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THE BOYS SCHOOL PROPERTY.

ATTENTION is being locally drawn to the suitability of the buildings of the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys at Wood Green for the purposes of a Public Hall, Library, or other public uses, and it is not improbable that at a no very distant date a movement will be started there, with the object of acquiring the property for this purpose.

No doubt the executive of the Institution would do their best to co-operate in such a course, as it would lead to the speedy realisation of the estate. It would certainly be a great pity if the fine buildings already on the ground should have to be pulled down and sold as mere waste material, and we should think the inhabitants of the district would do well to take the matter into their serious consideration, while the opportunity is available, as at a moderate cost the existing structures could be adapted for the purposes contemplated.

THE RECENT FESTIVAL.

THE following alterations and additions to lists have been received since last week:

LONDON.

19	Bro. J. H. Whadcoat, addition of £2 2s 0d, making	-	£12	12	0
42	Bro. G. G. Symons. List now stands at	-	£63	0	0
217	Bro. J. F. Jones, addition of £6 10s 0d, making	-	£31	10	0
720	Bro. G. Treves, addition of £7 10s 0d, making	-	£77	14	0
1260	Bro. J. R. Reep, addition of £3 2s 0d, making	-	£85	4	0
1319	Bro. S. Johnson, addition of £1 1s 6d, making	-	£66	3	0
1426	Bro. G. J. Wright's list appears in error, correct list is under Lodge No. 1815, viz.,	-	£14	3	6
1602	Bro. G. F. Wheeler, addition of £1 11s 6d, making	-	£43	11	6
1693	Bro. A. W. Cooper, addition of £5 5s 0d, making	-	£57	15	0
	Lodges of Instruction Nos. 188 and 1507 Bro. J. F. Saunders List now stands at	-	£33	12	0

PROVINCES.

Cheshire 425	Bro. Percy Bouch. List now stands at	-	£28	7	0
1565	Bro. A. C. Sparkes' name has been withdrawn.	-			
Cumberland & Westmorland 119	Bro. I. Maxwell, addition of £7 5s 6d, making	-	£53	5	6
Dorset New Steward.	Bro. C. W. Freeman.	-			
Gloucestershire Bro. A. F. Sumner, addition of £24 18s 0d making	-	-	£140	8	0
Corrected Hampshire and Isle of Wight Lists.					
76	Bro. W. Carter	-	£63	0	0
394	Bro. W. Bates	-	£26	5	0
1331	Bro. L. Comerford	-	£4	6	6
1428	Bro. W. Miller	-	£36	15	0
2068	Bro. R. G. Pither	-	£36	15	0
Unattached Bro. Richard Eve	-	-	£15	10	0
Bro. Major J. E. Le Feuvre	-	-	£10	10	0
Bro. John W. Gieve	-	-	£21	0	0
Making £214 1s 6d, an increase of £22 6s 6d					
Herts Bro. W. J. J. James, addition of £2 2s 0d, making	-	-	£12	12	0
Kent 615 Bro. I. Turton addition of £1 1s 0d, making	-	-	£211	1	0
Norths and Hunts The Province Bro. Geo. Ellard, addition of £5 5s 0d, making	-	-	£336	12	0
Somerset Bro. O. W. Wiltshire, addition of £1 14s 0d, making	-	-	£56	14	0

The annual meeting of the Provincial Grand Lodge of Hampshire and the Isle of Wight was held at Southsea on the 15th inst., when a sum of 250 guineas was voted to the Boys School as a special donation in connection with the Centenary celebration.

BUCKINGHAMSHIRE.

THE following is a list of the Officers appointed at the recent meeting of this Provincial Grand Lodge, reported in our last issue:

Bro. W. W. Carlile	-	-	-	-	Senior Warden
Hattersley	-	-	-	-	Junior Warden
Rev. F. G. Kiddle	-	-	-	-	Chaplains
Rev. C. E. Roberts	-	-	-	-	
Bowen	-	-	-	-	Secretary
Beachcroft	-	-	-	-	Registrar
H. Hambling	-	-	-	-	Senior Deacon
Benning	-	-	-	-	Junior Deacon
Berry	-	-	-	-	Superintendent of Works
Attwood	-	-	-	-	Director of Ceremonies
Le Gros	-	-	-	-	Assistant Dir. of Cers.
J. Reader	-	-	-	-	Sword Bearer
Calladine	-	-	-	-	Standard Bearers
Pullman	-	-	-	-	
E. W. Hattersley	-	-	-	-	Organist
Hobbs	-	-	-	-	Assistant Secretary
Hobson	-	-	-	-	Pursuivant
Hall	-	-	-	-	Assistant Pursuivant
Sherwin	-	-	-	-	Stewards
Fry	-	-	-	-	
H. G. Clarke	-	-	-	-	
J. S. Holland	-	-	-	-	
C. Batting	-	-	-	-	Tyler.
Pritchard	-	-	-	-	
F. Payne	-	-	-	-	

ESSEX.

THE annual meeting of the Provincial Grand Lodge was held at Colchester, on Tuesday, 13th inst., and passed off most successfully.

The arrangements were in the charge of a Committee of the two Lodges at Colchester, the Angel, No. 51, and the United, No. 697. The Committee were fortunate in obtaining permission from Bro. Claude E. Egerton-Green for the entire use of the charming grounds of East Hill House, and the weather being fine the attendance was unusually large. Both before and after the business meeting the Brethren wandered amongst the shady walks or reclined under the trees.

The Provincial Grand Master the Earl of Warwick, accompanied by Bro. Robert Woodhouse, travelled by rail from London to Colchester, and drove direct to East Hill House, where his Lordship was received by Bros. Egerton-Green W.M. 51, H. E. Baker W.M. 697, T. J. Ralling Prov. G. Sec., A. Lucking Prov. G.D.C., Richard Clowes P.G. Stand.Br., and J. M. McLeod Sec. R.M.I.B. The party having been entertained to luncheon by Bro. and Mrs. Egerton-Green, an adjournment was made to the grounds.

The masonic proceedings took place in a large marquee erected in the paddock, some 250 Brethren being present, and when the Earl of Warwick entered, accompanied by his Officers, he received quite an ovation.

The minutes of the last annual Lodge, at Maldon, having been read and confirmed, the Provincial Grand Secretary said that letters, expressing regret at their inability to attend, had been received from several distinguished Masons.

The roll of Lodges was called over, and all were found to be represented.

The Earl of Warwick said, before the recommendations of the Board of General Purposes for certain grants were put, he had a suggestion to make. They were all aware that a fund was being raised in the county and by the Lord Mayor with a view to assist the sufferers by the dreadful hailstorm that visited the county a week or two ago. This was a matter that he thought would appeal to them as Essex men, but particularly as Essex Masons. Whilst liberally supporting the charities of their Order, his experience of Masons was that they were as ready to open out their hearts to a cry of distress outside the Craft. Coming down in the train Bro. Woodhouse had kindly volunteered to give

£26 5s, he himself would give £31 10s, and he should like to propose that they vote the sum of £21 from their Lodge Funds, and take a voluntary collection in the room.

Bro. George Corble P.M. 453 P.P.G.J.W. said he had been looking at the balance-sheet, and he really thought for such an exceptional occasion as this they might afford fifty guineas. He would venture to suggest that if his Lordship would amend his motion to that amount it would be heartily endorsed by Provincial Grand Lodge.

The Earl of Warwick said he would be delighted to fall in with Bro. Corble's suggestion if the funds of Provincial Grand Lodge would allow. His Lordship then put the amended proposition, and it was carried amidst great applause.

A collection was then taken in the Lodge, and when counted up was found to amount to £33 8s. This was afterwards supplemented by the following:—Bros. Claude E. Egerton-Green £20, Matthew Clark £5 5s, C. J. Smith £5 5s, John Ramsey £3 3s, Jas. Boulton £2 2s; Angel Lodge, No. 51, £5 5s; Lodge of Good Fellowship, No. 276, £2 2s; Chigwell Lodge, No. 453, £5 5s; United Lodge, No. 697, £5 5s; Liberty of Havering Lodge, No. 1437, £5 5s; Brooke Lodge, No. 2005, £5 5s; Tilbury Lodge, No. 2006, £5 5s; Shurmur Lodge, No. 2374, £10 10s; Colne Lodge, No. 2477, £3 3s; Ixion Lodge, No. 2501, £5 5s; making a grand total of £230 9s.

The next business on the agenda was the Board of General Purposes report, a copy of which having been sent to each member of P.G.L., was taken as read. The report stated that the accounts for the year had been audited, and that after payment of all expenses there was a balance in hand on the General Account of £160 12s 5d, and on the Charity Account of £32 12s 5d. The returns from the Lodges showed the strength of the Province to be 2,001 against 1,939 last year. The Board recommended the payment of the following grants:—From the General Fund—A donation of one hundred guineas to the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys, £10 10s to the Essex and Colchester Hospital, and £10 10s to the Eastern Counties Asylum for Idiots; and from the Charity Fund £10 10s to the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls, and a like sum to the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution. The Board recommended that the portrait in next year's calendar be that of Bro. Andrew Durrant P.M. 276 P.P.S.G.W. P.P.G. Treas., one of the oldest Masons in the Province.

The report was adopted; as was also that of the Charity Committee, which stated that at the Girls election the Committee received 836 votes, exchanging 317 for 79 boys, and lending 519. The election was very flat, and there was no demand for votes at all. At the Boys election they received 788 votes from the Province, and 79 in exchange for Girls votes, enabling them to poll 277 for Oldham, raising his number of votes to 1,217. This election was a very exciting one, and the demand for votes was almost without precedent. A division of votes acted disastrously, neither of the candidates being successful.

The Provincial Grand Master, on rising to address the Brethren, was heartily received. He said it was a great gratification to him to find himself once more in the good old town of Colchester, with which he had so many pleasant memories. It was in Colchester that he was installed as Provincial Grand Master, and for some years he had the pleasure to be connected with the town as its member, during which time he made many, and he trusted they would be lasting, friendships. As to their meeting that day, he felt they might congratulate themselves on their charming surroundings, and they were much indebted to Bro. Claude Egerton-Green for placing his beautiful grounds at the disposal of the Brethren. Referring to the recent national celebration of the sixtieth anniversary of the reign of their Gracious Queen, his Lordship said they, as Freemasons, might well be proud of the part they had taken in the celebration. All those who were present at that wonderful meeting at the Albert Hall must have been greatly impressed with it, whilst it must be a satisfaction to every Brother that as a result of that meeting more than £7,000 had been distributed in charity. This had been supplemented by a grant of £8,000 from the funds of the Grand Lodge, so that the total sum presented by the Freemasons of England in commemoration of the Queen's Jubilee amounted to a little over £15,000. His lordship congratulated Bros. William Shurmur and W. J. Crump on the honours conferred upon them by H.R.H. the Grand Master, at the Albert Hall, and although these two Brethren appeared to have been grouped with London Brethren the work they had done in Essex entitled them to the congratulations of the Province. Masonry continued to prosper in a wonderful way in Essex. When he commenced his career as Provincial Grand Master their membership was 900, now they would see by the report of their Board of General Purposes it had reached 2,000, whilst as regarded charity, the Brethren were always most liberal, and what had been done that afternoon for the hailstorm fund would be a proof to outsiders, as he had already said, that they were equally open-handed in relieving distress outside their ranks.

On the motion of Bro. William Shurmur P.G.Std.Br.,

Bro. William Gower W.M. 2501 was unanimously elected Provincial Grand Treasurer for the ensuing year.

The Earl of Warwick said he had an announcement to make which he was sure would be received with great regret. He had received within the last few hours a letter from his excellent Deputy, Bro. Philbrick, regretting that his judicial duties prevented his coming amongst them that day, and adding his feeling that this only too clearly showed that as he was always liable to these mischances he ought no longer to hold the office of Deputy. His interest was as fully as ever with Freemasonry in the Province, but he felt they were entitled to more than that, his bodily presence. This letter, Lord Warwick continued, had come to him, as to all of them, as a great surprise, and he had not had time to consider what was best to be done. He should write to Bro. Philbrick, and if he decided to resign he thought he should be able to nominate a Brother for the post who would be acceptable to the whole Province.

