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THE BOYS FESTIVAL.

WE are very pleased indeed to have the opportunity of heartily congratulating the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys on the result of its 101st Anniversary Festival, which was held at Brighton, on Wednesday, under the presidency of Bro. C. E. Keyser P.G.D. Patron and Treasurer of the Institution.

It is true the amount announced on that occasion—£8,599 17s 6d from 270 Stewards—could not be in any way regarded as a satisfactory contribution towards the funds of the Institution, under ordinary conditions, as it would do little more than pay half the expenses of the year; but this was no ordinary occasion, it followed the greatest success ever achieved in connection with a Charity Festival—the record contribution announced at the Centenary Festival of the School, and as such is not only a most gratifying total, but far in excess of what many well able to form an estimate had calculated upon.

We give a report of the proceedings elsewhere in this issue, and sincerely hope the desire expressed by Bro. Keyser—to see the ultimate total reach £10,000—will be realised. The Institution, and the Craft generally, are specially indebted to that Brother, not only for presiding on the occasion, but also for his very handsome donation of five hundred guineas, following so closely, as it does, his magnificent gift last year of five thousand guineas, to provide the Chapel for the new Schools at Bushey. Under such circumstances it is all the more gratifying to be able to compliment Bro. Keyser on the result of his presidency.

The following summary shows the number of Stewards, and the amounts contributed from the different divisions of the country:

London	...	...	137	4,337	14	6
Hertfordshire	...	...	19	1,101	10	0
Berkshire	...	...	13	552	18	6
Kent	...	...	7	283	10	0
Derbyshire	...	...	6	251	4	0
Essex	...	...	7	242	10	0
Hampshire and Isle of Wight	...	...	5	174	12	0
Staffordshire	...	...	8	169	1	0
Oxfordshire	...	...	5	166	6	0
Sussex	...	...	4	135	19	6
West Yorkshire	...	...	6	131	5	0
Buckinghamshire	...	...	6	118	5	0
West Lancashire	...	...	8	114	10	0
Surrey	...	...	5	90	12	6
North Wales	...	...	2	78	15	0
Middlesex	...	...	6	77	3	6
Norths. and Hunts.	...	...	2	68	5	0
Foreign Stations	...	...	6	63	0	0
East Lancashire	...	...	4	57	15	0
Durham	...	...	1	52	10	0
Cambridgeshire	...	...	2	47	5	0
Cornwall	...	...	3	47	5	0
Worcester	...	...	1	36	15	0
Cheshire	...	...	3	31	10	0
Guernsey and Alderney	...	...	1	27	0	0
Gloucestershire	...	...	1	26	5	0
Somersetshire	...	...	1	26	5	0
Suffolk	...	...	1	26	5	0
Devonshire	...	...	2	22	1	0
Warwickshire	...	...	1	21	0	0
Dorset	...	...	1	15	15	0
Lincolnshire	...	...	1	10	10	0
Wiltshire	...	...	1	10	10	0

Five of the Brethren each appear in two divisions, so that the actual number of Stewards was 269.

SUFFOLK.

THE annual Provincial Grand Lodge was held in the Lecture Hall, Woodbridge, on the 16th ult., under the banner of the Doric Lodge, No. 81; when there was a very large gathering of Brethren from all parts of the Province. The Prov.G.M. Lord Henniker had hoped to preside, but at the last moment, owing to the state of his health, his medical adviser proscribed his attendance. In his absence, Bro. the Rev. C. J. Martyn P.G.C. D.Prov.G.M. presided, supported by Bro. J. Terry P.G.S.B. Secretary of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution and many other prominent members.

The Brethren having assembled under their respective banners, the Lodge was opened in due form, and the roll of Provincial Officers and Lodges called, after which Bro. Joseph Foyster 305 was unanimously elected Prov.G. Treasurer; while Bros. C. E. Tempest P.P.G.J.D. 114, A. A. Bennett P.P.G.Reg. 959, and T. Edgar Mayhew were re-elected Provincial Grand Auditors.

The Deputy Prov.G.M., on behalf of Lord Henniker, then appointed and invested the Officers for the ensuing year:

Bro. the Earl of Stradbroke 388	-	-	Senior Warden
G. H. Garrett 936	-	-	Junior Warden
Rev. J. H. H. Mostyn Sedgwick 1823	-	-	Chaplains
Rev. A. Robbs 81	-	-	Treasurer
Joseph Foyster 305	-	-	Registrar
F. C. Peacock 516	-	-	Secretary
N. Tracy 376	-	-	Senior Deacon
A. A. Seabourne 332	-	-	Junior Deacon
C. Oliver 1008	-	-	Superintendent of Works
R. H. Unsworth 959	-	-	Director of Ceremonies
J. M. Franks 376	-	-	Assistant Dir. of Cers.
G. Booth jun. 81	-	-	Sword Bearer
J. W. B. King 376	-	-	Standard Bearers
P. F. Wainwright 114	-	-	Organist
J. Page 1663	-	-	Assistant Secretary
James Price 114	-	-	Pursuivant
A. Spalding 376	-	-	Assistant Pursuivant
H. Martin 929	-	-	Stewards
G. H. Jackson 2371	-	-	Tyler.
W. T. Thornton 81	-	-	
S. Skerritt 225	-	-	
J. Hardwick 959	-	-	
W. B. Syer	-	-	

The report of the Board of General Purposes having been presented and adopted, a very satisfactory statement was submitted in connection with the Suffolk Masonic Charity Association.

The Brethren then formed into procession, and marched to the Parish Church, where a bright and brief service took place. Bro. Rev. T. Housecroft, rector of Woodbridge, intoned the prayers; Bro. Rev. A. Robbs read the lesson; and the Prov.G. Chaplain Bro. Rev. J. H. H. M. Sedgwick preached, and made a fervent appeal in support of the nursing and accident fund of the Woodbridge Dispensary. The anthem was "Seek ye the Lord" (Roberts), in which Bro. F. W. Hopson, Organist of Woodbridge Parish Church, effectively rendered the solo; while Prov.G.Organist Bro. James Price ably presided at the organ.

After the Benediction, the Brethren returned to the Lecture Hall, to conclude the business of the Province, and before separating, the Deputy Prov.G.M. congratulated them on the highly satisfactory state of the several Lodges, and the generous support which the Province had given to the Masonic Charities.

After votes of thanks had been passed to the Brethren of the Doric Lodge, to the Rector of Woodbridge, to the Prov.G. Chaplain, to Prov.G. Sec. Bro. N. Tracy, and Prov.G.Dir. of Cers. Bro. J. M. Franks, the Lodge was closed.

Subsequently, a considerable number of Provincial Officers and Brethren sat down to the banquet at the Bull Hotel, under the presidency of the Deputy P.G.M., after which the usual Masonic toasts were enthusiastically honoured.

CONSECRATIONS.

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WALTHAM ABBEY LODGE.

IT was certainly quite in accordance with the eternal fitness of things that the Earl of Warwick Deputy Grand Master of England and Provincial Grand Master of Essex should have travelled down to Waltham Abbey on Wednesday of last week, to consecrate the forty-second Lodge in his Province, because the grand old Abbey, which dates from the time of Canute, is associated with the ancient history of his family. Thus we are told that John, Earl of Warwick in 1547, wrote an article upon the Western Tower, which paper is still preserved in the archives of the Abbey. Again, the second entry in the Register for June 1563 records the baptism of Kattern Brooke, daughter of Humphrey, the then Earl.

The Rev. F. B. Johnston, vicar of the parish, although not a Freemason, courteously allowed the ceremony to take place in the Lady Chapel attached to the Abbey, which considerably enhanced both the solemnity and dignity of the proceedings. The Lodge was opened at five o'clock by Bro. Thomas J. Ralling P.A.G.D.C. England Provincial Grand Secretary, when there were present Bros. J. J. C. Turner P.P.S.G.W., R. B. Colvin J.D. 859, James Speller P.P.J.G.D., James Graham P.M. 652, Thomas P. Trounce W.M. 453, Albert J. Monk P.M. 1237, Benjamin Hooker P.M. 1260, C. S. Cutchey P.G.S. I.P.M. 2252, T. Scoresby Jackson P.P.S.G.D. P.M. 2256, J. Ramsey Prov.G.R. P.M. 214, G. T. Richards P.M. 1707, J. A. Taverner P.M. 1237, W. Metcalfe P.M. 2372, W. Beasley P.M. 1766, F. Godfree I.P.M. 2372, W. R. Benjafield 1579, E. T. Pearce S.W. 1260, Jas. H. Widdowson 72, H. W. Dobb J.D. 1579, John Moule S.D. 1579, W. F. Feldon S.D. 2579, Alfred Manners 33, W. Humphrey I.P.M. 1237, H. A. Baxter 879, John Page 879, W. Corbett Goulding 2167, Lewis Vincent 1929, E. E. Vining 788, W. C. Tyler W.M. 862, H. E. Cockell P.M. 507, W. H. G. Rudderforth W.M. 2742, Henry P. Ralling 51, Joseph Huckle J.W. 65, Albert J. Moule P.M. 1237, G. T. Kinipple P.M. 65, Orlton Cooper P.M. 211.

