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FESTIVAL OF THE GIRLS SCHOOL.

WHEN we said we hoped that the result of the Festival of the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls would be to add another to the already long list of triumphs secured by the Masonic Brethren of England, in support of the Charitable Educational Institutions associated with their Order, we little thought what was in store for the Craft when the announcement came to be made on Wednesday; and we think there were very few Brethren, outside those who actually knew the state of affairs, who, even on the morning of the Festival, would have pinned their faith on a total exceeding £15,000, but as a matter of fact that sum was very considerably exceeded, the amount announced by Bro. Hedges Secretary of the Institution being no less than £21,045—that is, £3,000 in excess of any previous total, save that of the Centenary Festival, secured by a Board of Stewards totalling 547 Ladies and Brethren—103 in advance of any previous record, with the one exception just referred to.

Words fail us to express our surprise at this grand contribution, so far in advance of what was expected and, may we say it, in advance of what is really required, unless the Committee contemplate some departure from the policy of the past. There is such a thing as being killed by kindness, and really our Educational Institutions seem to be running a fearful risk of coming to some such an end, and unless something is done to put matters on a more equitable basis than exists at the present time the results may be far more serious than many imagine.

As the Treasurer of the Institution said in response to the toast of the evening, this splendid contribution from the Craft of England will remove all anxiety as to the current year's expenses, and will allow of a substantial addition to the invested capital of the Institution, which latter will no doubt be increased to one hundred thousand pounds, or more, as the result of this year's surplus income. This is a very nice amount to have put away for the future, but what will be its ultimate fate? So large a sum ready for disposal is a standing menace, and we should never be surprised to hear a proposal made to squander it in the erection of costly new buildings, just as the Craft has lately had an experience of in another direction.

We have recently pointed out the all but impossible task set anyone who desires to win for a child a home in one or other of the Schools of English Freemasonry, and there are many who feel even stronger on the point than we do, and yet in spite of it all the money flows in as we have seen it during the last few days, and it seems now absolutely necessary for the Committee to adopt some new measures of spending it. Will they do so in that most wasteful of all ways—the purchase of bricks and mortar, or will they find some method of conferring the benefits of a good education in a less costly way than is now rendered

necessary at our Schools—costly we mean in the matter of accommodation? Why not devote the interest on the £100,000 invested capital to providing education and clothing for children at their own homes? It works well in other quarters, but may not be quite so showy as large educational establishments of princely magnificence.

As already stated, the figures announced by the Secretary were: LONDON, 265 Stewards, £10,990; PROVINCES, &c., 282 Stewards, £10,055; a total of 547 Stewards, bringing up £21,045.

THE BENEVOLENT INSTITUTION.

THE annual meeting of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution for Aged Freemasons and Widows will be held on Friday next, at 12 o'clock at noon, at the Freemasons' Tavern, Great Queen Street, London.

According to the programme announced at the time of the issue of the voting papers fifteen Brethren and twelve Widows are to be elected, but at the meeting of the Committee of Management held on Wednesday it was decided to increase this number by the creation of eight new Annuities, five for Aged Brethren, of £40 each; and three for Widows, of £32 each.

This will raise the number to be elected to twenty and fifteen respectively, and in addition there will be the vacancies caused by death to be filled, so that altogether a goodly number of the candidates eligible for election will be admitted on Friday next. May they one and all live many years to enjoy the bounty of their Masonic Brethren.

I paid a visit on Tuesday to the Hampden Lodge of Freemasons, whereof Bro. Thomas Moss, B.A., is Master, and which meets at that admirable residential club, the Hampden, in Phoenix Street. I there had the pleasure of participating in mysteries which included the raising to the degree of a Master Mason of Mr. William Pearce Jones, the head of the firm of Jones Bros., of Holloway Road. There were rejoicings thereat and thereafter, and a charming evening was passed with music and oratory of a high class. The Hampden Lodge is one of the most flourishing of the North London Lodges, just as the club is one of the most successful of its kind, for it has over 200 residential members who have the luxuries of a good hotel as well as an up-to-date club.—The "Merrie Villager," in "Islington Gazette."

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The Brethren of the Temple Bar Lodge of Instruction, No. 1728, have decided to hold their weekly meetings at the Raglan Hotel, St. Martin's-le-Grand, E.C., of which establishment Bro. H. Cork is the manager. The first meeting at the new quarters was held on Wednesday, when the annual supper took place.

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We are compelled to hold over the summary we had prepared of the contributions of the Provinces to the Girls Festival, and several other items.

MARK MASONRY.

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GLOUCESTERSHIRE AND HEREFORDSHIRE.

AN interesting gathering in connection with Mark Masonry took place on Friday of last week, when the annual meeting of this Provincial Grand Lodge was made coincident with the Consecration of a new Lodge at Ross. The ceremonies took place in the Corn Exchange of the town, a building well suited to the purpose, affording as it did ample accommodation for certainly the largest assemblage of members of the Order yet held in the Province.

Outside Ross there were, until Friday, five Lodges in the Province, viz., at Cheltenham (Cheltenham and Keystone, No. 10), Berkeley (Lygrove, No. 218), Hereford (St. Ethelbert, No. 243), Cinderford (Royal Forest of Dean, No. 340), and Gloucester (Gloucester, No. 439), and each of these Lodges was numerous represented, notwithstanding the difficulty of access from the southern part of the extensive Province. It may be mentioned that Gloucestershire was constituted a Province just twenty years ago, and then comprised three of the now existing Lodges. The first Provincial Grand Master was the late Rev. C. Raikes Davy, of Bath. He was followed in succession by the late Bro. John Walker, M.A., of Cheltenham, and Bro. the Baron de Ferrieres, the induction of the latter to the office being marked by the addition of the county of Hereford to the area of the Province under the joint name it now bears. It was by this amalgamation that the St. Ethelbert Lodge came within the Province. On the retirement of the Baron de Ferrieres, at the end of his three years term of office, in 1891, Bro. R. V. Vassar-Smith, the present Prov. Grand Master, was selected by the M.W. the Grand Master to succeed him, and he has been twice re-appointed for a term of three years. In 1892 the Gloucester Lodge was constituted, and the formation of a Lodge at Ross makes the sixth Lodge in the Province.

The consecration of the Kyrle Lodge had precedence in the ceremonial of the day. It took place at 2, the Provincial Grand Master being the Consecrating Officer, under patent from the M.W. Grand Master the Prince of Wales, while the working Offices were filled by Prov. G. Lodge Officers. The ceremony in the Mark degree is very similar in ritual to that of a Craft consecration. Its impressiveness on this occasion, as, indeed, the effect of the proceedings throughout the day, was enhanced by the musical programme, arranged and conducted by Bro. F. Forty Prov. G. Org. The Consecrating Lodge having been opened, the hymn "Hail Eternal" was sung and prayer offered, and then, after various addresses incident to the ceremonial had been delivered, the Petition and Warrant were read and the Lodge was Consecrated and Constituted according to ancient usage. The strewing of

Corn, the emblem of Plenty; the pouring of Wine, the emblem of Joy and Happiness; and of Oil, the emblem of Unity; and the sprinkling of Salt, the emblem of Friendship, were incidents of the ritual to which added effect was given by the reading of appropriate passages from God's Word, and by choral accompaniment. The ceremony was brought to a close by the singing of a hymn, and by the patriarchal benediction.

The installation of the first Master of the Lodge and the appointment of his Officers followed. Bros. F. S. Collins P.M. 243, T. Matthews, and G. F. Minett had been designated in the Warrant respectively as W.M., and Senior and Junior Wardens, and they were placed in their chairs in due course.

The Kyrle Lodge having been closed, an interval took place, during which the Brethren partook of tea at the Royal Hotel, and enjoyed the view of lovely Wye scenery to be had from the Hotel grounds.

At 5 o'clock Provincial Grand Lodge was held, the Prov. G. Master in the chair, supported by his Deputy Bro. Orlando Shellard.

The business of Prov. G. Lodge was of a routine character, the only exception being a reference to the death of the late Earl of Lathom, which event was made the subject of a resolution to which the Prov. G. Master and Bro. the Rev. C. J. Martyn spoke in sympathetic terms. The call of the Lodges showed that nearly a hundred members were present, and the Lodge reports were financially and otherwise satisfactory. The new Kyrle Lodge had, it was stated, started with a membership of 28, nearly all of whom were present.

The appointment of Prov. G. Lodge Officers for the ensuing year took place, as follows:

Bro. O. Shellard 243	-	-	-	-	Deputy Grand Master
F. S. Collins 524	-	-	-	-	Senior Warden
F. H. Rea 10	-	-	-	-	Junior Warden
G. R. Sinclair 243	-	-	-	-	Master Overseer
O. W. Wiltshire 218	-	-	-	-	Senior Overseer
H. J. Brewer 439	-	-	-	-	Junior Overseer
Rev. Dr. Lynes 340	-	-	-	-	Chaplain
J. Balcomb 10	-	-	-	-	Treasurer
E. W. Prevost 340	-	-	-	-	Registrar
G. Norman 10	-	-	-	-	Secretary
B. Lucas 218	-	-	-	-	Senior Deacon
C. Rootes 243	-	-	-	-	Junior Deacon
T. Matthews 524	-	-	-	-	Inspector of Works
M. L. Evans 10	-	-	-	-	Director of Ceremonies
N. Philpott 439	-	-	-	-	Sword Bearer
F. J. Warren 218	-	-	-	-	Standard Bearer
F. Forty 10	-	-	-	-	Organist
W. J. Johnstone-Vaughan 439	-	-	-	-	Inner Guard
Tarr	-	-	-	-	Tyler.

Prov. G. Lodge was closed in due form and with prayer.

In the evening the Brethren sat down to dinner, excellently prepared and served, at the Royal Hotel, the Prov. Grand Master presiding.

Royal Masonic Institution for Boys,

WOOD GREEN, LONDON, N.

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2369 Boys have received the benefits of the Institution since its foundation in 1798.

283 Boys are now being Educated, Clothed, and Maintained, and special grants are also made to 17 unsuccessful candidates at the Centenary elections.

The ONE HUNDRED AND FIRST ANNIVERSARY FESTIVAL will be held on Wednesday, 28th June 1899, under the Presidency of

W. BROTHER CHARLES E. KEYSER, M.A., F.S.A., J.P., PAST GRAND DEACON,

Treasurer and Patron of the Institution.

The services of Brethren as Stewards (representing Lodges or Provinces) and Ladies, are earnestly requested, and will be gratefully acknowledged.

CONTRIBUTIONS EARNESTLY SOLICITED.

Secretary—J. MORRISON MCLEOD (VICE PATRON), 6 FREEMASONS' HALL, LONDON, W.C.

SOUTH WALES.

ON Monday, 24th ult., Sir Edward Stock Hill, K.C.B., M.P., was installed as Provincial Grand Mark Master, at the Masonic Temple, Cardiff. The ceremony was performed by the Right Hon. the Earl of Euston Pro Grand Master, and there were also present at the ceremony Bro. W. W. B. Beach Deputy Grand Master, Bro. Alan de Tatton Egerton Prov. G.M. Cheshire, together with other Grand Officers.

