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SUMMER MASONRY.

THE practice which has been steadily growing year by year, of entertaining ladies and gentlemen unassociated with Freemasonry, at summer festivals or picnics in connection with our Lodges, appears to be more popular than ever this season, and from all parts of the country we are continually receiving reports of interesting and enjoyable excursions, arranged under the auspices of different Masonic Lodges.

The success of this particular form of Masonic meeting is hardly to be wondered at by anyone who participates in one of the enjoyable gatherings, as not only do they afford a pleasurable relaxation for the Brethren themselves, but the presence of the ladies adds a charm wholly unknown in connection with an ordinary Lodge meeting, and, as an additional benefit, the visitors have an opportunity of learning something of the inner working of the Craft, and must entertain a greater regard for it and its members as a consequence.

The picnic, too, very often provides the means for a pleasant reunion of the Brethren themselves, it being no unusual occurrence for two or three Lodges in a town to combine on such occasions, and arrange a joint outing, which not only smoothes over any little opposition which may exist between members of the different bodies, but does much to cement them closer together in the bonds of true Masonry. Long may such meetings continue.

A MOUNTAINOUS MOLEHILL.

SOME worthy Brethren located not more than a thousand miles outside the port of London are considerably exercised in mind by reason of what they consider a grave Masonic scandal, which is allowed to go on week by week unchallenged by the authorities, and apparently disregarded by those who profess to have the best interests of Freemasonry at heart. Already a strong letter of condemnation has been talked of, to be transmitted from the Lodge of these Brethren to our contemporary, the Editor of which will probably thank them for wasting his time, or otherwise; a severely worded appeal is to be despatched to the Board of General Purposes, to be followed up in Grand Lodge itself if no redress is to be met with there; and a petition is talked of direct to the Grand Master himself, after which, if the evil remains unaltered, we may expect the deluge. The trouble arises from an advertisement which regularly appeals to members of the Craft in what we, in our simplicity, regarded as a perfectly legitimate manner; but we are altogether wrong, it seems, and we dread to think of the awful consequences in store for the offenders. To be more explicit we may explain that a certain well known Brother advertises over his name

certain Masonic emblems—a very awful proceeding in the eyes of some of our purists, yet practised far and near notwithstanding; but that is not all, the worst being that, for months past he has described himself as “A Candidate,” and here there is an actual call for “sympathy” for those who are so concerned at what is going on. They immediately imagine the advertiser is a candidate for Freemasonry, although the next part of the advertisement would convince any ordinary individual what was intended; and see all manner of fearful consequences likely to result from anyone being before the Craft as a candidate for upwards of eighteen months; then, again, as a candidate, what right has he to use Masonic signs? and so they continue their queries, “ad nauseam,” until we really ask ourselves what will happen if some desperate effort is not made to put an end to their anxiety. But for all this we cannot see any call for interference on our part, and hope our readers will not think we have been playing with them in thus putting the momentous question before them. Our critics are really alarmed for the future of Freemasonry if this sort of thing is allowed to go on, and with our usual desire to submit both sides of a story to our readers we have devoted thus much space to an attempt to frame their arguments in the most favourable light.

We notice an American firm lately offered cash prizes for the best articles on “How to make Lodge meetings interesting.” If our friends cared to send in an account of all they have said and done in this matter, and could convince the judges that they had succeeded in making their regular Lodge meetings interesting in consequence, they ought to stand a very good chance of securing the ten dollars offered as first prize, unless the Yankee judges treated the whole affair as we did at first—as a huge joke. It has since been impressed upon us, however, as anything but a laughing matter, being rather a subject calling for energetic action on the part of the Masonic powers that be, who, we are afraid, need something more than this to disturb the even tenor of their way—but who knows? Great things from little causes spring, and we may live to see a mighty revolution arise from this veritably “storm in a tea cup,” to which further reference is made in our correspondence column.

NORFOLK.

THE annual meeting of this Provincial Grand Lodge was held on Thursday, at the rooms of the Norwich Masonic Association, St. Giles's Street, Norwich. There was a very large attendance, presided over by the Provincial Grand Master Lord Suffield, K.C.B., who was supported by his Deputy Bro. Hamon le Strange, Sir Francis Boileau, Sir Kenneth Kemp, Sir Charles Gilman, and others.

At one o'clock the Brethren below the rank of Provincial Grand Officers assembled in the Lodge Room under their respective banners, and shortly after the Provincial Grand Master and his Deputy, attended by the Present and Past

Provincial Grand Officers, entered and opened the Lodge in due form. After the Provincial Grand Master had been saluted according to ancient custom, the roll of Provincial Officers was called, and those present answered to their names.

On the Provincial Grand Secretary calling the roll of Lodges in the Province, it was found each of the eighteen Lodges was represented.

The minutes of the proceedings of the meeting held at Yarmouth last year had been printed and circulated, were taken as read, and were confirmed and signed by the Prov. Grand Master.

Before proceeding with other business Bro. Lord Suffield moved that the deep sense of regret at the loss of Bro. H. G. Barwell be placed on record. The resolution alluded to the Offices which the deceased Brother had so worthily filled, and embraced a vote of condolence with Miss Barwell and other members of the family in their sorrow.

Bro. Hamon le Strange, in seconding the proposition (which received a unanimous and silent approval) traced the Masonic history of Bro. Barwell, and paid a high tribute to the zeal, energy, and ability Bro. Barwell had displayed in all the works he had undertaken, and mentioned the fact that success had attended every effort he had made to secure the election of local candidates for the three great Masonic Charitable Institutions.

The Provincial Grand Registrar read a return of the several Lodges in the Province, with the numbers of initiations, joinings, resignations, and fees paid to the Grand Lodge during the past year.

Bro. B. B. Morgan Prov. G. Treasurer presented the balance sheet, which was adopted, and the P.G. Secretary read the report of the Board of General Purposes, who recommended that several necessitous cases should be relieved, and that ten guineas should be sent to the Royal Masonic Institution for Aged Masons and Widows of Masons. The report was adopted on the proposition of Bro. Hamon le Strange, seconded by Bro. Edmund Reeve.

Bro. Bertram Barwell, who had been appointed Secretary to the Charities Committee, read the report submitted by that body, from which it appeared that the candidate adopted by the Province had been elected, tenth on the list, to the Girls School.

Regret was expressed at the irreparable loss sustained by the death of Bros. Captain Mills, G. S. Woodwark, and H. G. Barwell.

It was further reported that from the Province of Norfolk sixteen Stewards went up to the great gathering at the Albert Hall, their lists showing a total of £813 13s 6d.

There being but one nomination, Bro. A. N. Mann 1500, he was declared elected as Provincial Grand Treasurer.

The Provincial Grand Master appointed and invested his Officers for the ensuing year.

Six members who had been nominated to serve on the Board of General Purposes were then elected. Bros. G. A. Fuller and J. B. Coleby were appointed Auditors.

Bro. G. Plumstead, of Doric Lodge, invited the Provincial Lodge to hold its next meeting at Wymondham, pointing out that it was twenty years since that town had been visited. Brother Churchyard, on behalf of the youngest Lodge, Baring, hoped that Cromer might be selected for next year's meeting.

Lord Suffield, without giving a definite decision, said he was inclined to think the former town had the greater claim. He went on to congratulate the Province on its prosperous condition, a state of affairs which was largely due to the labours of Bro. Hamon le Strange, and those who co-operated with him. His Lordship then made the important announcement that after much consideration he had determined to resign his position as Provincial Grand Master. Speaking with much feeling, he said it was not on the ground of ill-health that he felt he ought to relinquish his office, but rather because he thought that as he had occupied this post for twenty-eight years a change of ruler would be beneficial. He had discussed the matter with the Prince of Wales Grand Master of England, who had signified his intention of appointing the Deputy Prov. G.M. Bro. Hamon le Strange to fill the vacancy.

In the afternoon the members attended service at the Cathedral. They assembled in the Choristers' Room, and, having been marshalled in procession, were met by the choir and clergy, including Canon Robinson, Canon Hervey, and Minor Canon Breffit. The Brethren formed two lines, through which Lord Suffield passed on his way to the Corporation seat. Near Lord Suffield were seated Sir

Francis Boileau, Bro. Hamon le Strange, the Rev. G. Sharley, Bro. G. W. G. Barnard, and other notabilities in local Masonic circles.

The canticles, Magnificat, and Nunc Dimittis were sung to a setting by Prout. The first part of the service was intoned by Minor Canon Breffit, and the second part by Canon Robinson. The first lesson was read by the Rev. A. J. Alpe, the newly appointed Provincial Grand Chaplain, and the second by Canon Hervey. The anthem was the unaccompanied trio, "Lift thine eyes," from Mendelssohn's oratorio "Elijah."