The Brethren stood to order while the Provincial Grand Master's procession, marshalled by Bro. Albert Lucking Prov. G.D.C., entered to the solemn strains of the organ. His lordship was accompanied by Bros. Col. Lockwood, M.P., Deputy Prov. G.M., Robert Woodhouse Prov. S.G.W., Col. Frank Landon Prov. J.G.W., Rev. William Cree Prov. G.C., W. Shurmur P.G.S.B., James Stephens P.D.G.D.C., J. M. McLeod P.G.S.B., and Richard Clowes P.G.S.B.

Having received the gavel from Bro. Ralling, the Earl of Warwick took the chair and was formally saluted by the Brethren. His lordship, addressing the Lodge, said it added considerably to the ceremony they were about to perform by its being allowed to take place in the sacred building, and he had particular pleasure in visiting the grand old Abbey, for the reasons above stated. They were met together for the purpose of Consecrating a new Lodge, the Warrant for which had been granted by the Prince of Wales, who had commissioned him to act in his stead. He therefore called upon the Provincial Chaplain to open the proceedings with prayer. This was done, and Bro. Ralling then read the Warrant granted by Grand Lodge, which is the first signed by the Earl of Warwick in his capacity as Deputy Grand Master. The petitioners having signified their approval of the Officers designate, his lordship called upon Bro. Cree for an Oration upon the nature and principles of the Institution.

Our Reverend Brother said The Great Architect of the Universe had made the world, and the world belonged to Him. It mattered not when the beginning was, whether six thousand or twenty million years ago; in the far distant past God created the heavens and the earth, vegetable, animal, and human life, and they became His absolute property, and He Supreme Ruler over all.

The position of Architect and Ruler of the Universe had never been abandoned. All things at present existing owed their existence to Him, and without Him none would have their being. This made us all His. No rejection or denial of Him on our part could in any way alter the fact of our creation, or diminish the right of God to be Ruler of the Universe. We were, and must remain, His.

The present existence of creation pointed the enquiring mind to the Creator. All the signs of order and design directed us to an All Wise and All Mighty Architect, and not only was this true in what was called nature, but the more carefully we observed events as they passed, the more we

studied the course of history of the past, so much the more we must realise the truth of the saying of our greatest poet :

"There is a Divinity which shapes our ends,
Rough hew them how we will."

Had he chosen, the Great Architect might have abandoned His work, or ceased to care for it, and allowed it to follow the dictates of its own choice. But He did not do so. He loved His creatures, and cared for them always, and in return He claimed their service and their love.

God, who had assigned us our work, had a right to it. His almighty power, as shown in creation, it was hopeless to resist; His goodness and love, as shown in all the provision made for our wants, was an additional reason for our compliance with His will. He, the source of all life, the element in which alone was life, the end and object to which all life tended; He, the Great Architect of the Universe, demanded our service, and expected our love.

Then, Brethren, continued the speaker, try to know this great God better. To know Him in His Revealed Word, to know Him by His Works of Creation, to know Him in His Providence, they must not confine their studies of Him to the Volume of the Sacred Law. They were bidden as Fellow Crafts to extend their researches into the hidden mysteries of nature and science, and he exhorted them to read His character in His works, as well as in His word. As they were told in the third degree, they were led through the paths of Heavenly Science even to the throne of God himself.

Lastly, both nature and revelation showed that this world, and all that was in it in its present form, must come to an end. Just as the Temple of King Solomon was destroyed, or, coming nearer home, just as the beautiful Church under whose shadow, so to speak, they were consecrating their Lodge to the glory of the Most High, founded by Earl Tovi, the Standard Bearer of Canute, and raised to the dignity of an Abbey in 1188 by Henry II., had now—all but the nave—passed away, so the earth itself must in some future time come to nothing, and the unspeakably grand design of the G.A.O.T.U. must give way to some further and grander development.

The speaker implored his audience to be careful to perform their allotted task while it was yet day, and concluded with the impressive exhortation which forms part of the ritual of the third degree, and bears directly upon this duty.

The ceremony then proceeded on the usual lines, and the Lodge was duly dedicated and constituted by the Provincial Grand Master. The musical arrangements were admirably carried out by Bro. H. E. Cockell, who was assisted by Bros. Walter Shiner, Lewis Vincent, and Wingrove Ives.

Upon the conclusion of the ceremony Lord Warwick resigned the chair to Colonel Lockwood, who had kindly consented to perform the installation. Bro. James Speller was presented by Bro. Lucking, and was regularly installed in due form as the first Master of the new Lodge.

The following Officers were appointed and invested for the year: John Henry Roach as acting I.P.M., James Graham S.W., Henry Adolphus Baxter J.W., Thos. P. Trounce Treasurer, William B. Rutherford Secretary, Albert J. Monk D.C., J. H. Kirby S.D., Harry Palmer J.D., H. B. Wooldridge I.G., Arthur E. Caiger Organist, Austin Coles Steward, George Rowe Tyler. The Warrant of the Lodge was duly handed to the Master.

Owing to the lateness of the hour the usual addresses were omitted on this occasion. Bro. Graham was elected as the Charity Representative of the Lodge, and a Committee was appointed to frame the Bye-laws.

The Earl of Warwick proposed a vote of thanks to the Rev. F. B. Johnson for so kindly placing the Chapel at their disposal; he ventured to think the proceedings were in no way inimical to the sacred edifice. This was of course agreed to.

Bro. James Speller proposed that the Consecrating Officers should be requested to become honorary members of the Lodge, which was accepted.

Several candidates and joining members were proposed, and the business being concluded the Lodge was closed with prayer and harmony.

Before leaving the Abbey, which was the burial place of Harold and his brothers, the visitors inspected the monuments, the quaintly painted roof, and the curiously carved pillars, and afterwards proceeded to the house of Bro. T. P. Trounce, where they were photographed in the garden.

The banquet was held at the Cock Hotel, Waltham, where Bro. Fred K. Ward provided an excellent repast. After grace, the customary Loyal and Masonic toasts were

submitted and received with great enthusiasm by the assembly.

Bro. Ralling responded for the Officers of Grand Lodge, and expressed the great pleasure all of them had in being present and witnessing the beautiful ceremony performed in the grand old Abbey. He hoped the Lodge would prove worthy of the occasion, though the excellent Masons who were entrusted with its management left no room for doubt.

Bro. Speller, in glowing terms proposed the health of the Provincial Grand Master. It was, he said, no wonder that Freemasonry flourished in Essex, where they had so kind and genial a chief as the Earl of Warwick, and no greater proof of his popularity could be shown than the fact that the number of Lodges in the Province had advanced under his rule from nineteen to forty-two. The toast was drank with musical honours.

Lord Warwick, who was greeted with enthusiastic applause when rising to respond, thanked them all for their kind reception. It had been a very pleasant and profitable day to him. They had congratulated him upon the high honour bestowed upon him by the Grand Master, and he would endeavour to do his duty in that position, which he considered he owed to the very successful manner in which Freemasonry was conducted in the Province of Essex. With the assistance of his Officers he had enjoyed a very happy and prosperous reign, and he trusted he would remain among them for many years to come.

After proposing the Deputy Provincial Master and the Consecrating Officers, Bro. Speller presented each with a handsome album of views of the Abbey and neighbourhood.

Colonel Lockwood responded with one of the stirring speeches for which he is noted, and hoped the enthusiasm of the members would be equalled by their work in the Province. Their duties were onerous and responsible, but he was sure the Brethren would not be found wanting, and that when anyone talked of Essex Masons they would know that they were not only noted for their hospitality, but for the manner in which they carried out their ancient regulations and landmarks.

The W.M. having been complimented, Bro. Morrison McLeod responded for the Masonic Charities, and Bro. James Stephens for the Visitors. The Tyler then made his appearance, and brought the proceedings to a close.

It was altogether an unique and interesting day, and those responsible for the arrangements must be heartily congratulated upon the success that attended their efforts.

ALDERMASTON LODGE. 2760

ABOUT two months since a party of Freemasons drove from Newbury for the purpose of holding a Lodge of Instruction in the picturesque village of Aldermaston, and the visit was attended with so much enjoyment and success that the suggestion was made that the formation of a Summer Lodge in this delightful part of the County would prove acceptable to the Brethren of the Province of Berks generally, and to those of the Reading and Newbury Lodges specially. Happily the idea met the approval of the genial Squire of Aldermaston, Brother Charles E. Keyser, who further promised his support to the project, the ultimate success of which, therefore, became a foregone conclusion. Anything that Bro. Keyser takes in hand is carried out with an amount of earnestness and liberality which renders failure well-nigh impossible, and this is specially the case as regards his active and prominent association with Freemasonry. It is no exaggeration to say that among the thousands of energetic Masons to be found throughout the length and breadth of the land no member of the Craft can possibly work harder, or serve the cause of the Masonic Charities with more princely generosity than Bro. Keyser, who has gained the affection and regard of a host of Masons in all parts of the country.

This cannot be a matter of surprise, even to the uninitiated, when we explain that Bro. Keyser has in the course of his distinguished and honourable Masonic career been installed Worshipful Master of no less than eight or nine Lodges, three of which he has practically founded, one bearing his own name as its registered title on the roll of the Grand Lodge of England—the Charles Edward Keyser Lodge. Nor is this all. Bro. Keyser holds the high and responsible position of Treasurer to the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys, and some time since gave the munificent donation of 5,000 guineas towards the cost of erecting a chapel in connection with the new Masonic School Buildings in progress at Bushey. Next week Bro. Keyser will preside

at a great Festival to be held at Brighton, on behalf of the current expenses of the School. No wonder then, that the proposal to found a Lodge under the very shadow of his stately home—Aldermaston Court—should have proved popular, or that he should have been unanimously nominated as its first Master. The great reputation Bro. Keyser had won as a Mason during his residence in Hertfordshire has been more than sustained since his settlement in Berkshire, where his liberality and activity in the more ordinary paths of duty—both public and private—are too well known and acknowledged to need further reference now. It must, indeed, have been gratifying to him to find himself so quickly and readily supported by a body of between thirty and forty founders—at once an assurance of the success and stability of the Lodge.

