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## TOUTING FOR THE HIGHER DEGREES.

IT frequently happens that the wisdom of the founders of the Masonic system—in what may be termed matters of but minor importance—is brought prominently before us, and we are led to admire the forethought and thoroughness which our ancient Brethren displayed in their work. Such is the case in connection with the well-known regulation of the Craft which precludes its members from inviting outsiders to join the Order, it being a necessary qualification that candidates should come of their own free will and accord, without solicitation of friends.

It is this special feature which makes the earlier degrees of Craft Masonry wholly different and distinct from the Royal Arch, the Mark, and other higher ranks, in all of which toutting for candidates is carried on to such an extent as to occasionally cause disgust and contempt in the minds of Brethren who have not gone beyond the earlier degrees of Blue Masonry, and as a consequence cannot appreciate the working of those who seek for candidates, in direct opposition to the teachings of the Craft, which expressly prohibit anything of the sort.

It is no unusual thing to hear members of the higher degrees, well advanced as well as newly admitted, urging on their acquaintances the claims of their superior qualifications, and striving all they know to secure candidates for advanced degrees; and the way in which they go about their work is quite sufficient to convince the most casual observer that it was a very wise forethought on the part of the organisers of Craft Masonry that they expressly prohibited anything in this direction on the part of members of the early degrees of Freemasonry—the foundation on which all others rest, and from which they derive their being.

## DURHAM CHARITY.

ON Saturday afternoon the annual meeting of the Charities Committee of the Province of Durham was held at the Masonic Hall, Durham. Bro. Thomas Coulson, South Shields, Chairman presided, and declined re-election. The following Officers were then elected: Chairman, Bro. C. S. Lane, West Hartlepool; Vice-Chairman, Dr. C. D. Hill-Drury, Darlington; Treasurer, Bro. Colonel Rowlandson, Durham; Hon. Secretary, Bro. John Robinson, Darlington; Finance Committee, Bros. R. Hudson, Tynemouth; R. Hauxwell, Durham; F. H. Bennett, West Hartlepool; S. B. Fenny, Durham; T. Coulson, South Shields; J. C. Moore, Sunderland; M. Corbitt, Gateshead; B. S. Beckwith, Darlington; Auditors, Bros. James Sedcole, South Shields, and T. C. Johnson, Thornaby. It was agreed that the names of Bros. R. Hudson and F. H. Bennett be added to the Trustees, the three continuing Trustees being Bros. T. Coulson, C. S. Lane, and R. Luck. A number of applications for grants were then considered and grants passed.

On the motion of Dr. C. D. Hill-Drury, seconded by Bro. T. H. Bennett, and supported by Bro. R. Hudson, it was unanimously resolved: "That this Committee records its

high appreciation of the service rendered by Bro. T. Coulson as its Chairman during the past eight years, and while regretting his retirement from the position, it expresses the hope that he may be long spared to continue his active services to Masonry in general, and the Charities Committee of the Province of Durham in particular."

From the annual report presented by the Secretary Bro. John Robinson, it appeared that the total subscriptions per Lodges to the Festival Fund amounted to £2,314 4s 2d, a sum which had enabled the Committee to make the investments of the Hudson Benevolent Fund £3,000, and the Durham Masonic Educational Fund, £3,093 6s 1d, thus fully realising the expectations of the promoters of the Festival. The report was unanimously adopted.

Bro. C. T. Johnson proposed that the services of Bro. John Robinson, one of the Secretaries of the Festival, be recognised by his being made a Patron of the two Provincial Charities. The Chairman pointed out that this would come up at next meeting, at which he was sure a suitable proposition would be made on the matter.

## MARK BENEVOLENT FUND.

THE thirty-first Anniversary Festival of this Fund was held on Wednesday, at Freemasons' Tavern, London, under the presidency of the Earl of Warwick Grand Master of the newly constituted Mark Province of Essex, he being supported by the Earl of Portarlington, the Earl of Euston, Baron de Ferrieres, Sir Thomas Roe, Colonel and Sheriff Clifford Probyn, Bro. Loveland-Loveland, Q.C., and many others, including a large number of ladies.

The subscriptions announced on the occasion amounted to £2,064, an amount equal to about the average of the last fifteen years; £330 above the result of last year's Festival, but below that of each of the three preceding ones.

The annual meeting of the Carnarvon Lodge, No. 804, was held at the Town Hall, Havant, and is described as the most successful function ever held in connection with the Lodge. The presence of the Prov.G.M. Bro. W. W. B. Beach, M.P., "Father of the House of Commons," was regarded as a special compliment. A report will appear next week.

The annual meeting of the Provincial Grand Lodge of Norfolk was held on Wednesday, at Wymondham, the new Prov.G.M. Bro. Hamon le Strange being supported by his predecessor in the office Lord Suffield, and a large number of other Brethren. Our report of the meeting will appear later.

The election meeting of the Upton Lodge, No. 1227, was held on Thursday, the result being that Bro. H. J. Rowberry J.W. was unanimously selected for the office of Master, while Bro. C. Gieseke P.M. was re-elected as Treasurer, for the 16th year. We shall give further particulars next week.

The Marquess of Zetland Prov.G.M. North and East Yorkshire presided at the annual meeting of his Province, held at Guisborough, on Wednesday, the attendance being good and the gathering in every way successful.

The Charles Dickens Lodge was consecrated at Chigwell, on Tuesday, by the Prov.G.M. the Earl of Warwick Deputy G.M. of England, supported by a brilliant assemblage of the Craft. Our report is unavoidably held over.

## BERKSHIRE.

THE annual Provincial Grand Lodge was held on Saturday afternoon, 1st inst., in the Gymnasium of the Royal Military College, Sandhurst, which had been placed at the disposal of the Wellesley Lodge by Lieut.-General Sir Edwin Markham, K.C.B. The Right Hon. Lord Wantage, V.C., K.C.B., P.G. Warden of England Provincial Grand Master presided, supported by many of the Prov. Grand Officers of the year.

The Provincial Grand Secretary read letters of apology for non attendance received from Brothers the Earl of Jersey, Lord Onslow, Viscount Valentia, W. W. Beach, M.P., the Grand Secretary (Bro. Letchworth), Lieut.-Colonel Clark, Lieut.-Colonel Talbot, the Provincial Grand Secretaries of Hampshire, Bucks, Surrey, Sussex, and Oxon, and other distinguished Brethren.

The Prov. G. Lodge having been opened in due form, the minutes of the previous Lodge, having been printed and circulated, were taken as read.

The Prov. G. Secretary called over the roll of Lodges in the Province, when it appeared that all of them were represented. The names of the Provincial Grand Officers for the year were also called, and most of these were present. The P.G. Secretary reported the particulars of the recent consecration of the Aldermaston Lodge.

The financial statement of the Province for the past year was read, showing a satisfactory balance. The P.G. Secretary regretted to say there had been a slight deficiency on the publication of the "Masonic Register and Calendar," which was a most excellent and useful work, and it was hoped that all possibility of a loss on this item in future years would be removed by the Lodges subscribing more liberally for copies of the book.

On the motion of the Prov. G. Senior Warden, seconded by the Prov. G. Junior Warden, the report was unanimously adopted.

The Prov. G. Secretary gave an interesting report upon the condition of the various Lodges in the Province, showing that Masonry continues to make good progress in Berkshire. The total membership numbered at the present time 757, and during the past twelve months there had been 52 initiations.

The report of the Provincial Charity Committee, which had met prior to the Lodge, was read by Bro. E. Margrett, the indefatigable Secretary, showing the good work effected by this organisation; and its adoption was moved by Bro. Keyser, who said he felt quite sure the whole of the Brethren must have felt extremely pleased with the information afforded as regarded the elections to the several Charitable Institutions of the Order. As most of the Brethren were probably aware, it was a great undertaking to carry a case, upwards of 5,000 votes being required for the purpose. There could be no doubt that the charity organisation in this Province was very good indeed, and that they had a first rate Secretary in Bro. Margrett, to whom they were all much indebted for the able and painstaking manner in which the work was carried out. It was gratifying to know that the Province had maintained an excellent position among the numerous Masonic Provinces in the kingdom as regarded the support accorded to the three great Institutions, and that at the Festival held on behalf of the Boys School, at Brighton, when he had the honour of presiding, the Province came second in the list of contributors, being only beaten by his old Province of Herts.

Bro. Stephen Knight seconded the resolution, which was agreed to nem. con.

The S.G. Warden proposed that Brother Charles Stephens, who had performed the duties of Provincial Grand Treasurer so satisfactorily for many years past, be re-elected to that office.

The J.G. Warden seconded the nomination, and, on behalf of the Brethren of the Province generally, congratulated Bro. Stephens upon the improved state of his health. They sincerely hoped he would be spared many years still to occupy the position of Provincial Grand Treasurer.

The proposal was unanimously passed, and Brother Stephens, in acknowledging the compliment, mentioned that this was the twenty-first occasion upon which the Brethren had honoured him by election.

The following were then presented with Charity jewels, bars, etc., in acknowledgment of the services they had rendered as Stewards at the Festivals of the different Masonic Institutions:—Bros. A. J. Lawrence, Colonel Ricardo, W. G. Crombie, W. Parton, C. E. Keyser, Captain Tupman, W. Bonny, S. G. Kirchhoffer, A. A. Hardy, J. J. Simcox, W. H. Reed, Sydney Smith, and W. A. Hardy.

