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AN OBJECT LESSON IN FINANCE.

IN the outer world there are thousands of people with money at disposal, who are ever on the search for some investment that shall give them a fair return for their capital. Within the portals of Freemasonry it would seem there is already a Fund, or, to be more precise, three Funds, which not only answer the requirements, but are continually referred to in different parts of the country as providing a far greater return than can be reasonably expected, or fairly accepted; and although it may be found on fuller examination that this trio of Funds is hardly available for the whole body of English Freemasons, it can easily be proved that energetic action in connection therewith produces the most satisfactory results, and is, indeed, the prime cause of the anomaly referred to.

We have previously written on this subject, and most of our readers will at once recognise what we are referring to, especially if they make a rule of reading the statements made by Charity Committees, and others who take an interest in following the working of the three Masonic Institutions, in the various Provinces of English Freemasonry, but for those who do not do so we may say it is a well known fact that many of our Provinces get far more out of the Charitable Institutions than they contribute to them. A few weeks back the matter was specially referred to in Staffordshire, and the Brethren were asked to contribute more liberally to the different Funds so as to place things more on an equality; to-day the same cry comes from Devonshire—where it has often been raised before—and next week some other division of the country will be similarly taken to task by those in its midst who like to see things fairly divided; and the question may reasonably be asked, how is it possible for the three Institutions to give more benefits than are procurable with the amounts contributed? The answer has often been given in our pages—London being unorganised has to pay for the Provinces, where the work of managing the elections is carried out as a system. How much longer will the metropolis continue its apathy, how much longer will its members be content to pay the piper, while the Provinces set the tune? We should be very sorry to see the Institutions worked on purely financial lines—to the exclusion of all considerations of nationality, but on the other hand it is very hard for Londoners to continually hear that the Provinces can get more out of the Institutions than they pay in, while it is so very difficult for the ordinary Londoner to secure anything—surely there is something wrong somewhere.

THE BIBLE AND SCOTTISH MASONRY.

THE action of the Grand Lodge of Peru, in decreeing the removal of the Volume of the Sacred Law from the

altars of all Lodges under its jurisdiction, is to be formally brought under the notice of the Scottish Craft on Thursday next, when the Quarterly Communication of the Grand Lodge of Scotland will be held in Edinburgh.

The Grand Committee unanimously recommends Grand Lodge to adopt the same course as recently pursued in England, and withdraw its recognition of the Grand Lodge of Peru and its daughter Lodges, and further to prohibit Scottish Lodges from holding communication with those under the rule of the Grand Lodge of Peru, and we anticipate that course will be regularly adopted.

ESSEX.

A MOST successful meeting of this Provincial Grand Lodge was held at Brentwood, on Tuesday, when about 300 Brethren of the county were present to support the Earl of Warwick Provincial Grand Master. A beautifully engrossed album was presented to Bro. Philbrick, on his retirement from the office of Deputy Provincial Grand Master, his reception on the occasion being very enthusiastic.

A particularly gratifying testimonial was included in the next item of business, the Earl of Warwick making special reference to the long services of Bro. T. J. Ralling, when investing him with the collar of Provincial Grand Secretary for the twenty-second consecutive year, and handing him a cheque for £250, together with an address from the Brethren of the Province, setting forth the strong feelings of regard they all entertained towards him.

We shall give fuller details of the meeting in our next issue.

The Brethren of St. John's Lodge, No. 328, Torquay, have decided to make a strenuous effort to clear off the debt of £400 that remains upon their Masonic Hall, the suggested plan, which has been unanimously adopted by the Lodge, being that promised donations should be made by the members of the Lodge, giving about six months from the present time in which to pay the contribution. This effort to be crowned by a Grand Masonic Exhibition of Certificates, Clothing and Jewels, of all degrees and countries, from the unique collection of the W.M. Bro. F. J. Crowe P.P.G.O., to be followed in the evening by a grand Masonic Ball, to be held at the end of the year, when the chief Rulers of the Craft will be invited to favour the Lodge with their patronage, presence, and, if agreeable, their donations to the building fund. In the event of the response to these efforts not being sufficient to clear off the debt, then, to offer the Brethren an opportunity to volunteer a temporary loan, in £10 shares, to be redeemed by ballot as the funds of the Lodge accumulate. The result of these suggestions is that the Committee of Management, with the Lodge and other friends, have promised to substantially assist in making the effort a success; in addition to which, Brother John Chapman P.Prov.G.D., the mortgagee, has most generously offered to add £10 to every £90 raised for the object, which we sincerely hope will meet with the support it deserves. We must recognise that a debt of £400 is a heavy item to attempt to remove by one effort, but happily our Torquay Brethren have some zealous workers in their midst, and we are very sanguine as to the results that will be achieved. The cause is admittedly a good one, and calls for Fraternal support outside the town and Lodge to be specially benefited, so that we think it is not too much for our Torquay friends to solicit the sympathy and donations of outsiders in aid of their efforts.

DEVONSHIRE.

THE annual Provincial Grand Lodge, held at Paignton, on Tuesday, 26th inst., was very largely attended by Brethren from Plymouth, and other parts of the county. The Provincial Grand Master the Hon. Sir Stafford Northcote, M.P., presided, with Bro. W. J. Hughan P.G.D. of Eng. acting as Deputy Provincial Grand Master, in the absence of Bro. G. C. Davie, who was at the last moment prevented from attending.

The Lodge was formally opened by the Provincial Grand Master, Bro. Lord being the Director of Ceremonies, and Bro. Willoughby presiding at the organ.

The Provincial Grand Secretary Bro. J. Stocker reported that he had received the returns from fifty-seven Lodges in the Province for the year ended the 31st December 1897, which showed the number of subscribing members to be 3,670, an increase of 245 over the previous year, and the amount paid in dues and fees £426 9s, an excess of £24 12s 6d over the previous year. There were 342 initiations, and 163 joinings, the large number of the latter being accounted for by the returns of four new Lodges constituted during the year. The number of Past Masters returned was 845. It would be of interest to the Brethren to know that at the recent Centenary Festival of the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys, presided over by H.R.H. the Most Worshipful Grand Master, the Province was represented by thirty-four Stewards, and the contributions amounted to £1,775. The Province stood fifteenth in order of amounts contributed out of the forty-six that were represented. In a letter received on Thursday last from the Secretary of the Institution Bro. McLeod said: "The position held by the Province on the announcement is one they may well be proud of, and reflects greatly to the credit of all who contributed thereto." The Devon Masonic Directory was issued this year in an improved form, and he urged upon Brethren the necessity of increasing its circulation. He had further to report that he had received from the Masters of eighteen Lodges applications under the twentieth bye-law for the supplemental grant to enable them to acquire Life-Governorships in one or other of the great Masonic Charities.

The Provincial Grand Master, in moving the adoption of the report, thought he might venture to congratulate the Province on their increased numbers, but he especially wished to congratulate them on the show Devonshire made at the recent Centenary Festival of the Institution for Boys. To those Brethren who laboured so energetically in the cause their best and most cordial thanks were due. He also urged the Brethren to reward those who prepared the Directory of the Province by promoting its circulation.

Bro. Hughan, as acting Deputy Prov. Grand Master, seconded the motion. He observed that the remarkable sum contributed to the Boys Festival from Devonshire was largely due, not only to the work of the Brethren, but also to the fact of their having such a popular Provincial Grand Master at their head. He thought it a remarkable tribute to the spread of Freemasonry in the Province that, although the number of Lodges had increased, the average number of members per Lodge had also increased.

The Provincial Grand Treasurer Bro. Sanders reported that he received £260 9s 10d as the balance from his predecessor in office Bro. Edwin Roseveare. With this sum the total receipts were £750 14s 10d, and the year ended with a balance in hand of £258 18s 6d. On the motion of Bro. H. Stocker, seconded by Bro. W. H. Hooper, the report was adopted.

The Provincial Grand Junior Warden (in the absence of Bro. C. R. M. Clapp) presented the report of the Fortescue Annuity Fund for the year ended 31st May 1898, which recorded further progress in the good work of this Fund. The actual income of the year was £658 3s 9d, while the expenses of management had been only £16 8s 5d, or barely 2½ per cent. of the income. An addition of £300 had been made to Capital Fund, which now amounted to £4,000. The number of the annuitants during the greater part of the year had been twelve. At the annual meeting, held at Exeter on 12th July, three additional annuitants were elected. It was only right to say that the great increase of the last year was mainly due to the generous help from a very small number of Lodges. It was a fact much to be regretted that twenty-two Lodges had contributed nothing for the year, and thirteen of them nothing in the past four years.

The report was adopted, on the motion of Bro. Jones, seconded by Bro. J. W. Cornish.

Bro. Gover submitted the report of the Committee of

Petitions. He drew particular attention to the need for more support from Devonshire to the Benevolent Fund. What they contributed to that Fund was a very small sum compared with what they received. They had that day adopted one aged Mason and one Widow with a view to further increase the number of Devonshire cases on the Fund.

The Provincial Grand Junior Warden proposed the election of Bro. C. S. Stebbing P.M. 156 as Treasurer for the ensuing year. Bro. Shorto paid an eloquent tribute to the services Bro. Stebbing had rendered to Freemasonry in general and to the Charities in particular. Bro. F. B. Westlake seconded the motion, which was agreed to unanimously.

