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THE GIRLS SCHOOL FESTIVAL.

ESPITE the favourable surroundings of this year's Anniversary Festival on behalf of the older of the three Charitable Institutions of the Craft, there was a feeling of disappointment manifest when the Brethren assembled on Wednesday around the festive board to participate in the crowning event of the year so far as this Fund of English Freemasonry is concerned. This disappointment was occasioned by a notice which was circulated round the tables, to the effect that the Pro Grand Master was unable to take his place as Chairman of the day, by reason of the sudden and lamented death of his sister-in-law, the Countess of Clarendon, and it cannot be denied that the spirits of the company at once fell very many degrees, for most of those who were present had looked forward with most pleasurable anticipation to the presidency of Lord Lathon, who is proverbial for his ability as a Chairman, never failing to ensure enjoyment among all who assemble under his rule. However, the validity of his Lordship's excuse could not be questioned and there was nothing to be done but to bow to the inevitable, and make the best of what was regarded on all sides as a grevious disappointment.

But like many other apparent calamities, the cloud caused by Lord Lathom's absence had a silver lining, as it brought to the front a nobleman who is undoubtedly destined to take a leading place in English Freemasonry in the future—Lord Skelmersdale, the eldest son of the Pro Grand Master, who is rapidly winning the good opinion of all who meet him in the Craft, and whose position as Grand Warden of the year must be regarded as but a stepping stone to higher and more permanent Masonic honours. It is true he could not command the same enthusiasm from his audience as might have been expected had his father been able to carry out his original intention and occupy the chair, but when once the feeling of disappointment has passed off it was evident the Girls School had enlisted the services of a genial and hearty substitute in Lord Skelmersdale, one whom we shall expect to see in a similiar position at no very distant date, when he will take the chair at one of our Charity Festivals on his own behalf, and not as a deputy for anyone else.

In due course the result of the lists received up to the time of the announcement was given, and hearty cheers went up from the assembled Stewards when it was known that the contributions of the year reached the handsome total of £17,732 0s 6d, which sum is the largest ever known in connection with any of the Festivals of this Institution, alone excepting its Centenary celebration, when, under the presidency of the Prince of Wales, the grand result of £51,500 was reached.

When we consider the universal complaints of bad times and distress in almost every branch of business, this result must be recognised as a truly grand one, and the marvel is where the handsome contributions come from year by year, or how it is that the flow of Masonic Benevolence never seems to stand still. This total of close upon £18,000 cannot be said to have been gained at the cost of the other great Charity Funds, for we must bear in mind that the Benevolent Institution had a successful Festival in February last, when about £13,000 was realised, and it is confidently expected that the Boys Festival will likewise prove an exceptional success, mainly in view of the enthusiasm manifested by its Chairman's Province of West Yorkshire, the Brethren of which county will probably form the largest Board of Stewards ever known from one district.

The success of Wednesday was the outcome of the efforts of 450 Stewards, which was also a record number, alone excepting the Centenary celebration already referred to. This year's Board included seven Lady Stewards, and comprised 193 London representatives and 257 from the Provinces and foreign stations.

The results announced from the different districts were as follow:—

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West Lancashire	•••	•••	73	2,500 0	ŏ
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Norths. and Hunts.	•••	•••	1	26 5	ŏ
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Shropshire Staffordshire	•••	•••		34 13	
Suffolk	•••	•••	2	173 10	0
	•••	•••	7	300 10	6
Surrey	•••	•••	3	76 2	6
Sussex	•••	•••	17	581 16	0
Warwickshire	•••	•••	10	192 1	0
Worcestershire		•••	1	10 10	0
North and East Yor	ksnire	•••	3	106 8	0
West Yorkshire	•••	•••	14	300 0	0
Guernsey and Alders	1ey	•••	1	10 10	0
Isle of Man	•••	•••	2	46 4	0
South Africa	•••	***	1	10 10	0
Malta	•••	***	1	63 O	0
Cyprus	•••	•••	1	39 0	0
Bengal	•••	•••	2	, 21 0	0
Punjab	***	•••	1	104 17	0
Scotland	•••	•••	1	15 7	6

These figures have been swelled by subsequent donations until the total exceeds £18,000, which is a result that will deservedly call forth the heartiest of recognitions, not only from Masons throughout the country, but also from every part where the sacred cause of Charity is regarded as a prominent feature in the work of Freemasonry. We again tender our warmest congratulations to all who have contributed to the success of the Festival, not the least deserving in this respect being the Pro Grand Master of England, who not only personally worked for the good of the cause, but led others to take a leading part in support of the Festival by according it his patronage and recognition.

THE Festival was celebrated in the large Hall of Freemasons' Tavern, which, it may be imagined, was filled to its utmost capacity by the large Board of Stewards and others present at the banquet. Messrs. Spiers and Pond supplied an excellent dinner, and gave further evidence of their ability to deal with a large assemblage in a most satisfactory manner.

We refer elsewhere to the absence of the Earl of Lathom, who had intended to preside, but was prevented from attending, by reason of the sudden death of his sister-in-law, the Countess of

At the conclusion of the banquet Sir John B. Monckton, the chairman for the month of the Girls School House Committee read a letter he had received from the Earl of Lathom, in which the Pro Grand Master expressed his deepest regret at being unable to take his place as Chairman of the Festival. He had been looking forward to once more meeting the friends and supporters of the Institution, and bearing his testimony to the excellent way in which the School was conducted; but it was not to be, and he hoped the Brethren would accept his son as his substitute.

Lord Skelmersdale gave the first toast-the Queen, Chief

Patroness of the Institution.

This having been honoured, he proceeded to submit that of H.R.H. the Prince of Wales M.W.G.M. Grand Patron and President of the Institution; the Princess of Wales, Grand Patroness; and other Members of the Royal Family. His first duty was to read a telegram that had just been received, and which it was almost needless to add was addressed to his father, Lord Lathom, as President of the day, and was to the following effect:

"My fraternal greeting to you and the Brethren, and I trust that the Festival, in which I take so great an interest, may prove a great success.

ALBERT EDWARD."

This telegram, he thought, was in itself evidence that the Prince of Wales never forgot what was going on in Freemasonry. If the Prince had any special preference for the doings of the Craft it was what took place in connection with the Girls School, in which their beloved Princess had also shown her interest from time to time; recently by allowing her name to be given to one of the latest additions made to the School premises. The toast was most heartily received.

Sir John Monckton, in rising to propose the next toast felt it was somewhat incongruous that one should have to propose his own health, but it sometimes happened that one could not help the inconsistency. Such a case arose on the present occasion when he had to submit the Deputy Grand Master and the rest of the Grand Officers Present and Past. Lord Mount-Edgeumbe would have been present that evening but for the fact that he had but very recently returned from his travels; he was at all times an earnest, auxious and energetic Mason, and as such had won the regard of the Craft. There was no need to refer to the capabilities of the other Grand Officers; it was only necessary to submit the toast, with which he had the pleasure of coupling the name of Bro. shire, who would preside as Chairman at the coming Festival of the Boys School. W. L. Jackson, M.P., the Provincial Grand Master of West York-

Bro. Jackson made an excellent speech in replying, and won universal commendation by the manner in which he spoke to the toast. His presidency at the Boys School—if one may judge from his remarks on Wednesday—promises to be a great success. He spoke of Lord Mount-Edgcumbe as being so well-known in Freemasonry as to need no commendatory references from him; yet he could not omit to refer to the obligation which his own Province of West Yorkshire felt under towards the Deputy Grand Master of England, who had paid them a visit for the purpose of laying the foundation stone of a hospital at Halifax. The Masons of the Province showed their appreciation on that occasion by an enormous assembly, and he believed they convinced their visitor that the Brethren of West Yorkshire recognised their duty and proved that when a nobleman like the Deputy Grand Master of England came down to perform a public work he received the unanimous

support of the entire population.

Bro. Jackson had yet another duty to perform, to propose the toast of the Pro Grand Master of England, who was to have presided over their meeting that day. It was to the Brethren, as it was to Bro. Jackson, a great disappointment that Lord Lathom had not been able to take his place at their head; but he would go further and say that their disappointment and his were but nothing as compared with the disappointment of Lord Lathom himself. He had been looking forward for months with the brightest of hopes as to this meeting, and while they sympathised with him in his absence, they fully recognised the urgency of its cause, of which they all knew the circumstances. The Pro Grand Master was fertunate in having so able a deputy to take his place that night-truly a worthy son of a worthy father, and he was sure

that when the son conveyed to his father notice of the enthusiasm of the reception of Lord Lathom's name he would be gratifiedit was only equalled by the cordiality the company had shown towards the father's son's name. It would be impossible for him to depict the virtues of the Pro Grand Master of England, who was known and respected through the length and breadth of the land. He was one of those noblemen who had won distinction by having performed their duties with perfection. In West Yorkshire they had much to thank the Pro Grand Master for, inasmuch as he had performed the ceremony of installing him (Bro. Jackson) as Provincial Grand Master, and he believed that Lord Lathom went home after the ceremony with gratification and pride at the knowledge he was held in such high esteem in that district. But was it necessary to say a word in his praise? Certainly not, but he could not help saying of the Girls Institution, happy girls, to have as their President their noble friend, the Pro Grand Master of England. He could understand what would have been the feelings of the Pro Grand Master a little later in the evening when the announcement of the subscriptions would be made, just as they could imagine what his feelings were likely to be as President of the coming Festival of the Boys School. Although he felt it was true all loved the Girls they must not forget that the girls loved the boys, and while he hoped for success for the former he must remind them he had duties to perform towards the latter, as well as to the Institution they were specially met to honour that evening. In conclusion he would propose health, happiness and long life to the Pro Grand Master, and in giving this he desired the Brethren to express how much they appreciated the good fortune that had given them Lord Skelmersdale to preside in the absence of Lord Lathom.

