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SPEAKING TO TIME.

WE in England are very apt to think that our customs and arrangements are far in advance of "less civilised" parts of the world, and this holds good so far as Freemasonry is concerned, just as it does elsewhere; but there is no gainsaying the fact that in many matters we are far behind our fellows, and, if we are not too bigoted to learn, there are many ways in which we may benefit by imitating those who are frequently regarded as our inferiors. Such an instance was brought into prominence at the Anniversary Festival of the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys, held at Brighton, on the 28th June last, when Bro. George Richards, in proposing the toast of the chairman of the day, said he hailed from a land where speech was silvern, and silence was golden. He then went on to say that 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.

Here is a splendid opportunity for English Masons to profit by the example set them by Lodges which, no doubt, very many among us would regard as less advanced than those at home, were they asked to express an opinion on such a point. We can hardly imagine the pleasures that would be experienced were we to attend a meeting at which a reasonable time limit was imposed on the different speakers, and religiously observed, especially if, as most of us would probably desire, the limit was fixed at two, or perhaps three minutes only. Under such conditions we might even find it enjoyable to listen to the speeches, which being short would in all probability be somewhat to the point, and by putting a Brother on his mettle to say all he wanted to in the limited time, might induce him to curtail the usual introductory "palaver" so generally indulged in by speakers at Masonic meetings. Who will be bold enough to first introduce into this country the rule observed in these old Dutch Lodges?

RICHARD EVE LODGE.

THE Warrant for this new Lodge has just been granted by the Prince of Wales Most Worshipful Grand Master. The Officers named in the Warrant are Bros. Richard Eve P.G. Treasurer W.M., Harry Manfield, of Northampton, S.W., and Bro. J. Morrison McLeod Secretary of the Boys School J.W.-designate. The majority of the Founders are members of the governing bodies of the Boys School, with the management of which the Officers named are intimately connected. Bro. J. Percy Fitzgerald is the Acting Secretary. The Lodge is to be consecrated in October, at the Freemasons' Hall, London.

At the annual meeting of the Provincial Grand Lodge of Surrey, referred to elsewhere in this issue, the Earl of Onslow thanked the Brethren sincerely for the welcome accorded him as Provincial Grand Master. No Provincial

Grand Master had been more cordially supported by his Province than he had been on every occasion. At the great meeting at the Albert Hall Surrey came out on the list of Provinces in a place which was worthy of its reputation. Surrey had always been to the front in everything that concerned the Charities, and this year was one upon which he could congratulate them more particularly. There was not a single Lodge that was not now represented on the Charity Committee of the Province. That Committee was of recent birth, and it started under auspices which were perhaps not altogether favourable. There were some Lodges which thought that the system of handing over their votes was not altogether a wise and prudent one, but it had been proved that the policy was one which had met with almost general approval. The consequence was that the cases for election to the Institutions which came from Surrey were supported by the votes from the Province, and were successful. His earnest desire in administering the affairs of the Province was that there should be no favour shown to any Lodge or individual, but that Masonic work and contributions to the Masonic Charities should alone entitle members to preferment in Provincial Grand Lodge. There was a time when Provincial Grand Lodge meetings were held under the banner of a particular Lodge, and that Lodge expected to be exceptionally treated with respect to Provincial honours. That was no longer the practice. His hands were now absolutely free, and he did his best, with the valuable assistance he received from the Deputy Prov. G.M. and Prov. G. Sec., to see that the Provincial honours were conferred without fear or favour. Those who resided in Woking, the Prov. Grand Sec. and others, and who were responsible for the arrangements of the day, were to be congratulated on the way in which everything had been carried out. The Provincial G.M. proposed the Deputy Provincial G.M., and Provincial G. Officers, and referred to the very valuable services Bro. West had rendered in Surrey for so many years past. Bro. Fredk. West Deputy Prov. G.M. responded, and said that in conjunction with his colleagues he was proud to serve under such a Provincial Grand Master. Bro. J. M. McLeod P.G.S.B. Secretary R.M. Institution for Boys replied for the Visitors, and expressed the hope that the day was not far distant when the Provincial Grand Master of Surrey would preside over a Festival of the Boys School.

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A correspondent of "Scottish Life" draws attention to what he believes to be a unique event in the annals of Freemasonry. On the occasion of the recent visit of H.R.H. the Prince of Wales to Edinburgh, a dinner of H.M. Bodyguard for Scotland (the Royal Archers) took place in the ancient Palace of Holyrood, when, observes the writer, the three Grand Masters were present,—H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, Grand Master Mason of England; His Grace, the Duke of Abercorn, Grand Master Mason of Ireland; and Lord Saltoun, the Grand Master Mason of Scotland. Although not a Masonic function, concludes the correspondent, such an event as the three Grand Master Masons dining together in historic Holyrood is an event worthy of notice.

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Sir Albert Woods (Garter) has lately completed his fiftieth year of active Freemasonry. To commemorate the event several eminent members of the Fraternity took luncheon with Sir Albert and Lady Woods, at their residence in St. George's Road, and, in the names of many Brethren, Bro. W. W. B. Beach, M.P., presented Sir Albert with a massive silver salver, suitably inscribed, and Lady Woods with a handsome and valuable article of jewellery, as tokens of respect.

ESSEX.

THE Right Hon. the Earl of Warwick and Brooke is decidedly one of our most earnest and zealous Provincial Grand Masters, and for many weeks past our columns have recorded some of the principal Masonic events at which he has assisted. The great event of the year in any Province is the holding of its Grand Lodge, and naturally there is considerable emulation among the various Lodges as to which shall have the honour of entertaining the Provincial Master and other distinguished Masons. Of course different localities are selected each year, so as to afford the Brethren an opportunity of attending Provincial Grand Lodge, as it could hardly be expected that members residing at distant places could always make it convenient to appear, though, to their credit be it said, it is but seldom any of the Lodges are unrepresented.

This year the lot fell, in Essex, for the first time to the Tilbury Lodge, No. 2006, and thereupon Bro. P. C. Walker W.M. and his Officers, among whom we must especially mention Bros. A. J. Dudgeon P.P.S.G.D., Joseph Bruton P.P.G.D.C., and A. J. Brickwell S.W., determined to give the Brethren a right royal reception. One of the large baggage sheds had courteously been placed at their disposal by the Tilbury Dock Company, and this was transformed by Messrs. Piggott, Brothers and Co., of Bishopsgate Street, into one of the most charming and convenient Lodge rooms that it is possible to conceive. The great space rendered it cool and comfortable, in spite of the sultry summer day. The walls were covered with red and white drapery in alternate horizontal stripes; from the roof were suspended the flags of all nations—emblematic of the universality of Freemasonry; while the standards of the various Lodges, under which the Brethren were ranged, were placed at intervals. A dais was reserved at the east end for the present and past Provincial Officers, and when the Brethren had assembled a scene was presented that will be long remembered. The date selected was Wednesday, the 26th ult., when special trains brought down members from all parts of Essex, who expressed their delight at the preparations made for their convenience. All being in readiness, the Earl of Warwick entered with his Officers, and naturally received an enthusiastic welcome. The Provincial Grand Lodge was then formally opened for the dispatch of business.

In the unavoidable absence of Col. Lockwood, Bro. Richard Clowes P.G.Std Br. was requested to act as Deputy Grand Master, and he, after the minutes had been taken as read, asked permission to address the assembly. He felt sure that what he was about to say would be received with pleasure by the Brethren. It would be noticed in the Report of the Board of General Purposes that they regarded the selection of the Earl of Warwick to fill the high position of Deputy Grand Master of the United Grand Lodge of England as the most important event of their Masonic year, and they considered that this event should be marked in some special manner at that meeting. The appointment had been received with the greatest gratification by the entire Province, and he was requested by the Lodge to present an address to his Lordship, that had been prepared and signed by 2,200 of the Brethren of Essex. The address was in the following terms:

ANCIENT FRATERNITY OF FREE AND ACCEPTED MASONS OF THE PROVINCE OF ESSEX.

TO THE RIGHT HON. THE EARL OF WARWICK AND BROOKE DEPUTY GRAND MASTER OF ENGLAND PROVINCIAL GRAND MASTER OF ESSEX.

The Brethren of the Province of Essex, over whom you have ruled so wisely and well for the past sixteen years, desire to take this, the first opportunity they have had, of warmly congratulating your lordship upon the distinction lately conferred upon you by H.R.H. the Grand Master, in appointing you Deputy Grand Master of England.

They feel sure that in this high position your lordship will bring to bear that strong sense of duty, perfect tact, and unfailing courtesy, which have endeared you to the Brethren of your Province, and has conduced to make it one of the Masonic strongholds in the country.

That T.G.A.O.T.U. may long bless and preserve your lordship is the earnest prayer of every Brother of the Province of Essex.

Signed, on behalf of 2,200 Brethren of Essex,

A. R. M. LOCKWOOD, COLONEL, D.P.G.M.

THOS. J. RALLING, Prov. G. Secretary.

Tilbury, 26th July 1899.

The presentation was beautifully illuminated and arranged as an album, the cover of which bore the coronet and cypher of the Earl.

Lord Warwick, in returning thanks, said he could truthfully and honestly say that he had not the slightest conception that anything so gratifying to his feelings was in contemplation, and for that reason it came with additional force. He had been treated for so many years with the

greatest kindness and loyalty by all the Brethren in the Province that it was always a pleasure to be among them. He had no idea that the Grand Master was about to confer so great a distinction upon him, but he hoped to be able to carry out his duties and responsibilities in such a manner as to gain their approbation. He would ever value the address, so kindly worded and presented, as one of his most precious possessions and he thanked them exceedingly for the great kindness that had prompted the Brethren to present him with this spontaneous expression of their feelings towards him.

