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OUR FORTY-FOURTH VOLUME.

WE gladly avail ourselves of the opportunity afforded by the commencement of our FORTY-FOURTH VOLUME to again tender good wishes to our readers, whom we heartily thank for the increased interest displayed in our work. This induces us to hope that we may be able to make our pages of yet greater service to the Craft in the future than they have been in the past, and as our aim will be to improve the paper as far as lies in our power, we trust we shall receive increased support during the running of our present volume.

THE QUARTERLY COURTS.

THE Quarterly Courts of the Governors and Subscribers of the two Educational Institutions will be held next week, that in connection with the Girls School on Thursday, at 12 o'clock, and the Boys the following day at 4.

There is little beyond the usual routine to engage the attention of the Courts on this occasion, the chief business being the settlement of the lists for the October elections, and the declaration of the number of vacancies then to be filled. In the case of the Girls School, however, the Subscribers will be asked to endorse the unanimous recommendation of the House and General Committees that a pension of £225 per annum be accorded to Miss Davis, in view of the long and pre-eminently successful services rendered to the Institution in her capacity of Head Governess of the School during the past thirty-five years. We believe the action of the general body of supporters of the Institution will be as unanimous in this matter as was that of the two Committees already referred to, and that Miss Davis will carry with her into retirement the good wishes of the Craft, their hearty thanks for work zealously and efficiently performed in the past, and a sincere wish that she may yet live for many years to enjoy well earned rest after her long period of association with our Girls School.

Reading between the lines it is evident there is some amount of friction at the present time in regard to the eligibility of some of the candidates put forward for the benefits of the Institutions, and it is but right that the points of difference should be submitted to the Subscribers in General Court. While the strictest enquiry is at all times desirable we can hardly believe ultimate good will result from a too severe test—in such cases it is far better to err on the side of leniency than adopt a too literal reading of rules.

The weekly meetings of the Queen's Westminster Lodge of Instruction, No. 2021, have been suspended for the summer, the Lodge adjourning at its last gathering until the first Monday in October.

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The Royal Jubilee Lodge of Instruction, No. 72, stands adjourned until the first Wednesday in September, when it is proposed to resume the weekly meetings.

CUMBERLAND AND WESTMORLAND.

THE half-yearly meeting of the Provincial Grand Lodge was held in the Freemasons' Hall, Whitehaven, on the 5th ult., Bro. Col. Sewell D.P.G.M. presiding.

The Brethren subsequently dined at the Grand Hotel, where an excellent banquet was served, and the usual toasts were proposed and responded to.

DEVONSHIRE.

THE installation of Sir Stafford Northcote, C.B., M.P., as Provincial Grand Master will take place in Exeter, on Wednesday, 12th August. The ceremony will be performed by the Earl of Mount-Edgcumbe Provincial Grand Master for Cornwall and Past Deputy Grand Master of England. The present Deputy Provincial Grand Master Bro. G. C. Davie P.G.A.D.C. of England has consented to continue to hold office. Bro. John Stocker P.M. 39 P.P.J.G.W. has accepted the Provincial Grand Master's invitation to act as P.G.Sec., in succession to Bro. John Brewer P.M. 251, who retires.

A large gathering of the Brethren is anticipated, on account of the popularity of the appointment, and the fact that there has been a very considerable increase in the memberships of the Lodges in the larger towns of the Province, since Viscount Ebrington succeeded the late Rev. John Huyshe, of Clyst Hydon, as Provincial Grand Master. Bro. John Stocker's acceptance of the office of Provincial Grand Secretary will give considerable satisfaction. He is in close touch with the Craft throughout Devon, and is held in high esteem in Masonic circles. Sir Stafford, by accepting this appointment, becomes the Provincial Grand Master of both Craft and Mark Masonry in Devonshire, a distinction accorded to few.

MIDDLESEX.

THE Provincial Grand Chapter will assemble this afternoon (Saturday), for the twenty-second annual Convocation, at the Greyhound Hotel, Hampton Court, the proceedings commencing at 4 o'clock.

SUFFOLK.

THE annual meeting of the Provincial Grand Chapter was held at Gorleston, on Monday, 29th ult., under the banner of St. Andrew's Chapter, the Rev. C. J. Martyn P.G.Prin.Soj. Grand Superintendent presiding.

The Chapter was opened in due form, the roll of Chapters called and reports submitted. The Provincial Grand Officers for the ensuing year were appointed and invested as follow :

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| Comp. W. J. Wilton | - | - | - | H. |
| A. A. Bennett | - | - | - | J. |
| N. Tracy | - | - | - | Scribe E. |
| T. Grimwood | - | - | - | Scribe N. |
| J. G. Oliver | - | - | - | Treasurer |
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| W. G. Synnot | - | - | - | 1st Assistant Sojourner |
| C. C. Vincent | - | - | - | 2nd Assistant Sojourner |
| J. C. B. Winder | - | - | - | Sword Bearer |
| H. Cockrell | - | - | - | Standard Bearer |
| J. M. Franks | - | - | - | Director of Ceremonies |
| C. H. Downes | - | - | - | Assistant Dir. of Cers. |
| C. H. Youngman | - | - | - | Organist |
| A. Spalding | - | - | - | Assistant Scribe E. |
| E. Harvey | - | - | - | Janitor. |

A collection was made on behalf of the new wing to the Gorleston Hospital. A vote of thanks was accorded to the Companions of St. Andrew for the perfect arrangements made for the reception of the Provincial Chapter.

The company partook of an excellent luncheon, provided at the Anchor and Hope Hotel, Gorleston.

CHESHIRE BENEVOLENCE.

A MEETING of the Committee of Benevolence of the Province was held at the Crewe Arms Hotel, Crewe, on Wednesday, 24th ult., Bro. John Clayton presiding over a good attendance.

The Chairman alluded with satisfaction to the fact that Cheshire had been successful in electing Bro. Swain on the foundation of Aged Freemasons at the recent London meeting. Petitions for the relief of widows of deceased Masons who had belonged to the Crewe and Marple Lodges were granted. Bro. Cookson was elected a Charity Councillor for the Stockport district, in place of Bro. Herbert Finch resigned, and Bro. John Armstrong, of Birkenhead, was elected Charity Councillor for Seacombe in place of Bro. Sharpe, resigned through ill-health.

The Chairman said that three years ago they had held a festival in connection with the Province of Cheshire in behalf of their Benevolent Institution. They set themselves to raise £1,000, but through the kind assistance of the Brethren they raised £3,000. The necessary arrangements had been made for another festival, at Tatton, and he commended the movement to the Brethren. They hoped to raise between £700 and £1,000, and this would greatly assist them in relieving the widows of deceased members.

Congratulations were expressed that Brother the Hon. Alan de Tatton Egerton, M.P., had escaped from his perilous position in the Matabele country, and was now on his way home from South Africa.

CHURCH SERVICES.

A MASONIC SERVICE was held at All Saints Church, Perry Street, Gravesend, on Sunday, and was attended by members of the various Lodges in the neighbourhood. These services have been established for the last ten years by the Rev. Augustus Jackson, M.A., Provincial Grand Chaplain of Kent, and it was hoped that the Rev. J. E. Player P.P.G.C. Norfolk and present Junior Grand Chaplain of Kent would have been present to preach the sermon on this occasion. Unfortunately he was unable to attend, and therefore Bro. Jackson himself conducted the service. The Lessons of the day were read by Bro. Joseph Solomon P.M. No. 77, who wore his collar of office. The Psalms happened to be particularly appropriate, but special hymns were selected for the occasion. Bro. Jackson had not prepared a sermon, but discoursed generally on those portions of the Volume of the Sacred Law which had been read. He made reference to the dilapidated state of Canterbury Cathedral and the Ancient Chapter House, where the Provincial Grand Lodge of Kent had met in 1878 and 1894. He stated that the offertory would be devoted to the Restoration Fund, and exhorted the Brethren to assist as much as they could. Among those present were Bros. Wm. Russell Prov. G. Treas., G. T. King P.P.G.P., Thos. Deane P.P.G.S.Br., Wm. Barlow P.P.G.O., J. C. Biggs P.P.G.D.C., R. J. Beamish P.G.D.C., Frank Hitchens P.G.S., A. Ronaldson P.A.G.S., J. P. White P.M. 2402, Jas. A. Whitfield W.M. 77, Henry Forss W.M. 483, Geo. Rackstraw P.M. 77, T. A. Mummary 483, G. Masters 77, E. B. Wilks 77, L. Bridgland, T. Axccl, Dr. Sells, Prevost, Nash, and others.

A MASONIC Service, promoted by the Albert Victor Lodge, No. 1773, was held in Christ Church, Salford, on Sunday, 21st ult., under distinguished patronage, and on behalf of the East Lancashire Systematic Educational and Benevolent Institution. Our report of the gathering is held over until next week.

The commemoration of the eight hundredth anniversary of the foundation of Norwich Cathedral was celebrated on Wednesday. All the city and local magnates were present, including the officers of the 7th Dragoon Guards. Many local mayors were also in the procession, as well as the Grand Master of Freemasons of the Province Lord Suffield. The cathedral was crowded, and the service was impressive.

We are pleased to see continued evidence of the progress of the Upton Lodge, No. 1227, the next regular meeting of which will take place on Thursday, 9th inst., at the Great Eastern Hotel, Liverpool Street. The agenda of business gives promise of a large amount of work, there being two candidates for initiation, three for passing, and three for raising, while in addition the members will be called upon to elect a Master, Treasurer, Tyler, and Auditors for the next Lodge year. We hope to report the proceedings in due course.

FITNESS FOR THE CHAIR.

RECENTLY an I.P.M. of a Sydney Lodge, whose common sense is almost a household word in the Craft, in conversation with a representative of this periodical, suggested that a Board should be appointed to test the fitness of intending candidates for the chair of K.S., and his suggestion, when mentioned, has invariably met with the approval of Worshipful Masters and Past Masters eminent in the Masonic world of New South Wales. Despite the unanimity of opinion upon this matter, it appears to us that our Brethren have plunged into this subject "coute que coute" and from us there may be permitted a word or two, that, whilst not condemning the suggestion, will still bring to mind some obstacles in the path, which in their surrounding will require much thought, diplomacy, and ingenuity, particularly the latter.

Of course this subject has been thoroughly thrashed out recently in the discussions on papers read before the Masters and Wardens' Association of Victoria, and the suggestion is by no means a new one. Indeed, some Lodges in Victoria practice this plan and examine their candidates for the chair, notably the Victorian Naval and Military Lodge in Melbourne, but unless it met the unanimous approval of the Brethren it would be a dead letter, for no candidate can be compelled to submit himself to such an examination, nor are the Brethren in any way bound to vote for the Brother, approved as fit by such a Board. The system is "ultra vires," and could only be properly introduced if the Constitutions were altered. Then also in New South Wales there is a special protection against improperly prepared men advancing to the chair in the wholesome elective system which prevails, and which is all powerful to select the best and most suitable men. No man of ordinary intelligence and education will contend that all New South Wales members exactly hit the popular notion of the round peg in the round hole, but whilst this is to be deplored the emendation of the system would require to be applied so skillfully that honest moral and truthful men will not feel any pangs of contrition because in their early youth the educational advantages bestowed upon other men of no greater stamina, now in maturity, debar them from honours, which no matter how looked at, should be bestowed upon merit alone. And in this lies the crux of the whole thing, and how any Board, setting aside its peculiarity of Constitution, shall be able to devise a scheme which may prove a man's fitness in this respect is a conundrum most difficult to answer.

