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THE BOYS FESTIVAL.

THE arrangements for the coming celebration on behalf of the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys are now in an advanced state, the first meeting of the Board of Stewards having been held on Thursday, 16th inst., and the usual preliminaries having then been settled.

We are pleased to find that the practice that has proved so successful in recent years, of holding the Festival at Brighton, the Ladies and Brethren dining together, is to be repeated this year, and have every reason to believe that the success of the day's outing will be as gratifying as any of its predecessors, especially as a number of experienced and active workers have already been enrolled among those who will see that the necessary preliminaries are properly carried through.

The Board of Stewards has elected the following officers: Honorary Presidents—Sir Offley Wakeman, Bart., Prov.G.M. Shropshire, the Earl of Euston Prov.G.M. Norths. and Hunts., J. Balfour Cockburn, M.D., Prov.G.M. Guernsey and Alderney; President—C. E. Keyser, M.A., F.S.A., J.P., Past Grand Deacon; Acting Vice-Presidents—G. E. Fairchild A.G.D.C., Richard Newhouse Prov.G.Sec. Cheshire; Honorary Treasurer —James Stephens W.M. 2308 P.M. P.P.S.G.D. Bucks Honorary Secretary—J. M. McLeod P.P.S.G.W. Derbyshire W.M. 2509; while the following have been appointed as a Committee to make all arrangements for the Festival:—The President and Acting Vice-Presidents, the Hon. Treasurer, the Hon. Secretary, Bros. Billing, Clowes, Freeman, Hudson and Reed (of Brighton), W. H. Bailey, Blenkarn, Carrell, Clayton and Cookson (Cheshire), Everett, Knightley, Lee (Warwicks.), D. Mayer, F. A. Powell (Monmouths.), and Valeriani.

It is somewhat early to yet hazard any speculation as to the result of the Festival, but it is satisfactory to know that the outlook is promising, the probability being that a fair average amount will be secured, and that the work of the junior Educational Institution will be provided for by the liberality of the Craft for a period of another twelve months at least, although in thus limiting the period we have but little fear as to the future of the Institution, which, we are convinced, will always receive the sympathetic support of the Craft.

MARK MASONRY.

OUR present issue gives evidence of more than usual activity in the Mark Degree, but this is probably explained when we bear in mind that the summer is often selected for the annual communications of Provincial Lodges, our record this week being three such gatherings. But this is not the only cause of apparent progress, for we believe that the Mark degree is becoming day by day more popular in our midst, a fact that is demonstrated by the steady growth in number of Mark and Ark Mariner Lodges, and the continued increase in the number of Registered members.

The annual installation of Mark Grand Lodge is to be held on Tuesday week, and will be followed by the usual Festival, at which the Earl of Euston Pro Grand Master will preside, in the absence of the ever popular chief of the Degree H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, whose re-installation as Grand Master will be sure to call for the same hearty expressions of approval as have followed his regular re-appointment in days gone by.

BERKSHIRE.

IT is announced the annual meeting of this Provincial Grand Lodge will be held at Abingdon, on Tuesday, 25th prox. The last Provincial Grand Lodge held in that town was as far back as 1879, and as the present Worshipful Master of the Abbey Lodge, Brother G. H. Morland, is a son of the much respected Deputy Provincial Grand Master Bro. J. T. Morland, says the "Reading Mercury," it is a fitting opportunity for holding the Provincial Grand Lodge in the old county town this year.

EAST LANCASHIRE.

A VERY successful gathering in connection with this Provincial Grand Lodge took place on Wednesday, at the People's Hall, Wilton Street, Denton, Col. Le Gendre N. Starkie P.G.W. Prov. Grand Master presiding. The meeting was attended by 110 Provincial Officers, and nearly 350 members of the Craft. Subsequently the major portion of them adjourned to the Christ Church Schools, where a substantial banquet had been provided. Our next issue will contain a full report of the proceedings.

SOMERSETSHIRE.

THE annual meeting of the Provincial Grand Lodge was held on Friday, 17th inst., in the Constitutional Club Room at Crewkerne, under the bannner of Parrett and Axe Lodge, No. 813, the P.G.M. Lord Dungarvan presiding. The Lodge Room had been elaborately and very tastefully fitted up by a committee of local Brethren.

The Prov.G.M. was supported on his right by the D.P.G.M. Bro. R. C. Else, and on his left by Bro. Jas. Terry Secretary of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution.

The Provincial Grand Secretary Bro. J. C. Hunt first called the roll of members, and it was ascertained that twenty-four out of the twenty-six Lodges of the Province were represented.

The P.G. Treasurer Bro. C. L. Fry Edwards read the annual statement of accounts, from which it appeared that the receipts amounted to £316 10s 7d, and that the expenditure was £209 6s 4d. A payment of one hundred guineas had been made to the Benevolent Institution, leaving a balance of £20 0s 2d.

Bro. Ashley P.M. (Bath) proposed the re-election of Bro. C. L. Fry Edwards as P.G. Treasurer, and this was seconded by Bro. J. Burnett P.M. 291, Highbridge, and agreed to with acclamation, the P.G.M. remarking that they fully appreciated the valuable services of Bro. Edwards, and were deeply grateful to him.

Bro. Edwards thanked the Brethren present for having elected him Treasurer for the eleventh year in succession, and added that of the 1,125 Brethren on the books when he first took office, no fewer than 611 names had since been removed from the books—a diminution of 64 per cent. Out of over one hundred Brethren on the books at first, only forty-six remained.

The Provincial Officers for the year were then appointed and invested, as follow:—

Bro. J. Tomsett 814	Senior Warden
T. L. Bennett 926	Junior Warden
Rev. R. White 379	Chaplains
Rev. E. A. Sandford 291	
C. L. Fry Edwards 1199	Treasurer
J. Bowyer 1966	Registrar
J. C. Hunt 135	Secretary
J. T. Dunsford 291	Assistant Secretary
J. C. Baldwin 41	Senior Deacon
W. L. Dames 53	Junior Deacon
W. E. J. York 285	Superintendent of Works
J. R. Gill 906	Director of Ceremonies
E. A. Burnett 291	Assistant Dir. of Cers.
F. Blackmore 1222	Sword Bearer
D. Stallworthy 1833	Standard Bearers
W. H. Stead 772	
R. W. Buffett 135	Organist
F. J. Dimmery 1755	Pursuivant
H. Cox 1199	Assistant Pursuivant
W. T. Baker 135	Stewards
A. Hamnett 261	
H. Amos 1750	
J. B. Toms 1953	
W. Ludlow 2390	
A. J. Salter 53	Tylers.
S. Bigwood 41	

The P.G. Secretary next read a satisfactory report from the Charity Organisation Committee, which was unanimously adopted.

The P.G.M. said he wished to take that opportunity of evincing his thorough appreciation of the efforts which the Brethren throughout the Province had made to support him on the occasion of the recent Festival of the Benevelent Institution, and he should be glad to have it noted on the minutes. He had pleasure therefore in proposing "That the best thanks of this P.G. Lodge be given to those Brethren who supported him as Stewards at the 1895 Benevolent Festival, as also the Brethren and Lodges whose generous donations to the Stewards' lists enabled them to take up the grand total of £1,653 14s 6d."

Brother Ashley (Bath) seconded the motion, and bore his testimony to the great amount of benefit conferred by the Masonic Charities.

Brother Terry said it afforded him very great pleasure to have the privilege of attending on behalf of the Committee of the Benevolent Institution to tender their sincere and grateful thanks to his lordship for honouring the Institution by presiding at the Festival gathering, and the Stewards (twenty-six in number) who attended it as representing every Lodge in the Province, to contribute the immense sum that was raised in Somerset. He had been specially requested by the Committee to attend Prov. Grand Lodge that day, to ask his lordship's acceptance of a copy of their resolution of thanks, engrossed on vellum, recording the fact that Somerset had this year surpassed itself in its contribution to the Masonic Charities.

The P.G.M. thankfully acknowledged the presentation, and said it was very gratifying to feel that their efforts in Somerset had been so much appreciated.

Brother E. A. Burnett P.M. 291 proposed that the sum of £20 be paid as a gratuity to the widow of the late Bro. Woodward P.P.G.Tyler.

This was seconded by Bro. Strawbridge (Taunton), but after a statement by the P.G. Treasurer, Bro. J. T. Dunsford P.M. 291 proposed, as an amendment, that the sum of £5 be paid.

This was seconded by Bro. B. Watts, and on a division the amendment was agreed to by a large majority.

The alms collected amounted to £4 15s, and were voted to the Crewkerne Hospital.

Dinner was afterwards partaken of at the George Hotel, under the presidency of the Prov.G.M.—"Bristol Times."

ROYAL ARCH.

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NORTH AND EAST YORKSHIRE.

THE annual Convocation of this Provincial Grand Chapter was held at the Masonic Hall, Hull, on Friday, the 17th inst., by invitation of the Humber Chapter, No. 57.

There was a number of distinguished Companions present. The Marquess of Zetland Prov.G. Superintendent presided, and was supported by the Grand Superintendent of Lincolnshire Comp. Dr. W. Hasling Sissons, and others.

The Chapter having been opened, the Grand Superintendent and Grand Officers were saluted with the regulation honours.

The Treasurer Comp. Joseph Todd P.P.G.T. submitted the annual balance sheet, which was confirmed and adopted.

The Marquess of Zetland subsequently appointed his Officers for the ensuing year, the following Companions receiving Provincial honours;

Comp. Hon. W. T. Orde-Powlett 236	H.
Rev. E. A. Pitman 660	J.
M. C. Peck 250	Scribe E.
A. E. Kessen 57	Scribe N.
H. Woodhouse, LL.D., 1010	Registrar
L. P. Brekke 250	Principal Sojourner
Dr. John Glew 602	1st Assistant Sojourner
J. G. Wallis 1511	2nd Assistant Sojourner
C. Gray 734	Sword Bearer
J. Edgar 294	Standard Bearers
B. Newbald 312	
A. H. Foster 236	Director of Ceremonies
E. Ryley 1605	Assistant Dir. of Cers.
H. J. Oldroyd 57	Organist
T. B. Redfearn 250	Assistant Scribe E.
F. J. Lambert 1010	Janitor.

The Marquess of Zetland next delivered his annual address to Provincial Grand Chapter, and in doing so said: Excellent Companions, again we meet upon the tesseleted floor of this large Chapter, which numbers I believe 200 members. These may indeed be congratulated that their lives have fallen in such pleasant places, since they possess a fine home, ample funds, and such a plethora of Masonic work, in this great centre of the Craft, as to offer inducement for the study of Freemasonry under the most favourable circumstances. Since our last meeting at York the affairs of the sixteen Chapters of which this Province is composed have been carried on with regularity and success, although in some we regret to notice the attendance has not been what it ought to be. However, with the shortened period of membership in Craft necessary prior to admission to the Chapter, and the general spread of Masonic knowledge, we may confidently look forward to increased activity amongst Royal Arch Masons.

I must refer with much regret to the recent decease of my friend and colleague, the late most excellent Companion Thomas Wm. Tew Grand Superintendent of our sister Province of West Yorkshire. He was not only a most distinguished Freemason in every respect, but from his natural goodness of heart, boundless charity, courtesy, geniality, and erudition, was universally beloved. The loss to West Yorkshire we feel is almost irreparable, and our sincere condolence to the family of our deceased friend and Companion must be united with the sympathy we feel for our sister Province upon the heavy calamity which she has sustained. The Grand Superintendent then thanked the Humber Chapter for their hospitality and the excellent arrangements made for the reception of the Provincial Grand Chapter.

The annual banquet was held at the Royal Station Hotel, at which the usual Loyal and Arch toasts were honoured, interspersed with harmony. Comp. Dr. Foster, of York, efficiently discharged the duties of Director of Ceremonies.

MARK MASONRY.

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DORSETSHIRE.

THERE was a large gathering at Puddletown, Dorchester, on the occasion of the annual meeting of this Provincial Grand Lodge, when Colonel Brymer, M.P., was installed Prov. G.M.M., by the Earl of Euston Pro Grand Master of the Degree, who was supported by Bro. W. W. B. Beach, M.P., Past Grand Master Prov. G.M.M. Hants and Isle of Wight, Bro. C. F. Matier Grand Secretary, and others.

The following were appointed as the assistant Officers of the Province for the year:

Bro. H. T. George, Weymouth	Deputy
C. G. Nantes, Bridport	Senior Warden
Z. Milledge, Weymouth	Junior Warden
J. Board, Portland	Master Overseer
T. H. Ensor, Wimborne	Senior Overseer
R. Tucker, Bridport	Junior Overseer
W. Habgood, Wimborne	Treasurer
R. Patey, Wimborne	Secretary
W. H. Hibberd	Registrar of Marks
B. Browning, Weymouth	Chaplain
R. Toleman, Bridport	Senior Deacon
W. Jackson, Portland	Junior Deacon
C. Wilson, Bridport	Inspector of Works
N. Plumtre	Director of Ceremonies
F. Crickmay	Sword Bearer
F. Oakley	Standard Bearer
S. Milledge	Inner Guard.

NORTH AND EAST YORKSHIRE.

THE annual meeting of the Provincial Grand Lodge was held on the 22nd, at the Freemasons' Hall, Malton, on the invitation of the Fitzwilliam Lodge, No. 277.

There was a good attendance of Brethren from various parts of the Province, under the presidency of the Provincial Grand Mark Master the Hon. W. T. Orde-Powlett, who was supported

by his Deputy Col. R. G. Smith, and many present and past Provincial Officers.

