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MASONIC PILGRIMAGES.

THE members of the Quatuor Coronati Lodge, No. 2076, are this week enjoying a "pilgrimage" to Exeter and neighbourhood, and the accounts given of their doings arouses a feeling of regret that such trips are not more frequent among the members of the Brotherhood, as they seem to afford an inexhaustible means of providing profit and pleasure alike for all who

may be able to take part in them.

It is true that Masonic Pic-nics and Summer Outings may be regarded as a step in the right direction, but a very short one; as in most cases the only Masonic association attached to such gatherings is their name, for instead of some interesting Masonic centre being selected for the assembly, it is customary to pay a visit to a popular resort of a general character; and probably it would be found that any departure from this custom would be viewed with disfavour by the Ladies and Brethren who attend such gatherings, and who may be said to desire a pleasant day's trip, rather than to pore over quaint records, and fossilated remains of past ages, in the search for Masonic enlightenment.

But there are very many Brethren who would willingly take part in a veritable Masonic pilgrimagesuch as the one of the Quatuor Coronati Lodge, to which we refer—if the opportunity offered, and surely there are many parts of the country which possess sufficient features of a purely Masonic character to interest and attract such Brethren. The difficulty seems to be to bring supply and demand into communication with each other, and although we can hardly hope for any great movement in this direction at an early date the subject is one that may well be considered by Brethren who have around them some special objects of Masonic interest, and may not mind devoting their time and personal services to the work of introducing them to their fellows.

Even if a wholly new departure is not likely in this direction it may be possible to arrange something in the way of a compromise if Brethren in the country will at times make it their business to endeavour to interest themselves in visits of London Masons, and vice versa.

Bro. the Lord Mayor has arranged to summon a Special Court of Common Council on Thursday, 20th July, for the purpose of giving effect to the vote of the Court resolving to present the Freedom of the City to Bro. J. Henniker Heaton, M.P., in recognition of his long continued and now largely-successful labours to promote Imperial penny postage.

The Waltham Abbey Lodge, No. 2750, will be consecrated on Wednesday next, at Waltham Abbey, by the Provincial Grand Master of Essex the Earl of Warwick Deputy G.M. of England. The gathering promises to be an interesting one.

CORNWALL.

N Monday next the Grand Mark Lodge will meet at the Masonic Hall, Princes Street, Penzance, at 11.30 a.m., the Lord High Chancellor the Earl of Halsbury Provincial Grand Master presiding. The entertaining Lodge is the St. John, No. 404. There is no lack of business to transact, besides the appointment of the Provincial Grand Officers; one pleasing feature being a presentation to the Provincial Grand Secretary Bro. W. J. Johns P.M. 78 Past G.Std.Br. of England, who has so ably filled that office for many years.

KENT.

HE annual meeting of this Provincial Grand Lodge was held on Wednesday of Samuel Grand Lodge was held on Wednesday, at Sevenoaks, under the presidency of the popular chief of the county Earl Amherst Pro Grand Master of England, who was supported by his worthy Deputy Bro. J. S. Eastes, and a very large number of other Officers and Brethren.

There are two candidates for the office of Provincial Grand Treasurer of Essex, an appointment which will be decided at the annual meeting of the Prov. G. Lodge, to be held at Tilbury, on the 26th prox., the one being Bro. Charles James Smith P.M. of the Earl of Warwick Lodge, No. 2504; and the other Bro. Thomas P. Trounce W.M. of the Chigwell Lodge, No. 453. We believe there will be a strong "beat up" among the Brethren who have votes, and that a heavy poil will result. We can hardly believe this "electioneering" does any real good in a Province, any more than it does in connection with the more important post of than it does in connection with the more important post of Grand Treasurer of England. But it may be there are two sides to the question—no doubt many Essex Brethren will be induced to journey to Tilbury next month, in order to vote one way or the other, who would otherwise have remained away from the Prov. G. Lodge meeting, and thus, it may be, new enthusiasm will be aroused, or the embers of the past will be fanned into a new flame. Atter all, we want enthusiasm among the older members of the Craft, just as we do among its later admissions.

The Passmore-Edwards Holiday Home for Children, at Clacton-on-Sea, in connection with the Sunday School Union, was opened on Thursday, by Bro. Passmore-Edwards, in the absence of the Earl of Aberdeen, who missed his train, but arrived later. The Home is most pleasantly situated near the breezy cliffs at the east end of the town, and commands splendid views of sea and country. The beach is only a few yards away, and all round are open fields, over which the children will be able to ramble at will. The rooms are large and lofty, and home accommodation is provided for ninety-three children, who are allowed a sojourn of a fortnight or three weeks. The total cost has been about £10,000, and to this Bro. Passmore-Edwards has contributed £6,000. A large number of purses were presented from Sunday schools in the metropolis and elsewhere. Sir Weetman Pearson, M.P., presided at the subsequent luncheon, and Lord Aberdeen was one of the speakers.

The election meeting of the Shurmur Lodge, No. 2374, was held on Friday, at the Royal Forest Hotel, Chingford, when the choice of the Brethren fell upon Bro. Walter Fortescue S.W. as Master for the ensuing year, Bro. William Shurmur P.G.S.B. Eng. as Treasurer, and Bro. John Ives as Tyler. A report of the meeting will appear next week,

LINGOLNSHIRE.

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

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Bro. W. W. Smith	-	-	-	-	Senior Warden
H. Spring -	-	-	-	-	Junior Warden
Rev. H. T. Oliver	-	-	-	- {	Chaplains
Rev. H. J. Watney	-	-	-	- 5	-
F. Sowby -	-	-	-	-	Treasurer
H. Watson -	-	-	-	-	Registrar
B. Vickers -	-	-	-	-	Secretary .
W. S. Rainey	-	-	-	-	Senior Deacon
W. C. Robinson	-	-	-	-	Junior Deacon
J. W. Burdwood	-	-	-	-	Superintendent of World
G. F. Barrell	-			-	Director of Ceremonies
F. Blanshard	•	-	-	-	Assistant Dir. of Cers.
J. J. Sale -	-	-	-	_	Sword Bearer
F. Dunn -	-	_	-	-)	
F. R. Riggall	•		-	- }	Standard Bearers
J. H. Bates -	-	-	-	- '	Assistant Secretary
W. H. H. Moore		_	-	-	Organist
G. J. Crofts -	-		-	_	Pursuivant
R. J. Swaby -	_	-		_	Assistant Pursuivent
H. H. Hanson	-	_	-	- \	
J. Jones -	_	_		_)	
J. G. Dashper		-		_ /	
C. Mawer -	_		_	}	-Stewards
A. Yates -		_	_		•
J. F. Symes -	_	_	_		
W. Donner	_	_	_	- /	Tyler.
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NORTHS AND HUNTS.

THE annual Provincial Grand Lodge was this year held at Huntingdon on Thursdon and at Huntingdon, on Thursday, 25th ult., and was very largely attended.

Lodge was opened at the Town Hall, under the banner of the Socrates Lodge, No. 373, at two o'clock, the Board of Benevolence having met an hour previous. The capacious Assembly Hall had been transformed into a handsome Lodge

Room, and arranged in an excellent manner.

The Right Hon. the Earl of Euston, D.L., Provincial Grand Master presided, and was supported by Bro. J. Haviland Deputy Prov. Grand Master P.G.D. England, Bro. A. Cockerill Prov. Grand Treasurer, and a number of other Brethren.

Lodge having been opened in due form, and the general business having been transacted, the Provincial Grand Master proceeded to appoint and invest his Officers for the ensuing year, as follow:

Bro.	. Harry Manfield 1764	1911	-	-	-	Senior Warden
	H. I. Haukin 2684 -		-	-	-	Junior Warden
	Rev. W. Holding 360		-	-	-	Chaplain
	Rev. H. Tower 2555 -		-	-	-	Assistant Chaplain
	F. G. Buckle 442 -		-	-	-	Secretary
	A. Cockerill 360 -		-	-	-	Treasurer
	A. J. Moyes 466 -		-	-	-	Registrar
	W. G. Hobbs 1911 -		-	-	-	Senior Deacon
	G. F. V. Marshall 228	33	-	-	-	Junior Deacon
	R. Knight 607 -		-	-	-	Superintendent of Works
	Geo. Ellard 360 1764	2431	-	-	-	Director of Ceremonies
	F. Caster 442		-		-	Assistant Dir. of Cers.
	W. Arkell 360 -		-	-	-	Sword Bearer
	W. T. Wright 455 -		•	-	- 1	Standard Day
	F. T. Clarke 445 -		-	-	- 1	Standard Bearers
	C. J. Wood, Mus. Bac	. Oxo	n, 737	-	-	Organist
	C. N. White 373 -		-	-	-	Pursuivant
	F. B. Thackray 373 -		-	•	- ,	
	W. F. Tipler 1764 -		-	-	-)	
	R. H. Boycott 2431 -		-		- }	Stewards.
	J. T. Curtis 737 -		-	<u>-</u> -	- 1	
	E. Parkinson 2380 -		-	-	_ ,	

Bro. J. J. Hart P.M. P.P.G.Dir. of Cers. Northampton acted as Director of Ceremonies.

The invitation to hold the Provincial Grand Lodge next year at Wellingborough, given by the Wentworth Lodge, was unanimously accepted.

The Deputy Grand Master, on behalf of the Brethren. expressed hearty congratulations to the Provincial Grand Master on his restoration to health, and again filling the position he had so worthily filled for many years past; and the

vote was ordered to be entered on the minutes.

The Earl of Euston briefly acknowledged the compliment, and expressed the hope that he would not be prevented from attending to the duties of his office either by

ill-health or otherwise.

The Brethren subsequently sat down to a banquet at the George Hotel, the company being augmented to about 140. The Huntingdon Town Band, under the conductorship of Mr. E. Frost, was stationed outside the Hotel, and played during the banquet. The Provincial Grand Master presided, and was well supported.

On the toast list being proceeded with, the Provincial Grand Master first proposed the Queen and Craft, and in doing so made a pleasing reference to Her Majesty's 80th birthday, which had been so greatly honoured and observed, not only throughout the country, but the whole of the civilised world world.

The Provincial Grand Master the Right Hon. the Earl of Euston was proposed by Bro. Hankin, in excellent terms, and was replied to by his Lordship, who then submitted the toast of the Deputy Provincial Grand Master Bro. J. Haviland, M.A. His Lordship remarked upon the excellent manner in which Bro. Haviland carried out the duties of manner in which Bro. Haviland carried out the duties of his office, and thanked him for having so worthily filled his place during his illness.

