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## PROGRESS OF THE BOYS SCHOOL.

LAST week we were able to briefly announce that the Foundation Stone of the new Schools for the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys, to be erected at Bushey, Herts, would be laid by H.R.H. the Duke of Connaught, as representative of the Most Worshipful the Grand Master, on the 12th May next, with full Masonic Honours; and we are now able to supplement that information with some further particulars of what it is proposed to do on the occasion.

We are pleased to find the Committee do not propose to follow the course, so usual at similar celebrations, of making a collection on behalf of the funds. They recognise that the generous support given by the Craft in the Centenary year of the Institution—and which has enabled the great work now in progress to be carried out—justifies them making the ceremony one of special prominence, without a direct appeal for extra funds; and we can only hope that the result of the present year's Festival, encouraged as it must be by the proposed ceremony of next month, will fully justify their forbearance.

It is expected the occasion will bring together one of the most representative gatherings of English Freemasons of recent years, and we think it not at all unlikely the Management may find it difficult to deal with all the applications they receive for tickets, in view of the fact that the accommodation is limited to about 2,500 persons. It is proposed to issue tickets for Ladies and Brethren, at a guinea each, to cover the expense of railway fare—from London to Bushey and back,—seat to view the ceremony, and luncheon, with light wines; and applications for these tickets must be made to Bro. McLeod, Secretary of the Institution, not later than Tuesday next, 10th inst.

It is intended that the company shall leave Euston Station about 11.0 a.m. on the 12th prox., and return to London about 4.30 p.m.; and if the weather should prove propitious an enjoyable, as well as an interesting outing should result, as the surrounding country will be at its best in its early spring garb, and in view of the unique nature of the proceedings the ceremony will be one which all who attend it will be able to refer back to with pride and pleasure. We can only repeat our good wishes for the success of this initial ceremony, and express the hope that all will proceed satisfactorily and harmoniously.

## THE OLD MASONIANS.

THE annual dinner was held at Anderton's Hotel, Fleet Street, on Saturday evening, and afforded ample proof that the Association is vigorously flourishing in the fourteenth year of its existence. It boasts some 270 members, a good representative number of whom attended the dinner, which was under the presidency of Bro. H. Manfield President of the Association, while the Rev. Harry Hebb, headmaster of the School; Bros. R. Eve, J. Morrison McLeod, and Percy Fitzgerald were among those who supported him. The

Chairman's references to the sympathetic support always extended by the Queen and the Prince of Wales to Masonic Charities were received with enthusiasm. As several members of the Association are now in South Africa, fighting for their country, Bro. Manfield's remarks on the struggle had all the force of personal interest.

It is with extreme regret we hear that the eldest son of our Bro. Dr. Chas. Forshaw, of Bradford, met with a very serious accident on Wednesday of last week. It seems he was cycling in Victoria Park, Harrogate, and, losing control of his machine, collided with a couple of Corporation carts filled with mud. The wheel of one cart passed over his chest, crushing it and causing internal injuries, while the wheel of the other went over his left thigh, fracturing it close to the pelvic bone. The lad was removed to the Pembroke College, where he is a student, and Drs. Fearnley and Dimmock summoned. The following day Dr. Rabagliati, of Bradford, was called in, and this gentleman advised his removal home, the Bradford Ambulance being requisitioned for this purpose. Later the doctor set the fractured limb, and, considering his narrow escape and precarious condition, the patient, who is in his 14th year, is progressing towards recovery most favourably. We trust we may ere long be able to record the further progress of our young friend.

Harold Mackenzie Sherman is one of the last application cases in connection with this month's elections, he being a candidate for the Boys School, with 2,324 votes already placed to his credit; and we hope his friends may be so far successful as to secure his return. The father died in 1894, being at the time W.M. of the Buckingham Lodge, No. 591. The case is well recommended, and is worthy of support. We shall be pleased to receive proxies from any of our readers on the lad's behalf.

The inauguration of the Grand Lodge of Western Australia, and the installation of His Excellency the Governor Sir Gerard Smith as first Grand Master, took place at Government House, Perth (W.A.), on the 27th February. A large and representative gathering attended.

A very good authority estimates that probably 4,000 votes—or even less—will secure a place on the occasion of the coming election for the Boys School, while probably upwards of 4,000 will be necessary in the case of the sister Institution.

Those who are interested in the coming election for the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys should note that the candidature of the lad No. 40 on the list—L. H. D. Roberts—has been withdrawn.

The members of the Cotehele Lodge, No. 2166, which meets at Calstock, have in contemplation the erection of a new Hall for their meetings, and other Masonic purposes.

Bro. H. A. Badman was installed as W.M. of the Royal Standard Lodge, at Holborn, on Wednesday. An account of the proceedings will appear in our next issue.

The new Lodge for South Devon—the Lodge of the Three Pillars, No. 2806—is to be consecrated early next month, at Cockington.

# Royal Masonic Institution for Boys.

## CEREMONY OF LAYING THE FOUNDATION STONE

OF THE  
NEW SCHOOLS AT BUSHEY, HERTS,  
BY H.R.H. THE DUKE OF CONNAUGHT, K.G., &C., &C., &C., &C., PAST M.W.G.M.,  
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TICKETS are available for Ladies, as well as Brethren, and will be issued only to applicants on or before Tuesday, 10th April. A remittance for the price of the Tickets must accompany the application, to be addressed to

J. M. McLEOD, Secretary.

Office—6 Freemasons' Hall, Great Queen Street, London, W.C.  
31st March 1900.

N.B.—A Circular with form of application for Tickets has been addressed to every Subscriber to the Institution, and to each Lodge.

The 102nd ANNIVERSARY FESTIVAL will be held at Brighton, in July 1900, under the most Distinguished Presidency of H.R.H. The DUKE OF CONNAUGHT AND STRATHEARN, K.G., &c., &c., &c., &c., M.W.Past Grand Master, Prov.G.M.Sussex, Dist.G.M. Bombay, Vice-President of Institution.

The Services of Ladies and Brethren as Stewards on the occasion are earnestly solicited, and will be gratefully acknowledged.

### CHESHIRE CHARITY.

A MEETING of the Committee of Benevolence of the Province of Cheshire was held at the Crewe Arms Hotel, Crewe, on Wednesday, 28th ult., Bro. Colonel Dean presiding.

Bro. T. Broadsmith (Manchester) moved:—"That in view of the vast amount of work which has been imposed upon the Prov. Grand Secretary Bro. R. Newhouse, by the constitution of the Committee of Benevolence as the Committee of Management of local Institutions, and the invaluable assistance and aid which Bro. Newhouse has rendered, and will still be required to give in relation thereto, this Committee humbly recommends the Right Hon. the Worshipful Provincial Grand Master to authorise the Provincial Charity Council to consider the advisability of increasing the stipend of the Provincial Grand Secretary, and to report thereon to the Provincial Grand Lodge at its annual meeting." Bro. H. Jackson Vice-Chairman seconded the motion, and it was carried unanimously.

The Chairman read a letter from the Prov. Grand Master Earl Egerton of Tatton suggesting the raising of a fund of 100 guineas in the Province of Cheshire towards helping the District Grand Lodges in South Africa. On the motion of the Rev. C. Atkinson, seconded by Bro. F. K. Stevenson, it was resolved to issue an appeal to the Lodges.

### BELFAST CHARITIES.

THE annual meeting and concert in connection with the Belfast Masonic Charity Fund and the Belfast Widows Fund was held on Friday evening, 30th ult., in the Ulster Hall, Belfast, under the presidency of Bro. R. J. Hilton, J.P.,

D.P.G.M. The proceedings opened at half-past seven o'clock, in presence of a very large audience, with a grand costume procession, under the directorship of Bro. H. J. Hill Prov.G.D.C.

The report of the Belfast Masonic Charity Fund contained the following:—Our funds, we are pleased to state, notwithstanding the numerous appeals of national importance subscribed to by our Brethren, remain in a healthy condition. The income at £515 18s 9d (inclusive of donations £45) shows an increase of £19 17s 8d; the expenditure, £504 11s 7d, exceeds that of last year by £17 10s 7d. The donations amount to £45. The vacancy in the Trusteeship has been filled by the appointment of Bro. John Gregg, J.P., who kindly accepted the responsibilities of that important position. The attendance of representatives at the monthly Committee meetings is increasing, and is regarded as indicative of the realisation by those Brethren who have been appointed representatives, of their obligation when they undertook to discharge that duty. Your Committee desire to place on record their regret at the decease of Bro. Richard Woods P.M., for many years a valued member of Committee, and who for three successive years filled the office of Chairman, with dignity and advantage to the fund.

The report of the Belfast Masonic Widows Fund stated:—The Committee acknowledge with thankfulness having received £100 from the executors of the late Countess of Shaftesbury. A comparison of the income of 1898 and 1899 shows that in the former year £1,135 19s 7d was subscribed, and in the latter £1,294 6s 11d. One hundred and thirteen widows and their families were assisted during 1899, ninety-three claiming through Lodges meeting in County Antrim, and receiving grants amounting to £708; twenty through Lodges meeting in county Down, and receiving grants

amounting to £121, making a total of £829. Donations amount to £120. One very pleasing feature of the year has been the liberal manner in which the younger Lodges have supported the Fund, and to them, as well as to those older Lodges who have been generous and consistent contributors since its inception in 1873, the Committee return thanks.

The Chairman, who was cordially received, said they were met that night with a two-fold object in view, first to receive from the Committees managing the Belfast Masonic Widows Fund and the Belfast Masonic Charity Fund a report of their stewardship for the past year. The reports from both were, he was pleased to say, of a most encouraging character. While they had increased their revenue, it must be borne in mind that the responsibility had also increased. During the past year in connection with the Masonic Widows Fund 113 families had been assisted. This was a pretty severe strain upon the local organisation, and it required great care and attention on the part of the members of Committee in seeing personally after the wants of so many families. They could understand that comfort and relief was brought to homes suffering from the loss of the head of the family and breadwinner. If the members of this Committee could only put before them but one-twentieth part of their experience, they would find how important it was to have such a noble organisation. It was not a Charity Fund, it was a Widows Fund established for the purpose of assisting the widows and orphans of deceased Masons, and, so far as they were concerned, helping their Brothers' children. Thus it became a family matter, and, therefore, they had to treat this Fund with consideration and kindness. The Masonic Charity Fund had been established thirty-seven years, and during that time the amount of relief it had brought to their poor and distressed Brethren was incalculable. They did not propose to support any of the Brethren or to make them a charity, but they wished merely to act the Brother's part, and make the path of life a little easier for the distressed. He concluded by moving—"That the reports and Treasurers' statements of accounts be received, adopted, and printed for circulation."

Bro. W. T. Brathwaite Prov.S.G.W. said it afforded him great pleasure to second the resolution moved by their Deputy Provincial Grand Master. It was very gratifying to find that from the establishment of these Funds there had been a steady increase, which enabled the efficient Committee in charge to build up a very large reserve as a guarantee for the future. The past year had been a record one, and he hoped the Brethren would long continue to give their hearty support to such deserving objects, so that the Office bearers might be enabled to extend to their uttermost the truly Masonic tenets—benevolence and charity. The resolution was enthusiastically adopted.

Bro. Rev. R. J. Clarke Prov.G.C. moved—"That this meeting, recognising the continued usefulness of these Funds, feels it to be its duty to urge upon Lodges and Brethren the necessity of sustaining them by a liberally increased pecuniary aid, in order to meet their ever-increasing claims, and thereby promote the noble virtue of charity, the keystone of the Masonic Order." He said it did not require many words to commend the resolution to the warm sympathy, the kindly consideration, and the active support of that great assembly—a truly and essentially Masonic gathering. It was a cause for thankfulness and honest pride that both the Masonic Funds spoken of were in so satisfactory a condition, and that they were so efficiently managed by Committees thoroughly representative, experienced, and devoted to their work. Of these Brethren—to whom the Charities were deeply indebted—they might say that "even their leanings are on mercy's side." Every application was considered with the greatest care, and he had never known of a single deserving case that did not receive immediate and substantial help. Their thanks were due to the Treasurers and Secretaries, for their unwearying devotion to their labour of love. They might expect in the coming year, and in the immediate future, to have exceptional claims upon their Funds. Many of their Brethren were fighting the battles of their beloved Queen and country in South Africa. True, they anticipated that a grateful country would make creditable provision for her infirm and disabled soldiers, as well as for the widows and orphans of the fallen in war; but over and above this provision he thought that they as Masons would like to do something for their Brethren—something "extra special" as the newspapers said. Moreover, there would be cases of relatives of the disabled and of the killed that did not come within the Government regulations. To meet all such cases, to do as they should like to do—to do as they had done in the past—it would mean an extra drain upon their resources, and

therefore they appealed for increased liberality and generosity, and they felt confident their appeal would not be in vain.