After the ordinary business of the year had been gone through, votes of condolence with the families of the late Bros. J. B. Nichols and J. Marshall were unanimously passed, amidst general expressions of regret.

The Provincial Grand Master afterwards appointed and invested the Officers for the year as follow:

Bro. G. Lamb T.I.	Senior Warden
E. K. Spiegelhalter 277	Junior Warden
H. C. Clarke 291	Master Overseer
J. Graham 276	Senior Overseer
J. R. Lane 281	Junior Overseer
Rev. C. E. L. Wright T.I.	Chaplain
A. W. Walker 277	Secretary
— Holford T.I.	Registrar of Marks
J. T. Oliver 337	Senior Deacon
J. Edgar 281	Junior Deacon
J. M. Wilson 291	Inspector of Works
W. S. Meek 95	Director of Ceremonies
F. R. Hansell T.I.	Assist. Dir. of Ceremonies
J. W. Barry 337	Sword Bearer
B. Cass 95	Standard Bearer
J. F. Watson T.I.	Organist
S. Ridge 277	Assistant Secretary
J. T. R. Miller 277	Inner Guard
T. Hodgson 276	Stewards
W. Hornsey 277	Stewards
J. W. Stephenson 281	Stewards
T. Taylor 291	Stewards
W. Stockdale 277	Tyler.

The Brethren afterwards sat down to a banquet at the Talbot Hotel, the Hon. W. T. Orde-Powlett Provincial G.M.M. presiding.

WEST YORKSHIRE.

THE annual meeting of this Provincial Grand Lodge of Mark Master Masons was held at the Masonic Hall, Great George Street, Leeds, on the 15th inst., under the presidency of the Provincial Grand Master Bro. C. L. Mason, of Leeds. More than usual interest was taken in the meeting in consequence of the announcement that the Earl of Euston Pro G.M., accompanied by other Grand Officers, intended to pay a visit to the Lodge. There was a large gathering of Brethren, not only from this, but from other Provinces to meet his Lordship.

The proceedings commenced by the opening by the Worshipful Master (Bro. Thomas Myers) and Officers of the Copley Lodge.

The Provincial Grand Officers were then received in due form, and the Provincial Grand Lodge was opened with the usual ceremonial by Bro. Mason. The Pro Grand Master and Grand Officers were next received and saluted. The following address of welcome was read by Bro. Blackham, the Provincial Grand Treasurer, and presented to the Pro Grand Master by the Provincial Grand Master:—

MOST WORSHIPFUL SIR,—We, the Provincial Grand Master, Provincial Grand Officers, and Brethren of West Yorkshire, tender to you a most hearty and sincere welcome on this, your first visit to this prosperous and harmonious Province. As the distinguished representative of our Most Worshipful Grand Master, we can assure you that the Mark Masons of the West Riding of Yorkshire yield to none in their loyalty and attachment to His Royal Highness and to the Officers of the Grand Mark Lodge of England. We esteem your presence here to-day, and that of the other Officers of Grand Lodge who accompany you, as a very high honour indeed, and we trust you will find, brief though your sojourn amongst us may be, that we endeavour faithfully to carry out the true principles of Mark Masonry, that we recognise our duties and obligations, and that we rejoice to extend to you that hospitality and kindly feeling for which our county has obtained, we venture to hope, a not undeserved reputation.

Signed, on behalf of the Province,

CHARLES LETCH MASON,

Prov. G. Master.

The Pro Grand Master acknowledged the address in suitable terms, and expressed his pleasure at meeting the Brethren of West Yorkshire. The Provincial Grand Master proceeded to invest the following Brethren as Provincial Officers for the ensuing year:—

Bro. T. Wrigley 14	Senior Warden
M. J. Dodworth 53	Junior Warden
Dr. S. Smith	Master Overseer
Thomas Norfolk T.I.	Senior Overseer
W. Hudson 58	Junior Overseer
Rev. G. H. Stock, M.A., 398	Chaplain
W. W. Clayton 374	Treasurer
C. Middleton 111	Registrar
J. Matthewman 110	Secretary
Thomas Uttley 14	Senior Deacon
W. J. Morris 58	Junior Deacon
William Senior 127	Inspector of Works
Alfred Leach 110	Director of Ceremonies
T. B. Wilson 457	Assist. Dir. of Ceremonies
T. Tomlinson 111	Sword Bearer
C. Lingard 127	Standard Bearer
C. H. Woodhouse 398	Organist
T. E. Greenhough T.I.	Inner Guard
G. Jackson 137	Stewards
W. A. Statter 110	Stewards
J. B. Parkin 352	Stewards
G. H. Clemons 274	Stewards
J. H. Newton 111	Tyler.

At the conclusion of the Lodge the Brethren adjourned to a banquet. After the toast of the Queen and Mark Masonry had been proposed, the Provincial Grand Master gave the health of His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales M.W. Grand Master.

The Right Hon. the Earl of Euston M.W. Pro Grand Master, the Right Hon. Viscount Dungarvan R.W. Deputy Grand Master, and the Officers of Grand Mark Lodge was also proposed by the Provincial Grand Master.

The Earl of Euston, in responding, remarked that the Brethren had given him the most cordial reception that he had received in any Province of England. He congratulated the Provincial Grand Lodge on the steady progress in Mark Masonry since their present Provincial Grand Master first occupied the chair.

In proposing the health of the Provincial Grand Master, he said Brother Mason had ruled the Province for twelve years, and by a unanimous vote they had selected him to rule them for three years longer.

The Provincial Grand Master, in replying, said it was due to the loyalty and support given by the different Lodges that the prosperity of the Province had been so greatly promoted. He suggested that the Mark Benevolent Fund should be placed on a basis similar to that of the Charities of the Craft.

Bro. Cheves (Past G.St. Bearer, of Sheffield) proposed the Visitors, which was responded to by Bro. Woodall Prov.G.M. of North and East Yorkshire; Bro. J. Masterman Deputy Prov. G.M. of Notts; the Rev. Manley Power, of Leeds; and Bro. Morton Prov. G. Secretary of Lincolnshire.

Bro. M. J. Dodsworth Prov.G.J.W. gave the Mark Benevolent Fund, Bro. Matier Secretary of the Fund responding.—"Leeds Mercury."

Among the candidates who will seek a seat on the Board of General Purposes, at the annual election on the occasion of the June Communication of Grand Lodge, is Bro. James Stephens, one of the best known Brethren of the metropolis, who has done much to deserve the support of his fellows, not only by the active part he has taken in connection with the different Lodges with which he is associated, but also by his support of the Charitable Institutions, he being a Vice-Patron of all three, while his wife has also done much for the different Funds, as we announced in referring to her services as a Steward at the recent Girls Festival. Bro. Stephens is W.M. and Founder Viator Lodge, 2308, First Master Rothschild Lodge, 2420, W.M.-elect and Founder Cricklewood Lodge, 2361, Founder and Secretary Fellowship Lodge, 2535, P.M. 753, 1425, 1608, 2150, P.Z., &c. We hope he will secure the seat he desires on the Managing Board of English Freemasonry.

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A magnificent silver cup was given to Sir Charles Barrington Bart., Provincial Grand Master of North Munster, by the Brethren of his Province, on the occasion of his marriage, the presentation taking place on the 18th inst., at the Masonic Hall, Limerick. The cup is no less than two and a half feet in height, weighs nearly three hundred ounces, and is suitably inscribed.

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In our report of the annual visit of Stewards to the Girls School we stated that the Earl of Euston presided. Although Lord Euston was present, and evinced great interest in the gathering, he did not actually take the chair, Bro. Robert Grey discharging the duties thereof, with his accustomed ability.

"A SPRIG OF ACACIA."

NEWS reached Pontefract on Saturday of the death, off Cape Verde, on the 6th ult., of Brother W. H. Burton Atkinson, senior partner of Carter, Atkinson and Bentley, Solicitors, Pontefract. He left Pontefract some weeks ago for a voyage to the Cape for the benefit of his health. He was Worshipful Master at Pontefract three years ago, a member of the Royal Arch, and other branches of the Craft.

ON Friday, 17th inst., the remains of Bro. Thomas H. Trueman, a well-known tradesman of Whitby, were interred in Sneaton Churchyard. Bro. Trueman's family had been identified with the Craft for an unbroken period of more than a hundred years, his grandfather having been one of the founders of the Lion Lodge, in 1797. For many years the late Brother Trueman officiated as Janitor of the Britannia Chapter, and Tyler of the local Mark Lodge.

CHURCH SERVICES.

A MASONIC service in connection with the Longsight Lodge, No. 2464, took place at the Wesleyan Chapel, Stockport Road, Longsight, on Sunday afternoon, 12th inst. A dispensation had been obtained for the Brethren attending to wear Craft clothing, and shortly before 3 o'clock nearly the whole of the Officers of the Longsight Lodge, together with members of various Manchester and neighbouring Lodges, to the number of about eighty, assembled in the Lecture Hall adjoining the chapel, and, headed by Bro. R. Barlow P.M., who carried the Volume of the Sacred Law, a procession was formed, the same being a matter of great interest to a crowd of onlookers.

The Brethren occupied seats in the centre of the chapel, whilst the remaining seats were very well filled by members of the congregation, and others who had probably been attracted thither by curiosity.

The musical portion of the service was under the direction of Mr. William Ashton, Organist of the chapel, who had the valuable assistance of Miss Jessie Moorhouse soprano, Mrs. Harding alto, Brother J. Turnor Grimshaw tenor, Mr. W. T. Pendlebury bass (all of Manchester concerts), and of the choir.

Bro. Henry Grimshaw W.M. read the lesson proper, which was followed by a quartette (unaccompanied), from Sullivan's "Light of the World," this being immediately succeeded by a capital sermon, delivered by Bro. the Rev. T. W. Johnstone, of Trinity Chapel, Stockport, who took for his text I. Corinthians, xvi. 14. The preacher, after pointing out the analogy between the Masonic symbols and the cardinal virtues, referred to the example of Jesus Christ, showing how he had gone about doing good by reason of his love of humanity. The philosophy of selfishness, as indicated by the obscure teachings of the Pagans, had been superseded by a new philosophy, which inculcated a love of our neighbours. It was a law of benevolence, the broadest form of charity—a legislation impregnated by human sentiment which God gave to Jesus by Moses. Benificence was sometimes limited and restricted by geographical prejudices, but no flaws or oppressive contradictions were found in the Christian teaching. He also reverted to the fact that the Romans at the commencement of the Christian era had displayed great genius for architecture, and although they had studied works which might have had a tendency to benefit the health of the people, yet their morals were lax, pity being an unknown quantity, as evidenced by the cruel sports of the day. In Rome, where shocking inhumanities were being indulged in, the Apostle Paul raised his voice against them, claimed that tenderness should be shown, and denounced the barbarism which was being universally practised. He lived for the good of others, and in the advocacy of his principles was ready to sacrifice even life itself.

Bro. Johnstone spoke of the advent of Christ, who, though no rival to Cæsar, declared himself a king, substituting hope, faith, temperance, and charity for the evils abounding. Of the great virtue charity, he said that it should be considered as a rule of life; men were to regard themselves as of one family, bound together to do good, to feed the hungry, and help the sick.

In dilating upon the present laws for the prevention of cruelty to children and animals, he said they were a gratifying testimony to the benevolence which is extant, and which moves in various grooves. There were the ragged schools, the hospitals, and the various charities, which claimed attention, and one could not live in vain who did his duty in this respect. Bro. Johnstone concluded by making a powerful appeal in favour of these Institutions, the sermon being listened to by the congregation with rapt attention.

We have reason to believe that through the medium of this service a very substantial sum will be handed over to the Masonic Charities.

Conspicuous among those who attended were the following, viz., Bros. Ald. Lloyd Higginbottom J.W., Council. Thomas Uttley I.P.M. P.P.G.A.D.C., Fredk. G. Berry P.M. Treasurer, Council. John Phythian P.M. P.P.D.D.C. Secretary, E. H. Ritson Assist. Secretary, Henry Sheard S.D., Wm. Henry Wilson J.D., C. S. Cotton I.G., T. T. Jones Organist, F. W. Lean P.M. P.P.S.G.D. D.C., Thos. Plumpton, Wm. Henry Peak P.M. 993 P.P.A.D.C., J. Hallam P.M. P.P.G.P. Past Masters:—W. H. Bibby 993, R. E. Walker 993, Jas. Robinson 1219, W. T. Allitt 993, W. J. Melling 2185, Thos. E. Rigby 1055, Ed. Roberts 1459 (Freemason's Chronicle), Geo. McWilliams 1055, Jas. Hurst W.M. 2109, Harry H. Ward S.W. 815, B. Witwam S.W. 1219, H. Clulow J.W. 993, S. A. Lever J.W. 2482, Wm. Coffey J.W. 2109, T. H. Stott J.D. 2449, Alfred Pearce S.D. 993, W. Rostron S.D. 2185, Sam Luke I.G. 2363, W. A. Boyer 317, J. Laycock 852, Geo. Boden 992, Fred Bagshaw 1083, Alex. Reid Wells 1459, T. Shelmerdine 1852, H. C. Pingstone 2109, Harry G. Walker 2185, and S. Harold Stubbs 2363.