Shall we ordain that any candidate for the chair shall produce a public school certificate of competency in average education? If so, how shall we mollify the heart-burnings of the LL.B., the M.A., the Ph.D., and the hosts of other cultured gentlemen in our ranks? Shall we order that no Brother who has not read for his Arts degree is eligible? Then how shall we treat the publicist, the jurist, and journalist who have asserted and maintained their right to public favour as men of the world, with educations completed in that larger university of the world where men win their spurs by wit and action, and where scholastic diplomas are often set at naught by the inherent ability in men of very little book-learning, but with the "hall mark" of experience. The examination of a Brother's ritualistic knowledge is not a difficult task; and with this examination could be conjoined that of ascertaining his proficiency in the pronunciation of our mother tongue—but, then, we all know that it is in the unwritten and untaught portions of his duty that any Worshipful Master has the opportunity of making or marring the Lodge over whose destinies he wields the guiding hand. Can we, then, devise a scheme to test a candidate's ability, not only to perform the ritual work allotted to him, but also to rule his Lodge with tact, dignity, and decision? If this be possible, we can examine candidates willing to undergo the test. We think, however, it is not possible at present, and after all we have to fall back upon the good old rule of the majority, and New South Wales must still perform her examining when Brethren present themselves for subordinate offices, and thus be assured that all are placing upon the lowest rung of fortune's ladder one whose natural aptitude fits him for the highest pinnacle.—"Masonry."

Amongst the wreaths sent for the funeral of Sir Augustus Harris was one from the Boys of our Wood Green School, "in memory of a dear friend," and one from the Board of Management, "in sympathetic memory of a respected colleague."

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Do we always remember, when we see a strange face in our Lodge Room, that we are at home, and on us rests the duty, as it should be a pleasure, of making our Lodge Room a pleasant Masonic home, for the time being, to our visiting Brother? We are apt to leave it to the Worshipful Master or other Officers. It is a duty and a pleasure we should all delight in. A visiting Brother, having been duly examined and formally introduced, is too often left to his own devices in making acquaintances. Are we not his Masonic hosts? Is he not of the same "household of faith"? What better claim could he have to a Brotherly grasp, a cheerful word, a kind attention to his comfort? Is he a sojourning Brother? He might be making up his mind where he shall cast his lot. Your kindly greetings, Brethren, decide him, and you have "lengthened your cords and strengthened your stakes."—"Minstrel."

NEW HALL AT MINEHEAD.

A SPECIAL Provincial Grand Lodge was held at Minehead, on the 18th ult., for the purpose of opening a new Masonic Hall, erected for their use by the members of the Exmoor Lodge, No. 2390. The building was designed by Bro. F. W. Roberts P.G.S.W., Taunton, and is a handsome structure in the Renaissance style, containing a Lodge Room 30ft. by 20ft. and 16ft. high; robing and ante-rooms; and other conveniences. The proceedings commenced with divine service at St. Andrew's Church, the sermon being preached by the Provincial Grand Chaplain (the Rev. E. A. Sandford, of Henbury, Bristol). The opening ceremony was performed by the Rt. Hon. Viscount Dungarvan Prov.G.M. of Somerset, assisted by Bro. R. C. Else D.P.G.M. P.G.D. England. A banquet was subsequently held at the Plume of Feathers Hotel, to which about 110 sat down. All the Lodges of Somerset, with the exception of seven, were represented at the ceremony.—“Bristol Times and Mirror.”

Lord Amherst Provincial Grand Superintendent of Kent has appointed Comp. Alfred Spencer as Prov. Grand Scribe E., in the place of Comp. T. S. Warne, lately deceased. Comp. Spencer has been Prov. Grand Secretary for many years.

In the current issue of “The Graphic,” at page 768, is a picture which should be of much interest to Freemasons, though the artist does not appear to realise its importance. The scene represents two Egyptian soldiers on horseback looking at certain signs on the ground, and the following description is given of the picture:—“The scouts of the Egyptian Cavalry, when tracking the enemy, came across hexagonal signs made on the sands, or on trees, by the Dervishes. The signs convey no meaning to the Egyptians, but are looked upon by all as signifying defiance.” Members of the Craft will not be so ignorant as the Egyptian scouts, though if this account be correct it is somewhat extraordinary, as the signs took their rise in that country. Still, the description is erroneous. The signs are not hexagonal, but quinquangular, and are used in Freemasonry to denote the F.P. of F. It is hardly likely therefore that they should be used as signifying defiance; and we put it to the Brethren serving with the forces in Egypt, of whom there must be several, that an entirely different interpretation should be given of the signs. Might they not be placed on the sand by friendly tribes, or by certain persons in the enemy's camp who are anxious to impart their good will, but who are unable by force of circumstances to escape from their position or betray their fellows?

We should often think of our duties to one another as Brothers. It is one of the grandest features of our organisation that no political discussions or controversies can ever enter our Lodge Rooms. Even when differing widely, always treat one another fairly. Never speak of a Brother behind his back what you would not say to his face. We would not, if we could, have all think alike or think as we do, but we can be true Brothers all the same. This part and teaching of Masonry is as good out of the Lodge as in. We violate no obligation, and keep the spirit of all by gentlemanly and generous speech and deportment. Remember, further, that false and malicious statements about a Brother who happens to think differently from you injure yourself more than him. Not only is honesty the best policy, but so is generous charity. Envy and malice pucker up the soul in which they find entertainment. Try to remember how good you felt when you were conscious of having done a noble thing, and try to feel that way all the time.—“Minstrel.”

It has been decided to continue the meetings of the Citadel Lodge of Instruction, No. 1897, at the Farleigh Hotel, Amhurst Road, N. (near West Hackney Church), during the summer months, and it is hoped members and their Masonic friends will attend as often as possible. The meetings are held every Friday, at 8 o'clock, for rehearsal of Ceremonies and Sectional Working, and on the last Friday in every month a meeting of the Masonic Charities Association is held.

FORM OF THE LODGE.

AT the last monthly meeting of the Board of General Purposes held in Wellington, a resolution was adopted having reference to the many errors of construction in connection with the erection of Masonic Halls. The practical effect of the resolution is, that all Masters of Lodges outside the principal towns of the colony be asked to submit the plans of any proposed new Lodge building to the Superintendent of the district for his assistance and advice, and this advice will in all cases refer to the form and situation

of the Lodge, not the technical construction. The reasons for excluding the principal towns will be obvious. First, that in all, substantial buildings have been erected. Second, that owing to the value of land area, the conditions are not always applicable or possible. And, thirdly, it is presumed that when there are councillors in plenty there will be wisdom in abundance. It is somewhat singular that in the erection of Masonic edifices, especially in country districts where land is comparatively inexpensive, and consequently not a factor in the consideration, so little attention should be paid to those conditions which are not only sanctioned by custom and tradition, but are necessary for the proper illustration of true Masonic teaching. In the explanation of the tracing board of the first degree, the form of the Lodge is laid down as “an oblong square,”—the correct term would be a “rectangular oblong”—and its situation is described as being due “East and West,” the reason for which being fully explained. In a most excellent work on the “Etiquette of Freemasonry” we find the following dictum laid down in reference to this especial question:—“It is highly desirable that these two conditions should be literally fulfilled whenever and wherever it may be possible. It is very desirable that the door of entrance should be in the West or quasi-West, and, if possible, on the left of the S.W.'s chair. In this position there are several advantages. The position of the J.D. being on the right of the S.W., if the door be on his right hand also, the J.D. and I.G. will be thrown too nearly together; whereas if the door be on the left hand, then the J.D. on the one side and the I.G. on the other balance each other. The door being on the left of the S.W., the J.W. and I.G. are within clear view of each other, and members of the Lodge and visitors are, immediately on their entrance, brought under the direct notice of the J.W. If the candidate be admitted on the left of the S.W., he is at once in proper situation for proceeding with the ceremony; but if he enters on the right of the S.W. chair he has to pass it twice, in direct contravention of the theory of passing through three door-ways—one real and two imaginary.”

It will be probably said that this is unimportant, and no matter where the East is placed it is always the East with respect to Freemasonry. This may offer some excuse where there are insuperable land objections; but it is false reasoning where no such difficulties are presented, and it is eminently desirable from every point of view that in the erection of Masonic structures, Masonic law and custom should take precedence of individual idiosyncracies and eccentricities. As an example, we have two cases in point in our mind's eye. In the first, the dimensions of the room are three or four feet more between North and South, than from East to West. On entering one is inclined to wonder if it has been subjected to hydraulic pressure and squeezed the wrong way. In the second instance the geography of the rooms throws the visitor off his balance, as it entirely reverses his anticipation, and to complete his mystification the entrance is on the right of the S.W. It is interesting to watch the stranger on entry and note his momentary gaze of vacuity, and invariably, if proceeding to the East, he salutes on the wrong side of the S.W. and works his way against the sun. The resolution of the Board of General Purposes, though late, is essentially a step in the right direction to remedy these defects in the future. We are convinced that the laches of the past are due to want of consideration, and a word of advice in due season would have effected the desired result. We would impress on Lodges that the operation of the resolution will not be mandatory, but advisory, except in cases where any proposed building will abut on a public place, to the detriment of all secrecy.

If building Lodges accept the resolution in the spirit which has dictated its adoption by the Board, and take the advice of the superior Officer of their district, much good will result; but if they decline to receive such counsel, legislative enactment must be obtained.—“New Zealand Craftsman.”

[We are far from endorsing all that is said above, and look upon the resolution of the Board referred to as evidence of a mistaken idea of duty. It is the observance of the spirit of Masonry that is so essential for the good of the Institution, far more than a strict adherence to mere words or ceremonies, both of which latter were intended to be applied in their symbolic sense, rather than taken literally.—Ed. F.C.]

MASONIC VISIT TO IRELAND.

SEVERAL well-known Brethren connected with the Freemasons of Hull have just returned from Ireland, after a most hospitable reception given in their honour by Bro. Sir Charles Cameron P.M. and Secretary of the Duke of York Lodge, No. 25, Dublin. Amongst the Hull visitors were Bros. James Wildbore P.M. 57, Dr. F. Wilson P.P.G.O. 57, James Baynes, F.C.S., Borough Analyst, 57, F. W. Bailey 250, J. W. Tindell P.M. 1605 P.G.S.W.B., W. Hunt, Londesborough Lodge, F. G. Palethorpe 250. The party, on arrival at Dublin, were met by Sir Charles Cameron (who visited the Humber Lodge at the Hull Sanitary Conference last year), who entertained them at his residence. A pic-nic party was also arranged and attended by the wives and Brethren of the Lodge, and a most enjoyable trip through charming scenery in County Wicklow took place, the party dining in *recherché* style at Jordan's famous Royal Hotel, Glendalough, now conducted by a former Hull man, Bro. Maydew. The Isle of the Seven Churches, and the visit to the cave of St. Kalvin will not readily be forgotten. On another occasion the visitors were shown over the Bank of Ireland, and witnessed the manufacture of the £5 bank notes (which, by the way, were not passed round for inspection), Guinness's Brewery, the Royal College of Surgeons, Phoenix Park, &c. The piece de resistance was, however, the Masonic banquet given in their honour, and attended by several noblemen. The compliments paid to the Yorkshire Brethren will never be forgotten, and will constitute the red-letter page in their Masonic chronicles. The trip across the Irish Channel, however, placed, with one exception, the Brethren hors de combat, and this, too, will be remembered.—“Eastern Morning News.”

CORRESPONDENCE.

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NEEDED REFORM.

To the Editor of the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—It is very gratifying indeed to see that your valuable paper is open to discussing what may be termed the progress of Freemasonry by the electric light, or the Ronjen rays of the age. Let us therefore refer to the question of West Lancashire and its boundaries, i.e., firstly during the good old coaching days, and secondly by the iron road of to-day. I venture to think there is not only great food for thought to the enthusiastic Brother, but vast improvements possible. Lancashire, we are all proud to say, has the distinction and honour of being governed by two of the most distinguished English gentlemen and Brothers in the United Kingdom, but the multiplicity of Masonic and State affairs of the one, and military and Masonic affairs of the other, necessarily preclude the possibility of their minds being continually on Freemasonry, which is almost necessary in such large Provinces. They are therefore, perhaps, open to suggestions from humbler rulers of the Craft, and it is on that head I have the pleasure of enclosing for your acceptance a sketch of Lancashire as it is, and as it should be.

