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UNITED GRAND LODGE.

THE Quarterly Communication was held on Wednesday, at Freemasons' Hall, London, Earl Amherst Pro Grand Master in the chair, supported by the Earl of Warwick Deputy Grand Master, Bro. W. W. B. Beach, M.P., acting as Past Grand Master, and some eight hundred Brethren.

On the motion of Earl Amherst, seconded by the Earl of Warwick, the sum of 500 guineas was voted to the Queen Victoria Memorial Fund, and Bro. Horace Brooks Marshall Grand Treasurer said he would immediately pay over the amount, without waiting for the vote to be confirmed at the next Quarterly meeting in September.

Bro. Loveland-Loveland, K.C., was again appointed President of the Board of General Purposes.

CONSECRATION.

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Victoria Lodge, No. 2848.

IT has for some time been evident that Masonry has been making great progress in Wolverhampton and district, and in January last some of the local Brethren arrived at the conclusion that it was desirable an additional Lodge should be formed. A petition was presented to the Grand Master and in due time a Charter was granted for a new Lodge to be constituted, and to be known as the Victoria Lodge.

The Founders, nine in number, made a request to the Earl of Dartmouth Provincial Grand Master of Staffordshire to perform the ceremony of Consecration, and his Lordship readily consented to do so. Arrangements were made for the important event to take place on Saturday, 11th ultimo, at the Victoria Hotel, the Founders having selected as the first Master Bro. Walter Hamblett, who is a P.M. of Noah's Ark Lodge, which is said to be the oldest Lodge in Staffordshire. There was a large attendance of distinguished Brethren from Staffordshire, Worcestershire, Warwickshire, and London, the entire company numbering about two hundred.

The Rev. W. G. Mayne delivered a most interesting address on the nature and principles of the Institution, and the whole of the ceremony of Consecration was very ably performed by the Provincial Grand Master, at the conclusion of which his lordship said he was very pleased that another Lodge had been provided for Wolverhampton, and congratulated the founders upon their successful efforts.

The Deputy Provincial Grand Master Bro. Colonel Walker afterwards installed Bro. Hamblett as the first Worshipful Master. The new W.M. appointed and invested the following as his Officers: Bros. J. Carver P.M. P.G.D.C. I.P.M., A. Whitehouse S.W., H. Whitehouse J.W., W. Robinson Treasurer, T. D. Douglas Secretary, E. J. Parkes S.D., G. Reed J.D., T. W. Bigglestone I.G., Sergeant Bennett Tyler.

At the conclusion of the ceremonies the Worshipful Master, on behalf of the founders, presented very handsome jewels to the Provincial Grand Master and also the Deputy, which were suitably acknowledged.

In the evening a banquet was served in the Assembly Room of the Hotel, which was largely attended. The usual Masonic toasts were honoured.

The Deputy Provincial Grand Master, in proposing the toast of the Worshipful Master, said Bro. Hamblett had done some excellent work in Noah's Ark Lodge, and he was sure he would display great efficiency in that Lodge

during the present year, when he would be called upon to do a great amount of work owing to the large number of candidates for admission.

Bro. Hamblett, in responding, said he very much appreciated the distinguished honour conferred upon him in being elected first W.M. of the Lodge, and felt sure he would be well supported by the Brethren. He thanked Bros. Alex. Smith, W. H. Smith, E. W. Smith, A. W. Evans, and Taylor for providing excellent and suitable music in the ceremonies, and Bro. T. D. Douglas for the enormous work he had done as Secretary.

It should be stated that the entire cost of the very handsome furniture and other requisites has been defrayed by the founders.

JUBILEE CELEBRATION.

ON the 29th ult., Sir Charles Dalrymple, Bart., M.P., was entertained to dinner and received a presentation, as marking the completion of twenty-five years of Office as Provincial Grand Master of Argyle and the Isles. All the Lodges in the Province joined in the testimonial, and most of them were represented at the dinner. The company numbered over sixty, and was almost exclusively Masonic. Bro. ex-Provost Milloy, Rothesay, presided, and Bro. Cunningham, Millport, was croupier.

The Chairman, in proposing "Our Guest" and making the presentation, said that in December 1873, Sir Charles Dalrymple was initiated as a member of Rothesay St. John Lodge. At that time Masonry in Scotland, and particularly in the Western Isles, did not occupy such an exalted position as it did now; the improvement was very much owing to the work which Sir Charles had done in the Office of Provincial Grand Master, to which he was installed in 1875. So high was the esteem in which their guest was held by Freemasons in Scotland that he was appointed to the Office of Grand Master, a position which he had held with the greatest distinction. In handing over to Sir Charles a massive silver bowl, on which the titles of all the Lodges in the Province were engraved, he said it would remain a living witness to generations to come of the high esteem in which the Prov. Grand Master was held by his Masonic Brethren in the West. The toast was received with much enthusiasm, and was drunk with Masonic honours.

Sir Charles Dalrymple, in replying, said it gave him great pleasure that on such an occasion the chair should be occupied by a friend of many years whom he had always held in the highest regard, and had never ceased to consider a highly representative man in that place with which he (Sir Charles) had been identified for so many years. Another thing with which he expressed his satisfaction was the representative character of the company before him, for he knew that some of them had come from the most distant Lodges in the Province. He had been rather in the habit of deprecating presentations and testimonials, but when he came to know of this movement, and knew of the large body of Masons in the West from whom it emanated, he thought there was nothing for it but to accept; and he might say that he had looked forward with the greatest possible interest to the occasion which had brought them together. In accepting such a costly, beautiful, and splendid gift, he need not say how much he was gratified by the kind feelings which prompted such a presentation, which would be most gratefully prized by him, and he was sure would be prized by those who came after him. Nothing gave him greater pleasure than the belief that they thought Masonry in the Province had prospered under his

charge. He had, of course, seen many changes in Masonic matters, as in other matters in that part of the world, during his long period of Office; and one thing that he marked as having grown and increased was the excellent spirit that animated the various Lodge. As the years had gone on there had been more and more readiness to attend to the suggestions and recommendations of Grand Lodge; and this had gratified him more than he could say. In conclusion, he said he had to thank them for their kind wishes, and for the manner in which they had received the toast of his health; but more especially he had to thank them for that splendid gift, which he would prize most highly, and which he was sure everybody connected with him would greatly admire and value when they saw it.

Several other toasts followed.

KENT.

THE annual meeting of this important Provincial Grand Lodge will be held on Wednesday next, 12th inst., at the Town Hall, Dover, at 1 o'clock. The Brethren will attend Service at the Parish Church, at 2.30, and will sit down to banquet at the New Town Hall, at 4 o'clock.

SOMERSETSHIRE.

ON 29th ult., this Provincial Grand Lodge met at the Drill Hall, Keynsham, at the invitation of the St. Keyna Lodge, No. 1833. In the absence of the Provincial Grand Master Viscount Dungarvan the Deputy Provincial Grand Master Bro. R. C. Else presided.

The Deputy Provincial Grand Master referred to the great regret the Brethren felt at not being presided over by the Prov. Grand Master Lord Dungarvan. Unfortunately for them, Lord Dungarvan had been once more called away to South Africa in command of his troop to fight the battles of his country. They trusted that he would return to them unscathed as on the former occasion.

Among those who apologised for absence were the Prov. Grand Master of Bristol Bro. W. A. F. Powell, the Deputy Provincial Grand Master Bro. Colonel Bramble, and the Grand Lodge Secretary Bro. Letchworth.

Bro. Chas. L. Fry Edwards Prov.G.Treasurer presented the accounts, which showed that a balance of £49 13s 2d remained in hand, and that a sum of about 130 guineas had been given to charity during the year. There had been an increase of about thirty members throughout the Province during the year. The sum of £50 had been given to the South African Fund.

Bro. Nosworthy P.Prov.S.G.W. proposed the re-election of Bro. Chas. L. Fry Edwards as Treasurer. This was seconded by Bro. Billing, and adopted.

The Deputy Provincial G.M., on behalf of the Provincial Grand Master, then invested the Officers.

The Charity Organisation Committee's report was presented by the Dep. Prov.G.M. and received with approval.

A collection was taken and devoted to the local nursing fund.

In the evening the banquet was held at the Lamb and Lark Hotel, the Deputy Prov. Grand Master presiding. There was a large gathering of Brethren.

The toast of King and Craft was proposed from the chair, the Deputy Provincial Grand Master remarking that though they had lost His Majesty as Grand Master, they were pleased that he had been good enough to say that he would be their Protector.

The Deputy Provincial Grand Master next proposed the M.W.G.M. H.R.H. the Duke of Connaught. He remarked that as His Majesty resigned the Grand Mastership a better selection of his successor could not have been made than that of his brother the Duke of Connaught. He was sure H.R.H. would do his best to follow in the footsteps of his Royal brother, and maintain the honour of their noble Craft to the best of his ability. No doubt many of those whom he was addressing would be present at the installation of the Grand Master.

Bro. C. P. Billing P.Prov.J.G.W. proposed the Grand Officers. He remarked that if Somersetshire Freemasons were noted for one thing it was that they were pleased and proud to see visitors among the

Bro. Beilby Past Deputy Grand Master of New Zealand

replied. He said that New Zealand had passed through an ordeal which many new countries had to pass through. About ten years ago the question was raised whether New Zealand was able to govern itself in Masonic matters as in everything else. Although they were severed from the Grand Lodge of England they had the greatest affection for the old Constitution and were as loyal as they had ever been. In the South African war they had sent the flower of their people to fight the old country's battles.

The Deputy Provincial G.M. submitted the Prov.G.M. of Somerset the Right Hon. Viscount Dungarvan. He observed that pleasing as the duty was to propose this toast, it would have given him even more delight if his lordship had been able to be present that day. They remembered that about this time last year they met at Portishead, and that although they did not know but that their Prov.G.M. was away in South Africa, just at the last moment he appeared and presided over them. He was not without hope that his lordship would do the same that day. On the former occasion he believed Lord Dungarvan went to South Africa, to a certain extent, for pleasure, but on the present occasion, he understood, he had been called upon to take command of troops. They all hoped he would return in health and strength.

Bro. T. P. Ashley P.P.S.G.W. proposed the Deputy Bro. R. C. Else P.G.D. of England, and said that they in the Province were happy enough to be governed by their rulers in a manner which made them feel that while they upheld the principles of the Order, they also tried to promote the comfort of every Lodge and every member. They felt that there was a gloom hanging over them because their Deputy Grand Master had intimated that he thought it was time to retire from the Office—"No, no"—which he had held for so many years to the great benefit of the Craft. Some of them remembered when he first accepted that Office he made it his business to go throughout the whole of the Province, and visit every Lodge, and it might be that though he now thought that he was no longer able to do that work, that was not the opinion of the Brethren. It was not the opinion of the Freemasons of Somerset that the work of their Prov. Deputy Grand Master was finished, and they did not want to part with him. It was dangerous to take the keystone from a stately edifice. They all hoped that the Deputy Provincial Grand Master would reconsider the matter, for they felt that it would be a great blow to the Province—he might almost say a catastrophe—if he were to leave them.

The toast having been heartily drunk, the Deputy Prov.G.M., in reply, acknowledged the kindness that he had received from every Brother in the Province. At the same time he felt that there must be an end of all things. He felt that he should not be doing his duty to Freemasonry in general and to the Province in particular if he continued to occupy a position, the duties of which he was unable properly to fulfil. Therefore he felt that it would be for the benefit of the Province that he should retire. ("No.") In fact, he had sent in his resignation to the Prov.G.M., but as he was going to South Africa he had asked him to look after the Province till he came back. He was now considering the subject again.

Bro. H. J. Ker Thompson submitted the toast of the Officers of Provincial Grand Lodge. He expressed the hope that the Deputy Provincial Grand Master would continue to occupy the position which he had adorned for so many years.

Bro. Aplin Prov.J.G.W., and Bro. T. Floyd Norris Past Prov.G.S. of Works responded.

