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CONSECRATION.

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Maida Vale Chapter, No. 2743.

THE success attending the efforts of the founders and members of the Maida Vale Lodge, which was consecrated less than three years ago, is fully evinced by the fact that in such a short time the members should have been able to petition for a Royal Arch Chapter to be attached. The prayer of the petitioners was granted and the Consecration took place on Wednesday, 16th inst., at the Crown Hotel, Aberdeen Place, Maida Vale (Proprietor Bro. Frank Crocker, the present W.M. of the St. Albans Lodge), by Comp. Edward Letchworth, F.S.A., Grand Scribe E., assisted by the following Grand Officers: Comps. J. J. Thomas P.G.Std.Br. as H., Rev. Canon Brownrigg G.Supt. for Bucks as J., Frank Richardson G.D.C. as D.C., in the presence of Comps. W. J. Mason and Henry Sadler Grand Janitor, and a large number of Past Principals and other Companions.

The beautiful ceremony was performed in Comp. Letchworth's well known masterly manner, and created a great impression on the minds of those present who had the good fortune and privilege of witnessing for the first time this highly impressive ceremony.

The following is the list of Founders and Officers:—
Comps. H. Trask P.Z. 2372 M.E.Z., W. J. Stratton P.Z. 749 2421 753 H., H. J. Thomas the present W.M. of the Mother Lodge P.Z. 749 and 241 J., W. Parsons H.-elect 753 S.E., J. L. Goldstein H. 948 S.N., T. Bowles H.-elect 2202 Treas., W. Yeo P.S., H. Burkett 1st Assist., J. T. Matthews 2nd Assist., W. G. Coxen D.C., Frank Crocker Steward, W. J. Smith Janitor.

A Committee was elected to frame bye-laws and several propositions for exaltation were received. The first being Bro. Cooper, who was the first initiate in the Maida Vale Lodge.

The company afterwards adjourned to the handsome billiard room, which had been specially prepared for the reception of the company, and there an excellent banquet was provided under the personal superintendence of Comp. Frank Crocker, to whom great credit is due for the very excellent arrangements made for the reception of the distinguished Visitors and the comfort of the company generally.

In answer to the toast of the Grand Officers, Comp. the Rev. Canon Brownrigg replied. The toast of the Consecrating Officers having been proposed by the M.E.Z., Comp. Edward Letchworth responded, congratulating the members of the Maida Vale Lodge and the Founders of the new Chapter upon their great success and wishing them all God-speed.

The toast of the M.E.Z. was proposed by Comp. Letchworth.

Comps. Mason, Berry, Serjeant Lee, R. J. Campbell and Coleman replied to the Visitors' toast.

The other Arch toasts were duly honoured, each of the Officers responding with the exception of Companion W. G. Coxen, who is in America.

A selection of music was given by Comps. Ellison and Bradford, with Bro. Herbert Cooke at the piano and Miss Emily Foxcroft.

WARWICKSHIRE.

ON Wednesday, 25th ult., the Provincial Grand Lodge of Warwickshire was held at Coventry. Members from the various Lodges in the county arrived in the city during the morning and early in the afternoon, the earlier arrivals partaking of luncheon at the Craven Arms Hotel (Bro. W. D. Claridge's). Subsequently Grand Lodge was held in St. Mary's Hall and very largely attended by the Brethren.

In the earlier part of the day some doubt appeared to be entertained by local members of the Fraternity as to whether the respected Provincial Grand Master Lord Leigh would be present, but his Lordship arrived at St. Mary's Hall in ample time for the opening of the Lodge, at which some 200 Brethren were present, including Deputy Provincial Grand Master Bro. G. Beech.

At the conclusion of the Lodge the members formed in procession in the quadrangle of St. Mary's Hall, prior to marching to Holy Trinity Church, where Brother the Rev. Alldridge, curate of Knowle, was appointed to preach, and the procession of Freemasons, headed by what may be termed Warwickshire's Masonic bannerettes, with four Lewises carrying the Bible on a cushion, in the latter part of the march attracted considerable attention. In the space between the Reference Library and Trinity Church the members of the several Lodges opened out to allow of the first passage into the church of the Provincial Grand Master and his immediate attendants.

The service in the church was of a special character. As the procession passed into the building the hymn "O God our help in ages past" was sung. The doorkeeper stood at the entrance with his naked sword as the members passed through. The dignitaries of the Lodge were seated in the choir, and the other Masons down the centre of the church. The service was conducted by the Rev. C. T. B. McNulty, and the lessons read by the Rev. Canon Beaumont. Psalm 132, "Lord remember David, and all his people," was sung by the congregation, and the Magnificat. The choir rendered the anthem, "Behold how good and joyful a thing it is, brethren, to dwell together in unity" to the Clarke-Whitfield setting.

A short sermon upon the text, "Give thanks to God, for He is good, for His Mercy endureth for ever" was preached by the Chaplain of the Provincial Grand Lodge Rev. R. S. Alldridge, M.A., of Knowle, who wore Masonic insignia above his surplice. The service concluded with the hymn, "O worship the King" and the Benediction was pronounced by the Rev. Canon Beaumont. Mr. Moody played as a voluntary Guilman's "Grand Chœur" as the congregation dispersed.

The collection amounted to £16 10s 0d, and was in aid of the Warwickshire Masonic Benevolent and Pupils' Aid fund.

The members then returned to St. Mary's Hall, where the Provincial Grand Lodge was resumed, the business consisting of the appointment and investment of Officers for the ensuing year. The ceremony throughout was of a very dignified character, and when the Lodge was closed the Provincial Grand Master and his Officers retired in procession.

EAST LANCASHIRE.

THE autumn meeting of the Provincial Grand Lodge of East Lancashire will be held in Salford Town Hall on Friday, 22nd November. Lord Stanley, M.P., Provincial Grand Master is hoping to be present.

The Masonic writer in "P. O. P." very justly condemns the practice, which he has noticed on several visits to London Restaurants and Hotels where Lodges are held, of some Brethren walking down to the buffet wearing their Masonic apron and jewels. Surely this is against rules, adds our contemporary, unless a dispensation has been granted. Of course it is, but we do not think there is much likelihood of a discontinuance of the practice while Grand Officers—who are conspicuous among the offenders—set such a bad example.

ROYAL ARCH.

SUPREME GRAND CHAPTER.

THE Quarterly Convocation of the Supreme Grand Chapter will be held at Freemasons' Hall, London, on Wednesday, 6th November next, at 6 p.m. The following is the Agenda of business:

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

THE REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE OF GENERAL PURPOSES.

To the Supreme Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of England.

The Committee of General Purposes beg to report that they have examined the Accounts from the 18th July, to the 15th October 1901, both inclusive, which they find to be as follows:

To Balance, Grand Chapter	-	-	£348	5	9	
To Balance, Unappropriated Account			231	15	6	
Subsequent Receipts	-	-	378	18	0	£958 19 3
By Disbursements during the Quarter			£392	11	6	
By Balance	-	-	325	16	9	
By Balance, Unappropriated Account			240	11	0	£958 19 3

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

The Committee have likewise to report that they have received the following Petitions:

1st. From Companions Wallace Ellwood Haworth as Z., John Meikle as H., Harry Baskerville Watkins as J., and ten others for a Chapter to be attached to the Manica Lodge, No. 2678, and to meet at Umtali, Rhodesia, South Africa.

2nd. From Companions Richard Fox Warner as Z., the Rev. Samuel Theodore Ward as H., William Harry Seymour Cutler as J., and nine others for a Chapter to be attached to the Staines Lodge, No. 2536, and to meet at the Town Hall, Staines, Middlesex.

The foregoing Petitions being regular, the Committee recommend that the prayers thereof be respectively granted.

The Committee have likewise received memorials, with extracts of Minutes, for permission to remove the following Chapters:

The Charnwood Chapter, No. 1007, from the Bull's Head, to the Town Hall, Loughborough.

The Richard Newhouse Chapter, No. 2433, from Hamilton Street, Birkenhead, to the Hotel Victoria, New Brighton.

The Royal Albert Chapter, No. 907, from the White Hart, Cannon Street, to Freemasons' Hall, Great Queen Street, London.

The Starkie Chapter, No. 935, from the Masonic Hall, Adelphi Street, to the Town Hall, Salford.

The Engineer Chapter, No. 2599, from 33 Golden Square, to the Frascati Restaurant, Oxford Street, London.

The St. Peter Chapter, No. 481, from the Masonic Hall, Pilgrim Street, to the Masonic Hall, Maple Street, Newcastle-on-Tyne.

The Bedford Chapter, No. 282, from Freemasons' Hall, West Street, to the New Freemasons' Hall, Barley Market Street, Tavistock.

The Harmony Chapter, No. 178, from the Masonic Hall, King Street, to the Town Buildings, Wallgate, Wigan.

The Strong Man Chapter, No. 45, from the Holborn Restaurant, to the Cafe Monico, Piccadilly, London.

The Committee having satisfied themselves of the reasonableness of the requests recommend that the removal of these Chapters be sanctioned.

A Memorial, with particulars, has been received from Companions Thomas Atkinson Z., Richard Monkhouse H., George Johnson J., and six other Members of the Nicholson Chapter, No. 371, Maryport, for a Charter of Confirmation, the original Charter having been destroyed by fire.

The Committee recommend that the prayer of the petition be granted.

(Signed) GEORGE DAVID HARRIS,

President.

Freemasons' Hall, London, W.C.

16th October 1901.

SUFFOLK.

THE annual meeting of this Provincial Grand Chapter was held at the Freemasons' Hall, Soane Street, Ipswich, on Wednesday afternoon, 2nd inst., when a fairly representative gathering of the Province assembled.

The principal business before the Chapter was the installation of Comp. Rev. J. Holme Pilkington, of Framlingham, into the Provincial Grand Superintendent's chair, vacant by the lamented death of the Rev. C. J. Martyn. The installation ceremony was most ably and impressively performed by Comp. Philbrick G. Supt. of Essex, for which service the Chapter recorded its hearty thanks.

After his installation, the Provincial Superintendent appointed and invested his Officers, as follow:—

Comp. N. Tracy 376	...	H.
J. Youngman 305	...	J.
S. R. Anness 376	...	Scribe E.
E. W. Lynch 555	...	Scribe N.
R. J. Carthew 81	...	Treasurer
G. W. Normandale 1224	...	Registrar
H. Jones 376	...	Principal Sojourner
W. H. Hunt 71	...	1st Assist. Soj.
C. S. Brown 225	...	2nd Assist. Soj.
M. Reid 1224	...	Sword Bearer
J. Green 1631	...	Standard Bearer
Alma Cocks 959	...	Dir. of Ceremonies
T. Stevenson 1983	...	Asst. Dir. of Cers.
E. Hills 959	...	Assist. Scribe E.
Geo. Gould 959	...	Janitor.

NEW HALL AT OSWESTRY.

ON the 17th inst., the foundation stone of the Freemasons' Hall, which is to be erected at the junction of Roft Street and Market Street, Oswestry, was laid by the Prov. Grand Master Bro. Sir Offley Wakeman, Bart. Bro. W. H. Spaul, F.R.I.B.A., Prov.G.Sec. has designed a handsome building, which will be a worthy addition to the architecture of the town. The building will consist of a Hall 33ft. by 22ft., and a dining room 23ft. by 18ft., which can be thrown into the Hall when required, with retiring rooms and other conveniences. On the first floor there will be a large room, to be used for Masonic purposes only, 33ft. by 23ft., and a Tyler's room 23ft. by 18ft. A caretaker's house will also be attached, containing five bedrooms, kitchen, bathroom, &c. The Roft Street front will be carried out in the renaissance style, and the rest of the treatment will be domestic renaissance. The building will be faced with red brick and buff terra-cotta dressings. It will be warmed throughout by hot water, and fitted with the electric light. The cost is estimated at about £2,000. Messrs. Griffiths and Sons, of Ellesmere, are the contractors.