The Provincial Grand Master then proceeded to appoint and invest his Officers for the ensuing year, as follow:—

Bro. G. C. Davie	-	-	-	Deputy
Geo. S. Strode	-	-	-	Senior Warden
Dr. Deas	-	-	-	Junior Warden
Rev. H. V. Bickersteth	-	-	-	Chaplain
Rev. F. Wilberforce Saulez	-	-	-	Chaplain
C. S. Stebbing	-	-	-	Treasurer
R. E. Tucker	-	-	-	Registrar
John Stocker	-	-	-	Secretary
George Dunsterville	-	-	-	Senior Deacons
T. H. Seymour	-	-	-	Senior Deacons
R. C. Musgrave	-	-	-	Junior Deacons
H. Holman	-	-	-	Superintendent of Works
W. Vigurs Harris	-	-	-	Director of Ceremonies
J. R. Lord	-	-	-	Deputy Dir. of Cers.
C. Piper	-	-	-	Assist. Dirs. of Cers.
C. Emmett	-	-	-	Assist. Dirs. of Cers.
D. C. Powell	-	-	-	Assist. Dirs. of Cers.
J. G. Oldridge	-	-	-	Sword Bearer
Wm. Stenlake	-	-	-	Standard Bearer
H. E. Sitters	-	-	-	Standard Bearer
Jas. Wilcocks	-	-	-	Organist
F. J. Shapcott	-	-	-	Assistant Secretary
G. R. Stanlake	-	-	-	Pursuivant
Wm. King	-	-	-	Assistant Pursuivant
W. H. Johns	-	-	-	Stewards
T. P. Webby	-	-	-	Stewards
C. H. Sellick	-	-	-	Stewards
W. Walters	-	-	-	Stewards
G. S. Stile	-	-	-	Stewards
T. H. Wills	-	-	-	Stewards
W. H. Turrall	-	-	-	Stewards
H. Shooter	-	-	-	Tyler.

The Brethren afterwards dined together at the Board Schoolroom.—"Western Morning News."

Bro. G. D. Leslie, R.A., of Wallingford, is selected for the first of a series of "Snapshots at Thames-side celebrities" now appearing in "River and Coast." Our Brother, whose photograph is given with the clothing of Provincial Grand Warden of Berkshire, is described as a prominent Freemason, a man of the very highest principles, and one who has distinguished himself in the world of art and literature.

"A SPRIG OF ACACIA."

ON Friday, 15th inst., the remains of the late Bro. J. H. Smith were interred at Standish Church, the Rev. R. Tebbs officiating. The deceased was one of the most active Freemasons in the Town of Wigan, being a Past Master, Past Provincial Officer, and deservedly held in high esteem. The several Lodges in the town were represented by Provincial and other Brethren, and the bereaved family have the sincere sympathy of a wide circle of friends. On the following Sunday morning the vicar, the Rev. R. Tebbs, occupied the pulpit at St. Thomas's Church, and delivered a helpful and comforting discourse from 2 Corinthians i. 3, 4. In the course of his remarks the preacher made touching reference to the late Bro. Smith and his connection with the church and parish. He felt, he said, he had lost a personal friend, and that, with himself, the church officials would feel that a comrade had been taken from their side who had served their parish well for many years as warden, sidesman, and school manager, and had ever manifested a kindly and unselfish spirit in all he did. They were sorry to lose him, and all felt that their parish was the poorer now that he had gone.

THE funeral of Mrs. Bagnall, wife of Bro. George Bagnall, a well known member of the Westbourne Lodge, No. 733, took place yesterday (Friday), at Kensal Green Cemetery. Our worthy Brother and his wife had been married twenty-five years, and he has the sympathy of a large number of friends in his bereavement. We take the opportunity of adding our expression of regret at our Brother's loss.

FREEMASONRY versus CHRISTIANITY.

WHAT promises to be an interesting series of papers was commenced in the "Baptist," of 22nd inst., under the above heading, the writer being Mr. William Foster, F.S.S.A., author of "The Subject Testament," &c.

As Mr. Foster says, his object is to show that Freemasonry is opposed to Christianity, but we think he will have to adopt a different tone of argument in his subsequent articles, to what he has done in this first, if he even hopes to succeed in his mission, for to our way of thinking he has thus far made out a fairly good case in favour of our Craft, Brotherhood, or Society, whichever he desires to term it. Our readers will probably, like ourselves, look forward with pleasurable anticipation for further instalments of Mr. Foster's writings, which, at a later date, we may find the possibility of commenting on in detail.

It is not often we have the opportunity of reading the views of protestant writers who desire to prove that Freemasonry is opposed to Christianity or their particular form of religion, although by this time we have come to regard attacks from the Roman Catholic church as of regular recurrence; and on that account we are anxious to see what stronger arguments this writer can adduce in support of his stand of antagonism against Freemasonry, which, despite the persistent onslaughts of religious enthusiasts from time to time, yet manages to pursue the even tenor of its way, amid the countenance and sympathy of many who are regarded as the shining lights of our empire in every branch and section of the community.

We quote thus freely from our contemporary :

I. THE RELIGION OF FREEMASONRY AS OPPOSED TO THE CHRISTIAN RELIGION.

The title of this paper is sufficient to indicate its object, which is to show that Freemasonry is opposed to Christianity. That it is opposed to Christianity as taught throughout the Roman Catholic community is sufficiently indicated by the Bulls issued against it. The object of the writer is, however, more particularly intended to show that the teachings of Freemasonry are opposed to Protestant or Evangelical Christianity. We do not say that it is opposed to all religion, as it acknowledges the existence of and encourages the adoration of a Supreme Being, but we do say that

FREEMASONRY IS A RELIGION WITHOUT CHRIST.

It is popularly traced back to the time of Solomon, and is further stated to have been known to Hiram, King of Tyre, and his principal workmen; but there is much to point to its being an introduction from ancient Egypt; thus the foundation of Freemasonry was long before the time of Jesus Christ, and belief in Christ as the Redeemer of the world has never been introduced into its formularies as an Article of Faith.

As illustrating the determined effort which Freemasonry makes to omit all reference to Jesus Christ we give the following quotation:—

"The inscription at the head of the Tracing Board, Lapis reprobatus caput anguli, in the original Hebrew, is found in Psalm cxviii. 22. . . . 'The stone which the builders disallowed, the same is made the head of the corner' (1 Peter ii. 7); keeps forcibly before us the leading truth inculcated in this beautiful Degree—the fallibility of human judgment, and the comforting assurance derived from a belief in the existence of a Heavenly Judge, to whose impartial, and we trust merciful, tribunal our work will hereafter have to be submitted."

How different is all this from the teaching of the Apostle Peter in regard thereto, who applies the passage (1 Peter ii. 7) directly to Jesus Christ (as also in Acts iv. 10 and 11).

We may acknowledge, however, that Charity, Love, Justice, &c., are inculcated in the teachings of Freemasonry; but any moral system would be void of power that did not include these.

It is especially worthy of note that Freemasonry recognises as its head the W.M. and his Wardens, to whom perfect submission is required; thus we read: "Your

obedience must be proved . . . ; by a perfect submission to the will of the W.M., and his Wardens, while acting in the discharge of their respective offices." We submit that this is precisely similar to the submission of will required by the Pope; and there is no room here for freedom of conscience or implicit obedience to the Will of Christ.

Let us now proceed to consider more particularly that

FREEMASONRY IS OPPOSED TO PROTESTANTISM.

Although Freemasonry sometimes expresses itself as opposed to Popery, there are plenty of proofs to show that it is itself opposed to Protestantism. (a) It teaches salvation by good works instead of by faith in Christ. Thus we read:

"The covering of a Masonic Lodge is a celestial canopy of divers colours, even the heavens; the way by which we, as Masons, hope to arrive at it is by the assistance of a ladder, in Scripture called Jacob's ladder. This ladder has many staves or rounds, which point out as many moral virtues, but three principal ones, namely, Faith, Hope, and Charity; Faith in the Great Architect of the Universe; Hope in Salvation; and to be in Charity with all men. This ladder reaches to heaven, and rests on the Volume of the Sacred Law."

Again, we read: "Thus, by square conduct, level steps, and upright intentions, we hope to ascend to those immortal mansions whence all good emanates."

This teaching is diametrically opposed to that contained in the Epistle of Paul to the Galatians (* see especially chapter 3), and to many other portions of the New Testament Scriptures, which show that salvation is to be obtained through Faith in Jesus Christ, and not by the Works of the Law (see John 3, 16, and 36, Romans 1, 16, and 17, ch. 3, 24-28, Peter 2, 24). (b) Again, Freemasonry is opposed to Protestantism on account of its whole tendency being toward ritualism, and that not a ritualism divorced from religion, but closely associated with it; for every degree of Freemasonry is connected with ritualism, but more particularly the highest order, the "Supreme Order of the Holy Royal Arch," as the following quotation will show:—

"The Officers of a Chapter wear crimson collars, to which are suspended jewels emblematic of their respective offices. The three Principals bear sceptres, emblematic of the regal, prophetic, and sacerdotal offices. The Kingly robe is red; the Prophetic, purple; and the Priestly, blue; the other Officers wear white robes. The principal Officers, when robed, take their sceptres, and their stations in the Arch" and the whole of the ceremonies of the Holy Royal Arch is carried out in keeping with this.

And there are Protestants—we fear an increasing number—who take part therein. Yet, surely, this cannot be a training ground for Protestant purity and simplicity, but for ritualism and formality.