Bro. M. H. Turnbull, LL.B., seconded the resolution, which he considered a sort of public declaration of their rights, and a renewal of the solemn covenant by which they claimed it as a duty and privilege to relieve and assist their Brother Masons and families. The motion was unanimously adopted.

Sir Otto Jaffé having taken the second chair, Bro. A. P. Dalzell moved a cordial vote of thanks to the Provincial Deputy Grand Master Bro. Robert J. Hilton, J.P., for presiding. He was certain he might express their feelings of pleasure at seeing present with them Bro. Sir Otto Jaffé, taking an interest in their Charities. They had heard that the past year had been a record one in the matter of subscriptions for their two Charities. In his opinion, and in the knowledge of the joint Committees, this might be accounted for in a great measure by the very great and deep interest that Bro. Hilton had taken in the Funds. The resolution was passed with acclamation, and suitably conveyed by Bro. Sir Otto Jaffé.

Bro. R. J. Hilton, received with applause, having acknowledged the compliment, the proceedings in connection with the annual meeting concluded and the concert followed.

A strong effort is being made to secure the election of Mrs. Harriett Parkes to the benefits of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution. She is 69 years of age, and widow of the late John Prior Parkes, pharmaceutical chemist and commercial traveller. The deceased was P.M. and P.Z. of the St. Martin's-le-Grand, and a generous supporter of all the Masonic Charities, though, unfortunately, at his death he did not leave any great provision for his widow.

#### "A SPRIG OF ACACIA."

THE Brethren of South London have sustained a severe loss in the almost sudden death from pneumonia of Bro. Wm. Hy. Kidson, F.C.A., M.L.S.B., on Saturday, 24th ult. On the previous Wednesday he was present when Sir R. Mowbray was declared M.P. for Brixton, in his capacity of Conservative Election Agent. Initiated in the Avondale Lodge our Brother took great interest in the Order, and was really "the" Founder of the School Board for London Lodge, No. 2611, of which he was I.P.M. at the time of his death. In the higher degrees he had made considerable progress. A requiem mass was sung at the Church of St. John the Divine, Kennington, on Wednesday, 28th ult., at 7 a.m., when some hundreds of mourners appeared, while the coffin was literally covered with floral tributes. The body was interred at Bury St. Edmunds the same day. Of a happy, loving disposition, it will be difficult indeed to supply his place.

WE have to announce with much regret the decease of the wife of Bro. A. C. A. Higgerty P.P.J.G.W. Berks P.M. 1214 and 2417 P.Z., &c., the highly respected Preceptor of the Wandsworth Lodge of Instruction, No. 1024. Bro. Higgerty is well known in Masonic circles, especially in South London, and a great amount of sympathy has been extended to him in his sad bereavement. The funeral started from 38 Childerbert Road, Balham, S.W., for St. Luke's Church, Battersea Rise, where the first part of the funeral service was impressively rendered by the Vicar, Bro. the Rev. Chas. E. Gordon. The interment took place in St. Mary's old cemetery, and was largely attended, the deceased, as well as Bro. Higgerty, being universally held in the highest esteem. Among the large number of beautiful wreaths sent may be mentioned those from the Wandsworth Lodge, No. 1044, the Wandsworth Lodge of Instruction, No. 1044, the Bolingbroke Lodge, No. 2417, the Wandle Lodge of Instruction, St. Michael le Querne Lodge, No. 2697, Bro. W. G. King, Bro. Wills, Bro. Moorhead P.M. (Sec. Wandsworth Lodge of Instruction), Bro. Cowley, Bro. Bolton, Bro. Grist, Bro. Welsh, the Cabmen, the Railway Employees (Clapham Junction Station), &c., &c. At the graveside the scene was very affecting, the touching burial service being impressively rendered by the Chaplain of No. 1044 Bro. the Rev. C. E. Gordon. Among the Brethren who attended the funeral as a mark of respect were Bros. Wood W.M. Bolingbroke Lodge, No. 2417, Wills P.M. 2417, Cowley P.M. 1044, Moorhead P.M. 24, Crutchitt I.P.M., Banfield 2699, Ralph Grist 2697, Louis Grist, C. A. Martin, Woodcock, Wilson, J. Taverner P.M., J. N. Churcher, C. Welsh P.M. 1044, and others.

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## LODGE MEETINGS NEXT WEEK.

Fuller particulars as to place of meeting of the undermentioned Lodges are given in the Freemasons' Calendar and Pocket Book (published by Grand Lodge for the benefit of the Charity Fund).

### Monday.

29 St. Alban, Albion  
58 Felicity, Ship and Turtle  
957 Leigh, Freemasons'-hall  
1305 St. Marylebone, Criterion  
1670 Adelphi, Freemasons'-hall  
2094 Elthorne & Middlesex, Café R'l.  
2394 Galen, Freemasons'-hall

40 Derwent, Hastings  
68 Royal Clarence, Bristol  
75 Love and Honour, Falmouth  
88 Scientific, Cambridge  
104 St. John, Stockport  
105 Fortitude, Plymouth  
106 Sun, Exmouth  
133 Harmony, Faversham  
151 Albany, Newport, I. of Wight  
189 Sincerity, East Stonehouse  
237 Indefatigable, Swansea  
240 St. Hilda, South Shields  
262 Salopian, Shrewsbury  
292 Sincerity, Liverpool  
296 Royal Brunswick, Sheffield  
297 Whitham, Lincoln  
303 Benevolent, Teignmouth  
314 Peace and Unity, Preston  
330 One and All, Bodmin  
339 Unanimity, Penrith  
379 Honour, Bath  
411 Commercial, Nottingham  
422 Yarborough, Gainsboro'  
481 St. Peter, Newcastle-on-Tyne  
587 Howe, Birmingham  
589 Druid Love & Lib., Redruth  
632 Concord, Trowbridge  
643 Royal, Filey  
665 Montagu, Lyme Regis  
671 Prince of Wales, Llanelli  
721 Independence, Chester  
797 Hauley, Dartmouth  
884 Derwent, Wirksworth  
893 Meridan, Millbrook  
941 De Tabley, Knutsford  
1069 United Brothers, Portsmouth  
1149 Dorking, Dorking  
1174 Pentangle, Chatham  
1221 Defence, Leeds  
1237 Enfield, Enfield  
1253 Travellers, Manchester  
1280 Walden, Saffron Walden  
1302 De Warren, Halifax  
1350 Fermor Hesketh, Bootle  
1360 Skelmersdale, Liverpool  
1408 Stamford & Warr'gton, St'yb'ge  
1436 Castle, Sandgate  
1449 Royal Military, Canterbury  
1452 St. Margaret, Lowestoft  
1474 Israel, Birmingham  
1496 Trafford, Moss Side  
1505 Emulation, Liverpool  
1564 St. John, Woking  
1611 Eboracum, York  
1618 Handyside, Saltburn-by-Sea  
1656 Wolsey, Hampton Court  
1730 Urmston, Urmston  
1792 Tudor, Harborne  
1802 Vernon, Retford  
1852 Forest, Mansfield  
1885 Torridge, Great Torrington  
1914 St. Thomas, Kildsgrove  
1948 Hardman, Rawtenstall  
1952 High Peak, Chapel-en-le-Frith  
1966 Fidelity & Sincerity, Wellington  
2034 Masefield, Moseley  
2144 De Tatton, Altrincham  
2185 Ardwick, Manchester  
2187 Adur, Henfield  
2197 Spencer Walpole Temp., D'glas  
2376 Carnarvon, Leyland  
2382 Loyal Hay, Hay  
2457 St. Anne, St. Anne's-on-Sea  
2487 St. Michael, Stone  
2584 Queen Victoria, Manchester

### Tuesday.

96 Burlington, Allon  
198 Percy, Ship and Turtle  
211 St. Michael, Albion  
228 United Strength, Guildhall Tav.  
235 Nine Muses, Charing Cross  
781 Merchant Navy, Limehouse  
834 Ranelagh, Criterion  
917 Cosmopolitan, Cannon St. Ho.  
933 Doric, Anderton's  
1196 Urban, Freemasons'-hall  
1269 Stanhope, Camberwell  
1593 Royal Naval College, Greenwich

1604 Wanderers, Freemasons'-hall  
1614 Covent Garden, Criterion  
1693 Kingsland, Highbury  
1891 St. Ambrose, St. James's Hall  
2127 Drury Lane, Drury Lane  
2427 Hampden, St. Pancras  
2622 Beach, Kennington Park  
2751 Arts, Freemason's Hall  
80 St. John, Sunderland  
93 Social, Norwich  
131 Fortitude, Truro  
160 True Friendship, Rochford  
184 United Chatham, New Bro'pton  
226 Benevolence, Littleboro'  
241 Merchant, Liverpool  
272 Harmony, Boston  
284 Shakespeare, Warwick  
319 New Forest, Lymington  
371 Perseverance, Maryport  
473 Faithful, Birmingham  
494 Virtue and Honour, Axminster  
495 Wakefield, Wakefield  
496 Peace & Harmony, St. Austell  
502 Rectitude, Rugby  
503 Belvedere, Maidstone  
573 Perseverance, Hales-Owen  
593 St. Ann, Alderney  
603 Zetland, Cleckheaton  
606 Segontium, Caernarvon  
626 Lansdowne Unity, Chippenham  
650 Star in the East, Harwich  
686 Jerusalem, Bristol  
696 St. Bartholomew, Wednesbury  
723 Panmure, Aldershot  
764 Harbour of Refuge, W. H'tlep'l.  
771 Windsor Castle, Windsor  
789 Dunheved, Launceston  
814 Parrett and Axe, Crewkern  
829 Sydney, Sidcup  
877 Royal Alfred, Jersey  
892 Royal Edward, Leominster  
897 S. Helen of Loyalty, St. Helen's  
903 Gosport, Gosport  
910 St. Oswald, Pontefract  
954 St. Aubyn, Devonport  
979 Four Cardinal Virtues, Crewe  
990 Neyland, Neyland  
1021 Hartington, Barrow-in-Furness  
1073 Greta, Keswick  
1120 St. Milburga, Ironbridge  
1138 Devon, Newton Abbot  
1197 Nyanza, Ilminster  
1214 Scarborough, Batley  
1250 Gilbert Greenall, Warrington  
1265 Vale of Catnos, Oakham  
1266 Honour & Friendship, Blandford  
1267 Kenlis, Egremont  
1414 Knole, Sevenoaks  
1476 Blackpool, Blackpool  
1528 Fort, Newquay  
1545 Baildon, Baildon  
1560 Albert Edward, Leicester  
1713 Wilbraham, Walton-on-the-Hill  
1823 Royal Clarence, Clare  
1837 Lullingstone, Willmington  
1847 Ebrington, Stonehouse  
1883 William of Wyke'm, W'nc'h'ter  
1902 St. Cuthbert, Bedlington  
1942 Minerva, Fenton  
2086 Dacre, Stevenage  
2099 Ethelbert, Herne Bay  
2104 Whitwell, Stockton-on-Tees  
2134 Wilberforce, Hull  
2164 St. Germans, Peel, Isle of Man  
2256 Warner, Chingford  
2324 Horwich, Horwich  
2357 Barry, Cadoxton  
2477 Colne, Wyvenhoe  
2559 St. Aldhelms, Branksome  
2582 Lewisham, Smethwick  
2595 Trinity, Buckfastleigh  
2600 Stanley, Preston  
2667 Buckingham & C. Rockferry  
2708 Holmes, Wigan  
2714 Temperance, Liverpool  
2723 Heaton, Byker  
2790 Merton, Merton

### Wednesday.

Committee Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution, at 4.  
3 Fidelity, Freemasons'-hall  
11 Enoch, Freemasons'-hall  
13 Union Waterloo, Plumstead  
15 Kent, Freemasons'-hall  
147 Justice, Deptford  
548 Wellington, Cannon Street Ho.  
749 Belgrave, Anderton's