The history of Mark Masonry in South Wales extends back over very many years, and up to 1869 the Lodge established at Cardiff worked under the Royal Arch Chapter of Scotland. In that year, however, it transferred its allegiance to the English Grand Mark Lodge. It was not until 1880, however, that a Provincial Grand Lodge was formed for the southern half of the Principality, and this was placed under the rule of the Grand Registrar of England. The first meeting of this Lodge took place at Cardiff on 19th April 1880, and in the following year Sir Pryse-Pryse, of Gogerddan, was appointed by the Prince of Wales as Master of the Province, and Bro. N. D. Marks, of Cardiff, was appointed Provincial Grand Secretary, a position which he has held to this day. Bro. Sir Edward Stock Hill, K.C.B., M.P., succeeds Sir Pryse-Pryse, so that a similar event to that which took place on Monday has not happened in South Wales for nineteen years. In addition to the installation of Sir Edward Stock Hill, there was another interesting ceremony, viz., the recognition of Bro. Robt. Lock P.P.S.G.W., as Prov. Grand Senior Warden in charge of the Province.

After his installation the new Provincial Grand Master appointed his Officers, as follow:

Bro. T. P. Kerman 28	-	-	-	Senior Warden
H. J. Gregory 256	-	-	-	Junior Warden
Rev. David Bowen 256	-	-	-	Master Overseer
F. Martin 28	-	-	-	Senior Overseer
Thomas Rogers 297	-	-	-	Junior Overseer
Rev. G. L. Rowe	-	-	-	Chaplain
John Munday 28	-	-	-	Treasurer
S. G. Rogers 256	-	-	-	Registrar
Nelson D. Marks 28	-	-	-	Secretary
Thomas Walters 116	-	-	-	Senior Deacon
Walter James 28	-	-	-	Junior Deacon
J. H. Ruddock 28	-	-	-	Inspector of Works
Isidor Leon 28	-	-	-	Director of Ceremonies
F. H. Simpson 28	-	-	-	Assist. Dir. of Cers.
J. B. Mockford 28	-	-	-	Sword Bearer
John Hill 28	-	-	-	Standard Bearer
J. H. Morgan 116	-	-	-	Organist
Dr. De Vere Hunt 28	-	-	-	Assist. Sec.
Octavius Leon 28	-	-	-	Inner Guard
Nathaniel Hurley 28	-	-	-	Stewards
Carl Carlsen 28	-	-	-	
Amos Jenkins 28	-	-	-	Tyler.

The functions were of a brilliant character, and Bro. John Munday, upon whose shoulders devolved nearly the

whole of the arrangements, deserves high praise upon the success which attended the gathering.

A banquet followed at the Angel Hotel, Sir Edward Hill presiding. During the evening a well-arranged programme of music was gone through, under the direction of Bro. E. T. Roberts. Miss Rebecca Mander, R.A.M., was pianist, and her brilliant playing was much commented upon.

LEBANON LODGE, No. 325.

AT the annual meeting at Lostwithel, last week, in the presence of a large gathering of Past Masters Bro. Robert Pease was installed W.M. by Bro. Shanks P.M.

The Treasurer reported that the financial condition of the Lodge was satisfactory. Bro. Shanks was highly complimented on the manner in which he had performed the ceremony of installation.

A Tercentenary edition of Bro. D. Murray Lyon's History of the Lodge of Edinburgh (Mary's Chapel, No. 1), embracing an account of the rise and progress of Freemasonry in Scotland, will be published in July. The work is dedicated by permission to the Right Hon. Lord Saltoun M.W. Grand Master Mason of Scotland. The history, a second edition of that published in 1873, is based upon the oldest Lodge records extant and other MSS. claimed to be of unquestionable authenticity. The cost of the book to subscribers is one guinea, orders for which should be sent to R. W. Hawks, Frederick Street, Edinburgh.

A very enjoyable Ladies' night was organised by the Brethren of the St. Clement's Lodge, at the Public Hall, Leigh, on Wednesday, 3rd inst. Bro. George Mills Worshipful Master and Mrs. Mills received the Brethren and their lady guests at eight o'clock. At a convenient interval, Bro. Ramuz stepped forward and congratulated the Worshipful Master upon the success of the dance. The Brethren ought to think themselves fortunate, he said, in having such a genial W.M. He hoped that the Lodge would continue to prosper, be of benefit to Masons, and an example to surrounding Masonic Institutions.

We are pleased to notice another sign of progress in our midst—the appearance of a "Masonic Column" in the "Manchester Herald." We have often thought there is a wide field open for Masonic workers in the establishment of such departments in the papers of the country; and believe local Masonic columns might be made alike interesting and useful to the home Brethren and to the Craft at large.

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1958 Girls have been provided with Education, Clothing, and Maintenance, the full number of Girls now receiving its benefits being 265.

The 112th Anniversary Festival will take place in May next, under distinguished Presidency.

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DEVONSHIRE.

THE Annual Convocation of the Provincial Grand Chapter will be held at the Masonic Temple, Torquay, on Whit Tuesday, when a new Chapter will be consecrated in connection with the Jordan Lodge, No. 1482, the Brethren of which have just erected a Masonic Temple at a cost of a thousand guineas. The Prov. Grand Superintendent Sir Stafford Northcote will be present, and a large attendance is anticipated.

Comp. Orlton Cooper M.E.Z. 483 (of Tilbury, Essex) has compiled a short Lecture upon the subject of "The Grand Sanhedrim," for the purpose of reading in Chapters, in cases when it may happen that there is no work before the Convocation. He will be happy to attend and read it before any Chapter within the London District, upon receiving a week's notice. The subscription is one shilling per copy.

"A SPRIG OF ACACIA."

AMID every demonstration of respect the mortal remains of Bro. Wm. Miles were placed in their last resting place at the Cemetery, at Woodbridge, on Wednesday afternoon, 3rd inst. Business was suspended at several of the principal establishments, while at private houses blinds were drawn, and the inhabitants generally testified to the high place which the deceased occupied in their affections and esteem. Bro. Wm. Miles, as a worthy successor to the late Mr. John Grout in the proprietorship of the Bull Hotel, and of the choice stud of hackneys of a class which have made the Bull Hotel stables famous at home and abroad, had done much for the town in which he had resided so long, and it was fitting that the residents of the town and the neighbourhood should testify to the prominent place he occupied in their affections and confidence. The late Bro. Miles was an ardent member of the Masonic body, and accordingly the members of the Doric Lodge, No. 81 (of which the deceased was Worshipful Master in 1897) attended in full regalia, a special dispensation having been granted by the Provincial Grand Master Lord Henniker for the Brethren to attend in Masonic clothing. There was a choral service at the church, the rector, the Rev. T. Housecroft officiating. The remainder of the service was read by the Rector, who, before pronouncing the Benediction, as Chaplain of the Doric Lodge of Freemasons, addressed the Brethren in terms appropriate to the solemn occasion. He said: Having paid the last tribute of respect to the remains of our departed Brother, it is left for us to keep in memory his characteristic virtues. Had he lived till to-morrow, it would have been the eleventh anniversary of his membership, and in about eight years he had reached the highest position in the Lodge, a tribute at once of the high esteem and respect in which he was held by the Brethren. The same virtues that marked and brought about his success in Freemasonry also characterised his private and public life, and because he had lived up to the principles of a Mason he made himself beloved and highly respected. He was a good husband, kind father, and generous employer. His acts of charity, carried out unostentatiously, were the marks of a true Mason. His good nature and hospitality were well known, and especially to be admired were his singleness of purpose and simplicity of character. During his long and trying illness he never failed in his high purpose, and now we believe that having passed safely under God's protection through the valley of the shadow of death, he will finally rise from this tomb of transgression, and shine as the stars for ever and ever. At the conclusion of the service the Masons' tribute of respect—a sprig of acacia—and sprigs of thyme by the Oddfellows, were dropped into the grave.

A WIDELY respected and a much beloved and promising young Freemason has just passed away in the person of Brother George Hemmens, who entered the Grand Lodge above on Wednesday, 3rd inst. He was only twenty-four years of age, when "God's finger touched him and he slept," and it is a matter of sincere regret that he will be known to us no more in this world. His love for Freemasonry began in youth, and at the earliest possible moment he was initiated in the Colston Lodge, No. 610, in the Province of Bristol; in which Lodge his late respected father had been initiated

before him. So early was his entrance into Freemasonry, that if our memory is accurate, we believe the twenty-first anniversary of his birth came between the time of proposition and the day of initiation. The appreciative regard he inherited and evinced for Freemasonry amounted to a loving veneration, for he found its teachings congenial to his mind, and its principles suited and adapted to his nature. He delighted in Craft Masonry, and was a regular attendant as far as health and circumstances would permit. He was particularly fond of the working in the Mark degree, to which he was advanced in Lodge Lyegrove, No. 218, in the Province of Gloucestershire. During the short time he worked in the latter degree he rose to some distinction, and held the office of Deacon at the time of his death. Young, active and energetic, he became a good all-round athlete, and was a smart and successful figure in the football and cricket fields, and the winning of more than one match has been indebted to his aid. In politics, he was a staunch Conservative, and his father and Bro. Sir Edward S. Hill Provincial Grand Master for South Wales were fast friends. He found, or rather made time to become an efficient member of the Artillery Volunteer Corps, and here his genial manner was much appreciated by his comrades. He was a sound Churchman, and evinced a lively interest in the church of his parish, where his father had served as warden for many years. By the early departure of our Brother we are reminded that no sooner do we begin life, than death begins to follow us, borne on the wings of time, whose scythe is ever cutting short our strings of moments. Bro. Hemmens was in the skilful professional hands of Dr. Wallace and Dr. Mitchell-Clarke, and on his proceeding to Bournemouth some months ago he was attended by Dr. Love. There he stayed with Bro. Evans, at the Granville Hotel, and there he received every kindness and every attention that was possible. At Bournemouth he passed away. The insidious disease, tuberculosis, had marked him for her own, and we only know that he lived respected and died regretted—died as all nature dies and lives again, showing that this world is but the tilling ground of Heaven. "The briefer life the earlier immortality!" Let the sprig of acacia which has been placed in the right hand of our Brother, who has gone before, tend to remind us as our Masonic teachings ever do, of the frailty of man, and the humanity of all things. Among the Masonic jewels of our departed Brother were to be found friendship, morality and brotherly love, and by these pure emanations of earthly goodness he will be long and affectionately remembered. It has been the pleasure of the Almighty Architect to call him hence, and he has become "Like the stars by day, withdrawn from mortal eye; but not extinct, he holds his way, in glory through the sky." Let our compassion and condolence, like the acacia, drop tenderly and sympathetically towards the mother of our good friend, and to his sister, and to that dear sister who was to have been his wife; may they and other near and dear relatives receive that comfort and consolation which it is not in the power of earthly hands or minds to bestow or impart. The tolling of the bell of St. Paul's, Bedminster, on Monday afternoon, announced the sad intelligence that the mortal remains of our young Brother were about to be laid to rest. The first part of the ceremony was held at St. Paul's, Bedminster, where the procession was met at the Church door by the Rev. J. H. Ellaby (the officiating clergyman), Mr. C. Ball (ex-churchwarden), Mr. Churchwarden Gardiner, Mr. Churchwarden Evans, and other officers. A large number of people had gathered both in the body and gallery of the Church. After the solemn strains of the organ had died away, the beautiful hymn "Brief life is here our portion," was sung, and the first part of the Church service was impressively gone through. The procession re-formed and proceeded to Arno's Vale Cemetery, where the Rev. Ellaby with much feeling conducted the concluding part of the service. The removal of the violet embroidered pall disclosed a coffin of polished oak, with a brass breastplate bearing the inscription:—"George Henry Hemmens, died 3rd of May 1899, aged twenty-four years." After the body had been consigned to the grave, numerous Brethren, in passing to view the coffin for the last time, dropped in their sprig of acacia, among them being Bros. Ireland, J. W. Stone, H. J. Savery, A. E. Denby, T. Neale, C. H. Harding, J. Owner P.M. 610. Not only was the coffin covered with wreaths, crosses and other emblems in choice white flowers, but the top of the open funeral-car was also covered, and these must serve in some faint measure to express the esteem in which Bro. Hemmens was held. They were sent from, among others, the Lye Grove Lodge of Mark Masons, No. 218.