The Provincial Grand Master invested his Officers for the year, as under:

Bro. Claude E. Egerton-Green 51	-	-	Senior Warden
Alfred Wallis 2005	-	-	Junior Warden
Rev. Henry L. Norden 650	-	-	} Chaplains
Rev. O. Cuthbert Naters 51	-	-	
Jas. G. Bryan 697	-	-	Registrar
Thos. J. Ralling 51 (twenty-first year)	-	-	Secretary
Francis H. Crittall 1312	-	-	} Senior Deacons
Richard Galpin 2342	-	-	
J. M. Knight 2154	-	-	} Junior Deacons
William White 1457	-	-	
J. S. Hammond 1437	-	-	Superintendent of Works
A. Lucking 1000 (twenty-fourth year)	-	-	Director of Ceremonies
Frederick Clark 2006	-	-	Deputy Dir. of Cers.
R. J. Stebbings 2063	-	-	Assistant Dir. of Cers.
William Chapman 1543	-	-	Sword Bearer
W. H. Ham 2477	-	-	} Standard Bearers
Wm. Rudrum 1977	-	-	
F. J. Motum 697	-	-	Organist
H. J. Drane 2318	-	-	Assistant Secretary
C. H. Bestow 2374	-	-	Pursuivant
W. Beecroft 2442	-	-	Assistant Pursuivant
G. M. Watson 1734	-	-	} Stewards
William Wright 1799	-	-	
Jarratt Leaney 1817	-	-	
O. Bendall 2339	-	-	
H. G. H. Elliott 51	-	-	
Percy Beard 1817	-	-	} Tyler.
A. W. Martin	-	-	

On the motion of Bro. F. H. Bright P.P.S.G.W., seconded by Bro. F. A. White P.P.G.R., Bro. Claude Egerton-Green Prov.S.G.W. was elected a member of the Charity Committee in the place of Bro. Hoddinott, who retired by rotation.

A hearty vote of thanks was passed to the Brethren of the Colchester Lodges for the excellent arrangements they had made for the meeting; and the Provincial Grand Master having announced that he had decided to hold next year's meeting at Brentwood, the Lodge was closed.

The banquet took place in a spacious marquee in the grounds, the catering of Messrs. Wright and Son giving unbounded satisfaction.

At the close of the repast the Provincial Grand Master gave the toast of the Queen, referring to Her Majesty's practical sympathy for their county of Essex, by her donation to the "Devastation Fund."

His Lordship next submitted the toast of H.R.H. the Prince of Wales M.W.G.M., followed by the Pro Grand Master, the Deputy Grand Master, and the Grand Officers present and past. He coupled with the latter toast the name of Bro. Shurmur.

Bro. Shurmur, in reply, referring to the Jubilee Masonic honour conferred upon him, said he trusted he should prove worthy of it. At the great demonstration of Masonic loyalty at Albert Hall, when it pleased the Grand Master to extend the right hand of good fellowship, when conferring the honour of appointing him an Officer of the Grand Lodge of England, the first to congratulate him upon his preferment was their beloved Provincial Grand Master the Earl of Warwick, and immediately afterwards the Ven. Archdeacon of Essex. He would always remember with Masonic pride the happy quarter of an hour in which he enjoyed the privilege of shaking hands with the Prince, the Peer, and the Prelate. It was a convincing proof of the levelling influence of Freemasonry. That afternoon they had gone a little out of the circle in contributing over 200 guineas to the Essex Storm Fund, but relieving the distressed was one of the characteristics of the Order, and therefore truly Masonic work.

Bro. Claude E. Egerton-Green W.M. 51 proposed the toast of the Right Hon. the Earl of Warwick Right Worshipful Grand Master for Essex. He asked indulgence in having been called upon to stand in the shoes of so distinguished and eloquent a Brother as Deputy Provincial Grand Master Philbrick, and propose the toast of the day. The Earl of Warwick, he said, had many titles; but he was sure he valued no title more highly than that of Provincial Grand Master of Essex, and he was also sure that in the various positions in which he was placed there were none in

which he was valued more highly and in which his qualities were more fully recognised than by the Masons of Essex.

The Provincial Grand Master, who was enthusiastically received on rising, thanked the brethren most heartily for the manner in which his health had been proposed and received. He had in Lodge expressed the very great satisfaction which it gave him to meet them again in the old town of Colchester. As he then told them, it carried him back to about fifteen years ago, when he was a much younger man—much more ignorant, perhaps, in Masonry, and ignorant in many ways—when he first came before them. He believed the Masons of Essex had done a great deal for him—and from what he could hear from the Senior Warden, his fellow-townsmen in Colchester did a great deal for him on a celebrated occasion. One thing had always been most pleasing to him; he was not only on the friendliest terms with Masons, but also with all parties in the town, whether Radical or Conservative. He thought Freemasonry, perhaps, gave one larger views, and it was not a bad thing sometimes to see both sides of a question, although he did not think vacillation was a thing to admire or uphold. One thing he was proud of that day. They had shown that there was something real and genuine in Freemasonry—something beyond the pleasure of meeting together and the pleasure of banqueting. They had in the Lodge that day subscribed the handsome sum of over 200 guineas towards the fund in relief of the great disaster which had befallen a part of their county. They had decided to keep the fund open for a fortnight, so that any Lodges or brethren who desired to contribute might send their money to the Provincial Grand Secretary.

The Provincial Grand Master next proposed the toast of His Honour Judge Philbrick, Q.C., G.Reg. Deputy Provincial Grand Master for Essex, repeating the regret they all felt at the absence of His Honour. He coupled with the toast the name of Bro. T. J. Ralling Prov. Grand Secretary, to whose devotion to Masonic interests he paid a high tribute, and expressed gratitude to him for his exertions on behalf of the Province.

Bro. Ralling, in the course of a happy reply, assured the Brethren that his interest in Masonry was as warm as ever. Speaking from a considerable experience, he asserted that at no time was Masonry so flourishing in Essex as at the present time, and the present gathering was the finest they had ever had, which he could only compare with the gathering they had at Easton Lodge—a repetition of which he hoped some day to see.

The name of Bro. McLeod Secretary of the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys was coupled with the visitors, also proposed by the noble Earl. Brother McLeod said a visit to the Essex Provincial Grand Lodge was such a pleasure that he gladly embraced the opportunity of being with them that day. The harmony with which all the business was carried out and the genuine ring of charity which pervaded the Lodge had been most pleasing to the visitors. As regarded his special charity, he said the Province was most fortunate in having so good a representative on the Board of Management as Bro. George Corble, who was most assiduous in looking after the interests of the School. The Province had shown their appreciation of Bro. Corble's services by re-nominating him to the position.

The toast of the Worshipful Masters of the Lodges in the Province was responded to by Bro. Harry E. Baker W.M. United Lodge, No. 697, and Bro. Claude Egerton-Green W.M. 51. The former claimed for his Lodge that his Lordship had no more loyal and hardworking a body of Brethren; whilst the latter, referring to the harmonious working of the two Lodges together, facetiously remarked that if they were not all "Angels" they were certainly "United."

The day's proceedings concluded with a very pleasant garden party, a large number of Ladies visiting the grounds by invitation of the Brethren. The popular band of the York and Lancaster Regiment, under Bro. Bandmaster Wood, which had played selections during the dinner, continued to discourse sweet music till the shades of evening brought a most successful meeting to a close.—"Essex Standard."

NORTH AND EAST YORKS.

MORE than usual interest was attached to the annual meeting of the Provincial Grand Lodge of North and East Yorks which was held on the 15th, at Whitby. This was mainly owing to two reasons—first, that the Lion Lodge, No. 312, at whose invitation the brethren assembled, was celebrating its 100th anniversary festival, and, secondly, that Whitby is always considered one of the most pleasant outings afforded the members of the Craft. Although, of course, not able to accompany the Brethren within the sacred precincts of the Lodge, many of the fair sex took the journey to Whitby, and spent a most enjoyable time at the old historic abbey, and in visiting many other points of interest with which the famous jet town abounds.

The Provincial Grand Lodge was opened at two o'clock in

the Lodge-room at the Grand Saloon. The Marquis of Zetland Provincial Grand Master presided, and was supported by Lord Bolton D.P.G.M.

The minutes of the last meeting, held at Hull, were confirmed. The annual report of the Board of Benevolence was adopted. This recorded several grants to widows of deceased brethren, as also to members of the Craft, who, through calamity and misfortune, had been placed in reduced circumstances. The balance of the Fund at the end of the financial year was stated to be £1,046 15s 7d.

The Treasurer's balance sheet was of a very satisfactory character.

On the motion of Bro. T. B. Whytehead it was resolved "That in future the official duties of the Provincial Grand Treasurer be undertaken by the Provincial Grand Secretary, and that an annual honorarium of ten pounds be voted to the P.G. Secretary in recognition of the additional work entailed by the change of arrangements." Several minor alterations in the bye-laws were agreed to.

The Rev. Fox-Thomas P.P.G.C. read a most amusing and interesting paper on the History of Freemasonry in Whitby, tracing the same from 1616 to 1897.

The Marquis of Zetland feelingly referred to the lamented death of Bro. Joseph Todd P.G. Treasurer, and then presented the Centenary Warrant to the W.M. of the Lion Lodge. Reviewing the Masonic events during the past twelve months, his lordship said the assembly last month at the Albert Hall was the largest ever known, the Masonic charities benefiting to the extent of £3,000. Locally, the celebration of the fifth festival of the North and East Yorkshire Educational Fund held in May was a great success, as upwards of £1,036 was realised. Next year the Centenary of the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys would be held, on which occasion the Prince of Wales G.M. would preside.

Subsequently the annual banquet was purveyed at the Crown Hotel, the Marquis of Zetland presiding. During the evening a grand ball was held in the saloon, in celebration of the centenary of the Lion Lodge.

The Centenary commemoration of this Lodge may be said to have commenced on Sunday, 11th inst., when the brethren attended the Congregational Church in full Masonic costume, and an appropriate sermon was preached by the Rev. E. Fox-Thomas P.M. Chaplain of the Lodge and Past Provincial Grand Chaplain.

Yorkshire takes almost a premier position in connection with English Freemasonry, as the first head-quarters of the mystic Craft are said to have been established at York, says the "Leeds Mercury." Whitby also has a prominent place in the history of Yorkshire Masonry, for according to ancient documents and records there were two "Free Maisons" in Whitby as far back as 1616 and 1639. The first Lodge constituted in Whitby was the Golden Lion, warranted in 1764, and which met at the Golden Lion Inn, a licensed house, which dates back to the days of the Stuart dynasty. Now, this Lodge is believed to have continued in existence until about the year 1772, when it was erased for not making its orthodox returns to Grand Lodge, and the Britannia Lodge was established that year in its stead and warranted by the Grand Lodge. Its assemblies were first at the Buck Inn, and later at the Plough Inn, Church street. Although this Lodge is said to have been most popular and prosperous for some time, for some unexplained reason it seems to have declined, and to have been dissolved. Some of its members evidently desired a new constitution, and were really the founders of the present Lion Lodge, to which the jewels belonging to the old Lodge were presented. The formation of the Lion Lodge took place in 1797. Its original members were unquestionably in many instances some of the most influential inhabitants of Whitby and its vicinity, and the high respectability of this time-honoured Lodge has been fully maintained ever since. Its first place of meeting was at the Golden Lion Inn, then at the Freemasons' Tavern, later on at the Angel Inn, and lastly at the Masonic Hall since 1859. All the minute books since 1797 are extant, and in good preservation.

The Lodge at present numbers 100 brethren, and the W.M., is Bro. J. H. Harrowing, C.C. In connection with the Lodge there is also the Britannia Chapter of Royal Arch Masons, and a Mark Lodge, and they, like the Mother Lodge, are flourishing. There are several Jubilee brethren connected with the Lodge still surviving, and the oldest of these were initiated in 1838, 1839, and 1840. A number of these venerable brethren paid a visit to the Zetland Lodge at Leeds only last year, at the installation of the W.M. of that Lodge, and received a cordial welcome from Leeds Craftsmen.

The number of Lion brethren who have had Provincial honours awarded to them shows the high appreciation in which this old-established Lodge has always been held. A Masonic Library, which promises to be a valuable treasury of Masonic literature, has been formed in the Lodge.

The last time Provincial Grand Lodge visited Whitby was

in 1884, and then, as now, the West Cliff Saloon, of which Sir George Elliot, Bart., is the owner, was kindly placed at the disposal of the promoters of the gathering. This year, from its two-fold character, the visit of the Provincial brethren being combined with the Lion Lodge's centenary commemoration, the event assumed an interest which it has not before possessed.