Bro. Haviland made a brief reply, and thanked his

Lordship for the remarks he had made concerning him.

ROYAL ARCH.

DEVON.

THE following Officers were appointed at the recent meeting of this Provincial Grand Chapter, reported in our last issue:

n	ap. G. C. Davie 251	_	-	_	-	H.	
	Rev. T. C. Lewis 70) -	-	-	-	J.	
	John Stocker 112	-	-	_	_	Scribe E.	
	E. H. Shorto 112	-		-	_	Scribe N.	
	W. Winget 1402		-	-	-	Treasurer	
	E. W. Hellier 847	-	_	-	-	Registrar	
	W. H. Dillon 1099	-	- '	-	-	Principal Sojourner	
	T. H. Wills 1402	-	-		- 1		
	N. Radmore 159	-	-	-	- }	Assistant Sojourners	
	T. W. Soper 105	-	-	_	-	Sword Bearer	
	J. J. Facey 1205	-	-	-	- 1		
	J. H. Wheeler 1125	· _ ·	-	-	- 1	Standard Bearers	
	J. Pearce 1255	_	-	-	- }		
	J. R. Lord 1247	-	-	-	_	Director of Ceremonies	
	R. E. Drew 1358	• '	-	_	- \	*	
	G. F. Watson 1247	-		-	- }	Assistant Dirs. of Cers.	
	G. Bromley 230	-	-	-	_)		
	F. J. W. Crowe 710	•	-	-	-	Organist '	
	J. Parker 189		_	-	-	Assistant Scribe E.	
	H. Shooter 444	-	-	-		Janitor.	

CHURCH SERVICE.

THE eightieth anniversary of the birthday of Her Most Gracious Majesty Queen Victoria was celebrated in a marked and exceedingly loyal fashion in the historic town of Battle. At six o'clock in the morning a joyous peal from the church bells proclaimed the fact that England's beloved Queen had reached the age of four score years, and in the evening one of the grandest services within the memory of the present generation was held in the fine old parish church, in the form of a Masonic Thanksgiving, which was numerously attended.

The following congratulatory telegram was despatched

during the evening:-

To Her Majesty the Queen, Windsor,

"The Freemasons assembled for a special service of thanksgiving, at Battle, offer their respectful and loyal congratulations to their beloved Sovereign.

The Dean wore the scarlet habit of a Doctor of Divinity, and the collar of a Past Chaplain of the Grand Lodge of England. For the auspicious occasion the choir was augmented by instrumentalists from the Hastings Corporation

The choir and clergy robed in the vestry, whilst the Masons assembled in full dress clothing in the North Chapel. Led by the instrumentalists, the choir and clergy, to the singing of the well-known hymn, "All people that on earth do dwell," filed down the south aisle to the font, and up through the nave to the North Chapel, where the procession was completed, the Churchwardens, Bro. C. Martin and Bro. J. G. Holt, carrying their wands of office, immediately preceding the clergy, who brought up the rear. The processional the clergy, who brought up the rear. The processional hymn, specially written for the occasion by a member of the Craft, and which bore the refrain:

. "Brothers of the Order of the mystic sign, Praise we all our Master, Architect Divine,"

was also sung, as those in the procession took their respective seats. Prayers were intoned by the Rev. C. D. Cree; the first lesson was read by Bro. the Rev. R. W. Loosemore,

M.A., P.P.G. Chaplain, and the second by Bro. the Rev. F. W. Pawson P.P.G. Chaplain.

The preacher was the Dean, Bro. the Very Rev. E. R. Currie, D.D., who, before announcing his text, referred to the lamented death at Rye the previous day, of Bro. W. G. Rubie, in the following sympathetic terms:—On this day of our rejoicing, when we are met together to thank God with Te Deum and hymns of praise, there steals over our joy a shadow of sadness. We cannot forget the sad event of yesterday; that one who had intended to be with us to-day, has, in God's mysterious wisdom, been called hence; and we, I am sure all of us, will most sincerely sympathise with the Wellington Lodge in the loss of their Immediate Past Master, and still more with the sorrowing family of him who

has been suddenly taken from us.

An eloquent and powerful discourse, founded on the text Revelations xxi. 16 followed, and in conclusion the preacher said, When we speak to-day of ideals, there is one, of course, which is specially present to us. We are met together to-day to celebrate the 80th birthday of our Most Gracious Majesty the Queen. And truly, all through her life, has not her's been the following of a grand ideal? Has it not been a life, as wife, as mother, and as Queen, we might say almost True and perfect perfection is, of course, beyond the reach of human attainment, but she who has lived all these years in that fierce light which beats upon the throne, has been, throughout all those long years, without reproach. It seems to us marvellous how one woman should have lifted the tone of society around her, and elevated the whole atmosphere of the court into a higher and purer sphere. Whatever may be our differences; however, we may be divided in matters religious, political or social, we are all oneman, woman and child throughout this land—one in loyalty and devotion to her who, throughout her long life and her long reign, has shown herself a pattern to her people, not least in this, in the true womanly sympathy, which has ever been ready to rejoice in her people's joys and to sorrow in

their griefs.

The offertory was in aid of the Royal Masonic Institution
and whilst this was being for Widows of Freemasons, and whilst this was being collected, the National Anthem was sung with magnificent effect, and this was followed by the Masonic hymn "Now the evening shadows closing." The blessing having been pro-

nounced, Dyke's Te Deum was also sung, the recessional hymn being "O God our help in ages past."

Bros. F. G. Ticehurst and T. W. Avis, as Directors of the Ceremonies, contributed much to the success of the arrangements, which were perfectly carried out, and much praise is due to Bro. R. Goss Custard, A.R.C.O., who had so admirably trained the choir for the occasion, the music being splendidly rendered. His brother, Mr. H. Goss Custard, Mus.B., organist of Holy Trinity, Hastings, presided at the organ with marked ability.—"Hastings Times."

A fund has been started to present a testimonial to Bro. Sir Albert W. Woods, Garter, P.G.W. Grand Director of Ceremonies of England, in appreciation of his connection with the Craft, and his valuable services as G.D.C., it being fifty years since he was initiated in the Old Union Lodge, London. He succeeded in 1860 to the office of G.D.C., long before filled by his father Sir William Woods, Garter.

The gathering of Freemasons at the Public Hall, Preston, on Thursday, 1st inst., was one of the most influential that has ever been held in the history of the Craft in the Western Division of Lancashire. The attendance, which numbered something like 2,000, included members which numbered something like 2,000, included members from every place in the Division, for when the roll was called every Chapter was found to be represented. At any time such an assemblage of men would appear imposing, but on this occasion the scene was especially impressive, for it included all that was best and foremost in the ranks of the Fraternity. It was no haphazard meeting. Its purpose was to give hencur to Lord Lathon, on the occasion of his to give honour to Lord Lathom on the occasion of his installation, and the presence of such large numbers must have proved a source of much satisfaction to the subject of the proceedings. The greatest enthusiasm prevailed, and that circumstance will give the noble gentleman the greatest encouragement to persevere in the position of great delicacy and responsibility that he has undertaken. We question very much whether a more suitable Mason, could have been very much whether a more suitable Mason could have been selected by His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales for the office rendered vacant by the death of the late Earl of

Lathom. His wide range of social intimacy and acquaintance, his practical knowledge of the management of business, the sound, good sense and moral qualities that find expression in the graceful dignity of his manner, are all outward signs of his fitness to govern this important Division of Freemasons. In a large degree he has inherited the intellectual qualities of his father, and it will indeed be surprising if he does not adont the position equally as well as his progenitor. In the meantime we are sure that we are only putting on record the hope that is general to all Freemasons, that he will be spared to achieve as important a series of noble works as distinguished the tenure of his predecessor and father.—"Preston Herald."

THE DUTIES OF A MASON.

ASONRY commoves the whole world by its eminently moral and magnificent effects, because it does not belong to one locality, nor a province, as it likewise does not obey one nation, nor is it limited to one epoch. Masonry is a more elevated Institution, its ends are greater; the space it embraces, like the brightness of noon, has no limits; it is universal, it has a home in all the world, and it way be said that it enjoys the gift of in all the world, and it may be said that it enjoys the gift of ubiquity because it is to be found everywhere. There is no town, province, state or continent where Masonry has not extended its roots; there is no place, however recondite or forgotten it may be, where our Institution has not made its wholesome strength felt, where its beneficial light does not penetrate, and where its pious principles do not convey consolation, and love, thus extending itself wherever there is suffering, ignorance to enlighten, and tyranny to conquer. Its dominion is gentle, because where there is a worthy action to be performed Masonry shows its sublime moral; where charity has to fulfil its noble and high mission is where the splendour of its greatness shines completely; where there are tears to wipe it appears with its invisible grace alleviating profitably, developing its magnificent virtues, and lavishing abundantly the purest and holiest sentiments, that is, those of charity and love toward our fellow creatures.

The Mason, after being bathed in the divine and holy light that illumes the arches of our temples, and finding himself in front of our symbolic altar, promises and solemnly swears to keep secret

the mysteries of our Order, consecrating himself to the service and prosperity of the human race, and to his own perfectionment; recognises that humanity is equal in all their rights, imposing on themselves duties that do not transgress the corresponding limits. To attain such ends infinite means present themselves afforded by enlightenment, modesty and charity inexhaustable founts which T.G.A.O.T.U. has given him, so that with these virtues he may conduce his fellow men to perfection. The Mason should be and is thus taught-reserved and humble towards others, his breast being always disposed to good actions, his heart constantly sensible to doing good to him who requires it, and he who thus acts experiences a great pleasure, because there is none greater than when either of these great virtues of humanity are practiced within the sacred precincts of silence. This is the greatest quality, and most commendable in any Mason; he should be discreet with the nicety with which the chaste and virtuous damsel keeps

her charms on the altar of the most modest illusions.

The Mason attends his Lodge to give rough blows against his passions, learning to moderate these; to study, leaving the stormy sea of ignorance to walk the beautiful and floriferous field of useful and solid knowledge for the good of humanity. labour, instruction and advancement in the sciences, the Mason

attains the most beautiful moral perfection.

