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EXTENSION OF MASONIC CHARITY.

AS will be seen from the brief report we publish elsewhere of the half-yearly meeting of the Provincial Grand Lodge of West Yorkshire, that important district has decided on the establishment of a local Educational and Benevolent Institution, having for its objects the maintenance, clothing and education of the children of deceased Brethren, their assistance on leaving school, and the provision of annuities to aged and decayed Freemasons or their widows. There was a certain amount of opposition from those who thought the central Institutions might suffer from the establishment of such a Fund, but in the result the proposal was carried by a very large majority, and thus was laid the foundation of a Fund that ere long will doubtless stand out as a striking exemplification of Masonic Benevolence.

DEVIL WORSHIP.

JUDGING from the past it is not to be expected that we have heard the last war-whoop of Rome against Freemasonry. So far it has been a one-sided fight, and I hope it may thus remain, anomalous as such a state of things may be, but it would appear to be widely believed by Masons that the time has now come when something more than silence is necessary on the other.

I was early taught that the devil was the father of lies, and still believe lying to be a very sincere form of devil worship, although let me remark such worship has not even yet been defined. There are few forms of religion, inclusive of those termed heathen, which do not admit powers of good and evil: to propitiate the latter (or the devil in whatever form or name) I should say is devil worship, and of great antiquity. This, however, is not the devil worship Catholic priests say is rampant at the close of the nineteenth century, and confined to Freemasons. According to them the devil is the supreme God, whereas even Pagans as they are called deny this. I own that, as a Mason credited with more or less active experience of the Craft, I never heard of this new Cult until lately. I can understand that the Catholic wish may be father to the thought, inasmuch as such a creed would utterly destroy Freemasonry. As a matter of fact we owe the orthodox presentment of the devil—the barbed tail, cloven hoofs, horns and prominent ears, &c.—to the Catholic Church. It has always made much of this personage, parading him on the backs of victims in the days of the Inquisition, but nobody has cared to infringe upon the copyright; so it will be with this new invention. For my part, because I have been willing to pass the story that Romulus was the son of a God, and similarly other stories connected with the foundation of the City of Rome, and regard lightly the spasmodic fanaticism that persists in trotting out myths in the broad daylight of this nineteenth century with an assurance savouring of the dark ages, it is useless for anybody to tell me that I ought and indeed must believe in them. If the fossilised inconsist-

encies of the fourteenth century are still sought to be kept up, it by no means follows that they will commend themselves to me simply on the plea of their antiquity; obedience may be necessary to the very existence of a Church, and I do not affirm that a very ignorant flock may not be all the better for leaving its conscience in the hands of the shepherd, but as a principle too generally applied even such obedience is apt to be practised with more or less suspicion even by devotees. I and my Brother Masons, for example, are anathematised as devil worshippers, and if after more than 25 years active experience of Masons and Masonry I refuse to acknowledge that as a fact which never existed,—in plain English to subscribe to a downright lie,—is not my good opinion of that teacher who claims my obedience likely to be rudely shaken?

As to the effect of the recent fiasco at Trent, it will advertise the eagerness of Rome for converts of the Diana Vaughan type, who now know they will be received with open arms: beyond this I think nothing will result from the Congress. I doubt if even the pitiable exhibition of 500 grave and reverend Fathers glorying over Lucifer's signature in green ink, written with an iron arrow; or seriously discussing Miss Diana Vaughan's amazonic prowess at the head of an army of spirits of fire supplied by the devil himself, and with which she was believed to have defeated the angelic guard, and entered the garden of Eden, sometime during the nineteenth century; will tear up a single root of the antiquated weeds that seem indigenous to the Papal garden. Although apparently it was expected that the "lioness" of the gathering (whose "Memoires" by the way, are a mere jobbery of incidents from the literature of the French Revolution) would be present, even her existence was stoutly denied, and the Catholic reports admit that no evidence could be given in substantiation of her personality. However, I can quite conceive such presence might have been a sore trial to some of the members, for a woman who has interviewed the still young and handsome Lucifer, enthroned on diamonds, and sat beside him on a golden chair, during an interesting conversation, must be nearly as uncanny a mortal as the actual relative of Satan she prophesied would be born at Paris, on the 29th September 1896.

About 100 years ago, a certain Regent of France drew upon himself a great outcry of the Catholic Clergy, because, amongst other sins more hurtful, he went outside Paris, they said, to raise the devil. The Parisians of that day thought he need not have gone so far, and that is exactly my opinion respecting the present devil-seekers. Let the latter recall the proceedings of the Anti-Masonic Congress at Trent, and then honestly ask themselves if it is not more than probable that devil worship seriously appeared for the first time there!

I take this opportunity of entering my indignant protest against the charge of devil worshipper, both as an individual and a Mason; and especially the connection of the names of the Prince of Wales, the Marquis of Londonderry, John Yarker, and others, with statements and insinuations which never had the slightest foundation on fact.

HYKSOS.

WEST YORKSHIRE.

AT the invitation of the Brethren of Integrity Lodge, No. 380, the half-yearly meeting of the Provincial Grand Lodge was held on Wednesday, 14th inst., in the Town Hall, Morley. The Provincial Grand Master the Right Hon. W. L. Jackson, M.P., presided.

As it was known that several questions of great interest would be discussed, particularly the recommendation of the Provincial Charity Committee respecting the establishment of an Educational and Benevolent Institution for the Province, the occasion attracted an unusually large attendance of Provincial Grand Officers and Brethren.

The Craft Lodge was opened by Bro. M. Riley W.M. of Integrity, and the Prov. Grand Master, accompanied by the Mayor of Morley, Alderman G. Johnson, wearing his chain of office, and the present and past Provincial Officers, entered, and proceeded to open Provincial Grand Lodge.

The Provincial Grand Master, in a short address, thanked the Mayor and Corporation of Morley for the use of the hall, and alluded to the progress the town had made during recent years. He announced that since the last meeting he had consecrated a new Lodge at Headingley, the number of Lodges in the Province being 78.

He then proceeded to appoint the following Brethren to Past Provincial Grand rank in commemoration of the Prince of Wales having completed twenty-one years as Grand Master:—George Henry Park P.M. 154 as P.P.S.G.W., Alderman G. Johnson, Mayor of Morley, 380 as P.P.S.G.W., C. Wheawell 290 as P.P.J.G.W., S. Law 608 P.P.J.G.W., J. B. Pawson 242 P.P.G.R., G. Heaton W.M. 258 P.P.G.D., F. Smith, J.P., 837 P.P.G.D., and H. Child 1221 P.P.G.D.

A long discussion took place on a proposition moved by Bro. W. Harrop P.P.G.W. Chairman of the Provincial Charity Committee, and seconded by Bro. W. C. Lupton P.P.G.D., that an Educational and Benevolent Institution be formed in the Province, to be called the West Yorkshire Educational and Benevolent Institution, and that its objects should be the maintenance, clothing, and education of the children of deceased Freemasons, making grants towards the advancement of such children on their leaving school, making grants and granting annuities to aged and decayed Freemasons and the widows of Freemasons, and generally to promote the cause of Masonic Charity.

Several speakers regarded the time for establishing such an Institution as inopportune, and expressed a fear that it would interfere with the contributions of the great Masonic Institutions in London. The resolution was, however, carried by an overwhelming majority. The following Brethren were appointed to draw up and submit a scheme to the next meeting:—The Prov. Grand Master and his Deputy, the Chairman and Vice-Chairman of the Charity Committee, the Prov. G. Secretary, W. F. Smithson (*ex officio*), R. Wilson 289, C. L. Mason 304, W. Blackburn 306, W. W. Clayton 1311, Sir J. Cass 1034, A. Stephenson 1648, J. Binney 139, W. H. Brittain 139, H. Thomas 296, G. E. Webster 2268, W. Gaukroger 61, A. Robertshaw 448, G. H. Robinson 275, W. H. Jessop 521, H. S. Child and G. H. Parke 154, R. I. Critchley 208, J. R. Fawcett 1214, F. Cleeves 904, J. Barker 1102, S. Jacob 837, W. Greenwood 439, T. M. Holmes 1545, Colonel Robinson 1810, G. Thompson 1001, T. B. Wilson 1542, A. Macaulay 258, W. Cockcroft 307, Dr. Bates 1522, W. Laycock 1108, C. Goldthorpe 242, and Glover.

Bro. J. Binney P.P.G.R. proposed a resolution protesting against the sale of the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys, and a purchase of a new site for the Schools, until steps had been taken to obtain the opinion of the general body of subscribers. This was seconded and carried.

A grant of £50 was made to the library fund, and another grant to a widow, and the proceedings terminated.—“Yorkshire Post.”

WEST LANCASHIRE ALPASS FUND.

AS briefly announced last week, the Lord Mayor of Liverpool, the Right Hon. the Earl of Derby, G.C.B., P.G.W.Eng. P.D.P.G.M. took the chair on Tuesday, 6th inst., as President for the year at the annual festival of the West Lancashire Alpass Masonic Benevolent Institution, held at the Prince of Wales Hotel, Southport.

In all, about 250 ladies and Brethren were present, and the festival was one of the most successful of the lengthening series.

After the banquet, the President gave the Loyal toasts, followed by that of the Provincial Grand Lodge.

Bro. R. Wylie proposed the President of the Festival, referring to the services of the Earl, not only that evening, but in Provincial Grand Lodge, as Governor-General of Canada, and

as Lord Mayor of Greater Liverpool. In each position, Lord Derby had won love and esteem, and though it had been said with a sneer that Lancashire loved a lord, he was proud to think that the Masous of West Lancashire loved the noble Earl of Derby.

In responding, the President said that when his Masonic Brethren approached him with an intimation of a desire for him to preside at this Festival, he gladly availed himself of the opportunity, not only to restore some of his former connection with the Masonic work of the Province, but because he felt there was a kindness of heart which made one feel that, though years had passed, some of the Brethren still felt towards himself those feelings of attachment which he himself had never ceased to entertain towards the Province. He was afraid he should have to speak now in the humble capacity of one of the youngest W.M.s in West Lancashire. As many present were aware, especially the numerous Brethren from Preston, there had been a very promising child born this year, and its naming being attended by a number of distinguished sponsors, who gave it the name of the Stanley of Preston Lodge, No. 2600. He did not refer to the Lodge on account of his own connection with it, but because its birth showed that where a new Lodge would promote the prosperity of the Province and would not interfere with the legitimate working of other Lodges, the authorities of the Province would grant the necessary permission to found a Lodge. He hoped that by the next Festival further advances might be shown, and that the President, be he old Mason or young W.M., would not fail to be impressed with the unanimity which brought them together. After a graceful reference to the presence of the many ladies, the President spoke of the origin of the Alpass Institution as a memorial of a respected Provincial Grand Secretary, and in proposing the West Lancashire Alpass Benevolent Institution, said it had been doing a noble work for ten years, and had now forty-one widows on the foundation. He concluded with an appeal for the funds of the Institution, remarking on the importance of annual subscriptions, while the interest on investments was low.

Bro. C. A. Trevitt, in responding, read the Stewards' list, the various Lodges contributing from a guinea to £75 each, most of them sending at least ten guineas, which, with £165 from the Earl and Countess of Derby, made a grand total of £1,296.

Bro. Lord Skelmersdale also responded, observing that the Institution was one of the most magnificent testimonies of good work a man could have either in England or in the world at large. He hoped the Institution would never have to go to the cost of a ballot.

Other toasts followed, and Bro. Thomas Shaw, No. 2316, directed a highly acceptable musical programme.—“Liverpool Courier.”

W. LANCS. EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTION.

THE first meeting of the Committee charged with the arrangements in connection with the annual festival and ball in aid of the funds of the West Lancashire Masonic Educational Institution was held on the 16th, at the Masonic Hall, Hope Street, Liverpool, where Bro. Dr. Crawford P.P.G. Treas., the retiring chairman of last year's assembly, presided over a numerous gathering. Bro. T. B. Newton P.G. Treas., on the motion of Bro. Dr. J. Kellett Smith P.P.G.R., seconded by Bro. G. Broadbridge P.P.G.D. Cers., and supported by Past Masters Harradon and Latham, was unanimously elected Chairman of the Ball Committee; Bro. A. E. Povey P.M. 241 was appointed Vice-Chairman; Bro. J. T. Darby P.M. 1380 Honorary Secretary; and Bro. G. Broadbent P.M. 1013 Honorary Treasurer. The Chairman and Executive Officers, along with Bros. J. Houlding, Dr. Smith, and Dr. Crawford, were appointed a deputation to wait on the new Lord Mayor in order to secure his sanction as to the date of the ball at the Town Hall, the application for the use of the building having meanwhile been placed before the Finance Committee. It was resolved that the patrons of the last Festival be immediately communicated with, and the meeting was afterwards adjourned for a fortnight.—“Liverpool Mercury.”

JUBILEE AT WOLVERHAMPTON.

THE celebration of the jubilee of the Lodge of Honour was continued on the 13th, with a banquet held in the Exchange Hall, Wolverhampton, which was attended by about 140 Brethren, including Bro. J. A. Lloyd Master of the Lodge, who presided, the Earl of Dartmouth Provincial Grand Master Staffordshire, A. F. Godson, Q.C., M.P., Provincial Grand Master Worcestershire, Lieut-Col Bindley D.P.G.M. Staffordshire, &c.

