

A.F.A.M. MASTERS ARE INSTALLED

More Than Thousand Masons Gather For Annual Function.

ADDRESS PRESENTED

Masonic ceremonies featuring the annual joint installation of 10 worshipful masters were attended by more than 1,000 members of local lodges in the Masonic temple on Saturday night.

Rt. Wor. Bro. N. P. Walsh, grand junior warden of the Grand Lodge of Canada in the province of Ontario, was installing officer, with Rt. Wor. Bro. Ben Noble, past district deputy grand master, in charge of ceremonies, which commenced at 6 o'clock in the auditorium. An hour later the installed masters' degree was held in the blue room of the temple, while an excellent musical program was rendered before hundreds of visitors in the auditorium by the Sunset quartet.

Officers installed were: W. G. Young, St. John's, 20; W. F. Wheaton, St. George's, 42; W. C. Doldge, Killwading, 64; C. B. King, The Tuscan, 196; C. J. Atkins, St. John's, 209; G. B. Bennett, Corinthian, 330; A. McLaughlin, Union, 380; E. Chamberlain, Acacia, 580, and W. H. Rath, Temple, 597.

Presentation Made.

At the close of the installation ceremony Rt. Wor. Bro. Nelson Walsh was presented with the grand junior warden's apron, accompanied with an address containing the history of masonry. This was one of the most elaborately bound addresses ever presented in London, forming a unique gift at the conclusion of a successful ceremony. It was superbly arranged and jeweled. The sun, moon and stars set in the outer covering were inlaid with gems of different color. The tone was arranged by Bro. J. S. Barnard, and is considered to be the most unique and artistically constructed ever presented to a Mason. A bound copy of the address was presented by Wor. Bro. J. E. Magee. The original address was presented by Rt. Wor. Bro. J. W. Methehall and read by Rt. Wor. Bro. Thomas Rowe, who paid a glowing tribute to the manner in which the grand junior warden had conducted the installation with extreme satisfaction.

Rt. Wor. Bro. Rowe, who is chairman of the Grand Lodge Board of Benevolence, read the names of Masons who had passed away during the year, and a fitting memorial ceremony was held. A resolution of condolence was introduced to District Deputy Grand Master J. Birnie Smith, who was unable to act as director of the installation owing to the death of his father, J. A. Smith, who had for many years been prominently connected with Masonic activities in London and district.

Address of Evening.

A toast to the grand lodge was responded to by Rt. Wor. Bro. Thomas Rowe, and an address on "Peace and Goodwill" was given by Bro. J. Bruce Hunter. Rev. Mr. Hunter referred to the fact that the world had just completed celebrating "the birth of the Prince of Peace."

"We are on the threshold of a new

year," Mr. Hunter said. "And also the threshold of a new Masonic year, and with it I look forward to the accomplishment of big things. I will endeavor to condense the spirit and purpose of the Masonic order to what might be termed a watchword. All great movements which have caught the imagination of the people have had some sign or watchword. The followers of Robert Bruce were a spray of heather in their caps; Lancastrians were known by their red roses. The French revolution stood for liberty and fraternity, and the watchword of the French at Verdun was, 'They Shall Not Pass.' The theme and watchword of the Masonic order, which I present, is 'Peace and Goodwill.'"

World Hunger.
"The heart hunger of the world has been for peace. Nations, as well as individuals, have resorted to every phase of civilization, mainly law, commerce, the press, science, education, and all have failed. The ushering in of peace and goodwill to the world is not a matter of government, of legislation or organization, but a matter of redeemed individualism, and this world will only realize the dream of the Prince of Peace when individuals will nurture and develop peace and goodwill."

"The world today is hungry for the sowing of the seeds of peace. In the first place the nations and all strata of society are in a state of flux. There is uneasiness and discord. These are not to be considered a detriment, but like the molten metal can be poured into a mold for permanency. Secondly, there is a moral earnestness existing in the world today that readily welcomes peace and goodwill, and underneath the apparent restlessness there is a gradual development of the spirit of brotherhood."

Reverence For Deity.

"Thirdly, there is at present a manifest reverence for the name of the deity. We may have our different conceptions as to the explanation and interpretation of His will, but we are perfectly one as to His divine person. The highest service that we can render the world, and our community in particular, is to personally embody the spirit of peace and goodwill in our daily relations and to further, to our utmost, the spirit of brotherhood. No order, no matter how splendidly it is organized, or how lofty the ideals, can ultimately succeed unless it finds its inspiration and direction from the Church of Christ. The program of the joint installation terminated at midnight, and was declared to be one of the most successful ever held in London."