The sermon was preached by the Rev. L. Giffard Pollard, vicar of St. Peter Permountergate, Norwich, Provincial Grand Chaplain, who took as his text Psalm xliii., 3, "O send out Thy light and Thy truth: let them lead me; let them bring me unto Thy holy hill, and to Thy tabernacles." He said—Provincial Grand Master and Brethren, Before I commence my sermon this afternoon I feel sure you will agree with me that it is fitting I should make some mention of the great loss that this city and Province have sustained by the death of our Brother Henry George Barwell. None of us would wish to have him here to-day, and for this reason, that by the Divine providence of the Great Architect of the Universe there was laid upon him a burden, heavy and hard to bear. Yet we to-day can say as we think of the one who is gone, that we have lost a Brother who was a great and shining light of Freemasonry in this city and in this Province, one whose place it will be hard to fill, one who by his example to us who are left will spur us on to seek those things which belong to the Great Architect of Light and Truth and Life, so that in His good time our Brother and ourselves may be raised from the valley of the shadow of death to shine with the stars for ever and ever in the great and Grand Lodge above.

Bro. Pollard then went on to say that they were met that afternoon in that holy shrine, which was erected in days gone by to the honour of the Great Architect of the Universe by their ancient Brethren, for a twofold purpose, first of all to return thanks for the many mercies they had received during the past year, and secondly, to supplicate a continuance of those mercies, and that their Craft might prosper in the year that was to come. Many blessings had been poured out on Freemasonry during the past year. In every branch they might say it had progressed, not only within their own city and Province, but also throughout the whole of the United Kingdom. They had much cause for thankfulness, and had also much need for earnest prayer, lest having had such prosperity in the past, they might forget Him by whom that prosperity had been vouchsafed.

There was much within that hallowed shrine to appeal to each Masonic heart. It was true that to anyone the beauty of the edifice would be supreme, but to Masons there was something more than mere beauty to be seen there, and each column, and each arch, and the vault above, all bade them to examine and to improve their own morals and conduct. The question was often asked—What is the need of Freemasonry? What is its principle? and he thought one great answer to that question was that Freemasonry was the answer to that cry which went up to God from man outside the Eden, the first revealed words addressed to the Architect above, "Am I my brother's keeper?"

Freemasonry enunciated the principle that each had a duty to do in this life to his Brethren—his Brethren of the Craft, and his Brethren in this world. He admitted that it was by no means easy to carry out the great principles of liberty, equality, and fraternity, by which they were animated, but in spite of all their difficulties and drawbacks the Great Architect looked down on them with favour. He contrasted the advantages which they enjoyed in England with the disabilities under which their Brethren in foreign lands laboured, and urged them all to go forward unflinchingly into the future.

In the evening a banquet was held at the Masonic Club, under the presidency of Lord Suffield, who was supported by a numerous company.—"Eastern Daily Press."

ESSEX.

THE annual meeting of this Provincial Grand Lodge will take place on Tuesday, 26th inst., at the Town Hall, Brentwood, at 4 o'clock, a special feature of interest on this occasion being the formal appointment of the new Deputy Provincial Grand Master Colonel Lockwood, M.P., in succession to His Honour Judge Philbrick, Q.C., who has resigned after holding the office for many years past.

ROYAL ARCH.

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KENT.

THE annual meeting of this Provincial Grand Chapter was held in the Masonic Room, Royal Hotel, Ramsgate, on Friday, 8th inst., when a large number of Companions were present.

Lord Amherst Prov. Grand Superintendent appointed the Officers for the ensuing year, as follow :—

Comp. James S. Eastes	-	-	H.
Alick James Tassell	-	-	J.
Alfred Spencer	-	-	Scribe E.
Capt. Francis Powell	-	-	Scribe N.
W. Russell	-	-	Treasurer
John Creery	-	-	Registrar
Frank Cronk	-	-	Principal Sojourner
George Tyler	-	-	1st Assistant Sojourner
Henry F. Graig	-	-	2nd Assistant Sojourner
Sergt-Major H. S. Drake	-	-	Sword Bearer
Ragan Martin	-	-	} Standard Bearers
H. I. T. Browne	-	-	
Robert John Beale	-	-	} Director of Ceremonies
Henry T. Sampson	-	-	
Albert H. Pilcher	-	-	} Assist. Dirs. of Cers.
Edwin Weller	-	-	
William Wiggins	-	-	} Organist
George Fuller Taylor	-	-	
George F. Baker	-	-	Assistant Scribe E.
John Cooke	-	-	Janitor.

After the meeting an excellent banquet was served by Comp. Roach, at which the usual Loyal and Arch toasts were proposed.

MARK MASONRY.

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NORTHUMBERLAND AND DURHAM.

ON Wednesday afternoon, 29th ult., the annual meeting of the Provincial Grand Lodge of Mark Master Masons was held at the Freemasons' Hall, Alnwick, when there was a very large gathering assembled under the banner of the Hotspur Lodge. The Rev. Canon Tristram, D.D., Prov. Grand Mark Master presided, and was supported by several Provincial Officers.

The report of the Committee stated that H.R.H. the Prince of Wales Grand Mark Master had been pleased to re-appoint the Rev. Canon Tristram, D.D., as Prov.G.M.M. for the ensuing three years, in compliance with the request of the Brethren of the Province. The reports were in every respect satisfactory, and were adopted upon the motion of the Deputy P.G.M.M. Bro. Thomas Purvis, seconded by the Past Deputy P.G.M. Bro. R. B. Reed. The roll of Lodges was called, and other Provincial Grand Lodge business was transacted.

The following were appointed and invested as the Officers for the ensuing year :

Bro. T. Purvis	-	-	-	Deputy
Col. W. M. Angus	-	-	-	Senior Warden
Thomas Coulson	-	-	-	Junior Warden
Ernest Lautebach	-	-	-	Master Overseer
William Hodgson	-	-	-	Senior Overseer
John Walton	-	-	-	Junior Overseer
Rev. W. Bowker	-	-	-	} Chaplains
Rev. J. Haworth	-	-	-	
G. W. Bain	-	-	-	Treasurer
John Heppell	-	-	-	Secretary
James Scott	-	-	-	Registrar of Marks
T. B. Grimes	-	-	-	Senior Deacon
T. R. Braybrook	-	-	-	Junior Deacon
Alf Simpson	-	-	-	Inspector of Works
F. W. Ingram	-	-	-	Director of Ceremonies
J. Smith	-	-	-	Sword Bearer
Robert Bolam	-	-	-	Standard Bearer
Dr. H. Paige	-	-	-	Organist
R. R. Riddell	-	-	-	Inner Guard.

The Rev. Canon Tristram, D.D., then, on behalf of the Mark Masons of the Province, presented to Bro. R. B. Reed, who had for nine years held the office of Deputy Provincial Grand Mark Master, a life-size painting in oils of his portrait, in recognition of his wise counsel and able service in that most important position. Canon Tristram also expressed the wide-felt regret with which all of them, with himself, had received the tidings of Bro. Reed's retirement. He also presented to Bro. Reed, for Mrs. Reed, a diamond ring, as a memento of the great esteem in which her husband was held by his Brethren in Mark Masonry.

Bro. John Heppell Prov. Grand Secretary read the

following address to Bro. Reed, which had been beautifully illuminated in Mark Masonic colours, by Bro. J. U. Simpson, of Newcastle :—

The Provincial Grand Lodge of Mark Master Masons Northumberland and Durham.

The Rev. Canon Tristram, D.D., LL.D., F.R.S., Prov.G.M.M.M.
Copy of Resolution.

Proposed by Bro. C. D. Hill Drury P.P.S.G.W., and seconded by Bro. G. W. Bain Prov.G.Treasurer, and passed unanimously by the members of Provincial Grand Mark Lodge, held at Gateshead, on 25th August 1897.

"That the Provincial Grand Lodge of Mark Master Masons of Northumberland and Durham receives with sincere regret the intimation of the retirement of Bro. Richard Bagnall Reed from the office of W.D.P.G.M.M.M., and desires hereby to express its deep sense of gratitude for the eminent services rendered to Mark Masonry in general, and to this Province in particular, by him during the nine years he has, with conspicuous ability, filled that high and important office.

The Brethren hope and trust that he will be long spared to bestow on the members of the Mark Degree the benefit of his experience, wise counsels, and advice.

That a copy of this resolution be handed to Bro. Reed."

Signed by the Prov. G.M.M.M.
Dep. Prov. G.M.M.M.
Prov. G. Secretary.

Bro. R. B. Reed very feelingly acknowledged the great compliment paid him that day by their distinguished Prov. Grand Mark Master Canon Tristram, and by the Brethren generally, and on behalf of Mrs. Reed he gratefully accepted the ring, which he was sure would, with the excellent portrait, be treasured by his partner, himself, and the members of his family.

The portrait was the work of the well-known and distinguished artist, Mr. C. K. Robertson, lately of Newcastle, but now of London.

In the evening, a banquet was held at the Star Hotel, Alnwick, presided over by the Provincial Grand Master. The usual Loyal and Mark toasts were honoured, and altogether the proceedings were of an enjoyable character.— "Newcastle Leader."

SCOTTISH BENEVOLENCE.

THERE are now 114 annuitants on the roll of the annuity branch of Scottish Masonic Benevolence, to whom £1,180 is due annually in amounts ranging from £10 to £20. Sixteen fresh annuities were granted at the current year's meeting of the Board.

"A SPRIG OF ACACIA."