Bro. Thos. J. Ralling Provincial Grand Secretary then called over the roll of Lodges, when it was found that every one of the forty-four was represented.

The principal business was the election of Provincial Grand Treasurer, for which distinction two Brethren were nominated. Bro. John Glass P.P.G.S. of W. proposed, and Bro. Nathaniel Fortescue P.P.G.T. seconded, Bro. Thomas Plomer Trounce I.P.M. 453; and Bro. William Gower P.P.G.T. proposed, and Bro. William Shurmur P.P.G.T. seconded, Bro. Charles James Smith P.M. 2504 for the post. The Provincial Grand Master therefore nominated the following Brethren to act as Scrutineers of the votes given for the candidates:—Frederick Wood P.P.S.G.W., W. B. Heagerty P.P.G.R., G. H. Finch P.P.J.G.W., and J. H. Johnson P.P.S.G.D.

The result of the ballot was subsequently announced; Bro. Trounce receiving 116 votes, and Bro. Smith 48. Lord Warwick therefore declared Bro. Trounce to be elected.

Bro. John J. C. Turner P.P.S.G.W. Chairman of the Board of General Purposes, proposed that the report of that body should be received and adopted, but suggested that it should be amended to the extent of a grant of five guineas to the Tilbury Cottage Hospital. This was seconded by Bro. Dr. W. E. Dring P.P.S.G.W., and carried unanimously.

The Provincial Grand Secretary then read the report of the Charity Committee, which stated that the work in this respect had been very heavy during the past year. The Province had adopted eight candidates for assistance, and had secured the election of two Boys, one Girl, one Widow and one Brother to the various Masonic Institutions. There were however still two Girls and one Widow to be elected. During the year they had given generous support to the Masonic Charities:—eight Stewards had supported the Benevolent Institution with £450; fourteen Stewards had taken up £660 at the Girls School Festival; and seven Stewards had added £242 to the Boys School, making a total of £1,352. The Committee thanked the Province for their loyal support, and concluded by deploring the death of Bro. Francis White, who always rendered such valuable assistance. Bro. Ralling proposed that the report be accepted and entered on the minutes; this was seconded by Bro. Clowes, and adopted.

The Provincial Grand Master then addressed the Brethren. It would be unnecessary to detain them for any length of time, but there were a few points to which he desired to draw attention. He heartily congratulated the Province upon the great progress that had been made in Freemasonry. Five new Lodges had been added to the Roll during the year, but the additions had not been made without great discrimination before recommending the Grand Master to issue Warrants for them. The Brethren might therefore be assured that they were all good Lodges, which would maintain the dignity of the Province. He considered it was a subject for congratulation that one of those Lodges bore the name of Bro. Albert Lucking, who had been for so many years the object of their respect and regard. During the past fifteen years the Province had largely increased, and had nearly doubled the number of Freemasons, so they were enabled to render considerable assistance to the Charities. Thus they had sent no less than £4,000 to the Boys Centenary Festival; £1,225 had been subscribed during the present year, while at the recent Girls Festival the Province of Essex had headed the list of amounts collected. He cordially thanked the Brethren who had so kindly supported him at the recent Grand Mark Festival, at which he presided. With regard to the election of Treasurer, he thought it would be best to follow the old custom that had prevailed for some years, viz: that the suburban and country Lodges should take it in turns to nominate a Brother for the post, and so avoid a contested election. Though the Brethren had not thought it desirable in the present instance, he considered it far better to arrive at an unanimous decision, but of course they were exercising their just rights, and he only threw out the suggestion for future action. He was very glad that the Grand Master had put his foot down firmly with regard to wearing Masonic regalia upon occasions where the general public were admitted,

as he considered the practice did not conduce to the dignity of Freemasonry. Finally, he was thoroughly proud of his Province, and he hoped they would go on and prosper so that it would be still stronger in numbers at the end of next year.

The following Officers were then appointed and invested by his Lordship :

Bro. Plumer C. Walker 2006	-	-	-	Senior Warden
Walter S. Bunting 2318	-	-	-	Junior Warden
Rev. A. R. T. Eales, M.A., 1437	-	-	-	Chaplains
Rev. W. H. Tozer 2005	-	-	-	
Thos. P. Troughton 453	-	-	-	
Egerton J. Glyn 2561	-	-	-	Treasurer
Thos. J. Ralling 51 (23rd year)	-	-	-	Registrar
J. W. Moss 2342	-	-	-	Secretary
James Berry 1817	-	-	-	Senior Deacons
G. H. Nichols 276	-	-	-	
R. J. Hennings 2508	-	-	-	
G. S. Daunton 2255	-	-	-	Junior Deacons
A. Lucking 160 (26th year)	-	-	-	
H. A. Jager 453	-	-	-	
G. F. Wright 51	-	-	-	Supt. of Works
William C. Grice 650	-	-	-	Director of Ceremonies
S. C. Kaufman 2374	-	-	-	Deputy Dir. of Cers.
H. Barrow 2442	-	-	-	Assistant Dirs. of Cers.
W. J. Barnes 2501	-	-	-	
John Spencer 1437	-	-	-	
C. E. Judd 1734	-	-	-	Sword Bearer
J. G. Mackenzie 1543	-	-	-	
W. Elam 1000	-	-	-	
A. J. Bennett 1977	-	-	-	Standard Bearers
A. J. Constable 2006	-	-	-	
E. Ayres 1343	-	-	-	
W. Leghorn 2734	-	-	-	Organist
Frank Evans 2749	-	-	-	
James Graham 2750	-	-	-	
J. T. Dormer 2757	-	-	-	Assistant Secretary
A. W. Martin	-	-	-	
	-	-	-	
	-	-	-	Pursuivant
	-	-	-	Assistant Pursuivant
	-	-	-	Stewards
	-	-	-	
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	-	-	-	Tyler.

Upon the termination of the investiture the new Officers were saluted, and Lord Warwick took the opportunity of thanking the retiring Officers for their services. Bro. R. Woodhouse proposed, and Bro. Dehane seconded, that Bro. P. C. Walker should be elected on the Charity Committee, in place of the member retiring by rotation.

Bro. Clowes said they could not separate without expressing their hearty thanks to the Tilbury Lodge for the great trouble and expense they had undertaken for their reception that day. Every one was greatly gratified at the handsome Lodge room, and the other conveniences. He further desired to propose a vote of thanks to the Tilbury Railway Company, for affording the Brethren facilities in coming down, and to the Dock Company for granting the use of the shed. The proposition was seconded by Bro. Woodhouse, and carried.

Bro. Walker, of the Tilbury Lodge, returned thanks, saying if they had given satisfaction to the Brethren they were more than repaid.

The Provincial Grand Master said the Grand Lodge would be held next year at Clacton-on-Sea, under the banner of the Lodge of St. Osyth's Priory, No. 2063. The Provincial Grand Lodge was closed in due form, and the Brethren adjourned.

The banquet was held in the handsome hall of the Tilbury Hotel, at which the Earl of Warwick presided. During dinner the fine band of the Scots Guards, under the direction of Bro. H. B. Dunkerton, played various selections, and afterwards an excellent musical entertainment was given by Bros. Charles Collette, Harrison Brockbank, J. A. Collins, and others.

The customary Loyal and complimentary speeches were made, Bro. W. J. Crump P.A.G.D.C. responding for the Grand Officers.

The Earl of Warwick, in returning thanks for the toast of the Provincial Grand Master, proposed by Bro. Richard Clowes, invited the Brethren to come next year to Warwick Castle, and have a pleasant day in that historic building.

Bro. Ralling answered for the Provincial Grand Officers; and Archdeacon Stevens proposed the Visitors, for whom Bro. V. P. Freeman Provincial Grand Secretary for Sussex replied. The Masters of the Province of Essex having been complimented, the proceedings terminated and the Brethren returned to their respective homes.

SURREY.

THE annual meeting of this Provincial Grand Lodge was held at the Public Hall, Woking, on Friday, 21st ult., when there was a large attendance. The Provincial Grand Master the Earl of Onslow was supported by Bros. Fredk. West P.G.D. Deputy Provincial Grand Master, R. F. Gould P.G.D., R. Eve P.G. Treas., the Rev. Norman Lee Grand

Chaplain, V. Freeman P.G.D., J. M. McLeod P.G.S.B. Secretary R.M. Institution for Boys, and many others.

The financial report was presented, and sums of ten guineas devoted to each of the three Institutions, ten guineas to the Woking Cottage Hospital, and two guineas to the Home for the Dying. The report of the Charity Committee showed excellent work done during the past year, the most gratifying feature being that all Lodges in the Province were now represented upon the Committee.

Bro. T. H. Roberts P.P.G.D. was nominated for the office of Prov. Grand Treasurer, and, there being no other candidate, he was declared duly elected.

