circumstances; here is a Grand Lodge precedent that may serve some Brethren in good stead in years to come; but it is a precedent that should never have been permitted—a grave error of judgment somewhere, as it appears to imply there was no eligible Brother ready and willing to accept the high dignity of Senior Grand Warden of England. It is just one of those cases which if it occurred in a Private Lodge would be at once accepted as evidence of something being wrong; how can we imagine it to be different in the case of Grand Lodge?

The Grand Officers were saluted on their appointment, and the Acting Grand Master announced approval of the Grand Stewards selected by the different Lodges entitled

to that privilege.

The Pro Grand Master announced that in consequence of the District Grand Lodge of Western Australia having been merged in the newly constituted Grand Lodge of that colony, before Bro. Sir Gerard Smith, K.C.M.G., had served as D.G.M. for the period of three years necessary to qualify him for past rank, H.R.H. the Grand Master had been graciously pleased to confer on him the rank and dignity of Past District Grand Master, as from the date of his ceasing to the Masonia rules of that part of the Touristic Line. to be the Masonic ruler of that part of our Jurisdiction.

Grand Lodge was subsequently closed At the banquet which followed the work in Grand Lodge

Earl Amherst informed the Brethren that since Grand Lodge had been closed, an intimation had been received from the Duke of Connaught, to the effect that the week containing 17th July would suit for his installation as Grand Master, an event which we anticipate will prove one of the most important gatherings known in the history of our Brotherhood.

************ WEST YORKSHIRE.

THE annual meeting of this Provincial Grand Lodge was held on the 17th inst., under the auspices of the St. John Lodge, No. 827, at the Town Hall, Dewsbury. In the absence of the Prov. Grand Master the Right Hon. W. L. Jackson, M.P., the Deputy Prov. Grand Master Bro. R. Wilson presided, Bro. J. C. Malcolm acting as Deputy. There was a large attendance of members, the whole of the Lodges

in the Province being represented.

The Deputy Prov. Grand Master, in his address, remarked that the first thoughts of the Brethren that day were with the Provincial Grand Master, who had been plunged into the greatest sorrow of his life. They had a great interest in all that affected the Prov.G.M., because they had seen and felt his unselfish labours. They, therefore, desired to express their affectionate sympathy with him and his family in the great loss they had sustained by the death of Mrs. Jackson. He asked those present to show their sympathy, not by a formal vote, but by rising in their places. (This was done, the Brethren silently rising.) Bro. Wilson added that he had received a letter from the Prov. Grand Master, in which he said: "May I ask you to be good enough to allow the table this present of the Charles." allow me to take this means of conveying to the Charity Committee and to the various Lodges in the Province my grateful appreciation of the many expressions of sympathy with my family and me in our great sorrow?" Dealing with the question of placing on record their sense of loss by the death of Queen Victoria and their loyalty to King Edward VII., the Deputy P.G.M. remarked that he regretted that every Lodge was not allowed to give an expression of feeling. He expressed the gratification of the Brethren of the Province that His Royal Highness the Duke of Connaught had been unanimously elected to, and had accepted, the Office of M.W.G.Master of the Order. Advocating the cause of the Masonic Charities, the Deputy Prov. Grand Master stated that at the Annuitants' Festival, presided over by the Earl of Warwick, £25,542 was subscribed, which was the highest amount contributed to that Institution except at the Jubilee in 1892. A petition for the formation of a new Lodge at Barnsley had met with the approval of the Provincial authorities, and had been forwarded to the Grand Lodge. By the death of Bro. W. H. Cowper, of Middlesbrough, the Province had lost one who was esteemed by many, and who took a great interest in their affairs. The new Masonic Hall in Great George Street, Leeds, was expected to be ready for occupation in July next, and as in the building provision had been made for Provincial Grand Lodge offices, the proposals of the Directors would have to be considered. The appointment of Officers was a task of no small difficulty, but the

Prov.G.M., in making his selection, had endeavoured to do justly, and collars had been given in twenty different towns.

Bro. W. Blackburn, in moving the adoption of the report of the Charity Committee, urged that it should be read in the Lodges. Last year they had elected seven cases to the Charities in London, and next month they had two aged Masons and two widows of Masons whom he thought they would be successful in electing. For the election in October they had five candidates. In face of these facts, although the Province possessed about 35,000 votes, they were not sufficient to carry all their candidates, and he asked for increased liberality on behalf of the Charities. With regard

to the West Yorkshire Fund, £500 had been invested in Leeds 3½ per cent. Corporation stock, and he hoped soon to have another similar sum to invest. Bro. Childs, the Vice-Chairman, seconded the motion, which was carried.

On the motion of Bro. W. H. Wilson, seconded by Bro. J. Marshall, Bro. R. Potter, Harmony Lodge, No. 275, Halifax, was elected Treasurer for the ensuing year.

The Deputy Provincial Grand Master proceeded to invest

the Officers for the year, as follow:

Bro	. J. L. Walker 290	•••	•••	Senior Warden
	H. Chalker 154	•••	•••	Junior Warden
	Rev. E. M. Young 302		•••	Chaplain
	Rev. H. Doig 337		***	Ditto
	R. Potter 275	•••	•••	Treasurer
	J. Tweedale 827	• • •	•••	Registrar
	Major H. G. E. Green	109		Secretary
	A. W. Chapman 289	•••	• • •	Senior Deacon
	H. Kershaw 2330	• • •	•••	Ditto
	R. Wilkinson 837	•••		Ditto
	J. Barraclough 304	•••	• • •	Junior Deacon
	E. Holmes 1779		•••	Ditto
	G. Williams 120	•••	***	Ditto
	W. Towers 306 W. Watson 61		• • • •	Supt. of Works
	W. Watson 61	•••	•••	Librarian
	T. Twivy 1018	•••	•••	Dir. of Ceremonies
	E. Foulds 610	•••	•••	Dep. Dir. of Cers.
	A. W. Fretwell 242	• • •	•••	Assist. Dir. of Cers.
	C. E. Byegrave 2091	•••	• • • •	Ditto
	W. Harrison 265	•••	• • •	Ditto
	J. Haley 1034	•••	•••	Sword Bearer
	B. Child 258	•••	•••	Standard Bearer
	W. E. Turner 1108	•••	• • • •	Ditto
	E. R. Dickenson 308	•••	• • • •	Organist
	G. H. Schofield 1542	•••	•••	Assistant Secretary
	R. Loynd 401	• • •	•••	Pursuivant
	E. Heaton 387	• • •	•••	Assistant Pursuivant
	J. T. Goodall 1301	•••	• • •	Steward
	A. Alderson 1302	• • • •	•••	Ditto
	W. Senior 1513	•••	•••	Ditto
	A. Leach 495	• • •	•••	Ditto
	W. Davey 1001	•••	• • •	Ditto
	G. Stones 1462	•••	•••	Ditto
	T. Leighton 139	•••	•••	Tyler
	T. Chester 914	• • •	•••	Assist. Tyler.
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A vote of thanks was accorded to the members of the St. John Lodge for the arrangements made, and the proceedings terminated. **********

HEREFORDSHIRE.

THE yearly Provincial Grand Lodge was held under the banner of Royal Edward Lodge, No. 892, at Leominster, on the 23rd inst. Bro. Lord Glanusk Provincial Grand Master was announced to attend, but late in the morning a telegram was received, regretting his inability, through ill-health, to be present.

The business part of the gathering was held at the Town Hall, Leominster, the large room having been appropriately

decorated for the occasion.

The Worshipful Master of Royal Edward Lodge, Bro. J. B. Dowding, opened a Craft Lodge, and at 2.15 the Deputy Provincial Grand Master and Provincial Officers, headed by the Standard Bearer Bro. J. A. Daggs entered the Lodge, and the gavel was handed by Bro. J. B. Dowding to the Deputy Provincial Grand Master Bro. H. C. Beddoe, who took the chair of King Selemen and appeared Provincial who took the chair of King Solomon, and opened Provincial

The minutes of the last Lodge were read and confirmed,

and the muster roll of Lodges was called.

The Provincial Grand Treasurer's accounts, duly audited, were presented, and a motion made that the same be received and adopted. Bro. Hewett P.M. was elected Provincial Grand Treasurer for the ensuing year, and Bro. R. W. Stafford Provincial Grand Secretary.

Reports were received from the Lodges in the Province, in conformity with Bye-law 19; also from the Herefordshire Masonic Association, and from the Committee of the Herefordshire Masonic Local Charity Association.

It was decided to hold the next annual Provincial Grand

Lodge at Ross.

The banquet was subsequently held at the Royal Oak Hotel, and was presided over by the Deputy.

The idea of an Islington Borough Council Lodge of Freemasons has fructified, and a meeting has been arranged to take place at the "Old Cock" at Highbury, to which all Masonic Councillors are bidden by Bro. Councillor G. A. Grant, to arrange the preliminaries, nominate the first Worshipful Master, the first Wardens, and sign the Petition for

a Charter. I understand there are sufficient of the Brotherhood in the Council to constitute the Lodge, and that once it is set going there will be plenty of initiates. The Asylum Board members have founded a similar Lodge, and by the Masonic kindness of my arch-enemy, Bro. Alderman Elliott, Masonic kindness of my arch-enemy, Bro. Alderman Elliott, I am bidden to witness its consecration by the G. Secretary on Monday, at the Café Royal in Regent Street. See how these Masons love one another! The School Board has a Lodge, the County Council has a Lodge, and all that remains now is for the aldermen to found one at St. John's Road and admit the ladies. Wouldn't they jump at it.—" The Merrie Villager," in "Islington Gazette."

"A SPRIG OF ACACIA."

A GREAT loss has befallen the Quatuor Coronati Lodge, No. 2076, which in its "Correspondence Circle" has the largest and most cosmopolitan membership of any Lodge in the world, the worthy Brother who has so efficiently discharged the duties of Secretary Bro. George William Speth P.A.G.D.C. having suddenly died on Friday of last week. The actual membership of the Lodge is limited to forty, and includes most of the distinguished literary Masons of the day, but membership of the outside "circle" is unlimited, and at the present time exceeds some three thousand, including Grand Lodges, Private Lodges, and individual members in all parts of the world, so that some idea may be formed of the amount of work which devolves on the Secretary. Bro. Speth had won respect throughout Freemasonry by the way in which he had discharged those duties, and it is but a mere figure of speech to say it will be difficult to replace him. We suppose some Brother may be found in the Lodge ready and willing to undertake the duties, but it will be no light matter to find such a Brother, and he indeed will have a difficult task to adequately follow in the footsteps of the worthy Mason whose death will be deplored in all parts of the world where Freemasonry has shed its light.

