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THE BOYS SCHOOL FESTIVAL.

ANOTHER of the great charity festivals in connection with English Freemasonry has to be numbered with the events of the past, and once again we are able to voice the gratification of the Craft at what must be regarded as evidence of continued interest on the part of the Brotherhood in the great work of Masonic Benevolence. In another part of this issue we offer our congratulations to the Secretary of the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys, and the Stewards who worked with him on behalf of the ninety-ninth Anniversary Festival of that Institution, and we take the opportunity of here repeating those congratulations, for the reason that we regard the work that has been accomplished as worthy of great praise, as one must recognise it was performed under circumstances of exceptional difficulty.

The total realised at the Festival, which was held on Wednesday, under the presidency of Lord Henry Cavendish Bentinck, M.P., Provincial Grand Master of Cumberland and Westmorland, was £15,031 6s 6d, which amount is about £3,750 short of last year's subscriptions, and nearly £3,680 below the average of the last three years, and although, as we have already said, the sum is such as to call for congratulation, it is also a matter for regret that there is so large a falling off as compared with the totals of the preceding years. As we have pointed out from time to time when looking forward to this celebration, the many claims on the benevolence of the Craft in connection with the recognition of the Diamond Jubilee of Her Majesty's reign, and the fact that next year will witness the celebration of the Centenary of this Institution, were all expected to have a detrimental effect on the result of this Festival, but we do not believe it was anticipated so large a falling off would occur as has actually taken place, and for our own part we must confess to a certain amount of disappointment on hearing the announcement, for while we admit the strength of the counter attractions already referred to we can but wonder what other forces have been at work to influence this year's result.

As showing exactly how matters have stood during the last four years we give the totals announced at the several Festivals of that period:

	Benevolent.	Girls.	Boys.
1894	£12,658 14 6	£17,732 0 0	£18,582 16 7
1895	14,113 6 0	16,016 4 6	18,773 12 6
1896	19,511 7 0	15,412 13 0	18,777 10 0
1897	18,198 0 0	16,026 6 6	15,031 6 6

These announcements give the following totals for the several years:

1894	-	-	-	-	£48,973 11 1
1895	-	-	-	-	48,903 3 0
1896	-	-	-	-	53,701 10 0
1897	-	-	-	-	49,255 13 0.

From these figures it will be seen that the Queen's Commemoration had little or no effect on the two earlier totals of the present year; for while the Benevolent Institution

return showed a falling off of about £1,300, that of the Girls School was £600 in advance of 1896; and arguing on the same basis it would seem that the Boys Festival has realised something like £3,000 short of what might have been expected under nominal conditions. Are we to assume that the whole of this £3,000 has been lost in consequence of the Jubilee celebrations, or in anticipation of the great event to take place next year; or must we look elsewhere for the cause of the trouble? Our opinion is that the latter course would be the correct one, although in adopting that line we can well believe we are touching upon most delicate ground, and opening up a line of argument hardly likely to be popular among those who are just now supporting the management of the Institution.

It must not be imagined, however that we are dissatisfied with Wednesday's return; on the contrary, we look with gratification on the result of the three Festivals of the year—a total of close upon fifty thousand pounds—and can but repeat what has often been said before: the benevolence of English Freemasons is a marvel.

THE PRINCE OF WALES HOSPITAL FUND.

DURING the week the chief contributions of English Freemasonry towards the project of the Grand Master, to benefit the Hospitals of the metropolis, have been formally handed over, the items being £2,000, as voted by Grand Lodge; and £3,512 15s 6d, one half share of the fees of admission to the Royal Albert Hall on the occasion of the special meeting of Freemasons held there in commemoration of the long and glorious reign of Her Majesty the Queen. This makes a total of £5,512 15s 6d, which sum, it must be remembered, is in addition to the many contributions from individual Lodges and Brethren, not only direct to the officials of the Fund, but through the "Daily Telegraph" Shilling Branch, the Lady Mayoress's Branch, and other supplementary channels promoted to benefit it. When the complete figures are presented the total will appear as an even greater triumph for Freemasonry than it does at present, grand as that is, and we hope some official notice will yet be taken of the many Lodges from which contributions have been made. We have a supplementary list of contributions sent to the "Daily Telegraph" Branch in type, and hope to give it, together with other matters relating to this Fund, in our next issue. Meanwhile we append a copy of the official notification from Grand Lodge accompanying the cheques forwarded therefrom:

United Grand Lodge of England,
Freemasons' Hall, Great Queen St., W.C.,
30th June 1897.

DEAR SIR,—I have the pleasure to transmit to you the accompanying cheques for £2,000 and £3,512 15s 6d, making together £5,512 15s 6d as a contribution to the "Prince of Wales's Hospital Fund," from the Freemasons of England, in commemoration of the long and glorious reign of Her Majesty the Queen.

I am, Dear Sir,
Yours faithfully,
E. Letchworth, Grand Secretary.

CHURCH SERVICES.

THE Most Worshipful Grand Master H.R.H. The Prince of Wales has granted a dispensation to hold a Masonic Service at St. Mary Abbot's Church, Kensington, on Sunday, 11th, at 4 p.m. Bro. the Rev. Canon Somerset Pennefather Past Provincial Grand Chaplain of Northumberland P.M. 685, Vicar of Kensington, has kindly consented to preach the Sermon, assisted by Bro. the Rev. W. Smale, M.A., Bro. the Rev. Charles Darby Reade, M.A., Bro. Rev. Tyrell, A.K.C., and Bro. Rev. Hornby Steer, M.A. The Committee deem it of the utmost importance that every publicity should be given to the Service, and that no effort should be spared to render the occasion one worthy of the Craft in West London. It is hoped that those Lodges possessing banners will bring them, so as to make the procession as effective as possible. Morning dress will be worn, with full Masonic Clothing and Jewels, Arch or Craft. The offertory will be given to local Charities. The Committee is an influential one, and includes the following Officers of Grand Lodge:—W. M. Stiles P.G. Treasurer, James Stephens Assist. Grand Director of Ceremonies, Dr. Pocock P.G.A.D.C., G. Read P.G. Standard Bearer.

IN commemoration of the 60th anniversary of the Queen's accession, a well attended Masonic service was held at Colchester, on Sunday afternoon. By invitation of Bro. Claude E. Egerton Green W.M. 51 P.P.G.Treas. the Brethren assembled in the grounds of East Hill House, and, by special dispensation from the Provincial Grand Master the Earl of Warwick, wore their Masonic clothing and jewels. Before the service Bro. C. Wood, A.R.C.O., played on the organ a selection of music.

Preceded by a brazen cross, the choir and clergy—the Revs. C. F. C. Goodwin, Rev. W. Cree (Manningtree), C. C. Naters, and the Archdeacon of Essex, marched in procession down the church, and met the Masonic procession, which had left the grounds of East Hill House by a private door leading directly to the west door of the church.

The service was intoned by Bro. the Rev. C. C. Naters, rector of St. James's and Chaplain to Lodge 51, and Bro. the Rev. W. Cree, vicar of Manningtree and Chaplain of Lodge 2339. Special psalms were chanted. The first lesson was read by Bro. H. E. Baker W.M. 697, and the second by Bro. Claude E. Egerton Green P.M. 51 2479 P.P.G.Treasurer.

Bro. the Ven. Archdeacon Stevens P.G. Chaplain of England, Archdeacon of Essex, preached from the words "Honour all men. Love the brotherhood. Fear God. Honour the king." After the benediction the National Anthem was sung.

PERHAPS the most interesting of the services held at Eastbourne on Sunday, 20th ult., was that which took place at St. Peter's Church, in the afternoon. Assembling in the Compton Place Infant School, the Freemasons donned their regalia; and eventually a procession was formed, headed by the Directors of Ceremonies Bros. J. H. Ewart, Captain C. de M. Frauklyn, and C. Warwick Tomes. The Brethren present mostly belonged to the Eastbourne Lodges, but members of other Lodges had accepted the invitation to attend, and upwards of one hundred and thirty were present.