The following Brethren were invested as the Provincial Officers for the ensuing year :—

Bro. Lieut.-Col. A. H. Bircham	-	-	-	Senior Warden
S. S. Goodman	-	-	-	Junior Warden
Rev. Jas. Beeby	-	-	-	Chaplains
Rev. W. Horan	-	-	-	
T. H. Roberts	-	-	-	
H. A. Howe	-	-	-	Treasurer
C. T. Tyler	-	-	-	Registrar
A. S. Tipson	-	-	-	Secretary
Dr. A. P. Luff	-	-	-	Senior Deacons
A. Meier	-	-	-	
G. S. Horsnail	-	-	-	
P. King	-	-	-	Junior Deacons
J. H. Hawkins	-	-	-	
W. E. Robinson	-	-	-	
W. Dix	-	-	-	Supt. of Works
A. J. Newman	-	-	-	
S. H. Hodgkin	-	-	-	
Captain J. Hoey	-	-	-	Director of Ceremonies
John Jones	-	-	-	
E. A. Brown	-	-	-	
E. J. Packington	-	-	-	Deputy Dir. of Cers.
W. A. Latham	-	-	-	
F. W. Hallett	-	-	-	
J. Hart	-	-	-	Assist. Dirs. of Cers.
R. Potter	-	-	-	
	-	-	-	
	-	-	-	Sword Bearer
	-	-	-	Standard Bearers
	-	-	-	
	-	-	-	
	-	-	-	Organist
	-	-	-	Assistant Secretary
	-	-	-	Pursuivant
	-	-	-	Assistant Pursuivant
	-	-	-	Tyler.

An Audit Committee was appointed, and Bro. J. D. Langton P.D.G.D.C. kindly consented to again undertake the duties of Secretary to the Charity Committee.

The Provincial Grand Master referred in feeling terms to the recent death of Bro. Raymond H. Thrupp Deputy Provincial Grand Master of Middlesex, who was well-known and respected in Surrey, and, on the proposition of the Deputy Provincial Grand Master, seconded by Bro. Langton, a resolution of sympathy with the late Bro. Thrupp's relatives was passed, and was forwarded to Bro. James M. Small Provincial Grand Secretary for Middlesex.

Prov. G. Lodge was closed, and a banquet was subsequently held, under the presidency of the Provincial Grand Master.

The usual toasts were afterwards honoured, Bro. the Rev. Norman Lee Grand Chaplain briefly replying for the Grand Officers.

Bro. F. West Deputy Prov. G.M. proposed the R.W. Provincial Grand Master, and said the Brethren felt greatly honoured at seeing Lord Onslow preside on such an occasion as that. There was no better sportsman than their Prov. G.M., he held high office in the State, and had had wide experience in ruling over men. It would be very difficult to find a Provincial Grand Master with his capacity for ruling.

CHESHIRE.

THE annual meeting of the Provincial Grand Lodge will take place at the Town Hall, Chester, on Wednesday next, 9th inst. It is well for Brethren to know that cheap tickets will be issued from Manchester Central, as also from stations on the Cheshire lines, including Altrincham, by trains enabling them to reach the ancient city in time for the ceremony, which is fixed for half-past one o'clock. It is understood that saloons can be obtained for parties by arrangement on application to Mr. Kirk, the obliging Station Master at Manchester Central.

MARK MASONRY.

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CUMBERLAND AND WESTMORLAND.

ON Thursday afternoon, 27th ult., a meeting of this Provincial Grand Mark Lodge was held in Kendal, followed by a dinner of an excellent character, at the King's Arms Hotel. The chair was occupied by Col. Sewell D.P.G.M.M., in the absence of the Provincial Grand Master Lord Henry Bentinck.

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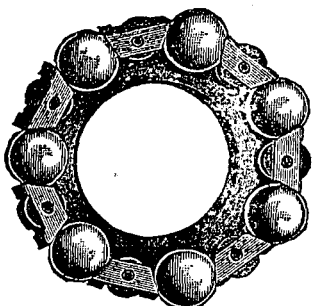
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DUTY OF THE MASONIC EDITOR.

ONE must not think that because he edits a Masonic journal
he must talk only of love, charity, and good fellowship,
and by the high painting of these virtues correct the many short-
comings of our Brethren. Masons are human, just like other
folks, and commit almost as many wrongs, and as the pastor
warns his flock and holds up to them the burden of their wrong
doing, so also should we, as honest editors, never fail to speak
plainly when we speak at all. If we have no convictions on the
many happenings of the day, Masonically, and are just drifting
along, if possible, with the popular tide, satisfied with a well
written article on some of the many heavenly themes that Masonry
teaches, then, indeed, have we mistaken our calling, and, like the
negative man—that is, "everything to all men"—cannot hope
to accomplish much. These kind of articles are well enough in
their way—they are the "ambrosia" to a well served meal of
"roasting." By "roasting" we mean such articles as cover the
events of the day and cause every Brother who receives the
publication to read it carefully and eagerly, to see "if I caught it
this time," as the good church members say after the minister
has reprimanded them for a dereliction of duty.—Bun F. Price,
in "Masonic Sun."

WHAT PROFIT?

DOES Freemasonry pay? What advantage has a man who is
a Mason over his neighbour who is not a member of the
Fraternity? These and other related questions are quite likely
to be asked of one's self, even if they are not put into the form of
words and expressed in private or public speech.

This is a practical age. It applies the test of profitableness
to almost everything of human acquisition and use, and it raises a
question of value in regard to man's present existence, asking
whether life itself is worth having—whether it pays to maintain
the hard struggle of mortal being against the trials and troubles
which must be encountered. There is a mighty army of dis-
appointed and dejected people, quite ready to declare that there
is no value in life—no good in anything. Out of the ranks of
such as these come the recruits for madness and for suicide.

We pity the morbid ones, so sad and so reckless. We say
to them that the gift of life is a precious boon—worth living
through and through as God gives it and marks the way for its
expression.

Happy are they who get life rightly focussed, so as to estimate
its true value. Then will they have respect for those faculties of
mind, heart and soul, which constitute man's highest endowment,
and by exercise of which he not only makes his life useful, but
derives for himself the utmost of strength, satisfaction and peace.
Those who belong to this class are disposed to make the most
and best of present being, while they are always looking for a
brighter light to shine upon their way, and a more exceeding glory
to be disclosed. These, rightly numbered among the workers,
the leaders, the helpers in our human world, will make willing
declaration, out of their own experience, that it does pay to
oppose evil, to struggle for the right, to cultivate the noble
attributes of being, and to recognise the claims of related life.

When men of this stamp pass within the lines of Free-
masonry they are not likely to be disappointed. They will find
enough in the Institution to justify the expenditure of thought,
time and money requisite for active and intelligent membership
in the Fraternity. They will testify that Freemasonry does pay;
that it has profit not to be reckoned in material values, but in
benefits which constitute an abiding property of life.

Not long since a worthy Craftsman, who has held member-
ship in Lodge, Chapter and Commandery for almost half a
century, said to the present writer: "Freemasonry has blessed
and enriched my life. I have made no money by my Masonic
connections. I have never been obliged to ask for any aid on
Masonic grounds, but I believe I am both a better and a happier
man to-day because of my long and active identification with the
Institution." Most heartily we endorse the words of our véné-
rable friend. We have found profit in Freemasonry. It has been
of benefit to the writer by bringing him into pleasant relations with
good men and true, giving him a place in a community of mutual
interests, and opening the way for the establishment of enduring
friendships. The observance of its rites and ceremonies has been
suggestive and interesting, and to witness Masonic work well
done is none the less pleasant now than it was years ago.

Its profit has been realised by a study of its symbolism and
its principles, and by the effort to apply its truths to the formation
of character and to the conduct of life. It has been an inspiration
and a benefit in many ways, as the writer has sought a better
acquaintance with the history of the Institution and the evolution
of its great system of moral ideas and fraternal purposes. It has
augmented the zest of life, deepened faith in the eternal verities,

and made more evident the truth of the solidarity of the human race.

What profit has Freemasonry? Much profit, and in various ways, when rightly understood and applied, being judged by the tests which determine the higher values. Freemasonry pays the thoughtful, faithful Craftsmen, not in the wages of the world's current coin, but in what quickens the affections, exalts the aspirations, broadens and blesses the life, thus providing a social, intellectual and moral incitement for a strong and useful manhood.—"Freemason's Repository."

A TRUE CRAFTSMAN.

AMONG the many gems in Bro. Stewart's lecture on "A True Craftsman," before the Temple Club, New York, the following extracts will show the excellence of the whole:

"There is in the human mind an irresistible desire to adopt some kind of system, follow a custom and emulate example. So apt are we in this respect that we involuntarily become attached to that from which we receive the first impression, and we thus learn to love and venerate old and familiar things. Who has not been moved by the pathetic song or story of 'The Old Mill,' 'The Old Church' or 'The Old Homestead,' around which may cluster fond memories of days long gone by? And who, when in sweet communion with himself, has not found comfort and solace in recalling scenes enacted many, many years ago? Hence our veneration for the intellectual images we have set up, and our reverence for the quaint, though sometimes ungrammatical, language we use in our ceremony. In the earliest history of the human race we find a deep-seated desire to adopt forms and ceremonies intended either to please the eye, inform the mind, or teach the heart. Even among the heathen nations, as well as with the more enlightened Hebrews, ceremonies were both elaborate and important Freemasonry may not have been understood, or practiced, or even known, prior to our knowledge of its existence in Great Britain, and, save for the satisfaction of the historian, what of it? But it is all important how it now is, and how it should be, and how it now is practiced.

"We can trace a clear, defined and unmistakable similarity, an unbroken chain, connecting the operative with the speculative Masonry. The system, the tools and implements of our ancient Brethren have been symbolised by the speculative Freemasonry. Their quaint customs and language, so dear to every Masonic student, have been adopted by the Craft, and thus, from what was the perfection of an operative system, useful as it was extensive, has arisen speculative or symbolic Masonry, which is to-day without a peer, the wonder and admiration of succeeding generations.