The Masons are united by an indestructible chain whose strong links are broken only when one of the Brethren ceases to exist, being immediately joined more potently—stronger than previously. Those links are never interrupted; they bind and cement our souls in such a manner that they are made one, harbouring in our minds the same idea and in our hearts the same sentiment. From the moment that the initiate enters our temples he sees but objects that dazzle his sight, emblems and allegories that astonish him, and each object and each emblem is a mystery that carefully covers our institution, and which every Mason would be careful not to reveal to the profane world, because these emblems and these allegories say much to the heart of a studious Craftsman. Directing his sight to above the place where the Master of the Lodge takes his seat, he will see a resplendent triangle, surrounded by lights; that impressive sign is the origin of all that is great, of all that is powerful in the universe; it is living nature, complete wisdom, creative will, sovereign and active force that with its breath alone vivifies all things; that brilliant symbol is God, represented by the clearest emblem, because without His will nothing would exist. The sun would not give light, the earth would not fecundate, and the air would not give comfort; and without His power, that work we call

Universe would not march with established order; gigantic and astonishing work, harmoniously well directed, with only the invisible Being, which the Masons designate with the holy name of T.G.A.O.T.U.. can understand.—Translated from the "Boletin Masonic," Mexico, by Bro. Eli Broad, of Penrith, N.S.W., Mexico, by Bro. Eli Broad, of Penrith, N.S.W.,

MASONIC AND PROFANE METHODS.

REEMASONRY is a law unto itself. This brief sentence—which is as true as it is brief which is as true as it is brief-speaks volumes.

Freemasonry is as unlike organisations of the profane as white is unlike black; the two stand at opposite poles.

Profane organisations meet in public places, and are usually open to the observation of all. Curiosity-mongers, in common with those who are legitimately interested in them, may be and are present. The reporter is there, with his phonographic pen. In the next morning's journal we read an account of all that was said and done. How different it is in Freemasonry!

Masonic organisations meet in tyled rooms especially provided and set apart for the purpose. Here the profane may not enter. Here there is no reporter, with his phonographic pen. Here Masonic usages, customs and landmarks prevail, and profane customs are at a discount of one hundred per cent., or

they should be. Having indicated the vast difference between the place and manner of holding a Masonic meeting and a profane meeting, let us advert to some of the variations of administration.

When the profane are about to go into an election for officers, they formally propose nominations, and then politically canvass for votes, all sides electioneering to their utmost ability, with the result usually not that the best qualified candidate succeeds, but

that the best wire-puller is seated in office.

Open nominations in Freemasonry are contrary to the usages open nominations in Freemasonry are contrary to the usages and customs of the Craft, and ought never to be permitted. They are purely profane in method, and should ever remain so. Our Fraternity is not a machine to be worked; it is an organisation of Brethren. The Masonic Fraternity is a family. We know each other. We respect each other. We stand on the same level. We are not divided into factions. Nominations are needless; they are un-Masonic, and if they are anywhere practised, it is because a profane method has, without forethought or foresight, found its way into the Craft. Nothing may be or foresight, found its way into the Craft. Nothing may be argued from it, and everything may be argued from the ancient and general Masonic usage and custom which forbids it.

Profane organisations publicly instal their officers. should they not? Whatever they do is by the public and for the public. It is not so with Freemasonry. It exists for itself, by itself, for its initiates, for its time-honoured and lofty principles. It is not an example of charity, or of any other Masonic virtue, to invite the profane to witness the installation of Masonic Officers. It is merely copying a profane example that flies in the face of ancient Masonic usage and custom. It matters not how often this usage and custom may have been transgressed—it is still a transgression, as erroneous, as hurtful, as un-Masonic as though it were being done for the first time. No repetition can excuse or condone such an offence against the customary law of Masonry.

Masonic officials should appear on Masonic occasions in Masonic clothing. Is it not strange that one should have to iterate and emphasise such a statement as this? It is selfevident. No; it is not so to all Masons. Some would abdicate the Worshipful Master's station and be transferred to a profane throne. They would be Solomon the King, instead of Solomon

the Freemason. Which is greater?

What are Masonic usages, customs and landmarks for? Certainly not to serve as footballs, to be knocked hither and thither at pleasure, or to be thrown away for new ones. They represent unalterable truths. They are as ancient as the Craft. They are tried, true and trusty. And, above all, they are not

profane.

Who desires to see a decadent Masonry? Not one. seeks to open initiation indiscriminately to the profane? one. Then let not one Freemason lower the standard of the Craft in any minutest particular. No decadence is sudden, but always gradual. Keep away from the edge of the crater if you would avoid its devasting lava. Freemasonry is a law unto itself, and it should always sedulously avoid even the appearance of profane methods.—"Keystone."

THE SILENT INFLUENCE OF MASONRY.

THERS have said that there is no telling what great good may come to each country by reason of Masonic exchanges of sentiment and the presence of Brethren from foreign govern-

ments and countries. I have in mind some of those influences that are at work. I know, Brethren, of one. In the commencement of our late trouble with Spain, we knew not who our friends were; we knew not the strength of the enemy nor the strength of our own Government. Dewey was on the coast of China. He required some repairs to his ships at Hong Kong, but the laws of nations would not permit a ship to remain in neutral ports over twenty-four hours, and yet some of his ships remained in Hong Kong and thereabout, and received the repairs that were necessary without bringing trouble between the governments. Now, I submit that a silent influence was there, for the Governor of Hong Kong is a member of the Veteran Masonic Association of Illinois, and has been for several years. That certainly did not prevent him from doing the best he could under the laws of his government and the laws of nations. On the contrary, it undoubte liy made him feel a little closer to the American people, and the American navy, than he otherwise would have done had he not been a member of our Masonic Veteran Association. And so it is, Brethren, all around the world, and if peace is ever to reign supreme it will come through this great body of Freemasonry that recognises man, no matter in what clime he may be born, no matter of what colour his skin, nor yet his creed; it is the only body of Freemasonry that is universal. It is all very nice to talk about the brotherhood of man and the fatherhood of God, and then limit your membership to the Anglo-Saxon race as some Orders do, and as there is a tendency, too much so, in some of our bodies to-day. There is no greater sophistry than that put forth in the American Declaration of Independence, which declares that all men were born free and equal. True, they are born free and equal before the law, but socially, financially, politically and morally they are not equal. The child is not born an hour before it is in its swaddling-clothes; one may have a red flannel shirt, another a silk dress, and equality fades at once. We select those that we consider our equals socially. We recognise that the law makes all equal; that is correct, but socially no. Freemasonry elevates mankind, so that all men may become socially equal, or equally social on the same plane, and I pray, having full knowledge of war—having been in a little bit of real war myself—that I shall not see war any more. I hope that day is past. Although the vision is bright; although the duties of this nation are enlarging, and I do not wish to avoid any responsibility, I want this nation to take its part with other nations, and in the foreground with the nations of the earth, yet I trust it may be done without further bloodshed. I hope it may be without further war, though really I do not believe the time will ever come when nations will learn the art of war no more. I do not believe it is in mankind to get along without fightingthe resort to arms is the last court. It is above the Supreme Court and above all governments, and it is the only arbitrator that will settle some disputes. But I trust that we may be as peaceable and the intervals as long as possible between them.—R. M. Johnson, in "American Tyler."

"A SPRIG OF ACACIA."

THE ancient town of Rye was thrown into quite a state of consternation on Tuesday, 23rd ult., owing to the death of one of her most popular townsmen under exceedingly tragic circumstances. For some time past Bro. William George Rubie, master of the Rye Board School and Organist and Choirmaster at the Parish Church, had been in most delicate health, successive attacks of rheumatic fever having delicate health, successive attacks of rheumatic fever having severely affected his heart. A year ago he was elected W.M. of the Wellington Lodge, and at the installation of his successor, Brother Councillor Jarrett, on the 23rd, he entered upon his duties in the most cheerful manner, although not without some misgivings on the part of his Brethren, who had endeavoured to dissuade him from undertaking the mental strain. Having administered the obligation, Brother Jarrett succeeded him in the chair, and proceeded to adjust his collar as Immediate Past Master. At this juncture, even while Bro. Jarrett's hand was on his shoulder, Bro. Rubie cried, "Let me sit down," and reeled to his side. He gave one loud gasp for breath, and the Brethren immediately bore him to the adjoining Assembly Room for greater ventilation. Fortunately, Bro. Dr. Trollope has just arrived from Hastings, and was at once in attendance, but the case was beyond all human skill, death having been almost instantaneous. A more deeply-affecting scene can scarcely be surmised, all the Brethren being visibly stricken with grief. The Vicar of Rye, who was performing his duties as Chaplain of the Lodge, immediately repaired to the deceased's residence, returning with Mrs. Rubie, to whom the sad news of her awful bereavement was imparted by Dr. Trollope. Deceased, who was only thirty-three years of age, leaves a widow and two children, with whom the deepest sympathy is expressed by every section of the inhabitants.

WEEK. LODGE MEETINGS NEXT

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.

1506 White H'rse o' K't., HlbrnV.Hl.

61 Probity, Halifax

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61 Probity, Halifax
77 Freedom, Gravesend
85 Faithful, Harleston
89 Unanimity, Dukinfield
236 York, York
248 True Love & Unity, Brixham
264 Nelson of the Nile, Batley
312 Lion, Whitby
359 Peace & Harmony, South'pton
408 Three Graces, Haworth
424 Borough, Gateshead
433 Hope, Brightlingsea
466 Merit, Stamford Baron
467 Tudor, Oldham
613 Unity, Southport
872 Lewis, Whitehaven
949 Williamson, Monkwearmouth
986 Hesketh, Croston
1030 Egerton, Heaton Norris
1146 De Moulham, Swanage
1199 Ariculture, Yatton
1238 Gooch, Twickenham
1255 Dundas, Plymouth
1286 Bayon, Market Rasen
1312 St. Mary, Bocking
1337 Anchor, Northallerton
1443 Salem, Dawlish
1542 Legiolum, Castleford
1575 Chive, Drayton
1600 Hamilton, Alford
1631 St. Andrew, Gorleston
1674 Carodoc, Rhyl
1814 Worsley, Worsley
1833 St. Keyna, Keynsham
2069 Prudence, Leeds
2074 St. Clare, Landport
2086 Dacre, Stevenage
2187 Adur, Henfield
2208 Horsa, Bournemouth
2349 West Lanc. Century, Blackpool
2425 Ecclesburne, Duffield
2567 Temperance, Newcastle-on-T.

Tuesday.

Board of General Purposes, F.M.H.

