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FREEMASONRY IN WEST YORKSHIRE.

There is, invariably, some interesting or instructive information to be gleaned from the reports of the different Provincial gatherings in West Yorkshire, and that of the recent half-yearly meeting of the Prov. Grand Lodge at Bradford is no exception to the rule. The presiding officer—who on this occasion was Bro. RICHARD WILSON, P.G.D., the respected Dep. P.G.M.—always has a something to lay before the brethren, be it in the nature of an exhortation to greater efforts on their part to strengthen the Craft in this or that direction, or to some special effort in order to meet some pressing emergency. Or, if the meeting takes place in a city or town, which is recognised as one of the great strongholds of Freemasonry—and several such places are to be found in this Province—it may suit his purpose better to dilate on the services of former generations of Craftsmen, with the idea of stimulating the present to emulate their work, or, as in this case, of commending them for the continued excellence of their service. At Bradford, as may well be imagined, there was no lack of material that would satisfy all and every of these conditions, and a mere glance at Bro. WILSON'S address will serve to show that he undoubtedly made the most of his opportunities. But, in addition, there devolved upon him the very agreeable duty of presenting a most worthy officer of the Prov. Grand Lodge with a token of the respect in which he is held by the brethren of the Province, and in recognition of the many and valuable services he has rendered during a long term of years. Bro. Major HERBERT GREEN is one of the most prominent figures in West Yorkshire Masonry. As Prov. G. Secretary he has been long known far and wide, not only among those with whom he is officially connected, but likewise among the whole body of English Craftsmen, who cannot be otherwise than familiar with the name of a leading executive officer of so strong a Province, and the manner in which he has performed his duties. Thus no surprise was felt when it became known that, on the occasion of his installation as M.W. Grand Master his Royal Highness the Duke of CONNAUGHT had included Bro. GREEN among the brethren on whom he was pleased to confer brevet rank as Past Grand Officers of England. Everyone realised that Bro. GREEN was worthy of the distinction conferred upon him, and at Bradford his West Yorkshire brethren went still further, and by way of showing their sense of the honour done to one of their most trusted and experienced officers, presented him with the clothing of his rank as Past Grand Officer in Craft and Royal Arch Masonry. We congratulate Bro. GREEN on being the recipient

of such a testimonial, more especially as all the lodges in the Province took part in the subscription.

The report of the Charity Committee of the Province was presented by the Vice-Chairman (Bro. H. S. CHILDE) in the absence through illness of the Chairman (Bro. BLACKBURN), and, as usual, the Committee had the satisfaction of announcing that their efforts during the past six months in behalf of the candidates for the Schools, had been successful. Bro. CHILDE, however, took the opportunity of impressing upon the brethren that the task which awaited the Committee in respect of the School and Benevolent elections in April and May of next year was the hardest they had as yet had to cope with, and he trusted the members would spare no efforts to enable them to secure the success of the West Yorkshire candidates.

One other subject engaged the attention of the meeting but no decision was possible under the circumstances. At the previous meeting of Provincial Grand Lodge at Dewsbury, Bro. J. T. LAST, P.M., P. Prov. G. Reg., gave notice of his intention to move certain resolutions relating to the mode now in force of electing the Grand Treasurer of United Grand Lodge. Unfortunately, he omitted to comply with one of the Bye-laws of Provincial Grand Lodge requiring that 14 days' notice should be given of the terms of the resolution. There is no doubt that a change in the mode of election to this office is desirable, that is, if Grand Lodge wishes to free itself from the turmoil and excitement which attend the March Communications, whenever two or more brethren offer themselves as candidates for the office, and there is the likelihood of a severe contest. The plan which Bro. LAST appears to favour is to substitute proxy for personal voting, and thereby save brethren—and more especially those living in the more distant Provinces—the expense and inconvenience of attending Grand Lodge and personally recording their votes. This would entail a very serious amount of additional labour on the part of the Grand Secretary and his staff, and a considerable outlay on the part of Grand Lodge. It would cost a goodly sum to send out voting papers to the 30,000 brethren, who, as Masters, Wardens, and Past Masters, have the *entrée* to Grand Lodge, and are entitled to take part in its proceedings, and Grand Lodge—to use a familiar expression—might not think the game worth the candle. But the question is one which cannot be discussed offhand, and, as Bro. LAST'S resolutions cannot be submitted to the Provincial Grand Lodge of W. Yorkshire for the next six months, we feel inclined to wait in the hope and belief that in the multitude of counsellors there will be found the usual amount of wisdom.

THE FIELD LANE INSTITUTION.

This Institution—which is better known as the Field Lane Refuge and Ragged Schools—was founded in the year 1841, and, considering the difficulties that it has had to contend with, and the vast amount of energy and resources that have had to be displayed, it seems simply wonderful that it should be in the position it is at the present moment.

Now, a word as to the work done by the Institution. It comprises Refuges, Crèche, Mothers' Meetings, Ragged Church Services, &c., and certainly one of the greatest of these, and which appeals very strongly to us—is the Crèche. What a blessing it is to a poor woman, who has one or two young children, to be able to go out to do her day's labours and to feel confident that her little ones are safe and in good hands. Labouring, as the Society does, in the heart of one of the very poorest

districts of London, the amount of relief it affords to these poor people is very remarkable. Every day food is distributed, which comprises the broken and other food left over by the employes of certain City firms, and is collected daily. Again, there are the Mothers' Meetings held weekly, and which are very popular, and attended largely. The Boys' and Girls' Certified Homes, which are situated at Hampstead, Girls' Sewing Classes, Youths' Institute, &c., all of which are energetically attended, and worked by the Institution.

We will now look to the financial side of the question. At the last annual meeting it was shown that the expenditure over the income was £509, and that the Institution was in debt to their bankers to the extent of £1000. This should not be, and we would earnestly appeal to our readers to generously meet their urgent efforts in reducing the amount, and placing them in the position they should be, viz., free of debt. Such an Institution as this cannot fail to strike one of the earnest endeavours to meet the continued strain put upon it by the increased applications of the poor people of the district in which it labours, and we do not think we are appealing in vain in doing so.

Any contributions, donations, &c., however small, will be gratefully acknowledged by the Secretary, Mr. Peregrine Platt, who, by the way, has been connected with the Society 28 years, and who will also gladly send a report to anyone applying to him for the same, to the Field Lane Institution, Vine-street, Clerkenwell.

CONSECRATION OF THE BRIDGE TRUST LODGE, No. 2878.

The consecration of the above lodge took place on Wednesday, the 13th instant, at the Grammar School, Grove-lane, Handsworth. There was a large and influential muster of brethren, especially of Installed Masters and Wardens, to do honour to the occasion, and to support the Earl of Dartmouth, Prov. Grand Master, in the consecration ceremony. With the constitution of this lodge, there are now 36 lodges in the Province of Staffordshire, five of which—viz., Lewisham (Smethwick), Foster Gough (Stafford), Legge (West Bromwich), Victoria (Wolverhampton), and now the Bridge Trust—have been consecrated during the Prov. Grand Mastership of Lord Dartmouth, who was installed in 1894, at Wolverhampton, by the late Right Hon. the Earl of Lathom, M.W. Pro G.M., in the presence of the largest gathering of Freemasons that has ever taken place in Staffordshire. The name—Bridge Trust—is a peculiar but popular one, the idea being to form a lodge in connection with a foundation round which cling many cherished memories bearing the name of a Charity, the origin of which is lost in obscurity and may, therefore, with but little stretch of imagination be claimed as from "Time Immemorial." In the long ago a gentleman in Handsworth left "certain messuages, land, and hereditaments, the rents and profits of which were to be employed towards the repairing and maintaining of bridges within the parish as need should require; and, if it should happen that there should be any overplus of the rent, then the same should be employed and bestowed on some good and charitable uses within the parish of Handsworth." In later years, owing to changed conditions, the Trust money accumulated, and through the Charity Commissioners the Fund was devoted to purposes of education in Handsworth and the School, at first called *Bridge Trust*, is now the Handsworth Grammar School.

The new lodge comprises present and past Governors, Masters, and pupils, and members of their families, the names of the founders, in alphabetical order, being as follows: Bros. A. J. Abrahall, 794; William Allman, 482; C. J. Chapman, 1031; T. E. Forsyth, 482; F. H. Goffe, 887; S. J. Holliday, 2784; Frank Hughes, 482; G. H. C. Hughes, 1260; G. H. Johnstone, 74; W. H. Kendrick, 2582; W. H. Keys, 662; Henry Loveridge, 482; Bedford McNeill, 2127; J. H. Pearson, 347; Harry Richardson, 2395; F. E. Spencer, 1031; W. H. Welshman, 141; Robert Whitehill, 482; and F. W. Willmore, 539. The names inserted in the warrant are Bros. Frank Hughes, W.M. designate; W. H. Kendrick, S.W.; Henry Loveridge, J.W.; Stephen James Holliday, George Hope Johnstone, Joseph Hickman Pearson, and William Henry Welshman.

The Prov. G. Master was assisted as Consecrating Officer by Bros. Colonel Walker, P.G.S.B. Eng., Dep. Prov. G. Master; G. C. Kent, P.A.G.D.C., P.S.G.W., as S.W.; James Stone, P.J.G.W., as J.W.; the Rev. W. Solly, P.G. Chap., as Chap.; J. Dunbar Steen, P.G. Sec., as Sec.; Major Wilkins, P.G.D.C., as D.C.; and Thomas Cooper, P.G.P., as I.G.

There were also present Bros. the Rev. W. C. R. Bedford, G. Chap. Eng.; Thomas Taylor, J.G.D. Eng.; Robert Clay Sudlow, P.A.G.D.C. Eng.; George Betch, P.G. Std. Br. Eng.; D.P.G.M. Warwickshire; J. F. Pepper, P.S.G.W.; W. H. Kendrick, P.P.G.S.B. Worcestershire; Joseph Whitworth, P.S.G.D.; E. Wood, 662, P.P.G.D.C.; the Rev. W. E. Rosedale, P.G. Chap.; E. S. Sumner, P.M. 1060, P.D.G.D.C. Warwickshire; E. Kendall, P.M. 1031, P.A.G.D.C. Warwickshire; J. Mervyn Wood, P.M. 546 and 2487, P.P.G. Reg.; H. A. Frewer, P.M. 2487; W. Baker, P.G. Std.; A. Parker Citer, W.M. 726; Walter N. Landor, W.M. 1941; L. C. Lamsdale, W.M. 482; H. Wilkins, P.M. 606; T. Harris Spencer, P.M. 662, P.P.J.G.W.; J. F. Webster, W.M. 347; A. D. Belcher, W.M. 606; J. Viggars, W.M. 2064; Thomas Small, W.M. 637; J. H. Bamber, S.W. 637; K. Audley, I.P.M. 2214; Herbert Manley, P.J.G.W. Worcestershire; Walter Hamblett, W.M. 2848 P.M. 347, P.G. Std.; W. Lister, P.M. 482, P.P.G. Reg.; G. Wilson, 696, P.P.G.S.B.; P. H. Whitehead, P.M. 482; and E. Booth, I.P.M. 482.

Apologies were announced from Bro. Lord Leigh, Prov. G. Master of Warwickshire (who presented his "Hearty good wishes" for the success of the lodge), Bro. Sir A. F. Godson, Prov. G. Master of Worcestershire; the Grand Secretary, and some 40 others.

At the school excellent arrangements had been made for the ceremony.

Bro. Lord DARTMOUTH having briefly addressed the brethren on the motive of the meeting, the opening prayer by the P.G. Chaplain followed, after which the brethren of the new lodge were arranged in order, and the Prov. Grand Secretary read the warrant or charter of constitution from the Grand Master, H.R.H. the Duke of Connaught, K.G. The warrant was dated October 3rd, 1901. The brethren having formally signified their approval of the officers named in the warrant,

The PROV. GRAND CHAPLAIN delivered the following oration on the nature and principles of Masonry:

Masonry is of such a nature as to appeal not only to a man's inherent desire for the society of his fellows, but in a higher and more worthy sense it also appeals to his reasoning faculty, and *through* that to his intellect. Masonry is a progressive science, and requires the exercise of the intellectual faculty in order to adequately discover the manifold treasures which underlie the grand principles of our noble Institution, therefore progress in Masonry is attained not by completing a certain period of membership, but by making a daily study of its secret arts and hidden mysteries. Ever learning that we may *know*, ever searching that we may *find*, ever pursuing that we may *advance*. Every candidate for initiation is solemnly informed that there is nothing in the nature of Masonry incompatible with his religion. As this undeniable assertion is made *before* admission into the Order, it necessarily implies that the vows of fidelity which he is about to take coincide and are consistent with the religious belief he *already* holds, so that it is only reasonable not merely to *infer*, but *emphatically* state, that it was never intended that the Masonic system should supersede but *supplement* our faith. By studying and acting up to the "natura" of Masonry, we shall attain closer union with the "persona" of our Divine Architect, and by our secret arts and hidden mysteries we shall the better be enabled to unfold the beauties of true godliness. The religion of Masonry is a priceless help in building up the life in God, but the religion of God must not be lost or forgotten in Masonry. The lesser must not be a substitute for the greater; but the greater should embrace and permeate the lesser. This, I take it, is the light in which the nature of our Masonic Order should be viewed and considered. With regard to the purposes of Masonry, they are legion. They embrace everything which tends to make a Mason a *man* worthy of the Creator's love, a shining light in his family circle, an example of considerateness and straight dealing in his commercial avocation, an acceptable addition to any body or society to which he may belong, and a friend to the distressed. These and other kindred virtues are to be acquired by carrying out the purposes of Masonic life. And it is gratifying to realise that there is a further demand for the addition of a new lodge through the medium of which our noble principles and tenets may be infused into the lives of the already existing brotherhood formed in school days. We have met to-day to take part and share in the joy of erecting and consecrating this lodge to the honour and glory of the Great Architect of the Universe, and under the title of "Bridge Trust." May you, my brethren, who are now to be appointed as officers and members continue to act and abide by the ancient usages and customs of the Order! May the Divine blessing ever rest on you, your lodge, and all who in the future may be added to your members! In carrying out the purposes of Masonry, may the world, the Craft in general, and this Bridge Trust Lodge in particular, be all the better; nobler, and the more godly by your membership! May you flourish and prosper, and leave behind you a name, and influence for good, and thus prove to the world the *blessing* of Masonry!

The office of consecration was then proceeded with in accordance with the usual ritual and practice. Solemn music suitable to the occasion, including several anthems and Longfellow's "Psalm of Life," set to the Austrian National Anthem, was introduced under the direction of Bro. Richardson, of Lichfield Cathedral, assisted by Bros. Fredericks, Harrison, and Lamsdale; organist, Bro. A. J. Silver, 482, F.R.C.O. The dedication and constitution followed in order of the proceedings, after which the W.M. designate was presented by the Dep. P.G.M., and was duly installed in an able and impressive manner by Bro. Sudlow, who is so well-known in connection with "Emulation," and has given valuable advice and assistance on many occasions to Staffordshire lodges. The anthem "Be thou faithful unto death" was admirably rendered by Bro. Fredericks.

Bro. Lord DARTMOUTH, before vacating the chair, said when he accepted the invitation to be present that day he forgot that the lady who managed his concerns with a certain amount of dignity and precision had made another engagement for him which it would be necessary for him to attend. He should not like to leave them, however, without taking the opportunity of saying a word of thanks and a word of gratitude to all those who had been concerned in their ceremony that day. They were all glad to welcome in that province Bro. Sudlow, whose name was known world-wide among Masons. He should like also to congratulate the founders upon the satisfactory manner in which they had set the ball of the new lodge rolling. He offered his personal thanks to those who had assisted him in performing the ceremony, and he felt that he could not overlook the very excellent rendering of the music which they had listened to that afternoon. He thought it was seldom that a lodge at its initiation heard the musical portion of the ritual so perfectly rendered. He thanked all the brethren for their presence, and congratulated the officers of the lodge upon the successful ceremony. He wished every success, long life, and prosperity to the youngest lodge in their province.

Prior to his departure the P.G.M. graciously accepted the Hon. Membership of the lodge and a jewel commemorative of the occasion.

The newly-installed W.M. appointed his officers as follows: Bros. S. J. Holliday, P.M. 662, I.P.M.; W. H. Kendrick, P.P.G.S.B. Wor., S.W.; Henry Loveridge, P.M. 482, J.W.; G. H. C. Hughes, Prov. S.G.W. War., Treas.; W. H. Keys, S.W. 2784, Sec.; Harry Richardson, P.P.G. Std. Br. Wor., Charity Representative; F. H. Goffe, S.D. 887, Almoner; F. E. Spencer, S.W. 1031, S.D.; Robert Whitehill, 482, J.D.; William Allman, P.M. 482, D.C.; F. W. Willmore, P.P.J.G.W., and A. J. Abrahall, W.M. 794, Orgs.; T. E. Forsyth, 482, I.G.; C. J. Chapman, 1031, and Bedford McNeill, 2127, Stwds.; and Peter Myatt (Tyler of Dartmouth Lodge, No. 662), Tyler.