Bro. C. A. Newnham, J.P., proposed the Right Worshipful the Provincial Grand Master of Staffordshire the Earl of Dartmouth. He said that he had had the privilege of serving under several Provincial Grand Masters, and he would not say one word which might be derogatory to the reign of those who had passed away, for they were all good, true and loyal Masons; peace be to their memories; they served their time, and did their best. But now they had given place to their present Right Worshipful Provincial Grand Master the Earl of Dartmouth, and he would say most emphatically that none of them had the qualities of his lordship. In his presence it would be fulsome to say much in his praise. He was a comparatively young Mason, yet he had shown himself well qualified for the post, and had thrown much earnestness into the work; and there was no doubt that as long as God might be pleased to spare him he would continue to fulfil his duties to the very best of his ability. He was proud to be able to say that he had a great deal to do with Lord Dartmouth's appointment to the honourable and responsible position, and he believed that all would agree that the choice of Lord Dartmouth had been amply justified by his conduct as Provincial Grand Master. Not one single thing had he ever done in Masonry which would fail to meet with their approval. The toast was pledged with hearty cheers, with musical honours, and with cheers for Lady Dartmouth.

The Earl of Dartmouth, in response, thanked Bro. Newnham for the kind terms in which he had proposed the toast, and the company for the warmth with which they had pledged it. He had endeavoured to realise the responsibilities and the duties of Provincial Grand Master, but the more he tried the more conscious he became of his shortcomings in that respect (cries of "No, no."). Perhaps they would allow that he was a judge of his own feelings in the matter. He saw in their very elegant programme the statement that the Provincial Grand Master "wrought all kinds of service with a noble ease," but he was afraid that he could not take that compliment to himself. In the presence of the uninitiated he would not divulge any of the secrets of their Craft, but he might say that he did not think that the mysteries of the Craft and the work of the Craft were, or ought to be, easy, because he was quite sure that however old a Mason a man might be, however much they knew of the mysteries of the Craft, the more they knew of them the more they knew that they had yet to learn. He felt the disadvantages of being initiated into those mysteries so late in life, but he had been much indebted to the example of those who had preceded him, and to the kindness and consideration of those who had surrounded him in the execution of his duties. He had already, at the meeting of the Lodge of Honour, offered his congratulations to the Lodge on attaining its jubilee, and he would like now to repeat those congratulations. At least one of his predecessors was initiated into that Lodge, and he held it to be an honour to follow one of their respected members who had formerly held the position of Provincial Grand Master.

Bro. T. J. Barnett P.P.G.J.W. proposed "The Lodge of Honour, No. 526, 1846-1896," and remarked that he had never seen in the Province such a thoroughly representative gathering as the present, nor had he ever heard so many congratulations in a Lodge-room as those received by their Worshipful Master at the afternoon meeting. The question had often been asked, "What is Freemasonry?" The answer was that it was a peculiar system of morality, veiled in allegory, and illustrated by symbols. The grand principles on which it was founded were Brotherly love, faith, and truth. They were not ashamed of their principles, and, on the other hand, were delighted to see present some who had not been initiated. They were deeply gratified by the presence with them of Bro. Hicklin, who was one of the founders of the Lodge, and the first elected Master. During the period the Lodge had existed nearly 600 meetings had been held, and the attendance had numbered between 13,000 and 14,000. They had initiated over 200 Brethren into Freemasonry. They hoped that all these were good members; they knew that many of them were. They had also had the pleasure of affiliating with their Lodge nearly 100 other Brethren. Charity was a principle that they thought a great deal about. To boast of what they had done under that head would be contrary to the spirit of charity; but the Brethren would see, on reference to the records, that they had well observed that principle. The Lodge had had many distinguished members. Some had gone to the Grand Lodge above, and their names were remembered with all reverence. They would not forget the late Colonel Foster Gough, who was Provincial Grand Master, and whose good work was unparalleled. Another Provincial Grand Master who was a member of their Lodge was the late Earl of Shrewsbury. Among the honoured names of the Brethren of the Lodge were those of Colonel Tudor and Bro. Newnham. The latter had, for the 28th time, been elected Treasurer of the Lodge. Their membership had included seven mayors of the borough, three town clerks, two chief constables, and many clergy who attained to high ecclesiastical positions. They were now in a

better position—both financially and as to number of members—than at any time in the history of the Lodge. The Lodge had, though taking an independent course, always been on the most fraternal terms with the other Lodges in the town and province. Its charities were above the average; the Lodge had given to the Province some most useful Officers; and its banner and charter remained unsullied to this day.

Bro. Benjamin Hicklin, in response, said that the Lodge was formed by a few who were dissatisfied with the Lodge of which they had hitherto been members. The upbuilding of the Lodge of Honour was not at first an easy task, but it had now, he was pleased to say, attained a membership of 80. He hoped that there were many now present who would live to take part in the celebration of the centenary of the Lodge.—"Midland Evening News."

BOARD OF BENEVOLENCE.

THE October meeting of the Board of Benevolence was held on Wednesday, in the Board Room of Freemasons' Hall, London, the President's, and two Vice-Presidents' chairs being occupied by Bros. Robert Grey, D. D. Mercer, and C. A. Cottebrune. Bros. Edward Letchworth G.S., William Lake Assist. G.S., W. Dodd, G. S. Recknell and Henry Sadler G.T., attended in their official capacity. The elected members of the Board, and those entitled to attend as wearers of the purple were Bros. Henry Garrod, W. Fisher, W. Vincent, Hugh M. Gordon, J. H. Matthews, George Graveley, James Bunker, S. H. Goldschmidt, W. Kipps, W. P. Brown, T. W. Whitmarsh, J. M. McLeod, Robert Gowan, Walter Martin, and James Kew. The Masters and Past Masters who signed were Bros. George Powell, Charles Dairy, Felix Kite, James W. Burgess, George Allen, H. Purdue, Robert Hall, H. Massey, Wm. Brickel, Chas. Dawson, William Jerrett Miller, A. A. Drew, Henry Roberts, F. W. Jordan, N. Goodchild, R. E. H. Goffin, C. James, W. I. Mason, Albert Clark, S. J. Roco, C. T. Williams, F. W. Barker, H. W. Nicholson, Henry J. Olive, and J. W. Miller.

After confirming recommendations of the previous meeting, the Brethren examined a new list of thirty-seven petitions. It was found necessary to defer one case, and dismiss the petition of two applicants. Grand Lodge was recommended to sanction the gift of a £100 to a widow; and in three cases it was referred to the Grand Master to approve of £40 each being given, and £30 each to ten applicants. Ten petitioners were awarded £20 each, seven were voted £10 each, and three £5 each. The sitting lasting over three hours, but for such a large number of petitions this was exceptionally short.

THE FIFTEEN SECTIONS.

ARRANGEMENTS have been made for the working of the Fifteen Sections at the undermentioned Lodges of Instruction:

On Thursday, 29th inst., at the Southern Star, No. 1158, the Sir Sidney Smith Tavern, Chester Street, Kennington Road, at 7 p.m. Bro. Wise P.M. 1158 W.M., Whitney W.M. 861 S.W., Moss S.D. 141 J.W., Ball P.M. 144 I.P.M., C. Wise P.M. 1158 Preceptor, T. Green S.D. 1158 Secretary.

FIRST LECTURE.—Bros. Davies S.D. 1381, Horton W.M. 72, Dickinson W.M. 2048, Moss S.D. 141, Whiting P.M. 72, Eedle P.M. P.G.Supt. Wks. Essex 2184, Whitney W.M. 861.

SECOND LECTURE.—Bros. Body S.D. 72, Spice 193, Krellwitz W.M. 511, Plant W.M. 101, Chinery 87.

THIRD LECTURE.—Bros. Darch P.M. 72 and 1986, Johnson D.C. 2206, Packer S.W. 1558.

On Saturday, 31st inst., at the Percy, No. 198 (by members of the New Concord Lodge of Instruction), the Jolly Farmers, Southgate Road, N., at 7 p.m. Bro. H. G. Gush P.M. 1541 W.M., T. G. Hodges P.M. 1695 S.W., J. H. Gaskin P.M. 1897 J.W., I. P. Cohen P.M. 205 Preceptor I.P.M., F. Stallard P.M. 1603 Secretary.

FIRST LECTURE.—Bros. J. H. Wood P.M. 145, R. P. Walkden P.M. 1366, J. H. Gaskin P.M. 1897, H. Park J.W. 1327, G. A. Peters W.M. 1227, T. G. Hodges P.M. 1695, R. Bescoby 1237.

SECOND LECTURE.—Bros. T. Matthews 1585, D. J. Witte S. 1327, W. H. Snelling P.M. 1541, J. A. Powell 186, F. Stallard P.M. 1603.

THIRD LECTURE.—Bros. R. Heslop P.M. 1695, T. Anley J.W. 177, I. P. Cohen P.M. 205.

Probably the smallest donation that the Prince of Wales ever gave to a movement which had his direct patronage and approval, was the modest half-crown with which he headed the subscription list in connection with the fund for defraying the cost of a bust of Lord Suffield Provincial Grand Master of the Norfolk Freemasons. The object of His Royal Highness in limiting his mite to the sum named was in order that all the Brethren in the Province might subscribe, for, of course, it would, under the circumstances, not have been proper for any of the Brethren to have "topped" this amount.—"Daily Mail."

ORDER OF THE SECRET MONITOR.

THERE was a large gathering of Freemasons; chiefly from Essex, at the Great Eastern Hotel, Liverpool Street, on Thursday, 8th inst., to take part in the consecration of a Conclave of the S.M., named the Earl of Warwick, after the Grand Supreme Ruler of the Order, and Provincial Grand Master of the Craft Province of Essex.

The Earl of Warwick was present, supported by Bro. Dr. Zacharie, the father of the Order in England, and several of the Grand Officers.

The ceremony of consecration was performed by His Honour Judge Philbrick, Q.C., Deputy Supreme Grand Ruler, who, in the course of his opening remarks, said the occasion was one which might justly be considered as unique. The Conclave they were about to consecrate was essentially an Essex one, formed to do honour to one who had so long, and so eminently presided over the destinies of the Craft in the county. They were met that day to unfurl the banner of David and Jonathan in the Province of Essex; and he might explain for the benefit of the Brethren who had that day been inducted, that this Order was not one of mushroom growth. The Venerable Past Supreme Ruler (Dr. Zacharie), who he was glad to see present, joined it 50 years ago, and the lamented Grand Secretary in Masonry, Col. Shadwell Clerke, took the degree in Malta, in 1848. The Order received a great impetus in America at the time of that fratricidal war when brother was arrayed against brother, husband against wife, parent against child, and when no tie seemed binding, no promise sacred. It was at such a time that a tie like that supplied by the Order of the Secret Monitor was needed to mitigate some of the horrors of that fratricidal contest. As regards themselves, he thought he need not prove that a Society, framed upon the principles of self-sacrifice, of mutual trust, of watchful Brotherly care, of compulsory warning in time of danger, official solace in time of sorrow, and skilful and effective, though unostentatious, advice in every circumstance of life, was one that met a great and crying need in human affairs, and was calculated to benefit those who acted up to its tenets. The Order was taking a deep root in the North of England, and it was only the other day that some of them had the pleasure of assisting at the consecration of a Conclave in Manchester, which was being worked with great enthusiasm. Knowing as well as he did the earnestness of his Brethren in Essex he had no doubt but that the Earl of Warwick Conclave would be heartily supported in the county, and that it might go on and prosper was his most ardent wish.

The ceremony of consecration was then proceeded with, the Consecrating Officer being assisted by Bros. Japheth Tickle as C., James Stephens as G., John Marshall as Chap., W. J. Spratling as D.C., and J. J. Pakes as C.O. His Honour Judge Philbrick was installed as 1st S.R., and the other Officers were invested as follow:—Thos. J. Ralling C., Francis A. White G., J. J. C. Turner Treas., J. J. Pakes P.G.V. Secretary, H. C. Borradaile Assistant Sec., F. A. Jewson Organist, R. D. Poppleton Steward, Rev. S. Haslock Chaplain, Otto F. Heinemann 1st V.D., F. H. Bright 2nd V.D., J. H. Salter 3rd V.D., W. Howard-Flanders 4th V.D., F. J. Eedle D.C., W. J. Songhurst Guarder, F. England A.D.C., A. G. Young Sentinel.

At the conclusion of the business of the meeting, the Earl of Warwick said before they separated he should like to thank the D.S.R. for so kindly acting as Consecrating Officer that day; by so doing he had added another to the many kindnesses he had experienced at the hands of Bro. Philbrick. He was also much struck with the manner in which Bro. Pakes had performed the induction ceremony, and he was sure that those Brethren who had received the degree that day must be delighted that they had been inducted in such a solemn and impressive manner. He was also under great obligation to Bro. Guy, for the work he had done in the inauguration of the Conclave. He had taken a great deal of trouble, and they one and all thanked Bro. Guy for it. His lordship concluded by expressing his best wishes for the prosperity of the new Conclave.