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255 Harmony, Richmond 1339 Stockwell, Camberwell 1695 New Finsbury Park, Via. H'tl. 2191 Anglo-American, Criterion 160 True Friendship, Rochford

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223 Charity, Plymouth
366 St. David, Milford
418 Menturia, Hanley
432 Abbey, Nuneaton
484 Faith, Newton-le-Willows
599 Sherwell, Banbury
624 Abbey, Burton-on-Trent
667 Alliance, Li. arpool
681 Scarsdale, Chesterfield
779 Ferrers & Ivanhoe, Ashby'Z'ch
789 Dunheved, Launceston
814 Parrett and Axe. Crewkern

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789 Dunheved, Launceston
814 Parrett and Axe, Crewkern
830 Endeavour, Dukinfield
855 Sympathy, Wotton-un.-Edge
958 St. Aubin, Jersey
979 Four Cardinal Virtues, Crewe
990 Neyland, Neyland
1006 Tregullow, St. Day
1028 Royal Alfred, Alfreton
1036 Bowyer, Chipping Norton
1067 R'y'l Forest Dean, N'h'm S'v'n.
1089 De Shurland, Sheerness
1214 Scarborough, Batley
1225 Hindpool, Barrow-in-Furness
1256 Fidelity, Poulton-le-Fylde
1266 Honour & Friendship, Blandford
1395 Wey Side, Woking Station
1424 Brownrigg of Unity, Old B'pton
1427 Percy, Newcastle-on-Tyne
1447 St. Matthew, Bart'n-on-Humber
1482 Isle of Axholme, Crowle
1522 Olicana, Ilkley
1533 Loyalty, Marlboro'
1570 Prince Arthur, Liverpool
1587 St. Giles, Cheadle
1787 Grenville, Buckingham
1823 Royal Clarence, Clare
1893 Lumley, Skegness
1902 St. Cuthbert, Bedlington
1903 Pr. Ed. Saxe Weimar, P'tsm'th.
1941 St. Augustine, Rugeley
2001 Narberth, Narberth
2155 Makerfield, Newton-le-Willows

2339 Mistley, Manningtree 2360 Victoria, Southport 2572 Tyldesley, Tyldesley

Wednesday.

Board of Benevolence, F.M.H., 5.

700 Nelson, Plumstead 1044 Wandsworth, Wandsworth 1382 Corinthian, Cubitt Town 2140 Hughenot, Criterion 2266 Cator, Beckenham

32 St. Geo. Harmony, Liverpool
86 Loyalty, Prescot
121 Mount Sinai, Penzance
128 Prince Edwin, Bury
137 Amity, Poole
178 Antiquity, Wigan
200 Old Globe, Scarborough
210 Duke of Athol, Denton
221 St. John, Bolton
243 Loyalty, Guernsey
246 Royal Union, Cheltentham
258 Amphibious, Heckmondwike
301 Apollo, Alcester
311 South Saxon, Lewes
320 Loyalty, Mottram
325 St. John, Salford
329 Brotherly Love, Yeovil
341 Wellington, Rye
342 Royal Sussex, Landport
368 Samaritan, Sandbach
372 Harmony, Budleigh Salterton
376 Perfect Friendship, Ipswich
380 Integrity, Morley
387 Airedale, Shipley
464 Cambrian, Haverfordwest
504 Berkhampstead, Berkhampstead
533 Eaton, Congleton
555 Fidelity, Framlingham
580 Harmony, Ormskirk
581 Faith, Openshaw
591 Buckingham, Aylesbury
606 Segontium, Caernarvon
610 Colston, Bristol
697 United, Colchester
726 Staffordshire Knot, Stafford
795 St. John, Maidenhead
823 Everton, Liverpool
865 Dalhousie, Hounslow
874 Holmesdale, Tunbridge Wells
910 St. Oswald, Pontefract
950 Hesketh, Fleetwood
962 Sun and Sector, Workington
1019 Sincerity, Wakefield
1024 St. Peter, Maldon
1040 Sykes, Driffield
1086 Walton, Liverpool
1129 St Chad, Rochdale
1136 Carew, Torpoint
1161 De Grey & Ripon, Manchester
1179 Rutland, Ilkeston
1193 Doric, Wymondham
1212 Elms, Stoke Damerel
1361 Brighouse, Brighouse
1363 Tyndall, Chipping Sodbury
1493 Robin Hood, Eastwood
1511 Alexandra, Hornsey
1520 Earl Shrewsbury, Cannock
1544 Mount Edgeumbe, Camborne
1576 Dee, Park-gate, Cheshire
1634 Starkie, Ramsbottom
1638 Brownigr, K'gston-on-Thames 1576 Dee, Park-gate, Cheshire
1634 Starkie, Ramsbottom
1638 Brownrigg, K'gston-on-Thames
1645 Colne Valley, Slaithwaite
1783 Albert Edward, Huddersfield
1808 Suffield, North Walsham
1854 Weald of Kent, Tenterden
1988 Mawddach, Barmouth
2258 West. Dist. U.S., E. Stonehouse
2355 Chantrey, Dore
2434 Anderida, Eastbourne
2475 Border, Blackwater
2502 Gatwick, Horley
2514 City, Liverpool
2583 St. Thomas, Tibshelf

Thursday.

General Committee, Girls School Freemasons' Hall, at 4.30.

65 Prosperity, Guildhall Tavern 99 Shakespear; Albion 858 South Middlesex, Fulham 1523 St. Mary Magdalene, Café Royal

51 Angel, Colchester

71 Unity, Lowestoft
78 Imperial George, Middleton
116 Royal Lancashire, Colne
202 Friendship, Devonport
208 Three Gd. Principles, Dewsbury
275 Harmony, Huddersfield
283 Amity, Haslingden
318 True and Faithful, Helston
337 Candour, Uppermill
346 United Brethren, Blackburn
361 Industry, Hyde

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361 Industry, Hyde
410 Grove, Ewell
450 Cornubian, Hayle
456 Forester's, Uttoxeter
469 Hundred of Elloe, Spalding
472 F'ship & Sincerity, Shaftesbury
594 Downshire, Liverpool
630 St. Cuthbert, Howden
710 Pleiades, Totnes
784 Wellington, Deal
787 Beaureper, Belper
935 Harmony, Salford
1163 Emulation, Birmingham
1164 Eliot, St. Germans
1345 Victoria, Eccles
1404 Saint Vincent, Bristol
1418 Fraternity, Stockton-on-Tees
1437 Liberty of Havering, Romford
1616 Fr'ndship & Harmony, W'yb'ge
1702 Sub-Urban, Great Stammore
1705 Prince of Wales, Gosport
1817 St. Andrew, Shoeburyness
1971 Ald'shot, Army & Navy, A'shot.
2028 Granite, Narborough
2091 Castleberg, Settle
2101 Bramston Beach, Godalming
2184 Royal Vict. Jubilee, Rainham
2189 Ashburton, Ashburton
2195 Military Jubilee, Dover
2214 Josiah Wedgewood, Etruria
2255 Anfield, Anfield
2335 Cycling and Athletic, Liverpool

2213 Anneld, Anneld 2263 St. Leonards, Sheffield 2335 Cycling and Athletic, Liverpool

2375 Hilbre, Hoylake 2462 Clarence, West Hartlepool 2463 Bootle-Wilbraham, Knotty Ash 2474 Hatherton, Walsall

Friday.

Board of Management, Boys School, 2.30

60 Peace and Harmony, F.H.

401 Royal Forest, Slaidburn 404 Watford, Watford 460 Sut'land Unity, N'castle-u-Lyme 516 Phœnix, Stowmarket 566 St. Germain, Selby 852 Zetland, Salford

852 Zetland, Salford
1054 Eccleshill, Eccleshill
1224 Stour Valley, Sudbury
1232 Hereward, Bourn
1920 Eurydice, Surbiton
2078 St. Lawrence, Scunthorpe
2371 Felix, Felixstowe

Saturday.

1541 Alexandra Palace, Holborn 2076 Quator Coronati, F'masons'-h.

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149 Peace, Meltham
370 St. George, Chertsey
444 Union, Starcross
453 Chigwell, Chingford
631 Methuen, Taplow
1294 St. Alban, Grimsby
1462 Wharncliffe, Penistone
1531 Chislehurst, Chislehurst
1644 Alma Mater, Birmingham
1851 Ewell, Kingston
1982 Greenwood, Sutton
2087 Electric, Hampton Court
2353 Broxbourne, New Barnet
2421 Carrington, Amersham
2460 Ascot, Ascot

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SATURDAY next, 24th inst., will be Ex-Pupils' Day, and, as usual, the House Committee of the Day. as usual, the House Committee of the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls will be pleased to see as many ex-pupils as can make it convenient to attend between the hours of 3 and 7 p.m. The Committee, however, wish to impress upon ex-pupils that the day is set apart for them, and them only, and that visitors are not invited or expected to attend.

The first meeting of the new Royal Arch Chapter formed at Torquay will be held at the Masonic Temple there on Monday next, at 6.30 p.m., when fourteen candidates, four honorary, and four joining members will be ballotted for, and a number of exaltations will take place.

It is to be feared that the new order that has emanated from the office of the United Grand Lodge of Freemasons of England will be a sad blow to country dignitaries and to some Masons in London. Hitherto at public dinners and other occasions such Masons have somewhat proudly proclaimed their Brotherhood by the wearing of Masonic regalia; indeed, civic decorations have been the sole glory of many country ceremonials. Now the decree has gone forth that Masonic regalia must not be worn at assemblies at which non-masons, and especially ladies, are present. This means that a non-mason will never more see the badges and ribbons of Freemasonry. The Prince of Wales is responsible for this measure being taken, as, according to the official edict, the former practice was not calculated to increase the dignity of the Order.—"Court Journal."

REPORTS OFMEETINGS.

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.

CRAFT: METROPOLITAN.

ROYAL ALFRED LODGE, No. 780.

He quarterly meeting of this Lodge was held at the Star and Garter Hotel, Kew Bridge, on Friday, 9th inst., under the presidency of Bro. Justin Allen, who was supported by Bros. Charles Robinson I.P.M., H. T. Gomm S.W., H. T. Johnson J.W., F. J. Larkman P.M. Sec., H. R. Worth S.D., Ridley acting J.D., J. H. Willie I.G., W. J. Cornwell D.C., Lesueur A.D.C., Eydemann and T. H. Dorey Stewards, Past Masters B. E. Blasby, Charles Coombs, W. J. Gomm, W. T. Purkiss; Bros. Halstead, Furness, J. Roper, H. P. Roper, F. R. Roper, H. Perry, A. W. Larkman, A. H. Bridger, J. H. Paveley. Roper, H. P. J. H. Paveley.

Visitors, Bros. Major Phillips P.M. Acton Lodge, Bayman I.P.M. Adelphi Lodge, George Eve W.M. Adelphi Lodge, W. B. Langdon W.M. Roll Call Lodge, Bardrick P.M. Acton Lodge, Carl Brandt, J. Stewart, Charles Dorey, and others.

