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MASONS AND THE JUBILEE.

AS we fully expected would be the case, the special gathering of the Craft at the Albert Hall on Monday, to pass an address to the Queen congratulating her Majesty upon the completion of the 60th year of her reign, proved an unqualified success. It was, indeed, the largest and most representative gathering of Masons ever held, about 7,000 Brethren being present, including the Grand Master H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, Past Grand Master H.R.H. the Duke of Connaught, the Pro Grand Master, the Deputy Grand Master, and a brilliant array of present and past Grand Officers, together with prominent representatives of other Constitutions and outside Districts.

Shortly before 4 o'clock the Trumpeters, in full Court costume, sounded the fanfare, and the procession—marching to the strains of Meyerbeer's Grand Coronation March—entered the Hall, headed by the Grand Stewards of the year, and followed by the Grand Officers according to rank, who formed a double line from the dais to the entrance. Another blast on the trumpets announced the arrival of the Grand Master, who, preceded by Earl Lathom Pro G.M., the Grand Standard and Sword Bearers, was received with cheers that re-echoed throughout the Grand Hall. His Royal Highness walked slowly across the arena to the throne, the sight at this moment, with everyone standing, presenting a beautiful coup d'œil, and one never to be forgotten. When the applause had subsided the Grand Master took his seat, after bowing his acknowledgment of the splendid reception. He was supported on his left by the Duke of Connaught, the Pro Grand Master, Lord Saltoun Grand Master of Scotland, and Dean Hole Grand Chaplain; and on his right by the Deputy Grand Master, the Duke of Abercorn Grand Master of Ireland, Lord Rendlesham, and the Rajah of Kapurthaea.

The Prince of Wales, on rising to address the Brethren, was enthusiastically cheered. He said:—Brethren, before we go to the business which has called this great gathering together, I beg leave to address a few words to you. It will certainly be within the memory of most people, to many of you who are here to-day, and to the Craft in general, that ten years ago we had a meeting similar to this one, the object being to present a humble address to her Majesty the Queen on having attained the 50th anniversary of her reign. Ten years have elapsed since that time, and by the bountiful goodness of Providence her Majesty has reigned ten years more. The feeling throughout this vast Empire to do honour to this great and unprecedented occasion has been shared by all. Every member of the community has desired in some way or other to testify their high appreciation of the way in which her Majesty has ruled over this great Empire for a space of sixty years. I maintain, having now held the high office for many years of head of this great Craft in England, that there is no body in her Majesty's dominions who are more loyal or more orderly than the Freemasons. Our business, therefore, to-day is for the purpose of moving and seconding an address to the Queen on having attained her sixtieth jubilee, and I know only too well with what enthusiasm this will be received when I put the motion to the meeting. Ten years ago we were a very large number; from what I learn we are to-day a still greater gathering. In fact, I do not believe that so large a gathering of Masons was ever held before, and probably will never be held again. For my own part, I can only thank you,

as the head of this great Order in England, for having come here to-day to testify by your enthusiasm and numbers how important you consider this great occasion which brings us together. I now call upon the Grand Secretary to read the proposed address.

The Grand Secretary then read the address, as follows:—

To the Queen's Most Excellent Majesty,—We, your Majesty's most faithful and loyal subjects, the Free and Accepted Masons under the United Grand Lodge of England, venture, with profound respect, on this the completion of the sixtieth year of your Majesty's reign over these Kingdoms and the vast Empire of the British Crown, humbly to offer our dutiful and heartfelt congratulations, and to express our continued and unswerving loyalty to your Majesty, and our gratitude to the Great Architect of the Universe, who has distinguished your Majesty's reign by a length exceeding that of any of your predecessors, and by the continued and unexampled increase of happiness and prosperity throughout your Majesty's dominions. No class of your Majesty's subjects outvies in loyal attachment to the Throne and devotion to your Majesty's person the ancient Institution of English Freemasonry, which, founded on the purest principles of religion and morality, is also characterised by its unvarying support of the existing institutions of the country, and by the maintenance of universal charity and Brotherhood. We pray that the Almighty may continue and multiply on your Majesty those blessings which have hitherto signalised your Majesty's beneficent reign, and that, enshrined in the hearts of all your subjects by ever-deepening feelings of loyalty and devotion, your Majesty's reign may always be attended with the blessings of peace, unity, and prosperity.

Dated at the Royal Albert Hall, this 14th day of June 1897.

The Prince of Wales.—I will now call upon the Duke of Connaught to move the address.

The Duke of Connaught.—Brethren, in obedience to the orders of our most illustrious and Most Worshipful Grand Master, I rise to propose the address that has just been read. I hardly expected that such an honour would have fallen to my share as to propose this, but your illustrious Grand Master has, I fancy, called upon me as representing not only one of the oldest provinces in the country—namely, Sussex—but also representing the district of Bombay, to show that all Masons in her Majesty's dominions are one at heart, as I am sure that we all are on this great occasion. I feel most highly having been asked to address you on what, I am sure, will remain in the annals of the Craft as one of the greatest days of its prosperity. I believe, in fact our Grand Master has told us, that we are the largest number of Masons who have ever assembled together, and surely we have assembled together for a right and proper purpose. We have indeed assembled in our thousands to show our deep loyalty and devotion to our gracious Sovereign. In her we recognise not only a Sovereign of this realm, of this large Empire of ours, but a gracious woman who has ever spoken to the hearts of our people in joy and in sorrow. Brethren, we have at all times been loyal to our traditions, as we are loyal to our sovereign, and I know that I am speaking the feelings of you all here when I say that I move this address with the feelings of the deepest loyalty and devotion, and with feelings of the greatest respect, and it is with feelings of great gratitude that I am standing here to-day to move an address to one who has so long graced the Throne of England. I move, therefore, that the address which has just been read by the Grand Secretary be transmitted to her Majesty the Queen.

Lord Amherst, at the request of his Royal Highness the Grand Master, seconded the address. He referred to the fact that her Majesty was the daughter of a Freemason and the mother of Freemasons, while she was also patroness and benefactress of their Order. In those circumstances who could wonder that the Queen-Emress had inspired in Masons that respectful and affectionate loyalty which breathed in every word of the address? Great, indeed, had been the advantage to Masons of the Queen's patronage of the Craft. Referring to the greatness of the Empire, he said that from these small islands we had colonised, explored, and conquered until we now had a dominion spreading over one-fifth of the surface of the globe and inhabited by more than one fifth of the population of the world, that looked up to our Emress-Queen as its sovereign head. From that vast Empire many tokens of loyalty would come, but there would be no deeper feelings of loyalty than those expressed in the address of the Masons of England.

The Prince of Wales.—All that remains now for me to do is to put the resolution to you for adoption.

The resolution was then carried by acclamation.

The Prince of Wales having signed the address amidst renewed cheering, the Brethren rose at his Royal Highness's signal and sang the National Anthem, to the organ accompaniment. Immediately the Grand Master had signed the address Bro. Sadler Grand Tyler seized the pen with which the important document had been completed, probably recognising its value as a memento of this most unique celebration. No doubt we shall hear in good time that the pen has been added to the collection of interesting articles in the possession of Grand Lodge, and in which our Grand Tyler takes so great and lively an interest.

The Prince of Wales said,—I wish to announce that in addition to the sixty Brethren to be appointed to Past Grand rank I have made the following appointments:—His Royal Highness the Crown Prince of Denmark Grand Master of Denmark to be Past Grand Master of England, his Highness the Rajah of Kapurthala to be Past Grand Warden, the Right Hon. Chief Justice Way Most Worshipful Grand Master of South Australia to be Past Grand Warden, and the Right Rev. the Lord Bishop of Bath and Wells to be Past Grand Chaplain.

The following list of Masonic honours was then read by the Grand Secretary, and the recipients were introduced to the Grand Master by the Acting Grand Director of Ceremonies Bro. Thomas Fenn, who officiated at the meeting itself and made all the necessary arrangements in connection with it, in the absence through illness of Sir Albert Woods. A few of the recipients were, however, not present, Sir H. Kitchener being in Egypt, and the Rev. C. J. Ridgeway, in Japan.

LONDON.

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| Bro. Hon. Mr. Justice Kennedy | - | - | Junior Warden |
| Rev. C. J. Ridgeway, M.A. | - | - | Chaplain |
| Lieut.-Col. A. B. Cook | - | - | |
| Capt. G. L. Holford, C.I.E. | - | - | |
| E. Macrory, Q.C. | - | - | |
| Gordon Miller | - | - | |
| Montague Sharpe | - | - | Deacons |
| Walter Webb | - | - | |
| Stewart Brown, F.R.C.S. | - | - | |
| Thomas Jones | - | - | |
| Capt. Portlock Dadson | - | - | |
| Robert Woodfall | - | - | |
| Ernest M. Money | - | - | |
| W. J. Crump | - | - | Assist. Dirs. of Cers. |
| E. E. Harding | - | - | |
| Stanley J. Attenborough | - | - | |
| Major Newington Bridges | - | - | |
| Capt. J. R. Clipperton | - | - | Sword Bearers |
| Gordon Smith | - | - | |
| John J. Thomas | - | - | |
| W. G. Kentish | - | - | |
| William Shurmur | - | - | Standard Bearers |
| Oscar Philippe | - | - | |
| E. L. P. Valeriani | - | - | |
| H. Nelson Price | - | - | |

PROVINCIAL.

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| Rev. J. H. Gray, M.A. (Cambridge) | - | - | Chaplains |
| Rev. C. Henton Wood, M.A. (Leicester) | - | - | |
| John Strachan, Q.C. (Northumberland) | - | - | Deputy Registrar |
| James Heelis (E. Lancashire) | - | - | |
| James J. Lambert (W. Lancashire) | - | - | |
| Ensor Drury (W. Yorks.) | - | - | |
| A. H. Bowles (Surrey) | - | - | Deacons |
| Chas. E. Prior, M.D. (Bedford) | - | - | |
| George J. Tilling (Hants.) | - | - | |
| W. Lewis Morgan, M.A. (Oxford) | - | - | |
| Richard Luck (Durham) | - | - | |
| J. R. Winterbotham (Gloucester) | - | - | |
| Thomas Cox (Derby) | - | - | |
| J. Clayton (Cheshire) | - | - | |
| Ben Vickers (Lincoln) | - | - | |
| Charles Coupland (Kent) | - | - | Assist. Dirs. of Cers. |
| John Brewer (Devon) | - | - | |
| John W. Martin (Berkshire) | - | - | |
| John Evan Bowen (Buckinghamshire) | - | - | |
| Lieut.-Col. G. W. Walker (Staffordshire) | - | - | Sword Bearers |
| Robert Case (Dorset) | - | - | |
| N. Tracy (Suffolk) | - | - | |
| Geo. Dalrymple (Cumberland & Westmorland) | - | - | Standard Bearers |
| John Mason (Middlesex) | - | - | |
| A. E. Friedlander (Warwick) | - | - | |

DISTRICTS.