The Grand Master of the Order His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales having granted the necessary Warrant for the constitution of the Lodge, arrangements were promptly made for the Consecration ceremony, which took place under the most favourable auspices on Monday afternoon, 19th ult., when charming summer weather prevailed, and the pretty village of Aldermaston, with its gabled, ivy-covered dwelling, and lovely surroundings, looked particularly fresh and beautiful after the welcome rain that fell during the preceding night. Most of the Reading and Newbury Brethren drove in two-horse brakes to what may accurately be described as the half-way house, the “Hind’s Head” Hotel, at the foot of the village street—a roomy and comfortable house which in bygone years has been the scene of much local festivity. Here the county families were in the old days wont to assemble at stated times and enjoy a dance, and the spacious apartment in which these gatherings were occasionally held is the identical room where on Monday was consecrated with solemn rites and ceremonies the Aldermaston Masonic Lodge, No. 2760 on the roll of the Grand Lodge of England. The Brethren arrived between three and four o’clock, and the afternoon’s ceremonies were proceeded with in rigid accordance with the ancient landmarks and usages of the Order.

The Consecrating Officer Brother J. T. Morland Deputy Prov. G.M. presided, and the Wardens chairs were occupied respectively by the Senior and Junior Provincial Grand Wardens Bros. Burgess and Bonny. Bro. Martin Prov. G. Secretary officiated as Secretary, Bro. S. Knight jun. as Director of Ceremonies, and Bro. Margrett as I.G.

The Consecrating Officer addressed the Brethren, in reference to the auspicious event of the day, and called upon the Rev. F. F. Penruddock, who offered up prayer, after which the Provincial Grand Secretary read the Petition and Warrant.

The Provincial Grand Chaplain Rev. F. F. Penruddock, of Windsor, then delivered the following able oration, which was listened to with deep attention and evoked warm appreciation:—Brethren,—We are gathered together here, amidst these happy surroundings, to consecrate to the service of the Great Architect of the Universe another Temple. A new start, a fresh departure, another step into the great unknown, must, it would seem to me, set all of us thinking. It would seem to me a time at which we may well cast forwards and backwards in thought—backwards to that great past which the history of Freemasonry brings to us, forwards in cheerful hope, with happy augury for the future. It will only be a glimpse backwards and a thought for the future that I would venture on this occasion to put before you. Backwards as we carry our thought to past Masonic history, it is natural to ask ourselves what was the great idea in the minds of those great men, our Masonic forefathers in this land, as banded together by sacred and secret signs, they set themselves to the great task of raising throughout the length and breadth of the land monuments which remain to this day and testify to their power and skill as operative Masons of the very first order?

You will answer, that they, at least, had caught something of the spirit of our Grand Master Hiram, that their one idea was to leave such monuments here that the minds of thinking men might as they saw them insensibly revert to the G.A.O.T.U. You will answer that they were in the main animated by the desire to communicate happiness to their fellow men, and to witness to the truth of the Almighty as He has revealed Himself to us in the Volume of the Sacred Law. You will say that they were animated by those three great principles, which have been translated for us into simple terms—“Brotherly love, relief, and truth.” These are, as I would venture to call them, the Divine principles which have made Freemasonry great.

We are nearing the end of a most eventful century, a

century the latter years of which have seen an immense advance in the number of Freemasons and in the number of Masonic Lodges, not only in this and other lands, but in all the Dependencies of the British Empire. It is natural that we should ask ourselves "What of the future?" That lies in higher hands than ours; but surely you will say that the future can only be secured by keeping to the ancient landmarks that have made Freemasonry great. A fraternity of men that departs from its ancient tradition in main principles must be on the down grade; because such departure is bound, as it seems to me, to lead to dissension, and separation, and separation means weakness. In this connection that was a valuable object lesson in that order that was read emanating from the Grand Lodge of England, excommunicating the Grand Lodge of Peru, because the Volume of the Sacred Law had been removed from their altar, and the sequel that came after some months, reinstating that said Lodge because the Bible had been restored to its proper place, and was recognised as the standard of truth. It is then, as we believe, these principles being kept inviolate which will render our Masonic foundations for ever sure, and Freemasonry will be kept, as we believe, great in the future, by being very careful that those whom we admit to the privileges of our Brotherhood will be those who will keep ever to the front the principles on which the Order is founded.

Here, then, we have come to consecrate this Lodge, this temple not made of inanimate stone, but of living stones, and here there is, as we believe, full surety that the principles that have made Masonry what it is, will be kept to the fore in the future. Surely it is a good omen for the future, I would say it without a touch of flattery, but as a statement of fact that everyone here will acknowledge, that the Brother who will preside over your Lodge has been inspired with that great principle of Brotherly Love which has led him, having the power, to put into practice the second great principle, "relief," and be so noble a patron of what we call our Masonic Charities. And again, going only to the second name on the list of your Officers, the name of your I.P.M., that alone would be sufficient testimony that here in this new Temple the principle of Charity will be interpreted aright. Surely it is a good promise for the future, without going on to say nice things, as one might very easily, and with much personal gratification, without going further in your list of Founders than this, surely it is a good omen that he who will preside over you has so nobly shown his Masonic spirit.

This new Lodge will be, I understand, what is called a Summer Lodge. It will meet at that time of the year when this beautiful world of the Great Architect's specially appeals to us, as it does now, in all the glory of a "leafy June." It will give the weary and worn Brother opportunity in wholesome recreation and social intercourse to re-create and stimulate those powers which the Almighty has given to us for His service. Meetings such as will be held here will help to rub off all "excrescences," and bring men nearer to one another by the bond of human kindness. Masonry strikes a blow against that selfishness and materialism which lives only for the present, because it is of the essence of Masonry to make a man look to others more than to self, to make a man look to another world rather than this for perfect happiness. "Let brotherly love, relief, and truth" ever reign here. May this new Lodge flourish, and bear other witness to that great truth of "the Brotherhood of Man," which Freemasonry strives to inculcate.

The musical brethren, Bros. Percy Coward, Wilfred Kearton, Malcolm Boyle, and Bertram Mills, from St. George's Chapel, Windsor, then rendered an anthem, Bro. Vernon Knowles presiding at the organ. The dedication prayer was offered, and the remainder of the impressive ceremony proceeded according to the ancient ritual, closing with another finely-sung anthem "Glory to God in the highest," and the Benediction.

The next item on the lengthy programme was the installation of Bro. C. E. Keyser, of Aldermaston Court, as the first Worshipful Master of the Lodge, the ceremony, like that of the Consecration itself, being carried out with great efficiency and impressiveness by the able and much-respected Deputy Provincial Grand Master Bro. J. T. Morland, who expressed the regret felt by the Brethren generally that another engagement prevented the attendance of the Provincial Grand Master Lord Wantage, V.C.

The newly-installed Worshipful Master appointed and invested the Lodge Officers for the ensuing year, as follow:—Brothers Edward Margrett P.M. 1101 P.P.G.W. Berks and Bucks I.P.M., T. S. Cambridge S.W., J. Wright J.W., the Rev. E. R. Adams P.P.G.Chap. Sussex Chaplain, Lieut.-

Colonel G. C. Ricardo W.M. 574 Treasurer, W. Bonny P.M. 414 Prov. J.G.W. Secretary, A. H. Bull Prov. G. Steward S.D., W. G. Crombie J.D., E. Prince P.M. 209 and 2671 P.P.S.G.W. D.C., F. Tunbridge I.G., Vernon Knowles Organist, T. R. Kent and W. J. Langley Stewards, J. F. Stevens Tyler.

The Grand Lodge Officers present, and also the Provincial Grand Officers who had actively assisted in the Consecration ceremony, were thanked by the W.M., and unanimously elected honorary members of the Lodge.

At six o'clock the business was brought to a conclusion, having occupied about two hours.

By the kind permission of the W.M., the installation banquet was served in a marquee erected beneath the leafy shade of one or two of the noble trees which adorn the park. The catering had been entrusted to Bro. Wright, and afforded entire satisfaction, while the day's arrangements generally devolved upon the Secretary Past Master W. Bonny, who had spared no effort to ensure a thoroughly successful result.

Grace was beautifully sung by the glee party from Windsor, and the customary toasts were subsequently proposed and honoured.

The W.M., who presided, supported by the Grand Officers, successively proposed the toasts of the Queen and the Craft, and the M.W. the Grand Master of England H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, K.G., which were drunk with loyal enthusiasm, and the National Anthem and "God bless the Prince of Wales" were respectively sung.

The next toast submitted by the W.M. was that of the Grand Officers of England present and past. The W.M. congratulated the Brethren upon being honoured with such a representative body of Grand Officers, and he especially thanked his friend Bro. Halsey Provincial Grand Master of Hertfordshire, who had at great inconvenience to himself travelled to Aldermaston to take part in the day's function. He regarded Bro. Halsey's presence as a great personal compliment. He also thanked Bros. Eve, Morland, Kirchhoffer, Martin, Terry, McLeod, and Sadler for having honoured them by attending, and bore his personal testimony to the great amount of hard work which those Brethren had performed for the good and advancement of Masonry.