UNDER the auspices of the Starkie Lodge, a Masonic service was held at St. Paul's Church, Ramsbottom, on Sunday afternoon, 12th inst. Lodge was opened at the Grant Arms Hotel, after which the Brethren assembled at St. Paul's School, and walked in procession to the church. Bro. S. Porritt was the Director of Ceremonies. The service was conducted by the Rev. J. J. Lewis, and the Rev. C. A. Clements, and the sermon was preached by the Rev. A. E. Bigoe Bagot, rector of Beswick, Past Provincial Grand Chaplain of East Lancashire and Cheshire.

In the course of his sermon Bro. Bagot said that nearly all the cathedrals and stately buildings of Europe, and probably of the east as well, were the works of our ancestors in the Masonic Craft. The Masons of the present day had as good a claim as Brethren of old to be regarded by the Christian Church as her faithful handmaid and supporter. An unreasoning prejudice caused one great branch of the Church catholic to look at the members of the Craft as little better than Pagans. It was true that among foreign Freemasons could be found principles bordering on Anarchism and Socialism, but among all English-speaking Masons there was but one common sentiment of reverence to the Almighty, and of loyalty and devotion to the Government of whatever country they called their home. The evidences of Christianity received wondeful independent witness and support from the truths and principles of the Masonic Craft. Faith in the Being of God and other high Christian doctrines were symbolised and suggested by many of the ceremonies of Masonry.

To the true Mason death has no terror equal to the stain of wrong-doing, and the Brethren were constantly enjoined to remember that the day could not be far distant when they would be called upon to render an account to the Great Architect of the Universe. The highest morality and charity were taught, and the principles of the Craft were an important guarantee for social order, uprightness of life, and large-hearted liberality. What nobler aims could any society have for their watchwords than to be the helper and educator of the young, to assuage sorrow, and to assist those in distress? These were truly Christian doctrines.

In their Order social distinctions were forgotten, they stood as man to man, sharers of the same nature, endowed with no wealth but nature's wealth as they stand before God. The magnificent benevolent and educational institutions of Masonry were the secret and method of its success, and the powerful magnet which attracted to its ranks all grades of society and sectional characteristics of mankind, from the future King of England to the humblest subject of the Queen.

A collection taken on behalf of the East Lancashire Systematic Masonic Educational and Benevolent Institution amounted to about £20.

After service the Brethren marched back to the School, and afterwards adjourned to the Grant Arms, where 120 visitors had tea.—"Accrington Gazette."

THE following letters have appeared in the columns of our contemporary, the "Manchester Courier."

MASONIC SERVICES IN CHURCH.

To the Editor of the "Manchester Courier."

Sir,—I have just seen in your impression of the 13th inst., an account of a Masonic service held in St. Paul's, Ramsbottom, on the 12th inst. It seems an extraordinary thing that the system of Freemasonry, which offers up on altars throughout the world, corn, wine, oil, salt, and incense, should be admitted into any building used for Christian purposes! There are many heathen, Mahometan, and Jewish Lodges of Freemasons, which their "Cosmopolitan Calendar" gives lists of. We could understand heathens offering the offering of the first murderer Cain, namely, "the fruits of the ground which the Lord hath cursed;" but for Christians of any denomination to do so, is a portentous sign of these times. I have met some Jews who denounce Freemasonry, I rejoice to say. I happened to ask a Rabbi I met in Limerick some time ago if he belonged to it. "I couldn't," he replied. "Why?" I asked. "Because," said he, "I have some religion, and they have none."

Yours, &c.,

R. H. Cotter, Clerk, Incumbent of Ardcanny.

Ardcanny Glebe, Kildimo, County Limerick,

To the Editor of the "Manchester Courier."

Sir,—In your issue of the 18th inst., I noticed a letter from a clergyman in Ireland alluding to a Masonic Service conducted at St. Paul's Church, Ramsbottom, on the 12th inst. Your correspondent intimates that Freemasonry is not so harmless as it professes to be. I have heard this before, and have seen printed extracts from a book entitled "Light on Masonry," and published in America years ago by a numbers of seceders from the Craft, who brought charges of the most serious nature against the society, which charges, as far as I am aware, have neither been denied or proved to be false.

Possibly Masonic affairs may be differently conducted in different countries, but I presume that Freemasonry is looked upon as one Brotherhood in whatever part of the world it may exist, in which case English members are morally responsible for the conduct of their Brethren abroad, by the support their membership confers upon the society. It would be satisfactory to hear from some Mason of authority that the charges brought against them in "Light on Masonry," as also the drawbacks mentioned by your Irish correspondent, can be proved to be groundless.

Yours, &c.,

Norris Heaton.

OUR BOYS AT PLAY.

As already announced in our columns the Annual Athletic Sports of the pupils of the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys will take place, by the kind invitation of Brother George Everett Past G. Treas., at Kempton Park, on Saturday, 8th June, when the presence of friends of the Institution (Brethren and Ladies) will be welcomed.

A special Train for the conveyance of the Boys, the Board of Management, and friends, will leave Wood Green Station (G.N.R.) at 11·10 a.m., calling at Ludgate Hill (L.C. & D.R.) at 11·40, and Wimbledon at 12·20 p.m.; arriving at Kempton Park Station at 12·45, and returning therefrom at 7·30 p.m. Return Fares:—First Class 4s, Second Class 3s, Third Class 2s; Children under 14, half price.

A Special Train will also leave Waterloo (North) Station, No. 8 Platform at 12·45, calling at Vauxhall at 12·50, Clapham Junction at 12·56 and Richmond at 1·10; arriving at Kempton Park Station at 1.25 and returning therefrom at 9·0 p.m., calling at the same named Stations, and also at Twickenham. Return Fares from Waterloo or any of the Stations named to Kempton Park Station :—First Class 2s, Third Class 1s 6d.

These tickets will be issued to holders of invitation cards only, and are also available by the ordinary trains from Waterloo to Sunbury at 1·25 and 2·15 p.m., which will specially stop to set down at Kempton Park Station, and on the return journey by any of the ordinary evening trains from Sunbury Station, on the day of issue.

Messrs. Bertram and Co. will provide a dinner for visitors, at a charge of 3s 6d each person; tea at 1s; also light refreshments, &c.

The sports will commence at 2·30, and the band of the T Division of Metropolitan Police will play during the day, commencing at one o'clock. Dancing in the Pavilion from 6.30 p.m.

A ticket, admitting bearer and any number of Friends to the Park, may be had on application to the members of the Sports Committee, or to the Secretary of the Institution, at the Offices, 6 Freemasons' Hall.

The Sports Committee include Bros. George Everett, George E. Fairchild, J. P. Fitzgerald, John Glass, Rev. H. A. Hebb, C. W. Hudson, J. M. McLeod, H. Pritchard, Jas. Stephens, and James Willing jun.

The extracts from Brother John Chapman's diary of his "American Tour," to which we have referred as being published in the "Devon County Standard," have been reproduced in book form, and provide even more interesting reading now that they are united than was the case when they appeared in instalments. There is a vein of Freemasonry pervading the whole which makes the record of special interest to members of the Craft, for whom, as is well known, Bro. Chapman has more than once devoted his literary abilities in the past.

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An edition of Brother D. Murray Lyon's "History of Freemasonry in Scotland," at a popular price—say 10s or 12s—has been long hoped for. If rumour speaks truly, says "The Mallet," in "Glasgow Evening News," the realisation of the hope is now within measurable distance. Should the new edition be published it will not be a mere reprint of the 1876 volume, but contain many valuable additions.

The Midland Railway Company have issued a card giving a list of the principal Agricultural Shows to be held in 1895, with the date and place were held, closing time for entries of both implements and stock, and Secretary's name and address, which should prove of service to intending exhibitors, as it gives a mass of useful information at a glance.

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The "Quiver" for June will contain an illustrated paper by the Rev. W. Burnet on "The private worship of the Jews," also a true tale of the sea, entitled "The saving of the Saga," by His Honour Judge Collier. The Bishop of Killaloe will contribute an interesting account of his recent enthronement under the title of "In an Irish diocese"; the Rev. Joseph Parker writes upon "Things that shall befall me"; and the number will include a paper by the Rev. Dr. Macduff, "A romance of the olden desert," which has an added interest owing to the recent death of the author. Miss Sparrow will continue her experiences of life among the London poor, dealing this month with "Girl-labour."

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A new serial story entitled "Loveday, a tale of a stirring time," by A. E. Wickham, will be commenced in the June number of "Cassell's Magazine," and a further instalment of L. T. Meade's story, "The voice of the charmer," also provided, together with four complete stories by Nellie K. Blissett, M. E. Penrose, A. T. G. Price, and Lillias Wassermann respectively. Other illustrated papers are "Boating on the Cam," by Alan St. Aubyn; "The last of the smugglers, an interview," by the Rev. S. Baring-Gould; "Two pairs of novelists," by A. H. Japp; and "The art of hand-shaking," by Alexandra Cargill.

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THE NEW ZEALAND RECOGNITION QUESTION.

To the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

SIR AND BROTHER,—I have but just read, with much interest, that letter of special pleading for recognition, signed "E. T. Gillon," which appeared in your issue of the 23rd February last.

The signature may be E. T. Gillon's, but the sentiments therein expressed are not his, as we have hitherto known them. Hitherto his writings on the N.Z. question have been fiery, and aggressive, and he has persistently invited those holding different views to tread upon the tail of his coat. As late as 17th January last, seven days later than his letter to you, he, as President of the Board of General Purposes, presented to his Grand Lodge a report which he fathered, containing *inter alia* the following:—Six warrants for new Lodges were issued, one of which, we regret to say, *invades New Zealand*. The italics are not mine.

There is another side to this New Zealand question, as given by Brother Gillon. It has not yet been presented; with your permission I will send you for publication a portion of it by the following mail. I may, however, say now that to Bro. Gillon, and to him alone, is due the launching upon the Masonic world of the body of which he is now a Past Grand Master. Had he listened to the advice of the late District Grand Master of Wellington, and to Lord Onslow, the evils now existing would not have troubled the Masonic population of this Colony.

Yours fraternally,

A DISTRICT GRAND OFFICER
of Otago and Southland,
English Register.

Royal Aquarium.—The Westminster Aquarium Management not only searches the World for Novelties, but it uses excellent judgment in selecting such only as are highly interesting and attractive; the latest is an elaborate representation of the Decapitation of the Doge of Venice, represented by some hundreds of Life size figures in costumes of the period. In the Aquarium proper are seen the Flying Alsons in a wonderful and apparently hazardous feat. Other new turns of merit are a clever wire artiste, who actually slides erect down an almost perpendicular wire from the roof of the building to the Aquarium stage; two Bears just arrived with two Trainers and two Professional Wrestlers, &c. Visitors should not miss seeing the Male Baby Chimpanzee, the only one in this country.

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Friday, 31st May, 5·45 p.m.—For **Waterford,** Tipperary, Limerick, Maryborough, &c., allowing fortnight.

7·55 a.m.—For **Gloucester,** Cheltenham, Newport, Cardiff, Swansea, &c., returning 8th June and other dates.

Saturday, 1st June, 7·55 a.m.—For Minehead, Barnstaple, **Ilfracombe, Exeter,** Torquay, **Plymouth,** Falmouth, Penzance, &c., returning 3rd, 10th or 17th June.

8·10 a.m.—For Hereford, Manchester, Chester, Birkenhead, Liverpool, &c., returning 3rd or 6th June, and for Cheltenham, Worcester, Malvern, &c., returning 6th June. Also for **Shrewsbury,** Welshpool, Aberystwith, Llangollen, Barmouth, Rhyl, Llandudno, Carnarvon, and other North Wales stations, returning 3rd, 8th, 10th, 15th or 17th June.

9·5 a.m. for **Newbury,** Marlborough, Devizes, Frome, Yeovil, **Dorchester, Weymouth,** &c., returning 3rd (certain stations only), 10th or 17th June. By ordinary service to **Guernsey** and **Jersey** at 24s 6d, returning 8th, 10th, 15th or 17th June.

12·5 p.m.—For Western-super-Mare, Bridgwater, Taunton, Minehead, Barnstaple, &c., *returning 3rd (certain stations only), 10th or 17th June.*

12·35 noon and 11·10 p.m.—For **Bath, Bristol,** &c., returning 3rd, 4th, 10th or 17th June.

4·0 p.m.—For **Gloucester,** Cheltenham, Newport, Cardiff, Swansea, &c., returning 3rd or 8th June.

6·55 p.m.—For **Oxford,** Leamington, Birmingham, Wolverhampton, &c., returning 3rd or 6th June.

Whit Sunday 8·35 a.m.—For **Gloucester,** Cheltenham, &c., returning same day or 3rd or 8th June.

Whit Sunday 12·0 midnight.—For **Oxford,** Leamington, **Birmingham,** Wolverhampton, &c., returning 3rd or 6th June.

Whit Monday 6·0 a.m.—For **Gloucester,** Cheltenham, &c., returning same day or 8th June.

6·10 a.m.—For **Bath, Bristol,** *&c., returning same day or 4th, 10th or* 17th June.

7·35 a.m.—For **Reading,** Newbury, Hungerford, Pangbourne, Didcot, &c., returning same day.

Cheap Third Class Return Tickets are issued daily by certain trains to Windsor 2s 6d, Maidenhead 3s, Henley 3s 6d, Goring 6s, &c.

Tickets and pamphlets can be obtained at the Company's Stations and the usual Receiving Offices.

HY. LAMBERT, General Manager.

MIDLAND RAILWAY.

WHITSUNTIDE HOLIDAYS.