WE greatly regret to announce the death of Bro. John Charles Biggs, for many years Secretary of the Lodge of Freedom, No. 77, Gravesend, who joined the Grand Lodge above on Thursday, 7th, after a long and painful illness. Our deceased Brother, who was held in high esteem by his fellow townsmen, was born in December 1848, and was initiated into Freemasonry in 1874, being installed Master of the Lodge in 1881. After passing through the chair he was appointed Secretary, which duty he has performed to the satisfaction of the several Masters and Brethren generally. In 1888 he was appointed Provincial Grand Director of Ceremonies for Kent. He was a Past Master of the Gordon Mark Lodge, No. 364, Gravesend, in which degree he bore Provincial honours as Grand Standard Bearer in 1893. Bro. Biggs worked zealously in the cause of the Masonic Charities, for which he collected no less than £600, by means of one shilling subscriptions. The funeral took place at Gravesend Cemetery on Monday, and was attended by a large number of Masonic and other friends. We tender our respectful sympathy to his sorrowing widow and family.

THE death is announced at Norwich of Brother Henry Barwell, a prominent figure in the Masonic world, he having been Provincial Grand Secretary of Norfolk from 1875 to 1885. On his retirement from the office he received a splendid subscription testimonial of esteem from his fellow Masons. He was one of the founders of the Norwich Art Circle, and for many years Hon. Secretary of the Norwich School of Art. In the philanthropic world he was equally well known, being one of the founders of the Yarmouth Children's Convalescent Hospital, and a manager of the Norwich Jenny Lind Infirmary. The deceased was in his seventieth year.

STONE-LAYING AT ACCRINGTON.

SATURDAY, 25th ult., was a day of much importance to the church people of the parish, S. Mary Magdalen's, seeing that for then was fixed the ceremony of laying the foundation and corner stones of what is to be the Parish Church. Unfortunately for the success of the event it rained for the greater portion of the afternoon, and although there were plenty of people on the site, the ceremony lost much of its picturesqueness, and where there should have been a pretty display of harmonising colour, lent to the scene by the many-hued attire of scores of interested lady watchers, and the regalia of the Freemasons who took part, there was but a gloomy sea of upshot umbrellas, upon which the rain pattered with untiring persistency.

The Freemasons, headed by the Reed Band, marched in procession from the Lodge Room, Hargreaves Arms, to the Church, and the ceremony of laying the foundation stone was proceeded with by Canon Rogers, the function being made as short as possible on account of heavy rain.

The ecclesiastical function over, the Masonic ceremony was proceeded with, Bro. Arthur Appleby Acting Prov. Grand Master being called upon by the Vicar to lay the corner-stone. The ceremonies were directed by Bro. Walter Packman Prov. G.D.C. Bro. Appleby was authorised to perform the Masonic ceremonial by special permission from Colonel Le Gendre N. Starkie, Prov. Grand Master.

The ceremony, a somewhat elaborate one, was followed with much interest. First there was a flourish of trumpets, and then Bro. Appleby addressed those assembled in the terms of the old Masonic formula. Prayer by the Rev. W. D. Firth, of Patricroft Prov. Grand Chaplain followed. As the corner-stone was lowered, the Masonic choir sang "Prosper the Art," Bros. Tyack and Clough giving the solo, "When the Temple's stone." The usual bottle having been placed in the cavity, the inscription upon the plate provided to cover it was read by the Prov. Grand Secretary. It was:

This corner-stone was laid with solemn formalities
by

BRO. ARTHUR APPLEBY,

Master Mason Acting Right Worshipful Provincial Grand Master,
by permission of COL. LE GENDRE N. STARKIE Prov. G. Master East Lancs.
25th June 1898.

Brother E. Welch W.M. presented a trowel to the Acting Prov. G. Master, and as the stone was lowered to its bed the choir sang "Excelsis." Then the plumb, level, rule, and square were presented to Bro. Appleby, each of which he used upon the stone, declaring it to be well and truly laid, and pronouncing the work of the Craftsmen true and skilful. The mallet having been presented, Brother Appleby "tested the stone," and said: "In the name of the great Architect of the Universe, I declare this stone to be well and truly laid, and may He look down with benignity upon our undertaking, and crown the edifice of which we, have this afternoon laid the foundation stone with every success." The choir having sung "Glory to God on High," the stone was blessed with corn, wine, and oil. The next part of the ceremonial was the handing of the plans to the Grand Superintendent of Works, who, having examined them, returned them to Brother Appleby, and he in turn placed them in the hands of the Architect, charging him to proceed with the erection of the edifice without loss of time. Another flourish of trumpets followed, and the ceremony concluded with prayer by the Provincial Grand Chaplain.

Archdeacon Rawstorne proposed a vote of thanks to Bro. Appleby. The presence of Mr. Appleby and his Masonic Brethren had added very greatly to the impressiveness and solemnity of the service, and the interest of the large crowd around that platform showed how much Mr. Appleby's action was appreciated. They would have wished, had it been within their power, to have brighter weather, but the fact that rain had fallen only showed the eagerness and determination of the people of that neighbourhood to see the ceremony. It was his prayer that God would bless the building of that church, that no accident would happen to those engaged upon it, that God's blessing would rest upon the administrations offered in it, and that it would bring many souls nearer to God, and be a blessing to the neighbourhood.

Hearty cheers were given for Mr. and Mrs. Appleby.

Bro. Appleby, in responding, said he felt that some explanation was due from him, though whether he should first offer it to the ancient and honourable body of Freemasons he saw before him, or to the lay element assembled there, he was at some difficulty to say. He need hardly tell them that the position he occupied there that day in connection with the Masonic function did not descend to him as a right; he was there only by privilege, as deputy of the Right Worshipful Provincial Grand Master Colonel Starkie. He saw around him those who had given much more of their time and thought in furtherance of the interests of Masonry than he had, but he would yield to no one in his desire

to further whatever might be considered the higher teachings of Masonry—whatever might be said to tend to the brotherhood of man and to charity; whatever might appreciate what was good, and what might help and sympathise with those who were in need or who were unfortunate. To the larger lay element he hardly knew what justification he could offer for having appeared before them that afternoon, unless it might be said that interest and association might justify him to some extent. His own parish, they would not forget, adjoined theirs, and naturally he was interested in anything that would conduce to their success. But further than that, the first years of his school life were spent within a very few yards of the spot upon which they were then standing. It was in school near that place that he first competed with his fellows in books, and in that very field he played his earliest games—those games which now entered so largely into our national character; and they would readily understand, therefore, that many happy associations clustered round that very spot. He was pleased to be there, and proud of the position in which he had been placed. After the double ceremony they had had—the religious ceremony, and he hoped he might say the impressive ceremony of the Masonic ritual, it would be superfluous and presumptive of him to speak of the objects, aims, and hopes of those who were erecting that building. He hoped their new Church would indeed conduce to the spread of true religion in that district, and that clergy and people might ever work harmoniously together, and whilst recognising the differences which, unhappily, but perhaps inevitably, existed, he hoped they would at all events seek to minimise them, for he was sure they were not vital. He trusted the services to be held in that church would be conducted with unanimity, with enthusiasm, and above all with reverence, and that the clergy and the people would strive to work harmoniously together with those of other religious denominations, and so join in that common struggle in which they ought all to be engaged, against infidelity and against vice, and promote the highest teachings and the noblest aims of that good and common Christianity which they all professed, as well as the highest interests of the church, the foundation stones of which they had just laid, and which was afterwards to be dedicated to S. Mary Magdalen. He thanked them for their vote of thanks.

The proceedings concluded with the National Anthem, and the Freemasons re-formed and marched back to the Lodge Room, Hargreaves Arms, where the Provincial Lodge was closed by Bro. Appleby. Altogether there were 126 Masons in the procession, many of them Provincial Officers. The corn, the wine, and the oil were carried by Bros. E. Welch W.M. 462, Joseph Cronshaw W.M. 1145, Rd. Pickup W.M. 1519; two Past Masters Bros. D. C. Dewhurst 462, and Anderton 1175 carried the mallet and trowel; the inscribed plate was carried by Bro. Ormerod P.M. and Sec. 462; the Senior and Junior Wardens' columns by Bros. C. Wilmore P.M. 1519 and H. Ramsbottom P.M. 1145. Eight boys, sons of local Masons, were in the procession, carrying the Volume of the Sacred Law. They wore white surplices and blue skull caps.

The collections at the stone laying ceremony amounted to £71, included in this sum being a £20 note placed upon the plate by Canon Rogers. In addition Bro. Arthur Appleby handed the Vicar a cheque for £50; and Miss Blackburne sent five guineas, Mr. J. W. Bridge two guineas, and Miss Carter a guinea.—"Accrington Observer."

CHURCH SERVICES.

THE members of two of the local Lodges—Lights, No. 148, and Gilbert Greenall, No. 1250—paid their annual visit to St. Paul's Church, Warrington, on Monday evening, 20th ult. Prior to the service a procession was formed at the Infant Schools, Kendrick Street, and the processionists, numbering about forty, marched to the church. The clergy present were the Rev. C. C. Bluett, M.A., Past Provincial Grand Chaplain of West Lancashire, who was the preacher, and the Revs. H. V. Pigot, B. Percival, J. J. Langham, and J. Brierley. Prior to the sermon, the anthem, "Ye that stand in the house of the Lord," was very efficiently rendered by the choir, Mr. E. Wilkes presiding at the organ.