Bro. T. F. Halsey, M.P., in the course of his reply, said he felt a special pleasure in responding to the invitation of his esteemed friend and Brother the newly-installed Worshipful Master, because no one could testify more than he could to the excellent work which had been performed by Bro. Keyser in founding and assisting to keep up Lodges in different parts of the country. What Bro. Keyser was now doing in the Province of Berkshire in promoting the well-being and success of Masonry and its noble Charities himself, and in stirring up others with the same object, he had been doing for many years in the Province of Hertfordshire and elsewhere. The success of the candidates for the different Charities from the Hertfordshire Province had been mainly due to the energy, skill, and liberality of Bro. Keyser, and they could fully rely upon similar service from him in the Province of Berks. The speaker heartily congratulated the Brethren of the newly-founded Lodge upon having commenced under such favourable auspices, and with such an able and liberal-hearted a Worshipful Master as Bro. Keyser.

Bro. Richard Eve made an eloquent response, and described the newly-installed Worshipful Master as a splendid Brother for work; indeed, he had never known a Mason who could perform the duties of the chair in all its varied forms as Bro. Keyser could. He regarded it as a great honour to be an Officer of the Grand Lodge of England, which represented a brotherhood of men who carried out the great principles of brotherly love, relief, and truth to an extent and completeness equalled by no other Institution in the world. He felt that the Grand Lodge of England had still a great future before it. It was not only increasing rapidly in numbers, but also in influence, and its capacity for good and justice and right was continuing to expand. They had no differences, because they were agreed upon one common basis of action, and they rejoiced in the fact that all kinds and all classes of men could be embraced by their organisation, which had already done so much for humanity, and which was destined to do more in that direction than any other body in the world.

The W.M. then gave the toast of the Provincial Grand Master of Berkshire Lord Wantage, V.C., K.C.B., P.G.W. of England, and the Provincial Grand Officers of Berkshire present and past, and also the Consecrating Officers. Bro. Keyser said they must all feel very sorry that Lord Wantage

had been unable to attend, as they had no doubt he would have greatly enjoyed taking part in the first Lodge consecration in the Province since his appointment as Prov. Grand Master, and realised the success likely to result therefrom. He then referred in grateful and eulogistic terms to the Deputy P.G.M. Bro. Morland, who had so ably conducted the ceremonies of the day. Bro. Morland had been in charge of the Province for many years, and he was deservedly held by the whole of the Brethren in most affectionate regard. The W.M. also thanked the rest of the Provincial Grand Officers who had so ably assisted in the interesting function which they had witnessed that afternoon.

The Deputy Provincial Grand Master replied in graceful terms, and reciprocated the expressions of regret at the unavoidable absence of the Provincial Grand Master, whom they hoped, however, to have the pleasure of seeing in the chair at the forthcoming Provincial Grand Lodge at Sandhurst. He felt that it had been a great privilege to have had the honour to have consecrated several Lodges in the Province, including the Downshire, the Ascot, the Victoria, and the Aldermaston, to say nothing of several Royal Arch Chapters. In conclusion, Bro. Morland proposed the health of the newly-installed Worshipful Master, who, he observed, had filled a similar position on no less than nine previous occasions, and there was scarcely a point that arose in connection with Masonry that Bro. Keyser was not perfectly well qualified to deal with. He felt that it was impossible for any Lodge to start under better auspices than the Lodge which it had been his privilege to consecrate that day.

The W.M. suitably acknowledged the compliment, observing that with thirty-four founders they had a strong Lodge to begin with, and had already attained their object, namely to provide a summer Lodge that would keep up the continuity of the work between the Lodges at Reading and Newbury. They mainly wished that this new Lodge should become as it were an accessory to the strong Lodges existing in the two towns mentioned, and fill up the gap caused by the customary recess during the summer months. He hoped the Aldermaston Lodge would prove popular, and afford opportunities to some of the Brethren to reach the chair sooner than they could possibly do in the neighbouring Lodges, where there was a constant flow of initiates.

The health of the Visitors was then proposed by the W.M., and responded to by Bros. J. M. McLeod and W. Ravenscroft.

The W.M. suitably proposed the health of the Officers of the Lodge, for whom Bros. T. S. Cambridge and Colonel Gerald Ricardo appropriately returned thanks.

Bro. Stevens then gave the Tyler's toast, after which the company rose, and adjourned to the terrace, where the glee party from Windsor favoured the Brethren with a choice selection of vocal music, which was highly appreciated. Towards ten o'clock the visitors bade adieu to Bro. Keyser and the rest of the Aldermaston Brethren, and departed homewards, having spent the afternoon and evening most enjoyably.—"Reading Mercury."

ST. MICHAEL LODGE.

ANOTHER new Lodge has been warranted for the Province of Cornwall, the St. Michael, to meet in the Freemasons' Hall, Newquay, and numbered 2747. The Lodge will be consecrated to-day (Saturday) by Bro. Edward Letchworth, F.S.A., Grand Secretary of England, assisted by Bros. P. Colville Smith P.G.D. as S.W., E. M. Milford P.Prov.S.G.W. as J.W., the Rev. C. F. Mermagen Prov.G. Chap. as Chaplain, Bernard F. Edyvean P.A.G.D.C. of England Prov. G. Secretary as D.C., and Gilbert B. Pearce P.Prov.S.G.W. as I.G.

The principal Officers designate are Bro. Silas Rickeard W.M., Arthur Hardwick S.W., and C. C. Vigors J.W., Bro. G. G. Bullmore Past Prov. Grand Treasurer being the Secretary pro. tem. A large attendance is expected, as, according to the authority of Bro. W. J. Hughan P.G.D., it is the first time that a Grand Secretary of England has ever attended to constitute a Lodge in Cornwall, from the time that the first was granted and opened at Falmouth in 1751, and the same authority believes it is the first visit of such an Officer of the Grand Lodge to the Province on the opening of a new Lodge. Bro. Letchworth is very highly esteemed, and is a most finished exponent of the Masonic ritual, adds a Cornish contemporary, so that in the unavoidable absence of the Earl of Mount-Edgcumbe Bro. Edyvean is to be congratulated on the very excellent arrangements he has made.

Mr. Justice Bucknill was on Thursday night entertained at the Café Royal, at a complimentary dinner given to him by the Freemasons of Surrey on the occasion of his elevation to the Bench. The new Judge is a Surrey Mason, a Past Grand Warden of England, Past Deputy Grand Registrar, Past Provincial Grand Warden of Surrey, and the first Master of the Ebbisham (Epsom) Lodge, No. 2422, which was founded in 1892. The Earl of Onslow Provincial Grand Master for Surrey presided at the dinner.

SUSPECTED MASONS.

THE following is from a Wisbech paper:—"An amusing tale is being told in Wisbech in connection with a trip from Lynn and Wisbech to Scarborough. It is stated that after the party of excursionists, who numbered nearly 140, including the local Freemasons and their friends, had left Wisbech and were nearing their destination, the police at Scarborough received a telegram. The effect of the message appears to have been that a number of 'suspicious characters' were making their way from Wisbech to the 'Queen of Watling Places.' The detectives were at once on the alert, and upon the arrival of the excursionists, on the strength of the telegram, watched some of the holiday-makers. The Worthy Master of the Masonic Lodge, so the story goes, was interviewed, whilst dining with his Brethren, by the detectives and interrogated. How soon it dawned upon the limbs of the law that the whole affair was only the result of the vagaries of some would-be practical joker is not stated, but doubtless the presence amongst the excursionists of the worthy Mayor, one or two borough magistrates, and the Chief Constable, made the ludicrousness of the mysterious message apparent. However, to complete the joke, another message was received during the day by the police, doubtless from the same source, asking 'whether any arrests had been made.' Under the circumstances, the excursionists must be congratulated on their safe return to a borough where they are less 'suspected' and more respected." Commenting upon this, the "Scarborough Gazette" says:—"We had heard something about the telegrams. The police at Scarborough, as soon as they saw the excursionists, were satisfied that the matter was a joke, for the company had an air of respectability altogether above suspicion. A later and more urgent wire confirmed the matter. There were wires to other people from the same source. At a venture we should say the wag for some reason had been denied the privilege of the excursion and the very good luncheon, and the money put by for the purpose of the trip he spent on telegrams. Scarborough people would be pleased to see a host of the same sort of suspicious characters amongst their visitors."

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A GENERAL COURT of the GOVERNORS and SUBSCRIBERS of this Institution will be held at Freemasons' Hall, Great Queen Street, Lincoln's Inn Fields, London, W.C., on Thursday, 13th July 1899, at Twelve o'clock precisely, on the General Business of the Institution; to consider Notices of Motion as under; to approve, and declare the List of Candidates for the Election on the 12th of October next; and to declare the number of Girls then to be elected.

NOTICES OF MOTION.

Upon recommendation of the House and General Committees.

By W. Bro. FRANK RICHARDSON, P.G.D., Patron:

That the Right Hon. Edward George, Earl of Lathom, be elected a Trustee, in the place of his Father, the Right Hon. Sir Edward Bootle-Wilbraham, Earl of Lathom, deceased.