The Brethren afterwards dined together, an elegant banquet being well served, under the personal direction of Bro. Amendt, assisted by Bro. Becker.

WHAT MASONRY MAY DO.

AS long as human governments are oppressive or unjust, as long as vice and wrong-doing are rife in the world, as long as widows and orphans shall stretch forth their empty hands for sympathy and help, as long as innocence and virtue shall need defenders, as long as any Brother, either in sickness or in health, shall need a Brother's aid or sympathy—yea, until the world shall have come into its millennial glory, there will be duties, there will be work for Freemasonry. There are very few persons outside the

membership of our Fraternity who fully realise the great influence Masonry has exercised in advancing civilisation, in lifting up and ennobling human character, and in shaping the destiny of governments. Masonry allies itself with no political party, yet it teaches those self-evident truths of man's equality, promulgates those inalienable rights of man that influence men to correct political action and strengthens them to contend for the right. Masonry recognises no religious sect or denomination, yet it teaches that broader religion that acknowledges one Fatherhood and one Brotherhood, and inculcates the practice of those Christian virtues which prepare the hearts of men for the more sacred duties of the Church. The power of Masonry is exercised without ostentation or display. It does not publicly marshal its hosts by the blare of trumpets or make band-wagon displays to attract the multitude, but its influence is shed upon the hearts of men silently and unseen, as the dew of heaven descends to refresh earth's thirsty verdure.—“Keystone.”

ANTI-MASONIC WORKS.

THE following letter appeared in a recent issue of the “Tablet”:

SIR,—Your correspondent, Mr. C. C. Massey, gives some information on this subject and asks for more. I agree with him that we want more. Whether we are interested in the subject or not, it is one of great practical moment. It is not a mere academic question for erudite discussion by a group of antiquarians. It is one which belongs to the living world of action, and affects nations no less than individuals. Nor is it a question of family genealogies, or of literary investigation however absorbing. It is a question of (i) whether there is, or whether there is not, such a thing as Luciferianism, Satanism, or in other words Devil-worship; and (ii) whether or not evidence points to Freemasonry as being allied with it.

I will take in order the writings of Dr. Bataille, Diana Vaughan, and Mr. Waite. (i) As to Dr. Bataille. I believe it is generally understood that the occurrences related in the “Diable au XIXe Siècle” do not profess to have happened to one and the same individual. Dr. Hacks, according to the testimony adduced by Mr. Massey, “co-operated only in a minor part of the volume.” Therefore his repudiation is not far-reaching. Nevertheless it naturally casts doubt upon the whole. Yet, at the same time, it does not follow that, because there may be a certain amount of fiction in the book, there may not also be a good deal of fact. It would be well if what is fiction could be sifted from what is fact, and if what is fact could be verified. As to this every one is agreed.

(ii) Next, as to Diana Vaughan. Is there such a person at all? Let us assume that there is. She first came before the public when she was still a Luciferian. She published three numbers of “Le Palladium” in March, April, and May 1895. It is a fact which can be demonstrated that these numbers were published and that copies of them were sent even to distant parts of the world. Of the Luciferianism of those numbers there is no doubt; they were published to propagate Luciferianism. That such a person as Diana Vaughan lived in Kentucky, and that she had the reputation of being a Mason of high grade, has been certified by persons of credit in America.

Next, are there two Diana Vaughans? Margiotta does not deny the existence of one Diana, but he says that there are two; one, and the real one, the Luciferian; the other the so-called Catholic Diana Vaughan. Last autumn she disappeared, and very reasonably, that she might not be “suppressed,” or in plain language be assassinated. And she is wise enough not to accept an invitation similar to that which the spider issued to the fly. The Luciferian periodical now changed its title: the “Palladium” became the “Mémoires d'une Ex-Palladiste.” But the style remained the same; there was the same finely marked individuality and strength of character behind the Mémoires as had been evident in the “Palladium.” “Le 33e .: Crispi” reveals the same identity. In a very spirited and crushing reply to a French newspaper, which had flatly denied her statements in “Le 33e .: Crispi” about Italian Masons in Tunis, there is the same characteristic style. Internal evidence points to the conclusion that, if the real Diana wrote the “Palladium,” it is the real Diana that is writing the “Mémoires.”

Signor Margiotta says, No. Unfortunately for him he had written letters to her while she was a Luciferian; and he has written letters to her since she has become a Catholic. And, still more unfortunately for his theory, the Diana Vaughan of the Mémoires is in possession of both sets of letters. How is this if there are two Dianas? Moreover, she has had them photographed and reproduced in her pamphlet “Miss Diana Vaughan et M. Margiotta” (Delhomme et Briguet, Paris). In this she not only proves herself as at present, to be identical with herself in her Luciferian times, but she also completely refutes Margiotta's calumnious accusations by the very text of his own letters.

(iii) Let us come now to Mr. Waite's book, which is said to have “at least the intention of being an impartial criticism.” It has that appearance; is it only on the surface? Mr. Waite tells us that he is a “mystic” and a “transcendentalist.” He does not tell us whether or not he is a Mason; but he says that he has friends amongst Masons of high grade, and he states that the object of his book has been to “justify a great Fraternity from a singularly foul aspersion” (p. 314).

Space will not allow me to do more than deal with one of his arguments for discrediting Anti-Masonic writings; but it is one which touches very closely the momentous question at issue. It is the passage concerning the protest against the election, in 1893, of Adriano Lemmi to the Sovereign Pontificate of Universal Masonry. Supposing the document to be genuine, it proves:

- (1) The existence of a Sovereign Pontiff of Universal Masonry;
- (2) The existence of a Most Serene Grand College of Emerited Masons;
- (3) The existence of Luciferianism and Satanism;
- (4) The co-operation of English and American Masonry with Italian Masonry;
- (5) The common end of Masonry in England, America, and Italy, to be the complete annihilation of the Papacy.

Now this document was in print and published long before Margiotta printed it in his "Life of Andriano Lemmi," and therefore still longer before the conversion of Diana Vaughan. The world is indebted for its publication to neither the one nor the other: the document is independent of both of them. Sweep Dr. Bataille and Diana Vaughan away from the face of the earth; let them be as though they had never existed; and this document alone is enough to prove the points in question.

Mr. Waite will then assuredly show that it is spurious and that it has not a shadow of title to credit. Yet what does he do? His one and only criticism is that it is "a clumsy and ridiculous specimen of 'English as she is wrote'" (p. 218); and, after giving some samples of bad English in the document, he dismisses it as being completely unworthy of notice. He condemns it because of its faulty English; and, here as elsewhere, he makes merry over various un-English expressions and spellings that he meets with. He calls the Protest Signor Margiotta's documentary "pièce de resistance"; and, in doing so, he makes two mistakes in the orthography of three words. Why? Because neither he himself, nor the printer, perhaps, is a Frenchman.

"This," he says, "is the precious document which appears over the signatures of Alexander Graveson and Diana Vaughan." Very true; but it is not the whole truth. Between the signatures of Alexander Graveson and Diana Vaughan stands the signature of Vicente-Feliz Palacois. These are Spanish names; and it was Palacois, the Provincial Delegate of Mexico, who drew up the document. An English document is drawn up by a Spaniard; what wonder then that its expressions are sometimes un-English? The fact is a confirmation of the document; for the internal evidence agrees with the external testimony that it was Palacois who composed the Protest. Mr. Waite says that the French is the original, notwithstanding the statement of others to the contrary; and Mr. Waite is a transcendentalist, soaring above the ordinary flights of knowledge.

The mere fact that Mr. Waite has nothing more serious to allege against this most vital document than the foreign idioms of a Spanish Mexican (English, by the way, quite sufficient for the practical purpose for which it was written) recoils upon Mr. Waite himself, and tends to confirm what he wishes to destroy.

But let us leave these discussions, and come to the substance of that which is called in question. Let us take one or two public facts. (1) On 10th May 1889, the principal banner carried in procession from the railway station in Rome to the Campo dei Fiori, where the statue of Giordano Bruno was to be unveiled, was one whereon was depicted a likeness of Satan. The Holy Father thus referred to the fact in his Allocation of 30th June following: "quodque maxime horribile est, nec defuere signa cum simulacris nequissimi, qui subesse in cœlis Altissimo recusavit." For a description of the procession see "Le Pape Leon XIII." by Mgr. de T'Serclaes, Rector of the Belgian College in Rome, vol. ii., p. 148. (2) Adriano Lemmi, presiding as Grand Master of Italy at a Masonic banquet at Naples, 18th December 1892, ended his address with these words: "I drink . . . to the genius who inspired an immortal hymn to our Carducci, to the genius of the Italian revolution (Io bevo . . . al genio che ispirò al nostro Carducci un inno immortale, al genio della rivoluzione italiana)." "Discorsi del Gran Maestro Adriano Lemmi," Roma, G. Civelli, 1893, p. 115. The book contains a short dedicatory Preface to the Italian Freemasons signed A. Lemmi 33 . . . The hymn of Carducci is well-known. "It is his Hymn to Satan," in fifty stanzas, the fifth of which is as follows:

A te disfrenasi
Il verso ardito;
Te inivoco, O Satana,
Rè del convito.

"To thee let my verse boldly address itself; thee, I invoke, O Satan, King of the banquet."

If the above be insufficient, consult other documents of unquestioned authenticity. Take Signor Solutore Zola's formal abjuration of Masonry, given in the "Tablet" (2nd May 1896), and in various papers, Masonic included. See how they all converge to one and the same point; and consider whether they do not constitute an overwhelming mass of cumulative evidence establishing, upon solid grounds, the Anti-Masonic position.

FRANCIS M. WYNDHAM.

DR. BATAILLE AND FREEMASONRY.

WE also extract the following letter from our contemporary, the "Tablet":

SIR,—One of your correspondents draws the attention of the public to "Le Diable au 19e Siècle," to which he attributes the amount of credibility one would give to a work of fiction. A good deal of its contents have nothing whatever to do with the subject matter. The chapters on Apollonius of Thyana, the Possessions at Loudun, Cagliostro, &c., evidently serve only to spin out a long story. In other points Dr. Bataille (Hacke and Co.) goes a great deal too far, as, for instance, when he (or they) brings Indian and Chinese devil worship into connection with Freemasonry. The proof of any such connection will yet have to be given. Again, the underground workshops at Gibraltar are mere rubbish. It requires a deal of hardihood to palm off such nonsense upon English readers. But leaving all these "allogria" aside, there remains a good and substantial foundation, which it would be wrong to throw overboard simply on account of the untrustworthy superstructure. It is a pity that such a book should have been written in the vernacular, and published in a cheap edition for "general readers." It is bound to do an immense deal of harm, for it cannot be denied that it exercises a certain amount of fascination, particularly upon people of immature character. Moreover, there are reticences which we should be thankful for, were they not so suggestive. For to write certain words in Greek characters which are all but identical with their Latin equivalents, or to hint at things which it requires but little imagination to picture, may be a well-meant expedient, but decidedly falls short of its purpose. Such a work should be more scientific, more thorough, and written in Latin. Thus it would reach, or could be made to reach, those classes to whom it belongs to warn and teach the people. The book, such as it is, will lead many into Freemasonry and Satanism, were it only for curiosity's sake, while it will do little to counteract the movement.

Having said so much against the work, I now must say something in praise of it. It is more than twenty years since I began to occupy myself with the study of Freemasonry. At that time the existence of the centre at

Charleston, and Palladianism with its Triangles, &c., were not yet generally known, not even among the higher degrees of the Sect. Nevertheless, the tendency of the Sect was absolutely the same as it is now. The ceremonies for initiation varied little from the present form, but—at least in some countries—the battle against the Papacy, and the implacable hatred of Jesus Christ were even more uncompromisingly expressed than they seem to be now—on the strength of "Dr. Bataille's" communications. We have had proofs from every quarter of the work of the Supreme Council of Charleston, both ad intra and ad extra. Documents have been published, independently of Dr. Bataille, which remove the last doubt as to the proclamation of the reign of Satan. The Satanic sacraments are established beyond question; the systematic profanation of Hosts and other sacred things is well-known to the majority of priests. I myself have come across people who were paid for stealing Hosts for this purpose. What we owe to Dr. Bataille is not that he brought these facts to light, for we knew them before he published his book, but that he has given a synopsis of the organisation and the interior and exterior work of the Sect. Nor do I understand on what grounds exception could be taken to the book with regard to these points. Doubts have been expressed as to the reality of the supernatural phenomena supposed to take place in the Triangles. I am far from believing everything Dr. Bataille tells us on this score. But that such phenomena do take place cannot reasonably be denied. I know a person who, being questioned as to attending Sunday Mass, answered that she frequented another meeting where much more remarkable things happened with the Host than at Mass. Sapienti pauca. I do not see how so many people could take an interest in High Masonry and Satanism (which at the best are terrifying, besides being insupportable for any one who has not lost every atom of decency) but for that morbid craving for the supernatural which also causes so many to dabble in High Spiritualism. The devil knows where to find our weak points. He is, however, the spirit of deceit, and the entertainments he provides for those who play with him invariably lead them further than they were prepared to go.