After the appointments, the W.M. presented Bros. Sudlow and Col. Walker with founder's jewels, on behalf of the lodge, in token of the appreciation in which their services had been held, and, with Bros. Kent, Stone, the Rev. W. Solly, J. Dunbar Steen, Major Wilkins, and Thos. Cooper, conferred upon them the hon. membership of the lodge.

After the proceedings in lodge, an excellent banquet was served in the gymnasium of the school, which had been specially arranged for the occasion. The W.M., Bro. Frank Hughes, presided, with his Wardens in the vice-chairs.

The usual loyal and Masonic toasts were honoured, and a feature of the dinner, as at the consecration, was the admirable concert given by the Glee Party, the items "Lend me your Aid," "The Wolf," and "Genevieve" calling for special mention.

The W.M. proposed the toast of "His Majesty the King, Protector of the Order."

The toast of "The M.W. Grand Master, H.R.H. the Duke of Connaught, K.G., &c., &c.," was proposed by the W.M.

The W.M., in proposing the toast of "The M.W. Pro G.M., the Right Hon. the Earl of Amherst; the R.W. Dep. G.M., the Right Hon. the Earl of Warwick; and the other officers of Grand Lodge, Present and Past," referred to the long service of the M.W. Pro G.M. as Prov. G.M. of Kent and his work at the recent installation of the M.W.G.M., also to the labours of all Grand Officers in their respective spheres, especially those present that evening.

Bros. BEDFORD, TAYLOR, KENT, and BEECH, responded.

The W.M. in presenting the toast of "The Right Wor. the Provincial Grand Master, the Right Hon. the Earl of Dartmouth," made references to services in various walks of life and to the career of his lordship as a Mason, especially as a Prov. Grand Master, who was ever ready to undertake any work for the good of

the Order, as evidenced by the ceremony of consecration so splendidly performed that day.

The toast of "The W. Dep. Prov. Grand Master, Colonel Walker; and the other Officers of Prov. Grand Lodge, Present and Past," was proposed by Bro. LOVERIDGE, J.W.

Bros. WICKINS and ENOCH WOOD responded.

Bro. KENDRICK proposed the toast of "The Worshipful Master of the Bridge Trust Lodge."

The toast of "The Installing Master" was given by the W.M., who reminded the brethren of the special privilege they had enjoyed that day in having such an Installing Master, and thanked the Installing Master on behalf of everyone present for all his kindness and self-sacrifice. Words failed him to do justice to the toast, and he could say further was he only left to say "More is thy due than more than all can pay."

Bro. ROBERT CLAY SUDLOW, P.A.G.D.C., in reply, assured the brethren that it had been a real pleasure to him to be present and take part in the proceedings. He thanked the brethren for their cordial reception, and expressed his earnest belief that the Bridge Trust Lodge had a bright future before it.

In responding to the toast of "The Visitors," Bro. LAMSDALE, W.M. 482, took the opportunity of assuring the brethren how cordially the mother lodge of St. James welcomed 2878, believing that in a district numbering some 50,000 inhabitants there was ample room for a daughter lodge to flourish. Incidentally he referred to the fact of 14 different lodges figuring in the list of founders, and concluded by wishing Bridge Trust every happiness and prosperity.

Bros. KENDALL and RICHARDSON also responded.

The W.M. proposed "The Masonic Charities," which was responded to by Bro. PEPPER, President S.M.C.A., who expressed the pleasure it gave him when he learned that the lodge intended having a Charity Representative from its very start.

The W.M. then proposed "The Officers of the Lodge," referring to each in turn.

Bros. WHITEHILL and MCNEILL suitably responded.

The Tyler's toast brought an enjoyable evening to a close.

CONSECRATION OF THE EAST GOSCOTE LODGE, No. 2865.

A very large assembly of brethren from all parts of the Province of Leicestershire and Rutland were present in the Village Hall, Syston, near Leicester, on Thursday, the 11th instant, to witness the consecration of the above lodge, the warrant for which was granted by the M.W.G.M. on the 9th of July last.

In the unavoidable and much-regretted absence of Bro. Earl Ferrers, P.G.M., Bro. S. S. Partridge, P.A.G.D.C., D.P.G.M., presided, and in a most able and impressive manner performed the ceremony of consecration. The present officials of Provincial Grand Lodge, all of whom were summoned to attend, very efficiently supported Bro. Partridge, most conspicuous amongst them being Bros. H. Howe, P.G.D.C.; S. Walker Wigg, M.A., P.P.S.G.W., as Asst. Chaplain; R. B. Starkey, P.S.G.W., as S.W.; and G. Bullen, P.J.G.W., as J.W.

A very eloquent and appropriate oration was given by Bro. Rev. T. H. MITCHELL, B.A., Prov. G. Chap. The founders number 22, all of whom were present.

Following immediately the close of the consecration, Bro. H. H. Parry, P.M. 1020, P.P.A.G.D.C. Herefordshire, was installed W.M. by Bro. Partridge, assisted by Bros. W. Tyler, P.G.S.B.; C. Bennion, P.G. Treas.; C. F. Oliver, P.P.G.R.; and H. Howe, P.G.D. of C. The new Wardens are: Bros. E. Holmes, P.M. 279 and 2429, P.P.S.G.W., P.G. Sec., and Rev. G. Chappell, M.A., S.W., and W.M. elect 2431.

The Board of Installed Masters included 60 Past Masters of the province, and no less than 67 Past Masters were present during the ceremony of consecration.

The musical arrangements, in the hands of Bros. J. H. Taylor, Alfred Page, and T. H. McRobie, were a very special feature both of the consecration and installation ceremonies, and gave much pleasure to all present.

The prime movers in the founding of the East Goscote Lodge are Bros. T. Coltmann, P.P.G.R.; Rev. G. Chappell, M.A., W.M. elect 2431; and Herbert Tyler, W.M. elect 1007. The whole of these brethren have done an enormous amount of work, particularly Bro. Tyler, and all are to be most sincerely congratulated on the great success of the inauguration ceremonies.

Five candidates were proposed for initiation, and there seems every probability of the lodge having a successful career.

GENERAL COMMITTEE OF GRAND LODGE AND BOARD OF BENEVOLENCE.

The Quarterly meeting of the General Committee of Grand Lodge was held on Wednesday at Freemasons' Hall, Bro. James Henry Matthews, President of the Board of Benevolence, in the chair. The paper of business for the next Quarterly Communication of December 6th was read to the brethren, and the Board of Benevolence was then opened, Bro. J. H. Matthews, President, in the chair. Bro. D. D. Mercer, Senior Vice-President, and Bro. Henry Garrod, Junior Vice-President, occupied their usual positions. Bros. E. Letchworth, G. Sec.; W. Lake, Asst. G. Sec.; W. Dodd, G. S. Recknell, and H. Sadler, G. Tyler, represented the Grand Secretary's department.

There were also present

Bros. Charles J. R. Tijou, W. Fisher, E. W. Nightingale, James Block, F. W. Hancock, R. W. Ker, Imre Kiralfy, G. M. E. Hamilton, H. Hyde, J. M. McLeod, P.G.S.B., Sec. R.M.I.B.; Thomas Jones, S. J. Notley, S. K. Goldschmidt, Chas. Henry Store, E. W. Pillinger, John Ellenger, Hugh James, John Nixon, James Beard, William E. Poynton, Phil. S. Abraham, Frederick W. Middleditch, Arthur Blenkarn, Henry Jackson, M. Pulvermann, William Pound, George R. Langley, T. H. Annett, Charles H. Randall, H. Warren, A. Williams, J. T. Kinipple, J. A. Formoy, Arthur Powell, Charles Sheppard, Alex. C. A. Higerty, S. C. Kaufman, H. S. Syer, H. W. Hockin, Thomas Tedbury, Sid. W. Fells, A. Moorhead, John Briggs, R. H. Williams, Charles H. Piesse, A. C. Dandridge, H. Massey, George Hearne, Fred Varenji, F. Stützer, Walter E. Dudley, F. J. Childs, J. G. Fender, Edmund J. Mills, S. J. Cowley, Edward Parker, F. Robinson, H. McLachlan, E. Fumagath, Arthur L. Rogers, J. H. Witty, Harry Pont, J. M. Vaughan, W. H. Jeffries, John Howard, George Grant, T. R. Roberts, and R. E. F. Landor.

Bro. D. D. MERCER, S.V.P., before the list of petitioners was proceeded with, said he had the privilege and the pleasure to propose a vote of thanks to Bro. J. H. Matthews, the President of the Board of Benevolence, but considering the large number of cases which were before the Board that night, he would not make a long speech. The meeting was a meeting for business and not for speaking, and he was sure that in dealing with the motion the brethren would be glad that he would not speak long. All the brethren were pleased at having Bro. Matthews for their President, and he hoped that he might have health and strength for many years to preside over the Board. With these few words he would propose "That a hearty vote of thanks be given to Worshipful Brother James Henry Matthews for the very able, kind, and courteous manner in which he has presided over the meetings of this Board during the past twelve months, and that the same be entered on the minutes." (Applause.)

Bro. HENRY GARROD, J.V.P., said he should be very pleased to second the motion the Senior Vice-President had proposed. (Hear, hear.) It was needless for him to add any remarks to what Bro. Mercer had said. He entirely endorsed the observations which had been made, that it was the wish of every member of the Board that the President might have many years of health to preside over them.

The motion was carried unanimously and with hearty applause.

Bro. J. H. MATTHEWS, President, in acknowledging the vote, said: Brothers Senior and Junior Vice-Presidents, I thank you for the very kind terms in which you have proposed and seconded this resolution, but, as you said yourselves, this is a board of working, and not of talking, and, therefore, I shall confine myself to very few words. It is impossible for the President to carry on the working of the Board without he has the assistance of the Senior and Junior Vice-Presidents and all the members of the Board, and, therefore, in passing this resolution you are in a measure patting your own backs. I thank you very much.

The brethren then proceeded with the business, and confirmed £560 which had been recommended for the Grand Master's approval at the October meeting, and which his Royal Highness had sanctioned. There were 42 cases on the new list, which were qualified through lodges in the London district, and at Sidcup, Whitehaven, Birkenhead, Boscombe, Ipswich, Wisbech, Clare, Bishop Auckland, Port Chalmers, Cambridge, Glastonbury, Bridgetown (Barbados), North Walsham, Runcorn, Marple, Truro, Windsor, Oxford, Plymouth, East Molesey, Somerset (Bermuda), Penryn, Coventry, Newark-upon-Trent, Carnarvon, and Ootacamund. Four of these were deferred, and one was dismissed. The remainder were voted a total of £1030. One case was recommended to Grand Lodge for approval of £100, and three of £50 each. Six were recommended for the Grand Master's approval of £40 each, six of £30 each, and one of £25. The remaining gifts were 13 of £20 each, five of £10 each, and one of £5.

Bro. MERCER, S.V.P., at the close of the business, said the number of cases relieved last year were 364, and the amount voted was £8530. In the present year the number of cases relieved was 416, and the amount voted was £10,610.

The Board was then closed.

Scotland.

THE PRECEPTORY OF THE TEMPLE IN GLASGOW.

The annual meeting was held on Thursday, the 14th instant, in the Masonic Hall, Glasgow. Frater Sir Alex. Muir Mackenzie, Bart., of Delfine, the Preceptor, presided. There was a good attendance. Five new aspirants were introduced and installed as Novices, Esquires, and Knights.

The minutes being read, special reference was made to the lamented death of Sir James Buchanan, Bart., who for so long had taken an active part in the Preceptory.

The following office-bearers were elected for the ensuing year:

Frater Sir Alex. Muir Mackenzie, Bart....	... Preceptor.
" R. King Stewart ...	... Past Preceptor.
" James A. Reid ...	... Sub-Preceptor.
" James Boyd ...	... Marischal.
" Robert Sorley ...	... Chancellor.
" R. H. B. Thomson ...	... Almoner.
" F. W. Allan ...	... Secretary.
" R. M. Mann ...	... Treasurer.
" Rev. Principal Story, D.D. ...	... Chaplain.
" Sheriff Mark Davidson ...	... Bauceniffer.
" H. G. Fenton-Newall... ..	... Br. of the Vex. Bel.
" William Bilsland ...	... Chamberlain.
" J. Cunningham Kay ...	... Steward.
" Joseph Hinton ...	... Director of Music.
" Rees Price... ..	... 1st Aide-de-Camp.
" J. Guthrie Smith ...	... 2nd Aide-de-Camp.

On the preceptory being closed, the fratres adjourned to the Windsor Hotel, where a sumptuous banquet was partaken of, the Preceptor being chairman, and Secretary, Croupier.

Craft Masonry.

Pattison Lodge, No. 913.

INSTALLATION OF BRO. J. H. BULL.

The weather on Thursday, the 17th inst., was execrable, but it takes a lot and something more than mere fog and frost to dull the enthusiasm of the "Pattisonians" when a new king is to be throned in their midst; hence the crowd of eminent and plucky brethren who assembled at Freemasons' Hall, Mount Pleasant, Plumstead, on the above-mentioned date to witness or assist at the installation of Bro. J. H. Bull, J.W., W.M. elect, as Master of the above flourishing and important lodge.

The lodge was opened by the W.M., Bro. A. Moore, and, after the usual preliminaries, Bro. R. J. Cook, P.M., P.P.G.R., acting as D.C., presented Bro. Bull to the W.M. for the purpose of receiving at his hands the benefits of installation, and in the presence of a Board of Installed Masters Bro. Bull was installed as W.M., and afterwards invested his officers as follows: Bros. A. Moore, I.P.M.; F. Huxar, S.W.; B.

Hammond, J.W.; Rev. A. Jackson, M.A., P.P.G.C., Chap.; C. Coupland, P.M., P.P.G.W., P.A.G.D.C. Eng.; Treas.; W. Campbell Taylor, P.M., Sec.; Dr. J. Clarke, S.D.; T. J. Nell, J.D.; G. H. Stone, I.G.; R. Cook, P.M., P.P.G.R., D. of C.; F. G. White, H. Vicars, and E. W. Sampson, A.D.Cs.; Sidney Horton, P.M. and P.M. 706, Org.; H. J. Buller, P.M., P.P.G.R., J. M. Kirkman, W. Folkard, R. Bertram, and Nebel, Stwds.; and C. Warren, Tyler. The addresses were then given by Bro. Moore in a careful and earnest delivery, and for the excellent manner in which he had performed the whole ceremony he was awarded a hearty vote of thanks, "the same to be inscribed on the minutes of the lodge." He was also presented with a Past Master's jewel and collar for services rendered the lodge during his year of office, for which he returned thanks.

Bro. C. Coupland, P.M., was re-elected to represent the lodge on the Provincial Charity Committee, and a distressed brother's case having been alluded to, the lodge was closed.

The banquet was held at the Hotel Cecil, and was a very nice affair.

Among the other brethren present were Bros. H. Mason, P.M., P.P.J.G.D.; W. Busbridge, P.M., P.G.D.; Dr. E. Bryceson, P.M.; D. K. Somers, P.M.; J. O. Cook, P.M.; Major J. J. Murphy, P.M.; G. M. Taylor, P.M.; James Farrier, P.M., P.M. 829; J. Turton, P.M., P.M. 615, P.P.S.G.D.; Sydney Horton, P.M.; J. O. Widger, P.M., P.M. 2369; J. Hardy, J. Daniels, A. Tasker, A. Fort, A. D. Capon, W. Wren, J. Hardy, A. Naylor, W. J. Squires, L.C.C., T. Champion, W. Folkard, G. Hill, J. Swaisland, C. Garrard, W. Howes, W. T. Jackson, Littlewood, R. Turrell, G. Lockwood, T. Turton, F. Hutchys, W. Hallam, J. Thompson, W. Lalluyer, W. H. Pryce, G. Denton, P. Paller, W. Chauncey, W. Grafton, T. Quick, E. Hager, A. Hokum, G. Martin, G. Ratz, C. Leylands, Capt. G. Swiss, Jos. Mitchell, W. Smith, and J. Allen, all of the lodge. Among the visitors were Bros. C. Pilcher, A. Wage, and J. Dixon, all of 13; W. Chambers, P.M., G. Nicholls, P.M., P.P.G. Std. Br. Middx., J. Sanderson, P.M., H. Tuffnell, P.M., S. Southgate, P.M., W. Lawson, P.M. and Sec., W. E. Mathews, F. Folkes, S.W., G. Harris, C. E. Perry, P. Stevenson, P. T. Manning, J. Plum, H. Knowles, and H. Throwley, all of 705; Dr. H. Bernays, M.D., P.M., A. Burnett, P.M., L. Webber, J.W., and H. Lancaster, all of 706; G. W. Mitchell, P.M., P.P.G.D.C., and W. Frances, 615; J. Cockrane, S.W., J. Ingle, P.M., and J. Jones, J.W., all of 1536; T. Day, P.M. 1437; J. Wood, W.M. 1973; Draper, P.M. 563; H. Pugh, P.M. 1763; H. Steer, W.M. 2399; A. Chapman, W.M. 829; F. Martin, W.M. 77; P. Mitchell, P.M. 77, P.P.G. Reg.; J. Brooke, P.M. 1973; G. Loe, P.M. 1604; J. Hinton, P.M. 1503, P.P.G.O.; C. Watkins, P.M. 1563; A. Brown, Sec. 1050; C. Knight, A.D.C. 829; W. Rance, 829; E. Reynolds, S.W. 2399; G. Tam, 147; G. Lawson, J.D. 1973; W. Ball, 1374; J. Cooke, J.D. 917; W. Lyons, 1331; Capt. F. Field, 2736; H. Cooper, 2399; Capt. W. Robson, 1789; H. Graham, 2041; C. Parsons, 1288; F. Downie, 1950; S. Chapman, 1305; H. Patience, 1155; and others.

