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OUR FORTIETH VOLUME.

THE fact that we are again able to address our readers at the commencement of a new volume is extremely satisfactory to ourselves, as it affords tangible proof that our efforts to continue the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE have so far been successful. It is the outward and visible sign of our progress in the journalistic world, the inner evidence of which, although known only to ourselves, is equally satisfactory, and induces us to form fresh resolves for the future in order to make the CHRONICLE of further use to Freemasonry and of greater interest to its members. We hope, as we believe, that the paper has not deteriorated under its present management and while thanking its old friends and the many new supporters it has secured during the past year, we may assure all of our determination to continue in the work we have set for ourselves—the provision of an independent and outspoken newspaper for Freemasons.

SUMMER MASONRY.

THE growing popularity of summer trips arranged in connection with Masonic Lodges, to which we have referred in years gone by, seems this year to be even more marked than usual, and this pleasing feature of the Masonic system may now be regarded as a regular part of the year's programme in many quarters.

From all parts of the country we are just now receiving particulars of excursions in course of arrangement, or reports of pleasant days spent by Ladies and Brethren under the rule of the Master and Officers of a Masonic Lodge, amid the pleasures of one or other of the many delightful resorts that are, happily, so numerous in our midst.

The presence of Ladies at Masonic—or, we should rather say, semi-Masonic ceremonies has now become so generally recognised as to call for little or no special comment, many of the leaders of the Craft taking especial pleasure in securing the enjoyment of the fair sex, in furtherance of which desire they have no more popular ally than the growing tendency to make a special feature of Summer Masonry.

THE EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTIONS.

THE usual Quarterly Courts of the Masonic Schools will be held next week, that in connection with the Girls on Thursday, that for the Boys the following day. The business for consideration is of the most formal character, as will be seen from our advertisement columns.

BERKSHIRE.

THE Berkshire Freemasons assembled in Provincial Grand Lodge at Wallingford, on Tuesday of last week, under the auspices of the St. Hilda Lodge, and the event attracted a numerous attendance. Some of the Brethren representing the Reading, Windsor, Abingdon, and Newbury Lodges availed themselves of the opportunity of reaching Wallingford by Salter's saloon steamers which are now running daily between Kingston and Oxford, and *vice versa*. The weather being all that could be desired—fine and warm, without being too hot, and brilliant—the river trip was greatly enjoyed. The run from Caversham Lock to Wallingford occupied nearly three hours, including the necessary stoppages at the various locks, where there was plenty to interest the *voyageurs* during their brief stay. The scenery along this stretch of the Thames is extremely pretty and picturesque, and the succession of riverside mansions with their charming grounds make up a panoramic picture which cannot fail to please the senses, especially of those unaccustomed to river life under its varied aspects.

The Provincial Grand Lodge was opened at four o'clock in the Corn Exchange, which had been specially fitted up and furnished for the purpose, under the direction of the Officers of the St. Hilda Lodge. The minutes of the Provincial Grand Lodge held last year at Maidenhead were, on the motion of Bro. Kirchhoffer, seconded by Bro. Margrett, taken as read.

The P.G. Secretary (Bro. Martin) then read the following reply, which was received a few days after the address voted at the last Prov. Grand Lodge had been sent to the Grand Master:—

“Sandringham,

Sir Francis Knollys is desired by H.R.H. the Prince of Wales to thank the Brethren of the Provincial Grand Lodge of Berkshire for their address and kind congratulations and good wishes on the occasion of the recent marriage of the Duke and Duchess of York.”

The Prov. G. Master said that connected with the auspicious event to which the letter just read referred was another happy circumstance, with regard to which he proposed moving a resolution, and he felt fully convinced that all the Brethren would acquiesce in the course he was taking. Having been one of the first Masonic bodies to congratulate H.R.H. the Grand Master on the marriage of the Duke and Duchess of York, it was only a fitting and opportune sequence that they should be one of the first Provincial Grand Lodges to congratulate the Prince of Wales upon the happy event that had just occurred at White Lodge. He begged to move that a telegram be sent to the Prince of Wales offering the hearty congratulations of the Berkshire Freemasons assembled in Provincial Grand Lodge, on the happy event of the birth of a grandson.

Bro. Kirchhoffer seconded the motion, which was carried by acclamation, and the P.G. Secretary immediately despatched a telegram to the Prince.

Bro. Kirchhoffer again rose, and observed that although the Province had been without a Provincial Grand Master for some time past, Masonry had flourished exceedingly throughout the county, and there could be no doubt it was largely due to the able

manner in which Bro. Morland had carried out his duties as Deputy Provincial Grand Master. He therefore felt much pleasure in proposing that the hearty congratulations of this Prov. G. Lodge be presented to the Deputy P.G. Master, on his recent appointment by H.R.H. the Grand Master as a Deacon in the Grand Lodge of England. Bro. Morland's services were not only fully appreciated by the Brethren under his rule, but also by the Grand Master and his Officers in the Grand Lodge of England.

Bro. Tomkins said it afforded him great pleasure to second the proposition, because he had the honour of being a member of the same Lodge (the Abbey) as Bro. Morland. He fully endorsed all that Bro. Kirchhoffer had said, and spoke of the high esteem in which Bro. Morland was held by the members of his own Lodge at Abingdon. Bro. Morland was the first Initiate in the Abbey Lodge in 1863, since which time he had been one of the most regular attendants at the Lodge meetings, and although he had attained to such an eminent position in the Craft, he had never ceased to evince a keen interest in his Mother Lodge. This showed that Bro. Morland was not only anxious to see his Province flourish, but that he was likewise one of those good Masons who did not allow the fact of his having passed through the chair to cause his interest in Masonry to slacken. For those reasons he had sincere pleasure in seconding the motion, and most heartily congratulated Bro. Morland upon the distinguished honour which the Prince of Wales had conferred upon him.

Bro. Kirchhoffer then put the resolution, which was carried unanimously amidst much applause.

The P.G. Master, in returning thanks, observed that while he valued the Grand Lodge appointment most highly, he accepted it as an evidence of the good Masonic work done in this Province. He felt that the appointment was conferred upon him not so much from a personal point of view as from the fact that he was privileged to hold the position of presiding officer for the Berkshire Province. He felt extremely grateful for this kind expression of feeling.

The P.G. Secretary then announced that he had received letters from a number of distinguished Masons regretting their inability to attend, and wishing hearty success to the Province, the writers including Brothers Viscount Valentia, Letchworth, Grey, Rev. J. S. Brownrigg, C. T. Murdoch, C. G. Field (Mayor of Reading), Greenwood, Hedges, McLeod, &c.

In the unavoidable absence of the Provincial Grand Treasurer, the P.G. Secretary read the annual financial statement of the Province, showing a balance in hand amounting to £109 18s 1d on the General Account. The charity fund showed a balance of £90 13s 6d, the total balance standing in the bank to the credit of the Province being £200 11s 7d.

Bro. Keyser moved the adoption of the Treasurer's report, and congratulated the Brethren upon the sound financial condition of the Province. The resolution having been seconded, was unanimously adopted.

The P.G. Master explained in reference to the publication of the "Masonic Register and Calendar" which had been undertaken by the P.G. Lodge, that there was a slight deficit, but if the Mark Lodges and Chapters, as well as the Craft Lodges, would subscribe for copies, there would be a balance of profit to hand over to the Masonic Charities.

Bro. Cosburn, the publisher, said that in order that there should be no loss to the Province on the publication, he should be happy to hand to the P.G. Secretary a cheque for the amount of the deficit on the "Masonic Register" account.

The P.G. Master expressed the thanks of the P.G. Lodge to Bro. Cosburn for his kind offer.

The P.G. Secretary gave his report of the Lodges in the Province, which was of a satisfactory nature.

Bro. Margrett read the report of the Charity Committee. The Committee recognised the valuable help of Bros. Keyser and W. H. Gardener, and explained the gratifying circumstances under which they had successfully carried the two charity cases they had taken up.

Bro. Ravenscroft moved the adoption of the report, congratulating the Province upon having such a Committee, and the Committee upon having such an efficient Secretary, as shown by the satisfactory results

mentioned in the report. Bro. Ernest Gardner seconded the resolution, which was unanimously adopted.

The P.G. Secretary moved that Bro. Margrett be nominated as a representative on the Board of the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys, which was seconded by Bro. Keyser (Treasurer to the Institution), and adopted *nem con.*

On the motion of Bro. Horne, seconded by Captain Tupman, the Brethren unanimously re-elected Bro. Charles Stephens, of Reading, as Provincial Grand Treasurer.

The next item on the agenda was the investiture of Bros. Canon Garry, Rev. John Stewart, J. Newbery, and Preston with the Provincial Charity Jewel; C. E. Keyser and Captain Tupman with the Charity Bar; and C. E. Belcher, W. Ravenscroft, and G. H. Morland with the tri-coloured Charity Ribbon.

The P.G. Master then appointed and invested his Officers for the ensuing year, as follows:—

Bro. Canon N. T. Garry	-	-	Senior Warden
G. D. Leslie, R.A.	-	-	Junior Warden
Rev. J. Stewart	-	-	Chaplains
Rev. A. E. Farrar	-	-	
Charles Stephens	-	-	Treasurer
E. M. Challenor	-	-	Registrar
J. W. Martin	-	-	Secretary
W. B. Fendick	-	-	Senior Deacon
Ernest Gardner	-	-	Junior Deacon
J. N. Day	-	-	Supt. of Works
R. E. Hodder	-	-	Director of Ceremonies
T. D. Hart	-	-	Assist. Dir. of Cers.
Major O. Ball	-	-	Sword Bearer
Fredk. Morford	-	-	Standard Bearers
J. H. Custance	-	-	
H. Baker	-	-	Assist. Secretary
J. T. Brown	-	-	Pursuivant
C. D. Adkin	-	-	Assist. Pursuivant
G. S. Galt	-	-	Stewards
E. Marshall	-	-	
J. W. G. James	-	-	
J. J. Gale	-	-	Tyler
A. E. Preston	-	-	
W. Hemmings	-	-	

The P.G. Lodge was then closed in due form, and the Brethren adjourned to the Lamb Hotel, where they partook of a well served banquet, provided by Bro. Lawrence. The Deputy Provincial Grand Master in charge presided.

