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THE BOYS SCHOOL.

ALTHOUGH we feel there is very great risk of wearying our readers by so frequently referring to proceedings in connection with this Institution, the importance of recent events concerning its affairs must be our excuse for this week again placing it in the front, and this is more particularly so inasmuch as the first matter we have to speak of concerns also H.R.H. the Prince of Wales Grand Master of England, who has graciously signified his intention of presiding at the Centenary Festival of the Institution, which will fall due to be held in 1898.

It may appear somewhat early to be making definite arrangements in regard to the one hundredth anniversary of the Boys School, when the Craft has only just celebrated the ninety-seventh, but those who rightly appreciate the importance of the event, and recognise the many calls the Prince of Wales has upon his time, will agree that the executive of the Institution has acted wisely in making so early a start, while all are to be warmly congratulated on having enlisted the active support of the Grand Master, in this great event in the career of the Institution.

Besides, it is not unreasonable to suppose that some great work in connection with the School will be attempted as a part of the Centenary celebration—possibly the idea most popular among those who have its welfare at heart is its removal from the present site at Wood Green to some more desirable spot away in the country. This change has been referred to on many occasions, and we think it is generally admitted to be most desirable of accomplishment, the one obstacle in the way of its realisation being the cost, but even that, we think, might probably be faced in view of the great event coming on in 1898—the celebration of the Centenary of the Institution, under the presidency of the Prince of Wales as head of the Masonic Order.

It may be we are premature in mentioning so great an undertaking as the removal would be as a part of the Centenary scheme, but we know there are many who regard the association of the two matters as singularly appropriate, and we venture to believe some definite effort will be taken to unite the two and bring them to a successful issue, a result we regard as more than ever likely now that the Grand Master has again shown his continued interest in the Craft, by consenting to preside at one of its Charity Festivals.

The next matter that calls for notice here is of an equally satisfactory character to that just referred to, being the announcement that the contributions to the recent Festival have now reached an amount in excess of £19,000, with the prospect of yet sufficient additions to at least turn the total into guineas, even if it does not go beyond. It is hardly necessary to say how gratifying this result is to all who were concerned in the work of the Festival—let us again hope that future returns may be equally satisfactory, not only for the Boys School, but for the other Institutions likewise.

The third point that calls for special reference on this occasion is, unfortunately, of a somewhat disagreeable nature, but one we consider it our duty to specially refer to, for the reason that without public notice of such matters the world would often remain in ignorance concerning them.

We may first of all say that we consider it a very delicate matter to question the action of a public body when they propose to increase the salary of any of their servants, because it is virtually impossible to deal with such questions on a wide and general basis, it being usually argued that a personal attack is made, or at least is intended; but in this case we must ask the Craft to believe that we are sincere when we say it is the office we refer to, and not the Officer, as we have the very greatest respect for the present holder of the post concerned.

At the June Council meeting of the Institution a notice of motion was given by Brother Richard Eve, Chairman of the Board of Management, to increase the salary of the Head Master, by one hundred guineas, to 600 guineas per annum, and we should like to know whether the general body of the Craft, who are urged year after year to support the Institution, are aware that so large a salary is paid for this service?

We have made enquiry in many quarters, and the information we have been enabled to impart in regard to this proposed increase has come as a very great surprise on every hand, not only so, but we venture to assert there are very few even of those who subscribed to this year's Festival who are aware that so large a salary as 500 guineas per annum is paid to the Head Master, whose position is considerably improved, we believe, by the provision of a house and some other of the necessary expenses of a home out of the funds of the Institution.

But even if the 500 guineas per annum now paid is deemed insufficient for the holder of the appointment, is it not going too far to propose so large an increase? An annual increment up to a maximum limit would rather seem to be in accordance with custom in such matters, and would be more in keeping with the spirit of economy so much talked about in working the Institution, but we fear that the great success of the Festival has had some effect on the executive, who, we are convinced, are starting on a very dangerous undertaking when they propose a 20 per cent increase on a salary that is already most bountiful; as, with such a rise for the head of the School, how can they possibly refuse to grant a somewhat similar increase to the subordinate Officers, who may fairly be expected to petition for equal treatment?

As we said at the outset, our motive in referring to this proposed increase of salary must not be considered in a personal light, and we are only sorry that in dealing with the question there should be a possibility of it being so regarded. We have brought the subject thus prominently forward because we feel it is a matter that should receive more public notice than it would be likely to do if left to the ordinary course, and having done so we leave it for those members of the Craft who have

a voice in the matter to say whether or not they approve of paying a salary of 600 guineas a year, with other advantages, to the Head Master of the Boys School. Doubtless, if necessary the executive can point to other Schools where equal liberality is shown, but we question if there are many so happily circumstanced.

CONSECRATION.

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PAPYRUS LODGE.

ON Monday, the 24th ult., as briefly reported in our columns, a new Lodge promoted by members of the wholesale paper trade for the use of that trade was consecrated at the Criterion, Piccadilly, by Bro. Edward Letchworth Grand Secretary, in the presence of a large number of Brethren of the Order.

The Grand Secretary was assisted by Bros. Philip Hickson Waterlow P.G.D. as S.W., Herbert Jordan Adams P.G.Swd.B. as J.W., Rev. J. Studholme Brownrigg P.G.C. as Chaplain, F. Richardson P.G.D. as Director of Ceremonies, and W. R. Smith W.M. 217 as I.G.

The ceremonies were accompanied by vocal music under the direction of Bro. W. B. Martin Organist, supported by Bros. H. Horscroft, G. May and H. Thom.

Among the Brethren present were Brothers H. F. Frost P.G.Org., H. Sadler G.T., George T. Busbridge P.P.Asst.G.Sec. Kent, Thomas L. Littler, H. P. Wright jun. 1021, H. McDougall 419 (S.C.), Tharke 87, Henry Kelp 1464, Charles F. Hilton 1009, W. B. Wellsman W.M. 1589, W. R. Smith W.M. 217, H. Massey 160 P.M. 619 and 1928, A. Christie 1730, R. H. Hill 1260, W. H. Smith 217, Peter McLean 2319, E. T. W. Hoare 1850, John Beeton 1260, James Couch S.D. 1601, W. D. Thomas 217, T. D. M. Burnside 2319, Richard Poore 1949, J. M. Buckley 1320, and A. G. Broadberry 1719.

The Founders of the Lodge were Brothers Stephen A. Hardiman, Henry G. Small P.M., Bertrand Grant, S. Charles Phillips, Henry Jenkins P.M., John Nixon P.M., Charles B. R. Maltby, Frederick E. R. Becker, W. Henry Edwards, Sidney S. Holt, J. Barthram Taylor, Theodore S. Sheard, William B. Martin, Frederick W. Robinson and James Thomson J.W. 2319.

The Grand Secretary, in opening the proceedings, said that in view of the length of the ceremonies before the Brethren, and also of the state of the temperature he would not presume to occupy their time many moments with any words of his own. They were all aware of the purpose for which they were assembled—for a very solemn object—to constitute a new Lodge and to dedicate it to the service of God. He could only express a hope that this Papyrus Lodge they were about to start into existence might be the means of uniting in still closer bonds those founders who were associated together elsewhere and of advancing the best interests of the Order in the metropolis.

The Rev. J. S. Brownrigg P.G.C. delivered the oration, and said it was worthy of note that among the many fraternities which sprang into existence through art, through labour, through business of all kinds, the earliest and the most honourable was that to which the Masonic Brethren belonged. Foremost before all, Masons joined together in an operative guild, and if the Brethren looked through the middle ages they would find over and over again that the guild which had the highest rank, which stood first amongst all was that which to-day was a speculative Order. It was well to ask why it was the operative Masons won distinction among the Brotherhood? He thought it was first of all this—that the operative Mason worked more unselfishly than the members of any other guild for the good of mankind. Rarely did one generation see the completion of his work; sometimes he did not see the beginning and sometimes he did not see the end; but having done his share of the work the Lodge to which he belonged went elsewhere to do similar work. Secondly he worked actually in obedience to a superior, but always he did his work in the best way, holding with the great Master that in all labour there is profit. Through those two principles—unselfishness and perseverance—he won for himself the honour of his fellows. So the speculative Masons of to-day should try to win for their Society, for their particular Lodge, the proud preminence of working not for themselves but for the good of mankind. There should be no idlers in the Masonic hive; every one should seek to do his best, with the fullest integrity, with the greatest heartiness of purpose, for by these principles, and these principles alone would they make themselves respected among their fellows and Brethren.

The ceremony of consecration was then proceeded with, and at its conclusion the Grand Secretary installed Bro. Stephen A. Hardiman as W.M. Bro. Henry G. Small was appointed to act

as I.P.M. The other Officers were Bros. Bertrand Grant S.W., S. Charles Phillips J.W., Henry Jenkins Treasurer, John Nixon Secretary, Charles B. R. Maltby S.D., Frederick E. R. Becker J.D., W. Henry Edwards I.G., Sidney S. Holt D.C., J. Barthram Taylor and Theodore S. Sheard Stewards, William B. Martin Organist, Frederick W. Robinson and James Thomson Junior Stewards, and Thomas Bowler Tyler. Votes of thanks were passed to the Consecrating Officers, who were also elected honorary members of the Lodge, and after propositions for, initiation and joining had been given in, the Lodge was closed and the Brethren adjourned to banquet and honoured the usual toasts.

The Rev. J. S. Brownrigg responded to the toast of the Grand Officers.

Brother Small acting I.P.M. proposed the W.M. Brother Hardiman had assumed a great responsibility in taking charge of this Lodge for the first year. There was always a little inclination to rush a Lodge during its first year, and he would impress upon the W.M. that they should not go in for numbers, but for quality. The gentlemen who had been proposed that night were of good quality, and the Officers appointed were of good quality. He was sure that the Brethren would not regret the choice they had made of a Brother to be their Master. He would remind the Brethren that Lord Egerton of Tatton would preside at the Boys Festival on Wednesday, 3rd July. Charity was a great part of the work of Masonry, and he trusted that the Papyrus Lodge would never forget this.

Brother Hardiman W.M., acknowledging the toast, said he wished to perform his duties to the Lodge in the best way a Master could. He was surprised that he was chosen for first Master; he did not wish to be, because he knew it was a great undertaking. But his dear friends and old associates the Founders insisted on it, and he could not say nay. He thanked them from the bottom of his heart for promising to support him.

Brother Hardiman W.M., in proposing the health of the Consecrating Officers, said he should never forget the impressive manner in which the Grand Secretary consecrated the Lodge.