The Marquis of Zetland appointed and invested his Officers for the ensuing year, as follow :

Bro. J. S. Moss 312	-	-	-	Senior Warden
W. Richardson 561	-	-	-	Junior Warden
Rev. W. T. Robson 543	-	-	-	} Chaplains
Rev. J. Baker 123	-	-	-	
S. Reed 312	-	-	-	
M. C. Peck 250	-	-	-	Treasurer
J. H. Buchanan 1416	-	-	-	Secretary
L. B. Brekke 250	-	-	-	Registrar
J. Winterschladen 1848	-	-	-	} Senior Deacons
D. Morley 294	-	-	-	
J. H. Shanksmith 1611	-	-	-	} Junior Deacons
J. M. Bottomley 1848	-	-	-	
J. G. Wallis 2494	-	-	-	Superintendent of Works
J. Holland 2391	-	-	-	Director of Ceremonies
J. G. Loam 630	-	-	-	Deputy Dir. of Cers.
H. Heggleshaw 566	-	-	-	Assist. Dir. of Cers.
Major Wilson 734	-	-	-	Sword Bearer
J. T. Belt 2134	-	-	-	Standard Bearer
H. Hallgate 312	-	-	-	Assist. Standard Bearer
T. B. Redfearn 1511	-	-	-	Organist
W. Highmoor 1040	-	-	-	Assistant Secretary
F. S. Pexton 1756	-	-	-	Pursuivant
				Assistant Pursuivant.

SHROPSHIRE.

AN unusual, if not unique, gathering took place at Shrewsbury on the 14th inst., when the members of the Shropshire Province held a special Festival in commemoration of the Queen's sixty years reign.

The proceedings commenced with the annual meeting of the Provincial Grand Lodge, which was held in the Music Hall, under the presidency of Sir Offley Wakeman, Bart., Provincial Grand Master, who was accompanied by Bro. Rowland G. Venables P.A.G.D.C. Deputy Provincial Grand Master.

The usual reports having been read, the Prov. Grand Master appointed and invested the Officers for the ensuing year, as follow :—

Bro. Major A. Heber-Percy 1575 & 262	-	-	-	Senior Warden
A. S. Townsend 611 & 117	-	-	-	Junior Warden
Rev. J. Lewis Williams 1621	-	-	-	} Chaplains
Rev. J. B. Meredith 1124	-	-	-	
J. H. Cooksey 1621	-	-	-	
W. T. Smith 1621	-	-	-	Treasurer
W. H. Spaul 1124 P.A.G.D.C.	-	-	-	Registrar
W. C. C. Peele 262	-	-	-	Secretary
Lieut.-Col. J. M. Maltby 1124	-	-	-	Senior Deacon
T. Ashmore 1896	-	-	-	Junior Deacon
W. Baxter 2311 & 117	-	-	-	Superintendent of Works
H. F. Newman 2311 & 117	-	-	-	Director of Ceremonies
R. de Courcy Peele 611	-	-	-	Assist. Dir. of Cers.
Arthur Minshall 2131	-	-	-	Sword Bearer
T. T. Chubb 2311	-	-	-	} Standard Bearers
H. H. Tims 1432	-	-	-	
T. Owen 1432	-	-	-	Organist
C. H. Deighton 1621	-	-	-	Assistant Secretary
E. M. Gardner 1432	-	-	-	Pursuivant
W. Bromfield 1896	-	-	-	Assistant Pursuivant
F. Salisbury 262	-	-	-	} Stewards
C. J. Glasson 2131	-	-	-	
J. W. Littlewood 601	-	-	-	
H. W. Hughes 117	-	-	-	
H. J. Skelding 1621	-	-	-	} Tyler.
Henry Goodall 1621	-	-	-	

The reports of the children in the Masonic Institutions from the Province were read, which stated that they were good and attentive. Bro. W. H. Spaul 1124 Past A.G.D.C. P.P.S.G.W. Prov.G.Secretary and Vice-President of the Institution, was afterwards nominated for election on the Board of Management of the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys.

The Prov. Grand Master having appointed the next annual communication of the Provincial Grand Lodge to be held at Market Drayton, votes of thanks were unanimously passed to the Ven. Archdeacon Maude for kindly allowing the commemoration service to take place at St. Chad's Church, and to Bro. the Rev. Cooper Smith, D.D., for his visit to the Province in order to preach the special sermon, and he replied.

A vote of thanks was also passed to Messrs. Eyre and Spottiswoode, H.M. printers, for kindly allowing the Province to reprint the Bishop of Wakefield's Jubilee hymn, "Oh, King of Kings," in the programme of the day's proceedings. The Provincial Grand Lodge was closed in ancient form.

The Brethren then assembled in a tent specially erected in the Quarry, from which, attired in full Masonic regalia, they marched to St. Chad's Church for Divine worship. A very large crowd assembled to watch the procession, which elicited considerable interest. The congregation was a large one.

A special form of service was gone through, which included the singing of the Bishop of Wakefield's Jubilee Hymn, "O King of Kings," "The Hallelujah Chorus," and the National Anthem, and the entire service was characterised by great heartiness. The first lesson was read by the Provincial Grand Chaplain Bro. the Rev. J. Lewis Williams, the second by P.P.G.C. Bro. the Rev. J. B. Meredith.

The sermon was preached by Bro. the Rev. H. R. Cooper-Smith, D.D., Past Grand Chaplain, who took as his text the words "Sirs, ye are Brethren" (Acts vii, 26). In the course of an appropriate discourse the preacher alluded to the position of Freemasonry from a religious point of view, and maintained that it was in no sense inconsistent with the principles of Christianity, and no unbeliever could be admitted within its pale. Masons were loyal to the Crown and Queen, and Her Majesty was their Patron. At such a time as the present Masons desired to emphasise the relations in which they stood to the Queen and to each other, and whatever might have been the action of those in other countries or in other times, the loyalty of the English Masons was undoubted, and the service that day was an expression of their feeling of love towards the Queen, and of gratitude to Almighty God for the happy and prosperous years during which Victoria's reign has lasted.

At the close of the sermon a collection was made on behalf of the Queen Victoria Diamond Jubilee Fund of the Shropshire Masonic Charitable Association. After the service the Brethren returned to the Quarry, and subsequently sat down to lunch in the Music Hall. There were in all about 150 members of the Craft in attendance at the festival, under the presidency of Sir Offley Wakeman, Bart.

CHURCH SERVICE.

ON Sunday, 11th inst., a very interesting service was held at St. Mary Abbots, Kensington. The new Vicar, the Rev. Canon Pennefather holds the rank of P.P.G.C., and as a kind of welcome many Brethren attended, wearing Masonic clothing, when a special service was used, consisting of a shortened form of the Evening Service, special Psalms, lessons, and hymns. All who officiated were Masons, and wore their clothing over their surplices.

The Vicar preached a very able and practical sermon from Galatians vi., 5 and 2, "For ever man shall bear his own burden," and "Bear ye one another's burdens, and so fulfil the law of Christ." He remarked there appeared to be some difference between the two texts. They were told not only to bear their own burdens, but they must help bear another's burdens. Although this appeared somewhat contradictory, yet it was perfectly true. Every one had his own burden, one which was particularly his own, and which no one else could bear for him. These were more particularly felt when friend sympathised with friend, and at times when they stole away from busy scenes, and were alone with God. Even when walking through the most crowded thoroughfares they realised they were alone bearing their own responsibility. They might see a man or woman at dinner with a careworn look on their face—the sign of sorrow could be read there. What was the meaning? It was that the individual was realising his own individuality. Sorrows might have entered their home, and friends speak kindly and write letters of sympathy, but still there was that aching in the heart when they realised they were alone, comparatively speaking, with God, and bearing their own burden. But they must remember that it was the burden God had made for them. It might be with respect to the responsibilities of life. He hoped they realised the meaning of such responsibilities. Why had God sent them into the world and endowed them with such powers as they had? Was it that they should live for their own interest; simply to acquire wealth and get on in the world, as some had done so well? If they did so, they did not understand. God had sent them not to live a selfish life, but to live for others, to spend their time in the Master's service. Did they realise that the most blessed days in life were those in which they carried out the will of the Father, doing good to others? Did they understand the responsibility—that one day they would have to give an account of their work? Every man bore his own burden when he realised his individuality. The memory of sin which fell on everyone seemed to come as a black hideous spectre in the night. They tried, but could not banish it, but a voice said unto them, "Cast your burden on the Lord." That was the only way. He loved them as brothers loved, and died on Calvary's cross to take away their sins. They had also to endeavour to live for others, and to bear, as far as God gave them strength, one another's burdens. "All ye that are weary and heavy laden draw near unto God," said the Apostle. They had to help those who were striving to fight the good fight of faith. Some at times felt weary, and wished to give up the struggle, but as even one of the principles of their great

and noble society was to help one another, so they must hold out the hand of sympathy to those in sorrow, and if they grasped each others hands and went forward shoulder to shoulder, helping each other, then by the grace of God they would conquer. Kind words of sympathy helped to shake off the dark shadow of sorrow in the same manner as Brethren of their Craft held out a helping hand to those who in the struggle and battle of life were almost giving way, and to help remove the grinding crush of poverty. That was one of the ways in which they fulfilled the law of Christ and helped to bear one another's burdens. He considered it a great privilege to welcome them in that church. What a magnificent power they would be if only they were true to their own Craft, and in their daily life remembered the principles on which the Craft was founded and the high standard of Christian love and charity to follow. The world would be much better for their lives, and they would be much happier themselves if they only tried to make the lives of others happier. Let them be good Masons, and strive to do their duty to their Brethren, and the higher view they took of their Craft and the more they remembered its principles, the better and more useful men they would be—prepared to go forward and build up the Church of Christ. He was asking that day on behalf of the Kensington Dispensary. They had particularly requested it should not be for a Masonic charity, but for the dispensary which was doing such noble and good work in the whole of the parish of Kensington, and as bearing the burden of others was fulfilling the law of Christ. He knew they would make an offertory worthy of themselves, worthy of their Craft, and worthy of the cause for which he pleaded.

A collection having been made, amounting to over £40, the Brethren returned to the Town Hall and disrobed.—“Kensington News.”

HOLIDAY ARRANGEMENTS.

GREAT WESTERN RAILWAY.

THIS Company issue ordinary as well as excursion tickets at their principal City and West-end Offices, and this arrangement is probably never so much appreciated as during the week preceding Bank Holiday, when large numbers of people avail themselves of the opportunity thus afforded for obtaining tickets at their own time and without the crowding and worry inseparable from a large railway station at holiday seasons. The fares charged are the same as at Paddington and the tickets are available for use under precisely the same conditions as those issued at that station. The following are the offices at which tickets are issued: 193 and 407 Oxford Street, 23 New Oxford Street, 269 Strand, 4 Holborn Circus, 29 Charing Cross, Cambridge Circus (Shaftesbury Avenue), The Piazza (Covent Garden), 26 Regent Street, 5 Arthur Street East (London Bridge), 82 Queen Victoria Street, 181 Tottenham Court Road, 67 Gresham Street, 4 Cheapside, 17 Brompton Road, Minories (opposite Goodman's Yard), “Nag's Head” 137 Borough High Street, and the L. B. and S. C. Company's Office, under the Grand Hotel, Trafalgar Square.

The booking offices at Paddington Station will be open for the issue of tickets all day on Wednesday, Thursday, Friday, and Saturday, 28th, 29th, 30th, 31st July, and the tickets issued (except those for specified excursion trains) will be available for use on any of those days.

To meet the expected additional traffic by the ordinary trains on Saturday, 31st July, the Company will run in duplicate the 11.45 a.m. and 3.0, 6.0, and 9.0 p.m. trains to the West of England, the 1.30, 4.45 and 6.50 p.m. trains to the North, and the 12.0 noon train to South Wales. The first portion of the 3.0 and 9.0 p.m. trains will leave Paddington at 2.55 p.m. and 8.55 p.m. respectively, but the first portions of the other trains will leave at the advertised times, and the second a few minutes afterwards, the long distance passengers being, as far as possible, taken in the first portion, but with a few exceptions both trains will stop at the advertised stations to take up and set down passengers. On Thursday, 29th July, excursion passengers will be booked to Cork and Killarney at 3.35 p.m., and on Friday, 30th July, at 4.45 p.m., to Belfast, Armagh, Giant's Causeway, &c., and at 6.10 p.m. to Limerick, Killarney, and other places in the South of Ireland. Fast excursion trains for the West of England will leave Paddington at 10.10 p.m., and for South Wales at 12.25 midnight on Friday, 30th July, and at 7.55 a.m., 11.5 a.m., 12.40 noon, and 10.10 p.m. on Saturday, 31st July, for the West of England. Excursions will also be run on Saturday, 31st July, to Bath, Bristol, Dorchester, Weymouth, Marlborough, Devizes, Gloucester, Cheltenham, Worcester, Malvern, Hereford, Stratford-on-Avon, Birmingham, Wolverhampton, Oswestry, Chester, Liverpool, Manchester, Isle of Man, and other places served by the Great Western system.