1260 John Hervey, Freemasons'-hall  
1538 St. Martin-le-Grand, Holborn  
1586 Up. Norwood, Upper Norwood  
1766 St. Leonard, Gt. Eastern Hotel  
2362 Bloomsbury Rifles, Chenies St.  
2410 Æsculapius, Café Royal  
2581 Empress, Earl's Court  
2620 Cavendish, Rl. Palace Hotel  
2675 Earl's Court, R. Palace Hotel

54 Hope, Rochdale  
84 Doyle of Friendship, Guernsey  
86 Loyalty, Prescott  
128 Prince Edwin, Bury  
146 Antiquity, Bolton  
187 Rl. Sussex Hospitality, Bristol  
204 Caledonian, Manchester  
225 St. Luke, Ipswich  
244 Yarborough, Jersey  
258 Amphibious, Heckmondwike  
274 Tranquility, Newchurch  
277 Friendship, Oldham  
281 Fortitude, Lancaster  
288 Harmony, Todmorden  
320 Loyalty, Mottram  
323 Concord, Stockport  
329 Brotherly Love, Yeovil  
332 Virtue and Silence, Hadleigh  
341 Wellington, Rye  
366 St. David, Milford  
368 Samaritan, Sandbach  
380 Integrity, Morley  
463 East Surrey Concord, Croydon  
464 Cambrian, Haverfwest  
483 Sympathy, Gravesend  
498 Royal Standard, Dudley  
567 Unity, Warwick  
654 Peveril of the Peak, New Mills  
661 Fawcett, Seaham Harbour  
666 Benevolence, Dartmoor  
679 St. David, Aberdare  
697 United, Colchester  
730 Ellesmere, Chrcley  
731 Arboretum, Derby  
755 St. Tudno, Llandudno  
851 Worthing Friendship, Worthing  
854 Albert, Shaw  
906 Royal Albert Edward, Bath  
1005 Zetland, Gloucester  
1018 Shakespeare, Bradford  
1031 Fletcher, Birmingham  
1060 Marmion, Tamworth  
1064 Borough, Burnley  
1088 Royal Edward, Stalybridge  
1094 Temple, Liverpool  
1101 Grey Friars, Reading  
1112 Shirley, Southampton  
1125 St. Peter, Tiverton  
1135 Concord, Ilfracombe  
1140 Ashton, Heaton Moor  
1181 De la Pole, Seaton  
1193 Doric, Wymondham  
1209 Lewises, Ramsgate  
1220 Solway, Aspatria  
1242 Tynewold, Douglas, Isle of Man  
1248 Denison, Scarborough  
1273 St. Michael, Sittingbourne  
1331 Aldershot Camp, Aldershot  
1342 Walker, Newcastle-on-Tyne  
1356 Toxteth, Liverpool  
1398 Baldwin, Dalton-in-Furness  
1403 Curwen, Workington  
1493 Robin Hood, Eastwood  
1503 Sir Francis Burdett, Tw'k'nh'm  
1529 Duke of Cornwall, St. Columb  
1576 Dee, Park-gate, Cheshire  
1582 Llanidloes, Llanidloes  
1588 Prince Leopold, Stretford  
1643 Perseverance, Hebburn-on-Tyne  
1663 Hartismere, Eye  
1692 Hervey, Bromley  
1703 Windrush, Witney  
1734 Trinity, Rayleigh  
1783 Albert Edward, Huddersfield  
1798 Zion, Manchester  
1848 Ferrum, Middlesborough  
1855 St. Maurice, Plympton  
1879 Lord Warkworth, Amble  
1895 Thames, Henley  
1932 Whitworth, Spennymoor  
1947 Stanford, Hove  
1958 St. George, Portsea  
2016 Shaldon, Alton  
2046 Robinson, Maidstone  
2147 Crays Valley, St. Mary Cray  
2156 Arthur Sullivan, Manchester  
2183 Royal Hampton Ct., Hamptn Ct  
2283 Euston, St. Neots  
2284 Smyth, Grimsby  
2294 Wavertree, Wavertree  
2355 Chantrey, Dore  
2389 Avondale, Middlewich  
2423 St. Mark, Connah Quay  
2483 Hadrian, Westham  
2583 St. Thomas, Tibshelf  
2591 St. Mary, New Shoreham  
2655 Queen Victoria, St. Budeaux  
2727 St. Audrey, Ely

2752 Marlow, Marlow  
2758 Fylde, Blackpool

#### Thursday.

19 Royal Athelstan, Cannon St. Ho.  
91 Regularity, Freemasons'-hall  
206 Friendship, Ship and Turtle  
238 Pilgrim, Freemasons'-hall  
263 Bank of England, Albion  
860 Dalhousie, Anderton's  
879 Southwark, Southwark  
1076 Capper, Guildhall Tavern  
1471 Islington, Highbury  
1558 Duke of Connaught, C'mb'rwell  
1599 Skelmersdale, Ship and Turtle  
1791 Creaton, Freemasons'-hall  
1804 Coborn, Bow  
2047 Beckenham, Beckenham  
2090 Hammersmith, Hammersmith  
2754 Thomas-a-Becket, Old Kent-rd

35 Medina, Cowes  
50 Knights of Malta, Hinckley  
71 Unity, Lowestoft  
97 Palatine, Sunderland  
116 Royal Lancashire, Colne  
130 Royal Gloucester, South'mpton  
139 Britannia, Sheffield  
191 St. John, Bury  
208 Three Gd. Principles, Dewsbury  
216 Harmonic, Liverpool  
275 Harmony, Huddersfield  
276 Good Fellowship, Chelmsford  
283 Amity, Haslingden  
333 Royal Preston, Preston  
337 Candour, Uppermill  
344 Faith, Radcliffe  
361 Industry, Hyde  
369 Limestone Rock, Clitheroe  
381 Harmony & Industry, Darwen  
437 Science, Wincanton  
442 St. Peter, Peterboro'  
449 Cecil, Hitchin  
450 Cornubian, Hayle  
456 Foresters, Uttoxeter  
469 Hundred of Elloe, Spalding  
472 F'ship & Sincerity, Shaftesbury  
477 Mersey, Birkenhead  
487 Portsmouth, Portsmouth  
546 Etruscan, Longton  
561 Zetland, Gnisborough  
585 Elias De Derham, Salisbury  
588 St. Botolph, Sleaford  
630 St. Cuthbert, Howden  
710 Pleiades, Totnes  
725 Stoneleigh, Coventry  
732 Royal Brunswick, Brighton  
739 Temperance, Birmingham  
761 St. John, Dursley  
784 Wellington, Deal  
816 Royd, Littleboro'  
945 Abbey, Abingdon  
973 Royal Somerset, Frome  
991 Tyne, Wallsend  
1035 Prince of Wales, Liverpool  
1055 Derby, Manchester  
1061 Triumph, Lancaster  
1098 St. George, Tredegar  
1099 Huyshe, Stoke, Devonport  
1107 Cornwallis, Chiselhurst  
1143 Royal Denbigh, Denbigh  
1144 Milton, Ashton-under-Lyne  
1145 Equality, Acerington  
1147 St. David, Manchester  
1164 Eliot, St. Germans  
1182 Duke of Edinburgh, Liverpool  
1204 Royd, Malvern  
1213 Bridgewater, Eccles  
1235 Phoenix St. Ann, Buxton  
1247 St. John, Plymouth  
1387 Chorlton, Chorlton-cum-Hardy  
1416 Falcon, Thirsk  
1429 Alb't Edw'd Pr. of Wales, N'p't.  
1457 Bagshaw, Loughton  
1495 Arkwright, Matlock Bath  
1583 Corbet, Towyn  
1592 Abbey, Bury St. Edmunds  
1697 Hospitality, Waverfoot  
1741 Montgomerie, Diss  
1750 Coleridge, Clevedon  
1763 St. Mary, Thame  
1863 Priory, Tynemouth  
1911 De la Pré, Northampton  
1915 Graystone, Whitstable  
1992 Tennant, Cardiff  
2038 Portcullis, Langport  
2091 Castleberg, Settle  
2028 Granite, Narborough  
2109 Prince Edward, Heaton Moor  
2132 Egerton, Seacombe  
2189 Ashburton, Ashburton  
2217 Windermere, Windermere  
2234 Onslow, Guildford  
2285 Eden, Workington  
2311 Saint Alkmund, Whitechurch  
2343 Sir William Harpur, Bedford  
2428 Gracedieu, Coalville

2449 Duke of York, Manchester  
2523 Roll Call, Hounslow  
2568 Deleval, Newcastle-on-Tyne  
2606 Fforest, Treharris  
2619 New Brighton, New Brighton

#### Saturday.

108 London, Ship and Turtle  
173 Phoenix, Freemasons'-hall  
1446 Mount Edgcumbe, Southwark  
1607 Loyalty, London Tavern  
1612 West Middlesex, Ealing  
1671 Mizpah, Albion  
1743 Perseverance, Anderton's

2369 Cornish, Markmasons'-hall  
2384 Mitcham, Lower Mitcham  
2579 Lewisham, Lewisham  
2599 Engineer, 33 Golden Sq.  
149 Peace, Meltham  
308 Prince George, Eastwood  
336 Benevolence, Marple  
444 Union, Starcross  
453 Chigwell, Chingford  
1415 Campbell, Hampton Court  
1423 Era, Twickenham  
1637 Unity, Harrow Station  
1755 Eldon, Portishead  
2006 Tilbury, Purfleet  
2326 Wigan, Wigan

Bro. John Adams, of Southampton, who has been Secretary of the Lodge of Peace and Harmony for many years, has been compelled to resign the Office through ill-health. The Brethren of the Lodge at their last meeting resolved to present him with a clock and illuminated address, in recognition of his long service, and as a token of regret at his retirement. He is succeeded in the Secretaryship by Bro. J. E. Aldis P.M. of the Lodge.

### Sonnets of the Greek Mythology, No. 12.

#### TO MELETE.

NO haste unseemly, lovely Melete  
Dost thou permit with those who seek thine aid;  
And, when thy lovers come to worship thee—  
If thou in Helicon should'st be delayed;  
Thou dost not go to them with vulgar speed—  
But thinkest thrice what it were best to do.  
And none can blame thee for this perfect creed;  
Thy satellites come hurriedly to woo  
Without that quality—consideration;  
So that they overstep Queen Wisdom's bound,  
And find, too late, it was imagination  
That plunged them on a dark and treacherous ground.  
But, led by thee—thou goddess of delight,  
All things show plainly, e'en to mortal sight.

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On Wednesday, 11th April (for 16 days).

To Ireland (via Liverpool), calling at Harrow.....See Pamphlet.

On Thursday, 12th April (for 5, 9 and 16 days).

At 7.45 p.m. for Northallerton, Darlington, Richmond, Newcastle,  
Berwick, Edinburgh, Glasgow, &c., calling at Harrow and Aylesbury.

On Thursday, 12th April (for 5 or 6 days).

At 8.0 a.m. for Bridlington, Filey, Middlesboro', Newcastle, Northaller-  
ton, Scarborough, South Shields, West Hartlepool, York, &c.

At 10.0 a.m. for Knutsford, Northwich, Southport, Wigan, &c.

At 12.0 noon for Cleethorpes, Doncaster, Gainsboro', Grimsby, Hull  
(Pier), &c.

At 1.30 p.m. for Goole, Huddersfield, Hull (Paragon).

At 1.35 p.m. and 8.25 p.m. for Rugby, Loughboro', Leicester,  
Nottingham, Sheffield, Guide Bridge, Manchester, Stockport, Liverpool, &c.

At 5.15 p.m. for Brackley, Fimere, Helmdon, Woodford, &c.

At 5.40 p.m. for Bulwell Common, Chesterfield, Quorn and Wood-  
house, &c.

On Good Friday, 13th April.

At 9.30 a.m. for Fimere, Brackley, Rugby, Lutterworth and Leicester  
(1, 4 or 5 days).

At 11.30 a.m. for Fimere, Brackley, Rugby, Lutterworth, Leicester,  
Loughboro' and Nottingham (for ½ day, and 4 or 5 days).

On Saturday, 14th April (for 3 days).

