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## MISTAKEN VIEWS OF CHARITY.

SOME very peculiar ideas force themselves forward from time to time touching upon the social status of those who are to be considered as eligible for the Educational Institutions of English Freemasonry, and although, as a rule, little differences of opinion can be smoothed over, and amicably adjusted, there are some occasions when something approaching open rupture seems probable, while remembrance of harsh words uttered in the heat of argument may serve to create a feeling very far removed from that which should exist amongst those who are labouring in the sacred cause of charity and, beyond that, are bound together by the ties of Freemasonry. Forget and forgive is a maxim all very well in its way, but when statements are made which materially affect others, as well as ourselves, it is often desirable to sift them to the end, in order to put matters on a proper footing, and endeavour to discover what foundation really existed for anything that was said.

We are strongly of opinion that the greatest care should be taken to keep up the very highest standard of morals and behaviour among the pupils of the two Institutions, but that does not mean that the claims of Masonic Brotherhood are to be ignored on behalf of the orphan of a deceased Brother, simply because his walk in life was somewhat outside the "visiting" limits of others who are associated, directly or indirectly, with the Funds so liberally supported by the Craftsmen of England. In other words, the children of any person who was deemed good enough to be received into the Craft should be good enough to associate with the best of those educated by charity, at either of the Masonic Institutions, provided they or their friends can secure the necessary votes, and there is nothing absolutely wrong to charge against them.

We are led to these observations on hearing that a distinguished Craftsman, one who takes a lively interest in the Girls School, on being appealed to on behalf of a recent candidate, by a Brother wearing the uniform of a soldier, at once refused all help, and added something to the effect that he did not intend to help them at all, as he considered that Soldier's children should not be eligible, their place being as general servants. As it happened the child appealed for was in no way associated with the military, except that she happened to enlist the sympathy of a few Brethren who possessed the true Masonic heart, despite the fact that they wore the Queen's uniform. We are prepared to hear that this uncharitable observation was merely the opinion of the Brother in question, and not that of the Craft at large, but the Brother who made this remark occupies so prominent a position in our midst that it is impossible to pass over his utterances as one would the remarks of an outsider; besides which we know that his views are endorsed by others, and it is just as well to have an understanding on the point before any actual

harm occurs, or at least to offer a protest on behalf of those who are aggrieved at such treatment, or are in such a position as to be unable to utter a word on their own behalf.

We remember years ago the scandal that occurred in connection with the regular visits of a pupil's mother, who drove up to the Institution in her carriage and pair; and then it was argued there was nothing blameworthy in such a proceeding, the Institutions being intended for those who were reduced in circumstances, rather than for those who were so poor as to be actually in want of food, clothing, and the necessaries of life. So far so good; as was argued at the time, there could be no objection even to keeping the Schools for young ladies and young gentlemen, provided that only those in a like station were asked to subscribe, but to appeal for subscriptions and to receive donations from those a shade lower in the social scale, and then refuse the benefits of the Institutions to their children, is hardly consistent, and certainly far removed from general ideas in regard to what constitutes true Charity, or what are regarded as two of the principles of the Craft—Brotherly Love and Relief.

It is not our place to attempt to defend the large number of Military Brethren who have been so greatly insulted by the remarks and the sentiments in question—they are eminently able to take care of themselves—but we cannot help regretting that a prominent past Officer of Grand Lodge should so far forget himself as to associate such clannish ideas with the work of Freemasonry, or, with the experience he possesses, should for one moment think of preaching anything like class distinction as a bar or otherwise to either of the great Institutions of the Craft. Like Freemasonry itself they are free to one and all possessing certain qualifications and who can, at the same time, enlist sufficient support to carry an election. It would, indeed, be a misfortune to English Freemasonry as a body if any other system was introduced in connection with them.

Most of those who, like ourselves, have spent any time with Brethren of the Mystic Tie, who are also Soldiers of the Queen, will endorse our opinion that some of the very best exponents of true Masonry are to be found in the army, even among the non-commissioned officers; and to say that the orphan daughters of such Brethren are to be deprived—by reason of their parent's profession—from all or any of the privileges of Freemasonry is not only to depart from the true principles of the Order, but displays a spirit of selfishness we should have regarded as impossible in an active member of the Masonic Brotherhood.

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The new "Edward Terry" Lodge, number 2,722, will, it is expected, be consecrated at the end of the month. The well known actor, Past Grand Treasurer of England, who gives his name to the Lodge is the W.M.-designate, with Bros. S. W. Lambert P.P.G.Reg. Surrey and J. E. Anderson as his chief Officers. Bro. W. T. Peat is acting as Secretary.

### NOTTINGHAMSHIRE.

WITH befitting ritual an impressive ceremony was performed in Nottingham on Thursday. In the presence of members of the Craft assembled from all parts of the Province, as well as many of influence from distant centres, his Grace the Duke of Portland was installed as Provincial Grand Master of Nottinghamshire, in succession to the late Duke of St. Albans, who held the office with distinction for many years. To those associated with a body whose ramifications are widespread, the event would necessarily arouse keen interest. But in this instance there were considerations which were not limited to a particular organisation. It had been appropriately arranged to embody in the proceedings elements which are significant of the basis upon which the Craft rests. In the memorable Jubilee period of 1897 the pressing need for the extension of the Nottingham General Hospital appealed to people of all classes who were desirous of aiding in the extension of the oldest of local medical institutions. How liberal was the response for funds is a matter of history. Thanks to conspicuously large donations, supplemented by contributions of smaller volume, the result was highly encouraging. And as a corollary to that which was practically a private function on Thursday, nothing could have been more appropriate than that with Masonic honours the corner stone of the new wing of the hospital should be laid by the Lord Lieutenant of Nottinghamshire, who has thus succeeded the late Duke of St. Albans in a dual capacity. In the Masonic sense the occasion suggests some interesting reminiscences. The proceedings recalled the fact that nearly twenty-five years had elapsed since there was a similar Masonic function in relation to a public building in Nottingham. It was upon Thursday, 22nd October 1863, that the foundation stone of the School of Art in Waverley Street was laid by his Grace the Duke of Newcastle, then Grand Master of the Province. Upon that occasion a procession was formed at the Exchange Hall, and proceeded by way of Clumber Street, Mansfield Road, and through the Arboretum to the building. Mr. Richard Birkin was the Mayor of the borough during that year, and upon the day referred to the Duke of Newcastle delivered a most interesting speech. The gathering was notable by reason of the presence of many members of the Craft from a distance. The proceedings subsequent to the foundation stone laying included a dinner at the Exchange Hall, at which there was a representative assembly, the enterprise of the residents in liberally supporting the scheme for the establishment of a School of Art being referred to in commendatory terms. As is known, the institution which was for many years carried on under the direction of a committee representing a private body of subscribers has since passed into the hands of the Corporation, and is now the centre of much useful work under its altered title of the Municipal School of Art and Design. The ceremony of 1863 presents significant facts illustrative of the growth of Masonry in Nottinghamshire. At that time the only Lodges in existence, to give them in the order of seniority, were the Newstead, Royal Sussex, Commercial, and Pelham. Since then no fewer than fourteen Lodges have been added to the list representing the Province, and proportionately the measure of philanthropic work sustained through the medium of the Craft has been strikingly developed, as is illustrated by contributions to its two chief Educational Charities the Masonic Schools for Boys and Girls, and also to the Masonic Benevolent Institution, and other agencies. The foundation stone laying in 1863 was the last event of the kind associated with Masonic matters in Nottingham itself, but in the interval there has been one important ceremony of a similar nature performed outside the county town, this being in relation to the Brunt's Technical School at Mansfield, where there was a large assembly of members of the Craft on 12th June 1893, when the ceremony was performed by the Duke of St. Albans.