Firstly, one of the greatest improvements would be, that all Lodges within a radius of ten miles of Manchester should be in East Lancashire, and a direct line drawn from Glazebrook in the south to the Ribble in the north, whilst all Lodges on the west of the line (terminating with the Ribble) be termed West Lancashire, and all north of the Ribble be termed North. Thus we should have three Provinces, North, East, and West, and our Provincial Grand rulers or executive within reach, also the absurd hardship would be abolished for rulers in the Craft, say residing at Heaton Moor, Didsbury, &c., who have first to travel to Manchester, and from thence to Liverpool, whereas, if the above alterations were made, Manchester would be the extent, and business men not only save valuable time, but the Councils benefit more frequently by their attendance. Take again Monk-Coniston to Liverpool!

It goes without saying that Lancaster should be the Northern centre of labour.

This in my opinion will be a great boon to the Lancastrian Brothers, and practically bring Monk-Coniston and Heaton Moor within such easy reach of headquarters as those Lodges enjoy which are within hailing distance of Liverpool.

Leaving this vital matter for the consideration of the powers that be, it is hoped a sweeping reform will be accomplished.

Yours truly,

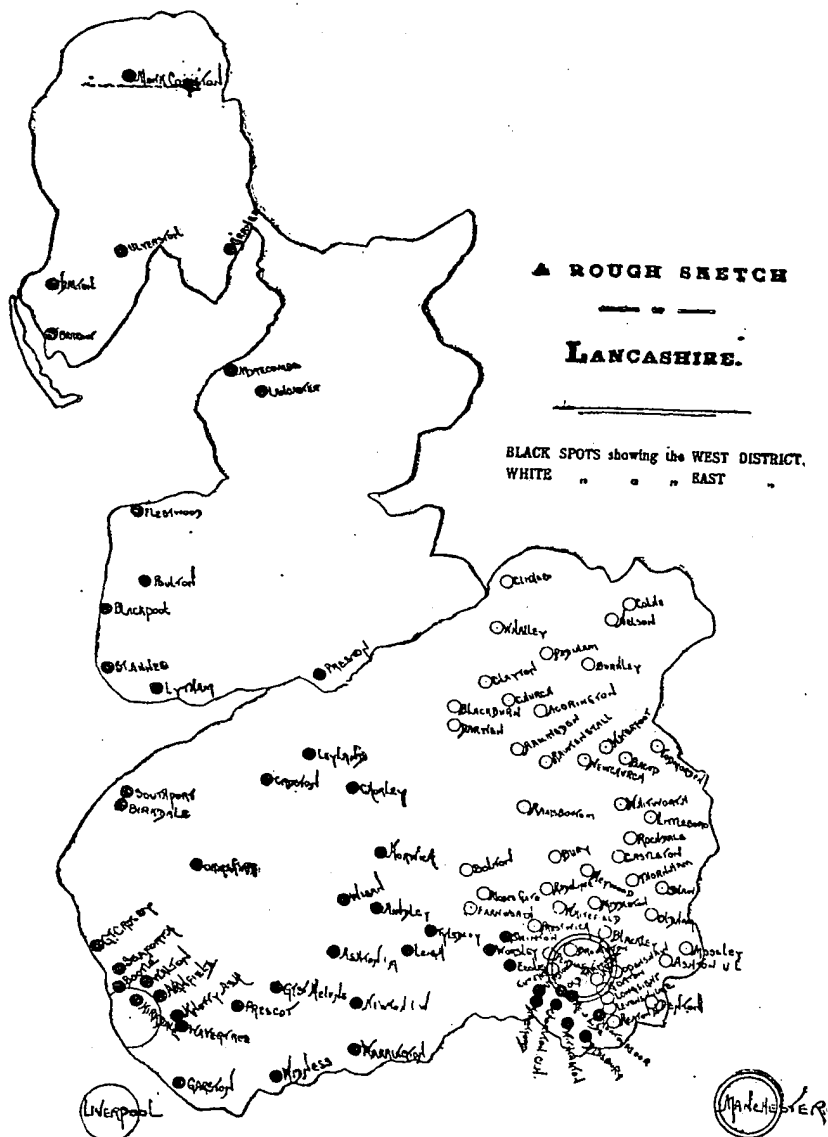
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[Our correspondent sends the accompanying rough sketch of Lancashire, the better to illustrate his proposed re-adjustment of the county. Towns included in the Western Masonic division are shown black, those in the eastern white, and a glance at the sketch will demonstrate how closely the one division trenches on the other, western division Lodges being found even east of the centre of Manchester. He proposes to measure a ten mile circuit round Manchester, and take that as the most westerly boundary of East Lancashire, then draw a line straight down from north to south so as to touch it. This imaginary line would run between Leigh and Tyldesley, and would mark the future boundary of the two divisions. Its effect would be to considerably lessen the number of West Lancashire Lodges, and make a corresponding addition to those of East Lancashire, and in view of the fact that at the present time the roll is about the same in each, the scheme would seem to be based on an erroneous principle at the outset. But beyond this our correspondent proposes to still further lessen the Lodges of West Lancashire by creating a new Province of North Lancashire, to which, apparently, East Lancashire is to contribute nothing, all of which seems to point to further trouble in the near future, for as East Lancashire would start with some 130 Lodges the natural growth of the next few years would soon make that district too large for satisfactory management. Should a scheme of re-adjustment be entertained we think it would be well to consider the possibility of limiting the Lodges of Manchester and ten or twelve miles round to one Province, and dividing the remainder of Lancashire into two other divisions, either as North and West, or under some other denomination. Undoubtedly the question is a fair one for discussion, and we think our readers will agree that we are indebted to "P.Z." for his sketch of the county, and the way in which he has put the matter forward for consideration. —Ed. F.C.]

EXTENSION OF THE BOYS SCHOOL.

To the Editor of the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—I was very interested in what I saw and heard last week in connection with the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys—on Tuesday at Wood Green, and on Wednesday at Brighton—and I feel there must be a considerable number of Brethren throughout the country highly gratified at hearing such a glowing account as was then given of the present position and future prospects of our noble Institution. I am one of those who have advocated the removal of the School



from Wood Green ever since the question was mooted some few years back, because having known Wood Green for upwards of thirty years I knew how very much it had deteriorated in recent years, but I saw sufficient on Tuesday—after an absence of two years—to induce me to pause, and carefully re-consider the case before saying anything further in support of the proposed removal. Wood Green is certainly very different to what it was when the Boys School was built there, but it seems also very different to what it was when the removal was first decided upon, in other words, the worst seems to have passed, and at the present day the neighbourhood shows signs of great improvement; and although the School is hemmed in by houses there is really nothing apparent in the surroundings to justify a heavy expenditure, unless some good case can be made out, and an ultimate saving demonstrated.

I was somewhat surprised to hear from the speakers at Brighton that the Institution already maintains twenty boys out of the School. Is there any reason why this outside education could not be widely extended? What does it cost? What are the objections to it, in preference to the spending of immense sums of money in bricks and mortar,—especially as the Institution is now at a deadlock by reason of its School being full? Surely a building capable of accommodating 250 boys is large enough to boast of, and I am of opinion the system of outside education might be adopted for such increases as are possible at present, or until such time as the Institution receives a really liberal offer for its present property, which is more than likely to come, say within the next ten years.

I understand that fourteen vacancies will be declared for the next election, why not try the experiment of creating twenty additional scholarships, the candidates being offered in turn the alternative of admission into the School at Wood Green, so far as the vacancies would go, or an annual grant for their education and maintenance at home, care being taken that the expenses under the latter system should not exceed that of the boys "in" the School? This plan would relieve the Committee of the difficulty they are under from their excessive prosperity, allow of the question of removal to be more fully considered, and, I believe, prove that in the majority of cases the friends or parents of boys would rather have half a loaf at home than enjoy the full benefits given at the School of the Institution.

No doubt this question will be largely discussed in the near future, and I can but hope my views will be considered with others that may be put forward.

Yours, &c.

LIFE-GOVERNOR.

D.C. VERSUS I.G.

To the Editor of the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—In reference to the above, I fall in with the ideas of P.M. I have frequently observed that not only the W.M.'s light is extinguished, but also that of the I.P.M.

It is therefore somewhat paradoxical that the W.M. should appoint a D.C. at all, at all.

Yours, &c.,

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THE LATE BRO. WOOLRIDGE'S ANNUITY.

To the Editor of the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

SIR,—A gentleman has brought to my notice your paper. I find Mr. James Terry told His Honour the Judge, who was surprised that the money was not paid out, that no doubt if the matter was put in proper form it would have been paid. Now, Sir, this looks as if something was wrong on our part. I therefore beg that you will have the kindness to allow me, not only in justice to myself, but to my late father, and all the benevolent gentlemen that honestly did their best for my dear father's interest, for which I heartily thank them, to publish the letter that I wrote to Mr. Terry, before my father was taken to his grave.

Yours truly,

J. E. SEAMAN.

24th June 1896.

[COPY.]

3rd September 1895.

To MR. TERRY,

DEAR SIR,—I have to announce to you that after three years being confined to his bed my dear father passed away at 8.10 p.m. Sunday evening, and therefore I did not think it wise to trouble the Vicar to sign the paper as usual. I therefore have asked my husband to call with this letter, and which I trust in this great hour of trouble will suffice to meet your approbation, in the meantime I have to thank you on behalf of my dear father and myself, and the Order, for their past kindness.

I remain, Dear Sir,

Yours respectfully,

J. E. SEAMAN.

P.S.—I have authorised my husband to ask you to be kind enough to pay him on our behalf this quarter's payment, as father has to be buried to-morrow at Abney Park Cemetery.

ENGLISH FREEMASONRY.

The following letter appeared in the "Tablet."

SIR,—Permit me, in a very few words, to add my humble voice to that of those whose letters have already appeared in your columns, calling attention to the necessity which exists for the enlightenment of our fellow-countrymen as to the true nature of that anti-Christian and diabolical organisation, termed Freemasonry, to which so many of them, in utter ignorance of its real character and operations, unfortunately belong.

Yours faithfully,

A WELSH CATHOLIC.

AN OUTSIDE OPINION.

THE installation of the Governor as Grand Master of the United Grand Lodge of Victoria is a great Masonic function, which possesses an interest extending beyond the members of the Craft. To ignorant outsiders the air of mystery which surrounds the secret proceedings of the Order has an undeniable attraction, while the pomp of ceremony, the solemnity of ritual, and the symbolism embodied in the paraphernalia, appeal to the imaginative faculty of members. Masons have no reason to sneer at the Salvation Army for its love of bizarre effects and high sounding nomenclature, for they are equally open to the charge of ridiculous excess. True they are able to claim for the Order the cloak of antiquity and the support of distinguished people, but the principle is much the same in both instances, and appeal is made alike to the little vanities of human nature. The strongest argument which can be advanced in support of this flummery is that it helps to sustain more valuable purposes. Masonry does not depend entirely on its insignia and its formidable list of titular officers, from the Most Worshipful Grand Master down to the Pursuivant, the Sword Bearer and the Trumpeter. As Chief Justice Way explained in his eloquent installation address, it is "a system of morality veiled in allegory and illustrated by symbols." The true Mason is inspired by the Scriptural doctrine, "Let Brotherly love continue," and is required to transmute his belief into practice. This ideal may not be always realised—humanity never rises to the full height of its aspirations—but an influence of this kind permeating the community cannot be entirely without beneficial result. The claim that it encourages toleration, friendly co-operation, and seeks to prevent class animosities and intestine strife, is testimony at least to the merit of its aims.—"Melbourne Leader."