At 2.20 p.m. for Rugby, Lutterworth, Leicester, Loughboro', Notting-  
ham, Sheffield, Penistone, Stockport, Warrington, Liverpool, Guide Bridge,  
and Manchester, calling at Harrow.

On Easter Monday, 16th April.

At 8.15 a.m. for Brackley, Rugby, Lutterworth, Leicester, Loughboro',  
Nottingham (for 1 and 2 days).

At 11.30 a.m. for Fimere, Brackley, Rugby, Lutterworth, Leicester,  
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WILLIAM POLLITT, General Manager.

## The Theatres, &c.

Avenue.—8, An Old Admirer. 8.45, A Message from Mars. Matinée, Wed-  
nesday and Saturday, 3.

Criterion.—8.20, A Pair of Knickerbockers. 9, His Excellency the Governor.  
Matinée, Saturday, 3.

Daly's.—8.15, San Toy. Matinée, Saturday, 2.30.

Gaiety.—8, The Messenger Boy. Matinée, Saturday, 2.

Globe.—8.15, A Broken Halo. 9, Nurse. Matinée, Wednesday, 2.30.

Lyceum.—8, Tempest. Matinée, Saturday, 2.

Lyric.—8, Florodora. Matinée, Saturday, 2.30.

Princess's.—8, It's never too late to mend.

Royalty.—8.15, Mrs. Jordan. 9, Magda. Matinée, Wednesday and Satur-  
day, 3.

Savoy.—8.15, The Rose of Persia. Matinée, Saturday, 2.30.

Strand.—8.15, The Lady Bookie. 9, Facing the Music. Matinée, Wednes-  
day and Saturday, 3.

Terry's.—Saturday, 14th April, The Passport and the "Trial Scene" from  
Pickwick.

Opera House, Crouch End.—Next week, 8, The Geisha.

Surrey.—Next week, 7.45, On Her Majesty's Service.

Standard.—The Secrets of the Harem.

Alhambra.—7.45, Variety Entertainment. Napoli, &c.

Aquarium.—The World's great Show. Varied Performances, daily.

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day, 1.45 also.

Royal.—7.30, Variety Company. Saturday, 2.30 also.

Tivoli.—7.30, Variety Entertainment. Saturday, 2.15 also.

Agricultural Hall.—8, Mohawk Minstrels.

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THURSDAY, 12th April.—To Newbury, Devizes, Trowbridge, Frome, Wells, Yeovil, Bridport, Dorchester, Weymouth, &c., to return 17th April; to Swindon, Bath, Bristol, &c., to return 16th or 17th April; to Weston-Super-Mare, to return 16th, 17th or 19th April; to Taunton, Minehead, Barnstaple, Ilfracombe, Exeter, Torquay, Plymouth, Bodmin, Newquay, Falmouth, St. Ives, Penzance, &c., to return 16th or 19th April; to Gloucester, Cheltenham, Newport, Cardiff, Swansea, Llanelli, Llandovery, Carmarthen, Tenby, New Milford, &c., to return 16th, 17th or 21st April; to Cork, for a fortnight or less; to Evesham, Worcester, Malvern, &c., to return 17th April; to Oxford, Leamington, Birmingham, Wolverhampton, Manchester, Chester, Birkenhead, Liverpool, &c., to return 16th or 17th April; and to Shrewsbury, Hereford, Welshpool, Harlech, Aberystwyth, Llangollen, Dolgelly, Barmouth, Llandudno, Bettws-y-Coed, Carnarvon, &c., to return 16th, 17th or 21st April.

GOOD FRIDAY and EASTER SUNDAY.—To Reading, Pangbourne, Goring, Oxford, &c., to return same day. Oxford passengers can also return 17th April.

SATURDAY, 14th April.—To Swindon, Bath, Bristol, Weston-Super-Mare, &c., to return 16th or 17th April; to Cheltenham, Gloucester, Newport, Cardiff, Swansea, Llanelli, Llandovery, Carmarthen, &c., to return 16th, 17th or 21st April.

EASTER MONDAY.—To Reading, Newbury, Pangbourne, Goring, Wallingford, &c., to return same day; to Bath, Bristol, Weston-Super-Mare, &c., to return same day or 17th April; and to Swindon, Cirencester, Gloucester, Cheltenham, &c., to return same day or 17th or 21st April.

TUESDAY, 17th April.—Half-day Trip to Shakespeare's Country.—For Banbury, Leamington, and Stratford-on-Avon.

CHEAP THIRD CLASS RETURN TICKETS will be issued by certain Trains on Good Friday, Saturday, Easter Sunday and Monday, to Windsor 2/6, Maidenhead 3/-, Henley 3/6, Goring 5/6, &c.

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Thursday, 12th April, to Principal Towns and Holiday Resorts in the Midland Counties, Lancashire, Yorkshire, the Lake District, and the North East Coast (for 5 or 6 days) also to ALL PARTS OF SCOTLAND (for 5, 9 or 16 days).

On Saturday night, 14th April, to Leicester, Nottingham, Sheffield, Normanton, Leeds, Bradford, Stockport, Manchester, Warrington, and Liverpool, returning on the following Monday night.

\* Bookings from Woolwich and Greenwich by these Trains.

### St. Albans, &c.

Easter Monday, 16th April, to St. Albans, Harpenden, and Luton, leaving St. Pancras at 10.10 and 11.5 a.m., and 1.10 p.m., and to Bedford at 10.10 a.m.

### Southend-on-Sea.

Cheap Day and Week-end Tickets will be issued to Southend-on-Sea, as per Special Bills.

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will be issued on Thursday, Friday and Saturday, 12th, 13th and 14th April, from London (St. Pancras) to the Principal Seaside and Inland Holiday Resorts, including the Peak of Derbyshire, Morecambe, the Lake District, Yorkshire, the North East Coast, and Scotland, available for return on any day up to and including Tuesday, 17th April, except day of issue.

### Excursion Handbills,

Programmes of Week-end Excursions, and other Easter Notices, may be had on application at St. Pancras Station, also at any of the Company's Receiving Offices, or Thos. Cook and Son's Agencies.

GEO. H. TURNER, General Manager.

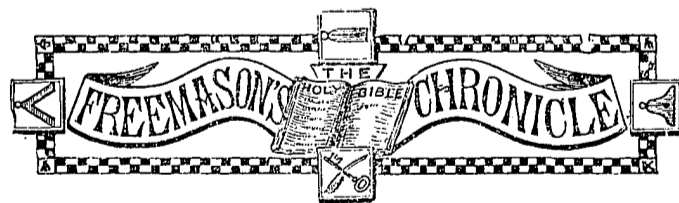
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F. R. W. HEDGES, Secretary.

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SATURDAY, 7TH APRIL 1900.

## GRAND LODGE OF IRELAND.

AT a special Communication of this Grand Lodge, held in Freemasons' Hall, Dublin, on Tuesday evening, 3rd instant, an address to Her Majesty the Queen, on her visit to that country, was unanimously voted, the members displaying great loyalty and patriotism.

One of the most enjoyable dances held at Southsea this season was that given on Wednesday, 21st ult., by the members of the Royal Sussex Lodge, No. 342, at the Esplanade Assembly Rooms. There were just upon 300 guests present, and the Hall presented an animated appearance. The arrangements were efficiently carried out by a strong Committee.

## Books of the Day.

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Books, Music, &c. intended for review, should be addressed to the Editor of the *Freemason's Chronicle*, at Fleet Works, New Barnet.

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**Andromeda.** An Idyll of the Great River. By Robert Buchanan (6s).—Chatto and Windus.

Of many great names in contemporary English Literature few are better known or more widely appreciated than that of Robert Buchanan. He has written much verse and more prose; on the whole we are inclined to venture the opinion that "Andromeda" is one of his most successful efforts. Abounding in many passages full of the truest poetry, it is human to a fault, and pulsates with life and energy from the first page to the last. The writer chose wisely when he elected to take, as a central spot around which his story was to move, a small island at the mouth of the Thames—the river of ten thousand masts. Mr. Buchanan, being more than artist or poet, for he is both, has invested every chapter of this beautiful idyll with that charm and grace which his admirers know so well. The characters are few; we like the story the better for that reason. "Andromeda," so strangely sheltered and cared for as a child; so strangely married, and again so strangely wooed; is a strongly drawn character, suggestive at times of "Sheila" in William Black's "Princess of Thule"; while Somerset and Bufton, the two artists, are very ably delineated. There is exquisite writing and some touching incidents as the story draws to its close; and we were genuinely sorry to reach the last page. Would this were always the case!

**Babes in the Bush.** By Rolf Boldrewood (6s).—Macmillan and Co., Limited.

A WELL-KNOWN critic has recently expressed the opinion that this book is twice too long. We are sorry to concur in that judgment. The fact is that "Rolf Boldrewood" has spoiled us by his earlier books. When a man has written three such works as "The Miner's Right," "Old Melbourne Memories" and "Robbery under Arms" it is not easy for him to materially add to his reputation; indeed, he is fortunate if he can maintain it. "Babes in the Bush" affords, in many chapters, pleasant reading; but nothing like tragic strength or subtle delineation of character must be sought, for it will not be found. It is hardly a "novel" in the general acceptation of the term; it is rather a too fluent, a too wordy narrative of the adventures of a family who, after financial disaster at the old home, seek a new life in Australia. There is hardly anything which even by courtesy can be called a plot. To make good a former remark we will add that in "Babes in the Bush" we have missed the power and pathos of "The Miner's Right," the finished, sketchy writing of "Old Melbourne Memories," the bustle, the stir, the admirable story telling which enlivens almost every page of "Robbery under Arms." We hope to meet "Rolf Boldrewood" again under more favourable auspices.

**The Money Sense.** A Novel. By John Strange Winter (6s).—Grant Richards.

We are somewhat disappointed with this book. The author of "Bootle's Baby" and "Ferrer's Court" could hardly fail to entertain us by anything from her pen; but entertainment, after all, is not the goal even of the writer of prose fiction. We have a right to ask, from so eminent a writer as John Strange Winter, that she shall do something, by her books, to render life sweeter and more profitable to her readers. Having so large a public she has commensurate responsibilities. Now there is not a good man or woman in this book,—leaving, of course, the mere accessory characters out of account. Everybody fails in their duty to everybody else. Ingram is consistently unfaithful to his wife; Angelique fails as daughter and as wife, Millicent the maid is frail, and Dodsworth the mother is foolish. Really all these very commonplace sins are too apparent in everyday life to need a novel for their display. With the literary workmanship of this veteran writer we need hardly say we have no quarrel. Uniformly fluent and masterly, she needs but a happier theme, such as she has before frequently chosen, to make a volume which shall delight us all. We hope her next venture will have this "one thing needful."

**From Capetown to Ladysmith.** An unfinished record of the South African War. By G. W. Steevens, edited by Vernon Blackburn. Second impression (3s 6d).—William Blackwood and Sons.

THE siege of Ladysmith, when fully narrated, will be prodigal in incident—"from grave to gay, from lively to severe." But that narrative can hardly contain any incident more touching than the death of G. W. Steevens. For—we write in all seriousness—the author of this unfinished record had excited hopes in regard to his future career that can only be paralleled by going back to, say, Keats and A. E. Hallam. How far he had found opportunity to "touch up" his paragraphs now forming the chapters before us, we do not know; but it is evident that in such narratives as the "Battle of Elandslaagte" and "The Devil's Tin-Tacks" he gave us of his best. The qualities of his style, so keen and direct, so full of energy and fire, were apparent in his earlier books,—in "The Land of the Dollar," "With the conquering Turk," and "With Kitchener to Khartoum." It is useless to conjecture what might have been written in riper years by so gifted a man; he has left us half a dozen volumes, and they must suffice for our estimate of his abilities. Those volumes are in themselves sufficient to convince us that the writer of them was head and shoulders above many of his journalistic compeers. Mr. Vernon Blackburn, who has added "the last chapter" to this book, has discharged an extremely difficult task in a manner which is above all praise.