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| Major-General Sir H. H. Kitchener, K.C.B., K.C.M.G. (Egypt) | - | - | Junior Warden |
| Bishop of Perth (West Australia) | - | - | Chaplains |
| Rev. H. J. Spence Gray, M.A. (Punjab) | - | - | |
| Hon. Mr. Justice Parsons (Bombay) | - | - | Deacons |
| James Stiven (Madras) | - | - | |
| H. M. Rustonjee (Bengal) | - | - | |
| John Fenwick (Queensland) | - | - | |
| George Russell (Natal) | - | - | Assist. Dirs. of Cers. |
| Robert James Dick (South Africa E.D.) | - | - | |
| J. B. Wheelwright (South Africa W.D.) | - | - | |

The Grand Master having announced the receipt of a telegram from the Freemasons of Bermuda, expressing their loyalty and devotion to her Majesty, approved of a jewel to be worn by Brethren in commemoration of the occasion, a bar to be worn by all those who attended the meeting, and an extra addition for the Special Stewards. He also stated that the fees of admission, which would amount to £7,000 would be devoted: one-half to the Prince of Wales Hospital Fund, and the other divided equally among the three great Masonic Charities. The Craft had thus signalled this auspicious occasion by devoting to the purposes of charity some £15,000, of which the Hospital Fund had benefitted to the extent of £5,500, that sum being in addition to the amounts subscribed individually by a large number of Masons and Private Lodges.

The Earl of Lathom then, on behalf of Grand Lodge, asked His Royal Highness's acceptance of a jewel in commemoration of the great event, and expressed the wish that the Grand Master might wear it for many years.

The Grand Master, who was again enthusiastically greeted, expressed his most sincere thanks to Grand Lodge. He assured the Brethren that it had given him deep interest to preside on that most interesting, most auspicious, and never-to-be-forgotten occasion. He was glad to be there to meet so many distinguished Brethren from all parts of the world.

The meeting was then closed, the procession reformed, and amidst the blare of trumpets and the rolling peal of the organ, swept across the arena to the entrance, where H.R.H. turned and bowed three times before disappearing from view.

All the arrangements were most perfectly carried out, and reflected great credit on those concerned.

H.R.H. finally drove off amidst the hearty applause of the assembled thousands.

The presence of several Indian Officers in native costume spoke for the universality of Freemasonry.

When Chief Justice Way Grand Master of South Australia went up to receive the rank of Past Grand Warden, he handed to H.R.H. an address from the five Australasian Constitutions. It was signed by him as Grand Master of South Australia, by Sir Joseph Abbott as Grand Master of New South Wales, by Lord Brassey as Grand Master of Victoria, by Bro. C. E. Davies as Grand Master of Tasmania, and by Bro. Barron as Grand Master of New Zealand, and also by the Grand Secretaries of those five Constitutions. It was a dutiful and loyal address to Her Majesty on the completion of the sixtieth year of her reign, and was artistically decorated with the floral emblems of the five colonies concerned. Before the meeting, Chief Justice Way communicated with H.R.H. the Prince of Wales through the Pro Grand Master Lord Lathom, and H.R.H. was pleased, as Grand Patron of English Masonry, to accept this address on the great occasion for presentation by himself to the Queen.

CONSECRATION.

CRANE LODGE.

EARL AMHERST Provincial Grand Master Kent will visit Cranbrook on the 8th July, for the purpose of consecrating the Crane Lodge there. A large gathering is expected.

"A SPRIG OF ACACIA."

A MUCH respected Battersea man, and a popular Mason, was buried at Nunhead on Tuesday, 8th inst. Bro. F. T. Edwards met his death in a very sad manner. He was a driver on the London and South Western Railway, and was struck by an express engine. Before he was carried off to the hospital, he shook hands with his fireman, saying, "I'm done; good-bye. You've been a good mate to me." He was taken to St. Thomas's Hospital, where he died. The Rev. Bro. Walker conducted the funeral service, which was most impressive. Wreaths placed upon the coffin came from the Bolingbroke Lodge, of which he was a much respected member; from the drivers and firemen of the London and South Western Railway, from the neighbours, and other friends. Members of the Bolingbroke and Duke of Albany Lodges attended the funeral.

THE IRISH MASONIC SCHOOLS.

LAST week we gave a brief extract from the "Irish Times" referring to a visit of Belfast Masons to the Masonic Schools at Dublin. The visit seems to have been a most enjoyable one, and will doubtless have no little effect on the future conduct of these most useful Institutions of our Brethren of the Emerald Isle.

The visiting Brethren and their lady friends having inspected the buildings of the Girls School, assembled in the Drill Hall, for the purpose of witnessing a display of calisthenics by the pupils, one hundred of whom were present, in charge of Mrs. Neal, the matron. After this Lord Justice Fitzgibbon delivered an address, which was of so interesting a character as to deserve almost entire reproduction in our pages.

He said that when Bro. Robert J. Hilton Provincial Grand Secretary first communicated the intention of organising the excursion, he was good enough to suggest that some one having an intimate and practical knowledge of the management of the School should take the opportunity of giving information that might be of interest to the northern Brethren. His colleagues had asked him to undertake that duty. Although he knew that after their long journey and taking into account the very fine day they had brought with them, it must be rather irksome to remain any longer in that hall, yet he knew his Brethren and friends from Belfast would not be sorry to take this occasion to learn something more than they now knew of the work that had been done in that place, and also in what he might call the brother Institution that they were about to visit at Clonskeagh. Their visit, which had commenced so pleasantly, was a great encouragement to the Committees of the Schools. Many of them might not be aware how the idea of their visit was first started. A good Brother came there recently, and he was so impressed by what he saw that, when he returned to Belfast, he went straight to Bro. Hilton to suggest that others ought to go in the way he had gone before. The idea was in good hands, and it had borne good fruit already; for, at their last election, having fourteen children candidates on their list, of whom they were only able to receive under normal conditions six, they thought they might venture to draw a cheque upon their confidence in the Masons of Ireland, by adding two more to the number in honour of this record year, and adding a third also, and it so happened that the third was one of their girls from Belfast. On that same occasion, amongst those elected high up upon the list they would find the name of the orphan daughter of one who held the second highest post in their great Masonic Province—the orphan of a Provincial Senior Grand Warden. And the ramifications and the branches out of Masonic charity were well exemplified by the fact that the means that the mother and the children of that family had to depend on were, first, this school, secondly, the Presbyterian Fund for Widows and Orphans, and lastly, their own Belfast Masonic Charity Fund. When they went to the Boys School they would see a School much more recent, and amongst its very best scholars the son of one who was once Her Majesty's High Sheriff of the county Antrim, who finally died in America in penury, and whose son made his start in life from their school. He mentioned these things that none might think that human prosperity was ever so secure that even selfish arguments might not be used to show him what his duty was with regard to a place such as this.

But they might be interested to know what was the work being done there. Every Province in Ireland was well represented. And not only had they in this School and in the Boys School, children from every Masonic Province, but children who were born in all parts of the world—in the colonies and distant places—and who had all found their way back to that place.

They might be interested also to know how this place had sprung to be what it was; an institution that could boast of 105 years of usefulness had not been during all that time anything like what it was now. It began as a humble institution, endeavouring to train children up to the very lowest level at which it was possible for them to sustain themselves. Generation after generation of Irish Masons had felt that they were not doing their duty to their dead Brethren if they were not to try to make some provision there so as to enable every girl to find her own level in the world, and that that should not be lower than that which her father held before. Up to 1882 the School had been many times removed, and had increased and grown in efficiency and usefulness. In 1882 it came to its present site, with accommodation for eighty children, having had but thirty-six previously. They had been there now fifteen years, and, during those fifteen years, to bring the place to what it was at present, what had been done? They were the owners in fee-simple of the nine acres of ground on which the buildings had been placed. On the 1st January 1881, that site was a green field let out for grazing. As it stood now it had cost the

Masonic Order £24,700; and that money, every penny of it, had been spent, and everything had been done with it in that place; it paid for everything in the place—the buildings, furniture, fittings, equipment, and all, and had bought the fee-simple of the land. Now, £13,500 of that money came directly out of the pockets of Brothers of the Order, subscriptions paid by individuals or by the Lodges to which they belonged. £4,500, which included the whole cost of land, was taken out of a little sum of £6,400 which they made in 1882 in five days, by a show in Earlsfort Terrace, now occupied by the Royal University. Out of that money they had still £1,900, and the interest of that paid taxes, insurances, and odds and ends and repairs. As they all knew, they started another show in 1892 on the centenary of the Schools, and on that occasion in six days £22,000, all but £12, was realised after the payment of all expenses.

They had given a promise that the great proportion of that money was not to be spent on the School, except for certain purposes, namely, that it was to be laid apart to make provision for the girls when they had left them. They had faithfully kept that promise, for they had of that still £15,000, which brought in an income of £580 a year, which was faithfully spent on the girls who were going away. But the balance of £6,500 built the hall in which they now were, the library, the infirmary, which had been commenced as a memorial of a worthy brother, and also increased the dormitory accommodation from 80 to 100. Therefore, their capital expenditure of £24,700 consisted of £13,500 which was paid by subscription, £4,500 from the bazaar of 1882, and £6,500 from the centenary bazaar, and at every single step of that they had been always able to get something in, for they were still maintained throughout by the annual contributions of their Brethren.

It was also interesting to know what became of their girls when they left. There was no more gratifying or touching correspondence in the world than that kept by the matron and teachers of this school with the girls who had gone away. As to what had become of Antrim girls in the last three years—and he might say here the School was conducted so economically that a cat could not be kept on the waste—five girls, having proved themselves capable of literary teaching of an advanced kind, had been sent to the Continent, there to receive from a year to two years further instruction, so that they might master a foreign language. But all girls were not able to take that sort of benefit. They sent three Antrim girls at the same time to get advanced education at schools at home, also four to get instructed in shorthand and typewriting, and of these three were hard at work and prospering in Belfast at the present time, and the fourth was occupying a place in Dublin. Of three others one held a place for herself as teacher in a Board School, and two were in the Civil Service by competitive examination, and he might tell them that out of 628 candidates, the seventh place was taken the year before last by a girl from their school—not, however, an Ulster girl—who was under the age of twenty at the time. Four girls more they had paid fees for to enable them to take commercial situations, and in every single one of these nineteen cases, before a penny was spent for the benefit of them, the case of each girl was carefully investigated, both as regards what help they could count on their Brethren giving them, and also what she could best take advantage of.

And now a word as to the domestic management of the place. As they went through the building, let them try if they could to find any dust, any untidiness, any want of good order about the house, and let them ask themselves how many servants they would have to employ and pay in their own houses to produce anything like that result, and let them remember that the whole service of this place consisted of three women, a cook and two housemaids, and everything else was done by the girls themselves. They did not make their own dresses, for making dresses was not economical if they gave the stuff to a girl who did not know how to make them properly, but, once they were made, every subsequent bit of patching, altering and mending, and occasionally taking out the tucks as they grew, was done by the girls themselves.

The result was that the current expenditure on the whole place last year was £2,530, of which the management, which included all the difficulties about the collections, which required a good deal of correspondence, was only £296, and the School costs altogether £2,233 for the maintenance of ninety-nine girls.