In addition to the Weekly Excursion Trains to the West of England and Weymouth districts, an Excursion train leaves Paddington at 8.10 a.m. every Saturday during July, August, and September, for Shrewsbury, Llanidloes, Aberystwyth, Barmouth, Harlech, Rhyl, Colwyn Bay, Llandudno, Bettws-y-coed, Bangor, Carnarvon, and other stations in North Wales, for 3, 8, 10, 15 or 17 days.

Passengers are also booked every Saturday to Guernsey and Jersey, via Weymouth, and the short sea passage to the Islands, by the Trains leaving Paddington at 8.50 a.m. and 9.45 p.m. Third class return tickets, available for 3, 8, 10, 15 or 17 days are issued at a fare of 24s 6d. There is now a daily daylight service from Weymouth to Guernsey and Jersey, in addition to the night boats.

On Sunday, 1st, excursions will be run to Cirencester, Stroud, Gloucester, Cheltenham, &c., and at 12.15 midnight an excursion for 1 or 4 days will leave Paddington for Oxford, Leamington, Birmingham, Wolverhampton, &c. On Monday, 2nd August, cheap trains will be run to Reading, Pangbourne, Goring, Wallingford, Bath, Bristol, Stroud, Gloucester, Cheltenham, &c.

Cheap third class excursion tickets are issued daily by specified trains from Paddington, Kensington (Addison Road), Hammersmith, and certain stations on the Metropolitan, Metropolitan District and North London Railways, to Staines, Windsor, Taplow, Maidenhead, Henley and other popular riverside resorts.

MIDLAND RAILWAY.

ON Monday, 2nd August, certain booked trains will be discontinued, of which due notice will be given by special bills at the stations.

For the convenience of the public the Midland Railway Company have arranged that the Booking Offices at St. Pancras and Moorgate Street Stations shall be open for the issue of tickets all day on Friday and Saturday, 30th and 31st July. Tickets to all principal Stations on the Midland Railway will also be obtainable beforehand at their Offices in different parts of the metropolis, the tickets obtained at these Offices being available from St. Pancras Station, issued at the same fares as charged at that Station, and dated to suit the convenience of Passengers.

Cheap Excursions will be run from London on Friday night, 30th July, to Stirling, Perth, Aberdeen, Inverness, &c., for four or nine days, and to Edinburgh, Glasgow, Dumfries, Castle Douglas, Ayr, &c., for 8 days, by which trains Third Class Return Tickets will be issued at a Single Fare for the double journey, available for 16 days. Cheap Excursion Tickets will be issued from London (St. Pancras) to Dublin, Belfast, Londonderry, &c., and Excursion Tour Tickets to the North of Ireland on Friday, 30th July. (See Bills for times, fares, routes, &c.) On Saturday, 31st July, Cheap Excursion trains will be run to Leicester, Nottingham, Melton, Birmingham, Walsall, Wolverhampton, Burton, Derby, Manchester, Liverpool, Blackburn, Bolton, Preston, Wigan, Blackpool, Rochdale, Oldham, Bury, the Furness District, Sheffield, Leeds, Bradford, Barnsley, Keighley, York, Hull, Scarborough, Darlington, Durham, Newcastle, Carlisle, &c., &c., returning the following Monday or Thursday. On Monday, 2nd August, day trips will be run from London (St. Pancras) to Southend-on-Sea, St. Albans, Harpenden, Luton, Bedford, Kettering, and Leicester; a 1 or 4 days' trip to Birmingham, and a 2 days' Excursion to Manchester. Tickets for these Trains for starting from St. Pancras Station can be obtained on the two days previous to the running of the Trains at the above-named Offices.

Cheap Season Excursion Tickets are now issued each Saturday (until 25th September), from London (St. Pancras) to Matlock, Buxton, Liverpool, Southport, Blackpool, Lytham, St. Anne's-on-Sea, the Isle of Man, Morecambe, Lancaster, the English Lake District, &c., available for passengers to return in either 3, 8, 10, 15 or 17 days.

Cheap Excursion Trains for six days will be run to London from Carlisle, Keighley, Bradford, Leeds, Barnsley, Sheffield, Liverpool, Manchester, Blackburn, Bolton, Burnley, Bury, Rochdale, Burton, Derby, Lincoln, Nottingham, Birmingham, Walsall, Wolverhampton, Leicester, &c., and from Manchester, Stockport, &c., for 3 and 6 days, on Saturday, 31st July. Passengers will be booked by the six days' excursion Trains at cheap fares to Brighton and other South Coast Stations for 5, 8, 10, or 15 days; to Paris and other places on the Continent, having the privilege of returning within sixteen days. On Monday, 2nd August, Cheap Day Trips to London will be run from Bradford, Leeds, Derby, Nottingham, Leicester, Birmingham, Bedford, Luton, St. Albans, a 1, 2 and 4 days' trip from Barnsley, Sheffield, Chesterfield, &c., and a 2 or 4 days' trip from Manchester, Stockport, &c.

Cheap daily and week-end Excursion Tickets are issued from St. Pancras and other Midland Stations to Southend-on-Sea by the new and shorter route, via the Tottenham and Forest Gate Line.

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Night Service (Sundays excepted).—Paddington depart 9.45 p.m., Weymouth depart 2.15 a.m., reaching Guernsey about 6.45 a.m. and Jersey about 9.0 a.m. There is no night service from the Islands.

Excursions will leave Paddington Station as under:

Every Saturday, 8.50 a.m. (Special Day Service Express) and 9.45 p.m. (Night Boat Express), for Guernsey and Jersey, for 3, 8, 10, 15 or 17 days. Return Fare, Third Class and After Cabin, 24s 6d.

Passengers pass direct between the Trains and Steamers at Weymouth.

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DURING JULY, AUGUST AND SEPTEMBER, SPECIAL FAST EXCURSIONS will leave PADDINGTON STATION, as under:

Every Friday Night, 10.10 p.m. for Exeter, Dawlish, Teignmouth, Plymouth, Devonport, Bodmin, Wadebridge, Newquay, Truro, Falmouth, St. Ives, Penzance, Scilly Islands, &c., for 3, 8, 10, 15 or 17 days.

12.25 midnight for Chepstow, Newport, Cardiff, Swansea, Llanelly, Carmarthen, Pembroke Dock, Tenby, Cardigan, New and Old Milford, &c., for 7 or 14 days.

Every Saturday, 7.55 a.m. for Minehead, Lynton, Lynmouth, Barnstaple, Ilfracombe, Plymouth, Tavistock, Launceston, Devonport, Newquay, Truro, Falmouth, St. Ives, Penzance, &c., for 3, 8, 10, 15 or 17 days.

8.10 a.m. for Wellington, Shrewsbury, Church Stretton, Leominster, Hereford, Oswestry, Welshpool, Aberystwyth, Llangollen, Corwen, Bala, Blaenau Ffestiniog, Dolgelly, Barmouth, Harlech, Criccieth, Chester, Birkenhead, Liverpool, Rhyl, Llandudno, Bettws-y-Coed, Bangor, Carnarvon, Llanberis (for Snowdon), &c., for 3, 8, 10, 15 or 17 days.

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.

12.5 noon for Newbury, Savernake, Marlborough, Devizes, Trowbridge, Warminster, &c., for 3, 10 or 17 days.

12.40 noon for Clevedon, Weston-Super-Mare, Bridgwater, Taunton, Minehead (for Lynton and Lynmouth), Barnstaple, Ilfracombe, Wellington (Som.), Tiverton, &c., for 3, 10 or 17 days.

4.0 p.m. for Swindon, Stroud, Cirencester, Gloucester, Cheltenham, Hereford, &c., for 3, 10 or 17 days.

6.15 p.m. for Chippenham, Bath and Bristol, for 3, 10 or 17 days.

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

Saturday, 31st July, 8.10 a.m. to Wellington, Hereford, Chester, Birkenhead, Liverpool, &c., for 3 or 6 days.

8.15 a.m. to Chipping Norton, Cheltenham, Moreton, Evesham, Worcester, Malvern, &c., for 6 days.

9.55 a.m. to Market Drayton, Nantwich, Crewe, Stockport, Warrington, and Manchester, for 3 or 6 days.

6.50 p.m. to Stratford-on-Avon and Dudley, for 3 or 6 days.

7.5 p.m. to Oxford, Banbury, Leamington, Warwick, Birmingham, Wolverhampton, &c., for 3 or 6 days.

Sunday, 1st August, 8.15 a.m. for Cirencester, Stroud, Gloucester, Cheltenham, &c., for 1, 2 or 9 days.

Sunday Midnight, 12.15 midnight for Oxford, Leamington, Birmingham, Wolverhampton, &c., for 1 or 4 days.

Bank Holiday, Monday, 2nd August, 6.5 a.m. for Swindon, Chippenham, Bath and Bristol, for 1, 2, 8 or 15 days.

6.10 a.m. for Stroud, Stonehouse, Cheltenham, Gloucester, &c., for 1 or 8 days.

7.10 a.m. Day Trip to Reading, Pangbourne, Goring, Wallingford, Swindon, &c.

A FORTNIGHT IN IRELAND.

Thursdays, 29th July, 12th, 26th August, 9th, 23rd September, 3.35 p.m. for Cork and Killarney.

Fridays, 30th July, 13th, 27th August, 10th, 24th September, 6.10 p.m. for Waterford, Dungarvan, Lismore, Clonmel, Tipperary, Kilkenny, Killarney, &c.

4.45 p.m. for Belfast, Armagh, Enniskillen, Larne, Giant's Causeway, &c.

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

Lists of Lodgings, Tickets, and full particulars can be obtained at the Company's Stations, and at the usual Receiving Offices.

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Friday, 30th July to Edinburgh, Glasgow, Stirling, Perth, Dundee, Aberdeen, and all parts of Scotland, allowing of return up to 16 days.

Saturday, 31st July, to Matlock, Buxton, Manchester, Liverpool, Blackpool, Leeds, Bradford, Hull, Scarborough, Morecambe, the Lake District, and other Holiday Resorts in Derbyshire, Lancashire, Yorkshire, the North Eastern District, &c., returning on 2nd or 5th August.

Monday, 2nd August, to Southend-on-Sea, St. Albans, Harpenden, Luton, Bedford, Leicester, Birmingham, and Manchester, returning as per bills.

NEW CHEAP WEEKLY EXCURSIONS.

Every Saturday, until 25th September, to English Lake District, the Isle of Man, Morecambe, Lancaster, Liverpool, Southport, Blackpool, Matlock, Buxton, &c., for 3, 8, 10, 15 or 17 days.

NORTH OF ENGLAND AND SCOTLAND.

For particulars of the fortnightly excursions on alternate Fridays to the North of England, and all parts of Scotland, see Special Bills.

A FORTNIGHT IN IRELAND.

Cheap tickets are now issued to Dublin and South of Ireland, Londonderry, Belfast, Portrush, also Excursion Tour Tickets to Belfast and the North of Ireland. See Bills for times, fares, routes, &c.

CHEAP WEEK-END TICKETS

are now issued every Friday and Saturday from London (St. Pancras) and other principal Midland Stations to the chief holiday and pleasure resorts in the Peak District of Derbyshire, Yorkshire, the North East Coast and other parts, available for return on the following Sunday (where train service permits), Monday, or Tuesday.

Tickets, Week-end Excursion Programmes, Lodging Lists, Bills, &c., may be had at the Midland Stations and City Booking Offices, and from Thos. Cook and Son, Ludgate Circus, and Branch Offices.

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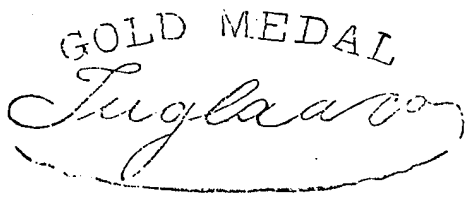
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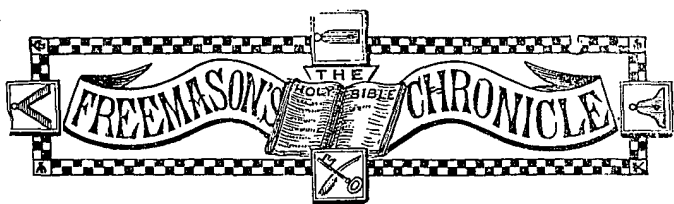
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SATURDAY, 24TH JULY 1897.

BOARD OF BENEVOLENCE.

THE July meeting of the Board of Benevolence was held on Wednesday evening, at Freemasons' Hall, the three chairs being occupied by Bro. James H. Matthews President, D. D. Mercer Senior Vice-President, and C. A. Cottebrune Junior Vice-President. The Grand Secretary and Bros. W. Dodd, G. S. Recknell and H. Sadler G.T. represented the Grand Secretary's office, and many other Brethren attended.