The usual loyal and Grand Lodge toasts having been honoured, that of "The M.W. Earl Amherst, Prov. G.M.," was proposed and drunk amid great cheering.

The toast of "Bro. J. Smith Eastes, D.P.G.M., and the rest of the Prov. Grand Officers, Present and Past," followed, and the W.M., in the course of his speech, said he had just heard from Bro. Eastes, who regretted his inability to be with them, as he had just returned from a journey, but wished the lodge every prosperity and success.

The toast was responded to by Bros. G. Mitchell, P.M. 615, P.P.G.D.C.; Hitchens, P.M. 77, P.P.G.R.; and Busbridge, P.M., P.P.J.G.D.

The I.P.M. then proposed the toast of "The W.M." He said he was quite sure from what they had witnessed that day that if the Past Masters had shone they might fairly expect their W.M. to blaze.

The W.M., on rising to reply was most enthusiastically received, and said that if he expressed assent to the very eulogistic words of the I.P.M., he might be charged with being egotistical, but he could not wish that they might prove untrue. He heartily thanked them for the very cordial reception they had given him, and expressed a hope that when his year of office had expired, the brethren might believe he had done his best, even if he had not done well.

In proposing the toast of "The Installing Officer," the W.M. said the Pattison Lodge was always ready to render honour where honour was due, and there was no brother more worthy of receiving their heartiest plaudits than their Installing Officer that day. The excellent way in which the ceremony was performed was characteristic in and for the lodge for many years, and no W.M. could have excelled Bro. Moore in his zeal and energy, care and forethought, for the best interests of the lodge, and it was because of this knowledge he asked the brethren most cordially to do honour to the toast.

Bro. Moore, in reply, said he was very much obliged to the brethren for their very kind and cordial reception; that it had given him very great pleasure to have installed his successor, and that he did not consider that his services deserved the kind manifestations of the brethren, as he had only done his duty.

The W.M. then proposed "The Visitors," remarking that he might remind the brethren that hospitality had its duties as well as its privileges and pleasures, and that one of the most important of those duties was to show their visitors that their presence was appreciated, and asked them to show their satisfaction at such a numerous and important array of visitors by a hearty and cordial reception of the toast.

Bros. Martin, Harris, and Capt. Robson, responded.

The W.M. then gave the toast of "The Past Masters," and eulogised the splendid services rendered the lodge by those excellent Masons, who were always willing to help, advise, and criticise, and render any assistance from Preceptorship in a lodge of instruction to helping as Asst. Stewards; and they were worthy of the esteem, admiration, and respect of every brother of the lodge.

Bro. R. J. Cook told the brethren that they should always set high ideals before themselves on Freemasonry, and that there were still higher places for them to reach.

Bro. Captain Murphy said he had been a close colleague of their W.M. for nearly a quarter of a century, and having brought him into the Pattison Lodge, he felt that he was fully entitled to say that their W.M. had always displayed the same earnest, manly, straightforward, and brotherly line of character that had endeared him to the lodge, and was quite sure that at the termination of his year of office they would acclaim him as one of the best W.Ms. the lodge had ever had, and they one and all wished him a prosperous year of office.

Bro. Taylor also responded, and then "The Officers" and Tyler's toasts concluded the proceedings.

The musical arrangements were under the direction of Bro. Sidney Horton, and added greatly to the pleasure of the evening.

Capper Lodge, No. 1076.

INSTALLATION OF BRO. W. VINEY.

The installation meeting of the above powerful lodge took place on Thursday, the 14th instant, at the Guildhall Tavern, Gresham-street, City, and was attended by a strong and representative array of brethren of the lodge and visitors.

The lodge was opened at three p.m. punctually by the W.M., Bro. T. S. Green, who commenced his labours by passing Bros. F. C. Hippach and M. E. Brooke. Having admirably performed these duties as a sort of refresher, he proceeded to install his successor, Bro. W. Viney, S.W., W.M. elect, and, in the presence of a large and eminent Board of Installed Masters, placed that brother in the chair of K.S., where he was proclaimed and saluted in the Three Degrees. The new W.M. appointed and invested his officers as follows: Bros. T. S. Green, I.P.M.; D. Ringrose, S.W.; A. Cooper, J.W.; J. Dillou, P.M., Treas. (for the 24th time); W. H. Ware, P.M., Sec.; E. W. Wormold, S.D.; J. W. Cook, J.D.; H. G. Waite, I.G.; H. Bates, D.C.; C. L. L. Vasey and T. R. Piner, Stwds.; H. C. Wormold, Org.; and A. K. Turberfield, Tyler. Bro. Green then gave the closing addresses in grand style. He was congratulated by all present on the perfectness of the work, and was rewarded with a hearty vote of thanks, "the same to be inscribed in the minutes of the lodge;" and it was further resolved "that a copy of the vote be emblazoned on vellum, suitably mounted and framed, and be presented to him at the next meeting of the lodge." He was also presented with a handsome Past Master's jewel, of the value of 10 guineas, "as a mark of the esteem of the brethren, and for valuable services rendered to the lodge during his year of office;" for both of which he expressed his hearty thanks.

The banquet was partaken of in the grand saloon of the hotel, and was much enjoyed, and among the other brethren and visitors present were Bros. J. Tyheridge, P.M.; W. Watkins, P.M.; T. G. Day, P.M., P.P.S.G.D. Essex; W. Dorton, P.M.; A. T. Dale, P.M., P.P.G. Stwd. Essex; F. Ward, P.M.; J. Oates, P.M.; C. R.

Higgins, P.M.; T. Maple, P.M.; J. J. Roberts, P.M.; B. Spencer, H. Brown, H. C. Wormold, T. Whittaker, J. Cooke, E. W. Wormold, A. Cooper, W. Clarke, R. James, H. Wright, H. Carpenter, C. Vesey, T. Piner, G. Dellprat, G. Higgins, J. Stacey, S. Badger, G. A. Ware, G. House, A. Rosinfeld, C. Bose, and A. Blaxter. Among the visitors were Bros. J. Wood, W.M. 1973; H. Turton, P.M. 13; C. Powling, P.M. 1476; W. Welsh, S.W. 1476; Wormold, P.G. Org. Sussex; Pritchard, P.M.; Machin, Chapman, Tagg, and others.

The usual loyal and Grand Lodge toasts having been duly honoured,

The I.P.M. then proposed the toast of "The W.M." He said he rose to propose a toast that was at all times drunk with enthusiasm, more especially in the Capper Lodge. Knowing that, he felt it simply impossible to put his feelings into words sufficiently to express his thoughts, or those he would like to express on the occasion. Their W.M. and he had been closely associated for the last 30 years, and it had been his privilege to congratulate him on every one of his preferences. It was a great honour for him to have installed Bro. Viney, it might be the last great event of their lives. He could that day play the prophet, because he felt that if the G.A.O.T.U. gave the W.M. health and strength, the working, welfare, and prestige of the Capper Lodge would be, under his rule, maintained in all its ancient lustre and integrity. (Applause.)

The W.M. who, on rising to respond was received with hearty cheers, said he must first of all thank them for their hearty good wishes, so kindly expressed towards him, also their hearty and gratifying reception of the toast. He was afraid he hardly deserved the good things which their I.P.M. had said about him, and was also afraid they would be somewhat disappointed if they expected him to realise the high ideals which their I.P.M. expected of him, but knowing him as Bro. Green had for the last 30 years, he supposed it gave that good brother the right to present him with those qualifications, in the very pleasant and flattering manner in which he had mentioned them in proposing the toast. After thanking the brethren for their unanimous election of him as their W.M., he said it was now 26 years since he was initiated, and most of them would probably think it had taken him a long time to attain his present proud position, and he was afraid that if it had not been for the persuasive powers of Bro. P. M. Ware, he should not now be occupying it. It was Bro. Ware who appointed him (the W.M.) to his first office, that of Steward of the lodge. He was quite content to have remained a lay member of the lodge, and to attend and enjoy the society and good fellowship of the brethren, but Bro. Ware had his way, and he (the W.M.) received his collar, which, although worn by the most junior officers of the lodge, is, on such occasions as the present, considered at least to be of some importance. (Cheers and laughter.) He merely mentioned the circumstance so that at the end of his year of office, whatever faults or shortcomings might be, that Bro. Ware will be, in some measure, responsible for them. (Cheers and laughter.) Having started, there would be no turning back on his part. There were two conflicting feelings animating his breast; the first was an anxiety as to whether he should be able to sustain that high standard which had been set and so admirably sustained by the whole of the Past Masters of their grand old lodge. The other feeling was of confidence, for he felt sure he could count on the most loyal and hearty co-operation of every Past Master, officer, and brother in carrying out the duties entrusted to him. There were no factions or cliques in the lodge. They were all of one mind, and working to maintain that good will and brotherly love which characterised Freemasonry. He could only promise that he would do all that lay in his power to maintain that good feeling, and sustain the dignity and reputation of the lodge. He should endeavour to make their meetings as harmonious and enjoyable as they had been in the past, and to discharge the duties of his office to their satisfaction. He felt they would look leniently on his shortcomings, and give him credit for trying to do his best, as far as his abilities would allow him. (Loud and hearty cheering.)

The next toast was that of "The Installing Officer, Bro. Green, I.P.M.," and in the course of a lengthy and eloquent address the W.M. gave a brilliant description of the splendid work done, not only that day, but during his year of office by Bro. Green. Bro. Green was a diligent student of Freemasonry, and a regular attendant at their meetings, from the time he received his first office to the splendid finish that all had witnessed that day. Their thanks were due to Bro. Green for the many very enjoyable evenings given by him during his year of office, and also for his having handed over the lodge to his successor in a sound financial condition, and with a substantial balance in hand. He asked them to rise and show their esteemed Bro. Green what they thought of him by the enthusiasm with which they drank to the toast of his health. (Cheers.)

Bro. Green briefly responded, thanking the Past Masters, officers, and brethren who had so kindly assisted him during his year of office, for without that help he could not have attained his present proud position as I.P.M. of the lodge. If his working as Installing Officer that day had pleased them he was satisfied. He thanked them most cordially for their hearty reception of the toast.

In proposing the toast of "The Visitors," the W.M. assured them at all times of a hearty welcome to the Capper Lodge. They were honoured by the presence of 31 visitors, and some of them, his own personal friends, had come from long distances to greet him as W.M. of this lodge. He hoped they had been interested in the work, and that they had enjoyed themselves, so that profit and pleasure would be the result. (Applause.)

The toast of "The Past Masters" followed, and in giving it the W.M. said he was pleased to see such a large number of Past Masters present. They had all done sterling work for the welfare of the lodge. It would be impossible to enumerate their virtues; but he would be wanting in his duty if he did not mention some of their work. Bro. John Dorton, P.M., had a grand appetite for work, for beside being their Treasurer, he was also the Preceptor of the lodge of instruction; Bro. Ware, P.M., was a brother of most exceptional talent, and for 10 years had carried out his duty as Secretary in a manner equalled by few, and surpassed by none; Bro. Taplay was always ready and willing to do anything to further the interests of the lodge, and gracefully performed the duties of Dir. of Cer. He also spoke highly of Bros. Maple, P.M., and Higgins, P.M.

"The Officers" and Tyler's toast concluded the proceedings, which were enlivened by splendid singing.

Earl of Carnarvon Lodge, No. 1642.

INSTALLATION OF BRO. G. DAVIS.

The installation meeting was held at Ladbroke Hall, Notting Hill, W., on the 14th instant, when there were present Bros. Geo. Davis, P.M., W.M.; J. S. Adkins, P.M., P.P.G.R. Wales; John M. Huish, P.M., Sec.; E. M. Lander, P.M., D.C.; Fredk. King, I.G.; Reuben C. Green, P.M.; E. Rogers, P.M., P.G. Std.; J. French, P.M.; W. R. Hatton, P.M.; E. W. T. Rogers, T. Rising, B.A., Leslie Standing, W. C. Elms, H. A. O. Scherf, R. W. Warder, W. G. Ferring, and Albert Ernest Owens. Visitors: Bros. W. J. Mason, P.M., P.G. Std. Br.; Alfred Dowling, 1195; H. D. Woods, Sec. 2816; T. Gilby, S.D. 2816; Percy Hall, 340; A. E. Betts, W.M. 2645; Prof. F. W. Driver, M.A., P.M. 45; W. J. Millington, P.M. 2246; and H. J. Dyer, 1365.

The lodge was opened, and the minutes read and confirmed. The S.W., Bro. T. K. Bennett, being unfortunately so ill as to resign the office of W.M. elect, Bro. Geo. Davis, P.M., occupied the chair as W.M. for the second year. No installation being necessary, after obligation the W.M. was again placed in the chair of K.S. The officers were invested by the W.M. as follows: Bros. H. Armfield, S.W.; W. A. Thomas, J.W.; T. H. Parkhouse, P.M., P.Z., Treas.; John M. Huish, P.M., Sec.; E. W. T. Rogers, S.D.; Tinley Rising, B.A., J.D.; Lander, P.M., D. of C.; Leslie Standing, I.G.; T. W. Montague and W. C. Elms, Stewards; C. A. Sanger, Org.; and J. T. Lackland, P.M., Tyler. Bro. Lander, P.M., D.C., on behalf of the lodge, presented to the W.M. a Past Master's jewel, as a tribute to his skill and ability in the discharge of his important duties during the past year. Bro. Lander spoke most feelingly of his friendship of 25 years' standing with the W.M., uninterrupted during that long period. The W.M., in reply, heartily thanked the brethren for their kind appreciation of his services during the past year and the practical manner in which they testified their approbation by the handsome jewel presented to him. It was a great pleasure to him to endorse the remarks of Bro. Lander with regard to their mutual friendship and its long duration up to the present time. The Auditor's report was received, adopted, and ordered to be entered on the minutes. After a joining member had been proposed, as also some country members, the correspondence was read by the Secretary, and the lodge closed.

The brethren then adjourned to the hall where an excellent banquet was served.

The usual loyal and Masonic toasts followed.

"The King, the Protector of the Craft," was given by the W.M., who alluded to the pessimistic rumours that had lately been so prevalent; he earnestly hoped they would not be realised; he was sure the brethren would unite with him in saying "Long life to his gracious Majesty."

"God save the King" was then sung.

"The Health of the M.W.G.M., H.R.H. the Duke of Connaught," having been drunk.

The W.M. gave the toast of "The M.W. Pro G.M., the Earl Amherst; the R.W. Dep. G.M., the Earl of Warwick; and the rest of the Grand Officers, Present and Past." He spoke of the admirable manner in which Earl Amherst performed his important duty of installing the Duke of Connaught. All the Grand Officers were ever ready in many ways to uphold the dignity of their office and prove not only ornamental but useful members of the Craft. He coupled that toast with W. Bro. W. J. Mason, P.G. Std. Br.

Bro. Mason, in reply, spoke of the readiness of all the Grand Officers to render assistance when needed, and alluded facetiously to the rest Grand Officers were supposed to enjoy; from his own experience there was little rest for him—however, he did not complain; he was ever ready as were all the Grand Officers to be of service in the Craft. He had a very kindly feeling for the Earl of Carnarvon Lodge, and trusted the Grand Architect would long preserve it.

"The Health of the W.M." was proposed by Bro. Lander, P.M., D.C., who spoke of the unforeseen illness of the W.M. elect, which necessitated Bro. Davis again occupying the chair for the second time—an advantage to the lodge.

The W.M. replied, and said he felt very proud of presiding over the lodge for another year. He would, with the assistance of his officers, keep up the prestige of the lodge. All lodges, like other institutions, are subject to periods of good and ill-fortune—they had passed through depressing times of late years, but he felt confident a brighter future was in store for the lodge, and he and the brethren would help to realise their anticipations. He thanked the brethren one and all for their warm welcome.

The W.M., in giving the toast of "The Visitors," said the lodge always extended a hearty welcome to them, and that much might be learnt and even avoided by visiting lodges.