Proceeding to St. Peter's Church, the procession of Masons entered the west door, the large congregation rising to greet them. The service, intoned by the Rev. C. L. Norris, was of a special commemorative nature, as appointed by the Archbishop of Canterbury, with special lessons which were read by Councillor Welch and the Rev W. Wakeford. Previous to the sermon the National Anthem was sung. The Rev. H. G. Jameson preached from the text "The King and all Israel with him." He said that in 493 Saxon Alderman Cerdic came to Britain, after the fall of the fortress of Anderida had established the kingdom of the West Saxons on the coast, and Cerdic was made king of the West Saxons. And of that Cerdic our own Queen was the direct representative. But ideal of kingship had grown indeed—from fierce autocratic chief to a Queen who had learned the lesson familiar to us that the crown should ever remind her that to reign in the hearts and affections of men was more gratifying to a generous mind than to rule over their lives and fortunes. Yes, in God's providence, both King and people had had a long and happy education in this realm of England, and in this education Masonry claimed to have no small part. We looked back on a reign of 60 years, and on a royal line of 1,400 years. But if historians were to be believed, the first Masonic Lodge in Britain was held two centuries earlier still by St. Alban. At any rate, King Athelstan granted a charter in 926. The assemblies were prohibited in 1425, but 25 years later Henry VI. was initiated. Then King after King followed, brother joining hand with brother, till 30 years ago Albert Edward, Prince of Wales, was made Grand Master. And how had they helped? By no mere formal bond of union, but by practising those great virtues of brotherly love, relief to the distressed, and zeal for truth, which were the soul of Masonry. Might they ever continue. Might those badges of the heavenly blue, which they wore that day, remind them of that charity and universal beneficence which, in the heart of a Mason, should be as pure and expansive as the blue Arch of Heaven itself.

The collection was in aid of the Masonic charities.—"Eastbourne Gazette."

"ONE TOUCH OF NATURE."

A PATHETIC incident occurred on the occasion of the visit of the Belfast Brethren to the Dublin Masonic Schools, already referred to in our pages. It was in the case of a little fellow whose father, once a prominent citizen of Belfast, had gone to that bourne from whence no traveller is known to return. A few Masonic Brethren who had known the father intimately determined that they would take advantage of the opportunity and make the boy a small present, and having acquainted the head master with the purpose, the little fellow was brought into their presence. Questioned as to his mode of life at the Clonskeagh establishment, the boy replied that he was quite happy, and that he received the utmost kindness from those in authority over him, but with true northern instinct he was anxious to go to business. After further questions bearing on the lad's future welfare, one of the gentlemen intimated that they had known his father well, and requested the boy to accept the

Royal Masonic Institution for Girls.

Offices—5 Freemasons' Hall, Great Queen Street, London, W.C.

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Grand Patron and President.—H.R.H. THE PRINCE OF WALES, K.G., &c., M.W.G.M.

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1896 Girls have been provided with Education, Clothing, and Maintenance, the full number of Girls now receiving its benefits being 268.

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small present they had brought with them as a slight token of the love and esteem they had for one who had gone from amongst them. "Oh, sir," exclaimed the lad, "and did you know my father?" And the little fellow's head at once dropped on to the knee of one who to him had hitherto been a stranger, and the big round tears coursed one another down his nose in piteous chase. It was indeed a pathetic scene, and one that will assuredly not soon be forgotten by those who took part in it. It is such incidents as these that touch the chord that makes the whole world kin, and lead Brethren in all parts of the country to take a greater interest in the work of Masonic Benevolence than they would otherwise do.

THE BALACLAVA HEROES.

ONE of the greatest attractions along the route of the Royal procession on the 22nd was the gathering of survivors of the Balacava Charge, who were assembled at the office of "Illustrated Bits," as the guests of Bro. T. H. Roberts, proprietor of that paper. A general invitation was extended to the sixty-nine known survivors of the famous Charge, and all had accepted the hospitality offered them—which included railway fare to and from London, quarters, and all that was necessary from Monday evening until Wednesday. Bro. Roberts had submitted to Her Majesty the Queen a copy of the list of veterans, a specimen of the card of invitation, and a letter expressing the hope that Her Majesty would be pleased to acknowledge the salute of the Light Brigade men as she passed them at 158 Fleet Street, and in reply received from the Private Secretary of the Queen an assurance that Her Majesty would do all in her power to acknowledge the salutations, a promise which, judging from the hearty applause as the Queen passed the spot, was faithfully fulfilled. Doubtless the Royal party felt the same peculiar thrill of excitement as was experienced by many ordinary citizens when they looked on the men who had actually made the "wild charge" that won them everlasting renown in the annals of their country.

Since writing the above we hear from Bro. Roberts—who, by the way, is a Vice President of the Benevolent Institution, a Vice President of the Girls School, and a Life Governor of the Boys School, besides being Past Master and Officer of several Lodges—that as a result of his entertaining these Balacava veterans he found many of them—really deserving men—in very needy circumstances; two of them, indeed, he brought out of the Edmonton and West Ham workhouses. He is now very anxious to raise such a fund as will provide at all events food and shelter for these men for the remainder of their lives. There are not more than about twenty who really need assistance, and, as these are all about seventy years of age, time will soon reduce their ranks.

Bro. Roberts does not propose that any part of the sums he may be fortunate enough to raise shall be absorbed by expenses, either of administration, postage, or, indeed, any shape or form whatever—he is ready and willing to pay all expenses—but he will be pleased to receive contributions from any of our

readers towards the Fund he suggests. He further informs us that immediate help is needed by some of these old men; and so impressed was he by his personal examination of their circumstances, and the confirmation he has since gathered, that he is relieving them just now out of his own purse. It seems a disgrace to the country that private benevolence should have to be invoked on behalf of these aged heroes, but the fact is before us, and the project now suggested seems to be deserving of kindly consideration at the hands of all who are in a position to give some of their means in support of their less favoured fellow creatures.

CORRESPONDENCE.

We do not hold ourselves responsible for the opinions of our Correspondents.

All Letters must bear the name and address of the writer, not necessarily for publication, but as a guarantee of good faith. We cannot undertake to return rejected communications.

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ELECTION OF CHARITY REPRESENTATIVES.

To the Editor of the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—There being a great conflict of opinion as to the election of Charity Representative, I would like to know from you whether it is legal or not to elect such at a meeting called for election of Master, Treasurer, Auditors and Charity Representative.

Yours fraternally,

INQUIRING P.M.

[We cannot quite see the drift of our correspondent's inquiry. It seems to us the proper time to transact any special business in a Lodge is when notice thereof is given on the Summons for such meeting, and therefore it would appear to be most appropriate that the election take place on the occasion suggested in this letter. Our correspondent is doubtless aware that the position of Charity Representative is not a Masonic office recognised by the Constitutions, and that being so it may be regarded as a post entirely dependent on the Bye-laws of the Provincial Grand Lodge or Private Lodge especially concerned. Different Lodges have different regulations on the point, and in order to give a definite answer to the query we should like to see the local laws relating to the appointment, and know the views of the "other side," which have rendered the question desirable. —Ed. F.C.]

An emergency convocation of the Albert Edward Chapter was called at Southampton, on Commemoration Day, and at the banquet Comp. Berry Z. presided. The National Anthem was sung by the Companions, and a telegram of congratulation was sent to the Prince of Wales. To mark the Commemoration of the Record Reign, eight Brethren subscribed five guineas each, and ten one guinea each, towards the funds of the Benevolent Institution.

Royal Masonic Institution for Boys, WOOD GREEN, LONDON, N.

Grand Patron—HER MAJESTY THE QUEEN.

President—H.R.H. THE PRINCE OF WALES, K.G., M.W.G.M.

Patrons (ex-officio)—{ THE RIGHT HON. THE EARL OF LATHOM, M.W. Pro G.M.

THE RIGHT HON. THE EARL AMHERST, R.W. DEP. G.M.

Treasurer—CHARLES E. KEYSER, Esq., J.P., P.G. DEACON, PATRON OF INSTITUTION.

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2244 Boys have received the benefits of the Institution since its foundation in 1798. 279 Boys are now being Educated, Clothed and Maintained. Permanent Annual Income £1,750 only.

THE CENTENARY FESTIVAL will be held in 1898.

H.R.H. The Prince of Wales K.G., &c., &c., &c.,
M.W. GRAND MASTER,

has graciously signified his intention to preside, and will fix the date for holding the Festival early in 1898.

The services of Brethren as Stewards (representing Lodges or Provinces), and Ladies, for this all-important occasion are earnestly requested, and will be gratefully acknowledged.

Secretary.—J. MORRISON MCLEOD, P.G.S.B., Vice-Patron, 6 FREEMASONS' HALL, LONDON, W.C.

MASONS IN ROSLIN CHAPEL.

