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THE CRAFT IN NORFOLK.

It is many years since Norwich was the scene of so important a Masonic gathering as that which took place in the Blackfriars' Hall on Thursday, the 1st inst. We do not, of course, desire to witness the installation of a Provincial ruler at frequent intervals, say, of two or three years. On the contrary, we are of opinion that when a new chief has been appointed to preside over Craft, Royal Arch, or Mark Masonry, and has proved his competency to discharge the duties required of him, he should be left undisturbed in his position for as long as he may desire to retain it. We hold that this is one of the chief reasons why our Provinces do so well, namely, that changes of rulers are so seldom made. The lodges and brethren have time to settle down under and become accustomed to his presidency when a Prov. G. Master or a G. Superintendent remains in office *quamdiu se bene gesserit* or for so long as he may find it accord with his public and private avocations to remain so. Moreover, the newly appointed ruler enters more thoroughly into the spirit of his work; he is more active in becoming acquainted with the lodges or chapters scattered about his Province; he takes a greater interest in them and their members when he comes to know and is personally known to them; while where a change of presiding officer is frequently made, neither the ruler nor those he presides over can, in the nature of things, be expected to interest themselves very greatly in the manner in which their respective labours are performed. But to return to Norfolk. During the last 80 years of its career as a Province there had been only five cases in which a Grand Master was installed to preside over that Province, namely, Bro. T. W. COKE, subsequently first Earl of LEICESTER of the present creation, whose patent of appointment dates from the year 1818, and who was installed Prov. Grand Master by the Duke of SUSSEX, M.W.G.M. He was succeeded in 1845 by the fourth Lord SUFFIELD, who, in his turn, was followed, in 1854, by Bro. BENJAMIN BOND CABBELL, M.P., a distinguished philanthropist, who took a leading part in the administration of our Scholastic Institutions. When the office again became vacant by Bro. CABBELL'S death, the Hon. FREDERICK WALPOLE was chosen his successor, and was installed in 1875—if we remember rightly—by our recently-deceased and lamented Bro. the Earl of LATHOM, G.C.B.—then Lord SKELMERSDALE. But Bro. WALPOLE'S tenure of the office was of the briefest. He had not presided over Norfolk Freemasonry for a complete year.

when death overtook him, and his Royal Highness the M.W. Grand Master was not only graciously pleased to appoint Lord SUFFIELD to fill the vacant office, but also did his lordship the honour to install him personally. This was in 1876, and since then Norfolk has prospered under the auspices of him who has just laid aside the cares and responsibilities which necessarily attach to the work of governing a Province. It was at the annual meeting, during the recent summer, of his Prov. G. Lodge that his lordship announced his intention of retiring from active duty, and at the same time had the pleasure of stating that in all probability his successor would be none other than the distinguished brother who had served him so well as Deputy Prov. G. Master, and had also had the rank of a Grand Deacon conferred upon him by Grand Lodge. Thus Bro. HAMON LE STRANGE, who is the sixth in succession to fill the office of Prov. G. Master of Norfolk since 1818, enters upon his duties, not only with the goodwill and respect of all our Norfolk brethren, but, at the same time, with a thorough knowledge of the duties and responsibilities which now devolve upon him. He knows the lodges well; he must have some acquaintance with the most prominent members in most, if not in all, of them; while the fact that he has won fame as the historian of Norfolk Freemasonry, by his able work on "Freemasonry in Norfolk" justifies us in expecting that he will prove himself a ruler of the highest order of ability and that it will not be long ere the respect he has won in his post of Dep. Prov. G. Master has been very appreciably increased. We congratulate our distinguished brother on his elevation to the highest Masonic office in the Province of Norfolk, and the lodges and brethren on their good fortune in having a brother of such knowledge and experience to preside over them as their Prov. G. Master.

CONSECRATION OF THE EDWARD TERRY LODGE, No. 2722.

This new lodge was consecrated on Thursday, the 8th inst., at the Cleveland Hall, Cleveland-road, Barnes, Surrey, by Bro. Edward Letchworth, Grand Secretary. The Consecrating Officer was assisted by Bros. John Strachan, Q.C., G. Reg., as S.W.; John D. Langton, P.A.G.D.C., as J.W.; the Rev. J. S. Brownrigg, P.G. Chap., as Chaplain; James Henry Matthews, President of the Board of Benevolence, as D.C.; and Major Thomas C. Walls, as I.G. The other brethren who were present were—

Bros. W. J. Bull, 33; Thomas Wall, 1155; T. C. Johnson, 2200; A. Colls, 141; C. Todd, P.M. 27; James March, 1238; John Josey, 1706; F. Tebbutt, 2098; E. E. Peacock, P.M. 1928, I.G. 2190; F. Higgleline, 88, P.M. 2098; O. Cooper, P.M. 211; Rev. E. Lionel Walsh, 2032; Godfrey E. P. Hertslet, 1656; B. F. Stratton, P.M. 49; O. Talbot, 65; T. Foster, 1656; F. Mann, 2029; A. W. Tribe, 1732; Herbert Johnson, 2190; R. A. Brooking, 2032; E. J. Partidge, 2032; G. Loosen, 1656; E. S. Crick, P.M. 2192; John Ambrose, 2032; J. A. Ashton, 2032; Frank Richardson, 55; F. O. Tubby, 907; W. N. Green, 1178; D. C. Lethem, 362; F. Bland, P.M. 1672; R. Messum, 2032; A. Aldin, P.M. 2032; Gerald Maxwell, W.M. 2127; Thomas Crefney, 823; C. Hammerton, 2650; Wm. Lowe, 2264; R. W. Rice, P.M. 1656; W. Master, J.W. 452; F. W. Dimpleby, 2032; J. B. Churchill, 1017; G. Mead, P.M. 2162; T. Fewkes, 2162; James Fernandez, P.M. 2127; T. Pritchard, 2032, P.P.G. Std. Br. Bucks; Alfred Lambert, P.M. 1556, P.P.S.G.W. Surrey; L. Courlander, 463; Eustace Anderson, P.M. 49 and 715; J. Franco, 704; J. E. Lawler, 907; Henry Sadler, 2148, G. Tyler; J. Ellwood, P.M. 179; H. Massey, P.M. 619 and 1928; Herbert Schartau, S.W. 1261; George Elkington, P.M. 2416; Dalgety Henderson, 2190; G. A. Pickering, 29, P.G.S.; George Evans, P.M. 172; R. Barrett, P.M. 172; D. Jammins, 1853; T. W. Fullstone, 1910; Sir John B. Monckton, and Thomas Skewes-Cox, M.P.

The founders of the lodge were: Bros. Edward Terry, P.M. 29, P.G. Treas.; William Hunt, P.M. 172, I.P.M. 2512 and 2702; Maurice Roche, 172; Samuel Case, 40 and 1539; Stampa Walter Lambert, P.M. 1556, P.P.G. Reg. Surrey; John Eustace Anderson, P.M. 18 and 255; William Thomas Peat, P.M. 1656, P.P.G. Org. Middx.; C. T. Rotheram, S.W. 907; Hugh Shirreff, 704; Thomas Grylls, 975; Gerald Spencer Hertslet, 1656; John Spencer, 823; James Hill, 975; P. E.

Metzner, 2020; W. G. Woodward, 1656; N. Courlander, 975; Frederic de Groot, 946; R. W. Simpson, P.M. 1656; L. Goodacre, 172 and 2192; H. J. Bond, P.M. 1656; W. Wainwright, 1656; R. T. Hughes, 1656; W. N. Crowhurst, P.M. 1894, P.P.G. Purst. Bucks; Sidney Marler, 1261; and Henry Woodham, 1559.

The musical portion of the ceremony of installation was provided by Bro. Herbert Schartau, P.P.G. Org. Middx., who had for his assistants Bros. Frank Tebbutt and John Josey.

Bro. the Rev. J. S. BROWNRIFF, P.G. Chap., delivered the oration, after which the ceremony of consecration was proceeded with.

At its close, Bro. Edward Terry, P.G. Treas., was installed by Bro. Letchworth as Worshipful Master of the lodge. Bro. William Hunt, P.M. 173, was invested as I.P.M. for the first year of the lodge. The other officers were as follows: Bros. Stampa Walter Lambert, P. Prov. G. Reg., S.W.; John Eustace Anderson, J.W.; Richard William Simpson, Treas.; W. T. Peat, P.P.G. Org. Middx., Sec.; C. T. Rotherham, S.D.; Gerald Spencer Hertslet, J.D.; John Spencer, I.G.; Samuel Case, D.C.; James Hill, R. T. Hughes, W. G. Woodward, Norton, Courlander, and Percy E. Metzner, Stwds.; and W. H. Hobbiss, Tyler.

After Bro. Letchworth had delivered the addresses, a vote of thanks to the Consecrating Officers was passed, and Bro. Letchworth was presented with a handsome jewel.

In acknowledging the vote and the present, the V.W. BROTHER said it had given him great pleasure to come and consecrate the lodge and instal his old and very sincere friend, Bro. Edward Terry, as Master of the lodge.

All the Consecrating Officers were then elected honorary members of the lodge.

This was followed by propositions for initiation and joining, and amongst the W.M.'s propositions for initiation was his own son.

An elegant banquet supplied by Messrs. Newens and Son, Caterers, Putney, followed the closing of the lodge, and the usual toasts were afterwards honoured.

Bro. E. TERRY, W.M., in proposing the toast of "The M.W.G.M.," said he had just received this telegram from Sandringham—"I thank the Grand Officers and brethren for their kind and fraternal greetings,—ALBERT EDWARD." That proved the very great interest he took in a Masonic function even at Barnes.

Bro. Sir JOHN B. MONCKTON, P.G.W., responded to the toast of "The R.W. Deputy Grand Master, and the rest of the Grand Officers, Present and Past."

Bro. E. TERRY, W.M., in proposing "The Consecrating Officers," said the brethren of the Edward Terry Lodge were particularly grateful to the Consecrating Officers for coming down to Barnes and helping them to get up their meeting. He could only express for the founders their thanks for the beautiful performance of the ceremony.

Bro. E. LETCHWORTH, G. Sec., in acknowledging the compliment, said that, as the mouthpiece of the other Consecrating Officers, and for himself, he could say it had given them great pleasure to take part in the consecration of the Edward Terry Lodge. In the fewest possible words he returned his warmest thanks for the toast proposed in such kind terms by the W.M. It had given the Consecrating Officers, one and all, the greatest possible pleasure to be there and start into existence a lodge which they were perfectly sure, under the able W.M., would be a very great success. It was a source of regret to them that Bros. Monckton and Richardson were not able to take part in the ceremony; they were prevented by very important engagements from coming in time; but he had to thank those who stepped into their place and discharged their duties in such an admirable manner. He was expressing the feelings of those with whom he had been that evening associated when he said he wished the lodge might have a very happy and successful future.

Bro. JOHN STRACHAN, Q.C., G. Reg., proposed "The Worshipful Master." He said, not long ago a minister—and ministers did not generally say that which was untrue—informed him that when Daniel was placed in the den of lions, his great consolation was that he would not have to make an after-dinner speech. He (Bro. STRACHAN) thought that if Daniel had known that he was to be entrusted with such a toast as he (Bro. STRACHAN) had been privileged to offer to-night, he would have gone through the horrors of the lions' den to do it. The toast was that of "The Worshipful Master"—(applause)—one of his old friends when they "were boys together"—little boys, about 30 or 40 years ago. In those days Bro. Terry thought he was an actor; he really did; he thought he could act; and he (Bro. Strachan) remembered the first occasion upon which he saw him—he thought it was in an oratorio—it had some singing in it at any rate; and the next time he saw him he thought it was in *Hamlet*; it was a peculiar *Hamlet*, because at the end of every line he went off like a cuckoo clock toorallooral—(laughter)—but the more he tried the more the people laughed at him as he went up and down the platform. He was speaking of bygone days when Bro. Terry used to go acting: the present generation scarcely believed he had been on the stage; at any rate it had not been known in London that his friends were only desirous to know when he was coming back again. It was not always that comicality distinguished their friend; Bro. Terry had in him some of the tenderest emotions, not only in his own heart, but he had the power of touching the hearts of others. It was not by things at which people laughed that Bro. Terry was to be most thoroughly well spoken of; it was by those lovely touches of human nature which he had by his great art been enabled to give, by which he could sway great masses of men, women, and children, because he loved children, and a man who did not love children was hardly worth calling a man. But the great thing he had to find fault with in Bro. Terry was that he did not allow him to be able to say that Masonry had made a good man of him. No, because he was a good man before he was a Mason. He had spoken of Bro. Terry in his younger manhood. They were all young men. He ought to remind the brethren of this, that all who knew Bro. Terry knew that he was a good citizen, and always had been known as a good citizen, promoting the good of his fellow men. He had known Bro. Terry to be a good son, a good, loving, and affectionate son, an affectionate and loving husband and father, a thoroughly good friend to those who had the pleasure and honour of his friendship; and, lastly, he came to that which had endeared him still more to their hearts, a thoroughly good Mason, having begun as a good man, and kept up being a good man to the end. There was not one of the list of Masonic subscribers to Charities they looked at but when they came to the name of Edward Terry they saw it like a railway station denoted by lights in the shape of stars. (Applause.) Bro. Terry was an older Mason than he, because he was in the lodge when he (Bro. Strachan) was initiated. He had always found Bro. Terry a good

Mason in every way; the brethren had found him to be a good man and a good Mason; and now they had honoured him by naming a lodge after him. Bro. Terry had honoured the lodge by permitting his name to be given as W.M. He asked the brethren to drink the toast, wishing him not only a genial and successful year of office, but a long life, and greater happiness as years passed by, and that when the Great Architect called him to Himself he would have the same kindly regard from them as he had now and that he would have the same kindly feelings towards them. (Cheers.)

Bro. EDWARD TERRY, W.M., said—In replying to my dear old friend John Strachan, Grand Registrar of England, for his kind remarks I do not know what I can say. I do not feel that I deserve one-tenth he has said about me. I can only say that I have the very greatest feeling for Masonry. I think if I am not a good man I ought to be by the teachings of Masonry—that a man to be a perfect man must be a perfect Mason—to which I do not aspire; but I will say this, that very many of my good impulses, and a few momentary impulses for good have been impressed upon me by Masonry, and, of course, I have to thank the greatest morality that was ever devised by human minds for it. I feel very strongly upon the point. I am somewhat of a sentimental man as Bro. Strachan has said. I do not feel I deserve to have a lodge named after me. (Cries of "No, no.") I do not say that to draw expressions of "No, no." I feel it a great honour, but I feel with our Grand Officers it is always an exceptional honour to a man to have a lodge named after him. Therefore, I do feel it as a very, very great compliment that I cannot forget in the rest of my life, and it is in the sense of believing in that compliment that I hope to have the pleasure of making my son a Mason at our next meeting. During the existence of the lodge it is my sincere wish that the lodge which has honoured me by having my name attached to it will exist and flourish very many years after I have passed away, and I hope and think that we shall have a lodge at Barnes, the foundation-stone of which we have laid to-day, which will last for many, many years. (Hear, hear.) We have an exceptional body of founders, founders who have come forward in every possible way to help us, who have given things to our lodge, who have furnished the lodge, and yet have consented to take inferior office; at least, I should not say inferior office, because every office in a lodge is an honour. My only difficulty was to assure the officers of the lodge of my impartiality. It is an invidious thing for a Master to say whom he would put forward and whom he would not put forward. I think I have done the right thing in the appointments I have made. The members come from various parts of Surrey, and I hope I have been fair in my selection, and that I have not acted from an ulterior motive, but from a desire to meet all parties. (Applause.)

The toast of "The Visitors" was responded to by Bros. Gerald Maxwell, W.M. 2127; James Fernandez, P.M. 2127; T. Skewes-Cox, M.P.; and Pickering, P.M. 29.

The toast of "The Officers," which was replied to by the S. and J.W. and others, followed, and the Tyler's toast preceded the dispersion of the brethren.

The lodge was furnished by Bros. George Kenning and Son.

CONSECRATION OF THE SAINT LAURENCE LODGE, No. 2724.