Bros. W. J. Mason, P.G. Std. Br.; Bentham, P.M.; Millington, Percy Hall, Woods, Gormay, Dyer, Langton, and Driver responded.

The W.M. gave "The Treasurer and Secretary, and the Past Masters of the Lodge." He spoke most kindly of the regret he shared with the brethren at the unavoidable absence through illness of the father of the lodge, Bro. T. H. Parkhouse, Treasurer—he wished him a speedy recovery. He also spoke of the good service rendered by the Secretary, Bro. J. M. Huish, P.M., and of the reliable aid on all occasions of the Past Masters, naming Bros. Lander, Rogers, and Green, and trusted they might long be spared to adorn and support the lodge.

The Secretary replied on behalf of the Treasurer and himself, and also on behalf of the Past Masters, Bros. Aukins, French, Green, and Rogers.

In giving "The Officers of the Lodge," the W.M. spoke of their efficiency, and how it encouraged him to be so ably supported in the discharge of his important duties.

The J.W., S.D., and J.D. replied.

The Tyler's toast concluded a most enjoyable evening.

The musical arrangements were under the able direction of Bro. Frederick and Mrs. Frederick King, R.A.M., efficiently accompanied the songs.

Greyfriars Lodge, No. 1101.

INSTALLATION OF BRO. D. N. HERON.

The annual installation meeting was held on Wednesday, the 13th instant, at the Masonic Hall, Reading, there being an unusually large attendance of visitors, including the D.P.G.M. in charge, Bro. J. T. Morland, Mayor of Abingdon; the P.G. Sec., Bro. J. W. Martin; the P.G. Treas., Bro. E. Margrett; and a number of other P.P.G. Officers.

The retiring W.M., Bro. D. N. Heron, P.P.G.S. of Wks., had been unanimously requested to retain possession of the chair for a second year, and after he had been duly proclaimed, he invested his officers as follows: Bros. W. B. Reed, P.P.G. Std., I.P.M.; E. O. Farrer, S.W.; F. A. Sarjeant, J.W.; W. Ferguson, P.P.S.G.W., Treas.; D. Egginton, Sec.; E. H. Salmon, S.D.; F. Tunbridge, J.D.; E. J. Lewis, P.P.G. Std. Br., D.C.; W. B. Biddle, P.P.J.G.W., Org.; T. Chettle, I.G.; and G. F. Fuller, J. Hill, and W. Dyke, Stwds. The charge to the W.M. was delivered by Bro. C. E. Keyser, P.G.D. Eng. A Past Master's jewel was presented to the W.M., on behalf of the lodge, by Bro. W. Ferguson.

An interesting ceremony was the initiation of Mr. R. Fox Simmonds, who sails from Southampton to take up the appointment of Medical Officer of Pretoria, and Assistant Medical Officer of the Transvaal.

Alliance Lodge, No. 1827.

INSTALLATION OF BRO. H. PERCY MONCKTON.

The installation meeting of this lodge was held on the 13th instant at the Albion, Aldersgate-street. Bro. W. T. Roberts, W.M., presided at the opening ceremonies. There was a large company of brethren present, among them being Bros. G. Richards, Dist. G. Master Transvaal; Sir John B. Monckton; T. L. Wilkinson, P.D.G. Reg.; P. de Lande Long, P.G.D.; T. P. Griffin, P.G.D.; Under-Sheriff Langton, P.D.G. D. of C.; Henry Clarke, J.P., L.C.C., P.M., P.A.G.D. of J.C.; E. F. Fitch, C.C., P.M.; F. S. Jackson, P.M., Treas.; the Rev. G. A. Smith, B.A., P.M., P.P.G.C. Leicester and Rutland; Lieut.-Col. Vickers Dunfee, C.C., P.M.; W. Bruce Clarke, M.A., F.R.C.S., P.M.; Baron de Bush, P.M.; E. Clarke, M.D., P.M.; George H. Heilbuth, C.C.; J. H. Davidson, P.D.G.D.C.; T. H. Gardiner, P.A.G.D.C.; R. G. Smith; Col. T. Davies Sewell, P.M., P.G.S.; W. T. Rabbits; J. R. Pakeman, C.C., P.M. 1728; H. Le Marchant, F. G. Gullick, G. L. Crickmay, W.M. 1974; J. Easterbrook, M.A., P.M. 1920, 2177, and 2648; Major E. V. Wellby, B. F. Fletcher, W. H. Hillman, P.M. 569; A. W. Read, C.C.; W. F. Pankhurst, C.C.; C. Monckton, P.D.G.D. Bengal; H. Godwin, P.M. 1673; Col. E. T. R. Wilde, P.M. 1718; W. S. Duff, W.M. 1716; I. Roll, 481; J. D. Bowles, 1762; H. Massey, P.M. 619 and 1928; A. Monckton, P.M. 1673; H. Smith, J.D. 2737; C. H. Russell, W.M. elect 1673; A. Ritchie, C.C., J.P., P.M. 173; J. Tickle, C.C., P.P.G. Reg. Middx.; E. Swain, P.P.G. Reg. Middx.; R. Smith, P.M. 1637; A. W. Timbrell, C.C.; A. W. Laidlaw, Alderman Morris; Major Henry Wright, H. J. Waring, M.B., H. Hinshelwood, S. F. Fitch, W. C. Wise, G. A. Timme, H. D. Walton, A. Bush, C. W. Cross, and H. O. F. Timme.

After the opening of the lodge, the W.M. vacated the chair, which was then occupied by Bro. Clarke, P.M. To him was presented Bro. Percy Monckton, F.R.I.B.A., F.S.I., W.M. elect. Up to the installation itself, Bro. Clarke discharged the duties, but as the W.M. elect is a relation of the Town Clerk, the honour of installing his cousin was delegated to Bro. Sir John B. Monckton, P.G.W. The Town Clerk then took the chair, and obligated, invested, and installed Bro. Henry Percy Monckton as the Master of the lodge for the year ensuing. Bro. W. T. Roberts was invested as the I.P.M. The officers for the year were Bros. Alderman Morris, S.W.; H. J. Waring, M.B., J.W.; Rev. J. H. Smith, B.A., P.M., P.P.G.C. Leicestershire and Rutland, Chap.; F. S. Jackson, P.M., Treas.; Major Henry Wright, P.M., P.G.S.B., Sec.; S. Fox Fitch, S.D.; F. G. Gullick, J.D.; Dr. Ernest Clarke, P.M., D.C.; A. W. Timbrell, C.C., I.G.; A. Bush, Organist; H. F. O. Timme and George H. Heilbuth, C.C., Stewards; and T. Lovell, P.M. 1743, Tyler. After the installation and the appointments, the new W.M. proposed, the S.W. seconded, and the lodge unanimously carried the following resolution: "That the Alliance Lodge heartily congratulates the Right Worshipful Bro. Alderman Frank Green, the late Lord Mayor, a Past Master of the lodge, on the honour conferred upon him by H.R.H. the Most Worshipful Grand Master, at his Royal Highness's Installation at the Albert Hall, on July 17th last, in promoting him to the rank of a Past Grand Warden of England." There were added to this vote hearty congratulations to Sir Frank Green on his Majesty the King conferring on him the rank of Baronet. A Past Master's jewel was voted to Bro. W. T. Roberts, on the motion of Bro. Ernest Clarke, P.M., D.C., seconded by the Chaplain.

The brethren afterwards adjourned to a banquet.

Between the toasts that followed some beautiful music was rendered, under the direction of Bro. James Kift.

Bro. George Richards, Dist. G. Master of the Transvaal, responded to the toast of "The Grand Officers."

Bro. W. T. Roberts, P.M., proposed "The Health of the Worshipful Master," who, he was sure, would do everything he could during his year of office to advance the interests of the lodge.

Bro. H. Percy Monckton, W.M., replied, and then proposed "The Health of the P.M.," presenting Bro. Roberts with a handsome jewel of a Past Master, as a mark of the brethren's appreciation of the services he had rendered to the lodge. With the toast were coupled the names of the Past Masters.

Bro. W. T. Roberts, the I.P.M., responded, saying that he had been exceedingly happy during his year, and acknowledging the aid he had received from his officers.

Bro. the Rev. J. Henry Smith, P.M., Chap., also replied.

The W.M. proposed "The Health of Bro. Henry Clarke, J.P., L.C.C., P.M., P.A.G.D.C.," who for many years had been the Treasurer of the lodge, and presented him with a handsome silver bowl, in recognition of his services.

Bro. Clarke, in a sympathetic speech, thanked the brethren for their kindness, and recalled the many pleasing memories he had of his 44 years in Masonry.

Other toasts followed.

Hampden Lodge, No. 2427.

A meeting of the lodge was held at Hampden House, St. Pancras, on Tuesday, the 12th instant. There were present Bros. Henry Philip Hewson, W.M.; A. C. Webb, I.P.M. and Sec.; C. A. Underwood, S.W.; W. E. Catesby, J.W.; T. J. Mercer, P.M., Treas.; J. Seaman, S.D.; J. R. Elliot, J.D.; W. E. Kent, I.G.; W. G. Smith, D.C.; T. Carmichael, Asst. D.C.; H. Williams, Org.; R. D. Cummings, P.M., P.Z., and J. R. Quilter, Stwds.; Alex. Adamson, Richd. Wheatley, Geo. Chas. Lovell, Jas. T. Catesby, Robt. C. Hawkes, Geo. Edwd. Williams, Wm. N. Pennington, E. B. Styles, Wm. Hy. Wood, James Y. Penrose, James Ollis, Wm. C. Turner, Thos. Walker, James A. Orr, E. F. Griffiths, and John W. Smith, P.M., Tyler. Visitors: Bros. C. W. P. Douglas Fienzi, Dist. G. Sec. Natal; Prof. F. W. Driver, M.A., P.M. 45; C. A. Howe, 1789; H. F. Rasey, 2098; A. C. Bach, 192; J. F. Woodroffe, J.D. 2098; A. P. Lowthian, I.P.M. 1900; Wm. J. Webster, I.G. 1924; J. J. Moar, W.M. 2857; H. Sprossion, 1950; Wm. Pearson, 2857; Malcolm Sutherland 18; and Thos. Wright, 2310.

The lodge was opened by the W.M., when the minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. The ballot was taken for Bro. Thomas Voile, Sagamore Lodge, New York, as a joining member. It being favourable, he was admitted to the lodge, and welcomed by the W.M. The ballot was taken for Messrs. Percy Smith, Henry G. Pratt, Reginald Cyrus Row, Geo. Utley, and James Harry Baker. It proved unanimous in favour of all the candidates. Messrs. Smith, Pratt, and Watson were initiated by the W.M., and Messrs. Utley and Baker by Bro. R. D. Cummings, P.M. The Auditors' report was received, adopted, and ordered to be entered upon the minutes. All Masonic business being ended, the lodge was closed.

The brethren then adjourned to the dining hall. After an excellent dinner the Masonic toasts were proposed and honoured.

In presenting "The King, the Protector of the Craft," the W.M. said loyalty was ever the watchword of Freemasons.

"God save the King" was sung.

The toast of "The M.W.G.M., H.R.H. the Duke of Connaught," having been honoured,

"The Healths of the M.W. Pro G.M., the Earl Amherst; the R.W. Dep. G.M., the Earl of Warwick; and the rest of the Grand Officers, Present and Past," were drunk.

Bro. J. J. Mercer, P.M., then gave "The Health of the Worshipful Master," and said that for years he thought that once a P.M. he should have little more to do, and when he became Treasurer he would have comparative rest; however, he found he was mistaken, and that at any time he might have unexpectedly work to perform. On this occasion it was a pleasing duty for him to propose the health of their excellent W.M. He spoke of the respect and esteem he entertained for the W.M. it was his privilege to give him his first collar of office in the lodge. He thought the lodge was fortunate in having so able a Master to preside over it.

The W.M., in reply, thanked the brethren for their warm reception of the toast so kindly proposed, and assured them he would do his utmost to uphold the interests of the lodge.

In giving the toast of "The Initiates" the W.M. said societies of every kind must of necessity have an infusion of fresh blood to preserve their existence; he trusted the ceremony of the evening would seriously impress the candidates; he spoke of his personal knowledge of some of them, and he felt sure that they and their fellow initiates would prove a credit to the lodge.

The initiates briefly replied.

The Treasurer, by command of the W.M., gave the toast of "The Visitors," according to them one and all a hearty welcome.

The toast was responded to by Bros. C. W. P. Douglas Fienzi, D.G. Sec. Natal (who spoke at some length on the duties and privileges of Freemasonry, and gave some interesting details of the present condition of the Craft in South Africa); M. Sutherland, 18; J. F. Woodroffe, J.D. 2098; Lowthian, I.P.M. 1900; and J. J. Moar, W.M. 2857.

The toasts of "The Treasurer and Secretary," and "The Officers of the Lodge" having been given, the Tyler's toast concluded the proceedings.

BRO. ENOS HOWES, J.P. (of No. 1687 and P.M. of No. 1593), was on the 9th instant, unanimously elected Mayor of Finsbury for the second time.

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To Correspondents.

Owing to pressure on our space, reports of the Duke of Cornwall and Kirby Lodges of Instruction, Duke of Albany Lodge, St. Barnabas (Mark), and Rose Croix (Aylesbury), are unavoidably held over till our next issue.



SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 23, 1901.

Masonic Notes.

We have much pleasure in announcing that his Majesty the King has been graciously pleased to accept the position of Patron of the Household Brigade and Navy Lodges, Nos. 2614 and 2612 respectively. It will be in the recollection of our readers that his Majesty, until his accession to the throne, was permanently Master of these lodges, so that the tie that binds him to them still exists but under another name.

We must not omit to mention that among the brethren of distinction who have passed away recently but few have done greater service to Freemasonry than Bro. Harry Nelson Price, P.M., P.Z., Past G. Std. Bearer England, who had not only presided both in lodge and chapter, but had also been an enthusiastic supporter of our Institutions. Bro. Price died at Hythe on Tuesday, the 29th October, and was buried on Friday, the 1st instant, a large number of his brethren being among those who were present at the graveside.

We have received Volume XIV., Part 2, of "Ars Quatuor Coronatorum," and shall take the earliest available opportunity of noticing at length and in detail the contents of this always welcome publication. In the meantime, however, it may be as well to draw attention to the fact that the cover of Vol. XIV., Part 1,

bore the old familiar inscription: "Edited for the Committee by Bro. G. W. Speth, P.A.G.D.C., Sec.," while the Part 2 we have just received bears the same inscription but with the name of "W. H. Rylands, P.A.G.D.C.," substituted for that of Bro. Speth, who is thus succeeded in his dual office of Editor of these Transactions and Secretary of the lodge by one of his oldest friends and ablest fellow-labourers in the field of Masonic literature. The loss which Lodge Quatuor Coronati has sustained by the lamented death of Bro. Speth is, indeed, a serious one, but the members will find consolation in the knowledge which the issue of this second part of their Transactions for the current year will bring home to them very forcibly—that Bro. Speth's mantle could not have fallen on worthier shoulders than on those of our respected Bro. Rylands.

It may also be well to mention that the new Part is likely to prove doubly acceptable to the members of both circles, by reason of the fact that it contains life-like presentments of (1) the late Bro. Speth, and (2) the late Bro. Sir Walter Besant, who were both founders of the lodge, and until the days of their respective deaths were in Bro. Speth's case the first and only Secretary, and in Bro. Besant's, the first and only Treasurer Lodge Quatuor Coronati had known, and who passed hence within a few weeks of each other. Both portraits are excellent, but that of Bro. Speth is a particularly happy one, presenting him to the reader, as it does, in the character we must all of us most naturally desire to associate with him, as one of the truest, kindest, and most genial of men and Masons. Both these portraits are beautifully printed, while those who desire to know something of what the men themselves were, will find the leading facts in their respective careers carefully and lovingly set forth in the accompanying memorial sketches compiled by Bro. Rylands.

We have also received copy of the work on "British Masonic Medals" which has been compiled by Bro. G. L. Shackles, and the value of which is very materially enhanced by an admirable introduction from the pen of Bro. Dr. W. J. Chetwode Crawley. The volume contains 12 plates of engravings from photographs taken for it from the best known extant specimens of the medals themselves, and these are accompanied by full letter press descriptions of 115 specimens. We shall take the earliest available opportunity of reviewing this important book.

We have already in one of our preceding Notes referred to Bro. W. H. Rylands as the successor of Bro. G. W. Speth as Secretary of Lodge No. 2076, and from the report we published last week of the installation meeting of the lodge on the 8th instant, it will be seen that the office of Treasurer, rendered vacant by the death of Bro. Sir W. Besant, has been filled by the election of Bro. Hamon Le Strange, Prov. G. Master of Norfolk, who has already made for himself a name in the annals of Masonic literature as author of a most interesting History of Freemasonry in the Province over which he so worthily presides. It will also be seen that a resolution of sympathy with Mrs. Kupferschmidt, in the loss she has recently sustained by the death of her husband, who was a P.M. of the lodge, as well as Assistant G. Secretary for German Correspondence.