AS already mentioned, a unique and interesting Masonic ceremony took place on the occasion of the installation of the Earl of Rosslyn to the office of Provincial Grand Master of Fife and Kinross shires. In view of the association of the Earl with Roslin Chapel, Grand Committee had granted permission for the ceremonial taking place in that ancient and historical edifice, and much circumstance was lent to the function by a large attendance of the Masons of the Province, and a deputation from the Grand Lodge, headed by Past Grand Master Sir Charles Dalrymple of Newhailes, Bart., M.P., in the absence of the Grand Master Mason Lord Saltoun. The members of the Provincial Grand Lodge and of the daughter Lodges of Fife and Kinross shires travelled by special train from the several stations, and arrived at Roslin shortly before two o'clock. At the station they were marshalled by Bro. W. Strachan, Kirkcaldy, and headed by the Roslin banner walked in procession to the Chapel.

There were deputations numbering about five hundred. There was a large muster of the residents and of visitors, including lady friends of the Masons from Fife and Kinross, witnessing the procession. On arrival at the Chapel, a certain number from each Lodge were admitted, up to the accommodation of the chapel, about 250. Then the Provincial Grand Lodge was opened, and thereafter Grand Lodge was received. The deputation was headed by the Past Grand Master, acting Grand Master Mason of Scotland Sir Charles Dalrymple of Newhailes, Bart., M.P.

The ceremony of installation was then proceeded with, Bro. D. Murray Lyon Grand Secretary reading the ancient charges, and the Grand Master administering the obligation and investing Lord Rosslyn with the insignia of the office of Provincial Grand Master. The assembled Brethren thereafter saluted the newly-installed Provincial Grand Master, the organ being played meanwhile by the Grand Organist.

Sir Charles Dalrymple said that in ordinary circumstances this installation ceremony would have taken place within the bounds of the Province of Fife and Kinross, but the Grand Committee had sanctioned in the special circumstances the installation taking place there in that sacred edifice, which was associated with the name and with the family of the Provincial Grand Master, and towards which many from all parts of this country, and from other lands, as a pilgrimage to a shrine, constantly turned their steps. The circumstances were peculiar, and he would fain hope that an installation ceremony performed in such exceptional circumstances might be a happy augury for the period of office on which the Right Worshipful Provincial Grand Master entered that day. He did not need to enforce the rules and regulations that had been already rehearsed, but he would earnestly remind them that a strict adherence to Masonic rule was the best possible security for the protection of all. One other thing let him say—"Do not forget that in all cases you should support the chair." The occupant of a Masonic chair was not infallible—which was the same thing as to say that he was human—and he might make mistakes; but they might depend upon this, that when circumstances of difficulty arose in a Masonic Lodge the chances were that the occupant of the chair had considered the point far more than those over whom he presided. In conclusion, he earnestly hoped that that installation to that high office might be memorable to Masonry for many years to come throughout the Province.

The Provincial Grand Master Lord Rosslyn, in thanking the Grand Master, said he appreciated full well all the Grand Master had said to him, as he stood in that chapel, which had for so many hundreds of years belonged to the family of St. Clair. That was, as he had said, a special reason for his installation there, and he felt that those who had paid a visit to the chapel would go away fully satisfied with the visit. He felt, as he stood there, with his great-grandfather buried in the chapel, who was Grand Master of Scotland and Provincial Grand Master of Fife and Kinross, and as he remembered his dear father, who lay buried outside the Chapel and was Grand Master of Scotland, how much it was his duty to carry out those high principles at which they aimed to bring Grand Lodge to a high position, and he was anxious, if it was possible with him, to vie with them in doing his duty towards Freemasonry in general. Whatever he could do to assist the Provincial Lodge he would do, and after what had fallen from the Grand Master with regard to supporting the chair he trusted that when they had difficult meetings, as they might have when they came to the alteration of their rules, support to the chair might not be wanting. He assured the Grand Master that as chairman he would treat every Brother who desired to be heard with that courtesy with which they would be heard. In conclusion, his Lordship said that his father, dead though he was, was very likely watching his son in the chapel at that moment; and knowing his interest in Freemasonry, it had occurred to him that they might all, on passing out at the door, walk round his grave and drop a white flower upon it in

remembrance that that was a chapel he loved so well, and that it was in Scotland that he flourished in Freemasonry.

After thanksgiving and praise Grand Lodge withdrew and the Provincial Grand Lodge was closed, and the brethren reverently acted on Lord Rosslyn's suggestion and placed white flowers on the Past Grand Master's grave, Lord Rosslyn placing a beautiful wreath of white flowers. The company was afterwards photographed by Brother W. Drummond Young, Edinburgh.

The members of the Lodges from the Province then adjourned to a marquee in a beautiful spot not far from the chapel, where nearly a thousand Masons and their friends partook of luncheon. The members of Grand Lodge and the Office-bearers of the Province, with a number of their friends, on the invitation of the Earl of Rosslyn, assembled in the Town Hall, where lunch was served. His Lordship presided, and was supported by Sir Charles Dalrymple and the Grand Officers.

Lord Rosslyn afterwards proposed the toast of the Queen, and made a graceful reference to the Diamond Jubilee. Then he gave the Prince of Wales, and spoke of the interest which His Royal Highness takes in the promotion of the benevolent aspect of Freemasonry, and his ambition to further the interests of the Order.

Bro. Cathcart Provincial Grand Depute-Master proposed the Grand Lodge of Scotland, and in doing so said that one of the most distinguished of their Past Grand Masters was Sir Charles Dalrymple.

Sir Charles Dalrymple, in replying, said he was a neighbour there, and very familiar with the interesting neighbourhood, and many a friend was brought to see the beautiful historic chapel; but the occasion was of great interest in a Masonic sense, both on account of the historic connection between Masonry and Lord Rosslyn's house, and because of the journey which his Masonic friends in Fife and Kinross had made to see him installed in these very interesting circumstances. He asked the company, so far as not members of that body, to join in drinking to its prosperity in the hope that the proceedings of that day might be a happy augury for the relation of Lord Rosslyn towards it in time to come.

Lord Rosslyn, in responding, said he was sure they all felt the absence of the Grand Master Mason. If the Provincial Grand Lodge of Fife and Kinross had broken the bounds of propriety in coming to Midlothian for his installation, they had done so because there were certain connections with his family which rendered such a ceremony desirable in Roslin Chapel. It was a unique place, a romantic place—a place full of Masonic and historic interest. He trusted they would have time to go more closely into its beauties, and would consider whether he was not justified in using the word "desirable" in referring to having installed there a descendant of the great William St. Clair. On looking through the records of the Province, which was erected in 1745, he found that during those 150 years they had supplied no fewer than four Grand Masters of Scotland—one of them Lord Rothes, then his own great-grandfather, and then his father, and Brother Whyte-Melville, Fife, had not been shortcoming of good Masons. Holding office in Grand Lodge had been a pleasure and honour to him; and though his period of office was coming to an end, they would find him ready to do his duty as an office-bearer or private member. As to the references to the Grand Mastership, his Lordship said he would rather wait his time till he had further insight to these mysterious regions, which he could not dilate upon now owing to the presence of so many who were not Brother Masons.

The Provincial Grand Senior Warden proposed the toast of the Provincial Grand Lodges, and Dr. Middleton replied. Lord Rosslyn proposed the health of the Provincial Grand Secretary and Treasurer, and complimented him on the excellence of the arrangements.—"Scotsman."

It is an invariable and commendable custom in Lodges to have preferment in selecting brethren for office, for the members who have become so by initiation over those who have joined by affiliation. An affiliate, of course, assumes all the rights and privileges of an ordinary member, but a "mother" is not fulfilling her duty if, all things being equal, she neglects the rightful claims of a regular member and favours the claims of one by adoption.—"Glasgow Evening News."

"A SPRIG OF ACACIA."

THE funeral of Bro. Harry House, a member of the Devizes Town Council, and a prominent Mason, took place at the cemetery on Saturday. The Mayor and Corporation attended, and there was also a contingent of members of the Wiltshire Lodge of Fidelity present. The Rev. Dr. Burges officiated, and at the close of the service the Masons filed past the open grave, each throwing a sprig of acacia on the coffin.

KENT.

THE Provincial Grand Lodge held its annual festival at the Freemasons' Hall, Plumstead, on the 23rd ult., under the banner of the Pattison Lodge, No. 913. Earl Amherst Prov. Grand Master presided, and was assisted by Bro. James Smith Eastes P.G.D. Eng. Deputy Prov. Grand Master.

The roll of the Provincial Lodges was called, when it was found that nearly every Lodge was represented.