Lord Skelmersdale tendered the most hearty thanks on his father's behalf, for the reception of the toast. The Brethren had heard the letter read from his father; he might add to the expressions therein contained that Lord Lathom had personally expressed to him just before he started for the Festival his great regret at being compelled to absent himself. Bro. Jackson had referred to the pleasure he had experienced in being installed by Lord Lathom, while his father had told him at the time the great gratification it gave him to be present on that occasion and to sco such a splendid gathering.

The Chairman gave the next toast—the toast of the evening: Success to the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls. He spoke of the work of the past and of the present benefits conferred by the Institution, where 263 girls were being cared for, and receiving such attention as would fit them for any position in future life. No School in the United Kingdom, nay in the world, could show better results than had been achieved by theirs, and it was something to be proud of that the whole of the resident staff, with the one exception of Miss Davis, the head of the establishment, were ex-pupils. The happy and contented appearance of the girls was something to be proud of, and all must agree that they owed a great debt of gratitude to Miss Davis and her staff for the attention they gave to the School. Monday's first visit to the Institution would not be his last, especially when he called to mind the admirable manner in which the children had gone through their respective parts.

Bro. H. Smith, Treasurer of the Institution, Deputy Prov.G.M. West Yorks replied. He spoke of the outbreak of scarlet fever at the Institution, which had entailed a special expenditure of nearly £1,500, but which had happily been unattended with fatal

results.

Bro. F. R. W. Hedges, Secretary of the Institution then announced the contributions of the year, of which we give full

details elsewhere, the total of the announcement being £17,732.

Bro. Rev. H. R. Cooper Smith proposed the other Masonic Charities, referring to the coming Festival of the Boys School, at which it was expected the Province of West Yorkshire would make

a particularly brilliant display.

Bro. McLeod, Secretary of the Boys School, made a forcible speech in reply. He quite agreed with the proposer of the toast that the three Institutions deserved an equal measure of support. The generosity of the Craft towards the Girls had enabled that Institution to announce a total only second to that of the Centenary celebration. As a West Lancashire Brother he was proud of their achievements that night.

The President proposed the toast of the Stewards, to which Sir

John Monckton responded, as Chairman of the Board.

The usual concert followed in the Temple of Grand Lodge, the music of the evening being under the direction of Bro. Frederick A. Jewson.

THE BENEVOLENT ELECTION.

WE may remind our readers that the annual election of Annuitants for the Royal Masonic Benevolent of Annuitants for the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution will take place on Friday next, when, as we have already mentioned in our columns, twenty-two declared vacancies will be filled for the Male branch, and fourteen for the Widows, in addition to any other that may have arisen from deaths since the publication of the ballot papers. There are 65 names on the Male list, and 54 on the Widows, with one applicant on each declared as dead.

It is difficult to attempt anything like an analysis of the merits of the different candidates, even if continued pressure on our space had not recently prevented it. We share the general regret that it is not possible to admit all of the candidates to the benefits of the Fund at once, but hope success may come to each in turn.

THE BOYS SCHOOL FESTIVAL.

THE first meeting of the Board of Stewards for the coming Festival was held on Thursday, when Bro. McLeod had a most satisfactory report to make as the result of the appeal which he has been so energetically making during the past few months.

Officers of the Board were appointed as follows: Honorary Presidents—The Marquis of Zetland Prov. G.M. for N. and E. Yorkshire; the Earl of Euston Prov. G.M. Norths and Hunts; and Thos. W. Tew P.P.G.M.

West Yorkshire.

President—Henry Smith P.G.D. Dep.P.G.M. West Yorks.

Acting Presidents—Chas. E. Keyser P.G.D. Treasurer and Patron of the Institution, and George Everett P.G. Treas. Vice-Patron of Institution.

Hon. Treasurer—James Willing jun., Vice-Patron of

Hon. Secretary—J. Morrison McLeod Secretary of Institution.

The several claims of the Crystal Palace and Brighton were stoutly advanced and advocated; but, by a large majority, it was decided to hold the Festival at Brighton, on the same lines as the successful ones of 1891 and 1893.

The appeal to the Prince of Wales from certain South American Freemasons exposes the great gulf fixed between the modern English view of Freemasonry and its former "anathema maranatha" on the continent, where it has become synonymous with Continental Liberalism, once defined by Disraeli as "hostility to kings and gods." But the head of the Roman Church viewed not always Freemasonry with the open hostility of the Pontiff. It is even whispered that Pio Nino himself was at one time a Freemason. If so, it was probably during his service under the first Empire, as an officer in the Italian army, for Freemasonry was then general among those officers. Certain it is that, when he ascended the Papal throne, the secret societies were full of mysterious hopes, and though these were destined never to be realised, they can scarcely have been self-sown.—National Observer.

ROYAL ARCH.

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SINCERITY CHAPTER, No. 189.

T the regular quarterly Convocation, held at the Sincerity Masonic Temple, Town Hall, Stonehouse, on Monday, the 23rd ult., Comp. Robert H. Rae P.Z. P.P.G. 3rd Principal was the recipient of a handsome testimonial from the members of the Chapter, in recognition of his eminent and continuous services for

thirty years as Scribe E.

The business of the Chapter having been concluded, Comp. A. W. White P.Z. and Treasurer, in addressing Comp. Rae, said that at the last meeting the Companions unanimously voted him a P.Z.'s jewel as a mark of their esteem and regard, and of their high appreciation of his services as S.E. of this Chapter, on retiring from that position. It was a matter of the deepest regret to the Companions to know that it was owing to the increasing infirmities of advancing age that Comp. Rae had found it necessary to resign the office which he had so worthily and efficiently filled for the long period of thirty years. They trusted that Comp. Rae's life might be extended for many years to come, and that they might continue to have the pleasure of his presence and the benefit of his long experience at their future Convocations. They had selected an article which they believed would not only be ornamental, but likewise useful to himself and family alike. He had very great pleasure on behalf of the Companions of Sincerity Chapter in asking Comp. Rae's acceptance of a marble clock. The clock, which has a French movement with a cathedral gong, bore the following inscription on a silver plate:-

Presented to

Ex-Comp. R. H. Rae P.Z. P.P. 3rd G.P.,

thirty years Sc. E. of Royal Arch Chapter Sincerity, No. 189, by the Comps, of the Chapter, in grateful recognition of his services, on his retirement from office, 23rd April 1894.

Comp. Rae, who was most cordially received, expressed his sincere and heartfelt thanks to the members of the Chapter for their handsome gift, and to Comp. White for his kind and feeling remarks in making the presentation. He felt that since he had been Scribe E. of the Chapter he had only done his duty, and he had been only too pleased to take part in rendering such a solemn and beautiful ritual. He was born in Arch Masonry in Chapter

Sincerity, and he trusted he should die a member of Sincerity Chapter. In conclusion, he again expressed his indebtedness to the members of the Chapter, and assured them of the great interest he took in its welfare and prosperity.

HIGH CROSS CHAPTER, No. 829.

A T the Quarterly Meeting held at the Bull Hotel, Dartford, on Tuesday, 18th ult., there were present: Comp. Arthur Hubbard P.Z. P.P.G.P.S. M.E.Z., G. W. Mitchell P.Z. P.G.D.C. J., Alfred Spencer P.Z. P.P.G.J. H., A. Ronaldson Scribe E., R. J. Beale Scribe N., W. Russell Prov. G. Treas. Treas., W. Moulder P.S., Walker 1st A.S., F. Hitchens 2nd A.S., G. Martin Jan., Fred. Mitchell and Herbert King, Vicitors: Comps. Force and Fred. Mitchell and Herbert King. Visitors: Comps. Forss and Wight.

Chapter was opened in due form and minutes confirmed. The M.E.Z. then exalted Bro. the Rev. A. Jackson, M.A., P.M. 77 P.J.G.C. Kent, Bro. Jas. M. Longley W.M. 299 P.J.G.W. Kent, and Bro. B. J. Poppink B.M. 77 and 400

and Bro. R. J. Beamish P.M. 77 and 483.

After some formal business the Convocation was closed. Banquet followed, after which the usual R.A. toasts were honoured.

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ST. ANNE'S CHAPTER, No. 970.

THE annual meeting was held at the Masonic Rooms, Looe, when the following were installed: Comps. Sholto H. Hare Z., W. Walters H., and E. Olver J. The Installing Officers were: Comps. J. Gidley P.Z. 1205, and W. Allsford P.Z. 202. The Companions afterwards dined together at the Ship Hotel.

ST. GEORGE'S CHAPTER, No. 2099.

THE members held their installation meeting on Thursday, the 12th ult. The ceremony of installation was performed by Companion Plant. The Principals appointed were Companions Young, White, and Barnwell.