Bro. Letchworth, in reply, said that occupying the position he had the honour to hold, he had many duties to perform in connection with the Craft, but he could say with all sincerity there was no duty which gave him greater pleasure to perform than the consecration of a Lodge. The pleasure was greatly enhanced when he felt as he did that night that the future success of the Lodge was assured. He felt satisfied that the Papyrus Lodge had in it the elements which must eventually lead to success. It started with a W.M. who had had great experience, not only in the London Scottish Rifles Lodge, but in the Lodge of Stability, a Brother who was a Master of his work, under whose able and genial rule the Lodge would have a year of great happiness and prosperity, and he wished the Lodge every success.

The remaining toasts were afterwards given and responded to, that of the Tyler completing the business of the evening.

UNIFORMITY.

MASONRY (Australia) says there are "some half a dozen to a dozen Lodges of Instruction in various parts of the City (Victoria), each teaching a different mode of working, actually impressed with different and erroneous views upon symbolical meanings, and yet no doubt zealously striving to do the very best they can for the instruction of the Brethren.

In absence of a definite ruling from the Grand Lodge on the question of the Ritual, the state of things our contemporary comments on will always be more or less ripe. In a Lodge of Instruction, as in an ordinary Lodge, the mode of working and choice of Ritual is entirely guided by the will of the Worshipful Master during his period of office. If he happens to be matter-of-fact in his ideas, he will be inclined to adopt the Ritual that appeals most to his common sense. If, on the other hand, he is gifted with an unusual amount of credulity, he will thrust his Ritual with all its incongruities and traditions down the throats of his Brethren, and try and make them accept it all as truth.

We believe the Grand Lodge did once recommend Lodges to follow the Emulation working, and possibly this form is the most generally used. We think, however, the time is coming when Freemasons will awake to the fact that, in following a form of working which is overflowing with the most glaring misrepresentations, incongruities and anachronisms, they are tending to alienate the more deep-thinking and earnest of the Fraternity, and laying themselves bare to the attacks of a critical world. It is time some reform took place in this respect, and the only way it appears to us it could be accomplished, is in the united action of all English-speaking Grand Lodges by establishing one form of Ritual, which should be exclusively adopted. The Mother Grand Lodge of England could consistently take the initiative in a matter like this.—"Indian Freemason."

BERKSHIRE.

THE annual Provincial Grand Lodge of Berkshire was held in the large Town Hall, at Reading, on Tuesday, 25th ult., when there was a numerous attendance of members, a good proportion of whom were Provincial Officers.

Notwithstanding the multiplicity of engagements which press upon most people of any position at this season of the year, there was a very fair contingent of Visitors, including eight or nine Brethren from Gloucester, who thus returned the compliment extended by some of the Reading Masons who recently made a fraternal visit to that city. The hall had been admirably fitted up, and the assembling of the Provincial Grand Lodge was preceded by a special Lodge of emergency held by the three Reading Lodges, under the presidency of Bro. W. J. Maurice W.M. of the Union Lodge, the Wardens' chairs being respectively filled by Bro. the Rev. J. M. Guilding W.M. of the Greyfriars Lodge, and Bro. A. S. Cooper W.M. of the Kendrick Lodge.

At about half-past four o'clock the members of the Provincial Grand Lodge entered the hall in Masonic order, and were accorded the accustomed honours, after which the transaction of the usual business proceeded under the direction of the Deputy Provincial Grand Master in charge Bro. John Thornhill Morland P.J.G.D. England.

Bro. J. W. Martin the indefatigable and much esteemed Provincial Grand Secretary first read the roll of the Lodges, when it appeared that all, with one exception, were represented. The names of the Provincial Grand Officers for the year were also called. The P.G. Secretary read letters of apology for non-attendance from a number of distinguished Masons, including Viscount Valentia, M.P., Sir Lionel Darell, Bro. C. T. Murdoch, Bro. Keyser, &c.

The general financial statement for the year showed total receipts of £258 15s 3d, and a balance in hand of £120 11s 11d, which was rather more than the previous year's balance. The Charity account was of a similarly satisfactory character, and the finance report was unanimously adopted on the motion of Bro. F. J. Ferguson, seconded by Bro. R. C. Mount. The Secretary's report upon the Lodges in the Province was likewise of a gratifying nature, showing a total of 622 members and 171 Past Masters. The regular Lodges held during the year had numbered 100, and nine Lodges of emergency had also been held. There had been twenty-three joining members in the course of the twelve months, and thirty-three initiations.

Bro. E. Margrett Secretary to the Provincial Charity Committee presented an interesting report, which recorded the success of the candidate put forward by the Province on his first and last chance.

The Deputy P.G.M. complimented Bro. Margrett and the Committee upon the satisfactory result of their strenuous and untiring efforts to promote the success of the deserving case in question, and urged the great importance of the Brethren sending all their votes to the Committee, who would exercise the voting power of the Province to the best advantage, as they had done in the instance referred to.

The report was unanimously passed on the proposal of Bro. E. Horne, seconded by Bro. S. Knight.

Bro. J. Tomkins proposed, and Bro. S. G. Kirchhoffer seconded, in complimentary terms, the re-appointment of Bro. Charles Stephens as Provincial Grand Treasurer, which was cordially agreed to, and Bro. Stephens briefly returned thanks.

The P.G. Secretary reported that Bro. Margrett had been elected on the Board of Management of the Masonic Boys School, a well deserved recognition of his labours in the cause of Masonic charity.

The Deputy P.G.M. then invested Bros. E. Prince P.M. 2091 and J. S. Liddle W.M. 574 with the Provincial Charity Jewel, and Bros. C. E. Keyser P.M. 414 and 574, Captain A. Tupman P.M. 414, G. H. Morland W.M. 945, and F. Kedge (Ascot Lodge) with the Charity Bar.

The Deputy P.G.M. next appointed and invested the Provincial Grand Officers for the ensuing year in the following order:—

Bro. William Ferguson 1101	-	-	Senior Warden
Alex. C. A. Higerty 2437	-	-	Junior Warden
Rev. A. E. Farrar 1887	-	-	} Chaplains
Rev. W. Muirhead Hope 574	-	-	
Charles Stephens 414 (re-elected)	-	-	Treasurer
A. E. Preston 945	-	-	Registrar
John W. Martin 414 (re-appointed)	-	-	Secretary
Dr. J. B. Isaac 1899	-	-	Senior Deacon
J. Harcourt Lee 209	-	-	Junior Deacon
Wm. Powell 1770	-	-	Superintendent of Works
Henry Ponking 1887	-	-	Director of Ceremonies
Frederick Hunt 771	-	-	Assistant Director of Cers.
A. S. Cooper 2043	-	-	Sword Bearer
Lieut. J. G. W. James 795	-	-	} Standard Bearers
G. S. Galt 414	-	-	
T. W. Walford 2460	-	-	Organist
D. Manders 1879	-	-	Assistant Secretary
Edwin Hewett 1566	-	-	Pursuivant
C. L. Lovell 945	-	-	Assistant Pursuivant

W. J. Maurice 414	-	-	-	} Stewards
E. A. C. Broquet 209	-	-	-	
G. H. Morland 945	-	-	-	
Dr. C. E. Paterson 1899	-	-	-	
Bernard Ruddock 414	-	-	-	
W. Hemmings 1101	-	-	-	Tyler.

The newly appointed Officers having been saluted, the P.G. Lodge was closed in due form.

After the Lodge there was the customary banquet in the Small Town Hall, over a hundred Brethren sitting down to a recherché repast, served by Bro. W. G. Flanagan, of the Great Western Hotel.

The D.P.G. Master (in charge) gave the Loyal toasts.

Bro. Kirchhoffer proposed the Deputy Prov. Grand Master (in charge) and the Provincial Grand Officers Present and Past. They had, he said, at the head of the Province a gentleman well qualified to conduct it, and a gentleman whom they honoured as a distinguished Mason and loved as a friend. The Grand Officers Present and Past were also Brethren who well deserved the distinctions which had been conferred upon them.

The D.P.G. Master (in charge) said he was pleased to do anything he could to promote the interests of the Craft, and if his humble efforts met with the approbation of the Province he was amply repaid. He was happy to say that the Lodges were working harmoniously, and were doing a great good. One part of his duty, which gave him many hours of thought and care, was to select Brethren to receive the purple. He had no difficulty in selecting worthy Brethren; the difficulty he had was to allot the few collars, as there were so many worthy of them. He hoped, however, he had given satisfaction. Bro. Morland concluded by thanking the Mayor and Corporation of Reading for granting the free use of the halls for Provincial Grand Lodge, and requested the Provincial Grand Secretary to convey the thanks of the Province to them for their kindness.

Bro. Stephens proposed the health of the Visitors, and Bro. Bruton P.P.G.S.W. Gloucestershire, and Bro. Bowen P.G. Sec. Bucks replied.

In giving the Charities Bro. Canon Garry said the real meaning of the word Freemasonry was charity. The three Masonic charities had developed very largely of late years, and as the charities had grown so had the Craft grown in strength and stability. He coupled with the toast the names of Bros. Terry and Margrett, and remarked that it was mainly through the efforts of Bro. Margrett that young Blackwell was elected to the Boys School, on the Board of Management of which the Charity Secretary for Berks had been elected.

Bro. Terry thanked the Province of Berks for the generous assistance it had given to the Benevolent Institution, £450 being taken to the last Festival by the five Brethren who attended from Berkshire Lodges. The three charities had immensely increased during the present century, last year over £50,000 being subscribed by Masons to the Institutions.

Bro. Margrett, who also replied, said he was very proud of what the Province did in regard to the charity votes.

The health of the Worshipful Masters of the three Reading Lodges was honoured and responded to.

The D.P.G. Master proposed the P.G. Treasurer Bro. C. Stephens, the P.G. Sec. Bro. J. W. Martin, and the P.G. Organist Bro. T. W. Walford.

The toast was well received, and was in turn responded to by each of those Officers.

The Tyler's toast brought to an end a most successful meeting.—“Reading Mercury.”

KENT.

THE annual meeting of the Provincial Grand Lodge was held on Wednesday, 3rd inst., at Maidstone, under the banners of the Belvedere Lodge, No. 503, Douglas Lodge, No. 1725, and the Robinson Lodge, No. 2046, a Committee being formed of members of the three Lodges, who carried out the necessary arrangements in a most satisfactory manner. The Brethren assembled at the Old Palace, the rooms of which were set apart as waiting rooms, the proceedings of the Grand Lodge being conducted in a tent fitted up in the grounds. Over three hundred Brethren were present.

The Provincial Grand Master Earl Amherst presided, and he was supported by the Provincial Grand Officers and a large number of distinguished Brethren.

Provincial Grand Lodge having been opened the minutes of the last meeting were confirmed and the accounts of the Provincial Grand Treasurer passed.

It was decided to give five guineas to the fund being formed as a memorial to the late Dean Payne-Smith, the P.G.M. saying that they had experienced his kindness to them on two occasions when the Grand Lodge had assembled at Canterbury.