It has been frequently urged that English Masonry is less objectionable than Masonry in Catholic countries. While admitting this as a fact I think it worth while to point out that nowhere in the whole world does a person become a Mason save by the Baptism by Fire, the first of the Satanic sacraments. Though a man may have no intention to undo (as far as in him lies) the Baptism by Water, which is the gate to Christianity, yet the fact that he receives the Baptism of Fire, which may properly be called the gate to the Kingdom of Fire, certainly gives the devil a power over him which otherwise he would not have. Whether or not that power be exercised in its fulness will depend upon other circumstances, but let people be careful what they are doing. I do not see how, in the face of all the startling revelations that have come to us of late, any one can doubt that the Kingdom of Antichrist is within tangible distance of us. To-day (29th September) the ancestor of Antichrist is supposed to be born. Be that as it may (the plans of the Devil have been crossed more than once, even in this matter), the duty of Catholics is to understand that Freemasonry and the Catholic Church are two opposite poles.

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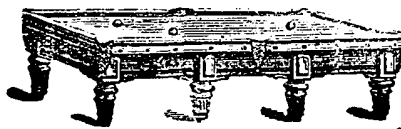
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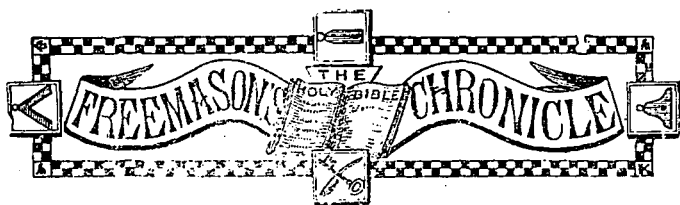
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SUSSEX.

THE Provincial Grand Master H.R.H. the Duke of Connaught has decided that the next meeting of Provincial Grand Lodge shall be held on Wednesday, 25th November, at Hastings. It is announced that H.R.H. will preside on the occasion.

When we wrote last week saying that apparently the officials of the Boys Institution had thought it desirable to "boycott" us, we thought the evidence we possessed was sufficient to justify our doing so, but we were altogether wrong in our surmise, and we take the earliest opportunity of expressing regret that we should have entertained such an opinion. Bro. McLeod assures us there was no thought on his part of such a course, and he sends us extracts from different letters to prove his assertion; there is no necessity to publish the extracts, as he wishes, as his contradiction is sufficient, and our readers can have no interest in the details. The result proves the utter unreliability of circumstantial evidence, which seemed to us so very strong in this case.

STONE-LAYING CEREMONY.

ON Tuesday, 13th inst., the Provincial Grand Master of Staffordshire laid the chief corner-stone of the enlargement of St. Giles's Church, Willenhall, the ceremony being attended with full Masonic honours. The enlargement scheme, which involves an outlay of £2,500, includes the prospective purchase of an organ, and the enlargement of the south aisle, the lengthening of the chancel, and the provision of a vestry. The enlargement is part of the Fisher Memorial scheme, which has been promoted to perpetuate the memory of the late vicar, the Rev. George Hutchinson Fisher, who laboured for sixty years in the parish. The architect is Mr. J. P. Barker, of Willenhall, the contractors being Messrs. J. Guest and Son, of Brettell Lane.

The Provincial Grand Officers and Brethren, preceded by the clergy, choir, and officials of St. Giles's Church, and headed by the Willenhall Temperance Band, marched in procession from the Town Hall to the Church. The Earl of Dartmouth delivered the customary opening address, and the Provincial Grand Chaplain the Rev. O. M. Holden having offered prayer, the ceremony of laying the stone by the Earl of Dartmouth followed. The cornucopia, containing the corn, and the ewers, with the wine and oil, were handed to his lordship, who strewed the corn and poured the wine and oil over the stone with the accustomed ceremonies.

Dr. Hartill proposed a vote of thanks to his lordship and the Masons who accompanied him, and after a reference to the work of the Rev. G. H. Fisher, the late vicar, alluded in feeling terms to the loss the nation has sustained in the death of the Archbishop of Canterbury.

Mr. H. Vaughan seconded the vote, and Lord Dartmouth, in responding, said it was his earnest hope, and that of the Brotherhood, that the happy auspices under which the ceremony had taken place might be the forecast of the great benefits the people of the neighbourhood would receive when the work was complete.

A suitably inscribed silver trowel and gavel were then presented to Lord Dartmouth, as mementoes of the occasion, and the proceedings terminated. The collections at the ceremony amounted to £125.—"Birmingham Gazette."

An excellent portrait of the late Lord Kensington Provincial Grand Master of the Western Division of South Wales appeared in the St. James' Budget, of the 16th inst.

Referring to the paragraph inserted last week, as to a new Masonic Hall at Filey, we understand that nothing has been done beyond the purchase of the land, so as to secure the site, the question of building not having yet been decided upon.

The Royal Standard Lodge of Instruction, No. 1298, arranged a special meeting for yesterday evening (Friday), when their Lodge Room was ready for occupation after the extensive repairs that have been made at the quarters of the Lodge—the Castle, 81 Holloway Road. It was proposed to inaugurate the season by the rehearsal of the three ceremonies, worked respectively by Bros. E. Linfoot I.P.M. 1298, James Carver P.M. 1298, and T. Cull W.M. 1298 Preceptor of the Lodge. Henceforth the Lodge will meet each Friday evening, at 8 o'clock, the entrance being in Holloway Road. Bros. John A. Stone and H. Pearsall are the joint Secretaries, and they will be pleased to welcome visitors on any of the nights of meeting.

A largely attended meeting of Brethren of the Province of Durham was held at the Durham Masonic Hall, on Saturday, 17th inst., to consider a proposed testimonial to Bro. Robert Hudson P.G.S.B. England Provincial Grand Secretary of Durham. Sir Hedworth Williamson presided, and intimated that a general desire had been expressed that the services of Bro. Hudson for 14 years past should be recognised in some tangible form. It had been ascertained that his wishes would best be met by the formation of a local charitable endowment which would bear his name. It had been thought well that it should take the form of a perpetual endowment in connection with the new Benevolent Fund for the Province, and supplementary to this it was intended that a small memento of a more personal nature be also given to Bro. Hudson. The amount required was £1,000. It was decided that the proposals in Sir Hedworth's speech be adopted, and Sir Hedworth, who was elected chairman, promised £50. Other officers and a committee were appointed, and further subscriptions were promised.—"Newcastle Chronicle."

FREEMASONRY IN ITALY.

Its True Aims and Objects.

(Continued from page 185.)

YET another revelation more startling than those already made awaits the patient readers of these hastily-strung paragraphs. Can you believe that the worship of Lucifer is practised by hundreds of men and women enrolled on the Masonic body? Yet, it is absolutely true. Margiotta, who was intimately conversant with the most hidden secrets of Masonry, not only asserts it, but proves it up to the hilt. They have their temple, these devil worshippers, and their altar, on which is placed the statue of Lucifer. They give the title of "Excelsas Excelsior" to their black diety. He is "Excelsas" because equal to God, and "Excelsior" because one day his kingdom will overthrow that of the Most High. Such is their blasphemous justification of the title bestowed on their Satanical idol. They speak of the Man-God as the "traitor" justly condemned to death. Lemmi invented the password for the Lodges, "Barrabas," to emphasise the hatred of all true-blooded Masons for everything that belongs to God. Each occupant of a position in the inner circle is designated by a name borne by some personage mentioned in the Old or New Testament as an enemy of God and His people. Have we not still fresh in our memories the discovery some years ago made in the palace of the celebrated Borghese family in Rome. Owing to reverses of fortune suffered during the Roman land "boom," this patrician family was forced to dispose of its magnificent mansion. The Freemasons bought, or leased, a portion of it. They erected their throne there, from which all the lodges in the world were to be governed. Lemmi and his followers made it their seat of government. Some time after they were asked to withdraw, as, owing to the fortunate marriage of one of the Borghese family with a rich princess, the Borghesi were enabled to purchase back their palace. The workmen employed in preparing the palace for the reception of its princely owners, came upon a small temple or chapel, in which were found many signs and tokens of Devil-worship in the part lately occupied by the Grand Orient and his minions. A howl of execration was raised by clerical, as well as by non-clerical papers, against Lemmi and his friends, who had dared to indulge in this abominable and blasphemous cult within the walls of the capital of Christendom. By an oversight, the Masons had left some of their Satanical trappings behind them, and were thus discovered in their true light, as worshippers of Satan. Surely, this would seem the limit of their hatred of God when they offer incense to the brazen figure of His arch-enemy, Satan, and pay him the homage and worship due to God alone.

But they go one step further in their iniquity. The disclosures, made by Margiotta and by that noble band of heroes, I may call them, who have, at the risk of their lives, made them, prove, beyond the shadow of a doubt, that the Sacred Host is desecrated in their temples of Satan. Female Masons are carefully selected and initiated into the mysteries of the Craft, and sent on the sacrilegious mission of carrying the Consecrated Particle, which they receive from the hands of God's ministers in the Holy Communion, to the altar erected to the infernal deity they worship. Here is one instance that such horrible desecration actually takes place in the temples of these lost souls. In his book, entitled, "Reminiscences of a Thirty-Three" (the highest Masonic grade), Margiotta relates this fact of Miss Diana Vaughan. Asked by her Brethren in the Onze-Sept Lodge of New York to stab the Sacred Host with the dagger specially designed for this sacrilegious purpose, she refused point blank, and, pointing to "Baphomet," the statue of Lucifer, she pronounced these memorable words: "Catholics assert that the statue of our God is a vain idol, and nevertheless if it fell into their hands they would smash it to pieces with rage. Let us leave such follies to Catholics, and let us not imitate them. Let us propagate the truth (sic) by slow, secure, and gentle action. Let us draw, step by step, the profane (non-Masons) from error, and thus we shall establish the worship of the Good God (Lucifer) throughout the world." Miss Diana Vaughan was born in the Protestant faith, and, of course, did not believe in the Real Presence, and consequently looked upon the Sacred Species as a Catholic idol. The members of the Inner Circles of Masonry have no lack of candidates for this sacrilegious work. Women have their Lodges as well as their male companions of the "square and compass." The names of many of them will be found in the works of Margiotta and Leo Taxil. Miss Vaughan, now happily converted to the Catholic faith, was a Freemason, holding the highest degree. At the Grand Council, held a few years back, at which Lemmi was elected Grand Orient, many of the delegates from different parts of the world were females.

The "Hymn to Satan," composed by the infamous Carducci, raised—just think of it—to the Italian senate by his admiring sovereign, is sung at their banquets and in their temples. It is so blasphemous, so diabolical, and so obscene, that Margiotta would not dare, he says, to strip it of the cabalistic Hebrew, in which it is written, and translate it into an intelligible tongue, for his readers.

Why is it, it may be fairly asked, that so many men of respectability, and well-known religious fervour, remain members of such a hell-born Sect? Why do princes and the great ones of the earth lend their names to it? Margiotta answers these questions by saying that these persons are not, and never will be, allowed a glimpse into the hidden secrets and doings of Freemasonry. They are merely the whitewash that covers, and gives a clean tone to the fetid sepulchre of Freemasonry. There are two classes of Masons, he says, the High and the Low. The high grade Masons lead their Brethren of the lower grades by the nose, and make a cloak, or blind of them, to cover their iniquities. These lower grade members of the Order look upon

Masonry as a good "junketing" club, and a stepping-stone to power and social position, but, as to what takes place behind the Masonic scenes, they are as much in the dark as we are who are designated, in the language of the Craft, as the "profane." It is easily understood, then, why so many eminent and highly-respected men still keep their names on the Masonic roll.

To those who still cling to the idea that there is a wide gulf separating English from Continental Freemasonry, and that there is not the slightest bond of union between them, I shall offer a few "nuts to crack." If English Freemasonry is a distinct and independent organisation and totally adverse to the sayings and doings of their Continental Brethren, why was a delegate, a female, by the way, sent to the Grand Council in Rome to vote in the election of the Grand Orient? This lady's name was given by Margiotta, and the district she belonged to was Birmingham. Is it not a well-proven fact that in a Lodge in Oxford-street, London, the question of who was to be elected to be High Priest of Freemasonry was warmly discussed? If English Freemasons are a distinct body, why send delegates to Rome? Lemmi, flushed with the high honours thrust upon him by the delegates, appointed two Grand Pontifical Assistants at his throne, and ten Patriarchs for the great world of Freemasonry. Australia has its Patriarch, residing at Melbourne, a man well known in the Colonies, and not many years since knighted by his Sovereign. London is honoured in numbering amongst its citizens the Patriarch for the United Kingdom. Amongst the provinces that stood by Lemmi, in his fight with the Charleston Masons, to keep the Centre of "Universal Masonry" in the City of Rome, were the provinces of London, Edinburgh, and Dublin. Until these questions are satisfactorily answered, all reasonable persons, resting on the testimony and documentary evidence adduced by recent converts from the camp of High Masonry, must hold to the belief that there is a strong link binding English to Continental Freemasonry. And now, the task I set myself, and of which I have acquitted myself but feebly, I know, is done. I have, I think, shown up Freemasonry as the enemy of God and His Church, and have laid bare some of its horrible rites and practices. I have, also, placed before my indulgent readers some facts that go a long way to prove the existence of a bond of union between Masons in English-speaking countries and their Brethren in France, in Spain, and in Italy. After wallowing in so much moral corruption on the part of those whom we call our degenerate brothers and sisters, let us revel in the consoling thought that out from the ranks of the children of the Church have sprung noble and fearless champions, who have banded themselves together under the banner of the Anti-Masonic League, to crush the head of this green-eyed monster, and, like David of old, strengthened by the arm of God, to deal this Goliath his death-blow. The prayers of the unswervingly-devoted sons and daughters of God's Holy Church and the Catholics of Ireland will be a potent factor in bringing about this happy consummation—the glorious triumph of the True Church and the complete route and annihilation of her most potent enemy, Freemasonry.—JOSEPH A. KNOWLES, O.S.A., in "Irish Catholic."