Many Brothers, especially from the north of Ireland, who had not been there, were very fond of saying, as a reason for not subscribing to the School, that they were spending too much on the children, that they were pampering them, and to some extent raising them above the situation that they would be called upon to fill. But he could not for a moment believe that anyone would say an expenditure of less than £23 a year per head for clothing, feeding, lodging, and teaching the girls, was anything but a triumphant vindication of the School from any charge of extravagance. Why, there were poorhouses in which a pauper would cost the ratepayers more than that. And they were able

to do this work for the money, because it was done as all other Masonic work was done, because every Brother put his heart as well as his hand into it.

The Boys School, founded as it was long after the Girls School, in 1862, had a history exactly the same as the Girls School, except that as yet they had only eighty boys. But they were on the high road to do what they were doing at this School; they were doing the same work for the same money. Up to the present their capital expenditure had been something about £10,000. There was no Governor of the Girls School that was not just as anxious for the success of the Boys School, and he was sure they would all carry away the conviction, when they had seen it, that all that could be said of the Girls School could also be said of the Boys School. As to the exercises and drill which they had seen the girls go through, some might think that a good deal of time must have been wasted in learning that, but it was not a waste of time to learn discipline, to train the ear, the eye, and the hand, above all things it was never a waste of time to learn to be orderly. Their orderly children were brought up in the principles of order, and how well these principles were laid out was fairly typified, not merely in the figures they saw there, but in every motion and every accuracy which they saw in the course of the performance.

But what they wanted to impress on them was this, that this was no charity institution. These were not charity children; these were the children of men that they had known, and met and loved, and who had left them their children, not as objects of charity, but as objects of duty. These children, having no father on earth, have to put their trust in the Great Architect that bound all together.

These schools were, perhaps, the noblest jewel in the Masonic regalia. But their usefulness to the members of the Order ought not to be forgotten. They had lessons to learn from the misfortunes of others, and these lessons could be discharged, and followed, and learned by everyone of them, each according to his several abilities. And there was not a Lodge in Ireland which could not afford to take a fair part in the work which they saw being done there, and there were very many Brethren, too, who could at least become Governors of the School. He was making no appeal, it was not necessary that he should, but they trusted and hoped and believed that their good Brother who brought them there had been only speaking the truth when he said that none could come there without going away a happier man, and one determined also to take a share in the future by helping and assisting what was being done. They were in good hands in Belfast, and he would ask them in conclusion not to imagine that they had been looking at the School on a holiday, and polished up for inspection. The School as they saw it was as they would find it on every day in the twelve months, and any hour of the day or night that they came to see it.

Brother James Barr Prov. S.G. Warden of Antrim returned thanks for the truly Masonic way in which the visitors had been received by the Dublin Brethren. It was the first visit of a great many of them to the School. It was, he had to admit, his own first visit, and he was sure one of the results of the present proceedings would be that the interest in these splendid Institutions would be very much extended in the north of Ireland, and he would be very much disappointed if that interest would not take a practical turn. They had been very much gratified by the beautiful exhibition of drill and they could not help being struck by the cheerful and happy faces of the girls. He had listened with great pleasure to the eloquent speech of their Brother, the Lord Justice, and he was sure one result of that speech would be that the great good which was being done in that School and in the Boys School would not be lost on the members of the Order in the north, and that a reasonable share of their spare cash would find its way to Dublin.

Bro. Robert J. Hilton Prov. Grand Secretary of Antrim wished to add a remark or two to what had been already said. His first observation would be words of congratulation to the Deputy Grand Master of Ireland on that his first public appearance in his new position. He could assure their Brother Dr. Meredith that when the news reached them in the Province of Antrim that he had been selected to occupy his present high and dignified post everyone of them felt the greatest gratification that he had been so chosen. In reference to the reception they had received that day it was thoroughly appreciated by all who had journeyed from the north, and when the members of the Order who were compelled to remain behind heard of the cordial and fraternal welcome that had been given to the party, he knew it would be equally appreciated by them. He thought he could safely add that their appreciation would show itself in a practical way.

Several wagonettes were in waiting, and the visitors were conveyed to the Boys School at Richview, Clonskeagh, where they were received by Bro. J. Holdbrook, B.A., Head Master, and Mrs. Holdbrook the Matron, Bro. Fry the Hon. Secretary, and by members of the School Committees.

After luncheon, the library, dormitories, class-rooms, gymnasium, and other departments of the splendid Institution were visited. There was afterwards an adjournment to the grounds, which, picturesque even in winter, looked to the best advantage in the full foliage of early summer. The pupils were assembled on the front lawn, and displayed great efficiency in drill exercise. At its conclusion they were addressed by the Deputy Grand Master, who complimented the Boys on their neat appearance, and their excellent discipline. Brief speeches were delivered by a number of the Provincial Grand Officers of Antrim, who again expressed their thanks for the hearty welcome they had received, for the hospitality extended to them, and for the great pleasure which the visit had afforded them. The boys then gave three hearty cheers for the visitors, who were conveyed to town in wagonettes. A visit to the Masonic Hall in Molesworth Street having been paid, Amiens Street Station was reached at 6.45, and the special train left for Belfast shortly afterwards.—“Dublin Warder.”

IRELAND AND THE JUBILEE.

AT the meeting of the Provincial Grand Lodge of North Connaught, held at Carrick-on-Shannon, on Wednesday, 9th inst., about 100 being present. Bro. Dr. Bradshaw proposed the following resolution, which he supported with an admirable speech:—

That this Provincial Grand Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons of the Province of North Connaught, in Provincial Grand Lodge assembled at Carrick-on-Shannon, this 8th day of June 1897, do hereby tender humble and respectful congratulations to her Most Gracious Majesty the Queen, upon the attainment of her Diamond Jubilee. We pray the Great Architect of the Universe to continue those manifold blessings for many years to come which have been vouchsafed for the past sixty years; and we hereby affirm our inflexible loyalty to her Majesty's person and throne.

Bro. W. J. Robinson seconded the resolution, and dwelt at some length on the blessings which had been received during the long period of Her Majesty's reign.

The Deputy Provincial Grand Master Rev. Precentor Clarke, M.A., LL.D., M.D., in putting the resolution, delivered an eloquent speech, showing the peace and prosperity which existed amongst people of all classes and creeds.

The resolution was carried with acclamation.

The Deputy Provincial Grand Master stated that the Brethren of North Connaught had subscribed the handsome sum of £100 towards the Diamond Jubilee Fund for the poor, and a cheque for this amount would be handed over during the course of the week.

The proceedings shortly afterwards terminated.—“Irish Times.”

FREEMASONRY IN FRANCE.

THE following letter has appeared in the Paris edition of the “New York Herald”:

Will you confer a favour on a constant reader of the American edition of the “New York Herald”? I am writing a history of Freemasonry in France, and desire to obtain some data in regard to the famous Masonic charlatan, Comte de Cagliostro, who flourished during the latter part of the eighteenth century. Is the house in which Cagliostro lived during his Parisian sojourn still standing? History says it was located in the Rue Saint-Claude and belonged to the Marquis d'Orville. If this mansion is still existing, kindly let me know its exact location, that I may have a photograph or pencil sketch made of same. I think, perhaps, that M. Henri Rochefort might know about this. If possible oblige me with the information.

H. R. EVANS.

903 New York Avenue, Washington, D.C., U.S.A.

At the last meeting of Lodge Gladstone, No. 157, N.S.W., a letter was received from a Brother thanking the Lodge for a donation of three guineas, and also expressing gratitude to the members of the Lodge who had put their hands into their pockets and subscribed ten guineas privately to help to relieve his distress. This is practical sympathy which might profitably be imitated by Sister Lodges, says “Masonry,” for a sovereign to a deserving and needy brother is worth fifty letters of regret respecting his circumstances, or hundreds of mere empty words. Lodge Gladstone last year spent exactly double the amount in charitable purposes that they spent in refreshments, and yet they are in a good strong financial position to-day. How many other Lodges can say this?

THE Committee of the Princess of Wales's Jubilee Dinner Fund for the Parish of St. Saviour's, Southwark, have entrusted the catering for the poor of that district on the 24th instant to Messrs. Spiers and Pond Limited. The dinner will be provided in the school buildings belonging to the Vestry, or in a large space near the Borough Market.

A CHAT ON ROYALTY.

IN view of the immense preparations which are being made by loyal subjects to celebrate on Tuesday next the sixtieth year of Her Most Gracious Majesty's reign, it may not be out of place here to say a few words about royalty past and present.

TITLES.—That of "Majesty" was first given to Louis Eleventh of France. Previous to his reign, the sovereigns of Europe had been merely styled "Highness," or "Grace." In England Henry IV. received the title of "Grace"; Henry VI. that of "Excellent Grace"; Edward IV. "High and Mighty Prince"; Henry VII. was styled "Highness"; Henry VIII. "Majesty," and was the first and last who was styled "Dread Sovereign"; James I. was called "Sacred," or "Most Excellent Majesty," which title is sometimes applied to our reigning sovereign.

ROYAL SIGNATURES.—According to Seton, "From fac-similies of national manuscripts, Richard II. would appear to be the first English king entitled to the distinction of signing his own name, this occurring in a document bearing the date of 1386. The first holograph letter in the same collection is from the pen of the Prince of Wales, afterwards Henry V. (1413-22)."

A ROYAL PRIVILEGE.—De Quincey informs us that even until his own day, the etiquette of Europe was that none but royal persons could have equestrian statues. Lord Hopetoun was privileged to have a horse in St. Andrew's Square, Edinburgh. "True," says the writer, "but observe, he is not allowed to mount him." The first person, so far as I remember, that, not being royal, has in our island seated himself comfortably in the saddle, is the Duke of Wellington."

THE SOVEREIGNS OF ENGLAND.—I cannot say where I picked up the following rhyme, but it is interesting as simplifying the line of reigning monarchs since the Conquest:—

First William the Norman, then William his son,
Henry, Stephen, and Henry, then Richard and John;
Next Henry the Third, Edwards one, two, and three,
And again, after Richard, three Henries we see;
Two Edwards, third Richard, if rightly I guess,
Two Henries, sixth Edward, Queen Mary, Queen Bess;
Then Jamie the Scotchman, and Charles whom they slew,
Yet received after Cromwell, another Charles too;
Next Jamie the Second ascended the throne,
Then William and Mary together came on;
Till Anne, Georges four, and fourth William all past,
God sent us Victoria—may she long be the last!

CAUSES OF OUR SOVEREIGNS' DEATHS.—The end of each monarch was as follows:—The first William died of a rupture, the second was killed by Tyrrel in the New Forest, Henry I. died of over-eating, Stephen probably of some fever, Henry II. of grief, Richard I. of a wound from an arrow, John of a fever, Henry III. of old age, Edward I. of dysentery, Edward II. was murdered, Edward III. of pulmonary consumption, Richard II. was probably murdered, Henry IV. died of consumption, Henry V. of fistula, Henry VI. in the Tower of a broken heart, Edward IV. died of fever, Edward V. is said to have been murdered, Richard III. was slain in battle, Henry VII. died of consumption, Henry VIII. of dropsy, Edward VI. of consumption, Mary of dropsy, Elizabeth of grief and old age, James I. of a tertian ague, Charles I. was beheaded, Cromwell died of a tertian ague, Charles II. of apoplexy, James II. of old age, William III. of debility, Anne of apoplexy, George I. of paralysis, George II. of disease of the heart, George III. of old age, George IV. of dropsy, and William IV. of asthma. Charles I. was the ninth and last English monarch since 1066 who died a violent death.