Bro. W. Russell the Provincial Grand Treasurer was re-elected as the representative on the Board of Management of

the Boys School. A vote of thanks was passed to Bro. Cobham for editing the Manual, on his retirement in consequence of ill-health, and Bro. F. Hitchings was elected to succeed him. Brother W. Russell was re-elected Provincial Grand Treasurer, and a hearty vote of thanks was passed to him for the able way in which he had carried out the duties of the Office.

Having re-appointed Bro. J. S. Eastes as his Deputy the Provincial Grand Master proceeded to invest his Officers for the year, as follow :

Bro. F. S. W. Cornwallis, M.P., 1725	-	-	Senior Warden
G. D. Warner 1678	-	-	Junior Warden
Rev. Augustus Jackson, M.A., 77	-	-	} Chaplains
Rev. J. E. Player 2237	-	-	
William Russell 77	-	-	Treasurer
Alfred Spencer 1063	-	-	Secretary
Major E. B. Stephens 1174	-	-	Registrar
George F. Baker 503	-	-	} Senior Deacons
George Church 20	-	-	
Henry Corbett Jones 2009	-	-	} Junior Deacons
Alfred F. Church 2505	-	-	
Frederick Stanley 127	-	-	Superintendent of Works
Solomon Brice jun. 1050	-	-	Director of Ceremonies
Albert H. Pilcher 972	-	-	Deputy Director of Cers.
Thomas William Porter 1915	-	-	} Assist. Directors of Cers.
Rufus Stevenson 2200	-	-	
Frederick Gordon 1063	-	-	
William Brown 1424	-	-	Sword Bearer
Edward T. B. Allen 784	-	-	} Standard Bearers
Edwin Cockersall 1449	-	-	
John B. Groom 2046	-	-	Organist
Joseph Aty 158	-	-	Assistant Secretary
George Peden 125	-	-	Pursuivant
William Norrington 1089	-	-	Assistant Pursuivant
Edward Lane Dixon 429	-	-	} Stewards
James Holmes 1208	-	-	
Samuel R. Wilson 1209	-	-	
W. B. Kennett 1436	-	-	
Robert Vine Harman 1692	-	-	
William Henry Kirby 1965	-	-	} Tyler.
Joseph Orum 20	-	-	

The Provincial Grand Master then said he had now a most pleasant duty to fulfil. On many occasions he had had the pleasure to refer to the very able services of Bro. J. S. Eastes in his position as Deputy Provincial Grand Master, an office which he had occupied for twenty-one years. During that time he had endeared himself to the hearts of every Mason in the Province. He was also a Grand Officer of England, and as such attended most regularly to the duties of Grand Lodge. He was also on the Governing Board of the Boys School. Being such a worthy Mason, and having carried out the duties of the office he had held so long in such an able manner, it was thought well that the Masons in the Province should combine together and present him with some token of their esteem. The result had been that within the last nine months a sum of over five hundred guineas had been subscribed, and with it they had purchased that splendid collection of plate which they saw before them, a signet ring, a grand piano, and they would also have an album with the names of the subscribers and an address. He had great pleasure in handing these things over to Bro. Eastes, who he had been happy in knowing so many years.

Bro. Eastes, in thanking the Brethren, said their kindness had quite overwhelmed him, and he was quite unable to express those feelings which he held towards them. He thanked them however, sincerely, for the very splendid presents they had made him. During the twenty-one years he had had the honour to hold the office there had not been a single cloud passing over it. Everything had worked well, and he should never forget their kindness and should always look forward to this day as being the red letter day of his life. Last year they did him the honour to purchase in his name a perpetual presentation to the Boys School, which he very much appreciated, and considered that he was then more than rewarded for anything he might have done for Freemasonry. They had now, however, done this, and their kindness he should appreciate to the end of his life. From the depth of his heart he thanked them, and assured them that he would do whatever he could in the few years that yet remained to him for Masonry in the beloved Province of Kent.

The business having been concluded, a procession was formed, and the Provincial Grand Master, supported by his newly-appointed Officers, and attended by the other Brethren, proceeded to All Saints Church, where, by the kind permission of the Rev. Canon Dyke, a service was held. The sermon was preached by the Senior Provincial Grand Chaplain Brother A. Jackson, who chose as his text Genesis xxviii, 11 and 12. "And he lighted upon a certain place, and tarried there all night, because the sun was set; and he took of the stones of that place, and put them for his pillows, and lay down in that place to sleep. And he dreamed, and behold a ladder set up on the earth, and the top of it reached to heaven: and behold the angels of God ascending and descending on it." After speaking generally upon the subject of his text, the speaker proceeded as follows:—

Brethren in Freemasonry! We must not for one moment suppose that this vision was intended merely to comfort Jacob and to assure him of God's favour and goodness towards him.

"All Scripture is given by the inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction; for instruction in righteousness that the man of God may be perfected, thoroughly furnished unto all good works." In the case before us the vision has a meaning which Jacob could not understand, but which we as Christians can understand because Christ explained it when he said to Nathaniel (St. John i, 57) "Verily, verily I say unto you, hereafter" *i. e.* from henceforth, from the present time "ye shall see heaven open and the angels of God ascending and descending on the son of man." Here then we have the true fulfilment of Jacob's dream. Christ himself is the ladder set up upon the earth, the top of which reaches even unto heaven. By and through Him heavenly messengers are continually passing from heaven to earth, and from earth to heaven ascending with prayers of the faithful and descending with God's grace and benediction. Now then I think you see the first and most important meaning of the vision of Jacob's ladder—it sets before us Jesus Christ, who is the true and living way, and who, when he had overcome the sharpness of death opened the gates of heaven to all believers. Masonry, however, being a system of morality, veiled in allegory, attaches to the vision of Jacob's ladder another and secondary meaning by no means subversive of or contrary to the former, but one which is full of the most valuable moral teaching, giving as it does a practical turn to the other and grander view, and showing how it ought to affect our lives and actions. The well-instructed Mason deduces an important moral from this interesting history. In this sense, by the assistance of Jacob's ladder, he hopes to ascend to the Grand Lodge above, where the world's Great Architect lives and rules for ever. On closer examination he finds that the ladder has many staves or rounds symbolising as many moral virtues, and of these he finds the principal ones to be faith, hope, and charity. He sees that we live and walk by faith. That is the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen. Faith well maintained, and answered by walking according to our Masonic profession, will bring us to those blessed mansions whence all goodness emanates; while hope, like an anchor of the soul, both sure and steadfast, and which entereth into that within the veil, gives us a firm reliance on the faithfulness of an Almighty Creator, animates our endeavours, and teaches us to fix our desires within the limits of His most blessed will. And charity! How shall the Brother express his admiration for this last and greatest virtue?—the brightest gem that can adorn the Masonic profession, the very bond of peace and of all virtues. Surely in the words of one of old, "Now abideth faith, hope, and charity, these three, but the greatest of these is charity!" But not only does he see that this ladder reaches to Heaven, he perceives also that it rests upon a book. It is the volume of the Sacred Law! As he meditates upon the holy precepts and comfortable promises that book contains, he exclaims, "Dominus illuminatio mea." "The Lord is my light and my salvation, whom then shall I fear, the Lord is the strength of my life, of whom then shall I be afraid?" Thus I have ventured to point out to you, Brethren in the Craft, as well as to my uninstructed Brethren who are not Masons, how admirably Freemasonry accentuates and brings home to us the teaching of that sacred volume, then indeed it becomes a lantern to our feet and a light unto our paths. In this way the sight which gladdened the heart of the poor wanderer at Bethel may be fulfilled to every true and faithful Brother among us, so that if by faith, hope and charity, he do but lay hold of that mystic ladder let down from Heaven and earth, then the promises made to Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob, will indeed be his. Endued with a competency of Divine Wisdom, and assisted by the secrets of our Masonic Art, he will be ever unfolding more and more the beauties of true Godliness, till at the word of the Lord bidding him to be gathered to his fathers, he lays him down in peace and takes his rest in the full assurance that "The Lord of Hosts is with him, and that the God of Jacob is his refuge!"

A collection was then made on behalf of the Masonic Charities and the All Saints Choir Fund, £25 16s being collected, which will be divided between the two.

Subsequently the members dined together at the Corn Exchange, under the presidency of the Provincial Grand Master, an excellent banquet being supplied by Bro. F. W. Waine. The usual Masonic toasts were honoured, and a very enjoyable musical selection was arranged by Brother F. W. Dutnall.—"Bromley Journal."

Mr. Max Pemberton is about to break fresh ground with a historical romance of the Forest of Fontainebleau. The work will be entitled "The Little Huguenot," and was to be published on 10th July simultaneously in England and the United States. It will form the third volume of "Cassell's Pocket Library," of which Mr. Pemberton is the editor.

A second edition of Mr. Frank Stockton's new novel, "The Adventures of Captain Horn," has already been called for.

Messrs. Cassell and Company will publish in a few days an abridged and popular edition of their "Official Guide to the London and North-Western Railway," fully illustrated.

WOMEN FREEMASONS.

AT the annual meeting of the Grand Lodge of New York, held in the capital of that State, opportunity was taken to publicly declare the Order of the Eastern Star to be an entirely separate and distinct body.

The Deputy Grand Master called attention to alleged misleading ideas given to the public in regard to the Eastern Star. The idea, he said, that women Masons could exist was not only incorrect, but to those that have any knowledge of what Masonry is, positively absurd.

Several Masons, says the "New York Herald," argued that any formal action on the part of such a dignified body would have the effect of bestowing upon the women unnecessary glory. Some of the subordinate Chapters of the Eastern Star, it was said, had leased rooms in the Masonic Temple, but on the expiration of the lease the Grand Lodge would positively refuse to renew.

AN EMINENT FREEMASON.

IN view of the Consecration of a new Masonic Lodge in connection with St. Bartholomew's Hospital, which took place last Saturday, a "Sketch" representative on Thursday called on Dr. Clement Godson, to whose energy and Masonic enthusiasm the founding of the new Lodge is mainly due. He kindly consented to relate the history of the new institution.

"When I was in the chair of the Prince of Wales Royal Arch Chapter, it was suggested that a meeting should be held to consider the subject, as there was a prevalent feeling that such a Lodge would be a benefit. Mr. D'Arcy Power (who will be Treasurer of the new Lodge) convened a meeting at his house, for initial steps. I was nominated as first Master, on account of my position in Masonry, and because I am on the permanent staff of St. Bartholomew's Hospital and Medical School.