REPORTS OF MEETINGS.

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HIGH CROSS CHAPTER, No. 829.

THE annual installation meeting was held at the Bull Hotel, Dartford on Tuesday, 20th inst., when Comp. T. Hastings Asst. Scribe E. acted as M.E.Z., with R. J. Beale H., F. Hitchens J., G. Mitchell P.Z. S.E., A. Ronaldson S.N., W. Russell P.Z. Treas., A. Jackson 2nd A.S., A. Spencer P.Z. P.G.S.E., A. Hubbard P.Z., J. P. White P.Z. 2277, W. Tailby P.Z., R. J. Beamish, G. Rackstraw, Chas. Potter P.Z., J. Longley, Thos. Nettlingham, Thos. Jenkins, and others.

The minutes of the previous convocation having been confirmed, the Companions voted £2 2s to a former Companion of the Chapter, now in distress.

The Accounts were presented, received, and adopted.

The installation of Principals for the ensuing year was then ably carried out by Comp. A. Hubbard P.Z., the following being installed: R. J. Beale Z., F. Hitchens H., A. Ronaldson J. The M.E.Z. invested his Officers: G. W. Mitchell P.Z. S.E., F. Mitchell S.N., R. Walker P.Z. P.S., A. Jackson 1st A.S., J. Longley 2nd A.S., and Royal Janitor.

A hearty vote of thanks was tendered to Comp. A. Hubbard for his services as Installing Principal. Comp. T. Hastings was presented with a handsome P.Z.'s jewel for his services during the past year.

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GALLERY CHAPTER, No. 1928.

THE annual installation of Principals took place at a Convocation held at Anderton's Hotel, Fleet Street, E.C., on Saturday, when Comp. John Hurdell was inducted into the chair of M.E.Z., John Read into that of H., and J. Wallace Husk into that of J. The ceremony was performed by Comp. Read P.Z. The following Officers were also appointed: Comps. E. E. S. Peacock P.Z. Treasurer, Herbert Wright P.Z. Scribe E., J. J. Fretwell S.N., Orton Cooper P.S., J. Bussey and J. D. Irvine A.S., Henry Massey P.Z. D.C., and Thomas Shepperd Janitor. Comps. A. E. Baines and L. F. Gowing were elected on the Audit Committee.

A vote of sincere sympathy was ordered to be sent to Comp. Very, who had been compelled to resign his position on account of ill-health. The proceedings terminated with the usual dinner.

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STAR IN THE EAST LODGE, No. 650.

THE anniversary meeting was held at the Masonic Hall, Great Eastern Hotel, Harwich, on Tuesday, 13th inst., when Bro. Rev. H. L. Norden was installed *Worshipful Master* for the ensuing year by Bro. A. J. H. Ward the retiring W.M.

The installation banquet, which followed, was admirably served in the handsome coffee room of the Great Eastern Hotel.

A very pleasing feature in the evening's proceedings was the presentation to Bro. A. J. H. Ward of an illuminated address, accompanied with a massive silver bowl, mounted on an ebony plinth. The wording of the address bears the sentiments of the subscribers as follows:—

“To W. Bro. A. J. H. WARD P.M. P.P.G.S.W.”

We, the undersigned, Past Masters, Wardens, Officers, and Brethren of Lodge Star in the East, No. 650, Harwich, feel that we cannot allow you to vacate the chair of our Lodge without an expression of our esteem and gratitude for the valuable services you have rendered to this Lodge for the second time for the past eleven years, especially in regard to your indefatigable exertions in securing for us a Masonic Hall for our Lodge work, which was recently opened by our highly esteemed R.W.P.G.M., the Earl of Warwick. Trusting that the G.A.O.T.U. may spare you for many years to labour with us in promoting the grand principles of the Craft.”

[Here follow the names of the subscribers.]

The presentation was made by the *Worshipful Master*, and feelingly acknowledged by the recipient. The illuminated address, which was designed by Bro. J. W. Start, was an artistic piece of work, containing representations of the Borough Arms, Lodge jewel, Past Master's jewel, portraits of the presentation bowl, Great Eastern Railway Hotel, and Bro. Ward's residence at Dovercourt. The management of the presentation was in the efficient hands of Bro. M. L. Sanders, the energetic Secretary of the Lodge.

TRUTH LODGE, No. 1458.

A REGULAR meeting was held at the Mosley Hotel, Manchester, on Saturday, 3rd inst., Bro. W. H. Worsley W.M. Proceedings began at the hour of 4 p.m., with a good attendance of members and visitors. After the reading and confirmation of minutes, a ballot was taken for Mr. Robert Hope Brown jun., who, in conjunction with Mr. Leonard J. W. Woodford, was desirous of becoming a member of the Craft. Both ceremonies were performed by the *Worshipful Master* in a very careful and perfect manner, the same being favourably commented upon by most of the Visitors.

A discussion on a notice of motion by Bro. Taylor J.W., which had been adjourned from a previous meeting, resulted in a change of Lodge night from Saturday to Friday, the precise evening to be afterwards fixed. Lodge business over the Brethren adjourned to a substantial dinner, which was followed in turn by the social board, where Loyal and Masonic toasts were submitted and duly responded to.

The toast of the candidates was proposed by the *Worshipful Master*, who spoke in very flattering terms of Bros. Woodford and Brown, adding that he was sure they would do all in their power to promote the interests of Masonry, having paid great attention to its teachings. In this country and America, Freemasonry was a solemn Brotherhood all working with the same charitable object, that of looking after indigent members. By his remarks in this direction Bro. Worsley repudiated the idea, sometimes promulgated, that Freemasonry was a mere festive gathering.

The candidates responded in capital speeches.

In reply to a subsequent toast of his health, proposed by Brother J. A. Vincent P.M., Bro. Worsley W.M. said that from the age of fourteen he had been compelled to rely upon himself, and in his efforts to do his best in the Lodge he hoped the Brethren would be satisfied. Although he had taken up other duties, he meant to be loyal to the Truth Lodge, and it would be his earnest desire to bring it to as high a position as any in the Province of East Lancashire.

Several Brethren referred in terms of very great praise to the valuable services which Bro. T. E. Hall P.M. had rendered to the Lodge as Secretary during a long period, which elicited a reply from the latter.

Touching references were made to the enforced absence through sickness of Bro. A. Hebden P.M. P.P.G.D.D.C. D.C., each speaker congratulating him upon his return to health and strength. Bro. Hebden replied, thanking the various speakers for their kind wishes, hoping at the same time that he might be spared to take a long and active part in the affairs of the Lodge.

Songs, &c., were rendered by Bros. Cooper S.W., Alfred Hebden P.M., Geo. Proudman P.M. 1013, Edward Roberts P.M. 1459, and Alex. Marr 1219, the W.M. acting as accompanist in each case.

Among others who were present, we noticed Bros. J. J. Dean S.D., Past Masters Archdale, Burgess, Leonard, Davies and Needle; A. E. Coveney S.W. 2496 P.G.J.W., J. Gamlin W.M. 2496 P.P.S.D., W. J. Herring I.P.M. 815, E. Loebell I.P.M. 1161, J. Scarratt P.M. 477, W. J. Melling P.M. 2185, W. D. Holbrook 1120, and L. Kaufman 1798.

CENTURION LODGE, No. 2322.

THE regular meeting was held at the Victoria Hotel, Manchester, on Monday, 5th inst., Bro. Surg.-Capt. Arthur H. Smith W.M. being supported by a good attendance of members. After the confirmation of minutes of the regular meeting of 3rd February, and the emergency meetings of 2nd March, 30th March, 5th May, and 7th September, the election of Officers took place, with the result that Bro. Major George Kershaw S.W. was unanimously chosen as W.M.-elect, and Lieut.-Col. J. H. Clark, J.P., P.P.G.D., was unanimously re-elected Treasurer. Auditors were also appointed.

Besides those already mentioned, we noticed the following were present, viz., Bros. Major Fred Pratt I.P.M., Capt. T. W. Ashworth J.W., Capt. Jas. Andrew P.M. P.P.G.D.C., Col. John Eaton P.P.G.S. of W. P.P.G.Tr., Major Jno. Heap P.M. P.P.G.D., Lieut.-Col. H. J. Robinson P.P.G.R., Major W. H. Hopkins P.M. P.P.G.D.C., Major John P. Peacock, Capt. J. E. R. Hall, Lieut. J. N. Smith, Lieut. J. B. Pownall P.M., Capt. W. H. Bradley, Capt. H. S. Hardy, Lieut. Geo. Heys, Lieut. J. N. Sidebotham, Major H. B. Moss, and others.

Visitor:—Bro. Wm. Jas. Nash W.M. 321 P.P.G.S. Derbyshire.

SHURMUR LODGE, No. 2374.

LOVERS of our beautiful ritual have always a Masonic treat in store whenever they are able to visit this young, but exceedingly flourishing Lodge, because those at the head of affairs allow no one to take office but those who are able to prove their qualification in the Lodge of Instruction. Where such is the case the ceremonies must inevitably be rendered in a perfect manner, and we may fairly recommend Bro. William Shurmur's methods to the Brethren in general.

On the 15th inst., at the Royal Forest Hotel, Chingford, there was rather a glut of work, for not only were there candidates for all three degrees, but it was also the occasion of the annual installation, so those present were able to witness the full ceremonial of the Craft. The Brethren were called for the early hour of two o'clock, and shortly after that time Bro. James Speller W.M. opened the Lodge, and was supported by his Officers, while among those present during the meeting were Bros. William Shurmur P.Prov.G.T., James Pinder P.Prov.G.T., H. Dehane P.P.G.S.D., J. R. Johnson I.P.M. 2005 P.P.S.G.D., F. Wood P.M. 1000, Frederick Hughes P.M. 192, B. Spurgeon W.M. 2501, H. Wakefield W.M. 95, D. Legg P.M. 1227, J. F. Saunders W.M. 1507, H. B. Pridmore W.M. 2418, Robert Stebbings W.M. 2603, S. C. Bateman S.W. 1707, W. Lane S.D. 1644, R. H. Nicholls J.W. 2573, T. Allard 28, P. O. Kynaston 1744, R. M. H. Griffith 1677, J. Naylor 813, F. Budd 2472, J. Islip 1270, H. Ramsbotham 2353, George Ledson 73, W. H. Aston 1507, and a full muster of the members of the Lodge.

Bros. A. Collingwood-Hughes and S. Kerstein (a member of the Ixion Lodge, No. 2501) were raised to the sublime degree; Bro. Rueben Hale, Wm. Spensley Suffell and Edward Thomas Elder were passed as Craftsmen, while Messrs. E. Temple and Edward Johnson were initiated into the privileges of the Order, after approval.

The whole of the ceremonies were rendered by Bro. Speller in a most perfect manner, and such a record might be deemed more than sufficient for any one, no matter how proficient a worker; but they do not think that way down in Essex. Bro. Speller, with tireless energy, proceeded to crown his work by installing his successor, Bro. Charles Horton Bestow, and—may we say it—bestow upon him the reins of office for a spell o' twelve months.

The new Master having been saluted by the Brethren then proceeded to invest his Officers, as follow: Bros. S. C. Kaufman P.M. S.W., Joseph Holland P.M. J.W., Rev. W. H. Langhorne Chaplain, William Shurmur P.P.G.T. P.M., &c. Treasurer, James Pinder P.P.G.T. P.M. Secretary, James Clarke Assistant Secretary, Percy H. W. Trickett S.D., Walter Fortescue J.D., Thomas H. Lloyd I.G., William Gower P.M. D.C., Stanley Wildash A.D.C., J. F. Haskins P.P.G.O. Organist, J. R. Carter, M. Seigenberg, M. Bleick, J. Hamilton, J. C. Francis, and George Pizey Stewards, and John Ives P.M. Tyler.

Bro. Speller delivered the ancient addresses to the Master, Wardens, and Brethren with all due impressiveness, and was rewarded with the hearty approbation of the assembly. Upon the proposition of Bro. Shurmur the handsome sum of fifty guineas was unanimously voted to the Masonic Institution for Girls. The names of four candidates for initiation at the next meeting were given in; and the W.M. having received the congratulations of the visiting Brethren, the Lodge was closed in harmony, and the company adjourned to the banquet room.