In acknowledging the Grand Lodge and Grand Chapter clothing recently presented to him, Bro. Major Herbert Green, Prov. G. Secretary of West Yorkshire, furnished an array of interesting statistics which testify unmistakably not only to the progress which that Province has made during the last 16 years, but also to the immense amount of useful work it is constantly doing. During this period there have been 4792 initiations or joinings, 1955 resignations, 1121 deaths, 775 exclusions, the number of entries in the Provincial Register hereby rendered necessary being 8643. The presented number of subscribing members is 4339; so that in the course of these years there has been a complete change of membership. Again, during the same period there has been contributed to the Central Masonic Charities upwards of £75,000, and this is irrespective of other sums raised towards testimonials and for other purposes, the bulk of this money having passed through Bro. Green's hands.

Then as regards the election of candidates to these Central Charities, West Yorkshire has carried successfully 188 cases, the number of votes which have been collected and manipulated in securing their election being 457,000. These figures, which almost take one's breath away, show that the office

which Bro. Green has occupied so honourably to himself and with such advantage to his Province is about as far removed as possible from being a sinecure, and we cordially echo the wish so fervently expressed by the acting Prov. Grand Master when making the presentation that many many years may pass ere he will find himself under the necessity of appointing a successor to our able and distinguished brother.

At p. 355 of Bro. John Armstrong's "History of Freemasonry in Cheshire," we read that on "October 15th, 1851.—Bro. Dixon, P.M., proposed Mr. Horatio Lloyd, 22, Student-in-Law, of the City of Chester, a candidate for Masonry," and, further, that "Bro. Lloyd was initiated December 10th, 1851, and became W.M. in 1854, Recorder of Chester in 1866, Judge of the County Court 1875, and was Knighted in 1890." The lodge in which the Masonic circumstances here recorded took place was the present Cestrian Lodge, No. 425, and the brother whose introduction into Masonry, and subsequent election to the chair of K.S. in his mother lodge, is thus briefly recorded, is the present Bro. his Honour Sir Horatio Lloyd, P.G.D. of England, Dep. Prov. G.M. Cheshire; and Past G.S.B. England, and P.P.G.H. in the Royal Arch. In his Prov. Grand Lodge our respected brother has served as S.G.D. (1856-8), S.G.W. (in 1874 and 1875), and as Deputy P.G.M. since 1887. He was appointed to Grand rank in 1879, and has played a leading part in Cheshire Masonry during the greater part of the period in which he has been connected with the Craft.

On the 10th December, Bro. Sir Horatio Lloyd will celebrate the Jubilee of his acceptance into the Order in the Cestrian Lodge, and it is the intention of his Cheshire brethren to mark the auspicious event by presenting him with a service of plate in recognition of the signal service he has rendered to their Province and in token of the respect and esteem they entertain for him personally. During his long career, he has done a vast amount of good serviceable work not only in his own particular Province of Cheshire, but likewise generally, and it is as honourable to our Cheshire brethren that they should thus recognise the benefits they have derived from his work as it is to Bro. Sir H. Lloyd that he should be the recipient of this distinction.

We congratulate Bro. the Hon. James Hozier, M.P., on his re-election for the third time to the chair of the Grand Lodge of Scotland. Bro. Hozier has discharged the duties of his high and responsible office in a manner that has secured to him the respect of the whole Scottish Craft, and is in every respect worthy of the honour which Grand Lodge has done him by choosing him as their ruler for a further period. An illustration of the tactful manner in which he acts was furnished on this occasion, when, on a note of opposition being sounded to the acceptance of Grand Committee's recommendation *re* the Denmark-Hamburg dispute, the Grand Master pointed out that a refusal on the part of Grand Lodge to uphold the Grand Committee would be tantamount to a denial to the Grand Lodge of Denmark's sovereignty within its own territory.

As regards the Grand Committee's recommendation to the effect that the recognition of the Grand Lodge of Western Australia was premature under the circumstances, we consider there was fair justification for the course pursued by Grand Lodge in adopting it. Of the 28 lodges under the Scottish Constitution in the Colony as many as 26 have expressed a desire to retain their connection with the present Grand Lodge, so that there is no such transfer of allegiance as would justify any other than the course proposed by the Grand Committee. What may come to pass in the future, when the local Grand Lodge, at present composed for the most part of lodges originally constituted by the Grand Lodge of England, is in a position to exercise a greater influence, cannot be foreseen. It is enough for us that, in our opinion, the Grand Lodge has taken the right course, and in such a manner as to permit of its changing its policy hereafter should the necessity arise.

It is greatly to be regretted that Bro. James Berry has found it incumbent on him, owing to the state of his health, to resign the office of Prov. Grand Master of Forfarshire, which he has held with great distinction for some years past, but a most worthy and able successor has been found in Bro. the Hon. Charles M. Ramsay, more than one member of whose family has held the same office in the past with the greatest advantage to the Province.

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.

SPECIAL APPEAL IN AID OF THE FIELD LANE RAGGED SCHOOLS AND REFUGES.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Sir,

The Field Lane Ragged Schools and Refuges, with which I have had the honour of being associated for 16 years, are at the present time urgently in need of special public aid to enable them to continue their beneficent operations.

The Institution celebrates this year its Diamond Jubilee, having been permitted for 60 years to carry on its work.

That work embraces the religious instruction of some of the poorest children in London; the training of waifs and strays in the certified Industrial Schools, in which they are fed, clothed, educated, and technically instructed; and the nurturing of infants and young children in the Crèche.

It also carries on a strenuous contest against intemperance by means of the Gospel Temperance Society; endeavours to inculcate principles of sobriety through the Band of Hope; and encourages thrift by means of its various Clubs and Savings Banks.

Another part of its functions is the maintaining of Refuges for persons of respectable character who have sunk into the most painful want; and the conducting of Mission Services, which are attended by a large number of the poor of the immediate neighbourhood and by hundreds of outcast and homeless.

The institution, in common with many others, has suffered severely during the past few years through the many demands that have been made on public charity, and is, consequently, unable, in spite of the most rigid economy, to meet, with its present average receipts, its necessary expenses.

Society can ill afford, when so many pernicious influences are at work, to dispense with an agency for good such as this; and yet there is a great danger that some portion of the work may have to be given up unless it receives immediate public help.

I trust this may be averted, and that public liberality will kindly respond to an appeal on behalf of an undertaking which is well deserving of sympathy and liberal support.

Contributions will be thankfully received through the Bankers, Messrs Barclay and Co., Lombard-street, or by the Secretary, Mr. Peregrine Platt, at the Institution, Vine-street, Clerkenwell-road, London, E.C.—I have the honour to be, yours very faithfully,

ABERDEEN,
President,
Field Lane Institution.

Haddo House, Aberdeenshire.
October.

PROPOSED MASONIC STATUE FOR KING EDWARD.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,

British Freemasons of every degree will observe with feelings of considerable pleasure that the admirable suggestion made by Bro. H. T. E. Holmes, P.M. St. Leonard's Lodge, No. 2263, Sheffield, at its recent installation banquet is to be carried on to Grand Lodge. Bro. Holmes suggested that the British lodges should erect a fine statue of his Gracious Majesty wearing the clothing and jewels of Grand Master, such statue to be erected in a prominent position in London.

W. Bro. Richard Wilson, Deputy Prov. Grand Master for West Yorkshire, announced at the recent meeting of that body, that he was bringing Bro. Holmes's suggestion under the notice of Grand Lodge. The proposal will meet with hearty and unanimous support. I enclose my card, and remain, yours sincerely and fraternally,

A MASTER MASON.

Savage Club,
Adelphi-Terrace,
London, W.C.
November 20th.

FULL MUSICAL RITUAL.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,

On Monday last, I think that, in common with other brethren at the Whittington Lodge, No. 862, I experienced an almost unique working, i.e., a full musical ritual, the ceremony of installation and initiation being interspersed with appropriate music, vocal and instrumental, exquisitely rendered by some brethren present. The effect was so impressive that one cannot but regret that music should not be more frequently introduced. Surely in most lodges there are a few of the brethren who could give their attention to this neglected portion of the ceremonies, and enhance the grand and sublime truths and teachings.—Yours faithfully and fraternally,

November 30th.

BRO. 165.

A CHARTERHOUSE LODGE.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,

It may interest some of your readers to know that a movement is on foot for the formation of a Craft Masonic lodge for the benefit of Old Carthusians and all others connected with Charterhouse. The lodge is to be appropriately called the "Deo Dante Dedi" Lodge, No. 2885, and the ceremony of consecration will take place on Friday, December 20th, at Charterhouse, London, E.C. The Master of Charterhouse has kindly consented to the use of the beautiful and historical tapestry room at Charterhouse for lodge purposes.

Brethren interested should apply for details to the Provisional Secretary, Bro. Harold Haig-Brown, P.P.G.S. Oxford, Yarlet, Stafford. Yours faithfully and fraternally,

HAROLD E. HAIG-BROWN,
Provis. Sec. 2885.

Yarlet, Stafford.
November 19th.

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OLD BOOKS AND MSS.

Lovers of old books and rare MSS. will be glad to be informed that Mr. James Tregaskis, of 232, High Holborn, London, has just published the 500th issue of his celebrated Catalogues, which have been printed during the last 21 years. Copies may be had by writing to Mr. Tregaskis, and enclosing 1d. for postage. The present Catalogue contains considerably over 1000 lots, many of which are of excessive rarity and value; several are very curious and deeply interesting, a few are unique, and all are worth reading about, even if not to be purchased. It requires a good deal of fortitude to resist becoming the owner of some of the special items, and anyway, the bibliographical notes appended to the numerous treasures are of considerable importance and most instructive. I hope that Mr. Tregaskis may long be spared to thus cater for his book-loving clients, and that the response to his attractive list of curiosities in MS. and print may be such as to soon lead to another issue.

W. J. HUGHAN.

Reviews.

The Cathedral Church of Manchestor and the Collegiate Buildings, now known as Chetham's Hospital.—By the Rev. Thomas Perkins, M.A. (London: George Bell and Sons, 1901.)—This is the 25th Volume of Bell's Cathedral Series, and has been written by the Rev. T. Perkins, M.A., F.R.A.S., who has now done five of the full set, viz., "English Cathedrals: An Itinerary and Description;" "Wimborne Minster and Christchurch Priory;" "Bath Abbey, Malmesbury Abbey, and Bradford-on-Avon Church," and ROUEN. The same gifted Archaeologist and Historian has also AMIENS in preparation. The present Volume is devoted to MANCHESTER, the short history and description of the Church and Collegiate Buildings ("Chetham's Hospital") being most interestingly written, and is not a wit behind its predecessors as to all needful details concerning the fabric, either whilst the Church was purely parochial (to 1422) or Collegiate (to 1847), or as a Cathedral Church subsequently. The History of the Building is first of all duly described; the second Chapter deals with the Exterior; then the third concerns the Interior followed by a "Short History of the Parish and Diocese," and the final Chapter treats most fully of Chetham's Hospital and Library. There are 43 illustrations, mostly from photographs taken by the author, which add much to the value of this brochure, which may be had from the spirited Publishers or any Booksellers in the United Kingdom, at 1s. 6d. net.

Craft Masonry.

United Strength Lodge, No. 228.

LADIES' NIGHT.

This lodge, now upwards of 100 years old, has commenced the new century by giving the ladies an evening when they might sit with their husbands, brothers, and friends, and enjoy the hospitality of the members of the lodge. This function, which would have taken place earlier in the year but for the national mourning, was successfully carried out on Tuesday, the 12th instant, at the Guildhall Tavern, E.C., when the popular W.M., Bro. A. O. Miller, occupied the chair, both in lodge and at the subsequent proceedings.

The usual work of the lodge was carried out (of course, without the presence of the "guests"), and the lodge being closed and a reception having been held by the Master and his Senior Warden, Bro. Kirby, the party adjourned to the banquet table, upwards of 90 sitting down, amongst whom were the following: The W.M., Bro. Miller and Mrs. Miller; Bro. Kirby, S.W., Mrs. Kirby, and party; Bro. the Rev. George Freeman, Chap.; Bro. A. H. Hickman, P.M., Treas., Mrs. Hickman, and party; Bro. J. T. Ashby, P.M., Sec.; Bro. W. A. Smith, S.D., Mrs. Smith, and party; Bro. G. J. Neale, J.D.; Bro. C. W. Caiger, D.C.; Bro. L. A. Newton, A.D.C., and party; Bro. M. C. Isbister, Org.; Bro. F. J. Gardiner, Mrs. Gardiner, and party; Bro. A. C. Woolsey, Steward, and party; Bro. F. W. Smith, Asst. Steward, and party; Bro. G. H. Williams, I.P.M.; Mrs. Williams, Miss Louise Williams, Mrs. Sharp, Mr. and Miss G. F. Williams; Bro. James Terry, P.M., P.G.S.B.; Bro. F. W. Moss, P.M., and Mrs. Moss; Bros. G. Brooker, P.M., and Douthwaite; Bro. G. R. Lambert, P.M., Mrs. Lambert, and party; Bro. J. Holland, P.M.; Bro. H. Colley, P.M., Mrs. Colley, and Miss E. M. Colley; Bros. E. H. Gould, D. Bull, P. Hencke, P. C. Huet, and G. Henshillwood; Bros. J. Ambrose, W.M. 1457; Bro. E. Bradley, 1299, and Mrs. Bradley; Bro. J. H. Crowther, P.M., P.P.G.O. Essex; Bro. F. B. Pitcher, 703, and Mrs. Pitcher; Bros. the Rev. G. E. Gardner, 2509; A. Caiger, 2750; T. E. Williams, 15; W. Smith, P.M. 238; F. Parker, J.W. 1420; J. D. Smith, 1425; and J. Hardy, 2496; Bro. H. E. Oiles and Mrs. Oiles; Bro. A. Gibbard; Bro. A. M. Whitby, 2653, and Mrs. Whitby; Bros. J. Brown, 1446, and W. W. Annett, 2319; Bro. R. P. Scott and Mrs. Scott; Bro. H. L. Bell and Mrs. Bell; Bro. F. J. Howell and Mrs. Howell; Bro. R. Darling, Major Philip Read, Messrs. J. Hardy, F. S. Toms, and Martin Floyd, Mrs. Tassell, Miss H. Tassell, Miss Browne, and others.

The banquet being over, the W.M. proposed the toast of "The King and the Craft" and that of "The M.W.G.M.," and paid just tributes to the King and his Royal brother for the great interest they took in Freemasonry.

In proposing the toast of "The W.M.," Bro. Hickman, P.M., Treas., and acting J.W., said that it afforded him much pleasure to propose the toast, and it was particularly gratifying to see such a large gathering to support the W.M., as it showed the esteem in which he was held by the members of the lodge.

The toast was enthusiastically received. The Worshipful Master, Bro. A. O. Miller, in replying, thanked the proposer of the toast for the pleasant words spoken, and the company generally for the manner in which they had received it, but expressed his regret that he could not reply in so eloquent a manner as he wished. He had been much encouraged by the way in which he had been received and assisted on all sides, and the support afforded to him would, he hoped, be rendered to other Masters, when they occupied the position he then had the honour to occupy. In speaking of the antiquity of the lodge, he mentioned that its warrant was dated 19th March, 1798, and its centenary was celebrated three years ago. The registers of members from the time the lodge was founded were intact, and held by Grand Lodge, but he was sorry to say that the lodge records had not been preserved, the earlier ones having been lost. The lodge held records dating back to the year 1840, and from what he had been able to ascertain, it appeared that the earlier members were men of humble circumstances. If they could only rise and see the goodly assembly of members and friends they would not be able to express any regret that they had assisted in the keeping up of the Lodge of United Strength. It was the desire of every member to become the W.M. of his mother lodge, and when he remarked that the lodge was a centenary one, he was very pleased to occupy the chair.

The W.M., in proposing the toast of "The Visitors," said that on this evening it was more particularly pleasing than usual owing to the presence of the lady visitors. The members were always pleased to see them join in the pleasures connected with the lodge even if they could not join in their labours, and it would be most pleasing to the members if some lady would reply to this toast on behalf of the visitors.

No lady responding to this invitation, Bro. P. M. Terry suggested that the "W. Mistress" should reply, but this not being complied with, it was acknowledged by

Bro. R. P. Scott, who said that it was one of life's little unpleasantnesses that he should be asked to respond to this toast, seeing that he was initiated in the lodge, although not now a member of it. He thanked the members for the cordial manner in which the toast had been received. Of the ladies he could only say that he was quite certain they must have passed through all the Degrees of Freemasonry, for though they were E.As. in the art of managing their husbands, they were Past Masters in the art of pleasing them, and the ladies desired him on their behalf to thank the members for the hospitality accorded to them, which would serve them to keep the lodge in affectionate remembrance.