On Whit-Monday, 3rd June, certain booked trains will be **discontinued,** of which due notice will be given by Special Bills at the Stations.

WHITSUNTIDE EXCURSIONS

FROM ST. PANCRAS AND CITY STATIONS.

TO IRELAND.

Thursday, 30th May, to **Dublin, Cork, Killarney,** &c., via Liverpool, for 16 days.

Wednesday, 5th June, to **Dublin, Cork, Killarney,** &c., returning 6th, 8th, 11th, 13th, 15th, 18th or 20th June, via Morecambe.

Friday, 31st May, to **Belfast, Londonderry,** &c., via Barrow and via Liverpool; and on **Saturday, 1st June,** to **Londonderry,** via Liverpool, returning 4th, 5th, 8th, 11th, 12th or 15th June.

TO SCOTLAND.

Friday, 31st May.

Edinboro', Glasgow, Greenock, Helensburgh, Ayr, Kilmarnock, &c., for 4 or 8 days, leaving St. Pancras at 9·15 p.m., **Third Class Return Tickets** at a **Single Ordinary Fare** for the **Double Journey** are also issued, available for **Return any day within 16 days.**

GENERAL EXCURSIONS.

Saturday, 1st June.

To **Leicester, Birmingham, Nottingham,** Derby, Newark, Lincoln, Burton, Staffordshire Potteries, &c., **Matlock, Buxton, Manchester, Liverpool,** Bolton, **Blackburn,** Bury, **Rochdale,** Oldham, Barnsley, Wakefield, **Leeds, Bradford, York, Hull, Scarborough, Newcastle-on-Tyne,** Lancaster, **Morecambe, Lake District,** and Carlisle. Returning 3rd or 6th June. See Bills for times, &c.

Whit-Monday, 3rd June.

To **Birmingham** for 1 or 4 days, and **Kettering** and **Leicester** for 1 day, leaving St. Pancras at 6·35 a.m. To **St. Albans, Harpenden** and **Luton** (day trips) leaving St. Pancras at 10·10 a.m., 11·0 a.m. and 1·0 p.m., and to **Bedford** (day trip) at 10·10 a.m.

Friday, 7th June.

To **Manchester** (for the Races) leaving St. Pancras at 12·5 a.m. and Kentish Town at 12·10 a.m.

Tickets and Bills may be had at the **Midland Stations** and City Booking Offices, and from **Thos. Cook and Son,** Ludgate Circus, and Branch Offices.

GEO. H. TURNER, General Manager.

Derby, May 1895.

LONDON AND NORTH WESTERN RAILWAY.

WHITSUNTIDE EXCURSIONS.

CHEAP Excursions will be run from London (Euston), Broad Street, Kensington (Addison Road), Willesden Junction, &c., as follows:—

On Thursday night, 30th May.

To Dublin, Cork, Killarney, Limerick, Galway, Sligo, Roscommon, Navan, &c., for 16 days.

On Friday, 31st May.

To Belfast, Londonderry and Portrush (for Giant's Causeway) by all routes (except to Londonderry via Liverpool or Fleetwood and Steamer direct) for 16 days.

To Armagh, Bundoran, Enniskillen, Warrenpoint, Ardglass, Downpatrick, and Newcastle (Co. Down), via Liverpool or Fleetwood and Belfast, for 16 days.

To Armagh, Bundoran, Enniskillen, Warrenpoint, Downpatrick, Ardglass, Newcastle (Co. Down), Dundalk and Newry, via Holyhead and Greenore, for 16 days.

On Friday night, 31st May.

To Birkenhead, Chester, Hereford, Leominster, Ludlow, Llangammarch, and Llanwrtyd Wells, Newport (Salop), Wellington, Northwich, Blackburn, Bolton, Southport, Wigan, Crewe, Nantwich, Whitchurch, Stafford, Macclesfield, Stoke, Ashton, Batley, Dewsbury, Ditton, Huddersfield, Bradford, Halifax, Leeds, **Liverpool, Manchester,** Oldham, Runcorn, Stalybridge, Stockport, Warrington, Widnes, Buxton, &c., for 3 and 6 days.

To Preston, Blackpool, Lancaster, Morecambe, Carnforth, Carlisle, The English Lake District and Furness Line for 3 and 6 days.

To Abergavenny, Dowlais, Merthyr, Tredegar, Brynmawr, Builth, Brecon, Swansea, Carmarthen, for 8 days.

To Carlisle, Dumfries, Newton Stewart, Stranraer, Wigtown, Whithorn, Castle Douglas, Kirkcudbright, Greenock, Gourock, **Edinboro', Glasgow,** for 4 and 8 days.

Note.—By the trips to Scotland Cheap Third Class Tickets will be issued at a single fare for the double journey, available for return on any day within 16 days from the date of issue.

On Saturday, 1st June.

To Leamington, Kenilworth, Coventry, Warwick, **Birmingham,** Walsall, Dudley, Dudley Port, Wednesbury, **Wolverhampton,** Lichfield Tamworth, Burton, Derby, Leicester, Nuneaton, Rugby, and the Nort, Stafford Line, &c., for 3 and 6 days.

To Holywell, Rhyl, Denbigh, Ruthin, Corwen, Abergele, Colwyn Bay, Llandudno, Conway, Llanrwst, Bettwsycoed, Blaenau, Festiniog, Penmaenmawr, Llanfairfechan, Bangor, Llanberis, Carnarvon, Amlwch, Holyhead, Shrewsbury, Welshpool, Montgomery, Newtown, Llanidloes, Aberdovey, Towyn, Borth, Aberystwyth, Barmouth, Dolgelly, Harlech, Portmadoc, Criccieth, Pwllheli, Oswestry, Machynlleth, Ellesmere, for 3, 8, 10, 15 or 17 days.

To Londonderry, via Liverpool and steamer direct, for 15 days.

FROM LONDON (EUSTON)

On Whit Monday, 3rd June.

To **Birmingham,** Coventry, Leamington, Kenilworth, Warwick, Dudley, Dudley Port, Walsall, Wednesbury and **Wolverhampton,** for **one** and **four days.**

To Berkhamsted, Leighton, Watford, St. Albans and Wolverton for **one day.**

On Thursday (midnight), 6th June.

To Manchester for 2 days (Races).

For times, fares, and full particulars see small bills, which can be obtained at any of the Company's Stations or Town Offices.

FRED HARRISON, General Manager.

London, May 1895.

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FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE

SATURDAY, 25TH MAY 1895.

BOARD OF BENEVOLENCE.

THE quarterly meeting of the Board of Masters was held on Wednesday evening, at Freemasons' Hall, Brother Robert Grey in the chair. The paper of business to be transacted at the June Quarterly Communication was read to the Brethren, and the names of proposed members for election on the Board of General Purposes, and of the Scrutineers of votes, &c., were also laid before them.

Bro. Robert Grey President of the Board of Benevolence then opened that Board, Bro. C. A. Cottebrune acting as Senior Vice-President, and Bro. C. J. R. Tijou as Junior Vice-President, Bro. E. Letchworth G.S., Bro. William Lake Assistant G.S., Bro. W. H. Lee, Bro. G. S. Recknell, and Bro. Henry Sadler representing Grand Secretary's office.

The Brethren from the various Lodges were very numerous. Recommendations to the Grand Master to the extent of £310 at the former meeting were confirmed, and out of a list of fifty-eight new cases five were dismissed and ten deferred. The Board voted a total of £930 to the remainder: £75 to one case, and £50 each to two others—these to be confirmed by Grand Lodge. Three sums of £40 each, seven of £30 each, and one sum of £25 were referred to the Grand Master for confirmation; and thirteen sums of £20 each, twelve of £10 each, and four of £5 each were voted for immediate payment. It was half-past ten at night when the business was finished.

THE BENEVOLENT INSTITUTION.

AS reported in our last issue, the annual meeting of this Institution was held on Friday, 17th inst., when among other business disposed of Bro. J. A. Farnfield P.A.G.D.C. was unanimously re-elected Treasurer, and the Report of the Committee of Management was read and adopted; this recorded that the result of the Festival of February last, under the chairmanship of Viscount Dungarvan, was the receipt of £14,690 13s, the annual payments for Annuities being nearly £2,000 in excess of that sum, apart from the necessary working expenses. We gave results of the election in our last issue.

GLASGOW SAMARITAN HOSPITAL FOR WOMEN.

THE foundation stone of the Glasgow Samaritan Hospital for Women was laid on Saturday with Masonic honours by Colonel the Right Hon. Lord Blythswood Past Grand Master of Scotland. The Provincial Grand Lodge of Glasgow was opened in the Volunteer Drill Hall, and a procession having been formed, proceeded, headed by the band, to the new building.

Ex-Provost Ferguson, Vice-Chairman of the Hospital Directors, on behalf of the architect and contractors, presented Lord Blythswood with a trowel, and, in the name of the Directors, requested him to lay the stone with Masonic honours.

The Rev. Dr. W. W. Tulloch Provincial Grand Chaplain advanced and offered prayer, and the Provincial Grand Secretary and Treasurer placed the coins, &c., in the cavities of the stone, the band afterwards playing the "Old Hundredth." With due ceremonial the stone was lowered into its place, the various office-bearers performing the duties of their respective offices.

Brother Lord Blythswood proved the stone, and said "May the Almighty Architect of the Universe look down with benignity upon our present undertaking, and crown the edifice of which we have now laid the foundation with every success."

Lord Blythswood next delivered a brief address, in the course of which he thanked the Provincial Grand Master of Glasgow and the Provincial Grand Lodge for the honour they had conferred upon him in asking him to perform the ceremony of laying the memorial stone of the new hospital. He believed that the reason why he had been asked to officiate was the fact that 10 years ago he had the honour with a few other gentlemen of opening the first Samaritan Hospital in Glasgow. It was a very small establishment; but it had done its work admirably, and its success had resulted in the undertaking in connection with which they were now gathered together. The hospital was greatly needed. It had accomplished a great amount of good, and he trusted that in the future it would be as successful as it had been in the past. Over 700 people had been treated during last year, and although their ailments were often of the most dangerous character, the death-rate was less than 4 per cent. Of the rest of the patients some were entirely cured, while others were greatly benefited.

On the motion of Ex-Provost Ferguson, a vote of thanks was passed to Lord Blythswood, who, he remarked, was present in a double capacity, inasmuch as he was not only Past Grand Master, but also President of the hospital. The band having played "Rule Britannia," the proceedings terminated.—"Glasgow Herald."

NEW HALL AT CARLOW.

A CEREMONY of a very interesting character took place at Carlow on the 15th inst., in connection with the opening and dedication of the New Hall, erected by the Brethren of Lodges 116 and 91.

A meeting of the Provincial Grand Lodge of the South-eastern District was arranged for the occasion, whilst the Brethren of both Lodges (116 and 91) were largely represented, as well as a number of invited guests from Athy, Kilkenny, and other Lodges.

The interesting proceedings commenced with a special service in the Carlow Parish Church, kindly placed at the disposal of the Brethren by the Rev. Canon Finlay, rector. A short evening service was read by Bro. Rev. R. H. D. Massey, Rector of Painstown, and the special lessons by Brother Rev. J. Hartley, Rector of Borris, and Brother Rev. H. Stewart, curate of St. Anne's, Belfast. An admirable and instructive sermon suitable for the occasion was preached by Brother Rev. Dr. Hanan, Rector of Tipperary, and Provincial Grand Master, who took his text from Amos i., "The Brother Covenant." A substantial collection was taken up in aid of the Masonic Orphan Schools, and the service terminated with a procession of the Brethren to the porch.

Subsequently the Brethren assembled at the New Lodge to the number of about seventy, when the solemn dedication ceremony was performed by the Provincial Grand Master, assisted by the other Officers.

The Brethren then adjourned to the new dining hall, where an excellent dinner was served by Brother James Ogle W.M. 91. The Loyal and Masonic toasts were honoured, the Prov. Grand Master, in the course of the very enjoyable proceedings, expressing himself pleased with the new building and its arrangements, and with the progress Masonry was making in the district under his jurisdiction, and especially in Carlow, which he regarded as one of the strongholds of the Craft.—"Irish Times."

The foundation stone of a Cottage Hospital, which has been presented to Liskeard by Bro. Passmore Edwards, was laid on Tuesday with full Masonic ceremonial by the Earl of Mount-Edgcumbe Deputy Grand Master of England Provincial Grand Master of Cornwall. Masons were present from all parts of the county. The site was given by Mr. Carington Marshall. The Mayor, Mr. Stanton, presided at a luncheon, at which the Mayors of Truro, Falmouth, Launceston, and Saltash were present. The toasts of the Donors, proposed by Mr. Courtney, M.P., was received with enthusiasm.

REPORTS OF MEETINGS.

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We shall be pleased to receive particulars of Masonic meetings for insertion in our columns, and where desired will endeavour to send a representative to report Lodge or other proceedings.

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CRAFT: METROPOLITAN.

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SIR HUGH MYDDELTON LODGE, No. 1602.

THE following "Notes from the Bells" appeared in the "Islington Gazette" of 16th:—One of the nicest men I know is Bro. J. G. W. James, who, as lieutenant to Bro. Probyn, at the Agricultural Hall, and Lieutenant to the Woolwich Arsenal Artillery, looks after the buttery of one and battery of the other, and generally makes things comfortable for everybody he comes across in business. He is enormously popular, and if any proof were needed of the fact it was to be seen last Wednesday, when the Sir Hugh Myddelton Lodge installed him as its Master. Practically, all Masonic Islington went to see, and I never saw so large an assembly at any one Lodge meeting in my life.