Responding to the toast of the Grand Officers Bro. Keyser said that no appointment had given greater pleasure than the selection of the Deputy Prov. Grand Master as one of the Deacons. They all knew how admirably Bro. Morland had carried out the duties since he had had charge of the Province, and he was sure the Province was greatly indebted to him for what he had done. Bro. Keyser concluded by proposing the health of the Deputy Provincial Grand Master in charge, and of the Grand Officers of the Province Present and Past.

The Deputy Provincial Grand Master replied, as also did Bro. Canon Garry and Bro. Leslie.

Bro. Margrett proposed the Masonic Charities, to which Bro. Terry responded, and as Secretary to the Benevolent Institution urged the claims of that charity, which now dispenses £16,000 in annuities.

The other toasts included the Visitors, the W.M. and Officers of the St. Hilda Lodge (who were heartily thanked for their reception), and the P.G. Treasurer and Secretary, whose services were very highly eulogised.—Reading Mercury.

KENT.

THE yearly assembly of the Provincial Grand Lodge of Kent was held on Wednesday, at the Chapter House of Canterbury Cathedral, under the presidency of the head of the Province, the Rt. Hon. the Earl Amherst, who was supported by his Deputy, Bro. J. S. Eastes, a large number of Present and Past Provincial Grand Officers and other leaders of the district, together with several visitors, including a number of Officers of Grand Lodge, the attendance exceeding 500 Brethren.

The Provincial Grand Lodge was opened in ample form, and the usual preliminaries were observed, after which the re-election of Bro. Russell as Provincial Grand Treasurer was proposed by Bro. Horatio Ward and carried with acclamation. The Provincial Grand

Master then appointed the following as his Officers for the year :

Bro. Allan Tassell P.M. 133	-	Senior Warden
Edward Murton P.M. 31	-	Junior Warden
Rev. C. H. Fielding, M.A., P.M. 1063)	Chaplains
Rev. Aug. Jackson, M.A., P.M. 77)	
William Russell	-	Treasurer
Alfred Spencer P.M. 1063	-	Secretary
William James Hughes P.M. 1206	-	Registrar
John Knowles P.M. 1725	-	Senior Deacons
John Russell P.M. 1464	-	
Andrew James Crane P.M. 558	-	
Henry Mason P.M. 913	-	Junior Deacons
Thomas Elmore P.M. 503	-	
Thomas Easton P.M. 2305	-	Supt. of Works
Thomas Hearn P.M. 199	-	Director of Ceremonies
Robert J. Beamish P.M. 77	-	Deputy Dir. of Cers.
J. S. Huntly P.M. 1096	-	Assistant Dirs. of Cers.
Geo. Goble P.M. 1273	-	
John Pollard P.M. 2147	-	
Robert Gooding P.M. 1536	-	Sword Bearer
William Albert Rudd P.M. 184	-	Standard Bearers
Dr. William H. Longhurst P.M. 31	-	
Arthur Ronaldson P.M. 483	-	Organist
George D. Stevenson P.M. 2148	-	Assistant Secretary
Samuel Fuller P.M. 1967	-	Pursuivant
George Church P.M. 20	-	Assistant Pursuivant
Joseph Auty P.M. 158	-	Stewards
John Read P.M. 874	-	
Albert Henry Pilcher P.M. 972	-	
Frederic Gordon P.M. 1063	-	
Edwin Cockersell P.M. 1449	-	
Joseph Orum 20	-	
	-	Tyler

The grants recommended by the Charities Committee, consisting of two sums of £20 each, one of £15, and one of £10, were agreed to, on the proposition of Earl Amherst, seconded by the Deputy, who next proposed that "£126 be given to the Benevolent Institution, being £63 to Aged Fund and £63 to Widows' Fund, to constitute the Deputy Provincial Grand Master a Patron." This was unanimously adopted, as also were the proposals in the name of the Prov. Grand Treasurer that "£460 be carried forward to be added to a sum amounting to a total of £1260 to purchase a perpetual presentation to the Boys School," and "that the London and South Western Bank, Limited, be requested to advance to Provincial Grand Lodge, through Mr. William Russell, the Treasurer, and on his promissory note, a sum not exceeding Eight Hundred Pounds, at 3 per cent. interest, in order to complete the purchase of a perpetual presentation to the Boys School, such advance to be repaid by instalments as may be arranged, within a period of two years."

Provincial Grand Lodge was now adjourned, the Brethren going in procession to the Cathedral to attend Divine Service, when an impressive sermon was delivered by Bro. Rev. Augustus Jackson, Vicar of All Saints, Gravesend, the Senior Provincial Grand Chaplain.

The Lodge was afterwards resumed, and formally closed. Upwards of 300 of the Brethren then assembled at the Kent County Pavilion for the banquet, which was presided over by the Provincial Grand Master, who in brief terms submitted the preliminary toasts, curtailing his remarks, he said, not from any lack of loyalty, but because he knew one and all of those present were anxious to complete the programme of the day, and were sure to give the toasts hearty receptions without any urging from him.

The name of the Very Rev. Bro. Currie, Dean of Battle, Past Grand Chaplain was associated with the toast of the Grand Officers, and in acknowledging it he tendered the thanks of the representatives present for the honour done them that day, but in doing so he felt he was expressing but a very small part of the obligation they were under to the Province for being permitted to be present. He spoke in high praise of the impressive ceremonies that had taken place in the Chapter House, and that which had followed in the greater building of the Cathedral. They of Sussex had been accustomed to say that at the Pavilion at Brighton they had the finest place out of London for Masonic meetings, but after his experience that day, in the splendid buildings in which they had held their meetings, he felt the men of Kent might well boast of their motto: "Invicta." No Province of England could in many respects surpass what they had seen that day, and he could but congratulate them on the great Province and the hearty enthusiasm of its members. The Cathedral they had visited had the history of

England associated with it, and he might say that in the city of Canterbury they had the whole history of England as worked out by Masons. It had been his lot on many occasions to respond to this toast, but never before had he done so with such feelings of embarrassment, for never before had he replied to it in the presence of Ladies, to whom he felt he might specially direct some of his remarks. Freemasonry was really supported on three columns: Wisdom, as represented by the Provincial Grand Master; Strength, as shown by the goodly array of Masons before them; and Beauty as evidenced by the Ladies who were present in such numbers up above, as they should be, in the galleries. He might remind his learned Brethren who had mastered the seven orders of Architecture, that there was something there about beautiful woman; but in spite of all this he could but entertain the feelings of the lion who had to eat his dinner under the scrutiny of many eyes, and felt that the arrangement in regard to the diners and the spectators might profitably be reversed. In conclusion he might add, for the information of the members of the fair sex who were present, that Masons recognised three great duties: to fear God, honour the Queen, and love the Ladies.

Bro. Eastes next rose. He was afraid he must bring the company down from the clouds of romance to a very practical toast—that of the Provincial Grand Master, but it was one that would be received with equal enthusiasm by the members of the Province. Looking back—to the 3rd of July 1873—he remembered he had the honour at a similar meeting in the good old city of Canterbury of proposing this same toast—the health of the Right Worshipful the Provincial Grand Master, Lord Holmesdale as he then was. That was the last occasion the Provincial Grand Lodge had been entertained by the good Brethren of Canterbury, and although it was sixteen years ago, it seemed to him more like four or five. He was thankful that with the kindness of the Great Architect of the Universe he and so many more who were then present were again assembled to drink to the health of their Provincial Grand Master. He perfectly remembered that on the previous occasion he had had to speak of the progress of Freemasonry in the Province from 1860—when Earl Amherst first assumed charge of Kent—to that time, when there had been a marvellous increase and a great progress in local Freemasonry. The same satisfactory increase could be pointed to since that time. In 1878 the Province had 43 Lodges, with 2340 members; now they had 59 Lodges, and a membership of 3650, facts that he was sure must be very satisfactory to every Mason of Kent. Their Provincial Grand Master had been thirty-four years at the head of the Province, and with only two exceptions was the oldest Provincial Grand Master of England, his seniors being the Duke of Devonshire, who had presided over Derbyshire since 1858, and Lord Leigh, who had been at the head of Warwickshire since 1852. They of Kent were rejoiced to know that all these years had been years of progress in the Province. They could indeed look back with a feeling of gratitude, but at the same time they must recognise that they had never had so fine a meeting as the present one, which led him to hope their successes might be repeated and even increased in years to come. He could safely say that the large increase in numbers of Lodges and members had led to larger amounts of money being available for the Province to dispense in charity; the increases in Kent had not brought about any deterioration in the Craft; in fact he saw nothing to object to in increase of numbers, so long as they always bore in mind the even more important consideration of quality. In 1878 they were able to give away a total of about 300 guineas, that day they had voted amounts totalling up to nearly 700 guineas, an increase that spoke for itself. He felt they must one and all agree that this satisfactory progress was due to the fact of their having at their head one who had done so nobly for them as had Earl Amherst, and they could but hope he might be spared for many years longer to rule over the destinies of the Province. Bro. Eastes felt he could not close his remarks without a word in regard to Lady Amherst, who had devoted herself most zealously to the cause of Freemasonry and would, he was convinced, do so even more were she allowed. Her ladyship had really acted as Provincial

Grand Secretary in the particular matter which had received special attention in Kent for some time past, and he felt the Ladies, and the Brethren also, for matter of that, could not take a better example than Lady Amherst in Masonic matters. Might she live long and have many years of health and happiness among them was the universal wish of the Masons of Kent.