By R.W. Bro. ROBERT GREY, P.G.W., Patron:

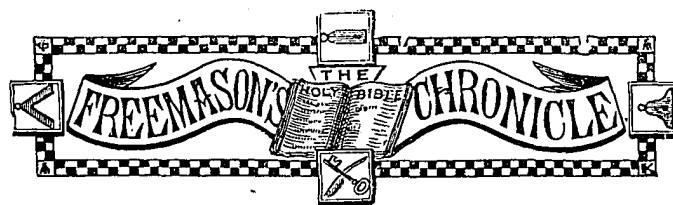
That Bro. Walter H. Jessop, M.A., M.B., F.R.C.S.E., be elected Honorary Surgeon Oculist, in place of Bro. Jabez Hogg, F.R.C.S., deceased.

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SATURDAY, 1st JULY 1899.

FESTIVAL OF THE ROYAL MASONIC INSTITUTION FOR BOYS.

THE one hundred and first Anniversary Festival of this Institution took place on Wednesday, at Brighton, the Royal Pavilion and grounds being placed at the disposal of the Board of Stewards by the Corporation. The arrangements were perfect, and everything passed off without the slightest hitch or mishap to mar a pleasant day. Bro. J. F. S. Gooday, the General Manager of the London, Brighton and South Coast Railway, provided special trains, which conveyed a goodly number of visitors, including a large proportion of ladies, some leaving Victoria at 11 o'clock to enjoy a long day by the sea, though the greater number proceeded by the 1.35 train, which reached the Royal Borough about an hour afterwards. Upon reaching the Pavilion we found the fine band of the Coldstream Guards, under the direction of Bro. John Rogan, bandmaster, playing upon the Eastern Lawn, and the scene presented the appearance of a large garden party. The charming toilets of the ladies contrasted prettily with the sombre black coats and silk hats of the Brethren, and, favoured by fine weather and a cooling breeze, a very pleasant couple of hours were passed in agreeable conversation.

Bro. Charles E. Keyser Past Grand Deacon Treasurer of the Institution presided at the Festival Banquet, which was held in the Dome at five o'clock, and here again the arrangements, for which Bro. David Mutton was responsible, were all that could be desired. The guests, who numbered about five hundred, were seated at seven long tables, encircled by that reserved for the principal visitors. The Stewards wearing their badges, which bore the crest of the benevolent and generous Chairman, were in attendance, and upon the company being in their places, ushered in Bro. Keyser, who was received with hearty applause.

Among those present were Bro. the Earl of Warwick Deputy Grand Master, George Richards District Grand Master of the Transvaal, the Ven. Archdeacon Sinclair P.G.C., Richard Eve P.G.T., the Baron de Ferrières P.G.D., Major Carrell P.G.S.B., James Stephens P.D.G.D. of O., William Shurmur P.G.S.B., P. Colville-Smith S.G.D., Imre Kiralfy A.G.D.C., Major J. Lefeuve P.D.P.G.M. Hants, Richard Clowes P.G.S.B., Dr. Frederick Spicer, J. Morrison McLeod P.G.S.B. Secretary of the Institution, and many other distinguished persons, including the Sultan Mahommed Khan, the Secretary of State for Afghanistan. The programme of the proceedings was tastefully designed, and contained portraits of the President and Mrs. Keyser, and views of the Pavilion, the present and the new Schools.

Upon the termination of the repast, the Chairman rose to propose the Queen, who was the oldest living subscriber to the Institution, having been persuaded by the Duke of Sussex, a former Grand Master, to extend her patronage to the Boys School in 1838. The toast was drunk with extra enthusiasm, having in mind the fact that it was the anniversary of Her Majesty's coronation.

That of the Grand Master was as heartily received, after which Bro.

Keyser proposed the Grand Officers. He made a touching reference to the late Earl of Lathom, whose death was regretted by the entire Craft; drew attention to the services rendered by the present Grand Officers, and made a humorous allusion to the prospective Lady Alderman, saying that he could not hold out much hope to the ladies that they could ever become members of the Order.

The Earl of Warwick responded, and said that among the great assemblies and functions of the year there was nothing of more importance than their meeting there that day, and the fine building had never been used for a better purpose than for advocating the claims of the Masonic Boys School. He had very great pleasure in being present, though his visit was somewhat unexpected; but he rather regretted that his rank in the Craft placed him in front of Bro. George Richards, who would otherwise have responded. He would like to say, in the presence of that distinguished visitor, that he hoped the clouds that now obscured the political horizon in his District would soon pass away. Englishmen were ever loth to draw the sword, but when they did they would not sheath it again until they had got what they wanted. Since his appointment as Deputy Grand Master he had felt it his duty to make himself better acquainted with the Brethren, and he took advantage of every opportunity of attending the various Masonic gatherings. He sympathised with the Chairman in presiding at the Festival after the brilliant success of last year, but his great popularity would stand in good stead, and he hoped he would be handsomely supported.

Bro. Keyser, in submitting the toast of the evening, reminded his hearers that the Board of Management had to look to the annual Festival for their funds, and he was pleased to see the faces of so many who had helped them on previous occasions. He gave a brief history of the Institution, which had been so successful that the present School was now incapable of taking in all the boys elected, and they were therefore compelled to remove to Bushey. The Schools to be erected there would give them everything they required, and when completed would be the finest educational establishment, not only in England, but in the world. They would require between £13,000 and £14,000 a year, a really small sum for what was accomplished, and he was sure they could rely upon the Brethren for that amount.

Bro. Richard Eve Chairman of the Board of Management, in acknowledging the toast, thanked those present for their support, especially the Chairman, who had so pluckily come to their assistance at a trying time, and had enunciated in so truly a Masonic manner the claims of the Institution. The kindness of the Brethren had enabled them to effect a very radical change, and he was sure the Board of Management need have no doubt as to the future.

Bro. McLeod then read the subscriptions collected by 270 Stewards, of whom the Metropolitan District furnished 136, with £4,337 14s 6d; while the Provinces were represented by 134 Stewards, who brought up £4,262 3s, the total being £8,599 17s 6d, of which sum Bro. Keyser had contributed the handsome amount of five hundred guineas. The reading of the various lists was received with applause, which culminated in cheers when the total was announced.

Bro. George Richards then proposed the Chairman, saying that he hailed from a land where speech was silver, and silence was golden; and he quite agreed with the remark that the exhaustive speeches of previous speakers left those to follow more exhausted. In the old Dutch Lodges they had a rule that no speech should occupy more than six minutes, and if any Brother offended in this respect he was never called upon to speak again. Brother Richards referred with gratification to the remarks of the Earl of Warwick, and heartily joined in every word that the noble Earl had said. He hoped that the Great Architect of the Universe would so dispose the hearts of men, that the horrors of war would be avoided. It was really difficult for him to say anything of the Chairman that had not been said before: Bro. Keyser was a Mason who faithfully carried out the divine dictum—and as he had freely received, he had most freely given. He had been gratified in listening to the exposition of the work accomplished by the Institution, and he felt its position was owing to such good Brethren as their worthy Chairman.

Bro. Keyser, in reply, thanked Bro. Richards for his kind remarks. The reason why he had acceded to the request of the Management that he should preside was that he felt it was impossible to have a great Festival after the enormous success of last year, and it would not be fair to call upon any newly made Provincial Grand Master to take the chair, under the special circumstances that existed. He considered the result of the collections was most gratifying, and he hoped the total might reach a round £10,000 when all the lists were returned. He sincerely thanked all those who had supported him that day.

His Excellency Mahommed Khan, in an earnest and witty speech, responded for the Visitors, and in the course of his observations he remarked that it would not be out of place to mention the present Ameer of Afghanistan had proved himself to be a true friend of Great Britain; and that he was most anxious that the good feeling should continue. His Sovereign had asked what could make the Mahommedans unite with Christians, so that they were not likely to be parted. His ministers did not know how to answer such a question, not knowing anything about Freemasonry; but he was more fortunate now, and he considered that theirs was the only Institution in the world which could accomplish it, since it embraced all nations, creeds, castes, and colours within its fold. He hoped soon to have the honour of being initiated and become their Brother. He was the first official sent from Afghanistan, and he would become the first Afghan Mason, so that when he returned to Cabul and explained the idea to the Ameer he might be allowed to found a Lodge in that city.

Archdeacon Sinclair proposed the other Masonic Charities, for which Bro. F. R. W. Hedges Secretary of the Girls School replied.

Bro. Baron de Ferrières gave the Stewards, and Major Carrell returned thanks.

Brother James Stephens concluded with the toast of the Ladies, for whom Bro. A. J. Thomas responded.

The company then adjourned to the grounds, where the Coldstream Guards again played until the time arrived for them to return to town by special train. Altogether a most delightful and improving day, which everyone enjoyed.

Finally Bro. McLeod, always energetic, announced that the 102nd Anniversary Festival would be held in June 1900, and that he was anxious to receive the names of Stewards for that celebration, which, let us hope, will be a great success.

PRIZE DAY AT THE SCHOOL.

THE annual visit of Stewards to the Institution at Wood Green, and the distribution of prizes to the successful pupils, took place on Tuesday, when Bro. C. E. Keyser P.G.D., and Mrs. Keyser were among the principal guests, the former as Chairman of the year, the latter to present the different awards to which the boys were entitled.