Previous to the stone-laying ceremony, a special communication of the Provincial Grand Lodge was held in the Victoria Rooms. This over, the members, who were attired in full Masonic clothing, formed in procession, and on arrival at the site of the building the Brethren opened to the right and left, forming an avenue for the Provincial Grand Master to pass up the centre, preceded by his Standard and Sword Bearers, with the Grand Officers and the Provincial Grand Officers, following from the rear. Awaiting their arrival was the Mayor (Mr. R. Daniel), who was accompanied by his Chaplain (the Rev. J. J. Poynter), the Deputy Town Clerk (Mr. A. W. Morris), and members of the Corporation. A numerous company surrounded the enclosure. The Provincial Grand Master took his stand on the east of the stone, supported by Bro. Lord Harlech (Chairman of the Masonic Hall Company), the Deputy Prov.G.Master, the Prov. Grand Senior Deacon, and the Prov. Grand Chaplains. Fortunately the weather was fine at this time, although there had been frequent rain storms during the morning and just previous to the ceremony. The proceedings began by the choir and Brethren, accompanied by Bro. H. Byolin, singing an appropriate hymn.

Lord Harlech Prov.G.M. North Wales, as Chairman of the Masonic Hall Company, said it afforded him great pleasure to offer for the acceptance of the Prov. Grand Master a silver trowel and to ask him to favour them by laying the foundation stone. He was sure it must be an object of great gratification to the Provincial Grand Master to see the amount of activity and enterprise in that portion of the Province as evidenced by the assembly they had there that day. Moreover, it seemed to him that throughout the whole of England and Wales the spirit of Freemasonry was extending its auspicious sway, and he looked forward to a greater increase in that county in consequence of ceremonies similar to that they were engaged in, which from time to time were held. Charity was the motive power of the Brotherhood; peace, love, and harmony were their proverbs, and if they proved faithful to the everlasting bond of charity they would be loyal to their God, loyal to their King, loyal to their Order, and loyal one man to another.

Sir Offley Wakeman, in rep'y, said he was very much obliged to the Oswestry Masonic Hall Company for the handsome trowel they had presented to him, and he readily complied with the request to lay the foundation stone of the building. After a brief exposition of the principles of Freemasonry, he said they were met there that day in the face of all to lay the first stone of a house in which they might meet to practise ceremonies according to the ancient

landmarks of their society, which might God protect as it seemed to Him best. And as the first duty of Masons in all their undertakings was to ask the blessing of the Great Architect of the Universe upon their work, he called upon them to join with their Chaplain in presenting a prayer to the Throne of Grace.

The Senior Prov. Grand Chaplain (Rev. Reginald W. Williams, Ph.D.) then offered prayer. By the direction of the Prov. Grand Master, the Prov. G. Registrar read the scroll, and the P.G. Sec. read the inscription on the plate. Then the P.G. Treas. deposited a vase containing coins in the cavity, and the inscription plate having been placed over the cavity, the Prov. Grand Master, assisted by an Entered Apprentice (Bro. Arthur Gough) spread the cement on the lower stone. While the upper stone was being slowly lowered, with three distinct stops, the choir chanted the Psalm "Except the Lord build the House." Finally, the Provincial Master proved the just position and form of the stone by the plumb rule, level, and square, and having pronounced that it was "a well wrought stone, square, level, perpendicular, and fitted to form the foundation of the intended work," he sealed the ceremony by giving three knocks with the mallet. Finally vases containing corn, wine, oil, and salt, emblematic of abundance and plenty, strength and gladness, peace and harmony, and wisdom, fidelity, and perpetuity were emptied upon the stone, and the plans of the Hall were handed by the P.G. Supt. of Works to the Provincial Grand Master, who passed them into the keeping of the architect. The choir then sang the ode "Prosper the Art" (G. Hargreaves), the solo part being rendered by Bro. Knight. Bro. Rev. T. Redfern P.G.C. afterwards offered prayer and pronounced the Benediction, and the ceremony ended with the National Anthem.

Afterwards a banquet was held at the Wynnstay Hotel, when the toast of "Success to the Oswestry Freemasons' Hall," proposed by the Prov. Grand Master was responded to by Bro. O'Connor W.M.—"Shrewsbury Chronicle."

The Clarendon Lodge, No. 1166, late of Hyde, has removed its headquarters to Sale. The Prov. Grand Master of Cheshire (the Hon. Alan de Tatton Egerton, M.P.) attended its opening meeting a few days ago.

"A SPRIG OF ACACIA."

BY the death of Bro. Charles Stephens, brother of the Dean of Winchester, which occurred at his residence, at Woodley Hill, near Reading, on Friday, 4th inst., Berkshire lost one of its most prominent and respected public men. Bro. Stephens, who was in his seventy-first year, was a son of the late Mr. Charles Stephens, the head of the well-known banking firm of Stephens, Blandy and Co., of Reading, Maidenhead, and elsewhere. He was a magistrate for Reading and Berkshire, and served the office of High Sheriff of that county in 1884-85. When the Volunteer movement was inaugurated, he supported the arrangements made by the late Lord Wantage for the formation of the 1st Administrative Battalion of Berks Rifle Volunteers, and held a commission in the regiment until 1869, when he retired with the rank of major, and was presented with an illuminated address from the officers and men. Throughout his life he was actively engaged in the banking business, and eventually became the head of the firm, retiring from that position a few years ago when the business was transferred to Lloyds Bank (Limited). For a lengthened period Bro. Stephens took a great personal interest in Freemasonry, and up to the time of his death he held the Office of Provincial Grand Treasurer. He took a prominent part in the formation of the Mark Province of Berkshire and Oxfordshire, and was appointed by the Earl of Jersey (the first Provincial Grand Master) as his Deputy. Mainly in consequence of his association with one of the old Reading banks he acted as Treasurer to a large number of public bodies and institutions. In this capacity he did much to promote the welfare of the Royal Berkshire Hospital, which he had served as Treasurer since 1867. He was also Treasurer to the Corporation of Reading and the Royal Berkshire Friendly Society, with which he had been associated from 1872, when it was founded by the late Lord Wantage, Mr. Benyon, and other large Berkshire landowners. He rendered great service as local Hon. Secretary to the Royal National Lifeboat Institution, towards the funds of which he had annually raised a considerable sum of money. On his retirement through ill-health

he received a letter of thanks from the King (then Prince of Wales).

THE funeral of the late Master Cyril Shaw, who died as the result of a cycling accident under sad circumstances, took place on Saturday, 28th ult., at Mount Jerome Cemetery. The deceased was elected to the Dublin Masonic Orphan Boys School in November 1894, and entered as a pupil in January 1895. Having spent six and a half years in the Institution, his time expired, but owing to the industry and zeal he had displayed in his studies, and his anxiety to qualify for the Civil Service, he was retained by the Governors for a longer period than usual. During his school career he gained exhibitions at the Intermediate Examinations every year he went forward, in the Preparatory, Junior, and Middle Grades, and at the last examinations succeeded in securing the distinction of retaining the exhibition he held. There was a very large attendance at the funeral, the cortege including the deceased's late fellow pupils of the Masonic Boys School to the number of over eighty, who were in charge of Bro. James Moore, B.A., Head Master; and Messrs. J. M. Hamilton, O. Armstrong, and C. Bain, assistant masters. They wore suitable memorial badges, and were drawn up at each side of the avenue of Mount Jerome Cemetery as the coffin containing the remains was being conveyed to the Mortuary Chapel. In the course of the service in the Chapel, the Rev. Monck Gibbon, Incumbent of Taney, Dundrum, and Catechist in the Masonic School, delivered a very touching and suitable address, which was especially directed to the pupils of the School. He referred to the esteem in which the deceased was held, not alone by his fellow-students, but by the masters, and added that Master Shaw was one of the most industrious boys that ever belonged to the School. He was also one of the most conscientious of boys, and furnished a bright example which all the boys should follow.

THE funeral of the Rev. Frederick King, M.A., who for the last quarter of a century had been the respected vicar of Southmolton, took place at that town on the 4th inst. A large number of the inhabitants wended their way to the vicarage, which is situate in its own ground, about half a mile north of the town. The cortege left about three o'clock in the afternoon, and included the leading residents and members of every public body with which the deceased was connected. The members of the Masonic Lodge, of which the deceased was an active member, joined the cortege at the Parish Church, which was crowded by a congregation wearing tokens of mourning. The hymn "Now the labourer's task is o'er" was sung both at the service in the church and at the graveside. The procession having re-formed, with the addition of the Freemasons, proceeded to the cemetery, where the concluding part of the service was conducted by Archdeacon Seymour. At the close a muffled peal was rung on the bells of the parish church. The wreaths were numerous and included one from the Brethren of Loyal Lodge of Industry, No. 421, a beautiful wreath in the form of the Masonic square and compasses.

THE death took place, very suddenly, on Thursday, 3rd inst., of Bro. J. H. Beckett, of Corbar Hall, Buxton. In the early morning he complained of his heart, and Dr. Hannah, his medical attendant, was promptly called in, but death occurred from angina pectoris. The deceased gentleman had been attending, as usual, during the week, to his business in Manchester, and his death came as a great shock to the family. He was ex-captain of the Buxton and High Peak Golf Club, and a P.M. of the Buxton Lodge and of the Duke of Connaught Lodge of Freemasons.

THE death of Bro. Joseph Witham, of Southport, which occurred early on Saturday morning, 5th inst., has caused widespread regret within the borough. Deceased, who was sixty-eight years of age, was one of those energetic and public-spirited men to whom the credit of pioneering the development of Southport is due. He was P.M. of the Unity Lodge, No. 613, and was founder of the Rose of Lancaster Lodge, No. 2325.

THE funeral of the late Bro. William Parham, who died at Bath, on Wednesday, 2nd inst., took place at Bathwick cemetery the following Saturday. The ceremony, at the express wish of the family, was performed in a quiet and semi-private manner, but a large number of Masonic Brethren attended to pay a last tribute of respect.

CORRESPONDENCE.

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HEBREW MASONS.

To the Editor of THE FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—Will you, Brother Editor, give your opinion upon the following subject? Last week I visited a Lodge which is essentially Hebrew. Two Hebrews were initiated, and one was raised. You are of course aware that during prayer and Ob. the Hebrew candidate's head is covered, in accordance with Jewish custom. The W.M. was an Israelite; he initiated his own son. The candidates in both degrees had their heads covered. The W.M., however, a strict orthodox Jew, remained uncovered. How is this? Hebrews, in ordinary courts of justice, whilst being sworn, have their heads covered, and the Old instead of the New Testament is handed to them to impress their lips upon. An oath in a Masonic Lodge, being fully as sacred, is treated in a precisely similar way. How is it that the administrator of the oath, not being a paid clerk of a court of justice, but a representative, in "personæ propre," of King Solomon, who indubitably was a Jew; and furthermore, that representative being a Jew himself; and, I reiterate, a strict and orthodox Jew, should pray and administer the Ob. with uncovered head?

I have been at Lodges where a Hebrew presided, and when a candidate was likewise of the Jewish persuasion, donned his hat at the same time when the candidate did so. The Germans, my dear, dear friends, comply with the Jewish law, inasmuch as they wear their hats in Lodge. Our American Brethren make it incumbent upon the W.M. alone to adhere to the imperative Jewish rule. Both have their significance in the fact that the principles inculcated into the neophyte are of purely Jewish origin. Our German Brethren, who are not precisely admirers of the Jewish race, are candid enough to admit that where a rite of purely Jewish origin is concerned, the customs of that race should be strictly adhered to.

I very much doubt the good taste at the Lodge in question, and I want you—a power in Israel—to throw some light upon the subject.

Yours Fraternally,

J. MORDAUNT SIGISMUND.

AN IMPOSTOR AT RETFORD.

At the Retford Borough Police Court on Tuesday, a respectably dressed middle-aged man, giving the name of Wm. Studd Owen, and describing himself as an American sea captain, of no fixed abode, was brought up in custody charged with obtaining money by false pretences at Retford, on 10th October, to which charge he pleaded guilty. The magistrates requested Capt. Thomas, the superintendent of police, to explain the facts of the case, and he stated that on the 10th inst. the prisoner came to him as the Almoner of the Retford Freemasons and representing himself as a Brother, asked for temporary relief for the night. He said he was in need of assistance as he had just come in from Grimsby by train, and his luggage with all his belongings had been sent on to Radford, near Nottingham. He said he had made a complaint to the station master who had telegraphed for the luggage, and he expected it would be returned that night or the next morning. Upon this statement he gave him 4s, and he afterwards ascertained that at nine o'clock the same night the prisoner went to West Retford Rectory, and upon making similar representations obtained 5s from the Rev. Canon Gray. On Monday he found the prisoner intoxicated at Newark, and having charged him brought him to Retford. The prisoner was also drunk the same night that he obtained the money from himself and Canon Gray, and Police-sergeant Meakin endeavoured to get him taken in for the night, but they would not have him. In reply to the Bench, the Rev. Canon Gray said that the prisoner came to him and asked for assistance upon the strength of exactly the same statement as that related by the superintendent of police. The Rev. Father Sculley, of Gainsborough, said the prisoner called upon him also on the 10th, and said he was an American capitalist who had lost his luggage, and he gave him 2s 6d. Mr. A. O. Wood, station master at Retford, was called, and said there was no truth in the statement made by the prisoner about the lost luggage. The magistrates said the prisoner appeared to have been engaged in systematic fraud, and he would be sent to gaol for 21 days hard labour.—"Nottingham Guardian."

