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## ROYALTY AND FREEMASONRY.

THERE are some who do not believe the Grand Master and other members of the Royal Family take a personal interest in the work of the Craft. They tell us the Royal Princes who occupy such leading positions in our Order are but mere figure heads, and if they do occasionally show themselves at Masonic gatherings it is merely to keep up appearances, rather than because they are personally interested in Freemasonry. We are convinced, however, that such arguments are erroneous, and that the Prince of Wales and the Duke of Connaught are both enthusiastic members of the Craft, and love it and practice it for its own sake, rather than as a matter of form.

Evidence of this personal interest is forthcoming in the announcement we are able to make this week, that H.R.H. the Duke of Connaught, who on this occasion will be accompanied by the Duchess, will pay another visit to the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys, journeying to Wood Green for the purpose of distributing the prizes to the pupils. This visit will take place on Friday next, and although it may, in a measure, be regarded as part and parcel of the year's Festival arrangements, it yet shows that our Royal Duke really takes a lively interest in the work of the Boys School. This will be his second appearance in its interests within a few days, and form one of a trio that will long make the year 1900 a memorable one in the annals of the School. Truly Freemasonry loses nothing by acting up to its watch-words of Loyalty and Charity.

## WEST LANCASHIRE.

THE Earl of Lathom Provincial Grand Master caused a special Prov. Grand Lodge to be summoned for to-day at the Barnes Home Industrial School, Heaton Mersey, when the foundation-stone will be laid of the new parish church. Full dress Masonic clothing will be worn, and it is expected that there will be a large gathering.

The annual meeting of the Provincial Grand Lodge will be held at the Winter Gardens, Morecambe, on Wednesday, 27th June, and will be presided over by the Prov. Grand Master the Earl of Lathom. Active preparations for the event are being made by the Morecambe Lodge. It is expected that upwards of 2,000 Brethren will be in attendance.

## YORKSHIRE CHARITY.

ON Monday, 21st inst., the sixth Festival of the North and East Ridings Educational (Charities') Fund was held at York, when the Stewards of the different Lodges and others, by the kind invitation of the Lord Mayor, Ald. J. S. Rymer, met in the State Room of the Mansion House. There were present nearly seventy Brethren, including the Earl of Zetland President of the Institution, Lord Bolton (Chairman), and the Lord Mayor of York.

Bro. W. H. Cowper (of Middlesborough) read his half-yearly report, as Provincial Steward, which was of a most satisfactory character; after which Bro. Peck (Hull) Provincial G. Secretary announced that since the establishment

of the Fund 58 children had been receiving grants, amounting in the whole to £1,762. There are at present 25 children on the Fund, at a cost of £271 annually. The grants of 14 children were renewed, and three new cases were added to the list.

Lord Bolton was then re-elected Chairman of the Committee, the Lord Mayor of York Vice-Chairman, and Bro. M. C. Peck Secretary.

The Earl of Zetland then, on behalf of himself and the Brethren, expressed thanks to the Lord Mayor of York for his kind hospitality in giving the use of the Mansion House for the purposes of the occasion. After the company had inspected the ancient silver belonging to the Corporation, and the paintings of the past dignitaries of the ancient city, the company partook of light refreshments in the reception-rooms. In the evening a banquet was held, at Harker's York Hotel, the Earl of Zetland presiding, at which it was announced that the contributions to the Fund from the different Lodges for this year amounted to the handsome sum of nearly £1,100.

South African papers, recently to hand, contain an announcement of the death of Dr. Edward Henry Croghan, of Johannesburg, an Irishman, one of the most prominent Freemasons in South Africa. It is many years ago since the late Dr. Croghan was initiated into the Order, at Cape Town. Some time afterwards he went to Kimberley, where he became Worshipful Master of the Charles Warren Lodge, under the jurisdiction of the English Constitution, and later he became connected with the Scotch Constitution. About five years ago he was very active as a Mason in Johannesburg, where he was instrumental in establishing under the Irish Constitution the Abercorn Lodge, of which he was the first Worshipful Master, and the Abercorn R.A. Chapter. The Abercorn Lodge soon became very large in point of numbers, and it was thought advisable to found another, called as a compliment to Dr. Croghan, the Edward H. Croghan Lodge. So prosperous did Irish Masonry grow on the Rand that the Kendal Franks and Shamrock Lodges were soon founded; and Irish Masonry all over South Africa owes a vast deal to the efforts of the subject of this brief notice. Had Dr. Croghan been spared he would shortly in all probability have been elected first Provincial Grand Master of the proposed Provincial Grand Lodge in the Transvaal. He leaves a wife and family to mourn his loss, and an extensive circle of friends regret the death of a sterling Irishman.

In connection with the annual picnic of the Gallery Lodge, No. 1928, the London and South Western Railway Company have made some very satisfactory arrangements. They are going to furnish a special with saloon carriages for a journey to Salisbury (luncheon to be served on the way down). From Salisbury it is intended to drive to Stonehenge, and on returning to Salisbury, to dine at the White Hart Hotel. As the drive will cover about 20 miles, a pleasant day may be anticipated.

A Benevolent Fund was recently started in connection with the Edward Terry Lodge, No. 2722, by a donation of £100 from the famous actor after whom the Lodge is named, and who was its first Worshipful Master.

At a recent meeting of the Friars Lodge of Instruction, No. 1349, two sums of five guineas each were voted, one to the Ottawa fund, the other to the Bessarabia fund.

### BOARD OF BENEVOLENCE.

THE monthly meeting was held on Wednesday evening, at Freemasons' Hall, London, with Bro. J. H. Matthews President in the chair, and Bros. D. D. Mercer and Henry Garrod Vice Presidents in their official positions. Bro. W. Lake Assistant Grand Secretary, Bro. W. Dodd, and Bro. G. S. Recknell represented the Grand Secretary's office, and there was a full attendance of other Brethren.

The Agenda for next Grand Lodge was submitted to the Board of Masters ; and at the Board of Benevolence forty-one petitioners sought assistance, of whom thirty-seven were relieved, two were dismissed, one was withdrawn, and one deferred. The £1,070 which was voted was composed of £150 to one case, £50 to another, £40 each to six cases, £30 each to nine, £20 each to sixteen, £15 to one, £10 each to two, and £5 to one.

### LOGIC CLUB.

IT has been arranged to rehearse the ceremony of Installation at this Club to-morrow (Sunday) morning, at 11 a.m., at the house of the Club, the Cavendish Rooms, Mortimer Street, W., this being the last meeting before the summer vacation. The following Brethren will fill the different Offices: Installing Master, the Preceptor Bro. Robert Manuel P.M. Urban Lodge, No. 1196; S.W. and Master-elect, Bro. J. Percy Fitzgerald, Founder and Secretary Logic Club; S.W. after presentation, Bro. Alfred G. Neville M.-E. Lodge of Verity, No. 2739; J.W., Bro. J. H. Barnes S.W. Drury Lane Lodge, No. 2127; I.P.M., Bro. Richard Eve Past Grand Treasurer; S.D., Bro. Albert Craddock W.M. Tivoli Lodge, No. 2150; J.D., Bro. A. W. Watson P.G.Std. B. Bucks.; D.C., Bro. Harry Nicholls P.M. and Sec. Drury Lane Lodge, No. 2127; I.G., Bro. George Paxton M.-E. Salisbury Lodge, No. 435; Tyler Bro. Edward Gathfield Sir Hugh Myddleton Lodge, No. 1602. A special programme of music has been arranged.

It is hoped that the Preceptor's List as Steward for the R.M.I. Girls, announced at the Festival, on Wednesday, 16th instant, at 80 guineas will be made up to 100 guineas before the adjournment for the vacation.

It is anticipated there will be a large gathering of members and visitors on this interesting occasion.

A very pleasing incident occurred at the installation meeting of the Wellington Chapter, No. 784, Deal, held at the beginning of the month, when a massive silver loving cup was presented to Companion Horatio Ward, in recognition of his services as Installing Principal for many years past. The cup bore the following inscription:—"Presented to Most Excellent Companion Horatio Ward P.Z. Past Grand Standard Bearer of England and P.P.G.J. Kent, etc., by the Wellington Chapter, No. 784, Deal, as a mark of esteem and in grateful recognition of the valuable Masonic services which he has rendered to the Chapter for many years. May 1st, 1900."

The manner in which history repeats itself in small things as in great is illustrated in more than one way by the fashion in which material aid from home is now being given to our soldiers abroad.

A movement at this moment being fostered by the United Grand Lodge of English Freemasons was exactly anticipated in 1760, when at a quarterly Communication of the Brotherhood, at the historic Crown and Anchor, in the Strand, a sum of money was voted to be forwarded to the general in command for the relief of the Freemasons in the army engaged in Germany.—"Westminster Gazette."

A large and representative deputation from Aberdeen recently visited the Dundee Chapter of the Order of the Eastern Star of Lady Freemasons, says a Scotch contemporary, After witnessing the ceremony of initiation, the deputation was welcomed by the Patron of Dundee Chapter, Brother Farmer. The Sisters and Brethren were then addressed by the Grand Patron for Scotland, Brother Adam A. Smith. The Chapter was closed, when the members of the deputation, along with Dundee Chapter, sat down to tea. After a social hour, Bro. Smith cordially thanked the Dundee Chapter for their great kindness to the deputation, who then withdrew.

For the fourth time our esteemed Bro. James Speller W.M. 2742 P.M. 1677 2256 2374 and 2750, M.E.Z. 2108 P.Z. 1471 1677 1685 1766 2256 and 2374, P.P.G.D. Essex has been nominated for election to the Board of General Purposes, by Bro. James Stephens P.D.G.D.C., the election taking place at the Quarterly Communication of Grand Lodge on Wednesday next. Bro. Speller, who is a Patron of the Benevolent Institution and the Boys School, as well as a Vice-Patron of the Girls is a deservedly popular Mason, and we hope he will be re-elected to the position on the Board he has so ably filled in the past.

The annual returns just completed by Commander H. G. Giles, R.N., Provincial Grand Secretary, and Bro. G. F. Lancaster Assistant, show that in the Province of Hampshire and the Isle of Wight there are forty-eight Lodges, having on the 31st December last 3,963 members on their roll, of whom 269 were admitted during the year 1899. The net increase as compared with 1898 was 67 members. There are twenty-six Royal Arch Chapters, which return 1,037 Companions, being 110 more than in the previous year. The 365 members of the thirteen Mark Lodges is an increase of five on 1898.

The May meeting of the Waltham Abbey Lodge, No. 2750, held at Waltham Abbey, on the 17th, was of especial interest by reason of a dispensation having been received for the initiation of six candidates proposed for admission. All were unanimously received, and were initiated; three by the W.M. Bro. J. Graham, and the others by the I.P.M. Bro. James Speller. Two candidates were proposed for initiation at the June meeting, and two for joining. A fuller report will appear next week.

Their Royal Highnesses the Duke and Duchess of Connaught will drive to Wood Green on Friday afternoon next, 1st June, to distribute the prizes to the pupils of the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys. A limited number of tickets will be issued by the Board of Management, for which application should be made to Bro. J. M. McLeod Secretary of the Institution, at the offices at Freemasons' Hall, London.