**Carlo Crivelli.** By G. M'Neil Rushforth, M.A. (5s net).—George Bell and Sons.

THIS volume is one of a most admirable series,—so admirable that we find it difficult to refrain from extravagant language when speaking of its merits. Any half-dozen of the illustrations are worth the modest sum charged for the volume containing them. Everything about this study of Crivelli and his art is in keeping with the subject—cover, paper, printing, and illustrations all witness to the publisher's desire to make this series the best of its kind. Crivelli is, we presume, but little known to those whose artistic tastes are satisfied by an annual visit to the Academy or National Gallery; but even a casual glance at this volume suffices to show how worthy of attention his pictures are. It is very difficult to name any one of his many Madonnas as superior to the rest; but from the standpoint of mere personal preference we will mention that in the fine picture in the Berlin Gallery, representing the Infant Christ giving the keys to St. Peter. The summary

of Crivelli's life and works which has been written for this series by Mr. G. M'Neil Rushforth is noteworthy by reason of its comprehensiveness and the saneness of its criticisms and appraisals. The writer has wisely remembered that in Art—as in all else, tastes differ.

**The Literary Year-book and Bookman's Directory for 1900.** Edited by Herbert Morrah (3s 6d).—George Allen.

MR. GEORGE ALLEN has greatly improved this useful hand-book, and it is now really indispensable to all interested in literature and its market. Light in weight and handy in size, this book can be easily stowed in the hand-bags of the thousand and one hopeful persons who spend a large portion of their existence in sending unsolicited contributions to the Magazines. To such, the "Literary Year-Book" is invaluable, for an alphabetical list of our magazines and reviews is given, and in most cases a few words are added, pointing out the class of literature most acceptable to the different publications. The list of authors appears to be full and accurate, and the calendar and table of royalties also deserve mention. We notice that it is somewhat cruelly stated, in regard to the subject of royalties, that authors were never very good at arithmetic. Perhaps this is because, as a body, they so seldom have any profits to calculate! Literature, as Mr. Allen's book attests, is a vast and rapidly growing profession; and it is now quite necessary, as Mr. Allen foresaw, to enable writers to know "Who's Who" in the brotherhood of the quill, and to calculate their prospective profits on that novel or epic still perhaps unwritten. We hope this book may, if possible, be still further improved when next it appears.

MESSRS. WARD, LOCK AND CO. will publish S. R. Crockett's "Joan of the Sword Hand" on Monday next, at 6s. The work will be well illustrated and most attractively got up. We hope to review it next week.

## BOOKS RECEIVED.

**Sour Grapes.** By J. F. Cornish (6s).—Chatto and Windus.

**Maitland of Cortezia.** By Francis Lavallin Puxley (6s).—Grant Richards.

**Abbe Mauret's Transgression.** By Emile Zola. Edited with an introduction by Ernest Alfred Vizetelly (3s 6d).—Chatto and Windus.

**The History of Pendennis.** His fortunes and misfortunes, his friends and his greatest enemy. By William Makepeace Thackeray. New Century Library (2s net).—Thomas Nelson and Sons.

**The Struggle for Empire.** A story of the year 2236. By Robert William Cole.—Elliot Stock.

**The Old Curiosity Shop.** By Charles Dickens. New Century Library (2s net).—Thomas Nelson and Sons.

**On Heroes, Hero-worship, and the Heroic in History.** By Thomas Carlyle. Edited by Israel Gollancz, M.A. The Temple Classics (1s 6d net).—J. M. Dent and Co.

**Some Problems of the day in Natural Science: An introduction.** By Alex. Hill, M.A., M.D., Master of Downing College, Cambridge. Temple Primer (1s net).—J. M. Dent and Co.

**Roman History.** Translated from the German of Dr. Julius Koch, by Lionel D. Barnett, M.A. Temple Primer (1s net).—J. M. Dent and Co.

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## Music of the Day.

## RECENT PUBLICATIONS RECEIVED.

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Cary and Co.—Soldiers, Sailors, Volunteers. By Colin Campbell.—The Children's Shepherd. By Annette Hayward, music by C. Flavel Hayward.—Sons of Britannia. March by Felix Burns.—Woodland Serenade. Piano solo by Felix Burns.—A Village Festival. Descriptive Fantasia by Olaus Erksen.

J. B. Cramer and Co., Ltd.—The Spirit of Spring. By Nella, music by Henry Parker.—Summer's here. By Edward Teschemacher, music by George Aspinall.—The Story of a Life. By Clifton Bingham, music by Edith Cooke.

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Enoch and Sons.—Under the Flag. Music and words by Gerald Lane.

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Metzler and Co., Ltd.—Where the War is. By St. John Hamund, music by J. L. Molloy.—Sons of our Empire. By B. Malcolm Ramsay, music by John Bradford.

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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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## INSTALLATIONS.

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### IVY LODGE, No. 1441, LONDON.

#### Installation of Brother Arthur Henry Rimbault.

THE annual installation meeting of this well-known South London Lodge was held at the Surrey Masonic Hall, on Tuesday, 27th ult., and passed off with so great a success as to constitute a record for the Lodge.

Bro. R. Carey P.M. presided for the last time during his year of Office, and was supported by the following: Bros. Arthur Henry Rimbault W.M.-elect S.W., Hugh James J.W., Burcham Cooper P.M. P.Z. Treas., Greenwood Hartley Sec., T. R. Chilcott S.D., J. T. Whitehead J.D., J. Peters Organist, H. E. Lane I.G., C. S. Anderson Steward, with Bro. J. Hills as I.P.M., and a full attendance of Past Masters and Brethren, including Bros. R. E. Lane P.M., E. Sinclair P.M., J. D. Murray, F. W. Butler, H. Pitt, J. D. Wiskar, E. Bradley, H. M. Sternberg, G. Austin, J. Rorke, C. King, J. Douglas Tetley (Mus. Dir.), Walter Coward, T. D. Evans, F. S. Raffaelli, C. Grigsby, and others.

Among the Visitors assembled to do honour to the occasion were Bros. E. Forbes Lankester P.M. 99 and Grand Steward for his year of office, W. Tudor Howell, M.P., 108, Lynden L. Macassey 253 (Grand Lodge Ireland), Major Badham 21, W. Vincent Jull P.M. 2264, J. W. Cain P.M. 179, J. Pickering 1658, H. G. Butler 1201, W. Davies 9, J. E. Hambleton P.M. 1319 P.Z., J. Elliott 720, J. Dickason 1901, Alfred E. Pusey 179, F. P. Yonge 1446, Thos. Prior P.M., H. Potter W.M. 1622, G. Chandler 2362, Harry Dearth 1929, W. E. Hunshaw 1837, A. Marchant 66, W. A. Needes 2030, Chas. Greaves 861, Theo. Rowland 1446, J. Mason Past Grand Standard Bearer, W. Hann 1056, Edwin Barwick 219, E. R. Painter 766, W. Barry 1507, E. Dalzell P.M. 2000 P.P.G. Organist Middx., H. P. Gurney 1861, F. W. Wheeler 1707, and others.

The Lodge was formally opened, and the minutes of the last regular meeting were read and confirmed. Bro. G. Austin was then examined and entrusted, and retired.

The Lodge was next opened in the second degree, and Bro. Austin was passed to the degree of Fellow Craft.

In due course the W.M. having declared the Offices vacant, invited I.P.M. Hills to perform the ceremony of installation, which he consented to do. Bro. Cooper P.M. presented Bro. A. H. Rimbault W.M.-elect, who signified his assent to the ancient charges and regulations. The solo, "Be thou faithful unto death," was sung by Bro. E. Dalzell, with the accompanying violoncello obligato played by Bro. Hambleton, and the organ accompaniment by Bro. J. D. Tetley.

The lay Brethren having retired, a Board of Installed Masters was formed, and Bro. Rimbault was placed in the chair of King Solomon in accordance with ancient tradition.

The Brethren having been re-admitted, the new W.M. was proclaimed and saluted and next proceeded to appoint and invest his Officers, as follow: Hugh James S.W., T. R. Chilcott J.W., Burcham Cooper P.M. Treas., P. Greenwood Hartley Sec., J. T. Whitehead S.D., Howard E. Lane J.D., J. D. Murray I.G., J. Hills P.M. D.C., H. J. Hawkey and J. Peters A.D.C., J. Douglas Tetley Organist, J. D. Wiskar and J. Rorke Stewards, E. Bradley Mus. Dir., and J. Lee Tyler.

The business of the Lodge having been completed by the proposition of seven candidates for initiation, and one for joining, it was duly closed.

The installation banquet was held immediately afterwards, in the adjoining Hall. After a heavy attack had been made upon the very excellent ammunition provided by Mrs. Venables, the

toast list and musical programme was proceeded with, and the evening passed right merrily and pleasantly.

The W.M., rising to propose the first toast in his new capacity, namely, the Queen and the Craft, at once showed his admirable qualities as President of the social department of the Lodge. The toast was duly honoured, and Bro. Harry Dearth sang the solo.

Proceeding in rapid succession came the toast of the Most Worshipful the Grand Master, followed by the part song, "In this hour of softened splendour" beautifully rendered by Miss Gertrude Maxted, and Bros. Coward, Dalzell, and Dearth.

Next came the toast of the Grand Officers, to which Bro. J. Mason P.G.Std.Bearer made suitable reply, and was followed by a perfect rendering of Blumenthal's "An Evening Song," by Bro. Dalzell.

The gavel was taken by the I.P.M. at this point, and in proposing the toast of the W.M. he took the opportunity of thanking his Officers and the Brethren generally for the support accorded him during his year, bespeaking a like support for his successor who, he was sure, would do honour to the traditions of the chair, to the Lodge, to Freemasonry, and to himself.

The W.M., on rising to respond, was the recipient of such an ovation as is rarely accorded to a new W.M. He thanked the Brethren for rallying round him in such force, the I.P.M. for the kind things he had said of him, and the Installing Master for the beautiful manner in which he had done his work that evening. He would strive to so order his Lodge during the coming year as to cause one and all to feel, at the end of his tenure of that high and honourable Office, that he had carried out his duties with satisfaction to himself, and credit to the Lodge. Miss Gertrude Maxted followed with a splendid singing of "Il Bacio."

Then came the toast of the I.P.M. and the Installing Master. In proposing this toast the W.M. presented to Bro. R. Carey the Past Master's jewel which had been unanimously voted by the Lodge, and expressed regret that he had not enjoyed better health during his year; but he hoped he would soon be restored to his usual health. As for the Installing Master, he could not say anything that would be sufficient to express his own or the Lodge's thanks for the admirable rendering of the ritual, not only that night, but on many other occasions.

Bros. Carey and Hills having suitably responded, Bro. Edwin Barwick gave one of his delightful humorous selections, to the huge amusement of the Brethren; and was followed by a rare musical treat in the shape of a 'Cello Solo by Bro. Hambleton.

Next came the toast of the Visitors, who were given a cordial welcome by the W.M., enthusiastically endorsed by the Brethren.

Bros. E. Forbes Lankester, W. Tudor Howell, M.P., Lynden L. Macassey, Major Badham, G. Chandler, and W. V. Jull suitably responded, each thanking the Lodge for the opportunity of witnessing the admirable working, enjoying such splendid music and so hospitable a welcome.

The W.M. next proposed the Treasurer and Secretary, than whom no Lodge could have better or more zealous Officers.

Bro. Cooper P.M. Treasurer and Bro. Hartley Secretary duly responded, followed by Bro. Dearth's lovely singing of Balfe's "The Arrow and the Song."

The Past Masters of the Lodge were the next to be honoured, and Miss Maxted sang Cowen's "The Swallows."

The W.M. proposed the Officers, who suitably replied, and Bro. Edwin Barwick once again sent everyone off into roars of laughter by another of his selections.

This was followed by the Tyler's toast, and so was brought to a close what was unanimously admitted to be one of the most successful meetings ever held under the auspices of the Ivy Lodge, and which certainly augurs well for the year of office of Bro. Arthur Henry Rimbault.

As showing the interest displayed in the success of the evening we must not forget to state that the banqueting tables were beautifully decorated with Ivy, and Red, White and Blue silk, by Miss Amy Tetley in a most effective manner, and her labour of love was admired by one and all.

The whole of the musical arrangements were directed by Bro. J. Douglas Tetley Organist of the Lodge, and were carried out by Miss Maxted, Bro. Walter Coward (of Her Majesty's Chapel Royal), Bro. Dalzell (of Westminster Abbey), Bro. Dearth (of the same), Bro. Hambleton P.M. P.Z., A.R.A.M., and Bro. Edwin Barwick.