ENTERTAINMENT NOTES.

Shaftesbury.—There was considerable fluttering in the dove-cotes of the Craft when it was announced that a play upon the subject of Freemasonry was to be produced on the stage, and many were the doubts, and great was the curiosity evinced, as to what would be said or done. We therefore hasten to assure our readers that not even the most fastidious or jealous member of our ancient and honourable Institution can take exception to the capital three act farce presented at the Shaftesbury Theatre under the title "Are you a Mason?" The piece is translated from the German of Herren Laufs and Kratz, and is one of the funniest and wittiest, yet strictly proper plays that has been seen for a long time. We are not told the name of the original, but we cannot refrain from a shrewd suspicion that the present title was selected because it would appeal to a considerable number of persons in the metropolis. Amos

Bloodgood is a hen-pecked husband who, as an excuse for an occasional night off, declares himself to be a Freemason, and his wife, like many other ladies we wot of, knowing the good work of the Order, overlooks his late hours for the sake of the cause. His son-in-law Frank Perry, not knowing the old man's fraud, also adopts the same ruse, and the fun begins when the two men meet. Each being ignorant of the other's imposture, they seek to detect any sign, token, or word that might betray the secret, with the most ludicrous results. There are other complications cleverly interwoven with the main story, and the play is received with one continuous roar of laughter from beginning to end. Mr. George Giddens, who appears to have settled down into a representative of naughty old men, plays Amos with exquisite humour, and Mr. Marsh Allen is equally good as Frank. Miss Marie Illington as the shrewish wife; and Miss Ethel Matthews as Mrs. Perry, thoroughly enter into the fun of the piece; while Miss Agnes Miller and Miss Jennie Buckle are the charming sweethearts of Messrs. Paul Arthur and Charles Wellesley. Some excellent sketches are given by Miss Annie Bropley as an Irish servant, Mr. Wm. H. Day as a needy actor of the old school, and Mr. Mark Kinghorne as the would-be Initiate. So there's naught but what's good to be heard, and so far from any slight being cast upon Freemasonry, it is the members of the Order who will obtain the greatest fun out of the piece.

Wyndham's.—The old story of the loving but inconsiderate husband and the neglected wife who foolishly listens to the wiles of the deceiver, has once again been told by Mr. Isaac Henderson, under the quaint title of "The Mummy and the Humming Bird." The Mummy is Lord Lumley, an ardent scientist, who is so engrossed in his work that he fails to perceive the resentment of his wife at his undutiful treatment; and the Humming Bird is a vivacious Italian, Signor D'Orelli, who takes advantage of the situation to ensnare a victim. Fortunately at the critical moment the Mummy becomes a living man, and in a finely wrought scene delivers his wife from the seducer. The interest centres in these three characters, which are performed by Mr. Wyndham, Miss Lena Ashwell, and Mr. Robert Taber with such realism as to be almost painful in its intensity. Miss Ashwell portrays the neglected wife with tragic earnestness, and the third act, in which the two men meet, is as fine a piece of acting as could be devised. Mr. Wyndham's easy and natural manner of depicting Lord Lumley's anger under a calm exterior is the highest form of the art that conceals art, and Mr. Taber must also be congratulated on his performance of the wily Italian. There is a "deus ex machina" in the shape of an organ grinder, Guiseppe, who assists in the denouement, which is capitably played by Mr. Devereux; while Miss Mary Moore and Mr. Frank Atherley present a pair of sweethearts with charming simplicity. In spite of its defects Mr. Henderson has presented a powerful play, which should enjoy a large amount of popularity.

Royal Albert Hall.—The Sunday Afternoon Concerts have recommenced for the winter season, and those who have experienced the tedium of a Sunday afternoon in the metropolis—and their name is legion—will readily appreciate the efforts of the Committee who organise these entertainments for their relief. The magnificent band of the Royal Artillery, numbering some sixty instrumentalists, under the baton of Cavaliere L. Zaverthal, a member of the Victorian Order, has been engaged to play some of the choicest morceaux of both English and Foreign composers, and at each performance two vocalists, with sometimes a solo instrumentalist, appear, so that a varied programme is always presented. These entertainments can only conduce to elevate the mind, and as a large number of the seats are absolutely free they can be enjoyed by the most humble. On Sunday, 27th inst., the vocalists will be Miss Maggie Purvis and Mr. Herbert Emlyn, and Mr. H. C. Tonking will perform on the grand organ.

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Farewell, Nikola. By Guy Boothby. Illustrated by Harold Piffard (5s).—Ward, Lock and Co., Limited.

It is never an easy task to part with old friends, and Dr. Nikola, despite his extraordinary personality, has been the friend of many since they first saw his face upon the hoardings a few years back. When he came amongst us there were not wanting those who foretold that he would disappear as suddenly as he came, but such Sauls proved no true prophets, and even now we can only say "Farewell Nikola" in a limited sense. It is only just to say that since we first knew him he has done many things which were neither lovely nor of good report, but, for good or ill, his doings have always been of such an unusual kind that we have been compelled to take an interest in his progress. His great rival, Sherlock Holmes, has recently come before us once again, and we are wondering whether Dr. Nikola will do the like. We more than half suspect that if this "last appearance" should prove similar to certain announcements in the provincial theatres, there will be many who will be pleased to meet again with the wonderful Doctor and his black cat, if only because the actor-manager is Mr. Guy Boothby. For this writer has always a story to tell; he is an admirable "raconteur," and one whose invention seems only equalled by his industry. The volume before us is distinguished by that spontaneity and freshness which characterise so much of Mr. Boothby's work, and without which prose fiction is but sorry stuff. We hope the creator of Dr. Nikola will set to work and find a substitute for the subtle schemer as speedily as may be.

How to furnish well and cheaply. By Mrs. Alfred Praga (2s 6d).—George Newnes, Limited.

MRS. PRAGA has written a little volume which should find many purchasers; for the subject of which it treats is one in which most folks are interested. There must be a truly great multitude who, having recently been assured by the halfpenny papers that it is possible to live on £200 a year, are thinking of taking a wife and of furnishing a home in which she is to be, of course, the chief ornament. Mrs. Praga has toiled for their enlightenment and has shown now a home, of modest dimensions, may be cosily and adequately furnished for £150, or, if your aspirations soar not above the flat, for £100. Now the merit of Mrs. Praga's book lies in the fact that she does not theorise; she explains. She not only assures you that you may furnish your best bedroom for £15, but tells you exactly what to buy, and how much it should cost. You are, therefore, in excellent hands, and if your wife is not delighted with her home after you have followed Mrs. Praga's instructions to the letter, you will be hardly done by. In short, this is a book which opens the eyes of readers to many facts hitherto unthought of; it teems with eminently practical suggestions, and should be read and re-read by all who, desiring to furnish their home, find themselves able to expend only such a sum as Mrs. Praga has named. We are not advised how to ape our betters and pretend to that which we have not, but are shown how a small sum may be laid out to the very best advantage. We have read many less useful books with more sounding titles.

New Century Library (2s net per vol.).—T. Nelson and Sons.
The Works of SIR WALTER SCOTT, Bart.
Vol. xv., **Peveril of the Peak.**

THIS is the longest of the Waverley Novels, and, in the opinion of many competent judges, it is one of the best. We are aware that exception has been taken to the character of Fenella, but Scott probably understood her position in his book far better than any of his critics and, Fenella or no Fenella, the work is a masterpiece, and it is a masterpiece on a colossal scale worthy of Richardson or Thackeray. It reminds one of those many huge pictures from the brush of Rubens, on canvas large enough to cover an ordinary gentleman's drawing room wall. Nor does the likeness consist in that of size only, for the fine colouring and rich effects of the great Flemish master have their counterpart in "Peveril of the Peak." Perhaps the greatest character in the book is Major Bridgenorth, a soldier, a sectary, and a man of sterling principles to boot. But it is hard to epitomise the merits of so great a work in a few words, and we will only add that although the first half of the story is unquestionably the best, the latter portion, treating largely of Charles II and the notorious Chiffinch, would have made the reputation of any ordinary mortal who scribbles for his bread. Would that some, at least, of the writers whose new works it is our lot to read, would give us some books like "Peveril of the Peak"! But it is idle to wish, and we shall perhaps sooner see, as Byron puts it, roses in December, or ice in June.

Messrs. Skeffington and Son, Piccadilly, W., have just issued a new book by Bro. the Rev. F. St. John Corbett, M.A., Rector of Long Marton, Fellow of the Royal Society of Literature, and Vice-President of the Church Society for training the Speaking Voice. It is entitled "A Thousand Things to say in Sermons." The publishers say of it, "This most helpful and valuable book of more than 350 pages is one to materially facilitate the preparation of extempore and written sermons. It contains one hundred subjects, alphabetically arranged. Under each subject will be found a suggested text and ten things to say in the form of illustrations, Anecdotes, and Quotations from standard works and illustrious preachers. We believe that this entirely new collection of extracts will be invaluable as a help to all preachers both in town and country." The book is dedicated, by permission, to the Lord Bishop of Carlisle, who writes of it: "The book is full of matter

wisely selected, admirably arranged, and excellently printed. I am sure that it will prove very useful, and I wish for it an extensive circulation."

Messrs. Digby, Long and Co. will publish immediately the following six-shilling novels: "Love's Crossways," by Mrs. C. M. Diehl, author of "The Garden of Eden," "A Woman's Cross," "The Last Throw," &c.; "A Late Repentance," by T. W. Speight, author of "The Chains of Circumstance," &c.; "A Race for a Wife," by L. T. Meade, author of "The Medicine Lady," "The Desire of Men," "A Life for a Love," &c.; "Mary Anne of Parchment Buildings," by Lucas Cleeve, author of "Lazarus," "The World's Blackmail," "As the Twig is Bent," &c.; also a new story by C. Dudley Lampen, entitled "O'Callaghan, the Slave Trader," with four full-page illustrations by C. Dudley Tennant. The same firm also have in the press, and will publish immediately, Mr. Robert Cromie's new pseudo-scientific story, entitled "A New Messiah." Mr. Cromie has this time taken economic science for the serious base of his romance, and although, at first glance, the theme seems less promising than some of those recently exploited in the interests of fiction, we believe the result obtained is by no means wanting in thrilling effects. The publishers and author wish it to be known that the book was completed prior to the occurrence of a recent tragic event, out of which it might otherwise be supposed that capital was being made.

Messrs. Newnes are to add a volume entitled "Lost England" to their library of useful stories. The author is Mr. Beckles Wilson. The same publishers have in hand a volume by H.M. the Queen of Roumania; it is entitled "A Real Queen's Fairy Book" and will be illustrated by Mr. Harold Nelson and Mr. A. Garth Jones.

Mr. Edward Arnold has added a volume on "Hugh of Lincoln" to his series "Lives of Holy Men." The author is Rev. Chas. Marson.

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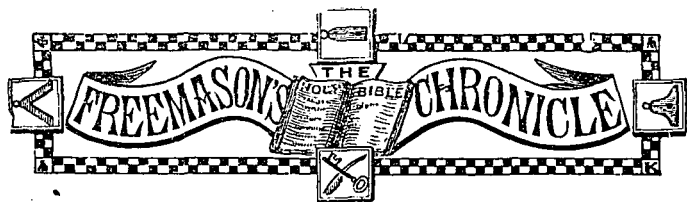
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BOARD OF BENEVOLENCE.