The new Masonic lodge, No. 2724 on the roll of the Grand Lodge of England, under the name of the "Saint Laurence," was recently consecrated at Northfield, with all the ancient and picturesque ritual appertaining to this comparatively rare ceremony, which, indeed, many old and experienced Masons, including Past Masters and members of Prov. Grand Lodges, have never had the opportunity of witnessing. A goodly number of distinguished brethren assembled at the Church Schools, on the invitation of Bro. Howard Jennings, Acting Secretary, among them being the Consecrating Officers—Bros. Sir A. F. Godson, M.P., P.G.M. Worcesters., P.G.D. Eng.; Colonel Warner Ottley, D.P.G.M.; F. Russell, Prov. S.G.W., as S.W.; A. Cotton, Prov. J.G.W., as J.W.; and the Rev. H. McKean, Prov. G. Chap., as Chaplain; W. T. Page, Prov. G. Sec., and E. Bennett, Prov. G.D.C., as D. of Cs.; and W. G. Page, Prov. G. Purst; the founders of the lodge—Bros. G. G. Popleton, P.M.; T. A. Bayliss, T. R. Bayliss, G. J. C. Cross, Charles Levers, Howard Jennings, Joseph Hull, the Rev. Hugh Tatham, B.A.; E. J. Collins, J. C. Aston, P.M.; W. Lister, P.M.; J. Earle, J. A. Draycott, Paul Rayner, F. W. Phelps, and Charles Taafe; the officers of the lodge—Bros. G. G. Popleton, W.M.; W. Lister, I.P.M.; T. A. Bayliss, S.W.; G. J. C. Cross, J.W.; T. R. Bayliss, Treas.; Howard Jennings, Sec.; Joseph Hull, S.D.; Charles Levers, J.D.; F. W. Phelps, I.G.; J. C. Aston, P.M., D. of C.; the Rev. F. H. Tatham, B.A., Chap.; Paul Rayner, Stwd.; Charles Taafe, Org.; and J. Dalley, Tyler; and many distinguished visitors, among whom were Bros. H. Wilcox, P.S.G.D.; G. W. Bates, P.G.O.; G. W. King, P. G. Supt. of Works; Rev. E. C. Lea; A. P. Rowe, P.G. Treas.; E. Parry, P.G.S.; B. L. Griffiths, P.G.S.; A. Cookson, P.P.J.G.W.; H. Rowe, P.P.S.G.W.; W. F. Tolladay, P.P.G.D.C.; J. Powell, P.P.S.G.W.; F. Hughes, P.G.S.; J. F. Pepper, P.P.S.G.W.; Horatio Smith, P.G.S.; W. Somers, P.P.J.G.W.; C. Bloomer, P.P.S.G.W.; G. F. Grove, P.P.J.G.D.; J. Collins, P.P.G.D.; J. O. Manton, P.P.G.D.C.; F. Cross, P.P.S.G.D.; and J. Harris, P.P.G.R.G.T.

The procession of Provincial Grand Lodge arrived to solemn music, and after the usual formalities, the Prov. Grand Chaplain delivered an oration on the nature and principles of Freemasonry, after which the elaborate ritual of consecration and dedication was admirably performed by the Prov. G.M. and his officers.

The usual hymns having been sung, with the anthems "Behold, how good and joyful a thing it is" and "O how amiable are Thy dwellings," the impressive ceremonies of the corn, the wine, and the oil were proceeded with with full choral ritual, after which the Prov. G. Chap. pronounced the Patriarchal Benediction.

The consecration having come to an end, the P.G.M. proposed that the brethren present should join in a vote of condolence to the family of the late Lord Lathom, Pro G.M. of England, who had done so much for Freemasonry.

This having been done in the usual manner, the ceremony of installation was next proceeded with, Bro. G. G. Popleton being the first Master of the lodge, and he having appointed his officers, the lodge was closed.

A banquet followed, when the usual toasts were honoured, prominent among them being that of "The Acting P.M. of the St. Laurence Lodge, Bro. Lister, P.M. 482."

A selection of music was given by the Clef Quartette and several musical brethren.

The locale of the new lodge is in the Church Schools, and there can be little doubt that Freemasonry at Northfield will have a prosperous and harmonious future.

SEVENTH ANNUAL SUPPER OF THE BLACKHEATH LODGE OF INSTRUCTION, No. 1320.

This pleasing event took place at the Athenæum, Camberwell New-road, S.E., on Saturday, the 10th instant, under the able presidency of Bro. Thomas Hobley, W.M. of the mother lodge, ably supported by Bros. William Dawson, P.M. 788 and 1622, Preceptor; T. R. Cass, P.M. 1320, Treas.; Charles Hy. Stone, P.M. 507, Sec.; Hy. Cornford, W.M. elect 1922, Asst. Sec.; E. A. Rice, I.P.M. 1320; J. Hooper, P.M. 1320; A. W. Le Cren, P.M. 1320; H. A. Stunt, P.M., Sec. 1320 and 1641; G. Pike, P.M. 1320; H. C. Turner, P.M. 1662; F. Swinford, W.M. 2272; C. Martin, 1320; Brown, 1320; Wastie, 1320; Benton; W. H. Harper, P.M. 2182; E. J. Ware, J.W. 1922; Tempest, 1220; Bliss, 1320; Audy, Blake, Harris, S. W. Ballard, P.M. 1622; S. J. Derham, P.M. 1622; Everill, Falkner, Pascoe, Frith, Crisp, Morris, Sobel, Holton, Heseckiel, I.G. 1320, and others.

An excellent supper was provided by Bro. C. Martin, the proprietor, which was highly appreciated, and justice done thereto.

The loyal and Masonic toasts were duly honoured, as also that of "The G. Officers."

Bro. E. A. RICE, I.P.M. 1320, next proposed "The Health of the Bro. President," who was an excellent man and Mason, and had proved himself most able in the chair. It was the seventh annual supper and though the numbers were smaller than usual yet those present were of the right good stuff. He hoped the event would be yearly repeated, and each succeeding Master of the Blackheath Lodge would preside over the meeting in the same courteous manner as Bro. T. Hobley, the W.M. of the mother lodge.

Bro. T. HOBLEY, in reply, thanked the brethren for their kind reception, and said he had the greatest pleasure in occupying the chair. Although the number was rather small, he had received replies regretting unavoidable absence from several brethren.

The PRESIDENT next proposed the toast of the evening, that of "Success to the Blackheath Lodge of Instruction" which had been established over seven years, and had attained a high state of excellence under such an able Preceptor as Bro. Wm. Dawson, one whom it would be impossible to excel, for his kindness, courtesy, and obliging manner in every way. He was heartily supported by two worthy brethren, Bros. T. R. Cass, P.M., Treas., and C. H. Stone, P.M., Sec., both of whom had supported the lodge from its inception, and had done everything in their power also to bring the lodge up to its present excellence. The lodge must succeed while under the able guidance of three such worthy brethren.

Bro. WM. DAWSON, P.M., Preceptor, most cordially thanked the brethren for their greeting, and said the success of the lodge was mainly due to the brethren who so well and willingly attended, and especially several P.Ms., who showed their great interest in the lodge by their very regular attendance, which gave the zest to younger brethren. Personally he thanked them, and also the lodge, in placing him in the proud position of Preceptor, and so long as he was entrusted with that honour he would most readily and as regularly as possible place himself at the disposal of the brethren of the Blackheath Lodge of Instruction.

Bro. T. R. CASS, P.M., Treas., remarked he should like to say a few words after the able speech of the distinguished schoolmaster. He should like to recall to the memory of the brethren two worthy Past Masters of the Blackheath Lodge, Bros. Rice and Pike, who had been most assiduous in the formation of the lodge, and had firmly supported it to the present time. As the Treasurer of the lodge, it was a most pleasant duty to receive with one hand and disburse with the other, especially as to the money paid into the excellent Charities, which the brethren so well supported. The worthy Preceptor he considered the acme of perfection, and so long as he was associated with him and Bro. C. H. Stone, Sec., who was one of the very best that could be, he should take a delight in serving the brethren of the Blackheath Lodge of Instruction.

Bro. C. H. STONE, Sec., most heartily thanked the brethren for their kind remarks and for again electing him to the position, and also mentioned the able Assistant Secretary in Bro. H. Cornford. He should like to give a few statistics connected with the lodge for the past year. It had been opened 40 times, with an average for the year of nearly 18 per meeting, which was a notable number, considering there were two other lodges of instruction in the same meeting place. There were 315 members on the roll, and he would apply the word acme in another sense to that of the Treasurer, namely that of Freemasonry which was "Benevolence." There had been three Charitable Associations connected with the lodge which had sent up to the various Institutions about £500, which was worthy of note. He hoped the same spirit would continue to be carried out and so long should he be proud of being the Secretary.

The toast of "The Visitors" was ably presented and responded to by Bros. HARRIS and EVERILL.

That of "The Stewards and the worthy Host," called forth just eulogiums from the PRESIDENT, and cordially replied to by Bros. C. MARTIN and Hy. CORNFORD, Asst. Sec., who remarked the great pleasure he had in serving the lodge.

The Tyler's toast closed a very happy meeting.

A capital programme was arranged by Bro. Harper, P.M. 2182, most efficiently assisted by Miss Kate Willey, loudly encored, Bros. Frank Swinford, H. A. Stunt, Thos. Hobley, Arthur Grover, and F. Everill (humorist). Bro. Harper, P.M., ably presided at the piano.

ANNUAL SUPPER OF THE PERCY LODGE OF INSTRUCTION, No. 198.

This lodge of instruction had a supper at Bro. Hollingbery's, the Perseverance Tavern, Southgate-road, N., on Thursday, the 1st instant, which was presided over by Bro. R. W. Barber, the W.M. of the parent lodge, who was supported by the following brethren: Bros. Walter Martin, P.M., P.A.G.P.; J. Almond, P.M. 36 and 2500, P.P.G.D.; G. Hawkins, 198; Hoyston, S.W. 198; Fuller, J.W. 198; J. A. Powell, 186, Preceptor; J. Anley, J.W. 177, Treas.; F. Stallard, P.M. 1613, Sec.; H. G. Gush, P.M. 1541; H. Hall, P.M. 1693; H.

Park, W.M. 1327; G. A. Peters, P.M. 1227; Oakley, P.M. 1524; S. Wright, P.M. 2426; J. H. Wood, W.M. 145; P. M. Recknell, P.M., Treas. 212; R. W. Galer, P.M. 1366; S. Saumier, P.M. 1423; A. W. Fenner, P.M. 1227 and 1693; R. Bescoby, 1185 and 1287; E. G. Platt, J.W. 1827; W. E. Jeanes, 548; J. Witte, S.D. 1327; E. W. Yeoman, 1489; J. Joyce, 2626; H. Sheffield, 1585; W. L. Harding, 1135; W. B. Hutton, 1524; A. Collins, 1962; J. Jacobs, 205; H. Reed, 2552; P. Steens, 1327; T. C. Berg, P.M. 1613; A. F. Scott, 1613; C. J. Malins, 146; J. Carter, 1507; H. Kemp, I.P.M. 862; E. Henry, Org. 793; and several other brethren whose names we did not catch.

Ample justice was done to the good things placed before the brethren by the active host, who was ably supported by Mrs. Hollingbery, whose united efforts in catering for the brethren were highly appreciated.

Grace having been said, the usual loyal toasts were given and duly honoured. Bro. W. MARTIN, P.A.G.P., responded to the toast of "The Grand Officers," and in the course of his remarks referred in touching terms to the late Pro Grand Master, the Earl of Lathom, and, in concluding, proposed, in felicitous terms, "The Health of Bro. R. W. Barber, their respected President that evening."

The toast was cordially received.

Bro. BARBER, in reply, thanked Bro. Martin for the kind things he had said of him, and also thanked the brethren for their cordiality in accepting the toast so enthusiastically. He begged to be excused from making a long speech then, as he would have more to say later on.

The next toast was the toast of the evening—"The Percy Lodge of Instruction, No. 198"—which was proposed by Bro. BARBER in a speech of a very exhaustive character, in which he stated that he thought that lodge of instruction was the oldest in existence, it being brought into life somewhere about 1750, but was not sure; but he wrote Bro. Sadler, the Grand Tyler, who he hoped would be able to give the desired information. This Bro. Sadler could not do; but wrote saying he knew the Percy Lodge of Instruction was meeting in 1846 in Wells-street, Oxford-street, also saying that Bro. Col. Lambert, P.G.S.B., some years ago told him its history, but he quite forgot the particulars now, and stated that Bro. Lambert was not now, unfortunately, in a condition to repeat its history with accuracy. Anyhow, if it was not the oldest in existence, it was one of a very few others who could trace its age to be 100 years. Bro. Barber also alluded to the great necessity of lodges of instruction for instructing those brethren who desired to emulate the excellent working of the W.Ms. of their various lodges, and gave a humorous description of the shortcomings of a brother who should be nameless, who thought he could "star" it in his lodge quite equal to any of his brother officers without troubling himself to attend a lodge of instruction; but, alas! when the time came to exhibit his knowledge, and dim the brightness of his brother officers, like unto Bob Acres with his courage, so did the knowledge "disappear from this unfortunate brother on his being put to the test; then only did he begin to feel that he had made a serious mistake in not attending a lodge of instruction, since which time he has been a regular attendant and profited by its teaching that he had been unanimously elected W.M. of his mother lodge, and is now, at the present moment, its W. Master." Concluding his remarks, Bro. Barber expressed the pleasure it gave him to preside that evening, and wished "Success to the Percy Lodge of Instruction, No. 198," coupling the names of Bro. J. A. Powell, the respected Preceptor, and F. Stallard, the hon. Sec.

Bro. POWELL, in rising to respond, was received with cheers, thanked the W.M. for the kind manner he had included his name in the toast of the evening, also the brethren for their cordial reception of it. It gave him great pleasure in presenting a few facts before them relating to the lodge of instruction during the past 21 years—in doing which Bro. Powell proved to all present the benefits resulting to brethren by attending lodges of instruction—lodges of instruction were the backbone of Freemasonry, and the only legitimate means of brethren perfecting themselves in the beautiful rituals of the ceremonies. He referred to its resuscitation in 1877, when Bro. Jas. Terry, P.G.S.B., rehearsed the ceremonies of consecration and installation, at which meeting there were over 80 brethren present. Section working was not ignored, it being a useful and instructive change of programme. He tendered his thanks to Bro. H. G. Gush, who kindly acted as Preceptor since the decease of Bro. I. P. Cohen, until he (Bro. Powell) was elected. Many interesting episodes were made by Bro. Powell in his speech, which was listened to with great interest.

Bro. F. STALLARD said that after the excellent speech of Bro. Powell he could add nothing, only to thank the W.M. and the brethren for the kind and fraternal manner they had drunk his health, and assured them he would do his utmost to assist Bro. Powell to make the lodge as successful in the future as it had been in the past.

The toast of "The Mother Lodge" was given by Bro. POWELL in a very telling speech, and was received with great cordiality.

To which Bro. BARBER replied in a short speech (as time was short, and trains wait for no man) by thanking Bro. Powell and all the members of the lodge of instruction for the kind manner he had been received, and hoped to be amongst them again soon.

The following brethren contributed very much to the evening's enjoyment by some excellent music, singing, and recitations: Bros. Henry, song; Wood, recitation; Berg, song; Oakley, recitation; Harding, song; Bescoby, reading; Park, song; and Peters, recitation. Not forgetting the excellent Bro. Henry (who presided at the piano), accompanied by the brethren, also for the sweet music he discoursed as well.

Taken altogether, the supper was allowed, on all hands, to have been very enjoyable, and was a decided success, and we say, so mote it be.

SERVICE AT ST. LAWRENCE'S CHURCH, BOLTON WOODS, BRADFORD.

An interesting service took place at this church on the 5th inst., when brethren from the St. Lawrence Lodge No. 2330, Pudsey, took occasion to attend in a large body, accompanied by other Masonic friends of the Curate-in-Charge, Bro. the Rev. J. W. Clough, M.A. The brethren of the St. Lawrence Lodge have subscribed for, and presented to the church, a handsome set of silver communion vessels, consisting of chalice, flagon, paten, and plate, bearing the following inscription: "Presented by Brethren of the St. Lawrence Lodge, No. 2330, Pudsey, of Antient, Free, and Accepted Masons to the St. Lawrence Church, Bolton Woods, Bradford, for the use of the Church in perpetuity as a mark of esteem and respect to Bro. the Rev. John William Clough, M.A., first Curate-in-Charge, Sunday, 4th December, A.D., 1898, A.L., 5898." Bro. Clough preached an eloquent and impressive sermon, taking his text from Hagai ii., 4, "Work for I am with you."

The sermon was listened to with evident interest by a large and appreciative congregation.

Bro. George Martin, Chaplain of the Old York (T.I.) Lodge of Mark Masons, read the lessons.

Craft Masonry.

Scientific Lodge, No. 88.