"The work of our mystic rite, if performed in sincerity and truth, will last throughout eternal ages, because we build a moral structure, whose every stone must be hewn, squared and numbered according to the cardinal virtues which underlie the indestructible foundation of the Craft. Knit together by the strong ties which unite those of the human race who believe in a progressive civilisation and the divine origin of mankind, we build a temple whose cornerstone is charity, and on whose capstone is inscribed 'Holiness to the Lord.' The name 'True Craftsman' can only be applied to a Master Mason, for in the symbolic Lodge only are to be found the foundation and capstone of Masonry. All other degrees are innovations, invented and designed from time to time to suit the fancy of those desiring novelty and high-sounding titles. We might properly except the Royal Arch, which has been ruthlessly torn from the Master's degree, and which was and is and should be, a part of it.

"The legends of Masonry, while attractive and instructive, are subordinate to the symbol. Indeed, the principal figure in the great legend of Freemasonry is itself a symbol of manhood seeking immortality.

"But we have an abiding faith in this great belief which is of infinitely more importance to the Craft, that the 'Mystic Temple,' the spirit of Masonry, existed from the foundation of the world; the sacred altar, whose living fire, sustained by an unseen power, fed by unseen hands, burnt with unfading light and shed its effulgent rays around the very birthplace of the human race.

"The 'True Craftsman' will commune with himself, applying the square and plummet to his own conduct. He might follow the beaten path with some degree of success, but that would not suffice; he must do more. He must examine himself, and find not only the qualities that he should encourage and propagate, but also the evils that he should avoid. He will weigh the actions of his fellow in the balance of equity, and judge from reason rather than prejudice. He will avoid cynicism, that unmanly trait, so blasting in its influence, so subtle and pernicious in its destructive work. For the cynic never finds the good, but is quick to discover that which may be a defect in the character of his Brother. Religion to the cynic is hypocrisy; honesty, a pretense; virtue, simply want of opportunity; purity, a myth.

The influence of such a nature is like the biting frost on the tender plant. The 'True Craftsman' will avoid him; he will avoid the tale-bearer, who loveth and maketh a lie; he will not lend himself to aught that will bring sorrow or wrong upon any member of the human race. The 'True Craftsman' will be quick to promote the good of others, as he does not possess a selfish nature, but cultivates a noble generosity, expelling all bitter, envenomed thoughts, whose deadly poison, like the burnished adder, would destroy the noblest work of God. He will cultivate a liberal, broad-minded disposition. No sectarian dogma will circumscribe his development, no shallow knowledge or rudimentary religion retard his growth. He believes in the great truths of God and Nature in their purest and simplest form. May his standard advance, his temples rise, until faith, justice, truth, charity and fraternal love encompass with their benign influence the utmost ends of the universe."—"American Tyler."

The 49th issue of the "East Lancashire Masonic Calendar" has appeared, and as usual bears marks of the careful editing of Bro. Jas. Newton Past G. Sword Bearer England Prov. G. Sec. The calendar is issued in handy form, and will be found of great service to Brethren for reference. Copies may be had from the publisher, Bro. O. C. Crompton, Fleet Street, Bury.

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As mentioned elsewhere, in our report of the Ashbury Lodge (Manchester) picnic, the Great Central Railway specially cater for picnic parties—especially Masonic ones, added Bro. H. E. Massie, who holds an important position on the staff of the Company. He stated that twenty-five new saloons had recently been provided for the traffic, and he hoped to retain the greater portion of these for the Manchester district, notwithstanding the London demands, but we trust he will find it necessary to get new ones for his own district, when once his London Brethren come to realise the capabilities of his line in the way of providing enjoyment for pleasure parties.

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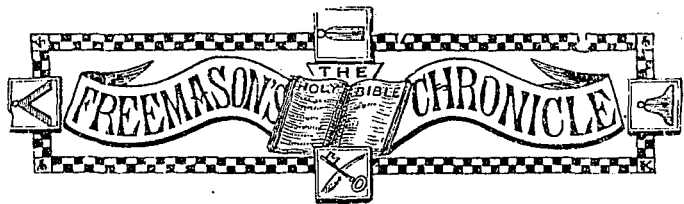
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Essex Provincial Grand Lodge.

BRO. T. P. TROUNCE I.P.M. 453 tenders his grateful thanks to those Brethren through whose support he was elected to the distinguished position of Provincial Grand Treasurer, at the meeting on Wednesday last. Waltham Abbey, 27th July 1899.



SATURDAY, 5TH AUGUST 1899.

NEW HALL AT HORNSEA.

FRIDAY, 28th ult., was a red-letter day in the annals of Hornsea, when the village made the most of its unique occasion. Hornsea was gaily bedecked with flags and festoons, and took every advantage of offering a warm welcome to the Marquess of Zetland and the members of the Provincial Grand Lodge, who were honouring the Alexandra Lodge on the important event of laying the foundation stone of their Masonic Temple, in Eastbourne Road. The building, which is to be a two-storeyed one, will be of red and white stock bricks, with stone dressings, the ground-floor comprising a handsome dining hall, capable of seating upwards of seventy persons. Bro. Peter Gaskell P.M. P.P.G.O. is the Hon. architect and clerk of the works.

The pastor and deacons of the Congregational Church lent their school room for the use of the local Lodge and visitors, and there a very large number of Brethren from all parts of East, West, and North Yorkshire assembled. The Worshipful Master Bro. W. L. Harrison presided, amongst those present being the Marquis of Zetland Prov. G.M., Henry Smith P.D.P.G.M. West Yorkshire, and many others of rank and distinction.

Letters of apology were read from Lord Bolton D.P.G.M., Viscount Raincliffe, Sir Henry Beresford-Peirse, the Mayors of Hull and Beverley, and others.

After the Lodge had been opened in the three degrees, a procession was formed, admirably marshalled by Bro. J. G. Wallis Provincial Grand Director of Ceremonies, which wended its way to Eastbourne Road, the streets being crowded with spectators. On arrival the Worshipful Master of the Alexandra Lodge, addressing the Marquess of Zetland, said: I have the honour to ask your lordship to lay the foundation stone of our new Masonic Hall, with the accustomed rites and ceremonials of the Order, and to ask your lordship's acceptance of a silver trowel for the purpose. The upper stone was then raised, and the lower stone adjusted.

The Marquess of Zetland then laid the stone with the usual formula.

Dr. Pride Provincial Grand Chaplain offered prayer, and the National Anthem having been sung, the Provincial Grand Secretary Bro. M. C. Peck read the inscription on the plate, and the acting Prov. Grand Treasurer Bro. W. Tesseyman P.P.G.W. deposited a phial containing the current coins of the realm. The noble Marquess then adjusted the lower stone, and the upper stone was slowly lowered, making three distinct stoppages. The latter's position having been proved, the Prov. G.M. gave the stone three blows with the mallet. The cornucopia, containing the corn, and the ewers with wine and oil, were strewn and poured over the stone with the accustomed ceremonies. The Marquess next inspected the plan of the intended building, and returned it to Bro. Gaskell, together with the several tools used in proving the position of the stone, and instructed the worthy Brother to proceed without loss of time to the completion of the work, in conformity with the plan.

The ceremony being concluded, Mr. W. Barry, Park Street, Hull, took several photographs of the Brethren whilst at the site, and also en route, which will serve as mementoes of the very interesting gathering. A return of the procession was then made in reverse order, and the members of the Craft proceeded to the Congregational school room, where the Worshipful Master, on behalf of the members of the Alexandra Lodge, moved a very hearty vote of thanks to his lordship for his kindness in travelling so far to lay the foundation stone of their new Masonic Temple, which they trusted would be a lasting monument of zeal for the Craft, and be serviceable in promoting the interests of the Fraternity.

They fervently hoped that his lordship's connection with the Province might be continued for many years to come.

The Marquess of Zetland briefly acknowledged the vote, and expressed his satisfaction in taking part in and witnessing the ceremony, the arrangements for which had been simply perfect, and reflected much credit upon the Director of Ceremonies Bro. J. G. Wallis.

The Lodge was then closed, and the Brethren, numbering about 120, adjourned to the Public rooms, where Bro. T. B. Hooton (New Inn Hotel) purveyed in *recherché* style, the rooms being artistically decorated and festooned with flowers by the Misses Wallis.

The usual Loyal and Masonic toasts were honoured.

Bro. M. C. Peck P.G.St.Br. of England received an ovation on rising to respond for the Grand Lodge. He took advantage of the occasion to express his satisfaction at the excellent arrangements made, and to the Brethren from Hull in coming out in their hundreds to support the Hornsea Lodge.

Bro. J. G. Wallis Prov. G.D.C., in proposing the toast of "Our Provincial Grand Rulers," referred to the characteristic ability which denoted the work done by the Provincial Grand Master and Lord Bolton, his Deputy,—the latter having no equal in the Province for his knowledge of the ritual. The proceedings that day would be a stimulus to the Alexandra Brethren, and they hoped, when the new hall was built, to have a large accession of members.

The Marquess of Zetland, who was most enthusiastically cheered, said he was deeply touched by the cordiality of their reception. He regretted the unavoidable absence of Lord Bolton, and could earnestly and truly emphasise the words of Bro. Wallis, that no Mason existed who could equal their Deputy Provincial Grand Master for his knowledge of Masonic ritual. He was greatly indebted to him for his able assistance in the Province.

Other toasts followed. The proceedings were most successful throughout.

We are pleased to see that Bro. R. V. Vassar-Smith P.G.D. Deputy Prov. G. Master Gloucestershire is taking a prominent part in making the necessary arrangements for a visit of the Quatuor Coronati Lodge to Gloucestershire next year, on the occasion of the summer outing of its members. An intimation having been received that Gloucestershire might be made the object of a visit next year, a few representative Masons met at luncheon at Gloucester, on Tuesday, on the invitation of the Deputy Provincial Grand Master, when it was determined to give the Quatuor Coronati the assurance of a hearty welcome. A Committee, comprising, amongst others, the Masters of the Cheltenham and Gloucester Lodges, the Mayors of Gloucester and Cheltenham, and the Deputy Provincial G.M., was appointed, with Bro. E. Hulbert, of Stroud, as Secretary, to arrange a three or four days' programme for the visit, which we may confidently predict will be a great success.