Bro. Skegg, an old P.M. of the Lodge, but now residing in Gloucestershire, sent up a variegated Ivy buttonhole for each of the Brethren, and the scene as each stood at the beautifully decorated table, wearing the buttonhole and his Masonic clothing, was most picturesque, and the only matter for regret during the whole evening was very aptly expressed by Bro. E. Forbes Lankester, when he referred in most sympathetic terms to the sad illness of a dear old Past Master in the person of Bro. Barlow, whom everyone hoped to see restored to such health as would enable him to be present again in the Lodge during Bro. Rimbault's year of office.

## COTEHELE LODGE, No. 2166, CALSTOCK.

## Installation of Brother John Northam.

THE annual meeting was held on the 2nd inst., at the Masonic Hall, Calstock. There was a very good attendance, over which Bro. Major J. G. Shanks, K.M., presided.

The Brethren had under consideration the subject of new Lodge premises, and it was decided to refer the plans and specifications of the contemplated building to the Building Committee. As soon as the plans are approved and the land conveyed, tenders will be invited for the erection of the Hall.

Bro. Major J. G. Shanks very impressively passed three candidates, after which the installation of the Master for the ensuing year was proceeded with, the W.M.-elect being Bro. John Northam. The ceremony was performed in characteristic style by Bro. Major Shanks.

Before the Lodge was closed a very interesting presentation took place. Bro. J. G. Shanks asked the Lodge's acceptance of eight solid silver jewels for the Officers' collars. Each jewel bore the following inscription:

Presented to  
Cotehele Lodge, No. 2166,  
by W. Bro. Major J. G. Shanks, K.M.,  
April 1900.

The W.M. proposed a hearty vote of thanks to the donor for his magnificent gift.

Bro. Bowhay, in seconding, reminded the Brethren that only last year Bro. Shanks gave the Lodge silver jewels for the Master and Wardens. He had now completed the set, and had given Lodge Cotehele a gift by which he would always be remembered. The vote was enthusiastically accorded, and Bro. Shanks suitably replied.

Subsequently the Brethren dined together at the Tamar Hotel, where the chair was occupied by Bro. J. Northam W.M.

## CRAFT: METROPOLITAN.

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## HONOUR AND GENEROSITY LODGE, No. 165.

AT the regular meeting of this old and popular Lodge, held on Tuesday, 27th ult., there were present Bros. F. H. Rosher W.M., Alfred P. Crabb I.P.M., Woodhouse S.W., Sykes J.W., W. de B. Herbert S.D., W. M. Thompson J.D., H. Bearman acting I.G., Richard Eve P.M. P.G.Treas., Howard Thompson P.M. Treas., Henry Times P.M. Sec., Alfred W. Bush P.M., J. R. Drake P.M., H. W. Clarkson Organist, J. H. Stone, Wm. H. Burt, F. S. Gaylor, H. J. Strudwick, B. B. Van Praagh, C. J. Andrews, and J. A. Dugdale.

Visitors: Bros. Edward Terry P.Grand Treas., E. N. Benningfield S.W. and Master-elect No. 2278, Reginald Groome 2620, H. Wharton Wells P.P.G.Org., Templer Saxe 2190, and Sir William Murray, Bart.

Letters of regret for non ability to attend had been received from Bros. the Archdeacon of London, the Grand Secretary, Henry Neville P.A.G.D.C., and other distinguished Grand Officers.

The Lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes read and confirmed. The Lodge was opened in the second degree, and Bro. J. Harris Stone was passed as a F.C. in an impressive manner by the W.M.

The election of Officers for the ensuing year was the next business, and resulted in favour of Bros. John Woodhouse as W.M.-elect, J. H. Howard Thompson P.M. as Treasurer, and R. H. Goddard as Tyler.

Sir William Robert Murray was proposed by the Secretary as a joining member of the Lodge, and Lieut. Pocock, R.N., was proposed as a candidate for initiation by the Master-elect.

A Past Master's jewel was unanimously voted to the W.M., who vacates the chair at the Installation meeting in May next.

All Masonic business being ended the Lodge was closed, and an adjournment was made for refreshment.

After the banquet the Master proposed the usual Loyal and Masonic toasts, which are always received with enthusiasm in this Lodge. Bro. Edward Terry P.G.Treas. responded for the Grand Officers.

Bro. Richard Eve P.G.Treas. proposed the toast of the W.M., which was briefly and suitably acknowledged by Bro. Howard Rosher.

Sir William Murray, in acknowledging the toast of the Visitors, stated he hoped that this was the last occasion that he would be present in the Lodge as a visitor; he looked forward to being a regular attendant as a member, should he be elected.

Bro. Benningfield also replied, and regretted that he was only able to be in time for dinner, but promised to be present in May to see Bro. Woodhouse installed, and then he would do his best to be more punctual.

What was a most successful meeting had its harmony further advanced by splendid music and recitations which were contributed by Bros. Edward Terry, Templer Saxe, Reginald Groome, H. Wharton Wells, F.C.O., and others.

## KENNINGTON LODGE, No. 1381.

THE W.M. Bro. W. H. Wolsey had a full evening's work at his first meeting after his installation, all three degrees being required of him. Bro. H. A. Lassam was raised, Bro. W. S. Sharp passed, and Mr. E. Roberts initiated, the whole of the ritual being superbly given.

At the banquet which followed, the management of the Horns did splendidly, notwithstanding the difficulties caused by the alterations in progress.

In the speeches which followed the banquet, Past Master Everett and the I.P.M. Bro. Thos. Davies both warmly and sincerely congratulated the W.M. on the splendid manner in which he had delivered the ritual; and their opinion was cordially endorsed by both members and visitors.

Capital singing and recitations followed, Bro. Frederick Clay's "Fra Giacomo" being dramatically rendered. The meeting was certainly one of the pleasantest in the annals of the Lodge.

## SURREY MASONIC HALL LODGE, No. 1539.

THE annual ladies' night (which is always a most successful evening) took place on Wednesday, 21st ult., when about 150 Brethren and Ladies, with other guests, assembled at the Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell New Road.

Previous to the banquet, which opened that portion of the proceedings to which ladies were invited, the ordinary March meeting of the Lodge was held, with Bro. G. Mash in the chair of K.S. Naturally the Lodge was not largely attended, the major portion of the Brethren preferring to wait till the hour arrived at which they could be accompanied by their lady friends.

The whole of the Masonic work was done in that admirable style which is now expected of the earnest W.M. of the Surrey Masonic Hall Lodge.

The W.M. next held a reception, after which a banquet took place in the Pillar Hall, the W.M. presiding. The Hall itself and the tables were charmingly decorated by Bro. Salter, and every diner was also favoured with a handsome buttonhole. The dinner itself was a great success, and reflected much credit upon Mrs. Venables; whilst the fact that it might almost be said everybody knew everybody, made this portion of the proceedings pass off most pleasantly.

After the Queen had been proposed in eloquent terms by the W.M., Bro. Shonfeld I.P.M., in giving the toast of the W.M., said that in Bro. W. Mash they had a most enthusiastic worker in all Masonic causes, whilst the way in which he had catered for the enjoyment of the ladies that night showed that his genius for promoting good fellowship and enjoyment did not end with his purely Masonic duties. With the toast he coupled the name of that most enthusiastic lady, Mrs. Mash, whose absence, through indisposition, they all deeply regretted, and the speaker was sure all the company would join with him in wishing Bro. Mash and Mrs. Mash long life, prosperity, and happiness.

Bro. Mash responded in most hearty terms. To be in the position he held that night was a thing that generally came only to a man once in his lifetime. He had done all he could to promote that evening's enjoyment, and the best thanks he could receive would be an acknowledgment that the evening had been a happy one.

Then Bro. Mash went on to propose the Ladies, in very happy terms, and as Past Master Mulliss was too ill to be present, Bro. Drake responded in a lively vein on behalf of the fair sex.

An adjournment was made to the ball-room, where till 2.30 dancing was kept up in the most lively fashion.

## LADIES NIGHT OF THE SAMSON LODGE, No. 1668.

A VERY successful function was arranged by the members of this Lodge, about 150 Ladies and Brethren being present on the occasion, at the Café Royal, Regent Street. The principal Officers of the Lodge, Bros. T. H. Lamble W.M., S. J. Heilbron S.W. (who will be installed as Master at the regular meeting on Tuesday next), and Joshua Cohn J.W. (the latter accompanied by his wife and daughter) did all in their power to secure the enjoyment of the company, and were heartily supported by other Officers and members. During the evening a concert was given.

With the object of initiating a collection in aid of the War Fund, Miss Johanna Heymann splendidly played a pianoforte solo (Mendelssohn's "Bees' Wedding"). A novel feature was that the sum collected was offered to the highest bidder, and realised £12, although the amount actually collected was considerably below that figure.

## INSTRUCTION.

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ANNUAL SUPPER OF THE DALHOUSIE LODGE, No. 865  
AND THE EARL'S COURT LODGE, No. 2765.

A VERY interesting meeting of these two Lodges took place on Wednesday of last week, when the first joint Annual Dinner was held at Bro. Joel Davis's, the Greyhound, Kensington Square, W., where both the Lodges hold their regular weekly meetings—the former on Mondays, the latter on Wednesdays.

The members of the two Lodges make it a rule to visit each other's meetings at frequent intervals, and to give proof of their fraternal feeling they decided to hold a joint Annual Supper, which, in every sense of the word, proved interesting and most successful. Indeed those responsible deserve high compliment for the way in which the affair was managed.

Bro. A. Williams P.M. Preceptor 865 presided at the dinner, while Bro. J. Worth P.M. Preceptor of the Earl's Court Lodge occupied the chair next to Bro. Williams, with Bro. Dyer S.W. of the Dalhousie Lodge in the vice chair.

Amongst others present were Bros. W. Facey P.M. Treasurer 2665 (Instruction), J. Cox P.M. Secretary 865 (I.), A. J. Taylor Secretary 2765 (I.), Spiegel P.P.G.S.B., Betts 865, Nielson 865, Smethurst, Dixon, Honniball, Johnson, Robinson, W. Lewis, Herbert, Howard, Harris, Binfield, Sanders, Young, Neale, H. Neighbour, Stevens, W. Neighbour, Leeta, Joel Davis, Stovold, Lyons, J. Cox, H. S. Cox, Wynman, T. E. P. Bell, and several others.

The excellent repast provided by Bro. Davis was a credit to his establishment and himself, and was generally enjoyed by the company; indeed, there are many well known Hotels which might have profited by seeing how the dinner was served—there was abundance of everything, beautifully hot, and at a moderate cost.

After the dinner Bro. Williams proposed the toast of the Queen and the Craft, which was followed by the National Anthem, Bro. J. Worth P.M. Preceptor of the Earl's Court Lodge singing the solo.

The toast of the Grand Master also met a hearty response, Bro. Heelis singing "God bless the Prince of Wales."

Bro. J. Worth P.M. next rose, and gave in a short and complimentary speech the toast of the Chairman.

Bro. Williams was heartily received on rising to respond. He thanked Bro. Worth for his kind remarks, but felt they ought rather to be considered as jointly occupying the post of Chairman. Bro. Worth had been kind enough to give way to him, and allow him the premier position, but they must share the honours of the evening between them. He was delighted to see the good fellowship existing between the two Lodges. He knew Bro. Worth as a good Preceptor, and he felt that all who were able to attend his Lodge of Instruction on Wednesday evenings would acquire a knowledge of Freemasonry from him, and a knowledge that would be of service to them, as he was such a perfect exponent of the ritual.

Bro. Worth was well received, and thanked Bro. Williams for his kind

remarks; but he must not forget that for all his knowledge of Freemasonry he had to thank Bro. Williams. The worthy Chairman of the evening was a member of their Lodge, and he was not alone an ornamental member, but an eminently useful one as well; all the members knew there could hardly be found a better Preceptor than he.

The Chairman said he had a relic from the battlefields of South Africa, which had been sent over by a Brother who was fighting for his Queen and country. It was one of the chocolate boxes which Her Most Gracious Majesty has sent to her soldiers, and he proposed to pass it round for the inspection of the Brethren, at the same time hoping that each one present would kindly put something in it for those Brethren who were in distress, and were fighting the cause of the Empire. The result was that £1 9s was collected, and the Chairman thanked the Brethren on behalf of the Transvaal Fund.