We may as well say here, as leave it until later, that we consider it a pure myth that either St. John the Baptist or St. John the Evangelist were ever connected with Freemasonry, although it is claimed very emphatically that they were, and they are said to constitute

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We base this upon the consideration that as regards the former his childhood and youth, "till the day of his showing unto Israel," were spent in the Deserts (Luke 1. 80), and from that time he was "The voice of one crying in the wilderness, Prepare ye the way of the Lord, make His paths straight" (Luke 3, 4). Surely there is no room here, or in his teachings, for the formalities and ceremonies or the spirit of Freemasonry. As regards the latter, we give one reason only for believing that he was not a Freemason. St. John states what his fellowship was in his 1st Epistle and 1st chapter: "truly, our fellowship is with the Father, and with His Son, Jesus Christ" (verse 3), and again, "If we walk in the light as he is in the light, we have fellowship one with another, and the blood of Jesus Christ, His Son, cleanseth us from all sin" (verse 7). This is certainly not the fellowship of Freemasonry.

II. MASONIC SECRECY AS OPPOSED TO CHRISTIAN PROCLAMATION.

The great attraction (to some minds) of Freemasonry is that it professes to hold secrets which are revealed only to the initiated. In our opinion, however, "the secret" is in a great measure an open one.

Freemasonry is called many things, as "A Craft," "A Progressive Science," "A Brotherhood," &c. It inculcates

* As Bibles are so accessible we have not thought it necessary to give many quotations in full. We trust, however, the reader will refer to all the passages mentioned.

brotherly love and help, and advocates a study of one or more of the sciences; to advance these it uses words, signs, and symbols. The opening part of the Introductory Address to the third lecture is very explicit, herein, viz.: "In the First Degree we are taught the duties we owe to God, to our neighbour, and ourselves. In the Second Degree we are admitted to participate in the mysteries of human science, and to trace the goodness and majesty of the Creator by minutely analysing His works. But the Third Degree is the cement of the whole; it is calculated to bind men together by mystic points of fellowship, as in a bond of fraternal affection and brotherly love," &c.

Concerning the words and signs used, we do not consider it necessary to say anything; and the symbols are good and suggestive, but we do not conceive that Freemasonry has any right to the exclusive use of these, and it is a pity that they are not more largely used in the education of the young. For instance, the Square, the Plummets, and the Level are things in daily use, and capable of conveying many a good moral lesson, and we know one song of Freemasonry that has been turned to good account, as the following specimen of one verse will show:—

Mark Master Masons' Song.
(M.M. Mason.
Page 103—last verse.)

Life is fleeting as a shade,
Make your mark.
Marks of some kind must be made
Make your mark.
Make it while the arm is strong,
Never, never make it wrong;
Make it with the stamp of truth;
Make your mark.

School Song.
As adapted and sung in public
elementary schools.

Life is fleeting as a shade,
Make your mark.
Marks of some kind must be made
Make your mark.
Make it while the arm is strong,
In the golden hours of youth.
Never, never make it wrong,
Make it with the stamp of truth.
Make your mark!

It must, however, be very humiliating for a Freemason who has passed through the First and Second Degree to learn, when passing the Third Degree, that "the genuine secrets of a M.M. were lost" and that "King Solomon ordered that these casual S., T., and W. should designate all Master Masons through the Universe until time or circumstances should restore the genuine ones." Surely, as the Preacher saith: "Vanity of vanities; all is vanity" (Eccles. i. 2).

But supposing that the secrets of Freemasonry are deeper than those referred to above, or whatever they are, what does a Freemason solemnly undertake in regard thereto?

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Now this principle of secrecy we say is directly opposed to the teaching of Christianity, for Christ himself said to His disciples concerning his own teaching: "What I tell you in darkness, that speak ye in light; and what ye hear in the ear, that preach ye upon the housetops" (Matt. 10, 27); and it is important to notice that the whole idea of Christianity is that of

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(see Matthew 28, 19 and 20; Acts 17, 16 and 17); it proceeds upon the assumption that mankind by nature is in darkness; that Christ is the Light; and the acceptance of His Gospel is to come into the Light. (See John 1, 4, 5 and 9; Eph. 5, 8).

Christianity has no secrets to keep back, no privileged class to build up; it has good to bestow, and it is offered as freely to the poor as to the rich. We do not profess that all Christians are alike capable of receiving every truth, for as the Apostle Paul says: "We speak wisdom among them that are perfect; yet not the wisdom of this world, nor of the princes of this world, that come to nought; but we speak the wisdom of God in a mystery, even the hidden wisdom, which God ordained before the world unto our glory" (I. Cor. 2, 6 and 7); but the tongue of no Christian is tied in proclaiming the truth he knows, he has only to find an attentive and capable listener.

We, of course, believe in discretion in speech. There is "a time to keep silence, and a time to speak" (Eccles. 3, 7), and Christ sometimes enjoined silence upon those whom he benefited (Matt. 8, 4, &c.); but this was only a temporary precaution. Then, too, there is no need to blab out everything one knows, "A fool uttereth all his mind, but a wise man keepeth it in till afterwards" (Proverbs 29, 11). But this is a very different thing to perpetual secrecy sworn to with an oath.

(To be continued.)

Referring to this article the "Derby Mercury" says Mr. Foster's discovery will greatly amuse the great body of Freemasons, and thus continues:—"Mr. Foster affirms that the religion of Freemasonry is opposed to the Christian

religion, also that it is opposed to Protestantism, and further that Masonic secrecy is opposed to Christian proclamation. How these propositions are made out does not very much matter, though it is particularly interesting to notice that because 'Christianity has no secrets to keep back' therefore Masonic secrecy is opposed to it! The proof of the pudding is in the eating, the old saying goes—and when we have found a Christian Freemason turned into a Pagan, or a Protestant into a Roman Catholic, or vice versa, we shall be ready to admit that Mr. Foster has a spot of local colour for his white-wash brush. But none of these things have happened up to the present. Rudyard Kipling tells us in 'The Mother Lodge' how Mahomedans and the believers in other religions manage to sit at the same table with Christians, and we ourselves have seen good Baptists, Congregationalists, Wesleyans, Unitarians, and Churchmen (we have even known a Roman Catholic Freemason, though the continental Roman Catholics ban the Craft)."

CHURCH SERVICE.

UPWARDS of two hundred Brethren—including representatives of every Lodge within a radius of twelve or fourteen miles—were present at a Masonic Service held under the auspices of the Newry Lodges, in Sandys Street Presbyterian Church, Newry, on Wednesday, 29th ult. The collection was in aid of the Masonic Charities, and nearly £30 was realised, which, when taken in conjunction with the generous donations of the several Lodges and the numerous subscriptions of individual members of those Lodges towards the same purposes, make the charitable contributions of Newry rank very high amongst those of the Masonic areas of Ireland, says the "Newry Telegraph." The service commenced at 7.30, at which hour the Brethren were marshalled in the church grounds, and entered the church in processional order, according to Masonic rank.

Rev. Bro. Wright, who took as his text the words from I Corinthians iii, 16—"Know ye not that ye are the temple of God, and that the Spirit of God dwelleth in you?"—said: There are three distinct uses in the Scriptures of truth of the expression "the Temple of God," and these uses mark for us the successive eras in the revelation of God's relation to man and the corresponding duty of man towards God.

(I.) In all the period covered by the Old Testament history the temple of God meant the gorgeous building which had its place in the city of Jerusalem, and which to every Jewish mind was the pride and joy of the whole earth. The temple of Solomon, of so deep and instructive interest to every reader of the Bible, and of such peculiar interest to every member of the Order of Freemasonry, was projected by David, King of Israel. The purpose of the pious heart of the King was accepted by the Most High, as every truly generous impulse is, even though, like this one, circumstances may prevent it being carried to its issue. "Thou didst well that it was in thine heart." On account of the blood on his hands from the wars with many nations it was not permitted to David to enter on the stupendous undertaking, but he was allowed to make preparation of material, of gold and silver, and brass and wood, which he provided in abundance. After his death, in a time of peace, when the Lord had put Israel's enemies "under the sole of his feet," Solomon commenced the work, and for seven years in fraternity with Hiram, King of Tyre—a fraternity which extended to the servants of both—and with the skilful practical guidance of Hiram, the widow's son, the mighty fabric continued to approach its completion. At last it stood, the very perfection of human skill and effort, "exceeding magnificent, of fame and of glory throughout all countries." The fate of that beautiful temple may be told in a word or two. It was destroyed by the Assyrians, and after a time rebuilt by Zerubbabel and Joshua and their companions, when they returned from the captivity. Five hundred years after Herod proposed to re-build it on a scale of great magnificence, and having spent two years in preparation he began the erection of the new temple forty-six years before the first Passover which was attended by our Blessed Lord after His entrance on His public ministry. That building had but a short life, for, when the city of Jerusalem was destroyed by the army of Titus, not one stone of it was left upon another. Of the many truths embodied in the Jewish temple I take two as most pertinent to our present thought. (1) It was the dwelling-place of God. The Shechinah-glory in the cloud above the mercy-seat was the symbol of His presence. When the people came up to the worship of the temple it was to meet with God. When Solomon dedicated the building for its holy purpose, his prayer and the prayer of the people was, "Arise O Lord, enter into Thy rest, Thou and the ark of Thy strength." (2) It was a place of revelation—God designed every part of it—its mercy-seat, its altars of burnt offering and peace offering and thank offering, its prescribed sacrifices, its various courts, its pillars adorned with

lilywork—all spoke to the intelligent Israelite of eternal truth, and revealed the power and the mercy, the grace and the salvation of the Almighty.