The Provincial Grand Officers for the ensuing year were appointed and invested as follow:—

Bro. Lieut.-Col. J. Otway 1899	-	-	Senior Warden
Lieut.-Col. G. C. Ricardo 574	-	-	Junior Warden
Rev. F. F. Penruddock 771	-	-	Chaplain
Charles Stephens 414	-	-	Treasurer
G. J. Phillips 945	-	-	Registrar
J. W. Martin 414	-	-	Secretary
F. J. C. Forss 1566	-	-	Senior Deacon
A. J. Lawrence 414	-	-	Junior Deacon
W. A. Hart 2228	-	-	Superintendent of Works
Sydney Smith 209	-	-	Director of Ceremonies
G. W. Fortescue 2437	-	-	Assistant Dir. of Cers.
A. C. Layton 771	-	-	Sword Bearer
Thomas Pettitt 1887	-	-	Standard Bearers
E. J. Lewis 1101	-	-	
A. W. Hall 2671	-	-	Organist
E. Lloyd 795	-	-	Assistant Secretary
W. R. Cook 1770	-	-	Pursuivant
John Baynes 2671	-	-	Assistant Pursuivant
C. Weeden 795	-	-	Stewards
J. B. Evans 2460	-	-	
Capt. A. Lynden-Bell 1899	-	-	
A. W. Gundry 1899	-	-	
E. A. Stickland 574	-	-	Tyler
W. Hemmings 1101	-	-	
J. F. Stevens 2043	-	-	Assistant Tyler.

On the proposal of Bro. Kirchhoffer, a vote of thanks was accorded to General Sir Edwin Markham, Captain Bunting, and Or.-Mr.-Sergt. Blyth, for the facilities and assistance they had given in connection with the holding of the Lodge and dinner in the College buildings.

The business of the Prov. G. Lodge shortly afterwards terminated, and the Brethren adjourned to an adjoining building and partook of a cold collation provided by Bro. James, of the Wellington College Hotel. The musical programme was carried out by the Band and Pipers of the 2nd Black Watch. The Pipers on their arrival marched round the room once or twice, and then took up their stand in rear of the head table, playing favourite airs.

The Provincial Grand Master gave the first toast, that of the Queen and the Craft, followed by the Most Worshipful the Grand Master of England H.R.H. the Prince of Wales; and the Grand Officers present and past; both of which were enthusiastically honoured.

In responding to the latter, Bro. Eve remarked that both Grand Lodge and Provincial Grand Officers were selected with much care, and were appointed from the ranks of Brethren who had in one way or another distinguished themselves in life—gallant Officers who, like their Prov. G. Master, had served their country; statemen, judges, and others.

The health of the Provincial Grand Master was suitably proposed by Bro. Keyser, who, while acknowledging the able manner in which the Province had been governed by Bro. Morland during the interregnum following the decease of their first Prov. G. Master, the lamented Duke of Clarence, and the appointment of a successor, said the Brethren generally were much pleased when they learned of the appointment of Lord Wantage. It would be the pleasure of each member to serve under the rule of his Lordship, and render him every assistance.

The Prov. G. Master, in the course of his reply, said that he hoped shortly to improve his acquaintance with the Brethren of the Province. Since he had been appointed to the office he had received every assistance from the Brethren, and particularly from the Deputy Prov. G. Master Bro. Morland. His Lordship concluded by proposing the health of the Deputy, and the Provincial Grand Officers present and past.

Bro. Morland, who responded, said that he was amply repaid if during the time he had charge of the Province he had given satisfaction to the Brethren, and handed over the Province in an efficient state. His labour for the Province had been a work of love.

The remaining toasts were the Visitors, and the W.M. and Officers of the Wellesley Lodge, No. 1899, to each of which suitable response was made.—"Reading Mercury."

The Masonic Brethren have not neglected the Bournemouth district, as the recent examples of the help given by them to St. John's Church and the Boscombe Hospital, and the gift of the Poole lifeboat show. It is an Order not much understood by the masses, but actions speak louder, and it has recently come to our knowledge that the Masons behaved splendidly also in the case of the fatherless children of the late Captain Wayman, who lost his life in the ill-fated Drummond Castle liner.—"Bournemouth Guardian."

### MASONIC HALL AT ST. BUDEAUX.

THE memorial stones of a Masonic Hall at St. Budeaux were formally laid on Saturday afternoon. It is to be called the Queen Victoria Masonic Hall, and is in connection with the Queen Victoria Lodge, No. 2655. The site is in the centre of Victoria Terrace, and the walls are already well up. The architect is Bro. Nunn, of Plymouth, and the builder Bro. J. E. Carter, a member of the Lodge.

The memorial stone in the front of the building is inscribed "Queen Victoria Hall. This memorial stone was laid by W. Bro. E. Fage I.P.M., 8th July 1899." When the company had assembled Bro. Rev. A. J. Hamlyn opened the proceedings with prayer. Bro. Carter then presented Bro. Fage with a silver trowel, beautifully chased and suitably inscribed, and asked him to lay the stone.

Bro. Fage returned thanks for their handsome gift, and proceeded to lay the stone, in the cavity under which was deposited a bottle containing the local papers and other mementoes. Bro. Fage mentioned that Lodge Victoria was constituted in April 1897, only two years and three months ago. It was soon seen that the room in which they met at the Trelawny Hotel was too small for them, therefore they took steps to build a Lodge room of their own. He consulted Bro. Westlake, who introduced him to Bro. Rodd, who did the necessary legal work. The Company was formed of 1,250 £1 shares, 580 of which had been taken up, all but 15 by their own members. They were grateful for the advice and assistance they had received from their Brethren in Plymouth, and they did not forget they were really an offshoot of Lodge Metham. He also mentioned that Bro. Lord had provided the stone he was about to lay, and Bro. F. Annear had promised a tablet for the Hall.

The company then moved into the Hall, where Bro. Pearce, the Secretary, presented the W.M. Bro. Lieutenant-Colonel Edyvean with a trowel, and asked him to lay the memorial stone in the north-east corner of the Lodge. This stone is of polished granite, and inscribed in gilded letters:—"This stone was laid by the Worshipful Master, Bro. F. G. Edyvean, 8th July 1899." Bro. Edyvean said he much appreciated their kindness in presenting him with that trowel. He should always regard it as a pleasant souvenir of his relationship with the Lodge, which he hoped might long prosper, and carry out the work for which it was originated. He hoped in their new Lodge room they would see many visitors, and have their support in their Masonic work.

The Brethren then adjourned to the Trelawny Hotel for luncheon. Bro. E. Fage, as Chairman of the Company, presided, supported by Bro. Edyvean W.M., and many other prominent Craftsmen.

After the toast of the Queen, the Chairman proposed the Visitors.

Bro. Westlake, in reply, congratulated the Lodge on the step they had taken for the advancement of their work. He knew what good leaders and what right good fellows they had in that Lodge, and he was sure they were capable of doing good work for Freemasonry in that part of the Province. They would have a most comfortable Lodge now, and having properly housed themselves he hoped they would turn their attention and their energies to that part of the work in which he was especially interested—he meant the Charities. He was visiting in Cornwall last week at the invitation of their Worshipful Master's brother, who was Prov. G. Sec. for Cornwall, and their conversation turned on what they were doing for local Charities. He found that last year in Devonshire the Fortescue Annuity Fund received £520, the Devon Educational Fund more than £500, and the new Widows Fund £375, making close on £1,400 a year, which was a fair amount for local Charities.

Bro. Lord, who also responded, said he hoped the work they had so well begun that day would be brought to a successful issue, and that their Lodge would be one of great Masonic usefulness and come to occupy a prominent place in the Province.

Bro. Brooming proposed the Press, in a humorous speech, and the toast was responded to by Bro. Sach and Mr. Simmons.

Bro. Gover gave "Success to Queen Victoria Masonic Hall Company," for which the Chairman and the W.M. returned thanks.

Bro. Pearce proposed the builder, and said that Bro. Carter was a Mason as much appreciated as any among them. The host (Bro. Hern), proposed by Bro. Truscott, concluded the toast list.—"Western Morning News."

### ALDERSHOT MASONIC HALL.

THE first ordinary general meeting of the Aldershot Masonic Hall Company was held on Monday, 19th ult., at the George Hotel, by permission of Bro. J. Taverner, a shareholder of the company. The attendance showed the interest taken in the movement, and the unanimity displayed in the selection of the Officers augured well for future success. Bro. J. Grapes W.M. of the Aldershot Camp Lodge presided, the vice-chair being occupied by Bro. J. B. Jaye W.M. of Panmure Lodge.

The first business on the agenda was to elect the Directors, and the following Brethren of the old directorate were re-elected:—Bros. Richard Eve, J. B. Jaye, A. H. Smith, H. G. Marshallsay, E. P. Jones, E. Peters, J. R. Boxall, T. H. Hare, H. Lehmann, J. J. Kennett, and R. H. Lloyd. In the place of Bro. J. Youd, who retired as the Secretary in prospective, Bro. A. J. Colledge was elected, while to still further strengthen the representation of the Camp Lodge on the Board Bro. E. Finch S.W. was added to the number. Bro. J. Grapes W.M. had already been appointed by the unanimous voice of his Lodge to represent their interest, and from the business-like manner in which he conducted the meeting he should prove a source of strength. Bro. J. Youd was elected as the Secretary, and Bro. Norman Clinton the Solicitor to the Company.

After a discussion as to tenders, &c., a hearty vote of thanks to the Chairman was proposed and carried by acclamation. In response he promised to use every effort on his part to carry out the wishes of the Brethren by supporting the undertaking.

### PROPOSED TEMPLE AT NEWBURY.

COPIES of the ground plan and interior view of the proposed Masonic Temple in Northbrook Street, prepared by Bro. W. Ravenscroft, architect, of Reading, together with details of the project, were last week circulated among the members of the Loyal Berkshire Lodge of Hope. It is intended to celebrate the jubilee of the Lodge by the consecration of the Temple next summer. The Temple, with its oaken roof, embellished with ornamental mouldings, and its walls panelled with the same material, will provide a Lodge Room worthy of the highest Masonic purposes, and, judging by the sketch and plans, it is likely to prove one of the finest in the Provinces.