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.

- 1 Grand Masters, F.T.
- 8 British, Freemasons'-hall
- 21 Emulation, Albion
- 720 Panmure, Balham
- 1694 Imperial, Westminster
- 2060 La France, Café Royal
- 2489 Willesden, Willesden Green
- 37 Anchor and Hope, Bolton
- 77 Freedom, Gravesend
- 148 Lights, Warrington
- 236 York, York
- 248 True Love & Unity, Brixham
- 312 Lion, Whitby
- 359 Peace & Harmony, South'pton
- 382 Royal Union, Uxbridge
- 424 Borough, Gateshead
- 455 Perseverance, Kettering
- 466 Merit, Stamford Baron
- 840 Scientific, Wolverton
- 872 Lewis, Whitehaven
- 925 Bedford, Birmingham
- 949 Williamson, Monkwearmouth
- 986 Hesketh, Croston
- 1030 Egerton, Heaton Norris
- 1113 Anglesea, Manai Bridge
- 1146 De Moulham, Swanage
- 1199 Ariculture, Yatton
- 1208 Corinthian, Dover
- 1255 Dundas, Plymouth
- 1337 Anchor, Northallerton
- 1443 Salem, Dawlish
- 1502 Israel, Liverpool
- 1631 St. Andrew, Gorleston
- 1674 Carodoc, Rhyl
- 1814 Worsley, Worsley
- 1909 Carnarvon, Nottingham
- 2049 Ellan Vannin, Douglas, I. of M.
- 2069 Prudence, Leeds
- 2074 St. Clare, Landport
- 2081 Golden Fleece, Leicester
- 2114 Prudence, Liverpool
- 2208 Horsa, Bournemouth
- 2289 Blundellsands, Great Crosby
- 2295 Scarisbrick, Southport
- 2327 St. Oswin, North Shields
- 2349 West Lanc. Century, Blackpool
- 2425 Ecclesburne, Duffield
- 2557 Temperance, Newcastle-on-T.

Tuesday.

- Board of General Purposes, F.M.H. at 5.
- 704 Camden, Anderton's
 - 857 St. Mark, Camberwell
 - 1805 Bromley St. Leonard, Bromley
 - 2045 Wharton, Willesden
 - 2191 Anglo-American, Criterion
 - 2265 Barnato, Piccadilly
 - 2408 Hampstead, Haverstock Hill
 - 213 Perseverance, Norwich
 - 223 Charity, Plymouth
 - 384 St. David, Bangor
 - 418 Menturia, Hanley
 - 432 Abbey, Nuneaton
 - 452 Frederick of Unity, Croydon
 - 476 St. Peter, Carmarthen
 - 551 Yarborough, Ventnor
 - 560 Vernon, Stourport
 - 660 Camalodunum, New Malton
 - 667 Alliance, L. rpool
 - 681 Scarsdale, Cuesterfield
 - 814 Parrett and Axe, Crewkern
 - 830 Endeavour, Dukinfield
 - 958 St. Aubin, Jersey
 - 1006 Tregullov, St. Day
 - 1046 St. Andrew, Farnham
 - 1075 St. Maughold, Ramsey, I. of M.
 - 1089 De Shurland, Sheerness
 - 1225 Hindpool, Barrow-in-Furness
 - 1276 Warren, Seacombe
 - 1424 Brownrigg of Unity, Old B'pton
 - 1427 Percy, Newcastle-on-Tyne
 - 1551 Charity, Birmingham
 - 1570 Prince Arthur, Liverpool
 - 1764 Eleanor Cross, Northampton
 - 1787 Grenville, Buckingham
 - 1893 Lumley, Skegness
 - 1903 Pr. Ed. Saxe Weimar, P'tsm'th.
 - 1941 St. Augustine, Rugeley
 - 2146 Surbiton, Surbiton
 - 2155 Makerfield, Newton-le-Willows
 - 2316 Princes, Liverpool
 - 2360 Victoria, Southport
 - 2407 Hicks-Beach, Stroud
 - 2572 Tyldesley, Tyldesley

Wednesday.

- 619 Beadon, Upper Norwood
- 700 Nelson, Plumstead
- 969 Maybury, Lincoln-Inn's-Fields
- 1278 Burdett Coutts, London Tavern
- 1382 Corinthian, Cubitt Town
- 1539 Surrey Masonic Hall, C'mb'rw'll
- 2140 Huguenot, Criterion
- 2241 Cordwainer Ward, C'non St. Ho
- 2345 Duke of Fife, Clapham Common
- 20 Rl. Kent Antiquity, Chatham
- 121 Mount Sinai, Penzance
- 127 Union, Margate
- 157 Amity, Poole
- 175 East Medina, Ryde
- 178 Antiquity, Wigan
- 200 Old Globe, Scarborough
- 221 St. John, Bolton
- 243 Loyalty, Guernsey
- 246 Royal Union, Cheltenham
- 261 Unanimity & Sincerity, Taunton
- 285 Love & Honour, Shepton Mallet
- 311 South Saxon, Lewes
- 325 St. John, Salford
- 342 Royal Sussex, Landport
- 376 Perfect Friendship, Ipswich
- 451 Sutherland, Burslem
- 581 Faith, Openshaw
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- 610 Colston, Bristol
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- 68 Isca, Newport, Mon.
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- 1129 St. Chad, Rochdale
- 1136 Carew, Torpoint
- 1161 De Grey & Ripon, Manchester
- 1179 Rutland, Ilkeston
- 1212 Elms, Stoke Damerel
- 1246 Holte, Aston, Warwicks
- 1301 Brighthouse, Brighthouse
- 1323 Talbot, Swansea
- 1334 Norman, Durham
- 1353 Duke of Lancaster, Lancaster
- 1511 Alexandra, Hornsey
- 1634 Starkie, Ramsbottom
- 1774 Mellor, Ashton-under-Lyne
- 1842 St. Leonard, St. Leonard's
- 1988 Mawddach, Barmouth
- 2050 St. Trinians, Douglas, I. of M.
- 2135 Constance, Consett
- 2153 Hope, Gosport
- 2203 Farnborough & N.C., Farnboro'
- 2258 West. Dist. U.S., E. Stonehouse
- 2412 Ashfield, Sutton-in-Ashfield
- 2434 Anderida, Eastbourne
- 2475 Border, Blackwater
- 2514 City, Liverpool

Thursday.

- House Committee, Girls School, 4-30.
- 6 Friendship, Criterion
 - 813 New Concord, Guildhall Tavern
 - 1227 Upton, Great Eastern Hotel
 - 1365 Clapton, Great Eastern Hotel
 - 1420 Earl Spencer, Lavender Hill
 - 1623 West Smithfield, Freemasons'-h.
 - 1963 Duke of Albany, Camberwell
 - 2310 London Scottish Rifles, Crit'ion.
 - 42 Relief, Bury
 - 56 Howard B'ly Love, L'hampton
 - 57 Humber, Hull
 - 98 St. Martin, Burslem
 - 100 Friendship, Great Yarmouth
 - 203 Ancient Union, Liverpool
 - 230 Fidelity, Devonport
 - 245 Mechanics, Jersey
 - 267 Unity, Macclesfield
 - 268 Union, Ashton-under-Lyne
 - 280 Worcester, Worcester
 - 286 Samaritan, Bacup
 - 322 Peace, Stockport
 - 343 Concord, Preston
 - 345 Perseverance, Blackburn
 - 350 Charity, Farnworth

- 363 Keystone, Whitworth
- 367 Probity & Freedom, Rochdale
- 430 Fidelity, Ashton-under-Lyne
- 489 Benevolence, Bideford
- 523 John of Gaunt, Leicester
- 600 Harmony, Bradford
- 605 Combermere, Birkenhead
- 659 Blagdon, Blyth
- 758 Ellesmere, Runcorn
- 777 Royal Alfred, Guildford
- 802 Repose, Derby
- 833 Afan, Aberavon
- 939 Pelham, Worksop
- 940 Philanthropy, Stockton
- 1000 Priory, Southend
- 1011 Richmond, Manchester
- 1037 Portland, Portland
- 1042 Excelsior, Leeds
- 1184 Abbey, Battle
- 1247 St. John, Plymouth
- 1299 Pembroke, Liverpool
- 1327 King Harold, Waltham Cross
- 1332 Unity, Crediton
- 1386 St. Hugh, Lincoln
- 1393 Hamer, Liverpool
- 1459 Ashbury, West Gorton
- 1464 Erasmus Wilson, Gravesend
- 1470 Chiltern, Dunstable
- 1534 Concord, Prestwich
- 1562 Homfray, Risca
- 1594 Cedewain, Newtown, Mont.
- 1776 Landport, Landport
- 1821 Atlingworth, Brighton
- 1869 Sandown, Sandown, I. of W'ht.
- 1872 St. Margaret, Surbiton
- 1887 St. Hilda, Wallingford
- 2158 Boscombe, Boscombe
- 2226 St. David, Rhymney
- 2268 Hallamshire, Sheffield
- 2302 St. Mary, Southwell
- 2305 Stour, Ashford, Kent
- 2325 Rose of Lancaster, Southport
- 2341 Clemency, Oldham
- 2352 Universities, Durham
- 2374 Shurmur, Chingford
- 2390 Exmoor, Minehead
- 2430 Runnymede, Wraybury

- 2523 Roll Call, Hounslow
- 2555 England Centre, Weedon

Friday.