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Bro. Paveley having very well answered the questions leading to the second degree the Lodge was opened up and he was passed as a Fellow Craft. The Lodge was resumed in the first degree and Mr. Archibald James Robinson was duly initiated, the charge after the initiation being impressively rendered by the Worshipful Master.

Bro. James Morgan Long was balloted for as a Joining Member, and unanimously elected. The Lodge was then closed in peace and harmony.

In the adjoining banqueting room of the Hotel the Lodge and its visitors enjoyed a most excellent dinner, prepared with characteristic judgment and completeness by Bro. Captain Purkiss, V.D.

After the banquet, in the intervals of the usual Loyal and Fraternal toasts, a most excellent entertainment was furnished by various Brethren. Bro. H. T. Gomm sang the Bedouin's Love Song, and Tosti's "Good-bye" most admirably; the Initiate signalled his first appearance in Lodge by singing "The Jovial Monk," and other songs, with capital effect; Bro. W. J. Gomm P.M. delighted his audience with "Love can come in at the Window;" Bro. Furness sang "Brighton;" Bro. Carl Brandt, the well known basso, evoked an ovation by his magnificent rendering of "The Landlord's Daughter," "Dusky Darlin'," and "The Widow at Windsor;" and Bro. H. T. Johnson recited Kipling's "Ballad of Fisher's Boarding House."

The banquet was capitally selected and served, the wines being of the choicest brands. The entertainment was of a very high order, and the speeches, though commendably brief, were all in the happiest vein. Altogether, this flourishing Lodge may be congratulated upon having added to its records another most eminently successful and enjoyable meeting.

SKELMERSDALE LODGE, No. 1658.

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THE regular meeting was held on Thursday, 25th ult., at the Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, the chair being taken by the popular Worshipful Master Bro. William Croxson, who received the able assistance of his Officers, as follow: Bros. Erle Douglas Side I.P.M., R. Gabell S.W., T. J. Rawlings J.W., J. Hill P.M. Treas., W. H. Boys P.M. Sec., J. Farmer S.D., E. S. Rice J.D., J. Thorneloe I.G., J. W. Sandell A.D.C., J. Gibbs Steward, A. E. Kipps Org., J. Whiteman acting Tyler.

There were also present Past Masters H. B. Buckeridge, R. Rowlands, G. White, Humphrey Cohen, &c., and Bros. S. Morris, B. Cohen, E. Wass, J. C. Davies, Sidney Smith, W. Hammerstone, D. Guntón, P. Everill, E. Smyth, C. Lubbock, C. H. Sisman, W. Perrin, R. A. Rees, J. Pickering, A. Davis, P. H. Twitchin, E. A. Wass, J. Humphries, W. Biles, F. A. Marlow, Gustav Wagner, P. A. Nilen, W. H. Edwards, &c.

The Visitors included Bros. H. C. Parker S.D. 975, W. J. Faull 101, E. Vernon 2686, G. Lavingston P.M. 857, R. O. Side 183, A. Coles 2187, J. Wynman, and others.

The Lodge being duly formed the minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. There were five candidates for passing present, namely Bros. J. Humphries, W. Biles, W. R. Hammerstone, J. C. Davies, and F. A. Marlow, who answered the questions leading to the second degree, were entrusted and retired. The Lodge was opened in the second degree, were entrusted and retired. The Lodge was opened in the second degree, were entrusted and retired. The Lodge was opened in the second degree, were entrusted and retired. The Lodge was opened in the second degree, were entrusted and retired. The Lodge was opened in the second degree, were entrusted and retired. The Lodge was opened in the second degree, were entrusted and retired. The Lodge was opened in the second degree, were entrusted and retired. The Lodge was opened in the second degree, were entrusted and retired. The Lodge was opened in the second degree, were entrusted and retired. The Lodge was opened in perfect manner

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Bro. J. Hill P.M. Treasurer of the Lodge, having been absent at the installation, on account of severe indisposition, and who was unanimously returned to the office at the election meeting, was now invested by the W.M., and duly acknowledged the compliment paid him by the Lodge.

Bro. Side I.P.M. proposed that the sum of ten guineas be added to the list of the W.M., who will represent the Lodge as Steward at the Boys Festival. Bro. Buckeridge P.M. had much pleasure in seconding the proposition, which would make the total of the list twenty-five guineas. At this point a Brother rose and said he was the possessor of a five guinea vote, and if the W.M. would kindly accept it he would be pleased to give that on the list also. Bro. Croxson thanked the Brother for his kindness, and would be pleased to accept his offer.

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Two gentlemen were proposed for initiation, and after some further Masonic transactions the Lodge was closed, and the Brethren adjourned to partake of an excellent dinner, provided by the esteemed hostess, Mrs.

Venables, which Bro. Whiteman superintended, well looking after the

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The cloth removed, the W.M. proposed the Loyal toast of the Queen. It being the 80th birthday of Her Majesty he wished her many happy returns of the day, and felt sure his sentiments would be fully endorsed by a most hearty reception of the toast, which was accorded, the National Anthem being sung. This was followed by the toast of the Grand Master, Pro Grand Master, and the rest of the Grand Officers, which was cordially received.

The I.P.M. proposed the health of the W.M., feeling it was quite unnecessary for him to point out the good qualities of their chief. All had witnessed his able working that day, and he had not the slightest doubt the remaining work of the year would be carried out as perfectly. The Brethren wished him a prosperous year of office, and good health to carry out his duties in the Lodge.

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Bro. Croxson most sincerely thanked Bro. Side for his very kind remarks, and the Brethren for receiving the toast in so cordial a manner. He was pleased to see the Officers doing their work in such an admirable way. He thanked the Lodge for the ten guineas added to his list on behalf of the Boys School, and also the Brother who gave him his five guinea vote. He hoped the Brethren would attend to his call in the matter of the summer outing, which they wanted to make a great success. The Brethren need not be afraid of giving him too much work; he looked forward to being called upon to perform many more ceremonies, and would do his best during the remainder of his year of office to place the Lodge in a still better financial condition than it at present occupied. He trusted that when he left the office which he had the honour to occupy at present, he might do so with the knowledge that he had given satisfaction.

The next toast the W.M. had before him was that of the initiates. The Brethren admitted that night would, he was sure, become ornaments of the Lodge; the strict attention they had given to their initiation, and to the charge, showed they were interested, and he looked to them to make excellent and useful members. Bro. Nilen had already given proof of his willingness to render assistance to the Lodge, by singing an excellent song, and this led him to hope they would not alone be ornamental, but useful in their midst.

In reply, Bro. Nilen said the way he had been received was most cordial. He did not know what to say, being the junior member of the Lodge, but as an honourable man he promised to strictly observe his obligation.

Bro. Edwards thanked the W.M. and Brethren for having accepted him as a Brother amongst them. He had been deeply impressed by the words at his initiation, and it had long been his wish to become a Freemason. When he

anniversary.

Bro. White said he was always pleased to attend the Skelmersdale Lodge, knowing he would receive a most cordial reception. He thanked the W.M. for his hospitality, also sincerely acknowledged his hearty congratulations on his silver wedding; he felt it very doubtful if he would live to

tions on his silver wedding; he felt it very doubtful if he would live to celebrate his golden wedding.

Bro. Vernon thanked the W.M. and Brethren for their kind reception; the working he had witnessed that evening had been a Masonic treat, and was a great credit to the W.M. and the Lodge. He should be pleased to visit the Lodge again on a future occasion. Other visitors also suitably responded.

The W.M. next presented the toast of the Past Masters, coupling with it the name of Bro. Hill Treasurer and Bro. Boys Secretary. The toast was regularly acknowledged.

The toast of the Officers was given and responded to, after which the Tvler closed a most pleasant meeting.

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Bro. A. E. Kipps Organist of the Lodge directed the musical arrangements, Bros. Rowlands, P. Nilen, H. Cohen, P. Everill, Mr. Willoughby and others adding greatly to the enjoyment of the company.

ENGINEER LODGE, No. 2599.

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THE W.M. Bro. C. B. Wasser presided at the regular meeting of this Lodge, held at the Masonic Hall, Golden Square, W., on Saturday, 10th inst., and was assisted by Bros. J. P. White S.W., J. Coombs J.W., L. H. Coles Treasurer, John Fitch Secretary, C. J. Sleight and W. Snowdon Deacons, R. J. Morgan I.G., and a large number of other members.

The Lodge was opened and the minutes of the last meeting were confirmed. Bros. Charles Thomas Ruse 1341, Frederick John Stead 1334, and Harry Blake 1424 were accepted as joining members. Mr. John Gunn, Quarter-Master Sergeant of the Royal Engineers, was approved, and being in attendance was regularly initiated into the mysteries and privileges of the Order. Bros. Johnson and Warren having proved their proficiency as Craftsmen were duly raised to the rank of Master Mason, and took their seats in the Lodge.

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Certain alterations in the Bye-laws of the Lodge were proposed for consideration at the next meeting, and upon the proposition of the W.M. a vote from the Lodge Funds was granted for the purpose of presenting a jewel to Bro. W. H. Coles P.M. upon his retirement, in appreciation of his services as Treasurer since the foundation of the Lodge.

Three candidates were proposed for initiation, and there being no further business the Lodge was closed and the Brethren dispersed.

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RANELAGH LODGE, No. 834.

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N Friday, 2nd inst., at the Six Bells Hotel, Hammersmith, W., Bros. K. M. Ross W.M., R. H. Williams P.M. S.W., M. F. Wilkins J.W., W. Hinds P.M. Treas., F. Craggs P.M. Sec., W. Jeffries S.D., W. Bennett J.D., A. Williams P.M. D.C., W. J. Meek I.G., W. J. Coplestone P.M., J. H. Cumming P.M., H. J. Cousens, and several others.

Lodge was regularly opened, and then advanced to the second degree, when Bro. Cumming answered the questions, and was entrusted. The Lodge was opened in the third degree and the ceremony of raising was rehearsed, the Brother before named kindly acting as candidate.

Bro. Ross (who is S.W. of the Paxton Lodge) was highly complimented on the first class manner in which he had performed the duties of W.M.

Bro. R. H. Williams P.P.G.J.D. Middx. was unanimously elected to act as W.M. at the next weekly meeting, and the Lodge was closed.