Savoy Theatre.—A special matinée was given here last Monday, under distinguished theatrical patronage, for the benefit of the widow and children of our late Bro. H. A. Rudall, and we were glad to see the house so well filled. The programme commenced with "An Incident" in one act, by Mr. Ian Robertson, entitled "The Pity of It," which was capitally played by Miss Italia Conti and Mr. Sydney Brough. A humorous recitation was given by Mr. Cyril Mande, which was much enjoyed. The principal item was a three-act romantic play by the late Mr. Rudall, "Her Father's Friend," in which the old story of "All for Her," to go back no further, is once more made the theme of a fairly effective piece. The chief characters were well represented by Messrs. G. W. Cockburn, Sydney Paxton, H. A. Saintsbury, C. Dodsworth, and H. Hunter, together with Miss Kate Turner and Miss Italia Conti, who organised the performance.

St. James's Theatre.—Mr. George Alexander, being in want of a holiday after a long but successful season, announces the last nights of Mr. Edward Rose's romantic play, "The Prisoner of Zenda." The time that has elapsed since its production has but ripened and perfected the original

conceptions of the various dramatis personæ, so this charming play may be said to be represented in its fullest splendour. The burden of the piece naturally falls upon Mr. Alexander himself, in the three characters he represents, each entirely separate and distinct, yet each a perfect portrait. The contrast between the Prince Rudolf of the prologue, with his courtly grace, and the adventurous young Englishman of to-day, are marvellously marked, while the pathos and suffering of the poor prisoner shows us an entirely different character admirably depicted. Great praise is also due to Mr. Herbert Waring in his dual role of Duke Wolfgang and Michael, both difficult parts to portray, but each faithfully carried out. The fine character of the Princess Flavia, as represented by Miss Evelyn Millard, is a beautiful study, and never has this clever lady been seen to greater advantage. The old Colonel Sapt of Mr. W. H. Vernon, the Hentzau of Mr. L. Cautley, and the Antoinette of Miss Lily Hanbury are finished portraits of their respective characters; while the art of Messrs. Chas. Glenney, Vincent Sternroyd, W. H. Day, Arthur Royston, Allan Aynesworth, and Miss Mabel Hackney fills up the details of a splendid stage picture. It is certainly a piece to be seen, and no better opportunity is likely to be offered than the present.

Terry's Theatre.—We are unable to award a large amount of praise to Mr. Philip Havard for his new play entitled "Major Raymond," produced here at a matinée last week. The main features of the plot are incongruous, and the interest is of a painful nature. John Fleming, fifteen years before the action of the piece, deserts his wife in consequence of domestic infelicity, causes his death to be reported, and after leading an adventurous life in California and the Cape, returns to England under his assumed name of "Major Raymond." He does not come back for the purpose of seeking out and being reconciled to his wife, bien entendu, but merely for some business arrangements. At the club he meets a youth from whom he gains £550, though it is not usual for men to play cards with boys for high stakes, and there are not many clubs in London where boys of fourteen are admitted as members. However, this youth turns out to be Raymond's son, born after he went away. The boy steals £500 from his uncle, in whose employ he is clerk, to pay his gambling debt, and then ingenuously accuses the cashier, Michael Kennedy, of the theft. The husband and wife, who are staying at the same house, naturally meet, and explanations follow, when Raymond, knowing that his son has stolen the money, takes the blame upon himself, although he is a millionaire, and a short time afterwards writes a cheque for £2,000. To bring his play up to date Mr. Havard introduces several Stock Exchange transactions, but they lead to nothing. The piece was saved from ridicule by the fine acting of Messrs. W. L. Abingdon, F. Volpe, G. Hippiusley, Oswald Yorke, and Julian Cross, under whom it was produced, together with the assistance rendered by Mesdames Mary Raby, Eva Moore, and Madge Ray. Unless several alterations are made we do not think "Major Raymond" will be heard of again.

MRS. HARLEM: "So the Arabians go to Lodges and come home late, just as you do?"

Mr. Harlem: "I don't know anything about it."

Mrs. Harlem: "Well, there is an item in this paper to the effect that when an Arab enters his house he removes his shoes and keeps on his hat. That's the way you do when you come home late from the Lodge."—"Minstrel."

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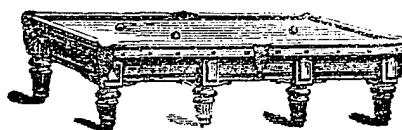
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A GENERAL COURT of the GOVERNORS and SUBSCRIBERS of this Institution will be held at Freemasons' Hall, Great Queen Street, Lincoln's Inn Fields, London, W.C., on Thursday, 9th July 1896, at Twelve o'clock precisely, on the General Business of the Institution; to consider Notices of Motion as under; to place Candidates on the List for the election in October next; and to declare the number of Girls then to be elected.

NOTICES OF MOTION.

By W. BRO. PETER DE LANDE LONG P.G.D. Vice-Pat.

Upon the unanimous recommendation of the House and General Committees.

"That in view of the long and pre-eminently successful services rendered by Miss Davis as Head Governess of the Institution for a period of thirty-five years, and having due regard to the emoluments attached to the office, she be allowed a retiring pension of £225 per annum."

By W. BRO. J. H. MATTHEWS P.D.G.D.C. Patron Chairman of the House Committee for the month.

Upon the recommendation of the House Committee.

"That the vacancy caused by the death of Georgina Plaskitt be filled by the admission, under Law 94, of Dorothy Leonore Minns, the highest unsuccessful Candidate at the April Election."

By W. BRO. STANLEY J. ATTENBOROUGH P.Prov.G.Reg. Surrey Vice-Pat.

"That the cases of Ruth Janet Chowne and Victoria Griffiths be placed on the list for election at the October Court."

F. R. W. HEDGES, Secretary.

5 Freemasons' Hall, Great Queen Street, W.C.,

2nd July 1896.

The 109th Anniversary Festival will be held in May 1897, and the names of Stewards willing to act on the occasion will be gratefully received.

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A QUARTERLY COURT of the GOVERNORS and SUBSCRIBERS will be held at Freemasons' Hall, Great Queen Street, Lincoln's Inn Fields, London, on Friday, the 10th day of July 1896, for the transaction of the ordinary business of the Institution, to approve and declare the list of Candidates for the Election on Friday, 9th October next, and to determine the number of Boys then to be elected.

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

By order, J. M. McLEOD, Secretary.

6 Freemasons' Hall, London, W.C.,

2nd July 1896.

** The Ninety-ninth Anniversary Festival will be held in June 1897, under distinguished Presidency. The services of Brethren representing Lodges or Provinces, and of Ladies as Stewards on this important occasion, are earnestly solicited, and will be gratefully acknowledged.

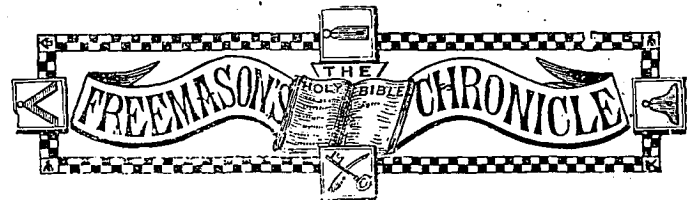
** The Board of Management will shortly issue to the Subscribers a statement of the reasons for the proposed removal of the School from its present position, as sanctioned by the last Quarterly Court.

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SATURDAY, 4TH JULY 1896.

R.M.I. BOYS.

THE monthly Council meeting of Life Governors was held on Friday, 26th ult., at Freemasons' Hall, Bro. George Everett P.G.Treas. Vice-Patron being in the chair. Amongst others present were Bros. Burgess, Stephens, LeFeuvre, Cummings, Pulman, Fitzgerald, Dr. Mickley, Attenborough, Margrett, Rev. H. A. Hebb, and J. M. McLeod Secretary.

It was reported that a further sum of £4,000 had been invested free of brokerage charges by Bro. Thomas Fenn, to whom a hearty vote of thanks was accorded.

The Board of Management reported its intention to issue very shortly to the subscribers a statement of the reasons which had led to its decision—confirmed by the last Quarterly Court—that it was desirable to move the School from Wood Green.

The Secretary having reported result of the 98th Anniversary Festival, at which 512 Stewards had handed in lists amounting to £18,777 10s, a hearty vote of thanks was accorded to the Chairman, the Duke of Devonshire, and the Stewards for so eminently satisfactory a result.

The Petitions Committee reported on the case of Kinloch Griffiths, that they could not alter their previous decision "not to recommend the case." After considerable discussion and division it was resolved to accept the case, and the name was added to the list of candidates for the October election, which was closed with 44 applicants.

The Board of Management reported that in the ordinary course there would only be 10 vacancies in January next, but recommended that 14 boys be elected—the extra places being found by reducing from 16 to 12 the Boys retained for higher education.

A vote of condolence with Lady Harris, on the death of Sir Augustus Harris a former member of the Provisional Management Committee, was passed, and the proceedings terminated with a vote of thanks to the Chairman.

Bro. Frederick Hughes-Hallett Prov.J.G.W. of Kent has been appointed Deputy Provincial Grand Mark Master, in place of the Rev. Bro. Hayman Cummings, resigned. This appointment was to have been conferred upon Bro. T. S. Warne, but his decease unfortunately intervened.

NEXT WEEK.

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

Monday.

- 16 Royal Alpha, Metropole
1319 Asaph, Freemasons'-hall
1321 Emblematic, Criterion
1924 Wickham, Brockley
1996 Priory of Acton, Acton
2535 Fellowship, Frascati
2578 National Artillery, Criterion
113 Unanimity, Preston
119 Sun, Sq. & Compass, Whiteh'v'n
156 Harmony, Plymouth
328 St. John, Torquay
331 Phoenix Ho. & Prudence, Truro
431 St. George, N. Shields
622 St. Outhberga, Wimborne
850 St. Oswald, Ashbourne
928 Friendship, Petersfield
977 Fowey, Fowey
1045 Stamford, Altrincham
1071 Zetland, Saltash
1077 Wilton, Blackley
1211 Goderich, Leeds
1239 Wentworth, Sheffield
1254 Semper Fidelis, Exeter
1264 Neptune, Liverpool
1452 St. Margaret, Lowestoft
1573 Caradoc, Swansea
1954 Molesworth, Wadebridge
2163 Jersey, Southall
2166 Cotchele, Calstock
2520 P. of Wales, Newcastle-on-Tyne
2586 St. Nicholas, Scarborough

Tuesday.

- Colonial Board, F.M.H., at 4
171 Amity, Ship and Turtle
2524 Train Bands, Finsbury Barr'ks.
70 St. John, Plymouth
103 Beauford, Bristol
124 Marquis of Granby, Durham
158 Adam, Sheerness
252 Harmonic, Dudley
265 Royal Yorkshire, Keighley
364 Cambrian, Neath
393 St. David, Berwick
421 Loyal of Industry, S'hamolton
510 St. Martin, Liskeard
558 Temple, Folkestone
660 Cammoumum, New Malton
673 St. John, Liverpool
734 Londesborough, Bridlington
804 Carnarvon, Havant
847 Fortesque, Honiton
960 Bute, Cardiff
974 Pentalpha, Bradford
1002 Skiddaw, Cockermouth
1244 Marwood, Redcar
1310 Harrow, Harrow
1619 Sackville, East Grinstead
1780 Albert Edward, Southampton
1785 St. Petroc, Padstow
1981 Arnold, East Molesey
2129 Dorothy Vernon, Bakewell
2490 Amptihl, Amptihl

Wednesday.