Men have different motives in joining the Order. One man joins with the hope of it helping him in business, another for the honours of office, another to have a place to spend a pleasant evening, and a great many for the protection it affords. But no matter what a man's object is in joining the Order, whether it be one of self interest or as a protection in case of misfortune, no one has any right to say he shall not become a member of a Lodge, and as he receives one after another of the beautiful lessons the Order teaches, his mind is uplifted to all that is grand and good in life.—Ex.

A good story comes to us from Forest City Lodge, No. 388, Cleveland. Past Master Geo. W. Lloyd had never asked his son to become a Mason. The worthy young man, however, planned with his uncle to become a member of the "mystic tie" without his father's consent. Imagine the young man's surprise when he realised that his own father was conferring upon him the E.A. degree.

The twentieth annual issue of the Great Eastern Railway Company's Tourist guide to the Continent has just been issued, among its fresh features being particulars of the new express service to Norway, Denmark, and Sweden, via the Royal Mail Harwich and Hook of Holland route; of new tours in the Luther country, and Thuringian and Hartz mountains; a series of Continental maps; and a chapter, "Dull useful information," giving particulars as to the cost of Continental travel. Copies may be had from the Continental Traffic Manager, at Liverpool Street Station.

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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DUKE OF YORK LODGE, No. 2449.

THE second annual picnic of this Lodge took place on Wednesday, 19th ult., the place selected being Harrogate, in the West Riding of Yorkshire. A party of fifty-four persons, consisting of members and friends of both sexes, left the Exchange Station, Manchester, at 9.30 a.m., by corridor saloons, arriving at the famous north of England watering place shortly before 12. Lunch was partaken of at the Commercial Hotel, facing the Stray, West Park, after which the party assembled in front of the Hotel, and a picture of the group was taken by a local photographer.

Coaches had been provided for an afternoon drive, and at 1.30 the party left Harrogate, their first visit being to the Plumpton Rocks. An hour or so spent there was amidst delightful scenery, and well worth the little charge imposed at the entrance gate. As Father Prout says of a similar place at Blarney, "there are groves for conversation, and walks for speculation," besides a lake of considerable size, which is embosomed between immense overhanging rocks, with trees and ferns in profusion. Close by is Plumpton Hall, with its charming flower gardens and ornamental grounds, and as the building can be hired for dancing and other recreations, refreshments being purchasable, the place provides ample material for a full day's pleasure. But other attractions were in store, and after another lovely and interesting drive the party arrived at the ancient and royal town (or by prescription borough) of Knaresborough, sometimes called the Switzerland of England. The town, which was originally surrounded by a rampart or ditch, traces of which remain, now forms part of the Duchy of Lancaster, and is situated partly on the side and partly on the summit of a rough, ragged limestone rock, on the N.E. bank of the river Nidd. Many of the houses are of a very substantial character, the walls being of immense thickness, and built of stones taken from the Castle quarry, the latter having been formed when, in 1648, the House of Commons put an embargo upon the structure as a place of residence. The Castle, which is now only a name given to some crumbling ruins, stands, or rather decays, on a rocky height at the S.W. side of the town, near the river. A lovely view of Knaresborough, and also of the handsome castellated railway viaduct which spans the Nidd, are here obtained, a scene which has often tempted the pencil and brush both of artist and amateur. Several snap-shots were taken by a son of Bro. Roland H. Whatham Treasurer, and were very successful.

In an article of this description, which is limited simply to an ephemeric visit, it is impossible to enumerate all the objects of attraction which the neighbourhood supplies, historic, antiquarian, and picturesque. The chronicles of the town include such names as Mother Shipton (the Cassandra of her time); Eugene Aram, the subject of Tom Hood's clever poem, and of Bulwer Lytton's novel of that name; Blind Jack Metcalfe, whose wonderful and skilful feats of road making and bridge building have been perpetuated by Samuel Smiles in his "Lives of the Engineers," and later by the Rev. S. Baring Gould in his "Yorkshire Oddities and Strange Events"; E. Hargrove, the first historian of Knaresborough; Dr. Kay, one of the revisers of the Old Testament; Campbell Foster, Q.C.; Howell, the artist; Dr. Stubbs, Bishop of Oxford; and W. P. Firth, the well-known painter, who received his education in the town. The district is also justly celebrated for its petrifying wells, and various kind of mineral springs, these latter being a sort of vitriolic spa, chalybeate, and sulphuric.

Descending by a series of steps to the river side, several of the party crossed the water in boats, to the Long Walk, a picturesque wood planted by the local member of Parliament (Sir Henry Slingsby) about the year 1730. Here, at the foot of a limestone rock, near the river, is the famous Dropping Well, or mineral spring, and the cave where Mother Shipton is supposed to have worked her mysterious charms. A charge of sixpence made for admission should be strenuously resisted, and is by vigorous and uncompromising chaffing of the Cerberus of the door capable of abatement for parties of a dozen or so. The principal objects to be seen are a few birds, which, having parted with life reluctantly, now appear miserably decrepit, and entirely out of their element in their present position; some gloves which look as though their former owners had been glad to be rid of such impedimenta; slippers of Cinderella and Titanic dimensions; and hats of a wofully bygone shape—these are all hung up, and are undergoing the petrifying process, which is said to take about three months to complete. A glass which is placed in an invitingly prominent position acts as an allurement for visitors to take a drink of the cold lime-impregnated water, and it is laughable to listen to the various speculations as to what probable effect the water will have upon each individual system.

A feature which is certainly not a pleasant one, and which ought to be suppressed by the authorities for their own good, is that of several grimy-faced, ragged, and almost shoeless urchins who will insist upon following and pestering visitors with a monotonous and scarcely understandable sing-song history of past local events, many of these being attributed to the machinations of Mother Shipton, of whose career we give an account elsewhere in this issue.

A drive of three-and-a-half miles and the party arrived at the Commercial, Harrogate, where a really recherché dinner had been provided. This over, a few Loyal and other toasts were introduced and duly disposed of.

Bro. John Kinsey I.P.M., in proposing the health of the Worshipful Master Bro. A. G. Bryce, regretted his enforced absence. Although not present in person he was, he felt sure, with them in spirit.

The task of proposing the health of the ladies was in the hands of Bro. J. T. Whittle J.W., who explained that the picnic was promoted principally on behalf of their fair friends. On occasions like this it was only reasonable to suppose that the Brethren were desirous of showing the kind of hospitality extended to Freemasons in their Lodges. The ladies were necessary to the success of such a picnic as this, and he was sure that every gentleman present felt deeply grateful to their fair visitors for the honour of their presence. Bro. Whittle made a very apropos reference to King Solomon and his plurality of wives, and seemed quite to put the minds of the ladies at ease when he ventured to inform them that, although a good Mason, he was now defunct, and slept with his forefathers.

Bro. R. H. Whatham Treasurer responded, and a very humorous speech explained that the picnic, which had so far been a success, was due to the conflation of a few Brethren. He thanked them on behalf of the ladies for the enjoyment which they had participated in, and which they looked upon as an assurance that they were expected to join in the good things provided.

Bro. Arthur Sutcliffe J.D. Secretary of the Picnic Committee proposed the health of the landlord (Mr. A. L. Fairburn, late of Leeds), who, he said, had given every satisfaction to the party by his excellent catering. Mr. Fairburn replied, saying he was glad to have pleased his guests, and on any future occasion when he might again be favoured with their company, or indeed of that of any of the Freemasons, he would try to do his best on their behalf.

The other members of the Committee were Bros. Whittle, Simpson, Whatham, Lewin, T. H. Stott, Geo. Sawyer, and Arthur Hudson.

The return journey was commenced at 6.46, and Manchester was reached shortly before 9 p.m., the tedium of travelling having been relieved by songs, recitations, &c.

Mr. Newsholme, a visitor, proposed the health of the Picnic Committee, and stated that all present had had a day of wonderful enjoyment, for which they ought to be grateful. There had not been a hitch in any single particular. Mr. Law, another visitor, also spoke in similar terms.

Bro. Whatham Treas. responded on behalf of the Committee, and stated that he would duly convey the sentiments just expressed to those in the other compartments, who had unhappily not been able to hear them.

Other prominent members of the party were Bros. Simon Mamelok P.M. S.W. P.P.G.J.D., Clement John Hall P.M., who, by the way, sang grace at lunch and dinner, J. Bingham P.M., Samuel Kew S.D., Plant, Cordwell, W. Greenhalgh, Life, and Wm. Marshall Higginson J.D. 152, Messrs. H. Bingham, Dale, DeLucey, Royle, Rhodes, Shaw, Shawcross, C. Simpson, W. Sutcliffe, and others, nearly all being accompanied by a lady relative.

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CHANTREY LODGE, No. 2355.

ON Friday, 28th ult., Bro. C. F. Shepherd S.W. was installed as W.M. at the Masonic Hall, Dore, Derbyshire. There was a large attendance, amongst those present being Bro. S. Cox F.G.A.D.C. Eng., and a large number of past and present Provincial Officers of Derbyshire and Yorkshire.

The installing Officer was Bro. G. A. Sandy, who performed his duties in a most efficient and impressive manner.

Subsequently, at the Masonic Hall, Sheffield, the W.M. and between seventy and eighty Brethren sat down to a banquet, at which the customary Loyal and Masonic toasts were given, and an agreeable programme of music rendered.