As a mark of appreciation for services rendered, a handsome

jewel was presented to Companion R. M. Mercer.

An adjournment to the Dolphin Hotel having taken place, the banquet was held, after which the usual Royal Arch toasts were duly honoured.

The Cardiff Masonic Hall Company, Limited, was registered on the 25th ult., with a capital of £6.000, in £5 shares, to enter into an agreement for the purchase of certain properties situate in Guildford Street, Cardiff, and to provide a Masonic Hall.

CANDIDATES FOR THE INSTITUTIONS.

Announcements are inserted under this head at the rate of five shillings per inch, to appear each week from the time the ballot papers are issued up to the day of election, for cash with

BENEVOLENT INSTITUTION.

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BRO. JAMES WILLIAM AVERY

Past Master 619, 1178, 1314. Past Z. 619, 73.

Life Governor of the Masonic Institutions.

The case is strongly recommended by several distinguished Craftsmen.

Further particulars of Bro. Avery,

16 Hatcham Park Road, New Cross, S.E.

BRO. THOMAS ALCOCK (Aged 67 Years). P.M. 1228, P.Z. 55.

Who was initiated in the Westbourne Lodge, No. 733, in 1867joined, as one of the founders, the Beacontree Lodge, No. 1228, in 1868—was W.M. in 1872, and afterwards Secretary—is still a subscriber—is a Life Governor of this Institution and Royal M.I. for Girls—was an Inspector on the G. E. Railway 29 years. Unable to work for three years, being crippled with Rheumatism. Invalid wife dependent upon him. Resources nearly exhausted. Votes will be gratefully received by Bro. Alcock, 142 Graham Road, N.E.

BRO. WILLIAM HENRY MYERS (Aged 73 Years). P.M. 820, 1445.—P.Z. 820, 933, and 1598.

Was initiated in the Lily Lodge of Richmond, No. 820, in 1870—twice W.M. and ten years Secretary; also Founder of Prince Leopold Lodge, No. 1445, and twice W.M.; and a Founder of Ley Spring Chapter, No. 1598. Is a Life Governor and has served as Steward of the three Masonic Institutions, and otherwise a large contributor thereto. He has Chronic Rheumatism and Bronchitis, Failing Sight and Debility. Votes will be thankfully received by Bro. Myers, 196 Whitechapel Road, E.

CENTENARY: LODGE OF HOPE, No. 302.

N connection with the centenary celebration of the Lodge of Hope, No. 302, a special service was held on Sunday morning, 6th inst., at the Bradford Parish Church. The first meeting of the Lodge of Hope was held on the 7th of April 1794, at the Talbot Hotel, Bradford. It is the oldest known Lodge in the Borough, but is apparently not the first. There is evidence that a Lodge was held in Bradford in the year 1713. A document dated York, 29th August 1778, is in existence, which states:—"It is observable that during the period 1705 to 1734 the Grand Lodge was not holden twice together at the same house, and there is an instance of its being holden once, in 1713, out of York, viz., at Bradford, in Yorkshire, when eighteen gentlemen of the first families in that neighbourhood were made Masons." There is little doubt that these eighteen gentlemen would form a Bradford Lodge, and would continue to meet for some years, but no records of their proceedings have been found.

The Lodge of Hope was started, as has been stated, in 1794. The area of Bradford was then that of the present township proper, and the population in 1801 was only 6393. The Lodge was constituted under a Warrant issued by the "Grand Lodge of all England," at that time established at York, and exercising certain of the powers of Grand Lodge. The following is a copy of the Warrant, the text of which is not without interest:—

To the Worshipful Jeremiah Ambler, John Sherwin Watson, and Fox Taylor, Members of the most Ancient and Honourable Society of Free and Accepted Masons, and respectively Master Masons.

Brethren,—In consequence of an application from you and several other respectable brethren residing in or near the town of Bradford, Yorkshire, I, Richard Slater Milnes, Esq., M., Provincial Grand Master for the said county, under the authority of the Grand Master of England, requesting a constitution for the holding a regular Lodge of the Order under his authority at the Talbot Inn, Bradford, by the stile or title of the Lodge of Hope. I do by virtue of the power and authority committed to me by His Royal Highness George Augustus Frederick, Prince of Wales, &c., &c., &c., Supreme Grand Master of the Order, and of the request of Richard Slater Milnes, Esq., Provincial Grand Master for the county as aforesaid, hereby authorise and empower you the said Jeremiah Ambler as Master, and you the said John Sherwin Watson and Fox Taylor as Wardens, with the assistance of a proper number of other brethren, to open a Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons, under the title of the Lodge of Hope, at the Talbot Inn, Bradford, aforesaid, as soon as conveniently may be, and therein to make, pass, and raise Masons, and do and transact all other Masonic business, and this authority shall continue in full force until you shall have received the patent of the constitution by you applied for as aforesaid.

the patent of the constitution by you applied for as aforesaid.

Given at York under our hand and seal of Masonry this 23rd day of March, A.D. 1794, A.L. 5794, by the P.G. Master's command.

WM. SPENCER, A.D.P.G.M.

Witness-Jno. Watson, P.G.S., P.G.T.

At the first meeting of the Lodge of Hope, held on 7th April 1794, the brethren present were Jeremiah Ambler Master, T. S. Watson S.W., Fox Taylor J.W., John Smith S.D., William Hargreaves J.D., Christ. Ward Secretary, and Robert Anderson Tyler. Several visitors were present from Halifax, and half a dozen candidates for Masonry were proposed, and their names carried nem. con.

The minutes and records of this Lodge have been carefully preserved, and are practically complete from its commencement down to the present time. From them and from other materials a short history of the Lodge has been written for the present centenary proceedings by Bro. Charles Gott P.M., who has been assisted in the work of compilation by Bro. T. C. Hope P.M., and Bro. Charles J. Schott. The Secretaries of the Lodge from time to time indulged in a little pleasantry, and not the least readable portions of this history consist of extracts from the minutes of the Lodge. The minutes for 15th February 1796, end-"All's well, William Shakespear Those for 11th May 1796 run was a visitor." "Brothers present, none; we was exceedingly still and quiet at half-past nine o'clock;" while the record for 7th December 1799, includes--"Sixteen members present. Bro. Daniel Furniss thought proper to exclude himself from the society on a frivolous occasion. After the Lodge was closed the body was honoured with the presence of Sisters Hargreaves, Lauckland, Ambler, Leah, and Thommis, and Mrs. Fryer." Other incidents are noted as follow:-

1841, 30th August: "Mr. George Mawson, who had been some time proposed as a candidate for Masonry, came forward and reluctantly signed the candidates' declaration-book; he refused to conform to the usual ceremonies of initiation, and was of course then and there dismissed without further ceremony."

1843, 13th January: "In response to a letter from Bro. W. H. White G.S., it was agreed that members of the Society of Friends could be admitted Freemasons on their solemn affirmation."

1843, 1st July: "Mr. Julius Bardsdorff was initiated. He was the first German admitted to this Lodge."

During the next few years a considerable number of German gentlemen were initiated, and others were admitted as joining members from foreign Lodges, and on the 25th October 1847, Bro. Hertz was appointed the first Organist of the Lodge. On 28th January 1850, the brethren resolved that a Masonic ball should be held in Bradford, and a committee was appointed to carry out the project. The ball took place, and resulted in there being a surplus of £50 11s 6d, which was divided between the Bradford Infirmary and the Masonic charities. On the 17th January 1851, a committee was formed for the purpose of collecting a sum of money from the brethren of the Lodge of Hope to furnish a ward in the Bradford Infirmary, which was afterwards done. On the 12th April 1851, Bro. Jeremiah Ambler P.M., the first W.M. of the Lodge, died, aged eighty, and it was resolved that the brethren should wear mourning for three months as a mark of their respect. Amongst a number of other items recorded by the history referred to is that on 17th September 1874, the Marquis of Ripon resigned his membership of the Lodge of Hope, in consequence of his having adopted the Roman Catholic faith. Large sums of money have been contributed by the Lodge and by individual brethren of the Lodge to the Masonic charities, a considerable number of children of brethren reduced by misfortune to poverty and distress have been taken care of, clothed, educated, and started in life, and a number of brethren and widows of brethren have been provided for in their old age. During the last forty-two years the Lodge of Hope and its members have subscribed £5,086 to the Masonic charities. At present the Lodge has sixty members. At one time the membership was larger, but the formation of new Lodges has reduced it.

There was a numerous attendance of Masonic brethren at the Parish Church. Members of Lodges in Bradford and the district met at the Masonic Hall, Rawson Square, about ten o'clock, to the number of 270, and after assuming their habilaments walked in procession to the church. All the Lodges in Bradford were represented, and members of Lodges in the following places also joined in the procession:—Leeds, Dewsbury, Bingley, Batley, Baildon, Halifax, Shipley, Haworth, Wakefield, St. Louis, U.S.A., Cleckheaton, and Keighley. At the service in the church, prior to which Mr. H. Coates, the organist, played as a voluntary an Andante by Sangster, the first hymn was "Now thank we all our God," to the old German tune. The Ven. Archdeacon Bardsley, D.D., read the lessons, and the Rev. W. J. Newton intoned the service, a portion of the prayers being said by Bro. the Rev. T. H. Flynn P. Prov. G. Chaplain. The pulpit was occupied by Bro. Rev. Canon Bullock P.G.C. P.P.G.C. of West Yorkshire, vicar of Holy Trinity, Leeds, who took for his text St. John xiv. 2. At the conclusion of the service Mr. Henry Coates played as a voluntary a Processional March by Gladstone. Afterwards the Masonic brethren again formed in procession, and walked to the Masonic Hall, whence they dispersed.