- Committee Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution, F.M.H., at 4
13 Union, Waterloo, Plumstead
820 Lily Richmond, Inns of Ct. Ho.
1629 United, Freemasons'-hall
1827 Alliance, Guildhall Tavern
1986 Honor Oak, Upper Norwood
2528 Lancastrian, Frascati
2581 Empress, Earl's Court
84 Doyle of Friendship, Guernsey
187 Rl. Sussex Hospitality, Bristol
274 Tranquility, Newchurch
277 Friendship, Oldham
281 Fortitude, Lancaster
288 Harmony, Todmorden
323 Concord, Stockport
498 Royal Standard, Dudley
654 Peveril of the Peak, New Mills
661 Fawcett, Seaham Harbour
666 Benevolence, Dartmoor
679 St. David, Aberdare
708 Carnarvon, Hampton Court
730 Ellesmere, Chorley
731 Arboretum, Derby
755 St. Tudno, Llandudno
851 Worthing Friendship, Worthing

- 852 Zetland, Salford
906 Royal Albert Edward, Bath
1018 Shakespeare, Bradford
1091 Erme, Ivybridge
1094 Temple, Liverpool
1107 Cornwallis, Chiselhurst
1140 Ashton, Heaton Moor
1181 De la Pole, Seaton
1209 Lewises, Ramsgate
1248 Denison, Scarborough
1331 Aldershot Camp, Aldershot
1342 Walker, Newcastle-on-Tyne
1356 Toxteth, Liverpool
1398 Baldwin, Dalton-in-Furness
1400 Curwen, Workington
1547 Liverpool, Liverpool
1643 Perseverance, Hebburn-on-Tyne
1855 St. Maurice, Plympton
1879 Lord Warkworth, Amble
1932 Whitworth, Spennymoor
1958 St. George, Portsea
2156 Arthur Sullivan, Manchester
2294 Wavertree, Wavertree
2330 St. Lawrence, Pudsey
2389 Ayondale, Middlewich
2423 St. Mark, Connah Quay
2450 Loxfield, Uckfield
2483 Hadrian, Westham
2504 Earl of Warwick, Buckh'rst Hill

Thursday.

- Quarterly General Court, Girls Sch.
1227 Upton, Great Eastern Hotel
1642 Earl of Carnarvon, Ladbroke-h.
35 Medina, Cowes
130 Royal Gloucester, South'mpton
216 Harmonic, Liverpool
333 Royal Preston, Preston
369 Limestone Rock, Clitheroe
381 Harmony & Industry, Darwen
437 Science, Wincanton
546 Struscan, Longton
816 Royd, Littleboro'
973 Royal Somerset, Frome
991 Tyne, Walsend
1099 Ruysne, Stoke, Devonport
1145 Equality, Accrington
1182 Duke of Edinburgh, Liverpool
1213 Bridgewater, Eccles
1273 St. Michael, Stillingbourne
1387 Choriton, Choriton-cum-Hardy
1416 Falcon, Thirsk
1495 Arkwright, Matlock Bath
1583 Corbet, Towyne
1697 Hospitality, Waverfoot
1750 Coleridge, Clevedon
1915 Graystone, Whitstable
1992 Tennant, Cardiff
2234 Onslow, Guildford
2262 Dagmar, Wraybury
2278 Kingswood, Broxbourne
2285 Eden, Workington
2343 Sir William Harpur, Bedford
2372 James Terry, Waltham Cross
2420 Ed. de Rothschild, Waddesdon
2449 Duke of York, Manchester
2501 Ixion, Buckhurst Hill

Friday.

- Quarterly Court, Boys School, at 4.
1602 Sir Hugh Myddelton, Islington
81 Doric, Woodbridge
170 All Souls, Weymouth
458 Aire and Calder, Goole
526 Honour, Wolverhampton
1001 Harrowgate & Claro, Harr'wg'te
1087 Beaudesert, Leighton Buzzard
1102 Mirneid, Mirneid
1121 Wear Valley, Bishop Auckland
1428 United Service, Landport
1605 De la Pole, Hull
1676 St. Nicholas, Newcastle-on-Tyne
1826 Parthenon, Croydon
1983 Martyn, Southwold
2554 Manchester, Manchester
2558 Furnival, Sheffield

Saturday.

- 1685 Guelph, Leyton
1686 Paxton, Camberwell
2384 Mitcham, Lower Mitcham
2579 Lewisham, Lewisham
869 Gresham, Chestnut Park
1415 Campbell, Hampton Court
1755 Eldon, Portishead
2006 Tilbury, Purfleet
2105 Cama, Hampton Court
2147 Crays Valley, St. Mary Cray
2246 Cyclist, Croydon
2326 Wigan, Wigan

HOLIDAY ARRANGEMENTS.

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THE Midland Railway Company has published an extensive list of new arrangements which come into operation this month for the benefit of holiday travellers, not the least important of which is that by which passengers taking tourist tickets from stations on the Midland Railway to Glasgow by the North British or Glasgow and South Western lines will be able to travel at their option on the return journey either by the Waverley route via Edinburgh, or by the Glasgow and South Western route via the Land of Burns. New day and night expresses are being added to the already extensive time-table of trains between England and Scotland, and other ordinary express trains between these points will undergo improvement by acceleration. The first and third class dining carriages will continue to run on the morning and afternoon express trains between London and Glasgow, and sleeping saloon cars on the night trains between London and Glasgow and Edinburgh. The third class passengers will be able to accommodate themselves with pillows. The tourist traffic to the Western Highlands and Islands is being well provided for by the running of a new through express from London (St. Pancras) at 10 p.m. for Greenock, the Firth of Clyde, &c., and a daylight service to Rothesay will also be given from St. Pancras at half-past ten in the morning, enabling passengers to arrive at Rothesay at 9.30 p.m. Through carriages will run from London (St. Pancras) to the north-west of Scotland over the new West Highland Railway, a distance of over 500 miles. Irish passengers are accommodated by a new express service leaving St. Pancras at half-past ten, enabling them to arrive in Belfast by the short sea route via Stranraer and Larne the same evening. A corresponding service will also be afforded in the opposite direction. An improved service will also be given to Belfast via Barrow-in-Furness (the picturesque route by the borders of the Lake District) leaving London (St. Pancras) at 2.10 p.m. The services to the Isle of Man, the English Lake District, the Peak District of Derbyshire, and the numerous other holiday resorts served by the Midland Railway, have also undergone careful supervision, and improvements affected both in time occupied on the journey and comfort en route. All these improvements are enumerated at length in the Midland Company's time tables for July, and for holiday companions travellers cannot do better than secure copies of the publications which have just been issued by the Midland Railway Company, including "Pocket Guide to the Midland Railway," "Holiday Tours in the British Isles," "Pocket Diary and Guide to the Isle of Man and English Lake District," "List of Furnished Lodgings in Farmhouses, Country Villages, &c.," "The Peak of Derbyshire," &c.

THE Midland Company has also arranged to run excursions to Ireland, from St. Pancras on the 23rd inst., and to Scotland and the north of England on Friday next, return tickets to Scotland being issued by this trip at a single fare for the double journey, available for any period up to sixteen days. The Company also announces trips each Saturday to Lancashire, the Isle of Man, the Peak of Derbyshire, the Lake District and other parts, for particulars of which we refer our readers to our advertisement column.

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THE London and North-Western Railway Company announces a number of special excursions on Friday and Saturday of next week, to different Stations in Ireland and Scotland, the latter being available for the popular system of issuing return tickets to the north at a single fare for the double journey, available for return at any time within sixteen days. There are also excursions to-day, and on every Saturday until further notice, to the Isle of Man, North Wales, Lancashire, and the English Lake District, for different periods as set out in our advertisement columns.

On Wednesday night the West Coast commenced their service of quick running trains to Scotland. They took twenty minutes off the time. The eight o'clock train from Euston, with four stops, ran into Carlisle at 1.50 on Thursday morning, beating the East Coast by eleven minutes. The run from Wigan to Carlisle over Shap Fells, a distance of 105 miles, was accomplished in 1 hour 50 minutes, which is the best record on the North-Western's Northern Section.

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THE North Eastern Railway has arranged to issue, every Saturday in July, August, and September, commencing to-day, excursion tickets at special fares, available for three, eight, ten, fifteen, or seventeen days, from London (King's Cross) to Bridlington, Filey, Scarborough, Robin Hood's Bay, Whitby, Saltburn, Redcar, Seaton Carew, Tynemouth, Whitley and Cullercoats. The tickets, which will be available by the 8.45 a.m. train from London, are quoted for the double journey at a little in excess of the ordinary third class fare. For the benefit of commercial travellers the Company are now issuing first and third class return tickets to enable them to visit their homes at week-ends at a single fare for the double journey, under conditions which may be learned by application to Mr. John Welburn, Superintendent of the Line, at York Station. The same source of information is recommended to golfers desiring to take advantage of the North Eastern Company's new system of issuing annual certificates to members of recognised golf clubs, enabling them to obtain first class return tickets at special fares.

PRESENTATION TO BRO. HUGHAN.

AT the annual meeting of the Coryton and Rougemont Chapter of Rose Croix, held at Exeter, on Tuesday, 16th ult., Bro. J. Taylor, J.P., 30^o, who presided, presented to Bro. W. J. Hughan 32^o, of Torquay, an illuminated address as an honorary member of the Chapter. Bro. Taylor briefly referred to the distinguished career of the recipient, and to the great interest he displayed in the welfare of all young Masons. The name of Hughan was known the world over for his Masonic research.

Bro. Hughan, in accepting the address, expressed the pleasure it gave him to receive such a pleasing memento of the high esteem in which they held him. Amongst the many addresses he had received from his Brethren in Freemasonry that was the first from those of the Ancient and Accepted Rite.

The Chapter was honoured by the distinguished presence of the Inspector General of the District, Bro. Rev. H. A. Morse, M.A., of Barnstaple, 33^o, and at the instance of Bro. Taylor a special vote of thanks was accorded to Bro. Morse for his presence. The ceremony of installation was then proceeded with.

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.

REPORTS OF MEETINGS.

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QUATUOR CORONATI LODGE, No. 2076.

ON Saturday and Sunday, 20th and 21st ult., members of this Lodge made the Regent Hotel, Leamington their headquarters, on the occasion of a summer visit. They arrived at the hotel on Friday, where they were met by members of the Shakespeare Lodge, who joined them at dinner.

On the Saturday the party left Leamington for Warwick, at 10 a.m., and were shown over St. Mary's Church and Leicester Hospital, after which they proceeded to Stratford-on-Avon, via Charlecote, and visited Shakespeare's birthplace, the Church, Memorial Theatre, and other places of interest, subsequently lunching at the Red Horse Hotel, and returning to Leamington in the evening.

On the Sunday they left Leamington at 10.30 for Warwick Castle, and went from there to Guy's Cliffe and Kenilworth Castle, luncheon being provided at the Abbey Hotel. The company afterwards proceeded to Stoneleigh Abbey, through the Deer Park. The "Leamington Advertiser" understands that Lord Warwick kindly placed Warwick Castle at the disposal of the visitors on Sunday, and that Lord Leigh generously invited them to luncheon at Stoneleigh Abbey. Some of the members availed themselves of their presence in Warwick to inspect the splendid collection of carvings at Mr. Kendall's establishment, with which they were greatly pleased. At Kenilworth and Warwick they were entertained by the Shakespeare Lodge, at Stratford-on-Avon by the Swan of Avon Lodge.

The arrangements were under the direction of the Secretary of the Lodge, Bro. G. W. Speth. Amongst those joining them at dinner on the Saturday were several members of the Provincial Grand Lodge, who came specially for the purpose. The visitors left Leamington by the 6.30 train on Sunday evening, for London, and before leaving expressed themselves highly pleased with their visit and the interesting and beautiful places they had seen.

INSTRUCTION.

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ST. JOHN LODGE, No. 167.