This ancient lodge continues to maintain its *prestige*, and on Monday last, the 12th inst., held another noteworthy meeting, which was well attended. After one candidate (Bro. J. Walker) had been raised, Mr. Chas. F. Kernot, a student of the University, was initiated, and proved to be a "Lewis" of a "Lewis," whilst his cousin (Bro. Kirk, of All Saints' Lodge, Poplar) was present to witness the ceremony, which was ably performed by the W.M., Bro. John H. Moyes. The lodge afterwards agreed to vote a P.M.'s jewel to the outgoing W.M., and unanimously elected Bro. H. S. Davison, S.W., as W.M. for the ensuing year, the installation being on January 9th. Bro. C. H. Banham, P.M., was re-elected the lodge representative on the Committee of the Cambridgeshire Masonic Charity Association. Not the least pleasurable part of the gathering was the visit of a venerable son of No. 88, Bro. Richard Horton Smith, P.G. Reg. Eng., P.P.G. Reg. Camb., who was initiated in the Scientific Lodge whilst up at the University in 1857. The reminiscences of Bro. Horton Smith were most entertaining, but they necessarily bore their tinge of sadness, as he could not recognise in the present lodge any of the brethren of his time. Many of the names he ran through were as familiar as household words; but only one of them was remembered among the living, Bro. the Rt. Hon Sir John Eldon Gorst, Q.C., M.P., the Minister of Education, who is now resident at Howe's Close, Girton, near Cambridge. The Junior Warden of the province alluded to the remarkable growth of Masonic Charity during his time, and said the reproach of former days had been happily removed long ago.

Duke of Edinburgh Lodge, No. 1259.

A meeting of the above lodge was held on Tuesday, the 6th inst., at the Three Nuns, Aldgate, E., when there were present Bros. Henry Warner, W.M.; John Cooté, I.P.M.; R. O. Hinderwell, S.W.; C. W. Chandler, J.W.; J. H. Wilson, S.D.; D. Gower, I.G.; D. G. Lusty, D.C.; R. Court, C. Wakefield, jun., and C. R. Warde, Stwds.; C. Wakefield, P.M., Treas.; George Parrett, P.M., Sec.; J. R. Omer, P.M.; Frank Adams, P.M.; J. W. Westmoreland, P.M.; and a numerous assemblage of the brethren. Visitors: Bros. Wagstaff, P.M.; Morrison, P.M.; Macartney, and several others.

The lodge having been opened and the minutes of the last meeting read and confirmed, a ballot was taken for Messrs. John Mankey and John Martin, and the same proving unanimous in their favour, they were initiated into the secrets and mysteries of the Craft. Bros. Kitson, May, and Roberts were afterwards passed to the Degree of Fellow Crafts, and Bros. Lewthwaite and Johnson were raised to the sublime Degree of Master Mason in due form. The whole of the ceremonies were satisfactorily performed and duly appreciated by the assembled brethren.

All Masonic business being ended, the brethren sat down to a banquet, to which full justice was done, and the reception given to the usual loyal and Masonic toasts was equal to that which has ever been a leading characteristic of the members of the "Duke's." Touching reference was made to the loss sustained to the Craft in general by the death of Bro. the Earl of Lathom, and a proposition was unanimously carried that a vote of sympathy and condolence be sent to the family.

The following brethren contributed to the musical portion, and gave great satisfaction and much pleasure: Bros. Geo. Parrett, P.M.; G. T. Bonner, C. Wakefield, jun., and T. Harrington.

Moir Lodge, No. 92.

The anniversary meeting of this influential lodge was held at the Albion Tavern, Aldersgate-street, E.C., on Thursday, the 8th inst., when there were present Bros. Wickham F. Noakes, W.M.; John Webb, S.W., W.M. elect; C. E. Russell, J.W.; Rev. R. I. Woodhouse, I.P.M., Chap.; T. L. Wilkinson, P.M., P.D.G.R., Treas.; R. F. Gould, P.M., P.G.D., Sec.; Russell Ardagh, J.D.; Sir N. R. Pringle, Bart., I.G.; Wickham Noakes, P.M., Stwd.; M. A. Tweedie, P.M.; J. M. Mitchell, P.M.; Harold Carter, P.M.; G. Greiner, P.M.; S. Shorter, P.M.; G. C. Andrew, P.M.; E. Greiner, P.M.; J. Norman Noakes, Stuart B. Noakes, F. A. Donnison, C. A. Elgood, A. J. Sanderson, and J. P. Murrugh. Visitors: Bros. Hamon le Strange, Prov. G. Master Norfolk; Rev. H. R. Cooper Smith, D.D., P.G.C.; Dr. Ralph Gooding, P.G.D.; S. G. Kirchhoffer, P.D.G.D.C.; T. H. Gardiner, P.A.G.D.C.; G. W. Speth, P.A.G.D.C.; Edward Cutler, Q.C., P.G.O.; W. H. Bale, P.M. 87; W. H. Stone, J.W. 2647; John Dives, 1670; Ralph Langton, 1657; W. G. Poole, P.M. 860; A. Jolly, 2647; J. Peeke Richards, 1584; John Cheyneworth, 1624; Henry Times, P.M. 105; Rev. J. H. Smith, P.P.G.C. Leicester and Rutland; Albert Cohn, 2108; J. R. Brough, 2397; G. I. Corvair, 1506; W. Soper, W.M. 2095; J. H. Hallows, P.M. 861; J. B. S. Lancaster, P.P.G.S.B. Surrey; P. Gonell, 1287; R. O. Mash, 1287; Edward Macbean, P.M. 2076; H. N. Noakes, P.M. 108; C. W. Skinner, 2030; Herbert Harden, 1216; Lawrence Stevens 2397; T. Jefferies, P.M. 1744; G. Caddick, 1107; Charles Wells, 2323; C. Kenzett, 1691; James Whitburn, 1564; and Sir John Heron-Maxwell, Bart., 357.

The minutes of the previous meeting having been read and confirmed, Bros. C. A. Elgood and A. J. Sanderson were passed to the Second Degree; after which, Bro. John Webb, S.W., W.M. elect, was presented and duly installed as W.M. by Bro. R. F. Gould, P.G.D.—the Prov. G. Master of Norfolk, Bro. Hamon le Strange, acting as I.P.M.; and Bros. Ralph Gooding, P.G.D., G. W. Speth, P.A.G.D.C., G. Greiner, P.M., and Harold Carter, P.M., as S.W., J.W., D. of C., and I.G., respectively. The newly-installed W.M. then proceeded to invest his officers as follows: Bros. Wickham F. Noakes, I.P.M.; C. E. Russell, S.W.; Sir Norman Robert Pringle, Bart., J.W.; Rev. R. I. Woodhouse, P.M., Chap.; T. L. Wilkinson, P.M., P.D.G. Reg., Treas.; R. F. Gould, P.M., P.G.D., Sec.; J. Norman Noakes, S.D.; Stuart B. Noakes, J.D.; F. A. Donnison, I.G.; Wickham Noakes, P.M., Steward; and George Couchman, Tyler.

Letters expressing regret at inability to attend were read from Bros. Lieut.-General Sir Charles Warren, G.C.M.G.; Vice-Admiral A. H. Markham; W. M. Bywater, P.G.S.B.; E. Letchworth, G. Sec.; A. H. Bowles, P.G.D.; Frank Richardson, P.G.D.; the Very Rev. William Sinclair, D.D. (Archdeacon of London), P.G.C.; and others.

The lodge was afterwards closed, and a superb banquet followed.

The toasts of "The Queen and the Craft" and "The M.W.G.M., the Prince of Wales," having been duly honoured,

The W.M., in giving "The D.G.M., Earl Amherst, and the rest of the G. Officers, Present and Past," said: This toast, to the great sorrow of us all, has to be placed before you in an unfamiliar form. The deeply-lamented death of the late Pro Grand Master, the Earl of Lathom, has removed from the roll of the Grand Officers one who was perhaps the staliest figure of them all, and without doubt one of the most respected and popular rulers of the Craft that has been known to the present generation.

Bro. Hamon le Strange, Prov. G.M. Norfolk, in responding for the toast, also paid a graceful tribute of respect to the memory of the deceased Pro Grand Master, who had been his contemporary at Eton, and whose wise counsel he deeply missed in the highly responsible office to which he (Bro. le Strange) had been so recently appointed by the Grand Master.

A similar testimony to the worth of the late Earl of Lathom, was made a little later in the evening by another personal friend of the deceased, Sir John Heron-Maxwell, who was his contemporary at Oxford, and who followed at a short interval, the lamented nobleman (then Lord Skelmersdale) as an initiate of the Apollo Lodge.

The toast of the evening, "The Memory of Earl Moira (1st Marquis of Hastings), the Patron of the Lodge," was next given by the Treasurer, Bro. T. L. Wilkinson, with all his usual power; and in a speech of extraordinary eloquence, which was listened to with rapt attention by those present, he dwelt on the noble example presented by the great soldier, statesman, and ruler of the Craft, who, nearly a century ago, had allowed the lodge to be distinguished by his name, and upon whose birthday they invariably met to celebrate the chief festival of the year.

The toast having been drunk in solemn silence, the I.P.M. (Bro. W. F. Noakes) then proposed "The Health of the W.M.," which was received with much enthusiasm, and very gracefully acknowledged from the chair.

The W.M. next gave "The Visitors," and the toast was responded to by Bros. Sir

John Heron-Maxwell, 357; W. Soper, W.M. 2095; J. B. S. Lancaster, P.M. 2317; and Edward Macbean, P.M. 2076, and of the Lodge of Edinburgh, No. 1 (S.C.)

In giving "The Past Masters," the W.M. said: We have had many distinguished brethren in the past who have ruled over this lodge, and may, indeed, congratulate ourselves on possessing at the present time a body of Past Masters of whom we may well be proud. The latest addition to the list is our I.P.M., Bro. Wickham Francis Noakes, with whose name I shall couple the toast, and must congratulate him on his successful year of office, no less than five initiates having joined the lodge, three of whom were introduced by himself, while two of the number, the present Deacons of the lodge, are his own brothers in the flesh. The Noakes family is respected everywhere, and by none more than by the members of the Moira Lodge. There are now three of our Past Masters who belong to that family, and we hope that after the lapse of a few years there will be five.

The I.P.M. having suitably replied, other toasts followed, including "The Officers of the Lodge" (which was responded to by the Senior and Junior Wardens) and "The Treasurer and Secretary," after which came the Tyler's toast, which brought a most enjoyable and successful meeting to a close.

The musical arrangements were under the direction of Bro. Fred. Cozens, who was ably assisted by Miss Jessie Hotine, Miss Florence Venning, Miss Fanny Woolf (solo violin), and Bros. C. Emlyn Jones and Murray Bermester. Bro. Fred. Cozens presided at the pianoforte.

Constitutional Lodge, No. 294.

INITIATION OF THE MAYOR OF BEVERLEY.

A most interesting meeting was held on Thursday, the 8th inst., in connection with the above lodge—interesting for three especial reasons—first, the initiation of the Mayor of Beverley (Alderman F. G. Hobson); second, the presentation of his portrait to Bro. G. H. Knight, I.P.M.; and third, the election of the W.M., for which office Bro. F. G. Barton, D.C., received the unanimous vote of the lodge. There were present, amongst others, Bros. John Cooper, W.M.; G. H. Knight, I.P.M.; J. Willis Mills, S.W.; J. E. Elwell, J.W.; Martin Westerby, P.M., P.P.G.D.C., Chap.; Sydney Smith, P.M., P.P.D.G.D.C.; Thomson Foley, P.M., P.P.G.S. of W., Sec.; J. P. Park, P.M., Orator; G. A. Ridgway, S.D.; R. A. Litchfield, J.D.; G. F. Barton, D.C.; J. Gibson, Org.; W. H. Pool, I.G.; J. Westoby, Tyler; Dobson, P.M.; J. Edgar, P.M., P.P.G.D.; J. Kemp, P.M., P.P.G.S. of W.; J. R. Lane, P.M.; D. Morley, P.M., P.P.G.D.; R. Pape, P.M.; Tom Turner, P.M., P.P.G. Reg.; W. H. Wippenny, P.M.; Butterell, J. Elwell, W. Green, E. Oliver, Robert Smith, and others. Visitors: Bros. James Work, W.M., H. Harker, S.W., P. T. Bentley, J.W., F. Dixon, I.G., G. Leigh, P.M., P.P.G. Std. Br., J. Mackail, P.M., P.P.G. Std. Br., Aves, T. J. Bell, C. Hudson, J. Work, and Harold Work, of 2134 (who paid the lodge an official visit on this occasion); W. C. Whiteside, P.M., P.P.G.D., and F. Wilson, P.P.G. Org., of 250; F. R. E. Elwell, 1538; and others.

After the lodge was opened and the minutes read and confirmed, the following brethren were unanimously elected to the following offices: Bros. Geo. F. Barton, W.M.; S. Smith, P.M., Treas.; J. R. Lane, P.M., Charity Representative; and Jno. Westoby, Tyler. The Mayor of Beverley, Mr. Alderman Frederick Geo. Hobson, was then initiated. The W.M., Bro. John Cooper, on rising to make the presentation of the portrait, said: It is now my pleasing duty to perform the next business on the summons which is to present our Bro. Knight, the Immediate Past Master, with his portrait in oils. I may say that it was originally intended and arranged that our Right Worshipful Bro. the Earl of Lonsborough was to perform this ceremony. Unfortunately, his lordship was, through illness, unable to do this, consequently the duty devolves upon me. His lordship said that it would have afforded him very great pleasure indeed to make this presentation, but however great a pleasure his lordship would have experienced, it does not exceed that which animates me on the present occasion. I may say that Bro. Knight and I were initiated together in 1882 and we received that charge who our newly-initiated brother has just received, from our late lamented Bro. Frank Burrell. Since then our Bro. Knight has filled various offices in the lodge in the most creditable manner and to the satisfaction of all the brethren, but if there is one office more than another in which he has conspicuously distinguished himself it is the office of Steward, in which office he has entirely regardless of self, comfort, or enjoyment, and without any other object than that of the comfort of the brethren waited upon them in a manner known to you all. It was not until the year of her Majesty's Diamond Jubilee that Bro. Knight felt he was ripe for the office of W.M. and in that year he accepted the office and was unanimously elected. The admirable and able manner in which he discharged the duties of that office is so well known that I am sure I am right and justified in saying that if there is one brother more popular than another it is Bro. Knight. He is one of those large-hearted, unselfish, and generous brethren who puts self entirely aside, and seems to live for others; and his chief delight seems to be in contributing to the comfort and happiness of his fellow brethren. As our brother is inside the lodge, so he is outside, where he takes those grand principles taught within and tries to practise them in his official capacity (Superintendent of Police), and although he has at times disagreeable duties to perform, he has invariably earned the thanks and gratitude of those with whom he has come into contact. This speaks very highly for our brother, and therefore it is with the greatest pleasure that I make this presentation. In conclusion I may remark that I am only expressing and giving voice to the feelings of the whole of the members of this lodge when I say that we hope and trust that our worthy Bro. Knight may live for very many years to continue to take part and interest in the welfare and prosperity of our lodge. Bro. Knight, it now affords me very great pleasure to present you with this portrait, which I now unveil, and which has been most freely and spontaneously subscribed for by the brethren, and I think that you and they will agree with me that it is an admirable likeness, and reflects the greatest credit upon the artist (Bro. Fredk. G. Elwell) who has executed it.

Bro. Knight, on accepting the portrait, said: Allow me to express to you my most grateful thanks for the very high compliment you have paid me. I have listened to the flattering remarks of our W.M., with whom I have been associated for a period of a quarter of a century, and I cannot think for one moment that I am at all worthy of half the good things he has said of me. Well, W.M. and brethren, you will allow me to thank you from my heart for the very high compliment you have paid me, and I will always endeavour to lead the life which I know you esteem.

The portrait (an excellent one) is three-quarter length, life size, seated, and in the regalia of W.M. (in commemoration of his Mastership in the Diamond Jubilee year).

After the usual good wishes had been offered to the W.M., the lodge was closed, and the brethren and visitors adjourned to the supper-room, where a *recherché* repast was served.

The usual loyal and Masonic toasts were honoured.

During the evening the handsome silver loving cup (presented by the brethren of Liberty Lodge, Beverly, Massachusetts, U.S.A., to this lodge on attaining its centenary) was passed round.

Bro. Alderman Green, on rising to propose the toast of "The Newly-initiated Candidate," said: I feel it a privilege to propose the toast of the health of our newly-initiated brother (Bro. F. G. Hobson). It is customary in the old Constitutional Lodge to heartily receive this toast, and I see on this occasion that principle is once more being enthusiastically carried out. We are pleased at all times to welcome into our ranks citizens who have attained an honourable position in the town; but we more cordially welcome Bro. F. G. Hobson, as one who has received at the hands of his fellow citizens the highest and most honourable office it is in their power to confer—I mean the office of Chief Magistrate and Mayor of this ancient borough—and he has shown, by his election to that office, and by the universal approbation it has received, that he has gained the respect and goodwill of the whole of his fellow townsmen. But I do not consider that it is the Mayor who is conferring an honour on this lodge, so much as we are conferring an honour upon him, by admitting him into the ranks of Freemasonry. Our ritual informs us that Freemasonry dates back to great antiquity, and, although we cannot trace it directly to the time of King Solomon and the building of the Temple at Jerusalem, yet the foremost writers on the art believe it is a direct offshoot from the old guilds and associations of medieval times; and, W.M., I think it is a great honour to belong to a society descended from those old workers of by-gone ages, who, having in time of trouble and war, devoted themselves to the peaceful occupation of building those beautiful monasteries and churches, in building strong castles for the defence of the country people and walled towns for the defence of the more peaceful citizens. And we also know that those old societies were among the first to recognise and advocate religious equality and general freedom of thought. This being so, I cordially welcome Bro. Hobson into this honourable Order, and trust that he will appreciate and enjoy

his new work amongst us, and remain not only a credit to himself, but a credit to the lodge.