### CHURCH SERVICE.

AS already referred to in our columns, a special Masonic Service was held on Sunday, 25th ult., at the Parish Church of St. Mary's, Hornsey, the object being to augment the fund being raised for the building of the Church Tower.

The sermon was preached by Brother the Ven. Wm. Sinclair, D.D., Archdeacon of London, a Past Grand Chaplain, who took his text from II Chron. ii: "Solomon sent to Hiram the King of Tyre, saying . . . Behold, I build an house to the name of the Lord my God, to dedicate it to him . . . and the house which I build is great: for great is our God." Our esteemed Brother said:

"What is Freemasonry?" "What is its connection with Christianity?" "What is the object of our meeting this afternoon, Freemasons and non-Freemasons, side by side in this Church?" Such were the questions, remarked the preacher, which were probably passing through the minds of many who were present that afternoon, and it would be his object in the few remarks he purposed making to give, as far as such knowledge was available to all of them in the books and treatises on the subject, an answer to these queries. As to the first question, he thought it would be true to say that the true historical precursors of the Freemasons were the Mediæval Building Corporations, the most typical of these being the stonemasons of Germany, who were a very important body in connection with the construction of religious and other public buildings in the middle ages. There might have been some connection between these mediæval societies and the Roman Colleges of Craftsmen. These colleges, they found, had their exchequer, archive, patrons, religious ceremonies, oath, benefit and burial club, and register. They had their masters, wardens, secretaries, treasurers; and they instructed their apprentices to some extent in secret. No doubt but that those colleges existed for centuries in Gaul and Britain, and as the natives became more civilised,

their ideas were deposited in each civilisation. Later, there was a distinct invitation sent from the west to the building societies of Byzantium, and the movement westward was increased by the iconoclasm of Leo.

In the middle ages the *liber muratores*, or Freemasons, grouped themselves around the monasteries, especially of the Benedictine Order, the abbots being in many cases the architects, themselves employing the builders. But as architecture grew and buildings became grander these societies became more definite and durable. The taste and science of Gothic architecture were largely in the hands of the wooden Lodges, where the stone cutters during the progress of the work kept their tools, worked, held meetings, and probably ate and smoked. Many of those glorious buildings which were still the wonder of mankind, were the work of these wooden Lodges. In the 12th century there were distinct traces of a general association of wooden Lodges throughout Germany, acknowledging one set of Craft laws, one set of secret signs and ceremonies, and to a certain extent one central authority in the Grand Lodge of Strasburg. Between 1205 and 1208 a great philosopher and writer, Albertus Magnus, was supposed to have introduced many of the Jewish and Arabian symbols which were so familiar in the Craft. The privileges of the Lodges were to give to master speakers and journeymen "a share in the administration of justice, in the election of officers, in the banquets, and in works of charity."

The Archdeacon pointed out that the ceremony of initiation was said to be copied from a Benedictine consecration—the consecration at the entrance into the monastery—and in the ancient Lodges instruction was given to all apprentices in architecture and its allegory. Thus they saw the importance of these early Lodges. When the young apprentice had finished his year of travel he was entitled to receive the pass word and the salutation, he taking the oath of secrecy on the Bible, the compass, and the square, and

drinking the loving cup. Having referred to the fact that there was traditional meaning in the three great lights, the gavel, the colours of gold, blue, and white, the numbers 3, 5, 7, and 9, and the interlaced cords, the preacher alluded to the great assemblies held at Ratisbon and Strasburg in 1459, where the authority of the Grand Lodge of Strasburg was recognised, and received the confirmation of the Roman Emperor. England imported much of her Lodge organisation and learning from Germany. A great change took place in the 17th century, when the building trade became open to the whole world, and the first instance they had of an amateur becoming "accepted" was that of the antiquary, Elias Ashmole, afterwards Windsor Herald under Charles II., who with Col. Mainwaring was entered at Warrington in 1646.

The reason for the conversion of the operative into the speculative Freemason as they now knew him was to be found in the following facts:—(1) The old secrets of Gothic masonry had been rendered less valuable, and were expiring as a system, buildings being put up in the Augustan and Renaissance style of architecture, which Inigo Jones and Lord Pembroke had been studying on the continent, the former being patron of Freemasons from 1607 to 1618. (2) The disorder of the Civil wars had prevented meetings, and so broken up Masonic connections. (3) The growing spirit of the Reformation in religion gave everyone freedom of speech, and toleration was soon a political fact. (4) Science had taken a new departure from the time of Bacon; its legend and allegory were heard of no longer. (5) New ideas had been spread abroad, and works like Bacon's "New Atlantis" had fostered the idea of a new humanitarianism, and the expression of fellowship by ancient symbols. Under these impulses, in 1663, a general assembly of Masons was held, at which the old catechism was revised and new statutes passed. The movement was helped by the re-construction of London after the fire, by the building of St. Paul's, and the patronage of Sir Christopher Wren, so at last they had a

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formal resolution passed to the effect that Masonic privileges should no longer be confined to operative Masons.

The principal development of modern Masonry was on 24th June 1717—on St. John's Day 182 years back—when four London Lodges erected themselves into a Grand Lodge and named their first Grand Master. The leading spirits of this revival were Desaguliers, a Huguenot and the populariser of natural science; and James Anderson, a Scotch Presbyterian, who compiled the "Book of Constitutions," containing the ancient charges and regulations of the Craft. With this combination of Huguenot and Presbyterian it was obvious that Masonry had at its foundation a religious object, and that English Masonry as revived was, like the old Lodges, distinctly Christian in character. In 1721 the Duke of Montague was elected Grand Master, and at this period the well-known Charity Committee was formed, and began what has become one of the leading features of Masonic enterprise.

Having referred with satisfaction to the splendid work the Masons were doing for the Boys, the Girls, and Old People, the Archdeacon led back to 1799, when a marked compliment was paid to Masonry. In that year an Act was passed against seditious societies, but Masonic Lodges were especially excepted because, in the words of the Act of Parliament, they "met chiefly for benevolent purposes."

The main principles which they acknowledged as the foundation of Masonry were (1) fear of God; (2) promulgation of liberty, equality and fraternity within constitutional limits; (3) the brotherhood of man; (4) universal goodwill; (5) practical benevolence; (6) personal conduct formed on the principles of the Bible; (7) dignity of life; and (8) obedience to magistrates and loyalty to the Crown. The Freemason's first duty was loyalty to the members of his own vast body, and secondly to kindred objects in their own district. Among those would come every sound form of philanthropy, and perhaps specially church building, a subject which had brought them together on the present occasion. Although he was aware that there had of late been a good deal of discussion about these Masonic services yet his own opinion was that it was only right that Masons as a body should show themselves in sympathy with the public worship of those who were not Masons, and that, secondly, they should lead the way in general objects of charity and philanthropy outside their own immediate sphere of benevolence. But in regard to these services two principles were rightly laid down by Grand Lodge, and it was well they should be thoroughly known by the clergy, and those having the organisation of such events. The first principle was that there should be no public display of Masonic emblems and dress in the streets, thus lowering the dignity of the Order, and the second was that the object of such service must be in harmony with the general tendency of Masonic ideas and charities. The Archdeacon pointed out, as he had already said, the promotion of church building would be in strict accord with the ideas of the Craft, and in doing so spoke of those great eras of church building in which the Masons had been to the front, the first being after the ten great persecutions, when in the time of Constantine the country put on a white dress of buildings, rejoicing at the fact that peace was restored to Christianity. Again, after the terrors of the 1,000th year the people once more rejoiced, and splendid temples were erected. Other periods were: after the wars of the Barons; after the wars of the Roses; after the great fire; after the Battle of Blenheim; and after the battle of Waterloo. On the last occasion a grant was made by Parliament towards this building scheme.

Following the Masonic idea and such examples as he had quoted, the Archdeacon contended that every municipality or district should be determined that its public buildings, especially those set apart for religious worship, should be worthy of their high object, and of a free and prosperous people; should, in fact, be strong and solid, and inspiring by their beauty and dignity. All should take a delight in promoting public buildings. They themselves were indebted beyond all expression to the courage, the liberality, and the generosity of generations gone before them. So as they were indebted to those who had gone before them they had a duty to perform to those who should come after them.

They were all in theory members of a national church, and so long as that church was tolerant, friendly, and devoted to good objects, he saw no reason why all Christians should not unite in its building schemes. They in Hornsey owed a debt to their Rector for what he had done for church building, and especially did they do so for his determination to build a parish church worthy of the district, with its great and

growing population. But the plan was on such a scale that despite their liberality the church could not be carried through at once. The first part had been finished, and now the church was incomplete without its tower or spire—a tower declaring the purpose of the building to the whole neighbourhood. Let them think of their neighbours, St. Mary's, Stoke Newington, with the most beautiful modern spire, or of St. Mary Abbott's, Kensington, with another spire that dominated the whole of the west. The preacher showed how the latter church was built in three sections, the first being the church itself (erected by a relative of his), the second the tower, and the third the spire (erected under the present Bishop Carr Glyn). So he trusted they would all resolve not only that day, but throughout the next few years, that Hornsey should not lag behind or fall short, and that a tower should be provided for their parish church without unnecessary delay. A tower was an object of beauty and dignity; it gave the church its voice, and spoke to the neighbourhood of things above the ordinary sordid affairs of daily life. It attracted one's attention, too, to that treasure house of old association, the sound of the bells being rich with recollections—recollections alike of the joys and the sorrows of life. The Archdeacon concluded with an eloquent appeal to Masons' benevolence, their sympathy, their public spirit, and their love of order and dignity, and in doing so exclaimed "God bless the Craft!"—"Hornsey Journal."