Earl Amherst, in reply, thought it was rather unkind of Bro. Eastes to remind him of the great years he had come to, but men were not like Ladies in that respect, and the statement had really given him the opportunity of curtailing his remarks, for after having worked so heartily together for thirty-four years it might be imagined he had nothing new to say in response to this toast, indeed it would only be in consequence of something being wrong if he departed from the old story of the past. He thanked them for their kindly references to his wife, who should be informed as to the heartiness of the recognition accorded her. It was of course impossible to enlist the services of the Provincial Grand Secretary in the matter of a testimonial to himself, and as there was a mass of correspondence to conduct it was difficult to know who to apply to to fill the vacancy. Lady Amherst had stepped into the breach, and the Brethren of Kent were able to say how she had carried out the duties she had undertaken. They had not yet got to the advanced stage of America, and introduced a section of Freemasonry for Ladies, but he was sure that whenever that reform did take place in England Lady Amherst would be one of the first members.

The chairman next proposed the health of his Deputy. Bro. Eastes had served in that capacity for 20 years, he thought very much to the satisfaction of the Brethren, as he knew it was to his own. Considering the lateness of the hour and the special event in store for them that evening he should leave any remarks in regard to Bro. Eastes until next year, when he might have something special to say.

Bro. Eastes replied, thanking them very heartily for the way in which they had received the toast just proposed by the Provincial Grand Master. He fully recognised the wisdom of the brief remarks of their chief, because they fully understood each other, and no detriment could come if they curtailed the usual complimentary utterances. He was gratified to think good feeling was general among the Masons of Kent, and so long as it continued he should be pleased to do his share to add to the general prosperity.

Earl Amherst proposed the health of the Provincial Grand Officers present and past. They were grateful to the past Officers for what they had done, and looked forward with satisfaction to what those appointed that day would do. Let them hope those in power would follow in the footsteps of their predecessors and show their interest in the work of the Province.

Bro. Tassell Senior Warden of the year responded for the first part of the toast, feeling great responsibility was thrown upon him. He hoped the new Officers all appreciated the honour conferred on them as much as he did, and would show by their actions how much they valued their appointments.

The Senior Warden of last year responded for the past Officers. He considered it no small honour to be an Officer of their important Province. He had never witnessed such an imposing Masonic ceremony as he had taken part in that day, and could hardly hope to see such another, yet they must all hope to have opportunities in the future of taking part in such gatherings. He was sure the past Officers of the Province of Kent would strive their utmost to attend its meetings, and do what they could to advance its welfare.

Earl Amherst next rose to introduce the event that would most specially distinguish that evening. For twenty-one years Bro. Spencer had discharged the duties of Provincial Grand Secretary in such a way as to win universal regard, as was known to every Mason of the district. The duties of Provincial Grand Secretary involved no small amount of work, for even in the best regulated societies there were those who would not understand the most abundantly plainly written laws. The pains Bro. Spencer had taken to smooth the work of the Province stamped him as one of those men marked out by nature for such a post. Thus when the time came round for him to celebrate his majority the question

naturally arose of showing him some appreciation of what he had done. A committee was formed, small in numbers it was true, but sufficiently representative, and they put their shoulders to the wheel at a time, if he might say it, when there was no necessity to do so, for the wheel was quite ready to go of its own accord, with the most satisfactory of results, as they might see by the articles he had before him for presentation to Bro. Spencer. The matter of selection having been left to him it was naturally an important question as to whether the testimonial he had chosen met the approval of the Masons of Kent who had provided it. Naturally he had had to consult Bro. Spencer as to the form he desired the testimonial to take, and he, like the good Mason he was, had desired that the principal part should be given to his wife, with a piece of antique silver for himself. The first was soon decided upon, the diamond tiara being considered a fitting present for Mrs. Spencer, and he hoped that lady would live long to wear it, but although they were told that in the days of Solomon silver was held of no account, he very soon found it was not so at the present day, and the funds at his command could have been expended and left nothing but two or three small old candlesticks to show for it. He had accordingly departed from the original intention and looked for articles of a later date, with the result that was now before them. There were articles likely to be of constant use to Bro. Spencer—a bowl in which he could provide for the entertainment of his guests, other articles of equal utility, and the customary salver which was so necessary, as providing the means of recording the wishes of the donors in the form of an inscription. Having been left with the duty of composing this inscription he had endeavoured to sum up the expressions they had desired to offer to Bro. Spencer, and now concluded with the hope that both he and Mrs. Spencer would look back with pleasure on the event of that evening, and would long live to enjoy the gift the Freemasons of Kent had made that day. Earl Amherst stated that an album was being prepared containing a list of the subscribers to the testimonial, and read the inscription to which he had referred, and which was as follows:

Presented,
with other pieces of plate and a diamond tiara,
to BRO. ALFRED SPENCER,
Provincial Grand Secretary of Kent,
by the Brethren of the Province, in grateful recognition of the
ability, assiduity and courtesy with which during twenty-one
years he has discharged the important duties of his office.
4th July 1894.

Bro. Spencer acknowledged the toast and the presentation. There were times when one felt some difficulty in expressing one's feelings in words, and there were times when one might be excused for being unduly elated. He desired to return his thanks to Earl Amherst for the kind way in which he had expressed himself in presenting the testimonial, and to the Brethren at large for the handsome way in which they had expressed their esteem and regard, two matters that he hoped had been growing year by year while he had had the honour of holding the office of Provincial Grand Secretary. He felt he by no means deserved the very kind words that had fallen from the Provincial Grand Master, although it was perfectly true he had striven to advance the true interests of Freemasonry in the Province of Kent, and was pleased to think the tone of the Order had been considerably raised in the district since he had known it. More care and trouble was now devoted to the working of the different Lodges; the Provincial Grand Charity Committee now exercised great power and influence in the county; but above all this was the fact that so many of the Lodges now had handsome temples of their own in which to carry on the work of Freemasonry in Kent. He was that day the recipient of a handsome testimonial at their hands, but its intrinsic value was as nothing compared with the fact that it represented the feelings of the Province towards him, and he assured the Brethren that so long as he lived and had the opportunity of looking upon it he should remember the many pleasant opportunities he had had of enjoying the association of those who had subscribed for it. He had also to express the thanks of his wife, and hoped Earl Amherst would

carry to the Countess the expressions of gratitude he and his wife wished to convey. If it were possible for a lady to become a Freemason then Mrs. Spencer would be only too happy to be one.

The next toast, said the Chairman, was one always well received—that of the Charities. They were favoured that night with the presence of all three of the Secretaries of the Masonic Institutions, and as all knew what an amount of work they did for the Charities they could but feel proud of them. Were he to couple the name of Bro. Terry, Bro. Hedges or Bro. McLeod with the toast he was sure the reception would be equally enthusiastic. As time was short he would give the preference to Bro. Terry, as being the oldest in the service.

Bro. Terry acknowledged the toast. Earl Amherst had been pleased to say he appreciated the presence of the three Secretaries, he on their behalf desired to say that the representatives of the Institutions had attended to show how much they appreciated what Bro. Spencer had done during his Grand Secretaryship. Kent, with its 59 Lodges, was doing more than some others of larger dimensions, but most satisfactory of all was the fact that its support was not spasmodic. There were some districts who, so to speak, took them up and put them down, but Kent was not one of those, year by year it did well, and by its donation of £1000, £2000 or even more proved the sincerity of the Province and the heartiness of its members. He could not forget the last occasion when the head of the Province had presided at one of the Festivals, and was supported by a donation of £3500 from Kent. He congratulated his colleague of the Boys School in securing the perpetual presentation that was coming from the Province, for himself he had to express hearty thanks for the crumbs that came the way of the Old People, while the Girls Secretary was looking forward to the time when Lord Amherst would preside at its Festival, when he would doubtless be well supported. He urged the Brethren to think of the Boys as much as they liked, love the Girls as much as they chose, but above all bear in mind the necessities of the parents of Masonry, the old people on whose behalf he had to appeal to their benevolence.

Other toasts included the Visitors, and the Reception Committee, the latter of whom especially deserved the heartiest thanks and congratulations. We do not remember ever having attended so large a gathering at which such perfect and liberal arrangements were made, and the whole proceedings reflected the very greatest credit on the three Canterbury Lodges, the members of which united in the endeavour to give the Provincial Grand Lodge a right royal welcome—and they succeeded far beyond anything they could have hoped for even in their most sanguine moments.

MARK MASONRY.

BY command of the Rt. Hon. the Earl of Euston Pro Grand Master, a Special meeting of the Grand Lodge of Mark Masons will be held on Thursday next, 12th inst., at 12 for 1 o'clock, at Mark Masons' Hall, Great Queen Street, to consider and resolve upon Addresses of Congratulation on the auspicious Birth of the son of their Royal Highnesses the Duke and Duchess of York.

The Annual meeting of Provincial Grand Lodge of Suffolk will be held at the Town Hall, Ipswich (lent by the Mayor, Bro. S. R. Anness), on Thursday next, the 12th inst., when the Right Hon. Lord Henniker Prov. Grand Master, and the Rev. C. J. Martyn Deputy Prov. Grand Master, supported by other Grand and Provincial Grand Officers, will be present. As it is now eight years since Prov. Grand Lodge honoured Ipswich with a visit, says the "East Anglian Daily Times," it is anticipated that a large number of members of the Province will attend. The church service will be held at St. Mary-le-Tower, when the sermon will be preached by the Rev. A. R. Upcher, M.A., of Halesworth, Prov. Grand Chaplain. The banquet will be given in the Council Chamber of the Town Hall, and applications for tickets must be made not later than Monday, the 9th inst.

The present is essentially an age of record making, scarcely a day passing but some new achievement is brought under notice eclipsing what has gone before and adding further testimony to the onward spirit of the present generation. In this respect Freemasonry plays its part with other sections of the community, instances continually coming before us of long association with the Craft, extended service in some particular office, or an unbroken series of attendances at the same Lodge; but we think no claim has yet been put forward in regard to constant attendance at the meetings of Grand Lodge. If such were made it would be difficult to beat the record of Bro. H. Massey, the official reporter of the English Craft, who has not missed a single meeting of the ruling body of the Brotherhood—ordinary or special—during the past twenty-eighth years, reporting the proceedings on each occasion.