During the evening the Lodge jewel was presented to Bro. James Speller in acknowledgment of the splendid service he had rendered to the Lodge during his year of office, for which he suitably returned thanks. The very pleasant evening was enlivened by an excellent musical entertainment provided by Bro. Haskins.

Bro. Charles Horton Bestow, who was born in December 1860, at Hackney, has had a distinguished Masonic career. He was initiated in September 1889, in the Burdett Coutts Lodge, No. 1278, and when the William Shurmur Lodge was promulgated, became one of the Founders. He has served the usual offices, with merit, and has attained his present proud position by the unanimous approval of the Brethren. He was advanced in the Royal Naval Mark Lodge, No. 239, and of which he is the present W.M. He was exalted in the Shurmur Chapter, attached to his Lodge, and is Scribe N. thereof. As a member of the outer circle of the Quatuor Coronati Lodge, he takes great interest in the journal issued by them. He is Secretary to the Walthamstow Masonic Charities Association, and joint Secretary of the Walthamstow Lodge of Instruction. With such a record we may shortly expect to hear of his promotion to the rank of Provincial Grand Officer.

LONGSIGHT LODGE, No. 2464.

THE third annual meeting and festival of St. John took place at the Club House, Longsight, on Wednesday, the 7th inst., Brother Wm. Gadd *Worshipful Master*.

Bro. Alderman Lloyd Higginbottom, J.P., S.W. was installed into the chair of K.S. by Bro. Councillor Thos. Uttley P.M. P.P.G.A.D.C. (West Yks.), assisted by Bros. Councillor J. Phythian P.P.D.G.D.C. (Ches.), F. W. Lean P.P.S.G.D., Henry Grimshaw P.M. and W. Gadd. There were twenty-six Installed Masters present to witness this portion of the ceremony, which passed off very successfully. The address to the newly-installed W.M. was followed by the solo “Be thou faithful unto death,” admirably rendered by Bro. J. Robinson P.M. 1219, and which was undeniably the choice piece in the whole of the singing.

The following is a list of Officers appointed for the ensuing year, all who were present being invested:—Bros. William Gadd I.P.M., Henry Sheard S.W., W. H. Wilson J.W., E. H. Ritson S.D., C. S. Cotton J.D., F. Grammer I.G., J. Phythian P.M. P.P.D.D.C. Secretary, Henry Wood Assist. Secretary, L. R. Entwisle Organist, G. H. Russell Treas., Thos. Uttley P.M. D.C., F. W. Lean P.M. P.P.S.G.D. Chaplain, Thomas Glynn, G. H. Russell, Charles Coatman, L. R. Entwisle, C. R. Edge, A. Kuit Stewards.

After Lodge business the Brethren adjourned to Grimshaw's rooms, some short distance away, where a substantial banquet had been provided. Loyal and Masonic toasts were varied by songs, &c., rendered by a glee party. Many excellent speeches were made, of the usual character, and we take that of Bro. Sheard S.W. as typical. In proposing the health of Bro. Gadd I.P.M. and the rest of the Past Masters, he said the former had just completed a successful year of office. By his courtesy and kindness he had endeared himself to all around him, and it must therefore be a matter of congratulation to him to know that he had the hearty good wishes of every member of the Lodge. He had performed the various ceremonies in an excellent manner, thus maintaining the high standard set up by his predecessors, which was no easy task, considering their recollections of work done by Bros. Uttley and Grimshaw, by whom, in conjunction with Bros. Phythian and Berry, he had been well supported, the latter having rendered yeoman service on behalf of the Lodge since its formation. With such a

tower of support, he could not fail to have had a prosperous and successful year.

At the Lodge and banquet there were over fifty Brethren present, among whom we noticed Bros. J. W. Fitton, Hesketh Meade, George Makin. Visitors:—Bros. C. D. Cheatham Prov. J.G.W. 993, Jas. Beardmore P.G.D.C. 852, Chas. Turner P.P.A.D.C. 1011, Jas. J. Lambert P.P.G.Reg. 1387, W. H. Beastow P.G.S. 1459, J. E. Looker W.M. 993, N. Goodman W.M. 2185, Geo. B. Goodfellow W.M. 1030, John Walkden P.M. 1534, Saml. Moore P.M. 992, W. F. Farrington P.M. 1633, G. W. Davies P.G.S. 1459, and Chas. Kay 152.

THE MANCHESTER LODGE, No. 2554.

At the regular meeting of this Lodge, held at the Freemasons' Hall, Manchester, on Friday, 9th inst., there was a capital attendance of members and visitors, among the former being Bros. W. B. Akerman I.P.M., Arthur C. K. Smith Treas., A. B. Smith S.D., W. E. Davies J.D., C. H. Arnold P.M. D.C., J. A. Thompson I.G., and P.Z. da Cunah; and among the latter, Past Masters Samuel Statham 1773 P.P.G.Tr., W. Hy Peak 993 P.P.G.D.C., G. T. Bowes 993, E. Webb 163 and 1134, J. Robinson 1219, and others.

The minutes having been read and confirmed, a ballot, which was successful, was taken for Mr. William Henry Ashworth, Old Trafford, who was afterwards initiated into the mysteries and privileges of ancient Freemasonry by Bro. Thos. Plumpton W.M., the working tools of the degree being presented and explained by Bro. W. A. Boyer J.W.

Following this was the ceremony of passing Bro. Alfred Williams into the degree of F.C., this ceremony being performed by Bro. James Bent P.M., the working tools being presented by Bro. W. Charlton, J.P., S.W.

At the festive board, Loyal and Masonic toasts were honoured, and some admirable songs and recitations helped to pass away a pleasant evening.

METROPOLITAN.

WHITTINGTON LODGE, No. 862.

The members and their friends attended at the Freemasons' Hall, Great Queen Street, on Monday, on the occasion of the annual elections, under the presidency of Bro. William Bradford W.M., who was supported by G. H. Wavell I.P.M., T. H. Jarvis S.W., H. Kemp J.W., S. Godden P.M. Treas., James Weaver P.P.G.Org. Middx. P.M. 177 862 P.M. and Treasurer 1319 Sec., W. Tyler S.D., A. Clarkson J.D., C. Muller I.G., T. J. Hester D.C., John Gilbert Tyler, James Irvine P.M., A. Pauceford P.M., T. J. Collis P.M., W. Crayson, Percy Day, R. Palmer, A. J. Hollebone, A. J. Chamberlaine, P. G. Huntley, T. Harrison, E. Muller, G. Green, A. T. Taylor, &c.

Visitors: R. Tilt P.M. 1962, E. Croft Wise S.D. 619, E. G. Platt 1327, J. F. Southgate, and several others.

The Lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of last meeting were read and confirmed. After other preliminaries Mr. John Mortimer Field and Mr. William George West were regularly initiated into the mysteries of ancient Freemasonry.

The W.M. advanced the Lodge to the second degree, and passed Bro. Philip Greenwood Hartley as a Fellow Craft. Both these ceremonies were most impressively and faultlessly rendered.

The election of Officers took place, with the result that Bro. T. H. Jarvis S.W. was unanimously elected W.M. for the ensuing financial year, and will be installed at the next meeting. Bro. S. Godden was unanimously re-elected Treasurer, and Bro. John Gilbert was re-elected Tyler. The following Brethren were elected as Auditors: Field, West, and Hartley. Bro. James Irvine was re-elected Treasurer of the Benevolent Fund.

Other business having been disposed of, the Lodge was closed, and the Brethren adjourned to the banqueting room, where an excellent repast was provided. At its conclusion the usual Loyal toasts were honoured from the chair.

In due course the I.P.M. proposed the health of the W.M., which was enthusiastically received. The W.M. thanked the Brethren for their continued manifestations of approval and hoped his year of office had been a success.

This response was followed by the toast of the initiates, Bros. John M. Field and William George West separately responding in suitable terms.

Afterwards the Visitors were most cordially welcomed by the W.M., and received with a hearty toast, which each Visitor acknowledged in rotation.

Other toasts followed, including that of the I.P.M. who, in response, complimented the W.M. for his excellent control during the year, also for his able working that evening; he hoped that the W.M.-elect would follow in the footsteps of his predecessor. The Officers suitably responded to the toast in their honour.

The pleasures of the evening were greatly increased by the vocal efforts of several of the Brethren, including Bros. Ortnor and Reynold. Bro. Delevanti presided at the piano, and the Tyler's toast concluded a most successful and pleasant evening.

An Instruction Lodge in connection with this Lodge is regularly held every Wednesday, at Bro. Percy Day's, the Red L.O., Poppins Court, Fleet Street, where Brethren will receive a cordial reception.

LEWIS LODGE, No. 1185.

The installation meeting was held on Saturday, at the Kings Arms, Wood Green, when upwards of 100 members and visitors were present.

Bro. W. Goldsmith W.M. presided, and in a very praiseworthy manner initiated Messrs. F. Shelley, E. Crump, F. H. Weare and J. E. Lyndall, and afterwards installed his successor Bro. A. Wood, who invested and appointed his Officers as follow:—Bros. W. Goldsmith I.P.M., L. A. Pearce S.W., E. H. Wilson J.W., J. G. Row P.M. Treasurer, C. E. Lloyd P.M. Secretary, E. J. Chatterton P.M. Organist, G. Powell P.M. D.C., J. J. Skelloen S.D., H. Grimsdall J.D., P. M. Wellock I.G., G. C. Fitcher, C. H. Conolly, R. R. Sinclair Stewards, E. J. Allen A.D.C., H. Youens Tyler.

The Brethren afterwards sat down to a sumptuous banquet, provided by Bro. W. A. Jones, proprietor.

The usual toasts were enlivened by a splendid programme of music, under the direction of Bro. Jas. Hallé, Bro. E. J. Chatterton being the Organist, assisted by Bro. C. Tuckwood and Miss Mano Fowler, and Mrs. J. Hallé.

ALL SAINTS LODGE, No. 1716.

THE annual installation festival of this Lodge, whose progress has from time to time been noted in these columns, was held on 15th inst., at the offices of the District Board of Works, 117 High Street, Poplar, which was turned into a handsome Masonic Temple for the occasion. The outgoing Master Bro. Charles R. Allen presided, and was supported by his Officers. The following Brethren were either present or graced the ceremony of the fourth degree:—C. J. R. Tijou P.A.G.P., Leonard Potts P.M., S. Kirk P.M., C. W. Raymond P.M., F. W. Waterson P.M., J. W. Hunt, R. J. Hatfield, W. Gibbs, J. Bird, F. W. Bird, C. Bradshaw, P. T. Wurtzell, W. C. Foreman, J. Hannaford, C. J. Mundy, P. C. Coward, A. H. Waterhouse, E. Tidman, T. W. Cole, T. B. Folkes, Andrews, Pyle, F. Butler, V. Palmer, Ives, R. Lee, A. W. Smith, W. Davies, H. Cole, C. W. Batt, W. L. Bagnald, C. W. Cranston, G. Lowe, R. Hall, W. Batt, T. H. Jackson, W. J. Bennett, &c. Also the following Visitors: C. Nelson W.M. 1293, W. C. Thomas I.P.M. 65, W. Oxtoley Secretary 1209, John Bennett W.M. 1765, Thomas W. Fisher I.P.M. 192, Charles Shelson W.M. 1702, J. G. Twinn P.M. and Secretary 1306, James W. Moreland P.M. 70, W. R. Boyce P.M. 1679, F. T. Puttick W.M. 972, E. Chatterton P.M. 1185, T. G. Scott P.M. 933 and 1923, Edward Hambridge W.M. 1805, W. R. Cooper I.P.M. 1056, G. J. Anderson P.M. 781, E. J. Anning P.M. 1625, F. J. Burdett S.D. 898, H. Myers 1298, G. Olley 1306, J. H. Crispe 147, A. G. Duck 898, W. T. Joyner 813, A. J. Stuart 857, T. Sydney Smith J.W. 700, I. Z. Cabill 183, J. Butcher 1804, W. Harper 1306, E. F. Williams.—A goodly company.

The Lodge being duly opened, the minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. As was judicious upon such occasion, the only business was the installation of the Master for the ensuing year. Bro. John Charles Carpenter, who had been unanimously elected at the previous meeting, was formally presented by Bro. L. Potts P.M. and signified his assent to the ancient charges and regulations.

A Board of twenty-one Installed Masters was then formed, Bro. S. Kirk acting as S.W., Bro. Raymond as J.W., and Bro. Boyce as I.G., when Bro. Carpenter was regularly placed in the chair. The ceremony was worked by Bro. Allen in a masterly manner, and his delivery of the addresses was most impressive, indeed it is difficult to believe that they could be rendered better. The Brethren proved their appreciation by a cordial vote of thanks, to be entered on the Lodge minutes.

Bro. Carpenter invested the following as his Officers:—Ernest Jones S.W., William Bland J.W., Wm. H. Farnfield P.M. Treasurer, James Y. Mosey Secretary, F. W. Whitlock S.D., W. S. Duff J.D., F. Butler I.G., J. Wiseman, W. A. Madeley, W. V. Palmer and G. R. Cole Stewards, and C. Patrick Tyler.