The Duke of Portland has succeeded to an office which has been held with distinction by many notable members of the Craft, the last of whom, the Duke of St. Albans, expired as recently as 9th May, at Brooke House, Isle of Wight, the residence of Sir Charles Seely, Bart., where his Grace had been staying for some weeks for the benefit of his health. The first Grand Master of the Province was Thomas Boothby Parkins, afterwards first Lord Rancliffe, who was appointed in 1783. Lord Rancliffe's successor was Admiral Sir John Borlase Warren, Bart., installed in 1802, this distinguished officer being succeeded in 1823 by Colonel Thomas Wildman. Colonel Wildman held the office for thirty-seven years, with conspicuous advantage to the Craft, and was followed in 1860

by Henry Pelham, fifth Duke of Newcastle, K.G. Henry Pelham Alexander, sixth Duke of Newcastle, succeeded to the position of Grand Master in 1865, and upon his death the late Duke of St. Albans was, to the gratification of all Nottinghamshire Masons, called upon to assume the appointment in the year 1877. It is interesting to recall that the Duke of St. Albans had previously served as Prov. Grand Master of Lincolnshire, in which county, at Redbourne, he then resided. He was installed as Prov. Grand Master of Lincolnshire at the Assembly Rooms in the county town, on 29th April 1862, in the place of the late Earl of Yarborough, and Dr. Oliver, the great Masonic authority, presided upon that occasion. His Grace, whose recent death is so deeply lamented, filled the office in Lincolnshire for sixteen years. The Duke was installed as head of the Nottinghamshire Province upon 20th September 1878, the ceremony, which took place at the Castle Museum, being conducted by the Earl of Carnarvon. At a banquet which was subsequently held at the Albert Hall his Grace, in response to the toast of his health, referred with interest to the fact that when he undertook the duties of Grand Master for Lincolnshire there were ten Lodges, which had, up to that time, been increased to twenty, with a proportionate accession of membership. He could not see why in Nottinghamshire they should not also increase. Neither Newark, Mansfield, nor Retford at this time possessed Lodges, the only place of importance outside Nottingham in which any practical interest in the Craft was manifested being Worksop, where the Pelham Lodge was founded in 1862. His Grace's tenure of office was sufficiently long to enable him to witness the abundant fulfilment of his hopes, the number of Lodges having since 1878 more than quadrupled. It may be of interest to recall the circumstance that upon the occasion of his installation the late Duke of St. Albans stated that he had invited Bro. Close the late Deputy Provincial Grand Master to act, but in consequence of advanced age he had declined the office, which was thereupon conferred upon Bro. John Watson. The latter discharged the duties with characteristic assiduity as long as his health permitted, the vacancy which was caused by his death being filled by the appointment of Lieut-Col. Wm. Newton, of Newark, the present occupant of the office. A *conversazione* at the Castle Museum wound up the proceedings in connection with the installation which took place nearly twenty years ago. The increased membership was not the only matter in regard to which the late Duke of St. Albans's hopes were realised. At the banquet to which reference has been made the idea of establishing a Masonic Hall was mooted, and met with the hearty support of his Grace. The object was realised by the erection of a building in Goldsmith Street, which was opened in 1880, and serves the purpose of a meeting place for the Lodges, as well as that of a Masonic Club. It is also interesting to notice that recently the idea of forming a Masonic Museum in connection with the building has assumed practical shape, with the result that the nucleus has been formed of that which, in relation to Masonic literature, jewels, emblems, &c., promises ere long to prove a valuable collection. To the great regret of the members of the Craft, reasons of failing health necessitated the resignation in December last of the position of Provincial Grand Master held by the Duke of St. Albans. The announcement, which unhappily had not been entirely unexpected, was made by his Grace in person at a Provincial Grand Lodge meeting held at the Masonic Hall on 9th December. The Duke had up to that time held the office for a little over nineteen years, and those whose privilege it was to hear the valedictory address will long preserve recollections of the deep impression which it created. When, a few months since, it was announced that H.R.H. the Prince of Wales had invited the Duke of Portland to fill the vacancy, and that his Grace had been pleased to comply with the request, it was felt no more fitting choice could have been made. The Duke has ever displayed the heartiest interest in matters appertaining to the Craft, and follows a distinguished line of predecessors in upholding its prestige in Nottinghamshire, as throughout the country generally. His Grace was originally initiated into the Craft as a member of the United Lodge, at the Freemasons' Hall, in London. He is also a member of the Household Brigade Lodge, and of the Royal Alpha Lodge, London, of the latter of which he is at present S.W., and of the Forest, and Duke of Portland Lodges, Notts. His Grace has held the office in Grand Lodge as Warden.

Not the least interesting circumstance in connection with Thursday's proceedings was that the installation ceremony was performed by Lord Henry Cavendish Bentinck, M.P., brother of the duke, and himself the Provincial Grand

Master of Cumberland and Westmorland. Many past and present Officers of the Grand Lodge of England were present, the majority of whom travelled with the Duke of Portland by the nine o'clock train from St. Pancras, and were met upon their arrival at the Midland Station, Nottingham, by Brother J. T. Spalding and others, representing the Masons of the Province. The Provincial Grand Lodge had been arranged to be held at the Albert Hall, from which building the procession afterwards proceeded to the hospital grounds, where a memorable gathering was witnessed. Upon the conclusion of the foundation stone laying the Brethren returned to the Albert Hall, and the Provincial Grand Lodge was closed. A banquet under the presidency of the Duke of Portland was subsequently partaken of at the Victoria Hall, Upper Talbot Street. The building, though spacious in its proportions, proved entirely inadequate to accommodate all who were desirous of being present, and the only serious regret in connection with the arrangements was that many applications for luncheon tickets could not be met. It had been intended to conclude the day's proceedings with a conversazione, or possibly a ball, but, having regard to the recent death of the Duke of St. Albans, it was but fitting that this part of the programme should be omitted. That the arrangements as they stood involved the expenditure of much time and labour goes almost without saying. With laudable energy many Committees had been busy, engaged for several weeks in perfecting the plans, and with entirely gratifying results. The main share of the responsibility devolved upon Bro. J. T. Spalding P.P.G.W., as Chairman of the Installation Committee, Bro. Stubbs Provincial Grand Sec., and Bro. F. W. Fox Prov. G. Registrar, who discharged the duties of Hon. Secretary with conspicuous success. The members of the several branches of the executive included the following:—Installation and Stone Laying Sub-Committee.—Bros. Lieutenant-Colonel Wm. Newton, A. Stubbs, J. T. Spalding, Henry George, C. A. Bolton, B. F. Stiebel, W. H. Blackburn, F. Farrands, M. Ashurst, J. Levy, Dr. W. H. Wright, P. Evans jun., P. S. Clay, and Charles Wragg. Decorations Sub-Committee.—Bros. Lieutenant-Colonel Wm. Newton, A. Stubbs, J. T. Spalding, E. F. Milthorpe, R. Evans jun., J. W. Spedding, J. C. James, J. G. Martin, Chas. Scott, and T. Salisbury. Luncheon Sub-Committee.—Bros. Lieutenant-Colonel William Newton, A. Stubbs, J. T. Spalding, J. Page, A. Barlow, E. F. Milthorpe, Dr. G. Thompson, G. W. Hooton, J. W. Spedding, Lisle Rockley, C. W. Gowthorpe, and J. G. Martin. Finance Committee:—Bros. Geo. Atter, R. Fitzhugh, J.P., J. W. Robinson, C. B. Truman, E. M. Kidd, A. Page, S. Pegler, A. Stubbs, Lieutenant-Colonel Wm. Newton, and J. T. Spalding, J.P.

Provincial Grand Lodge was opened at a quarter past twelve, at the Albert Hall, which had been admirably arranged for the purpose of the large gathering. At one end of the building a dais had been erected, which was occupied by the Installing Master, supported by Officers of the Grand Lodge of England. The ground floor was reserved entirely for past and present Officers of Provincial rank. The members of the Lodges in order of seniority were arrayed under their respective banners alternately on the right and left of the dais.

The order for mourning for the late Provincial Grand Master was suspended for the occasion.

Lieut.-Col. Wm. Newton presided at the opening of the Lodge, the chair being afterwards taken by Lord Henry Bentinck, as Installing Master.

The dais had been charmingly treated with foliage and flowering plants. Bro. Geo. Essex P.P.G.O. presided at the organ, and before the opening of the Lodge played a selection from Mendelssohn's works. Subsequently as the Duke of Portland entered the hall he played a "Royal March" of his own composition, and at a later period of the proceedings rendered Calkin's "Festal March."

Lord Henry Bentinck, in the course of an inaugural address, referred to the progress which the Province had made under the benign rule of the late Grand Master the Duke of St. Albans. He remembered the occasion when the duke delivered his farewell address to the Provincial Grand Lodge, and was profoundly touched by the evidence of the esteem and affection in which the duke was held. He need not say anything with regard to the Duke of Portland, whom he knew probably better than anyone else present. Perhaps, however, he should not be saying too much when he ventured to prophesy that his Grace would prove, in his capacity as Provincial Grand Master, one who was possessed of all the virtues which he had so well displayed in the past,

and which had endeared the duke to him (Lord Hy. Bentinck) and to the whole of his family.