The Deputy Provincial Grand Master proposed the W.M. and Officers and Brethren of the St. Keyna Lodge, No. 1833, and acknowledged the excellent arrangements of the Lodge for the reception of Provincial Grand Lodge. In the absence of the W.M. he coupled with the toast the names of Bro. Wiltshire and Bro. Shrapnell, who had taken a prominent part in the arrangements for the gathering.

Bro. Wiltshire expressed pleasure on behalf of the St. Keyna Lodge at the visit of Provincial Grand Lodge, to which they had been looking forward for many years. Bro. Shrapnell also replied.

Bro. Gent Wood gave the Masonic Charities and Bro. Billing and Bro. A. E. Fuller acknowledged the toast.

MARK GRAND LODGE.

THE Quarterly Communication was held on Tuesday, at Mark Masons' Hall, the Earl of Euston Pro Grand Master presiding. Lord Euston announced that the Duke of Connaught, who had been elected Grand Master in March, was not able to be present on that occasion to be installed, but that the ceremony would be performed on a future occasion, probably in October or November.

This being the regular day for the installation of Grand Master and the appointment and investiture of the Grand Officers for the year, the Duke of Connaught was proclaimed by Bro. H. E. Cousans Grand Director of Ceremonies as Grand Master. Lord Euston was appointed Pro Grand Master, the Hon. Alan de Tatton Egerton, M.P., Deputy Grand Master; and the other principal Grand Officers were Lord Herschell Senior Warden, H. J. Sparks Junior Warden, F. West, Dr. Clement Godson, and W. J. Fisher Overseers, the Revs. E. L. G. Houndle and H. S. Cronin, B.D., Chaplains, Harry Manfield Treasurer, Frank Richardson Registrar, R. Loveland-Loveland, K.C., President of the General Board, and C. F. Matier Secretary.

The following report of the General Board was dealt with:

During the three months ending 31st March 1901, there have been issued:—Mark Certificates, 603; total registered, 43,049.

Royal Ark Mariner Certificates, 180; number registered, 6,615.

His Royal Highness the Most Worshipful Grand Master has been graciously pleased to re-appoint for a further term of three years:—

R.W. Bro. Charles Letch Mason as Provincial Grand Master for West Yorkshire.

R.W. Bro. Thomas Cook as District Grand Master for Natal.

R.W. Bro. Capel Jenner Hogg as District Grand Master for the Western Division of South Africa.

R.W. Bro. Edward Harry Courtenay Luck as District Grand Master for Queensland.

R.W. Bro. Col. The Hon. Sir George Montgomery John Moore, K.C.I.E., as District Grand Master for Madras.

His Royal Highness the Most Worshipful Grand Master has been graciously pleased to appoint:—

R.W. Bro. Alfred Seymour Bankart to be District Grand Master for Auckland, New Zealand, in succession to

R.W. Bro. F. W. E. Dawson, deceased.

The Board has the pleasure to announce that the outstanding balance of £700 has been repaid by the General Fund to the Annuity Branch of the Benevolent Fund.

The Board has had to seriously admonish the W.M. of a Lodge for having appointed a Brother to hold more than one regular Office in the Lodge at one and the same time contrary to the laws, custom, and usages hitherto adopted in Mark Masonry.

The W. Master of the Lodge pleaded ignorance of the fact, that, where the Constitutions for the government of the Mark and R.A.M. Degrees do not specifically provide for any matter that may arise, the rules and regulations of the Craft have always been held to apply.

The Board recommends that this custom should be embodied in the Book of Constitutions, so that in future direct attention should be called to the matter in the following Rule to follow Article 153:—"Any matter not specifically dealt with in these Constitutions must be governed by the general rules of Masonry contained in the Book of Constitutions of Free and Accepted Masons under the United Grand Lodge of England, so far as such rules are not inconsistent with any of the regulations herein, and so far as they are applicable to the Mark Degree."

FUND OF BENEVOLENCE.

V.W. Bro. Alderman and Lt.-Col. Clifford Probyn Past Grand Treasurer has most kindly consented to preside at the thirty-third Annual Festival in aid of the Benevolent Fund, which will be held at the Freemasons' Tavern, on Wednesday, 10th July 1901, and the Grand Secretary will be happy to receive the names of Ladies and Brethren willing to act as Stewards.

The Board have to report the death of two annuitants: Mrs. Elizabeth Eyre and Mrs. Mary Lord.

Mrs. Louisa Rowe, widow of the late Bro. Alexander Rowe, late an Annuitant, has been placed on the Annuity Fund under Rule 203, Sub-section XIV.

The Board has elected on the Educational Fund, without a poll:

Gerard Selby Mitchell, son of the late Bro. Charles Edward Mitchell Past Deputy District Grand Master Bombay, and Frank Herbert Gange, son of the late Bro. Walter Hookway Gange, of the Canynges Lodge, T.I., Bristol.

The following cases have been relieved:

Bro. H. W., Lodge No. 54, £10.

Bro. H. F. B., Lodges Nos. 173 and 485, £10.

Bro. R. J. R., Lodge No. 166, £20.

Mrs. L. F. (widow of a Brother of Lodge No. 264), £10.

The Board recommends to Grand Lodge:

£50 to Bro. J. F. D., Lodge No. 165.

£25 to Mrs. C. A. P., widow of a Brother of Lodge No. 110.

£20 to Mrs. M., widow of a Brother of Lodge No. 72.

R. LOVELAND-LOVELAND, President.

FRANK RICHARDSON, Vice-President.

C. F. MATIER, Grand Secretary.

At the conclusion of the ordinary business on 2nd May, the following resolution was passed:—"That the cordial thanks of the Members of the General Board be and are hereby tendered to their President, R.W. Bro. R. Loveland-Loveland, K.C., for the very able and courteous manner in which he has presided over the meetings of the Board during the past year."

FRANK RICHARDSON, Vice-President.

Bro. John Bell P.M. P.P.J.G.D. Cheshire, who has been for fourteen years Secretary of St. John Lodge, No. 104, Stockport, has been the recipient of a handsome silver tea set and tray as "a token of their esteem and high appreciation of his long, untiring, and invaluable services as their honorary Secretary." The W.M. Bro. Walter Ackroyd spoke eloquently of the long and able services rendered by Bro. Bell, and expressed the hope that the distressing illness under which he had long been suffering would soon disappear.

WHO WOULD NOT BE A MASON?

Who would not be a Mason

And wear the Apron white?

And feel the bonds of Friendship

The rich and poor unite?

To know Masonic virtues,

To do Masonic deeds?

And sympathetic minister

Unto a Brother's needs?

Who would not be a Mason

And join the Brethren true?

To see our noble teachings

Their glorious work pursue?

To feel a bond Fraternal

Is theirs where'er they go?

And to find a hearty welcome

As they journey to and fro?

Who would not be a Mason

A Craftsman just and fair

To meet upon the Level

And part upon the Square?

To hear the voice of Charity,

Where'er our Lodges be?

And to know our Grips and Passwords

And share in all our glee?

Who would not be a Mason

To labour day by day?

And labouring try to lessen

The thorns upon life's way?

To help to form a column,

All perfect and complete?

Fit for building that great Temple

Wherein we hope to meet?

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MEETINGS NEXT WEEK.

Monday.

- 1305 St. Marylebone, Criterion Restaurant
 2094 Elthorne and Middlesex, Cafe Royal
 2682 Sancta Maria, Mark Masons' Hall
 68 Royal Clarence, F.M.H., Bristol
 75 Love and Honour, F.M.H., Falmouth
 104 St. John, Mechanics Inst., Stockport
 105 Fortitude, F.M.H., Plymouth
 106 Sun, F.M.H., Exmouth
 151 Albany, F.M.H., Newport, I. of W.
 189 Sincerity, Town Hall, E. Stonehouse
 237 Indefatigable, F.M.H., Swansea
 240 St. Hilda, F.M.H., South Shields
 296 Royal Brunswick, F.M.H., Sheffield
 297 Witham, Masonic Rooms, Lincoln
 303 Benevolent, F.M.H., Teignmouth
 314 Peace and Unity, Bull, Preston
 330 One and All, F.M.H., Bodmin
 339 Unanimity, Crown, Penrith
 422 Yarborough, M. Rms., Gainsborough
 481 St. Peter, F.M.H., Newcastle-on-Tyne
 589 Druid of Love & Liberality, Redruth
 643 Royal, Foord's, Fife
 665 Montagu, F.M.H., Lyme Regis
 671 Prince of Wales, F.M.H., Llanelli
 797 Hauley, Hauley Hall, Dartmouth
 884 Derwent, Town Hall, Wirksworth
 893 Meridian, F.M.H., Millbrook
 941 De Tabley, Royal George, Knutsford
 1149 Dorking, Public Hall, Dorking
 1221 Defence, F.M.H., Leeds
 1302 De Warren, White Swan, Halifax
 1402 Jordan, Masonic Temple, Torquay
 1408 Stamford & Warrington, Stalybridge
 1436 Castle, F.M.H., Sandgate
 1449 Royal Military, Mas. Tem., Canterbury
 1452 St. Margaret, Royal, Lowestoft
 1474 Israel, F.M.H., Birmingham
 1496 Trafford, Western, Moss Side
 1505 Emulation, F.M.H., Liverpool
 1611 Eboracum, F.M.H., York
 1618 Handyside, Priv. Rms., Saltburn-by-Sea
 1656 Wolsey, Greyhound, Hampton Court
 1691 Quadratic, Mitre, Hampton Court
 1730 Urmston, Victoria, Urmston
 1802 Vernon, Exchange Bldgs., E. Retford
 1885 Torridge, F.M.H., Great Torrington
 1948 Hardman, Queen's Arms, Rawtenstall
 1952 High Peak, Tn. H., Chapel-en-le-Frith
 1966 Fidelity & Sincerity, M.H., Wellington
 2034 Masfield, Institute, Moseley
 2144 De Tatton, Town Hall, Altrincham
 2185 Ardwick, Moseley, Manchester
 2197 Spencer Walpole Temperance, Douglas
 2376 Carnarvon, Public Hall, Leyland
 2382 Loyal Hay, Hay
 2457 St. Anne's, St. Anne's-on-Sea
 2487 St. Michael, Crown, Stone
 2584 Queen Victoria, Con. Club, Cheetham

Tuesday.

- 167 St. John, Jack Straw C., Hampstead
 821 Ranelagh, Criterion Restaurant
 2546 Rahere, Frascati
 80 St. John, F.M.H., Sunderland
 131 Fortitude, F.M.H., Truro
 184 United Benevolence, New Brompton
 241 Merchants, F.M.H., Liverpool
 272 Harmony, F.M.H., Boston
 319 New Forest, Visitors Hall, Lymington
 371 Perseverance, F.M.H., Maryport
 473 Faithful, F.M.H., Birmingham
 495 Wakefield, F.M.H., Wakefield
 496 Peace and Harmony, St. Austell
 502 Rectitude, F.M.H., Rugby
 503 Belvedere, F.M.H., Maidstone
 603 Zetland, F.M.H., Cleckheaton
 626 Lansdowne of Unity, Chippenham
 696 St. Bartholomew, Anchor, Wednesbury
 723 Panmure, F.M.H., Aldershot
 764 Harbour o' Refuge, M.H., W. Hartlepool
 829 Sydney, Black Horse, Sidcup
 877 Royal Alfred, Masonic Temple, Jersey
 897 St. Helens of Loyalty, St. Helens
 903 Gosport, India Arms, Gosport
 1021 Hartington, F.M.H., Barrow-in-Fur.
 1073 Greta, Keswick Hotel, Keswick
 1250 Gilbert Greenall, Lion, Warrington
 1267 Kenlis, Oddfellows Hall, Egremont
 1373 St. Hubert, F.M.H., Andover
 1476 Blackpool, F.M.H., Blackpool
 1528 Fort, F.M.H., Newquay
 1545 Baildon, Masonic Rooms, Baildon
 1713 Wilbraham, Walton-on-the-Hill
 1837 Lullingstone, F.M.H., Wilmington
 1847 Ebrington, Masonic T., E. Stonehouse
 1942 Minerva, Public Hall, Fenton
 2086 Dacre, Lyric Hall, Stevenage

- 2099 Ethelbert, Masonic Rooms, Herne Bay
 2134 Wilberforce, F.M.H., Hull
 2222 Frederick West, Castle, East Molesey
 2324 Horwich, Bridge, Horwich
 2357 Barrv, Royal, Cadoston-Juxta-Barry
 2475 Border, White Hart, Blackwater
 2500 St. Aldhelm, F.M.H., Branksome
 2582 Lewisham, Blue Gates, Smethwick
 2714 Temperance, F.M.H., Liverpool
 2723 Heaton, 232 Shields Road, Byker
 2799 John Brunner, Overwindsford

Wednesday.