THE Board of Benevolence met on Wednesday evening at Freemasons' Hall, London. The President Bro. James Henry Matthews was not present, and his place was taken by Bro. D. D. Mercer Senior Vice-President. Bro. Henry Garrod Junior Vice-President acted as Senior Vice-President, and Bro. Charles J. R. Tijou P.G.St.B. as Junior Vice-President. Bro. E. Letchworth G.S., Bro. W. Lake Assist. G.S., Bro. W. Dodd, and Bro. G. S. Recknell attended from Grand Secretary's office. Bro. Henry Sadler G.T. was also in attendance.

The Brethren confirmed their recommendations to the Grand Master, which had been approved by His Royal Highness, to the extent of £140, and then proceeded with the new list which contained forty-eight cases. Dealing with these occupied over three hours, in the course of which time three were deferred until next meeting. No case was dismissed. The total amount voted was £1,185, which was disposed as follows: Recommended for the approval of Grand Lodge, £100 (two); £50 (one); recommended for the approval of the Grand Master, £40 (five); £30 (twelve); immediate grants, £20 (thirteen); £10 (eleven); £5 (one).

LANCASHIRE CHARITY.

A MEETING of the General Committee of the East Lancashire Masonic Educational and Benevolent Institution was held at Manchester, on Friday afternoon, 18th inst., Bro. C. D. Cheetham chairman. At an early stage of the proceedings Bro. Cheetham said that as most of the Charity Representatives of the Province were present at that meeting, he would take the opportunity of thanking them for the magnificent support which they had afforded in making the late Festival the huge success it was.

Petitions for the education of three children, viz., two boys and a girl, were respectively supported by Bros. Siddall, Wolseley Lodge, No. 1993, Manchester; John Peake, Antiquity Lodge, No. 146, Bolton; and Jos. Harrop, Albert Victor Lodge, No. 1773, Pendleton. Each case was successful, the various names being adopted by the Committee, and interim grants of money made to the mothers.

Other cases for annuities and relief were considered from the Borough Lodge, No. 1064, Burnley; Egerton Lodge, No. 1392, Bury; and the Prince Edwin Lodge, No. 128, Bury; and were variously adjudicated upon.

A TIMELY LECTURE.

WHEN a candidate is initiated into Freemasonry he is told he has been made member of a Fraternity whose ramifications extend over the world, and that wherever he may chance to be his Masonic Brethren will give him a Brotherly welcome. Theoretically this is so, but unfortunately the practice in some places does not carry out the spirit of that universal Brotherhood the Craft in its ritual inculcates. It is of course perfectly right that before a visiting Brother is admitted into a Lodge to which he is a stranger—more

particularly if he hails from another country—sufficient tests as to his identity and bona fides should be insisted on, but it was never intended that any want of knowledge of what might be simply local points of ritual should exclude from admission to any Lodge a visiting Brother from another land, as in non-essentials there are many slight differences in the working of Lodges in various countries. Ignorance of the peculiar method of giving the third degree in a Scotch Lodge would not be a cause for excluding from such a Lodge a visiting Mason from any other country who could satisfy his examiners on the fundamental points of Masonry. But in America—or at least in some Lodges in the United States—they apparently think otherwise, as the following experience of a New South Wales Mason will show. A well-known Sydney Brother recently visited the United States of America, taking with him credentials from the Grand Lodge of New South Wales. When at Philadelphia he called upon and was cordially received by the Grand Secretary of the Grand Lodge of that State, and was invited to visit a Lodge in that city. Before he could, however, obtain admission therein he was subjected to a stiff examination, which he passed successfully until confronted with the question as to how he would hold the V. of the S.L. This not being part of any ritual with which he was acquainted, he was unable to reply, and was thereupon refused admission to the Lodge. It is only fair to add that when calling the next day upon the Grand Secretary, that Officer expressed his surprise at the occurrence, and stated that the Lodges of Philadelphia had been instructed by their Grand Master not to ask this particular question from visiting Brethren from Lodges outside the United States of America. Still, in the case under notice it was done, and it is such actions as this that cause unfriendly relations to arise between sister Grand Lodges, and give cause to critics to complain that Masonry is one thing in theory and another in practice.—"Masonry," Sydney.

The Officers of the Charles Dickens Lodge, No. 2757, held at the Old King's Head, Chigwell, Essex, had a most enjoyable drive recently. Bro. Charles Webster, with his customary generosity, lent the coach for the occasion, and taking the reins made a start at 10.45 sharp for Epping Town, through some of the best parts of Essex, calling on the way at the King's Oak, High Beech, thence by way of Coopersale, Theydon, and Abridge to the Old King's Head, Chingford, a hostelry always remembered by Charles Dickens, where Bro. Lewis had provided an excellent dinner, which was much appreciated. After this, and the usual toasts, an hour or so was well spent in the charming grounds. The homeward run was commenced at 7 p.m., the party arriving in town again about 8.30, having had a good time in the very best of coaching weather.

LICENSED VICTUALLERS ASYLUM.

As we predicted in our last issue, a rare treat was afforded the inmates of this Asylum on Tuesday, when Bro. H. E. W. Poole S.D. 1744, and Senior Trustee of the L.V.A., gave a concert for the amusement of those who wished to be present. Bro. Poole is not one to do things by halves, and for some time past he has been on the look out for talent, with the result that the programme placed before the audience was both varied and excellent. To start with, the arduous duties of accompanist were placed in the skilful hands of Miss Grace Poole, who worked hard and well throughout the evening; next the stage management had to be seen to, and here again Bro. Poole was lucky, for in Mr. Frank Phipps he found a veritable Trojan at the game; and then—the artistes. With such talent as Miss May Brunette and Miss Maude Nichols to look after the serio-comic and sentimental part of the business our readers may judge the audience had a good time; in addition, Mr. Frank Phipps highly delighted his audience with a comic song, and afterwards by a fine piece of work in a descriptive sketch. We were delighted to meet our old friend Bro. Egbert Roberts, who rendered two of his songs in his own masterly fashion. We truly believe "the Veteran" is singing better than ever. Bro. Poole, with his usual modesty took the first turn on the programme, and highly delighted his audience with a realistic rendering of a nautical song. May he steer his Lodge as successfully during his year of office, when it comes, as he sang his song on Tuesday. Another highly amusing item on the programme was the animated photographs as shown by Mr. Lee, while a special word of praise is due to Walter Graham's wonderful living marionette show. This is well worth seeing—clever and refined.

In proposing a vote of thanks to Bro. Poole, the Chairman of the Asylum, Mr. Frederick Seymour, said that not only had Bro. Poole had a record assembly, but had given the best and most varied entertainment that had ever been seen in the room. Bro. Poole briefly acknowledged the vote, and said what he had done had been simply a labour of love; he was well repayed if only the inmates had enjoyed themselves. We can fearlessly say they did, as the visitors also seemed to do.

REPORTS OF MEETINGS.

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

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CRAFT: METROPOLITAN.

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Metropolitan Lodge, No. 1507.

INSTALLATION OF BRO. ALFRED CHARLES BRADLEY.

THERE was a brilliant gathering of Brethren at the annual festival of this Lodge on Wednesday of last week, at Anderton's Hotel, Fleet Street, the occasion being the installation of the W.M.-elect Bro. Alfred C. Bradley, whom we have had the pleasure of knowing for some considerable time, and we are sure he will be the pride of every member as ruler of the Lodge. The new W.M. is just what his title implies—not merely a Chairman or Presiding Officer, but a Master who understands how to rule a Lodge, and who, bringing with him a thorough knowledge of Freemasonry, will make his fellow members happy and comfortable. He is one, indeed, who can himself be happy and promote the happiness of others, and it was with considerable pleasure we received his invite to attend on the occasion of the twenty-eighth anniversary of his flourishing Lodge.

The opening proceedings were presided over by Bro. Elijah George Steers W.M., Alfred Charles Bradley W.M.-elect S.W., W. R. Thompson J.W., W. M. Stiles P.G.T. Treas., F. J. Perks Past Prov. G.S.B. Secretary, H. Newman S.D., J. W. Honniball J.D., J. Hess acting I.G., A. Hess Steward, A. Jackson Organist, Richard Whiting P.M. Tyler; Past Masters J. H. Moggridge, C. J. Scales, G. M. Clark, W. F. Bates, R. W. Fraser, W. Barry, and others; with Bros. J. A. Tronze, W. H. Nickhols, F. Read, W. R. Churchill, E. Polak, D. Dear, H. Harrow, R. Batchelor, N. Courtney, Val. Wallace, C. A. Weeden, G. T. Williams, W. J. Rundle, A. Chadwick, A. P. Vincent, W. S. Tope, Edward Fitzgerald, J. Brown, T. P. May, E. A. Gosney, G. W. Perry, A. Cherry, J. H. Timberlake, James Carter, W. Wittensteyn, J. Campbell, T. W. Harper, T. Ormitston, S. Warschawsky, G. G. Broadbridge, A. Macey, D. J. Hahn, E. C. Beale, E. Innocent, and several others.

The Visitors present included Brothers C. Duvall 2168, A. Zach J.D. 1512, H. Fox 1297, C. H. Laurence P.M. 742, H. Riches J.W. 95, P. Josephs 185, G. D. Meville 1765, H. Budd 1319, F. Walker P.M. 1627, W. J. Lockett S.D. 192, W. J. Fishleigh 192, C. Frood I.G. 1768, H. J. Chenley 1319, Capre Lambe 1567, H. Barton J.D. 2552, W. Lestocq P.M. 1319, T. Richardson P.M. 862, F. Ellis 1329, James Brand 1706, F. A. Baldwin 2168, A. Carpenter 1507, F. G. Messent 1922, T. Potheral 1388, J. Wynman, and others.

The Lodge being formed, the minutes were confirmed. The statement of accounts and the balance sheet was received and adopted.

The principal business of the evening was then proceeded with. Bro. R. W. Fraser P.M. assumed the chair, and declaring all Offices vacant requested the following to assist him: Bros. J. W. Moggridge S.W., Harry Stiles J.W., C. J. Scales D.C. and G. M. Clark I.G. The Lodge was opened in the second degree and Bro. Alfred Charles Bradley W.M.-elect was presented by Bro. C. J. Scales P.M. and duly signified his assent to the ancient charges and regulations. After the obligation the Brethren below the rank of Installed Master were requested to retire, a Board of Masters was formed, and Bro. Bradley was formally inducted into the chair of King Solomon as the ruler of the Metropolitan Lodge, No. 1507, for the ensuing twelve months.

The Brethren having been re-admitted the new Master was proclaimed and saluted in the various degrees. The subsequent delivery of the beautiful addresses elicited the hearty approbation of all present, as deserving the highest praise.

The new Master appointed and invested the following Officers: Bros. W. R. Thompson S.W., H. W. Newman J.W., W. M. Stiles P.M. P.G.Treas. Treas., F. J. Perks P.M. P.P.G.S.B. Middlesex Sec., J. W. Honniball S.D., J. Hess J.D., A. Hess I.G., J. Gray D.C., W. Warren and W. R. Churchill Stewards, A. Jackson Org., Whiting P.M. Tyler.

Bro. Whiting having been re-appointed Tyler, Bro. W. M. Stiles P.G.T. said that worthy Brother would in a couple of days be seventy-nine years old. He had been Tyler of their Lodge for many years; he was initiated in the Vitruvian Lodge, No. 87 (then 103), and was Worshipful Master of that Lodge in 1862-3. He was one of the oldest Past Masters, and had been a member of the Craft for over forty years. Bro. Stiles in appreciative terms congratulated Bro. Whiting, and wished him many happy returns of the day to come. He hoped he might be spared for many years in health, to be amongst them. Bro. Whiting was visibly affected and returned his sincere thanks.

The W.M., in short but eloquent and highly complimentary terms, presented to Bro. E. G. Steers the Past Master's jewel of the Lodge.

Bro. Steers I.P.M., in returning thanks, said it was the grandest day of his life. He was quite sure the Brethren would forgive him if he said very little that night. He sincerely thanked the W.M. and Brethren for the handsome jewel they had presented him. He could not let the opportunity pass without thanking the Officers for their loyal assistance during his year as Master. He was sure the present W.M. would receive the same support. He

again thanked them all for their kindness, and assured the Brethren that whatever he could do for the welfare of the Metropolitan Lodge he would always be happy to undertake. The jewel bore the following inscription:

Presented to

BRO. E. G. STEERS

as a mark of esteem, and in recognition of his able and valued services as W.M. for the year 1900-1901.