After the transaction of general business, the appointment and investing of the following Officers took place:—

Bro. Baldomero de Bertodano Lopez 913 P.G.St.	Senior Warden
R. McKenzie Mercer 31	Junior Warden
Rev. C. Maitland Bevan, M.A., 1414	Chaplains
Rev. R. A. Fawcett, M.A., 2448	
Wm. Russell 77 G.A.D.C. (re-appointed)	Treasurer
Alf. Spencer 1063 P.G.Sw.B. (re-appointed)	Secretary
Frank Hitchens 77	Registrar
Julius Kingsford 2305	Senior Deacons
Fletcher Beach, M.B., 1837	
Dick Baker 1206	Junior Deacons
Alfred H. Lee 1223	
Walter Reeve 1973	Superintendent of Works
Henry Sadler 2148 Grand Tyler	Director of Ceremonies
Edward W. Ellis 1314	Deputy Dir. of Cers.
C. Lawrence Graham 133	Assistant Dirs. of Cers.
Geo. James Bussey 199	
Henry Morris 1273	Sword Bearer
Allan McIntosh 1096	
Geo. Harlow jun. 2147	Standard Bearers
Thomas T. Hogg 483	
Arthur Sharp 829	Organist
Sidney Newton 784	Assistant Secretary
Wm. Henry Atkinson 184	Pursuivant
Henry Hurrell 1967	Assistant Pursuivant
John Thomas Fennell 20	Stewards
Alfred S. Baskett 158	
Joseph Barker 503	
Thomas B. Rosseter 972	
Richard Preston 1678	
Tom Ryder 2200	Tyler.
Joseph Orum 20	

It will thus be seen that the Provincial honours have been very fairly apportioned to the various Lodges of the county.

The members of the Anderida Lodge, No. 2434, gave a Ladies night at the Queen's Hotel, Eastbourne, on the 15th ult., on the occasion of an emergency Lodge, at which Mr. Harold Arthur Turner was initiated. The Lodge met at 6.30 p.m., and the ceremony of initiation was completed at 7.40. The ladies arrived at 7.45, and at 8 o'clock, under the supervision of the Director and Assistant Director of Ceremonies, they were shown to their places. The Worshipful Master Bro. W. F. Trydell occupied the chair. The usual formal toasts were honoured. Afterwards the ladies adjourned to the drawing room, and the gentlemen to the smoking room for a brief interval. At ten o'clock a drawing room entertainment was commenced.

The consecration of the Philbrick Chapter took place on Friday, at the Great Eastern Hotel, when Comp. William Shurmur was installed as the first Principal. A full account will appear in our next issue.

AMERICAN PRESENTATION TO LORD LONDESBOROUGH.

THE Brethren of the Constitutional Lodge, No. 294, Beverly, met to commemorate the Diamond Jubilee, on the 18th ult., and also to present the Earl of Lonsborough P.G.W. England with a fraternal greeting from the W.M., Officers and Brethren of the Liberty Lodge, Beverly, Mass., U.S.A., and as a token of their esteem and regard on the occasion of his birthday, a very handsome specimen of the head of the moose deer. Lord Lonsborough was accompanied by his son, Viscount Raincliffe, and there was a large number of brethren present.

The proceedings were opened by the W.M., who proposed in loyal terms the following resolution, which was seconded by Lord Lonsborough, and carried with acclamation:—

"Inasmuch as the nation is about to celebrate the long and glorious reign of her Majesty Queen Victoria, this Lodge deems it a duty to place on their minutes their sincere and most hearty participation in such rejoicings with deep gratitude to the Great Architect of the Universe for the unparalleled blessings and prosperity which have accrued to this nation during the past sixty years, and trust that Her Majesty may be spared to still longer continue her reign over her loyal and dutiful subjects in her vast dominions. It is also recorded that this Lodge has, in recognition of this unique event, subscribed a sum of twenty-five guineas to the Masonic Charities, and have decided to place in one of the niches on the north side of the Minster a statue in stone of His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales the Most Worshipful the Grand Master of England."

Bro. Thomson Foley P.M., on being called upon to make the presentation to the noble Earl, stated that he had been requested by the Brethren of Liberty Lodge, Beverly, U.S.A., to be their representative on that occasion. He said that the Earl of Lonsborough's genial disposition was well known, not only amongst the brethren of this, the Constitutional Lodge, and to the people of the immediate neighbourhood, as well as throughout the country of his birth; but it had even crossed the rolling billows of the great Atlantic,

and reached the shores of the United States, where it was held in equally high esteem. That esteem had culminated in the hearty fraternal greeting extended to his Lordship on the anniversary of his natal day, and in the sending of a handsome present of a magnificent specimen of the head of a Moose Deer as a token of their great regard. At their request he presented to his lordship in open Lodge this token, and said that no more fitting time could have been chosen than the celebration of the Diamond Jubilee of Her Most Gracious Majesty on which to prove to the brethren the loyal feeling and regard existing between the two countries. Bro. Foley stated that the brethren in America, knowing his lordship to be a true sportsman, thought they could not do better than send a fine specimen of the largest deer on the American Continent, which he had now great pleasure in presenting. He had been told it was the very finest specimen obtainable, and he believed that it would be still more highly appreciated when it was known that every brother of the Liberty Lodge had subscribed to the gift. It was therefore a unanimous expression of good will to the noble earl, and he felt sure that when the gift was hung upon the walls of his ancestral home Lord Lonsborough would feel proud of such a token of recognition, associated as it was not only with the brethren on the other side of the Atlantic, but also presented to him in the midst of the brethren of his own Lodge. Bro. Foley said he regretted that some brother of Liberty Lodge was not present to make this presentation, but he had expressed as well as he was able their kindly feeling towards his lordship.

Lord Lonsborough, who was received with continued cheers, said that it was really impossible for him to find words in which to express his gratitude, his delight, and his astonishment at the very fine present which had been given him that day. He had not the slightest idea until he came to the Lodge that a magnificent present awaited him. He expressed his delight because it was a great compliment, the greatest possible compliment, to have a presentation of this kind. As an English sportsman a more acceptable gift could not possibly have been selected for him. He expressed not only his gratitude to the Brethren in America, but also to the Brethren of his own Lodge, for had it not been for his appointment as Worshipful Master of the Lodge during its centenary year he would never have been in the position to receive that beautiful gift. It was his pleasure to have been the intermediary between the two Lodges in making various communications sent over the Atlantic, and he hoped in the words he had transmitted he had expressed the good feeling of every member of the Lodge. He felt that he not only spoke for himself, but for his son, and he trusted his son's children in their turn would recognise the great esteem shown by the brethren across the Atlantic, to this Lodge. It was for this reason that he more especially valued the gift. He could only thank the brethren of Liberty Lodge, and said he should send at once a cablegram to them to show how he appreciated the present. It would indeed be handed down as a heirloom to his successors.

Lord Lonsborough despatched the following cablegram to "Charles Woodberry, Esq., Beverly, Massachusetts, United States.—Please convey to Worshipful Master, Officers, and Brethren of Liberty Lodge my heartfelt thanks for magnificent present just received in open Lodge, also for fraternal feeling that prompted the gift."

Subsequently the Jubilee banquet was held, and speeches were made by Lord Lonsborough, Viscount Raincliffe, and others.

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A GENERAL COURT of the GOVERNORS and SUBSCRIBERS of this Institution will be held at Freemasons' Hall, Great Queen Street, Lincoln's Inn Fields, London, W.C., on Thursday, 8th July 1897, at twelve o'clock precisely, on the General Business of the Institution; to consider Notice of Motion as under; to approve, and declare the List of Candidates for the Election on the 7th of October next; and to declare the number of Girls then to be elected.

NOTICE OF MOTION.

By W. Bro. Peter de Lande Long P.G.D. Vice-Patron, Senior Member of the House Committee:—

"That a humble and loyal Address of Congratulation be presented to Her Most Gracious Majesty the Queen, Chief Patroness of the Institution, on the occasion of Her Majesty's Diamond Jubilee."

F. R. W. HEDGES, Secretary.

5 Freemasons' Hall, Great Queen Street, W.C.,
1st July 1897.

** The 110th Anniversary Festival will be held in May 1898, and the names of Stewards willing to act on the occasion will be gratefully received.

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A QUARTERLY COURT of the GOVERNORS and SUBSCRIBERS will be held at Freemasons' Hall, Great Queen Street, Lincoln's Inn Fields, London, on Friday, the 9th day of July 1897, for the transaction of the ordinary business of the Institution.

To consider Notice of Motion by the V.W. Bro. Richard Eve Past Grand Treasurer Patron and Trustee of the Institution, Chairman of the Board of Management:

(a). That Law 85, 'applicable to Boys Maintained and Educated out of the Institution,' be revised to read as follows:—

"The Board of Management may, with the approval of the Council, pay towards the education and maintenance of each such boy any sum in their discretion not exceeding thirty pounds per annum until he has attained the age of 15 years and continues entitled to the benefits of the Institution.