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

- 13 Union Waterloo, F.M.H., Plumstead
 1260 John Hervey, Freemasons' Hall
 1586 Upper Norwood, White Hart, Up. N.
 1629 United, Freemasons' Hall
 2581 Empress, Cafe Royal
 2620 Cavendish, Royal Palace Hotel
 2662 Ealing, Victoria Hall, Ealing
 2698 Brondesbury, Earl Derby, Kilburn
 2765 Earl's Court, Royal Palace Hotel
 84 Doyle's Fellowship, F.M.H., Guernsey
 128 Prince Edwin, Bridge Inn, Bury
 146 Antiquity, F.M.H., Bolton
 187 Roy. Sussex Hospitality, M.H., Bristol
 204 Caledonian, F.M.H., Manchester
 225 St. Luke, F.M.H., Ipswich
 244 Yarborough, Masonic Temple, Jersey
 250 Minerva, F.M.H., Hull
 274 Tranquillity, Boar's Head, Newchurch
 277 Friendship, F.M.H., Oldham
 281 Fortitude, F.M.H., Lancaster
 288 Harmony, F.M.H., Todmorden
 323 Concord, Florist, Stockport
 483 Sympathy, Royal Clarendon, Gravesend
 498 Royal Standard, Dudley Arms, Dudley
 654 Peveril of the Peak, F.M.H., New Mills
 661 Fawcett, F.M.H., Seaham Harbour
 666 Benevolence, Wes. School, Princetown
 679 St. David, F.M.H., Aberdare
 708 Carnarvon, Hampton Court
 730 Ellesmere, F.M.H., Chorley
 731 Arboretum, F.M.H., Derby
 755 St. Tudno, F.M.H., Llandudno
 854 Albert, Duke of York, Shaw
 906 Royal Albert Edward, F.M.H., Bath
 1018 Shakespeare, F.M.H., Bradford
 1031 Fletcher, F.M.H., Birmingham
 1060 Marmion, 14 Church St., Tamworth
 1094 Temple, F.M.H., Liverpool
 1135 Concord, Masonic Temple, Ilfracombe
 1140 Ashton, Reform Club, Heaton Moor
 1181 De la Pole, F.M.H., Seaton
 1209 Lewises, Royal, Ramsgate
 1220 Solway, F.M.H., Aspatria
 1242 Tynwald, F.M.H., Douglas
 1248 Denison, F.M.H., Scarborough
 1273 St. Michael, F.M.H., Sittingbourne
 1331 Aldershot Camp, So. Westn., Aldershot
 1342 Walker, F.M.H., Newcastle-on-Tyne
 1356 Toxteth, 80 North Hill St., Liverpool
 1398 Baldwin, Castle, Dalton-in-Furness
 1400 Curwen, F.M.H., Workington
 1588 Prince Leopold, Angel, Stretford
 1643 Perseverance, M.H., Hebburn-on-Tyne
 1692 Hervey, Royal Bell, Bromley, Kent
 1798 Zion, Grand, Manchester
 1848 Ferrum, F.M.H., Middlesborough
 1855 St. Maurice, Working Hall, Plympton
 1879 Lord Warkworth, F.M.H., Amble
 1932 Whitworth, F.M.H., Spennymoor
 1958 St. George, F.M.H., Portsea
 2046 Robinson, F.M.H., Maidstone
 2156 Ar. Sullivan, Boar's Head, Manchester
 2294 Wavertree, Coffee House, Wavertree
 2389 Avondale, King's Arms, Middlewich
 2423 St. Mark, Hare & H's, Connah's Quay
 2483 Hadrian, Devonshire, Bexhill
 2583 St. Thomas, F.M.H., Tibshelf
 2591 St. Mary, Town Hall, New Shoreham
 2734 Harlow, Victoria Hall, Harlow
 2769 East Surrey, Hoskins's Arms, Oxted

Thursday.

- 1804 Coborn, Vestry Hall, Bow
 2417 Bolingbroke, Mun. Bg., Lavender Hill
 2509 Barnet, Assembly Rooms, New Barnet
 2809 Capital and Counties, Hotel Cecil
 35 Medina, F.M.H., Cowes
 97 Palatine, F.M.H., Sunderland
 130 Royal Gloucester, M.H., Southampton
 139 Britannia, F.M.H., Sheffield
 216 Harmonic, Adelphi, Liverpool
 333 Royal Preston, Castle, Preston
 344 Faith, Ram's Head, Radcliffe
 369 Limestone Rock, Swan, Clitheroe
 381 Harmony & Industry, M.H., Darwen
 437 Science, F.M.H., Wincanton

- 477 Mersey, Mas. Chambers, Birkenhead
 546 Etruscan, F.M.H., Longton
 725 Stoneleigh, Craven Arms, Coventry
 739 Temperance, F.M.H., Birmingham
 784 Wellington, Public Rooms, Deal
 816 Royd, Falcon, Littleborough
 973 Royal Somerset, F.M.H., Frome
 991 Tyne, F.M.H., Wallsend
 1035 Pr. of Wales, Skelmers. Hall, Liverpool
 1055 Derby, Victoria, Manchester
 1098 St. George, Temper. Hall, Tredegar
 1099 Huyshe, F.M.H., Stoke
 1107 Cornwallis, Bull, Chislehurst
 1144 Milton, George and D., Ashton-u-Lyne
 1145 Equality, Red Lion, Accrington
 1147 St. David, F.M.H., Manchester
 1182 Duke of Edinburgh, M.H., Liverpool
 1204 Royd, F.M.H., Malvern
 1213 Bridgwater, Assembly Rooms, Eccles
 1387 Chorlton, M.H., Chorlton-cum-Hardy
 1416 Falcon, F.M.H., Thirsk
 1495 Arkwright, New Bath H., Matlock Bath
 1583 Corbet, Whitehall House, Towyn
 1592 Abbey, F.M.H., Bury St. Edmunds
 1697 Hospitality, Royal, Waterfoot
 1750 Coleridge, Public Hall, Clevedon
 1915 Graystone, Foresters H., Whitstable
 1992 Tennant, Masonic Temple, Cardiff
 2038 Portcullis, St. Mary's Chapel, Langport
 2109 Pr. Edward, Assy. Hall, Heaton Moor
 2218 Rickmansworth, Victoria, Rickworth
 2234 Onslow, F.M.H., Guildford
 2262 Dagmar, Anglers Rest, Wraysbury
 2285 Eden, Masonic Rooms, Workington
 2420 Ferdinand de Rothschild, Aylesbury
 2449 Duke of York, Albion, Manchester
 2501 Ixion, Roebuck, Buckhurst Hill
 2523 Roll Call, Oddfellows' Hall, Hounslow
 2568 Delaval, Central, Newcastle-on-Tyne
 2606 Fforest, Masonic Rooms, Treharris
 2619 New Brighton, Victoria, New Brighton
 2640 Sir Francis Drake, F.M.H., Plymouth
 2722 Edward Terry, Barnes
 2806 Three Pillars, Parish R., Cockington

Friday.

- 780 Royal Alfred, Star & Garter, Kew Bdge.
 2399 Ordnance, F.M.H., Plumstead
 2740 Comrades, Holborn Restaurant
 64 Fortitude, Queens, Manchester
 81 Doric, Private Room, Woodbridge
 170 All Souls, F.M.H., Weymouth
 458 Aire and Calder, F.M.H., Goole
 516 Phoenix, Fox, Stowmarket
 526 Honour, Star & Garter, Wolverhampton
 815 Blair, Town Hall, Hulme
 1001 Harrogate & Claro, F.M.H., Harrogate
 1087 Beaudesert, Ass. Rs., Leighton Buzzard
 1102 Mirfield, F.M.H., Mirfield
 1121 Wear Valley, F.M.H., Bishop Auckland
 1428 United Service, F.M.H., Landport
 1605 De la Pole, F.M.H., Hull
 1661 Newton, F.M.H., Newark-upon-Trent
 1676 St. Nicholas, Cen. M.H., Newcastle-o-T.
 1715 A. J. Brogden, M.H., Grange-o-Sands
 1983 Martyn, Town Hall, Southwold
 2359 Doric, F.M.H., Chorlton-cum-Hardy
 2554 Manchester, F.M.H., Manchester
 2558 Furnival, F.M.H., Sheffield
 2608 Headingley, Parochial Institute, Leeds
 2674 Ravensworth, F.M.H., Gateshead
 2677 Calcaria, Masonic Rooms, Tadcaster

Saturday.

- 1641 Crichton, Frascati
 2041 West Kent Volunteers, M.H. Plumstead
 1126 Oakwood, Sale Hotel, Sale
 1194 Villiers, Mitre, Hampton Court
 1326 Lebanon, Railway Hotel, Feltham
 1597 Musgrave, Greyhound, Hampton Court
 1897 Citadel, Railway Hotel, Harrow Station
 2035 Beaumont, F.M.H., Kirkburton
 2228 Dene, Private Rooms, Cookham Dene
 2458 Eton, Christopher, Eton
 2816 Bowen, Crown, Chesham

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DURHAM.

THE installation of Lord Barnard as Provincial Grand Master, to take place on the 26th inst., at the Lecture Hall, Palace Green, Durham, will be an interesting event. The ceremony will be performed by the Earl Amherst Pro Grand Master of England, assisted by distinguished members of the Grand Lodge of England. After the ceremony the Brethren will march in procession to the Cathedral, where a special service will be held. A collation will be subsequently provided in the Castle Hall, under the presidency of Lord Barnard. By the kindness of the Dean and Chapter, seats will be reserved for two hundred ladies in the north transept of the Cathedral. The applications for the tickets for the collation and for the ladies' seats are to be made to Bro. R. Hudson Prov. G. Secretary, on or before the 14th inst. The accommodation, both in Lodge and at the collation, is necessarily limited. The address at the Cathedral will be given by Bro. the Hon. and Rev. Gilbert H. F. Vane, M.A., F.S.A., Rector of Wem, Salop. The offertory on the occasion will be in aid of the Durham Masonic Charities.

WEST LANCASHIRE.

A GRAND LODGE for the transaction of the annual business of this Province is to be held in the Co-operative Hall, Bradshawgate, Leigh, on Wednesday next, 12th inst., by direction of the Earl of Lathom Provincial Grand Master. Bro. R. Wylie P.G.D. D.P.G.M. is to move that the sum of £100 be voted to the funds of the Soldiers' and Sailors' Families' Association, and that 150 guineas be divided equally between the West Lancashire Alpass Educational, and Hamer Institutions.

DEVONSHIRE.

THE annual convocation of this Provincial Grand Chapter will be held at the Freemasons' Hall, Barnstaple, on Monday, 17th inst., at 3.30 p.m., when the Officers for the ensuing year will be appointed and invested, and the other business of the Province disposed of.

COMPLIMENT TO THE GRAND TREASURER.

A DINNER was given on Thursday, 23rd ult., at the Hotel Cecil, to celebrate the election of Bro. Horace Brooks Marshall, C.C., J.P., as Grand Treasurer of England. The chair was occupied by Alderman Sir Joseph C. Dimsdale, M.P., himself a Past Grand Treasurer, and the Lord Mayor Past Grand Deacon also attended late in the evening. The guest of the evening sat on the Chairman's right.

The Chairman, in giving the first toast, the King and the Craft, said the company would feel he had not properly performed his duty if he did not refer to the accident on board Sir Thomas Lipton's yacht the day before. The accident might have proved serious, if not fatal, but they all rejoiced that it had not been so, and hoped that His Majesty would live long to reign over his people.