The chair was occupied by Bro. Richard Eve P.G.T. Chairman of the Board of Management who, in opening the proceedings, expressed the pleasure all must feel in seeing so many present. He regarded these annual gatherings as auspicious occasions in the history of the Institution; and on behalf of the Board of Management he extended to all present the heartiest of welcomes, while he further hoped they would be so satisfied with what they saw as to go away and tell their friends what an excellent work was being carried on.

Bro. Eve made special reference to the independent examination held year by year of the whole school, and said that this year the examiner had made a most satisfactory report in every particular. The Institution took care that the boys should not only be well educated scholastically but also well trained physically. Those who were found to have a particular bent towards music were specially trained, and specially examined, and in this connection their examiner Bro. Dr. Lott had particularly referred to the fact that some of the boys showed exceptional talent. As to the physical training

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of the lads, the Management had had the boys placed under a most capable examiner, who had expressed himself as in every way satisfied with the display made by the boys, who, he said, he found to be particularly well set up. The endeavour at the Institution was to so train the boys that they would become good and useful men when they grew up.

Bro. Rev. H. A. Hebb, M.A., Headmaster of the School then made his annual Report, first of all tendering thanks, for himself and his staff, for all the considerations shown them by the Board of Management. Were it not for the kindness of the members of that body the School would be in the same position as many half starved establishments were, but in the case of the Masonic School the headmaster had only to make out a good case and he was sure to be met in a most liberal spirit. He also specially desired to tender his thanks to his assistants, to whom not only he, but the parents of the Boys, and the Board of Management, were greatly indebted for much of the good work that was accomplished.

After presenting the prizes in connection with the Cambridge Local Preliminary examination—in which nineteen of the pupils were successful—Bro. Hebb, referring to the large number of awards, said that in a weak moment he had promised that every boy who passed should have a prize. He had thought they might perhaps require two or three books on this account, but as matters turned out they had had to provide nineteen. He would take care that such a mistake did not occur again! (Surely Bro. Hebb does not actually mean this. It is much to the credit of the Masters that their estimate should be so far out in this direction, and we hope they will endeavour to provide even a greater "error" on the next occasion, with similar rewards for the successful pupils, as we can hardly imagine any supporter of the School being desirous of saving a few pence in the endeavour to curtail expenses under such a head. As Masons we fully recognise it is the hope of reward that sweetens labour.)

Bro. Richard Eve, in proposing a vote of thanks to Mrs. Keyser, expressed how very much they were indebted to that lady for coming there and presenting the prizes won by the boys in connection with their scholastic duties, just as she had done on a previous occasion in connection with their Athletic Sports. He thought it was a gratifying feature in the working of the School to see how readily the boys who received prizes were cheered by their fellows who had not won any. He felt all must see how much indebted they were to Mrs. Keyser for coming so far in support of their estimable Treasurer; he wished her long life and continued opportunities of seconding the efforts of Bro. Keyser, on behalf of that and the other Masonic Institutions.

Bro. C. E. Keyser responded, saying he was afraid he should have to act as deputy, as he had not yet been able to induce Mrs. Keyser to reply for herself. For the present she had not allied herself to any of those societies which encouraged the ladies to speak for themselves. Mrs. Keyser was very pleased indeed to come again to the Institution. As she had been there on many previous occasions it would not be right to say she was surprised at what she had seen that day, but she was pleased to see the good work being

so well continued. He hoped the boys in the School felt what a wonderfully good start in life they were receiving, and that they would do their best to avail themselves of the opportunities afforded them. It was worthy of reference that the boys were not lost sight of when they left the School, in fact one of the greatest pleasures of the Management was to hear of the success of former pupils—such as had notably occurred recently, in connection with an old pupil now in a good position in the army. Bro. Keyser concluded with a reference to the establishment of the Old Masonians Lodge, a living proof that the boys educated at the Institution had such a start as suited them for good positions in life, and laid the foundation of future prosperity.

An entertainment was now given by the pupils, many of whom displayed marked ability in vocal and instrumental music, while a Shakesperian scene was capitally rendered by nine of the lads; but this, the Cantata, and the different selections were by no means an acceptable substitute for the usual comic opera we have come to regard as an annual event at the Institution, and which is not only very much appreciated by the Stewards and their friends, but must be a capital recreation and training for the lads, without, so far as we can see, any very great additional trouble in the work of preparation, as compared with what was done on this occasion.

A most creditable display of gymnastic exercises followed, this, indeed, being the most attractive feature of the day's programme, but why was the usual arrangement on the play-ground altered? There is generally ample accommodation for all who desire to see these exercises, the four sides of the square being available, and why the spectators were limited to one side this year it is difficult to imagine.

We must not omit a reference to the examples of wood-carving, book-binding and printing executed by the pupils, which were on view in the Library—they were indeed excellent, and reflected the very greatest credit on the pupils who supplied them, as well as on the instructor who produces such results in the very brief space allotted to these forms of technical education undertaken at the Institution.

The arrangements made in connection with the visit were altogether in full accord with the spirit of the times—retrenchment being the order of the day—but even economy may at times prove very expensive, especially if, as is generally regarded as most politic in such a connection, gratitude is regarded as a sense of favours to come. The fine establishment at Wood Green is not yet quite dead, and it seemed a pity to make this annual prize day a sort of dress rehearsal of its funeral. When our Boys get to Bushey there will be ample enthusiasm to give the new Schools a good "push off," without making the last days at Wood Green more depressing than is necessary. "Let's talk of graves, of worms, and epitaphs" may be a good motto for the present, in the opinion of some—"And yet not so"! Good work has been done in the splendid establishment at Wood Green, and there is yet time to win many more successes there, ere the Institution's palatial establishments will be ready for occupation—and maintenance—at Bushey.

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CRAFT: METROPOLITAN.

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SKELMERSDALE LODGE, No. 1658.

ON Thursday, the 22nd ult., an emergency meeting was held at the magnificent Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, when the chair was taken by the Worshipful Master Bro. William Croxson, who received the assistance of his Officers, as follow: 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., B. Cohen acting J.D., J. Thorneloe I.G., A. F. Kipps Org., W. E. Bennett D.C., J. Whiteman acting Tyler. There were also present Bros. Henry Baldy Buckridge P.M., R. Rowlands P.M., Bernard Cohen, S. Morris, F. M. Nilen, J. Gibbs, J. S. Smith, W. Biles, J. C. Davies, W. R. Hummerston, J. Humphries, W. H. Edwards, F. A. Marlow, A. Davis, G. Wagner, Percy A. Nilen, D. Gunton, J. J. Pickering, C. Sisman, C. Ludbrook, J. Hibble, E. H. Smyth, B. L. Briggs, F. Lloyd, J. Sandell, R. Symons, J. R. Papworth, and several others.

The Visitors included Bros. W. J. Faull 101, C. Plant P.M. 101 Preceptor of the Earl of Lathom Lodge of Instruction, L. Waters P.M. 700, E. J. Ware 1922, Little Zola 219, J. Wynman, &c.

The Lodge being duly formed the minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed, and then the Lodge was opened in the second degree.

There were five Brethren on the agenda as candidates for raising, namely Bros. J. Humphries, W. Biles, W. R. Hummerston, J. C. Davies, and F. A. Marlow. The latter Brother being unavoidably late was unable to participate in the ceremony.

The four Brethren present having answered the usual questions were entrusted and retired; the Lodge was advanced to the third degree, when the candidates were raised as Master Masons, and took their seats amongst the Brethren as such.

The W.M. resumed the Lodge to the first degree, when Bros. Gustav Wagner, Percy Alfred Nilen, and William Henry Edwards, who were initiated at the previous meeting, were examined, and having answered the questions in a very satisfactory manner, were entrusted and retired. The Lodge was advanced to the second degree, and in due course the candidates were passed as Fellow Crafts.

Once again the Lodge was resumed to the first degree, when the ballot was taken for Mr. Ralph Richard Arthur Symons, and Mr. John Richard Papworth as candidates for initiation. The result was unanimous in their favour, and the two gentlemen had the privilege of being initiated into the mysteries of ancient Freemasonry.

Great compliment is due to the W.M. for having rendered the three ceremonies in a most impressive and really faultless manner. We were pleased to notice that the ancient charge, so frequently forgotten at other Lodges, was not omitted on this occasion; by desire of the W.M. it being rendered in a most perfect manner by Bro. Buckridge P.M.

The W.M. reminded the Brethren that the summer outing would take place on Wednesday, 12th inst., whereupon Bro. Buckridge P.M. sincerely congratulated the W.M. on his efforts and the trouble he had taken to make the outing a great success. He trusted the Brethren would heartily support the gathering.

A gentleman was proposed for initiation, and there being no other business of importance the W.M. received hearty good wishes, and the Lodge was closed. The Brethren then adjourned to partake of an excellent cold collation, which reflected great credit on the worthy hostess Mrs. Venables, and on Bro. Whiteman, who superintended its service.

At the conclusion of the feast the W.M. proceeded with the customary toasts.

Bro. Side I.P.M. gave the health of the Worshipful Master, saying the Brethren had had a sample of the working of the W.M. before, but that night he had reached the acme of perfection in the way in which he had worked the three degrees. It was no easy matter to raise four, to pass three, and to initiate two candidates; it was really something to be proud of, as it took considerable trouble to master the ritual as perfectly as their W.M. had done. He could not say more than that the work of the W.M. that evening had been perfection, and he trusted all would support him for the summer outing.