Sons of Jewish parents may be educated out of the Institution if their Guardians so desire."

(b). That the following new Law be adopted:—

31A. "On the death of a Subscriber, the executors shall, at the next ensuing election, be entitled to receive and sign the Voting Paper such deceased Subscriber would have been entitled to if still living."

To consider, and, if approved, to adopt a recommendation from the Council as to the number of Boys to be elected at the Quarterly Court on Friday, 8th October 1897, and to determine the List of Candidates.

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

By order, J. M. McLEOD, Secretary.

London, 1st July 1897.

** The Centenary Anniversary Festival will be held in 1898, H.R.H. the PRINCE OF WALES, K.G., M.W.G.M., President of the Institution, in the Chair. The services of Ladies and Brethren as Stewards on this all-important occasion are earnestly solicited, and will be gratefully acknowledged.

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

9.30 a.m., and 4.45 p.m. for Douglas (Isle of Man), for 3, 8, 10, 15 or 17 days.

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

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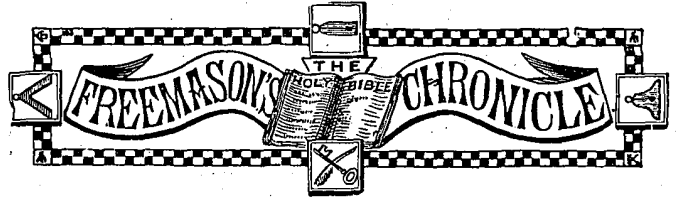
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THE BOYS SCHOOL FESTIVAL.

WE most sincerely congratulate Bro. J. Morrison McLeod the Secretary, and his devoted band of Stewards, who have worked so loyally, upon the success that attended the ninety-ninth Anniversary Festival of the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys, which took place on Wednesday, in the Grand Hall of the magnificent Hotel Cecil, London.

Of late years the Boys Festival has been held at Brighton, and many metropolitan as well as Provincial Brethren enjoyed the day's outing, but the Board of Stewards were wise in their generation, as after the jubilee rejoicings it might be reasonably supposed that business men would find some little difficulty in leaving their business for another day, even to help so good a cause. No matter what was the reason, it is sufficient to know that the Brethren rallied round to some purpose, and the Grand Hall was crowded with a goodly company numbering about 650, of whom a considerable number were ladies.

The Right Hon. Lord Henry Cavendish Bentinck, M.P., Provincial Grand Master of Cumberland and Westmorland presided, and was supported by Bros. George Richards District Grand Master of the Transvaal, Charles E. Keyser Treasurer, Dr. C. V. Childe, Richard Eve, George Everett, Stanley J. Attenborough, George Corble, John Glass, Dr. Jabez Hogg, Major J. E. Le Feuvre, Robert Grey, Col. F. R. Sewell, George Dalrymple, James Stephens, J. J. Thomas, C. J. Freeman, Major Woodhouse, T. Blanco White, Dr. Lennox Browne, Edward Ayres, James Speller, Imre Kiralfy, Hugh E. Diamond, Dr. S. H. T. Armitage, R. P. Walkden, W. G. Kentish, J. H. Matthews, Oscar Philippe, W. Metcalfe, Samuel Moore, J. W. Burgess, C. H. Fruen, John Haviland, C. K. Benson, E. H. Clarke, J. C. Malcolm, G. C. Heron, &c.

The banqueting room presented a brilliant spectacle, and the dinner itself was of a most recherché description, was admirably served, and reflected great credit upon Bro. Bertini the indefatigable manager. In addition to the table decorations the ladies were provided with handsome bouquets and cases of choice perfumes, a delicate attention on the part of the Stewards.

The Chairman was received with loud and long applause when he rose to propose the health of the Queen of the greatest Empire the world has ever seen. Needless to say the toast was received with enthusiasm, the company standing while the National Anthem was sung by Madame Clara Samuelli.

In proposing the Most Worshipful the Grand Master Lord Cavendish Bentinck said the Prince of Wales was not only our titular chief, but was a hard working Freemason in the cause of charity. He also referred to the action of the Princess of Wales in connection with the Jubilee dinners to the poor, and to the support given to the Craft by the Duke of Connaught. The enormous sum contributed by Masons had culminated in the Albert Hall Fund, which owed its inception to the Grand Master.

Bro. George Richards D.G.M. of the Transvaal responded for the Grand Lodge Officers, as he had the honour to receive Grand Lodge rank on the occasion of the great meeting at the Albert Hall. He said that he felt the natural timidity which characterised all Colonial Freemasons, but duty and pleasure alike invoked him to say a few words. He carried the Badge of the Craft in a State where the Flag of England did not fly, and he deeply felt their kind reception. He tendered his heartfelt thanks to the Board of Stewards for their invitation, and regretted that his wife was compelled to be absent through ill health. He was glad to find himself a Brother within their walls, and not a stranger within the gates. When he remembered the scenes of the last few days: the great gathering at the Albert Hall, the wonderful jubilee procession, and the display of England's might and strength at the Naval review, he could not help feeling proud at being a British subject. Perfect unanimity prevailed among the brethren in the Transvaal, and when they were building a Masonic Temple the Dutch brethren came forward and liberally assisted them, so that in that far off State they were doing work and prospering exceedingly.

In proposing the toast of the evening the noble chairman said he was reading a Masonic Journal the other day which referred to the Masonic Institutions as jewels in the regalia of Freemasonry. The Boys School was one which every member of the Craft should support to the best of his ability. He would not enlarge upon its many excellencies, but it would suffice to remind his hearers that 99 years ago, when the School was founded, only six children were admitted to its benefits, in 1841 there were 70, and in 1857 the School was removed to Wood Green. In 1863 there were 100 Boys being clothed, fed and taught, and at the present time there were 279. Its success, however, had its disadvantage, as they had now to face a large expenditure which was entirely dependent upon the contributions given by the brethren. The Board of Management had come to the conclusion that it would be

Lord Henry acknowledged the compliment, and said Lady Henry had desired him to return her sincere thanks for the vote they had just been good enough to pass. She also desired him to express the pleasure she had felt at what she had seen there that day. One could but be delighted at the spirit that seemed to prevail in the School. He congratulated the boys on the report the Head Master had been able to give of them, and hoped all would turn out good citizens of our great empire.

The next item on the programme was an operatic performance by the pupils, and this, though carried through by the boys with considerable ability, was a great disappointment to many of those present who were aware of what the pupils could do in this direction. The piece represented was a comic opera in three acts written and composed specially for the occasion by Mr. Herbert Hilton, A.R.C.O., A.R.C.M., a former music master of the Institution, which, to our mind, fell very flat, and was far from interesting, the first two acts especially being pitched in so dismal a strain as to make it really a tax to have to sit them out, while there was little throughout the piece to arouse the enthusiastic spirit the boys have shown on more than one similar occasion in the past. But this was not all that calls for criticism; one could have overlooked much if the boys had been left to themselves in the performance; as it was the introduction of two of the Masters of the School among the characters was matter for further regret, and what might otherwise have proved an enjoyable representation can only now be looked back upon as a qualified success. Still, if those who are responsible for the arrangement of such matters take a lesson from the experience gained, and limit all future performances strictly to the pupils, and at the same time endeavour to select something lively for representation, we feel sure the boys will soon regain the high reputation they enjoyed previous to Tuesday's performance. The title of the piece represented was "Sweet Marjorie, or the Monk's ruse," the cast being as follows:

The Hon. Gerald de Beer (the heir of the De Beers, in love with Marjorie)	...	...	...	...	Mr. G. Roberts.
Capt. Yellow (Guardian of Marjorie, 9th cousin of the De Beers, a believer in ghosts, &c.)	...	...	...	...	R. Chinneck.
Father Wisdom (Chief Friar)	...	...	...	...	E. Whale.
Brother Small	...	...	...	...	Mr. H. Francombe.
" Tall	...	...	...	...	A. Clarke.
" Tom	...	...	...	...	J. Rangeley.
" John	...	...	...	...	J. Longbottom.
" Alexander	...	...	...	...	W. Bennett.
Lawyer Sharp	...	...	...	...	H. Seabrook.
Valet (of De Beer)	...	...	...	...	H. Tanner.
The Ghost	...	...	...	...	L. Cunat.
Countess Lady Small Beer (great-aunt of Gerald)	...	...	...	...	E. Barker.
Marjorie Chichester (ward of Capt. Yellow, in love with Gerald)	C. Callander.
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Maud	W. Holland.
Florence	Daughters of Capt. Yellow	P. Harrison.
Eva	P. Coleman.
Daisy	R. Jay.