Accounts of two interesting Church Services recently held in the Provinces are among the matters crowded out this week. In the one case the members of the Zetland Lodge, No. 603 held a service in the Old White Chapel, Cleckheaton; in the other the Clifton Lodge, No. 703, assembled in All Saints Church, Revue, Blackpool. It is gratifying to know that in each case successful meetings resulted.

Previous to the business of Provincial Grand Lodge of Gloucestershire, to be held in the Chapter Room on 5th June, there will be a special service in Gloucester Cathedral, when the Very Worshipful Brother the Dean of Gloucester will preach the sermon, and a collection will be taken on behalf of the work on the stained glass windows of the Lady Chapel.

The Lodge rooms belonging to the Holme Valley Lodge, No. 652, Holmfirth, have recently been reconstructed and considerably enlarged, and were used for the first time at the meeting on Friday, 18th inst. We hope to give some details of the very interesting gathering on that occasion in our next issue.

The annual election meeting of the Dalhousie Lodge, No. 865, was held on Wednesday, 16th, at Bro. E. Beltramo's, the Greyhound Hotel, Hampton Court. Bro. J. C. Dyer S.W. was unanimously chosen W.M. for the ensuing year. Our report of the meeting is crowded out until next week.

Bro. R. V. Vassar-Smith, as Provincial Grand Mark Master of Gloucestershire, has appointed Friday, 15th June, at Cheltenham, for the annual meeting of Provincial Grand Mark Lodge. The meeting will be held at mid-day, and the Brethren will lunch at Pittville.

We are again compelled to ask the indulgence of our readers and several correspondents whose matter is held over for want of space.

## WEST YORKSHIRE.

THE annual meeting of the Provincial Grand Chapter was held on the afternoon of the 16th inst., under the auspices of the Charity Chapter, No. 302, in the Church Institute, Bradford. In the absence of Comp. W. L. Jackson, M.P., Prov. Grand Superintendent, the proceedings were presided over by Comp. K. Wilson Prov.G.H., who was well supported by local Officers and other members, only four of the Chapters of the Province being unrepresented.

The Acting Prov.G.Z. having apologised for the absence of Comp. Jackson said that was the ninth time the Prov.G. Chapter had been held in Bradford. He congratulated the Chapters of the city on their flourishing condition. Although the membership of the Chapters in the Province had increased, it was still not in proportion to the Craft. The South African Masonic Relief Fund had made satisfactory progress. It was not expected to be a large fund, but up to Friday night it had reached the sum of £4,500. Forty Lodges in the Province had subscribed. He concluded by moving that a sum of £10 10s be voted towards the South African Masonic Relief Fund. Comp. E. Billington seconded the motion, which was carried.

Comp. T. Wood presented the accounts, which showed a balance in favour of the Prov.G. Chapter of £272. These were received and adopted.

Comp. C. Stokes, of Sheffield, was re-elected Prov.G. Treasurer, and the Officers for the ensuing year were invested.

A vote of thanks was accorded to the Charity Chapter, and to the Mayor of Bradford Comp. W. C. Lupton, who had invited the Companions to tea at the Masonic Hall, Rawson Square.

About 150 Companions accepted the invitation of the Mayor. There was an excellent cold collation provided, consisting of Salmon Mayonnaise, Roast Beef, Roast Lamb, Boiled Chicken, York Ham, Pigeon Pie and Rook Pie, to which it is not necessary to say, the Companions did full justice—all honour to our worthy Companion Lupton, one of the truest Freemasons of the day.

At a largely attended and representative meeting of the Clydesdale Lodge, No. 556 (S.C.), on the 9th inst., held in Glasgow, the principal attraction was a presentation to Bro. William Falconer I.P.M.. The gifts, presented in appreciation of his services while W.M., consisted of a gold Past Master's jewel, set with diamonds, and a roll top desk, and, for his wife, a gold watch and chain, and gold chain bracelet. Brother J. Habick W.M. made the presentation in name of the members and others who had sought to show their goodwill towards Bro. Falconer. Bro. Habick congratulated the I.P.M. on the success which he, by his influence and management, had secured for the Lodge during the two years he was in the chair of K.S. Brother Falconer has been a very active Mason in Scotland since he became associated with the Craft some eleven years ago (April 1889). He has since 1890 been in constant membership with the Grand Lodge of Scotland. He has filled the offices in the Province of Glasgow City of P.G. President of Stewards, P.G.B.B., and presently holds the Office of Prov. Grand Junior Warden. He is a member of the Correspondence Circle of the Quatuor Coronati Lodge, No. 2076, and in his connection with the "Glasgow Evening News," in the nom de plume of "The Mallet" has done much to improve the condition of Freemasonry in the West of Scotland. In response to a widely expressed desire among Freemasons in the West of Scotland, there was published, with the sanction of the Most Worshipful Grand Master, in 1891, "The Scottish Masonic Record" which was successfully conducted and edited by Bro. Falconer. Scotland, however, has never taken kindly to Masonic Magazines, and after a little over two years run the "Record" was withdrawn for want of support. Bro. Falconer is highly respected in Masonic circles, and, in addition to Craft honours, is a Royal Arch Mason, a member of the Order of Knights Templar, Red Cross of Constantine, and of the Rosicrucian College of the West of Scotland.

"The Three Grand Lodges" has become a recognised toast in our social meetings in the West of Scotland, but the propriety of confining this toast to the home Grand Lodges is questionable, says "The Mallet," in "Glasgow Evening News." There are Grand Lodges in some of our Colonies

—why should they be omitted? It would, and I give the suggestion for what it is worth, be an improvement on these occasions if the toast were given—"The Grand Lodge of Scotland, and all Grand Lodges with which she is in Fraternal communication." There are many occasions when visitors are present from other parts of the world, and a toast worded in such a way as indicated would be appreciated by any visitor and at the same time afford the Brethren opportunity of hearing something of our sister Constitutions, instead of the generalities which must perforce be given under so extensive a subject as "The Three Grand Lodges." This, too, would permit the Office-bearer of the Grand Lodge of Scotland called upon to reply to concentrate his thought on Freemasonry in Scotland.

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The veteran conductor of the Crystal Palace, Mr. August Manns, looks forward with the greatest of anticipations of success to the forthcoming Handel Festival, to be held there next month. The first great rehearsal of the Festival Choir was held on Monday, 14th inst., at Exeter Hall, when the choruses of Parts I. and II. of "Judas Maccabæus" and the whole of the "Messiah" choruses were rehearsed. At the conclusion of the rehearsal, Mr. August Manns was evidently delighted with his experience of the forces under him.

## "A SPRIG OF ACACIA."

WE are sorry to record the death of Bro. George T. Lenard P.M. Richmond Lodge, 1011, Wilton 1077, and Truth 1458, which occurred during the early portion of the present month, his interment taking place at St. Luke's Church, Cheetham Hill, Manchester. The day of the funeral was very fine, and an unusually large gathering of friends and members of the Masonic Fraternity assembled to pay the last sad tribute of respect to the memory of the departed. After an impressive service, a fine oak coffin (studded with Masonic emblems) which contained the remains, was lowered into the grave, being literally covered with prettily-designed floral post mortem offerings. The late Brother Lenard, besides being connected with three Craft Lodges, had identified himself with the Royal Arch degree, being a member of St. John Chapter, No. 325, and Truth, No. 1458. He was also one of the promoters of the Truth Instruction Chapter, in the working of which he had taken a very active part. His services in this respect had not been overlooked, for at the meeting of Provincial Chapter, held at Blackburn, in March, his name was on the list of those appointed for investiture, but unfortunately illness prevented him from attending to receive the honour. The Instruction, 581, will perhaps be the greatest loser by his death, for not only did he act as its Treasurer for a period of ten years, but in conjunction with Bro. Alfred Hebden, the Preceptor, frequently undertook the ceremonials, and in cases of emergency was ever ready to perform any section or other work, whether great or small. We may add that Bro. Lenard had been a subscriber to the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE for many years, and had often furnished our Manchester representative with valuable information. The following names represent only a small portion who attended the last sad obsequies, viz., Richmond Lodge, No. 1011, Past Masters Robert Caldwell, J. Williams, J. Gordon, J. Mottershead, A. Nall, G. R. Berry Secretary; Wilton, No. 1077, Wm. Henry Lowy Worshipful Master, Past Masters Bridgford, Horsfield, Middleton, Dr. Knight-Coutts, Stopford, Sawyer, Jackson; Truth, No. 1458, Hirsh W.M., Past Masters Taylor Vincent, Higham, Cooper, Needle; Instruction Lodge, No. 581, Past Masters Alfred Hebden Preceptor, G. W. Davies Sec., Thos. Knott, A. Eicholz, A. Ashworth, R. Adshead, and Richard Simister. Brother Lenard was unassuming in manner and consistent in all he did; every detail of his work, however insignificant, was well performed, because he was actuated by an exalted sense of duty, and whilst being an admirable and efficient exponent of the higher and more serious phases of Freemasonry he had unconsciously assimilated many of its excellencies, thus, after an active and successful career, in which envy, malice, and uncharitableness had no opportunity for expansion, passing to his final bourne amid the grateful recollections of those near and dear to him, of others who had been recipients of his benevolence and charity, and of a very wide general circle of friends, who could not avoid being genuinely impressed by his earnestness, assiduity, and sincerity, which, while tending to sustain him in his manifold exertions, was helpful and encouraging to them.

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## LODGE MEETINGS NEXT WEEK.

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

### Monday.

4 Rl. Som. Ho. & Tress, F.M.H.  
183 Unity, Ship and Turtle  
706 Florence Nightingale, W'lw'ch.  
902 Burgoyne, Anderton's  
905 De Grey and Ripon, F.M.H.  
1017 Montefiore, Café Royal  
1615 Bayard, 33, Golden Square  
1632 Stuart, Camberwell  
1745 Farringdon (Without), Via. H'tl  
1828 Shepherd's Bush, S'pherd's B'sh  
2397 Columbia, Criterion  
2563 Justicia, Freemasons'-hall

43 St. Paul, Birmingham  
48 Industry, Gateshead  
148 Lights, Warrington  
353 Royal Sussex, Winhill  
491 Royal Sussex, Jersey  
3008 Roy. St. Edmund's, Bury St. E.  
1110 Tyrian, Eastbourne  
1177 Tenby, Tenby  
1218 Prince Alfred, Mossley  
1258 Kennard, Pontypool  
1325 Stanley, Liverpool  
1688 Buxton, Buxton  
1752 Ogmere, Bridgend  
1753 Obedience, Okehampton  
1991 Agricola, York  
2042 Apollo, Liverpool  
2068 Portsmouth Temperance, L'dp't.  
2257 Powell, Bristol  
2229 Lathom, Southport  
2279 Thornham, Thornham  
2309 Christopher, Eton  
2363 Minnehaha Minstrel, M'chester.  
2429 Research, Leicester  
2547 Llangattock, Cardiff  
2654 Arter, Moseley  
2724 St. Lawrence, Northfield  
2759 Rolle, Exmouth

### Tuesday.

310 Union, Carlisle  
357 Apollo University, Oxford  
597 St. Cybi, Holyhead  
859 Isaac Newton, Cambridge  
1007 Howe & Charnwood, Loughboro  
1358 Torbay, Paignton  
1479 Halsey, St. Albans  
1636 St. Cecilia, Brighton  
1650 Rose of Raby, Staindrop  
1779 Ivanhoe, Sheffield