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Ayr	...	4 0	7 52	...	11 31	...	7 28	...	7 28
GLASGOW (St. Enoch)	...	4 0	7 35	...	11 25	...	7 35	...	7 35
Greenock	...	5 42	8 6	...	12 18	...	8 17	...	8 17
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Dundee	Via	6 15	...	10 51	...	8 55	...	8 55	...
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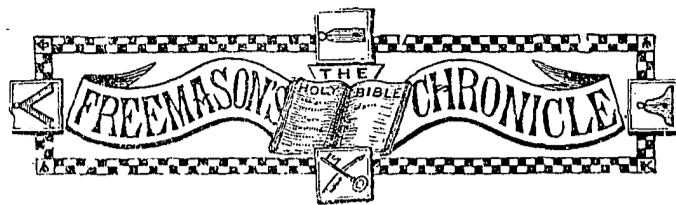
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For the Boys School there is a list of thirty-five applicants, four of whom will be excluded from further contests, by the age limit rule, if unsuccessful at the autumn poll. Only twelve of the candidates come forward from the April election, the new cases numbering twenty-three.

## CONSECRATIONS.

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## ST. JOHN'S THANET LODGE.

THIS new Lodge was consecrated last month at the Masonic Temple, New Cross Street, Margate, by Dr. W. H. Robins Grand Chaplain, Vicar of Gillingham. Among the guests were Minor Canon Blackie, of Rochester Cathedral.

## BEACH CHAPTER.

A FURTHER compliment has been paid to the much respected head of the Craft and Arch in Hampshire, Bro. W. W. B. Beach, M.P., by the establishment of the Beach Chapter, attached to the Border Lodge, No. 2475, which was consecrated at the White Hart Hotel, Blackwater, on Monday, 26th ult.

The Provincial Grand Superintendent himself officiated at the Consecration, being assisted by Comp. Major J. E. LeFeuvre Prov. G.H., and other Prov. G. Officers.

Comp. Rev. J. Scott-Ramsey (Basingstoke) was installed as Z., Colonel Ponsonby-Watts as H., T. Martin as J., Colonel Lushington as Scribe E., and A. M. Kennett as Director of Ceremonies. A banquet followed, at which the customary toasts were honoured.

## TRIANGLE CHAPTER.

ON Thursday, 6th inst., this Chapter, attached to United Chatham Lodge of Benevolence, No. 184, was consecrated by Earl Amherst Pro G.Z. of England Prov. G. Superintendent of Kent, at the Masonic Temple, Park Road, New Brompton. His Lordship was most ably assisted by Comps. J. S. Eastes Prov. G.H., A. Spencer Prov. G.S.E., Captain F. Powell Prov. G.S.N., W. Russell Prov. G. Treasurer, and many others.

The first Officers of the new Chapter were appointed as follow: Comps. Samuel Varren Z., S. Young H., W. Browne J., H. Hurrell S.E., J. Bate S.N., Lieut. E. Lake, R.N., Treasurer, J. Maynard P.S., J. H. Butcher 1st A.S., J. H. S. Manuel 2nd A.S., W. J. T. Croft Steward.

A banquet subsequently took place at the Balmoral Hotel, the catering of Bro. Booker being excellent. Thirty sat down. During the banquet a portion of the R.E. Band, under the direction of Band-Sergeant G. Smith (by kind permission of Major-General T. Fraser, C.B., C.M.G., R.E.), discoursed an excellent programme.

## "A SPRIG OF ACACIA."

WE offer our sincere condolence to Bro. Thomas Manley, a well known member of the Leopold Lodge, No. 1571, on the death of his beloved wife, whose remains were interred at Norwood Cemetery, on Thursday, 6th inst. We trust our Brother and the members of his family will derive some small comfort from the general expressions of sympathy tendered them by members of the Craft.

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Monday.		Thursday.	
720 Panmure, Balham	555 Fidelity, Framlingham	813 New Concord, Guildhall Tavern	
61 Probity, Halifax	580 Harmony, Ormskirk	1227 Upton, Great Eastern Hotel	
77 Freedom, Gravesend	591 Buckingham, Aylesbury	1623 West Smithfield, Freemasons'-h.	
89 Unanimity, Dukinfield	610 Colston, Bristol	57 Humber, Hull	
236 York, York	697 United, Colchester	98 St. Martin, Burslem	
248 True Love & Unity, Brixham	726 Staffordshire Knot, Stafford	203 Ancient Union, Liverpool	
264 Nelson of the Nile, Batley	795 St. John, Maidenhead	230 Fidelity, Devonport	
312 Lion, Whitby	823 Everton, Liverpool	245 Mechanics, Jersey	
359 Peace & Harmony, South'pton	865 Dalhousie, Hounslow	267 Unity, Macclesfield	
382 Royal Union, Uxbridge	910 St. Oswald, Pontefract	286 Samaritan, Bacup	
408 Three Graces, Haworth	962 Sun and Sector, Workington	343 Concord, Preston	
424 Borough, Gateshead	1024 St. Peter, Maldon	345 Perseverance, Blackburn	
433 Hope, Brightlingsea	1040 Sykes, Driffeld	367 Probity & Freedom, Rochdale	
467 Tudor, Oldham	1086 Walton, Liverpool	600 Harmony, Bradford	
840 Scientific, Wolverton	1129 St. Chad, Rochdale	659 Blagdon, Blyth	
872 Lewis, Whitehaven	1136 Carew, Torpoint	758 Ellesmere, Runcorn	
949 Williamson, Monkwearmouth	1212 Elms, Stoke Damerel	802 Repose, Derby	
986 Hesketh, Croston	1301 Brighthouse, Brighthouse	940 Philanthropy, Stockton	
1146 De Moulham, Swanage	1334 Norman, Durham	1011 Richmond, Manchester	
1199 Agriculture, Yatton	1353 Duke of Lancaster, Lancaster	1037 Portland, Portland	
1255 Dundas, Plymouth	1511 Alexandra, Hornsey	1042 Excelsior, Leeds	
1286 Bayon, Market Rasen	1544 Mount Edgcumbe, Camborne	1184 Abbey, Battle	
1337 Anchor, Northallerton	1576 Dee, Park-gate, Cheshire	1247 St. John, Plymouth	
1443 Salem, Dawlish	1634 Starkie, Ramsbottom	1327 King Harold, Waltham Cross	
1542 Legiolum, Castleford	1638 Brownrigg, K'gston-on-Thames	1332 Unity, Crediton	
1600 Hamilton, Alford	1645 Colne Valley, Slaithwaite	1386 St. Hugh, Lincoln	
1631 St. Andrew, Gorleston	1783 Albert Edward, Huddersfield	1393 Hamer, Liverpool	
1814 Worsley, Worsley	1973 Saye & Sele, Belvedere	1464 Erasmus Wilson, Gravesend	
2069 Prudence, Leeds	2203 Farnborough & N.C., Farnboro'	1562 Homfray, Risca	
2074 St. Clare, Landport	2258 West. Dist. U.S., E. Stonehouse	1594 Cedewain, Newtown, Mont.	
2208 Horsa, Bournemouth	2355 Chantrey, Dore	1776 Landport, Landport	
2425 Ecclesburne, Duffield	2475 Border, Blackwater	2268 Hallamshire, Sheffield	
2557 Temperance, Newcastle-on-T.	2583 St. Thomas, Tibshelf	2305 Stour, Ashford, Kent	
Tuesday.		Friday.	
Board of General Purposes, F.M.H. at 5.		712 Lindsey, Louth	
73 Mount Lebanon, Southwark		1108 Royal Wharfedale, Otley	
857 St. Mark, Camberwell		1311 Zetland, Leeds	
1805 Bromley St. Leonard, Bromley		2005 Brooke, Chingford	
2191 Anglo-American, Criterion		Saturday.	
223 Charity, Plymouth		1297 West Kent, Crystal Palace	
366 St. David, Milford		149 Peace, Meltham	
418 Menturia, Hanley		308 Prince George, Eastwood	
667 Alliance, Li. arpool		336 Benevolence, Marple	
681 Scarsdale, Chesterfield		444 Union, Starcross	
789 Dunheved, Launceston		453 Chigwell, Chingford	
814 Parrett and Axe, Crewkerne		1293 Burdett, Hampton Court	
830 Endeavour, Dukinfield		1531 Chislehurst, Chislehurst	
958 St. Aubin, Jersey		1851 Ewell, Kingston	
979 Four Cardinal Virtues, Crewe		1982 Greenwood, Sutton	
990 Neyland, Neyland		2048 Henry Levander, Harrow St'n.	
1006 Tregullow, St. Day			
1214 Scarborough, Batley			
1225 Hindpool, Barrow-in-Furness			
1424 Brownrigg of Unity, Old B'pton			
1482 Isle of Axholme, Crowle			
1570 Prince Arthur, Liverpool			
1787 Grenville, Buckingham			
1823 Royal Clarence, Clare			
1893 Lumley, Skegness			
1902 St. Cuthbert, Bedlington			
1903 Pr. Ed. Saxe Weimar, P'tsm'th.			
2572 Tyldesley, Tyldesley			
Wednesday.			
General Committee Grand Chapter, at 4.			
Board of Benevolence, F.M.H., 5.			
619 Beadon, Upper Norwood			
700 Nelson, Plumstead			
1278 Burdett Coutts, London Tavern			
2140 Hughenot, Criterion			
32 St. Geo. Harmony, Liverpool			
86 Loyalty, Prescot			
121 Mount Sinai, Penzance			
123 Prince Edwin, Bury			
137 Amity, Poole			
200 Old Globe, Scarborough			
258 Amphibious, Heckmondwike			
311 South Saxon, Lewes			
320 Loyalty, Mottram			
325 St. John, Salford			
342 Royal Sussex, Landport			
368 Samaritan, Sandbach			
372 Harmony, Budleigh Salterton			
376 Perfect Friendship, Ipswich			
380 Integrity, Morley			
387 Airedale, Shipley			
504 Berkhamstead, Berkhamstead			
533 Eaton, Congleton			

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## REPORTS OF MEETINGS.