(II.) A thousand years after the building of Solomon's Temple, and shortly before the destruction of its successor, another use of the word is given to us. At the commencement of His ministry the Jews asked Jesus Christ, the Son of God, for a sign, and He answered: "Destroy this temple and in three days I will raise it up." The Jews said, "Forty and six years was this temple in building, and will Thou raise it up in three days?" "But," says the Apostle John, "he spoke of the temple of His body." The word spoken there made a wonderful impression. It was remembered, touching as it did the most sacred thought of the Jewish religious life, and it was used as the basis of a charge against Him when He was brought to trial; it was remembered and thrown in His face as He hung on the Cross, when they scoffingly called to Him to save Himself; it was remembered by His disciples for the confirmation of their faith after that He was risen from the dead. Both the truths which we took from the ancient temple find their perfect illustration in Christ. He is the dwelling-place of God. "In Him dwelleth all the fulness of the Godhead bodily." He is also the perfect revealer. "He that hath seen Me hath seen the Father."

(III.) Both the temples we have spoken of have passed from human view. But God has not left Himself without a visible temple. The Apostle gives us the completed thought when he says to believers: "Ye are the temple of God, and the Spirit of God dwelleth in you." The Divine life is in us if we truly belong to God's Kingdom. The Spirit of God is promised to abide with us and dwell in us, a constant presence, a continuing fellowship, a purifying power. The word used here for in-dwelling is a word which signifies occupation of us as a tenant occupies a house: might I enlarge it in a homely but eminently true way? As the house shows something of the rank of its occupant, and tells us at once whether its occupant be a rich or a poor man, so surely if God dwells in us we shall show something in life and walk that will proclaim the majesty of the in-dwelling power. And as the house, by its neatness, cleanliness, and order, shows the difference in character and taste between one and another among men or women, so also will the adoption of the Divine order and laws manifest God's presence in every Christian man. And as men seek by rich furniture and costly pictures to make a house a worthy dwelling for a resident of refinement and wealth, so likewise shall we, if we have risen to the conception of the Divine honour put upon us, seek to make ourselves fit dwelling places for the majesty, the holiness, and the purity of God.

And, my Masonic and Christian brethren, we may all of us have our part too in revealing God to men. We can reveal His Divine forgiveness, in some little measure when we show forgiveness, remembering our own need of it; we can reveal God's love and charity when we put forth our efforts to meet the wants of the suffering and distressed. The books of our lives with their daily page of words and actions which touch our fellow men will be in many a case the only revelation of God read and pondered by human hearts, and well will it be for us if we always seek to represent God faithfully and show His nature in our kindly and generous deeds. . . . The sun in heaven dwells in every flower-cup with its varied colour, and in every fruit with its different use, so in every true man with all the variety of thought and gifts and usefulness the Divine presence dwells, and with every good man God is fitly framing together His glorious temple, and by every Christian man God is revealing something of Himself, and accomplishing some part of His unalterable purpose.

The object to be served by our service this evening is a two-fold one. It is not necessary that I should make any formal appeal: the very mention of the charities is of itself sufficient to draw forth your liberality. The Masonic Orphan Schools in Dublin, founded, one of them—the Female School—in 1792, and the other—the Boys School—in 1867, have made their name and proved their usefulness. In them the orphan children of members of our Order have been educated and fitted to fill honourable and useful positions in the world. The Down Masonic Widows Fund, though of recent origin, has already in a number of cases proved a blessing to widows and families who, in the providence of God, have been left in circumstances of distress, and we hope that in this county as the Fund strengthens and enlarges that its beneficent aid may be more and more useful.

To every Masonic Brother, bound as we are by the obligation of charity, and to every Christian worshipper here this evening, the opportunity of helping to do good will be in itself a blessing. "Pure religion and undefiled before God and the Father is this, to visit the fatherless and widows in their affliction, and to keep himself unspotted from the world." Now unto Him that is able to keep you from falling, and to present you faultless before the presence of His glory with exceeding joy, to the only wise God, our Saviour, be glory and majesty, dominion and power, both now and ever.—Amen.

The collection was then taken up. The singing of "O God

of Bethel" was followed by the Benediction, and as the brethren reformed in procession and left the Church the choir rendered the hymn "Onward, Christian Soldiers."

On the conclusion of the service, the brethren from a distance were entertained in the Masonic Hall.

The Prince of Wales may find one consolation in his enforced idleness in the reflection that he has, by his action as Grand Master of the Freemasons, secured peace within the borders of the New Zealand Craft. It is not too much to say that the Colonial Masons were until a short time since possessed by many dissensions, and not a little personal rivalry. However, the Prince himself took the matter in hand, and the result has been eminently satisfactory. His Royal Highness resolved to recognise the Grand Lodge of New Zealand as a separate entity, supreme within its own territory. He found a ready helpmate in that burly Radical, the Right Hon. "Dick" Seddon. The colonists have in their gratification at the restoration of peace made the Right Hon. "Dick" their first Grand Master.—"Daily Chronicle."

ST. HELEN'S MASONIC PICNIC.

WINDERMERE was the place chosen this year. The Committee had made arrangements for luncheon and tea at Storr's Hall Hotel. About sixty Brethren and friends left St. Helens by the 8.43 a.m. train, arriving at Windermere shortly after 11. Luncheon was served at 12 o'clock, after which members of the party visited Ambleside, Lake Side, and other picturesque and interesting spots. The party re-assembled at 4.45 for tea, and left the Hotel in coaches, for the station, about 7 o'clock, St. Helens being reached after 9. The proceedings were most enjoyable throughout.

The quarterly number of the "Life-boat," the journal of the Royal National Life-boat Institution, issued under date of August 1898, contains many items that must arouse interest on behalf of the work of this splendid Fund. The Institution has now 292 Life-boats under its charge, and during the past year it granted rewards for saving 659 lives from shipwreck on our coast. Pecuniary aid is much needed to assist the Committee in maintaining its great Life-saving fleet in a state of thorough efficiency, which can only be effected by a large and permanent annual expenditure.

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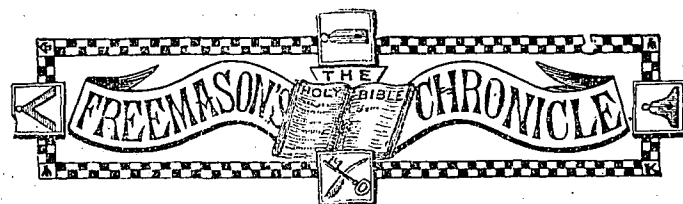
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REPORTS OF MEETINGS.

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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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SINCERITY LODGE, No. 189.

THE annual meeting was held on Monday afternoon, 18th inst., at the Town Hall, Stonhouse. In the enforced absence of the W.M. Bro. Frederick Strick, the chair was occupied by I.P.M. Bro. Thomas Peain.

Routine business having been transacted, the S.W. Bro. F. S. Hodge was installed W.M. for the ensuing year.

The installation banquet was subsequently held at the Duke of Cornwall Hotel, the manageress, Miss Wellden, providing a capital spread, which was fully appreciated by the Brethren.

The newly installed W.M. presided, being supported by his Officers.

The S.W. Bro. H. W. Mayne submitted the W.M., in felicitous terms, remarking that for many years in Lodge Sincerity they had looked back with respect and pride at the array of Masons who had passed through the chair. He was sure the Brethren had made no mistake in selecting Bro. Hodge to fill the important Office for the ensuing year. He would be accorded the cordial support of all of his Brethren.

Responding, the Worshipful Master promised that he would do all in his power to carry out his duties to the satisfaction and credit of the Lodge. He trusted to have the support of the whole of his Officers.

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CHARITY LODGE, No. 223.

THE annual outing on Wednesday, 20th inst., proved very successful. A company of Ladies and Brethren, numbering nearly fifty, travelled in a reserved carriage from Plymouth to Ashburton, and there, after a visit to the ancient parish church, hot luncheon was served at the Golden Lion Hotel.

The afternoon was devoted to a delectable drive through Holme Chase and Buckland Woods, special permission having been granted by the Hon. Richard Dawson and Mr. B. J. P. Bastard.

After a high and fruit tea at the Golden Lion Hotel acknowledgments to

those gentlemen, to the excursion Committee, and to Mr. Sawdye for excellent catering were heartily expressed, and songs were sung by Bros. Noble, Westlake, Hancock, and Wonnacott (2). Bro. W. J. Hoar W.M. was ably assisted in the arrangements by Bros. J. Goad J.W., and J. J. Gerry D.C.

Bros. J. W. Cornish and H. S. Hill, the senior Past Masters of the Lodge, and several of the Officers attended. The weather was delightful, the rain of the morning having cooled the air, freshened the foliage, and laid the dust.

NAPTHALI LODGE, No. 266.

ON Wednesday, 20th inst., about twenty-seven members of the Lodge attended the annual picnic. They went from Heywood to Bottom Woods, partaking of luncheon and dinner at the Black Horse Hotel. The day being gloriously fine the outing was thoroughly enjoyed.

HARMONY LODGE, No. 580.

THE members of this Ormskirk Lodge visited Settle, Yorkshire, for their annual picnic. The party, numbering about fifty, spent a thoroughly enjoyable day, thanks to the excellent arrangements made by Brother G. Ashurst.