A musical entertainment was afterwards provided by the lodge, under the direction of Bro. M. C. Isbister, Organist of the lodge, in which Miss Louie Williams, Miss Eva Barlow, Mr. E. Genders, Mr. G. F. Williams, Mr. A. Baldry, and Bros. Hencke and Nelson, with Bro. Frank Kennard, prestidigitateur, took part.

Crays' Valley Lodge, No. 2147.

INSTALLATION OF BRO. LLEWELLYN PUGH.

This successful and flourishing provincial lodge of Kent held its installation meeting at the Institute, St. Mary Cray, on Wednesday, the 13th instant. Present: Bros. S. Gale, W.M., P.M. 2262, P.G.P. Bucks; Llewellyn Pugh, S.W., W.M. elect; Fred. Lewis, J.W.; R. J. Pugh, P.M., P.G. Std. Br. Kent, Sec.; Alex. Mitchell, S.D.; Walter Beer, J.D.; E. Baldwin, I.G.; Frank Stanger, P.M., D.C.; T. R. Greenfield, Stwd.; W. Tapsell, Tyler; J. T. Cookson, P.M.; A. E. Oxley, P.M.; W. E. Bailey, P.M.; W. R. Bassett, W. P. Taylor, C. B. Richards, G. H. B. Matthews, W. G. Burgess, A. Bailey, and C. R. H. Lewis. The visitors were: Bros. J. Lonsdale, 1910; G. M. Fraser, P.M. 1426; Chas. W. Stone, P.M. 507; A. W. Clemow, P.M. 2262, P.G.T. Bucks; J. Hattersley, P.M. 2262, P.P.J.G.W. Bucks; and Chas. Hy. Stone, P.M. 1611 and 507.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed. The Auditors presented their report, which was received and adopted, and showed the lodge to be in a flourishing condition. A ballot was taken for Bro. Charles James Brown, 2062, as a joining member, which was unanimous in his favour. Also a ballot for Mr. W. G. Burgess for initiation, which also proved unanimous, and he was duly initiated in a very impressive manner by the W.M. Bro. G. H. B. Matthews, 308, was also passed by the W.M. with marked effect. Bro. Samuel Gale, W.M., very kindly vacated the chair in favour of Bro. R. J. Pugh, P.M., to allow him to instal his brother. Bro. F. Stanger, P.M., D.C., presented Bro. Llewellyn Pugh, W.M. elect, to receive from the Installing Master, Bro. R. J. Pugh the benefit of installation, which ceremony was performed with accuracy, and deeply impressed the Board of Installed Masters. The W.M. invested his officers for the ensuing year as follows: Bros. F. Lewis, S.W.; A. Mitchell, J.W.; F. Stanger, P.M., Treas.; R. J. Pugh, P.M., Sec.; W. Beer, S.D.; E. Baldwin, J.D.; A. Bailey, I.G.; A. E. Oxley, P.M., D.C.; W. Bailey, P.M., Org.; F. Greenfield and A. Savage, Stwds.; and W. Tapsell, Tyler. The addresses were admirably rendered by Bro. R. J. Pugh. The W.M., in very appropriate and appreciative remarks, presented the Past Master's jewel to Bro. S. Gale, I.P.M., whom he thanked, on behalf of the lodge, for the great care and attention he had bestowed upon the duties, and the brethren wished him long life to wear it as P.M. of the lodge. Bro. S. Gale, I.P.M., heartily thanked the brethren for their handsome gift, and observed that ever since he was admitted a member of the lodge he had endeavoured to perform his duties to the very utmost, and now that he had left the chair he should not relax one iota. He hoped the W.M. would have plenty of work, and be as thoroughly well supported by his officers as he had been during the past year. The inscription on the jewel was as follows: "Presented to W. Bro. S. Gale by the members of the Cray's Valley Lodge, No. 2147, as a token of esteem and in acknowledgment of his valuable services as W.M., 1900-91." On the bar *Quartus Decimus*. A candidate for initiation was proposed, which is a happy augury. Bro. S. Gale, I.P.M., was appointed Charity Representative.

The business of the lodge ended, it was closed, and the brethren left by train from St. Mary Cray to Holborn to hold their banquet at Frascati's Restaurant, Oxford-street, W., which was highly appreciated and excellently served.

The W.M. presented the customary loyal and Masonic toasts, which were duly received.

In proposing "His Majesty the King," the W.M. said they all knew the excellent service he had rendered the Craft, and was now the Protector.

The W.M., in giving the toast of "H.R.H. the Duke of Connaught, M.W.G.M.," mentioned the ability he had shown in presiding over the Province of Sussex, and they had every confidence that he would carry out the duties of G.M. as efficiently as his illustrious brother, his Majesty the King.

The toast of "The Prov. G.M., Deputy G.M., and the rest of the Grand Officers, Present and Past," was very appropriately given and received.

The W.M. next proposed "The Prov. G.M., Earl Amherst, Pro G.M., and the rest of the Prov. G. Officers, Present and Past," and said the brethren knew their great ability and efficiency, and they were all deeply grateful for the services they rendered to the various lodges in the province. Their lodge had been honoured by Prov. G. Lodge in electing Bro. R. J. Pugh as Prov. G. Std. Br., and the brethren were indeed proud that so worthy a brother had been chosen. He should couple with the toast the name of Bro. R. J. Pugh.

In reply, Bro. R. J. Pugh said he was extremely gratified for the manner the toast had been proposed and received by the brethren on behalf of the Prov. G. Officers, who carried out their duties in an exemplary manner. He also thanked the I.P.M. for so kindly giving way to allow him to instal his brother into the chair. It had been his great privilege to instal five Masters during the last six years, and the W.M. was only the Steward when he himself was Master of the lodge. He was pleased to be engaged in the service of the lodge, for which he had a great love, and never wished to sever his connection therewith.

Bro. S. Gale, I.P.M., said he had the honour and pleasure of proposing the toast of "The W.M.," which he did in most cordial terms. The W.M. had performed his various duties with great credit, and he trusted he would have a most successful year, and he assured him he would have the most hearty support of every brother in the lodge.

The toast was received most cordially.

The W.M., in reply, said he was grateful for the kind words the I.P.M. had said of him, and remarked if he ever attained to the efficiency with which the I.P.M. and the P.Ms. had carried out their duties in the chair he should be indeed proud. It was 10 years since he was initiated, and he should endeavour to fill the chair honourably and with dignity, and perform the duties to the best of his ability; and if he failed, he knew he had the help of the worthy Past Masters, who would support him in all his undertakings. He most heartily thanked them.

Bro. F. Lewis, S.W., next proposed the toast of the evening—"The Initiate"—in commendable terms, congratulating him and the lodge on his membership, and the brethren had no doubt that from the rapt attention paid to the beautiful ceremony he would go forward, and prove himself a worthy brother in the lodge.

In reply, Bro. Burgess said he responded with mixed feelings of pleasure and disappointment, the latter, inasmuch as it was an agreeable one, after the many remarks about the ordeal he had to go through. However, it was the greatest day in his life, and he was extremely satisfied. Indeed, from what he had already learnt, he was delighted, and he hoped to prove a good Mason, and would do his best for the Craft into which he had thrown his lot, and he most heartily thanked them.

The W.M., in most cordial terms, presented the toast of "The Visitors," which was fully and appreciatively responded to by Bros. Lonsdale, Chas. H. Stone, Fraser, Chas. W. Stone, Clemow, and Hattersley.

The toast of "The I.P.M." was next presented by the W.M. in terms of eulogium as to his faithfulness and exceptional working and as a worthy brother.

Bro. Gale, I.P.M., responded in an able and most belittling manner.

Bro. L. Pugh, W.M., in placing the toast of "The Past Masters, Treasurer, and Secretary," said they were a most able array and worthy of emulation. He was delighted that Bro. F. Stanger, P.M., had accepted the mandate of the brethren and had become their Treasurer, and he would prove one of the very best. Of the Bro. Secretary all knew his sterling worth (and none better than the W.M.), and the excellent service he had rendered to the lodge since his initiation, and more particularly since his accepting the Secretaryship the last six or seven years. The lodge was to be congratulated upon having such a worthy body of Past Masters.

In response, Bro. F. Stanger, P.M., Treas., thanked the brethren for their trust reposed in him. He was very pleased to accept, being one of the oldest members and

was delighted to see good and true young blood joining the lodge, and still further a proposition that evening, which augured well for the prosperity of the lodge.

Bro. R. J. Pugh, P.M., Sec., also thanked the brethren on behalf of the Past Masters, of which he was the senior, and reminded them of the willingness of his brother Past Masters to assist him in the work of the lodge whenever circumstances required, and further their endeavours to attend regularly at the meetings and thus assist materially in preserving the unity of the members of the lodge.

The W.M., in proposing the toast of "The Officers," said Lodge 2147 had always complimented itself on its officers, and those invested that evening were quite up to the usual standard of excellence.

The S.W. and J.W. most ably responded, and each pledged himself to do his utmost to uphold its credit.

The Tyler's toast closed a very happy and enjoyable meeting.

A capital programme of music was arranged by Bro. Walter James, very ably assisted by Madame Helen Coleman, Miss Nelly Beare, Mr. W. E. Manaton, Mr. Hy. McLeod, Mr. Fullerton, and Bros. Lindley Darby and Walter James (Bro. Walter James' Concert Party).

Mr. Manaton ably presided at the piano.

Derby Allcroft Lodge, No. 2168.

INSTALLATION OF BRO. S. GARCIA.

The installation of this successful lodge, as usual, attracted a large gathering of members and visitors, who were well rewarded for their visit by witnessing an excellent exhibition of working by Bro. Nathan Robinson, L.C.C. The brethren present included Bros. Nathan Robinson, W.M.; Robert Gregory, I.P.M.; J. H. Mitchell, J.W.; R. D. Cummings, P.M., Sec.; F. A. Baldwin, S.D.; W. Short, J.D.; S. Garcia, D.C.; J. F. Haskins, Org.; T. Moore, C. Duvall, J. H. Moggridge, P.M., and J. Musto, Stwds.; J. Nash, P.M.; R. J. Murton, P.M.; R. H. Goddard, P.M. 1155; Tyler; E. L. Summers, F. Paterson, F. W. Armstrong, W. P. Martin, T. H. Hawkins, E. Wallis, M. J. Garcia, C. R. Wookey, W. Mackell, E. Wadmore, A. A. Millward, G. M. Phillips, J. Jessell, H. J. Garrod, J. C. Stenner, E. S. Herbert, Oliver Hawkes, M. Brouet, and others. Visitors: Bros. A. C. Spaul, P.D.G.D.C.; J. J. Thomas, P.G. Std. Br.; George Everett, P.G. Treas.; J. M. McLeod, P.G.S.B., Sec. R.M.I.B.; H. Emlin, 2867; J. Kift, 1791; R. G. Robinson, P.M. 55; J. D. Myers, P.M. 2020; John Newbery, S.W. 2380; W. W. Lee, P.M. 2381; N. B. Robinson, J.D. 55; T. H. Russell, Chap. 2408; R. M. H. Griffith, 1677; C. E. Hutchinson, 1418; C. W. Hawtreys, S.D. 957; J. E. Hambleton, P.M. 1319; W. A. Brown, 73; John Brill, 780; J. Jacobs, P.M. 25; J. R. Evan, 1000; Robert Manuel, P.M. 1195; D. W. Fowler, 511; H. C. Goodall, 2817; T. F. Bryen, S.D. 2043; W. Rills, 1708; R. M. Paul, 2020; A. Pettit, P.M. 1732; Robert Hume, W.M. 1635; E. C. Beall, 1507; W. Lewis, 1366; H. Roach, 55; G. E. Cummings, 2708; S. Myers, 715; A. Rowland, 2020; J. H. Baker, 2427; G. Uttley; H. E. Sanders, 55; C. Kiefert, 1319; D. Gottlieb, 1319; Thomas Sweeney, 16 (S.C.); C. H. Mossfield, 2488; F. Byrd Page, 1611; W. W. Morgan, 177; S. G. Asher, 2488; T. J. Bolton, P.M., Sec. 1687; G. H. Barnes, 1687; N. Mitchell, 2265; and H. B. Marks, 495.

Lodge was opened and the minutes confirmed, after which the Secretary read a letter from Bro. W. Thomas, P.M., resigning the office of Treasurer and his membership of the lodge. The W.M., in moving that the resignation be accepted with deep regret, said that no man had been more deservedly respected in the lodge than Bro. W. Thomas, and they were extremely sorry to lose him. At the audit meeting Bro. Thomas had declared his intention of resigning and all that persuasive eloquence could do was showered upon his devoted head to get him to alter his decision, but he rigidly adhered to it. Bro. R. J. Smerdon, P.M., was unanimously elected Treasurer, and on his proposition a sum of 25 guineas was voted to the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys on the Master elect's list. The resignation of Bro. H. J. Allcroft, son of the distinguished brother after whom the lodge was named, was accepted with regret. Bro. Sam Garcia, P.M., who for many years has rendered splendid service as D.C., was installed as W.M. by Bro. Nathan Robinson, P.M., whose fine rendering of the ritual fittingly closed a successful year of office. The sacred solo, "Be thou faithful unto death," was well sung by Bro. Herbert Emlin, accompanied by Bro. J. Kift (organ), and Bro. J. E. Hambleton (cello obligato). The officers invested were Bros. Nathan Robinson, I.P.M.; J. H. Mitchell, S.W.; F. A. Baldwin, J.W.; R. J. Smerdon, Treas.; Robt. D. Cummings, P.M., P.Z., Sec.; William Short, S.D.; E. F. James, J.D.; J. R. Musto, I.G.; J. H. Moggridge, P.M., D.C.; Dr. James Frederick Haskins, P.G. Org. Herts, P.P.G. Org. Essex, Org.; Thos. Moore, Chas. Duvall, Arthur Benjamin, and Ernest Wallis, Stwds.; and R. H. Goddard, Tyler.

"Hearty good wishes" were tendered by the visitors and the lodge was closed.

After a splendid banquet, the usual toasts were honoured.

Bro. Geo. Everett, P.G. Treas., replying for "The Grand Officers," expressed the honour and pleasure conferred upon him by having his name associated with so important a toast. He was pleased to respond as a P.G. Treas. in this lodge, as it was associated with the name of a brother who broke down the barrier of exclusiveness and brought about the annual election of G. Treasurer. Before Bro. Derby Allcroft's days, Bro. Tompkins held the office for 23 years. They rejoiced at the change to annual elections, for there were only two elective officers in Grand Lodge—as in an ordinary lodge—the Grand Master and Grand Treasurer. They looked upon this as a Grand Treasurer's lodge because Bro. Allcroft was the first to break down the barrier. There was a chance now for any brother who had performed his duties in a manner satisfactory to the Craft to attain the position of G. Treasurer.

Bros. A. C. Spaul, P.A.G.D.C., and J. J. Thomas, P.G.S.B., also replied.

The W.M. then proposed "The Masonic Charities," and referred to one of the boys in the Boys' School—a son of a former member of the lodge—who had shown such cleverness that he had been retained in the School to receive the benefits of a higher education. He (the W.M.) intended to represent this lodge as Steward for the Boys' School, and thanked the lodge for the 25 guineas voted, as he wanted a list worthy of this lodge.

Bro. J. M. McLeod, P.G.S.B., Sec. R.M.I.B., having observed that all three Masonic Institutions were worthy of support, said the W.M.'s appeal was more particularly directed to the Boys' School. He felt that that Institution had a particular claim upon this lodge, which was a comparatively young but a successful lodge. No lodge had had a better illustration of the advantages of the Masonic Institutions than this, for it had had four boys who had been elected to the Boys' School. The lodge had been most generous to all the Institutions, particularly the Boys, and was asked again to be generous for the reason that the W.M. had announced his intention of acting as Steward to the Institution, to which four boys from the lodge had been elected. If the lodge had not been generous it would not have possessed the voting power to be successful. He was glad to hear the W.M. refer to the boy who was to receive higher education, which would fit him to occupy a higher position than usual. The brethren might take the lesson to heart of a brother who was in good circumstances, which justified his admission as a member. Before he took the Second Degree he had broken down, and his child came before the Boys' School, and was elected. All the brethren knew, from the excellent reports furnished, how the work of the Institution was going on. They were engaged in building new Schools, and hoped to take in a larger number of boys than was possible in their limited sphere of operations. He thanked the lodge for the 25 guineas voted, and hoped the members would enable the W.M. to take up a record list from a lodge which had received such benefits from the Institution.

Bro. Nathan Robinson, I.P.M., said that it was no mean task he had to perform in proposing "The Health of the W. Master," especially considering the fact that if he had health and strength he should have to propose the toast five times during the W.M.'s year. As what he said that night might be brought up in evidence against him next time, he was in an unenviable position. He was echoing the sentiments of the members in saying the W.M. had commenced in a most satisfactory manner, and they would be doing credit to him and honouring themselves by sending him up with a good list for the Boys.