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We shall be pleased to receive particulars of Masonic meetings for insertion in our columns, and where desired will endeavour to send a representative, to report Lodge or other proceedings.

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#### SELWYN LODGE, No. 1901.

THE annual river excursion in connection with this Lodge took place on Thursday, 6th inst., when train was taken to Windsor, and on arrival there the party boarded the "Sunbury Belle," a pleasant trip being enjoyed up the river. Dinner was served at the White Hart Hotel, on the return to Windsor; and another trip on the river was enjoyed during the afternoon, to Hampton Court, where the party broke up.

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#### RICHMOND LODGE, No. 2032.

THIS Lodge enjoyed its annual river trip on Wednesday, 21st ult., about forty members leaving the town at an early hour to board the "La Bourgoine" at Reading. Lunching at noon at Caversham, they subsequently dropped down to Henley, where a capital dinner was served at the Red Lion. Starting from thence about five, the launch reached Windsor just too late, alas! to allow the party to catch the 9.45 train home. They were none the worse for an enforced wait, however, and finally arrived back at Richmond after a most enjoyable day.

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### INSTRUCTION.

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#### PRINCE FREDERICK WILLIAM LODGE, No. 753.

AN exceptionally good meeting was held at the commodious establishment of Bro. Frank Crocker, the Crown Hotel, Aberdeen Place, Maids Vale, N.W., on the 4th, those present including Bros. J. Hand W.M., W. Constant S.W., B. R. Thomas J.W., G. Wood P.M. Prec., W. J. Stratton P.M. Treas., H. J. Thomas P.M. Sec., D. R. Redfearn S.D., J. H. Craig J.D., H. Wall I.G., W. Yeo, M. Swan, O. Grosvenor, J. C. Kruse, S. W. Cohen, J. L. Goldstein, F. Crocker, M. Hart P.M., J. Wynman, and others.

After the minutes had been confirmed the Lodge was called off, and, resuming, the W.M. vacated the chair in favour of Bro. J. L. Goldstein, who rehearsed the ceremony of initiation, Bro. Kruse acting as candidate.

This ceremony being ended the W.M. vacated the chair in favour of Bro. Redfearn W.M. of the Mother Lodge, who opened in the second degree, and rehearsed the ceremony of installation, Bro. Hand being presented as W.M.-elect, and Bro. Hart acting as D.C. After the obligation the Lodge was opened in the third degree, and the newly made W.M. was saluted in the different degrees, Bro. Redfearn delivered the three beautiful addresses in excellent style. By desire of Bro. Wood the Preceptor Bro. Goldstein worked the first section of the lecture.

Bro. Goldstein proposed Bro. E. Davies 1158 and Bro. L. H. Gates 1158 as members, and they having been accepted the compliment was acknowledged.

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

Bro. G. Wood proposed that a hearty vote of thanks be recorded on the minutes for the faultless and excellent manner in which Bro. Redfearn W.M. of the Mother Lodge had worked the ceremony of installation. Bro. Redfearn in a few appreciative words acknowledged the compliment.

There being a Benevolent Association in connection with this Lodge a ballot was taken, which proved in favour of Bro. H. D. Wall.

ANOTHER very good meeting—considering the time of the year—was held on Tuesday, 11th inst., those present including Bros. W. Constant W.M., B. R. Thomas S.W., A. B. Butt J.W., N. J. Stratton P.M. Treas., G. Wood P.M. Prec., H. J. Thomas P.M. Sec., T. B. Harphen S.D., J. H. Craig J.D., E. Davies I.G., J. L. Goldstein, J. Rowe, W. Yeo, M. E. Swan, F. Crocker, L. H. Gates, J. C. Kruse, W. Smith, H. D. Wall, T. Cox, D. R. Redfearn W.M. 753, A. Achard, J. Wynman.

Bro. Rowe answered the questions leading to the second degree, was entrusted, and the ceremony of passing rehearsed. The W.M. resumed the Lodge to the first degree and vacated the chair in favour of the Junior Warden, who rehearsed the ceremony of initiation, Bro. Wall being the candidate. The ceremony, included the ancient charge, was perfectly rendered. Bro. Redfearn W.M. of the Mother Lodge delivered the three addresses, which gave great satisfaction.

The W.M. Bro. Constant having resumed his chair Bro. James John Kirby 1158 was elected a member, which compliment was acknowledged. Bro. B. R. Thomas will preside on Tuesday next.

Bro. Wood proposed that a hearty vote of thanks be recorded on the minutes for the able manner in which the W.M. had performed the duties for the first time in this, or any other Lodge; this was seconded by the W.M. of the Mother Lodge, who congratulated the acting Master on the able manner in which he had worked the second degree, considering that he was only initiated in September last.

There being again sufficient money in hand for a ballot in connection with the Charity Association Bro. Martin become the possessor of the grant.

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#### ROYAL ALFRED LODGE, No. 780.

A VERY good meeting, considering the warm weather, was held on the 6th, at Bro. Captain W. T. Purkiss's, the Star and Garter Hotel, Kew Bridge. In the unavoidable absence of Bro. J. Dinnis, Bro. R. H. Williams Preceptor of the Lodge took the chair, and appointed his Officers as follow: H. Wilcox S.W., C. E. Dowling J.W., F. J. Larkman P.M. acting Prec., H. T. Johnson acting Sec., F. Botley S.D., W. Langdon J.D., W. Turner I.G., H. R. Worth, G. Sowerby, A. H. Bridger, J. Wynman, &c.

After the usual formalities Bro. Wynman answered the questions leading to the second degree, was entrusted, and the ceremony of passing was

rehearsed. Bro. Sowerby answered the questions leading to the third degree, and the ceremony of raising was rehearsed.

Bro. G. Sowerby 2146, and Bro. W. Turner 2671 were unanimously elected members, and Bro. H. Wilcox chosen as W.M. for next meeting.

Bro. Johnson acting Secretary read out the names of those Brethren who were eligible to participate in the ballot for the Benevolent Association, which was proceeded with, and Bro. F. J. Larkman P.M. Treasurer became the possessor of the grant.

#### RANELAGH LODGE, No. 834.

ON Friday, 30th ult., at the Six Bells Hotel, Hammersmith, Bros. K. M. Ross W.M., John Worth S.W., G. T. Meek J.W., R. H. Williams P.M. acting Preceptor, W. J. Coplestone acting Sec., W. Atkinson S.D., J. J. Lewin J.D., R. Reid I.G., J. H. Cumming P.M., Alf. King, and several others.

The ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, Bro. Cumming taking the place of the candidate. The second section of the first lecture was worked by the Brethren, the Preceptor putting the questions.

Bro. Worth W.M. of the Mother Lodge was elected to fill the chair at the next meeting.

#### CHISWICK LODGE, No. 2012.

ON Saturday, 1st inst., at the Windsor Castle Hotel, Hammersmith, Bros. K. M. Ross W.M., C. Hopkins S.W., L. Walsh J.W., F. Craggs P.M. Treas., J. H. Cumming P.M. acting Sec., R. H. Williams P.M. P.P.G.J.D. Middx. acting Preceptor, R. Reid S.D., W. Jefferies J.D., J. H. King I.G., W. Hide P.M., H. J. Cousens W.M. 172, and others.

Bro. Cousens having offered himself as candidate the ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, after which the Lodge was opened in the second degree and the second section of the lecture was worked by Bro. Reid, the questions being put by the Preceptor. Lodge was resumed to the first degree.

Bro. Hopkins was unanimously elected to occupy the chair at the next meeting, and Bro. Craggs was congratulated on his return from Derbyshire, where he has been taking the waters, with a view to a restoration to health.

#### ROYAL VICTORIAN JUBILEE LODGE, No. 2184.

(Late TERRIERS).

THIS Lodge, which is under the able Preceptorship of Bro. A. Darch P.M., assembled on Wednesday, 28th ult., at the Dover Castle Hotel, Westminster Bridge Road, when the chair was taken by the Preceptor, supported by Bros. B. Cohen S.W., W. J. Newstead J.W., C. Wetton P.M. acting Prec., J. Wynman S.D., E. Mendoza I.G.

The Lodge was opened in the three degrees and resumed to the second, when the W.M. vacated the chair in favour of Bro. B. Cohen, who rehearsed the ceremony of raising.

Bro. Mendoza was elected a member.

### PROVINCIAL.

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#### GLAMORGAN LODGE, No. 36.

THE annual festival took place at the Masonic Temple, Cardiff, on Thursday afternoon, 22nd ult., when Bro. J. T. Shelton was installed Worshipful Master for the year. There was a large attendance of members and visitors. The installation ceremony was impressively performed by Bro. C. A. J. Ward, to whom a vote of thanks was accorded for the manner in which he carried out his duties.

In the evening the annual banquet was held in the ante-room of the Temple.

#### TRUE FRIENDSHIP LODGE, No. 160.

THE annual installation and banquet took place at the County Court House, Rochford, on Tuesday, 27th ult., when Bro. George S. Chase was installed as W.M., and invested his Officers.

The banquet was subsequently served at the Old Ship Hotel, in Bro. Klockenbusch's best style. Forty-eight Brethren sat down, and the newly-appointed Worshipful Master proved a first-rate chairman.