ELLESMERE LODGE, No. 758.

THE installation festival was held on the 21st inst., in the Masonic Hall, Devonshire Square, Runcorn.

Bro. R. R. Clarke W.M. presided, and after the Lodge had been opened in due and solemn form Bro. Henry Branch S.W. was impressively installed as W.M. for the ensuing year by Bro. T. H. Annett P.M. P.P.G.T.

Subsequently the Brethren adjourned to the banqueting hall, where the members and guests partook of a recherche repast, and the usual Loyal and Masonic toasts were honoured.

A Past Master's jewel and a Life Governorship of the Cheshire Educational Masonic Institution were presented to the retiring W.M. Bro. R. R. Clarke.

EVERTON LODGE, No. 823.

A PERIOD of twenty years has passed since the present Lord Mayor of Liverpool, Ald. John Houlding, was installed Worshipful Master of the Everton Lodge, and therefore his lordship's visit on the occasion of the annual meeting of the Brethren at the Masonic Hall, Hope Street, Liverpool, on Wednesday, 20th inst., when Bro. L. G. Davey was installed as Worshipful Master, was an honour which was thoroughly appreciated. Recently the Lord Mayor was raised to the important position of Senior Grand Deacon of England, and this was regarded not only as an individual distinction well deserved, but as a distinction of which the West Lancashire Province had every reason to be proud.

When the Lodge had been duly opened the W.M.-elect was presented by Past Masters Boyle and Milne, and the installation ceremony was proceeded with in the presence of representatives of Grand Lodge, Past Masters and Worshipful Masters of many Lodges, and other Visiting Brethren.

Bro. Joseph Bennett Worshipful Master received his successor, and with Bro. John Houlding, who was assisted by Past Masters Gow and Millington, installed Bro. Davey as W.M. The Installing Master and his assistants performed their task in dignified and solemn manner, giving to the ceremony its most impressive effect.

The customary toasts were given.

The W.M., in proposing the health of his Royal Highness the Prince of Wales, K.G., Most Worshipful Grand Master, expressed the hope that his Royal Highness, with whom every member of the Craft sympathised, would soon recover from the effects of his accident, and be able to resume the very important duties which devolved upon him.

The Lord Mayor, replying to the toast of the Officers of Grand Lodge and Provincial Grand Lodge, was pleased to announce that the Right Hon. the Earl of Lathom, G.C.B., M.W. Pro Grand Master was improving in health, and hoped to be with them at the meeting of the Provincial Grand Lodge in the Liverpool Town Hall next October.

An excellent musical programme was gone through, the artistes including Bros. T. Harper, George Barton, Eaton Batt, Geo. Greene, Charles Aspinall, Wm. Blake, George Smith, Tom Russell, H. Collins, and Will Hudson, who acted as musical director.

In the course of the proceedings the Immediate Past Master Bro. J. Bennett had presented to him a handsome Past Master's jewel, and was also the recipient for Mrs. Bennett of a silver tea set and case of silver tea spoons from the Brethren of the Lodge. The gifts were suitably acknowledged.

DALHOUSIE LODGE, No. 865.

THE annual Ladies' day and summer outing took place on Wednesday, 20th inst., and proved an unqualified success. The Brethren, with Ladies and Visitors, assembled at Hampton Court, about noon, and after a pleasant stroll around the grounds and among the flower beds of the palace, adjourned to the Greyhound Hotel, where they partook of an excellent cold luncheon.

The Worshipful Master of the Lodge Bro. C. E. Betts presided, and had on his right Mrs. Betts, the Misses May and Milly Betts, and Bro. E. Clare P.M. and Treasurer, while he was supported on his left by Bro. Essex I.P.M. and Mrs. Essex, Bro. S. Sidders P.M. and Mrs. Sidders, Bro. C. G. Hatt P.M. and Secretary, and Mrs. Hatt.

After Luncheon the company, at the invitation of the Worshipful Master, proceeded to the "Merry Thames" launch, and a delightful trip up the river as far as Chertsey followed. Tea was served on board. The weather was all that could be desired, and the beauties of this attractive part of the river much appreciated by all. On the return of the party to Hampton Court at about 6.30, a banquet was served at the Greyhound Hotel. The cuisine of this well known riverside resort, under the able management of the genial Bro. Beltramo, is achieving a well deserved reputation, which the dinner on this occasion amply justified.

The tables being cleared, Worshipful Master Betts proposed The Queen and Craft, in suitable terms, and the National Anthem was sung.

In proposing H.R.H. the Prince of Wales Grand Master, the Worshipful Master alluded to the Prince's recent unfortunate accident, and said that he had sent that afternoon a telegram to H.R.H., conveying the sympathy of

the Brethren of the Dalhousie Lodge, and their wishes for his speedy recovery; and he had just received the following reply:

"Worshipful Master, Dalhousie Lodge, Hampton Court.—Prince of Wales thanks the Brethren for their kind sympathy.—Knollys."

He thought such a prompt and gracious reply showed how deep was the interest their Grand Master had, at all times, evinced in their great Order. God bless the Prince of Wales was then sung with much enthusiasm.

Bro. W. Essex I.P.M. proposed the toast of the Worshipful Master. He congratulated all those present on the great success attained that day; a part was, of course, due to the ideal weather, but a good deal of the success was attributable to the manner in which their Worshipful Master had worked to ensure their happiness and enjoyment. He was convinced that no one was more delighted than their excellent Brother in the chair at the splendid way in which the outing had gone off. He would also mention how well he had worked for the Charities, having taken up a goodly sum to the Centenary Festival of the Boys Institution. The toast was enthusiastically received, the company singing "He's a jolly good fellow."

Bro. Betts feelingly replied, and said his greatest reward was in the satisfaction of the Brethren. He felt proud of his position as their Worshipful Master, and assured them that the day would ever live in his memory.

The last toast was that of the Ladies and Visitors. In proposing this the Worshipful Master said it was the toast of the evening. The day was one they exclusively devoted to the ladies. They were charmed to give their wives, their daughters, and their friends a day of genuine pleasure, for they, the ladies, ungrudgingly surrendered a good deal for the benefit of Masonry. It was a source of genuine satisfaction to be surrounded by such a charming assemblage, and he felt sure that in their bright looks and happy faces they need no apology for such a gathering; he earnestly hoped it might be repeated year after year.

Bro. Clare responded in a happy vein for the Ladies, and Bro. W. C. Williams for the Visitors.

There was an excellent programme of music, the most noteworthy items of which were two piano duets, most charmingly rendered by the Misses May and Milly Betts; two mandoline solos by Miss Milly Betts, for the first of which an encore was demanded, and acceded to; and Bros. Clare, Green, Essex, Sidders, Lewis, and Lewarne. A pleasing episode of the day's proceedings, says the "Kensington News," was the presentation to each lady visitor present, on the part of the Worshipful Master, of a dainty little casket containing a bottle of exquisite perfume.

DUKE OF LANCASTER LODGE, No. 1353.

A regular meeting of the members, held on Wednesday evening, 20th inst., at Lancaster, the ceremony of installing the W.M.-elect Bro. J. E. Oglethorpe P.P.G.R. was impressively performed by Bro. H. Longman P.P.G.S. of W. P.M. 1051.

Before the close of the business the senior P.M. of the Lodge, Bro. John Barrow, on behalf of the members, performed a very interesting ceremony, by presenting the P.M. Bro. G. Jackson P.A.G.D.C. with a beautiful chaste silver salver, as a mark of esteem and appreciation of efficient services rendered during his year of office. The inscription read as follows:—

Presented to

BRO. G. JACKSON P.M. P.A.G.D.C.

From the Duke of Lancaster Lodge, 1353, as a mark of esteem, on the completion of his second year as W.M., and in commemoration of his silver wedding.

July 20th, 1898.

ARDWICK LODGE, No. 2185.

THE annual picnic of this Lodge took place on Wednesday, 13th inst., under the presidency of Brother William Rostron Worshipful Master, the place selected being Bakewell.

The party consisted of sixty, including members of the Lodge, together with lady and gentlemen friends, who met at the Central Station, Manchester, and were conveyed by saloon carriages to the ancient Derbyshire town—the metropolis of the Peak—which is situated on the banks of the river Wye, arriving there about 11 a.m. A visit was paid to the old parish church, which is rich in lore for the student of ecclesiology, whilst its historical associations carry us back to William the Conqueror and his natural son William Peveril, and even to the times of the Romans, who proved the efficacy of its chalybeate spring and bath.

Lunch having been partaken of at the Rutland Hotel, the party were driven to Haddon Hall, formerly the seat of the Vernon and Manners families, but now untenanted, unless by the ghosts of those who shared its former glories, and who, ages ago, "had gone to breathless Nature's dark abyss."

After a short stay here the drive was resumed, and the party arrived at Chatsworth House, "The Palace of the Peak," which is a lively and exhilarating contrast to that of the grave and dolesome, although interesting, Haddon Hall. The princely mansion of the Duke of Devonshire is, as Mrs. Hemans sings, "one of the stately homes of England," and stands on a slightly rising ground, the principal entrance overlooking the river Derwent. It is impossible to describe, in the limits at our command, the lavish feast to the eyes obtained by a walk through the mansion, the magnificent grounds, and palm house; suffice it to say these are sights never to be forgotten.

In returning to Bakewell, the waggons drove through the model village of Edensor, in the churchyard of which lie the remains of a murdered scion of the Devonshire family, viz., Lord Frederick Cavendish.