It had been whispered that a whole lot of big guns would be present, and that there would be a richness, a beauty, and a charm about the Fourth Degree that only so dexterous an organiser could impart. No one was disappointed. The Lodge was crammed to listen to the impressive ceremonies of the installation, the office of the day devolving on the out-going Master, Bro. Cave jun., who cave the Ritual in admirable style, and elicited the warmest approval from the fathers of the Craft. But that Lodge Room was very warm, and it was a good thing that there were lounges and nice easy chairs in the ante-rooms, where the perspiring Brother might fan himself with the number of his Lodge or anything that was lying about.

The Lodge itself was glorious in the emblazoned banners of the Past Masters which hung around the walls. Very few Lodges indulge in the luxury of banners. Judging by the heraldry of the Myddelton Past Masters, they are a very aristocratic family, for their shields and quarterings suggest lineage of the highest and bluest. They make a brave show, however, and that is everything. I am not learned in the lore of the College of Arms, but if beauty went for anything, the new banner of the new Master suggested royal descent at the very least—possibly from King James. It made a brave show at the back of the presidential chair at dinner.

If the Lodge was crowded, the dining-hall was overcrowded; that is to say, a number of the Brethren had to dine in an adjoining room, and when the cloth was cleared they joined the main body to hear the speeches, and with the result that they turned a fairly cool room into a cheap Turkish bath. Grand Lodge was represented by the Grand Treasurer of England Bro. Stiles, Bro. Morland Past Grand Deacon, and Bro. Lieutenant-Colonel Ritchie, R.A., Past Sword Bearer. Then there were Bro. D. Naoroji, M.P., looking after the Brethren from Clerkenwell, and Bro. the Hon. Massey-Mainwaring looking after the wily Parsee. Then there were Colonel Onslow, Lieutenant-Colonel Tully, Major Vane Stow, Captain Nicholls, Captain Robson, Captain Western, Captain Winkley, the fire-eating Captain Lurcott, Captain Tasker, Dr. Beardmore, Dr. Hindhaugh, and a host of other distinguished visitors. During dinner the band of the 3rd Kent (Royal Arsenal) Artillery played a delightful selection of music in the corridor. After dinner there was a choice selection of music set forth on an emblazoned programme or book of words that was a thing of beauty and joy for ever. On the parchment cover was a representation of the statue on the Green—not mine, that is to say not me, but Hugh—and the Liverpool Road front of the Agricultural Hall. The arms of the Lodge, and of Bro. James, whose motto, by the way, is "Ante et post cole deum," made the frontispiece very pretty, and a good thing for the colour printer. Old style printing, on old style paper, the whole tied up with the bunch of blue ribbons that Johnny promised to bring home from the fair, made a choice souvenir of a memorable feast. The after-dinner music was, as usual, under the direction of Bro. Willie Wright, and the singers and entertainers were Miss Ethel Winn, Miss Emily Foxcroft, Bro. Charles Chilley, Bro. Dyved Lewys, Mr. Alexander Tucker, Bro. Walter Churcher, and Miss Alice Probyn, the last being a little lady of much promise as a solo violinist. She played Dancla's "Cantabile et Bolera" charmingly.

Masonic toasts do not give much scope for original oratory, but Bro. James was equal to the occasion, and did his work with brevity and some wit. The great toast was the Visitors, who, being about three to one of the Brethren of the Lodge, had it all their own way in the responses. Mr. Narrowmajority, M.P., came out with one of those touching childlike references to India. Massey-Mainwaring showed how political lions could sit down with the Masonic lamb, Bro. Herbert Sprake, Colonel Onslow, Colonel Tully, Captain Lurcott, and a whole host of others responded, including the Bland Old Man, who had been standing like the chicken in our roost, first on one leg and then on the other, while the long string of responses was unwound, and who was merciful enough to spare his fellow sufferers the interminable speech he has long had up his sleeve to let off some day when he gets first call, and is free from anticipation. Bro. James, altogether, had a big night, and the Lodge ought to be proud of its new Master.

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DUKE OF FIFE LODGE, No. 2345.

A MEETING of this Lodge was held at the Alexandra Hotel, Clapham Common, on Wednesday, 15th inst., when there were present Bros. John Langdon W.M., Charlie Woods S.W., John Mitchell P.M. J.W., A. Harvey I.P.M., Samuel Cochrane P.M. P.G.Treas. Eng., E. Beaven P.M., R. Steele P.M. Treas., J. W. Folkard P.M. Sec., T. Morris S.D., A. Robertson J.D., W. W. Westley P.M. D.C., Winny I.G., Baldwin Std., C. Patrick P.M. Tyler, Machin P.M., John Wyer P.M. P.P.G.D.C. Kent, Lavender, C. W. Shannaw, Hambleton, Roberts, Fitch, &c.

The minutes of the Installation meeting were read and signed.

Bro. Lavender was elected a Country member, on the proposition of Bro. Woods S.W., seconded by Bro. Harvey I.P.M.

All Masonic business being ended, the Brethren dined together.

After the usual Loyal and Masonic toasts the W.M. proposed the Grand Officers, referring to their work, and to that of the members who were Grand Officers, in eulogistic terms.

Bro. S. Cochrane P.M. P.G. Treasurer responded in an able and witty speech.

Bro. Harvey I.P.M. congratulated the Lodge upon having such a good Mason as their W.M. to preside over their gatherings.

The W.M. responded, and after toasting the Past Masters and the Officers a very pleasant evening closed, the harmony of which had been enhanced by the efforts of Bros. Langdon W.M., Winny I.G., Hambleton, Machin and Harvey.

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WILLIAMSON LODGE, No. 949.

ON the 20th inst., the annual meeting was held at the Masonic Hall, Monkwearmouth.

After the ordinary business the installation of W.M. took place, when Bro. E. Lautebach was installed in an able manner in the chair of K.S. by Bro. F. W. Ingram, the retiring W.M.

The annual banquet was afterwards held at the Grand Hotel, Sunderland, when a splendid menu was served.

The usual Loyal and Masonic toasts were honoured, the health of the W.M. being received with much enthusiasm.

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HESKETT LODGE, No. 950.

ON Wednesday, 15th inst., this Fleetwood Lodge had its annual installation and banquet, when Bro. A. Gibson Worshipful Master installed Bro. George Dickenson.

At the banquet Bro. Clarkson announced having taken to London on the 8th of May £27 4s 6d, as the Lodge's donation to the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls, this being the largest sum subscription by any Lodge in the Western Division of Lancashire.

During the day Bro. J. N. Clarkson presented the Lodge with a full-sized photograph of Lord Lathom M.W. Pro G.M. Prov.G.M., and was accorded a hearty vote of thanks for same. Bro. Dickenson W.M. presented a P.M.'s jewel to Bro. A. Gibson.

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SUN AND SECTOR LODGE, No. 962.

ON Wednesday, 15th inst., Bro. J. Bouch S.W. was elected Worshipful Master for the ensuing year. Bro. J. Paterson P.M. P.P.G.J.W. was elected Treasurer, and Bro. W. Whitehead P.P.G.T. Tyler. The installation will be held on 19th June.

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WELSHPOOL LODGE, No. 998.

THE members held an open meeting at the Royal Oak Hotel, Welshpool, on 14th inst., to do honour to the Rev. T. Hughes, Vicar of Buttington, Chaplain and Secretary to the Lodge, on the occasion of his recent marriage. The popularity of the Rev. Brother was fully evinced by the spontaneous conception of the idea of presenting him with such a proof of the esteem and respect in which he is held by the Brethren. The presentation was preceded by a luncheon, served in Bro. D. Richards' usual good style, and to which a representative company sat down.

The W.M. Bro. T. Maldwyn Price presided, and was supported on his right by Mrs. Hughes, and on his left by Mrs. T. M. Price and the Rev. Bro. Hughes.

After lunch, Dr. Morgan, as the Senior Brother present, proposed the health of Bro. and Mrs. Hughes, and after speaking of the assistance Bro. Hughes had always given to the Lodge, said he wished them many years of happy and joyous wedded life. He was pleased the presentation was not made at a Lodge meeting, otherwise the ladies would not have been able to grace the gathering. He durst say the time would come when the ladies would have a Lodge of their own, and then they would want to come to the gentlemen's Lodge, and the gentlemen would want to go to the ladies' Lodge. Ladies, now-a-days, seemed to be appropriating the privileges of the men in many respects, in dress and in their pursuits. The toast was drunk with cordiality.

Bro. W. P. Hole Immediate Past Master, in making the presentation, said Bro. Hughes was fully worthy of their esteem. Since he had been a member of the Lodge he had ever been good and kind, and had rendered them all a good deal of assistance.

The inkstand bore the inscription:

Presented to the
REV. THOMAS HUGHES,
by the Brethren of the Welshpool Lodge of Freemasons, No. 998, as a
token of their esteem.
April 18th 1895.

Other speakers followed, in eulogistic terms, their remarks being heartily received.

Rev. Bro. Hughes, in responding, said he wished to thank the members of the Welshpool Lodge most heartily on behalf of his wife and himself for the very handsome present which they were giving them. He also wished to thank the Brethren who had spoken with regard to himself that afternoon. He felt that they had spoken too flatteringly of him, and that he did not deserve their kind sentiments. He appreciated the present very much; it was a very handsome one, and he would treasure it, not for its own worth, but, above all, as a token and mark of the kindness and goodwill of the Brethren of the Welshpool Lodge. He could not say that he was altogether taken by surprise, as he knew something about what was coming on, for he received a summons to attend there that day, and although he was not present when the Lodge decided to make the presentation, as Lodge Secretary he had been obliged to enter on the minutes the fact that a presentation would be made. He also felt it a great honour that they should have invited his wife and himself to lunch, to meet so many kind friends. Although they had not the ladies with them at their meetings as Freemasons, they did appreciate the worth of the ladies, and as one of their songs said:—

"No mortals can more the ladies adore,
Than a free and accepted Mason."

Some ladies had a prejudice against Freemasons, but having been one himself for eighteen years, he could assure the ladies present that Freemasonry was founded on the purest principles of piety and virtue. Some people said they had secrets, and some who were not Freemasons said they had no secrets, but he was not going to say that day whether they had or not. This he could tell them, that Freemasonry taught them all that was good, and tended to make every man just, honourable, true, and upright. He again begged to thank them most warmly for their kind expression and useful gift. The Rev.

Brother, in an excellent speech, then proposed the Ladies, to which Brother Gregory-Allen sen. responded.

Other toasts followed.

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UNDERLEY LODGE, No. 1074.

ON Monday, 13th inst., Lord Henry Cavendish Bentinck Provincial Grand Master of Cumberland and Westmorland was invested as Senior Warden of this Lodge by Brother C. H. Whittaker W.M. At the conclusion of the business the Senior Warden invited the Brethren to dine with him at the Royal Hotel, where a sumptuous spread was made by Mrs. John Wilman.

The Provincial Grand Master's health was proposed by the Worshipful Master, in felicitous terms, and duly honoured. The reply was couched in earnest Masonic language.

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PENTANGLE LODGE, No. 1174.

THE annual festival was held on Monday, 13th inst., in the commodious Lodge Room, at the Sun Hotel, Chatham.

The Pentangle Lodge—which, says the "Rochester Journal," is named after the form of the seal which tradition asserts was used by King Solomon—is one of the very few Lodges which are known as "service" Lodges, the members being confined exclusively to Officers of the Navy and Army, and Civil Service, including also members of the learned professions. Its charter dates from 1867, since which time it has always registered a strong list of members.

At the meeting of the Lodge on Monday the Brethren attended in force, while the Visitors included several distinguished members of the Provincial Grand Lodge of Kent. Much disappointment was experienced at the receipt of a letter from Bro. Sir Charles Warren, commanding the Division at Chatham, expressing regret that important duties in London prevented his attending the meeting.

The new Master of the Pentangle Lodge is Brigade-Surgeon Lieut.-Col. S. K. Ray, who had been unanimously elected to preside over the Lodge. The installation ceremony was performed in an excellent manner by Brother Major Barrington Stephens I.P.M., who inducted his successor to the ancient chair of King Solomon with the accustomed rites.

The business of the Lodge concluded, the Brethren partook of the annual banquet, when the customary Loyal and Masonic toasts were given and responded to, while the pleasures of the evening were enhanced by a choice selection of music given by a portion of the Royal Marine Band.

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VALE OF BRISLINGTON LODGE, No. 1296.

THE installation of Bro. William Agnew Fedden as W.M. took place at the White Hart Hotel, Brislington, on Wednesday, 22nd inst., the Installing Officer being the Prov.G.M. Bro. the Right Hon. Viscount Dungarvan, who performed the whole of the ceremony with consummate ability. The Deputy Prov. G.M. Brother R. C. Else P.G.D. was also in attendance.

The presence of the two chief rulers of the Province of Somerset at an ordinary Craft Lodge function is almost unique, and this circumstance rendered the gathering one of peculiar interest.

After the Lodge had been closed the Brethren dined together.

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DUNCOMBE LODGE, No 1486.

ON Monday, 13th inst., Bro. the Rev. James Henning S.W. P. Prov. Grand Chaplain was installed W.M. of this Lodge, at Kingsbridge, in the presence of a very large attendance of members, by Bros. Rev. T. C. Lewis W.M., H. D. Adkins and Joseph Balkwill.

Before the installation, Mr. Ashley A. Froude, son of the late Professor J. A. Froude, was initiated.