- Annual General Meeting Benevolen Institution, Freemasons' Tavern 12.
- Board of Management, Boys School, 2-30
- 143 Middlesex, Albion
- 1118 Oxford and Cambridge, F.M.H.
- 2157 St. Mark's College, H'lbom Rest
- 2346 Warrant Officers, F'masons'-hall
- 152 Virtue, Manchester
- 271 Royal Clarence, Brighton
- 347 Noah Ark, Tipton
- 541 De Lorraine, Newcastle-on-Tyne
- 993 Alexandra, Levenshulme
- 1108 Royal Wharfedale, Otley
- 1311 Zetland, Leeds
- 1330 St. Peter, Market Harborough
- 1357 Cope, Sale
- 1389 Fenwick, Sunderland
- 1773 Albert Victor, Pendleton
- 2005 Brooke, Chingford
- 2063 St. Osyth Priory, C'p't'n-on-Sea
- 2231 Talbot, Stretford
- 2447 Palatine, Manchester

Saturday.

- 1329 Sphinx, Camberwell
- 1767 Kensington, Kensington
- 2041 West Kent Volunteer, Plums'd.
- 2308 Viator, Anderton's
- 416 Surrey, Reigate
- 811 Yarborough, Brighton
- 1126 Oakwood, Romiley
- 1326 Lebanon, Feltham
- 1556 Addiscombe, Croydon
- 1871 Gostling Murray, Hounslow
- 2035 Beaumont, Kirkburton
- 2318 Lennox Browne, B'khurst Hill
- 2381 Bushey Park, Hampton Court
- 2437 Downshire, Wokingham

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SATURDAY, 20th May.—To NEWBURY, Marlborough, Devizes, Trowbridge, Frome, Wells, YEovil, Bridport, Dorchester, WEYMOUTH, &c., returning 22nd, 29th May, or 5th June; to Minehead, Lynton, Lynmouth, ILFRACOMBE, EXETER, Dawlish, Teignmouth, Torquay, Dartmouth, PLYMOUTH, Launceston, Bodmin, Wadebridge, NEWQUAY, Falmouth, PENZANCE, &c., returning 22nd, 29th May, 3rd or 5th JUNE; to OXFORD, Leamington, Stratford-on-Avon, BIRMINGHAM, Wolverhampton, &c., returning 22nd, 25th, or 27th MAY.

SATURDAY NIGHT, 20th MAY.—To GLOUCESTER, Chepstow, Newport, CARDIFF, Swansea, &c., returning 22nd or 26th MAY; and to BATH, BRISTOL, &c., returning 22nd, 23rd, 29th MAY, or 5th JUNE.

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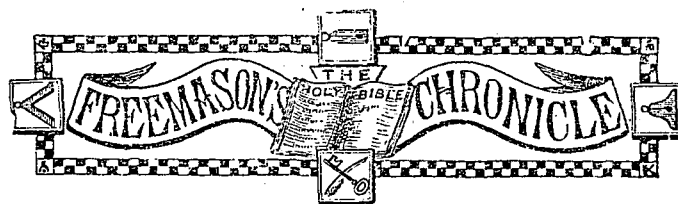
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SATURDAY, 13TH MAY 1899.

R. M. I. BOYS.

THE first meeting of the Board of Stewards for the roist Anniversary Festival of this Institution was held yesterday (Friday), Bro. Richard Eve in the chair.

Amongst those present were:—Bros. C. E. Keyser Chairman of the Festival, S. J. Attenborough, W. H. J. Blake, C. W. Carrell, R. Clowes, J. Graham, C. Isler, W. J. Mason, W. Short, G. A. Seaward, Jas. Stephens, A. J. Thomas, D. Leighton, A. W. Duret, J. J. Simcox, J. J. Thomas, and W. W. Watford.

It was decided to hold the Festival at the Royal Pavilion, Brighton, under the same arrangements as in 1896 and previous years.

Bro. Richard Eve was appointed Hon. President, Bros. J. H. Whadcoat and Major C. W. Carrell Acting Vice-Presidents, Bro. A. J. Thomas Patron of Institution Hon. Treasurer, and Bro. McLeod Hon. Secretary.

An Executive Committee was appointed to make all the arrangements for the Festival.

The number of Stewards was announced by the Secretary of the Institution as the smallest during the last twenty years—which was no doubt due to the great success of the Centenary Festival last year—but he hoped that before the day of the Festival a sufficient number would be enrolled who would bring up the amount of Funds requisite to carry on the year's work of the Institution.

In conjunction with all connected with the management of the Institution he had refrained from interference with the year's work of the two other Institutions, at whose Festivals remarkable successes had been achieved; to the gratification of everybody in connection with the Boys School, and the Craft of England generally.

The Annual Athletic Sports of the pupils at Wood Green are fixed to take place on Saturday, 27th inst., at the Institution, at two o'clock. Admission to the Grounds, to Subscribers and friends, will be by ticket only, to be obtained from the Secretary, at 6 Freemasons' Hall, London, W.C.



A MAN OF MANY APPOINTMENTS.

The above sketch of Bro. Dr. Chas. Forshaw, D.D.S., is from the "Bradford Daily Telegraph," of the 10th inst. This newspaper issues a fac-simile of the features of some prominent local man daily, and appended to this portrait was the title "A Man of many appointments," alluding doubtless to Bro. Forshaw's connection with the humanitarian Institutions of the City, for he is, or has been, Hon. Dental Surgeon to no less than six of the Bradford Charities. The Doctor was made a Freeman of London in November last, by virtue of his connection with the Spectacle Makers Company. He is a member of the British Optical Association, and an Honorary Doctor of Refraction and Optics of the Philadelphia College of Optics—the oldest chartered School of Optics in the States. He is well known to our readers, as a frequent contributor, and is our accredited representative in Bradford and District.

FESTIVAL OF THE GIRLS SCHOOL.

THE 111th Anniversary Festival of the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls was held on Wednesday, at Freemasons' Tavern, Great Queen Street, the resources of the large establishment, and of Messrs. Spiers and Pond the present lessees, being taxed to the utmost by the exceptionally large attendance of Stewards, a fact which is made all the more apparent when we record the necessity which arose to provide an overflow room, the large Hall of the Tavern being insufficient to accommodate all who desired to attend in support of the Chairman of the year.

The Right Hon. Viscount Dungarvan Provincial Grand Master of Somersetshire presided, and was immediately supported by the Earl of Warwick Deputy G.M. England Prov. G.M. Essex, the Earl of Euston Prov. G.M. Norths and Hunts, the Grand Secretary, and many others of distinction in the Craft.

At the conclusion of the banquet the Chairman proposed the toast of the Queen. They were all delighted to find that Her Majesty had returned from abroad in good health, and they were all looking forward to the celebration of another birthday in the glorious reign of the Sovereign.

The next toast was that of H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, K.G., Most Worshipful Grand Master Grand Patron and President of the Institution; the Princess of Wales Grand Patroness, and the other Members of the Royal Family, and in proposing it Viscount Dungarvan said no one had shown a deeper interest in the Masonic Institutions than His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales. He had presided at the Centenary Festival of that Institution, and they well remembered how ably he officiated at the similar celebration in connection with the Boys Institution.

In submitting the toast of the Grand Officers the Chairman said it was always a pleasure to drink to the health of the Pro Grand Master. In reference to the Deputy Grand Master, the present was the first opportunity Lord Warwick had had of being present at a Masonic Festival in his present capacity, and he had told him how pleased he was to be able to attend. He might tell them that when, earlier in the evening, he proposed to drink the health of his Brethren of Somerset Earl Warwick at once rose, and said he was a Somersetshire man; but he would respond that evening as Deputy Grand Master of England.

The Earl of Warwick said on behalf of the Grand Officers of England he returned the most sincere thanks for the toast. He was especially grateful for the opportunity of meeting the Brethren for the first time since he had had the honour of occupying the high position which the Most Worshipful the Grand Master had conferred upon him. Although for the past seventeen or eighteen years he had been intimately associated with Freemasonry in Essex, and since his Oxford days had been an active Mason, he felt his new honour would bring him more in touch with the Brethren of the country. On the present occasion they saw many Grand Officers present, and very rightly so, as the present was one of those occasions when Grand Officers should muster in force, for where they not Masons in great measure for purposes of charity. There could be no doubt about one thing—education was one of those subjects about which opinions differed, but the Masons of England were desirous their pupils should have the very best education it was in their power to bestow, and they hardly minded what it cost them. He hoped the Grand Officers of England might very often meet on such occasions as the present.

The Chairman proposed the toast of success to the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls. Now that the Centenary of the two Educational Institutions was over there could be no cause for jealousy. He thought that at the present moment, when so many Institutions were seriously put to it to provide funds with which to carry on their work, it was gratifying that they, as Freemasons, could point with pleasure to what they were doing, and say it was hardly the case with them. It was a great credit to the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls that its pupils showed to such advantage in the public examinations where they took part, and he asked those present—if they had not already visited the Institution—to go and see for themselves what was being done there, and they would then wonder, as he had done, whether the happiest person there was the recipient of the Charity of the Craft, or the donor.

Bro. F. R. W. Hedges Secretary of the Institution now rose to announce the result of the efforts of the Stewards. He said the Board of Stewards was that day the largest the Institution had ever been possessed of, with the one exception of the Centenary of the foundation of the Institution. London was represented by 265 Stewards, among them being eleven Ladies and one Lewis. There were several lists exceeding £100, while the members of the House Committee had between them brought up £1,006. From the Provinces they had 282 Stewards, of whom nine were ladies, altogether an excess of 103 Stewards in advance of any previous occasion, and between them they had brought up £21,045, a total of £3,000 above the highest record of the past. Of the total, London contributed £10,990 and the Provinces £10,055. Immediately on the figures being announced Bro. Hedges stated that the Fellowship Lodge, No. 2535, had increased its handsome total by thirty guineas, which made £647 from this energetic body.

Sir Reginald Hanson, Bart., M.P., Treasurer of the Institution, responding to the toast, said the figures that had just been announced to the Brethren by their Secretary Bro. Hedges had removed a weight from the minds of the supporters of the Institution. They would not only be able to pay their way for the year, but put aside a considerable sum to increase their reserve. As nominal recipient of the money he desired to specially thank them for the handsome way in which they had supported the Institution.

The Earl of Euston proposed the health of the Chairman of the day, and in doing so he desired to offer his most hearty congratulations to Lord Dungarvan, on the success which had attended his presidency over the Festival. He had especial pleasure in proposing the toast, as Lord Dungarvan was one of his oldest personal friends.

The Chairman responded, thanking the Stewards for the noble way in which they had supported him, and especially offering his acknowledgments to the Brethren of his Province and his worthy Deputy Bro. R. C. Else, who he regretted was absent by reason of ill health.

The Earl of Dartrey P.G.W. proposed the other Masonic Charities, and success to them.

Bro. McLeod Secretary of the Boys School responded, saying how gratified he was to be present, and hear such a splendid announcement as had been made that night. This, with the announcement made by Bro. Terry on behalf of the Benevolent Institution, in February, made a total of upwards of £40,000 as a record amount for the present year. The Craft was generous, the Institutions were grateful.