Seven Masters of the Province, in the order of seniority of Lodges, were then deputed to introduce the Provincial Grand Master-elect to the Lodge, these including Bros. Mason 47, H. G. Ashwell 402, F. H. Fish 411, J. W. Spedding 539, E. W. Wells 1,405, M. I. Preston 1,435, and W. Wheatley 1,405. Bro. F. W. Fox Prov. Grand Registrar read the patent of appointment, which was signed by H.R.H. the Prince of Wales as Grand Master, Lord Amherst Deputy Grand Master, and E. Letchworth Grand Secretary. The ceremony of installation having been performed,

The Duke of Portland said he desired to thank the Most Worshipful Grand Master of England for having appointed him his representative for the Province of Notts. with which county he was associated by so many friendly ties. He accepted with pleasure the honour which his Royal Highness had conferred upon him, and did not forget the responsibilities attaching to the position. He was certain he was expressing the feeling of every Brother present when he said how deeply they regretted the death of the late Provincial Grand Master the Duke of St. Albans, who took so great an interest in the Craft, and under whose wise and genial rule Masonry flourished in the Province. He only hoped that during the time he had the honour and privilege of occupying his present position he might be thoroughly successful in obtaining the support and esteem of the Brethren, and be enabled to sustain the prosperity of their valuable Institutions. He should endeavour to thoroughly realise and carry out the aims of the Craft, and improve its position in the Province, and he trusted that all the Brethren would support him in his endeavour. He had great pleasure in nominating as his Deputy Lieut.-Col. Wm. Newton, an excellent member of the Order, who would, he was sure, carry out the duties with the same assiduity which he had displayed under the late Grand Master of the Province.

The Provincial Grand Registrar read the patent relating to Col. Newton's appointment, and he was invested.

This terminated the business of the Grand Lodge, and the members were afterwards formed in procession in order of precedence, and proceeded to the hospital for the purpose of the foundation stone laying.

It was a quarter to two when the banner of the Provincial Grand Lodge reached the platform, where the whole ceremony was carried out with the utmost despatch.

Sir Chas. Seely, addressing the Duke of Portland, said that it was his pleasant task to ask his Grace to be good enough to lay the stone, and he had to thank him and that great assembly of their great and ancient Order for the kindness they had done them and the honour they had conferred upon them by coming there that day. That wing, of which that was the memorial stone, was primarily intended for the benefit of those who needed surgical and medical assistance, and who were not able to procure it themselves. But it was also intended as a memorial of the sixtieth year of the illustrious reign of the Queen. That reign had witnessed many renowned victories in peace and in war. Among its peaceful triumphs none perhaps was more marked than the improvements in surgery and medicine. Many noble hospitals had been built during the reign, bringing the benefit of those improvements to those who would otherwise have been deprived of them. It was to continue that beneficial work that they were there that day, and that they asked his Grace to be kind enough to lay that stone.

The Duke of Portland having had a silver trowel presented to him by Sir Charles Seely, and after the usual introductory address, said he was glad that, coming direct from his installation as Provincial Grand Master of Nottinghamshire, the first official duty he had to discharge was to lay the foundation stone of an important addition to the hospital of the county town, as commemorating the Diamond Jubilee of their Patron her Majesty the Queen. The new building would contribute largely to the alleviation of suffering, and administer to the wants of the sick and distressed amongst them, and he heartily hoped that the undertaking might be crowned with success for the beneficent purposes for which it was designed. They were assembled there that day to erect that building to the honour and glory of the Most High, which they prayed God might prosper as it seemed good to Him; and as the first duty of Masons in any undertaking was to invoke the blessing of the Great Architect of the Universe on their work, he called upon them to unite with the Grand Chaplain in an address to the throne of Grace.

Prayer having been offered by the Provincial Grand Chaplain Bro. the Rev. H. T. Hayman, the upper stone was raised and the lower one adjusted, the Duke of Portland saying, "I now declare it to be my will and pleasure that the corner stone of this building be laid." By direction of his Grace the Provincial Grand Secretary read the inscription on the plate, which was as follows:—

This foundation stone of the extension of the Nottingham General Hospital, and in commemoration of the 60th year of the reign of Her Majesty Queen Victoria, was laid on the 7th day of July 1898, by his Grace the Duke of Portland, G.C.V.O., P.C.

It was announced that the words "Provincial Grand Master of Notts., with Masonic ceremony," would be added. The Grand Treasurer afterwards deposited coins of the realm, and other articles in the cavity, in accordance with time-honoured custom.

The Provincial Grand Secretary placed the plate on the lower stone, on the upper face of which the cement was spread, and the Duke of Portland adjusted the same with the trowel handed to him for the purpose, after which the upper stone was slowly lowered, with three distinct stops. A vocal quartette, consisting of Bros. H. Stubbs, G. Stubbs, and E. Marriott (St. Paul's Cathedral), and T. J. Hayter, rendered an appropriate sentence at each of the three intervals.

After the completion of the ceremony the procession returned to the Albert Hall in the reverse order, and the Provincial Grand Lodge was closed.

Following upon the closing of the Provincial Grand Lodge, the Officers and Brethren repaired to the Victoria Hall, Upper Talbot-street, to partake of a banquet, over which the newly installed Provincial Grand Master presided. The catering had been entrusted, with eminently satisfactory results, to Bro. Charles Smith, of the Spread Eagle Hotel, and the scene when all the Visitors, attired in their Masonic garb, were seated, was of a brilliant character. Ranging from the table at which the Grand Master and the leading Officers dined were a number of smaller tables heavily laden with the choicest fruit, and nearly 100 seats were arranged round the balcony in order to cope with the extraordinary demand for tickets. While nothing in the way of the provision of creature comforts was overlooked, the Committee responsible for the arrangements had also drawn up a musical programme of unusual attractiveness.

At the conclusion of the banquet, the toast of the Queen and the Craft having been drunk with enthusiasm, upon the proposal of the Duke of Portland, his Grace, in proposing the Most Worshipful Grand Master of England H.R.H the Prince of Wales, said the toast which he had the honour to propose, like that which they had just pledged, did not depend on the words of the speaker to cause it to be received with the greatest loyalty and pleasure. In such an assembly as that it was needless for him to dilate on the manifold benefits which had accrued to the Craft from his Royal Highness the Prince of Wales' long tenure of office as Most Worshipful Grand Master. Despite his manifold and multifarious duties—for one has only to glance at the newspapers to see he was here one day and there another, doing his utmost to further the welfare of the people over whom, if God so willed, he would some day rule—he yet found time to give his services for the benefit of Freemasonry whenever the occasion demanded. Quite lately he had rendered vast service by his presidency at the wonderfully successful dinner at the Albert Hall, in aid of the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys, when a record subscription list was obtained, thus proving not only the love which was borne him by the Freemasons of the United Kingdom, but also the vitality of the Craft. In that respect he was glad to say the Province of Nottingham was not backward, for it rendered material assistance to the splendid record to which he had just alluded.

Bro. Sir Frederick Milner proposed the Officers of Grand Lodge present and past, and in doing so spoke of the Pro Grand Master's many qualities, and the extent to which Freemasonry was indebted to him. The hearts of all went out to Lord Lathom in sympathy in the terrible tragedy which deprived him of the light and brightness of his home, and deprived the country of a lady who by her many amiable qualities had endeared herself to all who knew her. It was some satisfaction to Masons, however, to know that the universal sympathy which was shown to Lord Lathom helped him to bear his great trial, and they hoped that time might soften the terrible wound that had been inflicted upon him, and that he might be restored in due course to complete health and strength. With regard to the Officers of Grand Lodge present and past he thought it must have been an immense satisfaction to all who were present at the magnificent banquet the other day in the Albert Hall to find that the efforts of Masons resulted in the declaration of the largest sum that had ever been given out at any public dinner. It must also have been a great satisfaction to the Grand Officers present on that occasion to hear

the tribute which was paid to them by the Prince of Wales when he said that during the twenty years he had been a Grand Master he had been most loyally supported by all the Grand Officers, and that it was principally to their efforts that he attributed the great success which had attended the efforts of Freemasons. He coupled with the toast the name of the Marquis of Granby P.J.G.W., upon whose many virtues he would not descant, as the noble marquis was somewhat modest, and it might embarrass him. He had the utmost pleasure in proposing the toast.

The toast having been drunk with enthusiasm, the Marquis of Granby, in reply, said that Earl Lathom since his return had devoted his first thought to the Craft with which he had been so long connected, and with regard to the others Officers of the Grand Lodge, it was sufficient to say that all those who were so honoured as to hold office therein would do their utmost to preserve the dignity and the interest of that Craft with which they were all so closely allied.