"Application was at once made to the Grand Lodge for a Warrant, which was granted. Lord Lathom the Pro Grand Master thought that the Prince of Wales, being President of the Hospital, would consent to be present at the Consecration. It is, however, only ten days ago that his Royal Highness, amid his manifold duties, was in a position to signify his gracious consent. Then, too, Lord Lathom had to go abroad, otherwise the Lodge would have been consecrated before this. This very short notice will, unfortunately, prevent many Brethren from a distance taking part in the ceremony; but, nevertheless, we can command a sufficient attendance to make it very brilliant. All the Grand Officers have been invited.

"At first it was proposed to confine membership to those who had received their medical education at St. Bartholomew's, but the privilege has been extended to any connected with the Hospital. The Lodge will be called the Rahere Lodge, after Rahere, the King's minstrel, who founded St. Bartholomew's Hospital in 1123. The number of the Lodge is 2546 in the Grand Lodge of England. I have designed an enamelled jewel, with an effigy of Rahere.

"This is the first Lodge of the kind, and it is interesting to note that the Prince of Wales has only once before assisted at a Consecration. That was on 28th November 1893, when the Prince, as a Bencher of the Middle Temple, took part in the Consecration of the Chancery Bar Lodge."

"Of course, none but the initiated will be admitted to the ceremony?"

"That is so," Dr. Godson replied; "the Lodge must be what we call 'close-tiled.' The Lodge bids fair to succeed, as applications for initiation and for 'joining' (that is on the part of those who are already members of other Lodges) have come in largely."

It is certainly appropriate that Dr. Godson should have been chosen as first Master. He held office at St. Bartholomew's as Assistant Physician-Accoucheur for nearly sixteen years, resigning in 1890, amid general regret. His "unwearying kindness to poor patients" won him a special recognition from the Committee. Then, too, his Masonic standing is very high. With him Freemasonry is a pet subject, and he can produce a wonderful record of service, couched in the quaintly mysterious language of the Craft.

Dr. Clement Godson was initiated into Freemasonry and advanced to the sublime degree of a Master Mason in the St. Machar Lodge, Aberdeen, No. 54, under the Grand Lodge of Scotland, in 1872, and the same year was exalted to the Royal Arch Degree and became a Mark Master Mason in the St. Machar Chapter. In 1879 he joined the Studholme Lodge, under the Grand Lodge of England, and was Worshipful Master of it in 1885-6. He joined the Prince of Wales Lodge, No. 259, in 1892, and is just entering into office in it. In 1873 he joined the Prince of Wales Royal Arch Chapter, and in 1893 was its First Principal. Dr. Godson was one of the founders of the Studholme R. A. Chapter, and in 1886-7 was its First Principal. In 1894

he was Deputy Master of the Euston Lodge of Mark Master Masons. During his year of office the Duke of Connaught visited the Lodge to take, for the first time, his chair of W.M. Dr. Godson also occupied the chair of Worshipful Deputy Commander Noah in the Euston Lodge of Royal Ark Mariners when his Royal Highness took, for the first time, his chair of Commander Noah. He was elected President of the Board of Grand Stewards in 1892, and acted as such at the Grand Festival; was made a Grand Deacon in 1893 in the Grand Lodge of England, and on 4th June of this year was made a Grand Deacon in the Grand Lodge of Mark Master Masons, and has just been elected to the chair of Eminent Preceptor in the Studholme Preceptory of Knights Templars. He is a member of the Studholme Chapter of the Eagle and Pelican Sovereign Prince's Rose Croix of H.R.D.M., and in May last received the thirtieth degree in Freemasonry from the Supreme Council. (There are thirty-three degrees in all). He is a Knight of Malta, and holds office of P.C. of W. in the Euston Council of Royal Select and Super-excellent Masters. To these manifold Masonic distinctions Dr. Godson adds the purely medical office of President of the British Gynæcological Society, which he has just addressed.

The Doctor has orders, badges, and insignia innumerable. His various jewels are an interesting sight in themselves. Some of them, however, have names that sound puzzling to the uninitiated outsider, such as the jewel of "P.Z.," or "Past Zerubbabel." He is privileged to wear the Charity Jewel, as a Life Governor of all the three Masonic charities, the colours of which are symbolically blended in the ribbon.

"This is not Masonry," concluded Dr. Godson, as his visitor took leave, "but I may, as a keen sportsman, perhaps point to these."

He indicated eleven magnificent antlered heads around the study and in the hall. The stags had all fallen, on Scottish hills, to the rifle of one who is as enthusiastic a deer-stalker as he is a physician and Freemason.—"Sketch."

ROSE CROIX.

THE festival in connection with the Alfred Chapter, No. 13, was celebrated on the 27th ult., at the Masonic Hall, Taunton, when Bro. Henry Powell was duly installed M.W.S. for the ensuing year by Bro. F. T. Elworthy 31^o P.M.W.S.

The company afterwards sat down to a banquet at the Castle Hotel, where there was a large gathering, the usual toasts being honoured.

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At 8.20 a.m. for Weston-Super-Mare, Exeter, Dawlish, Teignmouth, Torquay, Kingswear, Dartmouth, &c., for 3, 8, 10, 15 or 17 days.

At 11.15 a.m. for Frome, Shepton Mallet, Wells, Yeovil, Bridport, Dorchester, Weymouth (for the Channel Islands), Portland, &c., for 3, 10 or 17 days.

At 12.5 p.m. for Newbury, Marlborough, Devizes, Trowbridge, Warminster, &c., for 3, 10 or 17 days.

At 12.35 p.m. for Clevedon, Bridgwater, Taunton, Minehead (for Lynton and Lynmouth), Barnstaple, Ilfracombe, Wellington (Som.), Tiverton, &c., for 3, 10 or 17 days.

At 3.30 p.m. for Swindon, Chippenham, Bath and Bristol, for 3, 10 or 17 days.

At 4.0 p.m. for Cirencester, Stroud, Gloucester, Cheltenham, Chepstow, Newport, Cardiff, Neath, Swansea, &c., for 3, 10 or 17 days.

At 10.10 p.m. for Weston-Super-Mare, Exeter, Dawlish, Teignmouth, Torquay, Kingswear, Plymouth, &c., for 3, 8, 10, 15 or 17 days.

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To Douglas (Isle of Man), for 10 days.

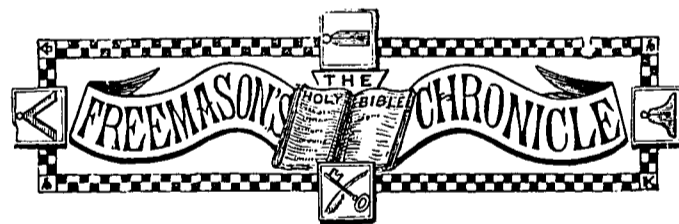
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FRED HARRISON, General Manager.

London, July 1895.



SATURDAY, 13TH JULY 1895.

THE GIRLS SCHOOL.

THE July Quarterly Court of the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls was held on Thursday, when among the business transacted was the settlement of the list of candidates for the October election. For this contest there are thirty-four approved candidates, for whom there will be seventeen vacancies. The Court was held under the presidency of Bro. J. H. Matthews P.D.G.D.C., who announced that the total subscriptions to the 107th Anniversary Festival of the Institution, held in May last, with the Earl of Mount-Edgcumbe Deputy Grand Master in the chair, had now reached £16,016.

THE BOYS SCHOOL.

THE Quarterly Court of the Governors and Subscribers of the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys was held at Freemasons' Hall, Great Queen Street, yesterday (Friday), under the presidency of Bro. G. E. Fairchild A.G.D. of C. Vice-Patron, who was supported by Bros. Willing, Scurrah, Stephens, Thos. Taylor, W. J. Mason, W. Flatman, C. W. Hudson, E. C. Mulvey, H. Massey, H. Imray and J. M. McLeod Secretary.

Letters were read from Bros. Thos. Fenn, Jabez Hogg, and

Wharton P. Hood, thanking the Court for Honorary Rank conferred at the last meeting.

The list of candidates for the October election was closed, there being forty-six approved candidates for sixteen vacancies.

The Secretary reported the result of the ninety-seventh Anniversary Festival, held on the 3rd inst., and that the total of the lists had now reached £19,057 1s 0d. Hearty votes of thanks were passed to the Chairman, the Stewards, and the Hon. Secretary of the Festival, for the splendid result of their labours.

The Secretary reported that on instructions received from the Board of Management he had (through the M.W. Pro Grand Master the Earl of Lathom, and the V.W. Grand Secretary) approached H.R.H. the M.W. Grand Master with the view of ascertaining whether it would be His Royal Highness's pleasure to honour the Institution by presiding at the Centenary Festival in 1898. He was glad to be able to inform the Court that the M.W.G. Master had graciously signified to the Earl of Lathom that he hoped to be able to preside on the occasion.

The announcement was received with enthusiasm.

THE usual monthly Council meeting was held on Friday, 28th June, Bro. C. E. Keyser Patron and Treasurer in the chair, supported by Bros. Everett, Fairchild, Pritchard, Stephens, A. C. Spaul, Pulman, &c.

After the usual routine business the list of candidates for the October election was closed, there being 46 candidates for 16 vacancies.

Notice of motion was given by Bro. Richard Eve Chairman of the Board of Management to increase the salary of the Head Master, by 100 guineas, to 600 guineas per annum.

The following additions and new lists have been received in connection with the recent Festival :

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Lodge.	Steward.	Addition of £ s. d.	Raising list to £ s. d.
18	George Burt	10 10 0	30 19 6
23	Charles Martin	1 1 0	81 18 0
173	Mrs. G. S. Fairchild	10 4 6	330 4 6
754	Benjamin Stocker	3 3 0	126 0 0
1196	James S. Mountford	1 1 0	34 13 0
1287	George Ridout	5 5 0	183 15 0
1719	Hubert T. Bailey	2 8 0	55 13 0
2182	Henry T. Telling	5 5 0	85 11 0
Unattached	J. M. McLeod	New List.	63 0 0
	R. Barnes	New List.	21 0 0

THE PROVINCES.

BERKSHIRE.				
414	W. J. Maurice	3 13 6	66 13 6	
CHESHIRE.				
2368	Sundry Stewards	2 2 0	123 18 0	
ESSEX.				
1437	Harold E. Smith	New List.	10 10 0	
GLOUCESTERSHIRE.				
839	R. P. Sumner	5 5 0	78 15 0	
KENT.				
1917	John W. Elvin	27 6 0	184 16 0	
NORTH AND EAST YORKSHIRE.				
312	Rev. E. Fox Thomas	18 18 0	49 17 0	
NOTTINGHAMSHIRE.				
The Province	Col. Wright	4 4 0	166 19 0	
OXFORDSHIRE.				
357	H. Collison	New List.	10 10 0	
SURREY.				
1924	T. H. Griffiths	2 1 0	107 1 0	
SUSSEX.				
732	T. Billing	2 2 0	12 12 0	
2483	H. J. Capon	10 10 0	34 2 6	
WARWICKSHIRE.				
74	Sundry Stewards	10 10 0	115 10 0	
587	R. J. R. Mackenzie	5 5 0	15 15 0	
WORCESTERSHIRE.				
The Province	T. R. Arter	57 15 0	183 15 0	
	Bro. Westwood	57 15 0		
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2277	Surgeon-Capt. W. Kiddle	10 10 0	21 0 0	
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MARK BENEVOLENT FUND.