FALSE PROPHECY.—The death of James O'Gallighan, M.A., which took place in the beginning of the present month at Versailles, where he acted as Professor of English Literature at the Lycee of the above town, reminds me of a very extraordinary article he furnished to one of the Manchester evening papers some twelve years ago under the heading of "Parisine." The information which it supplies proves beyond doubt that the predictions of would-be followers of Mesmer are as unreliable as they are silly. Professor O'Gallighan says:—"M. de Grandselve, the latest prophet that has arisen, is of the old, very old school of the Chaldeans; his ambition is to be a continuator of the tradition of Old Moore, Matthew Laensberg, Zadkiel, and Nostradamus. He has bought a telescope and built an observatory, donned a long robe and a sugar-loaf hat, and set himself to consider the stars, after pronouncing a few cabalistic words of which he possesses the secret. We all know that the entire future is in the sky. . . . What he has sought for in Mars and Saturn is the horoscope of the principal personages who play an important part on the European stage. And here is what he has seen, or rather foreseen. The Emperor of Russia will die a violent death on the 29th of May 1900, as is proved by a moonbeam in the sign of the Archer, Sagittarius. The Emperor of Germany has six years more to live; his end will come 10th July 1890, and his faithful servant Bismarck will precede him forty-one days, probably to prepare his new quarters. M. Grévy will not leave this valley of billiards and rabbits till 5th January 1900! so that there is no obstacle to his being re-elected President. The poor Pope has but a short tether, his hour will strike 5th July 1886. King Humbert will die 12th July 1900, Queen Victoria 10th September the same year, the Sultan in 1898, the King of the Belgians 5th March 1907, &c., &c."

SURNAME OF THE ROYAL FAMILY.—Some few years ago a writer in the "Whitehall Review" said:—"At dinner the other night the conversation lapsed, as it will sometimes lapse with the best, into questions hardly distinguishable from conundrums. A celebrated historian was present, and I put a question to him which I know has puzzled a great many people at different times—'What is the surname of the Royal Family?' 'Guelph, of course.' That is the usual answer, and it was the historian's. I ventured to suggest that although the Royal Family are Guelphs by descent, Her Majesty's marriage with Prince Albert of Saxe-Gotha must have the effect which the marriage of a lady has in all other cases, and that the surname of the present house must be the Prince Consort's. But what is the name of the Prince Consort's family? Simple, but staggering. No one knew. All guessed, and all were wrong. I happened to have looked up the subject a few months ago, so I knew that the name was 'Wettin.' Of course no one had heard it before. Everyone smiled at the horrible idea of the Guelphs being reduced to Wettins. The point was referred to Theodore Martin (now Sir Theodore). 'You are quite right,' said the graceful biographer of the Prince Consort. 'Wettin is the family name of the house of Saxony, to whom the dominion of Saxony came in the year 1420. The King of Saxony and the minor princes of the house of Saxony are therefore all Wettins, or, German, Wettiner.'"

HER MAJESTY IN DANGER.—The following is from the pen of that

versatile writer, the late George Augustus Sala. "Touching the famous equestrian, Andrew Ducrow, so long the lessee of Astley's, and who was the original Courier of St. Petersburg, who rode six bare-backed horses at once, there is a curious story, for the authenticity of which I cannot vouch, but which I tell as it was told to me more than fifty years ago. Ducrow, so runs the tale, was riding in Hyde Park one morning at the same time as the youthful Queen Victoria, about two months before her coronation, was taking equestrian exercise. The Queen's horse bolted, and the equerries and grooms failed to stop the terrified animal. Ducrow leaped from his saddle, seized the horse's bridle, at the same time patting the horse's neck and talking to it in that peculiar soothing tone of his which gave him an almost magical mastery over the brute creation. The horse remained quite quiet, but trembling violently, while Her Majesty was assisted to alight, and was conveyed in a carriage to Buckingham Palace. Andrew Ducrow's only remark when he was informed that the lady whom he had assisted in her distress was the Queen of England, was simply, 'Lawks a mussy me! Why didn't her blessed Majesty come to me for her 'osses?' But eight weeks afterwards he was as much astonished as delighted to receive from Buckingham Palace a splendid breast pin representing him as a miniature Courier of St. Petersburg, in gold, brilliants, and rubies, while simultaneously from the Lord Chamberlain's office there arrived two tickets for Westminster Abbey for Mr. and Mrs. Ducrow to witness the pageant of the Coronation."

KINGS WERE SCARCE.—Here is a good story of King George the Second. When he was returning from his German dominions in his way between the Brill and Helvoetsluys, he was obliged to stay at an obscure publichouse on the road, while some of his servants went forward to obtain another carriage, that in which he had travelled having broken down. The king ordered refreshments, but all he could get was a pot of coffee for himself and Lord Delawar, and four bottles of gin made into punch for his footmen; however, when the bill was called for, the conscientious Dutchman, knowing his customer, presented as follows: "To refreshments for His Most Sacred Majesty King George the Second and his household, £91." Lord Delawar was so provoked at this imposition that the king overheard his altercation with the landlord, and demanded the cause of it. His lordship immediately told him, when His Majesty good-humouredly replied, "My lord, the fellow is a great knave, pay him. Kings seldom pass this way." As a pendant to this anecdote, take that which is related of another monarch, who, passing through a town in Holland, was charged thirty dollars for two eggs. On this he said that "eggs were surely very scarce in that town." "No, your majesty," replied the landlord, "eggs are not scarce, but kings are."

EDWARD ROBERTS P.M.

The law of Iowa provides for examination as to proficiency in the lectures of the third degree, and until such proficiency is shown the member is denied the right to vote, hold office or demit. Another law forbids the use of cyphers in the Lodge room, and declares this to be a Masonic offence.—"American Tyler."

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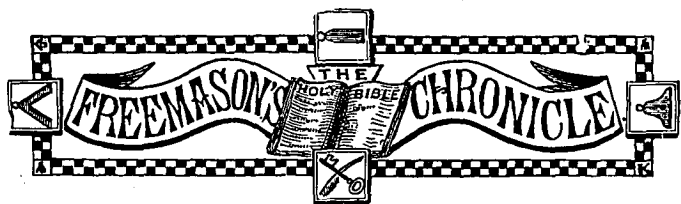
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SATURDAY, 19TH JUNE 1897.

CHURCH SERVICES.

A SPECIAL service will be held at the Church of St. James, Colchester, on Sunday, 27th inst., at 3.30 p.m., in commemoration of the 60th Anniversary of the Accession of Her Majesty the Queen. The service will be conducted by Bro. the Rev. C. C. Naters, Rector of St. James, and Chaplain to Lodge 51, and the sermon will be preached by Bro. the Ven. Archdeacon Stevens (Archdeacon of Essex) Past Grand Chaplain of England. By special dispensation from the Provincial Grand Master the Earl of Warwick the Brethren will be permitted to wear their Masonic clothing and jewels. The Brethren will, by invitation of Bro. Claude E. Egerton-Green W.M. 51 P.P.G. Treas. assemble in the grounds of East Hill House, at 3 o'clock, where a procession will be formed and proceed through the private entrance into the Church. Admission will be by ticket, to be obtained of either Bro. Thos. J. Ralling P.M. and Sec. 51 (Wincock Lodge, Colchester), or Bro. John T. Bailey P.M. and Sec. 697 (22 Priory Street, Colchester), and, in order to facilitate the arrangements, it is requested that early application for the same may be made. It is expected that representatives of all the Lodges in the district will be present.

THERE is to be a Masonic Jubilee thanksgiving service at St. Peter's Church, Eastbourne, to-morrow (Sunday), the arrangements for which are in the hands of Bro. A. J. Hart, of 51 Terminus Road, Eastbourne.

R.M.I. BOYS.

EVEN if the pupils of the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys at Wood Green have no other special celebration to mark the Queen's Diamond Jubilee than the entertainment given them on Tuesday, by a number of the members and friends of the Derby Allcroft Lodge, No. 2168, the event should long be associated in their minds with very pleasant memories, for we certainly think it would have been almost impossible to have arranged a more enjoyable afternoon than was then provided by the large number of Brethren and others who visited the Institution.

The entertainment was under the direction of Bro. R. D. Cummings W.M. of the Lodge, who, probably aware of the rich musical treat in store for the audience, said nothing in the way of introduction, merely asking Bro. William Short, who conducted the Orchestra of forty performers, to start the programme.

The first item was Warwick Williams's grand march, "The Trumpets of the Guard," which was splendidly rendered. Then came one of Bro. Herbert Schartau's famous selections, which was encored by the pupils, who paid a like compliment to all the other artistes who appeared—not merely as a matter of form, but because they seemed to really appreciate and enjoy what was rendered. Bro. R. B. Hopkins was as good as ever with his solos on the Silver Bells, and notwithstanding that he must have been exceedingly warm after his first effort he cheerfully responded to the boys' hearty and continued "c-o-o-r-e." A descriptive piece rendered by the orchestra, "The Darkie's Frolic," was both amusing and excellently played, and we noticed several of "our boys" who found it somewhat difficult to keep quiet during the lively nigger dance tunes included in the number. Another great

favourite was Bro. James Kift, whose songs proved very popular with the boys, so much so that in the second part he was twice recalled, and actually had to excuse himself from giving a fourth song in place of the single one there arranged for; probably the boys would have been content to listen to him for the remainder of the evening, and therein they displayed very good taste. Mr. Tom Brown specially appealed to boyish enthusiasm in the whistling solos he gave, and we should not be at all surprised to hear that Bro. Hebb and the other Masters of the School have had a good time of it since, listening to the budding "whistlers" around them. The boys must have noticed how easy it is to whistle as Mr. Brown does it, especially when he introduces his celebrated double note. As his encore in the second part of the programme he gave an imitation of a duet with cornet and trombone—another apparently easy performance that our boys have doubtless tried to imitate. Mr. G. C. Lovell Fry was well appreciated in his rendering of some of Rudyard Kipling's "Soldier" songs, as was also the case in two recitations on the same subject which he gave in the second part. Flute solos by Mr. Carl Steiner, Violin solos by Mr. Arthur W. Payne, a Harp solo by Bro. G. T. Miles, and an Euphonium solo by Mr. R. Evans served, with other selections by the Orchestra, to complete the programme, which, extending close upon three hours, was one of the greatest musical treats it has ever been our fortune to listen to.

At the conclusion, Bro. Cummings mounted the platform and said the Head Master had told him the School was in a very healthy condition; he wanted the boys to prove this by giving three hearty cheers to Bro. Short and the others who had attended and given them such a splendid entertainment that day. The response was most hearty, notwithstanding the fact that some of the boys must have made themselves almost hoarse in so lustily encoring the different songs, &c.

Bro. Short bowed his acknowledgments, and said he and his friends hoped, if they lived another year, to repeat the dose they had just given them. They were certainly not tired of coming to the School, if the pupils were not tired of listening to their performances.