Bro. Sir Samuel Johnson next submitted the toast of the Prov. Grand Master of Nottinghamshire His Grace the Duke of Portland. It was, he said, his duty, as far as he could, to give voice to the sentiment of the Brethren of the Lodge on the occasion of the appointment of a new Grand Master for that Province. They were all, he believed, loyal Masons, dutiful Masons, obedient to the powers that be, and he who had been appointed as their Provincial Grand Master had been received by them with acclamation. But it was all the more acceptable to them when, as on that occasion, their duty coincided with their pleasure—when, if they had themselves had the choice their unanimous and universal choice would have been the same as that which had been made by the powers that be in Masonry. That was an occasion, he was about to say, and from their applause it was evidently their opinion too, when very few words were required from him to commend to their notice the important toast which he had to propose. They all knew that Masonry presented both an outside and an internal appearance. Outside to the world they appeared by their charity, which they could fairly boast had been useful in the directions to which it had been directed, but, speaking Masonically, the greatest charm of Masonry to him lay in its influence upon the character of every one of those who belonged to it. That reminded him of the words of an old English poet, Prior, with respect to charity:—

Sweet peace she brings wherever she arrives,  
She builds our quiet, she forms our lives;  
Lays the rough paths of peevish nature even,  
And opens in each heart a little heaven.

And that being the two-fold aspect of their grand Order, who could they have better chosen, who could they have better placed over them, to lead them successfully through those channels of operation of Masonic influence than the noble duke who presided over them that afternoon? In remembering the very many honours that had been conferred and had devolved upon him, they could not but remind themselves that he had been appointed Lord Lieutenant of the County of Nottingham. At the same time they of the city of Nottingham were equally proud with those of the county, because the noble duke had also been appointed by a separate patent Lord-Lieutenant of the city of Nottingham. For those combined reasons that day would stand as a red-letter day in the history of Nottingham, and they welcomed the noble duke with all their hearts, and rejoiced with all their spirits, because they were sure that Masonry would prosper in that Province so long as his Grace reigned over them as the Provincial Grand Master. On an occasion like that one would like to dilate to a considerable extent upon the toast, but without further words he asked them to drink with ringing cheers the health of the Provincial Grand Master the Duke of Portland.

The toast was received with repeated cheers, and at the call of Sir Samuel Johnson, who remarked that whether it was Masonic he did not know, but it was human, an additional cheer was given for the duchess, and subsequently one for the young marquis.

The Duke of Portland, in reply, said: He had to thank Sir Samuel Johnson for the manner in which he had proposed the toast, and also for the cordial welcome which he, on behalf of the city of Nottingham, gave him to the high office to which her Majesty the Queen has graciously appointed him. And he thanked the Brethren for the cordial reception they gave to the toast. He did not know whether it was Masonic, but it was certainly human, and he was sure they would not consider him to be a good Mason if he was not human—if he did not tell them how heartily he appreciated the cordial cheer which they gave for his wife. He assured them that she took the greatest interest in Masonry, but she never tried to find out its secrets. He most deeply appreciated the great honour which had been done him by the Most Worshipful Grand Master in having appointed him Grand Master of that important Province, and he should always endeavour most earnestly to carry out the duties which fell to him to the best of his ability and for the benefit of Freemasonry.

Although he had already alluded at the Installation Ceremony to the great loss which the Province had sustained by the death of the late Worshipful Grand Master, the Duke of St. Albans, yet he was sure he was only fulfilling their wishes if he once again did so. He would, then, say that as a man he claimed their admiration by the earnest and upright way in which he carried out his public duties, and the courage with which he endured many trials and sufferings. As a Freemason, first as Provincial Grand Master for Lincolnshire, and then for 20 years in the same capacity for Nottinghamshire, he rendered most valuable service to the Craft, for it flourished under his rule, and to quote the words which Colonel Newton used at the last anniversary meeting: "He was the means of establishing the prosperity of the Order amongst many of his neighbours and friends in the county, thereby adding to their happiness both morally and socially." He hoped when the time came the same might be said about himself, for, if such was the case he felt he should have to some extent done his duty and been of benefit to his fellow creatures. With that wish ever before him he should spare no effort to uphold the welfare of the Craft in the Province and he was sure, whenever he required assistance, he would always find support, kindness, and sympathy, not only from Colonel Newton the Deputy Provincial Grand Master, but also from the various Officers and every member of the Craft. As they were all aware, it was considered right and proper that other festivities besides that luncheon should be postponed to some future time, but it gave him great pleasure to announce that it was proposed to give a ball during the coming winter, at which he hoped they would all attend. He knew that ladies were debarred from their general assemblies, but he trusted on that occasion they would join the revels, thereby showing their interest in the Craft; but at the same time without desiring to discover its secrets. He begged to assure them that he should always use his best endeavours to foster Freemasonry in the Province.

The health of the Installing Master Lord Henry Cavendish Bentinck Prov. Grand Master of Cumberland and Westmorland, was proposed by Sir Thomas Roe, who alluded to the interesting spectacle they had had of the younger brother installing the elder. The Worshipful Brother, who already was the Right Worshipful Grand Master of Cumberland and Westmorland, had done good work in coming down in the Midlands that day and taking the part he had done in the ceremony, and he hoped and trusted that his Grace the Duke of Portland would never have cause to regret what had taken place that day.

Lord Henry Bentinck, M.P., said that perhaps they were aware of the reason why he found himself in that position. When his Royal Highness the Prince of Wales found it impossible, owing to his many engagements, to visit Nottingham, his brother the duke was kind enough to say that if the Province had no objection he would like him to perform the ceremony of installation. Very seldom had he been more pleased than he had been that day, and he felt certain that one who had proved himself one of the kindest, best, and most indulgent of brothers, would prove himself to be the best possible ruler over them. He would throw himself heart and soul into the work of promoting the welfare of the Province, and he had no doubt but that the Province would continue in its present state of prosperity.

The Right Hon. W. L. Jackson, M.P., Prov. Grand Master of West Yorkshire, esteemed it a great honour on such an occasion to be permitted to propose the toast of the Deputy Provincial Grand Master of Notts. Bro. Lieut.-Col. Wm. Newton P.G.D. England, and the Officers of Provincial Grand Lodge past and present. He might be permitted, perhaps, to depart for a moment from the subject of the toast. Yorkshire and Notts. were associated in many ways, and sometimes on the field. He remembered the time when, if the innermost thoughts of every member of the Yorkshire eleven could have been penetrated, it would have been discovered that they did not like playing against Notts. However, they lived in times of progress, and he supposed that now Yorkshire were getting a little above themselves, and thought that it was impossible for them to be defeated. However, someone must be at the head, and if any one was to be there other than Notts. he thought that his hearers would rather see Yorkshire there than any other county. From another point of view he desired heartily to congratulate the Province of Notts. upon what had happened that day in the name of the Province of West Yorkshire. They had now an ideal Grand Master, but they would agree with him that it was quite as important for the success of the Craft that they should have a good Deputy. Such they had in Colonel Newton, who had great experience, was respected by all, and was always anxious to promote the success of the Order.

Lieut.-Col. Newton, in reply, said that the Province was flourishing now, and there was no doubt that it would continue to flourish under its present ruler. In all the Lodges in the Province which he had visited the utmost harmony prevailed, and there was in all cases an earnest desire to carry out the

principles of the Order. So far as the principle of charity was concerned the past year had beaten all records, both in regard to the Institutions within and without the Province. That day they had been engaged in a very important ceremony, and he trusted that the Masons would subscribe a sum which would be worthy of so great a gathering.

Bro. Judge Masterman P.G.D. of England proposed the toast of the Visitors, for whom the Deputy Provincial Grand Master of Leicestershire replied.

The Tyler's toast concluded the formal proceedings. An offertory in aid of the Hospital Extension Fund realised 100 guineas.—"Nottingham Guardian."

The Faith Lodge of Instruction, No. 141, has adjourned for the summer months. The next meeting will be held at Fumagalli's Restaurant, 13 Wilton Road, Victoria Station, S.W., the first Tuesday in October.

#### SUMMER OUTING OF THE WESTBOURNE LODGE, No. 733.

THE Brethren of this popular Lodge, their wives, and friends, assembled on Thursday, 30th ult., at Paddington Station, for their annual summer outing. Among the company were the W.M. of the Lodge Bro. F. Wortham and his two daughters, Geo. Weaver S.W., S. R. Walker Secretary and daughter, Bro. and Mrs. T. Mogford, Bro. and Mrs. G. Mogford, Bro. and Mrs. H. E. Phips, Bro. and Mrs. B. Stevens, Bro. and Mrs. Thomas, Bro. and Mrs. R. J. Rogers, Mr. and Mrs. Saunders, Mr. and Mrs. Pontin, Miss Nailer, Mr. and Mrs. Preston, Bros. C. T. Brown, Ison, Brock, G. Shields, M. Rockman, J. Woodford, G. Walker, Chapman, Burgess, Mr. Arthur Ferris, Mrs. Bagnall, Mr. Burley, and others, in all about sixty.