The annual banquet was afterwards held at the King's Arms Hotel, when a sumptuous repast was served by Bro. H. W. Thomas.

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TRAFFORD LODGE, No. 1496.

THE regular meeting of this Lodge was held at the Western Hotel, Moss Side, Manchester, on Monday, the 13th inst., amongst those present being Bros. Percy E. Land W.M., Fras. Long I.P.M., Ramsey Knight S.W., H. P. Jones P.M. P.P.G.R. (acting) J.W., Geo. Burslem P.M. Treas., J. C. Gillman P.P.S.G.D. Sec., Wm. Yeadon S.D., John Done J.D., H. Russell I.G., David Johnson P.M. D.C., Walter Biggs P.M., J. Kershaw P.M., J. Rathbone P.M., C. H. Moss, H. Preston, J. H. Rowse, T. W. Hampson, C. F. Davies, T. Jackson, S. Woollam. Visitors: John Roberts I.P.M. 2231, M. Firth 148, H. Nicholson 111, G. Lund 1588, J. C. Jeffrey 1588, C. Shaw Sec. 1147, P. J. Walsh S.W. 1147, E. H. Flower P.M. P.G. Tyler E.L. Tyler.

The Lodge was opened in due form at 6·10, when the minutes of the last regular meeting were read and confirmed.

Bro. Woollam having expressed a wish to be passed to the second Degree, and having answered the necessary questions, was entrusted, whereupon the Brethren adjourned for tea.

On re-assembling, the Lodge was opened in the second degree, when Bro. Woollam was passed by the W.M., the Working Tools being presented by the S.W., and an explanation of the second Tracing Board given by Bro. Burslem P.M. in his usual efficient manner.

After hearty good wishes had been expressed, the Lodge was closed in peace and harmony.

At the social board which followed, after the Loyal toasts had been honoured, the W.M. proposed the health of the newly-passed Brother, who, in responding, stated how impressed he had been with the ceremony, and hoped the Brethren would have no cause to regret having admitted him amongst them.

Bro. Jones proposed the health of the Visitors, and in doing so said the Trafford Lodge always gave them a hearty welcome.

The Visiting Brethren, in reply, spoke in high praise of the working of the W.M. and the Officers of the Lodge, and thanked them for their kind hospitality.

The gavel was then placed in the hands of Bro. Biggs P.M., who proposed the health of the W.M., which was received in a very enthusiastic manner, and he, in reply, thanked them one and all for their very kind expressions towards him and their good wishes.

The W.M. then proposed the health of the Past Masters of the Lodge, which was responded to, amongst others, by Bro. Burslem P.M., who stated that before sitting down he wished to submit a toast which he was sure would be received with acclamation by all present, namely the health of the worthy Secretary Bro. Gillman, whom he designated the father of the Lodge. For the information of the Visiting Brethren he wished to mention that the Trafford Lodge would attain its majority in July next. Bro. Gillman was one of the founders, and the high appreciation in which he was held by all the Brethren had been well earned by him, owing to his many exertions in the interests of the Lodge.

In reply to the toast Bro. Gillman expressed his thanks for the very flattering remarks of Bro. Burslem, and the hearty response of the Brethren generally. He felt proud to have been the parent of such a large family, and thought his position an almost unique one in the annals of Masonry, inasmuch as he had installed every occupant of the chair of K.S. in that Lodge. He considered, however, that his services as Installing Master over this long period had been called into requisition out of compliment to himself, because he felt that the work would have been as well, if not better done, if entrusted to other hands. Bro. Gillman referred to the fact of his increasing years, and that he must give way to others in the future working, but so long as he was able, he assured the Brethren of his desire to do everything for the welfare of the Trafford Lodge.

Other toasts followed, interspersed by songs from Bros. Shaw, Yeadon, Russell and Long, and pianoforte solos by Bro. M. Firth, who ably presided at the piano.

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URMSTON LODGE, No. 1730.

THE regular meeting was held at the Victoria Hotel, Urmston, on Monday, 13th inst. Bro. John Walton jun. W.M. There were also present:—Bros. Walter Bowers S.W., Geo. G. Mends J.W., Ed. L. Littler P.M. P.P.G.P. Treas., Geo. R. Lloyd P.M. P.P.G.Tr. Sec., J. Ormrod S.D., W. Hallard J.D., Geo. A. Myers P.M. P.P.G.D.C. D.C., J. Bowers P.M. Org., R. Swindells P.M., J. H. Marsh P.M., J. Walton P.M., John Slyman P.M. P.P.G.D., Edward Roberts P.M. 1459, W. Kirk, W. H. Ashworth, Thomas French, E. W. Barratt, J. F. Mends, G. G. R. Mends, Hedley Jones, Matthew A. B. Wheeler.

Visitors:—Bros. F. Ridsdale Bowley P.M. 2216, Thos. T. Sefton I.P.M. 1773, John Joseph Dean I.G. 1458.

The minutes of the last meeting having been read and confirmed, a ballot, which was successful, was taken for Mr. James Smith, Salesman, Urmston, and this gentleman was accordingly initiated, the ceremony being performed by the W.M., assisted by Bros. Walter Bowers S.W. and G. G. Mends J.W., the former presenting and explaining the Working Tools, and the latter delivering the Charge. For a first attempt the ceremony was exceedingly well done, and fully justified the words of praise which the visitors subsequently bestowed upon this effort of Bro. Walton.

At the festive board, Loyal and Masonic toasts were honoured and responded to.

That of the initiate was proposed by the W.M., and responded to by Bro. Smith in appropriate terms.

The toast of the W.M. was proposed by Bro. Marsh, and in response Bro. Walton said he thanked the various Brethren for their kind words on his behalf. So far as he himself was concerned, he had done his best, and he appealed to the Officers to attend the instruction meetings so as to perfect themselves in their several duties.

Other toasts followed, these being varied by songs, &c., given by Brothers Walter Bowers, Bowley, Roberts and Slyman.

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HERGA LODGE, No. 2548.

AT the regular meeting of this newly consecrated Lodge, held on Friday, 17th inst., at Harrow-on-the-Hill, under the presidency of Brother E. R. Bartley Denniss W.M., Dr. Welldon, Head Master of Harrow, was initiated. Among those present were Bro. Loveland Loveland, Brother R. Manuel P.M. and several Provincial Officers.

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ST. BEDE CHAPTER, No. 1119.

ON the 15th inst. the annual convocation was held in the Freemasons' Hall, Jarrow.

Comp. John Taylor was installed as first Principal by Comp. J. W. Chater, and H. Soderberg P.Z. was installed as H. by Comp. R. Hudson P.G.S.E.

Upon the motion of Comp. J. A. Witter P.Z., seconded by Comp. H. Soderberg, the sum of £5 5s was voted to the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution for Aged Freemasons and Widows.

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DUKE OF FIFE CHAPTER, No. 2345.

THE Installation convocation of this Chapter was held on Saturday, 18th inst., at Anderton's Hotel, E.C., when among those present were: Comps. J. Wyer M.E.Z., J. W. Folkard H., Alfred Harvey J., A. Robertson Treas., Charlie Woods S.E., J. A. Randall P.S., W. G. Boswell 1st A.S., S. G. Bonner 2nd A.S., T. Morris, Patrick Janitor. Visitors:—Comps. R. J. Voisey P.Z. 1329, R. C. Davis P.Z. 1216, Eckersall J. 1275 89, and Longhurst Organist 1216.

The minutes of the February convocation were read and confirmed.

Ballot was taken for Bro. J. Douglas Clayton 1963, and proving unanimously in his favour, he was impressively exalted.

The Installation ceremonies were then most ably worked by Companion Voisey, and the Officers invested. They are Comps. J. W. Folkard M.E.Z., A Harvey H., J. A. Randall J., A. Robertson Treasurer, J. Wyer I.P.Z., C. Woods S.E., W. G. Boswell S.N., S. G. Bonner P.S., T. Morris Std., C. Patrick Janitor. Comps. Munslow 1st A.S. and Mitchell 2nd A.S. were unavoidably absent.

Comp. R. J. Voisey was unanimously elected an Hon. Member of the Chapter, on the proposition of Comp. C. Woods S.E., seconded by Comp. Wyer I.P.Z., supported by Comps. A. Harvey H., J. A. Randall J., and the M.E.Z.

Apologies for absence were read.

Comp. Wood S.E. drew the attention of the Chapter to the question of the day of meeting, which will be discussed at the next meeting.

The Financial condition of the Chapter was reported to be satisfactory.

All business being ended, the Chapter was closed.

The Companions adjourned to the banquet, which was of the best, for which the house is noted.

After the banquet the M.E.Z. proposed the usual Loyal and Arch toasts.

In proposing the Grand Officers, the M.E.Z. drew attention to their strenuous labours for the Order, especially mentioning that of their first M.E.Z.

Comp. Wyer, in proposing the M.E.Z., said that they were proud of Comp. Folkard, who was known to them all as a firm friend as well as a zealous Mason—one whom to know was to esteem and respect.

The M.E.Z., after responding, proposed the H. and J., to which they replied.

In proposing the Exaltee, the M.E.Z. pointed out that Comp. Clayton, as a personal friend of Comp. H., and one who was well known to all present, was sure to be an ornament to the Chapter.

Comp. Clayton responded.

In proposing the Installing Principal, Comp. Folkard pointed out the debt of gratitude they owed to Comp. Voisey, who had helped them from the very first. They were delighted to see him so fully restored to health that he could again come among them. They hoped he would long be preserved to attend their meetings.

Comps. Voisey, in response, thanked the members. He had from the commencement of his Masonic career aimed to carry out the principles inculcated, and should try to continue to do so.

The M.E.Z., in proposing the Past Zs., referred to the work they had done. Comp. Wyer was deeply loved by them as a man, respected as a worker, and esteemed as a Mason. His zeal and fidelity could not be surpassed. It gave him great pleasure to make, on behalf of the Chapter, the presentation of a P.Z.'s jewel.

The jewel was a miniature one, similar to that used by the Founders, and was much admired. It bore the following inscription:—

Presented to

COMP. JOHN WYER P.Z., M.E.Z. 1894-5,

as a slight token of the respect and esteem of the Companions.

Comp. Wyer responded.

Comps. R. Davis P.Z., Eckersall J. 1275, and Longhurst responded for the Visitors, and Comps. Woods S.E., Robertson Treas., Bonner P.S., and Morris Std. for the Officers.

The harmony of the evening had been enhanced by songs from Comps. Voisey P.Z., Harvey H., Woods S.E., and Bonner P.S., with Companion Longhurst presiding at the piano.

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ST. ANNE LODGE, No. 351.

ON the 14th inst., at East Looe, Bro. John Crossman was installed W.M. by Bro. V. J. Maddock P.P.G.S.Wks., and afterwards invested his Officers.

At the conclusion of the business the Brethren adjourned to a banquet, provided by Mrs. L. A. Cook, at the Looe Hotel. The usual Patriotic and Masonic toasts were honoured. Bro. Edmund Venning ably presided at the pianoforte.

WHITSUNTIDE HOLIDAY ARRANGEMENTS.

Great Western Railway.—The Great Western Company announce Excursions to Cork and Killarney on Thursday, 30th May. To Gloucester, Cardiff, Newport, Swansea, New Milford, Waterford, and other stations in South Wales and the South of Ireland on Friday, 31st May. A fast excursion train for the West of England will leave Paddington at 7·55 a.m. on Saturday, 1st June, reaching Exeter in 5½ hours and Plymouth in 7¾ hours, and excursions will also be run to Bath, Bristol, Dorchester, Weymouth, Worcester, Malvern, Hereford, Gloucester, Newport, Cardiff, Swansea, Oxford, Leamington, Birmingham, Wolverhampton, Shrewsbury, Chester, Liverpool, Manchester, Aberystwith, Barmouth, Llandudno, &c. Return tickets at 24s 6d will also be issued to Guernsey and Jersey.

On Whit-Sunday a cheap train will run to Swindon, Stroud, Gloucester and Cheltenham, leaving Paddington at 8·35 a.m. At midnight on Sunday an excursion for 1 or 5 days will leave Paddington for Oxford, Birmingham, Wolverhampton, &c.

On the Bank Holiday cheap trains will be run to Reading, Bath, Bristol, Stroud, Gloucester, Cheltenham, &c.

Excursions will be run to London from most of the principal stations, and cross country trips have also been arranged.

Cheap tickets are now issued daily from London and many suburban stations to Staines, Windsor, Taplow, Maidenhead, Henley, Goring, Wallingford, and other riverside resorts. These tickets can be obtained throughout the Whitsuntide holidays, and in fact during the whole of the summer months.

To meet the expected additional traffic by the ordinary trains on Saturday, 1st June, the Company will run in duplicate the 1·15, 3·0, 5·0 and 9·0 p.m. trains from London to the West of England, and the 12·0 noon, 3·15 and 9·15 p.m. trains to Weymouth, Hereford and South Wales. The first portions of the 5·0 and 9·0 p.m. trains will leave Paddington at 4·55 and 8·55 p.m. respectively, but the first parts of the other trains will leave at the advertised times, and the second a few minutes afterwards, the long distance passengers being, as far as possible, taken in the first portion, but with a few exceptions both trains will stop at the advertised stations to take up and set down passengers.

Ordinary and excursion tickets are issued at the Company's City and West End Offices; at Victoria L.C. & D. Railway; Kensington (Addison Road); Uxbridge Road; Hammersmith, and other stations.