A list of twenty cases was before the Brethren for consideration, and in the course of the evening £465 was voted to seventeen of these, the remainder being deferred for non-compliance with rules. Grand Lodge was recommended to give £60 in one case, and the Grand Master was asked to sanction £40 being given in four cases, £30 in four cases, and £25 in another case. The sum of £20 was voted in two instances, £15 in two, and £10 in three. This concluded the meeting's business.

CANTERBURY CATHEDRAL.

ON Friday, 16th inst., a special meeting of the Provincial Grand Lodge of Kent was held in the Chapter House, Canterbury, for the purpose of formally handing over to the Dean and Chapter the new east window, presented by the Freemasons of Kent. The Provincial Grand Master Earl Amherst presided, supported by the Deputy Prov.G.M. Bro. J. S. Eastes, and several Grand and Provincial Grand Officers, altogether between 300 and 400 Brethren being present.

Provincial Grand Lodge having been opened, it was adjourned while the Dean was sent for. On entering the Chapter House, he was met by the Provincial Grand Officers and escorted to a seat on the right hand of the Provincial Grand Master, who then explained to the Dean the object of the gathering, and handed him an envelope in which was a cheque for £1,000, the cost of the window. The Dean, in an eloquent speech, expressed his deep gratitude to the Freemasons of Kent for their munificence. He said that it was, perhaps, rather his misfortune than his fault that he was not a Mason, but two of his sons were holding Office in the Craft, and he would not say what might happen to himself in the future. Speaking on behalf of the Chapter, as well as for himself, he assured the Masons that if they should require the Chapter House at any time for meetings, &c., it would be at their service. In again thanking the Masons of Kent for their splendid gift to the Cathedral, the Dean referred to the suggestion which he made to H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, that the companion window at the western end of the building should be filled with stained glass by the Masons of England, and he hoped this might be done. Provincial Grand Lodge was afterwards closed and many of the Brethren attended the afternoon service in the Cathedral, where Bro. Dr. Longhurst presided at the organ.

Previous to the ceremony, about 100 Brethren lunched together at the Foresters' Hall, under the presidency of the Provincial Grand Master.

HOW TO SECURE WORK.

IN every Masonic Lodge there is a desire that there should be frequent work. This is proper—nay more, the absence of such a prevalent desire on the part of the members is evidence not only that the Lodge is in an unhealthy condition, but that the members are pleased to have it so. The work of the Lodge is the life of the Lodge. It is to it what the circulation of the blood is to the individual man—the absence of circulation brings with it paralysis and invites death. We need not now discuss why this is so, but we take it for granted for the purpose of this article, which is to discover the most proper and praiseworthy methods for securing continual work for a Lodge. If idleness be death and industry life, it is important that it should be determined how a Lodge may be in the best sense of the term industrious.

For more purposes than one the Officers are the Lodge. Given the possession of attentive, earnest, skillful Officers, and the prosperity of the Lodge ordinarily must follow. They compel success. Their punctuality, energy, ability, and devotion to rendering the work correctly and forcibly are infectious. Like Master, like members. The Officers are the leaders, and where they go many others follow, what they do is copied generally by the body of the Craft over which they preside. They are the great luminaries—especially the W.M.—around whom all the others revolve. Given a thoroughly competent Master, and a live Lodge is almost inevitably the result. Moral: Select your Master, and do not let him select himself. In elevating him you are either elevating or lowering yourselves, since what he is that you will probably become. He, far more than any other Brother, determines the condition and character of the Lodge. Another moral: Masters, recognise the responsibilities you are under, and do everything in your power for the highest advancement of the Masonic body over which you have the honour to preside. Master the work in every part of its details. Be not slouchy about anything. Take a pride in saying the right thing in the right way. When you get your intellectual team into action, do not put the cart before the horse. Be sure you are right and then go ahead, with everything to hope for and nothing to fear. Having mastered the ritual, render it audibly, intelligently, earnestly. Show that you mean what you say, and manifest your sincerity by vigour of utterance, by propriety of intonation, and by downright earnestness. Throw yourself into the work. The result will be, every one will be interested, every one will be instructed. It will get abroad that excellent work is done in your Lodge, your membership will be largely drawn out, and you will also have numerous visitors. It does not require that you should be a Demosthenes or a Cicero to fill your role with distinction; it only requires that you should be sincere in manner, articulate your words clearly, and speak in tones so as to be heard by all in the Lodge.

But the members have duties to perform as well as the Officers. The Lodge is your Lodge. It made you, and you may make it—or mar it. If your Officers are model Officers, of course you are attracted to attend regularly, but if they be not, still attend regularly, and endeavour to give them such Fraternal aid and advice as will tend to improve them. They are your Officers, and you owe them your presence, your sympathy and your assistance. Especially is this true of Past Masters. These should never be past Masons! Never can a Brother who has been accorded the highest honours in the gift of his Lodge do too much for its advancement and prosperity. If it droops, it is in part his fault; if it prospers, he should be proud to be in part at least the cause of it. Where a healthy spirit of emulation exists among the members as to who can best work and best agree, that Lodge is on the high road to prosperity. It is a live Lodge, an active Lodge, a busy Lodge. Its work is ably performed, its charities are liberally dispensed, and its meetings are attractive and instructive. It properly unites labour and refreshment, and when the toil of the evening is over, the Brethren assemble around the fraternal board, and there enjoy those felicities of speech, anecdote and song which are only known in their perfection to Brethren of the Mystic Tie.

In no instance where the Officers and members of a Lodge conscientiously perform their several duties, can it be said that there is no Labour, no Refreshment, no harmony, and no attractiveness in the Lodge meetings. Just as surely as the work is correctly and impressively performed, so surely the members will be drawn together in increased numbers, and their presence will secure the frequent presentation of material for moulding into perfect ashlar, so that the spiritual Temple shall have constantly added to it living stones of value and beauty.—
"Keystone."

REPORTS OF MEETINGS.

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

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CRAFT: METROPOLITAN.

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WEST SMITHFIELD LODGE, No. 1623.

THE members of this highly successful Lodge held their final meeting for the season at the Freemasons' Hall, Great Queen Street, W.C., on Thursday, 15th inst., when Bro. T. G. Hodges P.M. 1695 W.M. presided, and was most ably assisted by his Officers, namely, Bros. S. H. C. Rumball I.P.M., B. F. Linnett S.W., C. W. Fink J.W., H. J. Howes P.M. Treasurer, H. H. Lardner P.M. Sec., H. Clinch S.D., C. A. Barter J.D. (who also acted as I.G.), P. H. Clisby P.M. Steward, J. G. Henrich Asst. Steward, A. Ellenden Charity Steward, H. Evenden P.M. Tyler.

Amongst other members present were Bros. R. F. Brickdale P.M., M. W. Worrall P.M., C. A. Barter, R. Paget, E. Wittenberg, P. Rottenberger, A. Gensler, H. T. Allen, F. Fink, E. Bennis, T. Roberts, J. S. Lion, Gush, J. Trower, H. E. Carr, G. Oates, W. A. Allen, R. Krumm, and several others, while the Visitors included Bros. Chapman S.W. 1278, Love P.M. Preceptor of Finsbury Park Lodge, Gray 2021, and others.

The Lodge having been opened in due form, the minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed.

Bro. J. Trower, a candidate for the third ceremony, having answered the usual questions, was entrusted, and when properly prepared was raised to the sublime degree of Master Mason, taking his seat amongst the Brethren as such.

Bro. H. E. Carr having proved himself proficient as an Apprentice, was passed to the degree of Fellow Craft.

The ballot was then taken and proved unanimously in favour of Mr. Max Wittenberg, Mr. Oscar Klugg, and Mr. Johann Heinrich Ruhmann, and those gentlemen being in attendance they were introduced and regularly initiated into the mysteries and privileges of the Order. All the ceremonies were most carefully and impressively worked.

The next business was the election of Worshipful Master, Treasurer, and Tyler for the ensuing year, with the agreeable result that Bro. B. F. Linnett was unanimously chosen as chief Officer, while Bro. H. J. Howes P.M., and Bro. H. Evenden P.M. were re-elected as Treasurer and Tyler respectively.

Bro. Linnett returned his sincere thanks for his election as Master, and assured the Brethren that the duties attached to his high office would be faithfully and zealously discharged. He also proposed that a Past Master's jewel should be presented to Bro. Hodges at the termination of his year of office, in recognition of his able services as Master of the Lodge. This was seconded and unanimously agreed to, and Bro. Hodges thanked the Brethren for their kind recognition.

The W.M. having received well-earned compliment for his excellent working, and the hearty good wishes of the visiting Brethren, he proceeded to close the Lodge.

The Brethren adjourned to the Holborn Restaurant, where the usual excellent banquet was provided for which this establishment is so highly renowned, the service being under the personal and able supervision of Bro. T. J. Hamp, the manager of the establishment.

After the banquet the customary Loyal and Masonic toasts were submitted from the chair, each being heartily received and honoured by the Brethren.

In highly complimentary terms Bro. Rumball I.P.M. proposed the health of the W.M. All knew how well he could do his work, as had been exemplified that evening in a manner that reflected great credit upon him, and also on the West Smithfield Lodge. He felt sure the Brethren would receive the toast with good fire.

The W.M. suitably returned thanks for the kind appreciation of the Brethren, which had so greatly encouraged him during his term of office.

The W.M. in most eloquent terms proposed the health of the visitors, saying the members were always pleased to see guests, and give them a hearty welcome.

The Visitors responded in suitable terms.

The next toast the W.M. had very much pleasure to propose was that of the Initiates, Pros. Max Wittenberg, Oscar Klugg, and Johann Heinrich Ruhmann, which was duly attended to.

Bro. Max Wittenberg thanked the W.M. for his kindness, and hoped in time to come to be a worthy Mason. He would do his best to earn their confidence.

Bro. Ruhmann and Bro. Klugg also thanked the W.M. and Brethren, in short, but eminently to the purpose, speeches.

Other toasts were duly given and responded to, and the Tyler's toast brought a most pleasant evening to a termination.

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INSTRUCTION.

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PROSPERITY LODGE, No. 65.

ON Wednesday, at the Weaver's Arms, London Wall, E.C., Bro. G. T. Kinipple W.M., F. J. Greig S.W., J. Brown J.W., D. Harlow P.M. Preceptor, H. T. Meadows Secretary, F. Dawe S.D., W. Read J.D., W. Strong I.G., J. Smith P.M., H. Saunior P.M., Drake, and Wynman.

The Lodge was advanced to the second degree and Bro. Saunior P.M. was examined and entrusted for the third, the ceremony of raising being rehearsed, he acting as candidate. The Lodge was resumed in the first degree, and Bro. James Smith P.M. having offered himself as candidate for initiation was accepted, and the ceremony was gone through.

Bro. J. Brown S.W. of the Mount Edgumbe Lodge, No. 1446, was elected a member. Being Officers' night the W.M. for the next meeting had been elected the previous meeting.

The rendering of the work throughout the evening was deserving of the highest praise.

WESTBOURNE LODGE, No. 733.

ON Tuesday, at Bro. Barnes's, Oliver Arms, Westbourne Terrace North, Harrow Road, W., Bro. J. L. Miller W.M., G. A. Knight S.W., C. Halston J.W., H. Dehane P.M. Preceptor, R. J. Rogers P.M. Treasurer Deputy Preceptor, G. D. Mogford P.M. Secretary, Bagnall J.D., J. Wynman I.G., W. J. Sweet.

The ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, Bro. Sweet candidate, after which the W.M. gave the charge. The Lodge was called off and on, advanced to the second degree, and Bro. G. D. Mogford was presented to be raised to the third, that ceremony being rehearsed. Bro. Knight will preside next Tuesday.

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ROYAL ALFRED LODGE, No. 780.

A VERY large meeting took place on Thursday, at Bro. Purkiss's, Star and Garter Hotel, Kew Bridge, under the presidency of Bro. F. M. Ridley W.M., with R. W. Robinson S.W., R. Goff J.W., R. H. Williams P.M. Preceptor, F. J. Larkman P.M. Treasurer, J. H. Cumming P.M. Secretary, W. Langdon S.D., C. C. Barter J.D., J. W. Blaydes I.G., Catling P.M., J. Dinnis P.M., H. Johnson, C. Wilcox, H. R. Worth, Justin Allen, T. Craggs P.M., C. Coombs P.M. W.M. 780, H. J. Gomm, B. Blasby P.M., J. Wynman, and several others.

The ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, Bro. Catling candidate. Bro. Williams P.M. Preceptor, assisted by the Brethren, worked the first and second sections of the lecture. Bro. C. Wilcox was examined and entrusted for the second degree, and the ceremony of passing was rehearsed.

The W.M. resumed the Lodge to the first degree, and Bro. R. Catling P.M. 2157 and W. Gomm P.M. 780 were elected members, both suitably responding.