[We give the above as it appeared in the "Bradford Observer," but do not by any means endorse all it contains. We shall have something to say next week in regard to the statement made as to the Grand Lodge that issued the Warrant for the Lodge. We shall also give some details of the Lodge of Emergency held on the day following the meeting recorded above.—Ed. F.C.]

In consequence of the frequent demand for a larger room than the Venetian Chamber, the Proprietors of the Holborn Restaurant are constructing one which will accommodate about 500 guests, and will have convenient reception rooms attached. This extension will be available from August next, and will have four entrances and exists in Newton Street, also covered way along the whole of its frontage for the comfort and convenience of guests arriving and departing in carriages.

HIGH GRADE MASONRY.

A N important function was held in the Public Hall, Wigan, on Thursday, 19th ult., when the members of the Orders of the Temple and Malta held a Grand Priory. There was a very distinguished company, included amongst whom were Lord Euston Great Sub-Prior of England, General Hay Vice-Chancellor, and they were the guests of Mr. H. Ackerley, Eminent Preceptor of the Faith Preceptory of Wigan. The interior of the hall was splendidly decorated, owing to the kindness of Mr. Walter Simpson, the immediate predecessor of Mr. Ackerley. In the evening a conversazione was held, at which about 150 guests were received by the Eminent Preceptor and Col. Mrs. Ffarington.

A capital programme of music was supplied by Mr. C. Grime, Mr. N. Dowswell, Mr. Barton, and Mr.

Somers Grime (Carl Rosa Opera Co.).

The gathering was one of the most brilliant and successful ever held in Wigan.—" Wigan Examiner."

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NORTH AND EAST YORKSHIRE.

THE Annual meeting of Provincial Priory took place on Tuesday of last week, at the Masonic Hall, Daggerlane, Hull, at which there was a good attendance, all the Preceptories in the Province being well represented. The V.E. Prior Fra. J. W. Woodall presided, and he was supported by the E. Sub Prior Fra. T. B. Whytehead, Fras. M. C. Peck, Rev. W. Valentine, S. Middleton, T. S. Brogden, J. T. Seller, F. W. Halliwell, W. N. Cheesman, Ascough, and the Fratres of the Ancient York Conclave of Redemption, on whose invitation the meeting was held, and who had made every preparation. The Board of General Purposes met earlier in the day, and transacted their usual business.

After the close of Provincial Priory the Visitors were entertained to dinner by the members of the Ancient York Conclave of Redemption, and the usual Loyal and

Masonic toasts were duly honoured.

CONSECRATION: IXION, No. 2501.

POUR years ago a small body of Masons who were also cyclists originated the idea of a Lodge to be held in Essex which should be a point of meeting for a number of cyclists who made use of the roads through Epping Forest, and who either were or wished to become Masons. The outcome was, instead, the Shurmur Lodge, but the lovers of the wheel have never given up hope of carrying out their original intention, and on Monday of last week this hope gained fruition in the consecration of the Ixion Lodge, No. 2501, at the Roebuck, Buckhurst Hill, with Bro. H. Ffrench Bromhead, an ardent wheeler, as the first W.M. There were 33 founders, and might have been many more, but the object has been to found a Lodge restricted to about eighty members, most of them cyclists, so that the quality of the Lodge may be judged by weight rather than numbers. The ceremony of consecration was to have been performed by the Provincial Grand Master of Essex the Earl of Warwick, but at the last moment his lordship was obliged to abandon the intention, as he has been unexpectedly called upon to undertake a journey to New York, which, he assured the brethren by letter, he would not have done unless absolutely compelled. In his absence, and that also of his Deputy, the ceremony of consecration was performed by Bro. Ralling the Provincial Grand Secretary, whose ability to take the work at so short notice called forth the warmest compliments from those who were present. These included four other Grand Officers, nearly 30 Provincial Grand Officers, and a number of brethren,

bringing the total number in Lodge to nearly 100.

At the consecration Bro. B. Hoddinott P.S.G.W. performed the duties of his office, Bro. R. Clowes acted as J.W., Bro. Harris Hills, who was present at the last consecration, having returned to Zurich. Bro. E. Dring, M.D., acted as I.G. Provincial Grand Chaplain Bro. Armfield gave an able and recondite oration, in the course of which, touching upon the mysticism of numbers, he drew attention to the systematic division of the books of the Bible into groups of five and seven and component

parts of 12; to the arrangement of the tribes of Israel in Lodges; and to the symbolism with which they were so well acquainted, and which, he was thankful he could believe, carried them behind that worship of the sun, which had been so universal that even Christianity itself had been supposed to be but one of its phases, up to Him who, in the words of Genesis, hung the sun, the moon, and the stars—those three great lights—in the heavens, and who would thus have been, even through the ages of darkest superstition, the real object of veneration.

The Lodge being duly consecrated, Bro. Ralling vacated the chair, and Bro. J. W. Lucking the Provincial Grand Director of Ceremonies installed Bro. Bromhead as W.M., the latter afterwards investing the following Brethren as the Officers:—J. Wilson I.P.M., D. Naphtali S.W., H. E. Herman J.W., R. Sandell Treas., C. Spurgeon Sec., W. W. Hind S.D., W. Gower J.D., H. Simmons I.G., Ven. Archdeacon Dunbar Chap. (by proxy, Dr. Dunbar being at present in Italy), W. J. Barnes D.C., T. H. Lloyd Org., A. C. Smith, H. T. Arnott, H. Smith, H. Gemmell, H. Jefferson Davis Stewards, D. Legg Tyler.

The musical arrangements in Lodge were under the direction of Brother T. H. Lloyd, assisted by Bros. Etherington Smith and Weston, Bro. T. S. Goddard presiding at the organ. An excellent programme was performed after banquet by the same Brethren, Miss Jessie Hotine, Bro. C. Legg and Bro. Jefferson Davis (violin). The Orchestra Francaise, under the direction

of Bro. Goddard, performed during banquet.

The founders' jewel, which was designed by the W.M., is both appropriate and handsome. It is in the form of a cycle wheel, with tire of white and black enamel bands, the emblems of office resting on the spokes, depending from a blue ribbon, the lower bar of which is shaped and graved to represent a bicycle handle. In the centre of the ribbon is a smaller four-spoke wheel such as that on which Ixion was doomed to punishment, with the name and number of the Lodge on the tyre. The axles are jewelled.—"Essex Chronicle."

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MACDONALD LODGE, No. 1216.

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THE Installation meeting of this Lodge was held on the 3rd inst., at the Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell New Road, when the following Brethren were present:—R. A. Marshall W.M., Colonel Ernest Villiers S.W., Major T. E. Easterbrook J.W., Lt.-Col. C. H. Nevill P.M. Treas., W. J. Messenger P.M. Sec., C. J. Pitcher S.D., S. F. Cornish J.D., Major G. H. N. Bridges P.M. D.C., H. J. Pearn I.G., Sidney Hill Organist, F. B. Baxter I.P.M., G. Waterall P.M., T. A. Harper P.M., A. C. Bradley P.M., Major A. J. Style P.M., C. H. Davies P.M., A. R. Cranch P.M., T. V. Turner P.M., W. S. Harvey P.M., A. G. White P.M., C. J. Henton, J. B. Hemmings, F. Chapman, C. Player, A. England, F. J. Pullan, F. B. Williams, J. Howard, C. W. Smith, H. Fawcett, A. W. Jones, A. Roe, H. Harden, F. H. Cates, C. P. Lovelock, C. W. Groom, R. C. Back. R. C. Back.