As already announced, the annual distribution of prizes and visit of Stewards to the Institution at Wood Green will take place on Tuesday, 29th inst., when visitors are requested to be in their seats in the Assembly Hall, by 2.45 p.m. An original comic opera, entitled "Sweet Marjorie; or, the Monk's Ruse," will be performed by the Boys, commencing at 4 o'clock, and this, judging from past experiences, will no doubt be very interesting. After tea and coffee in the Gymnasium the Boys will go through a series of Exercises in the playground. Admission to the Institution on this occasion is by ticket only, as the space being limited the Committee of Management have to strictly control the number of visitors. The Great Northern and Great Eastern Railway Companies will issue tickets to Wood Green and Green Lanes respectively, at a reduced rate, on production of invitation ticket at King's Cross or Liverpool Street.

LINCOLNSHIRE.

THE Provincial Grand Lodge was held at Spalding on the 10th inst., when, in consequence of the Jubilee year, the gathering was one of the largest known for some time. The Provincial Grand Master opened the Lodge in the Corn Exchange, at noon, when the usual reports of Committees were presented, and other business transacted, and the Provincial Grand Officers were appointed and invested.

At one o'clock an adjournment was made to enable the Brethren to go in procession to the Parish Church, where a short service was held, and a sermon preached by Rev. Canon Bullock, M.A., Past Grand Chaplain of England. The Brethren walked from the Lodge room to the Church in full Masonic clothing.

At the close of the service at the Parish Church—which was of a very impressive character—the Brethren returned to the Lodge room, to complete the business of the Prov. Grand Lodge. A banquet afterwards took place in the Drill Hall.

NORTHS. AND HUNTS.

THE annual Provincial Grand Lodge was held at Thrapston on the 10th inst., when the Lodge was opened in the Corn Exchange, at 3.30, by the Provincial Grand Master the Earl of Euston. All the Lodges in the district were represented. Over a hundred were present.

The banquet was held at the King's Arms, and served in highly creditable style by Bro. Whitney. Lord Euston occupied the chair, and proposed the usual toasts.

The annual meeting of the Provincial Grand Lodge of Mark Master Masons of Gloucestershire and Herefordshire is to be held at the Speech House Hotel, Forest of Dean, on Friday, 16th July, under the presidency of Bro. R. V. Vassar-Smith Prov.G.M.M.

LODGE MEETINGS NEXT WEEK.

Fuller 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.

1506 White Horse o' K't., Hlbrn V. Hl.
77 Freedom, Gravesend
236 York, York
248 True Love & Unity, Brixham
312 Lion, Whitby
359 Peace & Harmony, South'pton
424 Borough, Gateshead
466 Merit, Stamford Baron
827 St. John, Dewsbury
872 Lewis, Whitehaven
949 Williamson, Monkwearmouth
986 Hesketh, Croston
1030 Egerton, Heaton Norris
1146 De Moulham, Swanage
1199 Agriculture, Yatton
1238 Gooch, Twickenham
1255 Dundas, Plymouth
1337 Anchor, Northallerton
1443 Salem, Dawlish
1631 St. Andrew, Gorleston
1674 Carodoc, Rhyl
1748 Castlemartin, Pembroke
1814 Worsley, Worsley
1833 St. Keyna, Keynsham
2069 Prudence, Leeds
2074 St. Clare, Landport
2086 Dacre, Stevenage
2208 Horsa, Bournemouth
2349 West Lanc. Century, Blackpool
2373 Hardwick, Chesterfield
2425 Ecclesburne, Duffield
2557 Temperance, Newcastle-on-T.

Tuesday

14 Tuscan, Freemasons'-hall
1158 Southern Star, Southwark
2108 Empire, Criterion
47 Newstead, Nottingham
253 Tyrian, Derby
564 Stability, Stourbridge
788 Crescent, Hampton Court
954 St. Aubyn, Devonport
1016 Elkington, Birmingham
1052 Callander, Manchester
1309 Acacia, Hampton Court
1390 Whitwell, Milton
1536 United Military, Plumstead
1580 Cranbourne, Hatfield
1675 Ancient Briton, Liverpool
1834 Duke of Connaught, Landport
2025 St. George, Plymouth
2328 Albert Victor, York
2404 Lord Charles Beresford, Ch'tm.
2405 Ionic, St. Helen's
2518 Chas. Ed. Keyser, Hoddesden

Wednesday

Board of Benevolence, F.M.H., 5.
2 Antiquity, Freemasons'-hall
1017 Montefiore, Café Royal
82 Foundation, Cheltenham
220 Harmony, Garston
257 Phoenix, Portsmouth
724 Derby, Liverpool
778 Bard of Avon, Hampton Court
1039 St. John, Lichfield
1296 Vale of Brington, Brington
1633 Avon, Manchester
1756 Kirkdale, Liverpool
1760 Leopold, Scarborough
1967 Beacon Court, New Brompton
1984 Earl of Clarendon, Watford
2019 Crook, Crook
2149 Gordon, Hanley
2216 Egerton, Swinton
2320 St. Martin, Castleton
2357 Barry, Cadoxton
2385 Godson, Oldbury
2444 Noel, Kingston-on-Thames
2448 Bradstow, Broadstairs

Thursday.

General Committee Girls School, Freemasons' Hall, at 5.
65 Prosperity, Guildhall Tavern
99 Shakespear, Albion
858 South Middlesex, Fulham
1523 St. Mary Magdalene, Café Royal
2076 Quator Coronati, F'masons'-h.
36 Glamorgan, Cardiff
39 St. John Baptist, Exeter
51 Angel, Colchester
78 Imperial George, Middleton
170 All Souls, Weymouth
202 Friendship, Devonport
346 United Brethren, Blackburn
410 Grove, Ewell
475 Bed. St. John Bap., Luton
523 John of Gaunt, Leicester
590 La Cesaree, Jersey
594 Downshire, Liverpool
636 De Ogle, Morpeth
761 St. John, Dursley
784 Wellington, Deal
787 Beaureper, Belper
807 Cabbell, Norwich
904 Phoenix, Rotherham
935 Harmony, Salford
1032 Townley Parker, Chorley
1151 St. Andrew, Tywardreath
1163 Emulation, Birmingham
1166 Clarendon, Hyde
1294 St. Alban, Grimsby
1313 Fermor, Southport
1345 Victoria, Eccles
1404 Saint Vincent, Bristol
1418 Fraternity, Stockton-on-Tees
1437 Liberty of Havering, Romford
1519 Albert Edward, Clayt'n-le-Moors
1578 Merlin, Pontypridd
1616 Frndship & Harmony, W'rb'ge
1644 Alma Mater, Birmingham
1702 Sub-Urban, Great Stanmore
1705 Prince of Wales, Gosport
1817 St. Andrew, Shoburyness
1884 Chine, Shanklin, Isle of Wight
1957 Grove, Hazel Grove
1971 Ald'shot, Army & Navy, A'shot.
2101 Bramston Beach, Godalming
2184 Royal Vict. Jubilee, Rainham
2195 Military Jubilee, Dover
2214 Josiah Wedgewood, Etruria
2215 Anfield, Anfield
2263 St. Leonards, Sheffield
2269 Peace, Wigan
2335 Cycling and Athletic, Liverpool
2375 Hilbre, Hoylake
2418 Hedworth, South Shields
2462 Clarence, West Hartlepool
2463 Bootle-Wilbraham, Knotty Ash
2474 Hatherton, Walsall

Friday.

Council Boys School, F.M.H. 4.
60 Peace and Harmony, F.H.
602 North York, Middlesbrough
810 Craven, Skipton
1712 St. John, Newcastle-on-Tyne
1822 St. Quintin, Cowbridge
1920 Eurydice, Surbiton
2371 Felix, Felixstowe
2415 Tristram, Shildon

Saturday.

1541 Alexandra Palace, Holborn
2472 Walthamstow, Walthamstow
631 Methuen, Taplow
1462 Wharnccliffe, Penistone
1531 Chislehurst, Chislehurst
1851 Ewell, Kingston
1982 Greenwood, Sutton
2087 Electric, Hampton Court
2421 Carrington, Aimersham

The Papermakers', Printers', Stationers', Bookbinders', Fine Art Publishers', and Photographers' Exhibition, which is to be open at the Agricultural Hall, from the 23rd to the 30th inst., promises to be of more than usual interest, as several specimens of the most modern printing machinery (both American and English) will be on view, in addition to the numerous machinery exhibits in operation. A section will be devoted to Sports, Toys, Fancy Goods, &c., and in connection with this there will be a variety of interesting demonstrations and displays of the Röntgen X Rays, Kinematograph, Photographic Lantern Work, and other scientific entertainments, all of which will be free to visitors. The principal railway companies are running excursion trains during the period of this Exhibition and Market, and visitors to the Jubilee should certainly set a day apart to visit it.

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BARNET LODGE, No. 2509.

THE annual meeting was held on Thursday of last week, at the Assembly Rooms, New Barnet, under the presidency of Bro. J. A. Witthaus W.M., who was well supported by Officers and other members, together with several visitors.

The preliminary business having been disposed of, the Report of the General Purposes Committee was received, and then the W.M. proceeded to instal Bro. John Falconer S.W. as his successor in the chair of the Lodge, which he did in a most impressive and perfect manner.

The W.M. appointed the following as his assistant Officers for the year: Bros. F. E. Witthaus S.W., W. Baddeley J.W., Rev. G. E. Gardner, M.A., Chaplain, Robert Cranston P.M. Treasurer, F. S. Plowright P.M. 193 Secretary, H. T. Matthews W.M. 1910 S.D., William Fitch J.D., Harold Imray P.M. 3 D.C., Ralph Norris Organist, Frank Attree I.G., Harry de Couves Matthews Steward, J. McLeod Rainsford Assistant Steward, R. W. Goddard P.M. Tyler.

The Installing Master delivered the addresses, and then the new ruler proceeded to close his Lodge, after which the company sat down to banquet together, the dinner being served in good style by Mr. Seward, who provided an ample and excellent repast.

The Loyal toasts having been disposed of, the W.M. submitted that of the Grand Officers, associating with this latter the names of Bro. J. M. McLeod P.G.Sw.B. (first Master of the Lodge), Bro. Geo. Read P.G.Sd.B. (one of the Consecrating Officers), and Bro. Chandler (a visitor), of whom the two latter were asked to reply.

Bro. George Read expressed the pleasure it afforded him to respond to the toast of the Grand Officers of England. The ever recurring toast was proposed with such kindly feeling and so heartily responded to by the Brethren throughout England that it was a source of gratification to be associated with it. He had the pleasure of being one of the Consecrating Officers of the Lodge three years back, and had been exceedingly pleased with the work he had witnessed in the Lodge that day. The way in which the Worshipful Master invested his Officers gave evidence of ability on the part of the present ruler, and he could but hope that he would have plenty of Initiates during his year of office, that he might show his ability in the chair of the Lodge. He was very pleased to meet there some dear old friends in Masonry and hoped to have the opportunity of attending again on some future occasion.

Bro. Chandler considered it was very kind of the W.M. to couple his name with the toast. He had not had the opportunity to do such work as had been done by Bro. McLeod and the other Brother associated with him in the toast, but he hoped that in his small way he might do something to merit the approbation of the Craft.