### Wednesday.

898 Temperance in East, Poplar  
76 Economy, Winchester  
163 Integrity, Manchester  
187 Rl. Sussex Hospitality, Bristol  
304 Philanthropic, Leeds  
439 Scientific, Bingley  
461 Fortitude, Newton  
651 Brecknock, Brecon  
1083 Townley Parker, Manchester  
1119 St. Bede, Jarrow  
1219 Strangeways, Manchester  
1283 Ryburn, Sowerby Bridge  
1714 Albert Edward, Yorktown  
1775 Leopold, Church  
1868 Unity, Oldham  
1989 Stirling, Cleator Moor  
2064 Smith Child, Tunstall  
2186 Striguil, Chepstow  
2571 Holmes, Newcastle-on-Tyne

### Thursday.

House Committee, Benevolent In-  
stitution, Croydon, at 3.  
General Committee Girls' School,  
F.M.H., at 4.30.  
1524 Duke of Connaught, Anderton's  
39 St. John Baptist, Exeter  
111 Restoration, Darlington  
129 Union, Kendal  
335 Rectitude, Corsham  
475 Bed. St. John Bap., Luton  
536 De Ogle, Morpeth  
772 Pilgrim, Glastonbury  
807 Cabbell, Norwich  
966 St. Edward, Leek  
1032 Townley Parker, Chorley  
1097 St. Michael, Tenbury  
1151 St. Andrew, Tywardreath  
1166 Clarendon, Hyde  
1313 Fermor, Southport  
1322 Waverley, Ashton-under-Lyne  
1492 Alma Mater, Cambridge  
1519 Albert Edward, Clay'n-le-Moors  
1578 Merlin, Pontypridd  
1884 Chine, Shanklin, Isle of Wight  
1957 Grove, Hazel Grove  
2269 Peace, Wigan  
2418 Hedworth, South Shields

### Friday.

1275 Star, Greenwich  
1489 Marquess of Ripon, Highbury  
2511 St. John at Hackney, Hackney  
2772 Richard Eve, Freemasons' Hall  
44 Friendship, Manchester  
242 St. George, Doncaster  
291 Royal Philanthropic, Highbridge  
306 Alfred, Leeds  
521 Truth, Huddersfield  
837 De Grey and Ripon, Ripon  
936 Adair, Aldeburgh  
998 Welchpool, Welchpool  
1230 Barnard, Barnard Castle  
1375 Architect, Chorlton-cum-Hardy  
1547 Liverpool, Liverpool  
1561 Morecambe, Morecambe  
1648 Prince of Wales, Bradford  
1664 Gosforth, Gosforth  
1754 Windsor, Penarth  
1838 Tudor Rifle V'nt'rs., W'v'h'pton  
1993 Wolseley, Manchester  
2290 Fairfield, Fairfield  
2491 White Rose of York, Sheffield  
2494 Humber Installed Masters', Hull  
2569 St. Trillo, Colwyn Bay  
2680 Swinburne, Newcastle-on-Tyne

### Saturday.

1622 Rose, Camberwell  
2728 Muswell Hill, Frascati  
2741 Cathedral, Cannon-st. Hotel  
2763 Harringay, Harringay  
1223 Amherst, Riverhead  
1362 Royal Albert Edward, Redhill  
1458 Truth, Manchester  
1460 Thames Valley, Hampton Ct.  
1550 Prudence, Plymouth  
1567 Elliot, Feltham  
2054 Wilson Iles, Rickmansworth  
2148 Walsingham, Wilmington  
2205 Pegasus, Gravesend  
2473 Molesey, East Molesey  
2749 Seven Kings, Romford

A handsome solid silver cigar case, suitably engraved,  
was recently presented to Bro. Alfred H. Noble S.D. of the  
Upton Lodge, in recognition of the valuable service he  
rendered to the Lodge upon the occasion of the Ladies Night,  
which proved so successful. The case was manufactured by  
Bro. W. J. Carroll.

On the occasion of the recent meeting of the Grand  
Lodge of Scotland, noticed in our issue of the 12th, a  
report was submitted from the Provincial Grand Secretary of  
Glasgow City, which stated that the thirty-seven Lodges  
of that Province had been visited during February and March,  
the Provincial Grand Master Brother John Graham, of  
Broadstone heading the deputation on most occasions. The  
Lodges were in a very healthy condition and as a rule had  
large financial balances.



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The Love of Parson Lord and other stories. By Mary E. Wilkins.  
Illustrated (6s).—Harper and Brothers.

WE need hardly say that everything from the pen of Mary E. Wilkins is worth reading. There is spiritual charm, shrewd and searching insight, and rare literary ability evinced in this volume. The writer combines in her own inimitable style many excellencies to be found separately in other writers. We cannot quite explain the how or the why, but when reading the two chief stories here published, "The Love of Parson Lord" and "The Tree of Knowledge," we have been reminded sometimes of Jane Austen and Miss Ferrier, sometimes of Emma Jane Worboise, and sometimes of Katherine Tynan. We think the order of merit follows the order of succession in the volume. Unquestionably "The Love of Parson Lord" is superior to "The Tree of Knowledge," and "One Good Time" is the least valuable of the five stories. It gives us, however, great pleasure to express the opinion that "One Good Time" is so good that very few American or English writers could have produced it. There is good dialogue in these stories, and better scenes. The writer has studied the great tragi-comedy of human life with an earnest desire to portray it faithfully in her own finely finished prose sketches. These stories are from the New World, but are full of that Old World charm and romance which, like charity in the scriptures, never faileth. Truth may be still supposed to reside at the bottom of a well; but writers like Mary E. Wilkins seem, nevertheless, to be its intimate acquaintances. We apprehend that this author could handle a long family story, say of the Pendennis order, very skillfully. Perhaps, however, she may know by heart the strictures of Edgar Allan Poe on "sustained effort," and may fear to venture into such deep waters. We shall see.

Love, Sport, and a Double Event. By W. P. Gilpin (3s 6d).—Leadenhall Press, Limited.

ALL classes of readers will welcome this volume. It contains a capital story, carefully thought out and fluently written. The love is truly an exemplification of that touch of nature that makes the whole world kin; the sport is admirably described, and is wholly free from the many objectionable features usually prevalent in sporting stories, and the "double event" is thoroughly satisfactory and leaves everybody concerned in it on good terms with everybody else. There is not a dull page in the volume. Hugh is a thoroughly good fellow; Norah is tenderly human and withal an attractive and winsome lass; Leslie proves himself a good master and a typical gentleman; and the immortal "Bogside" is a horse of rare paces who carries the hero to triumph in many a classic encounter. This story of a second son sent peremptorily into the world to carve his own career, who, making straight to an old horse-dealer, finds employment and eventually makes a name and a competence, is sure to be largely bought. We cannot think that anybody will regret their purchase.

Letters from some friends who have crossed the border. Automatically written (1s 6d net).—Gay and Bird.

LITERATURE ostensibly consigned to us from beyond the tomb is of rapid growth. "Letters from Hell" and "A Dead Man's Diary" were followed by many books inferior in conception and in literary merit; but here we have something rather different to anything we have seen before. We Brethren are little given to dogmatise on matters appertaining to theology; but we may express the opinion that such a book as this, which is a blending of great and awful mysteries with somewhat crudely conceived fictions, is sure to be a stumbling block of offence to many. For the rest, it is not ill written, and many of the letters display deep thought and an earnest desire to say the thing that shall be of service to mankind. Letters from the living to the dead, like Mr. Lang's "Letters to Dead Authors" are no new experiment in literature, but letters from the dead to the living can at least claim to be somewhat of an innovation.

Rhymes old and new. Collected by M. E. S. Wright (3s 6d net).—T. Fisher Unwin.

"THESE are good rhymes" said Pope's papa, after reading the juvenile effusions of the youthful Alexander—the future transformer of Homer. We will answer for it that every child who reads this book will love it. How could boy or girl do otherwise? There is a catholic, a world-wide assortment of nursery and other rhymes here, and some, at least, must interest everybody. How could anybody despise the verse which tells of a frost so great that birds froze to the trees? or what girl would spurn the ditty that tells how the hungry ladykin consigned her woolly-nosed lamb to the oven? There is excellent taste, judgment and industry displayed in this compilation. The editing of literature for young folk is a more arduous task than many suppose, and we should do the work before us scant justice if we failed to express our hearty approval of the selection of verses, of the printing, and of the cat on the cover. Such a book, like our old friends Æsop, Gay, and La Fontaine, is welcomed in every home.

The Fight for the Crown. By W. E. Norris. Third edition (3s 6d).—Seeley and Co., Limited.

MR. NORRIS has accomplished a difficult task with commendable skill. As readers of "My Friend Jim" are aware, Mr. Norris, without creating any great pothor or ado, contrives to entertain his readers very agreeably. Had we seen the subject of this novel slightly sketched as a foretaste of the book that was to be we should have predicted a failure. Such materials would make but a sorry tale in some hands. "The Fight for the Crown" concerns things Irish—politics, landlords, outrages and hospitality. On the whole, as we have intimated, we think it may be voted a success. It is not a purely political novel like "Coningsby," it is not a study of Irish life in the manner

of Katherine Tynan; but it contains many elements common to both. There is the young lady of histrionic ambition, the paterfamilias with financial embarrassments, the enthusiastic lady-politician, and the wealthy young Englishman. The world, as Lord Byron says, must turn upon its hinges, and some of its turns, in the volume before us, are both unfortunate and unforeseen. The red-hot Radicalism of Lady Virginia, and the half-hearted Liberalism of Wilfred are depicted so skilfully that our attention is somewhat unduly engrossed by these worthies. We think, indeed, that these two characters are much more ably drawn than Nora Power or Lady Laura, who remind us of Henry James and his "partial portraits." Neither of these young ladies are fascinating, but they play their parts on life's stage efficiently, and figure well enough when the curtain is about to fall. Readers who care nothing for politics will turn the leaves of this book rapidly; but the prominence given to that *bête noire*, Home Rule, will attract persons otherwise minded. Messrs. Seeley and Co. have issued this third edition in very tasteful garb; it is of wonderfully light weight, and well printed. We hope it may prove a great success.

**BOOKS RECEIVED.**

An Evening with "Punch."—Being a selection, from the "First Fifty Years of 'Punch,'" of a few of the pictures, some of the wit, and some of the wisdom, with which the volumes of "Punch" abound. To which are added sundry notes and comments (2s 6d net).—Bradbury, Agnew and Co., Limited.

**Sonnets of the Greek Mythology, No. 16.**

TO LETHE.\*

O H! Lethe, of thy draught, forgetfulness  
I fain would drink, and drinking, steep my brain  
In that oblivion which soothes distress  
And banishes the former pangs of pain.  
The past I would erase from off the scroll  
Of my existence—I would obliterate  
The sins I have committed, and my soul  
Would then be purged and lightened, and the weight  
Which weighs it down, would fall, and I should be  
Blythe as the bird, for should I not be free  
Of this absorbing, overwhelming woe,  
That hurls me into gulfs of dark despair,  
Where all is dismal with depressant care,  
So full of Stygian horror is its flow.

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\* In Greek Mythology, Lethe is the river of oblivion. Its water possessed the quality of causing those who drank it to forget the whole of their former existence.