Bro. Terry Secretary of the Benevolent Institution was heartily called for, and in responding said he had not the slightest idea he would be called upon to respond to the toast, but he was very pleased of the opportunity of offering his congratulations to the Girls School on the most gratifying result of the Festival of the year. That day, at the Committee meeting of the Benevolent Institution, it had been decided, in consequence of the great success that had attended the Festival held in February last, to add five Aged Brethren and three Widows to the number of annuitants benefitted by the Institution for all time. It must be a gratification to them all to know that this increase of nearly £300 a year was possible, beyond the total of £16,680 previously required for Annuities alone, without anything for working expenses.

The proceedings in connection with one of the most successful Festivals it has been our pleasure to attend were thus brought to a conclusion, the Brethren repairing to the Temple of Grand Lodge, where the usual concert was in progress under the direction of the Brethren known as the Westminster Singers—Bros. Geo. May, Harper Kearton, Charles Ackerman, and W. H. Brereton, who were supported on this occasion by Miss Elsie Mackenzie, Miss Annie Bartle, Miss Ethel Bevans, Miss Gertrude Collins (Solo Violin), Bro. Mel B. Spurr (Musical Sketch), and Bro. F. R. Kinke (Organist and Accompanist).

PRIZE DAY AT THE SCHOOL.

THE annual visit of the Stewards to the Institution at Battersea Rise, and prize distribution to the pupils took place on Monday, when the Countess of Cork and Orrery distributed the prizes to the successful pupils. Her ladyship was supported by Viscount Dungarvan Chairman of the year's Festival, the Earl and Countess of Dartrey, the Earl of Euston, and a large number of zealous workers in the cause of Masonic Benevolence.

The programme was of the usual character, consisting of a display of calisthenics and marching songs and music, the distribution of prizes being followed by tea and refreshments, after which the Visitors had an opportunity of inspecting the buildings, the whole of the proceedings closing about seven o'clock with the singing of the National Anthem.

The following is a list of the London Stewards, and the amounts brought up by each. In addition to those here enumerated there were several other Brethren, who returned themselves as "unattached." We give a summary of the Provincial and other Stewards elsewhere.

HOUSE COMMITTEE.

Bro. Ralph Clutton	221	0	0
Robert Grey	84	0	0
Charles Hammerton	90	0	0
Alderman Sir Reginald			
Hanson, Bart., M.P.	21	0	0
Henry A. Hunt	21	0	0
E. Letchworth, F.S.A.	52	10	0
Peter de Lande Long	57	15	0
R. Loveland Loveland,			
Q.C., D.L., J.P.	21	0	0
J. H. Matthews	26	5	0
Sir John B. Monckton,			
F.S.A. (see also Los.			
1150 and 2535)			
Frank Richardson	236	5	0
A. C. Spaul	110	5	0
A. Edward Terry			

LONDON LODGES AND CHAPTERS.

1 Col. Edward Pryce-			
Jones, M.P.	29	8	0
1(Ch) Newton Dunn	31	10	0
2 Frdk. E. Bristow	28	17	6
5 D. T. Playfair, M.D.	52	10	0
6 Alexander Hender-			
son, M.P.	21	0	0
8 F. T. Rushton	52	10	0
10 Philip A. Scratchley	32	0	6
12 F. Ponler Telfer	115	10	0
14 Harry Keep	18	18	0
15 R. A. Kearsey	70	17	6
19 John Henry Merrett			
21 George T. S. Gill	38	16	0
23 Tom S. Cookes	81	18	0
26 W. H. Beaumont	21	0	0
28 Percy Jas. Machin	47	5	0
28 A.A. W. Daniel			
29 G. T. Langridge	32	11	0
45 Wm. Briggs, LL.M.	10	10	0
45 W. G. Mills	10	10	0
49 W. P. Wilton	91	7	0
59 Daniel Mayer	283	10	0
59 A.H. A. Tobias			
59 A.R. H. Stimpson			
59 A.A. G. Beale			
59 A.A. S. Berenburg			
59 A.B. Newgass			
59 A.H. Coxen			
59 A.C. Innes-Baillie			
59 A.J. Amery Parkes			
59 A.B. Schonberger			
60 A. H. Debenham	84	0	0
60 Charles Robinson			
73(Ch) E. L. P. Valeriani	45	0	0
79 Alfred Page	89	5	0
83 Edmund A. Smith	210	0	0
91 Peregrine Purvis	56	14	0
101 H. Eyre	55	2	6
134 A. F. Thomson	36	15	0
144 S. C. M. Austin	63	0	0
165 F. Howard Rosher	30	0	0
172 W. Hunt	69	6	0
176 B. J. W. Greive	90	6	0
180 W. C. Parsons	36	15	0
185(Ch) David Hills	66	0	0
192 John G. Robeson	157	1	0
192 A.W. Baker			
192 A.T. Cohu			
192 A.C. Garton			
192 A.F. R. Kenning			
192 A.S. Rippin			
197 C. Herbert Shoppee	44	2	0
198 F. S. Cahill	44	2	0
206 Frank Dodd	26	5	0
211 Arthur B. Spawforth	47	15	6
259 Alfred Cooper	48	5	0
263 C. A. Rhodes	53	11	0
435 W. Curry (see also			
Lo. 2331 Herts)	92	8	0
534 W. Croucher	28	7	0
700 T. Sidney Smith	74	11	0
822 H. F. Kingdon	75	12	0
822 A.T. O. Belshaw			
822 A.V. W. F. Dickens			
834 J. Worth	52	10	0
857 F. Jackson	105	0	0
857 A.R. T. Grisenthwait			
861 S. W. Vale	15	15	0
879 J. L. Walter	21	0	0
902 C. Butcher	32	11	0
907 Richard Jennings	66	3	0
1056 G. J. Gissing	61	19	0
1150 Sir John B. Monckton,			
F.S.A. (see H. C. &			
Lo. 2535)	304	10	0
1178 T. Dunstan Hill	50	12	6
1201(Ch) R. Jourden			
1278 F. Islip	60	0	0
1364 W. P. Forbes	35	0	0
1364 W. J. Hiam	10	10	0
1366 W. Gidley	11	11	0
1383 Capt. W. Portlock-			
Dadson, J.P.	36	15	0
1426 J. Hope Guyton	157	10	0
1426 H. E. Maynard	10	10	0
1446 Jesse Masters	120	15	0
1472 James Palmer	59	17	0

1507 W. Barry	87	19	0
1524 G. Trapps	10	10	0
1537 A. Norman Garrard	60	0	0
1533 Alderman T. V.			
Strong, J.P.	25	0	0
1572 G. Q. Cooper	70	7	0
1586 Irvine G. Ohlson	63	0	0
1591(Ch) C. Godson, M.D.	63	0	0
1613 B. Groner	78	15	0
1615 W. M. Rhodes	73	10	0
1622 Walter E. Jeffery	105	0	0
1642 W. R. Hatton	31	10	0
1668 J. D. Hood	53	0	6
1668 A.G. Levin			
1677 Horatio A. Sheppard	164	16	0
1687 A.J. H. Catten			
1687 Geo. Herbert-Burns	93	9	0
1704 T. Wells Thorpe	170	13	0
1766 Arthur Cunningham	191	1	6
1769 James Tollworthy	31	10	0
1827 Baron de Bush	30	0	0
1891 Ivor Davis, M.D.	37	0	0
1922 Henry Cornford	105	0	0
1924 R. W. James	84	10	0
1928 E. A. Peachey	50	0	0
1974 Dr. Whitcombe			
2000 R. S. Fairbank	36	15	0
2000(Ch) Joseph Pollard	15	15	0
2021 Ludwig Gunzel	70	7	0
2108 Lionel Cooke	48	6	0
2127 F. Trehawke Davies	10	10	0
2128 W. E. Porter	51	9	0
2182 R. Jackson	22	0	0
2202 W. G. Adcock	50	0	0
2202 A.W. J. Reynolds			
2264 Horatio Saqui	174	6	0
2272 W. H. Walker	40	19	0
2291 C. Mansfield	117	0	0
2312 Sir J. R. A. Clarke,			
Bart.	150	0	0
2347 C. F. Matier	21	0	0
2347 H. E. Cousans	10	10	0
2347 Lt.-Col. and Sheriff			
Probyn, J.P.	52	10	0
2409 W. Wilkinson	168	10	6
2409 A. James Copper			
2409 A. Ralph Cherry			
2409 A. F. W. Palmer			
2409 A. O. E. Riche			
2411 T. Blyth	63	0	0
2456 A. Underhill, LL.D.	26	0	0
2470 P. O. L. Moll	135	17	6
2489 C. Stanley Gibbs	52	10	0
2511 Alfred Rusby	12	12	0
2512 A. Tom Green			
2512 Frank Adams	21	0	0
2535 Eliab Rogers			
2535 Sir J. B. Monckton,			
F.S.A. (see also	615	10	0
H. C. and Lo.			
1150)			
2535(Ch) W. H. G. Rudder-			
forth (see Lo. 2742)			
2546 T. G. A. Burns	78	15	0
2581 Imre Kiralfy	262	10	0
2589 C. J. Fordham	10	10	0
2593 John W. Hunt	100	0	0
2603 George Elliott	29	8	0
2612 Rear-Admiral W. H.			
C. St. Clair	135	0	0
2621 Rev. C. E. Wright	15	15	0
2622 Henry Almond	42	0	0
2656 A. J. Naughton	110	0	0
2696 J. Rossdale	36	15	0
2698 A. F. Hardymont	115	10	0
2698 A.W. G. Coxen			
2698 A.C. Goodman			
2700 R. H. McLeod	44	2	0
2716 J. V. Vezey Fitz-			
gerald, Q.C.	15	0	0
2721 J. Maurice Klemperer			
	131	5	0
2722 Samuel Case	50	0	0
2728 W. H. Pocklington	21	0	0
2730 T. Cato Worsfold	10	10	0
2736 Lt.-Col. G. J. Parkyn	23	12	6
2736 Sergt. J. E. Caney	15	0	0
2737 H. Davan Wetton	10	10	0
2739 E. Roehrich	155	0	0
2742 W. H. G. Rudder-			
forth (see Ch 2535)	420	0	0
2742 A.J. H. Bridgman			
2742 A. Frank Crocker			
2742 A. John E. Culverhouse			
2742 A.C. B. Murless			
2742 A.J. Wyatt Simeons			
2742 A.C. E. Wetton			
2742 A.Mrs. J. H. Bridgman			
2742 A.Mrs. Murless			
2742 A.Mrs. Rudderforth			
2742 A.Mrs. James Stephens			
2742 A.Mrs. Welford			
MARK LODGE.			
363 T. H. Gardiner	31	10	0
PRECEPTORY KNIGHTS TEMPLAR.			
26 Dr. R. Gooding, J.P.	21	0	0
GIRLS SCHOOL GEN. COM. DINNER			
CLUB.			
Bro. W. Hillier	110	5	0

THE CHURCH AND THE CRAFT.