In giving the toast of the guest of the evening Bro. Horace Brooks Marshall, the Chairman pointed out that it was merely a family gathering of a few personal friends of Bro. Marshall, and the assembly would have consisted of ten times the number had it been made known at all. The Committee felt that Bro. Marshall would rather have a recognition of his worth by those personal and intimate friends who knew him not only Masonically, but in his private capacity. After referring to Bro. Marshall's Masonic career, which commenced with his initiation in a Lodge at Twickenham, the Chairman recounted the guest's progress as a Provincial Grand Officer of Middlesex, and eulogised his steady and munificent support of the Masonic Charitable Institutions. Of those Institutions he had been a Steward forty times. His benevolence did not stop at Masonry, for like his father before him he had a big heart, and supported numerous charitable societies. He had been elected lately the Grand Treasurer, a position that was regarded as the blue ribbon of the Order. On two previous occasions he had refused nomination because he would not interfere with the Brethren who were candidates. This year in Captain Barlow he had a very strong opponent, and a very worthy Brother. The contest was carried on in a most friendly way, and he was happy to say that Captain Barlow was present with them that evening. That was an act worthy of a Mason. After some further congratulatory remarks, and paying a high tribute to Bro. Marshall's career as a man and a citizen, the Chairman gave the toast, which was most heartily honoured.

Bro. Marshall, in acknowledging the compliment, said that in Freemasonry he had made many friends and no enemies. In his candidature for the Grand Treasurership he had received the greatest assistance from Bro. Under-Sheriff Langton and many other Brethren around the table, and he felt very much indebted to Bro. Catling and Bro. Wakefield for the trouble they had gone through in organising the reunion. He considered he had attained

the blue ribbon of Freemasonry in being elected Grand Treasurer; and the honour was especially gratifying to him as his father held the position seventeen years ago. To the best of his ability he would endeavour to maintain the dignity of the high Office, and follow out the cardinal principles of the Craft—Brotherly Love, Relief, and Truth.

Sir J. C. Dimsdale proposed a special toast for Capt. John Barlow, which he was sure would be a congenial toast to all present. Two gladiators had met; when that was the case one must be successful; but that was no reason why health and prosperity should not be wished to the defeated. One tenet of Freemasonry was that there should be a friendly and Fraternal feeling between opponents. The Brethren appreciated in Capt. Barlow a foeman worthy of Bro. Marshall's steel; he was an opponent who did not hit below the belt. They would seize this opportunity of drinking Capt. Barlow's health and wish that his Masonic life in the future might be what it had been in the past—worthy of the best traditions of the Craft.

Capt. John Barlow replied. Bro. J. D. Langton asked him to join the gathering, and nothing gave him greater pleasure. Although he had been defeated at the last election he was going on again. If he did not get to the top of the tree the first time he would try again. It had given him the greatest pleasure to be present that evening. There had not been on his part in the election the slightest ill-will, but he had striven to work in it with the true Masonic spirit which was explained by the word Charity. The name of Horace Brooks Marshall and his father had been known to him many many years ago. They and he belonged to a body which had striven to do good in the world. Bro. Marshall and his father, and Capt. Barlow and his father, had worked in the same way, and Bro. Marshall and Capt. Barlow had followed in their fathers' footsteps. On the evening of the election his (Capt. Barlow's) wife, when he got home said "John, I hear you have been knocked down." He answered her, "Yes, but I am coming up again."

The Lord Mayor proposed the Chairman, and Sir J. C. Dimsdale, in reply, in referring to Bro. Brooks Marshall, said whether he took upon himself the Grand Treasurership, or whether higher honours were in store for him, he might rely upon the esteem and support of those who were worthy of the name of friends—and friendship was something worth having. A man might have heaps of associates, but where he met friends, and the friends who were desirous to give support and comfort just at the moment when they were necessary, those were the individuals who were worth gathering around him.

Bro. Horace Brooks Marshall proposed the Lord Mayor, who was W.M.-elect of one of his (Bro. Marshall's) Lodges, the St. Bride.

The Lord Mayor replied, and the proceedings shortly afterwards closed.

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PROVINCE OF KENT.

THE Annual Provincial Grand Lodge of Kent will be held at the Town Hall, Dover, on Wednesday, 12th June, at one o'clock precisely, when and where the Provincial Grand Officers and Past Officers, with the Worshipful Masters, Past Masters, and Wardens of the Lodges in the Province are convoked to attend.

By order of the M.W.P.G.M. Earl Amherst.

ALFRED SPENCER Prov. Grand Sec.
Maidstone, 21st May 1901.

BUSINESS:

Minutes of the last Provincial Grand Lodge to be considered.
Accounts of the Provincial Grand Treasurer to be considered.
Election of Provincial Grand Treasurer.
Appointment of the P.G. Officers for the ensuing year.
Notices of Motion received by the P.G. Secretary at the Preparatory Meeting to be considered.

The arrangements of the Committee, at Dover, for the Festival, are:—

Lodge at the Town Hall	1.0 p.m.
Service at the Parish Church, St. Mary the Virgin, by kind permission of the Rev. Canon H. Bartram, M.A. 2.30 ,,	
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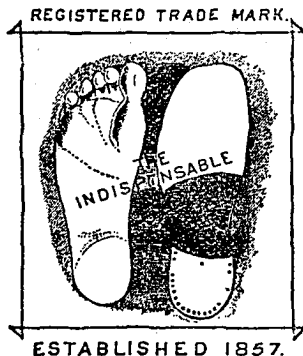
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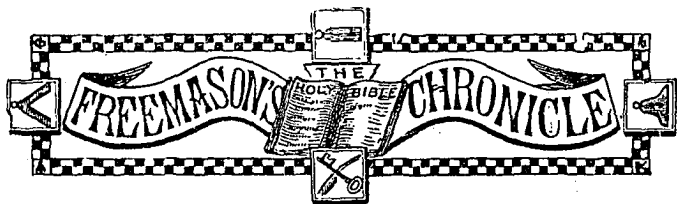
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SATURDAY, 8TH JUNE 1901.

ROYAL MASONIC INSTITUTION FOR BOYS.

THE annual Athletic Sports in connection with the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys were held on Saturday, 1st inst., when a large company of visitors attended in the School Playing Field, Wood Green. The usual events were included in the programme, and were well contested by the pupils, with the following results:

Throwing the Cricket Ball.—1st Insull 84½ yards, 2nd Maidment.
100 yards (under 13) handicap.—1st Miners, 2nd Delahaye.
100 yards (open) level.—1st Chipp, 2nd Insull.

High Jump (Preparatory School).—1st Colman 3ft. 5in., 2nd Payne.
High Jump (open).—1st Chipp 4ft. 8in., 2nd Insull.
220 yards (open) handicap.—1st Bassett, 2nd Delahaye.
High Jump (under 13).—1st Stephenson 3ft. 10in., 2nd Brinjes.
440 yards (open) level.—1st Goode, 2nd Insull.
220 yards (Preparatory School).—1st Wayman, 2nd Downing.
Broad Jump (under 13).—1st Stephenson 13ft. 2in., 2nd Matthews.
1,000 yards (open) handicap.—1st Delahaye, 2nd Turner, 3rd Brinjes.
Bicycle slow race, 100 yards.—1st Woodward, 2nd Smith.
220 yards (under 13) handicap.—1st Delahaye, 2nd Miners.
100 yards (Preparatory School).—1st Wayman, 2nd Downing.
300 yards (under 13) handicap.—1st Stephenson, 2nd Bassett.
880 yards (open) level.—1st Insull, 2nd Pickles.
Old Boys' race, 220 yards.—A. P. Shaw.
Broad Jump (open).—1st Insull 15ft 10½in., 2nd Goode.
Strangers' race, 220 yards.—1st J. E. Eldridge, Grocers' School.
Hurdle race (open) level.—1st Chipp, 2nd Goode.
Pick-a-Back race (Preparatory School).—1st Downing and Hill.
Three-Legged race.—1st Matthews and Frommholz, 2nd Thompson and Stephenson.

Inter-House Tug of War.—Winner Headmaster's team.

Race for members of the Band.—Seniors Wm. Button, Juniors J. Winston.

Consolation Sack race.—1st Buchan, 2nd Hirst.

Victor Ludorum.—R. H. Insull. Under 13 H. W. Stephenson.

The Prizes were presented by Mrs. Bevir, at 5 o'clock. Bro. Rev. H. Hebb proposed hearty thanks to Mrs. Bevir for so kindly distributing the prizes, and Brother H. Bevir, in replying, said that the greatest credit was due to the Sports Committee, and especially to Mr. H. R. Farncombe, who was entrusted with the management.

The Band of the Strand Schools was in attendance, under the direction of Bro. W. Binnie P.M.

An effort has been made to create an English-speaking Lodge in Havana, Cuba, but with such conditions that the Grand Master of the Jurisdiction has declined the Petition.

Bro. Frederic Samuel Schreiner, of Wansfell, Eastbourne, schoolmaster, who died on the 7th ult., aged sixty years, left personal estate of the net value of £16,664 2s. He left, among other charitable bequests, to the Royal Connaught Lodge of Freemasons, for the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution, 50 guineas; to the Andereida Lodge, for the same Institution, 25 guineas; and to the Tyrian Lodge, for the same Institution, 25 guineas. We congratulate the Benevolent on this acquisition to its Funds.

Some authorities do not consider the explanation of the incised circles, or cup-markings on stones, dealt with by such good antiquarians as Greenwell, Graves, and Gardner Wilkinson as satisfactory. These marks are found in Cornwall, at Dartmoor, and in Argyllshire. They mean something, or the pains would not have been taken to cut them. This is a fine topic for Freemasonry. Marks of one size and shape, apparent on the oldest rocks of England, from one end to the other, point to a guild or brotherhood, at any rate, says the "Cornishman." Who were they? Of course Freemasons' marks were left on dressed stones by mediæval Masons.

To the Memory of Bro. Robert Burns.

WRITTEN AT HIS TOMB.

IMMORTAL BARD, who did'st so sweetly sing
Of Caledonia's glories and her pride,
'Shrined in her memory shall thy name abide
Long as Fame's temple doth with praise-notes ring.
The wondering nations bow, and tribute bring
To thee whose Spirit—on the farther side
Of that dark River o'er whose rolling tide
All souls must pass—doth praise th' Eternal King.
Genius of Scotland, never did'st thou cast
Thy mantle o'er a prophet worthier thee.
Thy Ploughman Bard, now with the heavenly throng—
Nature's own Poet, simplest Son of Song—
Hath showed the world the might of minstrelsy,
Whose rule transcendant shall the spheres outlast.

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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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Henry Muggeridge Lodge, No. 1679.

INSTALLATION OF BRO. ROBERT MORRIS CROMPTON.

We have so often had to record pleasant doings at this Lodge, and the reputation it enjoys throughout the metropolis is so favourable, that we might reasonably be accused of "wasteful and ridiculous excess" were we to attempt any laudatory description of the annual meeting held on Saturday of last week, at Anderton's Hotel, Fleet Street. The gathering was as much a success as any of those we have previously recorded in connection with this Lodge, indeed the members and visitors seemed to make special effort to welcome the coming Master—in the person of Bro. Robert Morris Crompton—and speed the parting ruler—in the person of Bro. T. F. Strutt. They succeeded most admirably, and everyone appeared to thoroughly enjoy himself.

The W.M. Bro. T. F. Strutt presided, and was supported by Bros. J. Worthington I.P.M., R. M. Crompton W.M.-elect S.W., C. W. Hiscock J.W., A. Sack P.M. Treas., W. Boyce P.M. Sec., Percy Gayer acting S.D., P. Page J.D., R. W. Duce acting I.G., Sidney Roberts Org., J. Rawles Tyler; Past Masters J. W. Gomm, C. J. Sowton, T. Sibley, S. Stampfer, A. J. Street and G. Clark, with Bros. F. W. Herring, C. Mangan, S. Wiedemann, J. Gayer, E. Smith, W. Stanley, J. W. Sudbury, F. W. Kingsbury, G. B. Annegarn, W. Richmond, W. Tipton, C. Smallman, R. Cox, W. Roberts, G. White, J. Williams, H. Page, H. R. Edwards, T. P. Baragwanath, T. Kottaun, W. H. Sims, A. J. Croft, and others.