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12.15 Friday midnight, and 12.45 Saturday midnight, for Rugby, Lutterworth, Leicester, Loughboro', Nottingham, Sheffield, Manchester, Liverpool, &c., calling at Harrow.

On Saturday, 2nd June.

12.15 Friday midnight, for Douglas (via Liverpool). Passengers returning any day up to and including Monday, 11th June.

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8.0 a.m. for Bridlington, Filey, Middlesboro', Newcastle, Scarborough, York, &c.

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

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1.35 p.m. for Rugby (Central), Loughboro', Leicester, Nottingham, Sheffield, Stockport, Warrington, Liverpool, Guide Bridge, Manchester, &c.

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6.0 p.m. for Brackley, Culworth, Finmere, Helmdon, Woodford and Hinton.

7.25 p.m. for Nottingham, Sheffield, Penistone, Stockport, Liverpool, Manchester.

7.45 p.m. for Rugby, Loughboro', Lutterworth, and Leicester.

On Saturdays, 2nd, 9th, 16th, 23rd, 30th June (3, 8, 10, 15, or 17 days.)

8.0 a.m. for Bridlington, Filey, Scarborough, Saltburn, Redcar, Douglas.

10.0 a.m. for Liverpool, Southport, Blackpool, St. Ann's, Lytham, Fleetwood.

12.0 noon for Cleethorpes, New Clee, Grimsby, and Chester.

4.0 p.m. for Douglas (via Liverpool).

On Monday, 4th June.

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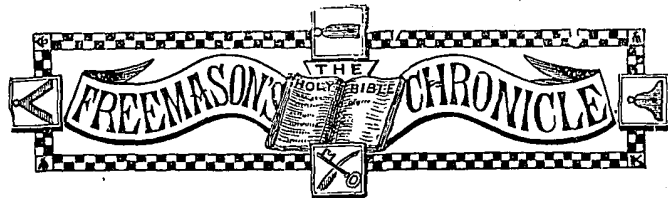
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SATURDAY, 26TH MAY 1900.

**ELECTION OF GRAND TREASURER.**

**T**HE preliminary Committee pledged to secure the return of Bro. Captain Barlow, J.P., P.M. 1260 1012, &c., as Grand Treasurer for 1901-2 called a meeting for Thursday, 17th inst., at the Holborn Town Hall, Gray's Inn Road, which was numerously attended and passed off most enthusiastically.

The chair was taken by Bro. James Irvine P.M. of the Whittington and St. Pancras Lodges, P.Z. of their respective Chapters, and J.G.W. of the Middlesex Mark Grand Lodge; supported by Bro. William Mason Stiles P.G. Treas., Walter Potter (Hon. Sec. of the Committee), and others.

The Chairman informed the Brethren that the meeting was only a preliminary one, called for the purpose of introducing their esteemed Brother to his many supporters; and for the selection of Officers for the Committee, &c. He enumerated the Masonic qualifications, and attainments of their candidate, and said that although there was another in the field, he felt it would be difficult to beat Bro. Barlow. But to carry his case successfully the Brethren must work together, shoulder to shoulder, and they might do that, as he was really the right man in the right place. He was a Brother who adored Freemasonry, and might be relied on to do everything in his power for the benefit of the Office he sought, if elected to it.

The Hon. Sec. read the names of Grand Officers and others who had already signed their names to the nomination list on behalf of Bro. Barlow.

Bro. W. M. Stiles P.G. Treas. said that if every Brother knew Bro. John Barlow as well as he did he would have the unanimous vote of the Craft. The Lancashire Brethren would work for Bro. Barlow as well as the London Masons, and he felt they might regard him as virtually elected—but at the same time he offered the sound advice to the Brethren that on the day of election they must stand loyal to him. The charitable disposition he had shown towards the widows and orphans of the Craft entitled him to their support.

After some other speeches the Chairman announced that the next meeting would take place on Tuesday next, 29th inst., at 5 o'clock, at Anderton's Hotel, Fleet Street. Bro. Barlow thanked the Chairman and Brethren for their attendance and promises of support.

**T**HE supporters of Bro. Horace Brooks Marshall, J.P., the other candidate for the coveted honour, have also held a meeting, an influential gathering having taken place at Mark Masons' Hall, under the presidency of Bro. Alderman Vaughan Morgan P.G. Treas., when Brother Under-Sheriff Langton reported many promises of support from London and the Provinces. An Executive Committee was appointed, Sir Joseph Dimsdale and Sir John Monckton being of the number, as well as Under-Sheriff Langton P. Deputy G. Dir. of Cers., Bro. Edward Terry P.G. Treas., and Alderman Vaughan Morgan, with Sir Alfred Bevan, who was Grand Treasurer last year, as Honorary Secretary.

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## INSTALLATIONS.

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LODGE OF HONOUR AND GENEROSITY, No. 165.

Installation of Brother John Woodhouse.

IT is not often the Grand Master is asked to grant a dispensation allowing a Brother to occupy the chair of two Metropolitan Lodges at one time, as it but rarely happens that a Brother is deemed worthy of so great a distinction, and when such an event does occur it is but natural wide interest should be displayed in his installation, and greater enthusiasm prevail than is usual under ordinary circumstances. Such was the case at the Installation meeting of this Lodge, held on Tuesday, at the Inns of Court Hotel, Lincoln's Inn Fields, when Bro. John Woodhouse W.M. of the Burlington Lodge, No. 96, assumed the government of the Honour and Generosity, and started on a career which gives every promise of adding to the reputation of the Lodge, as well as that of its new Master. There was an exceptionally strong array of visitors, among them several Officers of Grand Lodge; there was a good amount of business to be transacted; and, later on, there was a superb banquet and a grand musical entertainment. Altogether, in fact, the meeting was one of the most successful it has been our pleasure to participate in for some time past.

In the absence of the W.M. Bro. F. Howard Rosher, who was unavoidably absent from the earlier part of the proceedings, the chair was assumed by Bro. A. P. Crabb I.P.M., who opened the Lodge, and supervised the confirmation of the minutes, the receipt of the report of the Committee of Management, and the admission of a joining member; after which the Lodge was advanced and Bros. John Harris Stone and Sir William Robert Murray, Bart., were raised to the sublime degree of Master Mason. The latter Brother enjoys a distinction not often known in England, he having been initiated in one Lodge, passed in another, and raised in a third, the two last degrees being taken within the last few weeks, whilst the first was conferred as far back as November 1871.

Two gentlemen were initiated: Lieut. Herbert Cheyney Pocock, R.N., and Capt. Wm. Gordon Renton—the two chief services of the nation being thus represented in the newly admitted members of the Craft on this occasion. These first degree ceremonies were conferred by the W.M.-elect Bro. John Woodhouse S.W., who, as we have already said, is the present W.M. of No. 96, so that in this respect also the gathering presented an unusual feature, it seldom happening that a new Master performs one of the ceremonies on the night of his installation before being regularly placed in the chair.

A disappointment was the next feature of the meeting, the Secretary reading a telegram from Bro. Richard Eve P.M. P.G. Treas. of England, who was to have performed the ceremony of installation, but was unfortunately prevented from attending by reason of ill health. The Treasurer of the Lodge, who was also its senior Past Master present, kindly stepped into the breach, and right well did he perform the important duty at such early notice, he placing Bro. John Woodhouse in the chair, and delivering the three addresses after the following had been appointed as the Assistant Officers for the year: Bros. Godfrey Sykes S.W., W. de B. Herbert, LL.B., J.W., Rev. H. G. Rosher, M.A., Chaplain, J. W. Howard Thompson P.M. Treas., Henry Times P.M. Sec., C. J. Andrews S.D., A. Spencer Ellam J.D., Bertram B. Van Praagh I.G., H. W. Clarkson Org., H. Bearman Steward, and R. H. Goddard Tyler. The Junior Deacon and Inner Guard were unavoidably absent, the former being abroad,

travelling in China, and the latter indisposed; their investiture was accordingly postponed.

The work of installation having been completed, the W.M. said as that was the first occasion the Lodge had met since the dastardly attempt on the life of the Grand Master, he thought they ought to place on their minutes a record of their thankfulness at the escape of the Prince of Wales, and he made a proposition accordingly, which was seconded by the senior Past Master of the Lodge present, and was unanimously agreed to.

The W.M. of the past year having now arrived, was greeted by the W.M. and invested with the collar of the I.P.M., and having done this, the W.M. said he had another pleasing duty to perform, to present to Bro. Howard Rosher the Past Master's jewel of the Lodge, as a mark of the appreciation of the Brethren of his services during the past year; and he trusted he might live long, in health and strength, to wear it. The I.P.M. briefly acknowledged the presentation.

Bro. Secretary read a letter from Bro. Sir Arthur Collins P.M., the father of the Lodge, expressing regret at not being able to attend, owing to illness; also communications from Bros. the Earl of Euston, Earl Carrington, and Edward Letchworth Grand Secretary.

The Lodge was now closed, and the Brethren proceeded to banquet.

Among those present, in addition to the Brethren already mentioned, were: Bros. Alfred W. Bush, Frank E. Rosher, Rd. Bush, J. R. Drake, Frank Baggallay Past Masters; J. A. Dugdale, W. H. Burt, Charles Olden, F. B. Thompson, W. C. Hulbert, Frank S. Gaylor, Joseph W. Ellis, H. J. Strudwick, E. H. P. Francis, and W. M. Thompson.

The Visitors included Bros. W. M. Sinclair, D.D., Archdeacon of London, P.G.C., Alderman W. Vaughan Morgan P.G. Treas., W. R. McConnell, Q.C., P.D.G. Reg., Under-Sheriff J. D. Langton P.G.D.D.C., James Terry P.G.S.W.B., W. G. Kentish P.G. Std.B., E. Benningfield S.W. 2278, D. R. Bancroft 2253, H. Massey P.M. 619 1928, J. Gordon Langton P.M. and Sec. 96, J. F. Beck P.M. 1853, H. Culman P.M. 1853, R. L. Franks P.M. 96, Percy Sloper J.W. 8 G. Stewd., Lionel W. Harris I.P.M. 2488, C. Harrison Townsend S.D. 2751, Albert G. Neville W.M.-elect 2739, T. Hedderwick 96, Henry Pocock 569, R. V. Somers-Smith P.M. 1110, A. J. Thomas S.W. 91, Henry Machin P.M. 231, R. Stephen Ayling I.G. 2128, Francis Wilton P.M. 95, F. J. Terry-Horsey P.M. 1861, Sir W. H. Quayle Jones W.M. 1871 1008, D. F. Wilson P.M. 1615, E. R. Bartley Denniss W.M. (Yorick) P.P.G.W., Horace Brooks Marshall 2729 P.G.W. Middx., Dr. Wedgwood P.M. 2397, W. R. Bennett P.M. 1965 W.M. 2705, Charles King 2589, A. Love 1791, W. W. Morgan 177, Lovett King 2190, J. H. Ford 2032, Baron de Bush P.M. 1827, Hugh Fraser 58, Alex. Bush 1827, J. A. Harrison P.M. 2241, Sir George Mason, Dr. Packe, Dr. H. B. Bolus J.D. 2347, Dalgety Henderson 2190, S. P. Smith 2769, &c.