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ON Friday, 9th inst., Bros. John Worth W.M., F. M. Wilkins S.W., W. J. Coplestone P.M. J.W., Arthur Williams P.M. Preceptor, W. Hinds P.M. Treasurer, F. Craggs P.M. Sec., H. Stokes S.D., W. J. Meek J.D., G. White I.G., H. Stiles P.M., J. H. Cumming P.M., H. J. Cousens, R. Reid, J. J. Lewin, K. M. Ross, W. Jeffries, W. Atkinson, and others.

This being Officers' night a large number of Brethren attended this old established Lodge of Instruction, which was opened with the usual formalities. Bro. Ross answered the questions, and after the Lodge was opened in the second degree acted as a candidate for passing. Bro. Atkinson was examined, Lodge opened in the third degree, and the ceremony of raising gone through, the same Brother acting as candidate. The Lodge was resumed to the first degree.

The Preceptor Bro. Arthur Williams, in one of his characteristic speeches, thanked those Brethren who were present who had attended the last Quarterly Communication, for their kindness in placing him as number six of the elected members to serve on the Board of General Purposes, assuring them that although Preceptor to four Lodges of Instruction, and also a hard worker in the Royal Arch Degree, he would endeavour to attend as punctually at the Board as he had done in the past eight years.

LONDESBOROUGH LODGE, No. 1681.

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WEDNESDAY, at the Criterion, Piccadilly, was Officers' night, and the Worshipful Master of the Mother Lodge Bro. G. Head took the chair, being supported by Bros. J. Freer S.W., Wetheult P.M. J.W., G. Wood P.M. Prec., J. Hewett acting Sec., T. Kelly S.D., B. H. Springett I.G., T. Marks, J. Wynman, J. Wall P.M., Weeden, Brooks, Brice, and others.

The W.M. advanced the Lodge to the second degree, and Bro. Marks was examined and entrusted. The Lodge was opened in the third degree, and the ceremony of raising was rehearsed. This ceremony being ended the W.M. left, and Bro. Wood Preceptor took the chair. He resumed the Lodge to the first degree, and the ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, Bro. Weeden acting as candidate. Both the ceremonies were perfectly rendered. Bro. Freer will preside at the next meeting.

CHISWICK LODGE, No. 2012.

ON Saturday, 3rd inst., at the Windsor Castle Hotel, Hammersmith, W., Bros. W. Jeffries W.M., H. J. Cousens S.W., L. J. Powell J.W., P. Cronin P.M. acting Sec., L. Walsh S.D., K. M. Ross J.D., W. Hillier P.M. Prec., W. J. Meek I.G., J. H. Cumming P.M. Steward, W. Hide P.M., R. Reid, H. Bone, E. Anthony jun., L. Standring, and others.

The ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, Bro. Anthony acting as candidate. Lodge was called off and on, and then opened in the second and third degrees, when the first section of the lecture was worked by the Brethren, under the direction of the Preceptor. Lodge was resumed to the first degree.

Bro. Cousens W.M. of the Old Concord Lodge was resumed to the chair at the next meeting. Bro. W. Jeffries W.M. of the Ravensbourne Lodge was accorded a cordial vote of thanks for the excellent manner in which he had conducted his duties during the evening, it being the first time he had acted as W.M. at this Lodge of Instruction.

CLARENCE AND AVONDALE LODGE, No. 2411.

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N Tuesday, 23rd ult., at the newly decorated and magnificent Masonic Hall, Leytonstone, the Brethren assembled in strong force, the especial attraction being the working of the Fifteen Sections.

Bro. J. Oxley P.M. acted as W.M., assisted by Bro. B. DaCosta P.M. I.P.M., B. Stewart P.M. S.W., J. Davey J.W., E. W. Greenwood Treas., T. W. Box Sec., Yeoman P.M. S.D., J. Davis J.D., W. Gernon I.G., S. Vernon Steward, L. Schneiders, Barnes, Mason, Young, Parson, Bateman, Alger, Bailey, Hicks, L. Minchin, Scott, Sullivan, Hide, Rushback, Wynman, and others, the company numbering in all about seventy-five.

The Lodge being opened in due form, the minutes were confirmed, and then the Lodge was advanced to the second and third degrees, being resumed to the first.

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Bro. E. Daniels P.M. commenced by working the first section, followed by Bros. J. Davey, J. Davis, N. Goldman (in the absence of Bro. J. Richmond), B. DaCosta P.M., A. P. Bebrouth P.M., and Bro. B. Stewart P.M., the latter of whom acted as a substitute for Bro. D. Moss P.D.G.S.B. Transvaal.

The Lodge was resumed to the second degree, and Bro. J. West P.M. worked the first section, followed by Bros. B. DaCosta (in the absence of Bro. Goulston), T. Blyth W.M. 2411, N. Goldman, and T. W. Box Sccr. tary of the Lodge

Bros. J. Hinderwell P.M., B. Stewart P.M. (in the absence of Bro. L. A. DaCosta, on account of indisposition), and H. Harris P.M. 1349 c impleted the working in the third degree, after which the W.M. resumed the Lodge to

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The following Brethren were regularly proposed and unanimously elected members: J. Young 1685, G. E. Morgan 1227, T. Burgess 45, H. Madden 2513, J. Gozzett 1024, G. Harris 1306, A. Scott 1366, Petfield 1607, W. Pedley 2501, W. Sterling 173, G. Dawson 2632, E. Davey 193, G. Mason 898, and a few others. The W.M. called upon Bro. Petfield to respond on their behalt, which was done in suitable manner.

Bro. B. DaCosta. P.M. acting I.P.M., in a most comlimentary manner, proposed that a most hearty vote of thanks be recorded on the minutes for the very excellent working of the Worshipful Master, which was seconded by Bro. Stewart P.M. S.W. and agreed to.

Bro. Oxley acknowledged the compliment, at the same time thanking the Brethren who had so ably assisted him in the work, especially those who were unexpectedly called upon to fill the places of Brethren who were absent.

Bro. T. Blyth W.M. of the Mother Lodge announced that their summer outing would take place on Thursday, 22nd June, and hoped the Brethren would join it, so as to make it a great success.

After hearty good wishes the Lodge was closed, the Brethren expressing their pleasure at having received so great a Masonic treat.

We again remind our subscribers that this Instruction Lodge is held every Tuesday, Bro. Busil Stewart P.M. (well known amongst the members of the Graft) being the Preceptor, Bro. T. W. Box the Secretary, and Bro. Greenwood, Proprietor of the establishment at which the meetings are held, the Treasurer.

PROVINCIAL.

PEACE AND HARMONY LODGE, No. 199.

THE annual meeting was held on Monday, 5th inst., at Dover, when Bro. F. G. Hayward was installed as Worshipful Master, in the presence of a large number of members and visiting Brethren, including several members of the Artillery Volunteers, in which corps Bro. Hayward holds a commission.

The Installing Master was Bro. W. H. East W.M. of the past year, who carried out the work in excellent style, and was afterwards presented with a Past Master's jewel, which had been unanimously voted to him.

In the evening the installation banquet took place at the Grand Hotel, under the direction of Bro. H. Schweitzer, the manager.

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PORTLAND LODGE, No. 637.

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THE usual monthly meeting of this Lodge, at Stoke, was a memorable one in its annals, the Worshipful Master Bro. George Bennett having the great privilege of presenting to three old Past Masters the jewel of that office, and, later, the further privilege of presenting Bibles to the Lewises who had carried the Volume of the Sacred Law on the occasion of the laying the foundation stone of the church of St. Barnabas at Stoke a few months ago.

The recipients of the jewels were three Brethren each of whom is well serving the town of Stoke in a different capacity. The oldest, Bro. W. T. Copeland, is the respected clerk to the Stoke School Board, and served the office of Master of the Lodge in 1877-8; Bro. J. B. Ashwell is the no less respected Town Clerk of Stoke, holding the office of Master in 1887-8; and the third is Bro. J. Eardley, who held the same office in 1888-9, and who, though not holding any official position in the civic life of the town, yet serves it well in its commercial interests.

Bro. Bennett, in making the presentations, said they were all deserving Masons, in active touch with the Lodge, Brethren whose services had been deemed worthy of recognition by the Provincial Grand Master. He was only echoing the feelings of the Brethren in presenting the jewels as a mark of Masonic regard and esteem.

The presents were duly acknowledged as tokens of honour to be valued and cherished.

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The Lodge was closed in due form, but before the Brethren vacated their places the Lewises were called in. They were Masters F. Woolliscroft, H. Turpin, E. Davis, Peake, E. C. Butler, A. W. Prince, But, and J. Leese, who, as stated before, had taken part in a recent ceremony. Each one received a handsome Bible, and Bro. Copeland, in addressing the youths, said the Book they had received was highly prized among Masons; he hoped each would keep it as a memento, study its pages, and let it be the guide of their lives and actions. The Worshipful Master added a few words, and the evening's business ended.

UNITED LODGE, No. 697.

THE annual installation meeting was held at the George Hotel, Colchester, on Wednesday, 31st ult.

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There was a good attendance of members and visitors, the latter including the Provincial Grand Secretary Bro. T. J. Ralling, and Bro. J. B. Boulton, of Forest Gate.

The chief business was the installation as Worshipful Master of Bro. A. S. B. Sparling, who was installed in a very able manner by Bro. H. E. Baker P.M.

P.M.

Two Past Master's jewels were presented, one to Bro. A. Gosling, and the other to Bro. R. Emson. The new W.M. was heartily congratulated by the visitors upon his accession to the chair.

After the Lodge was closed a handsome banquet was served by Mrs. White, to between fifty and sixty guests. The W.M. presided, and was supported by several Provincial Grand Officers.

ST. JOHN LODGE, No. 827.

THE members had their annual summer outing on Monday, 5th inst., when Chester, Eaton Hall, and Hawarden were visited.

The party, which numbered fifty-five, and included members and their wives, travelled by the London and North Western Railway to Chester, saloon carriages being provided for them. From the Grosvenor Hotel, Chester, they drove in char-a-bancs to Eaton Hall, the seat of the Duke of Westminster. After the Hall had been viewed and the grounds inspected, the journey was continued to Hawarden. Here the Church and Castle and other places of interest were visited. The party were then conveyed back by char-a-bancs from Hawarden to Chester, and dinner was served at the Grosvenor Hotel. Grosvenor Hotel.

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Chester was left at half-past seven, the journey being broken at Manchester, where about an hour was spent. Dewsbury was reached shortly after eleven o'clock. The weather being beautifully fine, the outing proved to be a very pleasant one, the drive especially being very much enjoyed. The arrangements for the outing were made by Bros. C. P. Pickersgill W.M., Henry Hill I.P.M., George Ellis J.W., and James Fitton S.D. and Treas.