Bro. Sam Garcia, P.M., W.M., returned thanks, and said he felt proud of the position in which they had placed him. He had to follow such good Masters and workers that he feared for himself in being able to do as well as they had done. He would, however, do his best to merit the continuance of their approval. He had hoped the S.W. would have gone on into the chair, but when his own name was proposed at the election it afforded him an immense amount of satisfaction. The members had only seen him in one office since he joined the lodge—D.C.—and he had seen many initiated and pass through the chair. The feeling in the lodge was good, and he hoped it would continue so for many years.

On behalf of "The Visitors" Bros. R. Manuel, P.M., W. W. Morgan, Lee, and Griffiths replied.

The W.M. next proposed "The I.P.M. and Installing Master," and presented Bro. Nathan Robinson, I.P.M., with a handsome Past Master's jewel, which was suitably acknowledged.

Other toasts were given, and the proceedings closed.

Bros. Dr. Haskins and Kift were assisted in the music by Bros. G. Uttley, Will Edwards, Mr. Frank Hook, and Madame Steiner. Bro. Dr. Byrd Page performed some "ancient and modern mysteries" which amused and mystified the brethren.

Viator Lodge, No. 2308.

The regular meeting of this well-known and prosperous lodge was held at Anderson's Hotel, Fleet-street, E.C., on the 16th instant, when there were present Bros. C. W. Crowther, W.M.; R. B. A. Lodge, I.P.M.; W. Carnon, S.W.; J. A. Pratten, J.W.; W. Sanders, P.M., Treas.; Thos. H. Hobbs, P.M., Prov. J.G.D. Bucks, Sec.; R. Leach, J.D.; J. Hodder, I.G.; A. Wareham, acting Org.; J. P. Chiles and E. Young, Stwds.; R. Whiting, P.M., Tyler; C. W. Hobbs, P.M.; R. Manly, P.M.; H. H. Pinkney, P.M.; J. Bell, W. E. Waterman, J. H. Dean, E. G. Rees, W. Roylance, J. E. Manktelow, J. Lodge, H. P. King, C. H. Nickerson, C. A. Etches, R. Heslop, C. W. Johnson, A. B. Shoobert, T. Clarkson, A. Nickerson, F. J. Shoobridge, and A. Bridgeman. The visitors were Bros. A. Higgins, 2626; F. Wise, 1602; J. Eyre, 1321; E. T. Hewlett, Stwd. 1604; E. G. Waldoek, Stwd. 2790; and Chas. Hy. Stone, P.M. 507 and 1641.

The minutes of the installation meeting were read and confirmed. Bro. J. E. Manktelow was passed in a very able manner by the W.M. A ballot was taken for Messrs. T. Clarkson, A. B. Shoobert, and C. W. Johnson, which proving unanimous in their favour, they were initiated in an impressive manner by the W.M. to whom they gave rapt attention. Two propositions were handed in for the next meeting in January, 1902, which promises well for the W.M. and the lodge. The W.M. invested Bro. Saunders, P.M., as Treasurer, and Bro. King as Stwd. Deep expressions of sympathy were shown when Bro. T. H. Hobbs, P.M., Sec., read a letter announcing the death of the father of the lodge, the first Master, Bro. Harry Nelson Price, P.M., P.G. Std. Br. Eng., of cancer, and whose burial took place at Hythe, Kent. It was resolved that the condolence of the brethren be sent to Mrs. Price in her sad bereavement. Ten guineas were voted to the W.M.'s list as a Steward to the Girls' Institution.

The business of the lodge ended, it was closed, and the brethren adjourned to a capital supper.

The cloth removed, the W.M. gave the toasts of "The King and the Craft," and "H.R.H. the Duke of Connaught, M.W.G.M.," in becoming terms, and both were most loyally received.

The W.M., in giving the toast of "The Pro C.M., the Dep. G.M., and the rest of the Grand Officers, Present and Past," dilated on their many excellences, and paid a lasting tribute of respect to their old and esteemed Bro. Price, a Past Grand Officer, who had some years ago initiated him and several other brethren into Freemasonry. His many virtues were well known to them all, and he asked the brethren to drink to his loving memory in silence.

Bro. R. B. A. Lodge, I.P.M., next presented the toast of "The W.M." in most appropriate terms, and now he had arrived at the summit of his ambition, he was discharging his duties in an exemplary manner.

The W.M., in reply, tendered his hearty thanks, and said he would do his very best for the lodge. He took a great interest in Freemasonry, and would announce that he was standing Steward to the Girls' Institution, and hoped to receive subscriptions from the brethren, and make the list worthy of the Viator Lodge.

The toast of "The Initiates" was next given by the W.M. in most cordial and appreciative terms, and duly responded to by Bros. Clarkson, Shoobert, and Johnson.

In proposing the toast of "The Visitors," the W.M. said they were always most cordially welcomed by the brethren of the lodge, who gave them a very hearty reception.

Bros. C. H. Stone, Higgins, Wise, Syre, Hewlett, and Waldoek very ably and suitably responded.

Bro. C. W. Crowther, W.M., next presented the toast of "The Past Masters of the Lodge" in thoroughly appreciative terms, especially dilating on the excellent services rendered by Bros. Sanders, P.M., Treas., and F. W. Hobbs, P.M., Sec.

Bros. Lodge, I.P.M., Pinkney, P.M., and Manly, P.M., very ably replied.

The toast of "The Officers of the Lodge" received at the hands of the W.M. the meed of praise it so thoroughly deserved, as their work had been commended by the Bro. Visitors.

Bros. Pratten, J.W., and Hodder, I.G., most suitably replied.

The Tyler's toast closed a very pleasant and successful meeting.

Some capital singing was rendered by Bros. C. W. Hobbs, P.M., C. H. Nickerson, R. B. A. Lodge, P.M., H. J. King, and J. P. Chiles. Bro. A. Wareham ably presided at the piano.

Devonian Lodge, No. 2834.

INSTALLATION OF BRO. WALTER WELLSMAN, P.A.G.D.C.

The second installation ceremony in connection with the above lodge was performed at the Holborn Viaduct Hotel on the evening of Thursday, the 14th instant, Bro. the Right Hon. the Earl of Halsbury, Lord Chancellor, being the retiring W.M., and Bro. Walter Wellsman, P.A.G.D.C., the W.M. elect. There was a very large assemblage of members and visitors. Among the company were: Bros. Le Strange, P.G.M. Norfolk; Canon Brownrigg, P.G.C.; Stiles, P.G.T.; Rev. H. A. Hebb, P.G.D., Chap.; H. Neville, P.A.G.D.C.; W. A. Scurrah, P.G.Std. Br.; also Bros. Rev. W. E. Windle, Rev. F. W. Sauley, W. H. Wellsman, Marrian, Hobrow, Horne, Amand, Lascelles, Drummond, Irvine, Heywood, Eelle, Tyler, Jarvis, Ritter, H. Nicholls, Baker, Wavell, Painter, Harding, A. H. Scurrah, Knightley, Snow, Davis, Elliott, Dearing, and Weedon, P.Ms. Apologies for non-attendance were received from Bros. Sir Frank Green, Bart., P.G.D.; Dr. Cummings, P.G.O.; Colonel Edeyean, and many others.

The lodge having been opened, the Secretary reported that the W.M. elect, being also W.M. of the Farringdon Without Lodge, No. 1745, had, in accordance with Rule No. 134 of the Book of Constitutions, applied to Grand Lodge for a dispensation, which had been granted. The warrant was accordingly read. After the transaction of ordinary lodge business, the ceremony of installation was very ably performed by Bro. Sir John B. Monckton, P.G.W., assisted by Bro. H. Nicholls, P.M., Sec. 2127, as D.C. The newly-installed W.M. appointed and invested the following officers for the ensuing year: Bros. the Right Hon. the Earl of Halsbury, P.G.W., I.P.M.; Rev. Wm. Whitley, P.G.D., P.P.S.G.W. Devon, S.W.; G. Lambert, M.P., J.W.; Wm. Bradford, P.M., Treas.; J. Cockram Taylor, P.M., Sec.; P. H. Pridham Wippell, S.D.; C. Luxmore Drew, J.D.; F. W. Brodie, P.M., I.G.; Rev. H. A. Hebb, P.G.D., P.P.G. Chap. Devon, Chap.; Wm. H. Cummings, Mus. Doc., P.G. Org.; T. H. T. Jarvis, P.M., D.C.; and J. C. Denmead and J. M. Easton, Stwds.

At the conclusion of the lodge, an adjournment was made to the banquet, at which the brethren did full justice to the efforts made by the caterers on their behalf.

The usual loyal and Masonic toasts were proposed and honoured.

The W.M. coupled the toast of "The Grand Officers" with the name of Bro. Le Strange, P.G.M. of his (the W.M.'s) native county of Norfolk, and W.M. of the Norfolk Lodge—a similar lodge to their own. At the same time, he regretted the absence of Sir John Monckton, who had so ably performed the installation ceremony, from the banquet.

Bro. Le Strange, in reply, paid a tribute to the zeal of Sir John Monckton in performing the installation ceremony after his labours at the Com non Council. As W.M. of the Norfolk Lodge, he might tell them that the formation of that lodge was due to the previous formation of the Devonian Lodge; but for their example the Norfolk Lodge would not have been formed. He thought county lodges were calculated to do a lot of good, providing, as they did, a common home for Masons from the same county residing in London.

The toast of "The Right Hon. Lord Northcote, Prov. G.M. of Devon," having been honoured, the W.M. stated that a wire would be sent to Lord Northcote on the following day, informing him as to the enthusiastic manner in which the toast had been received, which would serve to show him at the same time that he had not been forgotten.

Bro. the Right Hon. the Earl of Halsbury, I.P.M., proposed "The Health of the W.M." in appropriate terms, the toast being most enthusiastically received.

Bro. Wellsman, W.M., in reply, observed that when he heard the I.P.M. speak of him as he had done he could not help wondering whether he was deserving of the eulogium; still, they were all Devon men together, so he would take their compliments *cum grano*. It was true the Devonian spirit was one of good fellowship, but all he could say was he would do his best during the coming year to deserve the confidence reposed in him. As his father and mother were both from Devon, though he himself was born in Norfolk, so he could claim to belong to both counties, but he was a Devon man, heart and soul. (Applause.) He had been a Mason for 40 years, so his Masonic career must of necessity be nearing a close, yet he would at least try to first make the Devonian Lodge one of the foremost in England. He felt highly honoured in having had his health proposed by the Lord Chancellor.

The W.M., in proposing "The Health of the I.P.M." (the Lord Chancellor), said there was one toast that must be received with great enthusiasm. A year ago, when they were thinking of forming a Devonian lodge, he had the pleasure of waiting, together with the Secretary, on the Lord Chancellor to see if he would become their first W.M., and the Lord Chancellor at once replied that he would consent if the brethren wished. It was quite impossible to exaggerate the effect this had on the lodge; the mere fact that the Lord Chancellor was to be their first Master had given the key-note to the start of their career. He had attended the consecration of the lodge, and they were all charmed to hear the address the Lord Chancellor gave on that occasion, delivered in words that burned. The brethren had often and often since referred to that speech among themselves. The Lord Chancellor had come among them now to accentuate the good wishes on both sides which he then inspired, and when he had done with the collar of I.P.M. they hoped he would visit them again. His numerous and important engagements prevented a very frequent attendance, but they were convinced he had done all he could for the lodge. They would always remember him as their first W.M., and in conclusion he would ask him to accept of a little memorial of his year of office, one that it was an honour for the lodge to be able to confer on him, and might serve to show him that the Devon men wished him to realise all they thought of him. The W.M. then invested the I.P.M. with a very handsome Past Master's jewel, at the same time expressing the hope that he might live to wear it for many years.

Bro. Right Hon. the Earl of Halsbury, who was received with loud and prolonged applause, stated that he felt embarrassed though he could not plead that he was absolutely unacquainted with public speaking. (Laughter.) Still, it was easier to talk of some one else than of oneself. In all sincerity he was obliged to them for the present they had bestowed upon him, which he appreciated the more for the words the W.M. had spoken when presenting it. They were all proud of being Devon men to whatever party they belonged, and as a Devon man and as a member of the Craft he was proud to think that they could meet together amicably sinking all differences as to how the State should be governed. Nothing could bind men more together than—ne would not say patriotism, for that was a word that had been much abused—love of country. Loving their country they could recognise the differences that existed between one another, and still remember they were brethren. The whole institution of Masonry—he might say here he had been delighted to be their W.M. for one year—was very different from any other associated body. Many bodies preserved the despotic distinctions of everyday life, whereas Masonry, rightly or wrongly, afforded a more real and perfect equality than the philosophers who preached liberty, fraternity, and equality had ever attained to. The kindly regard felt by men of all parties to one another was largely attributable to the spirit of Masonry. He had been in company with two politicians who were as violently opposed to one another as it was possible to be. Afterwards a distinguished Foreign Minister assured him that such a thing was absolutely impossible in his country, for it would have been impossible to keep them from flying at each other's throats. Masonry had much to do with promoting this spirit, and so it could not be too widely disseminated, as their first duty was to make men brethren, and promote a fraternity in a brighter sense than that which had given rise before now to the most violent crimes. Their brotherhood should help humanity towards a good that could not be finally attained to in this world.

The toast of "The Visitors" was responded to by Bros. Hobrow, P.M., and Horne, P.M., and by Bro. H. Nicholls, P.M., the latter, in a characteristically humorous speech, announcing that he had discovered that Devonians were men who came from Norfolk, and that he himself must have been asked to act as D. of C. because his mother came from Cornwall, and he himself was born in Holborn.

The remaining toasts were those of "The Installing Master," "The Treasurer and Secretary," "The Officers of the Lodge," and the Tyler's toast.

During the progress of the banquet an excellent entertainment was given under the direction of Bro. C. W. Wreford, with Bro. W. Mansell Stephens as accompanist, in which Miss Jessie Hotine, Miss Emily Foxcroft, Bros. Vivian Bennetts, Barclay Gammon, G. Stubbs, Maurice Garland, and C. W. Wreford took part.

Instruction.

HORNSEY CHAPTER, No. 890.

A meeting was held on the 15th inst., at the Prince of Wales Hotel, Eastbourne-terrace, Bishop's-road, Paddington, W., when there were present: Comps. H. Foskett, M.E.Z. 185, M.E.Z.; C. Webster, J. 1642, H.; H. J. Dunaway, 59, J.; H. Dehane, P.Z. 890, P.P.G.P.S. Essex, S.E.; W. J. Lewis, S.N. 892, 172, S.N.; H. Foskett, 890, Treas.; G. F. Ridge, 1st A.S. 890, P.S.; A. F. Hardymont, J. 1489, P.G.D.C. Norfolk, 1st A.S.; R. N. Larter, P.Z, M.E.Z. 186; H. J. Pearn, J. elect 2621; A. L. Butters, J. 890; and E. Stevens, 733.

The chapter was opened, and the minutes of the last convocation were read and confirmed. The ceremony of exaltation was rehearsed, Comp. Pearn being the candidate. The officers were elected, Comp. Hardymont M.E.Z. A vote of thanks was passed to Comp. Ridge for the able manner he had rehearsed the duties of P.S. for the first time. The M.E.Z. having risen, "Hearty good wishes" were accorded, and the chapter closed.

HYDE PARK LODGE, No. 1425.

A meeting of the above lodge was held on the 18th instant at the Prince of Wales' Hotel, Eastbourne-terrace, Bishop's-road, Paddington, W., when there were present Bros. W. H. Handover, P.M. 1642, W.M.; W. Smith-Rose, S.W.; G. B. Oberli, J.W.; H. Dehane, P.M. 1543, Sec.; A. N. Taylor, S.D.; F. Spink, J.D.; H. H. Bagnall, I.G.; E. Spink, Stwd.; H. Foskett, P.M. 1642, Dep. Preceptor; C. S. Mout, P.M. 1732; G. Weaver, P.M. 733; A. J. Taplin, and E. Stevens. Bro. R. J. Handover, 733, was a visitor.

The lodge was opened, and the minutes read and confirmed. Bro. Houlton was examined in the usual routine leading to the Second Degree, and retired. The lodge opened in the Second Degree, and the ceremony of passing was rehearsed by Bro. Bagnall. The lodge was then opened in the Third Degree, and Bro. Mott instructed the brethren in "entry drill." Lodge resumed to the First Degree, and called off and on. The ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, Bro. Houlton acting as candidate, and he was afterwards elected a member, and acknowledged the compliment. Bro. Smith-Rose was elected W.M. for the next lodge meeting, and after "Hearty good wishes," the lodge was closed.

ISLINGTON LODGE, No. 1471.

The usual weekly meeting was held on Tuesday, the 19th instant, at the Cock Tavern, Highbury, N., when there were present: Bros. E. Richards, W.M.; M. Relph, S.W.; E. C. Morris, J.W.; C. M. Coxon, P.M., P.P.G.D. Herts, Treas.; J. Duncan, P.M., Sec.; E. P. Fischer, S.D.; J. Horstead, J.D.; E. Lucas, I.G.; A. Williams; L. G. Langdon, P.M.; S. Cload, A. C. Allen, C. Weston, G. Popham, J. Ewings, G. Mortlock, H. R. Bower, H. C. Kerly, and P. E. Gates.