AT the Court House, Harlesden, N.W., on Thursday, 25th ult., Bro. T. Parker W.M., H. B. Neville S.W., Ortnor J.W., Priest Sec., Bartlett S.D., G. Hussey P.M. J.D., Perdon I.G., Hillier P.M. Preceptor, Isaac Cohen, Wynman, Rose, Dehane P.M., Hiscocks, Lawrence P.M., Elkin.

The ceremony of initiation was exceedingly well rehearsed, Bro. Dehane P.M. representing the candidate. The Lodge was called off and on, after which the Preceptor, with the assistance of the Brethren, worked the second section of the first lecture.

Bro. Neville was elected W.M. for the next meeting, and a vote of thanks passed to the W.M. congratulating him on his working, this being the first occasion on which he had presided.

EMBLEMATIC LODGE, No. 1321.

A MOST brilliant assembly of Masons gathered at the St. James's Hall, Piccadilly, W., on Tuesday, to witness the rehearsal of the ceremonies of Consecration and Installation by Bro. James Terry P.G.S.W.B. England P.P.S.G.W. Norths and Hunts P.M. 228 1278 1866 1964 and Secretary of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution. The offices were filled by Bro. J. H. Price P.M. and Sec. 1321 as I.P.M., W. F. Bates P.M. 1507 S.W., W. B. Fendick P.M. 1321 J.W., J. H. Keen S.D., F. W. Buxton P.M. J.D., W. O. Welsford P.M. 1321 D.C., Thomas B. Whitford P.M. 1891 I.G., E. L. Berry W.M. 2473 and C. E. Gilbert J.D. 2362 Secretaries, F. B. Townend J.D. 214 Organist, T. E. Weeks P.M. Tyler.

There were about 50 other members present, while amongst the visitors were Bros. C. Bonham P.M., M. McVey S.D., J. Wynman (FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE), &c.

The Lodge being opened, and preliminaries disposed of, the ceremony of Consecration was rehearsed by Bro. J. Terry, and the Lodge was constituted. Bro. J. H. Moggridge having taken the obligation of W.M.-elect was installed into the chair.

The acting W.M. appointed and invested the Officers in a most perfect manner, after which Brother Terry gave the charges and addresses to the W.M., Officers, and Brethren, the rehearsal of the whole of the important ceremonies being perfectly and impressively given by the acting Consecrating Officer, who, as president at upwards of a hundred Lodge Consecrations, has long since enjoyed a special reputation; as a result, the members and visitors had an exceptional Masonic treat.

It was proposed by Bro. J. H. Price P.M., and seconded by Bro. Berry P.G.S. Bucks, that Bro. Fred B. Townend J.D. and Organist of Hope and Unity Lodge, No. 214, be elected an Honorary Member, and that a vote of thanks and gratitude be put on the minutes for his valuable services, which was unanimously agreed to and acknowledged.

It was also proposed by Bro. Price, and seconded by Bro. Bates P.M., that a hearty vote of thanks be put on the minutes for the kindness shown by Bro. Jas. Terry for presiding and rehearsing the ceremonies that evening. Bro. Terry, with his usual ready flow of language, suitably responded.

It was also proposed and seconded that a letter, with a vote of thanks, be written to Messrs. Roberts, the proprietors of the St. James's Hall, for their kindness and generosity in granting the Lodge a suite of elegant rooms for the meeting.

The Lodge was closed in due form, and a very pleasant gathering thus brought to a termination.

The Emblematic Lodge of Instruction meets every Tuesday evening, at the St. James's Hall, at 8 o'clock, where Brethren will always receive a cordial reception.

HYDE PARK LODGE, No. 1425.

ON Monday, at the Prince of Wales Hotel, Eastbourne Terrace, W., Bro. W. Smith W.M., C. Riemann S.W., H. Harris J.W., G. D. Mogford W.M. 2362 S.D., A. Clark P.M. 1668 J.D., H. Crookes I.G., H.

Campbell W.M. 742 Std., W. J. Ferguson P.M. Preceptor, H. Dehane P.M. Sec., W. Hillier P.M. 1366, J. H. Kelly, D. Gellion P.M., J. Wynman, William Lineham (No. 224 E.C., Hamilton, Bermuda), W. J. W. Ferguson 42 (I.C.), and others.

The W.M. opened the Lodge, and then requested Bro. D. Gellion to take the chair. He rehearsed the ceremony of initiation, Bro. A. Clark P.M. candidate. Bro. Gellion kindly vacated the chair in favour of Bro. G. D. Mogford W.M. 2362, who rehearsed the ceremony of installation, Brother Campbell acting as the Installed Master.

The Lodge was advanced to the third degree, the chair afterwards vacated in favour of the W.M.-elect, and Bro. G. D. Mogford rehearsed the addresses to the W.M., Officers and Brethren. We compliment Bro. Mogford on his faultless rendering of the work. Bro. C. Riemann was unanimously accepted as W.M. for next meeting.

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LONDESBOROUGH LODGE, No. 1681.

THE usual meeting was held at the Berkeley Arms, John Street, Mayfair, on Wednesday, Bro. Joseph Wall W.M., H. J. Stickland P.M. 177 S.W., F. B. Mills J.W., T. Kelly S.D., J. Allan J.D., E. C. Mulvey P.M. Acting Preceptor, Corry P.M. Secretary, F. H. Vant I.G., Turner P.M., Wynman (FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE), G. Wood P.M., J. Robertson P.M., and others.

The Lodge was advanced to the second degree, and Bro. Turner having offered himself as candidate, and answering the usual questions in a most satisfactory manner, the sublime degree was rehearsed by the W.M. in excellent style.

The W.M. resumed the Lodge to the first degree, and Bro. T. Kelly, with the assistance of the Brethren, worked the second section of the lecture. Bro. Turner P.M. was elected a member.

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BROMLEY ST. LEONARD LODGE, No. 1805.

AT the Bow Bells, Bow Road, on Wednesday, 1st inst., Bro. S. H. Weeks W.M., H. M. Pollock S.W., W. Joss J.W., F. A. Slater S.D., W. Boyce P.M. J.D., W. Johnson I.G., J. De Casseres P.M. Preceptor, F. Thornton Sec., and Naphthali.

Bro. Boyce answered the questions leading to the second degree, was entrusted, and the ceremony of passing was rehearsed. Lodge resumed to the first degree, and the Brethren assisted Bro. Naphthali to work the first and second sections of the lecture. Bro. Pollock was elected to the chair for the next meeting. A hearty vote of thanks was accorded to Bro. Weeks for the able manner in which he had worked the ceremony for the first time.

The Lodge was adjourned until the first Wednesday in September.

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MINERVA LODGE, No. 250.

THE ceremony of installing Bro. Coysh as Worshipful Master took place in the Masonic Hall, Dagger Lane, Hull, in the presence of between eighty and ninety members of the Craft.

A banquet was provided in the large hall after the installation, to which many Brethren sat down. The proceedings throughout were of the most enjoyable character, and very gratifying to the new Worshipful Master, who entered upon his year of office amid the hearty good wishes of all ranks.

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WELLINGTON LODGE, No. 341.

ON Thursday, 18th ult., the anniversary of the Battle of Waterloo, the Brethren of this Lodge mustered strongly at a Lodge of Emergency to do honour to Bro. Wm. Dawes, their oldest, and one of their most esteemed members, by presenting him with a watch. The W.M. Bro. Rev. A. J. W. Crosse, B.A., Vicar of Rye, in making the presentation, said Bro. Dawes was initiated a member of the Wellington Lodge more than thirty-two years ago. He had thrice been elected W.M., in 1865, 1876 and 1893; from 1866-8 he served as Prov. G. Steward, and as Prov. G. Reg. from 1868-70. In 1885 the Prov. Grand Master appointed him G.S.W. For a period little short of twenty years he had been their Secretary. Of his work in that position it was impossible to speak too highly, as in him each successive W.M. found a kind and sympathetic friend, on whose sound advice he could implicitly rely, Bro. Dawes's interest in Masonic charities was well-known, and throughout Sussex there was no warmer supporter or more earnest advocate of their claims. He had served as Steward for all three Institutions, R.M.I.G. 1885, R.M.I.B. 1889, R.M.B.I. 1892, and had always taken up very handsome lists, that for the Girls being considerably over £100. The present gathering was purely a Wellington Lodge affair, but if they looked outside their own Lodge they would find Bro. Dawes well-known and appreciated throughout the Provinces of Kent and Sussex, both as an orator of no mean ability and as a high authority on Masonic laws and customs. He was a P.M. of both the Weald of Kent and St. Leonard Lodges.

The W.M. then, in the name of the Wellington Lodge, begged Brother Dawes's acceptance of a watch, with every good wish from his Brethren. The watch bore the following inscription:—

Presented to

W. BRO. DAWES P.M. P.P.G.Reg. P.P.S.G.W. Sussex,
by the Brethren of the Wellington Lodge, No. 341, Rye,
as a mark of affection and gratitude for valuable services rendered during the
past thirty-two years.

18th July 1896.

Bro. Dawes, who was much affected, and replied with difficulty, thanked the Brethren, and said the only mark of appreciation he desired was that which day by day had been extended to him, the sympathy and loving kindness of the Brethren and a silent and considerate passing over of his many faults and shortcomings, of which he was fully conscious. A quarter of a century was a big slice out of a lifetime, to which in the present instance must be added seven years, and it was a matter of pride to him that during that period he had been able to retain the esteem of the Brethren of his native town, as evidenced by their kindness to him that evening.

At the close of the Lodge the Brethren gave an open dinner, the principal guests being Bro. Wm. Dawes and his two brothers (the Lord Bishop of Rockhampton and Mr. Walter Dawes, Town Clerk), and Bro. Dr. Trollope P.G.D. England.

Bishop Dawes, in a most happy speech, replying to the toast of his health, said that, in spite of the jealousy and care with which the secrets of Freemasonry were guarded, some had got abroad. He had met one secret face to face in nearly every little bush town or back settlement where members of the Order were to be found. The mystery they could not help revealing was their true fraternity, kindness of heart, generosity, and all the virtues which bind man to man.

FIDELITY LODGE, No. 555.

THE installation meeting was held at the Crown Hotel, Framlingham, on Wednesday, 24th ult., when a large number of members and visitors attended to witness the installation of Bro. E. W. Lynch.

The ceremony of installation was performed in a most impressive and exemplary manner by Bro. Fraser, after which the W.M. appointed and invested his Officers.

The Lodge having been closed, the Brethren adjourned to an excellent banquet at the Corn Hall, presided over by the W.M.

Bro. Connor proposed the toast of the evening, the W.M. Bro. E. W. Lynch. He stated that he had known Bro. Lynch from his Masonic infancy, as they were initiated within a few months of each other; he had always found him a keen and enthusiastic Mason and a great lover of all that was good and best in Masonry. Bro. Lynch had served him most faithfully as Senior Warden, and, in fact, had filled every subordinate office with marked success, and he felt convinced that he would be a worthy successor of the many good men who had gone before him in Lodge Fidelity, and that he would have a most successful year of office.

The W.M., in reply, tendered his most sincere thanks. It would be his aim to conduct the affairs of the Lodge to the best of his ability, to emulate the bright examples afforded by the Past Masters, and to transmit to his successors the Fidelity Warrant as pure and unsullied as he had that evening received it. He appreciated the trust reposed in him, and hoped to merit their entire approbation by faithfully discharging the duties of the office. The W.M. said he considered himself a link with the past, for his father, grandfather, and great-grandfather were Masons, and by a curious and happy coincidence, it was just exactly a century since his great-grandfather was installed as W.M., for he was placed in the chair of K.S., in the Lodge at Ballyconnell, No. 453 on the register of the Grand Lodge of Ireland, on the 8th May 1796. It had always been his great ambition to attain to this honour, and he thought it was a legitimate ambition on the part of every Mason. At the same time, he felt very keenly the grave responsibility of the office, and his own unworthiness to carry out the duties according to the high standard that had always been maintained. He was determined, however, that no effort should be wanting on his part to further the interests of the Lodge, and he was convinced that these efforts would be most heartily seconded by the excellent Masons who had done him the honour to accept office under him.