SYMPATHY LODGE, No. 855.

THE annual installation was held at the Town Hall, Wotton-under-Edge, on the 30th ult., when Bro. R. V. Vassar-Smith D.P.G.M. acted as Installing Master. Bro. George Ricketts I.P.M. was placed in the chair.

0 0 NEPTUNE LODGE, No. 1264.

WITH a thirty years record of good Masonic and charitable work, this Lodge holds a prominent position in the Province of West Lancashire, and the proceedings, interesting and successful, in connection with the annual installation meeting, on Monday afternoon, 5th inst., at the Masonic Hall, Hope Street, Liverpool, gave satisfactory evidence of vitality and the prevalence of a true brotherly spirit.

The attendance in the course of the afternoon and evening numbered seventy Brethren of varied ranks, the chair at the commencement of the business being occupied by Bro. Henry D. Jay W.M.

Bro. Daniel Roxburgu, presented by Bros. Pemberton and Linaker, was

installed Worshipful Master in an impressive manner by Bro. Jay, who, in recognition of his valuable services to the Lodge, was the recipient of a valuable Past Master's jewel in token of the respect in which he is held by the whole of the Brethren.

CARNARVON LODGE, No. 1739.

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THE twenty-second annual installation meeting was held in the Town Hall, Swadlincote, when Bro. Walter Jones was installed as W.M., the Installing Master being Bro. W. A. Musson P.M. 779.

At the banquet which followed, the W.M., in proposing the toast of the Queen, said loyalty had always been the feature of Freemasonry, and so it was fitting that this should be the first toast on the list. The present was a special time for receiving it with warmth and enthusiasm, for it was, so to speak, one of the echoes of acclamation and loyalty which had taken place two days before on Her Majesty's 80th birthday. As a woman the Queen possessed in a high degree those qualities of affection, sympathy, tenderness, and virtue, which appealed to our most chivalrous instincts. As a faithful wife and devoted mother she offered a perfect pattern of true womanhood to the whole world. As a monarch she had wielded her sceptre with a grace and dignity which had won our most loyal homage and heartfelt devotion. and dignity which had won our most loyal homage and heartfelt devotion.

KING'S COURT LODGE, No. 2689.

HE first anniversary of this Lodge was held on Tuesday, 6th inst., at Gillingham, when the W.M.-elect Bro. A. T. Manger was installed in the chair by Bro. P. J. Gavin W.M.

After the installation ceremony the annual banquet, to which about forty-five sat down, was held at the Phœnix Hotel. The Lodge, which started with sixteen Founders, has now a membership of thirty-five.

TEMPERANCE LODGE, No. 2714.

THE first installation meeting after the consecration took place on Tuesday afternoon, at the Masonic Hall, Hope Street, Liverpool, where there was a good attendance of members and visitors. During its year's existence the Lodge has greatly prospered, and there is good evidence that its future career will be one of usefulness and charitableness.

The chair at the opening of the business was occupied by Bro. J. Clayton W.M., who installed Bro. H. Owen.

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LOVE AND HONOUR LODGE, No. 94.

N Thursday, 1st inst., Bro. J. Blamey was installed W.M. by Bro. B. Gregg P.P.G.S., at the Masonic Hall, Falmouth. The usual investment of Officers followed, the Brethren dining together at the conclusion of the Lodge business.

ROYAL ARCH.

CONCORD CHAPTER, No. 124.

THE annual meeting was held at the Masonic Hall, Old Elvet, Durham, on Wednesday, 31st ult., when there was a large attendance. Comp. I. Burrell was installed Z., the ceremony being impressively performed by Comp. H. Brown. After the installation proceedings the Companions dined together in the Banqueting Hall, and a very pleasant evening was spent.

BELGRAVE CHAPTER, No. 749.

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THE annual festival of this Chapter was held at Anderton's Hotel, Fleet Street, E.C., on Friday, 9th inst., when Captain Arthur Ronaldson M.E.Z. presided, the other Principals' chairs being occupied by Comps. H. J. Thomas and Orlton Cooper.

The Chapter was formally opened, and the minutes of the last convocation were read and confirmed. The ballot was then taken for Bro. Albert Page, of the Belgrave Lodge, and for Bro. Michael Edward Swan, of the Prince Frederick William Lodge, both of whom were accepted as candidates for the Supreme Degree. Comp. Frank Crocker was also balloted for, and received as a joining member.

The First Principal's Chair was then assumed by Comp. R. W. Walker, when Bros. Page and Swan were introduced, and regularly exalted into the Holy Royal Arch. The ceremony was most impressively rendered by Comp. Walker, and the Lectures were afterwards delivered by the three Principals.

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The Companions then retired, and a solemn conclave of Installed Principals was convened, when Comp. H. J. Thomas was installed as M.E.Z., Comp. A. Simner was inducted into the Chair of H., and Comp. W. J. Stratton into that of J. The installations were very ably conducted by Comp. Walker, who received the congratulations of those who were privileged to witness his admirable working.

The following were invested as Officers for the ensuing year:—J. J. Thomas P.G.Std.Br. P.Z. Scribe E., Fry Scribe N., Slyman Treasurer, Walker P.S., W. Elliott and Fred. Elliott Assistants, and Sheppeard Janitor The Auditors' report was presented and adopted, the M.E.Z. expressing the pleasure felt by the members at the satisfactory state of the Chapter.

A handsome jewel was presented to Comp. Ronaldson, as a memento of his year of office, for which he suitably returned thanks. There being no further business the Chapter was closed, and the Companions adjourned to an excellent dinner provided by Bio. F. H. Clemow.

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ANDREW CHAPTER, No. 834.

HIS old established Chapter met (by dispensation) on the 24th ult., at the Criterion, Piccadilly, when the following Officers were unanimously

elected for the ensuing twelve months:—Comps. James Burker M.E.Z., Arthur Williams H., John Worth J., Fredk. Craggs S.N., W. J. Coplestone S.E. It was decided to petition Grand Chapter to allow the name to be altered to the Ranelagh, the title of the Lodge to which it is attached.

THE LEVEL AND THE SQUARE.

By Bro. W. H. Day, Sec. Harmon Lodge, No. 273, Grinnell, Iowa.

WE meet upon the level and we part upon the square "—
What words of dreadful meaning those terms Masonic are:
Come, let us contemplate them, for time is not remote
Since, as members of the Order, we each struggled with the Goat!
Hands 'round ye bloody Masons! Don your aprons, grind your knives
Send a message to your faithful, patient, jealous, vixen wives,
That you won't be home to supper, and beseech them to forbear
The keen, sarcastic comments that they level at the Square!

Tell them that the meeting's special, and the Lodge holds till late, 'Cause you've got to "work the Third" upon a fellow candidate—You're subpensed by the Master, and you know he'll rave and tear If you disobey the summons of the level and the Square! Repeat the ancient story to the air of the old tune, How these calls of Lodge are governed by the phases of the moon; When the orb is full of beaming in the firmament so fair, Abject homage you must render to the Level and the Square!

Assure them your resistance, even though it be the least,
To the edicts of the tyrant who presideth in the East,
Will be visited with vengeance, for the Master does'nt spare
The Craftsman if they trifle with the Level and the Square!
Convince them once forever now that it would never do
To take them to the meeting of the Lodge along with you;
They couldn't stand the racket, and the Brothers wouldn't dare
To let the Sisters meddle with the Level and the Square!

'Tis a question among Craftsmen as to when they fared the worst—
In passing through the Third degree, the Second or the First;
Some will admit they lost their grit, and fears exceeding rare
Possessed them when they first beheld the Level and the Square!
In ante-rooms the Stewards take a scrutinising look
Not only at the applicant, but in his pocketbook;
No heed to protestations that the fee is most unfair—
They stifle all objections with the Level and the Square!

The candidate is tumbled o'er the altar and the stools

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To exemplify the workings of the ancient working tools!

It's a custom of the Order, 'tis the way that they prepare

A fraternal intimacy with the Level and the Square!

In a cask they place the novice, which is hooped securely tight,

And roll the barrel round the Lodge with all their main and might

If the victim deigns to mutter, or presumes to yell for air,

They hoop the casket tighter with the Level and the Square!

Is it wondered that the Masons go so many miles to see
The doings of the horrid and the awful Third Degree?
From town and country places they will gather at the lair
To see the final struggle with the Level and the Square!
Goodness gracious! what a tumult, what a ruction, what a roar,
As they drag the weary pilgrim 'round the tessellated floor;
He repents the evil moment when he climbed the Lodge's stair,
And fell into the clutches of the Level and the Square!

Should the victim swoon completely or apparently be dead,
They attempt resusitation with a dose of molten lead,
If this doesn't cause reaction, in a frenzy of despair
They prod him in the stomach with the Level and the Square!
Amid the din and tumult wild the Master will then urge
The Craft to drown the wailing with a still yet sadder dirge;
The agony is over now—and later on they'll scare
Some other luckless follow with the Taysland the Square!

Some other luckless fellow with the Level and the Square!

Some other luckless fellow with the Level and one Square:

And woe betide the Brother who reveals the secrets true
Which with him are safe reposed within the Lodge of ancient Blue
For the Tyler with his cutlass, will most certainly be there
To behead the desecrators with the Level and the Square!
Who would be a Royal Archer, Mystic Shriner, Templar Knight,
If three degrees will leave a man in such a sorry plight?
It's hoped the higher orders now do not so fully share
The terrors of the Level and the horrors of the Square.

—"Los Angeles Freemason."

WEST LONDON MASONIC ELECTION ASSOCIATION.

A T a special general meeting of this Association, held at the Town Hall
Tavern, Kensington, under the presidency of Bro. W. Hillier P.M. we
were glad to hear such a glowing report read by the Hon. Sec. Bro. Arthur
Williams P.M. The Association gave substantial assistance to the case it
supported, and was successful in getting the candidate elected, showing that
the objects of the Association, particularly as to consolidating and preventing
waste of votes, had been carefully carried out.

ARRANGEMENTS have been made with the London, Brighton and South Coast Railway, and the South Eastern and Chatham and Dover Railway Companies, by which Crystal Palace season ticket holders may obtain, on production of their season tickets at the booking offices of the London termini, a first class return ticket from London to the Palace, at the reduced fare of one shilling. The Directors of the Crystal Palace are confident that this privilege will be greatly appreciated by residents in London, and request the kind co-operation of all season ticket holders in making it as widely known as possible amongst their friends.

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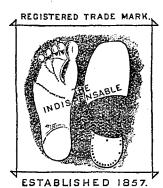
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CONSECRATIONS.