Visitors:—The Earl of Lathom, G.C.B., Pro Grand Master, the Hon. Capt. Lord Skelmersdale J.G.W., Sir John B. Monckton P.G.W., E. Letchworth G. Sec., P. A. Nairne P.G.D., Col. W. F. Nettleship P.G.S.B., Major General Sir Francis Grenfell, D.A.G., 349, Major J. P. Probert P.G. Stewd. P.M. No. 1 Treasurer Grand 349, Major J. P. Probert P.G. Stewd. P.M. No. 1 Treasurer Grand Stewards Lodge, G. R. Steel P.G. Stewd. P.M. No. 1, Major R. J. Vincent W.M. 1641, Surgeon-Capt. G. Swaby-Smith P.M. 1380, Capt. G. A. Lister P.M. 1320, C. P. Bellerby P.M. 2021, W. T. Snell S.D. 1818, J. Bradley J.W. 1329, W. Scott J.W. 857, T. Roe P.M. 1641, W. Glazier P.M. 34, A. S. Berenberg S.W. 1728, C. C. Crouch P.M. 857, H. J. Davis J.D. 1719, W. H. Andrews S.D. 227, H. Massey 160 P.M. 619 and 1928, J. J. Shelvey 101, G. F. Rossiter, C. Neil S.D. 1728, W. J. Hellyer J.W. 2099, A. Dunn S.W. 342, T. A. Bennett 1997, T. Preston 1669, Edwin Preston 1669, F. Carter P.M. 1892 P.P.G.D.C. Surrey, R. P. Upton S.W. 1328, J. Tomkins P.M. 1669, E. A. Whitby P.M. and Sec. 1475, S. F. Mackway W.M.-elect 2310, S. Richards-Campbell 1415, C. Clarkson 1604, S. W. Kent Organist 1997, W. B. Heagerty P.M. 907, J. R. Reep W.M. 2241, S. Scott-Young P.M. 326 P.P.G. Stand.B. East Lancashire, Trevor A. Dagg 1329, P. Leftwich No. 1, J. Husbands 23, J. H. Hastie P.M. 1216 2310, W. Hiles Smith 1706, W. H. Simons 1986, W. S. Payne P.M. 1669, D. James 1706, J. L. Haddon 1706, H. Ashley 2206. After the opening formalities Col. Ernest Villiers, brother-in-law

After the opening formalities Col. Ernest Villiers, brother-in-law of the Earl of Lathom, was installed as W.M. of the Lodge, by Bro. R. A. Marshall, the outgoing Master, the whole of the ceremony being beautifully performed. The new Officers were appointed as follow: Marshall I.P.M., Easterbrook S.W., Pitcher J. W., Nevill P.M. Treas., Messenger P.M. Sec., Cornish S.D., Pearn J.D., Alfred England I.G., Bridges P.M. D.C., Hill Organist, F. J. Pullan Steward, F. B. Williams Charify Steward, Whiteman Tyler. The Earl of Lathom and Major General Sir Francis Grenfell were elected honorary members of the Lodge, which compliment both those distinguished Brethren acknowledged. Lodge was afterwards closed and the Brethren sat down to a choice banquet in the large Hall, and subsequently honoured the usual teasts. The Charity

box produced the sum of £1 11s 6d.

In giving the toast of the Most Worshipful Grand Master Col. Villiers said the interest the Prince of Wales took in Freemasonry was so well known that no words of his were necessary. Notwithstanding His Royal Highness's various and varied duties he always gave constant watchfulness to the welfare of Freemasonry. Only recently abroad, while attending the marriage of his niece at Coburg, he took the opportunity of appointing H.R.H. Prince Frederick Leopold of Prussia a Past Grand Master of England.

What did this show, but that at all times and under all circum-

stances his heart was with Freemasons?

Colonel Villiers said he rose with great diffidence to propose the next toast, but he was quite certain that there was no Brother present, or in the United Kingdom—he would go further, and say there was not a living person in the civilised world, who had not a just appreciation of the Masonic Order. But to what did they attribute the name which the Order had borne for so many years, attribute the name which the Order had borne for so many years, and the credit which it had brought on its name? As much as anything did the Brethren owe it to those high in office, who had assisted by their energies, by their lives, and by their working, to keep up the name of Freemasonry. The toast which it was his privilege for the first time within that Hall to propose in the presence of that high Officer was that of the Most Worshipful the Pro Grand Master of England. Whatever his predecessors in times gone by might have done for the good of Freemasonry, they all knew that he was second to none in the energy, the ability and the keenness which he had shown in supporting the Craft, whether it was keenness which he had shown in supporting the Craft, whether it was in the various official ceremonies he had to perform, whether it was in the charities which he personally superintended and assisted, whether it was by the advice and assistance which he gave to all those who had to come in contact with him, or whether it was by the example of his own life—in all these matters the Most Worshipful Pro Grand Master most notably and amply filled the post to which he had been exalted. It was not his place in Lord Lathom's presence to occupy the time of the Brethren by dilating too much on his merits, they were too wide-known, and he would content himself by asking them, knowing it was in all their hearts, to re-echo his feelings, and drink this toast, thanking Lord Lathom most cordially and gratefully for attending that evening. Long might

they live to be under his rule.

The Earl of Lathom, who, on rising to respond was received with a general outburst of applause, assured the Brethren that it gave him very great pleasure to come among them that evening. It was his second visit to Surrey, in which county a few years ago he had the honour of installing the Grand Master of the Province, Colonel Money. He had had a most cordial welcome this evening and he thanked the Brethren for it. He was very sorry it was not in his power to visit private Lodges so often as he could wish; but if he did his duty in that respect his own Lodges in West Lancashire would take up a third of the year, and that would not give him much time to go. But when he was able to go he was always glad to do so, and to see how the working was carried on. He congratulated the Brethren very much on the way the ceremony had been carried out that evening. As they might suppose, in his long Masonic career he had had many opportunities of seeing it performed; but rarely had he seen it done with greater ability. He had said his long Masonic career, for it was a long one, considering that it commenced in 1856, probably before many now robably before many nov present were made. Though he hardly thought it possible it could be so, he would be glad to find there was an older one. He could only congratulate the Brethren on the choice they had made of a W.M. He was proud to think that a relative of his had become a ruler of the Craft. He wished him long life and prosperity in his office. After taking his seat his lordship again rose, and said he had to offer sincere apology for a mistake he had made. He had spoken of this as being his second visit to Surrey. He ought to have mentioned another visit; he had had the honour of consecrating a Lodge in the room where they met that night, and he was very glad to appear on the scene of a former exploit.

Col. Villiers, in proposing the Deputy Grand Master and the rest of the Grand Officers, observed that what he had already said as regarded the interest taken in Freemasonry by one so high in command as the Earl of Lathom was equally true of those who were their other rulers in the Craft. The duties of the D.G.M. and the G. Officers were all important, and all necessary for the proper ruling and ordering of the Craft. It was from them that Masons received instruction; they carefully watched over the granting of

new Lodges; they saw to the correct working of Lodges that already existed, and on them really lay the responsibility for that unity and oneness on which the Craft was formed. It was for that reason that at the banquet this toast was put one of the first. They were the Officers who were really at the helm and guided the ship in its course. He was pleased to have several Grand Officers present, among them one whom he had had the privilege of meeting under less peaceful circumstances, Capt. Lord Skelmersdale, who had assisted him on two occasions at Easter at military manœuvres.

Lord Skelmersdale J.G.W. said he was not going to dilate upon the good qualities of the Deputy G. Master, because all the Brethren know them as well as he did, but he must thank them again for the very kind way in which they had received the toast and his name. He was very proud to be there that night again—as the W.M. had reminded them it was not the first time he had come among them; might he venture to hope it would not be the last. The M.W. Pro G.M. had told them he was one of the oldest Masons in the room. He was almost afraid to say he was one of the youngest; but although he was among the youngest he was not the least energetic. There was one bond between them all which united them, from the Entered Apprentice to the Worshipful Master, that of being a Mason. They were all proud of being Masons, and wished all the good they could to the Craft. They wished to show the world that the Craft was the finest thing in it.

Bro. Marshall I.P.M., in proposing the W.M., congratulated the Worshipful Brother most heartily on being installed that evening in the chair of the Macdonald Lodge in the presence of Brethren so exalted and beloved in Masonry. Those Brethren would be able to carry away with them the conviction that the Brethren from the highest to the lowest had but one desire—to do their work well, and to do their duty in assisting Brethren. They knew very well when in Freemasonry, or in other institutions, they must throw earnestness into their work, and as this was one of the characteristics of Col. Villiers, they were all proud to serve under him. They hoped that during Col. Villiers's year of office the sun, which had rise n with eastern splendour, would pursue its course brilliantly until it reached its greatest altitude, and, following its course, sink in the far distant west leaving nothing but the reflection of a

glorious year of office.

Col. Villiers W.M., in reply, said, among all the duties which were new to a W.M. on the night of his Installation, he thought there was nothing which was more difficult than to return thanks to the Brethren for the reception they gave to his name. He felt deeply the responsibility which he had that evening undertaken. Throughout his life, from the time many years ago, when he joined Her Majesty's Army, down to this day, he had always endeavoured that every duty he undertook should be carried out to the best of his ability. The duties to which the members of the Macdonald Lodge had kindly exalted him that day he had undertaken with a stern and true sense of their responsibility. Every word of that solemn oath and assurance he took came from his heart, and to the best of his power he would carry it out during his year of office, not only to the satisfaction of the Lodge itself but of the rulers of the Craft, and of the Craft generally. All he could ask of the Brethren was to forgive and to pardon any short-comings or weakness he might show. The responsibilities of the Master of a Lodge were by no means light; the W.M. was for the time being the ruler of that Lodge, either it might be as he trusted it would be to approve of what was done, or to show his dissent or disapproval of the action of any Brother, should such a calamity arise. Whatever it might be he should not shrink from carrying out his duties. He hoped that an unfortunate eventuality would not occur; but as to the working of the Lodge, as to the duties, as to the interest which should be shown by the W.M., he could promise he would do his duty to the fullest of his power. He knew not that he could say more; there were very few words wanted. This time next year it would be for the Brethren to say whether he had done what he had undertaken to do. He again thanked the Brethren for placing him in that high position, and the distinguished Brethren for honouring the Lodge with a visit.