DOWNSHIRE LODGE, No. 594.

ON Thursday, 25th ult., at the Masonic Hall, Hope Street, Liverpool, Bro. Fred Wilkinson was installed as Master by Bro. W. H. O. Trense, the retiring W.M., the attendance of members and visitors numbering about 150.

The retiring W.M. was the recipient of a Past Master's jewel, together with a silver tea and coffee service, and a brooch for Mrs. Trense.

BEAUREPER LODGE, No. 787.

ON Thursday, 25th ult., the thirty-seventh anniversary was held at the Lion Hotel, Belper, when Bro. Walter Loverock P.M. P.P.G.Swd.Br. was installed W.M. by Bro. Maurice Hunter I.P.M.

ECCLESHILL LODGE, No. 1034.

ON Tuesday, 16th ult., the members visited Cark, arriving about 11 a.m. The party numbered between fifty and sixty, and included members of the Lodge and their wives. Breakfast was provided at the Station Hotel by Mrs. Hindle, and afterwards Mr. C. Fishwick made complete arrangements for the conveyance of the party to Lakeside by char-a-banc, waggonettes, &c. The day was beautifully fine, and the outing was greatly enjoyed without the least mishap. They returned to Cark, after visiting Cartmel, about 5 p.m., in time for a hot dinner at the Station Hotel, returning to Bradford by special train shortly after eight o'clock. Bro. Scott, the Superintendent of the Bradford Fire Brigade, made the arrangements to the satisfaction of all concerned.

CONCORD LODGE, No. 1135.

FOR the twenty-eighth year Bro. S. Jones P.M. P.P.G.J.W., the founder of the Lodge, acted as Installing Master on Wednesday, 24th ult., when Bro. M. W. Tattam was placed in the chair.

The retiring W.M. Bro. E. J. Tamlyn was presented with a very handsome Past Master's jewel, enclosed in Morocco case, and engraven thereon was the inscription:

Presented to
W. BRO. E. J. TAMLYN P.M. Lodge Concord, 1135,
in recognition of his valuable services during his year of office.
24th June 1896.

Another interesting incident was the presentation of a marble timepiece, with an equestrian group at the top, and two brass figures on marble pedestals to match, to Bro. J. Blackford, for his twenty-five years' services as Tyler of the Lodge. On a plate attached to the timepiece the following was engraved:

Presented to
Bro. J. BLACKFORD,
on his retiring from the post of Tyler of the Lodge Concord, No. 1135,
after having served that office close upon quarter of a century,
by Brethren in recognition of his long services.
(Signed) E. J. TAMLYN W.M.
J. MYATT Secretary.
24th June 1896.

ALBERT VICTOR LODGE, No. 1773.

THE regular meeting was held at the Town Hall, Pendleton, on Friday, the 19th ult., Bro. James Clough W.M. Though the weather was almost tropical there was an attendance of over twenty members, the visitors being Bros. W. Hemingway 325 and J. B. Bowker 815.

A ballot, which was successful, was taken for Mr. John Bintliffe Kenyon, Pendleton, and that gentleman was accordingly initiated into Antient Freemasonry by Bro. Thomas Threlfall P.M. Prov.G.Std., the working tools being presented and explained by Bro. Thomas M. Brown S.W., while the charge was delivered by Bro. Wm. Mosley I.P.M.

Bro. Fred Daniels was afterwards passed to the degree of F.C. by the W.M., the working tools falling to the lot of the S.W. as before, while the charge was delivered in this instance by Bro. Wm. Mosley I.P.M.

In connection with the Masonic service to be held at Christ Church on the following Sunday, Bro. F. Townson P.M. Treas. proposed, and Bro. Threlfall seconded, that the expenses incurred on that occasion be paid out of the Lodge funds, the whole of the collection therefore being devoted to the local charity for which the service was promoted.

At the festive board which followed, Loyal and Masonic toasts were agreeably varied by songs and sketches rendered by Bros. W. Allen Smith S.D., G. L. Hardcastle Org., John Harwood Std., J. Horricks, and Edward Roberts P.M. 1459.

DENE LODGE, No. 2228.

THE installation meeting was held on Saturday, 20th ult., at Winter Hill, Cookham Dean, among those present being the Earl of Euston Provincial Grand Master Norths and Hunts and J. T. Morland Past Grand Deacon Deputy Provincial Grand Master in charge of the Province of Berks.

Immediately after opening the Lodge the ceremony of initiating the son of the Secretary of the Lodge was performed by the Worshipful Master, after which the Master-elect Captain William Nicholls was installed into the chair.

At the conclusion of the business of the Lodge the Brethren proceeded in a steam launch to dine at the New Thames Hotel, Maidenhead.

MINNEHAHA MINSTREL LODGE, No. 2363.

THE regular meeting was held at the Victoria Hotel, Manchester, on Monday, 22nd ult., Bro. Henry Nall P.M. 1375 Prov.G.Treas. W.L. Worshipful Master.

The Brethren met at an early hour, three ceremonies being due, viz., two passings and a raising. In the first instance, Bros. Robert Beilby Estill and William Henry Purdy were passed to the degree of F.C. by Bro. Nall W.M., assisted by Bro. Seth Wrigley P.M. acting as S.W., who presented and explained the working tools of the degree to both candidates. Bro. Wm. John Brooke was then raised to the sublime degree of M.M. by Bro. Cyril H. Beever P.M.

The whole of the ceremonies were well performed, and thoroughly maintained the traditions of the Minnehaba Minstrel Lodge for good work.

At the festive board which followed, Loyal and Masonic toasts were interspersed by songs, &c., rendered by Bros. Beever, Stubbs, S. L. Watts, W. T. Watts, and others.

We must not forget to mention that Bro. Beever, in proposing the health of the Provincial Grand Officers, reverted to the fact that Bro. Wrigley had recently attained to Provincial honours, adding, amidst applause, that in his case they had been most judiciously bestowed.

QUEEN VICTORIA LODGE, No. 2584.

THE regular meeting was held at the Conservative Club, Cheetham, Manchester, on Tuesday, 16th ult., Bro. Councillor Samuel I. Mills P.M. 1077 W.M. The minutes having been confirmed, Bro. Benjamin Brook, B.A. was duly raised to the sublime degree of M.M. by Bro. A. T. McGregor P.M. D.C. P.P.G.D. Derbyshire, the working tools being presented and explained by Bro. Thomas Nesbitt J.W. The Traditional History was afterwards delivered to Bro. Brook, in conjunction with Bros. Harry S. Hiles and E. Arthur W. Wragg, by Bro. Wm. B. Midgley S.W.

At the festive board which followed, Loyal and Masonic toasts were given and responded to, that of the Worshipful Master being proposed by Bro. Thomas Syms Secretary.

Bro. Mills W.M., in reply, thanked his auditors for their enthusiastic reception of his name. He spoke of the steady progress made by the Lodge, and also reverted to the forthcoming picnic to Wrexham and the Vale of Llangollen, which will take place on the 8th inst. He promised a delightful outing, and strongly advised the Brethren not to miss such an opportunity.

Bro. John Newell proposed the health of the newly-raised Brother, to which Bro. Brook responded in a very able speech. After comparing the degree through which he had just gone with those which had preceded it, he said that the recent one was the crowning point of all, and would make a lasting impression upon him.

Other toasts followed, being relieved by songs, recitations, &c., the contributaries being Bros. J. Howarth P.M., William Dumville P.M. Sec. 2156, Edward Roberts P.M. 1459 (FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE), and Cuthbert Blacow 2156. Bro. Wragg officiated at the organ and piano, accompanying Bro. Blacow on the former instrument in his song "Love's Golden Dreams," in so finished a manner as to compel admiring plaudits from his listeners.

Besides those mentioned above, there were present: Bros. C. W. Godby I.P.M., Wm. Richardson S.D., John Foulkes J.D., R. H. Williams I.G., W. Moulton Org., J. Pollitt P.M., and others. Visitors: Bros. Rev. W. H. Healey 344, C. Tambaci 1055, and J. S. Buckley J.W. 2506 Sierre Leone.

SHURMUR LODGE AND CHAPTER OUTING.

THE summer outing of the Shurmur Lodge and Chapter, No. 2374, took place on Tuesday, 16th ult., under the presidency of Brother James Speller W.M. and M.E.Z.

The party, consisting of about sixty or seventy Ladies and Brethren, assembled at Paddington Station and were conveyed in saloon carriages to Taplow. Carriages afterwards conveyed them to the river at Maidenhead, where they embarked on the "Emperor" steam launch, arriving at Great Marlow in time for banquet at the "Compleat Angler's" Hotel.

After grace, Bro. Speller W.M., before proposing the customary toasts, trusted the party had all enjoyed the good things nature had provided for

them, and as it was not his intention to make long speeches he at one gave the Queen, which was honoured with enthusiasm.

Bro. Shurmur, as the Senior Past Master of the Lodge and Past Principal of the Chapter, then proposed the toast of the W.M. and M.E.Z., and said it rarely happened that a Brother held concurrently the position of W.M. and Z. of the Chapter attached to his Lodge. Bro. Speller not only held those positions, but had proved himself thoroughly capable of performing the duties appertaining thereto. Without disclosing any Masonic secrets he would inform the ladies that the rites and ceremonies which the W.M. had to perform and the addresses and lectures he had to deliver would more than equal the contents of an ordinary three volume novel. The W.M. and Z. had not contented himself with working those ceremonies in their entirety, but he had also munificently subscribed to the Masonic Institutions, and was Vice Patron of all three of them.

The W.M., in replying, said that after the remarks of Bro. Shurmur they might naturally expect a great flow of oratory from him, but his failing on an occasion like that was to say as little as he could. He was pleased he had the honour to represent the Lodge and Chapter at the Girls Festival as Steward, when they were kind enough to send him up with a list of 250 guineas—the little item spoken of by Bro. Shurmur. He begged them to accept his hearty and sincere thanks for the kind way they had received the toast.

Bro. Gower had great pleasure in proposing that which he considered the toast of the day, the Ladies. He could fairly say the Ladies ought to know it was not only the work that their husbands and Brothers did in the Lodge that occupied them, but the support they gave to the Charities, and while thinking of that part of their duty they were also thinking of the Ladies, and were one and all delighted to have them present on occasions such as this. He was gratified that their Prov. Grand Master the Earl of Warwick had been pleased to ask Ladies to attend the Prov. Grand Lodge, at Malden, and that the Countess had promised to attend and help with them to grace that meeting. He concluded by coupling the name of Bro. the Venerable Archdeacon Dunbar with the toast.

Bro. Dunbar, who in responding spoke on behalf of the Ladies—not for himself, but for them only—said they were extremely obliged for the pleasant words used in proposing the toast, and were glad to hear all were pleased to have the Ladies present. If the Brethren only knew the trouble they had; the preparations to be made, the hour earlier they had to get up in the morning, some of them had to sleep with pins in their hair, some arranging it as if blown about, which all took time; yet they assured the Brethren they were only too pleased to do all they could. Those who had not settled in life intended to do so as soon as suited. They were pleased with their Masonic outing, and if any of them were not engaged the Brethren might be quite sure they were now quite ready, and many of them who had not quite made their arrangements would probably do so before they parted that day. He then appropriately gave the following lines:—

Let those love now, that never loved before,

And those that always loved, love now the more,

and concluded by expressing thanks for a pleasant day, and the lovely bottle of scent given to each of them.

The W.M. then asked them to adjourn to the steam launch, and a pleasant journey to Shiplake and back to the same house followed, when tea on the lawn was provided. A photographic group of the party was taken by Bro. W. C. Tyler.