Bro. J. A. Witthaus I.P.M. now assumed the gavel, for the purpose of submitting what he deemed the most important toast of the day. The present ruler of the Lodge was every inch an ideal man and Mason. The members of the Lodge were only too thankful to see such a Mason as Bro. Falconer going on in the Lodge. When he looked back and remembered what he had done in the junior Offices he felt Bro. Falconer would do credit to the Lodge, and add to its reputation—he anticipated he would make a perfect Master in their Lodge. The members had to thank Bro. Falconer for his gift of firing glasses, in order to make their accessories more complete—these were intended by the donor not only to mark his advent into the chair of the Lodge, but also as a means of marking the Diamond Jubilee of the Queen's reign. The toast was heartily received.

In acknowledgment the Worshipful Master said that if he could come up to one half of the ideals that had just been put before the Brethren as his qualifications, in conducting the affairs of the Lodge, he should be more than satisfied, but the members of the Lodge, as well as the majority of the visitors, knew the very high standard of work set up by his predecessors in the chair of that Lodge, and must recognise the difficulty of even equalling what had gone before. Bro. McLeod, Bro. Cranston, and Bro. Witthaus had each been patterns of excellence in the chair, and if he only did the work one half as well as they had done he should be more than satisfied. As he had promised on previous occasions he would do his best in the high office to which the Brethren had advanced him. He thanked them most heartily for the kind reception accorded him that night, and should endeavour to be present and do the work of the chair to the satisfaction of the members one and all.

The next toast, said the W.M., was an important one—that of the Installing Master Bro. I.P.M. Witthaus. The Brethren had seen for themselves the excellent way in which Bro. Witthaus had done the work that day, while the members also knew how well he had worked during his year of Mastership. On more than one occasion during the year the three ceremonies had been performed the same night, and the work had always been done as well as anyone could possibly desire. He had carried out every duty of his office in the very best way, and the least the members felt they could do was to recognise the services he had rendered to the Lodge during his year of office in a tangible form. They could always look to Bro. Witthaus as a Master who had done very much for the Barnet Lodge, and in presenting him with the Past Master's jewel voted by the Brethren he recognised it was but a very small mark of what the Lodge felt towards him, for his services in the chair during the past year.

The I.P.M. acknowledged the toast. He could not claim to be at all deserving of the flattering terms in which the Worshipful Master had chosen to speak of his services. What he had done he had undertaken for the love and the good of the work, and for the benefit of the Barnet Lodge, and he could but thank the members for the hearty way in which they had supported him during the year. He could only say he had striven to the best of his ability. For the handsome jewel and collar they had been pleased to present him he thanked them most heartily. Although the W.M. had spoken of the jewel only, the members had been good enough to also present the collar he then wore. He not only thanked the members for what had gone on during the year, but also for their great kindness on the present occasion.

The toast of the Past Masters was next given. They were a young Lodge, said the Worshipful Master, and consequently they had no long array of Past Masters, but they had the satisfaction of having all present on that occasion, and they had the further satisfaction of knowing they were such Past Masters as any Lodge might be proud of. Their first Master—Bro. McLeod—in spite of his many other engagements in Freemasonry was often among them, while generally it could be said the Past Masters of the Lodge were Masons who could readily be approached and applied to for advice in Freemasonry.

Bro. McLeod said the chief regret he had that day was that business in the North of England at a Provincial Grand Lodge meeting had prevented his earlier attendance, but his presence there was an earnest that the first W.M. of the Lodge had not forgotten the honour the Brethren paid him in making him their first ruler. The present W.M., as his first Deacon, did his work remarkably well, and he felt sure that in his new office he would prove a worthy successor in the chair. On the other side of the water the Deacons were called Experts; without doubt Bro. Falconer was an expert in that office, and he felt he would carry out the three great principles of the Craft now that he had risen to that of W.M. He regretted the toast of the charities was omitted from the list, because its inclusion would have given him the opportunity of enlarging upon the subject of Benevolence. Their Lodge had set a splendid example in this direction, alike at the time of its consecration, and during the whole period of its existence—a total of 350 guineas having been sent from the Lodge to the Institutions during the past three years. He, as its first Master, was indeed proud of the record of its work in this way. The Lodge was dedicated at its start to the great principles of the Craft, notable among them being that of Charity.

Bro. Cranston followed on. He said if there was one fact more than another that had lately been rubbed into him it was that he had the honour of being a Past Master of the Barnet Lodge. Not a meeting of the past year but he had been called upon to respond for the Past Masters of the Lodge, for the reason that he had usually been the only Past Master present. He could not help feeling how tired and disgusted the members must feel to hear the toast responded to time after time by the same old petrified specimen of humanity, nor could he tell them how heartily he congratulated the Lodge on the addition that night to the number of its Past Masters, for they would now have a chance of some little variety. The Past Masters had been variously described as “the salt of the Lodge”—“the sheet anchor on which the Lodge depended,” and he was very pleased indeed to see Bro. Witthaus now enrolled among the body. Who could say what was in store for the Lodge now that the mystic number—three—was associated with its Past Masters?

The W.M. announced that the result of passing the Charity box round among the members was a total of £15s 6d, which he proposed to send to the Barnet Cottage Hospital, a suggestion that was received with unanimous approval.

The toast of the Visitors was now given from the chair. The Master was pleased to see so goodly an array of guests, and felt the members were much obliged to them for their attendance and support at the meeting. In a small suburb like New Barnet they could not cater for visitors entirely as they wished, but the members endeavoured to make up for any deficiency under that head by the heartiness of their reception. He should like to call on each visitor to respond, but time would not permit that; he therefore specially referred to Bro. Cooper, who had initiated him into Masonry, in the Fidelity Lodge, No. 3; Bro. F. Mason W.M. of the neighbouring Gladsmuir Lodge; Bro. Woodrow P.M. of the Plucknett Lodge at North Finchley; and Dr. Lovett, of No. 3, who was not only a personal friend; but also a friend of the Barnet Lodge, for the reason that he and his fellow members in the Fidelity had recommended their petition to Grand Lodge when they were applying for their Warrant.

Bro. Cooper responded in a hearty and most humorous speech, his remarks and strong northern brogue at once upsetting the theory that there is no appreciation of a joke among the Scotch. He and his fellow members of the Fidelity Lodge had known the Worshipful Master of the Barnet Lodge for many years, and they had come to give him a good send off as Worshipful Master. Their presence was explained much in the same way as in the case of the bridegroom who said to the bride on their honeymoon—if I had not have liked you I should not have been here. Knowing there were many senior to himself among the visitors he had felt very much like Daniel in the lion's den, who was reported to have said: thank God there will be no after-dinner speaking at this banquet, but he had been disappointed. As a visitor on many occasions he had seen something, yet he was able to say he had never seen work better done than had been the case that day in the Barnet Lodge. They of No. 3 had a fancy they knew how to work, but they would have to look to their laurels. It was something to say that although many of those present had heard the work on numerous occasions there was not one who had shown the slightest weariness—and surely that was a high compliment. As regarded the reception given the visitors, the W.M. might talk of being in an outlandish place, but they could not have been better treated had they been in the centre of London.

Bro. Frank Mason tendered his thanks for the toast and for the extreme pleasure of meeting a great number of very dear old friends. Bro. Cooper had spoken of the good work in the Lodge, and he felt he could add every encomium in regard to the working of Bro. Witthaus. There was more in the ritual of Freemasonry than appeared on the surface. The Charges alone should make them feel better men, especially when they had such W.M.s to endorse them as those who had ruled in the Barnet Lodge. They now had a Master who would be perfect in his work—and he spoke from experience in another quarter—and one who would strive to make the Barnet Lodge continue in the successful path it had already followed.

Bro. Woodrow said he had never seen so unique a display of Brotherhood as he had witnessed in that Lodge. He felt it augured well for its prosperity.

Bro. Lovett also responded, speaking of the enjoyable time he had spent on that and previous occasions when he had visited the Lodge.

In proposing the health of the Treasurer and Secretary the W.M. spoke of the former being a new and untried man in the office, but he was an old Mason, and a tried worker in their Lodge, and it might truly be said that when he undertook to do anything he always strove to carry it out successfully. He was sure that in placing the funds in Bro. Cranston's hands the Lodge was doing well. The Secretary of the Lodge had proved his ability in the position, and he felt particularly pleased in having Bro. Plowright continuing in office.

Bro. Cranston responded, explaining the circumstances that led to his being elected, and expressing his willingness to do anything in his power to advance the time when he would see his predecessor Bro. Matthews installed as Worshipful Master.

Bro. Plowright expressed thanks for the honour done him by re-appoint-

ment as Secretary. No effort on his part would be spared to make the present Master's year of office a success.

The Officers were next toasted, and severally responded, the proceedings being brought to a termination in the usual way.

There was an excellent programme of music provided under the direction of Bro. Ralph Norris Organist, who was supported by Bros. John Probert, Ernest Loder, Hamilton, Harry Cribb, Cannon, and Wilson James.

ROYAL ALFRED LODGE, No. 780.

A MOST interesting and successful meeting was held at Bro. W. T. Purkiss's, Star and Garter Hotel, Kew Bridge, on Friday, 11th inst., when Bro. C. J. Coombs P.M. W.M. occupied the chair, supported by Bros. Charles Robinson S.W., Justin Allen J.W., W. Eydmann Treasurer, F. J. Larkman I.P.M. Secretary, H. T. Gomm S.D., J. Halstead J.D., H. R. Worth D.C., H. T. Johnson I.G., E. Eydmann, and T. H. Dorey Stewards, George Harrison acting Tyler (in place of Bro. J. Gilbert).

There were also present Bros. H. J. Saunders P.M., W. J. Gomm P.M., B. E. Blasby P.M., Percy Roper, F. Roper, J. B. Everitt, H. W. Ellis, A. E. Furness, C. J. Dorey, H. Perry, Captain W. T. Purkiss, W. Edwards, and others. Amongst the visitors were Bros. G. R. Cundell, M.D., Mayor of Richmond, Major Spencer Tyler, Barton Jones, Harwin, Board, Parr, J. Wynman, and others.

The Lodge was opened in due form and the minutes confirmed. Lodge was then advanced to the second degree, when Bro. Henry Perry, after having answered the usual questions leading from the second to the third degree in a most satisfactory manner, retired, and, the Lodge being opened in the third degree, he was raised as a Master Mason.

The Lodge was resumed to the first degree and the ballot taken for Messrs. William Edwards and Joseph Steers, and this proving unanimous in their favour Mr. Edwards was presented and duly initiated. Mr. J. Steers was unavoidably prevented from being present, and his initiation will stand over until next meeting.

The excellent working of the W.M. deserves the greatest praise. Both the ceremonies were rendered in a faultless and very impressive manner.

The Secretary read several communications. One guinea was voted for Guy's Hospital Fund, and after a few other items had been disposed of hearty good wishes were given and the Lodge closed. The Brethren then adjourned to the banqueting room, where an excellent repast was provided by Bro. W. T. Purkiss, the Host of the Hotel, which reflected great credit on his well-known establishment, the wine and viands being all that could be desired.

After the banquet the usual Loyal and Masonic toasts were given and right loyally received.