MIDDLESEX LIBERALS PICK TWO DELEGATES

Capt. Reason and E. Douglas Will Attend Annual Convention.

Capt. A. E. Reason of London and E. Douglas of Ilford have been appointed delegates to attend the annual convention of Liberals at Toronto on January 13. The delegates were chosen at a meeting of the members of the executive of the East Middlesex reform association held in Hyman Hall, Saturday afternoon at 2 o'clock.

President Wheaton and other members were present. The next meeting of the executive will be held on January 24.

FIFTY PERSONS KILLED BY DYNAMITE BLAST

300 Others Injured When Cargo Explodes in Japanese Harbor.

Associated Press Despatch.
Tokio, Dec. 28.—It is estimated that 100 persons were killed and 300 injured when a dynamite cargo exploded in the harbor of Otaru, Hokkaido Island, northeastern Japan yesterday. The explosion occurred while six hundred cases of dynamite were being transferred from a lighter. One large vessel was damaged, several small boats sunk, and the waterfront was wrecked.

LONDONERS HEAR LISTOWEL PASTOR

Rev. E. W. Edwards Speaks at Hyatt Avenue Methodist Church.

"A mother's heart is the school of her children," said Rev. (Capt.) E. W. Edwards of Listowel in his sermon at Hyatt Avenue Methodist church last night. "It is pitiful that all insight and prophecy gets no further than birth. Jesus was taken to Jerusalem for the feast, and at first it did not seem significant to him. It just appeared a custom. His parents did not see far and deep enough. They did not realize that this religious ceremony was building and moulding his character. Does it matter if parents stay at home and send their children on to church? 'Mary heard many things about her first-born, but it did not make any change in her motherhood. Mary kept those precious things in her heart and her heart was the institution of learning for her child. A woman's life may be a cipher, but when the child is born God puts a figure in front of that cipher and gives it value. Mary never lost the sense of value in her boy. The nursing of a child is more and yet less than words. When one realizes this, one cannot help but make a prophecy concerning it. Jesus was not a lonely, isolated child. His was a rare character, and his knowledge was above that of his parents. They could not see the distant scene, the wonderful future before him. The first statement of the boy Jesus was a question on the blindness of his parents. He marvelled at their misunderstanding. They fell into the rear of religious development while he soared to the heights. They watched him challenge the old law-makers with a thrill of pride."

"It is not easy to interpret a boy's golden dreams. It should be necessary that the parents should know more about their children than the fact that they must be fed; that they must attend school; and all the other materialistic things in life. I know men who know horses better than they know their own sons. Parents must know their son's minds and thoughts, for they are growing up in a new life and an advanced age. 'Somehow or other when one prays 'Our Father, who art in heaven,' one has a sense of God. While I was serving at the front, I got a batch of green men in my company. We were in a nasty situation, and the men were filled with fear. I told them to say to themselves, 'Our Father, who art in the trench,' and they became safe in their fear because they had found God. When the prodigal was in the far country he said, 'My father's house has bread enough to spare.' In this Jesus was to show that men who were lost could come back to God. He, Himself, in His twelfth year learned that the church was His Father's house. After the wonderful event in Jerusalem Jesus went home, subject to the simple life of His parents. After a time He went out into the world as the Messiah of the angels. When you and I have really found God we are not going to forfeit the present for some vain dream of the future. We shall follow the pattern set for us by Jesus."

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CONSTABLE FINED.

Harrison, Dec. 28.—On a charge of keeping liquor in a place other than in a private dwelling, J. Maurer, constable of Clifford, has been convicted by Magistrate Hellyer and fined \$200 and costs or three months' imprisonment. In addition, Maurer was sentenced to 30 days in jail for neglecting to enforce the Ontario temperance act.

ONE HUNDRED AND EIGHT ASYLUM INMATES PERISH

Canadian Press Despatch.
Tokio, Dec. 28.—A fire in a private institution for the insane here late last night is reported to have resulted in a serious loss of life. Out of 343 reported inmates in the institution 108 are declared to be missing. Thirteen bodies had been recovered today.

Fifty other residences in the vicinity of the asylum were burned before the flames were subdued.

DR. CROSSLEY STARTS DRIVE FOR CITY RELIGIOUS REVIVAL

Preaches First Sermon of Campaign at Centennial Methodist Church.

PREACHES ON GOD

All views of God other than Christ-like views were characterized as false views by Dr. Crossley yesterday at the opening service of his week's campaign at Centennial Methodist church. Dr. Crossley outlined five false views of God, which were: "The abstract, the harsh, the monstrous, the heathenish, and the anti-Christ-like."