The W.M. was most heartily received. He said he hardly knew how to thank Bro. Side for his very kind remarks, and the Brethren for receiving the toast in so cordial a manner. It was the first time he had worked the three degrees, and he was pleased they had appreciated his efforts. He could assure them he would always do his best, and hoped to make his year of office as bright and pleasant as possible. He desired to be well supported on the 12th, and once again thanked the Brethren one and all.

The W.M. now gave the toast of the I.P.M., saying Bro. Side was at all times most willing to render any assistance that was required of him: he was "one of the best."

In reply Bro. Side said he commenced to like their emergency meetings, as many of the formalities were done away with. They might congratulate themselves on the number of initiates that were introduced into the Lodge, compared with what it was some three years back; he hoped the Lodge would continue to flourish.

The W.M. rose again, saying he had now a very pleasant toast to give, and that was the health of the initiates. No Lodge could do without them; and judging by the rate candidates were being introduced into the Lodge they were in a very prosperous way. The two Brethren he had initiated that evening would, he was sure, secure additional credit for the Lodge.

Bro. Symons thanked the Worshipful Master for having initiated him, and said how very much he had been impressed with the ceremony. He thanked the Brethren for having accepted him as a Brother amongst them.

Bro. Papworth also expressed his thanks to the W.M., and hoped to be a credit to the Lodge. He specially thanked Bro. J. C. Davies for having proposed him, and Bro. Hummerston for having seconded the proposition, which favour was not the only one they had shown him. He assured them he would not disgrace his proposers, nor the Lodge.

The W.M. gave the toast of the Visitors, according them a most hearty welcome in the name of the Lodge.

Bro. Plant P.M. returned thanks for the very kind reception; he was sorry not to have been able to be present at the installation meeting, on account of severe illness, but was pleased to attend that evening, as the Preceptor of the Earl of Lathom Lodge of Instruction, which was held at Bro. Sisman's Station Hotel, across the road, on Wednesday evenings. He had witnessed the working of the W.M. before, but that night it had been really perfect; it was a great credit to him as well as to the Lodge.

Bros. Faull, Ware, Zola and others also made suitable response.

The toast of the Past Masters was given, the W.M. saying the members were proud of having such excellent Past Masters. Their Bro. Boys kept the accounts to perfection, and discharged the duties of Secretary of the Lodge in a most creditable manner. Bro. Hill was also one of the best, and was pleased to receive money.

Bro. Boys said it was an unusual thing to have an emergency meeting in June; yet there were already six ceremonies for the next meeting; but the W.M. did not mind, because he was well able to do the working. He hoped the members would enjoy themselves during the summer months.

Bro. Hill Treas. said it was now a pleasure to be in the office. He had plenty in hand to pay all liabilities, besides leaving a nice little balance in the bank. He finished by advising the Brethren to attend Instruction Lodges, and not be afraid to ask questions, as to be able to perform the work as the W.M. had done required a great amount of practice and perseverance. He hoped to see them all on the 12th.

Bro. Buckridge, in one of his customary little eloquent speeches, finished on behalf of the Past Masters.

The toast of the Officers was given and responded to, the Tyler closing a most pleasant evening.

Bro. A. E. Kipps Organist of the Lodge directed the musical arrangements with his usual ability, the following artistes adding to the enjoyment of the meeting with displays of musical talent: Miss Maud Croxson, daughter of the W.M., whose sweet songs and voice were highly admired; Bro. Zola, well known in the profession as Little Zola, who gave a comic song in good style; Bros. F. Lloyd, Edwards, Smyth, Perrin, Nilen, Rowland, Plant, Kipps, and others.

INSTRUCTION.

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PRINCE FREDERICK WILLIAM LODGE, No. 753.

AN excellent meeting for this time of year was held at Bro. Frank Crocker's, the Crown Hotel, Aberdeen Place, Maida Vale, N.W., under the presidency of Bro. L. Davis, with Bros. J. Hands S.W., W. Constant J.W., G. Wood P.M. Prec., H. J. Thomas P.M. Sec., B. A. Thomas S.D., D. R. Redfearn J.D., J. H. Craig I.G., H. Gibbs, R. Martin, S. Grosvenor, M. Swan, J. Smith, F. Crocker, J. Hobbs, R. Atkin, C. Bevan, W. Yeo, J. Wynman, &c.

The ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, Bro. Martin acting as candidate. This ceremony being ended the same Brother was examined. The Lodge was opened in the second degree and Bro. Smith was entrusted, the ceremony of raising being rehearsed.

The W.M. resumed the Lodge to the first degree, and Bro. Martin, of the Maida Vale Lodge, was elected a member.

Bro. Wood in a most complimentary speech congratulated the W.M. on his excellent working for the first time in the Lodge, and proposed that a hearty vote of thanks be recorded on the minutes for the way in which he had fulfilled the duties of the chair, which was unanimously supported, and suitably acknowledged.

Bro. Hand S.W., whose perfect work is so well known, was elected W.M. for the next meeting.

ROYAL ALFRED LODGE, No. 780.

THE usual weekly meeting of this prosperous Instruction Lodge was held on Thursday, at that beautiful resort the Star and Garter Hotel, Kew Bridge. The gardens are now in full bloom, and credit is due to Bro. Captain W. T. Purkiss, V.D., for the tasteful arrangement of the lovely flowers.

The chair was taken by Bro. H. Wilcox, who received the able assistance of Bros. J. Dinnis as S.W., C. E. Dowling J.W., A. Williams P.M. acting Prec., F. J. Larkman P.M. Treas., H. T. Johnson acting Sec., F. Botley S.D., A. H. Bridger J.D., E. C. St. Aubyn I.G., W. Langdon P.M., H. R. Worth, J. Wynman, and W. Turner 2671.

The W.M. rehearsed the ceremony of initiation, including the ancient charge, Bro. Turner being the candidate. This was the first time we had had the pleasure of seeing Bro. Wilcox in the chair, and we congratulate him on his excellent working.

The Lodge was called off, and on resuming, the W.M. had pleasure in announcing that there was sufficient money in hand to justify a ballot for one of the Masonic Charities, for which Bros. Bridger and Worth were unanimously elected Scrutineers.

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

RANELAGH LODGE, No. 834.

ON Friday, 23rd ult., at the Six Bells Hotel, Hammersmith, W., Bros. J. H. Cumming P.M. W.M., K. M. Ross S.W., John Worth J.W., W. Hinds P.M. Treas., R. H. Williams P.M. acting Sec., G. T. Meek S.D., W. Atkinson J.D., A. Williams P.M. Prec., W. F. Bennett I.G., J. J. Lewen Steward, E. Fox P.M., H. J. Cousens W.M. 172, R. Reid W.M. 1275, C. Macchi, and others.

The ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, Bro. Cousens acting as candidate. Bro. Lewen offered himself as a candidate for passing, was examined and entrusted, and the ceremony of passing was rehearsed.

Bro. Ross was unanimously elected W.M. for the next meeting.

CHISWICK LODGE, No. 2012.

ON Saturday, 24th ult., at the Windsor Castle Hotel, Hammersmith, W., Bros. W. Hide P.M. W.M., K. M. Ross S.W., W. Hopkins J.W., P. Cronin P.M. acting Sec., G. J. Meek S.D., R. H. Williams P.M. J.D., Arthur Williams P.M. Prec., W. Herring I.G., J. H. Cumming P.M. Steward, H. J. Cousens W.M. Old Concord Lodge, R. Reid W.M. Star Lodge, and others.

The ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, Bro. Cousens acting as candidate, and also answering the questions of the second degree, which ceremony was rehearsed, with Bro. R. H. Williams as the candidate. Lodge was resumed to the first degree, and by the unanimous vote of the Brethren Bro. K. M. Ross S.W. of the Paxton Lodge was elected to occupy the W.M.'s chair at the next meeting.

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.

- 16 Royal Alpha, Metropole
- 1319 Asaph, Freemasons'-hall
- 1321 Emblematic, Criterion
- 1924 Wickham, Brockley
- 1996 Priory of Acton, Acton
- 2535 Fellowship, Frascati
- 2578 National Artillery, Criterion
- 113 Unanimity, Preston
- 119 Sun, Sq. & Compass, Whiteh'v'n
- 156 Harmony, Plymouth
- 328 St. John, Torquay
- 331 Phoenix Ho. & Prudence, Truro
- 431 St. George, N. Shields
- 622 St. Cuthberga, Wimborne
- 850 St. Oswald, Ashbourne
- 928 Friendship, Petersfield
- 977 Fowey, Fowey
- 1045 Stamford, Altrincham
- 1071 Zetland, Saltash
- 1077 Wilton, Blackley
- 1211 Goderich, Leeds
- 1239 Wentworth, Sheffield
- 1254 Semper Fidelis, Exeter
- 1264 Neptune, Liverpool
- 1452 St. Margaret, Lowestoft
- 1573 Carodoc, Swansea
- 1954 Molesworth, Wadebridge
- 2163 Jersey, Southall
- 2166 Cotchele, Calstock
- 2520 P. of Wales, Newcastle-on-Tyne
- 2586 St. Nicholas, Scarborough

Tuesday.