The booking offices at the Paddington Station will be open all day on 29th, 30th, 31st May, and 1st June, so that passengers wishing to obtain tickets for any destination on the Great Western Railway can do so at their convenience. Ordinary tickets will be dated to suit the convenience of passengers.

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London and North Western Railway.—The London and North Western Company announce that the ticket offices at Euston, Broad Street, Kensington, and Willesden Junction will be open throughout the day from Monday, 27th May, to Whit Monday, 3rd June, inclusive, so that passengers wishing to obtain tickets for any destination on the London and North Western Railway can do so at any time of the day prior to the starting of the trains.

Tickets, dated to suit the convenience of Passengers, can be obtained at any time (Sundays and Bank Holidays excepted) at the Town Receiving Offices of the Company in all parts of London, at the same fares as at Euston Station.

On Friday, 31st May, a special train will leave Euston Station at 6·25 p.m. for Holyhead and Ireland; a special train will leave Manchester (Exchange) at 12·55 p.m. and Liverpool (Lime Street) at 1·40 p.m. for Ryhl, Colwyn Bay, and Llandudno. On Saturday, 1st June, a special train will leave Willesden Station at 2·57 p.m. for Bletchley, Wolverton, Blisworth, Weedon, Welton, Rugby, principal Stations on Trent Valley Line, and Stafford; a Special Express train will also leave Euston Station for Birmingham at 4·25 p.m.; a special train will leave Manchester (Exchange) at 12·55 p.m. for Rhyl and Llandudno; an additional Express will leave Birmingham for London at 1·53 p.m.; the Dining Saloons from Manchester to London will not run on Saturday, 1st June. On Sunday, 2nd June, special trains will leave Euston at 8·55 and 10·10 a.m. for Watford, King's Langley, Boxmoor, Berkhamsted, Tring, and Cheddington. On Whit Monday, 3rd June, the 12·0 noon and 4·0 p.m. trains from Euston will leave at 12·10 noon and 4·10 p.m. respectively; the 4·30 p.m. train from Euston will not run. Passengers will be conveyed by the 5 p.m., except those for Peterboro', Market Harboro', Melton Mowbray, Nottingham, and the Great Northern Line, who on this date will travel by the 3·15 p.m. train from Euston. The Dining Saloons between London and Liverpool and from London to Manchester will not run on Whit Monday, 3rd June, but the Dining Cars Manchester to London, and the CorridorDining Car Trains between London and Edinburgh and Glasgow will run as usual. On Whit Monday, 3rd June, numerous residential trains will not be run. The Company also announce that they will run excursions to and from London, Birmingham, Wolverhampton, Leamington, Coventry, Walsall, Leicester, Macclesfield, Stoke, Stone, Liverpool, Manchester, Chester, North Wales, and the Cambrian Line, Shrewsbury, Hereford, Oswestry, Preston, Wigan, Blackpool, Morecambe, Carlisle, the English Lake District, &c. Excursions will also be run from London and other principal towns to Scotland and Ireland for the Whitsun Holiday week.

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A Fortnight in North Wales.—The London and North-Western Company again announce that, commencing on Saturday, 1st June, and every Saturday during June, July, August, and September, special trains at cheap fares will leave Euston Station at 8·15 a.m. for Llandudno, Bangor, Rhyl, Llanberis (for Snowdon), Aberystwith, Barmouth, and other attractive tourist resorts in North Wales. These excursions will enable passengers to spend a fortnight in "Picturesque Wales," and will be a boon to many to whom the cost of a summer holiday is a very serious item in their expenditure. The cheap tickets will be available for return on the following Monday, Saturday, Monday week, Saturday week, or Monday fortnight, by special through trains. In like manner, cheap excursions to London will be run every Monday from the principal towns in the Principality, available for return on the following Saturday or Saturday week.

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Midland Railway.—On Whit-Monday, 3rd June, certain booked trains will be discontinued, of which due notice will be given by special bills at the stations. To prevent inconvenience and crowding, the Booking Offices at St. Pancras and Moorgate Street Stations will be open for the issue of Tickets all day on Friday and Saturday, 31st May and 1st June, and Tickets to all principal Stations on the Midland Railway will also be issued beforehand at any of their Offices situate in all parts of the metropolis. The Tickets obtained at these Offices will be available from St. Pancras Station, and will be issued at the same fares as charged at that Station, and dated to suit the convenience of Passengers. Cheap Excursion Trains will be run from London to Dublin, Cork, Killarney, &c., for 16 days, via Liverpool, on Thursday, 30th May, and via Morecambe on Wednesday, 5th June, returning 6th, 8th, 11th, 13th, 15th, 18th, or 20th June; to Belfast, Londonderry, and Portrush for Giant's Causeway, via Barrow and via Liverpool, on Friday, 31st May, for 16 days; to Londonderry, via Liverpool, on Saturday, 1st June, to return 4th, 5th, 8th, 11th, 12th, or 15th June, as per bill of Sailing; to Leicester, Nottingham, Newark, Lincoln, Birmingham, Walsall, Wolverhampton, Burton, Derby, Manchester, Liverpool, Blackburn, Bolton, Oldham, Sheffield, Leeds, Bradford, Scarboro', Newcastle, the Furness District, Carlisle, &c., &c., on Saturday, 1st June, returning the following Monday or Thursday; to Carlisle, Castle Douglas, Dumfries, Helensburgh, Edinburgh, Greenock, Glasgow, &c., on Friday night, 31st May, returning the following Tuesday or Saturday, by which Third Class Return Tickets at a Single Ordinary fare for the double journey will also be issued, available for returning on any day within 16 days. On Whit-Monday, 3rd June, to St. Albans, Harpenden, Luton, Bedford, and Birmingham, for one day; and to Manchester, for the Races, on Thursday (Midnight), 6th June, returning Saturday, 8th June. Tickets for these Trains for starting from St. Pancras Station can be obtained on the two previous days to the running of the Trains at the Company's City and West End Booking Offices. Cheap daily and week-end excursions to Southend-on-Sea, as announced in Time Tables and Bills. Cheap Excursion Trains for five or eight days will also be run to London from Carlisle, Bradford, Leeds, Sheffield, Liverpool, Manchester, Blackburn, Burnley, Bolton, Bury, Rochdale, Oldham, Lincoln, Newark, Burton, Derby, Nottingham, Birmingham, Walsall, Wolverhampton, Leicester, &c., on Saturday, 1st June; and for 6 days on Monday, 3rd June. From Liverpool, Southport, Manchester, Stockport, Bradford, Leeds, Barnsley, Sheffield, &c., on Saturday, 1st June, for 3, 5, or 8 days. Passengers will be booked by these Trains at cheap fares to Brighton, Hastings, St. Leonards Eastbourne, &c.; and to Paris and other places on the Continent, having the privilege of returning by any ordinary train within 16 days. On Whit-Monday, 3rd June, an excursion train to London for 1 or 2 days will be run from Bradford, Leeds, Barnsley, Sheffield, &c.; and for 1, 3, or 6 days from Birmingham, Wolverhampton, Walsall, &c.; and day trips from Burton, Derby, Nottingham, Leicester, Wellingboro', &c.

A telegram from the special Correspondent of the "Western Morning News" stated that the Freemasons of Milan have withdrawn their political support from their Grand Master, Signor Lemoni, and have solemnly disavowed the "reactionary" policy of that gentleman and of Signor Crispi.

NEXT WEEK.

Further particulars as to place of meeting of the undermentioned Lodges are given in the Freemasons' Calendar and Pocke Book (published by Grand Lodge, for the benefit of the Charity Fund).

Monday.

4 Royal Somerset House and Inverness, Freemasons-hall
902 Burgoyne, Anderton's
905 De Grey and Ripon, F.M.H.
1615 Bayard, 33 Golden Square
1632 Stuart, Camberwell
1745 Farringdon Without, Holborn
1828 Shepherd's Bush, Bush Hotel
2397 Columbia, Criterion

43 St. Paul, Birmingham
48 Industry, Gateshead
148 Lights, Warrington
183 Unity, Ship and Turtle
491 Royal Sussex, Jersey
557 Loyal Victoria, Callington Lyne
706 Florence Nightingale Woolwich
1008 Royal St. Edmunds, Bury St. Edmunds
1110 Tyrian, Eastbourne
1177 Tenby, Tenby
1218 Prince Alfred, Ashton-u-Lyne
1258 Kennard, Pontypool
1325 Stanley, Liverpool
1688 Buxton, Buxton
1752 Ogmore, Bridgend
1753 Obedience, Okehampton
1991 Agricola, York
2068 Portsmouth Temperance, Landport
2257 Powell, Bristol
2229 Lathom, Southport
2309 George Gardner, Eton
2363 Minnehaha Minstrel, M'chester
2429 Research, Leicester

Tuesday.

14 Tuscan, Freemasons-hall
46 Old Union, Ship and Turtle
165 Honour and Generosity, Inns of Court Hotel
259 Prince of Wales, Hotel Metropole
2108 Empire, Criterion

253 Tyrian, Derby
310 Union, Carlisle
335 Rectitude, Corsham
357 Apollo University, Oxford
564 Stability, Stourbridge
597 St. Cybi, Holyhead
788 Crescent, Hampton Court
859 Issac Newton U., Cambridge
943 Sincerity, Norwich
954 St. Aubyn, Morice Town
1007 Howe & Charnwood, Loughboro
1016 Elkington, Birmingham
1052 Callender, Manchester
1309 Acacia, Hampton Court
1358 Torbay, Paignton
1390 Whitwell, Millom
1479 Halsey, St. Albans
1580 Cranbourne, Hatfield
1609 Liverpool Dramatic, Liverpool
1636 St. Cecilia, Brighton
1650 Rose of Raby, Staindrop
1675 Ancient Briton, Liverpool
1678 Medway, Tonbridge
1726 Gordon, Bognor
1779 Ivanhoe, Sheffield
1834 Duke of Connaught, Landport
1942 Minerva, Fenton
1958 Hundred of Bosmere, Portsea
2025 St. George, Plymouth
2328 Albert Victor, York
2405 Ionic, St. Helens

Wednesday.

898 Temperance in East, Poplar

76 Economy, Winchester
163 Integrity, Manchester
187 Royal Sussex Hospitality, Bristol
304 Philanthropic, Leeds
439 Scientific, Bingley
461 Fortitude, Newton Moor
651 Brecknock, Brecon
1083 Townley Parker, Manchester
1119 St. Bede, Jarrow
1219 Strangeways, Manchester
1283 Ryburn, Sowerby Bridge
1714 Albert Edward, York Town,
1775 Leopold, Church, nr Accrington
1982 Stirling, Cleaton Moor
2064 Smith Child, Tunstall
2186 Striguil, Chepstow

Thursday.

General Committee, Girls School, F.M.H., 5

39 St. John the Baptist, Exeter
111 Restoration, Darlington
129 Union, Kendal
475 Bedfordshire of St. John the Baptist, Luton
590 La Cesaree, Jersey
636 De Ogle, Morpeth
707 St. Mary, Bridport
772 Pilgrims, Glastonbury
807 Cabbell, Nortwich
904 Phœnix, Rotherham
966 St. Edward, Leek
1097 St. Michael, Tenbury
1151 St. Andrew, Tywardreath
1166 Clarendon, Hyde
1313 Fermor, Southport
1322 Waverley, Ashton-under-Lyne
1492 Alma Mater, Cambridge
1519 Albert Edward, Clayton-le-Moors
1578 Merlin, Pontypridd
1884 Chine, Shanklin, I. of W.
1957 Grove, Hazel Grove
2261 Armitage, Milnsbridge

Friday.

House Committee, Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution, Croydon, 3.
Council Boys School, F.M.H. at 4.

602 North York, Middlesboro'
810 Craven, Skipton
1303 Pelham, Lewes
1391 Commerc, Leicester
1435 Annesley, Nottingham
1822 St. Quintin, Cowbridge
2415 Tristram, Shildon
2431 Kingsley, Northampton

Saturday.

1622 Rose, Camberwell

370 St. George, Chertsey
308 Prince George, Todmorden
336 Benevolence, Marple
1096 Lord Warden, Walmer
1223 Amherst, Riverhead
1362 Royal Albert Edward, Redhill
1458 Truth, Manchester
1460 Thames Valley, Halliford
1550 Prudence, Plymouth
1567 Elliot, Feltham
1929 Mozart, Croydon
2054 Wilson Iles, Rickmansworth
2148 Walshingham, Wilmington
2205 Pegasus, Gravesend
2331 Ravenscroft, Barnet
2442 St. Clement, Leigh

THEFT OF MASONIC JEWELS.

MESSRS. Arthur Grey and Gunpat Rai have filed a criminal complaint on behalf of the Chapter Punjab, against Kailas Narian Sherapuri Scribe E. of Chapter Punjab, under sections 403, 406 and 408 of the Indian Penal Code for criminal misappropriation and breach of trust. The complaint was heard by Lieutenant Croswaithe, Magistrate, Lahore, who, after examining Mr. Rostill, issued a warrant of arrest of the accused, who was arrested in the office of the Chief Court, Punjab, and brought up in custody before the Magistrate. The Magistrate cancelled the search warrant of the house of the accused, as he voluntarily promised to produce the books and papers of the Chapter. The accused, in the custody of the police, went to his house with Mr. Gunpat Rai, representing the prosecution, and made over the books, jewels and papers, &c., of the Chapter. He was afterwards admitted on bail, the prosecution not objecting.—"Civil and Military Gazette."