THE death of Bro. Christopher Gibson, of Leicester Terrace, Northampton, took place on Saturday, 13th inst. Bro. Gibson, who was in his eighty-second year, was well known in the town. More than sixty years ago he was an assistant master at the Bluecoat School, Northampton, and more than forty years ago he succeeded Mr. Westmorland as the local representative of Messrs. Salt and Co., brewers, of Burton-on-Trent. He represented Messrs. Salt for more than thirty years in Northampton and district, until he was superannuated by the firm about eight or nine years ago. Bro. Gibson had been a Freemason since 1861, being a member of the Pomfret Lodge. His father, who will be well remembered by the older generations of Northamptonians, was one of the most prominent Freemasons in the Province, and a handsome silver cup was presented to him by the local

THE death took place on Wednesday, 10th inst., after a long illness, of Bro. William Forth, of Cheltenham, who was well known and held in very high estimation as a Mason. He was appointed to Office in Provincial Grand Lodge nearly thirty years ago, in 1890 he was promoted to one of the Wardenships of the Province, and at the time of his death he was the senior subscribing P.M. of the Royal Union Lodge. He was also a P.Z. in the Unanimity Chapter, and in the Mark degree held (1885-8) the rank of Deputy Grand Master in the Province of Gloucestershire. The funeral took place at the New Cemetery, and was attended, in addition to relatives, by several of his Masonic Brethren, representing the Lodges to which he had belonged.

THE remains of Bro. Councillor H. J. Gregory were interred in the family vault at Tenby Cemetery, on Monday, 22nd inst., in the presence of a large gathering. The members of the Tenby Lodge, No. 1177, of which deceased was P.M., attended, and their Chaplain, Rev. D. Bowen, assisted the rector of Tenby, Rev. Geo. Huntingdon, M.A., in the funeral rites

THE funeral of Bro. Joseph Beardshaw, of Osgathorpe, Sheffield, I.P.M. of the Royal Brunswick Lodge, No. 296, took place on Tuesday afternoon, at Burngreave Cemetery. Bro. Beardshaw died on Saturday, after a long and painful illness, and the news of his decease was received with great

THE death occurred on Sunday evening, at Beverley, of Col. Smith Deputy Prov.G.M. of the Mark Masons of North and East Yorkshire,

ROYAL MASONIC INSTITUTION FOR GIRLS.

AN address to His Majesty the King having been voted at the last General Court of this Institution was duly forwarded, and was acknowledged in the following terms: "Sandringham, Norfolk.

Sir Francis Knollys is commanded by the King to thank the Governors and Subscribers of the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls for their Address and kind expressions of sympathy on the occasion of the death of Queen Victoria.

His Majesty desires at the same time to convey his sincere appreciation to the Governors and Subscribers for their congratulations on his accession to the Throne.

19th April 1901"

****** WEST LANCASHIRE CHARITY.

A MEETING of the Committee of the West Lancashire Alpass Benevolent Institution was held on the 17th inst., at the Masonic Hall, Liverpool, the chair being occupied by Bro. W. Bowden P.P.G.Reg. The minutes of the previous meeting having been read by Bro. G. Barclay P.P.G.D., several appairants, were elected and it was received to held the annuitants were elected, and it was resolved to hold the Annual Festival in aid of the Charity in September next, the exact date and place to be fixed at an adjourned meeting on the 1st May.

The members of the Lewisham Lodge, No. 2579, voted twenty guineas to the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution, at the regular meeting held this month at Lewisham.

On Tuesday evening, 16th inst., Mr. J. H. A. Majendie, M.P., was admitted a member of the Duke of Connaugnt Lodge, No. 1834, held at the Masonic Hall, Commercial Road, Landport, there being a large and representative attendance.

It cannot be too often repeated that we believe in liberty, equality, and Fraternity. Liberty regulated by just laws, equality which preserves the sacred rights of others, and Fraternity which subsists in subordination to rightful authority.—Geo. F. Moore, Alabama.

We are pleased to announce that on Wednesday our Yorkshire representative Bro. Dr. Charles Forshaw, F.R.H.S., was unanimously elected a member of the Council of the Royal Society of Literature, in recognition of his services to Literature and to the Society generally. This distinction is rarely accorded to provincial litterateurs, and Bro. Forshaw's position is unique. Bro. the Right Hon. the Earl of Halsbury, F.R.S., was elected President, and Bro. Henniker Heaton, M.P., Vice-President of the Society.

The members of the Albany Lodge, No. 151, are about to celebrate the Centenary of its establishment at Newport. The event is looked forward to as one of considerable interest in Masonic circles on the mainland as well as in the Isle of Wight, says the local "County Press," for although Masonry has claims to an antiquity of "time immemorial," Lodges arise and drop out of existence, as do the individuals of whom they are composed, and any Lodge which can show a succession of Brethren working harmoniously together for a hundred years in the promotion of the same social and benevolent objects, has good reason to be proud of the fact. The Centenary celebration has been fixed for the 7th May next, and will be inaugurated by a public service at St. Thomas's Church, at which the special preacher will be a former highly-esteemed curate of Newport, the Rev. F. M. Burton, LL.D., who as Grand Chaplain of England holds the highest clerical Office in the Craft in the country. The venerable Provincial Grand Master of Hampshire and the Isle of Wight the Right Hon. W. W. B. Beach, M.P., together with the Officers of the Province, will also take part in the day's proceedings, and many Brethren from other Lodges will proceedings, and many Brethren from other Lodges will doubtless be present.

An effort was made some time ago to prevent, in future, the possibility of an applicant for admission to Freemasonry, if refused by ballot in one Lodge, being admitted in another. Facts that have come to light since then prove that the new rule does not fulfil all that was expected of it. The rule in fact, is of no real benefit to the Craft, and has not prevented the admission of undesirable candidates. Its aim was good, but it did not go far enough to be of real lasting advantage. Something more definite is necessary to protect the Craft. Provision is made in the Constitution that no candidate can be admitted until "his qualifications have been duly inquired into. But there the rule stops short. The spirit of the rule is lost sight of, and the majority—I might say the great majority—of Lodges act up to the letter merely, accepting the word of the proposer as a fulfilment of the rule. How often is even the proposer fain to ment of the rule. How often is even the proposer fain to admit that he made a mistake in introducing so and so to a participation of our privileges. The responsibility should not be allowed to rest on the shoulders of one member. The rule of Grand Lodge should make it imperative that the name of a candidate be proposed at one regular meeting, and balloted for at the next, or, at least, that not less than a fortnight should elapse between the proposal and admission of the candidate. In the meantime the Brethren would have time to exercise their right of being satisfied by inquiry, of the qualifications of the applicant, and come to the meeting prepared to ballot honestly for or against his admission. A specially appointed Lodge Committee to inquire into the qualifications of each candidate would be an additional safeguard, and by coming into personal contact with the proposed member the fact of his name having been already proposed, or not, in another Lodge would be made clear.—"The Mallet," in "Glasgow Evening News."

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MEETINGS NEXT WEEK. Monday.

1615 Bayard, 33 Golden Square 2614 Household Brigade, Princes Hall 2614 Household Brigade, Princes Hall
62 Social, Queen's, Manchester
148 Lights, Austin Cham., Warrington
1110 Tyrian, Gildredge, Eastbourne
1177 Tenby, F.M.H., Tenby
1218 Prince Alfred, Ashton-under-Lyne
1258 Kennard, F.M.H., Pontypool
1688 Buxton, Palace, Buxton
1753 Obedience, White Hart, Okehampton
1753 Obedience, White Hart, Okehampton
1753 Rufford, F.M.H., Oldham
1753 Rufford, F.M.H., Styringham
1759 Rolle, F.M.H., Exmouth

Tuesday.

141 Faith, Anderton's Hotel

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299 Emulation, Bull Inn, Dartford
310 Union, F.M.H., Carlisle
357 Apollo University, F.M.H., Oxford
597 St. Cybi, F.M.H., Holyhead
1007 Howe & Charnwood, Loughborough
1358 Torbay, F.M.H., Paignton
1479 Halsey, Town Hall, St. Albans
1566 Ellington, Town Hall, Maidenhead
1636 St. Cecilia, Royal Pavilion, Brighton
1650 Rose of Raby, Scarth Hall, Staindrop
1779 Ivanhoe, F.M.H., Sheffield
1896 Audley, Town Hall, Newport, Salop
2358 Mona, F.M.H., Castletown

Wednesday.

Grand Chapter, at 6.

1298 Royal Standard, Holborn Restaurant
1491 Athenæum, Criterion Restaurant
1585 Royal Commemoration, Holborn Rest.
2032 Richmond, Greyhound, Richmond
2562 Papyrus, Anderton's Hotel
2615 Zodiac, Denmark, Last Ham
2739 Verity, Cafe Monico 2032 Richmond, Greynound, Richmond 2562 Papyrus, Anderton's Hotel
2015 Zodiac, Denmark, East Ham
2739 Verity, Cafe Monico
74 Athol, F.M.H., Birmingham
86 Loyalty, King's Arms, Prescot, Lanc.
94 Pheenix, F.M.H., Sunderland
137 Amity, F.M.H., Poole
139 Brunswick, F.M.H., East Stonehouse
164 Perseverance, F.M.H., Sidmouth
168 Mariners, Masonic Temple, Guernsey
258 Amphibious, F.M.H., Heckmondwike
279 St. John, F.M.H., Leicester
282 Bedford, F.M.H., Tavistock
287 Unanimity, White Lion, Stockport
298 Harmony, Masonic Room, Rochdale
320 Loyalty, F.M.H., Mottram
320 Brotherly Love, F.M.H., Yeovil
337 St. John, Lion and Lamb, Wigton
332 Virtue and Silence, Hadleigh
341 Wellington, George, Rye
366 St. David, F.M.H., Milford
368 Samaritan, F.M.H., Sandbach
372 Harmony, F.M.H., Budleigh Salterton
380 Integrity, F.M.H., Morley, Yorks.
387 Airedale, Saltaire Inst., Shipley
499 Stortford, Bishops Stortford
417 Faith & Unanimity, F.M.H., Dorchester
420 Roval Navy, Royal, Ramsgate
464 Cambrian, F.M.H., Newport, Mon.
504 Berkhampstead, Berkhampstead
533 Eaton, F.M.H., Congleton
505 Fidelity, Crown, Framlingham
501 Marches, F.M.H., Ludlow
633 Yarborough, Grand, Manchester
645 Humphrev Chetham, Manchester
646 Humphrev Chetham, Manchester
647 Humphrev Chetham, Manchester
648 Earl Ellesmere, Farnworth
681 Scarsdale, F.M.H., Chesterfield
697 United, George, Colchester
920 Waveney, King's Head, Bungay
970 St. Anne, F.M.H., East Looe
902 St. Thomas, Griffin, L. Broughton
1003 Prince of Wales, Mas. Tem., Jersey
1004 Athole, F.M.H., Douglas, I. of Man
1010 Ringston, F.M.H., Hull
1013 Roval Victoria, F.M.H., Liverpool
1024 St. Peter, F.M.H., M.H., Liverpool
1024 St. Peter, F.M.H., M.H., Leist
1030 Doric, White Hart, Wymondham
1205 Metham, F.M.H., East Stonehouse
1206 Cinque Ports, Town Hall, Sandwich
1274 Earl of Durham, F.M.H., Chester-le-St.
1333 Athelstan, Town Hall, Atherstone
1335 Lindsay, F.M.H., Wigan
1354 Marquis of Lorne, F.M.H., Leigh
1369 Bala, Plas Cock, Bala
1431 St. Alphege, George, Solihull
1461 Clausentum, F.M.H., Woolsto