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HORSA LODGE, No. 2208.

THE summer outing in connection with this Lodge took place on Wednesday, 12th ult., in beautiful weather.

A good party left the Bournemouth West Station at 8 a.m. for Salisbury. On their arrival there conveyances were in waiting to convey them to Longford Castle, the seat of the Earl of Radnor Provincial Grand Master Wilts. They were very kindly shown over the mansion, and the valuable pictures, beautiful furniture and tapestry were especially admired. Subsequently they were taken through the extensive range of hothouses, where luscious fruits appeared to be in great abundance, and to be thriving most satisfactorily. Before leaving Longford Castle, the W.M. of Lodge Horsa Bro. Knight and the Secretary Bro. Brazier had an opportunity, during a personal and very pleasant interview with Lord Radnor, of thanking his lordship, in the name of the whole party, for his great kindness. A return was then made to Salisbury, and at the White Hart Hotel host Bro. Bowes had provided an excellent luncheon, which was fully enjoyed. The luncheon over, the party were driven to Stonehenge, via Amesbury. At Stonehenge a group photograph was taken of the party. The drive back was by way of Heale House, where Charles II. was secreted for some days in his flight after the battle of Worcester. At the White Hart Hotel, Salisbury, the visitors partook of a substantial tea, and left Salisbury by the 7.15 train, Bournemouth being reached about 9.30. The arrangements for the outing had been admirably managed, which contributed greatly to the day's enjoyment.

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OBEDIENCE LODGE, No. 1753.

THE election meeting of this Lodge was held at Okehampton, on Monday, 31st ult., when Bro. Rev. T. Ward Brown S.W. was chosen to preside over the Lodge during the ensuing year. The installation is due on Monday, 28th inst., when we hope our reverend Brother will start on a year of prosperity in his high office.

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CEDEWAIN LODGE, No. 1594.

ON Thursday, 20th ult., the Brethren held their annual installation meeting, when Bro. J. Lloyd Hughes was installed Worshipful Master for the ensuing year, the ceremony being impressively performed by Bro. Danily P.M. P.P.G.W.

After the business the Brethren adjourned to a banquet, which was laid in the dining room of the Temple, where the Loyal and Masonic toasts were duly honoured.

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ASHBURY LODGE, No. 1459.

THE summer outing took place on the 20th ult., to Alton Towers. The party, numbering fifty-four, under the guidance of Bro. H. E. Massie, proceeded by Great Central from London Road, Manchester, and on arrival at Alton partook of cold luncheon at the Shrewsbury Hotel, after which they left for the serpentine drive down the Churnet valley, through the Earl of Shrewsbury's grounds.

Dinner was served in the evening at the Shrewsbury Hotel, and the health of the W.M. (Bro. A. E. Burgess) and his good lady was proposed by Bro. Bee D.C., and duly responded to.

Bro. Burgess complimented Bro. Massie on the excellence of his arrangements, which, he said, did credit to the Great Central Railway Company, with which he was connected.

Bro. Massie, in acknowledging a vote of thanks passed with great heartiness, said the Great Central made it a special point to oblige picnic parties, especially Masonic ones, and in view of recent developments had secured twenty-five new saloons to provide for the traffic; and, with the

sanction of his chiefs, Mr. Haig Brown and Mr. Lee, he hoped, notwithstanding the London demand, to retain the greater portion for the Manchester district. The party arrived home at 10 o'clock, after a pleasant day's outing.

ROYAL ALFRED LODGE, No. 1028.

ON Monday, 24th ult., several of the members of this Lodge, and their lady friends, had a day's outing in the Dukeries. The journey was made by rail to Mansfield, at which place the party was met by brakes, visits being made to Welbeck, Clumber, and Thorsby. The company afterwards returned to the Swan Hotel, Mansfield, where a capital dinner was provided. Alfreton Station was reached on the return journey about 8 p.m., the trip having proved itself a delightful one.

CONCORD LODGE, No. 323.

A LARGE party of members, some of whom were accompanied by their wives and friends, paid a visit to Shrewsbury on the 20th ult. They were met at the station by Bro. W. H. Blackwell (the chief-constable of Shrewsbury), and after visiting the Castle, Museum, &c., sat down to luncheon at the George Hotel, where they were joined by the Mayor (Bro. T. P. Deakin). In the afternoon the visitors were conveyed to many places of historical interest in the neighbourhood, and expressed themselves delighted with the beautiful scenery in the vicinity of Shrewsbury. On returning to Shrewsbury a sumptuous dinner was partaken of at the George Hotel.

HARMONY LODGE, No. 220.

THE annual installation took place at the Garston Hotel, Garston, on Wednesday night, 26th ult., Bro. Robert G. Mitchell being installed Master for the ensuing year. The ceremony was very impressively performed by Bros. T. H. Short W.M. and G. W. Hughes P.M.

During the evening Bro. Short was presented with a very handsome and valuable Past Master's jewel, the inscription showing that it was a token of esteem and regard from the Brethren of the Lodge, and a recognition of services rendered.

SINCERITY LODGE, No. 189.

THE annual installation and banquet was held at Stonehouse Townhall, on Monday, 10th ult., the retiring W.M. Bro. F. S. Hodge presiding. The W.M.-elect was Bro. H. W. Mayne S.W., and the installation ceremony was taken part in by Bros. G. Dunsterville, C. Dunsterville, A. S. Hendry, F. E. Sach, and J. Parker.

METROPOLITAN : INSTRUCTION.

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EYRE LODGE, No. 2742.

ON Wednesday, at the Eyre Arms Hotel, St. John's Wood, N.W., Bros. W. Mitchell W.M., W. P. Clarke S.W., A. Barrall J.W., P. J. Weeden Sec., J. D. Graham S.D., J. Wynman J.D., C. Murlless I.G.

Bro. Weston, with the assistance of the Brethren, worked the first Section of the Lecture. The W.M. rehearsed the ceremony of initiation in excellent style, for which he was highly complimented by the Preceptor.

There being no meeting on Wednesday next, the Lodge was adjourned till the 16th inst., when Bro. W. P. Clarke will take the chair.

NEW CROSS LODGE, No. 1559.

ON Tuesday we had the pleasure of visiting this Lodge at the commodious quarters of Bro. Lewis Lane, the Kemble's Head, 61 and 62 Long Acre, W.C., when Bro. C. Johnson P.M. Preceptor 1158 was in the chair, with Bros. C. Conquest S.W., E. Beadle J.W., J. D. Graham P.M. Prec., G. Faaz Sec., L. Lake S.D., W. Manninger J.D., W. Tipton I.G., Wynman, and others. The W.M. rehearsed the ceremony of passing, with Bro. Manninger acting as the candidate. The whole of the ritual, including the explanation of the working tools and the lecture on the tracing board, was perfectly rendered.

The W.M. resumed the Lodge to the first degree, and Bros. Conquest and Tipton were elected members, which compliment was duly acknowledged.

Bro. Conquest will preside on Tuesday, 15th inst.

The New Cross Lodge of Instruction meets every Tuesday, at eight o'clock, and is under the Preceptorship of Bro. J. D. Graham P.M., who is well known for his capable working.

Criterion.—A rollicking farce, just the thing for an after dinner entertainment on a warm summer evening, is now being played at this home of hilarity, under the management of Messrs. Henry A. Lytton and Stanley Cooke, who have taken the theatre for a season. It is called "The Wild Rabbit," and is written by George Arliss. We need not go back further than the Two Dromios for comparison; suffice it to say that what proved highly diverting in Shakespeare's time is to-day received with equal amusement, and what more is required. The Earl of Ravenscourt and Christopher Smith have for some years been estranged from their families, and both meet at the Towers, the seat of the nobleman. Here, like the twins, they get mixed up owing principally to a change of hair, or rather the colour of it, and after the usual amount of comical complications they are sorted out, and the problem is demonstrated. Mr. Stanley Cooke as Christopher, and Mr. Cecil Ramsey as Cyril, sustain with much earnestness the two sons who are so much alike as to be undistinguishable by their parents when their hair is dyed, and they make the piece hum merrily. Miss Georgie Esmond is a vivacious and pretty Polly, and a capital little sketch is given by Master Levey as an up-to-date motor boy. Mr. Aubrey Fitzgerald also adds a diverting character of "A Society Clown," and Mr. Sydney Brough is seen to advantage as Mr. Medlycot. Mr. Wyes as Chris' father, and Miss Talbot as Cyril's mother, join in the fun, which is sustained throughout the three acts; Miss Violet Raye, Miss Margaret Watson, and Mr. Blake Adams complete the list of the laughter givers. Marsham Rae's pretty comedietta, "The First in the Field," precedes the farce, and is capably played by Messrs. C. France, Blake Adams, Harold West, and Miss Amy Francis.

THEORY AND PRACTICE.

THEORETICALLY, the Masonic Institution represents the best qualities of human nature and the noblest forces that minister to the good of the individual man and the welfare of society. The ideal of Freemasonry is every way bright and beautiful. At the very beginning a man who desires to become a Mason is told that he must present himself as a candidate "uninfluenced by mercenary motives," being animated by "a desire for knowledge and a sincere wish to be useful to his fellow-man." Being thus prompted, he makes his application. Because of what he has read and heard of the Masonic Fraternity—of its high standard of morals, the close fellowship of its members, and the beneficent work in which it is constantly engaged—he naturally expects to find associations of a worthy and exalted character, and to be greatly stimulated and helped by Masonic influences operating upon heart and soul.