Next Thursday, being the Preceptor's night, Bro. Williams will occupy the chair and rehearse the ceremony of installation. Bro. Robinson S.W. was elected W.M. for the following week.

Bro. Blasby P.M. 780 complimented the W.M. on his working, and also Bro. Williams for his excellent assistance as Preceptor, at the same time wishing the Royal Alfred Lodge of Instruction every success.

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RANELAGH LODGE, No. 834.

ON Friday, 16th inst., at the Six Bells, Hammersmith, Bro. R. Reed P.M. W.M., J. Banks S.W., W. J. Coplestone P.M. J.W., A. Williams P.M. Preceptor, F. Craggs P.M. Secretary, P. Cronin S.D., J. Cox P.M. J.D., H. Bone I.G., R. A. Williams P.P.G.J.D., W. Beattie P.M., J. J. Lewen, J. Wynman.

The Lodge was opened and closed in the three degrees, Bro. Lewen was entrusted, and the ceremony of raising was rehearsed. After the ceremony the W.M. gave the traditional history.

The Lodge was resumed to the first degree and the second section of the lecture was worked by the Preceptor, assistant by the Brethren.

Bro. Banks was elected W.M. for next meeting.

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HYDE PARK LODGE, No. 1425.

ON Monday, at the Prince of Wales Hotel, Eastbourne Terrace, Bishop's Road, W., Bro. J. H. Beardon W.M., G. E. Harris S.W., A. L. Butters P.M. J.W., G. Read P.G.S.B. Preceptor, H. Dehane P.M. Sec., C. B. Lumley S.D., A. Le Clair J.D., W. Smith I.G., W. J. Ferguson P.M. Dep. Preceptor, H. Crookes, J. Wynman.

The ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, Bro. Ferguson candidate. This ceremony being ended Bro. Ferguson offered himself as candidate for passing, and he was examined, entrusted, and the ceremony rehearsed.

Both these degrees were given in a perfect manner. Bro. Harris was elected W.M. for next meeting. Bro. C. B. Lumley, Bushey Hall Lodge, No. 2323, was elected a member, he thanking the W.M. and Brethren in suitable manner.

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PROVINCIAL.

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LODGE OF FREEDOM, No. 77.

THE installation meeting of this ancient Lodge took place, with considerable success, on Monday, at the Town Hall, Gravesend, which was placed at the disposal of the Lodge by the Corporation. In the absence of the Worshipful Master the Lodge was opened by Bro. James A. Whitfield I.P.M., and among those present were Past Masters R. J. Beamish Prov. A.D.C., G. T. King Prov. A.G.P., H. Doughty P.P.G.S.B., W. J. Hedger, F. Teece, Joseph Solomon, Jonas Hill P.P.G.P., J. C. Biggs P.P.G.D.C., F. W. Martin A.D.C., Frank Hitchens Prov. G.R., Arthur Ronaldson P.P.G.A.S. Kent, the Rev. A. Jackson P.P.G.C.; Bros. W. F. Martin, J. G. Prevost, Thomas Schultz, R. H. Drennan, W. Blyth, J. Munday, John J. Goldfinch, E. W. Bill, E. C. Paine, Josiah Nash, Hugh Paterson Mackenzie, E. Mason, G. Burnett, H. E. Keens, Frank Box, Alfred Bugler, E. B. Wilks I.G., Geo. R. Ceiley, John Fitch, R. Bugler, H. E. Porter, &c.

Visitors: Bros. Alfred Spencer P.P.G.S.B. Eng. Prov. Grand Secretary Kent, J. Morrison McLeod P.G.S.B., James Terry P.G.S.B., Rev. Cecil M. Bevan Prov. Grand Chaplain Kent, R. E. Beamish 153 (S.C.), R. J. C. Miller S.W. 1424, J. Maynard J.W. 1424, H. J. Bagshaw W.M. 1050, Thomas H. Bush W.M. 299, Robert Rurton 1343, F. G. Wallis-Whiddett 67, J. B. Colwill P.M. 1791, Ernest Ingman D.C. 483, William Hawker W.M. 483, O. Gillies P.M. 1237, George Billings W.M. 1364, Charles Cobham P.M. 949, J. P. White P.M. 483, Herbert T. Sells W.M. 1464, W. Hardwicke P.M. 343, Orton Cooper P.M. 211—altogether a goodly company.

The minutes of the last regular meeting having been read and confirmed, the Auditors presented their report, which was received and adopted. Bro. Samuel Stallworthy, of St. Martin's Lodge, No. 2455, was elected as a joining member of the Lodge. The chair was then taken by Bro. William Russell Grand Director of Ceremonies Provincial Grand Treasurer of Kent, &c., who had kindly undertaken to perform the installation ceremony.

Bro. William Gunn, who had been elected at the previous meeting, was formally presented by Bro. Frank Hitchens Provincial Grand Registrar, and signified his assent to the ancient charges and regulations. The Brethren then retired, and a Board of Installed Masters was formed, when Bro. Gunn was regularly placed in the chair of K.S. with the customary ceremonial of the Craft.

Upon the re-admission of the Brethren the new Master was saluted in the three degrees, and then proceeded to invest his Officers for the year:—George Masters S.W., John Solomon J.W., George Rackstraw P.M. Treas., John C. Biggs P.M. P.P.G.D.C. (for the thirteenth time) Secretary, the Rev. Augustus Jackson, M.A., P.M. P.P.G.C. Chaplain, Joseph Davis S.D., F. W. Martin J.D., Frank Hitchens P.M. Prov. G.R. D.C., Edward B. Wilks Assist. D.C., Robert Matthews I.G., G. R. Ceiley Organist, J. P. White P.M. Stwd., J. G. Prevost Asst. Steward, George Martin (for the fifty-third time) Tyler.

After the investiture had taken place Bro. Russell delivered the Addresses to the Master, Wardens, and the Brethren, in his usual able manner, which elicited the hearty applause of those present. A vote of thanks to Bro. Russell for his services was afterwards proposed by Bro. Doughty, seconded by Bro. King, and carried unanimously.

Before the Lodge was closed Bro. Whitfield proposed that the memorial stone to be inserted in the new entrance of the Parish Church of St. George, Gravesend, should be presented by the Freemasons of the town. It would be a solid block of marble, about five feet high by three feet deep, and it was intended to lay it with some ceremony during the next month. Bro. Russell, as one of the churchwardens, said he regarded the proposition with a favourable eye, because outsiders said that Freemasons too often frequented taverns and public houses, while here they would have a proof that they did not neglect their duties as regarded the church. He should be happy to become a subscriber.

The proposition was supported by several Brethren, and Bro. Whitfield subsequently announced that the amount had been subscribed.

Bro. Gunn having received the congratulations of the visiting Brethren the Lodge was closed in due form, and the meeting adjourned.

The installation banquet was served at the New Falcon Hotel, on the bank of the river, the large hall of which was particularly pleasant and cool, and the dinner reflected much credit upon Bro. W. Hardwicke, the courteous proprietor. At its termination the W.M. gave the health of the Queen and Prosperity to the Craft, which was drunk with enthusiasm.

He next submitted the Grand Master and the Officers of Grand Lodge, for whom Bros. William Russell and Alfred Spencer responded.

Bro. R. J. Beamish gave the Rt. Hon. Earl Amherst Provincial Grand Master of Kent, and spoke highly of the large amount of Masonic work undertaken by his lordship. Although they were delighted at the dignity conferred upon him by the Prince of Wales, yet they could not help regretting that his duties as Deputy Grand Master necessitated his occasional absence from among them.

Bro. Orlton Cooper proposed Bro. J. S. Eastes Deputy Prov. G.M. and the Provincial Grand Officers, which was acknowledged by the Rev. Cecil M. Bevan Prov. Grand Chaplain. He said the present Provincial Officers would follow the example set them by the past Officers, and act loyally towards their Master. Geographically Kent was a small county, but from a Masonic point of view it was a large and prosperous Province, with 4,000 Masons on its roll.

Bro. Jas. A. Whitfield then proposed the toast of the evening, that of the Worshipful Master. He had every reason to believe that he would do all that was required of him, and be a good Master and true Mason, so that at the termination of his year of office the Brethren would be satisfied.

Bro. Gunn acknowledged the compliment paid to him, and said that though he had taken office rather late in his Masonic years, he had now filled every office in the Lodge and had at length reached the chair. He knew that he followed an excellent Master, but hoped he would give satisfaction, as he was quite determined to maintain the prestige and uphold the dignity of their ancient Lodge.

Bro. J. C. Biggs, in an excellent speech, spoke of the Masonic Charities, which was eloquently responded to by Bro. James Terry Secretary of the Benevolent Institution, and Bro. J. M. McLeod Secretary of the Boys School.

Bro. Frank Hitchens proposed the visiting Brethren, for whom Bros. William Hawker, R. Renton, and J. B. Colwill returned thanks.

Bro. William Russell responded for the Past Masters, and said he was pleased, owing to the unexpected absence of the now I.P.M. Bro. R. C. Fowle, to attend and perform the installation ceremony. This would assure the Brethren that the Past Masters did not lose interest in the Lodge, but were always ready to be of assistance.

Bros. Rackstraw and Biggs and the Senior and Junior Wardens replied for the Officers of the Lodge, and the Tyler's toast brought the proceedings to a happy and harmonious conclusion.

The excellent musical arrangements were under the direction of Bros. G. R. Ceiley and George Masters.

Bro. William Gunn, the newly installed Master of the Lodge, who was born at Gravesend, in December 1842, claims that he can trace his descent from the Clan Gunn who were Earls of Orkney and Shetland so far back as the year 609 A.D. The family were at one time the sole possessors of the county of Caithness, Scotland, which they made their headquarters during the reign of Baliol, King of Scotland, who was a contemporary of our Edward I.; and the family genealogical tree boasts of some names well known in the history of Scotland.

Bro. Gunn was initiated into Freemasonry so far back as 1874, but various considerations militated against his progress in the Craft, so that his ascent to the chair has been rather later than is usually the case. He has, however, served all the Offices in the Lodge, and is a painstaking student at the Lodge of Instruction, so should make an excellent Master.

LIVERPOOL LODGE, No. 1547.

THE installation meeting took place at the Masonic Hall, Hope Street, Liverpool, on Wednesday, 14th inst., a goodly number of members and visitors being present.

The installation of Bro. Barrett was performed by Bro. Godden W.M. in an able manner, at the conclusion of which the newly installed W.M. invested his Officers.

At the close of the business the Brethren adjourned to the banquet which had been provided, and during the evening a Past Master's jewel was presented to Bro. Godden.

The musical arrangements were carried out under the direction of the Organist Bro. Wright, and the following contributed to the programme: Bros. Nicholls, Platt, Edwards, Green, Hollis, and Merry.

DEE LODGE, No. 1576.

THE members assembled at the Union Hotel, Parkgate, on Wednesday, 14th inst., for the purpose of assisting at the annual installation ceremony.

The W.M.-elect Bro. R. C. Davies was installed by the retiring W.M. Bro. F. V. Fearn.

The visitors included Bro. R. Newhouse P.D.G.S.B. Prov. Grand Sec., and many Provincial Officers.

LODGE MEETINGS NEXT WEEK.

Monday.		439 Scientific, Bingley
1632 Stuart, Camberwell		461 Fortitude, Newton
491 Royal Sussex, Jersey		718 Bard of Avon, Hampton Court
557 Loyal Victoria, Callington		1119 St. Bede, Jarrow
1177 Tenby, Tenby		1283 Ryburn, Sowerby Bridge
1325 Stanley, Liverpool		1296 Vale of Brislington, Brislington
1752 Ogmere, Bridgend		1343 Saint John, Grays
1753 Obedience, Okehampton		1733 Sunbury, Sunbury
1991 Agricola, York		1756 Kirkdale, Liverpool
2068 Portsmouth Temperance, L'dp't.		1760 Leopold, Scarborough
2279 Thornham, Thornham		1775 Leopold, Church
2547 Llangattock, Cardiff		1989 Stirling, Cleator Moor
2553 Rufford, Nottingham		2019 Crook, Crook
2582 Lewisham, Smethwick		2064 Smith Child, Tunstall
Tuesday.		2149 Gordon, Hanley
253 Tyrian, Derby		2320 St. Martin, Castleton
788 Crescent, Hampton Court		2330 St. Lawrence, Pudsey
954 St. Aubyn, Devonport		2357 Barry, Cadoxton
1007 Howe & Charnwood, Loughboro		2444 Noel, Kingston-on-Thames
1016 Elkington, Birmingham		2448 Bradstow, Broadstairs
1052 Callander, Manchester		
1358 Torbay, Paignton		Thursday.
1390 Whitwell, Milton		General Committee Girls School,
1536 United Military, Plumstead		Freemasons' Hall, at 5.
1580 Cranbourne, Hatfield		39 St. John Baptist, Exeter
1650 Rose of Raby, Staindrop		475 Bed. St. John Bap., Luton
1675 Ancient Briton, Liverpool		590 La Cesaree, Jersey
1779 Ivanhoe, Sheffield		636 De Ogle, Morpeth
1834 Duke of Connaught, Landport		772 Pilgrim, Glastonbury
1942 Minerva, Fenton		807 Cabbell, Norwich
2025 St. George, Plymouth		904 Phoenix, Rotherham
Wednesday.		1032 Townley Parker, Chorley
753 Prince Fred. Will'm., Frascati		1151 St. Andrew, Tywardreath
754 High Cross, Tottenham		1166 Clarendon, Hyde
1017 Montefiore, Café Royal		1578 Merlin, Pontypridd
1360 Royal Arthur, Wimbledon		
220 Harmony, Garston		Friday.
724 Derby, Liverpool		Council Boys School, F.M.H., 4.
304 Philanthropic, Leeds		810 Craven, Skipton
		1822 St. Quintin, Cowbridge
		2415 Tristram, Shildon

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PIC-NIC OF THE MINNEHAHA MINSTREL LODGE, No. 2363.