Bro. Sir John B. Monckton P.G.W., as one of the respondents

to the toast of the Visitors, said that the old Masons present that night had been reminded of their age. He was an old Mason and had seen a great deal of work, and he might say that he had never seen work better done, conducted, clothed than it was that night. The welcome had been cordial, the dinner excellent, the company superb; everything had been most agreeable. As Chairman of the House Committee of the Girls School for the month, he would inform the Brethren that the Earl of Lathom was going to be Chairman of the 106th Anniversary Festival of that Institution on the following Wednesday. That had not yet been spoken of as a proof of the intense interest he took in Freemasonry. Freemasonry without its charities was nothing worth. There was no charity more thoroughly looked after than that which sheltered the little ones who needed that shelter at a home two or three miles from where he was standing. On Monday, Lady Lathom would present the prizes to the girls, and on Wednesday they would have, he hoped, a most successful festival under the presidency of the Pro Grand Master. They all loved the charities thoroughly. A good many years ago he was the founder of what he might term for the moment, not a Regimental Lodge, but a Volunteer Lodge for the Volunteer Artillery of Middlesex. He believed in the discipline of a Corps Lodge; he found it worked well and did much good. This he found was the case in the Macdonald Lodge.

Bro. E. Letchworth Grand Secretary said having been already the unworthy subject of one of the toasts he had ventured to hope he might have passed through the evening without any further special notice. But he felt deeply sensible of the great compliment the W.M. had paid him in associating his name in their toast, and he thanked him for the more than kind words in which he had referred to him. He accepted the invitation to this meeting with more than ordinary pleasure. Sir John Monckton he believed

claimed to be the oldest Mason in the room, but he (Bro. Letchworth) thought he might claim to be the oldest volunteer, for he joined the force in 1859, and his Captain's Commission was dated the early part of 1869. He did not profess to be much of a warrior, and he was sorry to say after a military experience of five or six years he abandoned the force, for which he always entertained the highest possible respect. His associations with this hall were not agreeable, because he could remember, two years since, in the Lodge Room, not without trepidation, he undertook the first duties, since his appointment as Grand Secretary, of consecrating a Royal Arch Chapter. It had afforded him great pleasure to witness the work which had been conducted this evening, and he had enjoyed to the fullest possible extent the kind hospitality they had afforded

him in common with the rest of the Visitors. He concluded by wishing the W.M. a happy and prosperous year of office.

Bros. Scott-Young and Vincent also responded.

Col. Villiers proposed the I.P.M., and in the course of his observations said the working of the P.Ms. of the Macdonald Lodge was proverbial. There were fifteen P.Ms. present, and without reflecting for one minute on any one of them, every Brother would agree that the new addition to their number, Bro. Marshall, was well worthy of the record they had made for the Lodge. The year of office which had just passed, with Bro. Marshall at their head so able and well, had been a most prosperous one. Everything had gone smoothly, and a great deal of that result was due to the admirable manner in which Bro. Marshall performed the duties of the chair. Now that he had vacated it, it was with the satisfaction and knowledge that he had done his duty,—the proudest feeling any man could have. Bro. Marshall was a very difficult Master to follow; he had done more than was expected of him, the work of the Lodge had been admirable; his attention and energy had been all that any one could have required, and therefore it was with confidence that he asked the Brethren to drink his health and wish him long life, prosperity and much advancement in the Craft. Bro. Marshall I.P.M., to whom a handsome P.M.'s jewel was

presented in Lodge, said in response to the toast that he was thankful to the Brethren for their appreciation of what he had endeavoured to do. That they thought he had done his work well was his proudest feeling. The W.M. had said it would be difficult to follow him. When he was working his way up to the W.M.'s chair he certainly thought he should never do it; but he tried hard and learned his part to the conclusion, often travelling about, and reciting it as he went. He was successful. Any Brother if he threw heart and soul into the matter would meet with success. There was a fine array of P.Ms. in the Macdonald Lodge, and they worked not only the ceremonies well, but Charity well. That was a most difficult thing to take up. He entered Masonry lightly, but he was checked by a Brother, and he told him he hoped to live and do his work well, and he shortly after succeeded. He went in for the Charities, and joined one or two Masonic Clubs which made life subscribers here approved of the plan for the succeeder. subscriberships. He approved of the plan, for the amount a Brother parted with he did not miss. He hoped by next October they would institute one of these associations, and let the Lodgo

represent the Charities more than it had in the past.

Major Bridges, replying to the toast of the Past Masters, said there were now sixteen of those Brethren present. In the early days of the Macdonald Lodge when the first Master, Major Irvine, occupied the chair, he (Bro. Irvine) was one of the best workers he had ever seen, and he worked in such careful and dramatic manner that he set an example to the Brethren of the Lodge that had not yet died out, and he hoped never would, because each Master in the chair had endeavoured to emulate the example set by Bro. Irvine, and hoped they had in a more or less degree been successful. The very latest addition to the ranks of the P.Ms., Bro. Marshall, they were much pleased with, and from the exhibition he had given that night they could see he had worthily sustained the honour of the Lodge. It was now some twenty-five or twenty-six years since he (Major Bridges) joined, and during all that time never had there been a better Master in the chair than Bro. Marshall. Sir John Monckton said they ought not to be unmindful of the Charities. In the old days the Macdonald Lodge was well represented, and was Vice-President of one or two of the Charities. He was quite sure that in the future, and another association being formed, they would be able to send up a good

Bro. Easterbrook S.W. replied to the toast of the Officers, after which the Tyler's toast was given, and the Brethren separated, having spent a charming evening.

The Pro G.M. was conducted into the Lodge by nine P.M.'s, representing the honour due to a M.W. Pro G.M.

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ST. GEORGE'S LODGE, No. 242.

N the 4th inst., Bro. C. H. Woodhouse was installed W.M., and appointed his Officers. The usual banquet took place.

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WAVERLEY LODGE, No. 1322.

THE regular meeting of this Lodge was held at the Queens' Arms, Ashton-under-Lyne, on Thursday, the 26th ult., the following being in attendance:—Bros. Joseph Riley W.M., Albert Sumner S.W., W. Wood I.P.M., Saml. Grundy J.D., Enos Andrew P.P.G. Org., Danl. Birkby, J. Mercer Jones P.M., Walter Eastwood P.P.G. Acting J.W. Takin Smith P.M. Acting J.W. Takin Smith P.M. Acting J.W. Takin Smith P.M. Grundy J.W. Grund Williams J.W. Takin Smith P.M. Acting J.W. Takin Smith P.M. Grund Grand Williams J. W. Takin Smith P.M. Grund Grand Williams J. Walter Grand Williams J. W. Takin Smith P.M. Grund Williams J. W. Takin Smith P. P.G.S. Acting J.W., John Smith P.M., Alfd. Cooper, Saml. Kirk Geo. E. Parry, Jas. E. Wilde, E. Hodgkiss, Saml. Travis, Geo. W. Davies, Zahn Ahler, Thomas Ogden. Visitors:—Bros. Edward Roberts P.M. Asst. Prov. G.T. (FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE), Wm. T.

Haworth 1166, John Bottomley P.M. 324, Walter Burrow S.D. 324,

Reuben Firth I.G. 1218, John Dransfield 1168.

The Secretary having read the Lodge summons, the minutes of the former meeting were put for confimation, and the Lodge advanced by the W.M., who submitted the usual questions to Bro. Samuel Kirk, a candidate for the sublime degree. Bro. Kirk having acquitted himself to the satisfaction of the Brethren, he was

Be. John Smith P.M. now assumed the principal chair, and the candidate having re-entered the Lodge, he was raised in that capable manner for which Bro. Smith is distinguished. The tracing board was explained by Bro. J. Mercer Jones, who fully maintained the reputation which he has acquired as a careful and reliable exponent of Masonic matters.

The usual festive board followed, when Loyal and Masonic tousts were honoured. That of the newly-raised Brother was proposed by Bro. Jones, who, in a humorous speech wished the candidate every success. He commended the way in which Bro. Kirk had comported himself in his progress through the various degrees, and had formed an opinion that he was fully qualified for

anything he might be called upon to perform.

Bro. Kirk in responding said that the impression which was made upon him while passing through the first and second degrees had been so deepened by the present ceremony that he could never forget it. It would be a very strong inducement for him to endeavour to fulfil the obligations which it had imposed upon him, and he hoped he should be successful in the effort.

The toasts were pleasantly relieved by some excellent songs and recitations given by the following visitors:—Bros. Haworth, Firth, Roberts, Bottomley, and Dransfield, the dialectical sketches of the latter being rendered with a racy humour which induced roars of laughter from the audience.

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ARCHITECT LODGE, No. 1375.

THE regular meeting of this Lodge was held at the Masonic Hall, Chorlton-cum-Hardy, on Friday, the 4th inst., there being present:—Bros. Jas. Morrison Junr. W.M., Cyril H. Beever I.P.M., Alfred Pickford S.W., Charles Rawle J.W., Henry Nall P.M. Treas., Jas. A. Carse J.D., W. T. Hesketh P.M. D.C., John Counland J.G. Wm Bushton Org. A Bodform Sam Willer John Coupland I.G., Wm. Rushton Org., A. Redfearn, Sam Tiller, John M. Crone, J. Robt. E. Birkett, Edwd. M. Beebee Stds., Jas. Laidlow P.M. P.P.G.J.D., Arthur A. Moss P.M., Jno. Southam P.M., Edward Roberts P.M. Asst. Prov. G.T. (FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE), William Martin, Emile de Minciaky, R. Kastner, Hugh W. Bloomer, Wm. C. Flint. Visitors:—Bros. Jno. H. Ratcliff W.M. 322, John Chadfield P.M. Treas. 1387, Jas. Willcox I.P.M. 1140, Thos. Griffith P.M. 645, Arthur C. K. Smith 317, A. O. McLeish 322, Richard Bruce 1166, E. P. Woodhouse and Jno. Mee 1387, Thomas Plumpton 2464.