Saloon carriages were waiting at 9-53, to convey the party to Taplow, and an hour later all embarked on the "Fashion," a launch of considerable capacity, where bountiful refreshment, including the choicest fruit, was provided, and a very enjoyable trip was indulged in on this most charming part of the river Thames. On arrival at Reading the company adjourned to the Queen's Hotel, where an excellent dinner was provided by Miss House, Manageress of the establishment, and for which she was highly complimented. The banquet was long, and the speeches short, the latter innovation being one we should like to see introduced into general Lodge meetings. In due course the party journeyed to the station and returned to London in the saloon carriages.

The weather was all that could be desired, and the outing proved a glorious success, the unanimous verdict being that a most happy and enjoyable day had been spent.

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Every Thursday and Saturday.—To Minehead, Lynton, Lynmouth, Barnstaple, Ilfracombe, Yealmpton, Tavistock, Launceston, Torquay, Dartmouth, &c., for a week, a fortnight, &c.

Every Friday.—To Chippenham, Bath, Bristol, Frome, Shepton Mallet, Wells, Yeovil, Bridport, Dorchester, Weymouth, Portland, &c., and to the Scilly Islands, for a week, a fortnight, &c.

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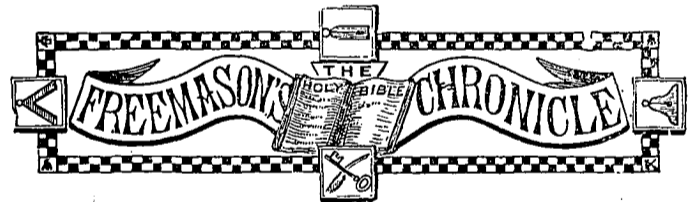
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SATURDAY, 9TH JULY 1898.

**R. M. I. GIRLS.**

**T**HE Lord Mayor, accompanied by the Lady Mayoress, Bro. Alderman and Sheriff Frank Green, Bro. Sheriff Dewar, and the Town Clerk Bro. Sir John B. Monckton, paid a visit to the Institution at Battersea Rise, on Monday, 27th ult. After witnessing the calisthenic exercises the civic party returned to London, amid the cheers of the happy and gratified inmates of this popular school.

**T**HE Quarterly Court of Subscribers to this Institution, now in the 111th year of its existence, was held on Thursday, at Freemasons' Hall, Bro. A. C. Spaul Past Grand Standard Bearer presiding. The Brethren declared thirteen vacancies for the election of Girls into the School on 13th October next, which twenty-seven candidates seek to fill.

**R. M. I. BOYS.**

**T**HE monthly meeting of the Council was held on Friday, 24th ult., Bro. Richard Eve in the chair, supported, amongst others, by Bros. Russell, Glass, Strachan, Tobias, Philippe, Valeriani, Imray, Saunders, Rule, Beale, and McLeod Secretary.

The list of candidates for the October election was closed, there being twenty cases brought forward and twenty-five new cases accepted, besides one for a vacant East Lancashire Presentation. One case was rejected as ineligible, and two

deferred for completion. It was reported that there were twenty-six vacancies to be filled at the election from the forty-five candidates.

It was resolved to make a further investment of about £38,000, and a vote of thanks was accorded to Messrs. Fenn and Crosthwaite, for their continued kindness in making these investments free of charge.

On the report of the Centenary Festival, a letter from Sir Francis Knollys, on behalf of H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, expressing gratification with all arrangements and at the result achieved, was read.

Votes of thanks were passed to their Royal Highnesses the Prince and Princess of Wales, and the form which the same should assume was left in the hands of the Board of Management.

A special vote of thanks and congratulation to the Secretary was also passed.

The following is copy of the letter referred to above :

Marlborough House, Pall Mall, S.W.,  
11th June 1898.

My Dear Sir,—The Prince of Wales desires me to let you know that he was much pleased with the arrangements connected with the dinner last night. He thought that they were all excellent, and that they reflected the greatest credit on those who had the management of the Festival.

His Royal Highness considered the evening to have been a most successful one from every point of view.

Yours truly,

(Signed) FRANCIS KNOLLYS.

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R.M.I. Boys Centenary Festival.

THE Quarterly Court of Subscribers was held yesterday (Friday) at Freemasons' Hall, Bro. Richard Eve Past Grand Treasurer presiding. The formal announcement was made to the Court that at the Centenary Festival of the Institution, held on the 10th of June, at which the Prince of Wales presided, the total subscriptions amounted to £134,000, and that a letter had been received from Sir Francis Knollys expressing his Royal Highness's pleasure with the arrangements connected with the dinner.

The meeting afterwards declared vacancies in the School for the next election in October for twenty-six boys, the number of candidates being forty-five. Before the meeting broke up, Bro. C. E. Keyser made a statement as to the progress which was being made with the arrangements for erecting the new School buildings at Bushey, adding that tenders were going to be immediately put out for about 6,000,000 bricks, and for lifts. The Building Committee had resolved on having none but the best materials throughout.

#### ATHLETIC SPORTS AT THE BOYS SCHOOL.

DESPITE the fact that unfavourable weather kept many visitors away from the Boys School on the occasion of the annual Athletic Sports of the pupils—on Saturday, 25th ult.—there was a good gathering of friends of the Institution, and considerable enthusiasm among those who did brave the elements. Fortunately there was an improvement in the afternoon, and it was possible for most of the events on the programme to be decided, the following being the results:

Throwing the Cricket Ball.—Prize, the ball. 1st Shaw (88 yards 4 inches). Second Greenwood.

100 Yards (Under 13).—First prize (Tankard) Curtis. Second (Batting Gloves) Chipp.

100 Yards (open).—First prize (Opera Glasses presented by Bro. H. Kemp) Shaw. Second (Drinking Cup) Chadwick.

High Jump (Preparatory School).—First prize (Bat) Loxley. Second (Pair of Pads) Hawkins. The former cleared 3 feet 2 inches.

High Jump (open).—First prize (Handbag) Campbell. Second (Cricket Ball) Chadwick. Height cleared, 4 feet 1 inch.

220 Yards (under 13) Handicap.—First prize (Cricket Bat) Curtis. Second (Album) Aspden.

300 Yards (open).—First prize (Cricket Bag) Shaw. Second (Tankard) Chadwick. Both prizes presented by Bro. A. B. Bennett.

High Jump (under 13).—First Prize (Telescope) Walker. Second (Tennis Racquet) Pickles. Height, 3 feet 10 inches.

440 yards (open) handicap.—First prize (Bat) Curtis. Second (Handbag) Grant.

220 yards (Preparatory School).—First prize (Football) Loxley. Second (Writing Case) Ward.

100 yards Bicycle slow race.—Prizes presented by Bro. James Willing jun. and Bro. Henry Pritchard. First Tutton. Second Smith.

Long Jump (under 13).—First prize (Writing Case presented by Bro. James Willing jun.) Pickles. Second Walker.

Bicycle Tent-Pegging.—Prize (Clock) Tutton. Second Garraway.

Bicycle Race, 220 yards without hands.—First Prize (Tankard) Tutton. Second Buck.

220 yards (open) handicap.—First prize (Cricket Bat) Curtis. Second (Pads) Frost.

The Gymnastic display, for which three prizes were provided by Bro. W. H. Kempster, M.D., had to be postponed on account of the wet, and the same fate befel the Tug of War, which was set down later in the programme.

Three-legged Race.—First Prize (two Hockey Sticks) Horsburgh and H. W. Roberts. Second (two pairs of Fives Gloves) Curtis and Smith.

100 yards (Preparatory School).—First prize (Bat) Loxley. Second (Batting Gloves) Lloyd.

880 yards (open).—First prize (Cricket Bat) Greenwood. Second (Pads) Chadwick. Third (Batting Gloves) Boden.

Old Boys' Race (220 yards).—First prize (presented by the Sports' Committee) Lillywhite. Second and third (presented by the Old Masonians' Society) Walker.

Long Jump (open).—First prize (Pads) Cowell. Second (Hockey Stick) Rees.

220 yards Race open to Public Schools only.—Prize (value one guinea) Attree, of St. Olave's, Southwark.

Donkey Race (Preparatory School).—First prizes (two Cricket Balls) Loxley and Howson. Second (two Knives) Abbott and Hirst.

Hurdle Race.—Prize (Tankard) Campbell. Second Owen.

Three-legged Race (Preparatory School).—First prizes (two Albums) Abbott and Dover. Second (two Pencils) Hawkins and Loxley.

Consolation Sack Race.—First prize (Pads) Owen. Second (Hockey Stick) Hughes.

220 yards Consolation Race.—First prize (Hand-bag) Long. Second (Tennis Racquet) Hemmings.

Victor Ludorum.—Over 13, prize presented by the Gavel Club, A. P. Shaw. Under 13, Tankard presented by the Assistant Masters, J. Curtis.