The party left by the launch, which arrived at Maidenhead in time for the 9.47 train to London. The W.M. and Z. Bro. Speller was heartily congratulated by all on the happy and pleasant outing he had provided. Bro. Pointer ingratiated himself with the company by the able manner in which he superintended the arrangements.

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ZETLAND CHAPTER, No. 1071.

THE members held their annual installation and festival on the 16th ult., when Comp. W. T. Nancarrow was installed Z., R. T. Meadows H., and J. G. Shanks P.Z. 205, &c., P.G.S.B. J. The ceremony was performed by the retiring Z. Comp. F. A. Rawling, Comps. G. Trethewey and W. R. Rawling P.G.A.D.C. There was a good attendance, and the large amount of work was disposed of without outside help.

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ITALIAN FREEMASONRY.

THERE has been an unquestionably serious character attaching to the speeches made in the Italian Parliament and Senate against the Freemasons of this country. The popular representatives who have attacked it have been in every case convinced "Unitarii," that is, politicians whose complete allegiance has been given to the Monarchy and the existing order. Thus there has been wanting every ground for a justifiable suspicion of "Clericalism" against those who have voiced the popular hue and cry at Montecitorio and in the Palazzo Madania. The Marquis di Rudini, whose integrity is recognised as standing beyond all cavil and quite independently of his ancient emblazonments, was emphatic in his reprobation of the undue secrecy enveloping the working of the sect. What is perhaps most significant throughout every phase of this calm but momentous attack upon Freemasonry is that little or no defence has been made of the sect in the public press, and that still less defence has been attempted in the more genuine and immediate expression of public opinion, the everyday talk of the people. Unquestionably the Freemasons are in a minority, and though this may be to their advantage, their somewhat defenceless condition has, without a doubt, caused them a certain alarm. But it is not entirely to alarm that we should attribute the circular letter of the new Grand Orient, Ernesto Nathan, of which a summary has been communicated to the press previously to its transmission to the members of the Order. At the outset, Signor Nathan implies the solidarity existing between the Freemason chiefs of yesterday and those of to-day, and the identity of Freemason principles in the past and in the present by paying compliments to his predecessor, Signor Lemmi. He then proceeds to say that it is time for Freemasons to put an end to the secrecy hitherto observed, and that the members of the body should publicly declare their connection with it. The Order is neither profane nor hostile in regard to any religion whatever. Neither is it the slave of any political party. Italian Freemasonry desires to be nothing but Italian, and it regards the fatherland as the medium through which to influence humanity. (But it is still Freemason, and its medium is not the most effective of possible media.) On this account men of various political creeds "lay aside their passions at the door of the temple." Hence the Brotherhood is not a sect, because it is universal in character. It is an association for mutual help, but it is such in order to be of public and general utility. There is a "raison d'être" for its symbolism, which is not profane and which corresponds to the need of an international language. He hopes, moreover, that the day of perfected and universal freedom will soon come and make possible the abandonment of the honest secret ("onesto segreto"). The scope of Freemasonry obliges it to combat a really secret and powerful organisation, that of Temporalist (Temporal Power) and reactionary Clericalism. The document, of which the above is the substance, is certainly well adapted to its purpose, and is likely to influence the indifferent and the vacillating in favour of the sect, but to Catholics it is especially valuable as a clear and precise revelation of the anti-Catholic nature of the society over which Signor Nathan has been called to preside.—"Tablet."

PORTSMOUTH CLUB PIC-NIC.

MEMBERS of the Portsmouth Freemason's Club spent a very enjoyable day in the New Forest, on Tuesday, 23rd ult. The pic-nic party, which numbered forty-five, left the Town Station by the 12-25 train, travelling in a special saloon carriage, and arrived at Lyndhurst Road shortly before two o'clock. Luncheon awaited them at the New Forest Hotel, and in the afternoon a delightful drive was taken through the Forest, among the places of interest visited being Sir William Harcourt's seat at Malwood. In the evening another call was made at the New Forest Hotel, where tea was served by Mr. and Mrs. Edwards. The return journey was commenced at ten minutes to nine, Portsmouth being reached about eleven o'clock. The arrangements were most successfully carried out by Bro. E. S. Main, the Secretary of the Club, who was indefatigable in his efforts to promote the enjoyment of everyone.

SCRAPS FOR SPARE MOMENTS.

MOROCCO BOUND.

LODGE night to-morrow, Jones. I see your portmanteau is in the hall. Shan't be there this time.
How's that?
My wife's dead—mourning—trouble and sorrow to forget.
Very sorry indeed, old man—never heard about it, believe me—but where are you off to?
Tangier, for the good of my health.
You have, excuse me, been very reticent towards your old friends. I did not know that you were ailing either—what's the matter?
Well, the fact is, the first Mrs. Jones bought me, my friend. Now, I had a wrinkle yesterday; for a ten-pound note I can buy a good-looking damsel at Tangier. I mean, of course, to marry her, and see if by reversing the old order of things, I can bring No. 2 up my own way.

Not long since, I met at Liverpool an old friend and Brother who went out to the States many years ago, had made money, and was returning to settle in the old country. Before leaving the landing-stage he introduced to me two of his compagnons de voyage, who took up their quarters in the same hotel for the next two days. By a singular coincidence I found myself in the same railway carriage with one of the gentlemen nearly three months after, in the Midlands. After the first greetings I asked "Well, and how do you like this country?" "The country!" he exclaimed, "oh! that's all right, but I don't like the people. I'm going back—sick of them. I'd rather be a telegraph-post in Chicago than a millionaire in England."

But I must not forget my promise re Lady-Masons. If this opinion does not flatter Masons and Masonry, it has the merit of being straightforward, and I am inclined to think it expresses a general feeling of jealousy by no means uncommon towards the seductiveness of the Lodge. Being addressed to me, I can vouch for it as a fact, and as nearly as I can recollect in the very words used. The speaker was a prominent Mason's wife.

"Don't tell me," she exclaimed confidently, "that any Mason's wife wants to be a Mason! Old-maidish woman's-rights-orators may care to discover some novelty in having similar Lodges to yours, but like a good deal they prate about, they know little of the subject. Shall I tell you what I do know about you Masons? You are a jealous, uncharitable, envious lot! You address each other as Brothers, and no sooner leave your Lodge than you vilify and say all sorts of spiteful things of those Brothers whom you suspect to be dead against your having all your own way. And in order to have it, you get up cliques that only little minds would conceive, and edify your wives by letting them hear the fraternal sentiments the conspirators feel, every time they meet in your own homes! Nice Freemasonry this, isn't it? You delight in your fine jewelled clothing, and strut about in it like gutter-knights to whom a little brief authority over betters is soothing."

"But," I insisted, "why condemn all for the sins of a few? For instance, did you ever know me to belong to a clique, or guilty of backbiting? As to clothing, my ideas have always been quite the other way, and—" "I know all about that," she interrupted; "I am not referring to you, nor to my husband. I do not object to him being a Mason; he has the same abhorrence of the un-Masonic traits I spoke of, but some day he will abandon it altogether, and feel all the better for it. I have had far too many opportunities of knowing Masons. Before taking credit for charitable deeds, Freemasons want teaching what charity is. Perhaps some women are curious to know why men without a spark of charity in their nature subscribe large sums to the Boys and Girls Schools. I know, and other Masons' wives must know; and not from my husband have I gathered the knowledge. The 'Lady Mason' movement isn't even a 'craze' yet, and never will be. It is a mere 'find' of the new woman, whose mind is never at home, encouraged by Roman Catholic tirades against Freemasonry. Whatever inquisitive female admirers may think of the possible benefits concealed beneath the secrets of the Craft, I believe abuses have crept in unperceived, and grown until the evil overbalances the good; but of one thing I was never more certain than of this, that Masons' wives will have nothing to do with the new idea to form Lady Mason Lodges."

"Bro. Bright," asked a P.M. who is inordinately fond of conundrums, but very apt to retail them very imperfectly, "can you tell me why a hard-working Secretary like you reminds me of Bro. P.M.—'s prize pig?" "No," I said as usual, quite expecting some extraordinary solution. "Because it is not likely that either will be cured until after death." So, according to our contract I owed him one. But this had to be put off until the Lodge was closed, when he came to me having a silk handkerchief pressed over his eye. "What's the matter?" I enquired. "Oh, nothing! I've got a little sand in my eye," he responded. "Then can you tell me why that grain of sand is like Bro.—'s cane?" (the latter is a schoolmaster).

"Could not guess in a week!"
"Because it hurts the pupil." He walked away in a brown study, but half-an-hour after, at the supper table, he stood up convulsed with laughter, and, forgetting all propriety, shouted to me across the table "Eureka!" to the intense astonishment and amusement of the Brethren.

GENIAL JAMIE.

The Theatres, &c.

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Covent Garden.—Royal Italian Opera. This evening, *Tristan und Isolde* Monday, *Mefistofele*. Tuesday, *Carmen*.
Lyceum.—8, *The School for Scandal*.
Globe.—8, *The Journey's End*. 9, *Charley's Aunt*. Matinée, Saturday, 3.
Prince of Wales's.—8-30, *On the March*. Matinée, Saturday, 2-30.
Haymarket.—Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday, 8-30, *Trilby*. Thursday, Friday, and Saturday, 8-30, *Henry IV*. Matinée, Wednesday, 2-30; Saturday, 2-15.
Duke of York's.—8, *The Gay Parisienne*. Matinée, Wednesday, 2-30.
Lyric.—8-15, *The Sign of the Cross*. Matinée, Wednesday and Saturday, 2-30.
Savoy.—7-40, *After All*. 8-20, *The Grand Duke*, or *the Statutory Duel*. On 11th July, *The Mikado*.
Comedy.—*The Mother of Three* (Last day).
St. James's.—8-30, *The Prisoner of Zenda*. Matinée, Wednesday, 2.
Princess's.—8, *The Grip of Iron*.
Daly's.—8-15, *The Geisha*; *A story of a Tea House*. Matinée, Saturday, 2-30.
Garrick.—8-30, *The greatest of these* ——. Matinée, Wednesday, 2-30.
Vaudeville.—8-15, *Papa's wife*. 9, *A night out*. Matinée, Wednesday, 3.
Criterion.—8-30, *Rosemary*. Matinée, to-day, 2-30.
Court.—8-15, *Uncle Thatcher*. 9, *Mam'zelle Nitouche*.
Royalty.—8-0, *Dearest Mamma*. 9, *The Queen's Proctor*. Matinée, Saturday, 3.
Opera Comique.—8-30, *Second Edition of The New Barmaid*.
Alhambra.—7-45, *Variety Entertainment*. 9, *Irish Ballet Divertissement*. 10, *The Animatographe*. 10-35, *Blue Beard*.
Empire.—7-45, *Variety Entertainment*. New Ballet *Divertissement*, *La Danse*. Cinematographe. Second edition of *Ballet Faust*.
Palace.—7-45, *Variety Entertainment*, *Tableaux Vivants*, &c.
Royal.—7-30, *Variety Company*. Saturday, 2-30.
Oxford.—7-30, *Variety Entertainment*. Matinée, Saturday, 2-30.
Olympia.—Grand Pleasure Gardens. Cycle Races, Concerts, &c.
Crystal Palace.—Varied attractions daily. Exhibition of Motor Carriages
Royal Aquarium.—Open at 10; close at 11-30, Constant Amusement.
Tivoli.—7-30, *Variety Entertainment*. Saturday, 2-30 also.
The London.—Grand Variety Entertainment.
Mohawk Minstrels.—(Agricultural Hall.)—Daily.
Egyptian Hall.—3 and 8, Mr. Maskelyne's Magical Entertainment.
Madame Tussaud's (Baker Street).—Open daily