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LIGHT.

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Shines forth upon their awed and eager eyes;
Until breaks forth upon their wondering sight
The Lodge's form and they are bade to rise.
And, Oh! The Light is welcomed by us all—
What groping wanderer loves the shrouded night?
And soon we know that harm could ne'er befall
For some true Brother led our feet aright.
This is a tender lesson to the soul—
A lesson fraught with all-absorbing good,
Which ever points to the ne'er-darkened goal
To which we strive to lead the Brotherhood.
Guide Thou our feet, Oh Architect Divine
By Thine Own Light and Thine Own Mystic Sign!

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A GENERAL COURT of the Governors and Subscribers of this Institution will be held at Freemasons' Hall, Great Queen Street, Lincoln's Inn Fields, London, W.C., on Thursday, 12th July 1894, at Twelve o'clock precisely, on the General Business of the Institution; to place Candidates on the List for the election in October next, and to declare the number of Girls then to be elected.

F. R. W. HEDGES,
Secretary.

5 Freemasons' Hall, Great Queen Street, W.C.
5th July 1894.

** The 107th Anniversary Festival will be held in May 1895, and the names of Stewards willing to act on the occasion will be gratefully received.

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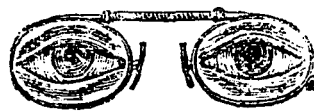
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A QUARTERLY COURT of the Governors and Subscribers will be held at Freemasons' Hall, Great Queen Street, Lincoln's Inn Fields, London, on Friday, the 13th day of July 1894, for the transaction of the ordinary business of the Institution:

To consider and, if approved, to adopt a recommendation from the Council as to the number of Boys to be Elected at the Quarterly Court, on Friday, 12th October 1894, and to determine the List of Candidates.

The Chair will be taken at Four o'clock in the afternoon precisely.

By Order,

J. MORRISON McLEOD,

Secretary.

London, 5th July 1894.

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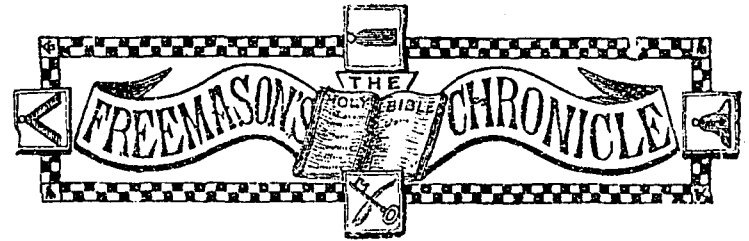
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SATURDAY, 7TH JULY 1894.

THE YOUNG PRINCE.

A **SPECIAL Grand Lodge**, summoned by command of the Earl of Lathom Pro Grand Master for the express purpose of resolving upon addresses of congratulation to the Queen and the Prince of Wales on the birth of the Royal Prince, was held yesterday at Freemasons' Hall, London. The Earl of Lathom presided, and was supported by the Earl of Mount-Edgcumbe Deputy Grand Master, Bro. W. W. B. Beach, M.P., as Past Grand Master, the Earl of Euston, T. F. Halsey, M.P., and several other Provincial Grand Masters. Sir Francis Beilby Alston Past Senior Grand Warden, who was appointed to that office as far back as 1850, acted as Senior Grand Warden, and the Right Hon. A. Akers-Douglas, M.P., as Junior Grand Warden.

After the formal opening of Grand Lodge;

The Earl of Lathom, in moving the address said: Brethren—I have summoned this Special Grand Lodge, as you have heard, for the purpose of resolving upon addresses of congratulation on the auspicious birth of the Royal Prince, son of their Royal Highnesses the Duke and Duchess of York, grandson of His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales and of Her Royal Highness the Princess of Wales, and the great-grandson of Her Most Gracious Majesty the Queen. I should like to remind you that this is the first time in the history not only of our country, but I believe also of any other kingdom or dynasty of Europe, that a direct descendant of the fourth generation has been born to the grandparent and that during the life of the great-grandparent, and who we all rejoice to think is still alive. It is therefore a most unique occasion, and I feel that the addresses of congratulation will be voted by acclamation, for I know that the hearts of Masons, wherever the British flag flies, will have trobbed with a feeling of joy and thankfulness when they heard of the birth of the hope of the kingdom. Everyone also will rejoice at the great pleasure the event must have given to the whole of the Royal Family, and especially to Her Majesty the Queen, and also to the Grand Master and the youthful Princess of Wales, who reigns in all our hearts, and whose griefs we trust will be

soothed by this advent of a great-grandson to the Queen. I have now to ask you to join in these addresses of congratulation most heartily, and to unite with them our hearty good wishes for the speedy recovery of Her Royal Highness the Duchess of York. His Lordship then read the address, and a second one to the Prince of Wales, and formally moved that the addresses be engrossed and presented in due course to Her Majesty and the Grand Master.

The Earl of Mount-Edgcumbe said, Most Worshipful Pro Grand Master and Brethren, I need add nothing to what has been said, and so well said, by the Pro Grand Master upon a subject which, as one of the addresses expresses it, is a matter of heartfelt rejoicing not only to all the members of our Craft, but to all the subjects of the Queen. Loyalty and affection to her Majesty and our Grand Master, and, may I add, to our country as well, combine to make us all join in these addresses. I feel sure that there is not a Mason present here in this

hall, or one outside its walls, among the many thousands represented by this Grand Lodge, who will not feel that the words of these addresses you have heard read express his own feelings, his own words, and his own hopes. Therefore I have not the slightest hesitation in seconding the motion of the Most Worshipful Pro Grand Master that those addresses be presented to the Queen and the Prince of Wales.

Brother W. F. Lamonby: As a Past Grand Officer of the Victorian Constitution, may I be permitted to say that the graceful words which have fallen from the Pro Grand Master and the Deputy Grand Master will, I am confident, be received and echoed through the whole of the colony of Victoria. The Brethren composing that Grand Lodge are not forgetful that his Royal Highness the Grand Master is the Grand Patron of Victorian Masonry.

The motion was then unanimously agreed to, and Grand Lodge was closed.

NEXT WEEK.

Monday.

1866 Highgate, Midland Grand Hotel
1922 Earl of Lathom, Surrey Masonic Hall
2426 Wood Green, Wood Green

40 Derwent, Hastings
68 Royal Clarence, Bristol
75 Love and Honour, Falmouth
105 Fortitude, Plymouth
106 Sun, Exmouth
151 Albany, Newport, Isle of Wight
189 Sincerity, East Stonehouse
237 Indefatigable, Swansea
240 St. Hilda, South Shields
297 Witham, Lincoln
303 Benevolent, Teignmouth
330 One and All, Bodmin
481 St. Peter, Newcastle-on-Tyne
589 Druid Love and Liberality, Redruth
671 Prince of Wales, Llanelly
797 Hauley, Dartmouth
884 Derwent, Wirksworth
893 Meridian, Millbrook
1221 Defence, Leeds
1373 St. Hubert, Andover
1408 Stamford and Warrington, Stalybridge
1436 Castle, Sandgate
1449 Royal Military, Canterbury
1611 Eboracum, York
1618 Handyside, Saltburn-by-Sea
1792 Tudor, Harborne
1885 Torridge, Gt. Torrington
1948 Hardman, Rawtenstall
1952 High Peak, Chapel-en-le-Frith
1966 Fidelity and Sincerity, Wellington
2376 Carnarvon, Layland
2422 Ebbisham, Epsom
2457 St. Annes, St. Annes-on-Sea

Tuesday.

80 St. John, Sunderland
131 Fortitude, Truro
184 United Benevolence, New Brompton
241 Merchants, Liverpool
272 Harmony, Boston
319 New Forest, Lymington
371 Perseverance, Maryport
473 Faithful, Birmingham
484 Faith, Ashton-in-Makerfield
496 Peace and Harmony, St. Austell
603 Zetland, Cleckheaton
626 Lansdowne of Unity, Chippenham
696 St. Bartholomew, Wednesbury
764 Harbour of Refuge, West Hartlepool
814 Parrett and Axe, Crewkerne
829 Sydney, Sidcup
877 Royal Alfred, Jersey
897 St. Helens of Loyalty, St. Helens
967 Three Grand Principles, Penryn
973 Royal Somerset, Frome
990 Neyland, Neyland
1021 Hartington, Barrow-in-Furness
1073 Greta, Keswick
1220 Solway, Aspatria
1250 Gilbert Grenall, Warrington
1267 Kenlis, Egremont
1314 Acacia, Bromley, Kent
1402 Jordan, Torquay
1476 Blackpool, Blackpool
1528 Fort, Newquay
1713 Wilbraham, Walton-on-the-Hill
1837 Lullingstone, Wilmington
1847 Ebrington, Stonehouse
2099 Ethelbert, Herne Bay

2104 Whitwell, Stockton-on-Tees
2134 Wilberforce, Hull
2222 Frederick West, East Molesey
2487 St. Michael, Stone
2492 Concordia, Wendover

Wednesday.