Among the Visitors were Bros. W. Spearing P.P.G.S.B. Middx., W. Caseby P.P.G.Chap. Herts., H. W. Watson P.M. and Treas. 2664, E. Keates S.W. 263, W. McKay 853, J. W. Turner S.D. 2571, C. W. Bellchamber W.M. 765, F. B. Amos S.D. 1662, H. Key 2766, G. W. Barker 2374, J. H. Adcock S.W. 1744, D. W. Bongard 2699, W. Yeo P.G.Std.Br. Bucks., C. Best Folkes 1716, J. Wynman, and others.

The Lodge being formed, the minutes were read and confirmed. A communication was ordered to be sent to the W.M. of the Budapest Lodge, in Hungary, responding to the hearty greetings conveyed to the Henry Muggeridge Lodge through the S.W. Bro. Crompton, during his recent visit to Hungary, when he was a specially invited guest to the Diplomacy Lodge, of Budapest.

The report of the Audit Committee, which was presented and adopted, showed that the cause of charity was fully recognised by the members.

The Lodge was opened in the second degree and Bros. F. W. Herring, A. J. Croft, and Manger (Bro. S. Wiedemann being unavoidably prevented from being present at the appointed time) were examined and entrusted. The Lodge was opened in the third degree, and those Brethren were raised as Master Masons.

The Lodge was resumed to the first degree, and Bros. E. T. Smith, J. W. Sudbury and F. W. Kingsbury were examined. Having answered the questions in a faultless manner they were entrusted. The Lodge was resumed to the second degree, and in due course those Brethren were passed as Fellow Crafts.

The Lodge was again resumed to the first degree, and the ballot was taken for Messrs. Thomas Kottaun and William Herbert Sims. It proved unanimous in their favour, and in due course they had the privilege of being admitted to the earlier mysteries of the Craft.

The principal business of the evening was next proceeded with. The Worshipful Master declared all Offices vacant, and requested Bros. T. Sibley and G. Clark P.M. to assist him as Wardens and Bro. J. W. Gomm P.M. as I.G. The Lodge was again opened in the second degree, and Bro. Robert Morris Crompton W.M.-elect was presented by Bro. A. J. Street P.M. and duly signified his assent to the ancient charges and regulations. After the obligation Bro. T. W. Turner sang the Anthem in a most impressive manner, which considerably enhanced the solemnity of the proceedings. The Brethren under the rank of Master were requested to retire, a Board of about twenty Installed Brethren was formed, and Bro. Crompton was formally inducted in the chair of the Lodge, as ruler for the ensuing twelve months.

The Brethren having been re-admitted, the new ruler was saluted in the various degrees. The subsequent delivery of the addresses elicited the hearty appreciation of all present, the faultless working of Bro. Strutt—so well displayed in this Lodge, as well as in the Hygeia Lodge—being particularly marked on this occasion.

The new Master invested the following Officers: Bros. C. W. Hiscock S.W., Percy Gayer J.W., Alfred Sack P.M. Treasurer, William Boyce P.M. Secretary, W. S. Devin S.D., P. Page J.D., Horace Page I.G., A. J. Street P.M. D.C., Sidney Roberts Org., Sigismund Stampfer P.M., H. R. Edward and W. Tipton Stewards, J. Rawles Tyler.

Bro. Alfred Sack P.M. Treasurer proposed that a donation of ten guineas be given to the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls. He said the Lodge was in a flourishing condition, and could well

afford that little amount. The grant was immediately agreed to. Other Lodge business was brought forward and disposed of.

Two propositions for initiation were submitted for acceptance at the next meeting, and the new Master having received congratulations and hearty good wishes the Lodge was closed and the Brethren retired to the banquet.

On account of the long programme of music which had been arranged the W.M. desired that the speeches should be as short as possible, and so he briefly introduced the usual Loyal sentiments.

Bro. Strutt submitted the health of the Worshipful Master who, he said, had shown by the way in which he had appointed the Officers that he was a Master of the Art. He felt he might congratulate the members on having elected so well qualified a Brother, and predicted a successful year in the Lodge under Bro. Crompton's rule.

Bro. Crompton was most heartily received, and in very earnest terms he thanked the Brethren for their welcome. His heart was too full to allow him to express his feelings, indeed the words he had intended to say were lost to him. The prosperity of the Lodge would be his aim and ambition during the year, and his earnest desire would be to maintain the family character of the Lodge. He trusted nothing would occur to destroy the Brotherly affection which now existed. He hoped the increase in their membership would not result in the creation of those cliques which were occasionally found in large Lodges. He relied on having the support of the Immediate Past Master and the Officers of the Lodge, and felt sure it would be cheerfully given. He looked forward with pleasure to the discharge of the new duties he had undertaken, and trusted he might fulfil them with credit to himself and to the satisfaction of the Brethren.

The W.M. next proposed what he regarded as the toast of the evening—the health of the initiates. He could but congratulate the new Brethren upon being introduced into Freemasonry, and he trusted the career they had entered upon that night might result in not only making them good and excellent members of the Lodge, but also honoured and distinguished ornaments to the Craft.

Bro. Thomas Kottaun assured the W.M. that he was pleased to respond to the toast. He had four good reasons for joining Freemasonry: firstly, to please his father who was a Freemason; secondly, to please Bro. Devin who had kindly introduced him; thirdly, because he considered that every upright man should become a Freemason; and fourthly, in the hope of pleasing them all, by being present at every meeting, if possible. He thanked the W.M. and Brethren for the honour they had bestowed upon him.

Bro. William Herbert Sims desired to act up to what the W.M. had said—make short speeches. Right glad was he to make a maiden speech as a Freemason. They all knew it was not easy, but he could truly say he was very much impressed with the ceremony, and thanked the Immediate Past Master Bro. Strutt for having introduced him. He would certainly attend the meetings of the Lodge as often as possible.

The W.M. said he had now a most pleasing duty—to present to their Immediate P.M. the Past Master's jewel provided by the Lodge. Turning to Bro. Strutt he said the decorating him with the jewel afforded him the greatest amount of pleasure. The token of their regard hardly represented the value placed upon his services by the members of the Lodge, but it was a tangible expression of their sentiments, and he trusted the Immediate Past Master would accept it as an evidence of the goodwill, respect, and even love of the members. No previous Master of the Lodge had more richly deserved such a presentation than Bro. Strutt, as under his guidance the Lodge had risen to a higher position than it had ever before attained. Not only did they know this among themselves, but it was also manifest outside, for the name of the Henry Muggeridge Lodge was always received with the greatest respect wherever it was mentioned. Bro. Strutt had increased the membership of the Lodge and extended its usefulness, by the infusion of new blood into it—young blood, such as all must desire who wished to see the Lodge prosper in the future—and he was sure the members would agree with him when he said they were indeed proud of having had Bro. Strutt as Master of the Lodge. Personally he felt especially proud in being entrusted with the presentation to the I.P.M. of the souvenir which the Lodge had provided to mark the completion of a most successful year in its career. He presented the jewel with the best wishes of the Lodge, and personally congratulated his predecessor in the chair on the completion of a most successful year of Office. The jewel bore the following inscription:

Presented by the

Henry Muggeridge Lodge, No. 1679

to

BRO. THOMAS FREDERICK STRUTT P.M.

as a mark of esteem in recognition of the able and efficient manner in which he discharged the duties of

Worshipful Master during his year of Office.

A.L. 5901. June 1st. A.D. 1901.

Bro. Strutt replied, and it was certainly a new experience for those who have known him in the past to find him at a loss for words; he was—like the ordinary mortals among us—overcome by his feelings; and it must have been a certain satisfaction to those of his audience who have occasionally found themselves "stranded," when asked to respond to a personal toast, to find that even the Immediate Past Master of this Lodge, he who was so ready with well rounded sentences when speaking in reference to others, had to hesitate and halt in speaking for himself. He well deserved

the hearty reception accorded him on this occasion, and he showed to the fullest extent how much he appreciated the congratulatory expressions of his fellows. He said he was quite sure the Brethren would forgive him if he said very little that night—his heart was too full to allow him to express himself in words. The beautiful ornament the members had been good enough to present to him—and which carried with it their esteem, and regard, and love—he accepted as evidence of their great kindness to him. Certainly there was more in Freemasonry than appeared on the surface; they did what they could one for another, and they were ready to lend a helping hand whenever it was needed. During the time he had been associated with the Henry Muggeridge Lodge he had been approached from time to time on behalf of one or another who required assistance, and he had endeavoured to do what lay in his power. On the opposite side he had to confess that much had been done for him, the culmination being the presentation and hearty reception accorded him that evening. He could but promise to do the very best in his power for them, as he recognised they had all done for him.

The next toast, the W.M. said, was one that always afforded great satisfaction and gratification to the Brethren of the Henry Muggeridge Lodge, as, if there was one thing on which its members prided themselves more than another it was their hospitality. They always extended the heartiest welcome to their guests, and were particularly pleased on that occasion as they were able to boast of a record attendance of Visitors—more guests than had ever assembled on any one occasion in the history of the Lodge. They were pleased to see them, and hoped one and all would so enjoy themselves as to desire to come again.

Bro. Watson W.M. of the Hygeia Lodge was the first to respond, explaining that he stood in the same position with regard to Bro. Strutt as did their W.M. that day. Bro. Strutt was, in fact, Immediate Past Master to both of them. He knew what the I.P.M. was capable of, and accordingly was not at all surprised at the way in which he had performed the work that day, including the installation of new Master in the Lodge; but he must confess to a little surprise at seeing how ably the Assistant Officers supported their chief. As the present Master had re-appointed all the old Officers it was evident the Lodge would not suffer in the coming year for want of good and enthusiastic workers. He thanked the W.M. and Brethren for their hearty welcome. Other visitors also replied.

The W.M. next proposed the toast of the Past Masters, whom he thanked for attending the Lodge and doing so much to assist in its proper management. He considered the Past Masters of a Lodge were like the "masters" of the painter's art, which went on increasing in value year by year as they got older—certainly it was so with the Past Masters of their Lodge—they improved as age went on.

The toast was duly acknowledged, and was followed by others usual to such occasions, the proceedings not ending until a late hour of the evening.

Skelmersdale Lodge, No. 1658.

THE regular meeting of this prosperous Lodge took place on Thursday, 23rd ult., at the Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell. Bro. Thomas John Rawlings was in his position as head of the Lodge, and soon testified to the Brethren that their choice of a ruler for the year had been a wise one. This was the first meeting since the installation of our worthy Brother, which took place in March, and on this occasion he was ably supported by Bros. R. Gabell I.P.M., J. Farmer S.W., G. S. Rice J.W., W. Croxson P.M. Treasurer, W. H. Boys P.M. Sec., J. W. Sandell S.D., F. Lloyd I.G., E. H. Smyth D.C., J. Thorneclow A.D.C., H. Townsend Org., C. Plant P.M. Tyler; Past Masters R. Rowland, H. Buckeridge, Earle Douglas Side, Humphrey Cohen; and Bros. F. G. Hardy, W. Biles, W. Rose, J. H. Down, F. Bridge, R. H. Alabaster, R. A. Symons, G. Cully, H. Penny, C. W. Lubbock, G. Potter, W. Foster, J. Shaw, G. Tavener, W. G. Watts, T. A. Rawlings, J. Leighton, E. Laughlin, F. Nilen, S. May, G. Nilen, S. Morris, F. A. Marlow, C. Sisman, H. Levy, J. H. Danson, D. Gunter, W. R. Knapman, R. Godefroy, W. H. Greenfield, L. G. Bell, C. Smith, D. Gould, C. Martin, J. R. Papworth, C. Castleman, A. Tinley, and others.

Amongst the visitors were Bros. W. A. Williams S.W. 101, J. M. Jones W.M. 2664, J. Rugg J.W. 1298, J. Porter 1681, R. Lloyd 1681, D. C. Allwater 1471, J. Wynman, &c.