Bro. Hobson, in response, said: I think I never felt in a position more embarrassing than in attempting to respond to the complimentary toast which my esteemed friend Bro. Green has proposed. I do not exactly know how you expect a man to say very much after going through the peculiar ordeal of the ceremony which I have experienced to-night. I may say that I undertook it with some little hesitation and anxiety not knowing what you might have in store for me in that mysterious room, but my confidence was in some measure restored when I remembered that at least a good many of you must be personal friends of my own, and I particularly took comfort in the fact I here had with me my most excellent friend Supt. Knight and my equally excellent friend the Town Clerk. I reflected that they being officials of the Corporation would be in a way responsible for the unfortunate Mayor if disaster befel him. By way of precaution I did venture to say to my housekeeper (you know I am a bachelor, and even here I am not exempt from a little taunt, for I see in the Entered Apprentice song you have a verse for me) "that if she did not see me down to breakfast in the morning she had better make enquiries of Superintendent Knight," therefore, I felt a little relieved. Well, really, all I can say is that I have joined this Society of Brethren with very great pleasure absolutely voluntarily. The idea had been in my mind I scarcely dare say how long, but I should think it quite possible it may be for 40 years. It first occurred to me as a very small boy on getting hold of an old book which was printed in those peculiar characters where all the "Ss" resemble "fs" and which, I think, was called "The Revelations of Masonry," or "Masonry unmasked," or some such interesting title, and I managed to decipher some of those characters, from which I imbibed some weird notions, and I thought I should very much like to have a chance some day to fathom the mysteries of Masonry. At last—though very late in the day—I have succeeded in putting my desire into execution. I feel exceedingly pleased and encouraged in the fact that you have received me with such great cordiality. I suppose there are other ordeals to pass. I am still only an apprentice. I suppose that in three months I shall be absolutely a Master Mason, and fully-qualified member of your lodge. I will do my best to serve my apprenticeship well. I hope I shall in time acquire those qualifications which make a perfect Master Mason. I draw—and it is very necessary for me to draw—a very clear distinction between my official capacity and my personality, Frederick George Hobson, an obscure bachelor. I come before you to-night, and I have been selected by you, in my private capacity, and we meet as brethren; but if fitting opportunity occurs it will afford me very great pleasure to utilise the prestige of my office in the advancement of the Brotherhood which I have had the honour this day to enter, and I think it would be a very worthy way of using my official position. I can only once more say, W.M. and brethren, that I most thoroughly appreciate those compliments you have bestowed upon me. It will be my endeavour to fully recognise the fraternal obligations into which I have entered. I am somewhat of an antiquarian in my tastes, and I naturally bear a strong regard to all the ancient associations of our land, and especially I have always felt a great interest in Freemasonry. Whether you go back to the days of King Solomon is a debatable point, but that you are, at least, intimately associated with mediæval times in England and elsewhere there can be no doubt; and these were the times when the great Constitutional class of our nation were being formed, and it is in a great degree owing to the growth and development of these ancient guilds that the freedom of Englishmen was constitutionally organised and established. Once more, W.M. and brethren, I cordially thank you for your kindness and good wishes and the cordial reception you have been pleased to accord me, and I sincerely reciprocate the fraternal feelings to which you have so kindly given expression.

Mirfield Lodge, No. 1102.

INSTALLATION OF BRO. T. GAUKROGER HOWELL.

Centralisation has done much for Freemasonry undoubtedly, but the strength of the Order only partially lies in its organisation under one head, however admirable such organisation may be. It is in the individuality of its lodges, in the personality of its members, that its great force is shown. This is, perhaps, most fully illustrated in what may be called the smaller Masonic centres. Apart from the bustle of large towns, with but limited intercourse with their neighbours, under their own roof, and comparatively removed from outside Masonic influences, we find many instances of lodges possessing strong individuality, together with characteristics essentially and entirely their own. Visitors to such lodges are at once impressed with this fact, and recognise that whilst the brethren carry out in fullest detail all the regulations of the Order, yet that there is a kind of originality about their proceedings which is lacking in larger centres. West Yorkshire possesses many such lodges, and of this class is the Mirfield Lodge. Quietly and unassumingly it pursues the even tenor of its way, fulfilling its Masonic duties conscientiously, and sensible to the fullest extent of its Masonic responsibilities. It does not seek notoriety, yet it has a welcome for friends; it may be comparatively unknown, yet it gives according to its means largely, though quietly, to our Masonic Institutions. Once a year it, to some extent, departs from its ordinary routine. "It is a poor heart that never rejoices"; and the festival of St. John is an occasion which may justly be seized upon for special jubilation. The installation of the W.M. elect, Bro. T. G. Howell, and the celebration of the annual festival, afforded this opportunity, and right good use was made of it by the Mirfield brethren. This was on Friday, the 9th inst.

The lodge was opened by Bro. John Barker, P.M., Sec., in the presence of a large number of brethren and visitors. Here it should be explained that the W.M. for the year, Bro. A. C. Lister, has, through important business engagements, been compelled to absent himself from the lodge meetings on many occasions. Bro. Barker and other P.Ms. have not, however, permitted the lodge to suffer on this account, and the W.M. being at that moment in St. Petersburg, it devolved upon Bro. Barker, who was also to act as Installing Master, to take the chair. The brethren of the lodge comprised, amongst others: Bros. John Barker, P.M., P.P.G.S. of W.; A. A. Stott, P.M., P.P.G.S. of W.; Thos. Lang, P.M., P.P.G.D. of C.; W. Bailey, P.M., P.P.G.O.; Joshua Milner, P.M.; W. H. Wilson, P.M.; W. H. Wilkinson, P.M.; C. E. Sutcliffe, P.M.; T. G. Howell, S.W., W.M. elect; M. M. Milner, H. Whitwam, G. V. Barker, F. Shaw, and J. Walsley, P.M. Amongst the visitors, who were very numerous, were: Bros. C. Letch Mason, P.M. 304, and G. H. Parke, P.M., 154, P.P.G.Ws.; W. Forrest, P.P.G.W. E. Mason, P.M. 1019, P.P.A.G. Sec.; H. Beaumont, P.M. 1301, Prov. G. Std. Br.; J. H. Gratton, J.P., P.M. 1513, P.P.G., Treas.; W. Gaukroger, J.P., P.M. 61. Wm. Blackburn, P.M. 306, Vice-Chairman of Charity Committee, W. E. Smithies, P.M. 1231, C. Stokes, P.M. 1239 and 2558, and Walker Dyson, P.M. 2261, P.P.G. Deacons; T. Buckland, P.M. 1231, P.P.G. Org.; T. J. Pickles, P.M. 258, P.P.G.D.C.; Joseph Mathewman, P.M. 1019, P.P.A.G. Sec.; H. Beaumont, P.M. 1301, Prov. G. Std. Br.; H. S. Holdsworth, P.M. 448, P.P.G.S.B.; John Seed, P.M. 1302, and E. Billington, P.M. 1462, P.P.G. Purst.; also R. Gill, W.M., B. Batley, S.W., H. Heaton, J.W., and J. Wharton, all of 258; H. Barraclough, 366; W. J. Morris, P.M. 448 and 1736; E. Hanson, S.D., and T. Robertshaw, P.M. 448; Joseph Browne, 750; C. P. Pickersgill, W.M. 827; G. Hoyle, P.M., Joseph Rhodes, P.M., S. A. Radcliffe, P.M., A. W. Law, W.M., John Brook, S.W., J. S. Ackroyd, J.W., and H. Rickard, of 1231; S. Smith and J. T. Thorpe, 1283; Joe Sykes and W. A. Beever, 1514; J. L. Parke, W.M., and H. Shaw, 2261; Wesley Petty, 2069 and 2695; and John Wilson and W. Forrest, 2321.

After the minutes had been read and confirmed, the W.M. elect, Bro. T. G. Howell, was presented for installation by Bro. Walker Dyson, P.M., P.P.G.D. Bro. John Barker at once took up the duties of Installing Master. Before asking the brethren to retire, Bro. Barker explained the circumstances which led to his occupying his present position, expressed his regret (in which he was sure they all joined) at the absence of Bro. Lister, who would have undertaken the ceremony could he have been present; and, in order to show that their W.M. was with them in spirit at least, he would read a letter he had received only that afternoon from him. The letter was as follows:—

"Dear Bro. Barker,

"Moscow, Dec. 5th, 1898.

"It is with the greatest regret I find I shall not be able to get back in time for the Festival of St. John and the installation of our worthy Bro. Howell in the chair of King Solomon. I always welcome with pleasure this day in the year, and should have done so more especially this time being W.M., this position being one I ever looked forward to with ambition. You will kindly thank every one of the brethren for the help and brotherly feeling they have extended to me at all times during my term as W.M. I especially thank those who have been in office during the year; I very much appreciate the assistance they have given me, and I assure you, Bro. Barker, I feel proud to have been a W.M. of Mirfield Lodge. Our lodge is stronger now than it was a year ago and is only by getting new members and work to do that it can prosper. I hope the

coming W.M. may have plenty to occupy him during his term. To fill this exalted position has been I know his great desire and I feel sure he will fill it with credit both to himself and the lodge. Whatever he could do for the furtherance of Freemasonry in general and Mirfield Lodge in particular he has ever been willing and ready to do. In Brother Howell we have one who has Masonry thoroughly at heart, and it will give me great pleasure to assist him in every way I can."

After thanking Bro. Barker and others by name for the help which they had so freely given him, the absent W.M. concludes in these words:

"Give my hearty good wishes to all the visitors, I should have liked to have seen their familiar faces again and heard their genial voices. The sincere wish of your W.M. is that the Mirfield Lodge, 1102, may ever continue to grow and prosper and hold its position in West Yorkshire. Hearty good wishes to every one.

"Believe me, dear Brother,

"Fraternally yours,

"A. C. LISTER."

The reading of the letter was a surprise and a great pleasure to the brethren. It was dated 5th December, and so admirably timed that it arrived at the commencement of the ceremony. Bro. Barker further announced that he had just received the following telegram:

"Petersburg, 9 Dec.

"To Barker, Masonic Hall, Mirfield,

"Hearty good wishes to all,

"LISTER."

Bro. Barker also read a letter from the Mayor of Halifax, Bro. J. T. Simpson, in which he regretted being unable to be present, as he would, he said, have been pleased to testify his high appreciation of the truly Masonic spirit that has actuated Bro. Howell, and to offer warmest fraternal greetings. The brethren having retired, a Board of Installed Masters, 40 in number, was opened, and Bro. Howell was duly installed. On re-admission, the usual salutes and proclamations were given, the working tools in the respective Degrees being presented and explained by Bros. Joshua Milner, P.M.; W. H. Wilson, P.M.; and Thomas Lang, P.M., P.P.G.D. of C. Music accompanied the ceremony, and the solo, "Be thou faithful," was beautifully sung by Bro. Buckland. The addresses were given, in his usual excellent way, by Bro. Barker. The W.M., with appropriate words, invested his officers as follows: Bros. H. Whitwam, S.W.; M. Marshall Milner, J.W.; W. H. Wilson, P.M., Treas.; John Barker, P.M., Sec.; George O. Barker, S.D.; F. Shaw, J.D.; A. A. Stott, P.M., D. of C.; W. H. Wilkinson, I.G.; and John Wood, Tyler. This done, the business of the agenda was promptly undertaken. Bro. Barker, who for 13 years had acted as Charity Member for the lodge, proposed as his successor Bro. Joshua Milner, as he thought it was now time that some other brother should take the matter in hand. Bro. Barker thanked the brethren for the support they had so persistently given to him, and hoped they would extend the same, or even larger help to Bro. Milner. Bro. Thos. Lang seconded, and it was carried *nem. con.* Other routine business followed, after which "Hearty congratulations and good wishes" were offered by the visitors and brethren, and the lodge was closed.

A banquet in the dining hall followed, at which the W.M. presided. The floral decorations of the table were profuse and beautiful, and the dinner excellent. Ample justice having been done to the viands,

The W.M. rose and said: Brethren, our first toast, of course, is that of "Her Most Gracious Majesty the Queen." At the age of 79, and after a reign extending over a period of 61 years, our beloved Queen is still spared to us. Let us drink her continued good health, a still further length of years, and God bless her.

In proposing the next toast, "The M.W.G. Master, H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, and the Officers of the Grand Lodge, Present and Past," the W.M. said: It is now 25 years since the Prince of Wales accepted the position of M.W. Grand Master of our Order, and I need only point to the marvellous progress Freemasonry has made during that period to show how eminently fitted he has proved for the position and how ably he has discharged its many duties. I cannot let this opportunity pass without some reference to our late Pro G. Master, the Earl of Lathom. He was our chief's right hand, and in him the Craft loses an able counsellor and a staunch supporter. His death must have been a severe blow to our Grand Master, whilst to our Society it is nothing less than a calamity. The W.M. concluded by referring to the excellent way in which the Grand Officers discharged their duties.

The toast was drunk very heartily.

"The R.W. Prov. G. Master, the W. Deputy Prov. G. Master, and the Provincial Officers, Present and Past," was entrusted to Bro. Joshua Milner, P.M., who ably performed his task.

For the Present Officers Bros. W. D. Shoebridge, Prov. G. Deacon, and Henry Beaumont, Prov. G. Std. Br., responded; and for the Past Officers Bro. C. Letch Mason.

"The Health of the Worshipful Master, Bro. T. G. Howell," was warmly proposed by Bro. John Barker. In doing this he sketched Bro. Howell's career, particulars of which, together with a portrait, appear in another place in our columns, pointing out the steady and consistent course of Masonic conduct which Bro. Howell had pursued, and especially emphasising the generous support which he had for years extended to the Masonic Charitable Institutions. Bro. Howell had nobly earned, and would fully maintain the position in which they had that day placed him, and he called upon them to show by the hearty way in which they pledged his health how fully they endorsed the opinion which he (Bro. Barker) had expressed.

The toast was drunk with great enthusiasm, the brethren singing, "He is a jolly good Mason," and afterwards joining in the Installation Ode, written by Bro. G. G. Pook.

The W.M., on rising to respond, received a genuine Yorkshire greeting, cheers being repeatedly given. After silence was obtained he said: Brethren, I am very grateful to you for the honour you have conferred upon me to-night, and I am also very proud that the toast of my health, so very kindly proposed by my good friend and brother, John Barker, should be so cordially received. It shall be my earnest endeavour—in which I trust you, my brethren, will all help to promote the interest of the Mirfield Lodge, to increase its membership and to add to its general prosperity. This I may say has been to me a most eventful Masonic year, and contains three very important incidents which I am not likely soon to forget. The first was my visit to London to witness the presentation of prizes to our boys by H.R.H. the Princess of Wales. The second was my being present at the Albert Hall when our M.W.G.M. presided at the Centenary Festival of the R.M.I. for Boys. The third, and most important of all, is my installation into the chair of the Mirfield Lodge this night. I trust I may always merit your confidence as you will ever deserve my thanks. My words are perhaps weak, brethren, but I can assure you my feelings are deep. I cannot say more and could not say less, and I trust these words may be allowed to suffice.

"The Installing Master, the I.P.M., and the Past Masters" was given to the S.W., Bro. H. Whitwam, to propose. This he did very eloquently and feelingly.

Bro. Barker replied.

"The Visitors" were toasted on the proposition of Bro. W. Wilson, who acquitted himself with exceptional ability.

Bro. C. Stokes, P.M., and others responded.

"The Masonic Charities" came next. In recommending this for approval Bro. J. Barker went into details at some length, showing what the Mirfield Lodge had done in the past and what it was contemplating for the future. From Bro. Barker's statement it was clear that Mirfield Lodge, small though it was, had not failed in its duties towards the Charities.

The toast was exceedingly well received.

The Vice-Chairman of the Charity Committee, Bro. W. Blackburn, in an able speech, acknowledged the work done by the lodge, and thanked the brethren, in the name of the London Institutions as well as in that of West Yorkshire.

After "The Mirfield Lodge and its Officers," followed the Tyler's toast, which ended the proceedings.