The Report of the Audit Committee was presented and adopted, and there being no further business to be transacted, the Lodge was closed in the usual manner.

The company afterwards proceeded to the Venetian Room at the Holborn Restaurant, where the dinner was served. At its termination the W.M. rose, and remarked that, as "Time with flying feet still urged them on," he hoped the speeches would be short and to the point. Ergo, in submitting the toasts of the Queen and the Grand Master, Bro. Carpenter, though lacking nothing in loyalty, was commendably brief.

Bro. Allen then took the gavel, and in well chosen words proposed the toast of the evening, the Worshiptul Master. He ventured to think that Bro. Carpenter would uphold the traditions of their Lodge, for the Brethren knew that in parochial matters he carried the business through with considerable ability, and they would join with him in wishing their new Master a happy and successful year of office.

Bro. Carpenter acknowledged the compliment; he quite appreciated the remarks of the I.P.M. The Brethren must not expect to have such excellent work as they had in the past year, but he would try to render the ritual in a manner that should not disgrace the Lodge. He should rely upon his Officers, especially Bro. Allen, and if they were only loyal the success of his year would be assured.

He then proceeded to propose the health of the I.P.M. and Installing Master, and paid a high tribute to Bro. Allen's work in the Lodge, and to the fact that he had taken up a larger amount to the Masonic Charities than any of his predecessors. The members of the Lodge had so much appreciated his services that they had voted him the Lodge jewel, in solid gold, together with the collar and jewel of a Past Master, with which he then invested him.

Bro. Allen, who was greeted with loud applause, modestly returned thanks, and remarked that he was not aware he had so many qualifications until they had been enumerated by the W.M. When he occupied the chair last year he promised to do his best, and if he had performed his duties to their satisfaction he was more than repaid. He had now joined the ranks of the Past Masters, but his services would ever be at their disposal. The Lodge had a good record for benevolence, because in addition to the £350 he had taken up for the Benevolent Institution, they had voted sums for outside charities, such as the Merchant Seamen's Orphan Asylum, the Life Boat Institution, &c. He sincerely thanked them for their very handsome present, which would ever remind him of the happy days—or nights—spent in All Saints Lodge.

The toast of the Masonic Charities was acknowledged by Bro. P.M. Nelson, a very fit and proper person, who had collected the enormous sum of 1,030 guineas during his Stewardship for the "Old People," besides large amounts for the other Institutions. He said that he never thought to have accumulated such a vast sum, but the Brethren had liberally responded to his appeal. He urged them all to remember the uncertainty of mundane things, that if to-day they walked in the sunshine of prosperity it might be different in years to come. He hoped they would never want, but if they did it was well to know that assistance was at hand.

Bro. Edward Hambridge W.M. of the Bromley St. Leonard Lodge replied for the Visitors, Bro. Snowden Kirk for the Past Masters, and Bro. J. Y. Mosey for the Officers.

The Tyler's toast brought the pleasant proceedings to a happy termination at a late hour. An excellent entertainment was provided by Bro. Percy Coward, assisted by Miss Kate Cherry, Bro. Fred Butler, Bro. Luigi Méo (violinist), and Bro. G. P. Hans (cornet), while Bro. H. Sladdin was the accompanist.

Bro. John Charles Carpenter, the W.M. of the All Saints Lodge, was born in London, in 1852, and was initiated into Freemasonry on 9th December 1887, in the Lodge over which he now presides. He is a subscriber to all the Masonic Charities, and is a Governor of the Benevolent Institution. Outside the Craft he is well known as an energetic man in parochial matters, being a Churchwarden of All Saints, Poplar, and a Member of the District Board of Works.

CHISWICK LODGE, No. 2012.

THE regular meeting was held at the Criterion Restaurant, on Thursday, Bro. Henry Clark W.M., Richard Steel S.W., T. W. Liddington J.W., H. Wood S.D., Hiscocks acting J.D., R. Railton I.G., R. B. Hopkins P.G.O. Org., Frederick Lawrence Treasurer, Charles Patrick Tyler. Past Masters: W. R. Dowling, G. Everett P.G.Treas., H. Wimpey, W. C. Dickey; Bros. Bartlett, Feint, Wm. Press, J. Indor, H. Bowhill, A. Cardell, E. White, James Musk, Geo. Hiscocks, J. Blaydes, Herbert C. Stevens, R. Buxton, R. Husband, Rhodes, and several others.

Amongst the Visitors were Bros. William Wilkinson P.M. 1298, Herbert A. Wright 30, C. Arnold 2206, Albert Edward Furness 2400, &c.

The Lodge was opened in ancient form and the minutes of last meeting were read and confirmed. The Lodge was advanced to the second degree, when Bro. Roland Buxton and Bro. Herbert C. Stevens, candidates for the third degree, proved their proficiency, were entrusted and retired. The Lodge was opened in the third degree, and the same Brethren were raised to the sublime degree of Master Mason, and took their seats amongst the Brethren as such.

The W.M. next proceeded to pass Brother William Press as a Fellow Craft.

The excellent working of the W.M. reflected great credit upon him; also a word of praise is due to the Officers for their able assistance.

Other business having been disposed of, the Lodge was closed in due form, and the Brethren adjourned to the banqueting room, where an excellent repast was provided.

At the conclusion of the dinner the usual loyal toasts were given from the chair, and received in proper order.

The toast of the W.M. met with a warm reception, and Bro. H. Clark W.M., in his reply, thanked the Brethren generally for their kindness and approval. He promised to do all in his power to further and study the interests of the Lodge, and the Brethren associated with it.

Other toasts were honoured and responded to.

The harmony of the meeting was sustained by several of the Brethren. Bro. Hopkins presided at the piano.

The Tyler's toast concluded a very pleasant evening.

LANCASTRIAN LODGE, No. 2528.

IT is well known to our readers we entertain opinions adverse to the formation of what are termed "class" Lodges, which, in our opinion, are contrary to the spirit of Freemasonry, whose every feature should be based upon a perfect freedom of action; and this seems to us impossible when restrictive laws are laid down at the outset, limiting membership of a Lodge. But however this may be, the fact remains that class Lodges exist in large numbers, and may even be said to become increasingly popular year by year as it is found they are perfectly successful, and present no difficulties to the practice of a truly Masonic line of procedure.

Probably the least objectionable form for a "class" Lodge is that based upon geographical position, and which limits its membership to the natives or others intimately associated with some particular Province, for as the love of country is recognised as an important factor in a man's disposition, the love of county is none the less marked in a very large number of cases, and thus we find the Scots Lodge, the Cornish, the Northern Counties and many others going on with an enthusiasm that is in keeping with the best traditions of the districts they represent. It was to supply such a Lodge so far as Lancashire men are concerned that the Lancastrian Lodge was formed in 1894, and we were pleased to take part in the installation meeting of the current year—held at the Frascati, Oxford Street, on Wednesday of last week—because we then saw sufficient to convince us that the Lodge has prepared for itself a firm foundation, during its two years existence, on which to work up a body that shall not only be a credit to the great district it intends to be representative of, but likewise a credit to the Craft at large.

The Lodge was opened by the W.M. Bro. James J. Marsh, who was supported by Bros. R. J. Railton J.W., Rev. J. Studholme Brownrigg P.G.C. Chaplain, Thomas Evans Treas., T. H. Openshaw, F.R.C.S., Sec., W. H. Booth J.D., R. E. Hampson, LL.B., B.A. and J. R. Hosker Stds., Rev. T. S. Raffles, M.A., P.M. P.P.G.C., S. M. Worthington 1350, J. H. Mills 1550, H. J. Clipperton P.M. 508, C. E. Everett 869, W. W. Morgan 177, A. Gibbs P.P.G.Treas. Surrey 1872, Peck 2272.

Bro. Harvey Lohr was admitted as a Joining Member.

The Worshipful Master having been re-elected, the usual ceremony was somewhat curtailed. The Brethren having saluted Bro. Marsh he proceeded to appoint the Officers, conferring the collars on the following: Railton S.W., Openshaw J.W., Rev. T. S. Raffles Chap., Evans Treas., H. Horrocks, M.D., B.Sc., Sec., Booth S.D., Hampson J.D., Peter Horrocks, M.D., P.M. D.C., R. Maquire, M.D., Org., Hosker I.G., G. W. Taylor and A. F. Penny Stewards, Patrick P.M. Tyler.

Bro. Rev. J. Studholme Brownrigg P.G.C., who acted as Installing Master, now completed the ceremony, and other items of business having been disposed of, the Lodge was closed, and the company repaired to a choice banquet, served in excellent style by the management.

In submitting the toast of the Queen the Master referred to the special rejoicing that should be manifest by reason of Her Majesty having entered on the 60th year of her reign. They were also specially interested in the toast by reason of the Queen's association with the dukedom of Lancaster.

The next toast was that of the Prince of Wales, who, the Master said, was thoroughly well known and thoroughly appreciated—especially in Freemasonry. Members of the Craft congratulated their Grand Master on the long reign of his august mother, believing that he was thoroughly happy in the position he occupied, and was as sincere as any one of them in wishing the Queen health to continue her already lengthy reign.

The toast of the Pro Grand Master was a special one, for the reason that the Earl of Lathom was the Immediate Past Master of their Lodge, and they could not forget his condescension in coming among them to take the position of its first Master. Lord Lathom was a true Lancashireman—one who was universally beloved by all who knew him. He had expressed his regret at not being able to attend their meeting that day, as he really had the success of the Lodge at heart. The Master felt sure he would come forward and lend his assistance in promoting the future welfare of the Lodge.

The toast of the Grand Officers was next given from the chair. They were always ready to come forward and help whenever required, as had been evidenced in their own Lodge that evening, when Bro. Brownrigg had acted as Installing Master. He was specially deserving a vote of thanks for what he had done. The toast was heartily received.

The Senior Warden now assumed the gavel, and proposed the toast of the W.M.—which he considered to be the most important toast of the evening to them, the members of the Lancastrian Lodge. The W.M. had

very pleasantly come forward to again fill the chair, and had taken upon his shoulders the heavy work entailed by that office. By the way in which he had carried out the duties during the past year they had no fear but that he would so discharge them in the future as to leave a pattern worthy of imitation. The Worshipful Master had worked exceedingly hard since the inauguration of the Lodge; he had had some great difficulties to surmount, but had come through most satisfactorily, and they felt most grateful to him for the way in which he had carried out the work of the Lodge. The members owed much to the W.M., and he, as an Officer, felt much obliged for the way in which he had acted.

The W.M. said, in reply, he was exceedingly obliged for the kind way in which he had been received. He felt most keenly and deeply the honour the members of the Lodge had conferred upon him in re-electing him to fulfil the duties of the chair. What little help he had been to the Lodge—he wished it had been more—had been done with his good feeling and best wishes, and he felt that unless he had had good support it was doubtful if the Lodge would have weathered the storm of the last twelve months. He could but feel it would have been better if his present position had been filled by a younger Brother, although he had Freemasonry at heart, and particularly was he desirous for the welfare of the Lancastrian Lodge—the representative Lodge of Lancashire in London. The honour that had been conferred on him was one that seldom fell to a Worshipful Master, and he felt deeply grateful to the members for having bestowed such a distinction upon him.

The toast of the Officers of the Lodge was acknowledged by the Wardens.

The Senior Warden considered it a great honour to be one of the Officers of the Lodge. It would no doubt take them some time to attain to any size, because of their regulation that precluded all but Lancashire men, or men who are associated with the county, joining the Lodge. They hoped, however, to become a Lodge that would reflect honour on the county, and they hoped to be able to show to Lancashire men that there was a spot in London where they could meet their fellow men, and receive a hearty grasp of the hand for old Lancashire's sake.

The Treasurer of the Lodge proposed the toast of the Charities, which was followed by that of the Visitors, given from the chair, and acknowledged by Bros. Gibbs and Everitt.

The Senior Warden next proposed the Masonic Press, and Bros. Mills and Morgan acknowledged the compliment.

Lancashire Lodges was now given by the Junior Warden, and the toast having been acknowledged by Bro. Worthington, the proceedings terminated with the Tyler's toast.

The Worshipful Master of the Lodge Bro. James John Marsh, of 4 Cliveden Place, Eaton Square, S.W., is the only surviving son of the late Staff-Captain George Marsh, R.N., and was initiated 23rd April 1890, in the St. George's Lodge of Harmony, No. 32, Liverpool. He was made J.D. in the Lodge of Harmony, No. 580, Ormskirk, in 1891, and S.D., J.W., and S.W., in the three succeeding years. He was designated the first S.W., in October 1894, of the Lancastrian Lodge, London, No. 2528, of which the Pro Grand Master was the first Worshipful Master. Bro. Marsh was installed into the chair of the Lancastrian Lodge in October 1895, and was re-elected by the members for the current year. He was exalted in the Chapter of Unity and Perseverance, No. 580, Ormskirk, on 5th October 1892, and advanced to the Mark Degree, in the Lathom Lodge, No. 268, Southport, on 8th December 1892. He also took the Rose Croix degrees, in the Liverpool Chapter, on 21st February 1893, and subsequently joined the Studholme Chapter, of London. For a period of ten years—from 1884 to 1894—Bro. Marsh was private medical attendant to the estate and family of the Rt. Hon. the Earl of Lathom Pro Grand Master, and has since that time won further renown in his profession. He has already secured the confidence of his Brethren as a ruler in the Craft, and no doubt will pilot his Lodge successfully through the second term for which he has been elected.