Metropolitan Lodge, No. 1507.

The ballot was then taken for Mr. John Pierce Martin, and Mr. William Henry Dearden, and proved to be unanimous in their favour. The new W.M. then quickly proved his capability for his high position, by the very commendable manner in which he initiated those two gentlemen, the ceremony being impressively rendered, to the general satisfaction of the members present.

A candidate was proposed for next meeting, and the resignation of a Brother was accepted with regret. Apologies were read from members regretting their inability to attend. A Brother in distress was temporarily relieved with the sum of £5 5s, and a petition was signed by the Brethren on the same Brother's behalf to Grand Lodge. The widow of a late Brother was granted five guineas, and yet another five guineas was voted to another widow. We congratulate the Metropolitan Lodge on such a display of its charitable disposition. Some other transactions took place. Bro. W. M. Stiles P.M. proposed the appointment of a Lodge Committee, which was unanimously agreed to, and several of the Past Masters and the present W.M. were appointed on it. This concluded the business of the meeting and the Lodge being closed, the Brethren repaired to the Pillar Hall, where an excellent banquet was provided, for which the manager and Bro. Francis were personally complimented by prominent members of the Lodge.

After having done ample justice to the repast, the usual toast list was honoured, the health of His Majesty the King and success to the Craft being cordially received, as also was that of the Grand Master H.R.H. the Duke of Connaught.

With the health of the Grand Officers was coupled the name of Bro. W. M. Stiles P.G.T., and that well known Brother responded.

Bro. Steers I.P.M. next assumed the gavel. He said the toast would be the only one he would have the privilege of proposing that night, but it was a very important one. It was the health of the new Worshipful Master. The Brethren had watched him during his career, and had seen him work his way up step by step. The able manner in which he had invested the Officers and the faultless manner in which he had initiated the two candidates that evening spoke as to his ability, and from the efficiency he had already displayed he predicted they would find the Lodge a year hence in an even better condition than it was at present. He sincerely wished the new Master a prosperous year of Office. The toast was heartily honoured—in true Metropolitan style.

The W.M. said it was with feelings of diffidence and trepidation he rose to respond to the toast of his health, proposed by the Immediate Past Master. With diffidence because the eulogistic terms in which he had been pleased to refer to him were—to his mind—quite undeserved; and with great trepidation as he feared they would expect more from him than he could render. In the dear old Metropolitan Lodge there had been many worthy Masters; to aspire to the excellent work they had performed was to set oneself a task almost insurmountable. Eight years ago that night he was initiated into Freemasonry by their Bro. Past Master Fraser, who had so faultlessly installed him into the chair of King Solomon. He well remembered that evening; sitting at the immediate right hand of the chair, during the few intervals the Brethren gave a little respite, without toasting his co-initiate, Bro. Spurr—who he wished was there that night—and himself, he remembered looking at the then W.M., in his exalted sphere, and asking himself the question: Is it possible for me ever to attain to that proud position? The Brethren had now conferred on him that high honour, and had made that the proudest moment of his life—a time never to be forgotten. The Brethren had drawn a draft upon him which he feared he could never pay, but at maturity—when they demanded payment—he trusted he might be able to offer them a settlement that would be to their entire satisfaction. He thanked them one and all most heartily for their reception, and for the cordial manner in which they had received the toast of his health.

The W.M. next proposed the toast of the Immediate Past Master Bro. Steers, and the Installing Master Bro. R. Winchester Fraser, who were heartily honoured by the members of the Lodge and their guests.

Bro. Steers returned thanks to the W.M. for the nice way in which he had proposed the toast in his honour, and to the Brethren for the very cordial manner in which it had been received. He further thanked them all for the loyal support he had received during his year as Master of the Lodge—from his Officers, from the Past Masters, and from the members. From one and all he had experienced very great kindness. Although he was fully sensible that he had not attained to the high standard of perfection reached by some of his predecessors he could assure them he had the interests of the dear old Metropolitan Lodge at heart, and had endeavoured to do his best. He sincerely trusted he might be spared for many years to meet the many friends he had formed in the Lodge, and the new members who might join it in the future. Their newly made member Bro. Martin he had known and respected for years, and he was confident he would prove a good member in the Lodge.

Bro. Fraser, on rising to respond to the toast of the Installing Master, expressed his sincere thanks to the Brethren for their kind and cordial reception of him. He had had the privilege and pleasure of installing Bro. Bradley, owing to the fraternal kindness of Bro. Steer, who willingly stood aside for him, and allowed him to place his first initiate in the chair of K.S. Bro. Fraser also expressed his satisfaction at the progress and position of the

Metropolitan, his Mother Lodge, and trusted to meet old friends then present on many future occasions.

The toast of the visitors was next on the programme, and the W.M., in submitting it, accorded the guests, in the name of the Lodge, a most hearty welcome. He had the pleasure of seeing about thirty visitors present, so they would understand he could not call on each to respond.

Bro. W. A. Stimson W.M. 1201 said he was there at the kind invite of the Master Bro. Bradley, who he had had the pleasure of knowing for many years. He complimented him on the working of the Lodge; the ceremonies were excellently rendered; it had been a real Masonic treat. He also thanked them for the good fellowship they had shown, and their cordial and liberal reception.

Bro. C. H. Lawrence P.M. 742 said he was pleased to have had the opportunity of attending; he had never seen the installation ceremony better performed. He congratulated the W.M. on the very able manner in which he had invested his Officers, and rendered the ceremony of initiation, and sincerely thanked him for his cordial reception.

Bro. Herbert Budd 1319 also expressed his thanks for the kind way the Brethren had received the toast, and said it was a great pleasure to him to have had the honour of being present at an old friend's installation. He could truly say Bro. Bradley was one who would prove a credit to Masonry and an honour to his Lodge.

Bro. F. Baldwin and other Visitors also acknowledged the compliment paid them.

The next toast was that of the Initiates, which the W.M. submitted in fitting terms. He felt the strict attention the new members had paid to the early lessons of the Craft was such as to induce the belief that they would make excellent Masons. He accorded them a hearty welcome.

Bro. John Pierce Martin thanked the W.M. for having initiated him, and the Brethren for receiving him as a Brother amongst them. The ceremony had greatly impressed him, and he felt he should never forget his obligation. He thanked the Brethren for their cordial reception.

Bro. William Henry Dearden said he considered it a great privilege to have been received in the Lodge, and hoped to show himself a worthy member of it. He thanked the W.M. and Brethren for having accepted him as a member amongst them.

The toast of Treasurer and Secretary was next proposed, the W.M. regarding those Officers as most efficient workers. The Treasurer was always in his place, and willing to assist all who desired it. The Secretary, too, performed his duties to the entire satisfaction of the members, and he had no small share in securing the success of the Lodge.

Each of those Officers replied, hoping they might retain the good opinion of the members of the Lodge.

The Officers were toasted, and suitable response made by the two Wardens and others, after which the Tyler's toast brought a happy meeting to a conclusion.

There was a lengthy programme of music provided under the direction of Bro. A. Jackson Organist, who was supported by Bros. Brand, Neville, and Frood.

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Lodge of Freedom, No. 77.

THE Worshipful Master Bro. F. W. Martin presided at a regular meeting of this Lodge held on Monday, at the Public Hall, Gravesend, when he was supported by all his Officers and a large number of other members and visitors.

The Lodge having been formally opened, the minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed, and the Treasurer's monthly report was submitted. The ballot was then taken for Bro. H. J. Mark, of the Bedford Lodge, No. 282, who was accepted as a joining member; also for Mr. Horace Hildebrand Rose Brown, who was approved as a candidate for initiation.

Mr. Brown being in attendance was admitted and regularly initiated as a member of the Institution. Bro. Joseph Lingham proved his proficiency as a Craftsman, and was subsequently raised to the sublime degree of a Master Mason. Both the ceremonies were impressively rendered by Bro. Martin, who fully maintains the high reputation of this Lodge for good work. Bro. R. J. Beamish P.P.G.D.C. gave the Ancient Charge to the Initiate in his customary able manner.

The Lodge was closed, and the Brethren afterwards had supper together, a pleasant evening being spent.

Albert Victor Lodge, No. 1773.

THE regular meeting was held at the Town Hall, Pendleton, on Friday, 18th inst., Bro. J. K. Sellars Worshipful Master. An election of Officers took place, Bro. Gilbert L. Hardcastle S.W. being unanimously chosen for the principal chair. His installation will take place at the next meeting.

The festive board followed, the usual toasts being interspersed with songs rendered by Bros. E. Roberts P.M., &c., Fred Daniels, Scott, Main, and Burton.

The health of the Worshipful Master-elect was proposed by Bro. Jos. Harrop P.M., who spoke of Bro. Hardcastle as one comparatively young in Masonry, who had not only become a competent member of the Craft, but who had supported the various Charities in a loyal and substantial manner.

Bro. Hardcastle's reply took the form of a very neat and well-chosen speech, wherein he thanked the Brethren for the honour they had conferred upon him, promising at the same time that he would endeavour in all he did to act up to the glorious principles of Masonry.

Bro. James Stewart S.D. proposed the toast of the Visitors,

saying he regretted there was only one present that evening in the person of Bro. Hugh Sillars, St. Molios Lodge, No. 774, Lamdash, but he was a very good representative of the Masons of Scotland, who would tell the Brethren of the Albert Victor Lodge how pleased he had been with their working, and with their hospitality. Bro. Sillars responded.

William Shurmur Lodge, No. 2374.

INSTALLATION OF BRO. GEORGE H. PIZEY.

THE annual festival of this Lodge took place on Thursday of last week, at the Royal Forest Hotel, Chingford, with every manifestation of success, and a numerous company assembled to witness the proceedings. Bro. Percy Trickett W.M. presided, and the Lodge was opened soon after three o'clock, as there were two other ceremonies to perform prior to the installation.

After the minutes had been read and confirmed, the report of the Audit Committee was received and adopted. From this we gathered that the Shurmur Lodge, which is already a Patron of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution, with 640 votes in perpetuity; a Vice-Patron of the Boys School, and a Vice-President of the Girls School, has still further increased its votes for the Masonic Charities by liberal contributions during the past year.

The ballot was taken and proved unanimous in favour of Mr. William Ambrose Charles Norwood, who was subsequently initiated into the mysteries and privileges of Freemasonry. Bros. T. A. Wetton, Wm. Hy. Webber, Edmund Vignes, and Edwin Raven answered the usual questions of the second degree, were regularly raised as Master Masons, and took their seats in the Lodge. Both these ceremonies were ably performed by Bro. Percy Trickett in the usual Lodge room, but the influx of visitors was by this time so great that the Brethren adjourned to the Pavilion, for the further proceedings.

Bro. William Shurmur Past Grand Standard Bearer, and Past Provincial Grand Treasurer of Essex, having kindly undertaken the installation ceremony, now assumed the chair, and requested Bros. S. C. Kaufman P.P.G.S.B., Percy Trickett, and James Speller P.G.S.B., to assist him as Wardens and D.C. respectively. Bro. George H. Pizey W.M.-elect was then presented, and after the customary formalities was installed as Master of the Lodge, amid the acclamations of those present. The ceremony was most impressively rendered by Bro. Shurmur, and the delivery of the beautiful addresses, "which age cannot wither nor custom stale," gave the utmost delight and satisfaction to the Brethren.

The lay members of the Craft having been admitted the new Master was proclaimed and saluted in the various degrees, a small army of Masons taking part in these proceedings.

In handing the Warrant into the custody of the Master, Bro. Shurmur stated that he had received it direct from the hands of his present Majesty, at that time Grand Master of the Order, and he trusted it would be handed down pure and unsullied for many generations to come. Bro. G. H. Pizey then invested his Officers as follow: Bros. M. Bleick S.W., John Hamilton J.W., Rev. W. H. Langhorne Chaplain, William Shurmur Treasurer, James Clark Secretary, J. C. Francis S.D., T. How J.D., T. Body I.G., T. Maynard D.C., G. Bagnall Assistant D.C., G. Burton, J. R. Friend, E. Loeb, G. J. Stubbings, E. R. Creagh, J. Newlands Stewards, E. C. Holmes P.M. Organist, John Ives P.M. Tyler.