It must be mentioned that numerous songs were sung during the evening, Bros. Rickard, Buckland, E. Hanson, and others delighting the brethren with their efforts. The proceedings throughout were most hearty and were thoroughly enjoyed. The order of ceremonial as well as the menus and toast lists were works of art, and, in addition to portraits of the W.M. and his officers, contained photographic views of the lodge, both interior and exterior. The quotations interspersed between the courses and toasts were extracts from Chaucer, Prior, Burns, Anderson, &c., and Old English Ballads of the 15th century had even been requisitioned for this purpose. Altogether it was a function which both the brethren and visitors may look back upon with feelings of general satisfaction.

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Masonic Notes.

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 17, 1898.

We have much pleasure in announcing that His Royal Highness, the M.W.G. Master, has been pleased to appoint Edward, second Earl of Lathom, to be Prov. G. Master of West Lancashire in succession to his late lamented father, the first Earl, who held the office from the 22nd November, 1722, until his death. The new Prov. Master has exhibited much interest in the Craft. In 1894, when Junior G. Warden of England, his lordship, then known by the courtesy title of Lord Skelmersdale, represented his father—who at the last moment was prevented by a family affliction from fulfilling his engagement—as Chairman at the Festival on behalf of the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls. In 1896, being then Major in the Royal Horse Guards, he was installed first Deputy M. of the Household Brigade Lodge, No. 2614, of which the Prince of Wales is permanent W.M. Early in the present year he installed the Earl of Halsbury (Lord High Chancellor of England) as Prov. G. Mark Master of Cornwall in succession to Bro. Sir C. Graves-Sawle, Bart., resigned, while on the "glorious 10th June" he again represented his father

as President of the Board of Stewards at the Centenary Festival of the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys. We feel sure our West Lancashire brethren will receive with satisfaction the announcement of his lordship's appointment.

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At last we are able to gratify the very natural curiosity of the many brethren who were anxious to know what had become of the Board of Stewards at the recent Centenary Festival of the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys. In ordinary circumstances, a Board of Stewards holds its final meeting about a fortnight after the Festival for which it does duty, and, having settled its accounts and disposed of any balance that may have remained over, goes through the ceremony of "happy dispatch" with such grace as it may be able to command. But the Boys' Centenary on the 10th June was no ordinary Festival, and its Board of Stewards no ordinary Board, and hence, we presume, a delay of six months has been found necessary in order to determine when and where the final meeting should take place. At all events, it is satisfactory to know that the said final meeting will be held at Freemasons' Tavern on Tuesday, the 20th instant, at 4 p.m., in order, as the circular-letter of the Hon. Secretary informs us, "to receive the Auditors' Report with Statement of Accounts as audited, and to transact any regular business which may be brought before the meeting."

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There is still another reason why we receive with pleasure the news about the final meeting. Now that the Board of Stewards has plucked up courage enough to fix the day for its dissolution, perhaps the authorities of the School may venture to enlighten us upon the subject of that other interesting query which has been raised, namely, why the amount of the honorarium which it was proposed to grant to the Secretary for his Centenary Festival services was specified in the notice of motion as printed on the paper of agenda at the October Quarterly Court of Governors, but not in the advertisements convening the said Court, which were published in the Press. The responsible authorities need not be shy of being too communicative; we can assure them that any information they may vouchsafe to give will be received with gratitude.

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We publish elsewhere reports of the consecration of sundry new lodges. One of them—the Edward Terry Lodge, No. 2722—was to have been consecrated some time ago, but a domestic affliction of the distinguished brother after whom it is named, and who was chosen to be its first W.M., rendered a postponement of the ceremony unavoidable, and, hence, it was not till Thursday, the 8th inst., that the lodge was inaugurated at the Cleveland Hall, Barnes, the ceremony being performed by the Grand Secretary, who subsequently installed Bro. Terry in the chair of K.S. There was, as usual, a goodly muster of brethren on so interesting an occasion, and it is no exaggeration to say that no lodge, either in town or country, ever experienced a heartier send-off on its career than that which bears the name of one of the ablest and most popular actors of our day, who, at the same time, is one of the most distinguished and most genial of Masons. We cordially echo the good wishes expressed by those who witnessed the consecration of the lodge.

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The St. Laurence Lodge, No. 2724, is the second that has been added to the roll of Worcestershire since Bro. Sir A. F. Godson, M.P., was appointed Provincial Grand Master—the first having been consecrated in the early part of last year at Moseley, and named the Arter Lodge, No. 2654, after our late respected Bro. T. R. Arter, who was one of the pillars of strength of Masonry in the Province, but died not very long after its inauguration. The St. Laurence, which raises the muster of lodges in the county to 15, is located at Northfield, and there is every reason to believe that it will carve out for itself a useful and prosperous future. The Provincial Grand Master was assisted in his task by his Deputy (Bro. Col. Ottley) and other of his Provincial G. Officers, and as soon as the lodge was constituted, installed Bro. G. G. Poppleton as the first W.M. There appears to have been quite a display of enthusiasm over the event, and, as in the case of the Edward Terry Lodge, we wish it a long and successful career.

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There is still another lodge which has just been consecrated, namely, the Muswell Hill Lodge, No. 2728, which has been founded to meet the comfort and convenience of brethren resident in the district so

named, but which was inaugurated at the Frascati Restaurant, Oxford-street, on Wednesday, the 14th instant, the necessary dispensation for the purpose having been previously obtained. We have received a full report of the proceedings, but are under the necessity of holding over till next week. In the meantime we have much pleasure in stating that the meeting was a successful one in every way.

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The monthly meeting of the Committee of Management of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution was held at Freemasons' Hall on Wednesday, under the presidency of Bro. J. H. Whadcoat, J.P., Patron. The Secretary reported the deaths of three annuitants (two men and one widow), and applications from two widows of recently-deceased annuities to be granted half of their late husband's annuities were entertained. The Committee then gave full consideration to the 14 petitions (four male and 10 widows) submitted to them, with the result that all were accepted, and the names ordered to be entered on the list for the election in May, 1899, with the exception of two, one male petition being deferred for further information, and one petition from a widow, which could not be entertained for the present. There are now 110 candidates for the election in May next, namely, 57 men and 59 widows, while the vacancies that have occurred up to the present time fall short of 20.

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With reference to the approaching Festival in February, 1899, on behalf of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution, for which we are pleased to be in a position to report a substantial increase in the Board of Stewards during the last ten days, we take the opportunity of reminding our readers that next year the Widows' Fund will have been in existence for half a century. It was, in the first instance, intended to celebrate the event in a manner somewhat similar to that which proved so successful when the Jubilee of the Male Fund was celebrated in 1892. Upon second thoughts, the Committee of Management—in our opinion, very wisely—rescinded the resolution which pledged them to adopt this course, and the Festival at which Bro. Lord Llangattock, P.G.M. South Wales (E.D.), has so kindly consented to preside on the 22nd February next, will owe whatever good fortune may attend it, to the general merits of the Institution, not to its being the anniversary of a particular event in its history.

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Still, in the circumstances in which the Benevolent Institution will find itself placed next year, it will be a task of supreme difficulty for its Festival Stewards to raise the funds with which to carry on its work. Hence, we do not consider it out of place to remind our readers that 1899 will be the Jubilee year of the Widows' Fund and to express a hope that the knowledge of this fact may incline brethren to support the Festival more generously than usual, particularly as it is a matter of common knowledge that the Benevolent Institution and the Girls' School have kept themselves as much in the background as possible in 1898 in order that "Our Boys" might have a bumper Centenary.

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We have said that 1899 will be the Jubilee year of the Widows' Fund, which was started by Grand Lodge in 1849, with an annual grant of £100, supplemented by one of £35 by Grand Chapter, and the donations and subscriptions of the brethren. The first batch of annuitants elected to receive its benefits was five, who received annuities amounting in the aggregate to £75. At the end of the first half of its career—that is, in 1874—the number of widows had been augmented to 88, each of whom received £28 a year. In 1875 this number was increased to 100, and in 1876 to 110, the amount of the annuity in the latter year being at the same time raised to its present figure of £32. Now there are 245 widows at £32 a year each, the sum distributed amongst them annually being £7840, as compared with £75 at the outset. We are justified in asking the brethren to support generously a Fund whose benefits have been increased more than a hundredfold in a career of half a century.

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The Queen has been graciously pleased to sanction the following appointment to the Order of the Hospital of St. John of Jerusalem in England: Knight of Justice—Bro. Captain Nathaniel George Philips (promoted from Knight of Grace).

Correspondence.

We do not hold ourselves responsible for the opinions expressed by our correspondents, but we wish, in a spirit of fair play to all, to permit—within certain necessary limits—free discussion.

BOYS' SCHOOL.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother

The following resolution was passed at a meeting of the members of the Rufford Lodge, No. 2553:

"This meeting of the members of the Rufford Lodge, being subscribers to the Boys' School, has heard with surprise that the Committee have voted a gratuity of 1000 guineas to the Secretary, Bro. McLeod, and a further sum of £300 to his assistants. It regards such a disposition of the funds of the Charity as a violation of trust, and feels justified in withholding its support to the Institution in future until such abuse be rectified.

"It is further resolved that a copy of this resolution be sent to the Chairman of the Committee and to the *Freemason*."—Yours fraternally,

GEO. CHAPMAN, Sec. 2553.

57, Queen's-walk, Nottingham.
December 14th.

THE HONORARIUM TO BRO. McLEOD.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,

As one of the Stewards at the Centenary Festival of the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys I regret very much to see the very uncalled-for discussion on the gratuity voted to Bro. McLeod for his services in connection with that record event.

In your last issue you print a letter from the Secretary of Lodge No. 662, notifying a protest on behalf of the lodge which he represents against the sum voted to Bro. McLeod.

I can only account for these extraordinary outbursts of indignation by presuming that those who utter them are altogether ignorant of the facts. It is within my own personal knowledge that Bro. McLeod worked most assiduously for years to gain the great end which was achieved, almost entirely in consequence of his exertions. My own Stewardship I can quote as an instance in point. Why, then, should he be begrudged the just reward of his persistency and zeal? Who else could have achieved such an enormous and gratifying success at the small cost of *one per cent.*, which was all that Bro. McLeod's gratuity amounted to? Well he earned it and thoroughly he deserved it, as I believe the bulk of the Stewards would freely testify.—Believe me, yours faithfully and fraternally,

JOS. FARNCOMBE,

P.M. No. 311, P.G. Warden, Sussex, &c., &c.

Saltwood, Spencer-road, Eastbourne,
December 13th.

RE ROYAL ARCH.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,

We have been in the habit here of styling Z. as M.E. and Second and Third Principals as E. We are now told that is wrong and that M.E. only applies to Grand Superintendent and Prov. Grand Superintendents, and that Z. is E., and anything below First Principal's chair is simply Comp.?

Shall esteem it a favour if you will tell us what is right. Thanking you in anticipation.—Yours fraternally,

M.E.Z.

Stroud.

NOMINATION OF GRAND TREASURER.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,

In your necessarily compressed account of the few words I used at Grand Lodge last week in nominating Bro. Alfred H. Bevan for the Grand Treasurership, there were certain important omissions and contradictory sentences, obviously the result of abridgment and condensation, which, in justice to the candidate, I trust you will give me the opportunity of setting right.

I stated that Bro. Bevan was commended for the office of Grand Treasurer, not only as a Patron of the three great Masonic Charities, and having served many Stewardships (15, I understand), but also mentioned that he is widely known as an active working member of the Craft, and was for two years in succession Master of the Eton Lodge, he is present Master of the Friends in Council Lodge, a founder and active member of other lodges and chapters, and a liberal supporter of many works of benevolence in the Provinces.

The omission of these facts, which I distinctly stated, and the contradiction in terms attributed to me by the report (evidently caused by cutting out several sentences), are matters which I am sure your sense of fairness will permit me to thus explain.—Yours fraternally,

CHAS. O. BURGESS,

Prov. S.G.W. Berks, P.P.S.G.D. Surrey.

25, Queen's-road, Brighton.
December 14th.

THE CHARITY MAZE AND A WAY OUT.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,

I read your paper religiously every week, and am surprised to read the heart burning and smouldering spirit of discontent over that 1000 guineas vote to the Secretary of the Charity Funds. I am also surprised at the constant, yet praiseworthy efforts you make to "whip up" renewed efforts of gifts and donations to the various Charities. But it seems to me that there should be some very simple way out of the unthankful task of beg, beg, beg. I notice in your last issue a brother states that £100,000 yearly will keep the Charities in proper order, and it strikes me that what is wanted is some fixed sum to be subscribed equally by every member of the Society.

I suggest that every brother ought to be under a moral obligation to subscribe one guinea per annum, no more and no less; and as there are over 100,000 members, the sum would be assured yearly, without all this wretched begging, some giving nothing at all, and others hundreds and thousands of pounds. My idea is that each should do his equal share, and all ostentatious giving could then be dispensed with, and the beautiful divine spirit of Charity be generally diffused and equally indulged in by every brother. I know many will say, O, this is absurd, Charity ought not to be obligatory, but I submit that as the subscrip-

tions, dues, &c., are obligatory and brethren cheerfully submit under the present regime, so, also all would cheerfully give if they knew that their poor little guinea was not liable to be swamped and looked slightly at by those who can easily give ten, a hundred, or a thousand guineas at certain times.

Will Grand Lodge, or whatever authority is authorised, pass a law to this effect, and then the funds would always be at high water, obviate any anxiety as to income and do away with this constant begging in the press, and also prevent big stars from the necessity of attending special functions to magnetize the lesser orbs in the Masonic firmament.—Yours fraternally,

T. MAY, 754.

Tottenham,
December, 14th.

GRAND LODGE PREMISES.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,

I am pleased to learn from your paper that Grand Lodge has secured additional premises for the purpose of giving more attention to the library and museum. Now, when the London lodges add their collections, and the Craft at large increase their contributions, we shall be on the road to possess a library and museum worthy of the Grand Lodge of England.—I am, dear Sir and Brother, yours fraternally;

P.M.

Craft Masonry.

North York Lodge, No. 602.

VISIT OF LORD BOLTON, DEP. PROV. G. MASTER.

Lord Bolton, P.G.W. Eng., and Dep. Prov. G. Master N. and E. Ridings of York shire, visited Middlesborough recently for the purpose of attending the annual festival of the above lodge, and of performing the ceremony of installing the W.M. elect, Bro. John Charles Imeson, S.W. The lodge was duly opened at the Masonic Hall, Marton-road, under the presidency of the retiring W.M., Bro. John Morgan, and there was a large attendance of brethren and visitors, there being an especially gratifying attendance of P.Ms. of the North York, Ferrum, and Orde-Powlett Lodges. The officers of the lodge present were: Bros. J. C. Imeson, S.W.; G. H. Anderson, J.W.; H. Sherwood, P.M., Treas.; W. Snaith, Sec., acting S.D.; T. Henderson, J.D.; W. Thompson, I.G.; W. J. Hanson, P.M., D. of C.; J. F. Stewart, P.P.G.O., Org.; T. Prosser and W. F. Smithers, Stwds.; J. A. Manners, P.M., P.P.J.G.W., Tyler; and W. J. Watson, P.M., P.P.G. Reg., Charity Representative. The following Past Masters of the lodge were present: Bros. J. A. Manners, W. Holloway, P.P.G. Std. Br.; W. J. Bruce, P.P.G.S. of W.; R. Braithwaite, R. W. Gibbs, P.P.G. Std. Br.; W. R. Gensz, R. W. Williams, W. J. Watson, P.P.G.R.; John Graham, W. H. Cowper, P.P.S.G.W.; John Thomas, and W. J. Hanson. The members of the lodge present included Bros. G. Lambert, R. Smurthwaite, J. C. Murray, W. Gledhill, R. Elliott, T. Sedgewick, T. Herdman, A. Sockett, T. Dent, J. J. Stephenson, J. F. Main, R. S. Peel, J. H. Hill, E. R. Jones, and many visitors.

Bro. Lord Bolton, who had come direct from London to attend the installation, entered the lodge-room accompanied by a large number of Past and Present Prov. G. Officers and two G. Officers. Lord Bolton, who had been met at the station by some of the senior officers of the lodge, was received on entering the lodge with full Masonic honours. His lordship was accompanied by Bros. H. Neville, P.M. 2127, G.D.C. Eng.; W. H. Cowper, P.G. Std. Br. Eng.; S. Walker, P.P.G.S. of W.; W. J. Watson, P.P.G.R.; J. Winterschladen, P.P.J.G.D.; T. H. Ward, P.P.G.O.; W. J. Bruce, P.P.G.S. of W.; G. Hood, P.P.G.D.C.; J. D. Marshall, P.M., P.P.G.R. (Mayor of South Shields); R. W. Gibbs, P.P.G.S.B.; and J. A. Manners, P.P.J.G.W.