The Rev. C. C. Bluett said that when he accepted the invitation of the Vicar to come and speak to them that evening his great difficulty was to select a text which in itself would interest, would instruct, and would impress all present. The text he had chosen would, he thought, bear out the desire of his heart, and it would be found in the eleventh chapter of that deeply interesting and instructive book, the Book of Job, and the 7th verse. "Canst thou by searching find out God? Canst thou find out the Almighty unto perfection?"

He said those words were uttered in long ages past, long, long before the Christian era, and they seemed to point to the instinct inherent in every man called into the world, manifesting

itself in an ardent desire and earnest endeavour to find out that great and majestic power which was in all the great and marvellous works they saw around them and above them. Knowledge could be gained—real knowledge of God—but not a perfect knowledge of Him. The more that the works of nature were searched into, the more they all united in proclaiming that the hand which made them was divine.

They now came to another part of that great subject. That was the wonderful discoveries made by long continued successes of scientific men, unfolding to their dimmer view the lights by which nature was guided and controlled. Though those discoveries were made—and let them be thankful to God that their lot in life was cast in the times of those scientific discoveries which were far greater in extent than the successes of all the previous ages of the world's history—they could not but ask, did those discoveries of science bring them nearer as such to God? Did they alter the relationship between man and his Creator? Did they not serve this purpose, to deepen within them the feeling of awe at His great Majesty? Did it not cause greater reverence for their Divine Creator, and did not those continued successions of discovery through scientific research tell them in the words of the text, Canst thou find out the Almighty God unto perfection? His greatness could not be found, for the simple reason that His greatness was unsearchable.

There was the book of nature which they were called upon to study, but there was also another book of revelation, and that was the Volume of the Sacred Writ, which all should use, and regard as their great light, the real guide of their faith and of all their actions. He believed that in their search through it, it would give them a clearer and better knowledge of Him in all His works and all His ways. They had thus two great lights, the book of the creation and the revealed Volume of the Sacred Law, and they should restrict themselves to these two great lights.

They were thus enabled to be associated with the brotherhood of men in every clime, men belonging to every race, men speaking every language under heaven, men holding every variety of opinion, but all united in accepting those two great postulates or self-evident truths contained in the book of the revelation of nature and in the volume of Sacred Writ—the existence of God.

Thus united together, they could go on with their researches and could gain more perfect knowledge, which it was their privilege and their responsibility to attain, and they might exercise upon their lives and conversation the vast and important influence they ought to do. But if all the discoveries were concentrated together into one accumulation from the past to the present, they would be constrained to say in response, in the words of the text, with all the discoveries they could not find out God. They could not find the Almighty to perfection. But from the text they were able to bring out another great truth, and that was that the laws which governed nature, were fixed and undeviating, and so were the laws laid down for the government of man. They could disregard those divine laws to a certain extent, but in proportion as they disregarded those divine laws, they brought upon themselves punishment in the form of distress of mind and disease of body, which last was too often perpetuated and handed down to the children and children's children. Hence their predecessors had so strongly, so forcibly, and so fervently pressed the inculcation of all true virtues of living. In short, by obedience to the laws of health while they lived in this present world, they rendered obedience to the Divine laws, which were given as the rule and guide of life. There was yet another point brought before them in this searching after God, and that was, there was an element in man, a part separate from and independent of his natural life, and that was his spiritual life.

There were laws for the guidance and control of the spiritual life, and on the cultivation of that life rested so much happiness in the present world, and also in the ages of eternity when the earth and natural life had ceased. It should be the object of every one to advance in this spiritual life, and to get nearer and nearer to God. There was an element in nature as well as in the spiritual life which was essential to nature and to man. There had been many discoveries through science, but there was one remarkable discovery which had been brought prominently before them, and that was the element of sympathy in nature. How in material things there was sympathy. There was sympathy in the elements composing the air, and in the elements composing water. One of the greatest elements in the life of man was sympathy one for another, which was inseparably associated with true faith, which was the mainspring of all true hope and which developed within us the real elements and characteristics of true charity. Sympathy was the strong feeling of pity which man felt for his fellowman in sorrow and in suffering. But it was rejoicing with those that rejoice as well as weeping with those that weep. It was a far higher thing to sympathise with joy. They could easily sympathise with those who sorrow, but it was also required of them that they should sympathise with those who

rejoiced. God taught them with His Word to do this, and it was the duty of everyone so to live. Let this be their great aim and object in life.—“Warrington Observer.”

ON Sunday afternoon, 3rd inst., a Masonic musical Service, arranged by the Rev. C. R. Nunn Chaplain of Sincerity Lodge, No. 428, was held at Norley Church, near Northwich. There was a large attendance of Brethren, representing the Lodges of Sincerity, Northwich; Ellesmere, Runcorn; Cholmondeley, Frodsham; Avondale, Middlewich; and Samaritan, Sandbach. By special dispensation they wore full Masonic regalia, and assembled and clothed in the School Room, from whence they marched in procession, led by the Vicar (the Rev. C. R. Nunn) and choir, to the church, singing the processional hymn “Onward, Christian Soldiers.”

The church was crowded. The service was conducted by the Vicar, who gave a brief address, in which he referred to the excellent work done by the Masonic Fraternity throughout the country, and specially advocated the claims of the Cheshire Charities, for which a collection was subsequently taken. The musical portion of the service was most artistic. Mr. J. Patterson Shaw, F.C.O., organist of Witton Church, Northwich, presided at the organ, and gave several selections. Sacred Solos from the “Messiah,” “Elijah,” &c., were rendered by Miss Louise Cestria, R.A.M., of Chester, Bro. E. Pritchard, A.L.C.M., of Northwich, and Bro. Branch, of Runcorn. An instrumental march was given by Mr. J. P. Shaw (organ), Mr. T. R. Yarwood (violin), and Mr. R. E. Yarwood (flute). A Masonic hymn composed by the Rev. C. R. Nunn, and dedicated to Earl Egerton of Tatton, was sung by the congregation. The National Anthem concluded the service.

IN connection with the re-opening of the parish church of St. John, Tademan Road, West Chelsea, after restoration, a Masonic service will be held on Sunday next, 17th inst., at half-past three, when Brother the Rev. J. Leaver, B.D., P.M., Vicar of St. John's, Holloway, will preach. The collection will be devoted to the restoration fund. Ladies and friends will be admitted to the gallery and south aisle.

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- 12.—Eos Engraved by J. B. Hunt, 1877.
H.R.H. Prince Consort's favourite greyhound. The original picture,
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Queen. Eos died in July 1844. There is a monument to this dog on
Windsor Castle slopes.
- 13.—Marmozettes Engraved by Charles Mottram, 1876.
A pair of Brazilian monkeys on a pine-apple. The original picture,
exhibited at the Royal Academy in 1842, belongs to Her Majesty the
Queen, and hangs at Osborne. It was exhibited at Paris in 1855, and at
the International Exhibition in 1862.
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Queen, and hangs at Frogmore.
- 17.—Dandie Dinmont and the Hedgehog Charles Mottram, 1874.
An old Skye terrier given to the Queen by H.R.H. Prince Albert, on May
24th, 1842. The original picture belongs to Her Majesty the Queen, and
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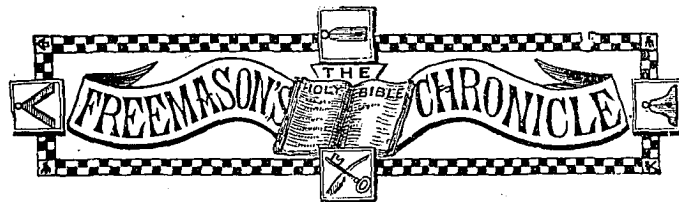
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MARK BENEVOLENT FUND.

THE thirtieth Annual Festival in aid of the Mark Masters Benevolent Fund was held on Wednesday, at the Freemasons' Tavern, Great Queen Street, W.C., with considerable success. Bro. the Hon. Alan de Tatton Egerton, M.P., Prov. Grand Master for Cheshire presided, and was supported by the Right Hon. Viscount Dungarvan Deputy Grand Mark Master, the Baron de Ferrieres P.P.G.M.M. of Gloucestershire and Herefordshire, D. P. Cama P.G.D. Patron of the Fund, who was accompanied by Mrs. Cama in Oriental dress, Frank Richardson P.G.W., C. E. Davies District Grand Master of Tasmania, Kelso King P.G.D. New South Wales, Charles Belton P.G. Overseer, Major C. W. Carrell G.D.C., Richard Eve P.G. Overseer, Gordon Miller P.G. Treasurer, A. Woodiwiss Prov. G.M. Derbyshire, A. F. Church P.G.O., T. P. Dorman P.G.I.G., J. C. Fitzroy Tower P.G.S., H. S. Wellcome P.G.S.W. Surrey, Dr. Charles S. Brewer P.G.S.W. Cheshire and acting I.P.M. of the Rosario Lodge just established in the Argentine Republic, W. H. Kempster P.G.S.B., Rev. C. E. L. White District Grand Chaplain North Africa, L. Crosthwaite P.G.D.C. Cheshire, Rev. Richard Peek Grand Chap., Sholto H. Hare P.P.G. Registrar Cornwall, Percy T. Chirgwin P.G.J.W., J. R. Eastwood P.G.S., Nathan Heywood, Col. A. B. Cook Prov. Grand Master Middlesex, George Norman, F. C. Van Duzer, C. Passmore, Richard Clowes P.G. Overseer Sussex, Chas. L. Mason Prov. Grand Master West Yorks, Woodall, Sinclair, Lumley, Cohen, McCree, Batting, Briggs, Meyer, Paget, Wardley, Wilkinson, Horne, Vicary, Houck, Day, Iliffe, Hearne, Rutherford, and many others.