1478 Longleat, Town Hall, Warminster 1478 Longleat, Town Hall, Warminster
1493 Robin Hood, Eastwood
1520 Earl Shrewsbury, Council H., Cannock
1529 Duke of Cornwall, St. Columb
1532 Bective, F.M.H., Carlisle
1544 Mount-Edgcumbe, F.M.H., Camborne
1549 Abercorn, Great Stanmore
1620 Marlborough, Derby Hall, Liverpool
1645 Colne Valley, F.M.H., Slaithwaite
1660 Arlecdon, F.M.H., Frizington
1736 St. John, F.M.H., Halifax
1783 Albert Edward, F.M.H., Huddersfield
1808 Suffield, Angel, North Walsham
1854 Weald of Kent, Tenterden
1862 Stranton, F.M.H., West Hartlepool
2024 Raymond Thrupp, Mitre, Hampton Ct
2355 Chantrey, Lic. Vic. Bdgs., Dore
2368 Alan, Queens, Alderly Edge
2391 Orde-Powlett, F.M.H., Middlesbrough
2464 Longsight, Club House, Longsight
2556 Glyn Ebbw, F.M.H., Ebbw Vale
2560 Earl of Lathom, Royal, Bury
2655 Queen Victoria, St. Budeaux
2690 West Kirby, Tynwold Hall, W. Kirby 1493 Robin Hood, Eastwood

Thursday.

10 Westminster & Keystone, F.M.H. 27 Egyptian, Anderton's Hotel
231 St. Andrew, Freemasons' Hall
820 Lily of Richmond, Inns of Court Hotel
1216 Macdonald, Surrey Masonic Hall
1361 United Service, Cafe Royal
1425 Hyde Park, Frascati Restaurant
1445 Prince Leopold, Three Nuns. Aldgate 1445 Prince Leopold, Three Nuns, Aldgate 1724 Kaisar-i-Hind, Cafe Royal 1765 Trinity College, 13 Mandeville Place 1950 Southgate, Beale's Restaurant 2675 Diamond Jubilee, Castle, Woodford 1724 Kaisari-Hind, Cafe Royal
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1950 Southgate, Beale's Restaurant
2675 Diamond Jubilee, Castle, Woodford
24 Newcastle-upon-Tyne, Newcastle-on-T.
271 United Industrious, Canterbury
28 Union, Council Cham., Chicester
41 Royal Cumberland, F.M.H., Bath
57 Humber, F.M.H., Hull
71 Unity, F.M.H., Lowestoft
110 Loyal Cambrian, Merthyr Tydvil
114 British Union, F.M.H., Ipswich
116 Royal Lancashire, Swan, Colne
120 Palladian, Green Dragon, Hereford
121 Lennox, F.M.H., Richmond, Yorks.
195 Hengist, F.M.H., Bournemouth
208 Three Grand Principles, Dewsbury
219 Prudence, F.M.H., Todmorden
230 Fidelity, Masonic Hall, Devonport
249 Mariners, F.M.H., Liverpool
254 Trinity, Craven Arms, Coventry
260 Naphtali, Freemasons' Arms, Heywood
267 Fidelity, Volunteer Hd. Qts., Blackburn
275 Harmony, F.M.H., Huddersfield
276 Good Fellowship, Chelmsford
283 Amity, Grey Mare, Haslingden
289 Fidelity, F.M.H., Leeds
294 Constitutional, F.M.H., Beverley
295 Combermere of Union, Macclesfield
300 Minerva, Ashton-under-Lyne
305 Apollo, Town Hall, Beccles
317 Affability, F.M.H., Uppermill
306 Pomfret, F.M.H., Uppermill
307 Candour, F.M.H., Uppermill
308 Poric, F.M.H., Uppermill
309 Pomfret, F.M.H., Northampton
361 Industry, Norfolk Arms, Hyde
362 Doric, F.M.H., Grantham
419 St. Peter, Wolverhampton
440 Gecil, Sun, Hitchin
450 Cornubian, F.M.H., Hayle
451 Foresters, Town Hall, Uttoxeter
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BOOKS OF THE DAY.

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

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

SOME people are very fond of reading about "doubles," and of late novelists have made much copy out of these mysterious duplicates. We cannot say that, as a rule, we are much impressed with these creations, but, the "double" once created, the possiwith these creations, but, the "double" once created, the possibilities for ingenious complications are so many that here and there we find a writer who puts those possibilities to excellent use. We have here a man, Arthur Richmond, who prevents another man from committing suicide. He soon discovers that the person whom he has rescued is the exact counterpart of himself; he leaves his double in his chambers, meets with an accident, and suffers from concussion of the brain; loses his memory, and is claimed as a clergyman's son. But the young lady whom, earlier in the book, Richmond was hoping to marry in a few days, is persuaded that he is not the man others suppose him to be; she finds her lover again, an old, old ceremony is presently performed, and doubtless Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Richmond lived happily ever afterwards. The lady who wrote "Days of Doubt" has excellent abilities and a sureness of hand that augurs well for her future; but we shall look anxiously for a little more restraint in her next story. Miss Meadows can, indeed, tell a story so well that it is a pity she should allow any extravagance of phrase or conception to mar her work. The book will probably find many readers.

The Naulahka. A story of West and East. By Rudyard Kip-

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

MR. Kipling, despite his faults—like other frail mortals, he has faults—unquestionably merits a uniform edition of his writings. This Messrs. Macmillam are issuing and, as most of our readers are aware, the edition is being excellently printed and tastefully bound. In the production of "The Naulahka" Mr. Kipling collaborated with Mr. Wolcott Balestier, and the two writers have between them given us a remarkable story. That story is not easily told in a few sentences, nor are we often eager to give readers such a forecast of the menu; but we may mention that the scene is laid partly in the "States" and partly in India, that the hero, Tarvin, is as great a character in his way as Seth Jones of New Hampshire, whom we all once knew and loved in Beadle's American Library, and that the heroine, Kate, is one of those persons—too rarely met with in this world—who have the courage of their convictions, and who honestly seek for duty rather than happiness. There is also a Maharajah, such as few writers save Mr. Kipling could have conceived and depicted, and a most faithful and shrewd, but doubtful-tempered, mouse-coloured Kathiawar stallion, who had eaten troopers of the Deolee Irregular Horse, and was named Fibby Winks. There is also a gigantic precious stone, much travelling and many adventures, and by the time we are back again at Topaz with Tarvin and Kate we feel as if we have been great travellers, like Mr. Kipling.

The French Revolution. A history by Thomas Carlyle.

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WE can hardly have too many editions of this most singular of all histories. Anybody who has read Carlyle at all will anticipate, and rightly, that the "French Revolution" is by no means light or easy reading; but it is reading of a sort which may be looked for in vain anywhere else. It is the most effective series of word-pictures ever put on paper by the pen, and this is the more wonderful because Carlyle has himself told us that his was not the pen of a ready writer. He has told us, or rather, he told his wife, that no book ever came more directly from the heart of the writer. We shall, however, perhaps do a service to those who intend to read this history for the first time if we advise them to get a knowledge of the period however, perhaps do a service to those who intend to read this history for the first time if we advise them to get a knowledge of the period of the French Revolution from other sources before reading Carlyle, for he does not narrate everything, but rather leads you to the open window, shows you the greater and more tragic episodes being enacted in the street beneath, and asks you what you think of it all. His story of the storm and capture of the Bastille is certainly superior to almost everything of its kind in any literature, ancient or dead; we will answer for it that readers will seek in vain for its equal in Michelet. in Gibbon, in Froude, in Grote, in Hallam, in Alison, or even in Macaulay. "O evening sun of July, how, at this hour, thy beams fall slant on reapers amid peaceful woody fields; on old women spinning in cottages; on ships far out in the silent main; on Balls at the Orangery of Versailles, where high-rouged Dames of the Palace are even now dancing with double-jacketed Hussar-Officers;—and also on this roaring Hell-porch of a Hotel-de-Ville." 'Tis not in mortals to command literary success, but it would be if they could write like that.

Malcolm. By George Macdonald (6d).—George Newnes I imited

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THE sixpenny novel has certainly come to stay, and seeing what marvels of cheapness some of them are this is not to be wondered at. Messrs. Newnes have here reprinted a long novel by a writer whose recognition from the public, great as it is, is hardly equal to his merits; and this, one of George Macdonald's best books, can be bought for fourpence-halfpenny. We have often read that a very few books, if judiciously chosen, will serve to nourish a man's mind; certainly this intellectual nourishment can now be accomplished at a very small expense. Malcolm himself has proved editying company to many, but you must sit in his presence for some time in order to know his character at its true worth. We hope many will take advantage of this cheap issue; for "Malcolm" is worth purchasing at the price of many sixpences.

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

Vol. x., Bleak House.