Several letters of apology for non-attendance were read, including one from Bro. Colonel Sadler, P.P.S.G.W., who expressed his deep regret that he had been called away and was unable to attend. The Dep. Prov. G.M., Lord Bolton, on his arrival, took the chair, and proceeded with the installation of Bro. J. C. Imeson in the chair of the lodge for the ensuing year, the ceremony being performed by his lordship in a highly efficient and impressive manner. Bro. Hanson ably carried out the arrangements as Director of Ceremonies. The Past Master's jewel was presented to the I.P.M., Bro. John Morgan, by Bro. John Thomas, P.M. The newly-elected W.M. invested the following officers as his assistants for the ensuing year: Bros. John Morgan, I.P.M.; G. H. Anderson, S.W.; Wm. Snaith, J.W.; Henry Sherwood, P.M., Treas.; Robert Gent, Sec.; T. Henderson, S.D.; Wm. Thompson, J.D.; Thos. Prosser, I.G.; W. J. Hanson, P.M., D.C.; J. F. Stewart, P.P.G.O.; W. F. Smithers and Alf. Sockett, Stwds.; J. A. Manners, P.M., P.P.J.G.W., Tyler; and W. J. Watson, P.M., P.P.G.R., Charity Representative. At the conclusion of the installation Bro. Watson delivered the ancient charges in a feeling manner, which much impressed those present.

The brethren and visitors subsequently dined together in the banqueting hall of the Masonic Hall, the company numbering over 60.

Enfield Lodge, No. 1237.

The installation meeting, under the presidency of Bro. Walter Humphrey, W.M., of this flourishing lodge was held on Monday last, at the George Hotel, Enfield, with all the success that invariably attends its gatherings. The other brethren who attended were: Bros. C. H. Penny, S.W.; J. M. Dexter, J.W.; H. V. Clements, P.M., P.P.G. Treas., Treas.; A. G. Fidler, P.M., P.P.G.D., Sec.; W. Hibberdine, S.D.; G. Gange, J.D.; J. H. M. Myers, D.C.; H. E. Brown, I.G.; A. Bryant, P.M., Tyler; J. H. Thompson, P.M., P.P.G.S.B.; O. S. Orley, P.M.; J. A. Taverner, P.M.; H. B. May, P.M., P.P.G.D.; G. C. H. Jennings, P.M., P.P.G.R.; B. G. Poulton, P.M.; J. Hicks, P.M.; H. Woodley, P.M.; W. Marshall, P.M.; A. J. Monk, P.M.; S. T. Temple, J. Marshall, A. E. Millbourn, E. T. Vint, J. H. Ernst, J. H. Kirby, B. W. Binstead, and J. H. Rowland. Visitors: Bros. R. Berridge, P.P.G.D.; H. J. Adams, P.G.S.B.; F. A. Bullock, P.G.S.B.; H. W. Dobb; J. Moule; Benjafield, 1579; W. G. Symons, 1489; J. Gough, 1237; W. H. Berry, 1517; and others.

The lodge was opened, and the minutes of the last meeting read and confirmed. The Auditors' report, showing a substantial balance in hand, was adopted, after which Mr. F. G. Lacey was balloted for, which proving favourable, the W.M. vacated the chair in favour of Bro. Woodley, P.M., who, as the proposer and friend of the candidate, wished to perform the ceremony of initiation, and, as very much was expected of Bro. Woodley, as Preceptor of the lodge of instruction, all such expectations were fully realised. Bro. Humphrey, W.M., resuming the chair, then installed Bro. Penny as his successor for the ensuing year, afterwards giving the addresses in a manner which left nothing to be desired, Bro. May, P.M., acting as D.C. The following brethren were then appointed as officers by the newly-installed Master: Bros. J. M. Dexter, S.W.; W. Hibberdine, J.W.; H. V. Clements, P.M., Treas.; A. G. Fidler, P.M., Sec.; G. Gange, S.D.; H. E. Brown, J.D.; A. E. Millbourn, I.G.; C. W. Offord, D.C.; J. H. M. Meyers, A.D.C.; E. T. Vint, Steward; and A. Bryant, P.M., Tyler.

After a candidate had been proposed for initiation, the lodge was closed, and an adjournment made to the banquet table.

Following the usual loyal and patriotic toasts, the W.M. proposed that of "The Dep. G.M., the Rt. Hon. Earl Amherst, and the rest of the Grand Officers, Present and Past," saying that the Grand Officers were deserving of the very greatest respect; they had the honour to have amongst them three Grand Officers, and he thought that it was much to the credit of the Enfield Lodge they were able to ask three such Grand Officers as Bros. Berridge, P.G.D., Bullock, P.G.S.B., and Adams P.G.S.B., to respond.

Bro. Berridge, in reply, said it always gave him the greatest pleasure to reply to the toast of the Grand Officers, which, however, on this occasion, had an alloy; the death of the Pro G.M., the Rt. Hon. Earl of Lathom, had removed from among them, one honoured by Queen and Craft, whose position it will be very difficult to fill, and who would never be forgotten.

Bro. Adams and Bullock also responded.

The W.M. then proposed "The R.W. Prov. G. Master, Lord George Hamilton, M.P.; the V.W. Dep. Prov. G. Master, Bro. Raymond H. Thrupp, and the rest of the

Prov. G. Officers, Present and Past," coupling with the toast the names of Bros. Thompson, Roach, and Hicks, whose services as members of the Enfield Lodge had been recognised by the province.

Bro. Thompson, in reply, thanked them for the hearty way the toast of the Prov. G. Officers had been received, and said although the duties were, perhaps, slight, they were always performed to the very best of their abilities.

Bros. Hicks and Roach having also responded, Bro. Humphrey, I.P.M., rose to propose "The Health of the W.M.," and said: It affords me the greatest pleasure to propose this toast, knowing, as I do, that the brethren who have had the opportunity of serving our W.M. in the various offices in the lodge, will accord it the enthusiasm it deserves.

Bro. Penny, W.M., in reply, said: I thank you, Bro. Humphrey, for the manner in which you proposed my health, and the brethren for the cordiality of its reception. I can assure you that in the face of very efficient working shown by one and all of my predecessors, I, with a considerable amount of diffidence, take upon me the mantle falling from them; however, to sustain the prestige of the Enfield Lodge will be my first care and the work I have to do will be a real pleasure to me and will be done to the best of my ability.

In proposing "The Health of Bro. Humphrey, I.P.M.," the W.M. referred in terms of eulogy to the able manner in which he had performed his duties during the year, and expressed the pleasure it afforded him to present to Bro. Humphrey the Past Master's jewel which had been unanimously voted him by the lodge in recognition of those services, and as a mark of the esteem and respect in which he was held by the members of the lodge.

The remaining toasts of "The Past Masters," "The Initiate," "Visitors," and "The Officers of the Lodge," having been honoured.

The Tyler's toast concluded another red-letter day in the history of the lodge. Additional enjoyment was derived during the evening by the vocal efforts of Bros. Kirby, Temple, Berry, and Offord, and Bro. Caiger's skilful manipulation of the "Glasophone." Bro. Wilfred Davis accompanying.

Clausentum Lodge, No. 1461.

The first of the Masonic installations for 1898-9, in the Southampton District, took place on the 7th inst., when the brethren of the above lodge met at their quarters at Woolston to celebrate the Festival of St. John and to witness the installation of the W.M. elect, Bro. R. Way Rider, the Senior Warden of the past year. The ceremony was ably performed by Bro. W. Fowler, the Masters present including Bros. Giles, 1903 and 257, the newly appointed Prov. G. Sec.; R. W. Lees, 130; Capt. Berry, W.M. 359; F. Fairweather, 394; H. Lashmore, 394; J. Cudlipp, W.M., W. H. Chapman, J. Methven, A. T. Brown, R. Bell, M. F. Curtis, E. T. Wise, W. J. Miller, E. A. Edwards, Crook, Ritchie, H. B. Rohss, Wentworth Shield, Ams, and Dr. Brown, all of the lodge; Drysdall, W.M. 1780; and G. Ward, W.M. elect 1883.

At the conclusion of the ceremony the new W.M. invested his officers as follows: Bros. J. Cudlipp, I.P.M.; H. Slade, S.W.; J. Kellaway, J.W.; Rev. G. Hughes, P.M., Chap.; A. J. Brown, P.P.G. Std. Br., Treas.; J. Methven, P.M., P.P.G.S.D., Sec.; J. Hinton, S.D.; Nalder Roberts, J.D.; W. H. Chapman, P.M., P.P.J.G.D., D.C.; W. Fowler, P.M., Org.; F. Kimber, I.G.; G. Harris, G. Newnham, A. Warden, and S. White, Stwds.; and C. Henley, Tyler. The W.M.'s first duty after the installation was to propose a vote of thanks to the Installing Master, who was highly commended for his able working; and a similar compliment to the I.P.M. for the successful way in which he had fulfilled the duties of the chair during the past year, and he at the same time pinned on his left breast a Past Master's jewel, voted by the lodge at the previous meeting. The W.M. next expressed on behalf of the lodge the great regret of the brethren at the absence of Bro. James Martin, and moved a vote of condolence with him in the great affliction he had sustained by the death of his wife. This was seconded by Bro. Methven, who read a sympathetic letter from Bro. Martin, and the vote was carried in silence. Bro. Methven then, taking the place of Bro. Martin, said that Madame Metcalfe, widow of Bro. Metcalfe, had wished to make a presentation to the lodge, and on her behalf he had to ask the acceptance of the handsome lodge banner the brethren now saw before them. The Worshipful Master expressed high appreciation of the gift, which was accepted for the lodge, and he said he was sure the brethren would highly value it. The banner is of Craft-blue silk, bearing the crest of the lodge in a golden laurel wreath, above the name and number, the whole surmounting the Southampton Arms worked in colours. It is mounted on a standard, and is altogether a very handsome and appropriate gift. In acknowledging the presence of the visitors, the W.M. expressed the pleasure it gave them to see Bro. Giles present for the first time since his election to the important office of Provincial Grand Secretary, in the discharge of which he was sure they all wished him much success. Bro. Giles briefly responded, stating that he was much pleased to make acquaintance with the Clausentum Lodge. There would have been other Provincial Grand Officers present but that they were attending Grand Lodge meeting in London.

After transacting some formal business, the lodge was closed, and the brethren afterwards partook of a banquet served in admirable style by Bro. C. Henley, under the superintendence of Bro. Chapman, D.C. of the lodge.

The usual round of Masonic toasts was gone through, and many hearty good wishes for a successful year of office were tendered to the newly-installed W.M., who presided over the meeting.

Mozart Lodge, No. 1929.

The installation meeting of this distinguished and well-known musical lodge was held at the Greyhound Hotel, Croydon, on the 3rd inst., and was well attended. There were present Bros. Walter Wesché, W.M.; E. Branscombe, P.P.G.O., J.W.; J. J. Lamigeon, P.M., Treas., W.M. elect; Fredk. Flood, P.M., P.A.G.D.C., Sec.; R. J. Porter, S.D.; J. A. Chalk, J.D.; Walter Salmon, D.C.; J. J. Kern, I.G.; H. J. Macfarlane, P.M., P.G.O.; R. S. Taylor, P.M.; C. H. Howlett, P.M.; Trefelyn David, G. C. Tegetmeier, W. W. Jaggard, H. T. Dudman, A. R. Shubbrook, G. Briggs, C. W. Freeman, F. Whatley, Augustus Toop, S. F. McLewin, J. Sinclair, A. H. Stopher, P. Notcutt, T. H. B. Bolton, W. H. Bartlett, A. T. Chapman, C. W. Lloyd, L. V. Cockell, G. Mellita, J. B. Sterckx, and Geo. Harrison, Tyler. Visitors: Bros. the Rt. Hon. the Earl of Onslow, Prov. G.M.; W. M. Stiles, P.G. Treas.; C. Tyler, Prov. G. Sec.; W. A. Latham, Prov. Ass't. G. Sec.; H. J. Lardner, P.M.; Fred Dunstan, P.M. 1326, P.A.G.D.C. Middx.; Wills, P.M. 1901; Dennant, P.M. 1940; Croager, W.M. 1837; Shepherd, P.M. 149; Swain, P.M. 1293, P.P.G. Reg.; F. Tomlin, P.M. 1360; Soper, W.M. 2241; A. H. Cole, P.M. 1744; T. Jeffries, P.M. 1744; E. P. Waymouth, J.D. 1744; Walford, 706; Keen, 1599; Beckwith, 2345; Rusbridge, S.W. 1828; James, J.D. 493; and R. I. West, 1744.

The minutes of the last meeting having been read, and the Auditors' report received and adopted, Bro. J. J. Lamigeon, P.M., Worshipful Master elect, was presented and duly installed into the chair by the outgoing Master, Bro. Walter Wesché, whose working was carried out in an excellent manner, for which he deserves the highest praise. The new W.M. appointed and invested his officers, and addressed suitable and appropriate words to each, making special reference in eloquent terms to the past services of the Secretary, Bro. F. Flood, P.M. They were: Bros. W. Wesché, I.P.M.; Edward Branscombe, S.W.; J. A. Chalk, J.W.; H. J. Macfarlane, P.M., Treas.; Fredk. Flood, P.M., Sec.; Walter Salmon, S.D.; J. J. Kern, J.D.; G. C. Tegetmeier, D.C.; Augustus Toop, A.D.C.; W. H. Shiner, Org.; J. Sinclair, I.G.; Trefelyn David, W. R. Dennis, G. Briggs, and C. W. Freeman, Stewards; and G. Harrison, Tyler. The members received with regret the resignation of Bro. L. R. Dicksee, S.W., whom, nevertheless, they refused to part with, but unanimously elected him as an hon. member. Bro. E. Branscombe's, P.P.G. Org., professional engagements prevented him from qualifying this year as a candidate for election to the Master's chair. The usual addresses were ably delivered by Bro. Walter Wesché, which stamped him as a master of the art, for which he was heartily congratulated. In presenting a Past Master's jewel to Bro. Walter Wesché, I.P.M., the W.M. paid a great tribute to him for the valued services rendered by him to the lodge, to which Bro. Wesché made a brief but suitable reply. Other business being disposed of, the lodge was closed.

The brethren partook of an excellent banquet, which reflected the highest possible credit on the establishment, and will add to the reputation of the proprietor, Bro. F. Tomlin, P.M., for Masonic repasts.

The W.M. gave "The Queen and the Craft," and afterwards "The M.W. G. Master, H.R.H. the Prince of Wales," which were duly honoured.

The W.M., in feeling terms, referred to the great loss sustained by the Craft through the death of the late Pro G. Master, Bro. the Earl of Lathom.

The toast was drunk in solemn silence, and with noiseless fire.

In giving "The R.W. Dep. G. Master, Bro. the Right Hon. the Earl Amherst, and the rest of the Grand Officers, Present and Past," the W.M. stated that they were honoured with the presence of two Grand Officers, who were both well-known in the Craft for the eminent services rendered by them, and he hoped they would live long to give them the emulation they required, and he associated with the toast the name of Bro. W. M. Stiles, P.G. Treas.

The toast was received with much enthusiasm, as was Bro. W. M. Stiles, P.G. Treas., on rising to respond. He said that he was very pleased to acknowledge the toast, seeing that he had Bro. Lord Onslow—who would respond for another toast—his senior, with him. In eloquent and pathetic terms he referred to the death of the M.W. Pro G. Master, remarking that it would be long before they found his like again. He was glad to see Bro. Lamigeon installed into the chair of the Mozart Lodge. He was a very old friend of his and had worked with him shoulder to shoulder in another lodge, and he knew his great worth. That was not his first visit to the lodge, in which he had many personal friends, and if given the opportunity would gladly attend again.

The W.M. proposed "The Right W. Prov. Grand Master, the Right Hon. the Earl of Onslow," and said they were especially favoured and honoured by the attendance of Lord Onslow and they hoped to have him there many times again. He was a jolly good fellow—that was good English—(loud applause)—but they could not expect good English from a Frenchman. The lodge, he thought, must be going on beautifully to have been honoured with the presence of the Prov. Grand Master, which the members very much appreciated.

Lord Onslow, on rising to respond had quite an ovation. He thanked them most heartily for their welcome that evening and said he had so many claims on his time both for State and Municipality that he had been unable to visit there before, but he was extremely pleased, not only with the strength of the lodge but the admirable way the work was done, and very seldom had he heard the installation ceremony and the addresses better done than by the I.P.M., Bro. Wesché. The W.M., Bro. Lamigeon, although he was a Frenchman, had been placed in the chair on two occasions, and he thought the lodge would prosper under his ruling, and, in conclusion, he again thanked them most cordially for the very hearty manner they had welcomed their Prov. Grand Master. (Loud applause.)