The Lady Stewards were represented by Mrs. Matier, Mrs. Carrell, and Mrs. Wright, the whole company mustering about 120 Ladies and Brethren, who bore testimony to the hard work of Bro. C. F. Matier, the energetic Secretary of the Fund.

After grace by the Grand Chaplain an excellent dinner, provided by Messrs. Spiers and Pond, was partaken of, and at its termination the Chairman rose to propose the Queen.

He said Her Majesty had successfully passed through the crisis of her Diamond Jubilee, and now ranked among the oldest sovereigns of the world. In Freemasonry she must always be loved and respected, because of the favour she showed to the Masonic Institutions.

The health of the Grand Master the Prince of Wales was also received with enthusiasm.

Lord Dungarvan responded for the Grand Officers, and regretted the absence, on account of illness, of the Pro Grand Mark Master the Earl of Euston. He was, however, obeying the doctor's orders, and progressing favourably, and they hoped before long he would be with them again. He would like to refer to the services rendered by Lord Egerton of Tatton Grand Master of Cheshire, a patron and generous subscriber to the Fund. All the Grand Officers endeavoured to do their best to promote the cause, and on occasions such as that they were generally conspicuous by their presence.*

Col. A. B. Cook said it was the privilege of the Chairman at the previous Festival to propose the health of his successor, and this he now had the pleasure to do. He considered that Bro. Egerton had great pluck in consenting to preside on the present occasion, taking into account the large sums of money given last year, and this, to the Masonic Charities. He had worked hard, and when the result was announced he hoped a substantial amount of subscriptions would reward his efforts. The Chairman briefly acknowledged this compliment.

In proposing the toast of the evening, Bro. Egerton said that Charity was the first duty among Freemasons, and in submitting Prosperity to the Mark Benevolent Fund he was sure all Mark Masons would realise that it was worthy of support. The Mark Lodges had made great progress during the past ten years. In 1888 there were only 386, while this year there were 500 on the roll. In like proportion the Benevolent Fund had increased and expanded. At the present time they had ten boys and three girls placed at various schools in the country, and fourteen Annuitants in receipt of pensions. It would thus be seen that they were doing good work, and he relied upon their support to extend their sphere of usefulness. The Mark Benevolent Fund was one of the best managed Funds in connection with Masonry, and he therefore confidently asked their support.

Bro. Matier then read out a list of subscriptions, amounting to a total of £1,728 14s, which must be looked upon as a fairly good sum, considering the very heavy calls lately made upon the Craft. The Chairman made a personal donation of £78 14s, the London Lodges subscribed £246 15s, the Ladies £26 9s, Cornwall £157 15s, Derbyshire £166 9s, Yorkshire £162 16s, &c., &c. Bro. Matier referred to the fact that when Lord Egerton presided, the amount subscribed was £1,721. The result was received with many cheers.

Bro. Richard Eve was called upon somewhat suddenly to

respond for the Ladies, but succeeded in making a humorous speech, in which he remarked that the Ladies were delighted to join in the pleasures, as they were ever ready to be with them in times of pain and trouble. They believed in the charity of the Brotherhood, and would do their utmost to support it. They were astonished at the amount collected, after the many calls made, but they nevertheless hoped that next year the subscriptions would be doubled.

Major C. W. Carrell and Bro. Charles Belton responded for the Board of Stewards, to whom the Chairman paid a high tribute of thanks.

Bros. Kelso King and Davoren acknowledged the toast of the Visitors, and the company then adjourned to the Crown Room, where a pleasing musical programme was presented by Bro. Edward Branscombe, who was assisted by Madame Isabel George, Madame Marie Hooton, and Bros. Robert Hilton, A. R. Blagrove, and George Pownall.

* Seeing the liberal donations of the Grand Officers we wonder whether Lord Dungarvan intended to make a joke, and meant "presents."

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A PROTEST.

To the Editor of the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

SIR,—For many months past a certain person has been advertising his wares in your columns, and from the first announced himself as being "a candidate." As the Masonic emblems are placed immediately above his name one naturally supposes he is a candidate for Freemasonry, and one still more wonders why he has not yet passed that stage. To me there is something so indecent about it (Masonically speaking) that I wonder the advertisement has not been eliminated altogether, and I am surprised that it should continually appear in the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

Yours truly,

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Gravesend, 30th May 1898.

[This letter was unfortunately mislaid, or would have appeared at an earlier date.—Ed. F.C.]

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R. M. I. GIRLS.

IT is with considerable satisfaction we are able to announce that the Right Hon. Viscount Dungarvan, D.L., Prov. Grand Master of Somersetshire has consented to preside at next year's Anniversary Festival of this Institution, when we hope the Brethren of his district, and members from every other part of the country will unite in securing a satisfactory total of subscriptions.

DEVONSHIRE.

THE next Provincial Grand Lodge is to held at Paignton, on Tuesday, 26th July. The Committee of Petitions will assemble in the Masonic Hall, Paignton, at 1.45 p.m. on the same day. The meeting is expected to be a large one, as there are now fifty-seven Lodges, returning 3,670 members, and the Provincial Grand Master the Hon. Sir Stafford Northcote, Bart., C.B., M.P., who will preside, is very popular throughout the county. So also is the Deputy Provincial G.M. Major G. C. Davie P.A.G.D.C. of England.

The business to be transacted is of the usual routine character, save that Major G. S. Strode Past Prov. J.G.W. will propose that "fifteen guineas shall be paid annually to the Devon Widows' Annuity Fund, in consideration of which every Lodge in the Province shall have one vote at every election," as with the Devon Masonic Educational Fund.

The reports of the various Committees and funds are anticipated to be of a favourable character. The Officers for the ensuing year will be appointed and invested, the Prov. Grand Treasurer being elected as usual. The annual banquet will be held at 5 p.m.

The railway companies will grant return tickets for fare and a quarter, unless for a number, when single fare will be allowed.

There was an old Lodge at Paignton so far back as the year 1772, but it was erased before the new numbering of the Lodges in 1832. From 1732 some ninety-two Lodges have been warranted in Devon, fifty-seven of which are still active in the Province, and three are at work in other Provinces. —"Western Morning News."

COLOURED MASONS.

IT is reported that the Grand Lodge of Washington has resolved to recognise the coloured Masons as members of the Craft. The distinction of race is not recognised in Lodges in this country, remarks "The Mallet," in "Glasgow Evening News," but in America the race question is a vexed subject, and has been for many years. Bro. R. F. Gould, the Masonic historian, gives it as a fact not generally known that there are coloured Grand Lodges in thirty-one states of the Union, exclusive of the "National Grand Lodge." These coloured or "lesser Grand Lodges" have hitherto failed to secure recognition by any of the American Masonic jurisdictions, though they have been more or less recognised as legally constituted bodies in France, Italy, Germany, Hungary, Peru, and Liberia. A decided step in the direction of recognition was made by the Grand Lodge of Ohio, in 1875, but the resolution whereby the White acknowledged the regularity of the Black Grand Lodge in that state was ultimately thrown out in 1876.

Elsewhere will be found an account of a very interesting meeting of the Ranelagh Lodge of Instruction, No. 834, when a handsome presentation was made to Bro. Craggs P.M. 834, one of the most zealous Masons in West London, on the occasion of his marriage. We add our good wishes to those tendered by his Brethren on the occasion, and hope he may long be spared to continue his many efforts on behalf of the Craft and its Charities.

DEDICATION AT TORRINGTON.

FOUNDED in 1881, Lodge Torrridge, No. 1885, Torrington, has met in the Market Hall. About twelve months ago it was determined to secure a home of its own, and this has been provided on ground belonging to Bro. W. H. Turroll, adjoining the church. An excellent Lodge Room, 35ft. by 16, with an ante-room (14ft by 12) and offices have been specially built, and the Lodge is to be congratulated upon having prospered sufficiently to meet

such an undertaking. An American organ has been purchased for the Lodge.

On the 11th inst. the Lodge quarters were dedicated by the Deputy Prov. G.M. Brother G. C. Davie P.A.G.D.C. England, in the presence of a distinguished company.

A recent speaker at a Masonic function thus relates some of his experiences of Freemasonry: Once thrown into prison by the Spaniards for taking photographs, he was released through making his Masonry known. In the desert, when rations were scarce and a cup of water hardly to be had, there was food and drink for him because he was a Mason. When he and his party were surrounded by robbers, he found a Mason under the shadow of Mount Sinai, and the whole party were unmolested in consequence.