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ROBERT BURNS LODGE, No. 25.

AT the Frascati Restaurant, Oxford Street, W., on Tuesday, Bro. F. W. Truman W.M., H. Nicholls S.W., J. W. Williams J.W., E. C. Mulvey P.M. Preceptor, F. Mart P.M. Deputy Preceptor, J. Blundell P.M. Treasurer, T. Casely P.M. Sec., T. Fullwood W.M. 25 S.D., H. Davis J.D., H. Raphael I.G., Taylor, Ridgway, Kobelt, Cross, Kelly, Mullins, Hunt, Scarlett, Flemming, McVey, W. H. Brougham, Mason, Winsor, Wynman, Montague Fitzwilliam, &c.

The W.M. opened the Lodge to the second degree. Bro. Scarlett was examined and entrusted, and the ceremony of raising was rehearsed. We compliment the W.M. on his faultless working of the impressive ceremony.

The Lodge was closed in the third degree, and the Fellow Crafts were admitted. Bro. Mart, the Deputy Preceptor, with the assistance of the Brethren, worked the first section of the lecture. Bros. W. Brougham and Montague Fitzwilliam were unanimously elected members. Bro. Nicholls will occupy the chair next meeting.

WESTBOURNE LODGE, No. 733.

THE weekly meeting was held at Bro. Jones's, Oliver Arms, Harrow Road, on Tuesday, Bro. T. W. Mogford W.M., C. Brown S.W., A. L. Miller J.W., W. M. Roberts W.M. 733 S.D., C. Lilly J.D., G. Busby I.G., R. J. Rogers P.M. Treasurer acting Preceptor and Secretary, A. L. Bullers, H. Campbell, C. Halston, J. Lewis, R. J. Hearnden.

Lodge being opened to the second degree, Bro. Campbell was examined and entrusted, after which the ceremony of raising was rehearsed in his favour. Lodge resumed to the first degree. Called off and on. The W.M. then rehearsed the ceremony of investiture of Officers, Bro. Rogers P.M. acting D.C.

The now bye-laws were read. It was proposed by the S.W., seconded by the J.W., that a hearty vote of thanks be recorded to the Committee for drawing up such an excellent code of rules. Bro. Mogford responded.

It was proposed by Bro. Rogers P.M., and seconded by Bro. Roberts, that a letter of condolence be sent to Bro. Weaver, on the loss of his mother, which was carried. Bro. Brown was unanimously elected W.M. for next meeting.

DALHOUSIE LODGE, No. 860.

ON the 20th inst., at the Lord Truro, Dalston Lane, N.E., Bro. F. W. Bishop W.M., Walter Clark S.W., G. Kebell J.W., F. Dunstan Preceptor, W. S. Harvey Sec., Kaufman P.M., Cohen P.M., Barker, Lemann, Coulthard, Alderman, Sexton, Cunningham, Siegenberg, Spielman, Barnes, McLochlan, and Shea.

The Lodge was opened in due form in the first and second degrees. Bro. Coulthard being a candidate to be raised to the third degree, answered the usual questions and was entrusted, and after the Lodge had been opened in the third degree, he was raised to the sublime degree of a M.M. The Brethren assisted Bro. Preceptor to work the third section of the third lecture.

The Lodge was then closed in the third and second degrees, after which the Brethren assisted Bro. Preceptor to work the first section of the first lecture. Bro. Walter Clark was elected as W.M. for next meeting.

COVENT GARDEN LODGE, No. 1614.

THE regular weekly meeting was held at the Criterion Restaurant, Piccadilly, on Thursday, Bro. E. L. Berry W.M. 2473 W.M., S. Walker S.W., A. H. P. Snow J.W., W. Wood P.M. Dep. Preceptor, H. J. Keen Sec., O. Lamare S.D., J. Wise J.D., A. Gibelli I.G., J. Smith Std., W. Weight, P. Lewis. Visitors: J. Wynman, J. Goldstein.

The Lodge being duly opened, the W.M. proceeded to rehearse the ceremony of initiation, Bro. W. Weight as candidate. He next rehearsed the second degree, Bro. Goldstein as candidate, and then the third, with Bro. P. Lewis as candidate.

Great praise is due to the W.M. for his most excellent working of the different degrees. The Lodge was resumed, and Bro. S. Walker was unanimously elected W.M. for next meeting.

Bro. J. Goldstein was elected a member, and Bro. J. Wynman (FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE) received the compliment of Honorary Membership, suitably responding to the unanimous vote of the members.

BROMLEY ST. LEONARD LODGE, No. 1805.

ON the 21st inst., at the Bow Bells, Bow Road, E., Bro. D. Naphthali W.M., J. Goulston S.W., R. Alabaster J.W., W. Boyce P.M. acting Sec., F. A. Slater S.D., M. Da Costa J.D., W. Johnson I.G., J. De Casseres P.M. Preceptor, Oxley P.M., A. Silk, Davis, Holland, Pollock, S. Emden, Fennell, Lewsey, E. Silk, Joss, &c.

The Lodge was opened to the second degree, and Bro. R. M. Oxley, answering the questions leading to the third, was entrusted, and the ceremony of raising was admirably worked by Bro. Naphthali, Bro. Oxley as candidate.

The Brethren assisted Bro. P. M. Oxley to work the second section of the Lecture. Bro. Goulston worked the third section. Lodge was resumed to the second degree, when Bro. Oxley worked the first section, and Bro. Goulston the second.

Bro. Alabaster was elected to the chair for Wednesday next, to which date the Lodge was adjourned.

REGENT'S PARK LODGE, No. 2202.

ON Monday, at the Frascati Restaurant, Oxford Street, Bro. Morris Hart W.M., J. W. Williams S.W., A. Carlsh J.W., G. Wood P.M. Preceptor, C. Lane P.M. Sec., W. E. Lane S.D., G. Wilkins J.D., J. Strong I.G., J. Cload, F. R. Osborne, A. W. Sims, A. Langton, F. H. Vant, H. E. Inker, H. J. Bowles, C. Schneider, J. Taylor, J. Wynman, James Brown, C. Birmingham, G. George.

After preliminaries the W.M. proceeded to rehearse the ceremony of initiation, Bro. Inker candidate. Bros. Brown, Bowles, Inker and Schneider answered the questions leading from the first to the second degree.

The S.W., with the assistance of the Brethren, worked the first section of the lecture, and Bro. Birmingham worked the second. Praise is due to the W.M. for the excellent manner in which he rehearsed the ceremony of initiation, also to Bros. Williams and Birmingham for the perfect working of the sections. Bro. F. H. Vant was elected a member. Bro. Williams will preside as W.M. on Monday next.

EGYPTIAN LODGE OF INSTRUCTION INAUGURAL SUPPER.

ON Tuesday evening, the 20th inst., the members of this Lodge celebrated the commencement of a new session by a supper, held at the Duval Restaurant (late Salutation Tavern), Newgate Street, under the presidency of Bro. H. J. Macfarlane P.M. 27 Secretary of the Lodge of Instruction, who was supported by Bros. H. Hill P.M. Preceptor, R. Douglas Smith P.M. 27, Matt. Hale P.M. and Sec. 27, Pallot S.W. 27, Kemp J.W. 27, and about forty other members of the Lodge, amongst whom were—Bros. Jacob P.M., Benyon, Warren, Webster, Saul, Briggs, Tegetmeyer, Lecquier, Dickinson W.M. 2048, Rollason, Schubroke, Morgan, Notting, Stevens, King, Thomas, Johnson, Cuzner, Broke, Robinson, Ford, Fishluge, Cockett, Young, Bolton, H. Willsmer, Cropper, Skellow, Allingham, Lyndale, Duck, Hayes, Steadman, Varley, Laing, Thom, Linfoot, Briggs, Shipman, T. H. Bolton, J. E. Lyndall, and others.

At the conclusion of the supper, which left nothing to be desired, the usual Loyal and Masonic toasts were duly honoured.

Success to the Egyptian Lodge of Instruction was proposed by the President, who urged upon the members, more particularly those connected with the Mother Lodge, the necessity of their regular attendance to support the Past Masters and their esteemed Preceptor Bro. Hill, at their meetings, on Thursday evenings at this Restaurant. Reference was specially made to the indefatigable exertions of Bro. Robt. Douglas Smith P.M., whose efforts to make the Lodge of Instruction second to none in London deserved the support and co-operation of all those members who needed and were desirous of obtaining instruction in the Masonic ritual.

Bro. R. D. Smith, in responding, assured the Brethren of a continuance of his hearty support and assistance in the work of the Lodge. He hoped the members would show their appreciation of the efforts of Bro. Macfarlane Secretary, and Bro. Hill Preceptor, by a regular attendance, and by bringing as many of their Masonic friends to the meetings as possible.

The President next proposed in felicitous terms the health of Bro. H. Hill P.M. Preceptor, remarking that it was from him he obtained all his

knowledge of the Craft working. In eulogistic terms he commented upon his well-known capabilities as a teacher, and he hoped the Brethren would encourage him by their presence on Thursday evenings. Bro. Hill suitably replied.

The following toast was the President, proposed by Bro. Pallot S.W. 27, and responded to by Bro. Macfarlane; and then followed that of the Masonic Press, by Bro. R. Douglas Smith, special reference being made to the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE, whose representative duly acknowledged the compliment.

The toasts were interspersed with songs, by the following Brethren:—Bros. Young, Bolton, Shipman, Allingham, Macfarlane, &c.

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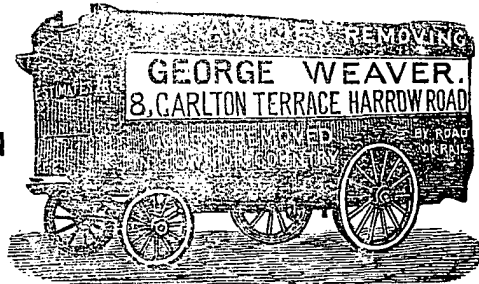
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Strand.—8-10, Dream Faces. 9, Teddy's Wives. Matinée, Saturday, 3.
St. James's.—The Prisoner of Zenda. Matinée, Saturday, 2.
Globe.—8, The Muff of the Regiment. 9, Charley's Aunt. Matinée, Wednesday and Saturday, 3.
Prince of Wales's.—8-15, The White Silk Dress. Matinée, Saturday, 2-30.
Gaiety.—8-15, My Girl. Matinée, Saturday, 2-30.
Adelphi.—8, Boys Together. Matinée, Wednesday, 2.
Avenue.—8-15, Monte Carlo. Matinée, Wednesday and Saturday, 2-30.
Shaftesbury.—8, The Little Genius. 10-15, La Goulue. Matinée, Saturday, 2.
Duke of York's.—8, The Gay Parisienne. Matinée, Saturday, 2-30.
Terry's.—8-15, Woman's proper place. 9, Love in idleness. Matinée, Saturday, 2-30.
Lyric.—8-15, The Sign of the Cross. Matinée, Wednesday and Saturday, 2-30.
Savoy.—7-30, Weather or No. 8-30, The Mikado. Matinée, Saturday, 2-30.
Comedy.—8, A White Stocking. 8-50, Mr. Martin. Matinée, Saturday, 3.
Criterion.—8-30, Rosemary. Matinée, Saturday, 2-30.
Garrick.—8, Lord Tom Noddy. Matinée, Saturday, 2-30.
Daly's.—8-15, The Geisha; A story of a Tea House. Matinée, Saturday, 2-30.
Vaudeville.—8-15, Papa's wife. 9, A night out. Matinée, Wednesday, 3.
Court.—8-30, The Belle of Cairo. Matinée, Saturday, 3.
Royalty.—8-30, The Storm, and His little dodge.
Princess's.—8, Two little Vagabonds. Matinée, Wednesday and Saturday, 2-30.
Parkhurst.—Popular companies and newest pieces, changed weekly.
Alhambra.—7-45, Variety Entertainment. 8-15, Irish Ballet Divertissement. 9-30, The Animatographe. 10, Rip Van Winkle.
Empire.—7-40, Variety Entertainment. New Ballet Divertissement, La Danse. Cinematographe.
Palace.—7-45, Variety Entertainment, Tableaux Vivants, &c.
Royal.—7-30, Variety Company. Saturday, 2-30.
Egyptian Hall.—3 and 8, Mr. J. N. Maskelyne's entertainment.
Crystal Palace.—Varied attractions daily.
Royal Aquarium.—Open at 10, close at 11-30. Constant Amusement!
Tivoli.—7-30, Variety Entertainment. Saturday, 2-30 also.
Mohawk Minstrels.—(Agricultural Hall.)—Daily.
Madame Tussaud's (Baker Street).—Open daily.