LAST year the first of what will probably become an annual service for the special edification of the Freemasons of Huddersfield and district was held at the Kirkburton Parish Church. Then the London and North Western Railway Company put on a Sunday train for the first time in the history of the Kirkburton branch line. A similar service was arranged to be held on Sunday, and the railway company again provided special facilities for the conveyance of the members of the town Lodges and their friends to Kirkburton. With the additional incentive of a very fine afternoon, a considerable number went into the country.

About one hundred and twenty Brethren joined in the procession from the Masonic Hall, Kirkburton (where the register was signed), to church, a feature being the presence of Bro. Grimshaw, who belongs to one of the Indian Lodges, and whose Masonic clothing was plentifully decorated with gold, in accordance with the custom in vogue in that part of the world.

The opening hymn was "O Lord, how joyful 'tis to see;" the first lesson—II. Chronicles ii.—was read by Bro. W. H. Jessop P.M. P.P.G.D., Mayor of Huddersfield; the Psalm for the day was chanted to music by Dr. Norris; the Magnificat and Nunc Dimittis were sung to suitable chants; the second lesson—Acts vii. to verse 20—was read by Bro. A. H. J. Fletcher P.M. P.P.G.R.; and the anthem was "O praise God in His Holiness" (Dr. Clarke-Whitfield), in which the solos were taken by Miss Edith Midgley and Bro. W. Riley P.M. The hymn, "All hail the power of Jesu's name," was sung before the sermon, which was preached by Bro. the Rev. T. M. Turnbull, B.A., P.M. P.P.G.C. Assistant Chaplain to the Lodge, vicar of Newmill, who based an appropriate discourse on the building of Solomon's temple. During the singing of the hymn, "Before Jehovah's awful throne," an offertory was taken on behalf of the Church day schools, which realised between £10 and £11. After the Benediction the service closed with the National Anthem.

The Theatres, &c.

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Adelphi.—8, A Kiss in the Dark. 8.30, The Man in the Iron Mask.
Avenue.—8.15, The Rift within the Lute. 8.50, The Cuckoo. Matinée, Wednesday, 3.
Comedy.—8.15, Great Cæsar. Matinée, Saturday, 2.30.
Court.—Saturday, 20th May, Wheels within Wheels.
Covent Garden.—Grand Opera Season.
Criterion.—8.20, The Tyranny of Tears. Matinée, Wednesday and Saturday, 2.30.
Daly's.—8.15, A Greek Slave. Matinée, Saturday, 2.30.
Duke of York's.—8, Chums. 8.45, The Adventure of Lady Ursula. Matinée, Wednesday and Saturday, 2.30.
Gaiety.—8.15, A Runaway Girl. Matinée, Saturday, 2.
Garrick.—8.15, For Love of Prim. 9, A Court Scandal. Matinée, Wednesday, 3.
Globe.—8, The Gay Lord Quex. Matinée, Saturday, 2.
Haymarket.—8.10, A Golden Wedding. 9, The Manœuvres of Jane. Matinée, Wednesday and Saturday, 2.15.
Her Majesty's.—8, Captain Swift. 10.30, The First Night.
Lyceum.—8, Robespierre.
Lyric.—8, L'amour Mouillé. Matinée, Thursday, 2.30.
Opera Comique.—8.15, A Good Time.
Prince of Wales's.—8.15, The Only Way. Matinée, Saturday, 2.15.
Princess's.—7.45, Woman and Wine.
Royalty.—8.15, Mr. Cynic. 9, A Little Ray of Sunshine. Matinée, Wednesday and Saturday, 3.
Savoy.—8.15, The Lucky Star. Matinée, Saturday, 2.30.
Shaftesbury.—8, The Belle of New York. Matinée, Wednesday and Saturday, 2.
St. James's.—8.30, In Days of Old. Matinée, Wednesday and Saturday, 2.30.
Strand.—8.15, A Man about Town. 8.45, Why Smith Left Home. Matinée, Wednesday and Saturday, 2.30.
Terry's.—8.30, Sweet Lavender. Matinée, Saturday, 2.30.
Vaudeville.—8, A Woman's Love. 9, On and Off. Matinée, Wednesday and Saturday, 3.
Alexandra.—Next week, Miss Wallis's Company.
Dalston.—Next week, Woman and Wine.
Grand.—Next week, The two little Vagabonds.
Queen's Opera House, Crouch End.—Next week, Our Boys.
Alhambra.—7.45, Variety Entertainment. Red Shoes. A Day Off, &c.
Aquarium.—The World's Great Show. The Great Fight. Varied Performances, &c., twice daily.
Empire.—7.50, Variety Entertainment. Round the Town again, &c.
London Pavilion.—8, Variety Entertainment. My little Octoroon.
Oxford.—7.30, Variety Entertainment. Saturday, 2.30 also.
Palace.—7.45, Variety Entertainment. New American Biography, &c. Saturday, 2 also.
Royal.—7.30, Variety Company. Saturday, 2.30 also.
Tivoli.—7.30, Variety Entertainment. Ugo Biondi, &c. Saturday, 2.15 also.
Alexandra Palace.—Varied attractions daily. Balloon Ascent. Great Naval Show, &c.
Crystal Palace.—Varied attractions daily. La Loie Fuller. Grand National Horse Show, 3, 5 and 6 June, &c.
Egyptian Hall.—3 and 8, Mr. J. N. Maskelyne's entertainment.
Madame Tussaud's (Baker Street Station).—Open daily. Portrait models of modern celebrities, &c.

REPORTS OF MEETINGS.

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CRAFT: PROVINCIAL.

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ZETLAND LODGE, No. 603.

THE usual monthly meeting was held in the Masonic Hall, Tofts, Cleckheaton, on Tuesday evening of last week.

The Lodge was opened in due form, with solemn prayer at 7 p.m., those present including Bros. A. Thornton W.M., H. E. Hodgson S.W., A. Newsholme J.W., R. W. Warren S.D., F. Hirst acting J.D., John Holden D.C., Alfred Hall acting I.G., R. H. Jackson Tyler, S. Halliday, M.D., P.M. Chaplain, W. Armitage I.P.M., Chas. F. Forshaw LL.D., D.D.S., Alfred Law, J.P., C. H. Powell, Dr. P. G. Lodge, M.D., J. Hardhill, E. Jowett, S. Hewitt, C. H. Burrows, W. N. Hudson, W. H. Sharp, George Blackburn, J. H. Shelley, L. R. Wood Sec., &c.

The Visiting Brethren included Sergeants W. Miller, C. C. Shilcock, H. Gregg (all of the Calfe Lodge, No. 325, Gibraltar), and W. Weaste (of the Military Jubilee Lodge, Dover, No. 2195), all of whom are stationed at the Bradford Barracks.

After the minutes of the last regular Lodge meeting had been read and confirmed, and the correspondence communicated, Bros. Dr. Lodge, Hudson, Hardhill and Powell, who were candidates to be passed to the degree of Fellow Craft, were examined as to their fitness, entrusted with the test of merit, and retired. The Lodge was then opened for the purpose of Freemasonry in the second degree, and Bros. Hardhill, Lodge, Hudson and Powell were passed in a most able manner by the W.M. in the order named. Bro. Newsholme J.W. presented the working tools, and the W.M. delivered the address in a most impressive manner.

After hearty good wishes the Lodge was closed in peace and harmony at 9.30, and the proceedings of the fourth degree entered upon with that zest which refreshment after labour produces. The W.M. is to be cordially congratulated on the flourishing state of his Lodge.

Bro. Burrows, an initiate of 832, Rangoon, an affiliated member of 603, and well-known in Bradford as one of its leading photographic artists, is presenting to the Lodge a portrait of each of the members. These will be framed by Bro. Burrows, the W.M. occupying the central position of the group.

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ARNOLD LODGE, No. 1799.

AT the monthly meeting, held at Walton-on-the-Naze, on the 25th ult., Bro. S. T. T. James S.W. was unanimously elected W.M. for the ensuing year. Bro. E. Osmond was unanimously re-elected Treasurer, and Bro. F. Quilter Tyler.

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ST. ANDREW LODGE, No. 1817.

ABOUT fifty Brethren attended the usual meeting at the Cambridge Hotel, Shobury, on the 27th ult., and for several reasons considerable interest was associated with the gathering.

A handsome portrait of Bro. George Glasscock, J.P., Director of Ceremonies was presented to the Lodge by Bro. A. Dix. Bro. Gooderham made the presentation on behalf of the donor, and alluded to the services rendered to Masonry by Bro. Glasscock, who, he said, was the second Master of St. Andrew's, had been their representative at several Charity Festivals, and was, in fact, a thoroughly good Mason.

Bro. Glasscock thanked Bro. Dix for the gift. He said he did not wish for praise; what he had done had been for the good of Masonry in general, and, of course, for the benefit of St. Andrew's Lodge in particular. It would always be his delight to do what he could for the Craft until he was summoned to the Grand Lodge above.

There was an unusual attendance at the banquet; several Visitors being present.

Bro. A. Marden P.M. P.P.A.D.C. made his farewell speech, referring in feeling terms to the consideration shown him during the time that he occupied the chair. It would be his delight to visit the Lodge whenever possible to do so.

Bro. Emberson W.M. also informed the Brethren that within the past few hours he had learnt that he was to remove from Shobury, where he had spent many pleasant hours; and the parting was rendered more severe through the fact that he was this year the Worshipful Master of the Lodge. As a soldier, however, he had to obey orders, just as Bro. Marden, who was connected with the Police Service, had to. It was a satisfaction to him to know that the Lodge was in a flourishing condition, and that he could fall back upon such a popular Immediate Past Master as Bro. J. Berry.

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TRAVELLERS LODGE, No. 2609.

ON Saturday, 29th ult., at the Masonic Hall, Chester, Bros. Sir Horatio Lloyd Dep. Prov.G.M. and Richard Newhouse Prov.G.Sec. were present at the celebration of the festival of St. John and the installation of W.M. At the March Lodge the Brethren had unanimously elected Bro. F. J. Duck S.W. as W.M. for the ensuing year, and he was duly installed by Bros. Thos. Owen P.M., and William Peers P.M., the ceremony being rendered with great impressiveness.

The congratulations of the Provincial Grand Master Lord Egerton were conveyed to the new W.M. by Bro. Newhouse, who asked the Lodge's acceptance of a copy of the most recent portrait of his lordship. Bro. Duck fitly gave expression to the Brethren's acknowledgments.

Bro. Thos. Owen, who was mainly instrumental in bringing the Lodge into existence, and who, in addition to serving the Lodge as its second W.M., had performed the duties of the chair for an additional year owing to untoward circumstances, was presented by the Lodge with a handsome combined Founder's and P.M.'s jewel.

Bro. Peers, too, who was first W.M., and whose services to the Lodge ever since had been most conspicuous and exacting, was constituted a permanent Vice President of the Cheshire Educational Institution, giving him one vote in perpetuity. Bros. Owen and Peers warmly acknowledged these marks of appreciation.