THE twenty-seventh anniversary Festival of this Fund in connection with the Grand Lodge of Mark Master Masons took place at the Freemasons' Tavern, Great Queen Street, on Wednesday, with considerable success, owing no doubt to the energetic manner in which the Grand Secretary, Brother C. F. Matier P.G.W., &c., assisted by an influential Board of Stewards, worked to secure so desirable a result.

Bro. Lord Skelmersdale P.G.W. presided, and was supported by the Right Hon. the Earl of Euston Pro Grand Master, the Right Hon. Viscount Dungarvan D.G.M., and many others.

The occasion was also graced by the presence of several ladies, among whom were Lady Skelmersdale, Lady Agnes Cooper, Mrs. Jas. Stephens, Mrs. Carrell, Mrs. Oliver, Mrs. C. F. and Miss Matier, Mrs. Clowes, Mrs. Apelt, Mrs. Piggott, Mrs. Brewer, &c.

After an excellent dinner, which was served in Messrs. Spiers and Pond's best style, the noble chairman gave the usual Loyal and Masonic toasts, which were duly honoured.

In proposing the Grand Officers, Lord Skelmersdale referred to the fact that it was the present Pro Grand Master who had initiated him into Freemasonry, while everybody knew what good work Lord Dungarvan had done for the Craft.

Lord Euston, in responding, said that so long as he held his present high position he would keep Mark Masonry up to the highest standard that it could possibly be. He was pleased to be present to support the Chairman who had done so much for the cause of Freemasonry, and in all that pertained to the Craft. He was sure they all wished him prosperity.

Lord Skelmersdale, in returning thanks, said he was most pleased to do all he could to support so excellent a charity as the Mark Benevolent Fund, and he was desired by Lady Skelmersdale to say how grateful she was that the toast had been so well received, because he might mention that had it not been for her ladyship he would never have gone into Freemasonry at all. With reference to the toast of the evening he found that the festival had grown more successful year by year, and he trusted a similar success would be accorded to him. Their invested capital was very small, and they had to depend year by year upon subscriptions. They had had no election for some years, from motives of economy, because each election cost about £40, and the Board thought that the money might be better employed. There were now seven candidates awaiting election, and they would be able to place three or four of them upon the list of Annuitants. They were also educating fourteen Boys and six Girls at an average cost of £17 each, and he might mention that the reports of the children were most satisfactory. He considered they quite deserved the help that had been extended to them. He did not know how much would be collected that evening, but he hoped the result would not be less than in former years, and as his Father had made a record in 1878 so he trusted they would equally support his son.

The Grand Secretary then announced the subscription lists, which evoked considerable enthusiasm, the culminating point being reached when it was stated that the grand total was £2,108 9s 6d. This amount had only been exceeded on three other occasions, and there are yet eleven lists outstanding, which may still swell the total. Among the amounts it may be stated that twenty-one lady Stewards collected £79, that nineteen members of the General Board gave fifty guineas, and that thirty-one London Stewards brought up £412 14s 6d, the remainder being subscribed in the Provinces.

The Rev. Hayman Cummings proposed the Ladies, and said he considered that the Fund had gained by the presence of the Ladies, who would do more when they came to know more of Freemasonry. He thought it would be a great day when the ladies could come among us and learn more of its details. The Craft owed the ladies another debt by the action of the twenty-one lady stewards who had brought up such a large amount, and he was sure they would all go away more deeply impressed with the benevolence and charity of Masons.

Lord Dungarvan, on behalf of the fair sex, expressed their pleasure at learning so large a sum had been collected, and that last year's result had been exceeded. They hoped that next year the amount would be still higher.

Major Carrell, in responding for the Board of Stewards, said that all their trouble was repaid by the amount subscribed by the Brethren; they desired to thank the noble chairman for having contributed to make the festival such a success.

Bro. Frank Richardson in courteous terms proposed the Visitors, for whom Bro. Darley Hartley of East London, South Africa, replied.

This concluding the business of the evening the company adjourned to the Drawing Room, when an excellent concert was provided by Bro. Frederick Bevan, who was assisted by Miss Florence Bethell, Miss Maud Horne, Miss Ethel Bevan Bros. Edward Branscombe and Albert Fox.

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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ROYAL ATHELSTAN LODGE, No. 19.

A SUMMER outing of the members, with their friends, took place on Tuesday, 2nd inst., under the auspices of the W.M. Bro. Milton Smith. The party proceeded in saloon carriages to Henley-on-Thames, where two electric launches—"Viscountess Bury" and "Flosshilde"—were in waiting to convey them to Windsor. During the river journey an excellent luncheon and a variety of light refreshments were provided, and on arrival at Windsor dinner was served at the White Hart Hotel, the party returning to town by train.

After dinner the toasts of the Queen, the Ladies, the Visitors, and the Worshipful Master were honoured, says the "City Press," Mr. J. H. Merrett responding for the Ladies, and Mr. A. E. Pridmore for the Visitors. Fine weather favoured the trip, and the arrangements were carried out in every respect without hitch, the whole party making themselves thoroughly at home.

It was the first occasion for some eleven years that the Lodge had had a summer gathering, and expressions of the greatest satisfaction and pleasure were universal, the W.M. being highly complimented on the great success of his efforts.

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ABBEY (WESTMINSTER) LODGE OF INSTRUCTION, No. 2030.

ON Thursday, 27th ult., an excursion in connection with this Lodge took place under the arrangement of Bros. Mountain, Squires and Poole (Secretary). The party met at Vauxhall Station, proceeded in saloon carriages to Windsor, and boarded the Steam Launch "Windsor Castle." Light refreshments were provided during the journey. The company, to the number of eighty-one, landed at the Quarry Hotel, Bourne End, where an excellent dinner was provided, precaution having been taken to wire the exact number on arrival at Windsor. Great credit is due to Brother E. Butler, the proprietor of the Hotel, for the manner in which the dinner was served.

Bro. G. Holland, Preceptor of the Wanderers Lodge of Instruction, No. 1604, occupied the chair in the unavoidable absence of Bro. J. Gibson, the Preceptor; Bros. Mountain, Squires and Poole occupying the vice-chairs.

The toast of the Queen was appropriately proposed by the Chairman, and suitably responded to. Bro. Hamborg moved a vote of congratulation to the Committee, on behalf of the company, for the perfect arrangements. A photograph was taken of the company on the lawn of the Hotel, as well as on the Launch, and excellent pictures were produced by Messrs. Daniels and Blaber. The Launch then continued the journey to Great Marlow, tea being provided on the return journey to Windsor, which was reached in time to catch the 8.35 express to London.

Mrs. Gee presided at the pianoforte, and a good selection of songs was performed by Bros. Montague and G. Thatcher, Mr. Frank Hobbs, Mrs. Montague and Miss Cocks.

Everyone present seemed to have thoroughly enjoyed the trip and anxiously enquired when the next excursion would take place.

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LODGE OF PEACE, No. 149.

ON Saturday, 6th inst., an interesting ceremony took place in the presentation of a portrait of himself to Brother Charles Rayner P.M. P.P.G.D.C., in recognition of his long and eminent services to the Lodge. Bro. F. W. Lewis W.M. was in the chair.

The portrait has been subscribed for by a large number of members of the Lodge, and it is an excellent work of art, as well as an exceedingly good likeness, says the "Huddersfield Chronicle."

The W.M. called upon Brother William Ramsden P.M. P.P.G.Reg. to make the presentation. Bro. Ramsden, after expressing the gratification he felt in making the presentation in consequence of the pleasant Masonic associations between Bro. Rayner and himself in former years, referred to the zeal which Bro. Rayner had shown in Masonry, and particularly in the instructing of the younger Brethren in the Masonic art. He believed that most of the present generation of Freemasons in the Lodge of Peace entirely owed their proficiency in the Craft either directly or indirectly to Brother Rayner, who had been the guide and friend of all who required his assistance. He referred to Bro. Rayner's zeal for the maintenance of old traditions and for the purity of working which distinguished the Lodge of Peace. He was one of the oldest trustees of the Lodge property. He also mentioned two or three occasions when Bro. Rayner particularly distinguished himself: at the celebration of the centenary of the Lodge in 1877; the consecration of the Colne Valley Lodge, Slaithwaite, in the same year; and the foundation laying of the new Masonic Hall in Meltham. He acted as Prov. Grand D.C. at the foundation stone laying of a new church near Pontefract, on all of which occasions the Prov. Grand Lodge took part. He was present and joined in the great Masonic gathering on the 28th of October 1868, when the Marquis of Ripon, surrounded by the Prov. Grand Lodge, laid the foundation stone of the Convalescent Home at Meltham. He had been a member of the Charity Committee of the Province, representing his Lodge there for many years. After referring to the esteem in which Bro. Rayner was held, not only in his own Lodge, but throughout the Province, he concluded by presenting the portrait, and expressed a hope that he would have long life and health and further usefulness in his Masonic career, and that in after years this portrait might remind his successors of the respect and affection in which he was held by the Brethren of his Lodge.

Bro. Rayner, who was much affected, in his reply said that he thanked Bro. Ramsden from his heart for his outspoken and unhalting recognition of the services he had rendered to the Lodge, and assured him that the words he had uttered that day would never be erased from his memory, that they

would be treasured up in it to the end of his days. He accepted the gift as an honour intended for him by its promoters, and he looked upon it as a rich reward for what he had done for the Lodge. He also thanked Bro. Morton for the active part he had taken in furthering the object, also those Brethren who had so kindly and courageously contributed their money towards its accomplishment. He thanked the subscribers one and all with feelings of the deepest gratitude. He said that his reward came to him from the Province in April 1880. That day, fifteen years later, it came to him in his own Lodge, and although it came late it was none the less welcome nor any the less thankfully received. He then said he was not going to weary them with an interminable speech, but would at once come to the most pleasing of the duties he had to perform that day. He had very great pleasure indeed in presenting to the Lodge the portrait that had just been presented to him by Bro. Ramsden. He did so with a hope that it might be permitted to hang in a prominent place in the Lodge Room as a token of the long years he had laboured for the good of the Lodge, and as an incentive to members of the Lodge in future generations to do likewise.