Dealing with the first view, the abstract, Dr. Crossley said: "Just because God as a personality is invisible, that does not mean that He is an abstract being. As a matter of fact it is the invisible that is real and eternal, not the visible and tangible. He is a divine personality, with whom we would if we knew him, talk in the innermost recesses of our hearts, on our back doorstep, or in any activity of life."

The Harsh View.

"Then we have people who take a harsh view of God that is absolutely in contradistinction to the truth. They view Him as a hard taskmaster rather than as a loving master and friend. It is a remnant of the 16th century theology, which boasted of justice and sovereignty, and left out love. But the God of our theology today is one of love, and to the Christian there can be no other deity."

"Again we come to the monstrous view of the Almighty. Here we are faced with three distinct false impressions about God. There is the belief that all the heathen will be lost, and that the heathens are by nature irrevocably lost and damned. There is a view that God is angry with sinners and has no love toward them in their weakness, and there is the opinion that the Atonement was a materialistic thing in life. I know the reconciliation of God, which is wrong. The Atonement was made by God for the reconciliation of men. It is we who should be reconciled to God, not Him to us."

The Heathenish View.
"Another false view of God is that which is a copy of the heathenish one. It is the view which allows a man to have more than one God. The heathens have as many gods as they can erect idols. 'I remember when I was a boy that I was frightened of God, and I looked to the Holy Spirit and Jesus to save me from the mighty anger and terrible force of God. It was as I now see an utterly false view, and a most dangerous one. It may be a view bequeathed from the old doctrine of the Trinity, but it misrepresents God. There is only one God, and He may be three manifestations of Him, which is what we refer to when we speak of the Holy Spirit, and Jesus and God."

"Finally, in speaking of wrong views of God we may classify under one general head every view which does not accord with the spirit of Christ. You know that Jesus said 'He who hath seen me hath seen the father.' That is sufficient for us to know of God. We have all seen Christ, at least we have all had the opportunity we who are members of a Christian church in Canada. We have seen the historical Christ walking through Palestine in the day by day course of His life on earth. We know His words, and can follow His thoughts. We have a picture of Him that will if we love him allow us to fashion a view of God which will not lead us astray and which will give us the only true view of our heavenly father, and the one which will stand us in good stead in every difficulty and emergency of life."

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KNIGHTS TEMPLAR CREED OUTLINED

City Clerk Samuel Baker Addresses Large Gathering at Masonic Temple.

An interesting address was given in the Masonic temple Sunday afternoon by City Clerk Samuel Baker, on the occasion of the Christmas celebration of Richard Couer de Lion Preceptory of the Knights Templar. In this address, given before 500 of the order, Mr. Baker gave an outline of the creed of the Knight Templar.

In introducing his subject, Mr. Baker stated that the Christmas season was the most fitting one in which to review and study the Knight Templar movement, based as this is on the words of the Nativity, "Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace, goodwill."

Continuing, Mr. Baker said the Knights Templar is a religious order, recognizing God the Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. It is not only a Masonic order but an order which, while living strictly to the standards of Masonry, seeks to find and develop the finer, rarer and more beautiful things in everyday life. Recognizing the fundamentals of the Masonic order, the Templars specialize in combining the beautiful and fine with the purely utilitarian.

While developing the theme of his address, Mr. Baker went back to Genesis in explaining that when the universe was created God pronounced all of his work as good. This was still the case, and the speaker asked for consideration of the fact that the universe is not only good but extremely beautiful, and asked also that in carrying on our lives we should strive to find the beauty in everything and thus reflect beauty and happiness

for those with whom we come in contact.

This, Mr. Baker explained, is the basis on which the Knights Templar have founded their order, and it is this faculty for finding beauty and in a sense developing it in daily life which makes this religious order a valuable asset to the Masonic movement and to every community.

HOLD SCHOOL CONCERT.

Special to The Advertiser.

Wallaceburg, Dec. 28.—A large crowd attended the Christmas concert presented by the pupils of the Nye school. George Arnold was chairman and the program consisted of a chorus, "O Canada," recitations, dialogues and drills.

At the close Santa Claus distributed the gifts from the Christmas tree.

Letter Is Late, Man Kills Self

Postman Arrives Shortly After With Missive.

London, Dec. 27.—When he failed to receive his annual Christmas letter from America, Michael Cavens of Catrine, Ayrshire, hurled his aged and bent form into the flooded Ayr River. Shortly after the suicide a postman called at Cavens' home with the delayed letter.

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