Bro. F. J. Larkman I.P.M. and Secretary proposed the health of the W.M., remarking upon the able way in which he began his year of office. The excellent working of the evening redounded to his credit and that of the Lodge. While he was in the chair the Royal Alfred Lodge would lose none of its lustre. Bro. Larkman further pointed out the coincidence that the W.M. was initiated in 1877, was installed as W.M. in 1887, and again this year—1897, the two last being Jubilee years. He had much pleasure in calling upon the Brethren to drink the health of the W.M., which was done with the greatest enthusiasm.

Bro. C. J. Coombs W.M., on rising to respond, had a very hearty welcome. He said that Bro. Larkman had exaggerated his abilities; but anything he could do to promote the interests of the Lodge he would be only too pleased to undertake.

The W.M. had now much pleasure in proposing the health of Bro. William Edwards, the Initiate of the evening, remarking that by the strict attention he paid to the ceremonies he felt he would become a worthy member of the Craft.

Bro. Edwards thanked the W.M. for his kind remarks, promised to do his best, and hoped he would become a true and faithful Brother.

The next toast the W.M. had very much pleasure to propose, being that of the Visitors. The members of the Royal Alfred Lodge were always pleased to see guests, and he fully expected the members to give the Visitors a hearty reception. He coupled with the toast the names of Bros. G. R. Cundell, Barton Jones, Major Spencer Tyler, Harrison, Board, and Parr.

Bro. Dr. Cundell, in reply, thanked the W.M. for his kind reception, and complimented the Lodge on the excellent working of the evening. He followed with some most interesting remarks on local matters, and expressed his wish to become again a member of the Royal Alfred Lodge, a remark that was highly appreciated and applauded.

Bro. Barton Jones also responded in a suitable manner, and the other Visitors acknowledged the compliments paid them.

The W.M. gave the toast of the Treasurer, Secretary, Past Masters and Officers, which was received very cordially, and responded to with graceful speeches.

Other toasts followed, and were duly responded to, a very pleasant evening being brought to a termination by the Tyler's toast.

The harmony of the evening was considerably exchanged by some of the Brethren, who contributed songs, recitations, &c., Mr. A. J. Larkman being the accompanist.

The Lodge of Instruction in connection with this Lodge is held every Thursday, at 7.45, as reported from time to time in our pages.

INSTRUCTION.

WEST SMITHFIELD LODGE, No. 1623.

ON Wednesday, 9th inst., at Bro. C. W. Fink's, the City Scotch Stores, Knightbridge Street, E.C., Bro. C. W. Fink W.M., K. Rottenburger S.W., J. Hoffmann J.W., F. P. Weinell P.M. Preceptor, J. F. Rumball P.M. Secretary, J. Wynman S.D., J. G. Heinrich J.D., S. Blumm I.G., L. G. Kinadete, and others.

The ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, Bro. Kinadete candidate. Bro. Weinell Preceptor, with the assistance of the Brethren, worked the second section of the lecture. Bro. Blumm was elected a member, and Bro. Rottenburger W.M. for next meeting.

WHITTINGTON LODGE, No. 862.

ON Wednesday, 9th inst., at the Red Lion, Poppin's Court, Fleet Street, Bro. Ward W.M., Kobelt S.W., Huson J.W., Collins S.D., Pate I.G., Tilt P.M. Sec., Pauncefort P.M. Preceptor, Percy Day, Wynman.

The ceremony of the second degree was rehearsed, Bro. Day acting as candidate. The first two sections were worked by Bro. Kobelt, who was chosen as W.M. for next meeting.

ROYAL ALFRED LODGE, No. 780.

ON Thursday, 10th inst., a most successful meeting was held at Brother W. T. Purkiss's, the Star and Garter Hotel, Kew Bridge.

Being the Officers' night the chair was occupied by Bro. C. J. Coombs W.M. of the Mother Lodge, who was supported by the following:—J. Dinnis S.W., Justin Allen J.W., R. Williams P.M. Preceptor, J. T. Larkman P.M. Treas., J. H. Cumming P.M. Sec., F. M. Ridley S.D., J. Halstead J.D., H. T. Johnson I.G., F. Craggs P.M., J. Parker, R. Goff, J. Wynman, H. Worth, C. Botterill.

The ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, Bro. R. Goff acting as candidate. The Lodge was opened in the second degree, and Bro. J. Parker having answered the usual question was entrusted, the ceremony of raising being rehearsed in his favour.

The Lodge was resumed to the first degree, called off and on, and resumed to the third degree, when the W.M. finished the ceremony thereof.

Bro. Charles Botterill J.W. Ebury Lodge, No. 1348, was elected a member, and Bro. James Halstead chosen to preside at the next meeting.

WESTBOURNE LODGE, No. 733.

ON Tuesday, at Bro. Barnes's, Oliver Arms, Westbourne Terrace North, Harrow Road, W. Bro. J. Miller W.M., G. Weaver S.W., Busby J.W., R. J. Rogers P.M. Treasurer acting Preceptor, G. Mogford P.M. Secretary, C. J. Brown W.M. S.D., H. H. Bagnall J.D., W. Thomas I.G., T. Mogford W.M. 2362, P. Wheeler, C. Halston, J. A. Wheeler, Sweet P.M., J. Wynman, and others.

Bro. P. Wheeler was presented in the first degree, and entrusted, the ceremony of passing being rehearsed, he acting as candidate. The Lodge was called off and on. Bro. A. Wheeler was presented in the second degree and entrusted, the ceremony of raising being rehearsed.

It was proposed by Past Master Rogers and seconded by Bro. C. Brown W.M., that Bro. Percy Wheeler and Bro. Alfred Wheeler be elected members, and they were unanimously elected, suitably acknowledging their admission.

Bro. G. Wheeler was elected W.M. for Tuesday, 29th inst., as there will not be any meeting on Tuesday next, that being Jubilee Day.

PROVINCIAL.

TENNANT LODGE, No. 1992.

THE members of this Cardiff Lodge had their annual outing to Raglan Castle, on Wednesday, 9th inst. It was attended by a large number of brethren and ladies, and although the weather was somewhat inclement, a most enjoyable day was spent. The members of the party were welcomed at the railway station by Bro. B. D. Jenkins W.M. of the Lodge, who went to exceptional trouble in seeing that proper arrangements were made for the comfort and pleasure of the party.

During the afternoon an interesting incident took place, the Organist of the Lodge Bro. G. H. Cole being presented by the Officers and Brethren of the Lodge with a wedding present, consisting of a silver tea and coffee service. The company, which numbered about 130, returned to Cardiff by the 9.10 train from Raglan. The Secretarial duties were energetically performed by Bro. J. H. Ruddock.

ST. MAURICE LODGE, No. 1855.

THE installation meeting was held on Wednesday, 9th inst., at Plympton, when Bro. John Cook was placed in the chair, by Bro. Robert Hamblly P.P.G.S. of W., who was subsequently elected to represent the Lodge on the Committee of Petitions.

A Committee was appointed to arrange for the presentation of a testimonial to the late Secretary of the Lodge.

ARLECDON LODGE, No. 1660.

ON Wednesday, 2nd inst., upwards of forty members met at the Anchor Hotel, Frizington, the house of Bro. John Moffat, for the installation of Bro. J. J. Little as W.M. A long list of toasts, including the health of the host and hostess, followed after the installation banquet.

HARMONY LODGE, No. 156.

A LARGE number of Brethren attended the regular meeting at Plymouth, Bro. C. S. Stebbing W.M. being in the chair. The ordinary business over, it was unanimously resolved to commemorate the Diamond Jubilee by giving a handsome donation to the South Devon and East Cornwall Hospital, thus securing a Life Governorship in that Institution. Mrs. Stebbing, wife of the Master of the Lodge, was unanimously chosen the Life Governor.

ROYAL ARCH.

MONTAGUE GUEST CHAPTER, No. 1900.

THE annual festival of this Chapter was held on Wednesday of last week, at the Inns of Court Hotel, Holborn, W.C., when the installation of the three Principals, who were elected at the previous Convocation, took place. Comp. William J. Dyer was promoted to the position of M.E.Z., Comp. William J. Goodman was advanced to the chair of H., and Comp. George Gray was regularly installed in that of third Principal. The beautiful ceremonies were most impressively rendered by Comp. Samuel Brooks P.Z., and elicited the hearty appreciation of the Chapter.

The following Officers were invested: Comps. Carlo Grassi I.P.Z., W. H.

Gardiner P.Z. Treasurer and Scribe E., E. M. Doble P.S., and G. Couchman Janitor. The remaining Officers being unavoidably absent their appointments were deferred until the next meeting.

The Auditor's report was received and adopted. Comp. Brooks congratulated the Chapter upon their flourishing condition, and remarked that they kept well within their annual income, while not neglecting their duties towards the Masonic Charities.

A remarkably handsome P.Z.'s jewel was presented to Comp. Carlo Grassi for his services to the Chapter during the past year, for which he suitably returned thanks.

A proposition to amalgamate with another Chapter, which has been duly considered in Committee, was withdrawn.

There being no other business to be transacted, the M.E.Z. received the felicitations of the Companions, and the Chapter was duly closed. In addition to those above mentioned there were present Comps. Oscar Phillippe P.Z., F. R. W. Hedges P.Z., William Radcliffe P.Z. 3, G. Hutchinson P.Z., Orlton Cooper J. 483, &c.

The banquet was served with exquisite taste by Bro. Frank Blackley, the courteous and obliging manager, and was much enjoyed. At its termination the usual Loyal and Arch toasts were submitted by the M.E.Z., Comp. Hedges responding for the Officers of Grand Chapter.

In highly complimentary terms Comp. Grassi proposed the health of their new first Principal, saying that all the Companions were devoted to him, and as he was well qualified for the position he hoped he would have plenty of work. He was sure that every member of the Chapter wished him a happy, prosperous, and successful year of office.

Comp. Dyer, in reply, thanked Comp. Grassi and the rest of the Chapter for their good wishes, and if any candidate presented himself for exaltation he would endeavour to perform his duties to their satisfaction. He had been a member of the Chapter for eight years, and thoroughly appreciated their kindness in electing him to the President's Chair. They were a very happy body, and he knew they would all work well together, so as to ensure their wishes being fulfilled.

The M.E.Z. now asked them to drink to the health of the Assistant Principals, Companions Goodman and Gray, who were well-known as good, true, and worthy Masons. Those Officers duly acknowledged the compliment.

Comps. Radcliffe and Orlton Cooper responded for the Visitors, and thanked the Chapter for their generous hospitality.

In proposing the Past Principals the M.E.Z. paid a well deserved tribute to Comp. Brooks for his services as Installing Principal, and also to the other P.Zs. of the Chapter who were always willing to render assistance when required. He also referred to the honour paid to Comp. Philippe by the Grand Master, who would bestow upon him Grand Lodge rank, on the occasion of Her Majesty's Diamond Jubilee.

Comp. Brooks, in response, said it was always a pleasure to him to perform the ceremonies. He had ever done his best to uphold the principles of Royal Arch Masonry. They were a particularly happy body, for the spirit of harmony was ever present with them, and they were always glad to meet each other. He thanked the M.E.Z. for his kind appreciation.

Comp. Gardiner said he had been connected with the Chapter since its foundation, and for many years its Treasurer. He looked upon Freemasonry as binding men together in good fellowship, and it most certainly tended to promote the welfare of society generally. It taught them to moderate their desires and alleviate distress, and he believed Masonry would prove a great factor for promulgating Brotherly love throughout the vast Empire.