13 Union Waterloo, Plumstead
820 Lily of Richmond, Richmond
1629 United, Freemasons-hall
1827 Alliance, Guildhall Tavern
1986 Honor Oak, Upper Norwood
84 Doyle's Lodge of Fellowship, Guernsey
86 Loyalty, Preston
187 Royal Sussex of Hospitality, Bristol
244 Yarborough, Jersey
250 Minerva, Hull
274 Tranquillity, Newchurch
277 Friendship, Oldham
281 Fortitude, Lancaster
288 Harmony, Todmorden
323 Concord, Stockport
498 Royal Standard, Dudley
560 Harmony, Ormskirk
654 Peveril of the Peak, New Mills
661 Fawcett, Seaham Harbour
666 Benevolence, Princetown
679 St. David, Aberdare
697 United, Colchester
708 Carnarvon, Hampton Court
730 Ellesmere, Chorley
731 Arboretum, Derby
755 St. Tudno, Llandudno
851 Worthing of Friendship, Worthing
852 Zetland, Salford
906 Royal Albert Edward, Bath
910 St. Oswald, Pontefract
1018 Shakespeare, Bradford
1091 Erme, Ivybridge
1094 Temple, Liverpool
1107 Cornwallis, Chislehurst
1140 Ashton, Heaton Moor
1181 De la Pole, Seaton, Devon
1209 Lewises, Ramsgate
1248 Denison, Scarborough
1331 Aldershot Camp, Aldershot
1342 Walker, Newcastle-on-Tyne
1356 Toxteth, Liverpool
1398 Baldwin, Dalton-in-Furness
1400 Curwen, Workington
1547 Liverpool, Liverpool
1643 Perseverance, Hebburn-on-Tyne
1855 St. Maurice, Plympton
1879 Lord Warkworth, Amble
1932 Whitworth, Spennymoor
2156 Arthur Sullivan, Manchester
2294 Wavertree, Wavertree
2389 Avondale, Middlewich
2423 St. Mark, Connahs Quay
2450 Loxfield, Uckfield
2483 Hadrian, Westham

Thursday.

1642 Earl of Carnarvon, Ladbroke Hall
35 Medina, Cowes
130 Royal Gloucester, Southampton
139 Britannia, Sheffield
216 Harmonic, Liverpool
333 Royal Preston, Preston
369 Limestone Rock, Clitheroe
381 Harmony and Industry, Darwen
426 Shakespeare, Spilsby
437 Science, Wincanton
546 Etruscan, Longton

630 St. Cuthbert, Howden
710 Pleiades, Totnes
732 Royal Brunswick, Brighton
816 Royd, Littleborough
991 Tyne, Wallsend
1032 Townley Parker, Chorley
1099 Huyshe, Stoke Damerel
1145 Equality, Accrington
1164 Elliot, St. Germans
1182 Duke of Edinburgh, Liverpool
1213 Bridgewater, Eccles
1235 Phoenix of St. Ann, Buxton
1273 St. Michael, Sittingbourne
1387 Chorlton, Chorlton-cum-Hardy
1416 Falcon, Thirsk
1495 Arkwright, Matlock Bath
1576 Dec, Park-Gate, Cheshire
1583 Corbet, Towyn
1697 Hospitality, Waterfoot
1750 Coleridge, Clevedon
1915 Graystone, Whitstable
1992 Tennant, Cardiff
2091 Castleberg, Settle
2234 Onslow, Guildford
2262 Dagmar, Wraysbury
2278 Kingswood, Broxbourne
2285 Eden, Workington
2343 Sir William Harpur, Bedford
2372 James Terry, Waltham Cross
2420 Ferdinand de Rothschild, Waddesdon
2449 Duke of York, Manchester

Friday.

1602 Sir H. Myddelton, Agricultural-hall
36 Glamorgan, Working-at-Cardiff
81 Doric, Woodbridge
170 All Souls, Weymouth
318 True and Faithful, Helston
445 Fidelity, Towcester
458 Aire and Calder, Goole
516 Phoenix, Stowmarket
526 Honour, Wolverhampton
566 St. Germain, Selby
652 Holme Valley, Holmfirth
712 Lindsey, Louth
1001 Harrogate and Claro, Harrogate
1087 Beaudesert, Leighton Buzzard
1102 Mirfield, Mirfield
1121 Wear Valley, Bishop Auckland
1224 Stour Valley, Sudbury
1428 United Service, Landport
1605 De La Pole, Hull
1676 St. Nicholas, Newcastle-on-Tyne
1826 Parthenon, Croydon
1983 Martyn, Southwold

Saturday.

1685 Gueiph, Leyton
1686 Paxton, Surrey Masonic-hall
2384 Mitcham, Lower Mitcham
149 Peace, Meltham
308 Prince George, Todmorden
336 Benevolence, Marple
444 Union, Starcross
453 Chigwell, Chingford
869 Gresham, Cheshunt Park
1146 De Moulham, Swanage
1415 Campbell, Hampton Court
1755 Eldon, Portishead
2006 Tilbury, Purfleet
2069 Prudence, Leeds
2105 Cama, Hampton Court
2147 Crays Valley, St. Mary Cray
2326 Wigan, Wigan

REPORTS OF MEETINGS.

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PROVINCIAL.

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FIDELITY LODGE, No. 555.

THE anniversary meeting was held at the Crown Hotel, Framlingham, on the 20th ult., when Bro. C. S. Kidall was installed Worshipful Master for the ensuing year.

The Installation was performed by Bro. J. B. Fraser. Bro. G. Abbot acted as D. of Cers. At the conclusion of the ceremony the Worshipful Master appointed and invested his Officers.

The Installation Banquet followed, Bro. Cocks providing an excellent menu.

Bro. Vernon, in submitting the toast of the evening, the Worshipful Master, remarked that he had known Bro. Kidall from his boyhood in Masonry; he was present at his initiation, and he had seen him rise on the ladder of Masonry to the proud position he held at the present moment. Since the time Bro. Kidall was initiated he had not missed more than two nights at the Lodge. If all Brethren would be as attentive to their Masonic duties as Bro. Kidall had been, Lodge Fidelity would be in a much more healthy and prosperous state.

The Worshipful Master, responding, thanked the Brethren for the hearty way in which they had received the toast, and for their kindly good wishes towards him in assuming the responsibility which he then held, and which was by no means a light one. He looked upon it as a laudable and legitimate ambition of every Mason to gain that office. During his Masonic career he had seen that chair well and worthily occupied, and he felt that in receiving the gavel he must look to it that it lost none of its lustre through his unworthiness, and that it would be his duty by all proper means to increase the number of the members of the Lodge, and if possible to enhance its influence. He concluded by proposing the health of the Installing Master. He had seen Installation ceremonies in other Lodges and other Provinces, but he must say that he had never seen work done so feelingly and so thoroughly as it had been performed by Bro. Fraser, who seemed to be so deeply imbued with the spirit of the words he uttered that they came with added force. Long might he live to come amongst them.

Bro. Fraser, in reply, observed that this was not the first, or the second, but eighteenth or nineteenth occasion upon which he had performed the ceremony.

Bro. Tempest proposed the Charities, responded to by Bro. Drake; and Bro. Martin the Visitors, responded to by Bros. A. W. Cobbold, W. P. Smart, and Geo. Abbott.

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CARNARVON LODGE, No. 804.

THE Installation meeting took place at the Freemasons' Hall, Waterloo Road, Havant, on Tuesday, the 3rd inst., when there was a good attendance of Brethren and visitors. The outgoing Master, Bro. J. Mew Godfrey, inducted into the chair Bro. George Cox S.W. (the ceremony being performed in his usual able and instructive manner), who appointed the following Officers: Bros. J. M. Godfrey I.P.M., W. Bates P.M. S.W., G. Huggett J.W., E. Spiggins P.M. Treasurer, H. W. Smith Parsons P.M. Secretary, C. J. Morris S.D., F. Hales J.D., J. T. Slade P.M. D.C., H. M. Smith I.G., J. Bleach Org., F. A. Fawcett and A. Upton Stewards, W. Burrows Tyler.

The following members were also present:—Bros. H. R. Trigg P.P.G. S. of W., T. Francis P.P.G.W., L. J. Morey, W. S. Williams, J. Hillyer and W. W. Blake. Visitors:—G. F. Lancaster P.P.G. Reg. Prov. G. Assistant Secretary, C. Holmes W.M. 342, F. Hazzard W.M. 903, E. H. Buck W.M. 2153, T. H. Nancarrow W.M. 2074, R. G. Pither W.M. 2068, R. Waterman W.M. 1834, E. Lay P.M. 560 P.P.G. Std. B. Worcesters., A. J. Dunn S.W. 342, C. Martin S.W. 1428, W. A. Morley 487, T. F. Wilton P.P.G. Org., C. F. Brown J.W. 487, F. Doyle 148, H. W. Green 2068, G. Cook, W. E. Bate 487, E. Godwin S.W. 1776.

After the Lodge had been closed the Brethren adjourned to the banquet room, where forty sat down to an excellent repast.

The usual Masonic toasts were heartily received and responded to, being interspersed with some capital singing by Bros. Holmes, Brown, Bates, Lancaster and Bascombe, Bro. T. F. Wilton being the accompanist.

Bro. H. W. Smith Parsons, who was unfortunately prevented from attending the Lodge, met with a hearty greeting on entering the room. Bro. J. M. Godfrey, in the name of the Lodge and in an eulogistic speech, spoke in high terms of the excellent services that had been rendered to the Lodge by Bro. Smith Parsons, and presented him with a salver and breakfast cruet, which had been subscribed for by the members of his Mother Lodge in recognition of his useful work in connection with Freemasonry generally, to which Bro. Smith Parsons responded. The toast list having been completed, the meeting broke up.

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EGERTON LODGE, No. 1030.

THE regular meeting was held at the George Hotel, Heaton Norris, on Monday, the 18th ult. There were present:—Bros. G. B. Goodfellow S.W., H. Marriott S.D., Jas. W. Abbott P.M. P.P.G.D.C., Thos Knott I.P.M. Secy., Capt. E. G. Lingard P.M. P.P.G.W., William A. Vaughan P.M., George Lingard Vaughan P.M., Walter H. Vaughan P.M. P.P.G.Reg., John Rostron P.M. P.P.J.D., T. B. Brooks, Chas. Crush, Ernest Broome and others. Visitors:—Bros. Geo. Rostron 1140, Wm. Schofield 1140.

In the absence of Bro. Hy. Wilson W.M. Bro. Abbott assumed the principal chair, but there being very little business of an important nature, an early adjournment to supper took place, which in turn was followed by the festive board. Bro. Abbott proposed the Loyal and Masonic toasts, the latter being responded to by Bros. Capt. Lingard, Walter H. Vaughan, and John Rostron.