It must be confessed that these ideals are not always realised. The practice, even within Masonic lines, is not always conformable to theory. The Brother just admitted to the Fraternity expects to find less of narrowness, selfishness, wrong-doing, and uncharitableness among Masons than he has been accustomed to meet with in the world at large, and he naturally expects to discover in his new Masonic relation a more consistent regard for truth, honour, and right than is generally manifest, together with a special expression of those qualities which bind heart to heart, and contribute so much to the zest of life. Alas, that these expectations are so imperfectly realised! In many things the "practice" is found to be at variance with the "theory."

It is not pleasant to refer to some things which are known to exist in the Masonic organisation, and which work to its injury. Sometimes, however, they should be noted; for it is the part of folly to confuse conditions and make pretence that everything is as it ought to be, when the facts, as they are generally known, do not bear out the assertion.

Not long ago we were present at the initiation of a candidate—a reputable business man in the community—who had waited until he had reached middle life before seeking entrance into the Fraternity. The Lodge was well attended that evening, the ritual was rendered in an excellent manner, and the ceremony was edifying throughout. At its close the newly admitted Brother walked homeward in company with the present writer. In response to our question as to how he was impressed by the evening's proceedings, he said: "Almost the very moment I was told that I was a Mason, my glance rested upon a man whom I had known in business relations, and whose reputation in the community is far from good, and my thought was, How came this man to be a Mason? It was a rude shock to find him in the Lodge." However we may explain and justify the admission of such a one, the fact remains that grievous harm is done the Institution by admitting within its lines a man who is not of good repute in the community where he resides. It is a rude shattering of the high ideal formed when the initiate notes the presence of such a class at his first entrance into the Lodge.

It is much the same sort of awakening when a newly-admitted Brother listens to the conversation of his Masonic associates, as they make harsh and reckless statements concerning an absent Craftsman of known repute, as they show a want of sympathy with the needy and distressed, and make light of principles supposed to be fundamental to the Institution. He comes to the conclusion that "theory" is one thing and "practice" quite another, even in Freemasonry.

But what then? Is he to turn from the Masonic Institution and only heap reproaches upon it because he has not found it to come up to the full measure of his ideals? Not at all. There is no call or justification for such a course. Masons, generally, are upright men, intelligent and large-hearted, who respect the principles of Freemasonry. But they all bear the touch of an imperfect human nature, and they do not always conform in word and deed to the obligations which they have taken upon themselves as Masons. We must excuse them often, as we must ask excuses for ourselves on the ground of the weakness of our common humanity. But all the same there should be a recognition of this variation between theory and practice, accompanied by an earnest purpose to make the real more like the ideal, both as relates to individual conduct and the action of a Lodge or other Masonic organisation.

It is not required that we should be so devoted to Freemasonry as to be blind to its faults. But when we notice defects, let it not be to disparage the Institution, which has so much to commend it, but rather to correct whatever is seen to need correction, so that it may become more glorious in its presentation of truth, and more useful in its practical ministries among men.—"Repository."

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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.

113 Unanimity, Preston
119 Sun, Sq. & Compass, Whitehaven
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
977 Fowey, Fowey
1045 Stamford, Altrincham
1071 Zetland, Saltash
1211 Goderich, Leeds
1239 Wentworth, Sheffield
1254 Semper Fidelis, Exeter
1264 Neptune, Liverpool
1573 Carodoc, Swansea
1954 Molesworth, Wadebridge
2166 Cotchele, Calstock
2586 St. Nicholas, Scarborough

Tuesday.

131 Fortitude, Truro
184 United Chatham, New Brompton
241 Merchant, Liverpool
272 Harmony, Boston
319 New Forest, Lynton
371 Perseverance, Maryport
473 Faithful, Birmingham
496 Peace & Harmony, St. Austell
603 Zetland, Cleckheaton
696 St. Bartholomew, Wednesbury
764 Harbour of Refuge, W. H'tlepl.
829 Sydney, Sidcup
877 Royal Alfred, Jersey
897 S. Helen of Loyalty, St. Helen's
967 Three Grand Principles, Penryn
1021 Hartington, Barrow-in-Furness
1073 Greta, Keswick
1220 Solway, Aspatria
1250 Gilbert Greenall, Warrington
1267 Kenlis, Egremont
1402 Jordan, Torquay
1476 Blackpool, Blackpool
1528 Fort, Newquay
1545 Baildon, Baildon
1713 Wilbraham, Walton-on-the-Hill
1837 Lullingstone, Willmington
1847 Ebrington, Stonehouse
2099 Ethelbert, Herne Bay
2134 Wilberforce, Hull
2222 Frederick West, East Molesey

Wednesday.

Committee Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution, F.M.H., at 4.
1260 John Hervey, Freemasons'-hall
2581 Empress, Earl's Court
84 Doyle of Friendship, Guernsey
187 Rl. Sussex Hospitality, Bristol
274 Tranquility, Newchurch
277 Friendship, Oldham
281 Fortitude, Lancaster
288 Harmony, Todmorden
323 Concord, Stockport
654 Peveril of the Peak, New Mills
661 Fawcett, Seaham Harbour
679 St. David, Aberdare
730 Ellesmere, Chrcley
731 Arboretum, Derby
755 St. Tudno, Llandudno
851 Worthing Friendship, Worthing
906 Royal Albert Edward, Bath
946 Strawberry Hill, Twickenham
1018 Shakespeare, Bradford

1091 Erme, Ivybridge

666 Benevolence, Dartmoor
1094 Temple, Liverpool
1140 Ashton, Heaton Moor
1181 De la Pole, Seaton
1209 Lewises, Ramsgate
1248 Denison, Scarborough
1331 Aldershot Camp, Aldershot
1342 Walker, Newcastle-on-Tyne
1356 Toxteth, Liverpool
1398 Baldwin, Dalton-in-Furness
1400 Curwen, Workington
1547 Liverpool, Liverpool
1643 Perseverance, Hebburn-on-Tyne
1855 St. Maurice, Plympton
1879 Lord Warkworth, Amble
1932 Whitworth, Spennymoor
1958 St. George, Portsea
2156 Arthur Sullivan, Manchester
2294 Wavertree, Wavertree
2389 Avondale, Middlewich
2423 St. Mark, Connah Quay
2450 Loxfield, Uckfield
2483 Hadrian, Westham
2504 Earl of Warwick, Buckh'rst Hill

Thursday.

2523 Roll Call, Hounslow
130 Royal Gloucester, South'mpton
333 Royal Preston, Preston
369 Limestone Rock, Clitheroe
381 Harmony & Industry, Darwen
437 Science, Wincanton
816 Royd, Littleboro'
973 Royal Somerset, Frome
991 Tyne, Wallsend
1099 Huyshe, Stoke, Devonport
1145 Equality, Accrington
1182 Duke of Edinburgh, Liverpool
1213 Bridgewater, Eccles
1273 St. Michael, Sittingbourne
1387 Chorlton, Chorlton-cum-Hardy
1416 Falcon, Thirsk
1583 Corbet, Towyn
1697 Hospitality, Waverfoot
1750 Coleridge, Clevedon
1992 Tennant, Cardiff
2234 Onslow, Guildford
2262 Dagmar, Wraybury
2278 Kingswood, Broxbourne
2285 Eden, Workington
2343 Sir William Harpur, Bedford
2420 Fd. de Rothschild, Waddesdon
2449 Duke of York, Manchester

Friday.

36 Glamorgan, Cardiff
81 Dovic, Woodbridge
170 All Souls, Weymouth
458 Aire and Calder, Goole
526 Honour, Wolverhampton
1001 Harrowgate & Claro, Harr'wg'te
1087 Beaudesert, Leighton Buzzard
1102 Mirfield, Mirfield
1121 Wear Valley, Bishop Auckland
1428 United Service, Landport
1605 De la Pole, Hull
1676 St. Nicholas, Newcastle-on-Tyne
1983 Martyn, Southwold
2554 Manchester, Manchester
2558 Furnival, Sheffield

Saturday.

869 Gresham, Chestnut Park
1423 Era, Twickenham
1637 Unity, Harrow Station
1755 Eldon, Portishead

An amusing paragraph appears in a London weekly. It refers to some other body. Certainly such an incident could not have occurred at a "Masonic" Lodge. But let the "par" speak for itself:—

"THE WRONG SMELL.—A Freemason in a somewhat unsteady condition set out to attend a meeting of his 'Lodge.' He arrived, knocked at the door, and gave the password. The guardian, who was a new hand, placed his nose to the keyhole instead of his ear. The visitor repeated the password—'Abstinence'—a second time, but the door still remained unopened. 'Why don't you open the door? Haven't I got the right word?' shouted the infuriated Mason. 'Ay,' responded Sandy, through the keyhole, 'you've got the right word, mon; but you've got the wrong smell!'"

ANOTHER IMPOSTOR.

AT the Ashton-under-Lyne Borough Police Court a few days ago, a man, described as respectably attired, and who gave the name of John Haigh Robinson, was charged with obtaining money by false pretences from the almoner of a local Lodge of Freemasons. He represented himself as a member of a Lodge at Newcastle-on-Tyne, and it was afterwards ascertained that this was untrue. He was committed for a month.

The above practice is, unfortunately, more frequent than outsiders imagine, remarks the writer of the Masonic column in the "Manchester Herald," and although some examples have been made recently, there are no doubt a number of impostors scouring the country who are living comfortably on the proceeds of their nefarious impositions. Those who have had to do with administering funds have in most instances felt a delicacy in wounding the self-respect of a "poor and distressed" Brother; in consequence many probably not deserving have been relieved. Almoners cannot be too careful in testing to the uttermost the qualifications of applicants, and making every possible inquiry into the circumstances of the case, and in this way the exploits of such gentlemen as J. H. Robinson would be materially checked, if not completely prevented.