The minutes having been confirmed, the Lodge was opened to the second degree, and Bros. F. C. Hardy and C. Castleman answered the questions. They were entrusted and retired, and the Lodge was opened in the third degree. The W.M. vacated the chair in favour of Bro. R. Gabell I.P.M., when the candidates having been regularly received they were in due course raised to the sublime degree of Master Mason. Bro. Gabell showed he had not forgotten his part, and added to his previous lustre by his rendition of the work.

The W.M. again took command, and resumed the Lodge in the first degree, when Bros. J. A. Rawlings, M. Leighton, W. G. Watts, J. H. Down, and G. E. Laughlin were examined previous to passing. We may say we never heard the questions more perfectly and regularly answered than on this occasion. Those Brethren having been entrusted, the Lodge was opened in the second degree and they were admitted to a knowledge of the secrets and privileges of Fellow Crafts.

The Lodge was next resumed to the first degree, and the ballot was taken for Messrs. David Gould, Arthur Tinley, and Charles Martin, and proved unanimous in their favour. In due course those gentlemen had the privilege of being admitted to a

participation in the mysteries of Ancient Freemasonry.

A gentleman was proposed for election and initiation at the next meeting.

Bro. Croxson P.M. Treasurer proposed that a summer outing should be arranged. Bro. Side P.M. had much pleasure in seconding this, as he considered that after labour they all required refreshment. The proposition was carried. This concluded the business and the Lodge was closed, after which the Brethren enjoyed an excellent repast, under the presidency of the W.M. who subsequently proposed the usual Loyal and Masonic toasts. He said they had good talent among them that night, and he intended to make the speeches short so as to enjoy it.

The toast of the King was given and duly honoured, and was followed by that of Queen Alexandra and the rest of the Royal Family. The toast of the Grand Officers was also duly honoured.

Bro. Gabell I.P.M. in short terms, but to the purpose, gave the toast of the W.M. He had given ample proof of his ability as ruler of the Lodge. The working he had done had been a Masonic treat, being rendered to perfection. It was no trouble to the W.M. to work any degree.

The W.M. thanked the I.P.M. for his kind remarks, and the Brethren for receiving the toast in such a cordial manner, but he thought the working had not been so perfect as described; he had done his best but felt that best was by no means perfection. Concerning the summer outing; he was pleased it had been proposed, but the ladies were not mentioned; in a humorous manner he pointed out that they could not have a summer outing without the ladies; however, the arrangements were in such good hands that he was sure it would be a great success. He thanked the Brethren, and had the pleasure to announce that the Charity Box contained £1 16s 3d.

The W.M. next proposed the toast of the initiates. The Lodge was getting very strong, and he had the pleasure of having initiated three gentlemen who would, he was convinced, become creditable to it and to the Craft at large.

Bro. David Gould thanked the W.M. for having initiated him. He considered it a great honour to have been initiated in the Ancient Order, and especially lucky to be a member of the Skelmersdale Lodge. He thanked the Brethren for their confidence.

Bro. Arthur Tinley thanked the W.M. and Brethren for having received him as a member amongst them, and promised never to forget his obligation.

Bro. Charles Martin said he might be a little rough in his way, but in time he hoped to give proof that he was not so rough as he appeared to be. He would do everything in his power for the welfare of Freemasonry and particularly for the Skelmersdale Lodge. He thanked the W.M. and Brethren for having accepted him as a Brother amongst them.

The W.M. next introduced the Visitors toast, and accorded the guests a most hearty welcome.

Bro. Jones W.M. 2664 thanked the W.M. and Brethren for their cordial reception. He had visited the Lodge on several occasions, and felt more like a member than a visitor. As usual he had enjoyed the working as well as the fourth degree.

Bro. Williams S.W. 101 thanked the W.M. for his cordial reception and Bro. Cully for his invitation. It was not the first time he had visited the Lodge, and he hoped it would not be the last. In his Masonic career he had never witnessed better working in a Lodge. He wished the W.M. every prosperity.

Bro. Porter 1687 had thoroughly enjoyed himself, and appreciated the cordial reception.

Bro. Allwater 1471 had highly enjoyed the working in the Lodge, and was pleased to hear that it was decided to have a ladies outing, which he was sure would be a great success. He wished the W.M. a prosperous year of Office.

The toast of the Past Masters, Treasurer and Secretary was next given. The W.M. said he knew the Past Masters were very anxious to each respond to the toast, and when he was a Past Master he would be pleased to respond also, but the time was getting on, and he hoped they would forgive him if he called upon Bro. Boys Past Master and Secretary to acknowledge the toast for all.

Bro. Boys thanked the W.M. for the kind manner in which the toast had been given and received; but he felt the W.M. might have imposed the responsibility of responding on another, as he was pleased to see so many Past Masters present. The P.Ms. were always ready and willing to render assistance whenever required, and they congratulated the W.M. on his success at the commencement of his year of Office. The W.M. had already nine initiates to his credit, which he considered was a wonderful start. He was requested by the I.P.M. Bro. Gabell to thank the initiates for the handsome collar he wore, as a mark of their appreciation. When he was W.M. the candidates were not so liberal, and the members generally never thought about a Ladies outing; now the times were altered, and he wished the W.M. every prosperity in the additional work imposed upon him.

Bro. Gabell said he intended not to speak, and was not going to detain them long, but he was so pleased that those whom he had initiated during his year of Office had appreciated his work, that he must again thank them sincerely for their handsome present.

The Tyler's toast was given and brought a most entertaining meeting to a conclusion.

Some excellent songs and recitations were contributed during the evening, those who added to the harmony being Bros. H. Cohen P.M., R. Rowland P.M. D.C., Allwater, Walter Hengler (whose professional ability is well known), and several others, while Bro. H. Townsend Organist ably officiated at the piano.

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Crescent Lodge, No. 788.

INSTALLATION OF BRO. CHAS. B. BUTCHER.

ON our visit to the above Lodge, on Tuesday of last week, at Hampton Court, we had the pleasure of driving through Bushey Park, and truly the scene was one of the finest, and the trip the most enjoyable, to be found anywhere around the great metropolis; it was a pleasant relief to the monotony of bricks and mortar we have been accustomed to during much of the past winter. At the end of our journey we reached the comfortable quarters of the Lodge at the Mitre Hotel, where the Brethren were welcomed by the genial host Bro. C. Sadler, in a most hearty manner—indeed it was a pleasure to witness the general sociability and congeniality in the Lodge, and we were pleased we had decided to put off other engagements so as to be able to participate in this most enjoyable outing.

The Lodge was consecrated in 1859, and accordingly the members celebrated the 42nd anniversary Festival on the occasion. The Worshipful Master Bro. John Mears took his place in the Lodge at the appointed time and received the assistance of Bros. W. S. Robinson I.P.M., C. B. Butcher W.M.-elect S.W., R. P. Morris J.W., E. H. Edwards P.M. P.P.A.G.D.C. Treasurer, S. Larcomb P.M. Secretary, A. E. Green acting S.D., E. G. Bygrave J.D., John Conley I.G., Ernest E. Vinen, F.R.C.O., P.P.G.O. Org., James Robinson P.M., W. Dawson P.M., R. J. Beeton P.M., W. S. Robinson P.M., G. Harrison Tyler; Arthur Smith, W. R. Crichton, Edwin Lee, W. Chittock, H. A. Swebstone, J. Lewis, S. Griggs, and others.

Among the Visitors were Bros. Rear-Admiral William H. C. St. Clair Deputy Provincial Grand Master of Middlesex, F. Bryant P.M. 1721, W. Butcher P.P.G.Supt. of Works, H. Hyde P.M. 1227, H. A. Darch 72, George Spice P.M. and Preceptor 193, W. H. Latham I.P.M. 1962, G. Thompson P.M. 1744, A. Collins W.M. 1962, A. D. Hawkins I.P.M. 1816, A. E. Brightman 1728, A. C. Crisp 1622, J. Wiggins 1622, J. T. Davies P.M. 1348, F. Davies I.G. 2426, W. Beard P.M. 946, R. W. Forge W.M. 1793, H. L. Borradaile P.P.G.Std.Br., G. H. Silverwood P.M. 1343, Westwood P.P.A.D.C., Powter P.M. 1225, J. Wynman, &c.

The minutes being read and confirmed, the ballot was taken for Messrs. R. J. Kidman, H. J. Lavy, A. M. Alison, and H. Booth, and proved unanimous in their favour.

Brother Samuel Griggs, Arthur Smith, and William Robert Crichton, who were initiated at the previous meeting, answered the questions in faultless manner and were entrusted. The Lodge was opened in the second degree, and in due course those Brethren were passed to the rank of Fellow Craft.

The Lodge was resumed to the first degree, and the four gentlemen previously named were initiated into the mysteries of Ancient Freemasonry.

The principal business of the evening was next proceeded with. The Worshipful Master first declared all Offices vacant, and requested Bros. E. T. Edwards P.M., J. Beeton P.M. and W. S. Robinson P.M. to assist him as Wardens and Inner Guard pro tem. Bro. C. B. Butcher W.M.-elect was presented by Bro. J. J. Robinson P.M. D.C., and duly signified his assent to the ancient charges and regulations. The lay Brethren having retired, a Board of twenty-five Installed Masters was formed, and Bro. C. B. Butcher was formally inducted into the chair of King Solomon, as ruler of the Lodge for the ensuing twelve months. The ceremony was admirably performed by Bro. John Mears, whose subsequent excellent delivery of the addresses elicited the hearty appreciation of those present.

The customary salutations were given by the Brethren, after which the following Officers were invested: R. P. Morris S.W., A. E. Green J.W., E. T. Edwards P.M. P.P.A.G.D.C. Treasurer, S. Larcomb P.M. P.P.G.D.C. Secretary, H. A. Swebstone S.D., J. Conley J.D., E. G. Bygrave I.G., J. J. Robinson P.M. P.P.A.G.D.C. D.C., E. E. Vinen, F.R.C.O., P.P.G.O. Organist, W. Chittock and J. Lewis Stewards, G. Harrison Tyler.

Rear-Admiral St. Clair D.P.G.M. Middx. complimented Bro. John Mears I.P.M. on his perfect working, and said the ceremonies and addresses were admirably given. The new Master had also invested his Officers in a faultless manner, and there could be but little doubt that a happy and successful year awaited him.

Many letters and telegrams regretting absence were read by the Secretary, and the new Master having received the hearty congratulations of the Visiting Brethren, the closing hymn was sung, and the Lodge was closed. Everything worked well and smoothly, without haste or hesitation; all was excellently arranged, and success was the result.

The banquet was held in the large hall, which presented a brilliant appearance; the dinner was of the highest class, and reflected great credit upon the popular host Bro. C. Sadler.

Originality marked the speeches, and in compliance with the W.M.'s request they were brief and to the point.

That of His Majesty the King and Craft was enthusiastically honoured, the National Anthem being sung by Miss Rosabelle Beste in grand style. The toast of the Grand Master and that of the other Grand Officers present and past followed, the W.M. especially referring to the pleasure they all experienced in having amongst them the Deputy Grand Master of the Province Admiral St. Clair.

That distinguished Brother congratulated the Lodge on having such an elegant exponent of the Masonic ritual as their I.P.M., and he trusted the present Master would follow his example. He

also offered a few words of advice to the Initiates, impressing upon them their obligation to work up their knowledge of true Masonic principles, so that when they presented themselves for advancement they would be able to answer the questions put to them without any prompting. He was sorry to say he had been at ceremonies where this had not been attended to, and consequently the voice of the prompter was very much "en evidence," thereby marring the beauty of the ritual. Admiral St. Clair further congratulated the W.M. on having so large an attendance of Past Masters present to support him, which showed the interest they took in the Lodge and its Master.

The Immediate Past Master Bro. Mears next proposed the toast of the W.M., and said that during the twelve months Bro. Butcher served as Senior Warden he felt sure the Brethren had found him to be most deserving of his present honour. Several of them had seen him initiated in the Crescent Lodge, and had seen him work up to the exalted position he held at present. He had plenty of work before him, and he was sure he would do it to perfection; to the credit of the Lodge, and to the satisfaction of the Brethren.