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Do not grumble, but read Bleak House; advice less wise is often tendered and accepted. There is a special difficulty in writing press notices of the works of Charles Dickens, for everything that can be said in their favour has been said a hundred times, and the language of commendation is exhausted. In the present instance we can do nothing more than again draw the attention of our readers to this handy and elegant reprint, the chief merit of which lies in the fact that although a large type is used the volumes may be carried in a small pocket. The use of India paper is wholly a recommendation, for it is quite as strong as very much stouter material, although 1,500 pages will lie in less than an inch. Readers will be wise if they ignore the discussion now raging as to the locality of Bleak House, for it can hardly be said to tend to edification. Read the book instead. instead.

A volume of essays by Dr. Richard Garnett is announced by Mr. Heinemann. It will be entitled "The Essays of an Ex-Librarian" and will contain studies of Matthew Arnold, Shelley, Beaconsfield, Peacock, and others. Mr. Heinemann will also shortly publish a work on "The New South African Colonies: Their Value and Development."

No time has been lost in arranging for a biography of the late Charlotte M. Yonge. It has been undertaken by Miss Christabel Coleridge, but we have not yet learned who will be the publisher.

We are promised yet another edition of our old friend Gilbert White. Messrs. J. M. Dent and Co. are adding "The Natural History of Selborne" to their Temple Classics, and their readers will fully appreciate the addition. There seems to be no limit to the demand for this book.

Persons interested in the story of thought and culture during the Middle Ages, and in the work and influence of such men as Erasmus, Luther, and Reuchlin, will be pleased to hear that under the title "Renaissance Types" Mr. Fisher Unwin will shortly publish Mr. W. S. Lilly's contributions to our understanding of these matters.

We are very pleased that, side by side with his "Scoundrels and Co." Mr. Coulson Kernahan has found opportunity to publish "Wise Men and a Fool." Mr. Kernahan has re-written—and very carefully, too—his studies of George Macdonald, Watts-Dunton, and Frederick Locker-Lampson. Those who know and love that unpretentious, slender volume, "Sorrow and Song," will look for searching though kindly criticism and finished prose in "Wise men and a Fool." They will not be disappointed. will not be disappointed.

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SATURDAY, 27TH APRIL 1901.

SUSSEX.

The annual meeting of this Provincial Grand Chapter was held at the Royal Pavilion, Brighton, on Saturday afternoon, under the presidency of the Prov. Grand Superintendent, Lieutenant-General C. W. Randolph, who appointed the Omcers for the year.

On the termination of the business the company sat down to a banquet, the Provincial Superintendent again presiding.

The customary Loyal and Arch toasts were duly honoured, and a musical programme was sustained by the Æorian Glee Singers (Messrs. P. Tophill, Norman Richards, Argyll Galloway, and G. Welling).

SUPREME GRAND CHAPTER.

THE Quarterly Convocation will be held on Wednesday next, 1st May, at Freemasons' Hall, London, W.C., at 6 p.m. punctually. The following is the Agenda of Business:

The Minutes of the last Quarterly Convocation to be read for confirmation.

Installation of Principals and Investiture of Officers for the ensuing year.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE OF GENERAL PURPOSES. To the Supreme Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of England.

The Committee of General Purposes beg to report that they have examined the Accounts from the 10th January, to the 10th April 1901, both inclusive, which they find to be as follows:

To Balance, Grand Chapter - - - £158 7 5
,, ,, Unappropriated Account - 230 15 0
,, Subsequent Receipts - - - 530 11 7

By Disbursements during the Quarter - 375 11 8
,, Balance - - - - - 322 11 4
,, ,, Unappropriated Account - 233 11 0

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which Balances are in the Bank of England, Law Courts Branch.

The Committee have likewise to report that they have received

the following Petitions:—

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1st. From Companions Babington Boulton as Z., Charles S. Cox as H., William Johnson Anderson as J., and six others for a Chapter to be attached to the wear Valley Lodge, No. 1121, Bishop Auckland, to be called the "Babington Boulton Chapter" and to meet at Bishop Auckland.

2nd. From Companions John Matthews as Z., William Priestnall as H., James Hampton Lee as J., and thirteen others for a Chapter to be attached to the Widnes Lodge, No. 2819, Widnes, to be catted the "widnes Chapter," and to meet at the Central Hotel, Widnes.

3rd. From Companions Charles G. Hatt as Z., John Worth as H., rrank Lioyd Paimer as J., and seventeen others for a Chapter to be attached to the Earls Court Lodge, No. 2705, London, to be called "Earls Court Chapter, and to meet at the Crown Hotel, Cricklewood, London.

4th. From Companions Nicholas Peter Le Cocq Barbenson as Z., Edgar William Livesey as H., Nicholas William Gaudion as J., and twenty-one others for a Chapter to be attached to the St. Ann's Lodge, No. 593, Alderney, to be called "St. Ann's Chapter," and to meet at the Masonic Kooms, Oliver Street, Alderney.

The Committee have likewise received Memorials, with Extracts of Minutes, for permission to remove the following Chapters:—

- "The Hope Chapter," No. 574, from the Temperance Hall, to the Masonic Hall, Newbury.
- "The Whittington Chapter," No. 862, from Anderton's Hotel, Fleet Street, to Freemasons' Hall, London.
- "The Willesden Chapter," No. 2489, from Freemasons' Hall, to the Hotel Cecil, Strand, London.
- "The Chapter of Temperance," No. 169, from the White Swan Hoxel, Deptrord, to the Railway Tavern, New Cross Road, London.
- "The Camden Chapter" No. 704, from Anderton's Hotel, Fleet Street, to the Frascati Restaurant, Oxford Street, London.

(Signed) GEORGE DAVID HARRIS, President.

Freemasons' Hall, London, W.C. 20th April 1901.

After the ordinary business had been disposed of, the following Resolution was passed:—

"That the cordial thanks of the Committee be tendered to E. Companion Sir George D. Harris, their President, for the very able and courteous manner in which he has presided over its Meetings during the past year.

(Signed) RICHARD HORTON SMITH.

APPEAL.

By Companion James Caton Scribe E. La Cesaree Chapter, No. 590, Jersey, against a decision of the Provincial Grand Superintendent of the Province of Jersey (Colonel E. C. Malet de Carteret), admonishing the appellant, and ordering the admonition to be entered on the minutes of the Chapter.

Election of the Committee of General Purposes for the ensuing twelve months.

Responding to the toast of the Provincial Officers, at the recent installation meeting of the Agricola Lodge, York, Bro. Sir J. Sykes Rymer said he felt it was an honour to be allowed to respond to such a toast, but before he said anything in connection with it he would congratulate their W.M. on having reached the highest honour which it was in the power of his Brethren to confer upon him. In the Marquis of Zetland and Lord Bolton they had two Officers of whom all Masons might be proud, for they took a great interest in the Craft. He had been acting as Treasurer of a fund subscribed by W.M.'s and P.M.'s for a wedding present to Lord Bolton's daughter on her marriage with the Marquis of Exeter, and £75 had been expended in two diamond rings and a diamond and turqoise bracelet. It was not everyone they met who were proper persons to be made Masons, and it was well for the various Lodges to guard well the entrance into Masonry. There was no doubt that Masonry was intended to make them better, and if they followed up its precepts they would try to do all the good they could. There was plenty of scope for them to do that, and they would make the world better and happier. Masonry was intended to make them better men for being members of the Craft, and if they were not better for being Masons then the Craft was not at fault, for it was intended by the founders to play a very important part in linking men together.

Bro. F. G. Ivey P.M. Keystone Mark Lodge, No. 3 will be nominated at the December meeting of Mark Grand Lodge as Grand Treasurer of that Degree for next year. Our Brother has already won the distinction of Senior Grand Deacon in the Mark Province of Middlesex, and D.G.D.C. in Grand Lodge, so that from our point of view his proposed nomination for the Treasurership will be a mistake. That is an Office which should be conferred by Worshipful Masters and Past Masters alone, on one of their number, and it would be much better if Grand Lodge Officers were precluded from taking any part in the annual election.

It would tend greatly to relieve the tedium of waiting the opening of Grand Lodge if the Organist, or a Past Grand Organist, were to enliven the time between the opening of Grand Lodge meeting room and the commencement of proceedings, by a little music. It was six minutes to five before the Organist arrived on the occasion of Wednesday's gathering.

The "Daily Express celebrated its first anniversary on the 24th inst., and we take the opportunity of congratulating Bro. Bartley Denniss upon the success that has attended his efforts during the past year, and upon his presenting so bright, reliable, and readable a newspaper to the public.

The best systems of government have legislative, executive and judicial departments, and the legislative department has two branches, the senate and the house of representatives. In Masonry the whole final judicial and legislative departments are vested in the Grand Lodge. The representatives of Lodges stand for the house; the permanent membership for the senate, and both together exercise the supreme judicial powers.—Josiah H. Drummond, Maine.

Masonry is a moral force, and, spite of all the talk about the power of money, it is moral forces, after all, that make the world go round.—H. H. Ingersoll, Tennessee.

REPORTS OF MEETINGS.

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We shall be pleased to receive particulars of Masonic meetings tor 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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Zetland Lodge, No. 1364.

LADIES NIGHT.

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The annual banquet and musical evening given in honour of the ladies was held at the Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall Street, on Saturday, 20th inst., and like all previous festive gatherings of the Earl of Zetland Lodge proved an unbounded success, and was most fully appreciated by the thirty-four ladies and thirty-five Brethren who were present.

Before the arrival of the ladies, at 5.30 p.m., a Lodge meeting was held by the Brethren, the ceremonies being conducted by the W.M. Bro Herbert G. Tayler in his customary easy and highly impressive manner. All the necessary business having been concluded, the Lodge was closed, and preparations made for the visit of the fair sex, who were received in the Masonic Temple by the W.M. and Mrs. William Tayler, supported by the I.P.M. Bro. John Moore, and the Officers of the Lodge. The handsome marble facings and tasteful decorations of the Temple met with that high appreciation they so well deserved.

Dinner of a high standard of excellence was served in the large banqueting hall, and reflected much credit upon the proprietors of the Ship and Turtle, while the menu and programme were of a very artistic character, a special design having been obtained for the occasion by the W.M.

The following Brethren were present: Herbert G. Tayler W.M. I. Moore I.P.M. M. Turk S.W. G. Lackson I.W. Rev.

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During dinner the W.M. took wine with the ladies, and asked each one to favour the members of the Earl of Zetland Lodge by accepting a small present of a Chatelaine bag, as a memento of the occasion.