After the minutes of the previous meeting had been confirmed, the Lodge was advanced to the second degree by the W.M.

Brother the Baron Emile C. de Minciaky was raised to the degree of a Master Mason, the Worshipful Master performing the ceremony. It was his first essay in the work of this Degree, and it is but fair to state that he created a distinctly favourable impression upon his auditors. By careful study Bro. Morrison had aimed at perfection; by an equally careful performance he reached the success which his efforts deserved.

The festive board succeeded these proceedings, when Loyal and Masonic toasts were submitted. That of the newly-raised Brother was proposed by Bro. Southam P.M., who had introduced the

candidate to the Brethren in the first instance.

Bro. Minciaky said that there are impressions which cannot be adequately translated into words; and of this nature were the impressions made upon him that evening, which alternated between delicious pleasure and nervousness. He would never forget the ceremony through which he had passed, and should treasure the knowledge of it in his memory and in his heart. He thanked them sincerely for their kindness and sympathy in condoning every little fault of his, and hoped the time would arrive when he could evince his gratitude.

In reply to the toast of the Visitors, Bro. Ratcliff said that his visit to the Lodge that evening had been one of the greatest pleasures of his life. He congratulated the W.M. upon the excellent manner in which he had performed the ceremony, and said that he was blessed with good Officers. He had witnessed a number of Masonic ceremonies, but it had never been his good fortune to see a candidate go through one in so admirable a manner

as Bro. Minciaky had done.

Bros. Willcox and Griffiths also bore testimony to the excellence of the work, and the deportment of the candidate through the most

trying ordeal of the evening.

Bro. Plumpton added his kind wishes and thanks to those which had already been expressed. This was not his first visit to the Architect Lodge, and he did not feel himself to be a stranger. He had seen Bro. Morrison in the position of Junior Warden, and now he was proud to observe that he had not only attained the principal chair of the Lodge, but that he had done credit to it.

Bro. Morrison proposed the health of the Past Masters in a very humorous speech, proving that though numerous they held office of some kind in the Lodge.

Bro. Hesketh P.M. in responding to the toast said that this was an ordeal through which he had not passed for some time, but as the W.M. had insisted upon his saying something in reply, he was compelled to acquiesce. The duty of a Past Master was to set a good example in the Lodge,—it was a great incentive to others, and nothing was more delightful than to retain reminiscences of former efforts. Masonry was so complex in its working that it is impossible for a man to go right through the various offices and be perfect; and it must necessarily combine a number of distinguished talents to perform the duties in a creditable manner.

Bro. Beever in his usual felicitous way said he thanked the Brethren for their hearty reception of the toast. He was unfortunately suffering from suppressed Masonry. They were probably aware that it is the duty of the Immediate Past Master to prompt the W.M. during the ceremonies. He had gone there that evening simply bubbling over with the ceremony, and the prompting would have acted as a safety-valve. But the W.M. had required next to no prompting, and the consequence was that he (Bro. Beever) was suffering from suppressed Masonry, which he could assure them was worse than many would imagine. As I.P.M. he was an Officer in the Lodge, but not of the Lodge, in fact he had a little perch all to himself. Having had to runk, a green heat month he really to himself. Having had to make a speech last month, he really thought that on the present occasion he ought to be allowed to copy the parrot, and say nothing—but think a lot. In conclusion he assured the Brethren that the Past Masters would be ever ready

and willing to support the Worshipful Master.

Bro. Nall P.M. announced the forthcoming picnic to Chatsworth, to be held on Monday, 4th June, and added that it was open to all the visitors if they felt a desire to join the members of the

Lodge upon that date.

Bro. Moss P.M. proposed the health of the Officers, saying that the time was so short as to prevent him doing full justice to the subject. The Officers of the Architect Lodge were a fine body of men both physically and mentally, they were heartily in accord with the W.M., and regularly attended the various rehearsals.

Bro. Carse J.W. responded.

Songs, recitations, etc., were given by Bros. McLeish, Willcox, Rushton, Beever, Brice and Mee.

LODGE OF TRUTH, No. 1458.

THE regular meeting of this Lodge was held at the Wheat Sheaf Hotel, High Street, Manchester, on Saturday, the 5th inst. There were present:—Bros. Hamlet Lowe Burgess W.M., Shepherd S.W., W. H. Worsley J.W., T. H. Hall P.M. and Sec., Cooper S.D., Dean J.D., Alfred Hebden P.M. P.P.G.D.D.C. D.C., A. B. Taylor I.G., Bishop Organist, Fred Hilton P.M. P.G.D.C., Robert Caldwell P.M. P.P.G.S.B., Needle P.M., Jas. Archdale I.P.M. Bros. Joseph Hilton, Parkin, Kempston, Kellewell, Leach, Hogg and Sam Luke. Visitors:—Bros. T. W. K. Start P.M., J. Rogers P.M. 2324.

The Lodge had been called for an early hour of the day, two Initiations being expected. A ballot was taken for Messrs. Edward Jackson, Musician, and Charles Vaughan Brotherton, Electrical Engineer, but the former only put in an appearance. The coremony was undertaken by the Worshipful Master, who was assisted by Bros. Worsley and Hebden, the former delivering the charge in the N.E., and the latter the E.A. charge. The work throughout was splendidly done, and reflected great credit upon all concerned, which fact was subsequently emphasized by the visitors.

Before the Lodge was closed the sum of ten guineas was, upon

the proposition of Bro. Fred Hilton, voted to the Royal Masonic

Institution for Girls.

The name of another gentleman desirous of becoming a member of the Craft was handed in, so that it is possible the original intention of performing two ceremonies of Initiation may be carried

out at the next meeting.
At six o'clock the Brethren adjourned for dinner, which was provided by Bro. Tom Wood, the host, in his usual excellent manner. At the festive board which followed, a number of songs, recitations, &c., were given by the Brethren, which relieved in a pleasant manner the tedium of the speeches, Loyal and Masonic. When the notes of the National Anthem indicated the hour for retiring, the Brethren very reluctantly turned their backs upon what had been universally characterized as a most enjoyable and successful

We may mention incidentally that next year, being the majority year of this very popular Lodge, it is in contemplation to celebrate the same in a manner which may befit the important occasion.

TRAFFORD LODGE, No. 1496.

N Emergency meeting was held at the Western Hotel, Moss A Side, Manchester, on Monday, the 7th inst., Bros. Francis Long W.M., John Morris I.P.M., P. E. Land S.W., Ramsey Knight J.W., George Burslem P.M. Treasurer, J. C. Gillman P.P.S.G.D. Secretary, Chris. A. H. Preston S.D., W. Yeedon (acting) J.D., John Done I.G., D. Johnson P.M. D.C., H. P. Jones P.G.R., Joseph Kershaw P.M., John Rathbone P.M., W. Blears P.M., W. P. Davies P.M., H. Russell Steward, H. Mogridge, M. Seanor, T. Jackson, E. Dewsbury, C. F. Davies. Visitors: G. R. Lloyd P.G.T. 1730, C. Heywood P.P.G.D.C. 1387, J. Bladon P.P.G.A.D.C. 317, R. Dottie P.M. 1161, R. Hughes P.M. 1219, A. T. Forrest P.M. 1633, E. Lewis Littler P.M. 1730, J. W. Morley 317, Joseph Scholfield 1161, C. J. Guest 317, John Allin 2231, P. R. Lissenden, W. R. Scholfield 1161, A. Jones Tyler.

The Lodge was opened in due form when the Brethren adjourned for tea. On re-assembling, Mr. J. Yule-Deely was Initiated by the W.M. in a very efficient manner, and the working tools

presented by the J.W.

Bro. F. C. Davies having satisfactorily answered the necessary questions was raised to the sublime degree of M.M., the ceremony being admirably performed by Bro. G. Burslem P.M., and the working tools presented by the S.W. After the visiting Brothren

had expressed hearty good wishes the Lodge was closed.

At the social board which followed, after the usual Loyal toasts had been honoured, the W.M. proposed the health of the newly initiated, and Bro. Burslem P.M. that of the newly raised Brother, which were heartily received and responded to in a feeling manner by Bros. Deely and Davies.

The toast of the Provincial Officers was responded to by Bros. G. B. Lloyd P.G.T. and J. Bladon P.P.G.A.D.C., and that of the Visitors by Bros. Chas. Heywood P.P.G.D.C., and A. F. Forrest P.M., the former adding his testimony to the very efficient manner in which the working of the Lodge was conducted.

The interval between the toasts was enlivened with songs and recitations by Bros. Allin, Dottie, Lissenden, Mogeridge and

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ALBERT VICTOR LODGE, No. 1773.