The usual toast list was carried out, and excellent songs were contributed by Bros. Judd, Jarvis, Stevenson, and Ross-Cattanach (of Manchester).

The Secretarial work was carefully attended to by Bro. Ayling, and the whole proceedings passed off most successfully.

#### PERSEVERANCE LODGE, No. 164.

THE installation meeting was held on Wednesday, 5th inst., at Sidmouth, Bro. J. Albert Orchard P.P.G.D.C. Treasurer inducting Bro. John R. Hayes into the chair in the presence of about fifty members and visitors. The annual banquet was afterwards held at the Royal Hotel.

#### MERCHANTS LODGE, No. 241.

ON Tuesday afternoon, 27th ult., the annual installation took place in the Temple, Hope Street, Liverpool. A vast number of Provincial Grand Officers and Past Masters assembled to do honour to a rising young citizen in the person of Bro. Richard Brown, one of the most popular of entertainers, and who is the well-known photographer of Bold Street.

The Installing Masters were Bros. Jno. Laughton and R. Robinson, who did their work to perfection.

Subsequently the Brethren adjourned to the banqueting room, where Messrs. Galt and Capper put on one of their best dinners.

The usual Loyal and Masonic toasts were submitted and honoured, that of the Worshipful Master being received with an enthusiasm almost unprecedented.

Bro. Brown was quite overcome, and in brief but pretty and appreciative terms responded. He then presented Bro. Laughton Immediate Past

Master with a beautiful clock and side ornaments as a tribute to himself, and a magnificent diamond marquise ring for his wife. A Past Master's jewel was also given to Bro. Laughton, who acknowledged the gifts in suitable terms.

#### APOLLO LODGE, No. 305.

ON Thursday, 6th inst., Bro. A. McQueen was installed as W.M., at Beccles, the ceremony being carried out by Bro. T. A. Woodruffe P.M. The W.M. then appointed his Officers.

The Brethren took a trip to Worlingham in the afternoon, and partook of the customary banquet near the Staithe.

#### PRUDENCE LODGE, No. 388.

THE installation festival was held on Monday, 26th ult., at Halesworth, when Bro. F. Kendall-Chapman was installed Worshipful Master for the ensuing year by Bro. George Andrews.

The installation banquet was subsequently held in the Corn Exchange, the Worshipful Master presiding. In submitting the toast of the Grand Officers, the Worshipful Master remarked that he was sorry Brother Lord Stradbroke was not present to respond; but he had been called away on other duties.

Bro. De Nyssen, in proposing what he said was the toast of the evening, observed that this duty devolved upon him in consequence of the unavoidable absence of the Immediate Past Master the Earl of Stradbroke. Had his lordship been present, he would have borne testimony to the excellent qualities of the Worshipful Master. It was their duty to accord Bro. Kendall-Chapman their heartiest welcome upon his taking office for the year. Speaking personally of their Master—and he had known him for some time—he had always heard the very best words spoken in his favour. Bro. Kendall-Chapman had the goodwill of the town at heart, he had the goodwill of Masonry at heart, and he had worked with all his heart in their Lodge. He, therefore, congratulated Lodge Prudence upon having him as their Worshipful Master, as he also congratulated Bro. Kendall-Chapman upon becoming the Worshipful Master of such a united, flourishing, and prosperous Lodge.

The Worshipful Master, in a neat little response, thanked Bro. De Nyssen for the kindly way in which he had proposed the toast, and the Brethren for the honour they had conferred upon him that evening, and trusted that they would not have to regret the choice they had made. He assured them that nothing should be wanting on his part to promote the interests of Masonry in the Lodge to the fullest possible extent.

Other toasts included the Installing Master Bro. Geo. Austens, the Past Masters, the Officers, and the Masonic Charities. The Rev. A. R. Upcher, in submitting the latter, referred to the fact that the Lodge had been placed in a better position in the matter of the Charities, through the efforts of Bro. Stevenson.

#### PERSEVERANCE LODGE, No. 455.

A VERY enjoyable outing in connection with this Lodge took place on Wednesday, 5th inst. A good number of the Brethren, with their wives and friends, left Kettering in a saloon carriage at 7.10 for the Dukeries. Bro. B. Baker, with the help of Bro. A. Webb, superintended the party, which arrived at Mansfield soon after ten o'clock. There brakes were in readiness to proceed with the company through the historic Sherwood Forest for Welbeck Abbey, the famous seat of the Duke of Portland. We need hardly add that everyone enjoyed the drive through the grand forest scenery, and all were charmed with the grandeur of the trees. About midway through the forest the party alighted at the Great Oak, called "Robin Hood's larder," where, tradition says, Robin kept his store of venison; and partook of the good things, and the "cup that cheers" which the above-named Brethren had amply provided.

After lunch the company started from Robin Hood's larder for the Abbey, where they arrived in good time. By the kindness of the Duke and Duchess of Portland, visitors are allowed to view the grounds, gardens, &c., said to be unsurpassed in England. Just before approaching the Abbey is the rose garden, and adjoining it is the rose corridor, 140 yards long. The grand suite of rooms underground, which are lighted by bullseyes from the roof above, form undoubtedly one of the chief features of Welbeck Abbey. These rooms and corridors were constructed by the late Duke at a vast expense, while the dimensions of the picture gallery are enormous—158 feet by 63 feet. The whole is lighted by 1,100 burners, and the walls are studded with gems of the great masters. But time stops for no man, and after viewing some of the unique glories of Welbeck the party made a move through the forest, halting a few minutes beneath the Major Oak—a hollow tree of immense girth and age. After testing the holding capacity of this old oak, which, to the delight of themselves and others, 12 or 14 ladies and gentlemen together did, the party wended their way to the forest village of Edwinstowe, and, after partaking of light refreshments, took their seats for the drive back to Mansfield, at which town they arrived at five o'clock.

At the old hostelry a first class table had been prepared, to which the company did full justice. The party left Mansfield at 6.5, and after a pleasant journey arrived at Kettering shortly before ten. From first to last the outing proved a great success. A general hope was expressed that these enjoyable picnics might become annual fixtures.

#### DOWNSHIRE LODGE, No. 594.

THE continued prosperity and popularity of this Lodge were shown in a significant manner on the 22nd ult., when at headquarters in the Masonic Hall, Hope Street, Liverpool, there was an attendance of nearly 200 members and visitors, including a numerous contingent of Past and Present Provincial Grand Officers, Past Masters, and Masters.

Bro. J. S. Buck W.M. concluded a faithful and successful year's service by impressively installing Bro. H. Hinchcliffe as his successor.

At the conclusion of business, banquet was served by Bro. R. Capper (Galt and Capper), and in the course of the evening Bro. Buck was presented with a valuable Past Master's jewel and silver tea and coffee service as marks of the esteem in which he is held.

A musical programme was given under the direction of the Organist of the Lodge Bro. W. Hudson.

#### STAFFORDSHIRE KNOT LODGE, No. 726.

THE annual picnic took place on Wednesday, 28th ult., when about fifty Brethren and friends, including the W.M. Bro. Frank Amies journeyed

to Chester, a saloon carriage being attached to the 8.18 a.m. train for their convenience. On arriving at Chester, two hours were pleasantly spent in viewing the Cathedral and the ancient walls. Luncheon was served at the Grosvenor Hotel at noon, after which the party proceeded to Eccleston by the steamer Toronto, which was in charge of Mr. Capner, late of Stafford. The party walked through Eaton Park and subsequently returned to Chester, from Ironbridge. Dinner was partaken of at the Grosvenor Hotel, and home was reached at 9.45 p.m., all having spent a most enjoyable day. The arrangements were well carried out by the Secretary Bro. L. W. Potts, to whom a hearty vote of thanks was passed.

#### BEAUREPER LODGE, No. 787.

THE 40th anniversary of this Lodge was held at the Lion Hotel, Belper, on Thursday, 22nd ult., when Bro. R. W. Mapp S.W. was installed by Bro. Geo. T. Terry as W.M. There was a fairly good attendance. The ceremony was performed very ably.

Subsequent to the Lodge business the banquet was served by Bro. Reason, and the usual Masonic toasts followed.

#### DALHOUSIE LODGE, No. 865.

THE installation meeting of this Lodge, which may be justly called "Kensington-out-of-Town" Lodge, was held on Wednesday, 21st ult., at the Greyhound Hotel, Hampton Court. A large attendance of members and visitors was present.

In the unavoidable absence, through illness, of the W.M. Bro. Betts, the chair was occupied by Bro. Cox P.M. P.G.S., who initiated one candidate, and passed three others in a very able manner.

The ceremony of installation was performed by Bro. W. Essex P.M., Bro. E. J. Green S.W. being duly presented and installed in the chair of K.S. according to ancient custom.

A very choice banquet was provided by Bro. Beltram.

The usual Loyal and Masonic toasts were given, and a very excellent programme of music was gone through.

#### ZION LODGE, No. 1798.

THE regular meeting was held at the Grand Hotel, Manchester, on Wednesday, 14th ult., Brother Mark Steel W.M.

After the reading and confirmation of minutes, a successful ballot was taken for Mr. Harry Steel, Wholesale Jeweller, Manchester, a brother of the W.M. and of the I.P.M.

Bro. Mark Steel W.M. performed the ceremony, assisted by Bro. W. Dagnall J.W., the latter delivering the ancient charge in a very effective manner.

At the festive board, Loyal and Masonic toasts were agreeably varied by songs, recitations, &c., the contributors being Bros. Bernhard Steel I.P.M., W. Dagnall J.W., J. B. Levy, Harry Steel, and Edwd. Roberts P.M. 1459, a very pleasant evening being spent.