Upon arrival at Bakewell, the members of the party were grouped in front of the Rutland Hotel, and photographed, after which they sat down to a splendid dinner. Loyal and Masonic toasts were given and duly responded to.

Bro. W. J. Melling P.M. P.P.G.S.B. proposed the health of the W.M. In the course of an excellent speech, in which he referred to the successful day which the party had had, he said that their present W.M. was one of the best who had sat in the principal chair of the Ardwick Lodge, and characterised him as liberal-minded, painstaking, and extremely anxious to see those about him well looked after.

Bro. Rostron W.M. replied, saying he was pleased to have met them in connection with this picnic, and hoped they were all satisfied with the treatment which had been accorded them. It had been the endeavour of the Committee to place before them everything they could possibly desire, and if

was not their fault if any visitor came short. Indeed, if more happened to be wanted, it could be had for the asking.

The health of the ladies was proposed by Bro. H. G. Walker S.W., this being responded to by Mrs. Doughty, a relative of the W.M. The lady spoke in a very characteristic manner, and wittily remarked that she hoped the gentlemen were sincere in what they said about her sex.

Bro. W. Mowbray Org. proposed the toast of the Visitors, to which Bro. George Robinson 1459 responded, saying he was delighted to be there among old friends.

Bro. Walker proposed the health of Mrs. Rostron, who, in reply, said that upon looking round she judged, from general appearances, that all were satisfied with their day's outing. It had been very enjoyable, and now that they had had their picnic, the ladies might reasonably look forward to the winter's dance.

The toast of the Past Masters was proposed by the W.M., and responded to by Bro. J. W. Atkinson P.M., who, in eulogising the present Master, said that as the members had been so liberally treated by him and his Officers they naturally looked forward to as equally enjoyable a year with the S.W. who, in the ordinary course of things, would occupy the principal chair next year. He might add that a sentiment had been expressed by Visitors and Brethren that the present had been the most enjoyable day, which was coupled with the most successful picnic they ever had.

It may be incidentally remarked that the happy consummation reverted to by the various speakers was due to two prominent Brethren of the Lodge, who, with their usual liberality, had endeavoured substantially to make the function a success.

Among others not previously mentioned were Bros. J. Chapman J.W., O. Fowles Std., W. Lindop Std., O. R. Whittaker I.G., R. Ackerley, J. T. Beckett, S. O. Eaton, R. R. Caterall, and W. Fitzgerald P.M.

The party reached Manchester about 10 p.m.

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DUKE OF YORK LODGE, No. 2449.

Picnic to the Dukeries.

THE first annual picnic of this Lodge took place on Wednesday, 13th inst., and, as indicated above, it was to the Dukeries, Brother Arthur Sutcliffe Secretary having charge of the arrangements, which were carried out in the most satisfactory manner. In the first instance, saloon carriages had been supplied, which conveyed the party from the Central Station, Manchester, to Worksop, which place they reached about 10.30 a.m.; thence they were driven to the Lion Hotel, where luncheon had been provided. At noon, six waggonettes drew up to the door, and the members of the Lodge, together with their friends, of both sexes, numbering over seventy in the aggregate, seated themselves, and the now classical drive of twenty-five miles was commenced through the estates of Clumber, Thoresby, and Welbeck, described by the collective name of the "Dukeries," and owned respectively by the Duke of Newcastle, Earl Manvers, and the Duke of Portland.

As time did not admit of the party visiting any of the mansions in question, and as a general wish was expressed that another visit should be paid to the neighbourhood rendered popular by the story of the predatory Robin Hood and his merry men, we will reserve our description of the many objects of interest to be seen in the various buildings, and also in the historical forest of Sherwood, especially as we have from time to time in these columns indicated the nature of such curiosities.

We may mention, however, that midway on the drive is the village of Edwinstowe, where it is customary to bait the horses. This is a very convenient resting place, and ample provision had been made in a large marquee to supply the party with refreshments, Bro. R. H. Watham Std. acting as the Sir Galahad of the ladies. Had time allowed we had intended to pay a visit to the old and interesting church here, where are to be found some curious epitaphs, amongst others one upon some sailors, who, after "braving the boisterous billows of the Biscan shore" ended their lives in a matter-of-fact way by being drowned in Thoresby lake. This occurred in the first month of the present century, and the fact is recorded in some whimsical post mortuary lines so prevalent in early days. We believe that the two following ones are also to be found here:—

1. "Enclosed within this humble bed
An Hibernian woman rests her head;
Few friends had she in Britain's isle,
I hope that God will on her smile."
2. "While here interred the virgins' ashes lie,
Their deathless souls retired above the sky,
To which calm region of eternal day,
The eldest of them kindly showed the way."

Our enjoyments are generally of a relative kind, and depend mainly upon circumstances and opportunities. Given a fine day, even with disappointments in anticipated sight-seeing, and duty smiles on the inclination which endeavours to make pleasure rational, agreeable, and beneficial; what therefore this picnic lacked in one respect was fully compensated for in another. The day was exceedingly fine and the company in the best of humour; fun flowed fast and furiously, and the unworthy chronicler, although requested to sit in judgment, could hardly discriminate as to which conveyance could be characterised as the jolliest.

The Lion Hotel, at Worksop, was reached about 5 p.m., and a good dinner having been provided, ample justice was done to the same.

Loyal and Masonic toasts were afterwards given, and cordially responded to. The health of the W.M. was proposed by Bro. G. Bingham P.M.

Bro. John Kinse Worshipful Master responded, saying he was thankful to Bro. Bingham for wishing him long life, which sentiment he heartily endorsed. This was the first picnic in connection with the Duke of York Lodge, and judging from the happy faces around him, which testified to the pleasure they had derived from the outing, it would not be the last. He was pleased to see a large number of members and friends present, and he thanked them for their support on that occasion, hoping at the same time that they would meet again next year.

Bro. T. H. Stott Chaplain proposed the health of the ladies, and during an extremely witty speech caused no small amount of laughter and wonderment by pointedly referring to the representative of the "Fourth Estate," who is usually content to hide his individuality under the impersonal and authoritative "we." He added that a report of the day's proceedings would appear in the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE, wherein would be registered all Masonic events which took place, whether to their credit or otherwise, and it behoved them to be careful what they said or did. On some occasions, when the toast of the ladies had been proposed, the speakers said they were very sorry that the duty had fallen to their lot. Not so with him, however, he was proud of the honour, as it provided him with the opportunity of proving to his fair friends what "jolly chaps" the members of the Duke of York

Lodge were. On the one hand the ladies had afforded them the greatest possible pleasure by their presence, while they, on the other hand, had provided them with refreshments and other enjoyments. He laughingly admitted that he was fond of the ladies, for his mother, wife, and daughter belonged to that order, and he hoped that they would ultimately become ladies. He asked the manly-chested gentlemen present to rise on their feet and drink the toast with the greatest possible enthusiasm.

Bro. J. T. Whittle S.D. responded on behalf of the ladies, saying that he somewhat differed from Bro. Stott in one or two things, and thought the reply to so important a toast might have fallen in worthier hands—someone on his right had said the words should have been uttered by a single man. He might add that everything had been done with the object of providing for their especial comfort. This was essentially a ladies' picnic, and on their behalf, and in their name, he must confess how disappointed he was with Bro. Stott that he had not disclosed any of the secrets of Freemasonry. They were told that by its tenets they were enjoined to respect all men, to love the Brotherhood, and to honour the Queen. He believed in universal brotherhood, and he also believed that there was also no Society which could offer the same amount of comfort as that afforded by Freemasonry. It had been a great solace to him personally, and in his deepest trouble, and no lady might regret that her male friends were enrolled among its members. If a man thoroughly appreciated its teachings, he would be led fittingly through this life, and prepared for higher duties.

During the proceedings a telegram was received from Bro. T. T. Hardicker P.M. P.P.S.B. regretting his inability to be present with them.

The return journey commenced about 8 p.m., the train reaching Manchester at 10.30. The time, however, was well spent in various amusements, songs and recitations being contributed by Bros. Stott, Bingham, R. H. Whatham, Samuel Kew J.D., and Edward Roberts P.M. 1459.

Mrs. William Sutcliffe, of Ashton-under-Lyne, took the opportunity of proposing a vote of thanks to her dearly beloved Brethren for having provided the visitors with a picnic which had given a great amount of pleasure. The day had certainly been one of the happiest of her life. Bro. Simon Mamelok P.M. Prov.G.D. responded.

Mr. H. Glover, Manchester, proposed a vote of thanks to the Secretary Bro. Sutcliffe, saying that the pleasant outing had been a surprise to him. The matter seemed to have been taken up so heartily on every hand. The Secretary appeared to have had a very willing band of helpers, who had worked with zest, the result being a great success.

Mr. Newsholme, another visitor, thanked the Brethren on behalf of his wife and himself for a very pleasant trip. This was the first time he had been amongst Freemasons, but he had thoroughly enjoyed himself, and hoped he should have the opportunity of being in their company again.

Besides those mentioned above, we noticed that the following were present, viz., Bros. Arthur Hudson, Thos. W. Lewin, W. Simpson, Geo. Sawyer, R. Hamilton, John Fairbairn, Wm. Greenhalgh, and R. Rudolph.

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WESTBOURNE LODGE, No. 733.