The prizes were presented by Mrs. James Willing jun., who was cordially thanked for her attendance and assistance on the occasion.

Alhambra.—Mr. Dundas Slater has lost no time in bringing about many important changes in the programme of this theatre, the principal being that of the relegation of the gorgeous and expensive ballets, and the substitution of a more up-to-date entertainment. Of course the Alhambra cannot entirely disassociate itself from the old traditions, and hence we have a charming little "ballet divertissement," which does not exceed a quarter of an hour, and enables us to see our former favourites in the graceful persons of Mdlles. Julie Searle, Ada Taylor, N. Houghton, and J. Casaboni. Miss Cissie Loftus renews her clever imitations, and Mdlle. Juliette Nesville brings back to our remembrance the songs and style of Madame Judie. The cheval de bataille is Signor Leopoldo Fregoli, who presents the latest specimen of his peculiar talent of rapid impersonation in the shape of the "The Eldorado Music Hall," in which he is stated to represent thirty different characters. It is certainly a wonderful performance, and must be very exhausting to the performer. Mr. Joe Elvin and Company's popular sketch "One of the Boys," goes as well as ever, and brings the entertainment to a capital conclusion. We must not omit to mention Mr. Slater's highly artistic and useful programme, which in addition to the names of the artistes, contains the racing and cricket fixtures for the month, a diary of forthcoming events, and a list of cab fares.

#### BIRKBECK BUILDING SOCIETY.

THE forty-seventh Annual Meeting of this Society was held on Thursday, the 30th ult., at the Offices, 29 and 30 Southampton Buildings, Chancery Lane.

The Report adopted states that during the financial year just closed the total receipts from all sources, taken with the disbursements, discloses the fact that the annual turnover has amounted to £37,488,736, being a daily average of upwards of £120,000 for every business day that the Office has been opened throughout the year.

The Investments now exceed Ten Millions—£10,778,675—and the total Liabilities on Subscriptions and Deposits also exceed Ten Millions; whilst the balance of assets in excess of liabilities amounts to £431,984.

The amount received for subscriptions during the year has reached the sum of £266,511. After allowing for withdrawals, the amount standing to the credit of Investing members at the close of the year is £888,896, and the balance of deposits to £9,457,794, amounting together to £10,346,691, an increase over the past year of £1,233,236.

The investments in convertible securities and the cash in hand have been augmented to the extent of £1,212,079, and now amount to £9,213,785, of which £1,542,652, is invested in consols and other Government securities, upwards of two-and-a-half-millions—£2,652,483—are inscribed in the books of the Governor and Company of the Bank of England; and £619,206 represents cash at Bankers.

The number of Members who have joined the Birkbeck during the past year is 2,924. In the Banking department, 2,116 current accounts, and 7,377 deposit accounts have been opened, in all 12,417 new accounts, being at the rate of 1,034 per month.

The Register of Shareholders now contains the names of 13,601 members, and besides these there are 19,160 current accounts, and 52,333 deposit accounts; thus making the total of members and depositors 85,094—the highest number ever attained. The number of shares in existence at the close of the year was 69,611, which is also the highest number yet reached.

Since its establishment the Society has returned to the shareholders and depositors more than one hundred and ninety-four millions (£194,672,808), the whole amount having been repaid upon demand. The amount advanced to borrowers has been £3,559,256, the amount of interest and bonus paid to investors and depositors is upwards of three millions sterling, the exact figures being £3,322,147, and the invested funds now exceed ten millions sterling—£10,778,675.

#### "A SPRIG OF ACACIA."

THE funeral of the late Bro. T. P. Stewart, of Reading, who died somewhat suddenly on the 23rd ult., at the age of 48, took place on Tuesday, 28th. Deceased was, at the time of his death, Secretary of the Grey Friars Lodge, No. 1101, and a number of his fellow members attended the funeral, headed by the Worshipful Master Brother W. B. Biddles. Several Brethren of the Union Lodge, No. 414 were also present. Both the Lodges sent handsome emblematic wreaths.

## 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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## ALEXANDRA PALACE LODGE, No. 1541.

THE installation meeting was held on Saturday, 25th ult., at the Holborn Viaduct Hotel, and passed off with great éclat.

The principal business was the installation of Bro. C. J. Drummond S.W. as W.M. for the ensuing year, the ceremony being performed by the retiring W.M. Bro. J. F. Purton, in a manner that called forth highest praise from all present.

Having appointed and invested the Officers for the year, the W.M. presented his predecessor with a Past Master's jewel, which had been unanimously voted to him by the Lodge.

A feature of the evening, and one that gave the liveliest satisfaction, not only to the new W.M., but also to the Lodge, was the receipt from H.R.H. the Prince of Wales Most Worshipful Grand Master of the following telegram: "The Grand Master desires me to congratulate you on your installation as Worshipful Master of the Alexandra Palace Lodge.—Knollys."

Upwards of 60 brethren afterwards dined together at the Holborn Viaduct Hotel.

## INSTRUCTION.

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## ST. MICHAEL LODGE, No. 211.

ON Monday, at Bro. G. H. Cates's, Richmond Hotel, Shepherd's Bush, Bro. R. Catling W.M., W. T. Ridgway S.W., J. Jupp J.W., R. H. Williams P.M. Preceptor, C. Barber Sec., W. R. Carpenter S.D., S. Webb J.D., Turner I.G., J. Wynman.

The Lodge was advanced to the second and third degrees, and resumed to the first. Bro. Williams, with the assistance of the Brethren, rehearsed the first and second sections, and Bro. Ridgway worked the third. The Lodge was called off and on, and then closed.

Bro. Ridgway will preside at the next meeting.

## WESTBOURNE LODGE, No. 733.

ON Tuesday, 28th ult., Bro. G. Weaver W.M., Ridgway S.W., Busby J.W., H. Dehane P.M. Preceptor, R. J. Rogers P.M. Treas., G. Mogford P.M. Sec., T. Mogford W.M. S.D., G. Knight P.M. J.D., W. Medland I.G., G. Shield, Mathews, J. Wynman, and others.

The Lodge was opened to the second degree, Bro. Shield answered the usual questions leading to the third, and retired. Bro. R. Rogers P.M. was entrusted and the ceremony of raising was rehearsed.

Bro. Weaver was highly complimented by Bro. Dehane Preceptor, who said the working Bro. Weaver had done that evening gave great satisfaction.

Bro. Ridgway was elected to preside at the next meeting.

ON Tuesday, at the Oliver Arms, Westbourne Terrace North, Harrow Road, W., Bros. Ridgway W.M., Busby S.W., T. Mogford J.W., H. Dehane P.M. Preceptor, G. Mogford P.M. Sec., G. Knight S.D., G. Weaver J.D., R. J. Rogers I.G., and J. Wynman.

The ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, Bro. Knight candidate. The Lodge was called off, and on resumption Brother Weaver was examined and entrusted, and the ceremony of passing was rehearsed. Both ceremonies were rendered in an able manner.

Bro. Busby was elected to preside next Tuesday.

## ROYAL ALFRED LODGE, No. 780.

ON Thursday, 23rd ult., at Bro. Purkiss's, Star and Garter Hotel, Kew Bridge, Bro. E. Williams W.M., R. W. Robinson S.W., J. Dinnis P.M. J.W., R. H. Williams P.M. Preceptor, F. J. Larkman P.M. Treas., J. H. Cumming P.M. Sec., W. Langdon S.D., J. Cooper J.D., R. Adlington I.G., S. W. Keene Prov.G.P., F. Botley, H. R. Worth, H. J. Johnson, J. Wynman, and others.

The W.M. rehearsed the ceremony of initiation, Bro. Keene acting as candidate, and then proceeded with the full explanation of the tracing board, which was highly appreciated.

The W.M. kindly vacated the chair in favour of Bro. Williams Preceptor, who advanced the Lodge to the second degree, when Bro. Botley answered the questions leading to the third and that ceremony was gone through.

The W.M. having resumed the chair, Bro. S. W. Keene was elected a member, which compliment was duly acknowledged, Bro. Keene at the same time congratulating the Brethren on their excellent working. Bro. Robinson was elected to preside at the next meeting.

ON the 30th ult., at the Star and Garter Hotel, Kew Bridge, Bro. R. W. Robinson W.M., J. Dinnis S.W., W. Langdon J.W., R. H. Williams Preceptor, J. H. Cumming Sec., S. W. Keene S.D., C. Jacob J.D., H. R. Worth I.G., J. Blaydes, F. J. Cross, C. Humble, and others.

The ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, Bro. Cumming acting as candidate. The W.M. gave the ancient charge, in an excellent manner. Lodge was then called off and on, and then opened in the second degree, when Bro. Blaydes answered the usual questions and was entrusted, and the ceremony of raising was rehearsed.