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Bro. Forbes then rose to propose what he considered one of the most important toasts of the evening, that of the W.M., to whom they were indebted for the beautiful and artistic menu cards and programmes, and who was held in affectionate regard by the members of the Lodge, all of whom most heartily appreciated his perfect Masonic qualities and good work.

The W.M., rising to respond, met with an ovation. It was a very great honour, he stated, to preside over such a brilliant assembly, and he would look back to it in years to come with the utmost pleasure. It was their hard lot as Freemasons to be debarred from the society of ladies at their gatherings, and therefore they looked forward with the greatest pleasure to occasions like the present, when the festive board was graced by their presence. He hoped the dinner and concert would be the forerunner of a series of similar festivities in the future. He concluded by wishing one and all a most enjoyable evening.

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little Lodges of free-women. They had profited from King Solomon's experience, and were satisfied with one wife. In the name of the Earl of Zetland Lodge he had to thank the ladies for

their presence.

Bro. E. J. Anning P.M., in replying on behalf of the Ladies, pointed out that they had heard a good deal about King Solomon, and his wives, and he was somewhat perplexed. There was once a lady of wealth who was much concerned as to how her remains and his wives, and he was somewhat perplexed. There was once a lady of wealth who was much concerned as to how her remains should be disposed of on her demise. Should she be cremated, embalmed or buried. On the lady's death, the nearest relative was consulted, and his reply was "Do the whole lot, run no risk." He felt very much in the same frame of mind and desired in replying for the ladies to faithfully carry out their wishes. He might say they were much obliged for the entertainment given them; they would like to be present every Lodge night; they heartily thanked the members of the Lodge for the Chatelaine bags, and Bro. Forbes for his beautiful flowers; and 'hey hoped the Brethren would not forget these annual ladies meetings.

Bro. H. H. Cooper P.M. proposed a vote of thanks to Bro. Gompertz P.M. Secretary, and the Committee, upon whom the whole of the work devolved of making the arrangements necessary to ensure the success of the meeting. The W.M., in putting the vote, added his testimony to the untiring zeal of Bro. Gompertz, for whom nothing was too much trouble; he added that their thanks were also due to Bro. H. Cooper P.M., who had given much valuable attention to the necessary arrangements. The vote was carried at the Master's suggestion, by acclamation.

Bro. Gompertz, in a happy strain, explained that he was amply rewarded in knowing that everything had given such universal satisfaction, and Bro. Cooper replied in similar terms.

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Henry Muggeridge Lodge, No. 1679.

An emergency meeting was held on Saturday, 20th inst., at Anderton's Hotel, Fleet Street, those present including Bros. T. F. Strutt I.P.M. 2664 W.M., J. D. Gomm P.M. acting I.P.M., R. M. Crompton W.M.-elect S.W., C. W. Hiscocks J.W., W. Boyce P.M. Sec., Percy Gayer acting S.D. (Horace W. Page acting S.D. for the second and first degrees), Philip Page J.D., G. R. Annegarn acting I.G., S. Roberts Org., J. Rawles Tyler, C. J. Sowton P.M., R. H. Hall P.M., S. Stampfer P.M., A. J. Street P.M., Simpley P.M., Dr. Stanley, C. Mangen, Cox, H. Franklin, C. Smallman, H. C. Stone, G. White, W. Nightingale, L. J. Wiedemann, &c. Visitors, Bros. H. F. Marendez, Harmony Lodge, No. 42, Waterbury, Conn., U.S.A., and J. Wynman.

The Lodge being opened an important notice of motion was brought forward by Bro. R. M. Crompton W.M.-elect which, by the majority of votes, was carried.

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The Lodge was resumed to the first degree and Bros. C. Mangen and L. J. Wiedemann, who were initiated at the previous meeting, answered questions put to them to the satisfaction of the W.M., and were entrusted. The Lodge being resumed to the second degree they were in due form passed to the degree of Fellow Craft.

The Lodge was again resumed to the first degree, and the ballot was taken for the following gentlemen: James William Sudbury, John Robert Williams, and Fred. William Kinsburv. It proved unanimous in their favour, and in due course they had the privilege of participating in the mysteries of ancient Freemasonry. This ceremony was impressively rendered, and included the ancient charge; we are sure it must have made a great impression on the candidates. The faultless working of the W.M. is well known; on this occasion the whole of the work was done to perfection.

It was proposed that the sum of fifteen guineas be sent to the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys out of the Lodge funds; this was duly seconded and unanimously agreed to.

After a few communications had been announced the Lodge was closed, and the Brethren retired to partake of an excellent repast, Bro. J. H. Francis superintending the dinner in an able manner.

Afterwards, the W.M. gave the Loyal toast, and Bro. Horace Page sang God save the King.

This was followed by the toast of the Duke of Connaught and the Grand Officers present and past.

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Bro. Strutt thanked Bro. Gomm for his kind expressions. He was sorry to leave the chair as W.M., but at the same time he hoped to have the pleasure of installing an equally good Master in Bro. Crompton, whom he knew to be an excellent worker. He sincerely thanked the Brethren for their kindness on the present and many

other occasions.

The W.M. next gave the toast of the Initiates, and said they had that evening three initiates who, by the strict attention they had paid to the ceremony, had convinced him that they would become honours to the Lodge. In the name of the Brethren he gave them

honours to the Lodge. In the name of the Brethren he gave them a most hearty welcome.

Bro. J. W. Sudbury thanked the W.M. and Brethren for the impressive manner in which he had been received into the Craft, and pledged himself never to forget his obligation. He would conclude his little speech by thanking them all, as no doubt the two other candidates wished to also say a few words.

Bro. John R. Williams thanked the W.M. for having initiated him, and the Brethren for having received him as a Brother amongst them. He had been very much impressed with the ceremony.

Bro. Frederick William Kinsbury said the other Brothers had taken the words out of his mouth. He promised to endeavour to be a credit to the Lodge. He might say that the first part of his initiation took place the first thing in the morning, but that night he felt more at ease. He was pleased to have been initiated into the Lodge, and promised to do everything in his power to gain the confidence of the Brethren and repay them for having accepted him as a Brother amongst them.

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The W.M., in submitting the toast of the Visitors, said that they had as a visitor that night Bro. Marendaz, of the Harmony Lodge, No. 42, U.S.A., and he received him with the right hand of fellowship, as showing the cordiality which existed between the English and American Brotherhood. In the name of the Brethren of the Henry Muggeridge Lodge he gave their guest a most cordial and hearty welcome, and he hoped that when he went back to America he would be able to convince the Brethren across the water of their cordiality and Brotherly regard.

Bro. Marendaz, on rising to respond, was most heantily received. He thanked all for their kindness, but felt in a rather awkward position. He would sooner give a song or a double shuffle than make a speech. He would not have been there that night if it had not been for the kind invitation of the W.M. That was the third Lodge he had visited during his stay in England. The apron he wore that evening was presented to him by the Boys of his Lodge on leaving America. He was pleased to say he was a Past Officer, and King of Eureka Chapter. The Boys across the water told him to convey their Fraternal and cordial greetings to the Brethren in England. The Boys of the Henry Muggeridge Lodge might be proud an having such an excellent Master; the Boys across the water knew how to work, and to receive visitors, but for all that they did it better, and had given him a grand reception. The other evening he was at a Lodge of Instruction, and did some American working; the Boys enjoyed it, and made him an honorary member, which was another proof of the good Masonic feeling which existed between America and England. He could only add to his observations that he guessed it would be best to send in his resignation to the Boys across the water, and join the Boys at the Henry Muggeridge Lodge. Again he thanked them for their hospitality.

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The W.M. proceeded with the toast of the W.M.-elect, and said he was sure Bro. Crompton would make an excellent Master. He was one who knew his duties to perfection, and he wished him a prosperous year of Office.

Bro. Crompton thanked the W.M. for his kind remarks, and the Brethren for having received the toast in so cordial a manner. He had always taken great interest in the Henry Muggeridge Lodge, and would endeavour to add to its prosperity during his year of Office. Particularly would he promise not to forget hospitality, and above all not to neglect the cause of Charity.

The W.M., in submitting the toast of the Past Masters, Treasurer, and Secretary, said he was pleased to see so many Past Masters present. He sincerely thanked them for their assistance, which showed their loyalty to the Lodge. Concerning the Secretary, he could not speak too highly; it was no easy task to be a Secretary, as it involved hard work, which was usually regarded as a labour of love. He spoke from experience, because he had the pleasure of being the Secretary of the Hygeia Lodge. He called on the Brethren to drink to the health of the Past Masters, Secretary and Treasurer, the latter of whom was unavoidably absent.

Bro. Boyce P.M. Secretary thanked the W.M. and Brethren for their cordial reception. They were all pleased to take any Office. As Secretary he was used to the work, in fact it was now his hobby, and as long as he gave satisfaction he was well rewarded. Bro. Street P.M. said they could congratulate it. The W.M. had had an excellent year of Office, and he hoped the W.M.-elect would follow in the footsteps of Bro. Strutt. He also wished him a prosperous year of Office.

Bro Hall P.M. thanked the W.M. for his flattering remarks in respect to the Past Masters, and as he considered the others who had spoken before had touched on everthing re the

The toast of the Officers was next given, and in reply Bro.

Horace Page said he was pleased he had given satisfaction as acting Senior Deacon that night. It was no trouble to him to take any Office, and he was always pleased to give any assistance that was required of him. If he should be fortunate enough to be honoured with a collar by the new Worshipful Master he would endeavour to fulfil his duties regularly and punctually, and would not stay away on meeting nights. stay away on meeting nights.

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Bro. Annegarn. as acting I.G., said he had endeavoured to give satisfaction, and was pleased to hear he had done so. He hoped to continue doing so, and thanked the Worshipful Master for his encouragement.

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As usual the musical entertainment was a great success. Amongst the artistes who added greatly to the enjoyment of the evening were Mrs. Ernest Pike, who was deservedly encored. Mr. Ernest Pike rendered some excellent songs, as also did Bros. Horace Page, Philip Page, Gomm P.M., Hall P.M., and, last but not least, Bro. Strutt W.M. Bro. Roberts (Karl Kaps) gave some solos on the piano in grand style.

Lodge of Perseverance, No. 1743.

ON Saturday, 13th inst., the members of this well-known and prosperous Lodge held their election meeting and ladies banquet at Anderton's Hotel. At the Lodge meeting there was a good gathering of members, and Bro. Richard Perry W.M. occupied the chair of K.S.