A resolution was then moved by Bro. William Ramsden, and seconded by Bro. James Kilburn, J.P., C.A., P.M. "That the Lodge gratefully accepts Bro. Rayner's gift of the portrait to the Lodge, and that the portrait be henceforth hung on the walls of the Lodge Room." It was carried unanimously and the proceedings then closed.

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SINCERITY LODGE, No. 189.

THE annual installation and banquet was held at the Town Hall, Stonehouse, on the 8th inst., when Bro. John Parker S.W. was installed as W.M.

After the banquet the usual toasts were honoured.

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RURAL PHILANTHROPIC LODGE, No. 291.

ON Friday, 5th inst., Bro. J. H. Sharp, of Huntspill, was installed W.M., as successor to Bro. A. Burnett. There was a good muster of Brethren the ceremony being performed by Bro. R. C. Else D.P.G.M.

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CONSTITUTIONAL LODGE, No. 294.

ON the 4th inst., the Earl of Londesborough attended at the Masonic Hall, Beverley, for the purpose of presenting the Lodge with a handsome new banner. The centenary of the Lodge was celebrated in 1893, during which year the noble Earl was the Worshipful Master, and in order to mark the event his lordship has had specially designed a new banner, a duplicate of which he has also presented to the Liberty Lodge, of Beverley, Mass., U.S.A., the latter Lodge having considerably sent a magnificent Silver Loving Cup during the centenary celebration as a mark of their esteem.

The Worshipful Master Bro. J. R. Lane presided, and he was supported by the Earl of Londesborough, Tom Turner (ex-Mayor of Beverley), J. Willis Mills (Town Clerk), G. H. Knight (Superintendent of Police), and many others.

On being called upon to make the presentation, Lord Londesborough referred to the pleasant and happy associations connected with the old school-days, boyish haunts, the old homesteads, and last, but not least, the happy associations connected with a visit to one's own Mother Lodge. He next reverted to the princely gift of the American Brethren to the Constitutional Lodge during his Mastership in 1893, when the centenary was celebrated, and he had, after consultation with several Brethren, thought it fitting that he should show their regard and esteem by presenting to the Liberty Lodge a facsimile of the old Constitutional Lodge banner; and as he further ascertained that this banner was in a dilapidated condition, he had had specially designed and prepared the new banner which they then saw before them. Upon it were woven the beavers of the American Beverley Lodge and of their own Lodge, as showing the fraternal regard existing between the two. The American Brethren had received their banner, and he had now the greatest possible pleasure in asking the Worshipful Master to accept on behalf of the Brethren of his Mother Lodge the banner, bearing the following inscription:—

Constitutional Lodge, No. 294. Founded 6th March 1793.

Adversa Virtute Repello.

Presented by R.W. BRO. LONDESBOROUGH W.M. 1893 P.G.W. of England.

The banner was then presented amidst very hearty cheers, and on the motion of the W.M., seconded by Bros. Kemp and Marshall, his lordship's gift was accepted with hearty thanks.

At the banquet which followed, Lord Londesborough proposed the Liberty Lodge of Beverley, Mass., U.S.A., and the Brethren, in enthusiastically responding to the toast, respectfully turned westward. Other toasts followed.

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DOWNSHIRE LODGE, No. 594.

THE annual installation picnic was held on Thursday, 4th inst., at Clough Hall, Harecastle. Upwards of 100 members and friends left Lime Street Station, Liverpool, at 9.45 a.m. After a stroll through the lovely grounds the company sat down to dinner, admirably served by Bro. Bailey. After dinner the majority of the party were conveyed to the very extensive pottery works of Messrs. Josiah Wedgwood and Co., Etruria, where they witnessed the whole interesting process of manufacture. They returned to Clough Hall for tea, and then finished the day by boating on the picturesque lake, &c., and finally returned to Liverpool by special train, arriving at Lime Street at 10.30 p.m.

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CARNARVON LODGE, No. 804.

THE annual meeting was held at Freemasons' Hall, Waterloo Road, Havant, on the 2nd inst. There was a fair attendance of members.

The Lodge having been opened at 4 o'clock, and the usual preliminary business being disposed of, the W.M. Brother G. Cox proceeded to instal his successor, Bro. Harry Nelson Price P.M. 177, who had been unanimously elected to fill the chair of his mother Lodge for the ensuing year.

The Board of Installed Masters was composed of the following Brethren: J. Purnell P.P.G.Std.B., T. Francis P.P.G.W., H. W. Smith Parsons P.P.G.Purs., S. E. Spriging Prov.G.Purst., J. T. Slade, J. M. Godfrey; Visitors:—W. Baker W.M. 1831, C. F. Charge P.M. 38, A. Howell P.M. 1834,

E. H. Buck P.M. 903 Prov.S.G.D., A. Manistree W.M. 1958, A. J. Dunn W.M. 342, E. Stapleford W.M. 2074.

The M.Ms. having been re-admitted, and the usual ceremonies gone through, the W.M. proceeded to invest his Officers as follow:—Huggett S.W., Morris J.W., Sprigging Treas., Smith Parsons Sec., Hales S.D., Sabine J.D., Blake I.G., Godfrey D.C., Bazley Org., Williams S.S., Stebbing J.S., and Barrows Tyler.

The addresses were then delivered by the Installing Master, to whom a hearty vote of thanks was tendered.

The W.M. then, in the name of the Lodge, presented Bro. Cox, in a few well chosen words, with a gold P.M.'s jewel, which had been subscribed for by the members. It was designed and manufactured by Bro. H. T. Lamb, of Clerkenwell, and bore a suitable inscription. As it is only the second occasion on which the outgoing Master has been presented with a similar testimonial, it came to him as a surprise.

The recipient having responded, the Lodge was closed, and the Brethren adjourned to banquet, after which the usual Masonic toasts were given, interspersed with some excellent singing by Bros. Warwick Gray 12 S.O., Nickisson, Lodge 2308, Buck and J. J. Bascombe. Bro. Bazley also gave a Flute solo. Bro. H. G. Fryer accompanied on the Piano.

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TOXTETH LODGE, No. 1356.

THE annual meeting was very largely attended on the 10th inst., at Liverpool, the chair being taken by Bro. Henry Bridger W.M. The installation ceremony was performed by Bros. E. George P.M. P.P.G.D.C. and Philip Lloyd P.M. D.C. in an effective manner, Bro. John Lloyd being placed in the chair, and subsequently investing his Officers.

The banquet was afterwards held, when a P.M. jewel, accompanied by a marble timepiece and a handsome brooch for Mrs. Bridger, were presented to the I.P.M.

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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, 8th inst., Brother Percy E. Land W.M. There were also present Bros. Francis Long I.P.M., Ramsay Knight S.W., Chris. Preston J.W., Geo. Burslem P.M. Treas., J. C. Gillman P.P.S.G.D. Sec., W. Yeadon S.D., J. Done J.D., H. Russell I.G., D. Johnson P.M. D.C., H. P. Jones P.M. P.P.G.R., John Rathbone P.M., C. W. Maybury P.M., Walter Lees, C. F. Davies, S. Woollam, C. H. Moss, H. Preston, T. Jackson. Visitors:—T. Hunter W.M. 1147, J. Ellwood S.W. 1161, T. Firth 148, H. B. Brown I.P.M. 581, E. H. Flower P.M. P.G.T. (E.L.) Tyler.

The minutes of the last meeting having been read and confirmed, the ballot, which was successful, was taken for Mr. Arthur Herbert Norbury, Managing Clerk, Monton Green, when the Brethren adjourned for tea. On re-assembling, this gentleman was initiated into Ancient Freemasonry by the W.M. assisted by Bros. Preston J.W. and Knight S.W., the former delivering the Charge and the latter presenting and explaining the Working Tools.

A proposition by the W.M., seconded by Bro. Johnson P.M., that the sum of six guineas be presented to the "Alpass Benevolent Fund" of West Lancashire was approved.

At the festive board which followed, Loyal and Masonic toasts were responded to. That of the initiate was proposed by the W.M., who stated that he had known the candidate for about sixteen years, and from what he had seen of him believed he would make a good member among them, and be a credit to the Craft.

Bro. Norbury, in answer, thanked the W.M. and Brethren for the manner in which they had received him amongst them, and said he would endeavour to act up to the principles he had been taught.

Bro. Jones P.M. P.P.G.R. proposed the health of the Visitors, and the guests, in replying, thanked the W.M. and Brethren for the hospitable manner in which they had been received, and said the working of the W.M. and his Officers had been admirably performed. Bro. Burslem proposed the health of the W.M.

Bro. Land W.M. replied, thanking the Brethren for the hearty manner in which they had received the toast, and also the Visitors for their very flattering remarks respecting his working and that of his Officers; he further said he must inform them that the "Trafford Lodge" had that night entered upon its "majority." In the unavoidable absence of Brother Robert Wylie D.P.G.M. of West Lancashire, who consecrated the Lodge, he should call upon them to drink the health of the worthy and indefatigable Secretary Bro. Gillman, the originator and one of the founders (the only one left in the Lodge), and in doing so he hoped that he would be long spared to give the light of his countenance and advice to the Lodge.

Bro. Gillman, in replying, thanked the W.M. and the Brethren for their very kind wishes, and said that as long as the Great Architect of the Universe spared him he should continue to do all he could for the welfare of the Lodge and his children, for he always felt happy when amongst them.

Other toasts followed, varied by songs rendered by Bros. Hunter, Lees, Yeadon, Maybury, and Long; Bro. Long being the accompanist.

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LIVERPOOL LODGE, No. 1547.

THE annual meeting of this, which is essentially a citizens' Lodge, was held on the 10th inst., at the Temple, Hope Street, Liverpool, and was presided over by Bro. T. W. Hughes.

There was a large number of visitors, including many prominent members of suburban Lodges.

The W.M.-elect Bro. Charles H. Eaton was installed in an admirable manner by Bro. John Duncan P.M. P.P.D.C.

During the evening a handsome P.M. jewel was presented to the I.P.M.

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DEE LODGE, No. 1576.

THE annual installation meeting was held at the Union Hotel, Parkgate, on Wednesday, 3rd inst., when Brother John Mayers, of Chester, was installed Worshipful Master for the ensuing year.

The Lodge was opened under the presidency of Captain Shaw P.M., who, after the presentation of the new Master by Past Masters John Morris P.P.G.S.B., and the Hon. Henry Holbrook P.D.D. Grand Master British Columbia, installed Bro. Mayers into the chair of the Lodge in a manner which well deserved the warm acknowledgments of the Brethren, who had very rarely heard this beautiful ritual rendered in a more accurate and efficient, as well as a more pleasing and effective manner.

The Worshipful Master then appointed and invested the Officers to assist

him in carrying on the work of Freemasonry in the Lodge for the next twelve months.