Bro. C. Tyler, Prov. Grand Secretary, responded for "The Dep. Prov. Grand Master and the Present and Past Prov. Grand Officers," and said that after the eloquent speech of the Prov. Grand Master it left him but very little to add. No Prov. Grand Master could take more interest in Freemasonry than Lord Onslow did, and he endorsed all that Lord Onslow had said as to the excellent working. The Prov. Grand Officers had had a great treat in the lodge room and at the banquet table, and he would gladly accept the W.M.'s kind invitation to attend the lodge again.

Bro. W. A. Latham, Prov. Asst. G. Sec., also acknowledged the toast in brief terms.

Bro. H. J. Macfarlane, P.M., P.G. Org., said that the working in the lodge was always good, but it was gratifying to the members to hear from the Prov. G.M. what his opinion was as to the way they conducted the business of the lodge and the working of the ritual.

"The Health of the W.M., Bro. Lamigeon," was proposed by Bro. Walter Wesché, I.P.M., who said it gave him much pleasure to submit the toast, as Bro. Lamigeon was an excellent Mason, and what he said in Masonry came from his heart.

Bro. Lamigeon, W.M., on rising to respond, was received with acclamation. He said he was not worthy of all the good things said of him, but his great ambition was to be Master, and to promote harmony and good feeling and brotherly love. He was proud to be the Master of such an important lodge, and would do everything in his power to promote its interests, and any suggestion any member had to make for the welfare of the lodge he was prepared to listen to it, and, as the W.M., would be with them. If he went wrong he hoped the officers and brethren would put him right. That was a great day to him, and might he say, as a Frenchman, that they had behaved as Britons, and he was quite safe in their hands, and he much appreciated their kind reception, because they must not forget that he was only a foreigner.

The W.M., in giving "The Visitors," said that a goodly number had honoured the lodge with their presence, and he was proud to see them, as they were all welcome, and he asked them to come again. The W.M. coupled with the toast the names of Bros. Croager, W.M. 1837; Fred Dunstan, P.M. 1326, P.A.G.D.C. Middx.; Soper, W.M. 2241; Shepherd, P.M. 149; Swain, P.M. 1293, P.P.G. Reg.; and Tomlin, P.M. 1360.

Bro. Croager responded, thanking them for the hearty welcome the visitors had had, and said they had had an excellent lesson in the ritual. The ceremony of installation was performed in a perfect manner by Bro. Wesché, and if they did not visit other lodges they could not get a general round idea of Masonic work. He had learned something that evening, and he was well pleased with his visit.

Bro. F. Dunstan, P.M., said that he was delighted to see such excellent working, which was equal to any they had in South London. The W.M., Bro. Lamigeon, was a good worker, and the lodge would continue to flourish under his genial presidency.

Bro. Soper, W.M. 2241, stated that he was indebted to Bro. Tegetmeier for a very pleasant evening. With such an able W.M. and his good officers the future of the lodge appeared to be great and good, and he wished it every success.

Bro. Shepherd, P.M., also acknowledged the toast, remarking that the visitors had been well received and entertained, and had had a very good time.

Bro. Swain, P.M., also responded, bearing testimony to the excellent working of the ritual and the lavish hospitality of the members.

Bro. Tomlin, P.M., said that after the nice things said of him by the W.M. and by several of the members, he would not be human if he did not state how he appreciated their kind wishes, and if he had given satisfaction in the catering he was delighted. He would be glad to become a joining member, not in a pecuniary way as the proprietor of the establishment, but because he had many friends who were members of the lodge.

In giving "The Installing and Immediate Past Master, Bro. Wesché," the W.M. stated it was the toast of the evening. Bro. Wesché had done his work in an exemplary manner, and he had never seen the ceremony of installation better carried out, but he must have given a lot of time to have made himself so perfect, and he had excelled himself as W.M., and they all agreed that he was a jolly good fellow.

Bro. Walter Wesché, I.P.M., who was received with much warmth, responded. He said he had that evening been the recipient of many flattering compliments, and his heart was full of Masonic love for all the members, and he thanked them very much for the many kindnesses he had received from them all during his happy year of office as Master of the Mozart Lodge.

The hour being late, the W.M. gave as one toast "The Past Masters, Treasurer, and Secretary, Masonic Charities, Musical Brethren, and Working Officers," speaking in the highest terms of the Past Masters, who had done great things for the lodge; then as to the Secretary, Bro. Flood, P.M., it would be impossible to have a better; he had never seen any one who took so much pains, and the prosperity of the lodge was, in a great measure, due to him, and long might they have the benefit of his services. He thanked the musical brethren for their great services that evening; and in referring to the officers, observed that they were all good, and would go higher with satisfaction to themselves and the lodge, and would keep it well to the front; and he joined with this toast the names of Bros. R. S. Taylor, P.M.; Fredk. Flood, P.M., Sec.; H. J. Macfarlane, P.M., Treas.; and J. A. Chalk, J.W.

Bro. R. S. Taylor, P.M., in response, said that during the time he had been a member he had tried to do his best for the lodge, and in passing through the chair he left it without the lodge being in a worse position, but those who followed him had gone better. He had the honour of knowing the late Lord Lathom personally for 39 years, and a better Mason never lived.

Bro. H. J. Macfarlane, P.M., Treas., said that he was always glad to do anything for the lodge, and he appreciated the honour of having been elected Treasurer.

Bro. Fredk. Flood, P.M., Sec., also acknowledged the toast, which he did in eloquent terms, and his remarks were received with much applause.

Bros. C. H. Howlett, P.M.; J. A. Chalk, J.W.; and J. Sinclair, I.G., also responded in glowing terms, and the Tyler's toast brought to a close a highly satisfactory and very happy meeting.

The excellent programme of music was under the able direction of Bro. W. H. Shiner, assisted by the following well-known artists: Miss Susetta Fenn, who received a well-deserved encore for each of her songs, and her sweet and exquisite singing was much appreciated by the large gathering; Bros. Trefelyn David, Lewis Vincent, and J. J. Kern. Bro. Augustus Troop ably presided at the pianoforte.

Guildhall School of Music Lodge, No. 2454.

The installation meeting of this lodge was held at the Holborn Restaurant on Monday, the 12th inst. There were present: Bros. W. H. Cummings, W.M.; W. J. Buton, S.W.; W. H. Wheeler, J.W., W.M. elect; Hy. Guy, I.P.M.; W. Morrow, P.M., Treas.; G. F. Smith, P.M., Sec.; Syckelmore, S.D.; D. Beardwell, J.D.; W. Rogers, I.G.; Hastings Miller, P.M., D. of C.; W. J. Batho, Org.; A. E. Roworth, Std.; W. H. Patrick, Tyler; Sir J. B. Monckton, P.G.W., hon. member; Hy. Gadsby, P.M.; W. H. Thomas, P.M.; R. Clowes, P.M.; G. H. Dawson, C. H. L. Brook, H. Carter, J. R. Busby, H. Turpenney, M. Borrell, B. W. Kenyon, G. Fortcan, H. E. Cummings, A. A. Lanes, H. G. Gordon, E. B. Skeet, H. J. Gerdon, E. A. H. Hinchliff, R. J. Trigg, J. R. Webbe, A. Rimo, E. Preston, H. J. Swindles, H. Simmons, Walter Wells, and David Strong. Visitors: Bros. J. H. Jenks, S.W. 8; D. C. Wright, 357; J. Welford, P.M. 733; Prof. F. W. Driver, M.A., P.M. 45; R. G. Merrill, S.W. 1708; J. T. Hawkins, P.M. 25; T. A. Griddage, P.M. 1708; Dr. Mortimer McIntosh, 2266; H. Hill, P.M. 1305; E. W. Dickson, 1549; J. L. Barrett, P.M. 1201 and 2369; W. T. Neal, 409; F. A. Zeppenfeld, H. W. Bates, W.M., P.G.S.; F. J. Perks, P.M., Sec. 1507; E. Pugh, I.P.M. 2505; W. Windsor, 1693; and W. H. Pocklington, P.M. 1288.

The minutes of the last regular meeting were read and confirmed. The Auditors' report was received, adopted, and ordered to be entered on the minutes. The W.M. elect was presented by the W.M. to Bro. Sir John Monckton, P.G.W., who installed him as W.M. Bro. Cummings was invested as I.P.M. by the W.M., who was saluted by the Installed Masters, of whom 25 were present. The W.M. invested his officers: Bros. Syckelmore, S.W.; Beardwell, J.W.; Morrow, P.M., Treas.; G. Smith, P.M., Sec.; John Rogers, P.M., S.D.; John Batho, J.D.; Roworth, I.G.; Hastings Miller, P.M., D. of C.; Rimo, Org.; Busby and Kenyon, Stdws.; and Patrick, Tyler. The Installing Master gave the three addresses in an impressive manner. The W.M. presented to the I.P.M. a Past Master's jewel, voted to him by the lodge at their last meeting. The I.P.M. then returned thanks in a few appropriate phrases. Two candidates were proposed for the next meeting. A vote of thanks was unanimously passed to Bro. Sir John Monckton for his eminent services as Installing Master. Sir John returned thanks. The correspondence was read by the Secretary.

The lodge was closed.

At the conclusion of the well-served banquet in the Caledonian Saloon, the customary toasts were submitted and duly honoured.

"Non nobis Domine" being previously sung by the brethren,

"The Queen and the Craft" was drunk.

The National Anthem was sung by Miss Amy Sargent.

"The Health of the M.W.G.M., H.R.H. the Prince of Wales," was then given by the W.M.

Bro. E. Triggs sang "God bless the Prince of Wales."

In giving the toast of "The Grand Officers, Present and Past," the W.M. feelingly alluded to the great loss the Craft had sustained in the death of the Earl of Lathom.

Song, "Loving smile of sister kind," by Bro. Herbert Simmons.

Bro. Hastings Miller replied on behalf of the Grand Officers

The I.P.M. gave "The Health of the W.M." in warm and glowing terms. He stated that up to the present time the chair had been filled in succession by the Professors of the School, that they had a new departure that evening which he fully believed would bear the lodge on a fresh tide of prosperity.

Song, "The Swallows," by Miss Amy Sargent.

The W.M. replied, thanking the brethren for the hearty reception of the toast. He said he was the first student who had attained to the chair of the lodge. He assured them that their interests would not suffer at his hands.

Violin solo by Bro. Rowarth.

The W.M. gave "The Health of the Installing Master," and sincerely regretted that an important engagement had prevented Sir John Monckton from being present at the banquet.

Song, "I'll sing thee songs of Araby," by Bro. H. Turpenney.

"The Visitors" was then given.

Bros. Hill, Syckelmore, and Overed replied.

Song, "The Yeoman's Wedding," by Bro. M. Boswell.

"The Past Masters" having been toasted, Bros. Cummings, Thomas, Hastings Miller, Gadsby, and Smith replied.

Song, "Sunshine and rain," by Miss Lillian Close.

"The Health of the Treasurer and Secretary" was then drunk.

Violincello Madrigal and Allegro Perpetuo by Mr. Arthur D. Strong.

The Treasurer and Secretary replied respectively.

"The Masonic Charities" was next given.

Song, "I would I were a king," by Bro. Abel Hustler.

The Secretary replied on behalf of the Charities.

"The Officers" followed.

Song, "Thy Thone," by the composer, Bro. R. Triggs.

The S.W. replied.

The Tyler's toast concluded the entertainment.

Instruction.

STAR CHAPTER, No. 1275.

A meeting was held on Friday, the 9th inst., at the Stirling Castle Hotel, Church-street, Camberwell, S.E. Present: Comps. Wm. Dawson, M.E.Z.; J. H. Cureton, H.; G. H. Lewis, J.; C. H. Stone, P.Z., Scribe E.; C. Plant, Scribe N.; J. A. Braik, P.S.; Garner, and Frampton.

The minutes of the previous convocation were read and confirmed. The ceremony of exaltation was rehearsed, Comp. P. H. Garner personating the candidate. Comp. J. H. Cureton, P.Z., was elected M.E.Z. for to-day (Friday). Comp. Wm. Dawson installed Comp. G. H. Lewis into the chair of J., for which he had hearty thanks, and the chapter was closed.

ISLINGTON LODGE, No. 1471.

A meeting was held on the 13th inst., at the Cock Tavern, Highbury, when there were present Bros. C. C. Renaud, W.M.; C. Isler, S.W.; S. Cload, J.W.; W. Hancock, P.M., Preceptor; J. Petch, P.M., P.P.G.S.B. Herts, Treas.; C. M. Coxon, P.M., P.P.G.D. Herts, and J. Duncan, P.M., Secs.; A. F. Hardyment, S.D.; and others.

The lodge was opened, and the minutes read and confirmed. The ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, Bro. Ewings being the candidate. The W.M. vacated the chair in favour of Bro. J. H. Whadcoat, P.M., Prov. S.G.W. Dorset (late Mayor of Poole), who gave a very interesting address on points of working in provincial and Irish lodges. He then rehearsed the ceremony of raising, Bro. Fulbrook being the candidate. Bro. Whadcoat, an old member of the lodge of instruction, delighted the brethren by a perfect working of the ceremony, and a hearty vote of thanks was accorded him by the brethren. Bro. Isler was elected W.M. for the ensuing week, and appointed his officers in rotation. The lodge was then closed.

BRONDESBURY LODGE, No. 2698.

A meeting of this lodge was held on Monday, the 5th inst, at the Earl Derby (Bro. W. G. Coxen's), High-road, Kilburn. Present: Bros. J. Gawthrop, W.M.; Batchelor, S.W.; Oldrey, P.M., J.W.; Hardyment, Preceptor; Campbell, P.M., Treasurer; Willsmer, Sec.; Knowles, S.D.; Curtis, J.D.; Wheeler, I.G.; Spiegel, Smith, Clemens, Battrums, Palmer, G. Coxen, W. G. Coxen, Matthews, Leavers, Horstead, Davis, Fraser, Hawdon, Hammerton, Sexton, Liddall, P.M., and others.

The lodge was opened in the Second Degree, when the ceremony of passing was rehearsed, Bro. Hammerton being candidate. The lodge resumed to the First Degree. The ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, Bro. Matthews acting as candidate. The W.M. delivered the ancient charge. Bros. Hammerton and Alsop were accepted as joining members. Bro. Batchelor having been elected W.M. for the next meeting, the lodge was closed.

Our Portrait Gallery.

BRO. THOMAS GAUKROGER HOWELL.

Bro. Thomas Gaukroger Howell, W.M. 1102, whose portrait heads this notice, was initiated in the Savile Lodge, No. 1231, in 1892, and joined that of Mirfield in the following year. Commencing as I.G., Bro. Howell passed step by step through all the offices, and has now met with the reward due to industry and merit by being placed in the chair of his lodge on the 9th instant. Particulars of his installation will be found in another column. In due course Bro. Howell joined the Royal Arch, and at present fills the office of S.N. in Ryburn Chapter, No. 1283. He has passed the chair in the Truth, No. 137, and Eland, No. 493, Mark Lodges, and is a Past Grand Deacon of the Province. He is also a member



of the Hope Preceptory and the R.A. Mariners. Bro. Howell has distinguished himself by his munificent donations to the Masonic Institutions. Of the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys, Bro. Howell is a Vice-Patron; to that of the Girls he has three times served Stewardships, and has sent in his name for 1899, whilst of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution he is a Vice-President, and has six times gone up as Steward. He is a Life Member of the West Yorkshire Craft Charity Committee, and has subscribed 10 guineas to the local Benevolent and Educational Institution of the province. Of the Mark Benevolent he is also a Vice-Patron. Such a record is not often shown by a brother whose Masonic career does not extend over seven years, and is an evidence of the spirit with which Bro. Howell has entered into Freemasonry. It also shows a kindly disposition, and a sympathy with those in need which cannot be too highly commended. We trust Bro. Howell's life of usefulness may long be continued, and that he may enjoy to the full that happiness which must follow upon good deeds done.