After grace had been sung the W.M. said his first duty, as well as his high honour, was to submit to them the toast of the Queen Empress and the Craft. The extraordinary demonstrations of loyal enthusiasm we were now witnessing was an indication of the stirring times in which we lived, and was a proof that Her Majesty had endeared herself to her subjects; she had really caused herself to be envied by all other sovereigns.

The W.M. next had the distinguished privilege of submitting the toast of the Grand Master. The Prince of Wales had so endeared himself to the Craft by his many splendid works on its behalf that he felt no words were necessary from him in proposing the toast to true Freemasons. They had expressed their pleasure at the escape of the Grand Master while in the Lodge, and once again would express their gratitude that ill had not befallen him.

It was with peculiar satisfaction and gratitude the W.M. submitted the toast of the Pro Grand Master, the Deputy Grand Master, and the rest of the Grand Officers present and past. Their ancient Lodge had had the pleasure of entertaining many Grand Officers—whom he regarded as really the pillars of the Craft—and were proud that night in having the attendance of the Archdeacon of London, Bros. Vaughan Morgan, McConnell, Langton, Terry, Kentish, and Sloper. The Lodge was gratified at the presence of these Brethren, and extended to them the greetings which were deserving to the pillars of the Craft.

Archdeacon Sinclair P.G. Chap., responding, said it would not have escaped the memory of the Brethren that when the Goths entered Rome they found an assembly of venerable persons seated in the Forum, gazing vacantly, and watching their proceedings, but taking no part in what was going on. He thought the Grand Officers of Grand Lodge were somewhat like those persons. They had had a certain amount of work to perform, but they had no longer to be in the dust and turmoil of everyday life. Yet they were greatly pleased to come to these Lodge meetings, not to do the work, but to see how well the work was done by loyal, hearty, and enthusiastic Brethren. He wished the W.M. had called upon someone more experienced—someone like Bro. James Terry, whom he looked upon as a sort of Archbishop of Canterbury in Masonry, who had done everything in Masonry,



and had borne his part bravely; or Alderman Vaughan Morgan, or Under-Sheriff Langton; but those latter Brethren he found had been lunching at the Mansion House in very distinguished company, in that of the Grand Master, the Duke of Connaught, the Duke of York, and the Duke of Cambridge, and perhaps their speeches might have been characterised by loftiness in consequence. But these little things apart, he might say, for the benefit of the Initiate, that he would see in Masons a spirit of fraternity and equality which he wished might be instilled strongly in the members of his (the Archdeacon's) own profession. He should like to see something similar to Grand Lodge among the Brethren of the cloth, their lordships the Bishops being the heads, and drawing around them year by year a band of assistants just as was done in the appointment of Officers in Grand Lodge. This would create loyalty and confidence. On one occasion he experienced a feeling of loyalty on the part of a member of his profession, who came to him in a state of agitation to his room, and said he wished to confess to him in connection with a great grief he had. He said he had behaved very badly, as he had always looked upon him as a very pompous man, and had considered that when he walked about he looked very much like a butler. Well, that was quite new to him, it showed great confidence in his office, and it was very gratifying to him. He thanked the W.M. and the Brethren for the toast of the Grand Officers.

The Immediate Past Master next rose. Without fear of contradiction he characterised what he had to propose as the toast of the evening—the health of the Worshipful Master. He was sure every Brother present would congratulate him on having attained the chair of that ancient and honourable Lodge. Their new W.M. had that evening filled the chair in a manner that would add to the reputation of the Lodge, and he had shown what he could do as its chief Officer. They had also had an opportunity of judging of his capabilities as an entertainer, and they had certainly had cause to be pleased; but as the representative of King Solomon in their Lodge he should be endowed with a special amount of wisdom, and from the fact that he now held that distinction in two Lodges he should have a double share of wisdom. The toast was heartily received.

The W.M. replied. He said he could not be insensible to the all too generous language in which the I.P.M. had proposed the toast of his health, or to the Brethren for the way in which they had received it. No Brother could ascend to that chair—in their ancient Lodge—without feelings of gratification and pleasure. He hoped to worthily uphold the traditions of the chair, and most cordially thanked them for their generous and cordial reception of the toast of his health.

The next toast the W.M. regarded as an important one—that of the Installing and Past Masters of the Lodge. His indebtedness to their worthy Bro. Howard Thompson was very great indeed, and counteracted in some measure the regret he felt on hearing of their Bro. Eve's indisposition, and his consequent absence from the Lodge that evening; an occurrence for which, on his own behalf, and on behalf of the Lodge, he desired to express his sincere regret. The way in which Bro. Thompson had come forward and performed the ceremony of installation was worthy of all commendation, and by it he had added to the obligation they of the Lodge were under to him. They knew also how the I.P.M. had performed his work during the year, and could honour him as a consequence. The other Past Masters of the Lodge were numerous, and they were also of no mean order—thanks and gratitude were due to them.

Bro. Howard Thompson, in reply, said he doubted very much if he should ever have found courage to get up and respond to the toast had it not been for the kindness of its proposition, and the kindness of its reception. The W.M. had told them it was with dismay he heard of the absence of Bro. Eve, but if his was dismay he could only say his was one of absolute funk. For an hour before he was "turned on in Lodge" he had walked up and down that room, which was then being prepared for the banquet, rehearsing what he ought to do in the ceremony in Lodge. He felt he had been doing all the talking that evening in Lodge, and was getting a lot of credit in consequence, but he knew a Past Master who was very shy and retiring—their Brother Secretary—who, while he had been doing all the talking, had been doing the work of the Lodge, just as he had been doing for years past. There were many great improvements thereabouts due to their Bro. Times—better accommodation, and the introduction of a telephone among them, and there was also a time when the members of the Lodge felt that the banquets were hardly up to what they should be. Their Bro. Times had waged a relentless war with the Proprietors of the Hotel on all these subjects, and had achieved great successes. The Past Masters of the Lodge desired to see it carried on in the way it should be, so as to maintain its high prestige. He found that during the past year they had voted from the Lodge monies (apart from a grant to the War Fund) no less than fifty guineas to the three Charities. They were able to think that one of the Institutions should reap

a double barrelled advantage, and had subscribed to both the Widows and old Men's Funds of the Benevolent Institution—this was indeed satisfactory, and most gratifying to himself and the other Past Masters.

The I.P.M. followed. Surely, he observed, he was not deserving of all the good things that had been said of him. He regretted having arrived late that evening, but it was quite unavoidable, and he really felt he must regard it as a blessing in disguise, for instead of his being called upon to take the place of their distinguished Bro. Eve it had fallen upon their respected Treasurer to step into the shoes of that worthy Past Master and Grand Officer. His year of Office had been a very happy one, and he had to thank them for the indulgence they had shown him. He trusted the present Worshipful Master might feel the same amount of satisfaction in joining the band of Past Masters at the end of his term of Office as he did on the present occasion.

The W.M. now submitted the toast which he considered he might reasonably claim as the toast of the evening—the sister services. He begged pardon, he meant the Initiates; but when he looked at the names of the two Brethren they had received into Freemasonry that evening—Lieut. Pocock, R.N., and Capt. W. Gordon Renton—he felt that his slip was in a way excusable. He looked back six years ago, to the time when his health was proposed as an initiate of that Lodge, and hoped their newly admitted Brethren had been equally impressed. In the name of the Lodge of Honour and Generosity he extended to the Initiates the right hand of fellowship, and might add that they had taken a step that night he hoped they would never turn back upon. He trusted their initiation into the Society would make them even more loyal to their Queen and country than they had been, if that were possible. He hoped they would remember that over the portals of their Lodge was ever inscribed "Honour and Generosity." Once more he welcomed them most cordially in the name of the ancient and honourable Lodge. He, and every member of the Lodge, much regretted that Capt. Renton had not been able to remain with them, he having had to leave to do duty in Ireland with his regiment.

Lieut. Pocock was visibly impressed with his reception, and said that in the Service to which he belonged they were brought up to say as few words as possible—deeds, not words, being their motto, as their old Admiral had impressed upon them. He had been greatly interested and delighted with his experiences that evening. The ceremony had been the most strange and impressive he had ever gone through in his life and, in fact, if he had thought there was so much to go through he did not know but what he should have hesitated to attempt it. But the number of hands so kindly held out to him, and the reception accorded him, had fully compensated for any anxiety he had felt, and he was pleased indeed to be present there among them. He felt the least said the soonest mended, and hoped they would excuse further thanks at his hands, but he should always remember the kind words with which the Worshipful Master had welcomed Captain Renton and himself, and he should never rest satisfied until he sat in the chair the Master then occupied.

Other toasts included the Visitors, which was responded to by Bro. W. R. McConnell, Q.C.; and the Officers of the Lodge, coupled with the names of Bros. Henry Times P.M. Secretary and Godfrey Sykes S.W., both of whom responded in suitable terms. The whole proceedings were brought to a most successful conclusion with the Tyler's toast.

The music, which, as we have said, was of a very high order, was under the direction of Bro. Dalgety Henderson, the artistes who assisted him including Miss Florence Venning, Miss Elsie Mackenzie, Bro. Walter Churcher, Bro. W. L. Cockburn, Bro. Arthur Melrose, with Bro. Sidney Hill at the piano. The Blue Hungarian band added some excellent selections, and were heartily and deservedly applauded. The efforts of the entertainers added greatly to the enjoyment of this most instructive and interesting gathering. The Initiate's song was given by Bro. W. R. Bennett W.M. of the Playgoers Lodge.

#### MOUNT SINAI CHAPTER, No. 19.

##### Installation of Companion E. E. Redman.

THE installation festival of this ancient Chapter took place on Tuesday, 15th, at Anderton's Hotel, Fleet Street, E.C. Comp. Ben Hooker M.E.Z. presided for the last time during his term of office, and opened the convocation, after which the minutes, recording the election of the new Principals and Officers for the year, were read and confirmed.

Comp. George Read P.Z. P.G.Std.Br. assumed the chair and installed Comp. E. E. Redman as First Principal. Comp. Samuel Toye was afterwards introduced and installed in the chair of H., while Comp. G. P. Gillard P.Z. was inducted into that of J. The installation ceremonies were admirably rendered by Comp. Read, whose dignified and impressive delivery of the ritual gave great gratification to the Principals present.

The following Officers having been elected, those who were in

attendance were invested with their respective collars: Comps. Fred Cambridge P.Z. Scribe E., E. T. Pearce Scribe N., T. W. Heath P.Z. Treasurer, Henry Blackburn P.S., John Hewett First Assistant, Martin Pulvermann Second Assistant, and Richard Whiting Janitor.

The ballot was taken on behalf of Bro. George Felix Mounter, of the New Cross Lodge, as a candidate for the Supreme Degree, and he being approved was admitted and regularly exalted into Royal Arch Masonry. Comp. Gillard kindly undertook this ceremony, but in consequence of the late hour the lectures were dispensed with. Comp. Thomas Collard, of the Sphinx Chapter, was accepted as a joining member, and took his seat among the Companions.

The report of the Audit Committee was received and adopted. There being no further business the Convocation was closed, and the Chapter adjourned till October.