When investing Bro. Shurmur as Treasurer, the W.M., in the name of the Lodge, congratulated him upon his restoration to health, and hoped he would long be present among them.

The Grand Officers present were formally saluted, and returned their thanks to the Brethren for their Masonic greeting. The Secretary read letters from several distinguished Masons who were unable to be present; three candidates were proposed for initiation at the next meeting, and a Brother who had been elected as a pensioner of the Benevolent Institution sent a letter of thanks to the Lodge for their kind assistance. Bro. Walter Fortescue was elected to represent the Lodge on the Essex Charity Committee, and the Visitors having tendered their congratulations to the Master, the closing hymn was sung, and the Lodge adjourned.

The banquet was served in the Ball Room, as no other apartment of the establishment could accommodate so large a number of guests. Among those present were Bros. T. J. Ralling Past Grand A.D.C. Provincial Grand Sec. Essex, Jas. Speller P.G.S.B., S. C. Kaufman P.P.G.S.B., James Graham P.P.G.D.C., William Gower P.P.G.T., H. C. Pridmore W.M. 2749, C. H. Bestow P.M., J. Ambrose W.M. 1457, A. Holmes W.M. 2256, W. G. Holland W.M. 2504, F. Taylor P.M., H. Pridmore P.M., H. Herman P.M., H. Hallows P.M., H. Miller P.M., T. Taylor P.M., S. C. Bateman P.M., J. Holland P.M., Walter Fortescue P.M., G. Brown P.M., George Brown P.M., G. Emblin P.M., George Booker P.M., Orlton Cooper P.M. 211, A. Attwell S.W. 1652, H. Gower, R. Tucker, J. R. Buchanan, T. Maynard, F. Inch, R. Eustace, E. B. Darlington, J. T. Day, H. Bird, C. Papworth, W. Colmer, H. Penstone, S. Fortescue, G. Barker, J. Newlands, L. Grave, J. S. Brown, J. R. Friend, W. Norton, A. Rubery, C. Thompson, E. Raven, W. West P.M., Philip Barnett, Simpson, Pike, E. C. Berry, Keys, Croger, Elder, Moon, Suffell, S. Moseley, Temple, Wetton, Walker, Creagle, R. Nosworthy, Bagnall, Woodington, Ramsden, Gardiner, Hale, Fearn, Harrison, Palowkar, Perrv, Pateman, Moore, Morris, Appleyard, Laurence, Burton, E. Lake, Alexander, Webber, Yaxley, Amos, A. Moseley.

The customary Loyal and Masonic toasts were submitted by the Worshipful Master, and received with enthusiasm.

Bros. Wm. Shurmur and James Speller responded for the Grand Officers of England; and Bro. T. J. Ralling, also a Grand Officer, acknowledged the toast of the Provincial Grand Officers.

Bro. Percy Trickett I.P.M., in appreciative terms proposed the Worshipful Master who, he said, came of a Masonic family, in proof of which he might mention that he had seven brothers-in-law present, five of whom were Installed Masters. In electing him as

head of the Lodge the Brethren had conferred their greatest honour upon him, and he was perfectly sure that under his guidance the Lodge would lose none of its former lustre.

Bro. Pizey briefly replied, thanking the Brethren for electing him to the chair, and stating his intention of carrying out the duties thereof to their satisfaction. Ten years ago Bro. Shurmur initiated him into the Craft, and he had now honoured him by placing him in the chair of the Lodge.

The W.M. had next a very pleasing duty to fulfil, in handing to his predecessor the jewel of the Lodge, which had been conferred upon him by the members as a mark of their appreciation of his services. He then pinned the jewel to Bro. Trickett's collar, amid the applause of those present.

The I.P.M. thanked the members most cordially. The jewel honoured him as being a token of their satisfaction, and he trusted he might always honour the jewel.

Bro. Shurmur proposed the Visitors, whom he greeted with a cordial welcome. There were so many present that he would not ask all to respond, but would call upon Bro. W. W. West, the Preceptor of their Lodge of Instruction, and Bro. Fred Taylor W.M. of the Warner Lodge, No. 2256. Both those Brethren gracefully acknowledged the compliment.

The Initiate, the Past Masters and the Officers were all suitably complimented; and the meeting was brought to a pleasant conclusion at a late hour by the advent of the Tyler.

The proceedings were considerably enlivened by some amusing songs by Bros. Herbert Stockwell, H. Letts Pridmore, and Tom Taylor, whilst Bro. E. C. Holmes presided at the pianoforte.

Woodgrange Lodge, No. 2409.

INSTALLATION OF BRO. GEORGE H. SCRUTTON.

ON Wednesday, 16th inst., the installation of this Lodge, which meets at the New Masonic Hall, Princess Alice Hotel, Forest Gate, was held, and proved one of the most successful gatherings that have ever taken place in connection with it. The new W.M. is to be congratulated on the excellent manner in which he has inaugurated his year of office.

The Lodge having been opened, the minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed. The ballot for Mr. W. G. Wootton, a candidate for initiation, was taken, and proving unanimous that gentleman was duly initiated a member of the Lodge.

Then followed the installation of Bro. George Henry Scrutton, the ceremony being most impressively rendered by Bro. A. R. Trew P.P.G.D. Suffolk. The newly installed W.M. appointed and invested the following Officers for the ensuing year: Bros. Jeffrey Stewart I.P.M., R. T. W. Tucker S.W., W. E. Hutchison J.W., A. R. Trew Treasurer, Henry W. Clarke Secretary, H. F. Wells S.D., G. H. Ellis J.D., G. B. Gilbert, F.R.C.O., Org., T. M. Haselum Assist. Sec., F. G. Searle I.G., H. J. Titcombe D.C., J. R. Coundon, G. Wilson and W. Cameron Stewards, T. Bowler Tyler.

Bro. J. Terry P.G.Swd.Br. kindly officiated as D.C. in the regrettable absence of Bro. J. G. Stevens, through illness.

At the banquet which followed, and which was a splendid repast (provided by Bro. J. Copper, the proprietor, and excellently served under the able superintendence of Bro. E. R. Auckland, the manager), over one hundred sat down, the newly-installed W.M. presiding.

Amongst the guests were: Bro. the Right Rev. the Bishop of Barking P.G.C. Eng., J. Terry Secretary Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution, J. Boulton P.G.P., Dillon P.P.G.A. Secretary Devonshire, Woolley P.M., Fishenden P.M. Amongst others, the following Past Masters of the Lodge were present: Bros. A. R. Trew, R. J. Tucker, J. Hay Brown, G. Pidduck, and E. Black.

The usual Loyal and Masonic toasts were submitted, excellent speeches being made by the Bishop of Barking, Bro. Terry and Bro. Boulton.

A capital programme of music, under the direction of Bro. G. Gething was gone through in a manner highly pleasing to the listeners, the following being the contributors: Bros. S. Gething, Fred Lay, Lockwood Harradine, and A. Meade, and Messrs. W. Vernon, McRobbie and Richie Thom. Mr. Benson Ansley ably acted as accompanist.

The Manchester Lodge, No. 2554.

INSTALLATION OF BRO. W. E. DAVIES.

THE annual meeting and Festival of St. John took place on Friday, 11th inst.

After the usual preliminary business had been transacted Bro. William Edward Davies S.W. was installed into the chair of K.S. by Bro. Arthur C. K. Smith I.P.M., assisted by Past Masters Wm. Charlton P.P.G.D., and F. Thomas, and Alfred B. Smith W.M.

The Officers appointed for the ensuing financial year are Bros. J. A. Thompson S.W., Frank J. Large J.W., F. J. Burt Treasurer, P. Z. da Cunha Sec., J. Jordan S.D., W. J. Charlton J.D., A. C. K. Smith P.M. D.C., C. Jordan Org., W. H. Crawford, A. W. Bentham, C. Jordan, W. Gibbons, and M. F. W. Karge Stewards, W. B. Akerman P.M. P.P.G.A.D.C. Charity Representative.

At the Festival of St. John which followed, Loyal and Masonic toasts were interspersed with songs, &c., a pleasant evening being spent.

Among the numerous visitors who attended were Bros. Capt. C. R. N. Beswicke-Royds 226 Dep. Provincial Grand Master, Buckley Carr P.M. 1161 P.P.G.D.C., J. H. Marsh P.M. 1730 P.P.S.G.D., R. W. Rylands W.M. 152, C. Gooby 204, and W. J. Sherlock 2109.

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The Logic Club.

THE usual meeting of this very successful Club of Instruction in the ritual of the Craft was held on Sunday morning at the Cavendish Rooms, Mortimer Street, W., among those present being Bros. E. Gatfield W.M., Stanley Pringle S.W., Dr. A. L. Achard J.W., Robert Manuel P.M. Prec., J. J. Thomas P.G. Standard Bearer Treasurer Ben. Assn., J. Percy Fitzgerald P.M. Sec., D. Robinson D.C., J. Hart S.D., Dr. W. H. George J.D., Alfred Williams I.G., Barclay Gammon Org., G. F. Carr Inner Tyler, S. Ellis P.M. Tyler.

The ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, Bro. H. C. Labes candidate.

Bro. Robert Manuel P.M. Preceptor paid a well deserved compliment to the W.M., in regard to the way in which he had rendered the ceremony, and this was acknowledged.

Bro. Fitzgerald Secretary read several letters from Brethren expressing regret for non-attendance. Bro. J. J. Thomas P.G. St.B. Treasurer of the Benevolent Association informed the W.M. that a ballot in connection therewith would take place on Sunday. Bro. Stanley Pringle was elected W.M. for that day, and he will rehearse the second degree, while later Bro. N. Robinson P.M. will rehearse the installation ceremony.

Ethical Lodge.

ON Thursday evening, 24th inst., the members of the Logic Club paid a visit to this Lodge, at the Great Central Hotel.

Bro. Albert Neville (son of Henry Neville the distinguished actor) occupied the position of W.M., Harry Nicholls S.W., Robinson J.W., and R. Manuel P.M. as I.P.M., supported by a good number of members of the Ethical Lodge of Instruction, notably Bros. Dr. Achard Preceptor, Davis P.M. Assist. Preceptor, and Swann Secretary.

The first degree was rehearsed, followed by the ancient charge delivered in the most perfect manner possible. On no occasion have we heard the ritual of Freemasonry rendered in so impressive a way. Eulogistic comments were made by Bros. Achard and Swann, and it was unanimously agreed that the Officers acting that night should be made honorary members of the Ethical. Bros. Neville, Nicholls, and Robinson acknowledged the compliment.

Royal Athelstan Lodge, No. 19.

THE regular weekly meeting was held on Sunday, at 7.30 p.m., at Bro. W. J. Purser's, the Green Dragon, Maddox Street, Regent Street, W., those present including Bros. J. Seaman W.M., L. Fappoli S.W., Leon Rolfe J.W., C. A. Cottebrune P.M. Prec., C. W. Denny P.M. Treas., W. L. Rosenthal S.D., A. Carlstrum J.D., J. W. Webster I.G., W. J. Purser, T. Burgess, J. Cohn W.M. 1668, J. Wynman, E. Hawkins.

The Lodge was opened to the second degree, and the ceremony of passing was rehearsed, including the full explanation of the tracing board. Bro. Hawkins answered the questions and was entrusted. The Lodge was opened in the third degree, and the ritual of raising was rehearsed. Both the ceremonies were admirably rendered.

The Lodge was resumed to the first degree, and Bro. Fappoli was elected W.M. for to-morrow (Sunday). Bro. Cottebrune P.G.P. Prec. in complimentary terms proposed that a hearty vote of thanks be passed and recorded on the minutes for the excellent manner in which the W.M. had worked the two ceremonies, and this was agreed to. Bro. Seaman acknowledged the compliment, and said that he was initiated five years ago. That was the first occasion on which he had had the pleasure of officiating at the very comfortable quarters of Bro. Purser, but he hoped it would not be the last. He thanked the Brethren for the compliment they had paid him.

Robert Burns Lodge, No. 25.

ON Tuesday, at the Frascati Restaurant, Oxford Street, Bros. H. E. Mullins W.M., A. Terry S.W., C. R. Alexander J.W., E. C. Mulvey P.M. P.G.P. Preceptor, H. Raphael P.M. Treasurer, H. Jones Secretary, J. Sweeney S.D., W. Hudson J.D., R. W. Fitch jun. acting Organist, T. Mitchell I.G., L. G. Hamand, W. G. Evans, Robert Fitch, Jos. Lieven, T. J. Knight, A. C. Watkins, Robert Dale, John James Best, E. Somerset Eccles, J. Wynman, C. Jarrett.