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Later in the evening some of the boys gave a series of Gymnastic Exercises in the playground, the display being excellent, and calling forth the heartiest approval of those who witnessed it. As we said last year the instructor in this recent addition to the training of the boys is most successful in the branch of the School work with which he is entrusted.

FIDELITY LODGE MARK MASONS.

A MEETING of surviving members of this old Lodge, No. 31, formerly held at the Norfolk Arms, Hyde, was held on the 26th ult., with the object of considering steps for its revival. The P.M., S.W., and J.W., have the matter in hand. It was agreed to receive and affiliate three well known members, all Past Grand Officers of Cheshire, and members of No. 11, Birkenhead, and instal them as Officers of the revived Lodge. Of three old members surviving, Bro. John Yarker was W.M. 1858-9, having received the degree in the Travelling Mark Lodge, 15th July 1855; Bro. Adolphus Eicholz, in the same Lodge, 16th July 1854; and Bro. James Relph, in the Fidelity Lodge, No. 31 (E.C.), 16th March 1859. There must also be two or three members yet surviving in the neighbourhood of Hyde, and steps were to be taken to ascertain their whereabouts.

Bro. Alderman Frank Green and Bro. T. R. Dewar have been elected Sheriffs of the City of London for the year commencing September. We respectfully tender to each our hearty good wishes and congratulations.

DEMONSTRATION AT GAINSBOROUGH.

ON Wednesday afternoon and evening of last week Bro. W. H. Hanson, of the Yarborough Lodge, Gainsborough, entertained the brethren, their wives, and a number of friends at his residence, Winbern House. Luncheon was served on the lawn to about 80 guests, and after this Dr. Mackinder, as the oldest Freemason, presented Miss Eva Hanson, who had just attained her 21st birthday, with a handsome dressing case, the gift of the Brethren. Bro. Hanson acknowledged the gift in glowing terms, and the guests adjourned to Thonock Park, and witnessed the inspection of the Lads' Brigade, after which tea was served. A cricket match between ladies and gentlemen afterwards took place, ending in favour of the former.

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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.

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

Tuesday.

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

Wednesday.

74 Athol, Birmingham
86 Loyalty, Prescot
94 Phoenix, Sunderland
137 Amity, Poole
159 Brunswick, East Stonehouse
168 Mariner, Guernsey
282 Bedford, Tavistock
298 Harmony, Rochdale
326 Moira of Honour, Bristol
327 St. John, Wigton
406 N'thern Counties, N'castle-on-T.
417 Faith & Unanimity, Dorchester
429 Royal Navy, Ramsgate
838 Franklin, Boston
970 St. Anne, East Loos
1003 Prince of Wales, Jersey
1013 Royal Victoria, Liverpool
1085 Hartington, Derby
1167 Alnwick, Alnwick
1431 St. Alphege, Solihull
1461 Clausentum, Woolston
1549 Abercorn, Great Stanmore
1660 Arlecdon, Frizzington
1736 St. John, Halifax
1783 Albert Edward, Huddersfield
1862 Stranton, West Hartlepool

2024 Raymond Thrupp, Hampt'n Ct.
2382 Loyal Hay, Hay

Thursday.

Quarterly Court, Girls School, at 12.
1155 Excelsior,
1227 Upton, Great Eastern Hotel
1642 Earl of Carnarvon, Ladbroke-h.
35 Medina, Cowes
116 Royal Lancashire, Colne
130 Royal Gloucester, South'mpton
208 Three Gd. Principles, Dewsbury
216 Harmonic, Liverpool
275 Harmony, Huddersfield
283 Amity, Haslingden
318 True and Faithful, Helston
333 Royal Preston, Preston
337 Candour, Uppermill
369 Limestone Rock, Clitheroe
381 Harmony & Industry, Darwen
437 Science, Wincanton
546 Etruscan, Longton
630 St. Cuthbert, Howden
710 Pleiades, Totnes
816 Royd, Littleboro'
973 Royal Somerset, Frome
991 Tyne, Wallsend
1099 Huyshe, Stoke, Devonport
1145 Equality, Accrington
1164 Eliot, St. Germans
1182 Duke of Edinburgh, Liverpool
1213 Bridgewater, Eccles
1235 Phoenix St. Ann, Buxton
1273 St. Michael, Sittingbourne
1387 Chorlton, Chorlton-cum-Hardy
1416 Falcon, Thirsk
1495 Arkwright, Matlock Bath
1583 Corbet, Towyn
1697 Hospitality, Waverfoot
1750 Coleridge, Clevedon
1915 Graystone, Whitstable
1992 Tennant, Cardiff
2091 Castleberg, Settle
2234 Onslow, Guildford
2262 Dagmar, Wraybury
2278 Kingswood, Broxbourne
2285 Eden, Workington
2343 Sir William Harpur, Bedford
2372 James Terry, Waltham Cross
2420 Ed. de Rothschild, Waddesdon
2449 Duke of York, Manchester
2501 Ixion, Buckhurst Hill

Friday.

Quarterly Court, Boys School, at 4
1602 Sir Hugh Myddelton, Islington
81 Doric, Woodbridge
426 Shakespeare, Spilsby
458 Aire and Calder, Goole
516 Phoenix, Stowmarket
526 Honour, Wolverhampton
566 St. Germain, Selby
712 Lindsey, Louth
1001 Harrowgate & Claro, Harr'wg'te
1087 Beaudesert, Leighton Buzzard
1102 Mirfield, Mirfield
1121 Wear Valley, Bishop Auckland
1224 Stour Valley, Sudbury
1428 United Service, Landport
1605 De la Pole, Hull
1676 St. Nicholas, Newcastle-on-Tyne
1826 Parthenon, Croydon
1983 Martyn, Southwold
2554 Manchester, Manchester
2558 Furnival, Sheffield

Saturday.

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

Several items of interest are held over owing to pressure on our space.

REPORTS OF MEETINGS.

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

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WESTBOURNE LODGE, No. 733.

ON Friday, 18th ult., the members took their annual up-river outing, the weather being all that could be desired. The party numbered sixty, and started from Paddington station, alighting at Taplow, where they embarked on the steam launch "Caversham." A right pleasant trip was made up-river, with stoppages at Marlow and Wargrave. At Reading an excellent dinner was provided at the Queen's Hotel. Bro. C. T. Brown W.M. presided, and gave a few brief toasts.

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GALLERY LODGE, No. 1928.

TEMPTED by the success which attended a similar gathering in 1895, the Gallery Lodge held their annual picnic at Herne Bay, on Saturday, 12th ult. The London, Chatham and Dover Railway Company made admirable provision for the party, numbering about fifty, who arrived at Herne Bay shortly after noon. Lunch was served at the Connaught Hotel, Marine Esplanade, the Worshipful Master Bro. Geo. Tarran presiding.

The afternoon was very pleasantly spent in Herne Bay and the neighbourhood, and at five o'clock the party sat down to dinner at the Connaught Hotel, when a few toasts were proposed.

An excellent programme of music was given by Bro. Dalgety Henderson, Bro. Cheesewright, and Miss Henderson (accompanist), and the services of the artistes were warmly acknowledged.

Twenty members of the party stayed at Herne Bay till Monday, and Mr. and Mrs. Boncey and their family were thanked for their catering arrangements. On Sunday evening the company were entertained at the Connaught Hotel, by Bro. Sheridan, the proprietor of the "Financial Post," who intimated his desire to join the Gallery Lodge.

During the interval proceedings of the evening, reference was made to a proposal that a Ladies Committee should be formed in connection with the Lodge for the furtherance of charitable Masonic work, and the suggestion was received with much favour. The Worshipful Master was congratulated on the exceedingly enjoyable character of the outing, and the Secretary was thanked for the arrangements.

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LEWISHAM LODGE, No. 2579.

A MEETING was held on Saturday, 12th ult., at the Parish Hall, Ladywell, Bro. Charles Lamb W.M. presiding, and performing most admirably ceremonies in the first and third degrees.

The Brethren afterwards adjourned to dinner, and, following the usual Loyal and Masonic toasts, an excellent musical programme, under the direction of the Organist Bro. C. W. Wilkes, was rendered by Bros. Brooman, R. Cook, W. Phillips, H. A. Phillips, and Edward Hall.