- 171 Amity, Ship and Turtle
- 2524 Train Bands, Finsbury Barr'ks.
- 70 St. John, Plymouth
- 103 Beauford, Bristol
- 124 Marquis of Granby, Durham
- 158 Adam, Sheerness
- 252 Harmonic, Dudley
- 265 Royal Yorkshire, Keighley
- 364 Cambrian, Neath
- 393 St. David, Berwick
- 421 Loyal of Industry, S'thmolton
- 510 St. Martin, Liskeard
- 558 Temple, Folkestone
- 660 Camalodunum, New Malton
- 734 Londesborough, Bridlington
- 673 St. John, Liverpool
- 304 Carnarvon, Havant
- 847 Fortesque, Honiton
- 960 Bute, Cardiff
- 974 Pentalpha, Bradford
- 1002 Skiddaw, Cockermouth
- 1244 Marwood, Redcar
- 1310 Harrow, Harrow
- 1619 Sackville, East Grinstead
- 1780 Albert Edward, Southampton
- 1785 St. Petroc, Padstow
- 2129 Dorothy Vernon, Bakewell
- 2490 Amphthill, Ampt'hill

Wednesday.

- 74 Athol, Birmingham
- 94 Phoenix, Sunderland
- 137 Amity, Poole
- 159 Brunswick, East Stonehouse
- 168 Mariner, Guernsey
- 282 Bedford, Tavistock
- 298 Harmony, Rochdale
- 326 Moira of Honour, Bristol
- 327 St. John, Wigton
- 406 N'thern Counties, N'castle-on-T.
- 417 Faith & Unanimity, Dorchester
- 429 Royal Navy, Ramsgate
- 838 Franklin, Boston
- 970 St. Anne, East Loce
- 1003 Prince of Wales, Jersey
- 1013 Royal Victoria, Liverpool
- 1085 Hartington, Derby
- 1167 Alnwick, Alnwick
- 1431 St. Alphege, Solihull

- 1461 Clausentum, Woolston
- 1549 Abercorn, Great Stanmore
- 1660 Arlecdon, Frizzington
- 1736 St. John, Halifax
- 1862 Stranton, West Hartlepool
- 2024 Raymond Thrupp, Hampt'n Ct.
- 2330 St. Lawrence, Pudsey
- 2382 Loyal Hay, Hay

Thursday.

- 10 W'minster & Keystone, F.M.H.
- 1288 Finsbury Park, Highbury
- 1383 Friends in C'ncil, 33, G'den Sq.
- 1445 Prince Leopold, Aldgate
- 1724 Kaiser-i-Hind, Café Royal
- 1790 Old England, Thornton Heath
- 1950 Southgate, Beale's, Holloway
- 1963 Duke of Albany, Camberwell
- 24 Newcastle O.T., Newcastle
- 110 Loyal C'brian, Merthyr-Tydvil
- 123 Lennor, Richmond, Yorks
- 195 Hengis, Pournemouth
- 219 Prudence, Todmorden
- 249 Mariner, Liverpool
- 266 Naphtali, Heywood
- 269 Fidelity, Blackburn
- 289 Fidelity, Leeds
- 294 Constitutional, Beverley
- 300 Minerva, Ashton-under-Lyne
- 305 Apollo, Beccles
- 317 Affability, Manchester
- 462 Bank Terrace, Accrington
- 509 Tees, Stockton
- 531 St. Helen, Hartlepool
- 637 Portland, Stoke-upon-Trent
- 703 Clifton, Blackpool
- 792 Peigham Pillar, Grimsby
- 856 Restormel, Lostwithiel
- 913 Pattison, Plumstead
- 1231 Savile, Elland
- 1284 Brent, Topsham
- 1324 Okeover, Ripley
- 1384 Equity, Widnes
- 1500 Walpole, Norwich
- 1513 Friendly, Barnsley
- 1565 Earl of Chester, Lymm
- 1829 Burrell, Brighton
- 1899 Wellesley, Sandhurst
- 2255 Philbrick, Chingford
- 2317 Bisley, Woking
- 2321 Acacia, Bradford
- 2342 Easterford, Kelvedon
- 2496 Wirral, Birkenhead

Friday.

- 2511 St. John at Hackney, Hackney
- 242 St. George, Doncaster
- 291 Royal Philanthropic, Highbridge
- 306 Alfred, Leeds
- 375 Lambton, Durham
- 521 Truth, Huddersfield
- 837 De Grey and Ripon, Ripon
- 936 Adair, Aldeburgh
- 1230 Barnard, Barnard Castle
- 1648 Prince of Wales, Bradford
- 1664 Gosforth, Gosforth
- 1754 Windsor, Penarth
- 2433 Minerva, Birkenhead

Saturday.

- 1685 Guelph, Leyton
- 1686 Paxton, Camberwell
- 2384 Mitcham, Lower Mitcham
- 2579 Lewisham, Lewisham
- 869 Gresham, Chestnut Park
- 1415 Campbell, Hampton Court
- 1755 Eldon, Portishead
- 2006 Tilbury, Purfleet
- 2105 Cama, Hampton Court
- 2147 Crays Valley, St. Mary Cray
- 2246 Cyclist, Croydon
- 2326 Wigan, Wigan

THE CITY OF NEW YORK RESTAURANT.

THE beautifying and embellishment of the hostelrys of London goes on apace. Each house as it is rebuilt surpasses its predecessor in comfort, elegance, and luxury, and the up-to-date Restaurant of the day, in its wealth of artistic decoration suggests the boudoir and the drawing-room. Certainly nothing has yet been seen equal to the City of New York Restaurant, in Hand Court, Holborn, lately opened by Messrs. Porter Brothers, a firm which has a very big reputation in the development within recent years of the licensed house. The credit for designing this lordly palace of refreshment rests with Messrs. Walter and Edwin Porter, who have worked throughout in collaboration with Mr. Horace Wakley. Bros. Walter and Edwin Porter, in letting their artistic instincts run riot in the decorations, never overlooked the practical and business side of the question. Art with them has tended to brightness and cheerfulness, and their beautiful interiors have proved a real attraction to the many who enjoy pleasant and tasteful surroundings. The idea of the scheme of decoration which has been carried out so successfully in the City of New York Restaurant came to them when the brothers were proprietors of the Adelphi Hotel, just off the Strand. Here they had a wide and pleasant experience of American visitors, and they were struck by the guests' high enjoyment of English traditions, and at the same time their deep appreciation of any display on this side of familiar American emblems.

The house demolished to make room for the "City of New York" was known some years since as the Hotel de la Cloche; before then nothing definitively is known. But our business is rather with the present than the past, and the new Restaurant the public are invited to patronise claims attention. Roughly it may be described as having three bars facing the court, a large hall running the entire width at the back, and the manager's and serving rooms in the centre. The last deserves a special word, as showing the completeness of the arrangements born of the wide experience of the proprietors as public caterers. The room, while completely hidden from view, commands every department of the house. It communicates directly with all three bars and with the Baronial Grill Hall; the lifts from the kitchens, which are at the top of the house, run immediately outside, and a circular iron staircase leads to the cellars. It is in every sense of the word the hub of the little world it controls; even the switch board for the electric lighting being directly under control of Bro. Rex Wetherall.

The centre bar is devoted to the general public, that on the right is a handsome saloon bar leading into the Restaurant, and that on the left is the luxurious Louis XIV. saloon, approached through a hall which is the main entrance through the Marble Tea Hall into the Grill Hall.



The woodwork throughout the building is old oak, and in the saloon bar the scene of decoration is carried out with exceedingly handsome French lincrusta. In the Louis XIV. saloon the bar is a fairy dream of harmonious artistic colour. The counter of polished onyx is supported by a beautiful design of the Angel of Peace and Goodwill holding the flags of England and America over the Lion and the Eagle, carried out in majolica ware. The back of the bar is domed by golden minarets, which cover the shelves, carrying cut decanters of curious design and a wealth of delicate glass ware. The room is pannelled throughout with cut mirrors, azure damask silk, and carton pierre, and the floor is covered with a scarlet carpet. It is furnished with onyx-topped tables and handsome arm chairs, cushioned and backed with red leather, the backs having the flags of the two countries emblazoned in gold. These chairs, by the way, have been specially made to the registered design of Bro. Edwin Porter, and are the acme of comfort. The electric light is hidden in cut glass flower-baskets of an exceedingly chaste pattern. The marble tea and coffee hall, which adjoins the saloon, has a delightfully cool and handsome appearance.

Under a miniature replica of the statue of Liberty lies the way to the baronial grill hall. This has received at the hands of Messrs. Porter Brothers a generous breadth of treatment, with the happiest result. It is in truth a great baronial hall, such as can be found in English mansions to the present day, but modernised and brought, with infinite care for detail, up to the requirements of the present day dining place. Everything that luxury and comfort can suggest has been provided, but yet the artistic unities have been faithfully preserved. It is certainly not too much to say that this hall is surpassed by none in London in beauty and charm of appearance. It is admirably suited in every way as a restaurant, and at the same time an ideal place for a public banquet. It is also bound to be in great request for concerts.

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The Electric Orchestra, in itself an attraction to the establishment, was supplied by the famous firm of Imhof and Mukle (makers to Her Majesty the Queen and the Royal Family), 110 New Oxford Street, London.

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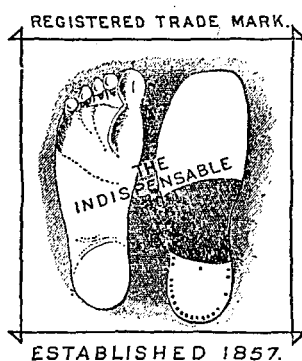
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