Bro. Dinnis was elected to the W.M.'s chair for the next meeting. We may mention that this Lodge of Instruction is regularly attended by many of the best workers of the Craft residing in the district, and the genial proprietor of the Hotel (Bro. Captain Purkiss) is always pleased to see any of his old Masonic friends.

## CLARENCE AND AVONDALE LODGE, No. 2411.

ON Tuesday, at Bro. E. W. Greenwood's, the Masonic Hall, Leytonstone, Bro. E. Jennings W.M., W. Gernon S.W., Sidney Vernon J.W., J. Oxley P.M. acting Preceptor, T. W. Box Sec., T. Blyth S.D., J. Davis J.D., J. A. Davey I.G., A. Bebrouth P.M., S. Pennell W.M. 2411, Thody, T. Barnes, Wynman.

Bro. Thody was examined as a candidate for the second degree, and that ceremony was rehearsed to perfection. The W.M. examined Bro. Bebrouth for the third degree, and he was entrusted. The W.M. vacated the chair in favour of Bro. Oxley, who opened the Lodge in the third, and the ceremony of raising was rehearsed.

Bro. W. Gernon was elected W.M. for the next meeting.

## HUGH OWEN LODGE, No. 2593.

ON Friday, 24th ult., at the Frascati Restaurant, Oxford Street, W., Bros. G. Read W.M., F. Aris S.W., J. B. Schrader J.W., H. J. Holland P.M. Preceptor, R. H. Nicholls P.M. Treas., H. Kobelt Sec., C. Ridgway S.D., N. Wootton J.D., A. Taylor I.G., B. Ware, C. Drake, H. Ramsbottom, J. Wynman, and others.

The ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, Bro. Nicholls personating the candidate. This ceremony being ended the Lodge was opened in the second degree, and the W.M. kindly vacated the chair in favour of Bro. Holland Preceptor, who intimated that the ceremony of installation would be rehearsed. Bro. Read was presented as W.M.-elect by Bro. Nicholls acting as D.C., and after the obligation was installed. Bro. Read invested the Officers, after which Bro. Holland delivered the three addresses. All the ceremonies were faultlessly rendered.

Bro. Nicholls proposed that a hearty vote of thanks be recorded on the minutes for the exceptional Masonic treat Bro. Holland had given to the members.

Bro. Holland said it was a great pleasure to rehearse the ceremony, and in fact every Past Master should do the same if it was for the benefit of the Lodge.

Bro. Aris was elected to preside at the next meeting.

## BRONDESBURY LODGE, No. 2698.

ON Wednesday, at Bro. W. C. Coxen's, the Earl of Derby, 155 High Road, Kilburn, Bros. J. H. Clemens W.M., J. Gawthorp S.W., M. Spiegel P.M. J.W., A. F. Hardymont Preceptor, R. J. Campbell acting Sec., J. Marks S.D., J. Smith J.D., J. Fraser I.G., J. Wynman, and others.

The ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, with Bro. Marks as the candidate. The W.M. advanced the Lodge to the second and third degrees, and then closed down.

Bro. Campbell proposed that the meetings be postponed till the second Wednesday in September, which was seconded by Bro. Hardymont Preceptor, and carried unanimously.

## PROVINCIAL.

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## RURAL PHILANTHROPIC LODGE, No. 291.

ON Friday, 1st inst., the ceremony of installing Bro. F. W. Bishop S.W. as successor to Bro. J. Burnett was very ably performed by Bro. R. C. Elise D.Prov.G.M. Past Grand Deacon of England.

The W.M., who was presented for installation by Past Masters J. T. Dunsford and B. C. Board, afterwards appointed and invested his Officers for the year.

## ROYAL YORK LODGE, No. 315.

THE Brethren of this Lodge, in conjunction with the members of the York Royal Lodge of Instruction, held their annual summer outing on the 6th inst., when the party, numbering nearly 100, and including a fair sprinkling of ladies, paid a visit to several of the most charming spots in North Sussex. Leaving Brighton by the 10.25 train, the company, on reaching West Hoathly, drove to Ashdown Forest, where they were joined by several of the brethren of the Sackville Lodge, East Grinstead. Shortly before one o'clock the large party, favoured by delightful weather, partook of a champagne picnic luncheon in the Forest, and then, continuing their drive, proceeded in carriages through the Forest to Brambletye, and thence, via East Grinstead, Blackwood Hollow, and Bellagio, to the Dormans Park Hotel, where they sat down to an excellent dinner.

Bro. W. E. Nash W.M., who may be warmly congratulated upon the success of the outing, presided, the vice-chair being occupied by Bro. H. Kent sen. P.M. P.P.G.S.B.

The W.M. said that he was desirous that their time should not be occupied with long speeches, and was anxious that one toast only—that of the Queen—should be given.

That toast having been duly honoured, Bro. G. Anley said it gave him great pleasure to propose a hearty vote of thanks to their W.M. Bro. W. E. Nash, for the admirable manner in which he had superintended the arrangements made for the pleasure of the company during the day.

The W.M., in responding, said that if the outing had proved enjoyable he and the Committee who had worked with him were satisfied, and he was glad to learn that they had all experienced a very happy and charming day.

The Company then dispersed, some taking part in croquet and bowls, while others adjourned to the Drawing Room, where an impromptu musical programme was sustained by Bro. Pitchmann, Bro. W. Fleet, Mr. Argyle Galloway, and Mrs. Galloway, the duties of accompanist being in the hands of Bro. W. N. Roe. The party left Dormans Station by the 8.44 train, and Brighton was reached at 10.20.

The duties of Hon. Secretary were admirably carried out by Bro. T. H. Challis, who was assiduous in his attention to the Brethren and their guests, while excellent support was also given to the W.M. by a Sub-Committee comprising Bros. B. Drury, A. W. Payne, H. G. Burghope, C. J. Carter, and W. H. Hills.

## STAFFORDSHIRE KNOT LODGE, No. 726.

THE members of this Lodge, with invited friends, had an enjoyable excursion on Wednesday, 29th ult., to the Dukeries. Bro. W. J. Hall Wor

shipful Master accompanied the party, which numbered 74, and included a large proportion of ladies. A special Great Northern saloon train had been engaged, and the party left at 8 a.m. Travelling via Derby, Colwick and Newark, they reached Edwinstowe about eleven o'clock, and luncheon was partaken of at the Dukeries Hotel. Subsequently the company drove to Welbeck Abbey, the seat of the Duke of Portland, passing the Russian shooting-box, Robin Hood larder, and Greendale Oak, in the park. On arrival at Welbeck, the Abbey was visited, but chief interest centred in the underground rooms, as well as the riding-school, tan-gallop, stables, picture galleries, &c., the contents of the latter being much admired. Afternoon tea was served, and leaving Welbeck about four o'clock, the party drove past Clumber House, the Duke of Newcastle's seat, and Moresby House, the residence of Earl Manners, the route being through his extensive deer park. After a very pleasant journey of about 19 miles through beautiful forest scenery, Edwinstowe was again reached about six o'clock, and dinner was served at the hotel.

At the conclusion of the repast, the toast of Queen and Craft was loyally pledged, and the health of the Worshipful Master was cordially received, on the proposition of the Rev. S. W. Jones (Salt), Bro. W. Hall suitably responding. The party left Edwinstowe at 7.45 p.m. and reached Stafford shortly before eleven. Excellent arrangements for the trip were made by Bro. F. Amies Secretary.

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BEAUREPER LODGE, No. 787.

ON Thursday, 23rd ult., at the Lion Hotel, Belper, the 39th anniversary of the Lodge was celebrated, and Bro. George T. Terry was installed W.M. by Bro. A. Hingley, the retiring Officer.

The usual banquet followed in the evening, when Masonic toasts were appropriately honoured.

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CARNARVON LODGE, No. 804.

THE annual meeting took place on Tuesday, 5th inst., at the Masonic Hall, Waterloo Road, Havant, and some 48 Brethren assembled to do honour to the Master-elect Bro. W. W. Blake, who was inducted into the chair by the outgoing Master Bro. J. Mew Godfrey, there being present seventeen Installed Masters.

The following were appointed Officers:—Bros. W. W. Williams S.W., F. S. Stebbing J.W., E. S. Spriggins P.M. Treasurer, H. W. Smith Parsons P.M. Sec., G. W. Corbin S.D., L. J. Morey J.D., George Huggett P.M. Dir. of C., W. F. Earle Organist, A. E. Fielder I.G., A. Hapgood S.Steward, G. E. Smith J.Steward, W. W. Burrows Tyler.