Bro. Wm. A. Vaughan very humourously submitted the toast of the W.M., coupling with it the name of Bro. Abbott (acting W.M.), to which the latter responded in remarks which were mainly of an exegetical character. He paid a very high tribute to the worth of their absent Officer, who had taken a brief respite from active professional duties, saying that he was sure—and this assumption was founded upon his own experience in visiting—that there was no Lodge in the Province which possessed a more estimable and efficient W.M. than Bro. Wilson had proved himself to be.

The harmony of the evening was contributed by Bros. Geo. and John Rostron, Ed. Roberts P.M. and T. B. Brooks.

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STRANGWAYS LODGE, No. 1219.

THE regular meeting was held at the Masonic Hall, Old Boar's Head, Manchester, on Wednesday, 27th June, Bro. Wm. O. O. Wilkinson W.M. Besides Bros. W. Baron S.W., B. Whitwam J.W. and W. B. Russell P.M. P.P.G.A.D.C. Sec., there was the usual good attendance of Brethren, as also several visitors from the Virtue, Faith, Richmond, and other Lodges.

Bro. J. Robinson I.P.M. rendered a very masterly explanation of the Second Tracing Board, his work being highly commended.

Before the Lodge was closed arrangements were made for the annual Pic-nic, which is to take place on Thursday, the 26th inst., the place selected being Castleton, Derbyshire. Last year we gave a description of this delightful holiday resort, and the mere mention of its name ought to attract every member of the Strangeways Lodge, together with a goodly number of their friends.

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PELHAM LODGE, No. 1303.

A PRESENTATION was made on the 21st ult., by the members, to Bro. G. Wilson a P.M. of the Lodge, who is resigning his position as Engineer and Manager of the Lewes Gas Works. The proceedings took the form of a complimentary dinner at the Royal Oak Assembly Rooms, Bro. Woolgar Worshipful Master presiding.

Bro. W. Wright P.M. P.P.G.W. proposed the health of the guest of the evening, and said he considered the Gas Company were losing the services of the ablest manager they had ever had. After referring to Bro. Wilson's connection with Masonry, he proceeded to ask his acceptance of a gold watch and chain as a token of their fraternal esteem.

Bro. Wilson made a suitable response, and some very complimentary remarks concerning him were added by an Officer of Grand Lodge present.

The watch bears Bro. Wilson's monogram and a suitable inscription.

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LODGE OF TRUTH, No. 1458.

AS reverted to in our report of the regular meeting held at the Wheat Sheaf, High Street, Manchester, in the beginning of last month, the ceremonies which awaited performance were so numerous that it became necessary to hold an emergency meeting for the purpose of reducing their number, which accordingly took place on Saturday last.

In the first instance, Mr. Jas. Harold Sandiford, who had already been balloted for, was initiated by Bro. Hamlet L. Burgess W.M., who was assisted by Bros. E. M. Shepherd S.W., and W. H. Worsley J.W., the former presenting and explaining the Working Tools, and the latter delivering the Charge.

Then followed the passing of Bro. C. V. Bretherton, this ceremony being performed by Bro. T. H. Hall P.M. Secretary, assisted by Bro. Shepherd, who presented and explained the Working Tools of the degree.

To Bro. Buckley Carr P.M. was reserved the privilege of raising Bro. Edward Jackson to the sublime degree, thus putting a finish to a triad of ceremonials, which, although performed under a heat of tropical power, were nevertheless well done in every detail.

These proceedings were followed by a dinner, provided in that very excellent manner for which the name of Bro. Tom Wood, the host, has become proverbial.

The Lodge now stands adjourned until 1st September, but the Brethren will have an opportunity of meeting each other at the annual picnic, which will take place on Saturday next, the 14th inst. The place selected is Windermere. We have had the privilege of receiving a programme of the arrangements, which are admirable, and only the restraining influence of Jupiter Pluvius is necessary to insure a day of delightful pleasure.

Besides those enumerated, there were present at the Lodge:—Bros. Alfred Hebden P.M. P.P.G.D.D.C., C. Pollitt Cooper S.D., Leopold Hirsch J.D., Harry Bishop Organist, A. B. Taylor I.G., J. Dean Std., G. H. Needle P.M., Herbert Hellewell, Parkin and Kempster. Visitors:—Bros. H. Gordon Small P.M. 2368 P.G.D.C. Cheshire, J. Jeffery W.M. 1140, H. F. Jeffery 1140, and others.

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MINNEHAHA MINSTREL LODGE, No. 2363.

THE last meeting of this Lodge previous to the recess, held at the Victoria Hotel, Manchester, on Monday, 25th June, was a very fitting close to a fairly busy season. Bros. Frederick Vjetoj

Arden, and Dr. William Francis Dearden, both of Wilton Lodge, No. 1077, were successfully balloted for as Joining Members, and Bro. Albert James Holt was passed to the degree of F.C. by Bro. W. A. Brabner W.M., the working tools being presented and explained by Bro. Cyril H. Beever S.W.

At the festive board which followed, the usual Loyal and Masonic toasts were submitted, that of the newly-passed Brother being proposed by the W.M., who took the opportunity of congratulating Bro. Sam Luke upon being able not only to accept at a moment's notice the important position of Deacon, but to perform the duties in a very creditable manner.

Bro. Holt said in reply that he had not anticipated having to make another speech, thinking that after his initiation was over the ordeal was passed. He was glad to learn however that he had been enabled to answer the questions satisfactorily, and hoped to acquit himself better upon the next occasion.

The health of the newly-joined Brethren was proposed by the W.M. Bro. Arden said he thanked them sincerely for the honour they had conferred upon him, that of becoming a member of the Minnehaha Minstrel Lodge, and this was no empty phrase. As a visitor he had noticed the peace and harmony which prevailed, and he looked forward to a long and happy sojourn amongst them.

Bro. Dearden also characterised it as an honour to be considered one of them. Two months ago he had not anticipated entering the portals of the Lodge room as a member. From an outsider's point of view he did not think there was a Lodge better known throughout England; its efforts in the cause of Charity being widespread, and to the best of his ability he would do his best to maintain its prestige.

Other toasts followed, which were relieved by songs, recitations, &c., given by Bros. C. H. Beever S.W., Chas. Harrop J.W., Fred Hilton J.D. P.P.G.D.C., Thomas Black P.P.G.D., Ed. Roberts P.M., S. H. Stubbs, Thos. Hamnett, F. Todd and Dr. Dearden. The W.M. was the accompanist upon the piano.

The visitors were Bros. Wm. Guilford W.M. St. Johns' 3½ (S.C.) and Wm. Moulton S.D. 654.

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GATWICK LODGE, No. 2502.

THIS newly-founded Lodge has had a busy time, says last Saturday's "Surrey Leader," during the week. The usual Lodge meeting was held on Tuesday, and an Emergency meeting was held on the following day, when the W.M. Bro. Roberts initiated three new Members.

At the close of the business the Brethren adjourned to the Constitutional Club, where the banquet (catered for by Messrs. Brandt and Keasley) was provided.

There was a very large attendance, and the occasion was rendered more interesting by reason of the presence of ladies—wives and friends of the Brethren of the Lodge—in whose honour the event was distinguished as the first ladies' festival in connection with the Gatwick Lodge.

The banquet was presided over by the W.M., and the company included Colonel Money Provincial Master of Surrey.

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DUKE OF YORK LODGE, No. 2449.

THE regular meeting was held at the Palatine Hotel, Manchester, on Thursday, the 14th ult., Bro. William Boden W.M. There were also present:—Bros. Wm. T. Schofield P.M. P.P.J.G.D., Fred Warburton S.W., Thos. T. Hardicker J.W., Jas. Andrew P.M. 1219 P.P.S.G.D. Treas., Clement Jno. Hall Secretary, Robert Meggitt S.D., John Kinsey J.D., George A. Bowden I.G., Oates Rushton D.C., F. H. Stott, A. G. Bryce Stds., B. Hopkinson P.M., E. Roberts P.M., H. Eastwood, A. O. Wooler, J. H. Maybury, J. T. Whittle, T. H. Wooler, R. Chiswell. Visitors:—Bros. John Chadwick Past Grand Sword B. Prov. G. Sec., Jas. W. Abbott P.M. 1030 Past Prov. Grand Dir. of Cers., Thos. Archer Lowe W.M. 2462 P.P.G. Sd. B., Wm. Dale W.M. 941, Peter Bratt J.W. 2482, E. J. Gadd 1313, Wm. Howard 1147, Fred Hilton P.M. 1458 P.P.G.D.C.

The minutes having been confirmed, Bro. Rd. Chiswell was prepared, and afterwards passed to the degree of F.C. by the W.M., the Working Tools being presented and explained by Brother Fred Warburton S.W.

A very important function afterwards took place, the presentation to Bro. Wm. T. Schofield P.P.J.G.D., on behalf of the Lodge, of an oil painting of himself, as a token of respect and esteem, he being a founder and first Worshipful Master. The presentation was made by Bro. John Chadwick Prov. Grand Secretary Past Grand Sword Bearer of England, in a very neat and trenchant speech, wherein the speaker drew attention to the fact that he had known Bro. Schofield for a great number of years, and congratulated the Lodge upon the success which it had attained under him, and upon the number of initiates whom they had—although only recently established—been able to add to their roll. Though in their case he had not a word of regret to add, yet he must remind them that such things had occurred as to push unduly into Masonry men who afterwards had not been of too much credit to it. If this were done for the sake of the fees, it was not a commendable action to emulate, and he should personally very strongly deprecate anything of the kind. Bro. Chadwick, Asmodeus like, took off the coverings which veiled the Masonic career of Bro. Schofield, and gave some very interesting details connected therewith. He had been initiated in the Prudence Lodge, No. 219 in the year 1866; was Treasurer of the Strangeways Lodge, No. 1219 for 18 years, commencing with the year 1869; and was Worshipful Master of the latter Lodge as long ago as 1876. In the year 1889 the Province of East Lancashire bestowed upon him Provincial honours, which he richly deserved. His Masonic experience had culminated with the Mastership of the Duke of York Lodge, in which position he had gained the respect of all those with whom he had come in contact. Other successes were vividly mirrored by

Bro. Chadwick, who characterised Bro. Schofield as an example well worthy of following. In presenting to him his own admirable portrait he sincerely hoped that the donee, together with Mrs. Schofield, might long be spared to regard this splendid work of art as having been induced by the sincere respect entertained for him by the Brethren.