THE most successful pic-nic held in connection with this Lodge took place on Monday, the 12th inst., the place selected being Worksop, Nottinghamshire, which the Domesday Book of William the Conqueror mentions as having been owned by Elsi, a Saxon, the manor then being styled Werchesope. The party, which consisted of over fifty Brethren and friends, left Manchester by saloon carriages at 8.32 a.m., arriving at the Golden Ball Hotel after a journey of about two hours. Having partaken of a capital lunch provided by the host (Bro. W. Wheeler, Peilham Lodge, No. 939), a number of carriages provided for the party were soon filled, and a long drive of twenty-five miles commenced through the estates of Clumber, Thoresby, and Welbeck, owned respectively by the Duke of Newcastle, Earl Manvers, and the Duke of Portland, and popularly known by the collective name of the "Dukeries," a title adopted to imply in one word the nature of its charming features. None of these places are near a railway station, but carriages may always be obtained at the hotels to convey visitors through the various lovely drives to any of the numerous places of interest. And we may add that for those who desire to spend a few days in the neighbourhood, there is Worksop Manor, once the seat of the Dukes of Norfolk; the fine old lace-making town of Nottingham, with its castle and ancient streets, whose quaint names are suggestive of Saxon times; and Belvoir Castle, the seat of the Duke of Rutland, a building somewhat in the style of its rival at Windsor. It is situated on a hill which is thickly dotted with wood, its lovely gardens on a steep declivity delighting the eye of any horticulturist. And there is Newstead Abbey, the home of the Byrons; Bestwood Lodge, the property of the Duke of St. Albans; and Rufford Abbey, the seat of Sir Lumley Saville; together with Wollaton Hall, the seat of Lord Middleton, besides other mansions perhaps little known outside the locality, yet many of them of very great beauty.

The three estates first mentioned are within the ancient and historical forest of Sherwood, known to every schoolboy as the home of the notorious outlaw Robin Hood, and his merry men, of Little John, Will Scarlett, Friar Tuck, Allan-a-Dale, and the lovely Maid Marion, thus described in language of the day:—

"Sich utlaur an' his men
Vil England never see agen."

The forest is not of very great extent, and although there are now left but few of the most ancient trees that formerly abounded in its glades when Robin Hood and his merry men hunted, and prosaically pillaged, yet those which do stand exposed to storm and tempest, are very good specimens of the woodland where our predatory ancestors roamed.

The present mansion of Clumber, built by the second Duke of Newcastle (circa 1770), is about four miles from Worksop, and for magnificence is said to be second to none in England; its great central hall, ninety feet by forty-five feet, its marble columns, floor of mosaic and tessellated work, its magnificent works of art, its beautiful gardens, and fine extensive lake, all combine to raise an envious feeling in the breast of the visitor. Clumber Park comprises 4,000 acres, and in circumference measures nearly eleven miles. The waters of the lake cover eighty-seven acres, the lake costing £7,000 in construction.

The handsome mansion of Thoresby, situated in a park which has a circumference of twelve miles, was built by its present owner, in place of the former structure of red brick, erected by the second and last Duke of Kingston, which in its turn had risen phoenix-like from the ashes of its predecessor—a victim to the ravages of fire in 1745. Lovers of literature will associate with the name of Thoresby House that of a brilliant and witty celebrity—the British epistolary rival of that "spirituelle" Frenchwoman, Madame de Sévigné, we mean Lady Mary Wortley Montague, who was born here in 1690, and who flourished during the first half of the eighteenth century. In the library of Thoresby is an elaborately carved chimney piece of oak, fourteen feet high and ten feet wide, which represents a scene in Sherwood Forest, introducing the "Major Oak," a herd of deer, Robin Hood and Little John, with other details.

About midway on the drive through the "Dukeries" is the pretty Saxon village of Edwinstowe, where a long halt is usually made for the purpose of feeding and resting the horses. A welcome cup of tea had been provided for the ladies, which they partook of. The village is said to derive its name from Edwin, King of Northumbria, who was killed about the year 633 A.D. According to tradition he was buried here.

With regard to the tree which Shakespeare calls the "unwedgeable and gnarled oak," the ancient Gaelic proverb says:—"Thrice the age of a dog is that of a horse; thrice the age of a horse is that of a man; thrice the age of a man is that of a deer; thrice the age of a deer is that of an eagle; thrice the age of an eagle is that of an oak." On the Welbeck demesne there are some very wonderful specimens, one of which is estimated to be about sixteen hundred years old. This is the "Greendale Oak," sometimes called the "Methuselah" of trees. In 1724, as the outcome of a bet, an opening was cut through the trunk of this tree wide enough to admit the passage of a carriage, or three horsemen abreast. The most remarkable tree, however, belongs to the Thoresby estate; it is that monarch of Sherwood known as the "Major Oak," sometimes called the "Queen Oak," said to be over a thousand years old. Viewed in the distance, its magnificent foliage, which covers a space of 240 feet in diameter, would hardly induce a stranger to suppose that in its trunk is a fissure which leads to a great hollow fifteen feet high, easily capable of holding a dozen full-grown people. Indeed, it is asserted that sixteen persons have actually squeezed themselves into the bole.

Shortly after entering the Welbeck estate, and in the vicinity of "Robin Hood's larder," is the "Russian Log Cottage," used as a hunting box. It is said that it was purchased at the Manchester Exhibition, and is not only picturesque, but decidedly novel, inasmuch as it is dovetailed together, and fastened without the aid of a single nail. Close to the Abbey is a block of modern-built houses, called "Winnings," their origin being sufficiently attested by an inscription upon them:—"These houses were erected by the sixth Duke of Portland at the request of his wife, for the benefit of the poor, and to commemorate the success of his racehorses in the years 1888, 1889, 1890."

Welbeck Abbey (although for some inscrutable reason its portals seem ever jealously closed to visitors) is brimful of old historical associations, but as space will not allow us to touch upon them, we will merely mention some of its modern wonders, which cost the late Duke of Portland between two and three millions sterling—called by a writer in London "Society" fads, but to which local tradition assigns a more potent reason. Besides a subterranean carriage-way, the grounds are literally perforated by miles of tunnelling, through which three people can walk abreast; then there is the underground picture gallery, lighted by 1,100 gas burners; the glass-roofed tan gallop 1,270 feet in length, containing upwards of 64,000 feet of glass; and the riding school, said to be the finest in the kingdom, being 385 feet in length, 104 feet in width, and lighted by 8,000 gas jets. From the time of

the first Duke of Newcastle, lord of Welbeck in the 17th century, until now, the Abbey has been famous for its riding room.

Many apocryphal stories have crystallised around a great name, but we believe we are correct in stating that the famous letters of Junius, which created such a stir in literary circles during the latter half of last century, were universally attributed to William Henry Cavendish Bentinck, third Duke of Portland. According to the Nullum Tempus Bill ("nullum tempus occurrat regi") the Crown had power to revive a claim for lands held without a legal title, in spite of any length of possession. By this Bill, the estate of Inglewood, in the honour of Penrith, together with the castle and manor of Carlisle, which had been in the possession of the Portland family for sixty-five years, were reclaimed (circa 1767), as never having been included in the Royal grant. The letters of Junius were mainly directed to the restoration of the Forest of Inglewood, granted away from the Duke of Portland to Sir James Lowther, son-in-law to Lord Bute. It has been computed that in fifty-eight of the letters in question, the name or interest of the Duke is mentioned, twenty times directly and specifically, and thirty-eight times indirectly or by allusion, and a natural conclusion was arrived at that the Duke must have been the writer. As, however, he never divulged the secret, the authorship remains to this day an unsolved problem.

But, as before hinted, it would take more space than we have at our command to describe the wonders of Welbeck, its extensive lake and magnificent gardens, where bounteous nature, aided by the improving hand of man, has bestowed flowers and plants in argosies overtopped. It was a lovely day, balmy and peaceful, the atmosphere being steeped in glorious sunlight, while the earth, upon whose radiant prospect there was scarcely a shadow, breathed delicious warmth and perfume, and it was with very reluctant feelings that we left this Elysian spot and mounted the carriages for our last drive.

A very substantial dinner had been provided at the hotel in Worksop, which the party, on their return, partook of. The "Golden Ball" hostelry, which is within easy distance of Worksop railway station, boasts but a very unpretending external appearance, which is very much belied when entering the capacious dining room. The attention during meals was all that could be desired, and no doubt, if time had permitted, a vote of thanks would have been accorded to Brother Wheeler and his posse of male and female assistants, for their courteousness on this occasion. The popularity of our host and Brother has procured for him the management of the "Manchester Guardian" annual pic-nic, a portion of the staff of which paper visited his establishment on Saturday last, the 17th instant.

Dinner over, Bro. Fred Hilton P.M. P.P.G.D.C. the Worshipful Master addressed a few words to the company. He expressed himself as pleased to see present that day many of those who belonged to the Craft, and many who did not. Pic-nics of this kind, and also Lodge soirees, which they held in the winter, had a tendency to bring them together and to cement warm and fast friendships. They had been blest with a fine day, and everything had passed off without a single hitch, for which they ought to be thankful to the committee appointed to carry out the details. He hoped they would get back to Manchester without a mishap.

The Worshipful "Mistress" also said a few words, and proposed the health of the greatest raconteur in the company, to which Bro. J. C. Wood ultimately replied, his identity being apparent.

The party left Worksop upon their return journey at an early hour, speeches upon various matters being resumed in the saloon. The Rev. G. Barrett, of the Independent Church, Burnage, spoke on behalf of the visitors, saying that on this day he had had an opportunity of seeing what Freemasons really were like, and he was thoroughly convinced that they were a happy lot, in which he included their lady friends, to whom he made some amusing references. His was perhaps a serious calling, but still it was not one which sought to stifle or efface honest enjoyment. He expressed himself as satisfied with the day's pleasure; he had had a happy time of it, and believed everybody else to be in similar position.

We can quite bear out the remarks of the rev. gentleman: the company was indeed full of vivacity; "joie de vivre" was written upon the features of all present, and he would have been a very dull misanthrope who did not feel better for the riotous affluence of mirth which characterised the return to Manchester. Several songs and recitations were given, the contributors being Bros. Sam Luke S.D., G. R. Ward, W. T. and Mrs. Watts, Edwd. Roberts P.M. 1459, and Miss Kenworthy. The latter furnished a charming domestic sketch, which was a remarkable triumph of elocution, although essayed under those circumstances of difficulty which usually accompany an entertainment given while travelling on the railway.

The success of the trip must undoubtedly be ascribed to the untiring zeal of Bro. Seth Wrigley P.M. P.P.G.D.D. of C., whose efforts were ably assisted by Bro. Luke, the latter acting in the capacity of the pic-nic Secretary and Treasurer. Besides those already mentioned we noticed the following among those present: Bros. Thomas Black P.M. P.P.G.D., S. L. Watts Std., Jos. Hilton Treas., S. H. Stubbs J.D., F. Todd I.G., E. Parnell, Harry Bowes, E. B. Estill, and Millington P.M. 1814; Messrs. Marsden, Foden, Edmonds, and the Brothers Wilson.

PIC-NIC OF THE ARDWICK LODGE, No. 2185.

THE members held their annual pic-nic on Wednesday, 14th inst., when a party which numbered nearly fifty persons, including lady and gentlemen friends, left Victoria Station, Manchester, by an early and special train, en route for the celebrated Yorkshire waterfalls.