The lodge was opened and the minutes read and confirmed. The ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, Bro. Cload being the candidate. The ancient charge was given. Bro. Williams then occupied the chair, and rehearsed the ceremony of passing, Bro. Bower as candidate. Bro. Relph was elected W.M. for the ensuing week, and Bro. Langdon was elected a member of the lodge, which was then closed.



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STRAND LODGE, No. 1987.

In place of the usual weekly meeting the members of this rapidly increasing and popular lodge of instruction held on Tuesday, the 19th instant, what was modestly described as a social supper, but which proved to be a function which many regular lodges would be proud to call a banquet.

Some 30 members put in an appearance, amongst whom were Bros. J. Willing, jun.; Rapley, Preceptor; Thomas, Treas.; Castle, Edwards, Goff, Penn, Westcott, Sparks, Heseltine, Pastorelli, Cox, Nott, Pook, Upton, Davenport, Kibblewhite, Sec., Soper, W.M. 1987, and many other brethren; and ample justice was done to an excellent repast provided by mine host, Bro. Leigh.

After the usual loyal toasts "The Strand Lodge of Instruction" was drunk with enthusiasm, and in reply, Bro Rigby stated that although only a young lodge, having been in existence just over 12 months, it had been most successful. It numbered some 60 brethren, belonging to nearly 30 different lodges, and it afforded every member an opportunity of going through the chair and working the three Degrees.

The toast of "The Visitors" was responded to by Bro. James Willing in his usual cheery and heartfelt manner, expressing the pleasure it always gave him to be present, and regretting that circumstances prevented Bro. Stiles, the Secretary of the mother lodge, from being present.

"The Health of the W.M. of the Strand Lodge" was well received, and responded to by Bro. J. R. W. Soper in appropriate terms.

"The Health of the Hon. Secretary, Bro. Chas. E. B. Kibblewhite," having been heartily received, concluded the toast list.

Not the least attractive part of the evening's entertainment was an excellent musical programme, contributed by Bros. Rapley, Soper, Pook, Westcott, and Edwards, and a few Shakesperian readings given by Bro. Evans in his inimitable manner.

BRONDESBURY LODGE, No. 2689.

The usual weekly meeting of this lodge was held on Monday, the 18th instant, at the Earl Derby Hotel, Kilburn, when there were present: Bros. R. J. Campbell, P.M., W.M.; Lewis, S.W.; Curtis, J.W.; Barlow, S.D.; Gawthrop, P.M., J.D.; Lines, I.G.; A. F. Hardymont, P.M., P.G.D.C. Norfolk, Preceptor; T. Bore, P.M., Sec.; W. Cozen, T. Palmer, Clark, Cohen, Morris, Aylott, Oliver, Horstead, Wheeler, and J. Priest, P.M., P.G.S.B. Bucks.

The lodge was opened, and the minutes read and confirmed. The ceremony of passing was rehearsed, Bro. Horstead being the candidate. The ceremony of raising was then rehearsed, Bro. Palmer being the candidate. The traditional history was recited. Bro. Lewis was elected W.M. for the ensuing week, and the officers in rotation, and the lodge was then closed.

Royal Arch.

Hengist Chapter, No. 195.

INSTALLATION OF COMP. H. YOUNGMAN.

The installation meeting was held at the Masonic Hall, Bournemouth, on the 13th inst. The ceremony of installing the Principals was carried out by Comps. C. Pearce, P.Z.; J. J. Brazier, P.Z.; and W. Woodhouse, P.Z. The addresses to the officers and members were delivered by Comp. C. T. Miles, P.Z., D.C. The complete list of officers is as follows: Comps. H. Youngman, P.P.A.G.D.C., M.E.Z.; T. Handford, H.; J. A. Nethercoate, J.; J. J. Brazier, P.P.G.P.S., S.E.; H. Robson, S.N.; H. J. Atkins, P.Z., 195, 360, P.P.G.J., Treas.; E. Worth, P.S.; F. J. Evans-Vaughan, 1st A.S.; E. Jones, 2nd A.S.; C. T. Miles, P.Z., P.P.G.S.N., D.C.; W. Miller, Org.; H. J. Stanbury, Stwd.; and W. J. Holloway, Janitor. The balance-sheet and statement of accounts were read, after which a handsome P.Z.'s jewel was presented to the retiring M.E.Z., in recognition of his valuable services to the chapter.

The duties of the chapter being ended, the companions adjourned to the Grand Hotel, where a sumptuous banquet was served, and the customary toasts were honoured.

Bisley Chapter, No. 2317.

The regular convocation of this chapter was held at the Masonic Hall, Woking, on Thursday, the 14th instant, when there were present Comps. J. W. H. Littleboy, M.E.Z.; A. M. Kennett, H.; W. A. Shaw, J.; J. B. S. Lancaster, Scribe E.; J. B. Wood, P.S.; J. B. Walker, A.S.; A. H. Gale, D.C.; H. A. Whitburn, C. F. Walters, and R. F. Gould, P.A.G.S. Comp. D. C. Robinson, Treas. 157, was a visitor.

The minutes of the last convocation having been confirmed, a ballot was taken for a candidate for exaltation, which proved to be unanimous in his favour. The election of officers for the ensuing year was then proceeded with, the new Principals chosen being Comps. A. M. Kennett, W. A. Shaw, and Michael Carteighe, as M.E.Z., H., and J., respectively. The Scribe E., Comp. Lancaster, and the Treasurer, Comp. J. Webb, were unanimously re-elected. A member of the Bisley Lodge, No. 2317, was proposed for exaltation, after which, there being no further business, the chapter was closed, and the companions adjourned to an excellent banquet, which was followed by the customary toasts.

The Craft Abroad.

Umballa Chapter, No. 563. (E.C.).

INSTALLATION OF COMP. CAPTAIN BLACKHAM.

At the regular meeting of the above chapter, held on the 28th ult., Comp. Capt. Blackham, W.M. 2121, was duly installed in the chair of H., which has been vacant since the annual election in February. The installation ceremony was performed by Comp. Colonel Lyons Montgomery, P.Z. of Stewart Chapter, assisted by Comps. Carroll and Tonkinsons, P.Z., and Comp. Dalton, P.J. of Marmaduke Ramsey Chapter. Bros. Major Carter and Lieut. Knightley were exalted to the Degree of H. Royal Arch.

This chapter appears to have a most prosperous season before it.

Masonic and General Tidings.

BRO. W. J. CRUMP, A.G.D.C., was on the 6th instant re-elected, by a large majority of votes, Mayor of Islington for the second time.

BRO. GEORGE PHILLIPS, J.P., a P.M. of Fidelity Lodge, No. 3, was on the 9th instant, unanimously elected Mayor of Holborn in succession to his Grace the Duke of Bedford.

THE LYRIC THEATRE.—The entertainment now offered to the patrons of the above theatre is fairly good. It consists of a new modern extravaganza entitled "The Silver Slipper"; the book is by Owen Hall, the music by Leslie Stuart. There sparkle occasionally some bright flashes of wit and original sayings which are not lost upon the audience; the music, too, is far from being entirely frivolous—there are two or three good concerted pieces of a rather ambitious nature. As to the artistes, they one and all do their best to make the piece go—charming Connie Ediss is delightful, notably in "Good behaviour," and "Class, class, class." Miss Winifred Hare, as "Stella," is well suited for her part, she has a pleasing voice, and efficiently renders the songs entrusted to her. It may easily be imagined that Mr. Willie Edouin, as the ex-riding master, has developed its comic character to perfection. All the artistes work harmoniously together, and, as a result, render the whole as complete and satisfactory as possible. The dresses are well designed, and are harmonious in colour.

BRO. EMRA HOLMES, of Dovercourt, has received the thanks of the King, "by command," for his poem on the "Return of the Duke and Duchess of Cornwall and York."

BRO. M. SPIEGEL, P.M., is not progressing as favourably as expected, he is in a very weak state and we fear it will be many weeks before we shall see him amongst us again.

AT A MEETING of Lodge Amity (Mark) held at the Masonic Hall, Market-street, Poole, on the 14th instant, the W.M., Bro. Geo. Aug. Mate, presiding, Bro. Geo. Parry was elected W.M. for the ensuing year.

SIR H. SEYMOUR KING, M.P., the Mayor of Kensington, has forwarded to Bro. the Lord Mayor a sum of £273 14s. 11d., being the balance of a borough subscription in aid of the Queen Victoria Memorial Fund.

THE VICTORIA STATION HOTEL, NOTTINGHAM, will be open for the reception of visitors on the 23rd instant. This hotel has been built, fitted, and furnished by the well-known firm of Maple and Co., Tottenham Court-road.

THE UNIONISTS of Reading have presented a silver centre piece and an illuminated address to Bro. Charles E. Keyser, of Aldermaston Court, who unsuccessfully contested Reading in the Unionist cause at the bye-election in 1898 and at the last general election, in recognition of the spirited manner in which he fought both contests.

A MASONIC JUBILEE.—Sir Horatio Lloyd, Recorder of Chester since 1866, and county court judge since 1874, will, on Dec. 10, celebrate the 50th anniversary of his initiation into Freemasonry. In honour of the occasion a special Provincial Grand Lodge of Cheshire Freemasons is to be convened, at which certain handsome presentations are to be made to Sir Horatio Lloyd.—*The People*.

BRO. DR. CHARLES FORSHAW, P.R.S. Dublin, has graduated in Pharmacy, Pharmaceutical Chemistry, Materia Medica, Botany and Chemistry, and obtained the diploma of the Apothecaries' Hall, Dublin. There were nine examiners, these being Messrs. Geo. A. Stritch, L.F.P.S. Glasgow, L.A.H. (Governor); Arthur Atcock, M.D., M.C.H., B.A.O. (Deputy Governor); Robert Montgomery, M.R.C.S. (Secretary); Prof. Tichborne, L.L.D., F.R.C.S., M.R.I.A. (who represents the Apothecaries' Society on the General Medical Council); John Evans, L.R.C.S.I., L.A.H. (Apothecary to the King); T. D. Finucane, M.D., L.F.P.S., Glasgow; James Shaw, L.R.C.S.I., L.A.H.; E. F. Hanrahan, M.D., B.Ch., L.M.; and J. A. Ryan, L.R.C.S. Edin., L.A.H.

A WINDOW was unveiled in the chapel of the Cancer Hospital, Free, Fulham-road, London, S.W., on Saturday, the 16th inst., at 3 p.m., by the Right Rev. the Lord Bishop of London. The window was erected through the generosity of the Worshipful Company of Cordwainers, in memory of the late Dr. William Marsden, who 50 years ago founded the Hospital, and about the same time filled the Master's chair of the Company. It is composed of three lights, the centre one is St. Luke and has a small panel below representing the raising of Jairus' daughter, to the right is St. Damian, and to the left St. Cosmo. The work was designed and executed by Messrs. Clayton and Bell, of Regent-street, and it a great addition to the chapel.

AN INTERESTING social function in connection with Lodge St. John, No. 494, New Galloway, was held in the Town Hall, on the 12th inst., when Bro. James McAndrew, who has for very many years taken a leading part in all matters pertaining to the lodge, was entertained at dinner and presented with a beautiful illuminated address, on the occasion of his leaving the district. Despite the stormy nature of the weather there was a good company present. Bro. R. Galloway, R.W.M., presided, and Bro. Cowan (Provost of New Galloway) discharged the duties of Croupier. After an excellent dinner, purveyed by Mr. and Mrs. Milligan, Cross Keys Hotel, the usual loyal toasts were warmly pledged.

THE PRINCE OF WALES'S HOSPITAL FUND FOR LONDON.—In response to the appeal issued by the Organising Committee of the Prince of Wales's Hospital Fund for London to factories, workshops, &c., the following amounts have been received at the Bank of England: The employees of Messrs. Walker, Harrison, and Carthwaite, Ltd., £16 19s. 6d.; the employees of Messrs. Steinhart and Eiser, £2 2s.; the employees of Messrs. Mathieson and Sons, £1 11s.; the employees of Arc Lamps, Ltd., £1 7s. 6d.; the employees of Messrs. R. and J. Dick, £1; the employees of Dr. Ridge's Food Mills, £1; the employees of Messrs. Lea and Francis, Ltd., 7s.; the employees of the British Asbestos Co., Ltd. (second), 6s. 5d.; and the employees of Messrs. Caspar and Co. (monthly), 6s.; Mr. T. P. Chappell, £10 10s.; Mrs. Emily Torrens, £10; Anonymous, £5 5s.; Miss J. M. Wilkinson, £3 3s.; Mr. P. B. Liversidge, £2 2s.; Miss Maxwell, £2; Miss P. S. Usherwood, £2; Mr. Jas. Clark, £1 1s.; Mr. Nicholas Hanhart, £1 1s.; Mrs. M. A. Parsons, £1 1s.; and Mr. C. H. Talbot, £1 1s.

THE MODERN GALLERY, 195, BOND-STREET, S.W.—Water-Colour Drawings by Herbert J. Finn.—There is a note on the works of this artist now exhibiting in the above Gallery by his friend, Dr. Williamson, which is interesting from the fact that we obtain a glimpse of his inner life, and how gradually he arrived at his present artistic excellence. We commend it to visitors. Those who view Mr. Finn's production cannot fail to observe that the artist has two distinct styles—one broad and effective; the other delicate and refined. The Dutch pictures illustrate the first; the architectural details of York, Durham, Ely, &c., the second. He is admirable in both. From our personal knowledge of Holland, we affirm that the Dutch paintings are admirable, true to nature and not exaggerated. We would notice especially Nos. 8, 12, 19, 32. The beautiful delicate details, the fine astompheric effects, are well shown in the cathedral pictures. Nos. 30, 33, 35, 40, 42 (very fine), 45, 50, 52, 53, 70, 72, 75. From 50 to 75 good examples of the artist's conscientious work. We highly commend this exhibition.

IDYLLS AND LANDSCAPES IN SILVER POINT AND WATER COLOUR, by Charles Sinton, R.I., in the Imperial Room, Continental Gallery, 157, New Bond-street, W.—For the last three years we have had the pleasure of attending the exhibition of Mr. Chas. Sinton's drawings in gold and silver point and in water colour. The subjects chosen by the talented artist are so replete with deep feeling, so graceful in their poetic fancy, as at once to appeal to the intellect and taste of the beholder. In our limited space we cannot do more than notice a few of the pictures which please us most, leaving the discriminating visitor to discover fresh beauties himself. Of the silver points we notice No. 4, "From this sordid earth I fly, to my castle in the sky;" 6, Autumn; 9, "The Syren's Cave"—the outlines of the figure are elegant; 15, Puck Contemplative—Puck under different points of view is a favourite subject with the artist; 20, "Movement"—every figure is in motion. Of the water colours—1, The Wood Nymph's Dance—the figure most graceful in its pose; we are not satisfied with the tree work; 25, This we think the finest picture in the collection, the beautiful harmony of colour, the apt manner in which Mr. Sinton has embodied the poet's lines, cannot fail to attract the attention of those who can appreciate high art.

BRO. FREDK. C. FOSTER, W.M. of the United Mariners' Lodge, No. 30, was warmly congratulated on Tuesday evening upon the excellence of his working. During his year of office it has mattered little whether the business of the lodge included initiation, passing, or raising, the impressive ceremonial has lost nothing in his hands. On Tuesday Bro. A. E. Prentice was a candidate for raising and Bro. H. V. Dorey for passing. The beautiful ritual, so splendidly expounded, will have a life-long place in their memories and those of the other members of the lodge. Bro. Foster spoke feelingly concerning the assistance rendered by his officers later on, when during the Fourth Degree he proposed their toast. In the course of the evening the usual loyal and Masonic toasts were interspersed with recitations, vocal and instrumental music, Bro. Newbold, an old favourite, giving "The Diver." Bro. Humphries, with quite a professional touch, gave a couple of recitations—the first a fallen Star, a story of an old "pro" down on his luck, and secondly, "The Sermon which was never Preached." The latter, it is no exaggeration to say, not only held the lodge spellbound during its rendering, but for some minutes afterwards. Bro. Kretschmar sang "O Jugend, wie bist du so schön," a Tonic selection which one of the brethren insisted upon translating into what he termed the Norse "Put your finger-to-your nose." Bro. Smith, P.M., introduced the humorous element by singing "The Polka and the Choir Boy"; Bro. Steingraber, P.M., by reciting "Smoking"; and Bro. Wilkins by spinning a yarn as to why "Ma couldn't be a Mason." Bro. Remington's, P.M., usual welcome contribution consisted of "Father O'Flynn." Mr. Barber, of the Restaurant Frascati, very kindly presided at the piano, and during the evening played a couple of selections, "The Shepherd's Dance" and "Under the Shade of the Palm," the last-named from "Floradora."