At the conclusion of the general business the members, accompanied by the Visitors, adjourned to the Banqueting Room, where Mrs. Acton had provided for their requirements in a most ample manner. The chair was occupied by the newly installed Master, who, after the removal of the cloth, proposed the usual Loyal and Masonic toasts, which were heartily taken up by all present.

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EBORACUM LODGE, No. 1611.

THE annual excursion in connection with this Lodge took place on the 10th inst., to Pateley Bridge and Nidderdale. Upwards of forty Brethren and Ladies journeyed from York by saloon at 7.23. The journey was broken at Harrogate, and the interval was spent in a pleasant ramble round the town. Pateley Bridge was reached at 9.47 and the party sat down to breakfast at the King's Head Hotel. After breakfast a very pleasant drive was taken to How Skem Beck, via Wath, Ramsgill, and Lofthouse—viewing on the way the Bradford New Waterworks, and Gowthwaite Hall. The charming weather added much to the enjoyment of the journey, says the "Yorkshire Herald."

The party had a pleasant stroll through the ravine, and afterwards passed the cave. The journey to Pateley Bridge was resumed, and on arrival a visit was paid to Ravensgill, the picturesque views affording additional pleasure to the Brethren and ladies. At 4 o'clock dinner was served at the King's Arms, the Worshipful Master presiding, and the Senior Warden Bro. F. H. Vaughan being in the vice-chair.

At 5.40 the return journey was made, and a very pleasant hour was spent at Harrogate, York being reached at ten minutes past eight. On arrival the party were invited to the Lodge to partake of the hospitality of the W.M. Bro. J. Smith. Light refreshments were served, and musical contributions were given by Bro. Lofthouse on the organ, and songs and recitations by Bros. Wilson, Humphreys, Debenham, Spetch, Smith, Storey, Kilvington, and Lamb.

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MINNEHAHA MINSTREL LODGE, No. 2363.

THE writer who described a picnic as "the most unpleasant of all parties of pleasure" had evidently never paid a visit to Ripon and its delightful neighbourhood.

On Monday, the 1st inst., we, in company with the members and friends of the above Lodge, met to participate in their first excursion, and may admit at the onset that if subsequent arrangements depend at all upon the success of this venture, there will be similar trips for many years to come.

The party, which consisted of ladies and gentlemen to the number of 60, assembled at the Victoria Station, Manchester, at such an hour as to avoid the numberless workers who had not yet commenced flocking citywards to begin the daily goad which should lead to a week of toil. Saloon carriages which had been provided were attached to a special train, and after Bro. Sam Luke the Picnic Secretary had seen that everyone was comfortably seated, the train moved slowly out of the station. Light refreshments were supplied during the journey to Ripon, which was reached soon after 11 a.m. Conveyances awaited the visitors upon alighting, and they were speedily driven to the Unicorn Hotel, where luncheon had been provided.

Following this was a drive through very pleasant scenery to Fountains Abbey, four miles distant. The Abbey, of which sufficient is left amongst the ruins to convey a good idea of what a grand and imposing fabric had originally been erected, "contains all the styles of architecture from the late Norman to the perpendicular tower—a very fine and almost complete specimen." It is situated in the midst of magnificent natural scenery, whose present lovely ornature must be ascribed to the artistic labours of those responsible for the maintenance of what may now be considered one of the most attractive features of the place.

A heavy downfall of rain drove the party into the cloisters for shelter, the time being whiled away by the efforts of a hastily improvised glee party, who gave a variety of melodies in a manner which gained the approbation of scores of other visitors, who had availed themselves of the privilege to inspect the ruins.

The party returned to Ripon in time to view the Cathedral, and inspect "its far-famed Saxon and Norman Crypts, the fine Transition-Norman work of Archbishop Roger, the charming specimens of decorated and perpendicular work in the choir and nave, and other interesting details." The late Mr. J. R. Walbran in his "Guide to Ripon" says that the Cathedral contains "an example of every style of architecture which has been used in England from its introduction in Saxon times to its utter debasement in the 16th century."

The Market Place, in which the hotel is situated, boasts a magnificent obelisk erected in 1781 by W. Aislabie, Esq., who represented the borough in Parliament for sixty years.

The dinner, like the lunch of the morning, was of a most sumptuous kind, and we heard it highly commended by several of the party. The various musical items were supplied by Mrs. W. T. Watts, Bro. Chas. Harrop S.W. and Henry Nall P.M.

Several toasts were submitted and duly honoured, that of the Worshipful Master being proposed by Bro. W. A. Brabner I.P.M., who said that the picnic of that day, which had been begun as a trial, had ended in success. He very humorously directed a friendly philippic at Bro. Beaver for not being accompanied by a lady "in the shape of a wife," and concluded by the following impromptu:

"If you wouldn't be considered a gay thoughtless deceiver,
The next time you come, you must bring Mrs. Beaver."

Bro. Cyril H. Beaver W.M., in responding, said that he heartily thanked those present for the way in which they had accepted the toast of his health. He made a very laughable comparison of his own case by reverting to the story of woman at the Creation, who came after man, Bro. Beaver suggesting that she had been after him ever since. He spoke in high terms of the treatment received at the hotel, of the enjoyable scenery through which the party had passed, and of the admirable arrangements made to ensure what had proved to be a satisfactory result.

Brother J. C. Wood having proposed the health of the Visitors, Brother Gaskill responded, after which preparations were made for the return journey.

According to a small and compact "Guide" which is generously supplied to Visitors by Bro. Bernard Evans, proprietor of the Unicorn, no account of the hotel can be complete without mention of a celebrated character called Tom Crudd, whose history has been reverted to by Charles Dickens in Household Words. This extraordinary personage, familiarly known as Old Boots, flourished about the year 1762. "He was favoured by Nature with

a nose and chin so enormously long, and so lovingly tending to embrace each other, that he acquired, by habit, the power of holding a piece of money between them. A servant at the Unicorn Inn, it was his business to wait on the travellers who arrived there, to assist them in taking off their boots. He usually introduced himself into the room with a pair of slippers in one hand, and a boot-jack in the other, exactly in the attitude represented in an old picture. The company in general were so diverted with his odd appearance, that they would frequently give him a piece of money on condition that he held it between his nose and chin. This requisition he was always ready enough to comply with—it being no less satisfactory to himself than to them."

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CONCORD CHAPTER, No. 223.

AT the annual meeting held at Freemasons' Hall, Plymouth, for the purpose of installing the Principals T. C. Hannaford Z., T. C. Lewarn J., and C. B. Gale H., the ceremony was conducted by Comps. Cornish, Gidley, Hoyton, and Allsford.

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DERBY LODGE, No. 302.

THE anniversary of the Lodge was held on Monday, 8th inst., at the Masonic Hall, Derby, when Bro. T. F. Yeomans was installed as W.M. A banquet followed.

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CHAMPION CONCLAVE, No. 26.

THE regular meeting was held at the Palatine Hotel, Manchester, on Tuesday, 2nd inst., Bro. T. H. Scholfield Supreme Ruler Grand Councilor. There were also present:—Bros. Buckley Carr Councilor, F. Armstrong Guide, J. R. Ragdale Past Grand Councilor Treasurer, John Marshall Past Grand Councilor Secretary, R. T. Redman Steward, H. T. Grundy 1st Visiting Deacon, Nathan Heywood 2nd Visiting Deacon, John E. Williams Organist, Arthur C. K. Smith Director of Ceremonies, William A. Boyer Guarder, W. Cockcroft G.C.S.R., Thos. Plumpton Grand Steward, Edward Roberts S., J. A. Kirkland. Visitor:—Brother David Bradley G. Cockcroft Conclave.

The Conclave having been regularly opened, and the minutes of the former meeting read and confirmed, Bro. Wm. Charlton, J.P., who had already been elected, was now inducted, together with the following, whose names appeared upon the summons to be balloted for and elected, viz., Bros. W. B. Midgley W.M. and F. W. Maxwell J.W., both of Craft Lodge Concord, No. 1534.

The next business was the advancement to the second, or Prince's degree of Bros. Redman, Grundy, Heywood, Williams, Roberts, and Kirkland, which ceremony was performed by Brother John Marshall, assisted by other Officers.

A number of draft Bye-Laws were submitted, and after long consideration were deferred until a future meeting.

The usual festive board followed, which was continued until a late hour of the evening.

R. A. O. B.

IT is something unusual for our readers to see these columns devoted to the doings of Buffaloism, but it struck us that a description of a visit which we recently paid to a meeting of this character might be interesting to many Brethren of the Craft who belong to the ranks of R. A. O. B., and instructive to those who do not claim such affinity.

The meeting was held on Thursday, 28th June, at an Hotel in Clayton, Lancashire, called after the founder of a celebrated college "Humphrey Chetham," and the Lodge, which derives its name from the hostelry in question, is numbered 1078 under the Grand Lodge of England.

Upon entering the hotel, our first observation was directed to the fact that the landlord was plying a remarkably steady trade, the various rooms downstairs being filled by members and friends who were anxiously awaiting the call to supper. The latter took place in a large room upstairs, which, when all the guests were assembled, was filled to its utmost capacity. The banquet (for the repast had been so described upon the circular), although perhaps not of the elaborate description which we are accustomed to, was still very excellent in its way, and appeared to give entire satisfaction.

The proceedings which followed took the form of a smoking concert, the chairman being supported by a goodly array of Provincial Officers and the following Brethren of our own Order, viz., John Williams P.M. 1011, John Gordon P.M. 300 443 S.C. P.G.S. Scotland, W. Forster Organist 2144, John Archdeacon 667, E. B. Etheridge (Punjab) 582, Palmer 1077, Chas. H. Griffiths and W. B. Gleave 581, and others.

The contributories to the concert were Messrs. Sutton, Raphael, Beryl, W. Forster, L. Roberts, T. W. Boden, &c.

Very little time was wasted in speech making, the various utterances being mainly directed to appeals on behalf of charity, with the result that when the Widows' and Orphans' box was passed round a very substantial amount was collected. We were made acquainted with a very gratifying fact, viz., that the above fund, commenced only a little over two years ago, has reached the handsome sum of £140.

As Freemasons, our readers may not be in accord with the general principles of Buffaloism, they may even object to its taking any leading position amongst secret societies, and it is not our intention to advocate its claims or to defend its organisation in any way, nor shall we argue with those who may be somewhat sceptical as to the truth of the lines which tell us that it is possible to find

"Tongues in the trees, books in the running brooks,
Sermons in stones, and good in everything,"

except to say that a moment's reflection will demonstrate the fact that when an institution like that just mentioned, and which embraces in its membership the major portion of those whose means will not allow them to join our Fraternity, can by voluntary subscriptions raise such a sum as £140 in about two years' time, there is an indication at least of an attempt, humble though it be, to emulate the noble principles of the Craft, and to do something towards the amelioration of the condition of mankind.