The Lodge being formed the ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, Bro. J. J. Best acting as candidate. The Lodge was opened in the second degree, and Bro. J. Lieven was examined and entrusted. The ceremony of raising was rehearsed.

Bro. J. J. Best 193 was elected a member, and Bro. A. Terry W.M. for Tuesday next.

Confidence Lodge, No. 193.

ON Wednesday, at the Hercules, Leadenhall Street, E.C., Bros. A. Smith 788 W.M., F. H. Cole S.W., G. Cooke J.W., T. A. Stenner P.M. Preceptor, A. Green Treasurer, J. K. Pitt P.M. Sec., H. Rowland S.D., W. Hattersley J.D., G. F. Carr I.G., J. Done, Nat. Wood, J. Mears P.M., H. C. Booth, W. H. Latham P.M., J. Wynman, W. Chittock.

The ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, Bro. E. Williams candidate. Bro. A. Green gave the charge. The same candidate answered the questions leading to the second degree, and retired, the Lodge was called off and on resumption the W.M. vacated the chair in favour of Bro. A. Green, who rehearsed the ceremony of

raising, Bro. Latham P.M. candidate. The W.M. again took command, and the Lodge was resumed to the first degree.

Bro. J. K. Pitt P.M. Secretary proposed that a vote of congratulation be passed and recorded on the minutes for the very able and faultless manner in which the W.M. had rehearsed the ceremony of initiation for the first time in the Lodge. He was a very young member of the Craft, and his performance that evening was not alone a credit to himself but to his Mother Lodge, the Crescent, No. 788.

Bro. Williams 193 was elected a member, and Bro. Cole W.M. for next Wednesday.

Friendship Lodge, No. 206.

ON the 14th inst., at Simpson's, Poultry, E.C., Bros. J. S. Hudson W.M., Wilkinson S.W., Knight J.W., H. L. Smiles Sec., E. H. Dodd S.D., Christy Clarke J.D., H. Clarke I.G., Wetton P.M. Preceptor, Nissen P.M., Chisholm Williams W.M. 206, Frank Dodd, Lepine, Tabor, Hoffman, Elliman, Marshall, Patten.

The ceremony of the first degree was rehearsed in a very excellent manner, Bro. Hoffman acting as the candidate. Bro. Wilkinson was elected to preside at the next meeting.

ON our visit to this well known Lodge, on Monday of this week we had the pleasure of seeing an excellent meeting under the presidency of Bro. G. Watkinson, with Bros. W. E. Jones S.W., D. E. Dodd J.W., C. Wetton P.M. acting Preceptor, Dr. Chisholm Williams W.M. 206 acting Secretary, Dr. Christy Clark S.D., H. Clark J.D., J. Hoffman I.G., Kemp, Tabor, J. L. Nissen I.P.M. of the Mother Lodge, Lepine, Bates P.M., H. E. J. Camp, J. Wynman, and others.

The W.M. rehearsed the ceremony of passing, Bro. Kemp acting as the candidate, and being previously examined and entrusted. Lodge was resumed to the first degree, when Bro. Bates P.M. said he was sorry to inform the Brethren that his time was so fully occupied with business matters that he could not possibly continue the Preceptorship. It was with regret he had to resign the position. It was proposed, seconded and unanimously carried, that hearty thanks be recorded on the minutes for the excellent assistance Bro. Bates had rendered during the time he had acted as Preceptor, and that his resignation be accepted with great regret. Bro. Bates said that in one sense of the word he was sorry that business prevented him from attending regularly, but he could assure them he would always be present when time and circumstances permitted.

Bro. Hoffman proposed that Bro. C. Wetton P.M. should be asked to accept the Office of Preceptor. Bro. Wetton being well known for his ability in Freemasonry he could render great assistance to the Lodge. Bro. D. E. Dodd S.W. in warm terms seconded this nomination, and the W.M. said he had much pleasure in supporting it. The proposition was agreed to, and Bro. Wetton, in a few well chosen words, acknowledged the compliment.

Bro. H. E. J. Camps 206 was elected a member, and Bro. W. E. Jones W.M. for Monday next. His efficiency in the work being well known we expect to see another good meeting on the occasion of his presidency.

Bro. Wetton P.M. Preceptor proposed that a hearty vote of thanks be recorded on the minutes for the very able manner in which Bro. G. Watkinson W.M. had fulfilled the duties of the chair for the first time in the Lodge, and this was unanimously agreed to.

Upton Lodge, No. 1227.

At the Great Eastern Hotel, Liverpool Street, E.C., on Monday, there were present: Bros. A. B. Noble S.W. 1227 W.M., A. Cook S.W., S. D. Clark J.W., H. Hyde P.M. acting Preceptor, G. A. Peters P.M. Sec., Cooper S.D., R. Thain J.D., F. J. Rover I.G., J. Mears P.M., A. Smith, S. D. Clark, Gardner, Stocks, Ferguson, Rawlins, W. J. Mackintosh, Flatman, J. Wynman, C. Schmidt P.M., M. Citroen, W. J. Carroll I.P.M., &c.

The Lodge was opened with solemn prayer, the musical portions of the ceremonies being attended to by Bro. W. R. Stocks W.M. 1351 Organist. The ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, Bro. M. Citroen acting as candidate. The W.M. vacated the chair in favour of Bro. Stocks, who rehearsed the ceremony of installation, Bro. Noble S.W. 1227 being presented by Bro. H. Hyde P.M. as D.C. He was saluted in the three degrees and Bro. Stocks delivered the three addresses. The whole of the work was highly appreciated.

Bro. A. Cook was elected W.M. for Monday next. The W.M. informed the Brethren that Bro. George Alfred Smith, one of the members, had met with a severe accident and proposed that a letter expressing their sympathy and sincere regret, and wishing him a speedy recovery, be sent to him, and this was agreed to.

Friars Lodge, No. 1349.

ON Thursday, 17th inst., at the Three Crowns, Stoke Newington, Bros. L. A. DaCosta Preceptor W.M., J. Oxley I.P.M., D. Moss S.W., M. DaCosta J.W., L. A. DaCosta Treas., J. Davis Sec., Past Masters: Rossiter 907, Stewart 2411, B. DaCosta 1349, H. Harris 1349; H. Davis S.D., A. E. Crabb J.D., S. Emden I.G., Harward, Goulston, Durell, Richmond, Miller, H. Hart, Barnett, Hyams, Moses, Lotheim, Ferguson, Hotley.

The sections of the first lecture were worked by Bros. Durell 1349, Crabb W.M. 1349, Emden Assistant Steward 1349, D. Moss P.M. 1349, Richmond S.W. 205, Goulston S.D. 1349, B. DaCosta P.M. 1349.

ON the 24th inst., Bros. L. A. DaCosta W.M., J. Oxley I.P.M., D. Moss P.M. S.W., M. DaCosta P.M. J.W., L. A. DaCosta Treas., J. Davis Sec., B. DaCosta P.M., Martindale P.M., J. Abrahams P.M., Feistel P.M., J. Durell S.D., Schmidt J.D., T.

Morris I.G., Emden, H. Goulston, H. Davis, M. Moses, Levy, Richmond, Lotheim, H. Hart, &c.

The sections of the second degree were worked by Bros. Moses 1349, M. DaCosta 1349, Lotheim 205, Oxley 1306, Goulston 1349; and those of the third degree by Bros. J. Durell 1349, B. DaCosta 1349, and H. Harris 1349.

Metropolitan Lodge, No. 1507.

ON Monday, at the Globe Tavern, Moorgate Street, Bros. Collins W.M., A. Pidduck S.W., Doubtfire J.W., G. M. Clark P.M. S.D., H. E. Clark J.D., G. E. C. Clark I.G., C. Johnson Preceptor, Barry P.M. Treasurer, J. Wynman, and others.

The ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, Bro. R. Hunt candidate. The W.M. vacated the chair in favour of Bro. Hunt, who opened the Lodge to the third degree, and rehearsed the ceremony of raising.

The Lodge was resumed to the first degree. Bro. Pidduck was elected W.M. for Monday.

Stuart Lodge, No. 1632.

THIS young go-ahead Lodge, which is under the able Preceptorship of Bro. W. J. Carroll I.P.M. 1227, held its weekly meeting on Friday, 18th inst., at Bro. W. J. Yardley's Deacons Restaurant, Walbrook, E.C., those present including Bros. A. Smith W.M., Taylor S.W., R. F. Thomson W.M. 1227 J.W., W. J. Carroll P.M. Prec., H. Hyde P.M. Dep. Prec., J. T. Whitehead Sec., C. Farrow S.D., W. J. Yardley J.D., Russell Spurr I.G., F. Reynolds, Metcalfe Baillie S.W. 193, R. Cobden, W. Chittock, and several others.

The ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, Bro. F. Reynolds candidate. The W.M. vacated the chair for the Worshipful Master of the Upton Lodge Bro. R. F. Thomson, who rehearsed the second ceremony, with Bro. Hyde as candidate.

A hearty vote of congratulation was passed to Bro. Arthur Smith in recognition of the way in which he had fulfilled the duties of the chair for the first time in any Lodge. We add our congratulations to Bro. Smith on the progress he has made in the very short time that has elapsed since his initiation; the work was well done.

Bro. Taylor was elected to preside at the next meeting.

Woodrow Lodge, No. 2271.

ON Monday, at 3 o'clock, at Bro. Rudderforth's (Stone's) Restaurant, Panton Street, Haymarket, Bro. J. E. Culverhouse W.M. 534 W.M., J. G. Lobb S.W., B. A. Calot J.W., W. H. Rudderforth P.M. Treasurer, J. W. Simeons I.P.M. 193 Secretary, G. W. Lacy S.D., T. Burgess J.D., A. Pion I.G., A. Elliott, P. Souleyre, C. Blake, F. W. Smith, G. Yeowell, J. Cunningham, J. Wynman, James Barrow.

The ceremony of raising was rehearsed, Bro. Elliott candidate. Lodge was resumed to the first degree, when the W.M. vacated the chair in favour of Bro. Yeowell, who rehearsed the ceremony of initiation, Bro. Blake candidate.

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

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St. Luke Chapter, No. 225.

INSTALLATION OF COMP. C. S. BROWN.

THE installation meeting of this highly successful and flourishing Chapter was held at the Masonic Hall, Soane Street, Ipswich, on Wednesday, 25th ult., Comp. H. C. Rance M.E.Z. presiding.

The minutes of the previous convocation and of a convocation of emergency were read and confirmed. The report of the Auditors was presented and adopted, which showed the Chapter to be in a very sound financial position.

A Conclave of Installed First Principals was formed, and Comp. Chas. S. Brown H. was installed into the first chair. Comp. Geo. Wm. Senton J. was afterwards installed into the second chair, and Comp. Walter Rumsby into the third. The three installations were carried out in a most impressive manner by Comp. James Terry P.Z. P.G.S.B. Eng. The other Officers were invested.

The business of the Chapter being ended, it was closed in due form and solemnity. The Companions adjourned to the dining hall and partook of the usual light banquet, after which the customary Loyal and Arch toasts were proposed by the M.E.Z., and enthusiastically received.

Chorlton Chapter, No. 1387.

INSTALLATION OF COMP. JOHN MANN CRONE.

THE annual meeting was held at the Masonic Hall, Chorlton-cum-Hardy, on Wednesday, 2nd inst. Comp. Alfred Pickford P.P.G.A.S.E. Z. opened the Chapter, and the minutes of the former convocation were read and confirmed. The balance sheet and Auditors' report were also presented and accepted.

But the most important business of the evening was that of installing into office the three Principals, in the persons of Comps. John Mann Crone as M.E.Z., Joseph Schofield as H., and John Travers as J. Comp. Henry Nall P.Z. P.P.G.Treas. installed Comp. Crone, the other two Officers being placed in their respective chairs by Comp. J. Crompton P.Z. P.P.G.A.D.C. S.E.