The Benevolent box was passed round, and realised £1 7s, but the generous disposition of Bro. Mears induced him to add fifteen shillings to it, thus making the total two guineas.

The W.M., on rising to respond, received quite an ovation. He thanked Bro. Mears and the Brethren for the hearty and sincere way in which they had honoured the toast. He had been working hard to rise to the honourable position in which he had been placed that evening. He regarded the Brethren in the S.E. corner as the chief supporters of the Lodge, and assured the members he should do all he could to follow the good example of those predecessors. He sincerely thanked the I.P.M. for his kind remarks.

The W.M. next proposed the toast of the Immediate Past Master. He said they had had a good Master, and he would give them proof of his words. The I.P.M. had done a great deal for the Lodge; he had initiated fifteen members during his two years of Office, and he hoped to have that number of initiates during his term in the chair. Bro. Mears was on the point of responding, but Bro. Robinson P.P.A.G.D.C. said that before he did so, and with the consent he had received from the W.M., he had a very pleasant duty to perform, one which he considered was a great honour to him, and that was to invest Bro. John Mears I.P.M. with another Past Master's jewel, which he had so well earned. He hoped he would wear it in health and prosperity for many years to come, and in his old age would look upon it as a pleasant memento in connection with the Crescent Lodge.

Bro. Mears on rising received a most cordial reception. He thanked Bro. Robinson for his very kind remarks, and the W.M. and Brethren for the great kindness and appreciation shown him. It was an especial honour to be invested by a Grand Officer, and he further considered it a great compliment that so high an Officer as Admiral St. Clair should visit their Crescent Lodge. Bro. Robinson brought him into the Lodge, which he never had or would regret. He was highly pleased he had officiated as W.M. for two years. That, and the handsome jewel which had been presented to him was sufficient proof that he had given satisfaction; he had done his very best to bring the Lodge to a sound financial position, and was pleased to say he had succeeded. He could not let the opportunity pass without especially thanking Bro. George Spice P.M. and Preceptor of the Confidence Lodge, for the great attention he had paid him, as without his instruction he could not have done his working so well as he had done that evening. He strongly advised the Brethren to visit that Lodge of Instruction. He was delighted to see so many distinguished and personal friends present. He was pleased to think the Lodge was in a flourishing condition, and that the Brethren had a W.M. who would do everything in his power for the welfare of the Lodge.

The toast of the initiates was next given, the W.M. according them a most hearty welcome, as he felt he had admitted four gentlemen who would prove themselves credits to the Lodge and to the Craft in general.

Bro. Robert Joseph Kidman thanked the W.M. for his kindness, and the Brethren for drinking his health in such a cordial manner. He had approached his friend Bro. Mears, who took him under his wing to be introduced into Freemasonry, and he was much obliged to him for having done so. He had been very much impressed with the obligation and with the noble Craft.

Bro. Herbert James Lavy also highly appreciated the honour of having been initiated, and promised never to forget his obligation. He sincerely thanked Past Master Mears for having introduced him.

Bro. Andreas Marshall Alison would endeavour to be a good Freemason, as he was very much impressed with the beautiful ceremony. He also thanked the W.M. and Brethren for having received him as a Brother amongst them, and also thanked his friend Bro. Swebstone for having introduced him.

Bro. Horace Booth thanked Bro. Mears I.P.M. for having initiated him, and also promised to respect his obligation. He thanked the W.M. and Brethren for their kind reception and Bro. A. E. Green for having introduced him.

The toast of the Visitors was next given, to which Bro. J. Butcher P.P.G.Supt of Works in a short but eloquent speech responded.

The toasts of the Past Masters, Treasurer, Secretary, and Officers were next honoured, and then came the Tyler's toast, when the Brethren departed, after having spent one of the most enjoyable evenings ever held at the Crescent Lodge.

There was an excellent programme of music arranged for the

meeting, and this proved one of the most enjoyable features of the day. The artistes were Miss Rosabelle Beste, Miss Florence Crane, Bro. Harry Stubbs, and Bro. W. H. Webb, with Bro. Ernest E. Vinen, F.R.C.O., P.P.G.O. Middx. at the piano; he also having the direction of the music.

Left at the Hotel after the meeting an umbrella, with ivory handle, initialed "J.W." If taken by mistake, kindly return to Bro. J. Wynman, 38 Hornead Road, Westbourne Park, W.

Woiseley Lodge, No. 1993.

INSTALLATION OF BRO. JOSEPH GIBSON PITTAM.

THE annual meeting was held at the Freemasons' Hall, Manchester, on Saturday, 4th ult., Bro. Alfred Ogden W.M.

After the reading and confirmation of minutes, Bro. J. G. Pittam S.W. was installed into the chair of K.S., and the following Officers were invested: Bros. Henry Holt S.W., G. H. Consterdine J.W., George Hargreaves P.M. Treas., John Hatton P.M. Sec., W. W. Siddell P.M. P.R.G.A.D.C., Chas. Crowther P.M. C.R., Sam. Dearden S.D., J. H. Wright J.D., C. H. Thompson I.G., George Ward Organist, J. Pogson, E. B. Siddell, H. Firth, J. T. Turner, N. T. Siddell Stewards.

A banquet followed these proceedings, when Loyal and Masonic toasts were pleasantly relieved by songs and recitations, the following programme being submitted to a very large gathering of Brethren and lady and gentlemen visitors, viz: Songs, "There's a land," and "The Enchantress," Miss Laura Whitehead; Songs, "When the heart is young," "Terence's Farewell," and "As I'd nothing else to do," by Mrs. Whitehead; Songs, "I trust you still," &c., by Bro. W. Buckley; Song, "The Colleen Bawn," by Bro. F. W. Gatley; Recitations, Bro. J. Sharrocks; and Solo violin, "Rondo Russe" (De Beriot) by Bro. J. R. Booth.

In connection with the same Lodge, an emergency meeting was held on Monday, 6th ult., to complete the Lodge business, namely, the initiation of Messrs. H. R. Wood and I. J. Wilcoxon, and the passing to the degree of F.C. of Bros. Fred Sutton and A. H. Smith.

METROPOLITAN: INSTRUCTION.

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Westbourne Lodge, No. 733.

ON Tuesday, at the Oliver Arms, Westbourne Terrace North, Harrow Road, Bros. H. W. Bagnall W.M., W. H. Handover P.M. 1643 S.W., E. W. Lindsay J.W., H. Dehane P.M. Preceptor, G. D. Mogford P.M. Sec., W. Smith Rose S.D., B. Robinson J.D., E. Thomas I.G., W. Busby W.M. 733, W. Wiefenbach, G. Knight P.M., Middleton, J. Wynman, and G. Weaver P.M. 733.

The Lodge was advanced to the second degree, and the ceremony of raising was rehearsed, Bro. Weaver acting as candidate. Lodge was resumed to the first degree and called off. Resuming, Bro. Robinson 55 was elected a member and Bro. Handover W.M. for Tuesday.

Bro. Dehane P.M. Preceptor proposed that a hearty vote of thanks be recorded on the minutes for the very able manner in which the W.M. had rehearsed the ceremony of raising, for the first time in that or any other Lodge. Bro. Bagnall acknowledged the compliment.

Ranelagh Lodge, No. 834.

THE Lodge Room at the Six Bells Hotel, Hammersmith, was well filled on Friday, 24th ult., amongst those present being Bros. H. G. Cox W.M., J. Hallam S.W., W. Atkinson J.W., Arthur Williams P.M. P.P.G.J.D. Middx. Deputy Prec., F. Craggs P.M. Sec., W. Hinds P.M. Treas., G. White S.D., H. Stokes J.D., H. J. Cousens P.M. I.G., John Doncaster P.M., R. Reid P.M., John H. Cumming P.M.

The ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, Bro. R. H. Williams candidate. The chair having been vacated in favour of Bro. W. Atkinson, who is a well known satellite of the Star Lodge, No. 1275, he put the usual questions to Bro. Reid who, having answered them in a most satisfactory manner, was entrusted. The passing ceremony was gone through. The Lodge being reduced to the first degree Bro. H. G. Cox was informed that a vote of thanks had been ordered to be placed on the minutes for the excellent way he had carried out the duties of the chair for the first time in that or any other Lodge of Instruction.

Dalhousie Lodge, No. 865.

THIS old established Lodge of Instruction, which for many years met at Hounslow, was granted permission some three or four years ago to remove to Kensington, as most of the members resided at the west-end of London, and it has located itself at the beautifully appointed Assembly Room of the Greyhound Hotel, Kensington Square. On Monday, 20th ult., Bro. B. Howard took the chair, and the Officers were Bros. Dyer S.W., Sargent J.W., John Worth P.M. Preceptor, J. J. Spring Secretary, W. Binfield S.D., Thompson J.D., M. Davis I.G., with Bros. H. J. Cousens P.M., Johnson, H. G. Cox, Peckham, Dr. Warne W.M.-elect of the Mother Lodge.

The rehearsal of the initiation ceremony, with Bro. H. G. Cox as candidate, was well rendered, and Lodge called off and on. Lodge was opened in the second degree, when Bro. Peckham offered as candidate and was examined and entrusted. The third ceremony was proceeded with.

At the usual time congratulations were given to the W.M. of the evening for the way he had carried out his duties.

Metropolitan Lodge, No. 1507.

ON Monday, at the Globe Tavern and Restaurant, Moorgate Street, E.C., Bros. Bradley W.M., Webster S.W., Ryon J.W., Fraser I.P.M. acting Preceptor, Barry P.M. acting Sec., Strange S.D., Witheridge J.D., Johnson I.G., J. Ward, Doubtfire, McKibbin, Thompson, Scales P.M., Zanders P.M., J. Wynman, &c.

The Lodge being formed, Bro. Bradley W.M. rose and said before commencing their duties he desired to say a few words upon the great loss the Lodge had sustained in the sad and sudden death of their dear Preceptor Past Master John Francis Saunders. It has pleased the G.A.O.T.U. to call him to the Grand Lodge above; and it was a great loss to the Brethren, who really loved him. He was so active, and apparently in such good health and spirits that it had paralysed them all to hear that he was dead. He proposed that a letter of the deepest sympathy and condolence be sent to the bereaved family.

Brother R. W. Fraser I.P.M. said it was with the deepest regret he learned of the sad bereavement the Lodge had sustained in the death of their dear friend Bro. Saunders. He had been associated with him for nearly twenty years in the various Offices of his Mother Lodge and Chapter, to which they both belonged. Although the suddenness of his departure to the great hereafter was deplored by many of his survivors, they must rejoice that their dear Brother was saved the pain and anguish often connected with a long illness. He trusted that when the time came they might all show as good a record, and be as ready to meet the call as their departed Brother. It was with the deepest regret that the occasion arose to second the proposition of the W.M.

Bro. Thompson J.W. 1507 said he was present at the funeral, and with him were several members of the Mother Lodge, amongst others being Bros. W. M. Stiles P.G. Treasurer, H. Gerrard, J. H. Moggridge, F. Donaldson, James Speller P.M., J. Bates P.M., J. Genese, T. Honniball, D. and H. Brill, the Rev. S. J. Roco, G. W. Knight P.M., Hess. He supported the motion, and introduced Bro. John Ward, who had had charge of the funeral arrangements.

Bro. J. Ward in supporting, expressed his sincere sympathy with the family in their bereavement. Having had the privilege of knowing Bro. Saunders for many years he had every satisfaction at being present to add his word to the sympathy expressed by the Brethren of the Lodge of Instruction.

Several other Brethren expressed their personal grief at the loss they had sustained, after which the Lodge was closed, as a mark of respect, and the Brethren retired in solemn silence.

West Smithfield Lodge, No. 1623.