Bro. Schofield I.P.M. thanked Bro. Chadwick for the very kind expressions of praise so lavishly bestowed upon him, and also the Brethren of the Duke of York Lodge, upon whose behalf they had been uttered, and in return handed over the portrait to the Lodge, as a memento of his connection with it.

Bro. Boden W.M., on behalf of the Lodge, accepted the gift with thanks, paying an additional tribute to the worth of Brother Schofield, and the esteem in which he was held by all.

ALLIED DEGREES.—PRINCE GEORGE COUNCIL, No. 23.

THE duties of this Council were regularly discharged at the Bridge Inn, Bury, on the 28th ult., Bro. John Marshall Past Grand Senior Warden (Allied Degrees) 30° Worshipful Master designate. There were also present, amongst others:—Bros. Vincent Brown, and Jas. W. Kenyon Relief Lodge No. 42, Thomas Mellor St. John 191, J. R. Ragdale Merit 934, Joseph Mellor Prince of Wales 1012, Herbert Hellewell Truth 1458, and Edward Roberts P.M. Ashbury 1459 (FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE).

The Lodge was opened at 6 p.m. by Bro. Marshall W.M. Des., his Officers being Bros. Ragdale S.W., Jos. Mellor J.W., and H. Hellewell S.D.

A Lodge of St. Lawrence the Martyr was opened, as also of Knights of Constantinople, Order of the Red Cross of Babylon, and Grand Tyler of King Solomon, and the ceremonies were effectively worked by the Officers, the candidates for the former degrees being Bros. Hampson Wood Nuttall, Prince Edwin, 128, and Leonard Jagger, Unanimity, 287, and for that of Grand Tyler, Bro. Thomas Mellor, St. John, 191.

The Right Worshipful Bro. Chas. Fitzgerald Matier P.D.G.M. Grand Secretary, accompanied by Bro. Arthur Henry Jefferies P.G.W. 1161, now entered the Lodge, and were received with grand honours. They then undertook the duty of Consecrating the Council, and installing Brother John Marshall first Worshipful Master.

It had not previously been the good fortune of many of those present to witness a similar consecration, and many commended the easy way in which Bro. Matier went about his work, and the amount of enthusiasm which he displayed. We have long known his ability in this particular kind of duty, and can appreciate the hearty expressions of those who applauded his work. In justice to Bro. Matier, it should be recorded that the Brethren listened to the beautifully impressive language with all the attention which such a ceremony deserved.

Upon the proposition of Bro. John Marshall, which was seconded by Bro. J. R. Ragdale, a hearty vote of thanks was accorded to Bros. Matier and Jefferies for their attendance, and they were requested to become honorary members of the Prince George Council, which offer they accepted.

In replying to the vote of thanks, Bro. Matier said that the Most Worshipful Bro. the Earl of Euston Grand Master, had personally desired him to convey to Bro. Marshall his lordship's hearty congratulations upon the formation of such a Council, and to express the deep regret he felt in not being present at its consecration. The Warrant would enable the Brethren to hold meetings and to make members not only in Bury, but also in Stockport and Oldham, and his lordship was convinced that a large measure of success was certain to be gained under the superintendence of its major domo (Bro. Marshall). Bro. Matier said he had conducted over 220 ceremonies of consecration, and he felt sure that the Prince George Council would not be behind any of the others in the quantity or quality of its work, and in the spread of its influence. In conjunction with Lord Euston, he wished them success, and concluded by thanking them for the honour which they had conferred upon him by making him an honorary member of the Council.

Bro. Jefferies also replied.

NEW DEPUTY CHIEF CONSTABLE OF SALFORD.

AT a meeting of the Watch Committee of the Salford Corporation on Monday, Alderman W. Robinson (the chairman) presiding, Bro. John W. Hallam (Senior Warden of the Derby Lodge, No. 1055), Superintendent of the Detective Department, was appointed Deputy Chief Constable of the Salford police, Bro. Hallam's predecessor having been placed on the superannuation fund with a retiring pension of £200 per annum. Bro. Hallam, who still retains control of the Detective Branch, joined the force in July 1878 as a constable in the preventive department. In 1882 he was promoted to the rank of Sergeant, and in 1885 to the post of Inspector and chief clerk, with charge of the Government returns and other statistical work of the force. In 1889 Bro. Hallam became Detective-Superintendent, which post he has held up to his present appointment. He initiated the first and only prosecution for boycotting which has ever taken place in England. It was a case of some Irish boycotters, who were ruining the Irish cattle trade at the Salford Cattle Market. Bro. Hallam took the matter in hand, and through his exertions the men were sent to the Liverpool Assizes and convicted.

Bro. Hallam's father, Mr. John Hallam, is the late Chief Superintendent of the County Constabulary for the High Peak Division of Derbyshire, which position, previous to his superannuation a little over a year ago, he had occupied for many years. Bro. Hallam's grandfather was also connected with the prevention of crime.

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ELECTION TACTICS.

To the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—Your correspondent of last week seems to imagine the elective "rulers of the Craft" are selected purely on account of their merit. In the majority of cases it is nothing of the sort, they merely secure office as the result of active canvassing on their behalf by friends, although I admit a Brother must have some special abilities, or he would not get a number of energetic members of Grand Lodge to work for him. As a matter of fact I imagine the candidates for the different Boards are practically unknown to the Brethren who attend Grand Lodge. By far the largest number of those who vote do so in answer to the request of one or other of the Brethren who take part in the canvassing I have already referred to, but I cannot see any great harm in such a course, indeed it strikes me as the best that can be devised under the circumstances, for despite the lack of personal knowledge in regard to the different candidates the most popular Brother, or the nominee of the most popular party, must secure a place, and that is all that is needed in any office decided by vote.

Yours fraternally,

AN ELECTOR.

20th June 1894.

AUSTRALIA.

THE following extracts are made from a letter recently forwarded by Brother R. K. Threlfall (late of Manchester) Treasurer of the United Tradesmen's Lodge, No. 4, Adelaide. After a description of the magnificent Australian weather: not a cloud in the sky, a gentle breeze off the sea,—a day for a scamper over the beautiful hills, he says, "we have now nice blackberries on the table, and yesterday we had fine pine apples, the former grown in the cooler climate of the hills, the other in the tropical parts of Queensland. There are at present exhibited in the shops, pears, apples, grapes, pines, bananas, lemons, green figs, and lots of other fruits which are very cheap. Of figs I have got two baskets full, taken from my own trees on the previous Saturday evening. They are very luscious, and are considered wholesome, being generally picked before breakfast, which is the best time to take them. As for tomatoes, if you give a penny per lb. you should get good ones, and large. I can generally eat about six for my evening meal. On my vine trellis are hundreds of bunches hanging just over head, coming ripe. I never sell, but visitors are welcome to as many as they can eat or carry away."

Bro. Threlfall mentions the codlin moth (which came originally from Tasmania), an insect which attacks the apple, and virtually kills the fruit. He had it in his trees. The minute fly lays an egg in the eye of the apple just as it forms from the blossom, and when the apple gets to a fair size, the grub, which has now grown, eats its way through from the kernel, and the fruit falls off. It is so destructive that the Government employ inspectors, who go round to see that proper means are being taken for its eradication, sometimes ordering whole orchards to be destroyed on this account. It is a great pest, but almost every season they are troubled with some parasite. This year, however, there had fortunately been a good crop.

The eucalyptus oil is obtained there in very large quantities, and finds a ready market.

Bro. Threlfall reverted to the excitement about gold, which had lately been found in various hills in Western Australia, nearly 2,000 miles from his residence. He said that many people had been there and returned to float companies from specimens exhibited. One party, consisting of three persons, having discovered something good, had made £40,000 in a few months. Another party of two, who in the first instance had been compelled to borrow money from a friend of his to pay their way, made £16,000 in a very short time. He cites other cases of people well known to him, who were but recently poor, and who are now rich men by this means.

It is an immense country, and for hundreds of miles gold bearing, but down to the present time it had been impossible to construct dams or sink wells, and the people had to depend on surface water. "All is not gold that glitters" however, for the place is a six days' steamer journey, then fourteen by land, and being no railroads, the latter portion must be done by team. Water had been sold as high as 3s per gallon, and rarely less than 1s. Bro. Threlfall mentions other things which proportionately are quite as dear, and says that though gold is worth 77s 6d per oz., yet it takes something to get it, exclusive of the hardships and rough living. A steamer had recently left Adelaide with a load of camels and horses, and every vessel is full, although freights are dear. "But then the people have the gold fever, and they will go."

He wrote of another kind of emigration to Paraguay, in South America. A demagogue had been stirring up the people with fine prospects, describing in lectures the beauties of the new El Dorado, where people had full liberty to do as they liked, could live cheaply,

and govern themselves without taxes, and without control. So glowing an account did he give, that two ship loads of people went from thence; but unfortunately, from accounts gathered, serious dissensions and bickerings had arisen amongst the residents. One friend who returned managed to get back his money (£60), and he is now in Sydney. Another managed to back out after having gone to the trouble of building for himself and wife a one-roomed hut. After the former comforts of home he did not relish the discomforts of Paraguay. This man was Master of a Masonic Lodge last year, a very nice person, quiet, level-headed (and here the writer compares him with Bro. Holland, a Past Master of the Albert Victor Lodge, No. 1773, Pendleton), a coach trimmer by trade, earning from £3 to £4 per week. Many others whom he knew had sorrowfully returned from this new Utopia.