ROYAL ALFRED CHAPTER, No. 777.

THE installation meeting of this young but flourishing Chapter was held on Wednesday, 22nd ult., at the Angel Hotel, Guildford.

The balance sheet and report of the Audit Committee were read, received, and ordered to be entered on the minutes. Ballots were taken for Bros. Harvey George Herbert W.M. of the Bramston Beach Lodge, Godalming, No. 2101, and G. J. Hoare Tyler 777, the latter as a serving Brother (by dispensation), which, proving satisfactory, they were admitted and exalted.

Comps. F. Dowse, E. Miles, and Alfred Gibbs were then installed in the chairs of M.E.Z., H. and J. respectively, by Comp. C. T. Tyler. Comp. Alfred Gibbs was elected Charity Representative, in the place of Comp. T. Aitken, who had resigned.

The absence of the I.P.Z. Comp. M. Dodge, through illness, was much deplored, and Comp. C. T. Tyler was warmly thanked for performing the duties that would have devolved in the natural course upon the retiring M.E.Z.

SECRET MONITOR CONCLAVE, No. 8.

THE Installation meeting of this Conclave, which is usually held at the Criterion, Piccadilly, took place at the Masonic Hall, Watford, on Saturday, 2nd inst., when Bro. J. P. Taylor P.G.Std. was installed Supreme Ruler. The ceremonies were most impressively performed by Bro. W. J. Spratling B.S., F.G.S. Grand Recorder, assisted by Bro. J. J. Pakes.

The following Officers were appointed for the ensuing year:—Bro. C. L. Nelson Counsellor, F. Adams Guide, Colonel Hugh M. Gordon Treasurer, L. M. Biden Secretary, J. Rogers, W. T. Boydell, S. Goodchild, and Rice-Oxley Visiting Deacons, Newton Crane Guarder, W. Renshire Sentinel.

A pair horse brake was in attendance, and took the Brethren for a drive to Aldenham Church, and afterwards to view the site of the new Masonic Boys School, after which they partook of a splendid banquet, the usual toasts following.

The Brethren returned to town by the 9.30 train, after having spent a very enjoyable day.

WARRINGTON PICNIC.

THE members of the Lodge of Lights, No. 148, and the Charity Lodge, No. 2651, took part in a joint picnic on Thursday, 23rd ult., when Chester was visited. There were sixty-seven in the party, including the wives and friends of the members, and they left Warrington by the 1.40 train. On their arrival at Chester they drove to Eaton Hall, and spent a pleasant time in viewing the Hall and gardens. Returning to Chester they repaired to Messrs. Bolland's, where they partook of a substantial tea, and returned home by the 8.30 train after having spent a most enjoyable afternoon.

SUMMER EXCURSIONS.

THE Midland Railway Company announce a series of weekly excursions to the Isle of Man, the Lake District, Buxton, Matlock, Scarborough, &c., available for different periods at specially reduced fares. The trips to the Isle of Man are arranged to leave St. Pancras every Wednesday at midnight during the season, and on Thursday mornings at 5.15 a.m., for 5, 8, 12, or 15 days.

The Lake District, Buxton, Matlock, Scarborough, &c. tickets are available for 6, 9, 13, or 16 days, and special facilities are also offered for tourists desirous of visiting any of the many other health resorts served by this Company.

On Friday and Saturday next general excursions will be run from St. Pancras and other London Stations to the chief towns of the Midlands, to Lancashire, Yorkshire and the North of England, full details in regard to which may be learnt from the bills and programmes to be obtained at any of the Company's Stations or City Booking Offices, or from any of the branches of Messrs Thos. Cook and Son.

We have previously directed attention to the splendid series of engravings—under the title of "Her Majesty's Pets"—now being offered for sale by Messrs. Woodcock and Co., of 17 Farringdon Street, London, E.C., but there is ample excuse for again referring to them, in view of the fact that the edition (Artist's Proofs) being limited to one hundred copies, there are now very few sets remaining of these splendid specimens of the engraver's art. The sets—which consist of twenty engravings after Sir Edward Landseer, B.A.—must become more valuable year by year, not only by reason of their association with the life of Her Majesty, but also from the fact that each plate was engraved by hand, from originals by Landseer—the greatest of animal painters. The set of twenty Artist's Proofs is enclosed in a handsome portfolio, 30 in. by 22 in., and is offered at the low price of twenty guineas. We believe Messrs. Woodcock will be pleased to send a set on approval, to any Brother desirous of inspecting the pictures before purchase.

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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UPTON LODGE, No. 1227.

THE midsummer meeting of this Lodge was held at the Great Eastern Hotel, Liverpool Street, E.C., on Thursday, when, in spite of the glorious sunshine outside, a large muster of the members assembled to take part in the proceedings. The W.M. Bro. Henry Hyde presided, and was supported by Bros. G. A. Peters I.P.M., E. M. Jeffery P.M., C. Gieseke P.M. Treasurer, Charles J. Free P.M. Secretary, Charles Schmidt P.M., Samuel Toye P.M., John Stroud P.M., W. A. Bray S.W., H. J. Rowberry J.D., Walter J. Carroll I.G., Robert F. Thomson A.D.C., Ernest C. Holmes Organist, A. J. Burridge, J. Angles, O. Greenland, W. T. Hustwayte, F. W. Ward, Frank Martin, J. W. Flatman, F. Weigand, J. Baker, A. Noble, W. E. Greenhouse, &c.

The Visitors were Bros. S. W. Vale W.M. 861, C. Scales P.M. 1567, J. Walrond Orchard 1289, R. Wright 861, S. Buqanna 1602, Alfred Cook J.D. 1445, and Orlton Cooper P.M. 211.

The Lodge was duly opened, and the minutes of the last regular meeting were confirmed. The ballot was then taken for Mr. William Hartwell, as a candidate for Freemasonry, which proved unanimous, and Mr. Hartwell being in attendance he was admitted and received into the mysteries and privileges of the Craft. The ceremony was beautifully rendered by the Worshipful Master.

Bros. Joseph Cooper and W. J. Lionel Jones being candidates for the second degree went through the usual examinations and were subsequently passed to the rank of Craftsmen. This ceremony was also excellently performed by Bro. Hyde.

The Bye-laws were read out by the Secretary, after which, in accordance with Rule 3, the Brethren proceeded to the election of a Master and Treasurer for the ensuing year. The names of those qualified for election having been stated, the choice of the Lodge fell upon Bro. William Athol Bray S.W. as Master, while Brother Charles Gieseke P.M. was re-elected Treasurer for the fifteenth year. Both of these Officers returned thanks for their appointment. Upon a show of hands Bro. Thos. Bowler was re-appointed Tyler for the eighteenth year, he having originally joined the Lodge at the Spotted Dog, at Upton. Bros. Holmes and Martin were chosen as Auditors, and instructed to prepare the accounts of the Lodge previous to the next meeting.

The resolutions passed at the last Quarterly Communication of Grand Lodge, with reference to the Grand Lodge of Peru, as forwarded by the Grand Secretary, were read and ordered to be entered on the minutes. A warning from Grand Lodge respecting a certain person was also read.

A candidate was proposed for initiation at the next meeting, and the resignation of three members was received with regret.

The Past Master's jewel of the Lodge was voted by unanimous desire of the Brethren to Bro. Hyde, for the able manner in which he had conducted the duties of the chair during his year of office.

A vote of sympathy was passed to Brother Butcher, who had met with an accident—in which we respectfully join. This terminated the business before the Lodge, which was thereupon closed, and the Brethren adjourned to supper.

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LONDON SCHOOL BOARD LODGE, No. 2611.

THE installation meeting took place at the Hotel Cecil, on Monday, 11th inst., when Bro. W. H. Kidson, M.L.S.B., was installed as W.M., and appointed his Officers.

Among those present were Bros. Hy. Lynn P.M. 217 W.M., Rev. A. Oxford I.P.M., Wm. Hy. Kidson S.W. Master-Elect, J. R. Diggle J.W., W. Roston Bourke J.D., Edmund Barnes P.M. Sec., W. H. Key I.G., P. White Org., and others members.

Bro. Kid was raised, and Bro. Mayhew passed.

A strong Board of Installed Masters was formed, including Bro. Archdeacon Sinclair P.G.C., Rev. J. S. Brownrigg P.G.C., Percival Nairne P.G.D., J. G. Albert, Wm. Haydon, L.C.C., Dutton, C. Woods, W. W. Lee, Lucas, Elvin, H. Seymour Foster, M.P., and many others, in the presence of whom Bro. Lynn installed Bro. W. H. Kidson into the chair of K.S.

All Masonic business being ended, the W.M. presided in his able genial manner over the festive board.

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RANELAGH LODGE, No. 834.