Bro. Spiegel proposed the toast of the Secretaries, whom he regarded as the two great pillars of the Lodges—that on the left, Bro. Cox, of the Dalhousie Lodge; that on the right, Bro. Taylor, of the Earl's Court Lodge. He had had the pleasure of knowing Bro. Cox for a number of years, and regarded him as an excellent worker, and a most capable Secretary. Of Bro. Taylor, Secretary of the Earl's Court Lodge of Instruction—which as they know had recently been established in their midst—he had but little personal knowledge, but that was his own fault, for the reason that he had not yet paid the Lodge a visit. Still, he had heard a great deal concerning Bro. Taylor's good qualities, and felt sure he would prove himself a most efficient Officer in the new Lodge.

The popularity of Bro. Cox was evidenced on his rising to respond. He thanked Bro. Spiegel for the grand and kind way in which he had given the toast of himself and his colleague Bro. Taylor. It was at all times a pleasure to him to see one or both of the Lodges of Instruction well attended. There was a certain amount of trouble attached to the office of Secretary, but what he did was cheerfully undertaken and was purely out of love for Freemasonry. If the Brethren would only give him their support he would be amply repaid and fully satisfied.

Bro. Taylor added his thanks. He was honoured in being Secretary of the Earl's Court Lodge, which he was happy to say was in a very prosperous state for a young Lodge, with plenty of work to do. Their two Lodges worked most harmoniously together; he was well supported by Bro. Cox and Bro. Facey P.M. of the Mother Lodge, and should he be in any trouble he had only to ask those Brethren for their assistance to ensure all the aid he required.

Bro. Dyer S.W. of the Dalhousie Lodge said it would be very difficult to find more harmonious working than existed in the two Lodges which met under that roof. He had qualified himself for the honourable position he filled in his Mother Lodge, principally by attending the meetings of these Lodges of Instruction. He sincerely thanked the Preceptors of both for the great attention they had paid him, and strongly advised younger members to attend, as it would be impossible to find better tutors than the two Preceptors.

Bro. Facey P.M. said if they desired to meet really good fellows they could hardly do better than attend one of the Lodges whose joint meeting they were then enjoying. The sociability of that gathering showed them as man to man the true principles of Freemasonry. On behalf of the younger Lodge he sincerely thanked the Dalhousie members for their kindness. They had allowed them the use of their furniture, and in many ways had assisted them. He also desired to thank host Davis, for the ample accommodation he afforded them; and the Brethren who had taken such great interest in the Earl's Court Lodge, particularly Bro. Cox, who, as a Grand Officer, had honoured them with his membership. He welcomed the younger members of the Lodge, and strongly urged them to attend instruction meetings if they desired to make themselves efficient for their regular Lodges.

Prosperity to the two Lodges of Instruction was next proposed, coupled with the names to Bro. A. Williams and J. Worth the Preceptors, and this was regularly acknowledged.

In proposing the toast of the host, the Chairman said Bro. Joel Davis deserved great compliment for the able way in which the dinner had been served and for his kindness whenever the Lodges met under his roof.

The toast was most cordially received, and Bro. Davis, in acknowledgment, said it was not alone an honour but a pleasure to be amongst such company. He thanked them for their encouraging remarks, and was indeed pleased to hear his efforts had given satisfaction.

During the evening some capital songs were rendered, among those who contributed to the harmony being the Chairman, Bros. W. Lewis, Neighbour, Worth, Heelis, and Robertson. Bro. Facey recited the "Jackdaw of Rheims," while Bro. Godfrey Snell presided at the piano. Altogether the meeting was one of the most enjoyable it has been our pleasure to take part in.

#### CONFIDENCE LODGE, No. 193.

THERE was an excellent meeting on Wednesday evening, at 7 o'clock, at the Bunch of Grapes, Lime Street, E.C., when Bro. J. Done acted as W.M., with Bros. J. W. Simeons S.W., G. F. Carr J.W., G. Spice I.P.M. 193 Prec., J. K. Pitt P.M. Sec., J. Jackson S.D., G. Bushell J.D., W. H. Latham I.G., E. Pennock P.M. 193, W. Hattersley, C. Goovearts, Wood, H. Rowland, A. Cooke, J. Wynman, Metcalf Baillie, E. J. Davey P.M.

The popularity of Bro. E. J. Davey P.M. Secretary of the Mother Lodge amongst the Brethren was evinced by the very hearty welcome he received on attending again after his illness.

The W.M. intimated his intention of rehearsing the ceremony of initiation, for which Bro. Hattersley offered himself as candidate. This being ended Bro. Spice Preceptor, in his usual perfect manner, gave the ancient charge.

The W.M. next examined and entrusted Bro. Rowland as a candidate for passing, and then vacated the chair in favour of Bro. J. W. Simeons, who opened the Lodge in the second degree and proceeded with the ceremony. The Lodge was resumed to the first degree, the W.M. again took charge, and proceeded to close in due form.

The Preceptor proposed that a hearty vote of thanks be passed to Bro. Done, and recorded on the minutes, for the able and impressive manner in which he had fulfilled the duties of the chair for the first time in that or any other Lodge. His working had given great satisfaction, and considering that their W.M. that evening was only a very young Mason the performance had been greatly to his credit. If he continued to make equal progress he would become a great acquisition in the Mother Lodge. Bro. Done thanked the worthy Preceptor for his very kind remarks, and hoped that on some future occasion he would have the opportunity of filling the same position again. He hoped he would be able to do even better then.

Bro. N. Wood, of the Roll Call Lodge, Hounslow, was elected a member, and acknowledged the compliment. Bro. Metcalf Baillie was elected W.M. for Wednesday next, and he being a capable worker, well known to a

large number of Brethren, we look forward to a full gathering and an enjoyable evening.

Bro. Davey thanked the Brethren most sincerely for the kind attention shown him during his illness, was pleased to say he was much better, and hoped to be able to attend the meetings regularly in the future.

Ballots in connection with the Benevolent Association of the Lodge resulted in favour of Bro. Spice I.P.M. and J. W. Simeons W.M. of the Mother Lodge.

#### ST. MICHAEL LODGE, No. 211.

ON Monday, 26th ult., a good muster of the members took place at the Richmond Hotel, Shepherd's Bush Road, W., when the W.M. Bro. C. Johnson appointed his Officers as follow: Bros. Webb S.W., Jupp J.W., R. H. Williams P.M. P.P.G.J.D. Middx. Preceptor, H. J. Catling P.M. Sec., Barnett S.D., Smyth J.D., J. H. Cumming P.M. I.G. Amongst others present were Bros. Dr. Barratt, Dr. Reid, Brenn, Elkin and Turner.

After the Lodge was opened and the minutes read the Brethren expressed their great pleasure that this Lodge of Instruction had voted a sum of two guineas to the South African Masonic Fund, and the worthy Secretary expressed his hopes that all other Lodges of Instruction in the London district would follow the example.

The ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, the candidate's place being taken by Bro. Benn, after which the Lodge was opened in the second degree and Bro. Elkin was examined and entrusted. Lodge being opened in the third degree the ceremony of raising was gone through, and the Lodge was resumed to the first degree.

Bro. Webb was elected to take the chair at the next meeting.

#### RANELAGH LODGE, No. 834.

ON Friday, 16th ult., at the Six Bells Hotel, Hammersmith, W., Bros. K. M. Ross W.M., Humphrey Bright S.W., C. F. Payne J.W., Arthur Williams P.M. Preceptor, W. Hinds P.M. Treasurer, F. Craggs P.M. Sec., H. A. Barnett S.D., G. W. Turner J.D., H. W. Payne I.G., M. F. Wilkins Stwd., R. H. Williams P.M. P.P.G.J.D. Middx., W. Barton Jones P.M., H. J. Cousens P.M., Joseph Hallam, T. L. Hellyar, J. C. Flatterley, G. White, G. T. Meek, W. Atkinson, and others.

The ceremony of initiation was gone through, Bro. Wilkins taking the candidate's place. Bro. Meek was examined and entrusted, after which the Lodge was opened in the second degree and the ceremony of passing was rehearsed, the same Brother acting as candidate. Lodge was resumed and Bro. Humphrey Bright was elected to act as W.M. at the next meeting.

ON the 23rd ult., Bros. Humphrey Bright W.M., C. F. Payne S.W., H. A. Barnett J.W., Arthur Williams P.M. Preceptor, W. Hinds P.M. Treas., F. Craggs P.M. Sec., F. M. Wilkins S.D., H. W. Payne J.D., G. T. Meek I.G., K. M. Ross Stwd., R. H. Williams P.M., Barton Jones P.M., R. Reid P.M., J. H. Cumming P.M., John Worth W.M. of the Mother Lodge, G. White, T. L. Hellyar, J. Inderwick, F. W. Smethurst, J. Hallam, &c.

Bro. Inderwick was examined and entrusted, and the second ceremony was rehearsed, he personating the candidate. Lodge having been resumed to the first degree, the Brethren worked the second section, under the direction of the esteemed Preceptor.

Bro. C. F. Payne was elected to occupy the chair at the meeting on Good Friday.

The Charity votes sent to this Lodge of Instruction were ordered to be handed to the Preceptor, along with many others, to support the case of Oliver Chesterfield at the forthcoming election, and Bro. Craggs Secretary asked the Brethren to do all they could to support the West London Masonic Election Association in their good work.

#### ECLECTIC LODGE, No. 1201.

ON Sunday evening, at 7 o'clock, we paid this Lodge a visit at the Frascati Restaurant, Oxford Street, W., and knowing the capability of Bro. E. C. Mulvey Past Grand Pursuivant as a Preceptor we felt sure we should hear the ritual of Freemasonry well rehearsed. Bro. Mulvey shows courtesy, but firmness in the Lodge as an Instructor, which we consider a necessity, and to the credit of himself and the numerous Lodges he attends in that capacity; indeed, the Brethren may be proud of having such an excellent worker to act as tutor in a Lodge.

The chair was taken by Bro. A. Sinclair, who received the assistance of Bros. A. R. Godrich S.W., G. May J.W., E. C. Mulvey P.M. Prec., W. J. Wall P.M. Dep. Prec., J. Harnall P.M. Treas., J. Mason P.M. Sec., W. H. Eardley S.D., W. Adamson J.D., J. Williams I.G., D. Baker P.M., F. Hewson, T. Moon, W. Hudson, Hughes, J. Henschel, C. Evans, J. Leach, T. Kelly, Tremlett, Curlette, J. Wynman, J. Cohn.

The W.M. rehearsed the ceremony of initiation, Bro. T. Moon acting as candidate. This being ended the Lodge was called off and on. The W.M. then intimated his intention of rehearsing the second ceremony, for which Bro. Leach offered himself candidate, and, being accepted, he was examined and entrusted, the work of passing being rehearsed. Both the ceremonies were impressively rendered.

The Lodge was resumed to the first degree, and Bro. Godrich was elected W.M. for to-morrow (Sunday), which compliment was acknowledged.

Bro. Mulvey in well measured terms proposed that a hearty vote of thanks be recorded on the minutes for the able and efficient manner in which Bro. Sinclair had rehearsed the first and second ceremonies for the first time in that Lodge. Bro. Mulvey observed that considering the W.M. was not a born Englishman the working was admirably rendered. Bro. Sinclair in a few words acknowledged the compliment paid him, and hoped to do still better on a future occasion.

The Lodge meets every Sunday, at 7 o'clock sharp, with Bro. Mulvey as Preceptor. Visiting Brethren will receive a hearty welcome.

#### FINSBURY PARK LODGE, No. 1288.

ON Saturday, at the Old Cock Tavern, Highbury, N., Bros. R. Bryant W.M., E. Rawlinson S.W., Edw. Parker J.W., H. Hill P.M. Preceptor, T. Elvin acting Sec., J. Hume S.D., John Key J.D., T. Moore I.G., J. Wynman.

The Lodge being opened was advanced to the second degree, when Bro. Hill answered the questions and was entrusted. The Lodge was opened up and the ceremony of raising was rehearsed. The Lodge was then closed down.

Bro. Hill, in well deserved terms congratulated Bro. Bryant on his



careful and perfect working, which was all that could be desired; and he proposed that a hearty vote of thanks be recorded on the minutes to that effect. Bro. Bryant, in acknowledging the compliment, said Bro. Hill deserved the vote of thanks more than himself, because the knowledge he possessed was through the instruction he had received from Bro. Hill; still, he sincerely thanked the Brethren for their kindness.