He describes trade as being dull, the price of their products (of which he mentions silver, copper, wool, wheat, butter, etc., many tons of which had been sent to England), being in the ascendant, and this prevents shipments. Butter they had sold as low as 4½d, but now it is 9d to 11d per pound retail.

They had the unemployed difficulty to cope with, many being out of work, such as bushmen, labourers, and that class of men. When these begin to agitate, the Government provides stone for them to break, which kind of labour they do not like.

In matters Masonic, Bro. Threlfall had not much fresh news. When he returned from what he described as "your dear old foggy, wet, cold country," he had the pleasure of giving his Lodge an account of his reception by the Albert Victor Lodge, and also some of the Bolton Lodges. He should never forget this, nor yet his old friend, John L. Smith P.M. 1773. It was intended to request Bro. Threlfall to stand as a Grand Lodge Officer, of which the Earl of Kintore is Grand Master, the Chief Justice being Pro G.M. He writes very enthusiastically of the position of Treasurer which he holds in his own Lodge, saying that he was a regular attender, and liked the duties.

GARRULITY.

WE are told that the Scythians ate their grandfathers when they became old, prosy, and troublesome; and in the Spanish legend, the garrulous man has no soul to last after death; he turns into wind, and is happy in making throughout eternity a noise which nobody can understand. Of this man, the witty Frenchman says:—"He speaks much, but says nothing." The cynic says of him, "He always talks of himself when I want to talk of myself." Sydney Smith said of a great talker, that it would greatly improve him if he had now and then "a few flashes of silence."

This individual confronts us under nearly every condition of life, and the mildest term which we apply to him is that of bore.

When you are tired, and seek in the home circle a few hours' rest from the distractions of business, he drops in to give you a stale or uninteresting account of somebody about whom you do not care a rap. He will inflict upon you the arguments contained in the recent utterance of a great man, the important points of a sermon which he has just heard, the plot of the newest novel or of the latest theatrical production. If he takes an interest in public matters he will treat you to a "réchauffé" of his own attempts at oratory, and if elderly he seems to have relapsed into a sort of dotage which consists in telling senile anecdotes about himself or acquaintances. The genus bore is described in the following illustrations:

Done with Time.—A member of the Irish House of Commons, who was a fluent but prosy talker, was making a long and tedious speech against a bill which Curran the celebrated orator defended. The speaker at last reminded him that his time had expired. "Time, Mr. Speaker!" exclaimed Curran, "he has long since done with time; he is now trenching on eternity!"

A Rebuff.—Lord Ellenborough, showing some impatience at a barrister's speech, the gentleman paused, and said—"Is it the pleasure of the court that I should proceed with my statement?" "Pleasure, sir, has been out of the question for a long time, but you may proceed," was the answer.

Too Lazy to Stop.—"How is it," said a man to his neighbour, that Parson —, the laziest man living, writes such interminable sermons?" "Why," was the reply, "he probably gets to writing, and is too lazy to stop."

Tired.—An old Fife gentleman had been to church at Elie, and listening to a young and bombastic preacher who happened to be officiating for the Rev. Dr. Milligan, then in the church. After service, meeting the doctor in the passage, he introduced the young clergyman, who on being asked by the old man how he did, elevated his shirt-collar, and complained of fatigue, and being very much "tired." "Tired, did ye say my man," said the old satirist, who was slightly deaf, "Lord, man! if you are half as tired as I am I pity ye."

Lincoln and the Bore.—When Abraham Lincoln was a representative in Congress, a prosy member was wearying the house with a dull and prolix speech. When Lincoln moved to adjourn, the tiresome member exclaimed—"I hope the house will not adjourn until I get through." "Oh very well," said Lincoln, "at the rate you're 'boring,' I suppose you must be nearly through."

Sententious.—Mr. Pennant tells us in his "History of Hindostan," of an Indian monarch, that in giving audience to two ambassadors whom he foresaw would weary him with prolix harangues, cut the first short with this sensible remark,— "Be not too tedious, life is short."

Colouring a Sermon.—A reverend doctor of Georgia had a rather slow delivery, which was the occasion of an amusing scene in the chapel of the Lunatic Asylum. He was preaching and illustrating his subject by the case of a man condemned to be hanged, and reprieved under the scaffold. He went on to describe in vivid language the gathering of the crowd, the bringing out of the prisoner, his remarks under the gallows, the appearance of the

executioner, the adjustment of the halter, the preparation to let fall the platform, and just then the appearance in the distance of the dust-covered courier, the jaded horse, the waving handkerchief, the commotion of the crowd. At this thrilling point, when everyone was listening in breathless silence, the doctor became a little prosy. One of the lunatics could hold on no longer, and shouted, "Hurry doctor, for mercy's sake, hurry! They'll hang the poor man before you get there!"

"Book of Rarities," by Edward Roberts, P.M.

BIRKBECK BUILDING SOCIETY.

THE 43rd Annual meeting of this society was held on Thursday, 5th inst., at the Offices, 29 and 30 Southampton Buildings, Chancery Lane.

The report adopted states that the receipts during the year which ended 31st March last reached £10,014,003, making a total from the commencement of the Society of more than One hundred and seventy three millions (£173,311,217).

The deposits received were £9,102,698, and the Subscriptions £218,366. The gross profits amounted to £220,833.

The Surplus Funds have augmented by £176,148, and now stand at £5,903,479, of which £1,732,248, is invested in Consols and other Securities guaranteed by the British Government, and the Cash in hands of the Bankers is £449,814.

A further sum of £25,000 has been added to the Permanent Guarantee Fund, thus bringing up the amount to £175,000, and the balance £155,439, making together £330,439, in excess of the Liabilities. The whole amount being invested in Consols.

The Subscriptions and deposits withdrawable on demand amount to £6,053,681.

The 14th Triennial Bonus on Investing Shares has been allotted, and the amount placed to the credit of all shares in existence at the close of the 43rd year is £52,237.

The Surplus Funds (which are invested in convertible Securities) are sufficient to pay the Depositors 111½ per cent. on the amount of their Deposits.

The new accounts opened during the year were 11,096, and there are altogether 69,206 Shareholders and Depositors on the Books, and the number of shares in existence is 54,392.

Since its establishment, the Society has returned to the Shareholders and Depositors more than One hundred and forty millions (£144,460,220) the whole amount having been repaid upon demand. The amount advanced to Borrowers has been £2,536,343, and the amount of Interest and Bonus paid to Investors and Depositors is nearly two and a half millions sterling, the exact figures being £2,458,987.

WEEKLY EXCURSIONS TO NORTH WALES.

FOR many years past the Great Western Railway Company have run Excursions each week during the Summer months between London and Weymouth, Exeter, Plymouth, Penzance and other stations in the West of England; and with the view of increasing the facilities for visiting North Wales, the Company announce that on every Saturday during July, August and September—commencing on Saturday, 7th July, an Express Excursion train will leave Paddington at 8.10 a.m. for Shrewsbury, Oswestry, Borth, Aberystwyth, Bala, Barmouth, Harlech, Criccieth, Rhyl, Colwyn Bay, Llandudno, Conway, Bettws-y-coed, Bangor, Carnarvon, Llanberis (for Snowdon) and many other favourite holiday resorts. The tickets will be available for return on the following Monday, Monday week, or Monday fortnight, and the facilities afforded will no doubt be appreciated and largely patronised. Cheap trains will be run to London from North Wales every Monday, commencing on 9th July, returning on the following Saturday or Saturday week.

The Theatres, &c.

Drury Lane.—This day, 8, *Fidelio*.

Covent Garden.—Elaine. Monday, *Falstaff*. Tuesday, *Faust*. Wednesday, *Pagliacci* and *Cavalleria Rusticana* (last performance). Thursday, *Lohengrin*.

Lyceum.—8, *Faust*. Matinée, Saturday, 2.

Savoy.—8.15, *Mirette*.

Trafalgar.—7.40, *The Silver Honeymoon*. 8.15, *Go-Bang*. Matinée, Saturday, 2.30.

Garrick.—8, *Money*. Matinée, Saturday, 2.

St. James's.—8.30, *The Masqueraders*. Matinée, Saturday, 2.30.

Strand.—8, *Parallel Attacks*. 8.45, *Our Flat*.

Comedy.—8.30, *The Professor's Love Story*. Matinée, Wednesday and Saturday, 2.30.

Adelphi.—8, *Shall we forgive her?*

Gaiety.—8.30, *Madame Sans Gene*. Matinée, Saturday, 2.30.

Prince of Wales's.—8.15, *A Gaiety Girl*. Matinée, Saturday, 2.30.

Court.—8.15, *The Cape Mail*. 9, *Marriage*.

Daly's.—8.30, *Sarah Bernhardt and Company*. Matinée, Wednesday and Saturday, 2.30.

Vaudeville.—8.20, *The Gentleman Whip*. 9, *The New Boy*. Matinée, Wednesday and Saturday, 3.

Globe.—8, *In the Eyes of the World*. 9, *Charley's Aunt*.

Haymarket.—8.30, *A Bunch of Violets*. Matinée, Wednesday and Saturday, 2.30.

Avenue.—8.10, *The Man in the Street*. 8.50, *Arms and the Man*.

Criterion.—8.30, *Mrs. Hilary Regrets*. 9, *The Candidate*.

Matinée, Saturday, 3.

Royalty.—8.15, *Villon, Poet and Cut-throat*. 9, *A night in town*.

Alhambra.—8, *Variety Entertainment*. 9.30, *The New Victoria Cross*. 10.30, *The Revolt of the Daughters*.

Palace.—8, *Variety Entertainment, Ballets, &c.*

Empire.—7.45, *Variety Entertainment, two Grand Ballets, &c.*

Oxford.—7.30, *Variety Entertainment*. Matinée, Saturday, 2.30.

Crystal Palace.—Varied attractions daily.

Egyptian Hall.—3 and 8, Messrs. Maskelyne and Cooke's Entertainment.

Royal.—7.30, *Variety Company*. Matinée, Saturday, 2.30.

London.—*Variety Entertainment*, every evening.

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