The visitors present were Bros. Geo. Broughton S.W. 1345, W. Broughton P.M. 1345 D.C., Edwd. E. Roberts 287, and Geo. Hawkins 336.

#### TILBURY LODGE, No. 2006.

FORTUNATELY favoured by fine weather, the midsummer meeting of this most hospitable Lodge took place on Saturday, 8th inst., with the greatest possible success. Most of the members left Fenchurch Street Station at 10.15, and immediately upon arrival at Tilbury proceeded to the fine Hotel, where Bro. Plumer C. Walker W.M. opened the Lodge for the business of the day.

He was assisted by Bros. A. Lucking P.G.P. Eng., A. J. Constable I.P.M., A. J. Brickwell S.W., George Ryon J.W., A. J. Dudgeon P.P.S.G.D. Treasurer, Joseph Burton P.P.G.D.C. Secretary, F. J. W. Martin S.D., H. Long P.M., J. R. Hill (the present Master of the Bedford Lodge) as I.G., F. Clark P.P.G.D.C., W. J. Flack, &c.

The following visitors were also present: Bros. W. Winn 2509, C. E. Mercer 172, G. K. Durrant 2291, F. Gilbert Woodgrange, F. Griffiths W.M. 2508, Orton Cooper P.M. 211, &c.

Great regret was expressed at the absence of Bro. T. J. Ralling Provincial Grand Secretary, who had hoped to be present, but was prevented at the last moment by a sore throat.

The Lodge was formally opened and the minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed. Several communications were then read from Brethren who were unable to accept the invitation of the Lodge.

Bro. Frank Elliott, a candidate for the sublime degree, proved his proficiency as a Craftsman, and the Lodge being opened in the third degree he was regularly raised to the rank of a Master Mason. The ceremony was admirably rendered by Bro. Walker, who was ably assisted by his Officers.

Bro. Dudgeon gave the particulars of the great preparations that are being carried out for the reception of the Provincial Grand Lodge at Tilbury, on the 26th inst., at which a large gathering is expected. The resignation of a member was accepted with regret; and this concluding the business of the day, the closing hymn was sung, and the Lodge was closed.

The Brethren then proceeded to the Quay, where the steam launch "Danube" was awaiting them, and a very pleasant run was made to Southend. Luncheon was served on board, and the afternoon was passed in a very agreeable manner. The party returned to Tilbury about six o'clock, when Bro. Cave, the courteous and genial manager of the Hotel, had prepared an excellent dinner, to which full justice was done by the Brethren, whose appetite was whetted by the sea breeze.

Upon the termination of the repast Bro. Walker proposed the customary Loyal and Masonic toasts, and bore testimony to the great satisfaction felt in the Province of Essex by the promotion of the Earl of Warwick to be Deputy Grand Master of England.

Bro. Lucking responded for the Grand Officers, and thanked the Brethren for the assistance always rendered to Grand Lodge. Bro. Dudgeon replied for the Provincial Grand Officers, who were always anxious to be of service to the Craft in general. They were doing their very best to welcome their Essex Brethren on the 26th, and he thought the result would be worthy the occasion, and the reputation of the Tilbury Lodge.

In eulogistic terms Bro. Constable proposed the health of the W.M. It was always a great advantage to have an experienced Mason as Master of a Lodge, and the Brethren had expressed their satisfaction with his services by

electing him for a second time as their ruler. He hoped that every member would support him at the Provincial Grand Lodge.

Bro. Walker, in reply, said he felt very highly the compliment paid him, by being elected for a second time to the chair, and he would continue to do all in his power to promote the success of the Lodge. If the weather proved propitious on the 26th he was sure the gathering would be a memorable one.

The Brethren, ever mindful of the wants of others, then passed round the Charity Box for the relief of poor and distressed Masons; one of the customs of the Tilbury Lodge being to sell the contents before counting the amount collected. After a spirited competition the box was bought by Bro. Flack, and the funds of the Lodge Benevolent Association were increased to a considerable extent.

Bros. Cooper and Griffiths responded for the Visitors, and thanked the Lodge for having given them such a pleasant and enjoyable day.

At the W.M.'s request Bro. Lucking promised to convey to Bro. Ralling the expression of their regret at his absence on the occasion, with the hope that he would soon recover his health.

Bro. Walker proposed the Officers, and said he was fortunate in having such hard working Masons to assist him. A Master was of little use unless he was supported by Officers who knew their work, and the Lodge was certain of success when that was the case.

Bro. Brickwell S.W. acknowledged the compliment in suitable terms, and Bro. Martin brought the proceedings to a close with the Tyler's toast.

The harmony of the evening was enlivened by some capital songs, by Bros. Brickwell, Ryon, and Gilbert, and the Brethren returned home after what was voted by all to have been a very enjoyable day.

#### CLEMENCY LODGE, No. 2341.

THE members of this Lodge, accompanied by ladies, held their annual outing on Thursday, 22nd ult., and paid a very pleasant trip to Skipton and Bolton Abbey. The weather was dull in the morning, but subsequently it cleared up, and the afternoon was delightfully fine. The party numbered fifty-two, and left Mumps by train shortly after eight o'clock. Saloon carriages were waiting at Victoria Station to convey them to Skipton. Praise was showered upon Bro. W. H. Harrell I.P.M., and Bro. H. Wilde S.W., for the admirable arrangements they had made, and the time-table drawn up by them was adhered to religiously. A capital dinner was provided at the Devonshire Hotel, Skipton, after which a most enjoyable drive to Bolton Woods and Barden Tower was taken. On the return to Skipton at five o'clock, the party was quite ready for a substantial tea, which was again provided by mine host of the Devonshire Hotel.

Subsequently a brief toast list was gone through. Bro. C. C. Spencer W.M., who presided, proposed the Loyal toasts. Bro. Harrell proposed the toast of the W.M. and his "good lady," and Bro. Spencer responded. Bro. Wilde proposed the toast of the ladies, which was acknowledged on their behalf by Bro. Mallalieu.

The return journey was started at 7.15, and Oldham reached before eleven o'clock. Every credit is due to Bro. J. Allan Hanson P.P.S.G.D., who was an admirable Master of Ceremonies.

#### ST. NICHOLAS LODGE, No. 2586.

THE members held an enjoyable picnic on Wednesday, 28th ult. The party left Scarborough for Kirbymoorside by train at 9.10 a.m., arriving at 10.46. At the station they were met by waggonettes, and a circular drive was made through Kirkdale, Hold Calderon, Fadmoor, and Gillamoore, returning to the White Horse Hotel, Kirbymoorside, for dinner. After this repast, another drive to Lastingham, via Toadworth and Hutton-le-Hole, returning by way of Appleton to the Hotel for tea, took place. The return journey was commenced at a quarter to seven, and Scarborough was reached at about nine o'clock.

#### ROYAL ARCH.

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#### PYTHAGORAS CHAPTER, No. 88.

THE half-yearly convocation was held at the Lion Hotel, Cambridge, on the 23rd ult.

The Grand Superintendent of Cambridgeshire Comp. Colonel R. T. Caldwell attended, as also visiting Companions from London and elsewhere. Comp. G. J. McKay, J.P., P.G.Std.B. Eng., of Chatteris, and Comp. T. A. Guyatt, of Ely (late of Buenos Ayres), were elected as joining Companions, Bros. J. W. Iliffe, M.A., 88, Cambridge; C. F. Kernot, B.A., 88, Cambridge; J. G. Cowell, of Soham, 2107, Newmarket; J. C. Laxton, Ely; and A. Davis London, 1567, were elected and exalted.

The work of the P.S., in the absence of Comp. Sindall, was discharged by Comp. F. Piggott P.Z. P.Prov.G.H.

#### JORDAN CHAPTER, No. 1402.

AN emergency meeting of the Chapter recently constituted in connection with the Jordan Lodge was held at the Masonic Temple, Torquay, on Monday evening, 19th ult. Comp. John Lane P.A.G.D.C. Eng. presided, with Comps. T. H. Wills Prov.G. 1st A.S., and W. Winget Prov.G.Treas. as second and third Principals.

Four honorary members were elected, in the persons of Sir Stafford Northcote Prov. Grand Superintendent, Comp. W. J. Hughan P.A.G. Soj. Eng., Comp. G. C. Davie P.G.St.B. Eng. Prov.G.H., and J. Stocker P.A.G.D.C. Eng. Prov. G.S.E.

Fourteen candidates were then elected, and ten exalted, four Companions being elected as joining members.

#### HALSEY CHAPTER, No. 1479.

AT the Town Hall, St. Albans, on Tuesday evening, 13th ult., the installation meeting was held, after which the Companions and friends partook of an excellent banquet, at which the usual Arch toasts were honoured.

## IRISH CHARITY.

THE annual athletic sports took place on Saturday afternoon, 24th ult., at the Masonic Orphan Boys School, Richview, Clonskeagh, in splendid weather and in the presence of the largest assemblage of spectators which has ever patronised these reunions. The physical drill displays were greatly admired, and the proficiency of the boys reflected much credit on their instructor. The prizes were distributed by Lady Meredith, wife of the Deputy G.M.

Bro. Oliver Fry Honorary Secretary of the School said they were deeply indebted to Lady Meredith for her presence there that day, and for the interest she had displayed in the School, and her presence was all the more gratifying on that occasion as she was accompanied by the Deputy Grand Master Sir James Creed Meredith, who, they hoped, would long live as one of the heads of the Order, and to enjoy the title recently bestowed upon him.