THE NINETEENTH CENTURY.

AN interesting address, on "The Nineteenth century, Masonically viewed," was delivered by Bro. Charles Frederick Silberbauer Orator of the Lodge de Goede Hoop, Cape Town, at the installation ceremony on Saturday, 24th June. In his opening remarks our Brother said:—During the past Masonic year two events have occurred of more than ordinary interest to every Craftsman in South Africa, and worthy of special notice on this occasion. As a Lodge, we gladly shared in the local celebrations in honour of the coronation of Queen Wilhelmina—that sweet flower of the House of Orange (a House to which our Empire was so deeply indebted in 1688 for placing its civil and religious liberties on a firmer basis, and whose scions have during this century taken high rank among the rulers of the Order). May the Almighty abundantly bless her and her people, and grant that she may more than fulfil the lofty expectations which her career hitherto so amply warrants. By a happy coincidence, we have also been privileged more recently to take our part in the loyal outburst of gratitude to the Giver of all good gifts for His mercies vouchsafed to our Sovereign Lady Queen Victoria during her prolonged, benign, and prosperous reign over a far extended realm. Herself the daughter of a Freemason and the mother of Royal Craftsmen, we most heartily join in the Laureate's aspiration regarding our beloved Empress:

May our children's children say:
She wrought her people lasting good;
Her Court was pure; her life serene;
A thousand claims to reverence closed
In her as Mother, Wife, and Queen.

We are nearing the threshold of the year 1900, and—if our lives are spared—we may become to the generation about to be born objects of a reverential awe akin to that with which we in our early youth regarded the aged survivors of the eighteenth century. A rare stoic indeed would he be who could, unmoved, reflect that little short of a physiological miracle will enable anyone here present to behold the last day of the year 1999. No! For ever stilled shall our voices be then, and our toil-worn bodies laid to rest after life's fitful fever—even as it hath already been with the majority of the Brethren of the Victorian era—

Who, in their fair abodes of peace and truth
With allegory deep and symbols old,
Set forth in rite mysterious all that man
May know, learn, fear, or hope.

Though the Craft as a general rule takes no cognisance of matters external to itself, yet—seeing that every temple is supposed to be a symbol of the universe, and that the ancient charges enjoin the study of the liberal arts and sciences—it may not be amiss if under the circumstances we dwell for a brief space on a few of the many triumphs of our race during the nineteenth century. It has been well said that the progress made in all spheres of human work after 1800 has been greater and more far-reaching than that attained during hundreds of years before it.

Our Brother then reviewed at some length the progress made during the century in various arts and sciences, and concluded with the following "Word for Freemasonry":

It might be asked, "Why, in view of the dawning of another era, and seeing that old things have to so great an extent passed away, should Freemasonry continue to receive adherents?" We cannot do better than reply in the words which Jowett used respecting Balliol College: "There is a great interest in belonging to an ancient institution. The members of it are bound by a peculiar tie to those who have gone before them; they are

in a manner our spiritual ancestors. If they had not been, neither should we have been, and we are indebted to them for more than we know. Without vanity, we may regard ourselves as belonging to a family which has continued during many ages, and which numbers amongst its sons many distinguished and even illustrious personages." We will go yet further, and say that the Craftsman upon whom the teachings of our Order have not been wholly lost has learnt to know his own powers as well as his limitations, and will govern himself accordingly. He unfeignedly believes in the Almighty as the Creator and Supreme Ruler of the Universe—as the Eternal Source of all goodness and of all wisdom, strength, and beauty. Finally, after having "served his own generation by the will of God" in the exercise of the virtues of Brotherly love, relief, and truth (in their widest sense), he will be ready to commit his soul into the hands of his Maker, and just, but merciful Judge, in trustful expectation of that

One far-off divine event
To which the whole creation moves.

So mote it be!

PROPHETS AND FANATICS.

FROM the time of Isaiah, the greatest of all prophets, and of his contemporary Jeremiah, the second of the great prophets, no country has been free from mad or half-crazy visionaries who generally evinced a desire to meddle with the laws of nature, of science, or religion; the major portion of whom have been overtaken by some serious misfortune, the outcome of enthusiasm or bigotry. Isaiah, in language brilliant, and act majestic, proclaimed the coming and the attributes of the Messiah, and his fate was that of being cut in two with a wooden saw, by order of Manasseh. Jeremiah, who foretold the captivity of his nation and their future return, and in another age the birth and atonement of the Messiah, was imprisoned for prophesying the calamities in store for his country, and when Jerusalem was taken by Nebuchadnezzar, he was carried to Babylon, where he died 586 B.C.

It would be possible for me to introduce into this article the history of many magicians, enthusiasts, or religionists who have been written about over and over again, and whose names are well known in literature, such as Mahomet, Merlin, Nostradamus, Dr. Dee, Kelly, Borri, Antoinette Bourignon, Cagliostro, and others, but I have preferred, with one or two notable exceptions, to leave the beaten path, even if it does not prove so very interesting.

Dositheus, the first heresiarch (or heretical leader), a magician of Samaria, pretended to be the true Messiah. Among his thirty disciples he admitted a woman, whom he called the moon. But his eccentricity did not end here, for afterwards, retiring to a cave, he starved himself to death by way of inducing the belief that he had ascended into heaven. His followers are said to have made it a rule to remain for 24 hours in the same position they were in when the Sabbath began.

Mother Shipton, a name honoured in every English nursery, has been variously described. One tradition cities her as a myth, another has it that she was a nun, in a convent, in York, just before the Reformation, and a third leads us to believe that she was born near the Dropping Well, Knaresborough, on 6th July 1488, this event having been formerly noted on an inn at the gate, by her likeness and this couplet:—

"Near to this Petrifying Well
I first drew breath as records tell."

The Abbot of Beverley baptised her as Ursula, and it is asserted that she was probably the ugliest child who ever underwent the ordeal, "her stature was much larger than common, her body crooked, and her face frightful." The strength of mind which she possessed triumphed over her physical deformity, and when she arrived at the age of 24 years she was married to Toby Shipton, of Shipton, near York. Her prophecies caused great concern during her lifetime, and have been matters of controversy ever since. On one occasion the Abbot of Beverley went in disguise to consult her upon some serious ecclesiastical matter, and upon knocking at her door she thus addressed him, "Come in, Mr. Abbot, for you are not so much disguised but the fox may be seen through the sheep's skin! Come, take a stool and sit down, you shall not go away unsatisfied of what you desire." She then uttered the following doggerel:—

"When the lower shrubs do fall,
The great trees quickly follow shall;
The mitred peacock's lofty pride
Shall to his master be a guide;
And one great court to pass shall bring,
What was never done by any king.
The poor shall grieve to see that day,
And who did feast, must fast and pray,
Fate so decreed their overthrow,
Riches brought pride, and pride brought woe."

C.S.L., in "Notes and Queries," 25th April 1868, says:—"She" (Mother Shipton) "is said among other things to have remarked that 'the foundation stone of old York Bridge would one day be on the top of the Minster,' for which she was of course laughed at; but my friend says he actually saw it realised, for after old York Bridge was taken down the foundation stone was removed to a mason's yard, and at last was used to form one or more of the carved stones required on the Minster tower, at the time of some repairs."

In a work by E. Hargrove, published 1797, the above prophecy mentioned by C.S.L. applies to Trinity Church (not to the Cathedral) and reverses the operation of the stone:—

"Before Ouse Bridge and Trinity Church meet, they shall build it in the day, and it shall fall in the night; till they get the highest stone of Trinity Church to be the lowest stone of Ouse Bridge."

Note:—Trinity steeple in York was blown down by a tempest, and Ouse Bridge broke down by a flood, and what they did in the daytime in repairing the bridge, fell down in the night, till at last they laid some of the stones that had fallen from the steeple for the foundation of the bridge.

The following is the title of a book claimed to have been published in 1448, and re-published in 1641, and said to be an imposture traceable to some students in the South of England:—"The Prophecie of Mother Shipton in

the reign of King Henry the Eighth, foretelling the death of Cardinal Wolsey, the Lord Percy and others, as also what should happen in ensuing times." In it occur these lines:—

"Carriages without horses shall go,
And accidents fill the world with woe.
Around the earth thoughts shall fly
In the twinkling of an eye.
The world upside down shall be,
And gold be found at the root of a tree.
Through hills men shall ride,
And no horse be at their side.
Under water men shall walk,
Shall ride, shall sleep, shall talk.
In the air men shall be seen,
In white, in black, in green;
Iron in the water shall float,
As easily as a wooden boat.
Gold shall be found and shown
In a land that's not now known.
Fire and water shall wonders do,
England shall at last admit a foe;
The world to an end shall come
In eighteen hundred and eighty-one."

How far these various prophecies have been realised can be judged; one, however, did not take place—the world did not come to an end in 1881.

To Lord Percy the prophetess said:—"My lord, shoe your horse in the quick, and you shall do well, but your body will be buried in York Pavement, and your head shall be stolen from the bar and carried to France."

Of Cardinal Wolsey she prophesied that "he might see York, but never come to it," to which the Cardinal retorted that "when he got to that city, Mother Shipton should be burned."

It is related of him that he saw York at a distance of eight miles, but did not enter the city. He died at Leicester, of a lask (dysentery).

Mother Shipton predicted her own death, which took place in 1561, at the age of 73 years. A monument erected to her memory, near Shipton (York), had inscribed on it the following epitaph:—

"Here lies she who never ly'd,
Whose skill often has been try'd;
Her prophecies shall still survive,
And ever keep her name alive."

(To be continued.)

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