THIS strong Lodge of Instruction had an exceptionally good meeting on Wednesday, 22nd ult., at the City Scotch Stores, Knightbridge Street, E.C. Bro. F. P. Weinell P.M. Preceptor was W.M., C. A. Barter I.P.M., J. Hoffmann Secretary, C. J. Pratt S.W., C. Williams J.W., A. Ellenden S.D., S. Van Rogen J.D., W. Sumner I.G., H. Knight, G. Kenrich, A. Metcalf, D. F. Weister, Joshua Cohn W.M. Samson Lodge, J. F. Kistruck, R. Evans, Charles Riemann, W. Harding, H. King, G. Newnham, C. W. Fink, J. R. Daish, T. Powell W.M. 2182, J. Wynman, C. E. Brooke, and others.

The ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, Brother Eugene Kammer, who was initiated the previous Thursday at the Mother Lodge, acting as candidate and showing his early appreciation of Freemasonry. Bro. Weinell acting W.M. complimented the candidate on his perseverance, and said if he continued as he had begun he would make striking progress in the Craft.

The Lodge was opened in the second degree and Bro. Geo. Newnham answered the questions and was entrusted. The Lodge was opened in the third degree, and the ceremony of raising was rehearsed. The Lodge was resumed to the first degree and Bro. C. J. Pratt S.W. was presented by Bro. C. A. Barter W.M. 1623. Having assented to the ancient charge he took the obligation and was installed and saluted in the various degrees. Bro. Weinell continued with the addresses.

Bros. E. Kammer 1623, G. J. Simonds I.P.M. 183, R. Petheridge W.M. 2182 were elected as members. Bro. Weinell received well earned compliments from the members and visitors alike. Bro. Barter proposed that a hearty vote of thanks be recorded on the minutes for the faultless and impressive manner in which the W.M. had worked the two degrees, and the installation ceremony; it was a real Masonic treat. Bro. Weinell, in short, but meek and eloquent speech, acknowledged the compliment.

Strand Lodge, No. 1987.

THE first re-union dinner of the Strand Lodge of Instruction was held last month at the Salisbury Hotel, Strand, when host Bro. Toosen put on the board a capital menu, which was much appreciated by the Brethren.

The chair was taken by Bro. Rapley Preceptor of the Lodge, and among those present were Bros. J. N. Hare, A. Hare, Nott, Thomas, Pastorelli, Soper, Goff, Pain, Edwards, Sparks, Lisle, Seaman, Müller, Thomas Treasurer, Kibblewhite Sec., and many other Brethren and friends.

After dinner and the usual Loyal toasts, the Chairman proposed success to the Strand Lodge of Instruction.

This was responded to by Bro. Kibblewhite Secretary, who commented on the satisfactory progress the Lodge had made during its eight months existence. Thirty-eight meetings had been held, with an average attendance of over twelve. The Lodge numbered

among its members representatives of many important Lodges, including Jerusalem 197, Wolsey 1656, Eccentric 2488, Bushey Hall 2323, Friendship 206, Anglo-American 2191, Harrow 1310, Marcians 2648, Ebury 1348, Croxteth United Service (Liverpool) 786, Acacia 1309, Empress 2581, and Drury Lane 2127. He referred also to the visits and return visits of the Hampden Lodge of Instruction, and hoped that it was the first of many similar friendly visits.

The toast of the visitors was proposed by the Chairman, and responded to by Bro. J. Seaman.

Bro. J. N. Hare, Mayor of Arundel, proposed the health of the Preceptor.

Several Brethren assisted in contributing to an excellent musical programme. Special mention must be accorded to the brilliant pianoforte playing and singing of Bro. Toosen's two promising sons, who exhibit a musical talent that is seldom met with.

Woodrow Lodge, No. 2271.

ON Monday, 3rd inst., at three o'clock, at 24 Panton Street, Haymarket, Bros. T. Burgess W.M., J. G. Lobb S.W., W. Making P.M. J.W., C. Woodrow P.M. Prec., J. W. Simeons P.M. Sec., W. Rudderforth P.M. Treas. S.D., J. E. Culverhouse W.M. J.D., J. Wynman I.G., A. E. Sanders, F. A. Monro.

The ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, Brother Sanders candidate.

Bros. A. E. Sanders and F. A. Monro, both of the Manchester Lodge, No. 179, were elected members.

Bro. Woodrow P.M. Preceptor proposed that a hearty vote of congratulation be recorded on the minutes for the very able manner Bro. Burgess had fulfilled the duties of W.M. for the first time in that or any other Lodge. Bro. Burgess acknowledged the compliment in a few well chosen words.

Bro. Lobb was elected W.M. for Monday.

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West Smithfield Chapter, No. 1623.

THE first regular meeting after the installation of Comp. A. Arrowsmith as M.E.Z., took place on Saturday, 25th ult., at Anderson's Hotel, Fleet Street, those present including Comps. A. Arrowsmith M.E.Z., John Davidson H., William Roots P.Z. acting J., R. J. Cobden Treasurer, W. J. Barnes P.G.Swd:Br. Essex P.Z. Scribe E., W. Mc Gawin Reed Scribe N., J. G. Pacy P.S., T. T. Noakes Organist, T. Shepherd Janitor; Henry Forss P.Z., R. H. Goddard P.Z., C. Patrick P.Z., F. J. Stinson. Visitors: George Mustoe, Wm. Roots, John Gale, J. Wynman.

The minutes of last convocation were confirmed. Comp. J. Davidson, who was elected H. on the night of installation, but was unavoidably absent, was duly installed as second Principal, and the Companions being re-admitted Comp. J. G. Pacy P.S. in a short but eloquent speech, presented Officers' collars and jewels to the Chapter, also collar and jewel to each of the past Principals.

Comp. Arrowsmith M.E.Z. sincerely thanked Comp. Pacy for his great kindness, and in flattering terms proposed that a very hearty vote of thanks be recorded on the minutes for his gift. Comp. Barnes S.E. said he certainly had great pleasure in seconding the proposition, which was unanimously carried.

Comp. Pacy acknowledged the compliment, and wished the Officers might wear his presents for many years in good health and for the prosperity of the Chapter.

Comp. Barnes S.E. read letters from Companions regretting their unavoidable absence, and this concluding the business the Chapter was closed in due form, and the Companions adjourned to refreshment.

After the repast the M.E.Z. presented the usual toasts.

Comp. Barnes, in giving the toast of the M.E.Z., said they all admired Comp. Arrowsmith's working, and he felt, as he had predicted, that Comp. Arrowsmith would make an excellent M.E.Z.

The toast was most cordially received, as was the Z. on rising. He thanked Comp. Barnes for his kind words, and the Companions for receiving the toast in such a hearty manner. He was proud to have been placed in his present honourable position, and proud that he was ruler in the first year of the reign of the noble King Edward VII. He also esteemed it an honour to receive on behalf of the Chapter such an elegant present as that of Comp. Pacy. He hoped he might wear his collar in health, and see the other Officers wear theirs for many years to come. He assured the Companions he would do his level best to give satisfaction.

The Z. next expressed the pleasure he felt in seeing Comp. Davidson H. present that night, and felt he looked very promising in his position. He was sure he would make a better M.E.Z. than himself. He was sorry Comp. Scott was absent, but they had an excellent substitute in Comp. Roots.

Comp. Davidson H., in reply, thanked the M.E.Z. and Companions for having placed him in the proud position he then occupied. He was sorry he was absent on the installation night, but important business prevented his attendance. He hoped to be able to be more regular in future, as he hoped, in time, to be placed in the exalted position of M.E.Z. He would attend School again, and hoped Comp. Cobden, who was the Preceptor of the Dagmar Chapter of Improvement, would give him every assistance. He thanked the M.E.Z. for the compliment he had paid him.

Comp. Barnes informed the M.E.Z. he had received a letter from Comp. Brickdale, expressing his thanks to Comp. Pacy for the elegant manner in which the testimonial was framed; it was

a great credit to Comp. Pacy, and he (Comp. Brickdale) and his family would look upon it with the greatest pride.

The M.E.Z., in proposing the toast of the P.Zs., said the Chapter was similar to the Lodge. The P.Zs. and P.Ms. were their support, and if the members wished to know anything they had only to ask, and they found the past rulers always willing to render any assistance that was required.

Comp. Roots P.Z. thanked the M.E.Z. for the toast. He was always willing to render all the assistance that was expected from a P.Z. The West Smithfield Chapter had not made that progress he should like to see, or rather expected. He should like the number of Companions increased, and he felt the M.E.Z. would like to show his ability in performing the ceremony. He hoped that at the next meeting they might have a little more work to do.

Comp. Barnes P.Z. S.E. said his heart was with the Chapter. He also should like to see the members a little increased. The Chapter was in a good financial position. Comp. Patrick had installed him, and he hoped they would be together for many years to come.

Comp. Patrick P.Z. was pleased to see Comp. Davidson H. there that night. They had much pleasure in promoting him, as he was sure he could do the work, judging by the high reputation he had in his Mother Lodge, the Vitruvian. He felt Companion Davidson would give every satisfaction. It was true they wanted a few more candidates, but they wanted the right sort; at present they had Companions who took great interest in the Chapter, as was evidenced by the presentations made to them that evening. He would sooner see twenty than fifty in the Chapter, if increased numbers meant a falling off in interest.

Comp. Goddard P.Z. was pleased to be able to attend that night. The P.Zs. always did their best to uphold the reputation of the West Smithfield Chapter.

The M.E.Z. said he had another pleasant duty to fulfil, which was to give the health of the Visitors. The West Smithfield Chapter was always delighted to see them, especially when they included such old friends as Comp. Roots, whom he had known for over twenty-five years. Comp. George Mustoe he had known for over thirty years: he was an excellent Companion, but rather lazy, otherwise he would have been a P.Z. years ago. Comp. Gale he had also the pleasure of knowing for some years, and in the name of the Chapter he gave all a most hearty welcome, with the hope of seeing them again on a future occasion.

Comp. Roots P.Z. thanked the M.E.Z. for coupling his name with the toast of the Visitors. He was only too pleased to give the little assistance that was required; his opinion was that at any meeting only one exalte should be taken. He thanked the M.E.Z. for his kind reception, and hoped to come again on several occasions.

Comp. Mustoe thanked the M.E.Z. for the toast. He had been to several Chapters, but had never enjoyed himself more than on that evening. He and the M.E.Z. were old friends, and he should be pleased to accept another invitation from him.

Comp. Gale also returned thanks for the toast. He was not one of the lustrous ones in the Royal Arch, but hoped to improve; it was the first time he had had the pleasure of visiting the Chapter, and if the M.E.Z. and members would kindly receive him, he would be pleased to become a joining member. He had many friends in the Chapter, and had received good instruction from Comps. Roots and Cobden. If the Companions thought him worthy to be accepted he would do his best to give every satisfaction.

The Officers of the Chapter were next toasted. The M.E.Z. said he had excellent Officers; the only thing he had to complain of was that they might be more punctual, otherwise they wasted the time. He did not wish to cast a slur on any of the Officers, but it would be so nice to see them in their places at the appointed time. He belonged to the Westbourne Chapter also, and there the Officers were punctual, and if they could not attend they would write.

Comp. Barnes S.E. thanked the M.E.Z. and said the Officers sincerely endeavoured to attend regularly and punctually but there must be a little allowance, as business sometimes stopped them. No doubt, the Companions would try to be more punctual in the future.

Comp. Cobden Treasurer also thanked the M.E.Z. for the toast, and agreed with him; but he could not promise to attend more regularly or punctually, as his business did not allow it. He attended the Chapter for years with some inconvenience, and had to work extra to make up for the time; but he did not mind that, and if there was work he would be at his place at the appointed time, but it would be more convenient to him if the Chapter was called a little later when there was no working to be done. Also their dinners could be postponed until a later hour.

Comp. Pacy P.S. thanked the M.E.Z. for coupling his name amongst the Officers, and if there was any working to be done he was sure he would give the M.E.Z. that satisfaction that was expected from him. Whatever he could do for the welfare of the West Smithfield Chapter he would be happy to undertake. Comp. Noakes also replied, and the Janitor's toast brought a most pleasant evening to a close.

During the evening some excellent songs were rendered by Comps. Cobden, Patrick, Roots and Stinton, whilst Comp. Goddard recited "Der Dog and Der Lobster." Comp. Noakes played some excellent selections on the piano.

The Charity box was not neglected by the Companions.

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