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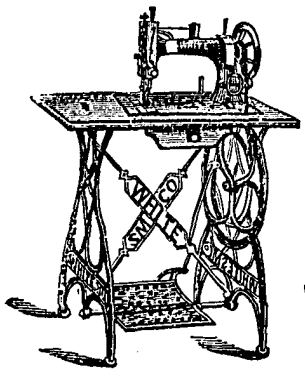

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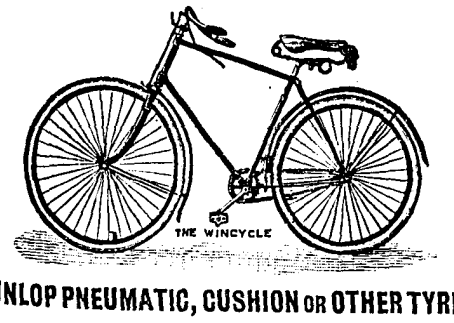

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Lyceum.—8·15, Bygones. 9·10, A story of Waterloo. Don Quixote.
Avenue.—8·15, Dandy Dick Whittington. Matinée, Saturday, 2·30.
Terry's.—8·15, A woman's no. 9, The Passport. Matinée, Saturday, 3.
Globe.—8, The Journey's End. 9, Charley's Aunt.
Prince of Wales's.—7·50, A Woman's Caprice. 8·30, Gentleman Joe. Matinée, Saturday, 2·30.
Haymarket.—8·15, Fedora.
Gaiety.—8, The Shop Girl. Matinée, Saturday, 2.
Daly's.—8, A drawn battle. 8·30, An Artist's Model. On Monday, Sarah Bernhardt.
St. James's.—8·30, The triumph of the Philistines. Matinée, Saturday, 3.
Trafalgar.—7·50, A happy thought. 8·30, Baron Golosh.
Garrick.—8, The notorious Mrs. Ebbsmith. Matinée, Saturday, 2.
Criterion.—8·25, The Home Secretary. Matinée Saturday, 2.30.
Adelphi.—8, The Girl I left behind me.
Vaudeville.—8·15, Hal the Highwayman. 9, The Ladies' Idol. Matinée, Saturday, 3.
Savoy.—8.30, Hansel and Gretel. Matinée, Saturday, 2·30.
Toole's.—7·45. The Secret. 8·15, Thorough-bred.
Court.—7·45, A near shave. 8·45, Vanity Fair. Matinée, Saturday, 2·30.
Comedy.—8·30, The Prude's Progress.
Lyric.—Re-open on Tuesday with a revised version of An Artist's Model.
Alhambra.—8, Variety Entertainment. Grand Ballets, Living Pictures, &c. 10·0, Ali Baba.
Empire.—7·45 Variety Entertainment. 10, Faust.
Palace.—7·50, Variety Entertainment, Ballets, &c.
Oxford.—7·30, Variety Entertainment. Matinée, Saturday, 2·30.
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LODGES AND CHAPTERS OF INSTRUCTION.

Monday.

22 Neptune, Gauden Hotel, Clapham, 7·30
27 Egyptian, Atlantic Tavern, Brixton, S.W., 8
45 Strong Man, Bell and Bush, Ropemaker St.
174 Sincerity, Railway Tavern, Fenchurch St., 7
180 St. James's Union, St. James's Restaurant, 8
211 St. Michael's, Noland Arms, Addison Road, Notting Hill, 8
1227 Upton, Three Nuns Hotel, Aldgate, E., 8
1320 Blackheath, Milkwood Tav., Loughboro' Junction
1339 Stockwell, White Hart, Abchurch Lane, 6·30
1349 Friars, White Horse, White Horse Lane, Mile End Road, 8
1425 Hyde Park, Prince of Wales Hotel, Bishop's Road, W., 8
1445 Prince Leopold, 202 Whitechapel Road, E., 7
1489 Marquess of Ripon, Queen's Hotel, Victoria Park, 7·30
1507 Metropolitan, The Moorgate, E.C., 7·30
1548 Wellington, White Swan, High St., Deptford, 8
1585 Royal Commemoration, Railway Hotel, Putney
1608 Kilburn, 46 South Molton Street, W., 8
1623 West Smithfield, Manchester Hotel, E.C., 7
1693 Kingsland, Cock Tavern, Highbury, N., 8·30
1707 Eleanor, Rose and Crown, Tottenham, 8
1743 Perseverance, Deacon's Tavern, Walbrook, 7
1891 St. Ambrose, Baron's Court Hotel, W. Kensington, 8
1901 Selwyn, East Dulwich Hotel, East Dulwich, 8
1975 Rose of Denmark, Gauden Hotel, Clapham. 7·30
2030 Abbey, Town Hall, Westminster, S.W., 7·30
2150 Tivoli, Frascati, Oxford Street, W., 7
2192 Walthamstow, Chequers Hotel, High Street, Walthamstow, 8
2427 Hampden, Hampden House, St. Pancras, 8
R.A. 1471 North London, Cock Tavern, N, 8

Tuesday.

25 Robert Burns, Frascati, Oxford Street,
55 Constitutional, Bedford Hotel, Holborn, 7
177 Domatic, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, 7·30
188 Joppa, Manchester Hotel, Aldersgate Street, 8
212 Euphrates, Mother Red Cap, Camden Town, 8
238 Pilgrim, Guildhall Tavern, E.C. (1st and 3rd Tuesday), 6·30
263 Clarence, Midland Grand Hotel, St. Pancras, 7·30
554 Yarborough, Green Dragon, Stepney, 8
700 Nelson, Star and Garter, Woolwich, 7·30
733 Westbourne, Prince Alfred Hotel, Queen's Road, Bayswater, 8
753 Prince Frederick William, Eagle Tavern, Maida Hill,
820 Richmond, Station Hotel, Richmond, 8·30
829 Sydney, Black Horse Hotel, Sidcup, 7
861 Finsbury, King's Head, Threadneedle St., 7
933 Doric, Plough Tavern, Bow Road
1044 Wandsworth, St. Mark's School Rooms, Battersea Rise, 8
1321 Emblematic, St. James's Restaurant, W., 8
1349 Friars, Liverpool Arms, Canning Town, 7·30
1446 Mount Edgcumbe, Three Stags, Lambeth Rd., 8
1471 Islington, Cock Tavern, Highbury, N., 7·30
1472 Henley, Three Crowns, North Woolwich
1540 Chaucer, Old White Hart, Borough High St.
1695 New Finsbury Park, Hornsey Wood Tav., N.
1767 Kensington, Scarsdale Arms Hotel, Kensington
1769 Clarendon, Guildhall Tavern, E.C. (1st Tuesday), 6·30
1839 Duke of Cornwall, Queen's Arms, E.C., 7
1949 Brixton, Prince Regent, East Brixton, 8
2146 Surbiton, Maple Hall, Surbiton
2411 Clarence and Avondale, M. H., Leytonstone, E.
East London Club of Instruction, The Plough, Bow Rd., 8
Metropolitan Chapter, White Hart, Cannon St., 6·30
R.A. 704 Camden, 15 Finsbury Pavement, E.C., 8
R.A. 1365 Clapton, White Hart, Clapton, 8
R.A. 1642 E. of Carnarvon, Ladbroke Hall, Notting Hill, 8

Wednesday

3 Fidelity, Alfred, Roman Road, Barnsbury, 8
30 United Mariners, Lugard, Peckham, 7·30
65 Prosperity, Old Parr's Head, Knightrider Street
72 Royal Jubilee, Mitre, Chancery Lane, W.C., 8
73 Mount Lebanon, George Inn, Borough, 8
193 Confidence, The Bunch of Grapes, Lime Street, E.C., 7
228 United Strength, Hope, Regent's Park, 8
538 La Tolerance, Frascati, Oxford Street, W., 8
720 Panmure, Balham Hotel, Balham, 7
781 Merchant Navy, Silver Tav, Burdett Road, 7·30
813 New Concord, Jolly Farmers, Southgate Road, 8
860 Dalhousie, Lord Stanley, Paragon Road, Hackney, 8
862 Whittington, Red Lion, Fleet Street, 8
1269 Stanhope, Fox and Hounds, Putney
1475 Peckham, 516 Old Kent Road, 8
1601 Ravensbourne, Rising Sun, Rushby Green, Catford, 8
1604 Wanderers, Victoria Mansions Restaurant, S.W., 7·30
1662 Beaconsfield, Chequers, Walthamstow, 7·30
1681 Londesborough, Berkeley Arms, May Fair, 8
1791 Creaton, Wheatsheaf, Shepherd's Bush, 8
1922 Earl of Lathom, Station Hotel, Camberwell New Road, 8
1963 Duke of Albany, Clock House, Battersea Park Road, 8
2206 Hendon, Welsh Harp, Hendon, 8
2346 Warrant Officers, 38 Old Compton Street, W., 7·30
R.A. 177 Domatic, St. James's Restaurant, W., 8
R.A. 720 Panmure, Goose and Gridiron, E.C., 7
R.A. 933 Doric, 202 Whitechapel Road, E., 7·30
M.M. Grand Masters, Mark Masons' Hall, W.C.

Thursday.

144 St. Luke, White Hart, Chelsea, 7·30
147 Justice, Brown Bear, Deptford, 8
263 Clarence, 8 Tottenham Court Road, W.C.
749 Belgrave, Albion Tavern, Russell Street, W.C., 8
754 High Cross, Coach and Horses, Tottenham, 8
879 Southwark, White Hart, New Cross Gate, S.E., 8.
890 Hornsey, Masonic Room, Lewisham, 8
902 Burgoyne, King's Arms, John Street, Bedford Row, W.C., 8
1017 Montefiore, St. James's Restaurant, W.
1158 Southern Star, Sir Sydney Smith, Kennington, 8
1178 Perfect Ashlar, Bridge House Hotel, S.E., 7
1182 Duke of Edinburgh, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, 7·30
1259 Duke of Edinburgh, Eastern Hotel, Commercial Road, Limehouse, E., 7·30
1278 Burdett Coutts, Swan, Bethnal Green Road, 8
1306 St. John, Three Crowns, Mile End Road, 8
1360 Royal Arthur, Prince of Wales, Wimbledon, 7·30
1426 The Great City, Masons' Hall Avenue, 6·30
1558 Duke of Connaught, Palmeston Arms, Camberwell, 8
1571 Leopold, City Arms Tavern, E.C., 7
1602 Sir Hugh Myddelton, 45 Upper Street, N., 8
1612 West Middlesex, Bell, Ealing Dean, 7·45
1614 Covent Garden, Criterion, W., 8
1622 Rose, Stirling Castle, Camberwell, 8
1625 Tredegar, Wellington, Bow, E., 7·30
1673 Langton, White Hart, Abchurch Lane, 5·30
1744 Royal Savoy, Blue Posts, Charlotte Street, 8
1950 Southgate, Railway Hotel, New Southgate, 7·30
1677 Crusaders, Old Jerusalem, St. John's Road, Clerkenwell, 9
1996 Priory, Constitutional Club, Acton
R.A. 753 Prince Fred. William, Lord's Hotel, St. John's Wood, 8
R.A. 1365 Clapton, Three Sisters Hotel, Hackney Downs, 8

Friday.

Emulation, Freemasons Hall, 6
General Lodge, Masonic Hall, Birmingham, 8
167 St. John's, York and Albany, Regent's Park
507 United Pilgrims, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, 7·30
765 St. James, Princess Victoria, Rotherhithe, 8
780 Royal Alfred, Star and Garter, Kew Bridge, 8
834 Ranelagh, Six Bells, Hammersmith
1056 Metropolitan, Portugal Hotel, Fleet Street, 7
1185 Lewis, Fishmongers' Arms, Wood Green, 7·30
1228 Beacontree, Green Man, Leytonstone, 8
1298 Royal Standard, Castle, 81 Holloway Road, N., 8
1365 Clapton, Great Eastern Hotel, Liverpool Street, 7
1381 Kennington, The Horns, Kennington, 8
1642 Earl of Carnarvon, Ladbroke Hall, Notting Hill, 8
1677 Crusaders, Northampton Arms, Goswell Road
1897 Citadel, Farleigh Hotel, Amhurst Road (near West Hackney Church), 8
1901 Selwyn, Montpelier, Choumont Road, Peckham, 8
2021 Queen's Westminster, Criterion, W., 8
R.A. 95 Eastern Star, Hercules Tavern, E.C.
R.A. 820 Lily of Richmond, Greyhound, Richmond, 8
R.A. 890 Hornsey, Prince of Wales, Bishop's Road, W., 8
R.A. 1275 Star, Stirling Castle, Church Street, Camberwell, 7

Saturday.

87 Vitruvian, Duke of Albany, St Catherine's Park, near Nunhead Junction, 7·30
179 Manchester, 8 Tottenham Court Road, W.C.
198 Percy, Jolly Farmers', Southgate Road, N., 8
1275 Star, Dover Castle, Deptford Causeway, S.E.
1288 Finsbury Park, Cock Tavern, Highbury, 8
1364 Earl of Zetland, Royal Edward, Hackney, 7
1524 Duke of Connaught, Lord Stanley, Hackney
1624 Eccleston, Windsor Castle Restaurant, Victoria Stn., S.W., 7
1719 Evening Star, Rutland Hotel, Percy Hill, Catford, S.E., 8
2012 Chiswick, Windsor Castle, Hammersmith, W.
R.A. Sinai, Red Lion, King Street, Regent St. W.

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