Bro. Duck presided at the installation banquet which followed.

During the post prandial proceedings Sir Horatio Lloyd, in a happy and

interesting speech, stated that Masonry was never in a more flourishing condition in Great Britain than at the present time. He incidentally mentioned the fact that he was within two years of his jubilee as a Freemason, and announced that the Provincial Lodge of Cheshire would hold its meeting at Chester on the 9th August.

When the toast of the Installing and Past Masters came to be proposed, Bro. H. R. Thomas and Bro. John Dodd, on behalf of fourteen Brethren who had been initiated into Freemasonry during Bro. T. Owen's two years tenure of the office of W.M., asked Bro. Owen's acceptance of a beautiful album containing the signatures and photographs of the donors, and a brief illuminated address. Bro. Owen acknowledged the gift in feeling terms.

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METROPOLITAN: INSTRUCTION.

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RANELAGH LODGE, No. 834.

AT the Six Bells Hotel, Hammersmith, on the 5th inst., Bros. Robert Reid W.M., W. Atkinson S.W., K. M. Ross J.W., Arthur Williams P.M. Preceptor, F. Craggs P.M. Sec., W. Hinds P.M. Treas., W. Hide P.M. S.D., M. F. Wilkins J.D., G. F. Meek I.G., Past Masters J. Banks, W. J. Coplestone, R. H. Williams P.Prov.G.J.D. Middx., J. H. Cumming; Bros. J. Worth (W.M. of the Mother Lodge), W. G. Palmer, W. F. Bennett, W. F. Ridgway, and others.

The Lodge was opened to the second degree, and Bro. Worth answered the questions and was entrusted, the ceremony of raising being rehearsed, Lodge was resumed to the first degree and called off and on.

The Preceptor, Secretary, and Treasurer were all re-elected for the ensuing year, the W.M. remarking that it would be difficult for any Lodge of Instruction to find such a hard working and attentive set of Officers.

Bro. Atkinson was chosen to act as W.M. on the 19th inst., as the annual supper, which is one of the events of the district, was fixed for yesterday (Friday).

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WOODROW LODGE, No. 1708.

ON Monday, 24th ult., at Bro. Rudderforth's (Stone's) Hotel, Panton Street, Haymarket, W., Bros. R. Cawley W.M., C. E. Nice S.W., W. West J.W., C. Woodrow P.M. Prec., O. W. Wetton P.M. Dep. Prec., W. Rudderforth P.M. Acting Sec., H. J. Rose S.D., G. Yeowell J.D., A. H. Perry I.G., P. Weston, F. C. Pyke, F. N. Louis, G. Spice W.M. 193, J. Culverhouse.

The W.M. advanced the Lodge to the second and third degrees, and resumed to the first, when the ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, Bro. G. Spice acting as candidate. The Lodge was again advanced to the second degree, and Bro. Louis was examined and entrusted, the ceremony of raising being rehearsed. The working was admirable throughout.

Bro. Pyke was elected a member, and Bro. Nice W.M. for next meeting.

We are pleased to see that a Benevolent Association has been formed in connection with this Lodge, and that several Brethren have already given in their names as members.

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ALFRED NEWTON LODGE, No. 2686.

BEING Officers' night an excellent meeting took place on Tuesday, at the Royal Hotel, Kensington, W. The Worshipful Master of the Mother Lodge Bro. J. Naughton was ably supported by the following Officers: D. F. Norrington S.W., H. Newton J.W., R. W. Williams P.M. Prec., W. R. Flack P.M. Dep. Prec. acting Sec., E. Rix S.D., LeLueur J.D., Dr. Heiglington I.G., H. Pearn, A. Weiss, R. Liddiard, W. Binfield, E. Vernon, Strutt, H. England, W. McNeil, H. Seal, W. Jupe, W. R. Thompson, H. Johnson, J. Wynman, Dr. W. Atken Macleod.

After the usual formalities the W.M. proceeded to rehearse the ceremony of initiation, and included the ancient charge; Bro. H. Seal being the candidate. The ceremony was rendered in a perfect manner. The Lodge was called off; on resuming, the W.M. announced his intention of rehearsing the ceremony of passing, for which Bro. E. Vernon offered himself as a candidate. He was entrusted, and the ceremony was rehearsed, this also giving great satisfaction.

Bro. England was elected a member, which compliment was acknowledged in suitable terms. Bro. Rix will preside at the next meeting.

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BRONDESBURY LODGE, No. 2698.

ON Monday, 1st inst., at the Earl of Derby Hotel, High Road, Kilburn, Bros. E. J. Campbell W.M., C. Greaves S.W., W. Knowles J.W., A. Hardymont W.M. 2698 Prec., H. Leavers Acting Sec., H. T. Browne S.D., S. A. Marks J.D., T. Goldby I.G., Bishops Org., Holland, Smith, Spiegel, W. and H. Coxen, Crane, Craig, Beat, Bamlet, Simmonds, Wynman, and others.

The W.M. opened the Lodge to the second degree, Bro. Simmonds answered the questions, and was entrusted. The Lodge was opened in the third degree and the ceremony of raising was rehearsed. The W.M. resumed the Lodge to the first degree.

Bros. Child, Beat, and Bamlet were elected members.

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ROYAL ARCH.

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EMPIRE CHAPTER, No. 2108.

THE annual installation festival of this Chapter took place at the Criterion, Piccadilly, W., on Friday of last week.

The Principals' chairs were filled by Comps. Hermann Klein Z., James Speller P.Z. as H., and William Shurmur P.Z. as J., and among those present were Comps. W. Stevenson Hoyte P.G.S.B., Sir Forrest Fulton 2, J. Tollworthy P.S. 1766, Lionel Cooke N. 141 (W.M. of the Empire Lodge), W. J. Greer 884 (I.C.), Claude Lumley P.S. 1891, Sigismund Kutnow 1269, J. Sefton Mayors, V. Goldstein, Daniel Mayer, Isaac Shone, Chas. R. Valentine, O. W. F. Hill, B. Schonberger, Albert Cohen, A. Bassett Hopkins, C. Javal, and Orlton Cooper 1928.

The Convocation was formally opened and the minutes read, after which the ballot was taken on behalf of Bros. Samuel Greer, and S. F. Isitt, both of the Empire Lodge, and Bro. Robert Greening of the Great City Lodge, all of

whom were approved. They were thereupon entrusted and admitted to the Chapter, where they were regularly exalted to the Supreme Degree. The ceremony was admirably rendered by Comp. Klein, who was ably assisted by Comp. Sefton Mayors, who acted as Principal Sojourner. The newly made Companions having been invested, Comp. William Shurmur delivered the Mystical Lecture, the others being postponed until the next meeting.

Owing to various circumstances into which it is needless to enter here the Officers, with but one exception, retain their positions for the ensuing year, the only change being the promotion of Comp. E. E. Harding to the third Principal's chair. A Board of Installed Principals was therefore formed, when Comp. Harding was presented by Comp. Orlton Cooper and was formally inducted and invested as J. of the Chapter. This ceremony was also performed by Comp. Shurmur in a most perfect manner.

Upon the re-admission of the Companions the M.E.Z. was congratulated upon the honour that had been conferred upon him by the Grand Master as Organist of Grand Lodge and Grand Chapter, for which Comp. Klein returned thanks. The Chapter was then closed and the Companions adjourned to the banquet room, where a very choice dinner was served by Bro. E. M. Thierry, the courteous and genial manager of the Criterion.

The toasts of the Queen and the Grand Z. were given by the M.E.Z. and were loyally responded to.

Comp. Harding submitted the Grand Officers, for whom Comp. W. Stevenson Hoyte Grand Standard Bearer returned thanks.

With befitting eulogium Comp. Shurmur proposed the M.E.Z., whom he had already congratulated in open Chapter upon being appointed an Officer of Grand Lodge and Grand Chapter. It was an honour well deserved, because Comp. Klein followed out the precepts of King Solomon, and whatsoever his hand found to do he did it with all his might. He was a thorough Mason, that stood by the Chapter when it was in difficulties, and had now steered it into the haven of prosperity.

Comp. Klein, who met with a hearty reception when rising to respond, thanked those present for their mark of appreciation. By their desire he was for the second year filling the chair of Z., and he promised to do his utmost to deserve their confidence. It was satisfactory to know that the Chapter was in a prosperous state, and he hoped the Empire Chapter would fulfil the same duty towards Colonial Masons as the Empire Lodge had always done. Before he sat down he requested the company to drink to the good health of the two Principals with whom he had the honour to be associated. Both had done yeoman service to Freemasonry in general and to the Royal Arch in particular.

Comps. Speller and Harding briefly acknowledged the compliment.

Replying to the toast of the Exaltees Comp. Greening said he was greatly impressed by the ceremony, the decoration of the Chapter, and the dress of the Companions. It was all so different to that he had expected, and was, he supposed, indicative of the high importance of Royal Arch Masonry. He was extremely gratified at being admitted as a Companion of the Order, and thanked those who had undertaken the sponsorial duties of his exaltation. Comps. Greer and Isitt also expressed their thanks for being admitted to the Chapter.

Sir Forrest Fulton responded for the Visitors, all of whom had been greatly gratified by the work in the Chapter, and had enjoyed their hospitality that evening. Although he was initiated into the Craft so long ago as 1872 his personal connection with the Royal Arch Degree was very limited. It was a very beautiful ritual, though he could readily comprehend that it took up a great deal of time in preparing for it.

Comp. Sefton Mayors replied for the Officers, and stated the pleasure it had been to him to take part in the ceremony that evening. He was glad that his efforts had met with their approval.

Comp. Evenden Janitor then made his appearance, and brought the pleasant proceedings to a close, with good wishes to those Companions who were poor and distressed.

HOLIDAY ARRANGEMENTS.

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MIDLAND RAILWAY.

THIS Company will run cheap excursion trains from London to Dublin, Cork, Killarney, &c., for 16 days, via Liverpool, on Thursday, 18th May, and via Morecambe, on Friday, 19th; also to Belfast, Londonderry, and Portrush for Giant's Causeway, via Barrow and via Liverpool, on Thursday, 18th; to Londonderry, via Liverpool, or via Morecambe, on Saturday, 20th, to return within sixteen days as per bill of sailing; on Friday night, 19th, to Carlisle, Castle Douglas, Dumfries, Helensburgh, Edinburgh, Greenock, Glasgow, Stirling, Perth, Dundee, Aberdeen, Inverness, Ballater, &c., returning the following Tuesday or Friday, by which third class return tickets at a single ordinary fare for the double journey will also be issued, available for returning on any day within 16 days; on Friday midnight, 19th, for 3 days, and Saturday midnight, 20th, for 2 days, to Leicester, Nottingham, Manchester, Liverpool, Sheffield, Leeds, Bradford, &c.; on Saturday, 20th, to Leicester, Nottingham, Newark, Lincoln, Birmingham, Walsall, Wolverhampton, Burton, Derby, Manchester, Liverpool, Preston, Wigan, Blackpool, Blackburn, Bolton, Oldham, Sheffield, Leeds, Bradford, Scarborough, Newcastle, the Furness and Lake Districts, Carlisle, &c., &c., returning the following Monday, Thursday, or Saturday; to Douglas (Isle of Man) for 10 days. On Whit-Monday, 22nd, to St. Albans, Harpenden, Luton, Bedford, Kettering, and Leicester, for one day; to Birmingham, for 1, 4, or 5 days; and to Manchester, for the Races, on Thursday (Midnight) 25th, returning Saturday, 27th. Tickets for these trains for starting from St. Pancras Station can be obtained on the two days previous to the running of the trains at the Company's City and West End Booking Offices. Cheap daily and week-end excursions to Southend-on-Sea, as announced in time tables and bills.