AT Hammersmith, on Friday, 8th inst., Bros. P. Cronin W.M. 1572 W.M., W. W. Williams P.M. 834 S.W., W. J. Coplestone P.M. 834 J.W., A. Williams P.M. 834 Preceptor, W. Hinds P.M. 185 Treasurer, F. Craggs P.M. 834 Secretary, R. H. Williams P.M. P.P.G.J.D. Middx. S.D., Charles Barker P.M. 834 J.D., Joseph Cox P.P.S. Middx. P.M. I.G., W. T. Ridway Steward, James Banks W.M. 834, Past Masters M. Speigel, W. Hide, T. W. Biggs, J. H. Cumming, J. Neilson, E. Fox; Bros. Robert Reid W.M.-elect 1275, K. M. Ross, E. Salt, J. J. Lewen, H. J. Cousens, H. Bone, M. F. Wilkins, T. E. P. Bell, G. Aggett, A. W. Pettit, W. P. Williams, J. Worth, W. G. Palmer, and others.

The Lodge was opened in due form and the minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed. Bro. Cronin vacated the chair in favour of Bro. Banks W.M. of the Mother Lodge, and when Bro. Ross had answered the questions leading to the second degree he opened the Lodge up and rehearsed the ceremony of raising, Bro. Ross being the candidate. Lodge was resumed to the first degree and called off and on.

The W.M. then alluded to the presents they were about to offer their beloved and esteemed Bro. Craggs Secretary, and asked Bro. Arthur Williams

their Preceptor to make the presentation, which consisted of an oaken case containing one dozen handsome plated and ivory handled fish knives and forks; a magnificent cruet stand and bottles, with a pair of solid silver serviette rings, beautifully engraved with monograms. The box bore the following inscription:

Presented to
Bro. F. CRAGGS,
by members of the Ranelagh Lodge, and of the
Ranelagh, Chiswick, and Dalhousie Lodges of Instruction,
on his marriage.
May 1898.

Bro. Arthur Williams, in a speech which thoroughly riveted the attention of those present, alluded in most eulogistic terms to the great esteem in which Bro. Craggs was held by the Brethren with whom he came in contact in the western district of the Metropolis and elsewhere, not only for his amiable qualities and charitable disposition, but also for the immense amount of time and energy he devoted to the interest of Freemasonry. Bro. Williams alluded in a most flattering manner to the great successes that had been achieved by the West London Masonic Election Association, mainly by the energy and able guidance of Bro. Craggs, and wound up by wishing him long life to use the useful household articles they were asking him to accept that evening.

Bro. Craggs replied in a few well chosen sentences, assuring the Brethren that what he had done for the Craft he considered he was in duty bound to do, to redeem the promises he had entered into; and in thanking the Brethren for their kind presents he said he should always be pleased to do all he could to assist the Lodges and Lodges of Instruction with which he was connected.

Bro. M. Speigel, representing several Lodges, Bro. T. W. Biggs the Star Lodge, and Bro. Jos. Cox the Dalhousie Lodge, all made extremely neat speeches, in which they wished Bro. Craggs every success.

Bro. Banks was elected W.M. for the next meeting, and Bros. Bell and Pettit were elected members.

Bro. Hide P.M. of the Star Lodge, No. 1275, presented his framed portrait to the Lodge of Instruction and it was at once hung in the portrait gallery, which contains representations of many Past Masters residing in the West of London.

Hearty good wishes having been given and received the Lodge was closed in ancient form, and the Brethren one and all expressed an opinion that a most pleasant and enjoyable evening had been spent.

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ALBERT VICTOR LODGE, No. 1773.

Picnic through Mid-Cheshire.

THE annual picnic took place on Saturday, 2nd inst., the arrangements made for the occasion including a circular drive through mid-Cheshire. Members and friends, numbering nearly sixty, met at the London Road Station, Manchester, at 1:30 p.m., and were conveyed by train to Macclesfield, where carriages awaited them.

Thence they were driven along the Chester Road, through Broken Cross, and on to Henbury and Birtles, the latter place containing the pleasant residence of J. B. Close Brooks, Esq. Then on to Monks Heath and Capesthorpe Hall, the latter being the seat of W. Bromley Davenport, Esq., M.P. Although the Hall could not be seen as we drove onwards, yet we were not far from the residence of Lord Stanley. It seems that the connection of the name Stanley of Alderley extends back to about the year A.D. 1420, when the estate was inherited through marriage. Subsequently it was forfeited to the Crown, and after experiencing several changes of ownership, was re-acquired by purchase on the part of the first baronet, whose creation took place in 1660. From the latter it was lineally descended to Sir John Stanley, who, in 1839, was raised to the peerage under the title of Baron Stanley of Alderley.

Capesthorpe lies between Henbury and Chelford. Redesmere, in the Capesthorpe Park, contains a floating island in the centre, one or two acres in extent, and covered with trees and brushwood, the island being sometimes moved by strong currents of wind. There is a legend to account for this floating island: a dashing knight and a love-sick Lady Isabel, the latter having been wronged out of her possessions by a certain Sir Hugh de Moreton. At last she resumed her rights, but the knight becoming jealous of certain rivals, vowed that

Until the island moved along
The bosom of the mere,
He would not look upon the face
Of Isabel De Vere.

But a friendly and opportune hurricane interposed, and with the usual poetical justice, all was made right, the lovers being ultimately united and rendered happy.

Capesthorpe Hall is described as being of red brick, with stone dressings, and surrounded by pinnacles and turrets—style partly Elizabethan and partly after the age of Louis Quinze. Besides the rabbit warren and a splendid avenue of trees, there is to be seen a noble terrace, and a conservatory 150 feet long, designed by the late Sir Joseph Paxton.

Proceeding onward we passed Siddington, and arrived at Marton for an inspection of its church and great oak tree, if time had allowed. In lieu of this, however, the major portion of the company partook of a friendly glass at the Davenport Arms, and the journey was renewed, terminating at Congleton after a drive of fifteen miles.

Tea had been provided at the Lion and Swan Hotel, a quaint and interesting hostelry, the numerous articles of old oak furniture raising many an envious sigh from the visitors. The proprietor, Miss Harper, must be congratulated upon the excellent accommodation which a large and handsome dining room furnished for the party, the meal being well and quickly served by over half-a-dozen young ladies, representing that class of female whom Milton calls "the neat-handed Phyllis."

There was not much time for speeches, although one or two were indulged in. Bro. Samuel Statham P.M. P.P.G.Treas. having uttered grace, and added a few words with the quiet dignity which always distinguishes his efforts, Bro. Thomas Threlfall P.M. P.P.G.S. rose, and congratulated the Worshipful Master upon having been connected with so successful a picnic.

It had, he was sure, occasioned him no little trouble and anxiety, but a pleasant outing had been the result, and they must register another triumph in connection with the Albert Victor Lodge.

Bro. Wm. Lambert W.M. replied, saying he sincerely thanked those who had interested themselves in bringing the picnic to so satisfactory an issue. A large number of Lodge members were present, but still he must regret the absence of others who, through various causes, were unable to be with them, although judging by the goodly assemblage in front of him, Saturday afternoon seemed a convenient time for a picnic. Great credit for the admirable arrangements must be accorded to Bro. W. Allen Smith J.W., who had devoted a great amount of time and labour towards making their outing interesting and successful. In concluding his remarks Bro. Lambert reverted to the brilliant gathering of lady friends, and asked the gentlemen present to drink their health heartily and enthusiastically.

Bro. Albert Thomas Mills, the Lodge's recent neophyte, responded on behalf of the ladies, saying that he had had imposed upon him an unexpected honour. It was an onerous task to do justice to such an important toast, but when he looked around and saw such an assemblage, the inspiring spectacle enable him to pluck up courage and try to perform his duty to the best of his ability. The fact of having been honoured by the presence of so many ladies did one and all good, and as he saw that they were enjoying themselves, he could only hope they would continue to do so for the rest of the day.

An adjournment was afterwards made to the bowling green of the hotel, where the brethren indulged in this attractive game until summoned for the purpose of being photographed. The company having been arranged in the porchway of the building, the photographer proceeded to do his duty as well as he could, surrounded as he was by a hybrid congregation of townfolk, who had been attracted by the novelty of the proceeding.

Arriving by road from Macclesfield, the town of Congleton lies in a deep hollow, and an intimation was given that the carriages were awaiting at a point so selected as to save the horses a heavy pull up a steep hill. A near approach was pointed out to the party, which was a borstal pathway, arrived at by means of an apparently interminable flight of stone steps, no easy task to mount after the substantial meal recently partaken of.

The drive back to Macclesfield was by way of Eaton Church, Cheney Gate, and Gawsorth. After viewing the old church here we paid a visit to the grave of "Maggoty Johnson," who was interred by his own request in a small plantation of firs belonging to the Earl of Harrington. The term "maggoty" is a Cheshire provincialism for crotchety—there is a saying in Chester that "he had as many crotchets as there are maggots in a Cheshire cheese"—like the expression used in some parts "a bee in his bonnet."

The epitaph will explain itself.

" Under this Stone
Rest the Remains of Mr. Samuel Johnson,
Afterwards ennobled with the Grand Title of
Lord Flame,
who, after being in his Life distinct from other Men
By the Eccentricities of his Genius,
Chose to retain the same Character after his Death,
And was, at his own desire, buried here, May 5th
A.D. 1773, Aged 82 Years.