There was a good attendance of members and visitors, among the latter being Comps. Buckley Carr P.Z. Prov.G.J. East Lancs., I. G. Bromley P.Z. 1375 S.E. P.P.G.Swd.Br., Charles Shaw, J. H. Marsh, and D. Conway. Letters and telegrams of apology for non-attendance were received from Comps. Geo. D. Pochin P.Z. 1375 P.P.G.J. Treas., John R. R. Jeffery P.Z. 1375 P.P.G.A.S.,

George Brown I.P.Z. 1375, Julius Laurisch P.S. 1375, A. G. Collins P.Z. 1375 P.P.G.R., J. W. Wearing Prov.G.H. Lancashire, Tom Brayshaw P.P.G.N. West Yorks, Robert Taylor P.S. 993, and William Lewis 1502, Southport.

Comp. Crone, the newly-installed Z., was unfortunately obliged to leave the meeting, he being primarily impelled, we believe, by the anxieties attendant upon an impending interesting domestic event which has since taken place, and has accordingly been noticed in our columns. In his absence Comp. Nall performed the pleasant duty of presenting a P.Z.'s jewel to Comp. Pickford, on behalf of the members of the Chapter.

Supper followed these proceedings.

James Terry Chapter, No. 2372.

INSTALLATION OF COMPANION ROACH.

THE Installation meeting of this Chapter took place at the Falcon Hotel, Waltham Cross, on Thursday, 10th inst., when a good muster of the Companions, and several distinguished visitors were present.

Comp. Roach H. was installed into the chair of Z., after which Bro. Mason, of Waltham Abbey Lodge, No. 2750, was exalted.

The outgoing M.E.Z. Companion Graham was presented by the Chapter with a Royal Arch P.Z. Jewel, for valuable services rendered during his year of Office.

A sumptuous banquet was provided in a most excellent manner by the host Bro. Hinds. The regulation toasts were duly honoured, and a most enjoyable evening spent in a very appropriate and happy manner.

MEETINGS NEXT WEEK.

Monday.

- 28 Old King's Arms, Freemasons' Hall
- 79 Pythagorean, Ship, Greenwich
- 144 St. Luke, Holborn Restaurant
- 183 Unity, Ship and Turtle
- 222 St. Andrew, Albion
- 706 Florence Nightingale, Woolwich
- 902 Burgoyne, Anderton's Hotel
- 905 De Grey and Ripon, Freemasons' Hall
- 1017 Montefiore, Trocadero
- 1440 Chaucer, St. James's Restaurant
- 1615 Bayard, 33 Golden Square
- 1744 Royal Savoy, Criterion Restaurant
- 2396 Bishopsgate, Great Eastern Hotel
- 43 St. Paul, F.M.H., Birmingham
- 48 Industry, F.M.H., Gateshead
- 62 Social, Queen's, Manchester
- 102 Unanimity, King's Arms, N. Walsham
- 148 Lights, Austin Cham., Warrington
- 270 Royal Faith and Friendship, Berkeley
- 302 Hope, F.M.H., Bradford
- 307 Prince Frederick, Hebden Bridge
- 388 Prudence, F.M.H., Halesworth
- 491 Royal Sussex, Masonic Temple, Jersey
- 543 Cleveland, F.M.H., Stokesley
- 607 Chicheley, F.M.H., Thrapston
- 699 Boscawen, F.M.H., Chacewater
- 827 St. John, Masonic Tem., Dewsbury
- 985 Alexandra, F.M.H., Sutton Bridge
- 999 Robert Burns, Albion, Manchester
- 1008 Royal St. Edmunds, Bury St. Edmunds
- 1110 Tyrian, Gildredge, Eastbourne
- 1177 Tenby, F.M.H., Tenby
- 1258 Kennard, F.M.H., Pontypool
- 1272 Tregenna, F.M.H., St. Ives, Cornwall
- 1282 Ancholme, Masonic Rooms, Brigg
- 1325 Stanley, F.M.H., Liverpool
- 1477 Sir Watkin, F.M.H., Mold
- 1486 Duncombe, F.M.H., Kingsbridge
- 1688 Buxton, Palace, Buxton
- 1748 Castlemartin, Assembly R., Pembroke
- 1752 Ogmere, F.M.H., Bridgend
- 1753 Obedience, White Hart, Okehampton
- 1757 King Henry VIII, Hemel Hempstead
- 1977 Blackwater, Blue Boar, Maldon
- 1991 Agricola, F.M.H., York
- 2042 Apollo, F.M.H., Liverpool
- 2068 Portsmouth Temperance, Landport
- 2237 Earl of Leicester, New Hall, Wells
- 2257 Powell, F.M.H., Bristol
- 2363 Minnehaha Minstrel, Manchester
- 2547 Llangattock, F.M.H., Cardiff
- 2553 Rufford, F.M.H., Nottingham
- 2654 Arter, Moseley Institute, Moseley
- 2724 St. Lawrence, Church Sch., Northfield
- 2759 Rolle, F.M.H., Exmouth

Tuesday.

- 141 Faith, Anderton's Hotel
- 255 Harmony, Greyhound, Richmond
- 299 Emulation, Bull Inn, Dartford
- 310 Union, F.M.H., Carlisle
- 357 Apollo University, F.M.H., Oxford
- 597 St. Cybi, F.M.H., Holyhead
- 859 Isaac Newton Universities, Cambridge

- 1007 Howe & Charnwood, Loughborough
- 1256 Fidelity, F.M.H., Poulton-le-Fylde
- 1358 Torbay, F.M.H., Paignton
- 1479 Halsey, Town Hall, St. Albans
- 1533 Loyalty, F.M.H., Marlboro
- 1566 Ellington, Town Hall, Maidenhead
- 1636 St. Cecilia, Royal Pavilion, Brighton
- 1650 Rose of Raby, Scarth Hall, Staindrop
- 1779 Ivanhoe, F.M.H., Sheffield
- 1896 Audley, Town Hall, Newport, Salop
- 2358 Mona, F.M.H., Castletown

Wednesday.

- 822 Victoria Rifles, Cafe Royal
- 898 Temperance in East, Assy. R., Poplar
- 1768 Progress, Freemasons' Hall
- 2626 Leyton, Technical Inst., Leyton
- 76 Economy, F.M.H., Winchester
- 163 Integrity, F.M.H., Manchester
- 187 Royal Sussex Hospitality, Bristol
- 301 Apollo, Town Hall, Alcester
- 304 Philanthropic, F.M.H., Leeds
- 321 Unity, Crewe Arms, Crewe
- 372 Harmony, F.M.H., Budleigh Salterton
- 387 Airedale, Saltaire Inst., Shipley
- 419 Scientific, Masonic Rooms, Bingley
- 461 Fortitude, Commercial, Newton Moor
- 504 Berkhamstead, Berkhamstead
- 533 Eaton, F.M.H., Congleton
- 540 Stuart, Swan, Bedford
- 555 Fidelity, Crown, Framlingham
- 651 Brecknock, Castle, Brecon
- 996 Sondes, F.M.H., East Dereham
- 1083 Townley Parker, Grand, Manchester
- 1110 St. Bede, F.M.H., Jarrow
- 1218 Prince Alfred, Ashton-under-Lyne
- 1219 Strangeways, Boar's Head, M'chester
- 1283 Ryburn, F.M.H., Sowerby Bridge
- 1543 Rosslyn, Saracen's Head, Dunmow
- 1544 Mount-Edgcumbe, F.M.H., Camborne
- 1645 Colne Valley, F.M.H., Slaithwaite
- 1714 Albert Edward, D. York, York Town
- 1775 Leopold, Comm., Church, Accrington
- 1808 Suffield, Angel, North Walsham
- 1868 Unity, F.M.H., Oldham
- 1953 Prudence and Industry, George, Chard
- 1980 Stirling, F.M.H., Cleator Moor
- 2064 Smith Child, Town Hall, Tunstall
- 2186 Striguil, F.M.H., Chepstow
- 2571 Holmes, F.M.H., Newcastle-on-Tyne

Thursday.

- Gen. Com. Girl's School, F.M.H., at 5.
- 22 Neptune, Guildhall Tavern
- 2261 Chough, City Terminus Hotel
- 2625 Guardian, Ship and Turtle
- 39 St. John the Baptist, F.M.H., Exeter
- 111 Restoration, F.M.H., Darlington
- 129 Union, St. George's Hall, Kendal
- 636 De Ogle, F.M.H., Morpeth
- 475 Bedfordshire of St. John Bap., Luton
- 590 La Cesaree, Masonic Temple, Jersey
- 807 Cabbell, 47 St. Giles Street, Norwich
- 966 St. Edward, Literary Institute, Leek
- 1032 Townley Parker, Mas. Rms., Chorley
- 1097 St. Michael, Swan, Tenbury

British officers who have returned to this country bear testimony to the fact that without exception, so far as they are aware, the Boers have been faithful to the precepts of Freemasonry. Many tales are now being circulated of lives saved by the chance discovery of fellow Craftsmanship, and of acts of kindness done because of the same common interest. These actions have, of course, been reciprocal, but coming from the Boers, who have not shown the same humanity in the field as the general run of British officers, they are the more striking. One officer records how, when all his comrades were stripped to the skin and compelled to run alongside the mounts of their captors, he was spared such indignity, given a horse, and treated with every consideration. Another officer, also a Mason, was at once liberated by a Boer member of the Craft, and a third, who had lost his way on the veldt, was conducted within sight of his own column. — 'Western Mail.'

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- 1884 Chine, F.M.H., Shanklin
- 1957 Grove, Cock Inn, Hazel Grove
- 2269 Peace, F.M.H., Wigan
- 2418 Hedworth, F.M.H., South Shields

Friday.

- 90 St. John, Albion
- 142 St. Thomas, Hotel Cecil
- 554 Yarborough, London Tavern
- 1627 Royal Kensington, Freemasons' Hall
- 2467 Pickwick, Anderton's Hotel
- 2488 Eccentric, Cafe Royal
- 2511 St. John at Hackney, Finsbury
- 44 Friendship, Albion, Manchester
- 219 Prudence, F.M.H., Todmorden
- 242 St. George, F.M.H., Doncaster
- 306 Alfred, F.M.H., Leeds
- 375 Lambton, Chester-le-Street
- 521 Truth, F.M.H., Huddersfield
- 574 Loyal Berkshire of Hope, Newbury
- 601 St. John, Wellington, Salop
- 608 Ryde, F.M.H., Ryde
- 709 Invicta of Ashford, Bank St, Ashford
- 837 De Grey and Ripon, Town Hall, Ripon
- 936 Adair, White Lion, Aldeburgh
- 1009 Shakespeare, F.M.H., Manchester
- 1130 Rutland, George, Melton Mowbray
- 1230 Barnard, F.M.H., Barnard Castle
- 1375 Architect, F.M.H., Chorlton-cum-Hardy
- 1405 Southwell, F.M.H., Nottingham
- 1547 Liverpool, F.M.H., Liverpool
- 1561 Morecambe, King's Arms, Morecambe
- 1648 Prince of Wales, F.M.H., Bradford
- 1664 Gosforth, F.M.H., Gosforth
- 1725 Douglas, Ancient College, Maidstone
- 1754 Windsor, F.M.H., Penarth
- 1838 Tudor of Rifle Volunteers, Wolverhampton
- 2200 Fairfield, Alexandra, Liverpool
- 2380 Beneventa, Wheatsheaf, Daventry
- 2491 White Rose of York, F.M.H., Sheffield
- 2569 St. Trillo, Oxford Bldgs., Colwyn Bay
- 2680 Swinburne, F.M.H., Newcastle-on-Tyne

Saturday.

- 1572 Carnarvon, Albion
- 1928 Callery, Anderton's Hotel
- 2182 Sterndale Bennett, Surrey Masonic Hall
- 2818 Kirby, F.M.H.
- 1362 Royal Albert Edward, Redhill
- 1388 Canynges, F.M.H., Bristol
- 1458 Truth, Mitre, Manchester
- 1466 Hova Ecclesia, Old Ship, Brighton
- 1494 Felix, Mitre, Hampton Court
- 1550 Prudence, F.M.H., Plymouth
- 1567 Elliot, Railway Hotel, Feltham
- 2077 Epping, Royal Forest, Chingford
- 2323 Bushey Hall, The Hall, Bushey
- 2493 Vale of Eden, Tufton Arms, Appleby
- 2499 North Kent, F.M.H., Bexley Heath
- 2733 Loyal Travellers, F.M.H., Birmingham