The season excursions from London (St. Pancras) to Matlock, Buxton, Liverpool, Southport, Blackpool, Lytham, St. Ann's-on-Sea, the Isle of Man, Morecambe, Lancaster, the English Lake District, Scarborough, Bridlington, Whitby, &c., will commence on Saturday, 20th May. The tickets are available for passengers to return in either 3, 8, 10, 15, or 17 days.

Cheap Week-end Tickets are now issued every Friday and Saturday from London (St. Pancras) and other principal Midland Stations to the chief holiday and pleasure resorts in the "Peak" District of Derbyshire, Yorkshire, the North East Coast and Scotland. The tickets are available for return on the following Sunday (where train service permits); Monday or Tuesday. For the Whitsuntide Holidays these tickets will also be available for returning up to and including Wednesday, 24th May.

Cheap Excursion Trains for five or eight days will also be run to London from Carlisle, Bradford, Leeds, Sheffield, Liverpool, Manchester, Blackburn,

Burnley, Bolton, Bury, Rochdale, Oldham, Lincoln, Newark, Burton, Derby, Nottingham, Leicester, &c., on Saturday, 20th May; and for 3 or 6 days on Monday, 22nd May. On Friday night, 19th May, from Liverpool, Southport, Warrington, &c., and on Saturday, 20th May, from Blackburn, Bolton, Oldham, Manchester, Stockport, Bradford, Leeds, Barnsley, Sheffield, &c., for 3, 5, or 8 days; also on 20th May, from Birmingham, Walsall, Wolverhampton, for 3, 5, or 8 days. Passengers will be booked by these trains at cheap fares to Brighton, Hastings, St. Leonards, Eastbourne, &c.; and to Paris and other places on the Continent, having the privilege of returning by any ordinary train within 16 days. On Whit-Monday, 22nd May, an excursion train to London for 1 or 2 days will be run from Blackburn, Bolton, Oldham, Manchester (Vic.), Bradford, Leeds, Barnsley, Sheffield, &c.; for 1, 3, or 6 days from Birmingham; and for 3 and 6 days from Wolverhampton, Walsall, &c.; and day trips from Burton, Derby, Nottingham, Leicester, Wellingboro', &c.

On Bank Holiday, 22nd May, and during Whitsuntide, certain booked trains will be withdrawn, of which due notice will be given by special bills at the stations.

Some of the through carriages which are announced in the time tables will also be suspended on Bank Holiday.

To prevent inconvenience and crowding, the Booking Offices at St. Pancras and Moorgate Street Stations will be open for the issue of tickets all day on Friday and Saturday, 19th and 20th May, and Tickets to all principal Stations on the Midland Railway will also be issued beforehand at any of their Offices, the tickets being available from St. Pancras Station, issued at the same fares as charged at that Station, and dated to suit the convenience of passengers.

GREAT WESTERN RAILWAY.

THIS Company announce excursions on Thursday, 18th May, to Cork, Killarney, Belfast, Armagh, Giant's Causeway, &c.; on Thursday night, to Chepstow, Newport, Cardiff, Swansea, Carmarthen, Milford, and other stations in South Wales; on Friday, 19th, to Gloucester, Cheltenham, Worcester, Hereford, Shrewsbury, Oswestry, Aberystwyth, Bala, Dolgellay, Barmouth, Manchester, Ryhl, Llandudno, Bangor, Carnarvon, Waterford, Tipperary, Limerick, Bath, Bristol, Weston-super-Mare, Taunton, Minehead, &c.; on Friday night, to Exeter, Plymouth, Falmouth, Penzance, Chester, Liverpool, Douglas (Isle of Man), &c.; on Saturday, 20th, to Newbury, Yeovil, Dorchester, Weymouth, Minehead, Lynton, Lynmouth, Ilfracombe, Exeter, Torquay, Plymouth, Penzance, Oxford, Birmingham, &c.; and on Saturday night, to Swindon, Bath, Bristol, Gloucester, Chepstow, Newport, Cardiff, Swansea, &c.

On Saturday, 20th May, excursions for Guernsey and Jersey will leave Paddington Station at 8.50 a.m. (Daylight Sea Passage) and at 9.15 p.m. (Night Passage).

On Whit Sunday a cheap train will run to Swindon, Cirencester, Stroud, Gloucester, Cheltenham, &c., and at Midnight on Sunday an excursion will leave Paddington for Oxford, Birmingham, Wolverhampton, &c.

On the Bank Holiday cheap trains will be run to Reading, Newbury, Pangbourne, Goring, Wallingford, Bath, Bristol, Weston-super-Mare, &c., and on Whit Tuesday an express half-day excursion will be run to Banbury, Leamington, and Stratford-on-Avon.

Excursions will be run to London from most of the principal stations, and cross country trips have also been arranged.

Cheap tickets are issued daily from London and many suburban stations to Staines, Windsor, Taplow, Maidenhead, Burnham Beeches, Henley, Goring, Wallingford, Aldermaston, and other riverside resorts. These tickets can be obtained throughout the Whitsuntide holidays, and in fact during the whole of the summer months. The train service to and from the riverside stations has also been considerably improved.

To meet the expected additional traffic by the ordinary trains on Saturday, 20th May, the Company will run in duplicate the 11.45 a.m., 3.0, and 9.0 p.m. trains from London to the West of England, the 9.50 a.m., 4.45 and 6.50 p.m. trains to the North; and the 12.0 noon and 9.15 p.m. trains to Weymouth, Hereford and South Wales. The first portion of the 11.45 a.m., 3.0 p.m., and 9.0 p.m. trains will leave Paddington at 11.38 a.m., 2.55 p.m. and 8.55 p.m. respectively, but the first parts of the other trains will leave at the advertised times, and the second a few minutes afterwards, the long distance passengers being as far as possible taken in the first portion, but with a few exceptions both trains will stop at the advertised stations to take up and set down passengers.

Ordinary and excursion tickets are issued at the Company's City and West-end Offices, viz.:—193 & 407 Oxford Street; 181 Tottenham Court Road, W.; 58 New Oxford Street; Gloucester Mansions, Cambridge Circus, Shaftesbury Avenue, W.C.; "The Piazza," Covent Garden; 269 Strand; 26 Regent Street, S.W.; 29 Charing Cross; 17 Brompton Road; 4 Holborn Circus; Nags Head Yard, 137 Borough High Street, S.E.; 118 Minories, E.; 5 Arthur Street East, London Bridge, E.C.; 82 Queen Victoria Street; 67 Gresham Street; 4 Cheapside; and at the L.B. & S.C. Company's Excursion Office (under Grand Hotel), Trafalgar Square. Tickets can also be obtained at Victoria (L.C. & D. Railway); Clapham Junction; Kensington (Addison Road); Uxbridge Road; Hammersmith and other stations.

The booking offices at the Paddington Station will be open all day on 17th, 18th, 19th and 20th May, so that passengers wishing to obtain tickets for any destination on the Great Western Railway can do so at their convenience. Ordinary tickets will be dated to suit the convenience of passengers.

GREAT NORTHERN RAILWAY.

THIS Company announce that on Friday night, 19th May, cheap express excursions will be run for 5, 8, and 16 days to Northallerton, Darlington, Richmond, Durham, Newcastle, Alnwick, Berwick, Edinburgh, Glasgow, Perth, Dundee, Oban, Fort William, Aberdeen, Inverness, and other stations in Scotland, from Woolwich (Arsenal and Dockyard), Greenwich (S.E.), Victoria (C. & D.), Ludgate Hill, Moorgate, Aldersgate, Farringdon, King's Cross (G.N.), &c. Passengers holding 5 days tickets return on Tuesday, 23rd, those holding 8 days tickets return on Friday, 26th, and those holding 16 days single fare tickets return on any day up to, and including, Saturday, 3rd June.

Cheap fast excursions will also be run on Saturday 20th, for 3, 6, or 8 days, from Woolwich (Arsenal and Dockyard), Greenwich (S.E.), Victoria (C. & D.), Ludgate Hill, Moorgate, Aldersgate, Farringdon, and King's Cross (G.N.), to Lincolnshire, Nottinghamshire, Staffordshire, Lancashire, Yorkshire, North Eastern District, &c.; also for 1, 3, or 4 days from Moorgate, Aldersgate, Farringdon, King's Cross (G.N.), &c., to Skegness, Sutton-on-Sea and Mablethorpe.

A cheap trip for 1, 3, or 4 days will also be run on Saturday, 20th, to

Skegness, Sutton-on-Sea and Mablethorpe from Moorgate, Aldersgate, Farringdon, King's Cross (G.N.), &c.

Commencing on Saturday, 20th May, and each Saturday until September 30th, for 3, 8, 10, 15 or 17 days from Moorgate, King's Cross (G.N.), and Finsbury Park to Bridlington, Filey, Scarborough, Robin Hood's Bay, Whitby, Saltburn, Redcar, Tynemouth, Whitley, Cullercoats, Liverpool, Southport, and Douglas (Isle of Man).

Cheap day trips will be run on Whit-Monday, 22nd, to St. Albans, Hertford, Wheathamstead, Harpenden, Luton, Dunstable, Hitchin, Baldock, Royston, Cambridge, Biggleswade, Sandy, Tempsford, St. Neots, Huntingdon, Peterboro', Skegness, Sutton-on-Sea and Mablethorpe.

On Friday and Saturday, 19th and 20th, short date week-end tickets will be issued to all the principal inland and seaside health resorts on, and in connection with the Great Northern Railway, available for return on Sunday, 21st May (if train service admits), Monday, 22nd, Tuesday, 23rd, or Wednesday, 24th.

On Thursday night, 25th, a cheap fast excursion for two days will be run to Manchester (Races) leaving Moorgate at 9.48, Aldersgate 9.50, Farringdon 9.52, King's Cross (G.N.) 10.30.

To prevent inconvenience from crowding at the Company's principal terminal station, King's Cross, tickets, dated in advance, will be issued at King's Cross (G.N.R.), Victoria (L.C. & D.), Ludgate Hill, Moorgate, Aldersgate, Farringdon, and suburban stations, and at the different ticket offices throughout the Metropolis.

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