The Companions subsequently dined together, and a pleasant evening was spent, although a note of sorrow was expressed by Comp. Baker at the lamented death of two esteemed members of the Chapter, who had recently passed away. Songs were given by Miss Venning, and Comps. Schartau and Collard, the latter proving a decided acquisition to the Chapter, while Comp. Fred Cambridge presided at the piano with his customary ability.

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### TRUTH LODGE, No. 1458.

THE regular meeting took place at the Mitre Hotel, Manchester, on Saturday, 5th instant, Bro. L. Hirsch W.M.

There was an excellent attendance of members and visitors, among the latter being Bros. N. Bunnell 606 P.G.D. (North Wales), H. L. Abbott 344, Capetown, F. W. Curtis P.M. 1593, J. Hill 2284, G. N. Race 1862, W. Balderbade 1066, and J. J. Kearns 1219.

After the reading and confirmation of minutes, a successful ballot was taken for Bro. Leonard Jagger, who was desirous of becoming a joining member. Bros. H. Hardy and Neville Chipperfield were afterwards raised to the sublime degree of M.M., the former by Bro. Buckley Carr P.M., and the latter by Bro. Thos. P. Cooper P.M.

A long discussion ensued upon an adjourned notice of motion by Bro. Cooper, as to the advisability of increasing the amount of subscription, which on a ballot being taken was declared lost.

Sympathy was expressed for the relatives of the late Bro. G. T. Lenard, whose obituary appears in another portion of this paper, and, upon the proposition of Bro. Carr, a vote of condolence was unanimously agreed to.

At the festive board which succeeded these proceedings, Loyal and Masonic toasts were duly honoured. The musical portion was contributed by Bros. T. Humphreys 852, W. T. Wade 1066, and J. Trevor Smith P.M. 1417, who signified their intention of becoming members of the Truth Lodge.

### DUKE OF YORK LODGE, No. 2449.

THE regular meeting took place on Thursday, 10th inst., at the Albion Hotel, Manchester, Bro. Simon Mamelok P.M. P.P.J.G.D. Worshipful Master.

After the reading and confirmation of minutes, a successful ballot was taken for Mr. Henry Philip Naylor, Manager, Urmston, who was initiated into the mysteries and privileges of Antient Freemasonry by the W.M., assisted by Bro. Arthur Sutcliffe J.W. Brother Robert Brownridge was then passed to the degree of F.C. by Bro. Bryce I.P.M. The usual festive board followed.

Among the visitors were Bros. Chas. H. Griffiths I.P.M. 581, Bridge Hopkinson P.M. 993, and Harry Goldman 323.

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### UPTON LODGE, No. 1227.

AN ordinary meeting of this flourishing Lodge was held on Thursday, the 10th inst., at the Great Eastern Hotel, Liverpool Street, E.C. Bro. Henry James Rowberry W.M. presided, and was supported by the following Officers:—Bros. Walter J. Carroll S.W., Robert F. Thomson J.W., Charles Gieseke P.M. Treasurer, Charles J. Free P.M. Secretary, Alfred H. Noble S.D., Geo. W. Flatman J.D., and Fredk. J. Rover acting I.G. Bro. Bowler, the Tyler, was unfortunately prevented from being present, having met with an accident, but sent an excellent substitute in Bro. J. Plant P.M. There were also present Past Masters W. Athol Bray, E. M. Jeffery, Samuel Toye, Charles Schmidt, Edwin Hill, and Henry Hyde; together with a large number of the members of the Lodge.

Among the Visitors were Bros. Thomas Welham 2472, W. H. Turner D.C. 2291, Maurice Wigginton 1567, E. Eddie S.D. 715, W. Stone W.M. 715, A. Wallace J.D. 715, Samuel W. Vale I.P.M. 861, D. J. Witte J.W. 1327, Alfred Cook J.W. 1445, G. J. Taylor P.M. 180, and others.

The Lodge was formally opened by the W.M., and the minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed. The candidate for initiation not being present Bro. Rowberry proceeded with the passing of Bros. Robert Malcolm Bruce and John David Thomas. Both candidates answered the usual questions without prompting, and received the approbation of the Lodge. They were then prepared, and regularly passed to the degree of Craftsman.

Bros. Albert Edward Tibbatts, Samuel Higgs, Samuel D. T. Clarke, and Reuben Thain were raised to the sublime degree, were invested, and took their seats as Master Masons.

Both the ceremonies were performed by Bro. Rowberry in a masterly manner, while the Officers rendered admirable assistance by the perfect ease in which they carried out their various duties. It was also pleasant to

notice the help given by some of the Past Masters in emergency. The ceremonies were further enhanced by the musical responses and voluntaries rendered by Bro. E. C. Holmes, the Organist. It need scarcely be mentioned that this much to be desired effect is due to the careful training received at the Lodge of Instruction, and proves what can be done by a diligent attendance thereat.

Upon the Lodge being resumed to the first degree three candidates were proposed for initiation at the next meeting. Bro. Hyde announced the sudden death of Bro. Robert Joseph Burridge, and proposed that a letter of sympathy from the Lodge be sent to his family. This was seconded by Bro. Jeffery, who bore testimony to the geniality and kindness of Bro. Burridge, was carried unanimously, and ordered to be entered on the minutes.

Bro. Carroll, on behalf of Mrs. Burridge, returned thanks for the wreath that was sent by the Lodge upon the occasion of the funeral.

This concluding the business of the evening, the Lodge was closed, the usual hymn was sung, and the Brethren adjourned to supper. A very pleasant evening was enjoyed, and the company separated at a late hour.

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### THOMAS-A-BECKET LODGE, No. 2754.

THE annual election meeting took place on Thursday, 10th inst., at Bro. George W. Duck's, the Thomas-a-Becket Restaurant and Tavern, Old Kent Road, S.E., when the Brethren assembled in good number to attend to their Masonic duties, and probably with the pleasant intention of giving their unanimous vote to Bro. A. E. Remington (I.P.M. and Secretary 30) who, as S.W. and a founder of the Lodge, came next in rotation for election as Worshipful Master.

The Lodge was opened by Bro. H. Carman Past Grand Standard Bearer Worshipful Master, who had the assistance of Bros. G. Duck P.M. 1475 acting I.P.M., A. E. Remington S.W., T. Gibbs J.W., G. W. Duck P.M. Treas., Morris Davis P.M. Sec., George Brown S.D., I. P. Torlowsky I.G., H. Martin P.M. Tyler; H. Lapsley, David Rosenberg, H. R. Boyles, Thomas Newman, R. Willock, W. Chatterton (who came on purpose from Derby to give his vote for the W.M.), Charles Thomas Hann, &c., and Visitors: Bros. A. Briscoe P.M. P.G.Org. Surrey, J. Wynman, &c.

The minutes having been confirmed, the Lodge was opened in the second degree, there being two Candidates on the agenda for raising: Bros. Harry Lapsley and H. R. Alford, but the latter Brother being unavoidably prevented from attending the ceremony was worked on behalf of the one candidate, who was fully examined and entrusted. The Lodge was opened in the third degree, and in due course the candidate was raised to the sublime degree of Master Mason.

The Lodge was resumed to the first degree and Bro. C. T. Hann, who was initiated at the previous meeting, having answered the questions to the satisfaction of the W.M., was entrusted. The Lodge was opened in the second degree and that Brother was passed a Fellow Craft. The Lodge was again resumed to the first degree and the W.M., with a pleasant and contented smile, announced that the ballot would then be taken for Mr. Joseph Simmonds, as a candidate for initiation. This proving to be unanimous in his favour he was in due course regularly and impressively introduced into the mysteries of Freemasonry.

The working of the three degrees was rendered without the slightest mistake or hesitation, and the style in which the W.M. conducted the ceremonies was highly appreciated by the Brethren.

The annual election now took place, and we were pleased to hear the announcement from the chair that Bro. A. E. Remington had been unanimously chosen as Master of the Thomas-a-Becket Lodge for the ensuing twelve months. The result of the ballot was heartily received by the Brethren.

Bro. Remington thanked the W.M. and Brethren for their unanimous vote, and promised that as long as the Great Architect gave him health and strength he would endeavour to fulfil every duty that was expected of him.

Bro. G. W. Duck P.M. was re-elected Treasurer, and Bro. H. Martin P.M. Tyler, whilst Bros. H. R. Boyles, E. W. Craddock, and H. Lapsley were appointed Auditors.

Bro. G. Duck I.P.M. rose and said that before the W.M. closed the Lodge he had a most pleasant duty to perform. The Worshipful Master having been appointed to the honourable rank of Past Grand Standard Bearer of England, the members of the Thomas-a-Becket Lodge had not alone the honour, but the greatest of pleasure, to present him with the clothing of his distinguished rank, and they hoped he might wear it for many, many years to come, in health, strength and prosperity. He was sure the W.M. deserved the Office, which he hoped he would occupy and enjoy for many years to come.

The W.M. thanked the I.P.M. and Brethren for their great kindness, and promised to say a few words further later on.

The W.M. proposed that the Lodge should remit the Founder's fee to Bro. Boyles, for the very great kindness he had shown during the foundation of the Lodge, and also proposed that an Emergency Meeting should be held before the installation in October.

Bro. Duck I.P.M. proposed that a Past Master's jewel should be presented to Bro. Carman W.M., on the coming night of installation. If ever a jewel had been well earned it was by their present W.M., who had shown great ability during his term of office. In fact his working was something to be proud of. Bro. Remington W.M.-elect had very much pleasure in seconding the proposition, and was glad of the opportunity of expressing the respect and high esteem they all had for their Master.

The W.M. said the Lodge had already been to heavy expense in presenting him with the Grand Officer's clothing, and he thought it would be right to wait, or better still to do without a jewel, for the present at any rate; but this proposal of the Worshipful Master was not accepted, and the Brethren most wisely overruled the suggestion, exclaiming No! No! you deserve the Past Master's jewel. The W.M. said he was in the hands of the Brethren, and he highly appreciated their great kindness.

There being no further Masonic transactions requiring attention the Lodge was closed in harmony, and the Brethren retired to partake of an excellent repast provided by the esteemed Host Bro. G. W. Duck, whilst Bro. E. W. Craddock was requested to act as Steward, duties he fulfilled most admirably.

The cloth being removed, the W.M. in eloquent terms presented the toast of the Queen and the Craft, which was duly honoured.

The W.M.-elect had very much pleasure in giving the toast of the Grand Officers, and felt honoured in having the W.M. as a Past Grand Standard Bearer, which made it a still more pleasant task to give the toast. He was sure he would be an additional ornament amongst the Grand Officers.

The W.M. in a few, but well chosen words, acknowledged the toast, and again thanked the Brethren for their very handsome present. He hoped to wear the Grand Officer's clothing amongst them for many years to come,

The next toast was that of the Initiate. The W.M. said they did not require quantity, but quality, in Freemasonry, and by the strict attention the newly made Brother had paid to the ceremony he was sure he would make an excellent member of the Craft. He hoped to see him in a very short time working round to the position he then occupied, with which object he advised him to attend the Instruction branch attached to their Lodge, as without attending Instruction Lodges he would find it very difficult to gain the necessary knowledge and experience.

Bro. Joseph Simmons, in reply, thanked the W.M. for having initiated him. He had been very much impressed with the ceremony, and pledged himself never to forget the obligation. He also thanked Bro. Rosenberg and Bro. Torlowsky for having introduced him, and promised that in time to come he would prove himself to be worthy of the confidence they had reposed in him.