A vote of thanks was accorded Bro. Godfrey for his services during the last twelve months, and, as a recognition of his having filled the office of Master for the second time, he was presented with a handsome Past Master's jewel, specially designed and manufactured by Bro. H. T. Lamb, of London.

A handsome board for inscribing the names of the Masters of the Lodge was presented by Bro. T. P. Hall P.M., in a few well-chosen words, for which he received a hearty vote of thanks.

The Lodge being closed, the Brethren adjourned to the banquet room, where an excellent repast, prepared by Mr. R. Ellis, of the Dolphin Hotel, was duly appreciated. The usual toasts were given and responded to, being interspersed with songs and recitations by Bros. Lancaster, Beves, G. Washington Allen, and J. J. Bascombe, Bro. Earle ably presiding at the piano.

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PATTISON LODGE, No. 913.

THE annual installation of this successful Lodge, which now numbers over 100 members, was held on Thursday, 7th inst., at Plumstead, when Bro. John Oliver Cook Worshipful Master installed his successor in the person of Bro. John James Murphy.

The following Officers were appointed:—Bros. Edward M. Taylor S.W., Arthur Moore J.W., Rev. Augustus Jackson P.P.G.C. Chaplain, Charles Coupland P.A.G.D.C. Eng. P.P.J.G.W. Treasurer, W. Campbell Taylor P.M. Secretary, William Sanders P.M. Asst. Secretary, James G. Tucker S.D., James H. Bule J.D., Frederick Hoar I.G., Robert J. Cook P.P.G.R. D.C., W. H. Chaney A.D.C., Sidney Horton P.M. Organist, Henry J. Butter P.M. Steward, and Charles Warren Tyler.

The Brethren afterwards dined together at the Holborn Restaurant.

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WALTON LODGE, No. 1086.

THE members held their annual picnic at Bettws-y-coed, on the 1st inst.

The party, numbering 50, left Lime Street Station, Liverpool, in saloon carriages at 8.40 a.m. Dinner was served at the Glan Aber Hotel upon arrival, after which the party proceeded in waggonettes to the Miners' Bridge, Swallow Falls, and Capel Curig Lakes, returning for tea at the above Hotel soon after six o'clock. Afterwards a very pleasant ceremony took place, Bro. T. Garrett P.M. presenting to Bro. James M'Laren I.P.M., on behalf of the Officers and members, a pair of beautiful bronze figures. The party returned to Liverpool in the evening, having spent a very enjoyable day.

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ST. ANDREW LODGE, No. 1151.

AT Tywardreath, on Thursday, 30th ult., Bro. J. W. Cole was ably installed W.M. by Bro. R. Rundell Prov.G.Purs., assisted by Bro. J. Doney 856 P.P.G.D. The brethren afterwards adjourned to the Royal Hotel, Par Station, where an excellent banquet was provided by Bro. S. Brewer.

Bro. B. Edyvean, replying for the Grand Lodge, spoke of the enthusiasm at the late Centenary Festival of the Boys School. The Province of Cornwall contributed over £800, and considering the dull state of trade generally in the county it compared favourably with the larger sums subscribed by more prosperous counties.

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WEY SIDE LODGE, No. 1395.

THE installation meeting took place at the Masonic Hall, Woking, on Tuesday, 28th ult. The Worshipful Master Bro. Robert Mossop presided, and in a very able and impressive manner installed his successor in the chair—Bro. Colonel A. H. Bircham. There was a large attendance of members and visitors, and among the latter were no less than four reigning Masters of other Lodges. The Grand Lodge of England was represented by

Bros. R. F. Gould and A. H. Bowles Past Grand Deacons, and S. G. Kirchoffer Past Deputy Grand Director of Ceremonies.

Business being concluded, the Brethren sat down to an excellent banquet, at the termination of which the usual Loyal and Masonic toasts were eloquently proposed by the W.M. and most cordially received by all present.

The toast of the Officers of the Grand Lodge of England was responded to by Bro. R. F. Gould, and that of the Provincial Grand Officers by Bro. H. J. Bidwell.

The toast of the evening, the health of the Worshipful Master, which was received with much enthusiasm, was acknowledged in feeling terms by Colonel Bircham.

The several Worshipful Masters of the other Lodges replied for the Visitors, and Bro. Mossop I.P.M. for the Past Masters. A very choice musical entertainment was afforded by the joint efforts of the members and visitors.

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CHISLEHURST LODGE, No. 1531.

THE installation meeting took place at Bexley Heath, on Saturday, 25th ult., when Bro. Muir Smith was installed by Bro. W. J. Kipps W.M.

The Brethren afterwards dined in the Village Hall, and during the evening a handsome Past Master's collar and jewel was presented to the I.P.M., in recognition of the manner in which he had performed the duties of Master during the past year.

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PRUDENCE LODGE, No. 1550.

THERE was a very large attendance at the Freemasons' Hall, Plymouth, on Saturday evening, 2nd inst., to witness the installation of Bro. William Pryor. The ceremony was graced by an unusually large number of Provincial Officers present and past, and Past Masters. The retiring Master Bro. S. G. Edwards presided, the chief ceremony being impressively performed, the following brethren taking part:—Bros. S. G. Edwards, T. W. Griffiths, J. G. Keverne, R. G. Bird, and C. Mutton.

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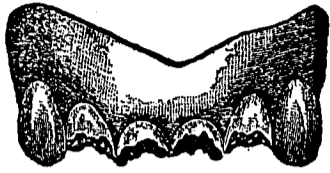
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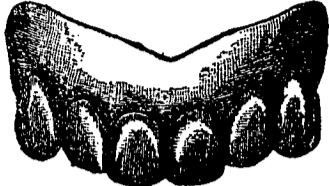
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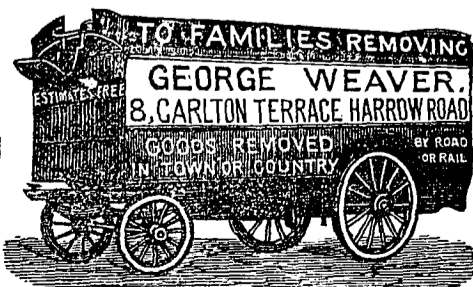
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Covent Garden.—On Monday, Ero e Leandro. Tuesday, Lohengrin.  
 Wednesday, Romeo et Juliette. Thursday, Henry VIII.

Lyceum.—7:45, Cyrano de Bergerac. Matinée, Saturday, 2:30.

Her Majesty's.—8:40, Ragged Robin. Matinée, Wednesday, 2:30.

Haymarket.—8:30, The Little Minister. Matinée, Wednesday and Satur-  
 day, 2:30.

Vaudeville.—8:20, The French Maid. Matinée, Wednesday, 2:30.

Daly's.—8:15, A Greek Slave. Matinée, Saturday, 2:30.

Savoy.—8:10, The Beauty Stone. Matinée, Saturday, 2:15.

Lyric.—Sarah Bernhardt's Season. (Last day).

Prince of Wales's.—8:15, La Poupée. Matinée, Saturday, 2:30.

Garrick.—8:30, Sue.

Gaiety.—8, A Runaway Girl. Matinée, Wednesday, 2.

Criterion.—8:15, The Liars. Matinée, Wednesday and Saturday, 2:30.

St. James's.—8:30, The Ambassador. Matinée, Wednesday and Satur-  
 day, 2.

Strand.—On Tuesday, 8, No credit. 8:45, What happened to Jones.  
 Matinée, Wednesday and Saturday, 3.

Court.—8:30, Mrs. Rawdon's Rehearsal. 9, His Excellency the Governor.  
 Matinée, Saturday, 3.

Comedy.—8, Constancy. 8:30, Lord and Lady Algy. Matinée, Wednesday, 3.

Terry's.—On Monday, 8:15, Meadow Sweet. 9, The Vicar's Dilemma.

Shaftesbury.—8, The Belle of New York. Matinée, Wednesday, 2.

Royalty.—8:15, The Cat and the Cherub. 9, My Innocent Boy. Matinée,  
 Wednesday, 2:30.

Grand.—Next week, Nance Oldfield, and The Bells.

Alexandra Palace.—Open Daily. Constant Amusements. Balloon Ascents.  
 Fireworks, &c., &c.

Alhambra.—7:50, Variety Entertainment. One of the Boys, &c.

Empire.—7:50, Variety Entertainment. "The Press" Ballet, &c.

Palace.—7:45, Variety Entertainment. New American Biograph, &c.

London Pavilion.—8, Variety Entertainment.

Royal.—7:30, Variety Company. Saturday, 2:30 also.

Egyptian Hall.—3 and 8, Mr. J. N. Maskelyne's entertainment.

Crystal Palace.—Varied attractions daily.

Royal Aquarium.—Open 10 a.m., close 11:30 p.m. Constant Amusement.