ON Tuesday, at the Oliver Arms, Westbourne Terrace North, Harrow Road, Bros. E. W. Tucker W.M., G. Barter S.W., C. Halston J.W., R. J. Rogers P.M. Treas. acting Prec., G. Mogford P.M. Sec., J. Knight S.D., W. H. Handover J.D., T. Mogford I.G., G. Meek, W. Ridgway, J. Wynman.

The ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, Bro. Meek acting as candidate. By desire of the W.M. Bro. Barter gave the ancient charge, to the satisfaction of every Brother. The Lodge was called off. On resumption Bro. Barter was elected to preside on Tuesday, 9th of August, there being no meeting next week.

Bro. Rogers proposed that a vote of thanks be recorded on the minutes, recognising the perfect manner in which the W.M. had occupied the chair for the first time, which was unanimously carried and duly acknowledged.

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ROYAL ALFRED LODGE, No. 780.

ON Thursday, 14th inst., at the Star and Garter Hotel, Kew Bridge, Bros. S. W. Keene P.P.G.P. Middx. W.M., C. Jacob S.W., C. Humble J.W., F. J. Larkman Treas., J. H. Cumming Sec., Arthur Williams P.M. acting Preceptor, E. H. Wilcox S.D., H. J. Cousins J.D., R. H. Worth I.G., S. J. Parker, F. M. Ridley, R. W. Robinson, H. T. Johnson, A. J. Naughton, and others.

The ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, Bro. Ridley acting as candidate. Lodge was opened to the third degree, and then resumed to the second, when Bro. Ridley answered the questions, and the ceremony of raising was rehearsed.

It was unanimously agreed that Bro. C. Jacob W.M. of the St. Pancras Lodge occupy the chair at the next weekly meeting.

A cordial vote of thanks was ordered to be entered on the minutes by the Secretary to Bro. S. W. Keene, for his extreme kindness in coming amongst them and occupying the chair for the first time at this Lodge of Instruction.

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CHISWICK LODGE, No. 2012.

ON Saturday, 23rd inst., at the Windsor Castle Hotel, Hammersmith, Bros. R. Cronin W.M., J. Powell S.W., A. Ross J.W., F. Craggs Treas., R. Josey Sec. R. Reid S.D., H. J. Cousins J.D., H. Wilkins I.G., Arthur Williams P.M. Preceptor, M. Spiegel P.M., R. H. Williams P.M., W. Hellier P.M., J. H. Cumming P.M., and others.

The ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, Bro. R. H. Williams acting as candidate. The 3rd and 4th sections were worked by the Brethren, under the direction of Bro. Spiegel P.M.

Bro. Powell was elected to occupy the chair to-day (Saturday).

This Lodge of Instruction meets every Saturday through the year, and as the majority of those attending are Past Masters, Brethren can rely on hearing the ceremonies smartly and correctly worked, under the able Preceptorship of Bro. Arthur Williams P.M. 834 and 2090.

We are extremely sorry to learn that our Pro Grand Master Lord Lathom and family are seriously concerned as to the health of Lady Edith Wilbraham, which, says the "World," has failed very much just lately.

SUPREME GRAND CHAPTER.

A QUARTERLY CONVOCATION of Supreme Grand Chapter will be held on Wednesday, the 3rd August next, at six o'clock in the evening, punctually, at Freemasons' Hall, London, W.C., when the following Business will receive attention:

The Minutes of the last Quarterly Convocation to be read for confirmation.

THE REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE OF GENERAL PURPOSES.

To the Supreme Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of England.

The Committee of General Purposes beg to report that they have examined the Accounts from the 20th April, to the 19th July 1898, both inclusive, which they find to be as follows:

To Balance Grand Chapter	£863	3	3	
" " Unappropriated Account	233	19	6	
" Subsequent Receipts	480	1	7	
				£1,577 4 4
By Disbursements during the Quarter	373	6	5	
" Balance	955	4	5	
" " Unappropriated Account	248	13	6	
				£1,577 4 4

which Balances are in the Bank of England, Law Courts Branch.

The Committee have likewise to report that they have received the following Petitions:—

1. From Companions George Blair as Z, Frederick William Sykes as H, Albert Percy Farthing as J, and seven others for a Chapter to be attached to the Holmes Lodge, No. 2571, Newcastle-on-Tyne, to be called the "Addison Potter Chapter," and to meet at the Masonic Hall, Shields Road, Byker, Northumberland.

2. From Companions Alfred John Keeler as Z, James Fletcher as H, Charles Henry Dunn as J, and seventeen others for a Chapter to be attached to the Addington Lodge, No. 1937, Addington, Natal, to be called "The Addington Chapter," and to meet at the Masonic Hall, Addington, Natal.

3. From Companions Colonel John Davis as Z, Surgeon-Captain Matthew Louis Hughes as H, Captain Edward Severn Heard as J, and eight others for a Chapter to be attached to the Aldershot Army and Navy Lodge, No. 1971, Aldershot, to be called "The Connaught Chapter," and to meet at the Officers' Club House, Aldershot, Hampshire.

The foregoing Petitions being regular, the Committee recommend that the prayers thereof be respectively granted.

The following Petitions being regular, except as to the sanction of the Lodges to which they are to be attached, the Committee recommend that the prayers thereof be granted subject to such sanction being received.

4. From Companions John William Howard as Z, Llewellyn Powys Jones as H, Ernest Charles Baxter as J, and eight others for a Chapter to be attached to the Buluwayo Lodge, No. 2566, Buluwayo, to be called the "Buluwayo Chapter," and to meet at Buluwayo, South Africa.

5. From Companions Edward Hancock as Z, William Dodds as H, George Samuel Burt Andrews as J, and fourteen others for a Chapter to be attached to the Jeppe Town Lodge, No. 2481, Jeppe Town, to be called "The Jeppe Town Chapter," and to meet at the Masonic Temple, Jeppe Town, Transvaal.

6. From Companions Charles Aburrow as Z, Mark Louis Harris as H, George Ernest Hands as J, and nine others for a Chapter to be attached to the Doornfontein Lodge, No. 2585, Doornfontein, Transvaal, to be called "The Doornfontein Chapter," and to meet at the Freemasons' Hall, Jeppe Street, Johannesburg, Transvaal.

The Committee have likewise received a Memorial, with extracts of Minutes, for permission to remove the following Chapter:—

"The Cyclist Chapter, No. 2246, from the Greyhound Hotel, Croydon, to the Castle Hotel, East Molesey, Surrey.

The Committee being satisfied of the reasonableness of the request recommend that the removal of this Chapter be sanctioned.

The Provincial Grand Scribe E. of Durham having returned the Charter of the Norman Chapter, No. 1334, Durham, which had made no returns since 17th October 1888, the Committee beg to recommend that the Chapter be removed from the Roll of Chapters.

The following Chapters having made no returns to Grand Chapter for many years, and no replies having been received to numerous communications addressed to them, the Committee resolved to recommend that they be removed from the Roll of Chapters, viz.:—

The Amity Chapter, No. 171, London.

The United Strength Chapter, No. 228, London.

The Perseverance Chapter, No. 460, Newcastle-under-Lyne.

The St. George's Chapter, No. 549, Bombay.

The Oriental Chapter, No. 687, Constantinople.

The Combermere Chapter, No. 752, Melbourne.

The St. Mark's Chapter, No. 857, London.

The Brownrigg Chapter, No. 1564, Woking.

The Southern Cross Chapter, No. 1590, Utinage.

The Ancient Carthage Chapter, No. 1717, Tunis.

The Committee beg to recommend and the President will move:—

"That the sum of One Hundred Guineas be granted from the Funds of this Grand Chapter as a Donation to the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys."

(Signed) GEORGE D. HARRIS, President.

Freemasons' Hall, W.C.,

20th July 1898.

THE special resolutions for the increase of the capital of Spiers and Pond, Limited, by £600,000 in Preference Shares, were confirmed (with only one dissentient), at a meeting of Shareholders held on Tuesday, 26th inst., at the Freemasons' Tavern.

AN OUTSIDE TRIBUTE TO FREEMASONRY.

THE following is the text of a speech made by the Hon. Sir W. Mackworth Young, M.A., K.C.S.I., Lieutenant-Governor of the Punjab, on the occasion of a recent Masonic banquet at Simla, at which he was present as a visitor:

Worshipful Sir and Gentlemen,—I am rather appalled at the number of persons for whom I am called upon to return thanks, and consider it a great honour to have been indicated as the spokesman for such a large number of the non-Masonic guests.

In tendering you our cordial thanks for the way in which you have entertained us, and for the kind manner in which you have drunk our health, you will excuse me for a certain amount of embarrassment under present circumstances. I have never felt what it was to be a negative, however; I know what it is to be a non-juror, I know what it is to be a Protestant. They had something to protest against; but we have nothing; we do not know what it is; we are pure negatives. What can we say, what can I say on behalf of the number of persons for whom I have to return thanks?

Sir Edwin Collen has told us that in this assembly politics are barred. Gentlemen, I have a very large number of papers daily brought to me; they are called files—official files—and have to do with affairs of State. I might dignify some of them by saying they have to do with politics, and I am debarred from speaking about politics; what can a Lieutenant-Governor do? How can I speak—I who am little else than a living file—if not allowed to refer to this subject, which engrosses all the days of my official life, and many of the nights?