The W.M. was afterwards reminded that Bro. C. T. Hann was not toasted on the last occasion as an initiate, the time being short, and there being no banquet. He thanked the W.M.-elect for mentioning this and explained how pleased he was to have initiated their Bro. Hann at the last meeting. He had known Bro. Hann for some years, and he was sure he would become an acquisition to the Lodge. By the admirable manner in which he had answered the questions leading to the degree of Fellow Craft he had shown he would make an excellent worker.

Bro. Hann thanked the W.M. for his kind remarks. On the last occasion, when he had the pleasure of being initiated, he had a very long speech all ready for them, and now he had quite forgotten all he had meant to say. He was delighted with the ceremonies, and the impressive way in which the W.M. had initiated and passed him, and really felt proud in being a member of the Lodge.

The Visitors toast was now submitted by the W.M., who especially thanked his friend Bro. Briscoe for being present, and showing his well known ability as a P.Prov.G.Organist. It was really very kind of him to have acted as Organist in the Lodge, as the ceremonies were thereby rendered so much more impressive for the candidate. He hoped he would honour them again on several other occasions.

Bro. Briscoe thanked the W.M. for his kind remarks, and congratulated him on his excellent working. He also congratulated the S.W. on his election to the chair of the Lodge. Other visitors also responded.

The toast of the Officers was next given, and was responded to by the W.M.-elect, who said he was pleased to hear the Officers had carried out their duties satisfactorily to the W.M. during that Brother's term of office. He also sincerely thanked the Brethren for having elected him Worshipful Master. He was indeed proud of the position, and trusted he would be able to carry out the duties to their satisfaction.

During the evening some excellent songs were given by Bros. Remington, Carman, Lapsley, and several others, whilst Bro. Martin, the Tyler of the Lodge, gave the Initiate's song in good style. Bro. Briscoe contributed some excellent selections, which were much appreciated.

The Charity box was not forgotten during the proceedings, which passed off most satisfactorily throughout.

## INSTRUCTION.

### CONFIDENCE LODGE, No. 193.

AT the regular meeting, on Wednesday, 16th inst., at the Bunch of Grapes, Lime Street, E.C., Bro. J. W. Simeons W.M. 193 acted as presiding Officer (in the absence of Bro. Carr, who had been elected W.M., but was unavoidably absent), and was supported by Bros. Jackson S.W., Goodchild J.W., Cook S.D., Latham J.D., Rowland I.G., Spice I.P.M. 193 Prec., J. K. Pitt P.P.G.D. Sec., Goovearts Treas.

After preliminaries had been observed the ceremony of raising was rehearsed, Bro. Latham acting as the candidate, and proving himself proficient in his duties. The Lodge was resumed to the second degree, when Bro. Bailey, personating the candidate, gave the answers in splendid form, being ably assisted by the S.D.

Bro. Sharp 1381 was elected a member, and Bro. Jackson chosen to preside at the next meeting, after which Lodge was closed and the Brethren repaired to the grill, to partake of the supper provided by the host, Brother Goovearts.

### DALHOUSIE LODGE, No. 865.

BEING Officers' night the Brethren showed respect for the W.M. of the Mother Lodge, Bro. E. Green, by attending in strong force on the 14th inst., and particularly in proper time, at Bro. J. Davis's, the Greyhound, Kensington Square, W.

The W.M. received the support of his regular Officers, as follow: T. C. Dyer S.W., K. Von Donat J.W., Arthur Williams P.M. Prec., M. Spring Dep. Sec., T. E. P. Bell S.D., P. Howard J.D., T. Lewis I.G., J. Harris Stewd., with M. Davis P.M., F. Cousins P.M., H. G. Cox, J. Kench, E. Johnson, J. Honnibal, H. J. Seal W.M. 933, A. Sergeant, J. Wynman.

The W.M. having strictly observed the formalities, the Lodge was opened in the second degree, when the W.M. announced his intention of rehearsing the third ceremony. Bro. Honnibal offered himself as candidate, and being accepted was examined and entrusted. The Lodge was advanced, and the ceremony of raising was rehearsed. This being ended the Lodge was closed down.

The W.M. asked the S.W. Bro. T. C. Dyer if he would like to rehearse the investment of Officers, which was delightfully accepted, therefore the W.M. kindly vacated the chair in favour of Bro. Dyer W.M.-elect of the Mother Lodge, who appointed the Lodge Officers in a perfect manner.

The W.M. proposed that a vote of thanks be passed to Bro. Joel Davis, the proprietor, for his kindness in having provided some beautiful curtains; Bro. Williams Preceptor added that he was sure that anything that could be done for the welfare of the Lodge the host would willingly undertake.

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

### WOODROW LODGE, No. 1708.

ON Monday, 14th inst., at Bro. Rudderforth's (Stone's) Restaurant, Pantons Street, Haymarket, Bros. W. E. Davis W.M., Walter Hann S.W., J. E. Culverhouse J.W., T. F. Strutt W.M. 2664 acting Prec., J. W. Simeons W.M. 193 Sec., J. Wynman S.D., G. Baker J.D., G. E. Genet I.G.

The W.M. rehearsed the ceremony of initiation, for which Bro. Simeons kindly acted as candidate, the work being rendered to the satisfaction of the

Brethren. The W.M. vacated the chair in favour of Bro. Culverhouse, who opened the Lodge in the second degree, and expressed his intention of rehearsing the third ceremony, for which Bro. G. Baker was accepted as the candidate. He was examined, entrusted, and duly raised, by Bro. Culverhouse, whose work on this occasion was well up to his high standard. Bro. Davis resumed his position in the Lodge.

The acting Preceptor Bro. T. F. Strutt proposed that a hearty vote of thanks be recorded on the minutes for the excellent manner in which Bro. Davis had fulfilled the duties of the chair for the first time. Bro. Davis said the vote was more due to Bro. Strutt, who had rendered him such perfect assistance, but as the Brethren were so very indulging he sincerely thanked them for their kindness.

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

Bro. Simeons had very much pleasure in informing the W.M. and Brethren that there were sufficient funds in hand to have another ballot of five guineas for the Charities, which fell to the Deputy Preceptor.

## SOUTH AFRICAN SHARES.

DURING the past week interest in the South African market has centred almost entirely in Rhodesian shares, and there has been a rise in the price of nearly everything Rhodesian. Things are ripe for a boom in Rhodesian shares, and those in Dewar's Matabele Reefs, Limited, should be well worth the attention of the speculative investor who can afford to buy, pay for, and hold them. The total capital of the Company is only £60,000 in shares of £1 each, of which 43,000 are issued and fully paid, the remaining 17,000 being working capital reserved for future issue, if required. Dewar's Matabele Reefs, Limited, own fourteen miles of gold reefs, containing five hundred and ten duly registered claims, equal to an area of about 1,200 acres. A number of the claims contain ancient workings, and the whole of the reefs are fortunately situated within fifteen miles of Bulawayo, in the best-known and most important gold-mining districts of Rhodesia. Careful surveys have been made of each of the reefs, and every claim has been registered and marked out in accordance with the British South Africa Company's regulations. Questions of title cannot, therefore, arise, and as the claims themselves have in a great many instances been proved to be of a very high grade indeed, many elements of risk have been eliminated. The sale of one set of twenty claims will give enough to pay a sum, in the way of dividends, equivalent to the entire capital of the company. Probably in a few months, when the extent and richness of the property owned by Dewar's Matabele Reefs, Limited, are realised, and its value reckoned at a standard of price governing similar great land and exploring companies, this company's shares should be quoted at a far higher price than that of about £1 each, at which they are now dealt in on the London Stock Exchange.

## HOLIDAY ARRANGEMENTS.

### GREAT CENTRAL RAILWAY.

FOR the Whitsuntide Holidays the Great Central Railway Company announce a series of excursions from London (Marylebone, near Baker Street and Edgware Road). On Thursday, 31st inst., an excursion for 16 days will be run to Ireland, via Liverpool. On Friday, 1st June, to Northallerton, Darlington, Newcastle, Berwick, Edinburgh, Glasgow, Oban, Fort William, for 5, 8, and 16 days; and to Douglas (Isle of Man), for 3, 8, 10, 15, or 17 days. On Friday midnight, 1st June, and Saturday midnight, 2nd June, to Rugby, Lutterworth, Leicester, Loughboro', Nottingham, Sheffield, Manchester, Liverpool, &c., for 2 and 3 days. On Saturday, 2nd June, to Bridlington, Filey, Middlesboro', Newcastle, Scarborough, York, Knutsford, Northwich, St. Helens, Southport, Wigan, Cleethorpes, Doncaster, Hull, Retford, Rugby (Central), Loughboro', Leicester, Nottingham, Sheffield, Stockport, Warrington, Liverpool, Guide Bridge, Manchester, Bulwell Common, Chesterfield, Pilsley, Staveley, Brockley, Culworth, Finmere, Helmdon, Woodford and Hinton, Penistone, &c., for 3, 6, or 8 days.

Every Saturday during June to Bridlington, Filey, Scarborough, Saltburn, Redcar, Douglas, Liverpool, Southport, Blackpool, St. Anns, Lytham, Fleetwood, Cleethorpes, New Clea, Grimsby, Chester, for 3, 8, 10, 15 or 17 days.

On Monday, 4th June, to Finmere, Brackley, Rugby, Lutterworth, Leicester, Loughboro', and Nottingham, for half-day, and 1, 2, or 3 days.

For full particulars see our advertisement column.

### MIDLAND RAILWAY.

THE Midland Railway Co. will run cheap excursion trains from London to Dublin, Cork, Killarney, &c., for 16 days, via Liverpool, on Thursday, 31st May, and via Morecambe, on Friday, 1st June; also to Belfast, Londonderry, and Portrush for Giant's Causeway, via Barrow and via Liverpool, on Thursday, 31st May; to Londonderry, via Liverpool, or via Morecambe, on Saturday, 2nd June, to return within 16 days as per bill of sailing; on Friday night, 1st June, to Carlisle, Castle Douglas, Dumfries, Helensburgh, Edinburgh, Greenock, Glasgow, Stirling, Perth, Dundee, Aberdeen, Inverness, Ballater, &c., returning the following Tuesday or Friday, by which third class return tickets at about a single ordinary fare for the double journey will also be issued, available for returning on any day within 16 days; on Friday midnight, 1st June, for 3 days, and Saturday midnight, 2nd June, for 2 days, to Leicester, Nottingham, Derby, Manchester, Liverpool, Sheffield, Leeds, Bradford, &c.; on Saturday, 2nd June, to Leicester, Nottingham, Newark, Lincoln, Birmingham, Walsall, Wolverhampton, Burton, Derby, Manchester, Liverpool, Preston, Wigan, Blackpool, Blackburn, Bolton, Oldham, Sheffield, Leeds, Bradford, Scarborough, Newcastle, the Furness and Lake Districts, Carlisle, &c., &c., returning the following Monday, Thursday, or Saturday. On Whit Monday, 4th June, to St. Albans, Harpenden, Luton, Bedford, and Kettering for 1 day; to Leicester, Loughboro', and Nottingham, for 1, 2, or 3 days, and to Birmingham, for 1, 2, 4, or 6 days. To Manchester (for the Races), and to Stockport, Nottingham and Sheffield on Thursday (midnight), 7th June, returning Saturday, 9th June. Tickets for these trains for starting from St. Pancras Station can be obtained on the two days previous to the running of the trains at the Company's City and West End Booking Offices. Cheap daily and week-end excursions to Southend-on-Sea, as announced in time tables and bills.