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Following confirmation of the minutes, Bros. M. G. Smith,
G. Thorne, and F. R. George were raised to the third degree.
Bro. John Handley S.W. was unanimously elected Master of the Lodge for the ensuing year. Bro. Lovell P.M. was again unanimously elected to the Treasurership.
Upon the proposition of Bro. Cossham I.P.M., seconded by Bro. F. Kearney P.M., the Brethren unanimously voted the usual Past Master's jewel to Bro. Perry W.M., upon his retiring from the chair. chair.

At the conclusion of the business the Brethren adjourned to a banquet, being joined by a number of ladies.

Bishopsgate Lodge, No. 2396.

INSTALLATION OF BRO. CHARLES JARRATT.

THE installation meeting of the Bishopsgate Lodge, No. 2396, was held on Monday, at the Great Eastern Hotel, under the Worshipful Mastership of Bro. T. Robinson, C.C. Following the preliminary business the Worshipful Master raised Bro. W. Pearmain to the third degree.

The balance sheet, which was exceedingly favourable, was unanimously passed.

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At the request of the Worshipful Master, Bro. E. C. Mulvey P.G.P. then took the chair, and installed Bro. Charles Jarratt S.W. as the W.M. of the Lodge for the year ensuing.

At the conclusion of the ceremonies a Past Master's jewel was presented to the Immediate Past Master by the Worshipful Master, who attributed to Bro. Robinson the introduction of himself to the

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Brother Robinson, in acknowledging the gift, thanked the Brethren for having made it, and congratulated himself on being the means of introducing to the Lodge a Brother who had distinguished himself by working up to the chair, and who, he knew, would also distinguish himself by the excellent work he would do in the Lodge, and the credit he would bring to the Craft in general.

The work of the Lodge was succeeded by an elegant banquet, over which the Worshipful Master presided.

The toast of the W.M. was proposed by Bro. Robinson, who said that all the members were proud of the Worshipful Master they had installed. The members had every reason to be proud of him because he was perfectly capable of doing the work, and would uphold the honour of Freemasonry to the last degree.

Bro. Jarratt W.M., in responding, said it had always been his ambition since he joined the Bishopsgate Lodge to fill the chair, and to do so with credit to the Lodge. Nothing would be wanting on his part to bring the Lodge to an excellent position, and he intended to do his level best to reflect credit on the Lodge.

A special toast was proposed to the Installing Master Bro. E.

C. Mulvey P.G.P., the W.M. assuring the Brethren that the ceremony as rendered made a deep impression upon his heart, and that he would remember it to the last day of his life.

Bro. Robinson I.P.M. informed the Brethren that he was acting as Steward for the Girls School Festival of 8th May, and that his list amounted at the present time to £75 12s.

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Clissold Lodge, No. 2551.

INSTALLATION OF BRO. HARRY ALFRED BADMAN P.M.

THE installation meeting of this Lodge took place on Thursday, THE installation meeting of this Lodge took place on Thursday, 18th inst., at the Great Eastern Hotel, Liverpool Street, E.C. Bro. Henry King P.P.G.D.C. Bucks., the out-going Master, presided, and having opened the Lodge proceeded to finish off his work for the year by raising Bro. Walter Eden Holmes to the rank of a Master Mason. He performed the duty in a very admirable manner, and then resigned the chair to Bro. W. Mason Stiles P.M. Past Grand Treasurer, who had kindly undertaken the duties of Installing Master.

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Bro. Stiles, having declared the various Offices vacant, appointed Bro. King S.W., Bro. Harry Townend J.W., and Bro. Lamigeon D.C. The Lodge was resumed to the second degree, when Bro. Harry Alfred Badman W.M.-elect was presented, and signified his assent to the ancient charges and regulations. It will be remembered that Bro. Badman only retired from the chair of the Royal

Standard Lodge on the 3rd inst., so the ceremony was somewhat abbreviated, but the work was carried out by Bro. Stiles with the perfection due to experience, and his subsequent delivery of the Addresses met with the well merited applause of those present.

The new Master's first duty was to appoint his Officers for the year, and the following Brethren were invested:—Percie C. Cooper S.W., T. H. Carleton J.W., W. M. Stiles Treasurer, J. J. Lamigeon Secretary, S. N. Wolffers S.D., Vincent Smith J.D., R. Emery I.G., J. S. Keith D.C., A. W. Whight Organist, W. Whitehouse and B. R. Watkins Stewards, and T. Edmonds P.M. Tyler.

Bro. Badman's capacity for work is such that he determined to give the Clissold Lodge the benefit of his experience in another place, and thereupon proceeded to initiate Mr. Edwin William Taylor into the privileges of Freemasonry. Needless to say the ceremony was very ably rendered, and the new Officers proved themselves equally efficient in their duties.

The report of the Audit Committee was received and adopted, and the resignation of three members was accepted with regret. The Lodge was then closed, and the Brethren adjourned to the handsome new dining room, where the banquet was served.

The customary Loyal and Masonic toasts were proposed by Bro. Badman, who remarked, with regard to the Grand Masterelect, that he first received Masonic Light while His Royal Highness was District Grand Master of Bombay.

Bro. Mason Stiles acknowledged the toast of the Grand Officers with one of his characteristic breezv speeches which tend to make him so popular.

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The Master's health having been proposed by his predecessor, Bro. Badman replied that he was pleased he had previously passed through the chair of a Lodge, in order that he might the better fulfil the duties of his present position.

Bro. Alfred H. Cooper P.M., on behalf of the Lodge, presented Bro. Henry King I.P.M. with a Past Master's jewel that had been subscribed for by the members in order to mark their appreciation of the services rendered during his year of Office.

Bro. King briefly returned thanks, and said he should never forget the kindness of the Brethren in making the presentation. For certain reasons he had declined the usual jewel from the Lodge, but he could not refuse to accept the generous present so thoughtbut he could not refuse to accept the generous present so thoughtfully offered.

Bros. Cuthbertson, Cunningham, Gandy and James replied for the Visitors, and the Initiate, the Officers, and the Past Masters were duly complimented and responded.

At a late hour Bro. Edmonds closed the proceedings with the Tyler's toast. The entertainment was under the direction of Bro. Alfred E. Nicholson.

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In addition to those above mentioned there were present Bros. E. J. Parkington P.P.G.O. Surrey, George S. Elliott P.P.G.D.C. Herts, Harry Townend P.M. 2265, W. Hayes Dunn P.M. and Treasurer 1298, H. E. Cooper P.M. 1298, John Manger P.M. 1017, J. P. W. Goodman P.M. 1907, J. A. Stone P.M. 1298, S. H. Pearsall P.M. and Secretary 1298, F. H. Cunningham S.W. 1769, Rev. T. H. Russell Chaplain 2408, T. J. Gandy 41, A. L. Holmes 190, and several members of the Lodge.

Brondesbury Lodge, No. 2698.

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THE annual festival of this Lodge took place on Wednesday, 10th inst., at the Earl Derby, High Road, Kilburn, N.W., when the new Master was duly installed into the chair of K.S. by Brother Edwin George W.M., who was supported by Bros. Frank Crocker P.M. as S.W., Stratton P.M. J.W., Campbell P.M. D.C.

The new Master appointed the following as the Officers of the Lodge during his year of Office: Bros. Edwin George I.P.M. and Secretary, B. Stocker P.M. S.W., A. H. Oldrey P.M. J.W., G. N. Coxen Treasurer, C. W. Paine S.D., J. M. Goodwin J.D., W. G. Coxen I.G., R. J. Campbell P.M. D.C., H. Coxen A.D.C., J. Britton Organist, J. H. Crook and G. Wheeler Stewards, and J. W. Smith P.M. Tyler.

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The Auditors' report, which was received, and adopted, shows a substantial balance in hand.

A P.M. jewel was presented to Bro. George, as a recognition from the Lodge of his services during the past year.

An excellent banquet was provided under the personal superintendence of Bro. Wm. G. Coxen, the Proprietor, and was held in the spacious and handsome billiard room, the tables having been removed for the purpose.

Bro. J. M. McLeod Secretary to the Boys Institution and several Past Masters and lay members were present as visitors, the whole company numbering about eighty.

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The musical arrangements were under the direction of Brother James Gawthrop, assisted by Bros. Arthur Barlow, Will Edwards, Butler, and John Britton accompanist.

INSTRUCTION.

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Robert Burns Lodge, No. 25.

THIS ancient Lodge of Instruction, which is under the able Preceptorship of Bro. E. C. Mulvey P.M. P.G.P., was held on Tuesday, at the Frascati Restaurant, Oxford Street, when we were pleased to see Bro. R. W. G. Fitch jun. officiating as W.M., with the able assistance of Bros. J. Lieven S.W., R. Fitch sen. J.W., E. C. Mulvey P.M. Prec., H. Raphal P.M. Treas., H. Janes Secretary, W. H. Snowden S.D., W. Hudson J.D., A. Goldsmith I.G., Proctor Tyler, L. G. Hammond, G. H. Heap, W. Giles, J. Wynman, D. Struthers.

The Lodge was advanced to the second degree and Bro. W. Giles was examined and retired. The Lodge was further advanced and the ceremony of raising was rehearsed. The Lodge was resumed to the first degree, and Bro. W. Giles answered the questions leading to the second, was entrusted, and the ceremony of passing was gone through, including the full explanation of the working tools. The Lodge was resumed to the first degree.

This being the first time we have had the pleasure of seeing Bro. R. Fitch jun. in the chair—he is only a young Mason—we cannot let the opportunity pass without complimenting him on his excellent working; it was all that could be desired. We also congratulate the Brethren generally on having so excellent a Preceptor.

Preceptor.

Bro. J. Lieven was elected W.M. for Tuesday next.

Confidence Lodge, No. 193.

THIS Lodge of Instruction shows great vitality, new Brethren constantly gathening around the standard of grand old Bro. Pitt at the quarters at the Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall Street. On Wednesday, 17th inst., Bro. Mears occupied the chair, supported by Bros. Bygrave S.W., Carr J.W., Chittock S.D., Bailey J.D., Done I.G., J. K. Pitt Secretary, Spice Preceptor, Simeons I.P.M., Cohn, and a good attendance of other Brethren.

The first ceremony was rehearsed by Brother Cohn. Brother Hearn was instructed in the questions leading to the second degree, was entrusted, and passed as a Fellow Craft. Bro. Pitt, assisted by the Brethren, worked the first section. Bros. Spice and Simeons showed their perfect knowledge as Preceptors.