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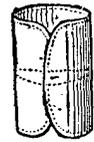
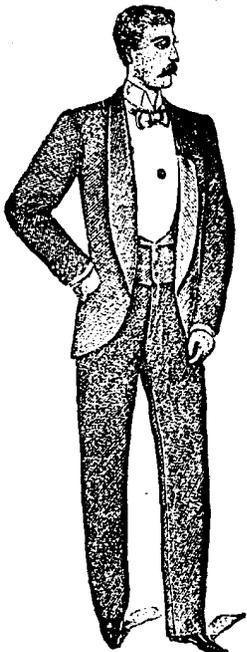
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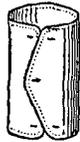
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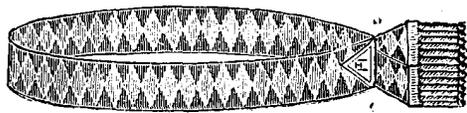
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No. 1 12/6 No. 2 9/- No. 3 7/6



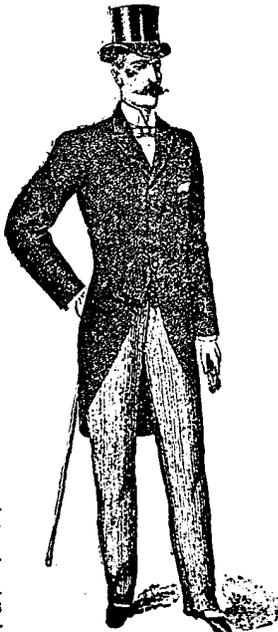
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1 Lenses, diameter of object glasses, 1 in. ... 5s. 6d.
Ditto, 6 lenses ... 9s. 6d.
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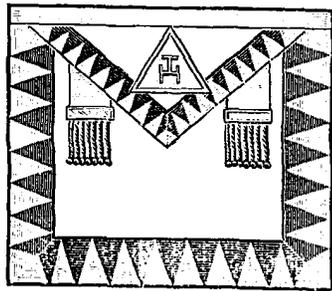
Made in Vicunas, Black Cheviot, Thin Meltons, and Fine Worsteds.
35/- 40/- 45/- 50/- 55/-
60/- 70/-

These can be made with Prussian Collar, which buttons close up to neck.

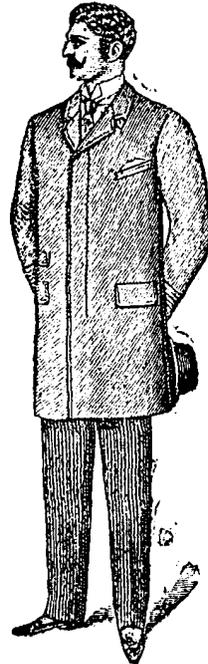


MORNING COAT.

Serges, Pilots, Worsteds, Tweeds, Cheviots, 33/- 36/- 40/- 45/-



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No. 1 15/6 No. 2 13/6 No. 3 12/6
Apron Cases, 2/6, 2/9, 3/-



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Patent Court Shoes, 4 11, 5/9
Silk Lined 8-3
Postage 4d.

EVENING DRESS SUITS

Made in Cashmeres, Elastic Twills, and West of England Superfines.
Superfine, Suit complete, 60 - 70 & 84 - 100 -
Coat and Vest ... 45/- 52/- 60/- 75/-
West of England Doeskin
Trousers to match, 15/- 18/6 25/- 25/-
Black Cashmere, Suit complete ... 50 - 55 - 63 & 67 & 72 & 80 - 95 -
Trousers of same, 13 - 14/6 16/6 17/6 18/6 20 - 25/-

SPECIAL LINE.

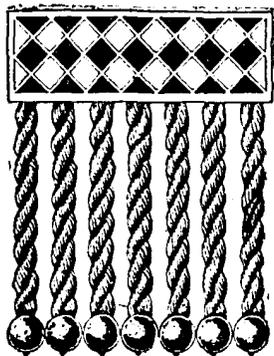
The 'JP' DRESS SUIT, 60 -
Silk Facing to Coat, 5 - and 7/6 extra.
Coat lined through, Silk or Satin, 18/6 extra



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This sketch, illustrating my 'TRADE MARK', appeared as a free advertisement in *Funny Folks*, on September 27th, 1891.

WALKING SUIT

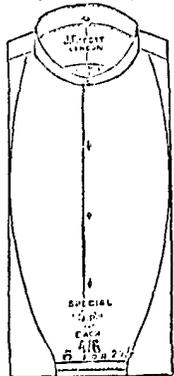
Made in Scotch and Irish Cheviots, Homespuns and Tweeds, in Plain & Fancy Colors.
25/6, 31/6, 40/-, 45/-



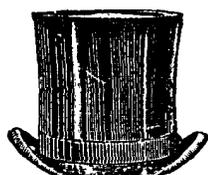
Registered Pattern Tassels for M. M. Aprons. Price 10/6 pair.

The 'JP' Shirt.

(REGISTERED).



The great advantage of this Shirt, consists in its perfect fit and comfort to the wearer. I pay special attention to the workmanship, also to the selection of materials, to ensure durability. 1-fold Linen Cuffs and Fronts. Can be had either open in front or open behind.
Price 4/6 each. Postage 3d.

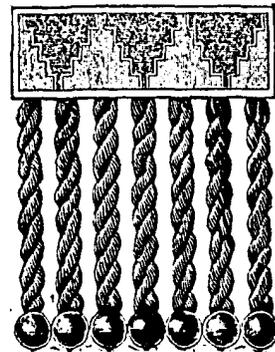


KIMBERLEY
The 'JP' Noted Special Quality, 11/6. Also in qualities—7/6, 9/6, 13/6, 15/6.

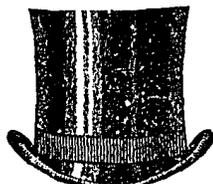


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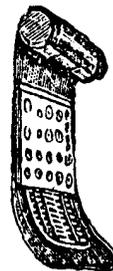


Registered Pattern Tassels for R.A. Aprons. Price 12/6 pair.



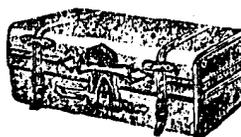
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GEORGE KENNING AND SON'S Manufactory and Show Rooms, 1, 2, 3, 3A, 3B, 4, Little Britain, 195, 196, and 197, Aldersgate-street, E.C., will be closed on Monday and Tuesday, the 26th and 27th inst.

BRO. THE EARL OF FEVERSHAM has left town for Duncombe Park, Helmsley, York.

BRO. THE DUKE AND DUCHESS OF PORTLAND left London on Monday afternoon for Welbeck.

BRO. ARCHDEACON SINCLAIR occupied the pulpit of the Chapel Royal, St. James's, on Sunday morning.

BRO. THE DUKE AND DUCHESS OF MARLBOROUGH have gone to Blenheim Palace for Christmastide.

THE ANNUAL BALL of the Cripplegate Lodge, No. 1613, will be held on Tuesday, 17th prox., at the King's Hall of the Holborn Restaurant.

BRO. THE MARQUIS OF GRANBY left King's Cross on Tuesday for Belvoir Castle. It was the birthday of his father, the Duke of Rutland, who entered on his 81st year.

H.R.H. THE PRINCE OF WALES has again graciously sent 30 pheasants to the Royal Eye Hospital, Southwark, S.E., for the use of the poor in-patients, to whose diet it will make an acceptable change.

ON SATURDAY LAST, after the marriage of Lady Isobel Stanley, and the Hon. F. Gathorne-Hardy, Bro. the Duke and Duchess of Devonshire left town for Chatsworth, where they have been entertaining a large shooting party this week.

H.R.H. PRINCESS HENRY OF BATTENBERG, attended by her suite, honoured Mr. and Mrs. Henry White with her company to luncheon at Wilton Park, Beaconsfield, on Saturday last. Her Royal Highness returned to Windsor Castle during the afternoon.

PRINCESS LOUISE, Marchioness of Lorne, accompanied by the Marquis of Lorne, attended a meeting at Grosvenor House on Monday morning, at which the scheme was explained for rebuilding the Victoria Hospital for Children, of which Her Royal Highness is patron.

PRINCESS CHRISTIAN, with Baroness von Egloffstein and Major Evan Martin in attendance, visited Brixton on Tuesday with the double purpose of laying the memorial stone of the new building for the congregation of Christ Church and of opening a bazaar to meet the cost.

T.R.H. THE PRINCE AND PRINCESS OF WALES, accompanied by Princess Victoria of Wales, arrived at Marlborough House on Monday afternoon from Sandringham, and thence proceeded to Windsor Castle on a visit to the Queen. Miss Knollys and Commander the Hon. Seymour Fortescue were in attendance.

ACETYLENE GAS.—The Acetylene Gas, Light, Power, and Calcium Carbide Company, have just acquired the manufacturing premises in High-street, Homerton, formerly occupied by the Xylonite Company. These fine premises are in every way exactly adapted for the carrying on of this new and rapidly growing industry.

HER MAJESTY leaves Windsor Castle to-day (Friday), accompanied by the Empress Frederic and Princess Henry of Battenberg, for Osborne, where the Queen and Court will spend Christmas. The Royal special train will run direct from Windsor to the private station at the Clarence Victualling Yard, Gosport, where Admiral Sir Michael Culme-Seymour and Major-General Stewart will be in waiting. During the Queen's absence from Windsor the State apartments will be open every day, except Wednesdays, on and after the 22nd inst.

H.R.H. PRINCESS HENRY OF BATTENBERG visited Reading on Tuesday, the object being to open a bazaar in the Town Hall in aid of the Church of England Waifs' and Strays' Society, which is doing so much good work. Her Royal Highness was received at the station by the Mayor of Reading, Mr. W. G. Wellman (High Sheriff of Berkshire), Bro. C. E. Keyser, together with Mrs. Keyser and Miss Keyser, the latter of whom handed the Princess a lovely bouquet; Bro. Hermon Hodge, M.P.; Mr. G. W. Palmer, M.P.; Mr. G. H. Morrell, M.P.; Bro. W. G. Mount, M.P.; Mr. Henry Day, Town Clerk, and many other prominent members of the municipality.

UNDER THE presidency of the Lord Mayor (Bro. Sir J. V. Moore), the constituents of the Hospital Sunday Fund met at the Mansion House to close the business for the present year. It was stated that the amount collected this year was £40,397 2s. 10d., and the Bishop of Stepney made a suggestion, which was very readily received, to the effect that, as £952,000 was the total sum which had been collected through the medium of the Fund since its establishment, a big effort should be made next year to bring it up to a round million sterling. This, the Bishop pointed out, meant only the collection of an extra £7000 over the total secured this year.

GREETING CARDS.—Now that Christmas is so nearly come, and the New Year is approaching very rapidly, it is well to remember that Bro. George Kenning has very successfully catered for the Masonic Fraternity as respects the greeting of friends and brethren during the festive season. Some of the cards are very appropriate and artistic and others can be specially arranged to suit the needs and fancies of particular brethren, so that the varieties may be classed under *general* or *special*; all being of a Masonic character and effective. A representation of the P.M.'s jewel in two colours and arranged inside, in book form as required, is good, but one of the best is complete in one folded card, having on the outside of the flap the three columns or orders, in silver, with the square and compasses resting on a Masonic floor cloth in black and white. A dozen varieties can be had *post free* for 3s. 6d., or 18 for 5s., direct from 16, Great Queen-street, London.

THE WORK AT ST. PAUL'S.—Few persons probably are aware of the large number of services that are held during the year at St. Paul's Cathedral. According, however, to a statement made a few days ago by Bro. Archdeacon Sinclair it is impossible to put the sacred edifice to better or more frequent use than at the present time. Hundreds of people visit the church daily, while no fewer than 800 persons always attend the service on Saturday afternoons. At the daily services there are always 100 people present at 10 o'clock in the morning, and 400 at four o'clock in the afternoon. On Sunday the morning service is attended by 2500 persons, the afternoon service by between 1500 and 2000, and the evening service by 4000. During last year 92 special services were held, many of them being on a very large scale. Neither clergy nor vergers, says the Archdeacon, could do more than they do now. The Dean has to control four canons, 30 prebenders, seven minor canons, two organists, two schoolmasters, 18 choirmen, 40 choirboys, 12 vergers, and 30 workmen. The strength of the Cathedral work lays, the Archdeacon asserts, in the personality of deans and canons, who should be carefully selected for the labours that have to be undertaken.

UNDER the presidency of the Duke of Westminster, the Executive Committee of the National Memorial to Mr. Gladstone met on Monday.

BRO. THE EARL AND COUNTESS OF WARWICK have returned to Warwick Castle, where they will remain in residence for the winter.

THE AMOUNT OF subscriptions received or promised towards the national memorial to Mr. Gladstone is £21,985.

THE MERCHANT TAYLORS' COMPANY have voted 10 guineas to Bro. Alderman Treloar's fund for the entertainment of crippled children at Guildhall.

THE EMPRESS FREDERIC left Sandringham on Monday morning, on the conclusion of her visit to their Royal Highnesses the Prince and Princess of Wales, and came to London, *via* Cambridge. Later in the day her Imperial Majesty and suite went to Windsor.

BRO ALDERMAN SIR HORATIO DAVID DAVIES, M.P., visited Windsor last Saturday in order to receive from her Majesty the honour of knighthood, and to be invested with the insignia of a Knight Commander of the Most Distinguished Order of St. Michael and St. George.

MOURNING ROSETTES, in two qualities, can be obtained at Bros. George Kenning and Son, 1, 2, 3, 3A, 3B, and 4, Little Britain, 195, 196, and 197, Aldersgate-street, and 16, Great Queen-street, London; 47, Bridge-street, Manchester; 23, Williamson-street, Liverpool; and 9, West Howard-street, Glasgow. No. 1—per set of three—1s. 6d.; No. 2—per set of three—1s.—ADVT.

THE GREAT NORTHERN RAILWAY COMPANY announce that on Friday night, December 23rd (for four, five, and eight days), and Friday night, December 30th (for four and eight days), cheap excursions will leave London (Woolwich Arsenal and Dockyard, Greenwich (S.E.), Victoria (L.C. and D.), Ludgate Hill, Moorgate, Aldersgate, Farringdon, King's Cross (G.N.), &c.), for Northallerton, Darlington, Richmond, Durham, Newcastle, Alnwick, Berwick, Edinburgh, Glasgow, Helensburgh, Dumbarton, Stirling, Perth, Dundee, Dalmally, Oban, Fort William, Montrose, Aberdeen, Inverness, and other stations in Scotland. Passengers by the excursions on 23rd return on Monday, 26th, Tuesday, 27th, or Friday, 30th December, and those by the excursion on 30th December return on Monday, 2nd, or Friday, 6th January, according to period of ticket taken. Tickets at a single fare for the double journey will also be issued by above excursions to places named, available for return by one fixed train on any day within 16 days, including days of issue and return. For further particulars see advertisement column.

THE GREAT WESTERN RAILWAY COMPANY issue tickets at their principal City and West-end offices, and this arrangement cannot fail to be a boon to those travellers who desire to avoid the trouble of obtaining tickets at a crowded railway station, particularly at holiday times, and the booking office at Paddington Station will be open all day for the issue of tickets on December 19th, 20th, 21st, 22nd, 23rd, and 24th. Ordinary tickets obtained in London between December 19th and 24th will be available for use on any day between and including those days. Cheap third class tickets at reduced fares will be issued at Paddington, Clapham Junction, Victoria (L.C. and D.), Kensington (Addison-road), Hammersmith, &c., to Bath, Bristol, Taunton, Barnstaple, Ilfracombe, Exeter, Torquay, Plymouth, Falmouth, Penzance, Yeovil, Dorchester, Weymouth, Guernsey, Jersey, &c.; similar tickets will also be issued from those districts to London (except the Channel Islands). For further particulars see advertisement columns. In order to meet the extraordinary demands upon the company's resources occasioned by the enormous parcel traffic despatched both from and to London at Christmas time, special fast trains, carrying parcels only, and calling at the principal intermediate stations will run between London and Plymouth, Birkenhead, Worcester, and New Milford.

THE MIDLAND RAILWAY COMPANY.—On Christmas Eve the pressure of traffic will be relieved by the running of duplicate trains from St. Pancras as circumstances may require. On Monday, December 26th, and on January 2nd, certain booked trains will be discontinued, of which due notice will be given by special bills at the stations. Early issue of tickets.—The Midland Railway Company, to prevent inconvenience and crowding, have arranged for the booking offices at St. Pancras and Moorgate-street stations to be open for the issue of tickets all day on Thursday, Friday, and Saturday, December 22nd, 23rd, and 24th, and tickets to all principal stations on the Midland Railway can be obtained beforehand at the Midland Railway Company's City and Suburban Offices. For further particulars see advertisement column. In connection with the Christmas and New Year traffic the Midland Railway Company will make special arrangements for the collection, quick transit, and prompt delivery of Christmas parcels in all the chief towns on their system, and for their conveyance at the reduced fares. Through vans will be attached to the principal express and mail trains to accommodate the exceptional parcels traffic concomitant upon the Christmas season, and which, in view of the recent reduction in the rates, applicable to both English and Scotch towns (now, in some cases, less, and in no instance higher than the Parcels Post rates), will no doubt be much heavier than usual. As a timely reminder to many sending parcels at the "owner's risk" rates, such as game, poultry, tobacco, cakes, cheese, &c., the Midland Company announce that the minima as to weight formerly applied to this class of traffic has been abolished as from December 1st, and the charges are now based upon the actual weight of the packages.

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