Stay thou whom chance directs, or ease persuades
To seek the Quiet of these Sylvan shades;
Here, undisturbed, and hid from vulgar Eyes,
A Wit, Musician, Poet, Player, lies;
A Dancing Master, too, in Grace he shone,
And all the Arts of Opera were his own.
In Comedy, well skilled, he drew Lord Flame,
Acted the Part, and Gained himself the name.
Averse to strife, how oft he'd gravely say,
These peaceful Groves should shade his breathless Clay,
That, when he rose again, laid here alone,
No friend and he should quarrel for a Bone,
Thinking that were some old lame Gossip nigh,
She possibly might take his Leg or Thigh."

The following corrective has been engraved on a stone, and placed side by side with the above:—

" If chance has brought thee here, or curious eyes
To see the spot where this poor Jester lies:—
A thoughtless jester even in his death,
Uttering his jibes beyond his latest breath.
O stranger pause! a moment, pause, and say,
'To-morrow, shouldst thou quit thy house of clay,
Where wilt thou be, my soul? in Paradise?
Or where the rich man lifted up his eyes?'
Immortal spirit! wouldst thou then be blest,
Waiting thy perfect bliss on Abraham's breast?
Boast not of silly art, or wit, or fame,
Be thou ambitious of a Christian's name.
Seek not thy body's rest in peaceful grove;
Pray that thy soul may rest in Jesu's love.
O speak not lightly of that dreadful day,
When all must rise in joy or in dismay;
When spirits, pure in body, glorified,
With Christ in heavenly mansions shall abide:
While wicked souls shall hear the Judge's doom,—
'Go ye ACCURSED! into endless doom.'
Look on that stone, and this, and ponder well,
Then choose 'twixt Life and Death, 'twixt Heaven and Hell."

A sharp drive of eight miles brought us back to Macclesfield, often termed by way of reproach "Treachetown." Not a drop of rain fell during the whole journey, although Old Sol had been endeavouring to solemnly shroud himself in dark clouds, which threatened to furnish us with a striking contrast to those bright and pleasant rays which had wanted over glorious hills in the distance, and amongst the enchanting meadow land through which we had passed.

Macclesfield, anciently Maxfield, once noted for its extensive forest, is in the parish of Prestbury, and situated upon the river Bollin. It was first made a free Borough by Edward as first Earl of Chester, son of King Henry III. (afterwards Edward I.) who, whilst Prince of Wales, granted the first Charter dated 29th May, in the forty-fifth year of his father's reign (1261), which was afterwards confirmed by Edward the Third in the eighth year of his reign. It is now principally known for its manufacture of silks, although it formerly did a very extensive business in buttons, both silk and mohair. About the middle of the eighteenth century a Mr. Charles Roe built a large mill, and commenced business as a silk throwster, the builder and its owner giving the names to two important streets in the town, those of Mill Street and Roe Street. At the beginning of the present century Macclesfield only contained 12,000 inhabitants: it now boasts of three times that number.

The return journey was commenced shortly after nine o'clock, the train being due in Manchester about ten.

Besides those previously mentioned, we noticed the presence of Bros. J. Harrop P.M. P.P.G.D., Councillor Thos. Kay P.M., F. Townson P.M. Char. Rep., C. Oldham P.M., Thos. T. Sefton P.M., J. Clough P.M., William T. Blease S.W., P. B. Hayden S.D., Tom Bradbury I.G., J. Horricks Org., Jas. Stewart, S. J. Handley, J. Hudson, J. Hart, J. T. Ireland. Visitors:—Bros. Ainsworth 325, Jno. W. Hallam P.M. 1055, Edward Roberts P.M. 1459 (FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE), and others, most of the brethren being accompanied by their wives or other lady friends.

To say that the picnic was a successful one is only to emphasise the words of praise uttered of the W.M. by Bro. Threlfall, and by the former of Bro. Smith J.W., with both of which comments we are in perfect accord. There is, however, one point upon which we must raise our voice in earnest protest, namely the congested traffic and indiscriminate packing of passengers in stuffy carriages, besides the careless disregard for that exclusiveness or comfort which each picnic party might desire. We think it was Ruskin who said with regard to the progress of railways that a passenger would ultimately become a mere parcel, to be thrown in and sorted according to the caprice of the official. And this seems to be the tendency of the local L. and N.W. administration. They appear either to be unable to cope with the increasing number of holiday seekers (to the importance of whom as dividend providers they, Sancho Panza like, dreamily shut their eyes), or they are wilfully sacrificing the comfort of this section of the public to ordinary passengers.

LODGE MEETINGS NEXT WEEK.

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

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| <p>Monday.
720 Panmure, Balham
77 Freedom, Gravesend
236 York, York
248 True Love & Unity, Brixham
312 Lion, Whitby
359 Peace & Harmony, South'pton
382 Royal Union, Uxbridge
424 Borough, Gateshead
840 Scientific, Wolverton
872 Lewis, Whitehaven
949 Williamson, Monkwearmouth
986 Hesketh, Croston
1146 De Moulham, Swanage
1199 Ariculture, Yatton
1255 Dundas, Plymouth
1337 Anchor, Northallerton
1443 Salem, Dawlish
1631 St. Andrew, Gorleston
1814 Worsley, Worsley
2069 Prudence, Leeds
2074 St. Clare, Landport
2208 Horsa, Bournemouth
2425 Ecclesburne, Duffield</p> | <p>962 Sun and Sector, Workington
1040 Sykes, Driffield
1086 Walton, Liverpool
1129 St. Chad, Kocndale
1156 Carew, Torpoint
1212 Sims, Stoke Damerel
1301 Brighthouse, Brighthouse
1334 Norman, Durham
1355 Duke of Lancaster, Lancaster
1511 Alexandra, Hornsey
1634 Starke, Kamsbottom
1668 Brownrigg, Kingston-on-Thames
1915 Saye & Sele, Belvedere
2205 Farnborough & N.C., Farnboro'
2258 West. Dist. U.S., E. Stonehouse
2415 Border, Blackwater</p> |
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| <p>Tuesday.
Board of General Purposes, F.M.H.
at 5.
73 Mount Lebanon, Southwark
857 St. Mark, Camberwell
1805 Bromley St. Leonard, Bromley
2191 Anglo-American, Criterion
223 Charity, Plymouth
418 Menturia, Hanley
667 Alliance, Liverpool
681 Scarsdale, Chesterfield
830 Endeavour, Dukinfield
958 St. Aubin, Jersey
1006 Tregullow, St. Day
1225 Hindpool, Barrow-in-Furness
1424 Brownrigg of Unity, Old B'pton
1570 Prince Arthur, Liverpool
1787 Grenville, Buckingham
1893 Lumley, Skegness
1903 Pr. Ed. Saxe Weimar, P'tsm'th.</p> | <p>Thursday.
House Committee, Girls School,
4.30.
813 New Concord, Guildhall Tavern
1625 West Smitfield, Freemasons'-h.
57 Humber, Hull
98 St. Martin, Burslem
203 Ancient Union, Liverpool
230 Fidelity, Devonport
245 Mechanics, Jersey
267 Unity, Macclesfield
286 Samaritan, Bacup
343 Concord, Preston
345 Perseverance, Blackburn
367 Probity & Freedom, Kocndale
600 Harmony, Bradford
659 Blagdon, Blyth
758 Ellesmere, Kuncorn
802 Repose, Derby
940 Philanthropy, Stockton
1011 Richmond, Manchester
1037 Portland, Portland
1042 Excelsior, Leeds
1184 Abbey, Battle
1327 King Harold, Waltham Cross
1352 Unity, Crediton
1386 St. Hugh, Lincoln
1393 Hamer, Liverpool
1464 Erasmus Wilson, Gravesend
1562 Homiray, Risca
1594 Cedewain, Newtown, Mont.
1776 Landport, Landport
2268 Hallamshire, Shetfield
2305 Stour, Ashford, Kent
2352 Universities, Durham
2374 Shurmur, Chingford
2390 Exmoor, Minehead
2430 Runnymede, Wraysbury
2523 Roll Call, Hounslow
2555 England Centre, Weedon</p> |
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| <p>Wednesday.
Committee Grand Chapter at 4.
Board of Benevolence, F.M.H., 5.
619 Beadon, Upper Norwood
700 Nelson, Plumstead
1278 Burdett Coutts, London Tavern
2140 Huguenot, Criterion
32 St. Geo. Harmony, Liverpool
121 Mount Sinai, Penzance
137 Amity, Poole
200 Old Globe, Scarborough
311 South Saxon, Lewes
325 St. John, Salford
342 Royal Sussex, Landport
376 Perfect Friendship, Ipswich
591 Buckingham, Aylesbury
610 Colston, Bristol
726 Staffordshire Knot, Stafford
795 St. John, Maidenhead
823 Everton, Liverpool
865 Dalhousie, Hounslow</p> | <p>Friday.
1777 Royal Hanover, Twickenham
1297 West Kent, Crystal Palace</p> |
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| <p>Saturday.
1293 Burdett, Hampton Court
1531 Chislehurst, Chislehurst
1851 Ewell, Kingston
1982 Greenwood, Sutton
2048 Henry Levander, Harrow St'n.</p> |
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Garrick.—8.30, Sue.

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Strand.—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.

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