A NOTHER essay in depicting the higher, more intricate, and generally least trodden paths of Craft working was the principal feature of the last meeting of this Lodge, held at the Pendleton Town Hall, on Friday, the 20th ult., when, under the comprehensive title of "Illustrations of Nature and Science," the principal of the pentiles of various Officers endeavoured to elucidate and unfold the beauties of the Fellow Craft degree. The spirit which was infused into the ceremonial at the onset assured its success, and the conglomerate nature of the work added greatly to its attractiveness. Although, where such work was uniformly well done, it is perhaps unfair to make invidious distinctions, yet it may be conceded that Bro. W. Allen Smith deserved especial mention for his very masterly

delivery of several complex passages.

At the festive board, Bro. Joseph Snape, responding as a Visitor, said the usual stereotyped reply to such a toast was that they were much obliged, offering in return an invitation to their own Lodges. In reverting to the work illustrative of the second degree, he admitted that he had seen and heard the various tracing boards

explained, but that evening he had had a real Masonic treat, for no one to his knowledge had ever put such feeling and such pathos into his work as Bro. Smith had done. He should go away from that room with his soul refreshed, for he had heard something to remember, and something to do him good; he felt indeed that it was a great treat to have come into such an intelligent and refined latitude. The other visitors also praised the work.

There were present:—Bros. Thos. T. Sefton W.M., Thos. Threffall I.P.M., Wm. Mosley S.W., Jas. Clough J.W., F. Townson P.M. Treas., J. Clarkson Seey., Thos. M. Brown S.D., Wm. Lambert J.D., W. Allen Smith Std., J. Harrop. P.M. P.P.G.D., Rd. Duxbury P.M. P.P.G. Swd. B., Thos. Kay P.M., J. L. Smith P.M., W. H. Landless, John Harwood, Rd. Hilton, Wm. Woodeson, J. S. Kitchener, P. B. Hayden, J. Handley, Edwd. Roberts P.M. Asst. Kitchener, P. B. Hayden, J. Handley, Edwd. Roberts P.M. Asst.

Prov. G.T. (FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE), W. Bransby. Visitors:-Bros. J. Bowers P.M. 1730, Joseph Snape P.M. 1055, J. S. Kitchen

LONGSIGHT LODGE, No. 2464.

THE last meeting of this new Lodge, held on Wednesday, the 2nd inst. at the Club House Bird. 2nd inst., at the Club House, Birch Lane, Longsight, was very well attended, over twenty members being present. There were also visitors from the Ashton and Lindsay Lodges. Bro. Arnold Swindells was passed, the ceremony being performed by Bro. Councillor Thomas Uttley W.M.

At the festive board which followed, Loyal and Masonic toasts were honoured, the same being pleasantly varied by songs, recitations, &c., given by Bros. E. H. Ritson, Henry Wood, C. S. Cotton, Councillor John Phythian, Andrew Ellor, T. T. Jones, and E. Roberts P.M.

There is one feature which we should not like to omit. Bro. Thos. Glynn contrasted the moderation of the Longsight social board with some which he had participated in, and contended that in many instances far too much was made of this portion of Masonry, to the detriment of those beautiful principles which are

the very foundation of all goodness and self-denial.

Bro. F. W. Lean P.M. said in reply that the social element was not really a portion of Freemasonry, and should always be subscrivent to the higher and nober teachings of the Craft. He admitted that it was capable of great abuse, and admonished his hearers to watch with a jealous eye any temptation to extravagance which might arise.

"Owing to the popularity of "Charley's Aunt" and the heavy advance booking, Bro. Penley has decided to resume the Wednesday Matinées, commencing from Wednesday next, the 16th.

We are compelled to hold over several interesting items, among them being our report of the Stewards day at the Girls School, with list of prize winners, &c.

NEXT WEEK.

Tuesday.

194 St. Paul, Cannon Street Hotel

2045 Wharton, Willesden 2191 Anglo American, Criterion

160 Tyne Friendship, Rochford

213 Perseverance, Norwich

223 Charity, Plymouth
366 St. David, Milford
384 St. David, Bangor
1214 Scarborough, Batley
1225 Hindpool, Barrow-in-Furness

1276 Warren, Seacombe

1424 Brownrigg of Unity, Old Brompton

1427 Percy, Newcastle-on-Tyne

1482 Isle of Axholme, Crowle

1551 Charity, Birmingham

1570 Prince Arthur, Liverpool 1764 Eleanor Cross, Northampton 1787 Grenville, Buckingham

1823 Royal Clarence, Clare 1893 Lumley, Skegness

1902 St. Cuthbert, Bedlington 1903 Prince Edward of Saxe Weimar, Portsmouth

1941 St. Augustine, Rugeley

2001 Narberth, Narberth

2146 Surbiton, Surbiton

2155 Makerfield, Newton-le-Willows 2316 Princes, Liverpool 2407 Hicks-Beach, Stroud

Wednesday.

1382 Corinthian, Cubitt Town

20 Royal Kent of Antiquity, Chatham

121 Mount Sinai, Penzance

127 Union, Margate 128 Prince Edwin, Bury

137 Amity, Poole 175 East Medina, Ryde

178 Antiquity, Wigan 200 Old Globe, Scarborough

210 Duke of Athol, Denton

221 St. John, Bolton

243 Loyalty, Guernsey 246 Royal Union, Cheltenham

258 Amphibious, Heckmondwike

261 Unanimity and Sincerity, Taunton 285 Love and Honour, Shepton Mallet

311 South Saxon, Lewes

320 Loyalty, Mottram

325 St. John, Salford 329 Brotherly Love, Yeovil

341 Wellington, Rye

342 Royal Sussex, Landport368 Samaritan, Sandbach372 Harmony, Budleigh Salterton

376 Perfect Friendship, Ipswich

380 Integrity, Morley 387 Airedale, Shipley 1212 Elms, Stoke Damerel

1246 Holte, Aston

1301 Brighouse, Brighouse

1323 Talbot, Swansea

1934 Norman, Durham 1953 Duke of Lancaster, Lancaster 1963 Tyndall, Chipping Sodbury 1493 Robin Hood, Eastwood

1511 Alexandra, Hornsea

1520 Earl Shrewsbury, Cannock 1544 Mount-Edgeumbe, Camborne 1634 Starkie, Ramsbottom

1645 Colne Valley, Slaithwaithe

1774 Mellor, Ashton-under-Lyne

1783 Albert Edward, Huddersfield

1808 Suffield, North Walsham 1854 Weald of Kent, Tenterden

1988 Mawddach, Barmouth 2050 St. Trinian, Douglas, I. of Man 2125 Constance, Consett

2153 Hope, Gosport

2203 Farnborough and North Camp, Farn-

2258 Western District United Service, East Stonehouse

2355 Chantrey, Dore 2412 Ashfield, Sutton-in-Ashfield

2434 Anderida, Eastbourne

Thursday.

6 Friendship, Criterion, Piccadilly

42 Relief, Bury, Lancashire

56 Howard of Brotherly Love, Littlehampton

57 Humber, Hull

71 Unity, Lowestoft 98 St. Martin, Burslem

100 Friendship, Gt. Yarmouth

116 Royal Lancashire, Colne

203 Ancient Union, Liverpool 208 Three Grand Principles, Dewsbury

230 Fidelity, Devonport

245 Mechanics, Jersey

267 Unity, Macclesfield
268 Queen's Arms, Ashton-under-Lyne
275 Harmony, Huddersfield
276 Good Fellowship, Chelmsford

280 Worcester, Worcester

283 Amity, Haslingden 286 Samaritan, Bacup

322 Peace, Stockport

332 Virtue and Silence, Hadleigh

337 Candour, Uppermill 343 Concord, Preston

345 Perseverance, Blackburn 350 Charity, Farnsworth 363 Keystone, Whitworth

367 Probity and Freedom, Rochdale

1235 Phœnix of St. Ann, Buxton

1299 Pembroke, Liverpool

1332 Unity, Crediton 1386 St. Hugh, Lincoln

1393 Hamer, Liverpool

1459 Ashbury, West Gorton 1464 Erasmus Wilson, Gravesend

1470 Chiltern, Dunstable 1534 Concord, Prestwich

1562 Homfray, Risca, Mon. 1576 Dee, Park Gate, Cheshire 1776 Landport, Landport 1821 Atlingworth, Brighton 1869 Sandown, Sandown, I. of W.

1872 St. Margaret, Surbiton

2091 Castleberg, Settle 2158 Boscombe, Boscombe 2226 St. David, Rhymney 2268 Hallamshire, Sheffield

2302 St. Mary, Southwell 2305 Stour, Ashford, Kent

2325 Rose of Lancaster, Southport

2341 Clemency, Oldham 2352 Universities, Durham

Friday.

2157 St. Mark's College, Holborn

2346 Warrant Officers, Freemasons-hall

152 Virtue, Manchester 271 Royal Clarence, Brighton

318 True and Faith

347 Noah's Ark, Tipton

255 Royal Sussex Emulation, Swindon

1224 Stour Valley, Sudbury

1232 Hereward, Bourn 1311 Zetland, Leeds

1330 St. Peter, Market Harborough

1357 Cope, Sale 1389 Fenwick, Sunderland

1739 Carnarvon, Swadlincote

1773 Albert Victor, Pendelton

2063 St. Osyth Priory, Clacton-on-Sea 2078 St. Lawrence, Scunthorpe

2231 Talbot, Stretford

2447 Palatine, Manchester

Saturday.

149 Peace, Meltham

1871 Gostling Murray, Hounslow