BIRKBECK BUILDING SOCIETY.

THE Forty-fourth Annual Meeting was held on the 4th inst., at the Offices, 29 and 30 Southampton Buildings, Chancery Lane.

The Report adopted states that the receipts during the year which ended 31st March last reached £12,437,517, making a total from the commencement of the Society of more than One hundred and eighty-five millions (£185,748,734).

The deposits received were £10,586,470, and the subscriptions £201,363. The balance increase after allowing for withdrawals is £843,815, the gross profits amounting to £232,076.

The Surplus Funds have been augmented by £866,319, and now stand at £6,755,446, of which £1,576,458, is invested in Consols and other Securities guaranteed by the British Government, and the Cash in the hands of the Bankers is £435,461.

The sum invested in the Books of the Governor and Company of the Bank of England is upwards of Two Millions Sterling (£2,131,395).

The Permanent Guarantee Fund amounts to £175,000, and the balance £174,496 making together £349,496 in excess of the Liabilities. The whole amount being invested in Consols.

The Subscriptions and Deposits withdrawable on demand are £6,932,256 and the total Assets amount to more than Seven Millions-and-a-quarter, the figures being £7,231,752.

The new accounts opened during the year were 10,539, and there are altogether 71,461 Shareholders and Depositors on the Books, while the number of Shares in existence is 56,299.

Since its establishment the Society has returned to the Shareholders and Depositors more than One hundred and fifty-four millions (£154,369,499) the whole amount having been repaid upon demand. The amount advanced to Borrowers has been £2,654,070, and the amount of Interest and Bonus paid to Investors and Depositors is upwards of two and a half millions Sterling, the exact figures being £2,632,314.

The Directors are glad to be able to congratulate the members on the result of the action of the Board in reference to the Building Societies Act recently passed by the Legislature. As originally introduced, one of the Bills contained provisions seriously affecting the Birkbeck Societies, which, if passed, would have compelled them to have registered under the Act of 1874, and they would then have been subject to its objectionable clauses. The claims of these Societies for exemption from the operation of the Act were strongly urged by the Directors and the Manager upon the Government, and also upon the Parliamentary Select Committee to which the several Bills were referred; and, notwithstanding considerable opposition, these claims were allowed. The Right Hon. Herbert Gladstone, M.P. stated in the House of Commons, on the 8th of August last, that "The Government have considered this question very carefully, and having regard to recent events in connection with the Birkbeck Societies, the Government have come to the conclusion that it would not be right to force them to come under the Building Societies Acts, and therefore they have inserted in the Bill this provision which exempts such Societies from the action of the Bill." By this exemption the constitution and privileges of these Societies so long enjoyed under the Act of 1863 are left undisturbed.

VISCOUNT PEEL IN THE CITY.

THE following is a description of the casket presented with the Freedom of the City of London to the Right Honourable Viscount Peel, of Sandy, late Speaker of the House of Commons, on Thursday last:

The body of the casket is oblong in shape and of sufficient size to receive the illuminated copy of the Freedom Certificate, and bears in the centre a beautifully executed enamel painting of the Houses of Parliament as viewed from the river, surrounded by a band bearing between enamelled ornaments the names of the various qualities ascribed to the late Speaker. In the corners of centre panel are seen the rose, thistle, shamrock, and leek, in raised gold on blue ground. At each side is a sunken panel containing an ornamental design in relief.

The lid bears an ornamental arch, wherein are seen the maces in saltire, surrounded by an arrangement of oak and laurel leaves, and bearing the motto, "Pro bono publico." Above this, on a highly raised throne, flanked by bracelets of light open work, appears a figure in rich modelled gold, symbolical of Justice and Prudence, represented by a female holding the scales and sword of Justice and the bit representing restraint or prudence. At each corner is a flaming vase.

The ends of the box contain ornamental medallions in form of enamelled monogram, A.W.P., and the arms of the late Speaker in heraldic colours. The casket rests on a massive stand of silver gilt, London hall-marked, burnished and friczed, supported by four recumbent British lions, modelled in silver, richly gilt, and bears in the centre the full arms of the City of London, also in correct heraldic colours.

The casket was designed and manufactured by George Kenning and Son, Goldsmiths, Little Britain, London, E.C.

Shall we ever, I wonder, have women Freemasons, with their own Lodges, in this country? Tradition says that the secrets of the Craft have been revealed to at least one of our sex, but to the average woman Masonry, with all its rites and ceremonies, remains a mystery. Banquets and more or less gorgeous aprons are to the female mind the outward and visible signs of Freemasonry, and beyond this she knows nothing.—Lady's Pictorial."

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A serial story entitled "Hard Driven," by E. S. Curry, the author of "Miss Gayle of Lescough," will commence in the August issue of "The Quiver."

FREEMASONRY: PAST AND PRESENT.

OLD institutions, like grey hairs, are venerable and honourable, if they be found in the way of righteousness. The golden locks of childhood that glisten in the splendour of youth's life moru, have not that solid and substantial charm that appertains to old age, whose hoary locks are silvered by the hands of time, before whom the summer winds pause in their airy flight, the sunny locks to fondle, kiss and toy. Institutions, like ourselves, have a period called childhood, another called maturity, and another called old age. When the rosy buds of childhood's spring-time burst into bloom in the mid-summer shine of our maturity, then, as becoming men, we put away childhood's follies, with childhood's febleness, and act as men. The growth of childhood and the maturity of manhood, were periods in which we ploughed and sowed, the periods of follies and failings, labour and anxieties, it is the spring-time and seed-time of life, and not the harvest-time of old age, when autumn flings in our laps the ripened and accumulated fruit of three score years. Freemasonry, like all other institutions, has had its childhood and maturity, but unlike all other institutions, it has its old age. It was, doubtless, as puny as other societies in its childhood, but it had a good constitution, and is as likely to live four thousand years in the great infinite future, as it has survived four thousand in the profound and stupendous past. If the stability and utility of anything is to be known by its age, then have we reason to congratulate ourselves that we are free and honourable Masons. As Masons, we make no ostentatious display of our good works; we have not, as yet, turned our mouths into trumpets to sound our own praise, much less have we boasted and advertised our peculiar excellence to the outside world. There is an unspeakable merit in that unpretending charity that shrinks from the vulgar and impertinent gaze of a selfish world. It's that quiet charity that crieth not, "Lo! I am there; Lo! I am here," that challenges our admiration. We have said that Freemasonry has had its childhood and maturity, and that we live in the age when the luxuriant fruits of a great and wonderful past are filling our too limited laps with a profusion of goodness that is unequalled and unlimited. Our forefathers have done wonders; they have laboured, and we have entered into their labours, and to-day we stand on the centre of Truth with relief and Brotherly love surrounding us. We are now sitting in the lap of a kind and indulgent parent, who, although in the yellow and sere leaf of old age, has more vigour and vitality in its constitution than the most active and energetic of all his contemporaries. And what is it that has given to this Society its wonderful vitality and endurance, if it be not that truth which is both immortal and immutable? "Truth, though crushed to the earth, will rise again," and live the eternal years of God. Reason is strong, so is prejudice, so is love, so is

malice, but truth is stronger than all. If truth be the foundation on which we build the great temple of virtue, the gates of hell cannot prevail against it. We are in the school of experience—we have Jacob's ladder in our midst; consequently the truth we seek is not at the bottom of a well, but at the top of a ladder. The truth we seek is not earthward but heavenward. It is not enough for us, however, to lie down at the foot of the ladder and dream of heaven, not enough to be led from darkness to light by taking one, two or ten steps on this ladder; he, and he only, will be crowned Master of Ceremonies whose motto is "Excelsior"; who continues to rise higher and higher through the atmosphere of tangible signs and symbols, until he reaches that climax where Moses stood, and basks in the full blaze of that splendour that surrounds the great Architect of the Universe. Truth, like its author, has no beginning nor ending, it is eternal; it can never be exhausted, nor will it ever die.

In the school of Freemasonry we learn truth by degrees; it is line upon line and precept upon precept, here a little and there a little. The hidden mysteries of nature and science are so plainly taught that "a wayfaring man, though a fool, need not err." By the Compass and Square, and the great moral truths of the Bible we accomplish two objects, we teach the honour of labour and the beauty of truth. We are not of that class who think hard work to be a crime. We do not think honest labour to be a disgrace. Far from it. We honour labour as God has honoured it. It is not to labour, but to laziness, that a curse is attached. Freemasonry is a school in which the hand and the heart are taught their respective duties. Here they are blended and wedded together in the most solemn and sacred manner to the end that they may adorn manhood with the evergreens of industry, sobriety, and every good word and work. We are not to suppose, however, that he is a Mason who is one outwardly, but it is he who is one in spirit, truth, and Brotherly love. There are those who come in among us and go out from us, because they are not of us. A true Mason is not a creature of man's making, but one of God's creation. When the great Architect of Heaven has set up in the temple of the soul the two great pillars of honour and truth, you may shake that temple from centre to circumference, and though heaven and earth may move, that temple will stand for ever. Shaken that temple will be by the cold and wintry tempest of human scorn and indignation, but like the gigantic oak of the forest when shaken with the mighty winds, it will take deeper root in the earth and spread its mighty branches up to the very gates of heaven. Freemasonry, like all other institutions, has had its sunshine and its shade, but unlike all other societies, it has weathered the tempest and the gale; and to-day, like a staunch bark, rides proudly on the crest of the troubled waters of this world, without starting a timber or losing a splinter, and all because she has had the Great Architect of Heaven for her captain and pilot. Boasting is not our business; we do not arrogate to ourselves perfection; we have not said that we can count our kings and princes by hundreds, our earls and dukes by thousands, our knights and ministers by tens of thousands, our Officers and Brethren by millions. We do not prosper by pride, nor lengthen our cords and strengthen our stakes on the golden fields of vanity and vain-glory.—"Keystone."

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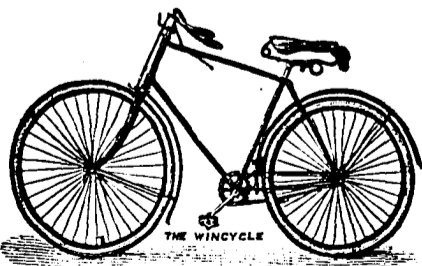
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- Globe.—8, The Journey's End. 9, Charley's Aunt.
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- Haymarket.—8-15, Fedora.
- Gaiety.—8, The Shop Girl. Matinée, Saturday, 2.
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Monday.

- 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,
 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
 738 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 Edgumbe, 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

- 8 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, Lime
 house, E., 7-30
 1278 Burdett Coutts, Swan, Bothnal 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, Fairleigh 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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