Congratulations of the members were sent to Bro. Green, on the joyful announcement of the advent of his son and heir.

EASTER HOLIDAY did not interfere with the gathering of the Brethren on the 10th inst., when Bro. Bailey was in the chair and proved himself very fit. Bro. Mears as S.W. was perfect. Careful, painstaking Bro. Bygrave as J.W. needed no prompting, and the Deacons carried out their duties well, while the towering form of Bro. Carr provided a formidable Inner Guard, should cowans or intruders have appeared. The W.M. vacated the chair in favour of Bro. Mears, who rehearsed the ceremony of initiation.

On the proposition of Bro. Fulljames, Bro. Hearn was unanimously elected a member, and after an interesting evening's

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St. Michael Lodge, No. 211.

ON Monday, 15th inst., at the Richmond Hotel, Shepherds Bush, W., Bros. W. Jupp W.M., J. Elkin S.W., Van der Goor J.W., R. H. Williams P.M. Preceptor, R. H. Catling P.M. Sec., F. A. Foes S.D., J. Blank J.D., J. H. Cumming P.M. I.G.

Lodge being opened to the second degree Bro. R. H. Williams was examined and entrusted, and the raising ceremony was gone through. The S.W. was called upon to render the traditional history, which he did in a perfect manner.

Bro. Elkin was elected to preside on the next occasion.

We were unfortunately unable to be present at the previous meeting, but a very pleasant incident occurred. Bro. R. H. Williams P.M. 865 1767 P.P.G.J.D. Middx, was presented by the Brethren with a handsome diamond scarf pin, in the shape of a P.M. jewel, in token of the esteem in which he is borne, both as Preceptor and Brother. Bro. Williams, in thanking the subscribers for the handsome gift, said it was the only one of the kind he had ever received. His labours in the cause of Freemasonry were prompted by his love for the Craft, and he should always do the best he could to teach the ritual in a proper manner. manner.

Westbourne Lodge, No. 733.

Tuesday, 16th inst., at the Oliver Arms, Westbourne Terrace North, Harrow Road, was Officers' night, and we were pleased to see many Brethren of the Mother Lodge present. The chair was taken by Bro. H. W. Bagnall S.W. 733, with E. Thomas J.W. 733 S.W., C. Halston J.D. 733 J.W., G. Weaver P.M. Treas. acting Preceptor, G. Mogford P.M. Sec., W. Beasley S.D. 733 S.D., F. Middleton J.D., W. Wiffenbach I.G., E. Dogge, G. Lindsay, H. W. Handover P.M., T. Mogford P.M., J. Wynman.

The ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, Bro. Dogge acting as candidate. The Lodge was called off. On resuming, Bro. Lindsay answered the questions and was entrusted. The Lodge was advanced, and the ceremony of passing was gone through. Both the ceremonies were perfectly rehearsed, the acting Preceptor having quite an easy task, there being no prompting required.

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New Concord Lodge, No. 813.

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ON Wednesday, 17th inst., at the Farleigh Hotel, Farleigh Road, Stoke Newington, Bros. W. J. Jeanes W.M., E. G. Platt S.W., H. Parsons J.W., H. G. Gush P.M. Preceptor, T. A. Powell Treas., B. Barton Sec., T. A. Chalk S.D., J. West J.D., R. G. Nickols I.G., F. T. Deacon, H. Tanner, E. Jermy, H. A. Rix, J. Wynman, &c.

The Lodge was advanced to the second degree, and Bro. Deacon answered the questions and was entrusted, the ceremony of raising being rehearsed. The Lodge was resumed to the second degree, when Bro. Parsons worked the second section of the lecture, the questions being put by Bro. Barton Secretary. The whole of the work was well done and greatly appreciated.

Bro. E. G. Platt was elected W.M. for the first Wednesday in May, the meeting of Wednesday, 24th inst., being Preceptor's night.

Ranelagh Lodge, No. 834.

AT the Six Bells Hotel, Hammersmith, on Friday, 19th inst. the W.M.'s chair was taken by Bro. H. J. Cousens P.M., and he was supported by Bros. Walter Atkinson S.W., H. White J.W., Arthur Williams P.M. Preceptor, F. Craggs P.M. Sec., W. Stokes S.D., K. M. Ross J.D., W. G. Lee I.G., Robert Reid P.M., T. Harrington P.M., J. H. Cumming P.M., T. L. Hellyar, H. G. Cox, M. F. Wilkins, F. A. Foes.

Bro. Wilkins was examined and entrusted and the Lodge being opened in the second degree the passing ceremony was gone through. The Lodge being resumed to the first degree it was called off and on. The W.M. then vacated the chair in favour of Bro. White S.D. of the Mother Lodge, and requested him to work the initiation ceremony. This was done, and the Brethren expressed their approval of the way Bro. Whate had rendered the ritual, and at the same time thanked Bro. Wilkins for his kindness in taking the candidate's place. in taking the candidate's place.

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Before the closing Bro. Arthur Williams said that he was asked by those present to offer their congratulations to Bro. Craggs P.M., on the celebration of the third anniversary of that highly esteemed Brother's marriage. Bro. Craggs expressed himself highly gratified at this mark of appreciation on the part of those present.

Good Friday is always looked upon as being an evening for good attendance in this part of London, and on the 5th inst. we were pleased to note a large gathering, amongst those present being F. A. Foes W.M., H. J. Cousens P.M. S.W., M. F. Wilkins J.W., Arthur Williams P.M. Preceptor, F. Craggs P.M. Sec., J. Hallam S.D., W. Atkinson J.D., T. L. Hellyar I.G., John Worth P.M., W. Hide P.M., Robert Reid P.M., K. M. Ross P.M., J. H. Cumming P.M., G. T. Meek, George W. Turner, &c.

Lodge being opened to the second degree, Bro. Worth was examined and entrusted, and the raising ceremony was rehearsed. The first section of the lecture was worked by the Preceptor, assisted by the Brethren.

Lodge being resumed to the first degree, the Brethren

Lodge being resumed to the first degree, the Brethren elected Bro. Cousens P.M. to act as W.M. at the next meeting, and Bro. Foes was accorded a hearty vote of thanks for presiding. The Preceptor stated he had seldom, if ever, heard the ritual rendered in a more efficient manner.

Hyde Park Lodge, No. 1425.

ON the 22nd inst., at the Prince of Wales Hotel, Eastbourne Terrace, Bishops Road, Paddington, W., Bros. H. H. Bagnall W.M., W. H. Handover 1642 S.W., L. J. Powell P.M. 2246 J.W., H. E. Dehane P.M. 1543 P.P.G.D.Essex Sec., F. Spink S.D., W. J. Reith J.D., W. Smith-Rose I.G., G. E. Harris W.M. 1894 Steward, H. Foskett P.M. 1642 Dep. Preceptor, G. D. Coleman W.M. 2581, A. E. Pinfold, G. B. Oberti.

After the opening, Bro. Coleman, at the request of the W.M., assumed the chair and after the usual preliminaries the ceremony of passing was rehearsed, Bro. Bagnall candidate. The Lodge was called off and on. Bro. Bagnall worked the ceremony of initiation, Bro. Oberti candidate.

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Next meeting being Officers night, Bro. Handover was elected W.M. for that night fortnight and appointed the Officers in rotation. The thirty-four Benevolent votes of the Lodge of Instruction

were voted to assist the candidature of Mrs. Mellis

Metropolitan Lodge, No. 1507.

THE annual Easter holidays having ended, the Brethren assembled in strong force on Monday, 15th inst., at the Globe Tavern and Restaurant, Moorgate Street, E.C. Those present included Bros. R. Hunt W.M., G. Ryon S.W., J. J. Kern J.W., W. Barry P.M. acting Preceptor, C. Johnson Sec., A. C. Bradley S.D., G. W. Collins J.D., J. W. Doubtfire I.G., H. J. Abrahams P.M., H. T. Meadows P.M., R. D. Smith P.M., J. W. Honniball, H. W. Newman, J. Ward, A. Jackson, B. J. Dear, J. Wynman, Richard Blunden.

Richard Blunden.

The ceremony of passing was rehearsed, Bro. Jackson candidate. The same Brother answered the questions, was entrusted, and the ceremony of raising was gone through.

Bro. R. R. Blunden 1471 was unanimously elected an honorary member, which compliment was highly appreciated and acknowledged. Bro. A. Jackson 1507 was also elected a member, and acknowledged the compliment paid him.

Bro. Ryon W.M.-elect of the Jubilee Lodge was elected to preside on the following Monday.

Bro. Johnson proposed, and it was agreed to, that a hearty vote of congratulation be recorded on the minutes to Bros. G. Ryon and A. C. Bradley on having been elected Masters of their respective Lodges. respective Lodges.

A GOOD meeting was held on Monday, 22nd inst., when there were present Bros. G. Ryon W.M., A. C. Bradley S.W., G. Collins J.W., J. F. Saunders P.M. Preceptor, C. Johnson Sec., J. W. Doubtire S.D., J. Webster J.D., R. Hunt I.G., Smith P.M., W. Barry r.M., H. Meadow P.M., C. G. Zander, W. Tipton, R. Blunden, J. Ward, J. Wynman, H. Newman, F. H. Weatheridge, J. W. Honniball.

The ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, Bro. Meadow P.M. kindly acting as candidate. The W.M. rehearsed the investiture of Officers, and then vacated the chair in favour of Bro. Zander. Bro. Newman answered the questions, was entrusted, and the ceremony of passing was rehearsed. Lodge was resumed to the first degree.

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Bro. W. Tipton 1679 was elected a member, which compliment was acknowledged. Brother A. C. Bradley W.M.-elect 1507 was appointed to preside on Monday next.

Leopold Lodge, No. 1571.

ON Wednesday, 17th inst., at 7 o'clock, at the Moorgate, Moorgate Street, E.C., Bros. P. Leach W.M., W. Egles S.W., D. Harlow P.M. Preceptor, H. Meadow P.M. Sec., R. Blacksee S.D., A. Gooding J.D., T. A. Prickett I.G., J. Brown P.M., C. Morris P.M., J. Cohen, W. Rich, J. Wynman, D. E. Parkins 128r

Morris P.M., J. Cohen, W. Rich, J. Wynman, D. E. Parkins 1385.

The ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, Bro. J. Cohen acting as candidate. The Lodge was opened in the second degree, when the W.M. vacated the chair for Bro. Harlow P.M. Preceptor, who rehearsed the ceremony of installation, Bro. C. Morris P.M. being presented as W.M.-elect by Bro. J. Brown P.M. acting as D.C. Lodge was resumed to the first degree, and Bro. Harlow in his usual eloquent manner delivered the addresses in grand style, without the slightest hesitation. The Brethren went through their Masonic drill, a proceeding on which we congratulate the W.M., as often it is painful to see the members on entering or leaving a Lodge muddle the salutes. The able working of Bro. P. Leach, who is W.M. of the Mother Lodge, is well known—on this occasion he fully maintained his reputation.

Bro. D. E. Parkins was elected a member, and Bro. Egles chosen W.M. for the next meeting.

Kensington Lodge, No. 1767.

ON Tuesday, 16th inst., at the Town Hall Tavern, Kensington, Bros. J. H. Cumming P.M. 534 W.M., W. B. Neville P.M. S.W., W. H. Dresden P.M. J.W., W. Hellier P.M. Preceptor, F. Craggs P.M. Sec., A. Williams P.M. S.D., W. Watson J.D., T. Dearlove I.G.

I.G.

The ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, after which the Lodge was opened in the second degree, and Bro. Watson was examined and entrusted. Lodge was opened in the third degree and the ceremony of raising was gone through.

Bro. W. B. Neville was elected unanimously to occupy the chair on the 23rd inst.

Before separating, Bro. Craggs thanked the executive of the West London Masonic Election Association for their presence at the polling of the R.M.I.G. and complimented them on their success in carrying in their candidate on her first application.

Woodrow Lodge, No. 2271.

AT Stone's Restaurant, Panton Street, on Monday, 15th inst., Bros. B. A. Calot W.M., Percy Cooper S.W., Geo. Yeowell J.W., Simeons P.M. Sec., Woodrow P.M., L. Lake S.D., J. G. Lobb J.D., G. W. Lacy I.G., W. H. Making P.M., J. H. Warwick P.M., T. F. Strutt P.M., T. Burgess, J. E. Culverhouse, J. W. Catling.

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The Lodge was opened and the chair vacated in favour of Bro. Making P.M. W.M. of the Fellowship Lodge, who opened in the second degree, asked the questions, and rehearsed the cermony of raising perfectly, Bro. Warwick I.P.M. of the St. James Lodge acting as candidate.

Bro. Percy Cooper S.W. of the Imperial Lodge, No. 1694 was elected to the chair for the next meeting.

ON Monday, 22nd inst., Bros. Percy Cooper W.M., G. Yeowell S.W., J. E. Culverhouse J.W., C. Woodrow P.M. Preceptor, J. W. Simeons P.M. Sec., G. W. Lacv S.D., J. G. Lobb I.G., E. W. Davis P.A.G.D.C. Middx, W. Rudderforth P.M., M. M. Taylor P.M., W. H. Making P.M., B. A. Calot, A. Grille, A. F. Cornell, A. Bedford, J. Wynman.

Bro. Taylor was examined and entrusted, and the ceremony of passing was rehearsed. Lodge was resumed to the first degree, and the ceremony of initiation was gone through, Bro. Grille candidate.

candidate.

Bros. M. M. Taylor P.M. 1563, A. F. Cornell 179, and Alfred Bedford 1609 were elected members, and Bro. Yeowell W.M. for

We congratulate the W.M. on his working. Both the ceremonies were perfectly rendered, and as a recognition, it was proposed that a hearty vote of thanks be passed and recorded on the minutes for the very able manner in which he had fulfilled the duties of the chair for the first time in that or any other Lodge.

Eyre Lodge, No. 2742.

A WELL attended meeting held at the Eyre Arms Hotel, St. John's Wood, N.W., on Wednesday, 17th inst., shows the popularity of this young and prosperous Lodge, a popularity which has principally been gained by the able and genial Preceptor Bro. Weston P.M.

Since the Lodge was started, about two years ago, there have been two ballots of five guineas each for the Charities, and there will shortly be sufficient funds in hand for another.

The Lodge has now over eighty members, of whom about thirty were present on the 17th when the Lodge was opened by Bro. G. E. Thompson, a young and energetic Mason, who did great credit to the Preceptor and himself by the perfect manner in which he worked the first and second degrees. He was ably supported by Bros. Russell S.W., Tapley-Smith I.W., W. Knill Sec., Archer S.D., Alcock J.D., Elderfield I.G.

Bro. John O. Clark was elected a member. Scarcely a week passes but some members join this Lodge, which promises to rank

among the best and largest homes of Instruction in the district. Bro. Barrell will find room for all who can attend in the spacious rooms of his establishment.

Earl's Court Lodge, No. 2765.

ON the 18th inst., at the handsome quarters at the Greyhound Hotel, Kensington Square, the Brethren assembled in force to witness Bro. W. Binfield go through the duties of the chair. Bro. Binfield is a pupil of Bro. H. J. Cousens P.M. of the Old Concord Lodge and it reflected great credit on Bro. Cousens on the way he had trained this assignment to Masonic honours. Bro. Binfield he had trained this aspirant to Masonic honours. Bro. Binfield had for his support a well trained staff of Officers, viz:—H. J. Seale P.M. S.W., H. G. Cox J.W., John Worth P.M. Preceptor, H. J. Cousens P.M. Sec., W. McNaughton S.D., J. G. Stovold J.D., F. W. Smethurst I.G., and amongst others present were Bros. J. H. Cumming P.M., Joseph Cox P.M., Chas. G. Hatt P.M.

P.M.

Punctually at 8 p.m. Bro. Binfield sounded his gavel, and after the usual preliminaries the initiation ceremony was gone through. By special request Bro. Hatt answered the questions and was entrusted and, the Lodge being advanced to the second degree, the rehearsal of a passing was proceeded with.

The choice of the Brethren fell on Bro. Seale P.M. to officiate as W.M. on the next occasion of their meeting. The Brethren on all sides paid a highly deserved compliment to Bro. Binfield for the exceedingly praiseworthy manner in which he had gone through his work.

on the 11th, Bros. T. Nicholls W.M., W. Binfield S.W., Todd Lewis J.W., John Worth P.M. Preceptor, H. J. Cousens P.M. Sec., J. A. Spring S.D., A. G. Taylor J.D., H. G. Cox I.G., John H. Cumming P.M. Steward, C. G. Hatt P.M., J. Slater, J. P. Langford, J. Gilbeart, &c.

Lodge was opened to the second degree and Bro. Slater was examined and entrusted. The Lodge was opened up and the ceremony of raising was rehearsed. The Lodge was called off and on, after which Bro. Hatt proved his efficiency and the Lodge being resumed to the second degree kindly acted as candidate in the passing ceremony. the passing ceremony.

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Hornsey Chapter of Improvement, No. 890.

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On the 19th, at the Prince of Wales Hotel, Eastbourne Terrace, Bishops Road, W., Comps. T. C. Edmonds P.Z. 1507 M.E.Z., I. M. Huish H. 185 H., A. L. Butters N. 890 J., H. E. Dehane P.Z. 890 P.P.G.P.S. Essex Scribe E., W. J. Lewis P.S. 890 Scribe N., H. Foskett M.E.Z. 185 890 Treasurer, F. M. Marchant 1stA.S. 890 P.S., A. F. Hardyment J. 1489 FirstA.S., W. Smith-Rose 2ndA.S. 890 SecondA.S., R. N. Larter H. 184, J. Rowe 1614, E. Stevens 733, G. D. Mogford.

The Chapter was opened and the Companions admitted. The minutes of the last convocation were read and confirmed. The ceremony of exaltation was rehearsed, Comp. Larter candidate. Hearty good wishes were accorded and the Chapter closed.

ENTERTAINMENT NOTES.

Earls Court.—Bro. Imre Kiralfy's forthcoming Exhibition at Earls Court promises to be of exceptional grandeur, especially as regards the Great Military Spectacle to which he has devoted much time and study. The interest taken by the country in the Siege of the Legations at Pekin is Bro. Kiralfy's justification in reproducing the scene of such exciting episodes, and he has been fortunate in receiving valuable assistance from ladies and gentlemen who were among the besieged. He is thus enabled to present the six scenes of the Spectacle with the utmost accuracy of detail, as to plans, elevations, &c. In order to make it as realistic as possible the principal characters will be sustained by actors and actresses of repute, so that the entertainment will be a dramatic and not a pantomimic performance. The Spectacle will be given twice each day in the Empress Theatre, and may therefore be enjoyed at any time independent of the weather. Still, granted a fine summer, the beautiful gardens are in themselves a sufficient attraction with the accompaniment of good music, which it is needless to say will not be forgotten. The opening ceremony has been fixed for Saturday, 4th May, and it is not at all probable that Bro. Kiralfy's proverbial good fortune will desert him in whalt he regards "the crowning effort of his life." We heartily wish him success.

St. GEORGE'S DAY.

"Saint George and Merry England!" ancient toast That whilom sent the life-blood to the brain; When with a pardoning pride 'twas England's boast That none could vanquish her on land or main.

And now we half-forget her glories past,
And many bosoms throb with dizzy pain—
Unmindful that her power for aye shall last—
That doughty deeds may still be done again.
Shall we forget sweet England's darling daughters?
Shall we forget the bravery of her sons?

Shall we forget the bravery of her sons?

Her sway supreme upon the world's wide waters

The quenchless fire of all her countless guns?

Come the whole earth, no sense of fear should thrill,

Our patron saint bids weakling hearts be still!

CHAS. F. FORSHAW, LL.D.

Bradford.

****** WEST AFRICAN SHARES.

THERE seems every likelihood that the great activity in the West African Mining Market will continue for an unlimited time, and that the boom has only just commenced. In a recent issue attention was called to the Wassau Gold Concessions as being one of the best among the low-priced West African shares, and worthy of the attention of the speculative investor. At the meeting of the Wassau Gold Concessions, Limited, last week, the Chairman was able to foreshadow brilliant prospects and a prosperous career for the Company. The district in which the Company's property is situated is stated to be highly auriferous, and that ancient gold workings by the natives and banket formation are found throughout the property. The Company have recently been approached with regard to selling portions of their valuable property to four different Companies already established, and it is reported that within the next few weeks the negotiations will mature. The policy of selling portions of a property to other Companies has always proved beneficial, and the Directors are acting in the best interests of the shareholders in adopting this course, which, it is believed, will enable them to shortly commence the payment of dividends on the shares of the Wassau Gold Concessions, Limited. THERE seems every likelihood that the great activity in the

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