The Deputy Grand Master, who was received with prolonged cheers, expressed his sincere thanks for the kind way they had received his wife and himself. He would like to say a few words on a subject of much importance to the School. The members of the Order had been called upon in the last few months to provide funds for greater School accommodation. A few months ago the Brethren were asked to contribute £5,000. There was yet a year and a half to run of the time to make up the amount, and they had already received a promised subscription amounting to £4,243. Having alluded to the successes of pupils of the School the speaker thanked Bro. Moore, the Head Master; Mrs. Moore, the Matron; and Bro. Hamilton, the principal Assistant Master; for the way in which they discharged their duties.

## BIRKBECK BUILDING SOCIETY.

THE forty-eighth Annual Meeting of this Society was held last week, at the offices, 29 and 30 Southampton Buildings, Chancery Lane.

The Report adopted states that during the financial year just closed the gross receipts have amounted to £17,857,629, exceeding by more than one and a quarter million the gross receipts of all the Incorporated Building Societies in England and Wales, numbering 2,297, as shown by the chief Registrar's Return, presented to Parliament on the 4th April last.

The sum received on account of subscriptions during the year is £263,653, and the amount withdrawn £218,280, thus showing an increase of £45,373 for the year, and bringing up the total due to Investors to £934,269. The amount of deposits received during the same period is £15,593,154, and the sum withdrawn £14,933,292, being an increase of £659,862 for the year; the total increase of subscriptions and deposits together is therefore £705,893. The total sum now standing to the credit of shareholders and depositors exceeds eleven millions—the exact figures being £11,051,925—the highest on record.

The Investments, including £825,026 cash at Bankers, have been increased by nearly three-quarters of a million (£740,144), and the total now stands at eleven and a half millions. Of this amount, upwards of two and a half millions (£2,738,027) are inscribed in the Books of the Governor and Company of the Bank of England; whilst the sum invested in Consols and other British Government Securities is £1,687,300. The Balance of Assets in excess of liabilities is £466,893, the whole of which is invested in Consols.

There has been a large accession of members during the year, numbering 3,128. In the Banking Department 2,241 Current Accounts and 7,072 Deposit Accounts have been opened, making altogether 12,441 new Accounts, being an average of 1,036 per month.

The Register of Shareholders now contains the names of 14,626 members, and in addition there are 19,867 Current Accounts, and 54,579 Deposit Accounts, thus bringing up the total of members and Depositors to 89,072, being the largest number on record. The shares in existence at the close of the year numbered 74,512,—also the largest number yet attained.

Since its establishment the Society has returned to the Shareholders and Depositors over two hundred million pounds sterling (£209,824,380), the whole amount having been repaid upon demand. The amount advanced to Borrowers has been £3,863,335, the amount of Interest and Bonus paid to Investors and Depositors is upwards of three millions sterling, the exact figures being £3,598,633 and the Invested Funds now exceed eleven and a half millions sterling (£11,518,819).

THE famous art publishers, Messrs. Raphael Tuck and Sons, Limited, have removed into the handsome new premises erected by the firm, Raphael House, Moorfields (adjoining Moorgate Street Station). The inaugural ceremony took place on the 6th inst., when the revered founder of the business, Mr. Raphael Tuck, who is verging on eighty years of age, opened the building in person, and received some 1,200 friends of the firm from all parts of the United Kingdom, the Continent, the United States of America, and the Colonies. Needless to say the artistic proclivities of the firm have been freely exercised in the designing and decoration of the new premises, as an illustrated descriptive pamphlet issued in commemoration of the opening amply demonstrates. We congratulate the firm on the reputation they have gained during the eighteen years they occupied their old premises, and hope that the same good fortune may attend them in their new home. As "only the best is good enough" will continue to be the settled policy in Raphael House there is every prospect that such may be the case.

THE new volume of "Cassell's Magazine," commenced with the June part, promises to be as good as any of the many which have preceded it in the career of this popular monthly. A new serial story by Guy Boothby, "A Maker of Nations," commenced in June, is continued this month; other features of the part being six complete stories, continuations of interesting papers, and a profusion of photographic and other illustrations.

## NEW CORRIDOR TRAINS ON THE MIDLAND RAILWAY.

THIS is an age of luxurious travel. Every year sees some fresh development in the rolling stock on the trunk lines competing for the immense traffic which daily increases from the south and west of England to Edinburgh, Glasgow and other Scottish centres. The Midland—always to the front as pioneers in all movements which tend to the well-being and comfort of its numerous patrons—is again making sweeping changes in the class of carriage which has done duty between St. Pancras and the north. They have just placed on the road four new trains composed of corridor coaches of the latest type, replete with every comfort, artistic in design, and furnished throughout in the most liberal and ornate manner. The first of these new trains leaves St. Pancras for Edinburgh at 10.35 a.m., the afternoon 2.10 express running direct from London to Glasgow. The trains from the north leave Edinburgh at 10.5 a.m., and Glasgow 1.30 p.m. respectively. Judged from the exterior, the new stock resembles very much the type of carriage which the Company are now running on their most important trains. For some time the shops at Derby had been turning out coaches with raised roofs, which give the carriages an imposing look, and provide more air space than was formerly to be obtained in a compartment built on the old plan. In consequence of this enlargement more window space has been made possible, and consequently the passenger reaps the benefit of greater light and freer air—both very desirable adjuncts to comfort on a long journey. The new corridor carriages are built on two different plans. Those intended for dining purposes have the passage through the centre, in the others the corridor runs down the side. They are all uniform in height, with clerestory roof—the covered gangway between each carriage permitting of a promenade from end to end of the train. The framework is composed of oak, with mahogany panellings. The first-class corridor carriage is divided into compartments holding four persons, two on each side; whilst the third-class is so arranged that six people may be easily accommodated. The interior furnishings for both are all that artistic skill can accomplish. The first is tastefully trimmed in blue cloth with walnut gold lining, and gilded Lincrusta Walton ceiling. The upholstery of the third, if not quite so sumptuous, is none the less comfortable. The seating is covered with a pretty figured pattern in moquette repp, with mahogany cabinet fittings and plain Lincrusta Walton ceiling. The lighting arrangement is gas, with lamps running down the corridor gangway, as well as inside each compartment. The passage is lined with a thick through tiled pattern of linoleum, and the floors of each compartment are fitted with the same material. Immediately under the hat rack photographs of the Company's chief holiday resorts have been let in, and these add greatly to the finish and completeness of the whole. The carriages contain lavatory accommodation at either end. Electric bells are fitted throughout, which connect with the attendant; and if necessary tables can be fixed to permit of dining, apart from the carriages built for this special purpose.

The dining coaches, as already mentioned, have the passage running down the centre. That for first-class passengers is arranged in compartments to seat four persons, two on each side of the gangway. The interior furnishings are elaborate and costly. The seats, upholstered in red morocco or buffalo hide, are built low to ensure comfort, and so arranged that they can be pulled forward to make them take the form of a lounge chair. This is a capital idea, and one that will be appreciated after dining. By this arrangement the passenger will have no difficulty in composing himself for "forty winks." The framework for the first-class is composed of figured Italian burnished walnut wood, with carved panels and gold mountings, and the ceiling is Lincrusta Walton, with gilt relief figure work. The red morocco, combined with the rich colour of the walnut wood, and the white and gold for the roof, furnish pretty and artistic contrasts. The cosiness of each compartment is assured by doorways composed of carved woodwork and plate-glass. The "third diner" is arranged for two seats on one side of the train and one down the other, i.e., six in each compartment, and coincides very much with the superior class just described. The only distinction is in the matter of upholstery, and perhaps a shade less room. No fault, however, can be found with the space set apart for each individual. All the carriages from end to end contain plenty of air space, and the lighting and heating arrangements are of the most modern description. Automatic vacuum passenger communication has been established right through the train. In cold weather Messrs. Johnson and Clayton's system of hot water heating will be used. It is estimated that the weight of each train will be fully 200 tons, irrespective of the engine. The kitchen, for cooking purposes, comes in the centre of the cars, and is fitted with the latest culinary appliances. It contains large gas stove, with hot-water boilers, &c. The pantry is arranged in different compartments for knives and forks, silver, wines and spirits, plates, and other articles required to complete the composition of either luncheon or dinner. The new stock has been built in the Company's works, under the supervision of Mr. Clayton, the superintendent of the carriage department, who has been ably assisted in this work by Mr. T. P. Osborne.

From the foregoing particulars it will be gathered that the Company have spared neither pains nor expense to ensure a comfortable journey to the traveller who patronises the "middle course" to the north; and strengthen, if such be necessary, the proud claim of the Company to the "Most Interesting Route" between England and Scotland. What they do for him in the way of feeding deserves more than passing mention.

Shaftesbury.—The fascinating "Belle of New York" celebrated her fifth century of consecutive performances on Tuesday, and still looks as young and as fresh as ever. Our American cousins have no cause to complain of lack of appreciation, and it really seems to be a question as to who will be tired first. A few changes have taken place in the company, but we have still Miss Edna May to charm us with her quaint style, Miss Ella Snyder, Mr. Frank Lawton, with new bone solo, and Mr. J. E. Sullivan. Among the new comers are Mdlle. Proto, Merri Osborne, and Miss Hattie Moore, all of whom are pleasant acquisitions.

Bro. Charles Wyndham announces his last appearance at the Criterion Theatre, with which he has been associated for nearly a quarter of a century, for 21st inst., upon which occasion the appropriate comedy "Rosemary"—"that's for remembrance"—will be specially revived, and the entire proceeds will be devoted to charitable purposes, "in grateful recognition of public favour during so long a period." The booking has been enormous, and there is no question of the result. Lord Rothschild has sent £50 for a box, several stalls have been secured at five guineas apiece, and other large amounts have been offered for dress circle seats. All the artistes have given their services, and the entire proceeds, free from any deductions, will be handed to the Prince of Wales' Hospital Fund. Would not the occasion be a fitting time to announce our respected Brother as Sir Charles Wyndham?