The season excursions from London (St. Pancras) to Matlock, Buxton, Liverpool, Southport, Blackpool, Lytham, St. Annes-on-Sea, the Isle of Man,



Morecambe, Lancaster, the English Lake District, Scarborough, Bridlington, Whitby, &c., will commence on Saturday, 2nd June. The tickets are available for passengers to return in either 3, 8, 10, 15 or 17 days.

Cheap week-end tickets are now issued every Friday and Saturday from London (St. Pancras) and other principal Midland Stations to the chief seaside and holiday resorts, including the "Peak" district of Derbyshire, Yorkshire, the Lake District, the North East Coast, and Scotland. The tickets are available for return on the following Sunday (where train service permits), Monday or Tuesday. For the Whitsuntide Holidays these tickets will also be available for returning up to and including Wednesday, 6th June.

Cheap excursion trains for 5 or 8 days will also be run to London from Carlisle, Bradford, Leeds, Sheffield, Liverpool, Manchester, Blackburn, Burnley, Bolton, Bury, Rochdale, Oldham, Lincoln, Newark, Burton, Derby, Nottingham, Leicester, &c., on Saturday, 2nd June; and for 3 or 6 days on Monday, 4th June. On Friday night, 1st June, from Liverpool, Southport, Warrington, Blackburn, Bolton, Oldham; and on Saturday, 2nd June, from Manchester, Stockport, Bradford, Leeds, Barnsley, Sheffield, &c., for 3, 5, or 8 days; also on 2nd June, from Birmingham, Walsall, Wolverhampton, for 3, 5, or 8 days. Passengers will be booked by these trains at cheap fares to Brighton, Hastings, St. Leonards, Eastbourne, &c.; and to Paris and other places on the Continent, having the privilege of returning by any ordinary train within 16 days. On Whit-Monday, 4th June, an excursion train to London for one or two days will be run from Blackburn, Bolton, Oldham, Manchester (Vic.), Bradford, Leeds, Barnsley, Sheffield, &c.; for 1, 3, or 6 days from Birmingham; and for 3 and 6 days from Wolverhampton, Walsall, &c.; also day trips from Burton, Derby, Nottingham, Leicester, Wellingboro', &c.

On Bank Holiday, 4th June, and during Whitsuntide, certain booked trains will be withdrawn, of which due notice will be given by special bills at the stations.

Some of the luncheon and dining cars and ordinary through carriages which are announced in the time tables will also be suspended on Bank Holiday.

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 Friday and Saturday, 1st and 2nd June, and tickets to all principal stations on the Midland Railway will also be issued beforehand at any of their Offices, the tickets being available from St. Pancras Station, and issued at the same fares as charged at that Station, and dated to suit the convenience of passengers.

#### 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 Whitsuntide. Tickets can also be obtained at Clapham Junction, Battersea, Chelsea, Kensington (Addison Road), and the stations on the Hammersmith and City line.

The booking offices at the Paddington Station will be open all day on 30th and 31st May, and 1st and 2nd June, so that passengers wishing to obtain tickets for any destination on the Great Western Railway can do so at their convenience. Ordinary tickets will be dated to suit passengers.

Excursions will be run on Thursday, 31st May, to Cork, Killarney, Belfast, Armagh, Giant's Causeway, &c.; on Friday, 1st June, to Gloucester, Cheltenham, Worcester, Hereford, Shrewsbury, Oswestry, Aberystwyth, Bala, Dolgelly, Barmouth, Manchester, Chester, Birkenhead, Liverpool, Rhyl, Llandudno, Bangor, Carnarvon, Waterford, Tipperary, Limerick, Bath, Bristol, Weston-Super-Mare, Taunton, Minehead, &c.; on Friday night, to Exeter, Plymouth, Falmouth, Penzance, Chepstow, Newport, Cardiff, Swansea, Carmarthen, Milford, and other stations in South Wales, Chester, Liverpool, Douglas (Isle of Man), &c.; on Saturday, 2nd June, to Newbury, Yeovil, Dorchester, Weymouth, Minehead, Lynton, Lynmouth, Ilfracombe, Exeter, Torquay, Plymouth, Penzance, Oxford, Birmingham, &c.; and on Saturday night, to Swindon, Bath, Bristol, Gloucester, Chepstow, Newport, Cardiff, Swansea, Carmarthen, &c.

On Friday and Saturday, 1st and 2nd June, excursion tickets, at a return fare of 24s 6d, will be issued to Guernsey and Jersey, by trains leaving Paddington at 9.20 a.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 Whit Sunday a cheap train will run to Swindon, Cirencester, Stroud, Gloucester, Cheltenham, &c., and at midnight an excursion will leave Paddington for Oxford, Birmingham, Wolverhampton, &c.

On the Bank Holiday cheap trains will be run to Reading, Newbury, Devizes, Pangbourne, Goring, Wallingford, Bath, Bristol, Weston-super-Mare, &c., and on Whit Tuesday an express half-day excursion will be run to Banbury, Leamington, and Stratford-on-Avon.

Excursions will be run to London from most of the principal stations, and cross country trips have also been arranged.

Cheap tickets are issued daily from London and many suburban stations to Staines, Windsor, Taplow, Maidenhead, Henley, Goring, Wallingford, and other riverside resorts. These tickets can be obtained throughout the Whitsuntide holidays, and in fact during the whole of the summer months. The train service to and from the riverside stations has also been considerably improved.

To meet expected additional traffic by the ordinary trains on Saturday, 2nd June, the Company will run in duplicate the 11.45 a.m., 3.0, and 9.0 p.m. trains from London to the West of England, the 9.50 a.m., 4.45 and 6.50 p.m. trains to the North; and the 12.0 noon train to Hereford and South Wales. The first portion of the 11.45 a.m., 3.0 p.m. and 9.0 p.m. trains will leave Paddington at 11.38 a.m., and 2.55 p.m. and 8.55 p.m. respectively, but the first parts of the other trains will leave at the advertised times, and the second a few minutes afterwards, the long distance passengers being as far as possible taken in the first portion, but with a few exceptions both trains will stop at the advertised stations to take up and set down passengers.

Earl's Court Exhibition.—Bro. Imre Kiralfy is once again to the fore at Earl's Court, where his Woman's Exhibition was opened on the 5th inst., by the Lady Mayoress of London. Her Ladyship was accompanied by Bros. Sir Alfred Newton, Lord Mayor, Alderman Bevan, Alderman Treloar, and a distinguished company. The Brethren gathered in strong force, and a large number of the members of the Eccentric, Empress, and other Lodges with which Bro. Kiralfy is connected, were present on the occasion. We reserve for a future notice a description of the various attractions presented at the Exhibition, which promises to be as successful as its predecessors.

The half-yearly meeting of the Board of Governors of the Masonic Orphan Boys School (Ireland), was held on the 8th, at the Schoolhouse, Clonskeagh, for the transaction of the ordinary business and the election of eight pupils to the School.

BIRTH.—FORSHAW. On the 22nd inst., at 48 Hanover Square, Bradford, the wife of Bro. Dr. Chas. F. Forshaw, F.R.S.L., of a son—Charles Frederick.

#### The Theatres, &c.

Adelphi.—8, Quo Vadis. Matinée, Wednesday, 2.  
Avenue.—8, His Wife's Picture. 8.45, A Message from Mars. Matinée, Wednesday and Saturday, 3.  
Comedy.—8.30, Kenyon's Widow.  
Covent Garden.—8, Monday Lohengrin, 8.30, Tuesday La Bohème, 8, Wednesday Tannhauser, 8, Thursday Aida.  
Criterion.—8.30, Lady Huntworth's Experiment. Matinée, Wednesday, 2.30.  
Daly's.—8.15, San Toy. Matinée, Saturday, 2.30.  
Duke of York's.—8, Miss Hobbs. 10, Madame Butterfly. Matinée, Saturday, 2.  
Gaiety.—8.15, The Messenger Boy. Matinée, Thursday, 2.  
Garrick.—8, Zaza. Matinée, Saturday, 2.  
Gt. Queen Street.—8.15, The Lost Legion, 9, A little Ray of Sunshine. Matinée, Saturday 3.  
Haymarket.—8.30, The Rivals. Matinée, Saturday, 2.30.  
Her Majesty's.—Wednesday, 30th May, Rip Van Winkle.  
Lyceum.—8, Monday Fedora, Wednesday Princesse Georges, Friday Gioconda, 2.30, Saturday Magda.  
Lyric.—8, Florodora. Matinée, Wednesday, 2.30.  
Prince of Wales.—8.15, Rouget de l'Isle. 9, Ib and Little Christiana. 10, A Pantomime Rehearsal. Matinée, Saturday, 2.  
Princess's.—8, In the Ranks.  
Royalty.—8.15, Mrs. Jordan. 9, Magda. Matinée, Saturday, 3.  
Savoy.—8, Pretty Polly. 8.20, The Rose of Persia. Matinée, Saturday, 2.30.  
Shaftesbury.—8, An American Beauty. Matinée, Wednesday and Saturday, 2.  
St. James's.—8.30, The Man of forty. Matinée, Wednesday and Saturday, 2.30.  
Strand.—Tuesday, 29th May, 8.15, Miss Cinderella. 9, The mysterious Mr. Bugle.  
Terry's.—8.15, Off Duty. 9, The Passport. Matinée, Saturday, 2.30.  
Vaudeville.—8.15, The Lady Volunteers. 8.50, Kitty Grey. Matinée, Wednesday, 3.  
Wyndham's.—8.25 Cyrano de Bergerac. Matinée, Saturday, 2.30. Thursday, 31st May, 3, David Garrick.  
Alexandra.—Next week, 8, The Gay Lord Quex.  
Opera House, Crouch End.—Next week, 8, Bootles Baby.  
Surrey.—Next week, 7.45, Rogues and Vagabonds.  
Standard.—Next week, 7.45, The power and the glory.  
Alhambra.—7.45, Variety Entertainment. Napoli, &c.  
Aquarium.—The World's great Show. Varied performances, daily.  
Empire.—7.45, Variety Entertainment. Round the Town Again, &c.  
London Pavilion.—8, Variety Entertainment.  
Oxford.—7.30, Variety Entertainment. Saturday, 2.15 also.  
Palace.—7.30, Variety Entertainment. New American Biograph, &c. Saturday, 1.45 also.  
Royal.—7.30, Variety Company. Saturday, 2.30 also.  
Tivoli.—7.30, Variety Entertainment. Saturday, 2.15 also.  
Agricultural Hall.—2 and 7, Royal Military Tournament.  
Alexandra Palace.—Thursday and Saturday. Varied entertainments.  
Crystal Palace.—Varied attractions daily.  
Earl's Court.—Woman's Exhibition.  
Egyptian Hall.—3 and 8, Mr. J. N. Maskelyne's entertainment.  
London Hippodrome.—2 and 8, Varied attractions, &c.  
Madame Tussaud's (Baker Street Station).—Open daily. Portrait models of modern celebrities, &c.  
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