FYLDE LODGE.

THIS new Lodge, which is numbered 2758 on the Register of the Grand Lodge of England, and is intended to be limited to members of the professions—Army, Navy, Church, Medicine, Law, and graduates of Universities—was conservated on Friday afternoon, 2nd inst., at the Palatine

Hotel, Blackpool.

The consecration was carried out by the Grand Secretary Bro. E. Letchworth, who afterwards installed the Earl of Lathom Provincial Grand Master West Lancashire as the

first ruler of the Lodge.

The local and visiting Brethren, to the number of about sixty, afterwards sat down to a most sumptuous banquet which was arranged in the management's high-class style, and served up in the most commendable fashion. Loyal and Masonic toasts, interspersed with songs, glees, and instrumental selections, followed.

At the invitation of the managers, Lord Lathom and a few of the Brethren afterwards visited the Tower, the Alhambra, and the Winter Gardens. At the Tower menagerie the Earl christened the lion cub which was recently born, "Lady Lathom." At the Alhambra, at night, Lord Lathom occupied the opera box and was cordially welcomed by the manager and a large audience.

ARTS LODGE.

NEW Lodge, for the convenience of professors of the arts of sculpture and painting, was consecrated on Tuesday, at Freemasons' Hall, London, by the G. Secretary Bro. E. Letchworth, who was assisted by the following Grand Officers:—Rear Admiral W. H. C. St. Clair, Dr. Henry Sutherland, the Rev. Canon Browning, Frank Richardson, and Charles Martin. The Lodge is numbered 2751 on the roll of Grand Lodge of England. At the conclusion of the ceremony of consecration Bro. George Simonds Past Grand Steward was installed as the first Worshipful

Master, and Bros. Graham G. Nicholas and Francis J. Short were invested as Wardens. The other offices were bestowed on Bros. J. Erskine Knox, Thomas Stirling Lee, William S. Frith, C. Harrison Townsend, Francis Bate, Alfred Hartley, H. Harris Brown, and C. J. Harold Cooper.

SOLICITATION DOES NOT PAY.

T is beyond dispute that solicitation in Masonry, even though it may bring members and revenue at the time, does not pay in the end. The writer calls to mind the administration of an energetic Master, during whose term of office twenty names were added to the roll of membership. At the expiration of five years twelve of that number were suspended for non-payment of dues, and several more were hanging in the balance. That a large number of these Brethren entered Masonry through solicitation is not denied, but that their affiliation with the Lodge was a detriment is fully proved by the above. The rapid increase of members and consequent financial prosperity to the exclusion of Masonic principles will drive any Masonic institution into bankruptcy, and constitute one of the greatest Masonic evils of the day. —" Illinois Freemason.

CORRESPONDENCE.

We do not hold ourselves responsible for the opinions of our Correspondents.

All Letters must bear the name and address of the writers, not necessarily for publication, but as a guarantee of good faith. We cannot undertake to return rejected communications.

--: o:--OUTSIDE SHOW.

To the Editor of the Freemason's Chronicle.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER, -Those who have noticed the manner in which Dear Sir and Brother,—Those who have noticed the manner in which you have striven to correct various malpractices that have insidiously crept into the Craft, will gladly tender you their hearty congratulations upon the recent letter of the Grand Secretary upon wearing Masonic regalia in public. It does not matter whether your remarks have, or have not, been instrumental in bringing about this reformation; it is quite sufficient that you have drawn attention to the abuse; and for that I personally thank you, knowing full well there are many Brethren who appeciate your independent action in this matter. Now for the others!

I am, Dear Sir and Brother, Yours, &c.,

ROUGH ASHLAR.

HOLIDAY TRIPS.

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THE Great Western Railway Company have made their usual arrangements to keep pace with the public requirements in the matter of holiday excursions, and not only so, but they have extended their programme so as to include new points of interest, in the different parts of the country served by their system.

An important item is the regular Saturday excursion to the Channel Islands, via Weymouth, leaving Paddington at 9.15 p.m., and available for a fortaight or less, at the inclusive fare of 24s 6d. Every Wednesday there is an excursion to all parts of Wales; on Thursday, to Chester, Birkenhead, Liverpool, &c.; on Fridays to Devon and Cornwall; and on Fridays and Saturdays to Douglas (Isle of Man); while on Saturdays there is also a general excursion to all the chief holiday centres of the West of England.

Different arrangements are in force as to return journeys, but in most cases a week, a fortnight, and other periods are available for the tourist.

As an evidence of the progress of the present age in railway matters we may point to the regular half-day trip to Stratford-on-Avon, Banbury and Leamington, run every Thursday. It is only a few months back, so to speak, that the first of these afternoon journeys was proposed, and now they are so popular as to be made a regular weekly event, and are being imitated in other directions. We hope they may become so increasingly popular that the fares, cheap as they are, may be yet considerably reduced.

The Great Western Railway must always be popular with Londoners who desire a day's trip into the country, by reason of its splendid service to the upper reaches of the Thames, the usual excursion arrangements in connection with which are now in full force.

PRESENTATION AT MACCLESFIELD.

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N the 2nd inst. the Brethren of Macclesfield assembled at their Lodge Room to do honour to one of the most faithful and venerable of their number—Brother Daniel Mason, who since 1873 has been Tyler of both Lodges, and who on Thursday celebrated his 86th anniversary. There was a good muster of both Lodges, several being present who now-a-days do not take a very active part in the affairs of the Craft, but who nevertheless are devoted to its principles, and who appreciate the long and faithful services of "Brother Daniel." An excellent supper was provided by Bro. Crowther; the chair was occupied by Bro. Thos. Sheldon W.M. of the Combermere Lodge of Union, No. 295 (the oldest of the two local Lodges) and the Vice-chair by Bro. Jas. Mobey W.M. of the Lodge of Unity, No. 267.

After supper, at the request of the Standing Committee of both Lodges which had the arrangements in hand, Bro. Thomas Lockitt, the oldest member of 295, and who for fully a quarter of a century has been Treasurer of the Lodge, and taken a most prominent part in its affairs, made the presentation to Bro. Mason of his portrait, taken in full regalia. Bro. Lockitt, in complimentary terms sketched Bro. Mason's career as Tyler, since 1873, being invested with that office under the Mastership of Bro. Jonathan Warien. Speaking from a Masonic career of forty years Bro. Lockitt recalled another instance of a Tyler having his portrait presented to him (Bro. Willoughby) which was in the possession of the Lodge, and referred to Bro.

Timothy Underhill, and Bro. Samuel Hayter (cousin of Sir Arthur Hayter), who preceded the guest of the evening in discharge of the duties of the honourable and useful office of Tylor. All these Brethren had well and faithfully served their Masonic day and generation, but none more so than their venerable friend, "Bro. Daniel," to whom they wished yet many years connection with the Craft, and the retention of his office, for the performance of the duties of which they had provided him assistance by an initiation which took place only on the previous evening.

In the course of his very appropriate remarks Bro. Lockitr related an incident in Bro. Mason's Masonic career which stands to his credit, and at the time received the highest encomium from the Provincial Grand Master the late Lord de Tabley, who a good many years ago paid a visit in his capacity of Prov.G.M. to the Macclesfield Lodges. Bro. Daniel did not at that time enjoy the pleasure of Lord de Tabley's personal acquaintance, and when his Lordship came to enter the Lodge he was challenged by the Tyler to "prove" himself. Bro. Daniel, as they all knew, had been many years a soldier, and he thought this circumstance showed how invaluable a military training was in many walks of life. His Lordship having given the necessary "proof" was admitted to the Lodge and they could all imagine the Tyler's concern when he realised whom the distinguished Brother was. His Lordship took the matter in the right light, and in open Lodge good-humouredly related the incident, and paid the Tyler a high complinent for so faithful a discharge of his duty. It reminded them rather of the story told of the sentry and the Emperor Napoleon, who was familiarly known as "The Little Corporal." Making one of those surprise visits one night to the ranks, in disguise, which he was so fond of making, the Emperor tried to pass the sentry declaring that if "he was the little corporal himself' he would not let him pass without giving the pass word. Whether that senty was made a General or nor

The Theatres, &c.

Adelphi.—7.45, Hamlet. Avenue.—8:15, Pot Pourri. Matinée, Wednesday, 2:30.
Comedy.—8:15, Great Cæsar. Matinée, Thursday, 2:30.
Court.—8:30, Wheels within Wheels. Matinée, Wednesday and Saturday, 2:30.

Covent Garden.—Grand Opera Season.
Criterion.—8.20, The Tyranny of Tears. Matinée, Saturday, 2.30.
Daly's.—8.15, A Gaiety Girl. Matinée, Saturday, 2.30.
Duke of York's.—8.30, The Cowboy and the Lady. Matinée, Wednesday,

2.30.

Gaiety.—8:15, A Runaway Girl. Matinée, Wednesday, 2.
Garrick.—8:15, Our John. 8:45, Halves. 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—The Musketeers.
Lyceum.—8, Robespierre.
Lyric.—8:15, Cupid and the Princess. Matinée, Saturday, 2:30.
Prince of Wales's.—8:15, The Only Way. Matinée, Saturday, 2:15.
Princess's.—8, One of the Best.
Royalty.—8:15, Mr. Cynic. 9, A Little Ray of Sunshine. Matinée, Saturday, 3.
Savoy.—8:30, H.M.S. Pinafore. Trial by Jury. Matinée, Saturday, 2:30.
Shaftesbury.—8, The Belle of New York. Matinée, Wednesday and Saturday, 2.

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St. James's.—8:30, In Days of Old.

Strand.—8:15, Bob Bradshaw's Dream. 8:45, Why Smith Left Home.

Matinée, Wednesday and Saturday, 2:30.

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Queen's Opera House, Crouch End.—Next week, Caste.
Alhambra.—7.45, Variety Entertainment. Red Shoes. A Day Off, &c.
Aquarium.—The World's Great Show. The Great Fight. Varied Perform ances, twice daily.

Empire.—7.50, Variety Entertainment. Round the Town again, &c.
London Pavilion.—8, Variety Entertainment. My little Octoroon, &c.
Oxford.—7.30, Variety Entertainment. Saturday, 2.30 also.
Palace.—7.45, Variety Entertainment. New American Biograph, &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. Fireworks. Thursday and Alexandra Palace.-Varied attractions daily. Fireworks, Thursday and

Saturday, &c.

Crystal Palace.—Varied attractions daily. Fireworks, Thursday.

Earl's Court.—Savage South Africa, &c.

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