After a pleasant journey of nearly three hours, Ingleton was reached about 11 a.m. A capital dinner, supplied at the Wheat Sheaf, by host Samuel Worthington, was subsequently partaken of, being provided in a large marquee erected in the grounds of the hotel. The party afterwards proceeded "à pied" to view the waterfalls, which are the principal attraction of the neighbourhood.

According to one of the many guides, "there is no place in England which has a happier combination of exquisitely lovely and majestic scenery; there is no other with such a remarkable concentration of Nature's wonders in so small a place" as this mining and quarrying district of Ingleton.

Without fear of contradiction we may say of this locality, there is so much that is beautiful and attractive, there are so many lovely falls and chasms, such as the Pecca, Thornton, Foss, Beasley, Cauldron Hole, Boggarts' Roaring Hole, L-Hole (so named from its outline resembling that letter of the alphabet) and so many natural caverns, all worth a visit, that it is difficult to know where to commence and where to end, or how to describe one without invidiously cold-shouldering the other.

The susurrations of the waters flowing along stony beds in silver streams, the embankments almost smothered in fern and trees, changed in character entirely as one advanced towards the cascades, where, in some instances, the

waters leaped and sported over the rocks with a noise like artillery. The scene was often quite tropical in its boundless loveliness, and the delicious softness and warm languor of a beautiful day, added to the fact that the view of water was often lost in dense foliage and could only be heard, and the sky overhead almost shut in by an impervious screen of leaves and branches, added salience to every changing feature, and induced a feeling that this was real pastoral happiness.

Upon returning to the hotel, tea was partaken of, and afterwards a few toasts were proposed and suitably acknowledged.

That which included the name of Bro. T. C. Lilly Worshipful Master, was submitted by Bro. W. Roston S.W., who, having added a just tribute of praise to him on account of his excellent work in the Lodge, reverted to the pleasant day which they had spent in the neighbourhood, and in the companionship of their lady friends, hoping that nothing would occur to mar it. Bro. Lilly responded, thanking those present for the enthusiastic manner in which they had received his name. It also fell to his lot to reply to the toast of the ladies, admirably introduced by Bro. Harry G. Walker J.W.

The efforts made by the picnic committee were mentioned and very favourably commented upon, the reply being undertaken by that doyen of the Lodge, Bro. W. J. Melling P.M. Prov.G.S.B. Secretary, and also the W.M. The latter, as will be seen by our mention of their names, was well supported by his principal Officers. There were also present Bros. W. Goodman I.P.M., James Hayes P.M., and J. E. Chapman Treas.

The party left the hotel for the return to Manchester at an early hour, arriving about 9 p.m. The entertainment on the way was almost exclusively in the hands of the Worshipful Master. Bro. Lilly's mirth was boundless and undiminishing: he was the artesian well which could not be pumped dry, and, like the miller's mare, ever looking for a white stone to shy at, so he, whose imagination we opine often ran luxuriantly riot in quest of playful wit, launched it forth with an earnest, elaborate, and artistic eloquence which held captive his admiring audience.

PRESENTATION AT GRIMSBY.

ON Thursday, 8th inst., a brilliant presentation banquet took place in the Masonic Hall, Grimsby, when the Freemasons representing the three local Lodges took the opportunity of marking the Jubilee year by presenting the Mayor (Councillor Jack Sutcliffe) with a magnificent testimonial of their high esteem for His Worship as a Freemason.

After the banquet grace was sung by the Apollo Glee Singers, and the toasts of the Queen, the Prince of Wales, the Princess of Wales, and the rest of the Royal Family, having been loyally honoured, remarks were made by the chief representatives of the three Grimsby Lodges, Bro. Wm. Hill W.M. Pelham Pillar Lodge, No. 792; Bro. Herbert C. Scaping W.M. St. Albans Lodge, No. 1294; and Bro. E. A. Lewis W.M. Smyth Lodge, No. 2284.

The testimonial was then handed to the Mayor. It consisted of an address, embellished in most beautiful and artistic manner by Bro. Alfred Wykes, the ornamentation being appropriately composed of symbols of Masonry. The text, which was centered by a portrait of Her Majesty, was as follows:

To the Worshipful the Mayor of the Borough of Grimsby

(Bro. JACK SUTCLIFFE, Esq., J.P., P.P.S.G.W. of Freemasons Lincolnshire).

The great national event of the Diamond Jubilee, to commemorate the auspicious reign of sixty years of Her Most Gracious Majesty the Queen and Empress, which will be celebrated this day, 22nd June 1897, throughout the whole British Empire, gives the Freemasons of Grimsby an opportunity of which they avail themselves, not only of their devotion to Her Majesty and loyalty to the Crown, but of expressing their sincere satisfaction at your elevation to the Civic chair, and tendering their brotherly and hearty congratulations to you on the celebration of the Jubilee in this Borough happening in the year of your mayoralty. The services you have rendered and the lasting benefit you have been the means of conferring on the town will be worthy of the great occasion, and place your name on the list of those noble citizens gone before you, who have done honour to the town and their name.

The unselfish and philanthropic acts in carrying out in practice the principles of Masonic Brotherhood, which you and your late father have consistently performed, are so well known and recorded in the annals of Freemasonry in this Province that the name of Sutcliffe will be handed down to symbolize all that is good and great from generation to generation. The undersigned Masters of the three Masonic Lodges in Grimsby represent the whole of the members of these respective Lodges in the town in this fraternal testimony of their high esteem and regard for you and yours. Praying that T.G.A.O.T.U. may bless and prosper you in your undertakings, and endow you with all the virtues of long life and happiness.

(Signed) Wm. Hill W.M. Pelham Pillar Lodge, No. 792.

HERBERT C. SCAPING W.M. St. Albans Lodge, No. 1294.

E. A. Lewis W.M. Smyth Lodge, No. 2284.

In conjunction with this address the Mayor received a very handsome silver cigar case, with his monogram in gold letters upon the face. Both presentations were made by the Chairman Bro. Anderson Bates P.P.S.G.W., with felicitous remarks.

After the loyal toasts the Chairman, addressing the Mayor, said the presentation about to be made to His Worship embodied their appreciation of him both as a Mason and as Chief Magistrate of the Borough. The position he held in the Borough, and the position his father had held, made it only right and proper for them to take advantage of the Diamond Jubilee celebration to present him with a testimonial. He would not discount the sentiments expressed in the memorial, but would read the address.

Having read the address, as given above, Bro. Bates said it gave him extreme pleasure and gratification—and he felt it a great compliment that the duty was placed in his hands—to hand to his Worship that magnificent address, which had been prepared very artistically, and was worthy of acceptance. He trusted he might live long to appreciate the feelings of the Brothers in presenting him with the testimonial. The Brethren, he added, also acknowledged Bro. Sutcliffe's feelings in the minute circumstances of life; they knew he delighted in smoking, and, in addition to the testimonial, had asked him to present a cigar case.

Bro. Wm. Hill W.M. Pelham Pillar Lodge, also addressing Bro. Sutcliffe said it gave him very great pleasure to support their esteemed and worthy Bro. Bates, in presenting that beautiful testimonial, as the representative of the Pelham Pillar Lodge, the oldest in Grimsby. He was speaking the views of all the Brethren of that Lodge when he said they heartily congratulated Bro. Sutcliffe as a townsman and a Brother, and that they could not do much to honour him in the position he already held, not only as a Brother Mason, but in the town of Grimsby. He was sure he spoke the wish of every Brother

when he said that they heartily wished him long life and happiness; that he might live long not only to enjoy the good things of this world, but to see that beautiful address which they had just presented to him. They were all proud of him. He had once heard Brother Sutcliffe say, not so very long since, that he did not know why he had been singled out in this particular manner. They knew very well what he had done for Masonry in the past, and also—though not altogether from their own knowledge, but from what they read—of what his father had done for Masonry; and on that account they were very pleased and proud not only to own him as a Brother, but to have him at the head of their affairs in Grimsby. Might he long live to enjoy the honours he had received, and might he long be at the head of affairs, not only in Masonry, but in outside matters.

Bro. Herbert C. Scaping W.M. St. Albans Lodge observed that it gave him great pleasure indeed to support the remarks made by the previous speaker. The Jubilee, and the fact of Bro. Sutcliffe being Mayor of the Borough, had given them the opportunity of giving him this address and cigar case, and of thus expressing to him the great brotherly feeling they all had for him. As a member of Bro. Sutcliffe's own Lodge he, acting as the mouthpiece of the brethren of that Lodge, could say it gave the members very great pleasure to subscribe to this testimonial. He trusted they might have the recipient long amongst them, and that he would live for many years to enjoy the brotherly love which he held in such a marked degree from the Fraternity in the town.

Bro. E. A. Lewis W.M. Smyth Lodge endorsed the remarks made by his Brother Worshipful Masters, and was glad because they could that night thank Bro. Sutcliffe for being so actively engaged in forming the Smyth Lodge, and in giving it that prestige which they esteemed it to have. It gave them great pleasure to do homage to Bro. Sutcliffe.

The whole company then rose and joined lustily in the singing of "He's a jolly good fellow," following it with three cheers for the Mayor, and one extra for the Mayoress.

The Mayor, who on rising to reply was received with a storm of applause, said he was really at a loss to find words to express the gratitude he felt towards the whole of the brethren present, and to the Masonic body in Grimsby. He did not know why they should compliment him in the extremely handsome manner they had. He felt that he had not earned such distinction. In the first place they had conferred upon him the highest compliment it was possible to confer upon a man. It was quite owing to the Masonic members of the Town Council that he had been placed in the distinguished position he occupied in the town, and for them to crown that honour with this further distinction, this highly valued address, and the other beautiful token of their esteem, was beyond his apprehension. He did not know that he had done anything beyond what any Brother connected with the Order in Grimsby had done, and it puzzled him to know why he should be singled out to be so blessed by their good feeling and by the handsome rewards they heaped upon him. As to the important trust they had placed in his hands, he hoped he should be able to conduct himself properly, and to uphold the reputation of Freemasons. The Order was not altogether understood by people not connected with it, but if Masons were judged by their acts they must be highly esteemed by everybody who gave proper thought to the principles they followed, and the standard of life they set before themselves, which they endeavoured to live up to. He had always had the greatest pleasure in his association with the members of the body. His connection with the Order was the pleasure of his life, and it was exceedingly gratifying to know, and to feel, he had the good opinion of the Brethren, and to receive the hearty greetings he always did at their hands. He assured them he reciprocated those good feelings, and so far as he could assist in any way to promote good fellowship and brotherly love and harmony, it was his life's pleasure to do so. He derived his happiness to a large extent from the fraternal good feeling which he felt existed between himself and such an important body as was represented there that night. He was very sorry he was not a prominent worker in the details of the duties in the Lodges, but so far as his ability allowed him, when he had any duty to perform, he tried to do it well. Latterly he had not taken up the duties in the manner he should have liked to have done, but he hoped to come round again when his time was less fully occupied. Freemasonry, he went on, was the oasis in one's general life in this part of the world. If it were not for the happy and agreeable meetings, and the delightful association they had one amongst the other, it would be plain living in this north-east corner of Lincolnshire. It was that association which made the days and weeks happy and agreeable. There was always something to look forward to in the meetings they had to attend from time to time. He was himself always happy in his association with Freemasonry. In conclusion, he could only thank them in simple terms for the very high compliment they had conferred upon him.—"Grimsby News."

PRESENTATION AT DARWEN.

ON Tuesday, 13th inst., at the Masonic Hall, Darwen, the headquarters of the Harmony and Industry Lodge, No. 381, a strong muster of members assembled for the purpose of presenting Bro. Sam H. Shorrocks P.M. P.P.G.Tr. with a purse of gold as a token of esteem on the occasion of his departure from England to take up his abode at Shanghai. Bro. Shorrocks is to leave the town early next month. He was a member of the well-known firm of Messrs. J. and R. Shorrocks, ironfounders, but he is going to start business on his own account at Shanghai. He has been a prominent and active figure in Darwen, and by his departure the Conservative party will lose a most ardent and energetic supporter. As a Mason Bro. Shorrocks's career has been one of great activity. He joined the Craft in 1882, and in 1896 was elected Treasurer to the East Lancashire Province.

Bro. B. Horrocks W.M. presided at the ceremony on Tuesday, while the presentation was made by Councillor Wardley, senior member of the Lodge, on behalf of the members. He spoke of the great regret with which they parted with Bro. Shorrocks, and remarked that he was sure he would conduct himself in his new sphere to the credit of himself and the country to which he belonged.

All the members supported Bro. Wardley, after which Bro. Shorrocks responded in a neat and appropriate speech, in which he feelingly alluded to the many kindnesses he had received at their hands.

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