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ISRAEL LODGE, No. 205.

THE members of this well known and hard working Lodge held their usual weekly meeting at the house of Bro. W. Yetton P.M. and Treasurer, the Rising Sun, Globe Road, Bethnal Green, E., on Sunday, the 27th ult., Bro. H. Harris W.M., M. Da Costa S.W., C. Johnson J.W., J. Dancyger acting Preceptor, B. J. Feldman acting Sec., W. Yetton P.M. Treas., S. Embden S.D., W. Yetton jun. J.D., J. Gaskell P.M. I.G., C. Solomons, J. Wynman.

After a few formalities the ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, Bro. C. Solomons as candidate. Bro. Johnson J.W. vacated the chair in favour of Bro. Solomons, and then offered himself as candidate for the second degree, which was then rehearsed. Bro. M. Da Costa vacated his chair in favour of Bro. Solomons, he being presented, entrusted, and acting as candidate during the rehearsal of the ceremony of raising.

Great credit is due to Bro. H. Harris W.M. for the perfect and most impressive manner in which he went through the different degrees, all being delivered without the slightest hitch, and giving great satisfaction to all present.

The Lodge was closed down and Bro. M. Da Costa was elected W.M. for next meeting. Bro. W. Yetton P.M. said he was sorry to inform the W.M. and Brethren that the funerals had taken place of Bros. Thomas Wooding, and Thomas Daycock, both of whom were members of the Lodge. It was proposed by Brother J. Dancyger, seconded by the W.M., and unanimously agreed to, that a letter of deep sympathy and condolence be sent to the respective families of the deceased Brethren.

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WESTBOURNE LODGE, No. 733.

ON Tuesday, at the Oliver Arms, Westbourne Terrace North, Harrow Road, W., Bro. G. Weaver W.M., W. Busby S.W., W. J. Sweet P.M. J.W., H. Dehane P.M. Preceptor, R. J. Rogers P.M. Treasurer, G. Mogford P.M. Sec., T. Mogford W.M. 2362 S.D., W. H. Handover J.D., C. Halston I.G., A. Butters W.M. 2163, J. Wynman.

The ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, Bro. Rogers P.M. candidate. The Lodge was called off and on, and then Bro. Butters was examined and entrusted, the ceremony of passing being rehearsed. The W.M. resumed the Lodge to the first degree, when Bro. Busby was elected to preside at the next meeting.

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HYDE PARK LODGE, No. 1425.

AT the Prince of Wales, Eastbourne Terrace, Bishop's Road, W., on Monday, Bro. H. Harris W.M., A. Le Clair S.W., H. Crookes J.W.,

W. J. Ferguson P.M. Preceptor, H. Dehane P.M. Sec., J. H. Beardon S.D., A. L. Butters W.M. 2163 J.D., J. Wynman I.G.

Bro. Ferguson answered the questions, the Lodge was opened in the second degree, and the ceremony of passing was rehearsed. After this Bro. Ferguson again answered the questions, the Lodge was advanced, and the ceremony of raising was rehearsed. The Lodge was closed down to the first degree, and Bro. Le Clair was elected W.M. for next meeting.

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EARL OF CARNARVON LODGE, No. 1642.

ON Friday, 25th ult., at the Elgin Hotel, Ladbroke Grove Road, Notting Hill, W., Bro. H. Harris W.M., W. H. Handover S.W., W. R. Flack J.W., G. A. Knight P.M. acting Preceptor, W. J. Mason P.M. Sec., J. Chubb S.D., W. P. Hatton J.D., J. Bartlett P.M. I.G., G. English P.M., G. D. Mogford P.M., R. W. Bord P.M., A. Spicer, W. Slack, J. Wynman.

The ceremony of passing was rehearsed, Bro. Spicer acting as candidate. The Lodge was opened in the third degree and the ceremony of raising was rehearsed, Bro. R. W. Bord P.M. acting as candidate.

Bro. W. H. Handover was elected W.M. for Friday, 9th inst., on account of it being Officers' night on the 2nd.

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GLAMORGAN LODGE, No. 36.

THE members met at the Masonic Temple, Cardiff, on Thursday, 24th ult., on the occasion of the installation of Rev. James Baker as W.M., the ceremony being performed by the retiring W.M. Bro. C. H. Priestley.

After the ceremony a banquet took place, amongst those present being Bro. Marmaduke Tennant D.Prov.G.M., while letters expressing regret at inability to attend were read from Lord Llangattock Prov.G.M., and the Lord Bishop of Llandaff.

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MINERVA LODGE, No. 250.

ON Thursday, 24th ult., being St. John's Festival, the Brethren assembled at the Masonic Hall, Hull, for the purpose of installing the Worshipful Master for the ensuing twelve months. The choice of the Brethren having been accorded to Bro. Haggitt Colbeck, Solicitor, he was duly installed into the chair.

The annual banquet followed, and was presided over by the Worshipful Master, the toast of whose health was received with enthusiasm.

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FIDELITY LODGE, No. 555.

THE annual installation festival was held at the Crown Hotel, Framlingham, on 16th ult., when a large number of brethren attended to witness the installation of Bro. the Rev. W. T. Pratt.

The ceremony of installation was performed in a most impressive and exemplary manner by Bro. Fraser P.P.S.G.D., after which the W.M. invested the officers for the ensuing year.

The Lodge adjourned to the banquet at the Corn Hall, presided over by the W.M.

Bro. E. T. Drake P.M. proposed the toast of the W.M., and said that he had known Bro. Pratt for a great number of years, and whatever he took in hand he did well. He hoped that the W.M. would have a successful year of office.

The W.M. responded in felicitous terms, and said that he should always regard the occasion as a day to be remembered. He was fully aware of the responsibility he incurred in accepting the chair of K.S., but he trusted, with the help of the Brethren, to have a happy and successful year of office. He heartily thanked Bro. Drake for the kind words he had used in proposing his health, and the brethren for the hearty way in which they had received it.

Bro. Walter Cocks, in proposing the toast of the I.P.M., said that in Bro. Lynch the Fidelity Lodge had a Master whose work had been beyond praise, a Master of whom the Lodge was justly proud, and one who would necessarily take first rank among the Masters of the Province.

Bro. Lynch, in responding, offered his grateful thanks to the brethren for the assistance they had rendered, and for the kindness and courtesy they had shown during his year of office. Other toasts followed.

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DOWNSHIRE LODGE No. 594.

THE installation took place at the Masonic Hall, Hope Street, Liverpool, on Thursday, 24th ult., when about 130 Brethren assisted at the ceremony of placing Brother William Henry Parkinson in the chair. The installing Master was Bro. John Phelan P.M. Treas., whose efficient services were acknowledged by the Brethren.

The retiring Master Bro. F. Wilkinson was presented with a Past Master's jewel, together with a gold watch, as a mark of the high esteem in which he is held by the Brethren.

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DALHOUSIE LODGE, No. 865.

AT the Greyhound Hotel, Hampton Court, on Wednesday, 16th ult., Bro. W. Essex, of Richmond, was installed Worshipful Master.

About forty sat down to the banquet, which was followed by the usual toasts, and there was an excellent concert.

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ALBERT VICTOR LODGE, No. 1773.

THE regular meeting was held at the Town Hall, Pendleton, on Friday, 18th ult., Bro. Thomas M. Brown W.M. Three passings were due, but only two candidates put in an appearance, viz., Bros. G. J. Blore and John H. Oakley, the ceremonies being performed by Bros. Wm. Mosley P.M. and the W.M. respectively, assisted by Bro. William Lambert S.W., who presented and explained the Working Tools.

At the festive board which followed, a very interesting programme of vocal and instrumental music, &c. formed a pleasant relief to the various toasts, the contributors being Bros. W. T. Blease J.W., who gave a reading; J. B. Kenyon, a banjo solo; F. Ridsdale Bowley P.M. 1213, song, National Anthem, and also a duet in conjunction with Bro. J. Hart; Tom Bradbury,

song; Edwd. Roberts P.M. 1459, his parody on a Welsh air, accompanied by Bro. the Rev. James Preston Chaplain; and G. L. Hardcastle Organist, who, besides accompanying several songs, gave selections on the pianoforte.