I feel a more serious difficulty, which I enter upon with great apprehension, it is this. We are negatives, I said, we are outsiders, we are the profanum vulgus. My spirit sinks, and my heart fails me; what can I say when I am, together with you, in this parlous condition? However, there is a bright side to the picture I would fain come to. We must turn away from this aspect of the case, this negative aspect, this outer darkness aspect, and look at the bright side of the picture, at our friends—and what shall I call them? Worshipful—I must not say brethren—worshipful friends.

In the first place Sir Edwin Collen has asked us what we think of them in their social aspect? I think their social aspect is pleasing. Sir Edwin Collen has made a claim to which none of us can object. He has claimed on behalf of this Society that it is loyal. I must say that I was astonished at the statement which was made by my worshipful friend that royalty had been so long associated with Freemasonry. One little fact, however, I got up before I came here, and that is that it is a little less than a century ago since the legislature passed a law to put down Secret Societies, and Masonry was exempted from the rule as to these Societies. Therefore, before 1799, the Society must have established itself as a loyal Society, and during these 99 years it must have maintained its high character of loyalty to the throne.

The second quality claimed by Sir Edwin Collen is fidelity. One of the most extraordinary things about Freemasonry is, that if there is any secret about it, it does not come out, therefore the Society of Freemasons must be faithful. In the third place, charity is one of its distinguishing features. No one will deny it, for everyone knows that the keynote of Freemasonry is charity, and in this country the Lodges are not behind those of other countries.

Sir Edwin Collen has mentioned one other characteristic of the Brotherhood. We non-jurors, outsiders, outer darkness people, join with you in the idea of universal brotherhood. If a Brother of high status can, without patronising, but with full sympathy, take his Brother of a lower degree by the hand, and put him by his side, and show him every sympathy, and if the Brother of lower degree, without the assumption of any higher standing than he really possesses, accepts his sympathy in the same spirit in which it is offered, the Society is doing a magnificent work in the world.

I have only to thank you in conclusion very heartily for the kindness you have shown us this evening, in drinking the toast of our health.—"Morning Post" (Delhi).

Palace Theatre.—Bro. Charles Morton has arranged a special programme for the Bank Holiday and following evenings (at 8 o'clock) at this house. The following Artists are announced to appear:—Albert Chevalier (the inimitable), Julie Mackey (Comedienne), Curtis and Gordon (Ball Punchers), Saharet (Dancer), Gus Elen (Comedian), The Baggesens (Comedians and Jugglers), Sid Black (Trick Bicyclist), G. W. Hunter (Raconteur), Maude Francis (Socio-Comic Singer and Dancer), Professor Parker (with his highly trained dogs), La Tosta (Mandolinist), Amann Ludwig (Character Impersonator), Burt Shepard (Comedian), Grimmins and Gore (The long and short of it), Etharien Bros. (Eccentric Acrobats), and the famous American Biograph, invented by Herman Casler, of New York. Prices of admission range from 6d to 2½ guineas.

LODGE MEETINGS NEXT WEEK.

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

Monday.

61 Probity, Halifax
89 Unanimity, Dukinfield
113 Unanimity, Preston
119 Sun, Sq. & Compass, Whiteh'v'n
156 Harmony, Plymouth
264 Nelson of the Nile, Batley
302 Hope, Bradford
307 Prince Frederick, Hebden Bridge
328 St. John, Torquay
331 Phoenix Ho. & Prudence, Truro
388 Prudence, Halesworth
408 Three Graces, Haworth
431 St. George, N. Shields
433 Hope, Brightlingsea
467 Tudor, Oldham
622 St. Outhberga, Wimborne
699 Roscawea, Chacewater
850 St. Oswald, Ashbourne
977 Fowey, Fowey
1045 Stamford, Altrincham
1071 Zetland, Saltash
1168 Benevolence, Sherbourne
1211 Goderich, Leeds
1239 Wentworth, Sheffield
1254 Semper Fidelis, Exeter
1264 Neptune, Liverpool
1271 F'dship & Unity, Brad'd-on-A'v'n
1272 Tregenna, St. Ives
1286 Bayon, Market Rasen
1486 Duncombe, Kingsbridge
1542 Legiolium, Castleford
1573 Carodoc, Swansea
1600 Hamilton, Alford
1954 Molesworth, Wadebridge
1977 Blackwater, Maldon
2166 Cotchele, Calstock
2586 St. Nicholas, Scarborough

Tuesday.

171 Amity, Ship and Turtle
70 St. John, Plymouth
103 Beauford, Bristol

124 Marquis of Granby, Durham
158 Adam, Sheerness
252 Harmonic, Dudley
265 Royal Yorkshire, Keighley
364 Cambrian, Neath
378 Loyal Welsh, Pembroke Dock
393 St. David, Berwick
421 Loyal of Industry, S'holmton
448 St. James, Halifax
510 St. Martin, Liskeard
558 Temple, Folkestone
660 Camalodunum, New Malton
673 St. John, Liverpool
734 Londesborough, Bridlington
847 Fortesque, Honiton
960 Bute, Cardiff
974 Pentalpha, Bradford
979 Four Cardinal Virtues, Crewe
1002 Skiddaw, Cockermouth
1028 Royal Alfred, Alfreton
1214 Scarborough, Batley
1244 Marwood, Redcar
1266 Honour & Friendship, Blandford
1482 Isle of Axholme, Crowle
1587 St. Giles, Cheadle
1780 Albert Edward, Southampton
1785 St. Petroc, Padstow
1823 Royal Clarence, Clare
1902 St. Outhbert, Bedlington
2129 Dorothy Vernon, Bakewell
2561 West Essex, Buckhurst Hill

Wednesday.

Grand Chapter, at 6
74 Athol, Birmingham
94 Phoenix, Sunderland
128 Prince Edwin, Bury
137 Amity, Poole
159 Brunswick, East Stonehouse
168 Mariner, Guernsey
282 Bedford, Tavistock
290 Huddersfield, Huddersfield
298 Harmony, Rochdale
326 Moira of Honour, Bristol

327 St. John, Wigton
372 Harmony, Budleigh Salterton
387 Airedale, Shipley
406 Northern Counties, N'castle-on-T.
409 Stortford, Bishops Stortford
417 Faith & Unanimity, Dorchester
429 Royal Navy, Ramsgate
533 Eaton, Congleton
555 Fidelity, Framlingham
750 Friendship, Cleckheaton
838 Franklin, Boston
970 St. Anne, East Looe
1003 Prince of Wales, Jersey
1013 Royal Victoria, Liverpool
1024 St. Peter, Maldon
1063 Malling Abbey, West Malling
1085 Hartington, Derby
1167 Alnwick, Alnwick
1431 St. Alphege, Solihull
1461 Clausentum, Woolston
1529 Duke of Cornwall, St. Columb
1544 Mount Edgecumbe, Camborne
1549 Abercorn, Great Stanmore
1645 Colne Valley, Slaithwaite
1660 Arlecdon, Frizzington
1736 St. John, Halifax
1808 Suffield, North Walsham
1862 Stranton, West Hartlepool
2259 St. Nicholas, Thorne
2382 Loyal Hay, Hay
2583 St. Thomas, Tibshelf

Thursday.

742 Crystal Palace, Sydenham
1790 Old England, Thornton Heath
2580 Crouch End, Highgate
24 Newcastle O.T., Newcastle
110 Loyal C'brian, Merthyr-Tydvil
123 Lennor, Richmond, Yorks
195 Hengis, Pournemouth
215 Commerce, Haslingden
219 Prudence, Todmorden
249 Mariner, Liverpool
266 Naphtali, Heywood
269 Fidelity, Blackburn
289 Fidelity, Leeds
294 Constitutional, Beverley
295 Combermere Union, Macclesfield
317 Affability, Manchester
324 Moira, Stalybridge
450 Cornubian, Hayle

456 Foresters, Uttoxeter
469 Hundred of Llooe, Spalding
472 F'ship & Sincerity, Swaitesbury
509 Tees, Stockton
531 St. Helen, Hartlepool
625 Devonshire, Glossop
637 Portland, Stoke-upon-Trent
703 Clifton, Blackpool
792 Peinham Pillar, Grimsby
856 Restormel, Lostwithiel
971 Trafalgar, Batley
1231 Savile, Eiland
1284 Brent, Topsham
1304 Olive Union, Horncastle
1384 Equity, Widnes
1514 Thornhill, Huddersfield
1565 Earl of Chester, Lymm
1763 St. Mary, Thame
1829 Burrell, Brighton
1899 Wellesley, Sandhurst
2189 Ashburton, Ashburton
2321 Acacia, Bradford
2496 Wirral, Birkenhead

Friday.

Council Boys School, Freemasons Hall, at 4
1489 Marquess of Ripon, Highbury
2511 St. John at Hackney, Hackney
242 St. George, Doncaster
291 Royal Philanthropic, Highbridge
306 Alfred, Leeds
401 Royal Forest, Slaidburn
460 Sut'land Unity, N'castle-u-Lyme
521 Truth, Huddersfield
652 Holme Valley, Holmfirth
837 De Grey and Ripon, Ripon
936 Adair, Aldeburgh
998 Welchpool, Welchpool
1034 Eccleshill, Eccleshill
1230 Barnard, Barnard Castle
1648 Prince of Wales, Bradford
1664 Gosforth, Gosforth
1754 Windsor, Penarth
2078 St. Lawrence, Scunthorpe
2433 Minerva, Birkenhead

Saturday.

1223 Amherst, Riverhead
1550 Prudence, Plymouth
1929 Mozart, Croydon
2442 St. Clement, Leigh

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