Bro. Edw. Parker will preside to-day (Saturday).

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#### FRIARS LODGE, No. 1349.

AS usual there was a good attendance at this Lodge, on Thursday, 29th ult., at Bro. Abraham's, the Aldgate Distillery, Aldgate, E., those present including Bros. M. Corper W.M., D. Moss S.W., A. E. Crabb J.W., L. A. DaCosta P.M. Prec., J. Davis Sec., N. Goldman S.D., M. Goodman J.D., J. Derrell I.G., Fox, Vallentine, Alvarez, R. Phillips, A. Cohn, B. DaCosta, Lotheim, J. Wynman, and others.

The ceremony of passing was rehearsed, Bro. Cohn acting as candidate. This was followed by the ceremony of installation, Bro. B. DaCosta being presented as W.M.-elect and Bro. Goldman acting as D.C. Having taken the obligation, Bro. DaCosta was installed and saluted. Bro. Corper afterwards delivered the addresses in an impressive and perfect manner.

Bro. Alfred Alvarez 147 was elected a member. The Secretary read two communications from other Instruction Lodges, asking the Brethren of the Friars to visit them and work the Fifteen Sections, which was considered a great compliment. The Secretary was instructed to write, accepting the invitations.

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

(LATE TERRIERS.)

ON Wednesday afternoon, at 3 o'clock, at the Dover Castle Hotel, Westminster Bridge Road, Bros. H. Sinclair W.M., Dillon S.W., B. Cohen J.W., A. Darch P.M. Prec., J. W. Newstead Secretary acting S.D., Willshire J.D., W. J. Alabaster I.G., T. F. Strutt W.M. Hygeia Lodge, J. Wynman.

The ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, including the ancient charge; Bro. Strutt kindly acting as candidate. Bro. Darch, with the assistance of the Brethren, worked the first section of the lecture.

Bro. Dillon was elected W.M. for Wednesday next, and, the Lodge being closed, the Brethren proceeded to elect the Committee for the Benevolent Association.

Bro. A. Darch was unanimously chosen President, Fred Holden Treasurer, and J. W. Newstead Secretary; while the following were elected as the Committee: Bros. H. Sinclair, T. F. Strutt, B. Cohen, W. Dillon, W. Alabaster, and W. J. Willshire.

The Bye-Laws were read and adopted.

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#### EARL'S COURT LODGE, No. 2765.

ON Wednesday, 28th ult., at the Greyhound Hotel, Kensington Square, Bros. J. Cox W.M., T. Nichols S.W., R. Dixon J.W., J. Worth Preceptor, J. Cox Deputy Preceptor, J. W. Facey Treas., Albert J. Taylor Sec., H. J. Inderwick S.D., G. E. White J.D., H. G. Cox I.G., T. Leete Steward, C. G. Hatt P.M., J. Hallam, J. Davis, and others.

The W.M. rehearsed the ceremony of initiation, Bro. J. Hallam being the candidate. Bro. Hatt offered himself as a candidate for passing, was entrusted and retired. The Lodge was opened in the second degree, and the ceremony rehearsed. Bro. Hallam answered the questions leading to the third degree.

Bro. Inderwick J.D. of the Ranelagh Lodge and A.D.C. of the Putney Lodge, and Bro. G. E. White I.G. of the Ranelagh Lodge, were unanimously elected members, and Bro. T. Nichols elected to the chair for the following Wednesday.

Bro. J. Worth Preceptor proposed a vote of thanks to the W.M. Bro. J. Cox, for his rendering of the ceremonies of the two degrees, which was unanimously carried.

## HOLIDAY ARRANGEMENTS.

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### MIDLAND RAILWAY.

THE Easter Holiday arrangements include the running of excursion trains from London on Tuesday, 10th April, to Londonderry, via Morecambe, by direct steamer, returning within 16 days as per sailing bill. On Wednesday, 11th, to Dublin, Cork, Killarney, &c., via Morecambe and via Liverpool, returning any week-day within 16 days; and to Belfast, Londonderry, Portrush, &c., via Barrow and via Liverpool, available for returning any week-day within 16 days.

On Thursday, 12th, cheap excursion trains will be run from London to Leicester, Nottingham, Newark, Lincoln, Birmingham, Burton, Derby, Manchester, Blackburn, Bolton, Rochdale, Oldham, Liverpool, Sheffield, Leeds, Bradford, Scarborough, Newcastle-on-Tyne, Barrow and the Furness and Lake District, Carlisle, &c., &c., returning the following Monday or Tuesday; and from London (St. Pancras) to Edinburgh, Glasgow, Greenock, Perth, Stirling, Aberdeen, Inverness, Nairn, Forres, Ballater, &c., returning Monday, 16th, or Friday, 20th. Tickets will also be issued by the Scotch excursion at slightly more than the single ordinary third class fare for the double journey, available for returning on any day within 16 days from and including date of issue.

On Saturday night, 14th, a cheap two days excursion train will be run to Sheffield, Leeds, Bradford, Manchester, Liverpool, &c.

On Easter-Monday, 16th, cheap excursion trains will be run to St. Albans, Harpenden, Luton, and Bedford.

Cheap week-end tickets will be issued on Thursday, Friday and Saturday, 12th, 13th and 14th, from London (St. Pancras), to the principal seaside and inland holiday resorts, including the Peak District of Derbyshire, Morecambe, the Lake District, Yorkshire, the North East Coast, Scotland, and other parts, available for return on any day up to and including Tuesday, 17th April, except day of issue.

Cheap week-end and day excursion tickets will also be issued to Southend-on-Sea during the Easter holidays, for particulars of which see special bills. Tickets for joining the trains at St. Pancras Station can be obtained on the two days previous to the running of the trains at the offices of the Company.

Cheap excursion trains for five or six days will also be run on Thursday, 12th, to London, from Carlisle, Bradford, Leeds, Sheffield, Liverpool, Manchester, Blackburn, Bolton, Blackpool, Preston, Lincoln, Newark, &c., and from Birmingham, Wolverhampton, Walsall, &c. Passengers will be booked by these trains at cheap fares to Brighton, and other South Coast Stations, and to the continent; those for the Continent having the privilege of returning by any ordinary train within 16 days. On Good-Friday, from Bradford, Leeds, Sheffield, Blackburn, Bolton, Blackpool, Preston, Oldham, Manchester, Liverpool, &c., for two or four days, and from Burton, Derby, Nottingham, Birmingham, Leicester, &c., for one, four, or five days. Cheap three or five days trips will also be run to London on Friday night, 13th, from Colne, Blackburn, Bolton, Blackpool, Preston, Rochdale, Oldham, Manchester, &c., and on Saturday, 14th, from Liverpool and Warrington.

On Easter Monday, single day trips will be run from Burton, Derby, Nottingham, Leicester, Northampton, Bedford, Luton, St. Albans, &c., and a one or two days trip from Birmingham and the South Stafford District.

To prevent inconvenience and crowding, the Booking Offices at St. Pancras and Moorgate Street Stations will be open for the issue of tickets all day on Wednesday, Thursday, and Saturday, 11th, 12th, and 14th April, and tickets to all principal stations on the Midland Railway will also be issued beforehand at any of their offices throughout London. The tickets obtained at these offices will be available from St. Pancras Station, and will be issued at the same fares as charged at that station, and dated to suit the convenience of passengers.

On Good Friday, the trains on the Midland Railway will run as appointed for Sundays, with a few exceptions.

On Easter Monday, certain booked trains will be withdrawn, of which due notice will be given by special bills at the stations.

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### GREAT WESTERN RAILWAY.

THE Great Western Company issue ordinary as well as excursion tickets at their city and west end offices, where tickets can be obtained during the whole week preceding Easter. Tickets can also be obtained at Clapham Junction, Battersea, Chelsea, Kensington (Addison Road), and the stations on the Hammersmith and City Line. The booking office at Paddington Station will be open the whole day on the Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday before Easter.

On Tuesday, 10th April, an excursion, allowing a fortnight, will leave Paddington for Killarney, via Cork.

On Wednesday, 11th, excursions, allowing a fortnight in Ireland, will be run to Waterford, Limerick, Killarney, Belfast, Armagh, Giants' Causeway, &c.

On Thursday, 12th, excursions will run to Weston-super-Mare, Taunton, Minehead, Ilfracombe, Exeter, Plymouth, Bodmin, Penzance, &c., reaching Exeter in 5½ hours, and Plymouth in 7½ hours. Excursions will also be run on the same day to Bristol, Yeovil, Weymouth, Oxford, Evesham, Worcester, Malvern, Birmingham, Shrewsbury, Aberystwyth, Barmouth, Llandudno, Carnarvon, Chester, Manchester, Liverpool, Swindon, Cirencester, Gloucester, Cheltenham, Newport, Cardiff, Swansea, Carmarthen, Tenby, New Milford, Cork, &c.

On Thursday, 12th, excursion tickets, at a return fare of 24s 6d, will be issued to Guernsey and Jersey, by trains leaving Paddington at 9.15 p.m., and Waterloo at 9.50 p.m. The service to and from the Islands being now worked jointly by the Great Western and London and South Western Railway Companies, passengers travelling on the forward journey via Paddington and Weymouth may, if they so desire, return via Southampton and Waterloo, and those proceeding via Waterloo and Southampton may return via Weymouth and Paddington.

On Good Friday and Easter Sunday, cheap trains will run to Reading, Oxford, and other riverside stations. On Saturday, 14th, excursions will run to Swindon, Gloucester, Cheltenham, Cardiff, Swansea, Carmarthen, Bath, Bristol, Weston-super-Mare, &c., and on Easter Monday, to Reading, Pangbourne, Goring, Swindon, Bath, Bristol, Weston-super-Mare, Gloucester, Cheltenham, &c.

On Tuesday, 17th, a cheap half-day excursion will leave Paddington at 12.2 noon for Banbury, Leamington, and Stratford-on-Avon.

In addition to these excursions, cheap trains will be run to London from most of the provincial towns, and between the principal centres of population.

On the Wednesday and Thursday before Easter most of the long distance trains will be duplicated.

On Good Friday the trains will run as on Sundays, with the addition of the 5.30 a.m. newspaper train, which will run as far as Plymouth and Swansea, calling at the usual intermediate stations, and connecting at Chippenham with a special train for the Weymouth Line; and at Plymouth with the 2.25 p.m., thence to Penzance.

A special train will leave Paddington at 5.35 a.m. for Reading, Didcot, Oxford, Banbury, Leamington, Birmingham, Wolverhampton, Worcester, Malvern, Kidderminster, &c.

Cheap third class excursion tickets will be issued on Good Friday, Saturday (14th), Easter Sunday and Monday, by specified trains from Paddington, Clapham Junction, Kensington (Addison Road), Hammersmith, and certain stations on the Metropolitan, Metropolitan District, and North London Railways, to Windsor, Taplow, Maidenhead, Henley, and other popular riverside resorts. Week-end tickets will also be issued to the same stations on 12th, 13th, 14th or 15th April, available for return on the following Saturday, Sunday, Monday, or Tuesday.

Cheap week-end tickets will be issued on Thursday, Good Friday (where train service permits) and Saturday, to Winchester, Southampton, Bridport, Abbotsbury, Dorchester, Weymouth, Clevedon, Weston-Super-Mare, Dawlish, Teignmouth, Torquay, Dartmouth, Droitwich, Malvern, Church Stretton, Abingdon, Oxford, Leamington, Warwick, Stratford-on-Avon, Aberystwyth, Dolgelly, Barmouth, Rhyl, Llandudno, Bangor, Carnarvon, Holyhead, &c. These tickets are issued on Fridays and Saturdays throughout the year.

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### GREAT CENTRAL RAILWAY.

A NUMBER of excursions will be run from the new London Terminus at Marylebone, near Baker Street and Edgware Road, in connection with the Easter holidays, including a 16 days trip to Ireland, via Liverpool, leaving London on Wednesday next.

Different excursions will be run to the chief Midland towns on Thursday, Friday, Saturday, and Easter Monday, for periods ranging from the popular half day trip, to 3, 5, 6, 9 and 16 day excursions.

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