Bro. Brown W.M., in proposing the health of the Queen, reverted to the forthcoming Jubilee celebrations, and to her occupying the throne so illustriously. He said she sat as a beacon light to the nation, and was in strange contrast to other countries, not being a despot or autocrat. The long period of her reign had been marked by the success and prosperity of her people, and wealth, which benefitted all communities, had accumulated in a large number of hands. He spoke of the various inventions, such as the telegraph, telephone, and railways, and dilated at length upon their mighty influence towards the advancement of civilisation. In Masonry, likewise, there had been remarkable progress, and also so far as its representatives were concerned; the ceremonial was more satisfactorily rendered, and the charitable Institutions were receiving better attention. In conclusion Bro. Brown asked the Brethren to join with him in heartfelt gratitude to Him who had sustained the illustrious life of Her Majesty, hoping that that life would be long spared, that this country would prosper as it had previously done, and that the bright star of England's greatness might never decline.

The loving cup was then sent round, the National Anthem being played until the final relinquishment of the cup into the hands of the W.M.

Other toasts followed, that of the candidates being proposed by Bro. F. Townson P.M., to which Bros. Oakley and Blore responded.

Besides those mentioned above, we noticed the presence of Bros. Jas. Clough I.P.M., Councillor Thos. Kay P.M. Treas., W. A. Smith Sec., Wm. Woodeson S.D., P. B. Hayden J.D., Past Masters J. Harrop P.P.G.D., E. Winterbottom P.G.D.D.C., Thomas Threlfall P.P.G.S., E. Holland, T. T. Sefton, and others.

DAGMAR LODGE, No. 2262.

AT the pretty little "Angler's Rest" Hotel, Wraysbury, Bucks, the annual installation meeting was held on Thursday, 10th ult.

The Auditors presented a very favourable balance-sheet. The ceremony of passing followed, the ritual being admirably delivered by Bro. Pottinger W.M.

The installation of Bro. H. V. Lloyd was then proceeded with, the outgoing Master closing his year of office by the same marked command of his duties which he had exhibited when entering on them. Bro. J. Hattersley acted as D.O.

The W.M. presented the I.P.M., on behalf of the Lodge, with a Past Master's jewel, and eulogistically referred to his care during the past year for the interests of the Lodge, and the perfection of his working.

An admirable banquet followed, in the comfortable Angler's Rest Hall, after which the customary toasts were briefly given and responded to.

THE MANCHESTER LODGE, No. 2554.

THE second annual meeting and festival of St. John in connection with this Lodge took place by dispensation at the Freemasons' Hall, Manchester, on Monday, 14th ult., Bro. Thomas Plumpton W.M.; the principal business of the day being that of installing Bro. William Charlton, J.P., S.W., into the chair of K.S. Bro. Buckley Carr P.M. 1161 P.P.G.D.C. undertook the ceremony, which was very carefully and effectively performed.

The other specially appointed Officers were Bros. J. W. Abbott P.M. W.M. 1030 P.P.G.D.C. as S.W., John Bladon P.M. 317 P.P.G.A.D.C. as J.W., and James Robinson P.M. 1219 as I.G. Bro. Plumpton acted as Deacon, and presented the W.M.-elect to receive the benefits of installation.

The address to the new Master was rendered by Bro. Robinson, that to the Wardens by Bro. Bladon, and that to the Brethren generally by Bro. Carr, who also gave the various proclamations. The working tools of each degree were presented and explained by Bro. Plumpton. A list of Officers for the ensuing financial year is appended:—W. A. Boyer S.W., A. C. K. Smith J.W., A. B. Smith Treas., W. E. Davies Sec., J. A. Thompson S.D., F. J. Large J.D., J. A. K. Haddad I.G., W. B. Akerman P.M. D.C., A. Barlow, Adam Still, F. J. Burt, P. Z. da Cunha Stewards.

During the above proceedings a handsome Past Master's jewel was presented to the retiring Master, the same being accompanied by some very appropriate remarks from Bro. Charlton W.M. The gift bore the following inscription:—

Presented to

BRO. THOMAS PLUMPTON P.M.,

by the Manchester Lodge, No. 2554,

in recognition of his services during his year of office as W.M.

1896-7.

Bro. Charlton's magisterial and other public functions having made him widely popular, there was a goodly array of purple to witness the ceremony of his installation. Grand Lodge had its ambassador in Bro. John William Maclure Past Grand Deacon, Member of Parliament for the Stretford division of East Lancashire, who, unfortunately, owing to a pressure of engagements, was compelled to retire at an early hour. Provincial Grand Lodge was represented by Bros. D. S. Boddington P.M. 1253 P.P.G.W., C. S. Allott P.M. 1009 P.P.G.W., H. J. Cutter P.M. 44 P.P.S.G.D., and others, some of whom have been previously referred to. The following Past Masters also lent their support and presence:—Bros. Robert Thomson 44, Alfred Allen 317, Hy. B. Brown 581, J. Crosland 1009, J. Halden 1009, E. Webb 1134 163, E. Williams 1147, Edward Roberts 1459, Jas. Hurst 2109, and J. E. Whitehead W.M. 317. Prominent among other visitors were Bros. H. G. Ward S.W. 993, F. Hilton 163, W. H. Edge 317, R. C. Docker 587, J. Ryland 1134, W. Hughes 2447, and G. W. Owen 2447.

A very pleasing feature which distinguished the closing portion of the ceremony was that of propositions for four candidates desirous of becoming members, who will be balloted for and probably initiated at the next regular meeting, to be held in October.

Heartly good wishes having been expressed by visitors, the Lodge was closed by Bro. Charlton W.M., and the Brethren adjourned to a substantial banquet.

The loyal toasts, together with those appertaining to Grand and Prov. Grand Officers, were proposed by the W.M. That of the principal Officer of the Lodge was introduced by Bro. Plumpton I.P.M., who spoke of Bro. Charlton in glowing terms, eulogising his public and also special natural qualities of Brotherly love and affection, the latter endearing him to the hearts of all those with whom he came in contact. The speaker pronounced him as well qualified to occupy the chair of K.S., to which he would add éclat, and concluded an eloquent address by wishing him a happy, prosperous, and harmonious year.

Bro. Charlton, in reply, thanked the brethren for having so enthusiastically accepted the toast of his health, for it expressed the confidence which they reposed in him on his having ascended to his present exalted position. He believed he could rely upon every Officer and member of the Lodge in their desire to assist him by following out the true tenets of Masonry, and above all by maintaining harmony and fraternal good-will. Personally he would endeavour to act in his position as humble representative of King Solomon with necessary dignity, combined with friendliness to all.

During the evening a telegram was despatched to the jubilee meeting, being held contemporaneously in the Albert Hall, London, which elicited the following reply:—

"Charlton, Manchester Lodge, Freemasons' Hall, Manchester. On behalf of Grand Lodge, best thanks for fraternal greetings. Letchworth."

Bros. J. W. Maltby, Nelson Stokes, and Cuthbert Blacow conducted a full musical programme, which consisted of songs, trios, &c.

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TRUTH CHAPTER, No. 1458.

THE regular meeting was held at the Mosley Hotel, Manchester, on Thursday, 24th ult., Companion Buckley Carr P.P.G.D.C. Z. There was a capital attendance, which fact appeared to be very gratifying to the Officers, the Chapter not having yet completed its first year of existence.

After the reading and confirmation of minutes Bro. Joseph Haworth P.M. Wilton Lodge, No. 1077, who had already been balloted for, was exalted by Comp. Carr, in his characteristically excellent manner.

By way of maintaining the jubilee celebrations so much in vogue, Companion Nelson Stokes was requested to sing the National Anthem, which he did with much feeling, being accompanied on the organ by Comp. Thos. Oldham.

Upon the completion of the business of the Chapter an adjournment was made to the festive board, where songs and recitations were given by Comps. Haworth, Stokes, and Edwd. Roberts, a very pleasant evening being spent.

Comp. Carr, in proposing the health of the newly-exalted Companion, reverted to the consecration of the Chapter, which had taken place so recently, adding that Comp. Haworth, with whom he was acquainted through his intercourse with various Lodges, would add to its dignity and numerical strength. The tongue of good report had gone forth in his favour, and it would not surprise him to see their new Companion attain quickly to the principal chair in Arch Masonry, as he had already done in the Craft. He had intended to give the Historical and Symbolical lectures, but in deference to the jubiliations, had refrained from doing so, thinking that they would be more acceptable upon some future occasion. Comp. Haworth responded in suitable terms.

Principal among those in attendance, who have not been previously mentioned, were Comps. Robt. Caldwell H., Councillor Samuel I. Mills J., Herbert Hellewell S.E., H. G. Ward P.S., Geo. T. Lenard 1st Assist.S., Thos. Hy. Hall P.Z., J. J. Dean, W. Dewhurst, Joseph Day, Thos. T. Cooper. Visitor:—Comp. John Williams P.Z. 935.

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