Comp. Philippe said he was the first Exalte of the Chapter, and was pleased to notice its continued prosperity. All they required was a few more children, which he trusted would soon be forthcoming. He was exceedingly grateful to their Royal Z. for having conferred upon him the dignity of Past Grand Standard Bearer in the Craft.

Comp. Grassi again expressed his thanks to the Companions for their kindness in presenting him with such a handsome jewel, which he should ever regard as a token of their affection.

The Janitor's toast brought this exceedingly pleasant evening to a happy termination.

ST. AMBROSE CHAPTER, No. 1891.

ON the 14th inst., at the St. James' Restaurant, Piccadilly, Comp. G. Davis P.Z. 185 M.E.Z., W. J. Mason P.Z. 328 H., E. Rogers P.G.S. J., R. J. Maitland Coffin S.E., H. Dehane P.Z. 276 P.G.P.Soj. Essex S.N., W. R. Hatton M.E.Z. 2246 P.S., C. Patrick P.Z. Janitor, R. S. King, J. T. Bhungara, S. Noriman.

The Chapter was opened in ancient form, and the Companions were admitted. The minutes of the last convocation were read and confirmed. The ballot was taken for the following Brethren, viz., Bros. Claud Lumley 2323, and Charles Imre Kiralfy 2581, which proving true, and they being present, both were exalted.

Comps. J. C. Conway M.E.Z., and H. D. Aslett H., owing to ailment, were unfortunately unable to be present. Hearty good wishes were accorded, and the Chapter closed.

The Companions adjourned to a banquet, which, owing to a strike among the waiters, took place in the public room, no speeches, under the circumstances, being given.

Comp. E. Rogers Treasurer, after the Chapter was closed, said all that was necessary.

Bro. Scott Roberts, the genial Manager of the Restaurant, provided amply for the comfort of the Companions.

INDUSTRY CHAPTER, No. 186.

A MEETING was held on the 15th inst., at the Freemasons' Hall, Great Queen Street, when there were present: Comps. A. J. Taylor M.E.Z., C. S. H. Phillips P.Z. H., M. J. Benner J., J. Weex P.Z. S.E., J. G. Moore S.N., C. Phillips Treasurer, C. H. Wade P.S., J. H. Trimnell 1st. Assist. Soj., Thomas Bowler Janitor, J. Austen P.Z., A. G. Wedmore, and M. Aron. Visitor:—Comp. H. Dehane P.Z. 890 P.P.G.P.S. Essex.

The Chapter was opened in ancient form, the Companions admitted, and the minutes of the last Convocation read and confirmed.

A conclave of Installed Principals was opened, and Comp. Benner was installed into the J. chair by Comp. Dehane.

The Companions then returned to the Chapter, and the following were balloted for:—Bros. John M. Rees J.D. 1584, Fred J. Manning 1791, and Maximilian Aron 1791. The latter Brother being present was duly exalted.

The Officers for the ensuing year were elected: Comp. G. E. Higginson M.E.Z., and the other Officers one step advance in rotation. Comp. Phillips P.Z. Treasurer.

A P.Z. jewel was unanimously voted to Comp. Taylor for his admirable working, not only as M.E.Z., but in each office he had held since he joined the Chapter.

The Auditors were appointed, and after the M.E.Z. had risen the usual number of times hearty good wishes were accorded, and the Chapter closed.

The Companions adjourned to the Holborn Restaurant to a banquet, after which the M.E.Z., in giving the Queen, was sure that on the eve of the day of a great epoch in the history of the country the toast would be received with every sentiment of loyalty.

The M.E.G.Z. followed, the M.E.Z. pointing out that the great meeting the previous day at the Albert Hall showed how revered he was, as also was his august mother.

Comp. Weex, as the oldest P.Z. of the Chapter, said he had the privilege of proposing the M.E.Z. who, he said, was one who could do his work and did it to the satisfaction of all. He highly complimented him as being a pattern for those who might follow him.

Comp. Taylor hastened to reply, and in the course of a short speech expressed his thanks and gratitude for the kindness he had always received. As they met, he might say as one family, he hoped they would extend their consideration to those who followed him. They perfectly understood each other, and he concluded by thanking them all.

The Exalte followed. The M.E.Z. said that they were glad to welcome Comp. Aron among them, it was always pleasing to have new blood of the right sort come into a Chapter; all would hold out the hand of friendship to their new member.

Comp. Aron expressed his thanks, and felt already as if he was at home. He would do as much as lay in his power to further the interests of the Chapter.

The Installing Principal and visitor Comp. Dehane, the M.E.Z. said, was always ready when called upon. The present occasion was the third time he had responded in that Chapter, and the Companions, he felt sure, would give such a reception to the toast as would be gratifying to him.

Comp. Dehane expressed thanks as a visitor, for their hospitality, and also as Installing Principal, and recommended the Companions to attend Chapters of Improvement, and thus perfect themselves, so that when it came to their turn to hold the reins of government of the Chapter, they would be able to carry out the duties in a manner which would do credit to all concerned. He concluded by paying a marked compliment to the M.E.Z., as to his admirable working.

Comps. Austen, Phillips and Weex responded briefly to the toast of the P.Zs.

The Officers followed—it transpiring it was the S.N. Companion Moore's birthday, with one accord the Companions wished him many happy returns.

Comp. Phillips replied on behalf of Comp. Higginson.

Comp. Benner offered apologies for his rather irregular attendance, though really no fault of his, he being W.M. of his Lodge, the Salisbury, which met on the same evenings as the Chapter. Now he was I.P.M. they might depend he would be present at the meetings, and it was his desire that he would meet with the same consideration in the Chapter as he had done in the Lodge. He would do his utmost to deserve their confidence.

The S.E. also replied. His office was not oppressive, weighty, or fatiguing, as the Companions gave him every chance and assistance to present proper accounts to the Auditors, and so long as that continued, his office would be a pleasure.

Comp. Moore expressed his thanks for the hearty manner in which they had wished him happy returns of the day. He thought when his work as P.S. was done all would be easy, but he found there was much to be learnt, and hoped when he was installed next year as J. he would be fully prepared to carry out the duties of that office. It took him six years to get to a chair, and when he arrived at the dignity of M.E.Z. he hoped he would give satisfaction.

The P.S. said he had gone through a great deal of worry and family trouble during the last five or six months, and that must be his excuse for any shortcomings on his part. Comp. Wedmore also said a few words.

The Janitor's toast concluded a very pleasant evening.

Parkhurst.—Miss Kate Vaughan makes her re-appearance in England, after her Australian tour, at this Theatre on Monday next, in "The Little Viscount," a comedy in three acts by Hermann Vezin. Miss Vaughan has played this comedy many times in the provinces with great success, her impersonation of the Little Viscount being considered one of the best things she has done. She will also appear in the monologue, entitled, "How it Happened," which she has played for several thousand times, and rendered famous.

At the annual dinner of the Press Club a very handsome gold half-hunter watch was presented to Bro. John D. Irvine, by his colleagues in the Press Gallery of the Houses of Parliament, in recognition of his services as Honorary Secretary.

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Masonic Clothing and Regalia—British and Continental.—By FRED. J. W. CROWE Past Provincial G.O. Devon, &c., &c. Edinburgh: T. C. and E. C. JACK, Grange Publishing Works.

This latest addition to the literature of Freemasonry is a very handsome production, that does credit alike to its author and his publishers, while to the ordinary member of the Craft it should prove an incentive to thought and research, by demonstrating the great variety and beauty of the field here thrown open to view.

Like its Ritual and its Ceremonial, says the author, the whole Clothing and Regalia of Freemasonry are highly symbolic and suggestive, and whilst the beauty and elegance of design and wealth of colouring attract the eye and excite the imagination of the rank and file of craftsmen, the inner meaning, and the evolution from the ancestral type of leather or linen apron worn from "time immemorial" by the operative mason, interest the more advanced students of our history, and well reward their investigation and consideration.

Bro. Crowe has presented thirty-six plates showing Masonic clothing of different degrees and of different Constitutions, all coloured true to the originals, and presenting a diversity that will doubtless astonish many who had come to regard the light blue of English Masonry as the prevailing foundation colour throughout the Craft, or had taken the English "badge" of a Freemason to be the same as that which distinguishes the Brother in other parts of the world. Considerable time must have been devoted by Bro. Crowe to his compilation, and we can but express the hope that the reception of the book at the hands of the Craft will be commensurate with the labour that must have been bestowed upon its production.

SUMMER HOLIDAYS.

THE Midland Railway announce their weekly excursions from London to the Isle of Man, the English Lake District, Morecambe, Lancaster, Liverpool, Southport, Blackpool, Matlock, Buxton, &c., the return tickets being available for 3, 8, 10, 15 or 17 days. The trips to the Isle of Man start from London on Fridays (midnight) and Saturdays (at 5.15 and 10.5 a.m.), while those to the Lake District and other parts of England are arranged to leave St. Pancras each Saturday up till the end of September. Next Friday the Midland Company will run an excursion, giving a fortnight in Dublin, Ballina, Galway, Sligo, and the South of Ireland, while the following day a similar trip is arranged for Londonderry. These trips to the Emerald Isle are not only popular in themselves, but are proving a source of profit to the "distressful country" by the introduction of Tourists, and the making of the habits and businesses of the Irish race better known outside their own sphere.

SUPPLEMENTING our notice of last week we are now able to refer our readers to an illustrated pamphlet just issued by the London and North Western Railway Company, from which they can obtain a mass of interesting information in regard to Greenore (Carlingford Lough) and the surrounding

district. The pamphlet is enriched with a number of photographic views, map, &c., from which one is well able to judge of the extreme beauty of the neighbourhood and its suitability as a resort for Tourists. We believe copies of the pamphlet may be had from the office of the Superintendent of the North Western Line Euston Station, N.W.

MAJOR JOHN GOLLOP'S March, "Loyal and Strong," which has been selected by the famous band of Her Majesty's First Life Guards, to be played by that band in the Diamond Jubilee Procession, is meeting a ready sale, the first edition, consisting of 2,000 Pianoforte copies, 500 sets for full Orchestra, and 500 sets for full Military Band, being nearly disposed of. The March is likewise being played with immense success at the Brussels Exhibition. It is published by Louis Honig, 25 Wellington Street, Strand.

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GOLF.—Gourlay Dunn, the well-known professional player of Princes Club, Mitcham, and the Bournemouth Links, has lately laid out a nine hole course on the Claysmore School Estate, Enfield.

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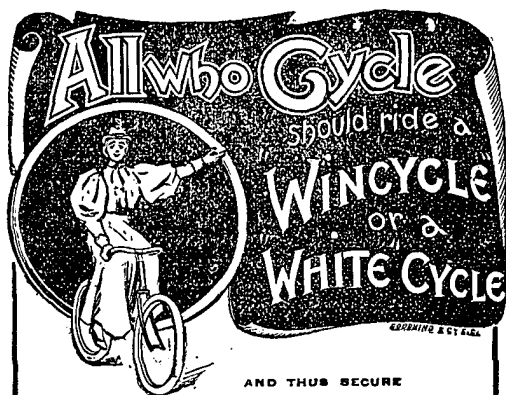
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