

# THE Chronicle.

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### MASONRY IN PUBLIC.

IT is a healthy sign of the times—Masonically speaking—when we find the masses as well as the classes of the Craft displaying an active interest in maintaining the secrecy of the Order, not only secrecy in regard to its signs and ritual, but a discreet reserve as to the doings of its members when assembled together for Masonic purposes; and we think there are unmistakable evidences at the present time that such is the case. The action taken by the Board of General Purposes, as reported to the last Quarterly Communication of Grand Lodge, to the effect that the Board has been under the necessity of summoning two Lodges to answer charges of permitting toasts of a Masonic character to be proposed and responded to in the presence and hearing of Ladies and other non-Masons at Masonic banquets held after Lodge meetings; and that the Board deemed it its duty seriously to admonish the several Lodges for the irregularity they had committed, and desires to point out that at recreation banquets, when Lodges entertain Ladies and others who are not Masons, it is most improper and irregular to introduce anything whatever of a Masonic character into the speeches or proceedings; is proof of activity towards maintaining Masonic secrecy in high quarters; while the utterances of individual Brethren applauding the action of the Board and recognising the wisdom of the step, is so general, as to prove that the governing body has the support of its constituents in this matter.

We do not by any means wish to appear discourteous to the fair sex; on the contrary, we take some little credit to ourselves for having advocated Masonic pic-nics, dances, and ladies' nights, at a time when there was a very strong feeling against the admission of ladies to any meetings of a Masonic or semi-Masonic character. and it may be that we are in a measure answerable for the ill-effects which have followed the innovation that has grown so rapidly in recent years; but if we are guilty of causing the evil to which attention has been lately devoted by the Board of General Purposes of Grand Lodge we must attempt to excuse ourselves by the plea that we had no idea there would be so much difficulty in keeping Freemasonry itself distinct from proceedings at the festive board in the presence of ladies. We should be sorry to find it were necessary to wholly prohibit Ladies' nights, and other Masonic entertainments to which the fair sex might be invited, but we would rather that than run any risk of Freemasonry being brought into discredit, or that its secrets, or even its prominent characteristics, should become the common property of the popular or outside world.

We have heard Church Services and such like displays recently disapproved of by the Grand Master, and now we know that it is recognised at head quarters as most undesirable that Masonry should be associated

with mixed assemblies of Ladies and Brethren. We can but rejoice at the knowledge, and hope the latest expression of opinion in this direction may go far to check, if it does not wholly stop, displays of Freemasonry in public.

A board of examiners has wisely decided that the admission of Brethren into the Lodge in groups, without giving the names, where they are not members, but visitors, is not only irregular, but has a tendency to interfere with the rights of objection. Masters should instruct their Tylers along this line and should see that the names of all who seek admission, and who are not members of the Lodge, are announced. In the case of Brethren who are members it is proper to announce that "five Brethren members of this Lodge desire admission." The right to objection is absolute, and when Brethren are admitted into the Lodge room without the name and Lodge given, it is impossible to exclude those against whom an objection may be pending.—"Illinois Freemason."

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Freemasonry, which has already invaded Law, Physic, University, Army, Navy, Stock Exchange, and Trade in many branches, has now turned its attention to Banking, says the "Daily Telegraph." The Capital and Counties Lodge (the Chairman of the bank of that name as its first Master) has been just consecrated by the Grand Secretary Bro. Letchworth, assisted by Sir John Monckton and Sir Prior Goldney as his Wardens, and Brother Richardson as Director of Ceremonies. Bro. E. B. Merriman, having been installed as Worshipful Master, appointed his Officers from among a numerous list of Brethren connected with the bank. A banquet at the Hotel Cecil followed.

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Bro. George Sharland S.W. of the Erasmus Wilson Lodge, No. 1464, has been appointed by the Bench of Magistrates as Clerk of the Peace for the Borough of Gravesend, in succession to his father the late Bro. George Edward Sharland P.M. of the Lodge of Freedom, No. 77 and Past Provincial Senior Grand Warlen of Kent, whose lamented decease we recently announced in these columns. Bro. George Sharland has been Deputy Clerk for several years, and his appointment has given general satisfaction in the Borough.

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At a large meeting of the Sutherland Lodge of Unity, No. 460, held at the Castle Hotel, Newcastle-under-Lyme, on Saturday, 16th inst., a presentation of an illuminated china tablet was made to the Lodge as a memorial of a previous presentation to Bro. E. Turner, the oldest Freemason in Staffordshire, on his attaining his jubilee as a member of the Sutherland Lodge.

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The members of the Peace and Harmony Lodge, St. Austell, who have long suffered considerable inconvenience from inadequate accommodation, are erecting new and commodious premises in South Street, the corner stones of which were to be laid on Wednesday afternoon, with Masonic ceremonial.

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The Egyptian Lodge of Instruction, No. 27, has been removed to the King's Arms, Beech Street, Barbican, where meetings will be held on Monday evenings, at 7 o'clock.

## KENT.

**A**S reported in our last issue the annual meeting of this Provincial Grand Lodge was held at Gravesend, on Wednesday, 13th inst., on which occasion the following were appointed as the Assistant Officers for the year:

Bro. Lt.-Col. C. J. Hamilton 2587	-	-	Senior Warden
J. W. Elvin 1915	-	-	Junior Warden
Rev. H. P. H. Stratham, M.A., 2195	-	-	} Chaplains
Rev. H. Lawrence Fry, M.A., 2499	-	-	
W. Russell 77 1464	-	-	Treasurer
A. Spencer 1063	-	-	Secretary
H. B. Mace 1854	-	-	Registrar
W. G. Stunt 133	-	-	} Senior Deacons
John Solomon 77	-	-	
B. Rix 874	-	-	} Junior Deacons
W. Busbridge 913	-	-	
R. J. Beale 1107	-	-	Superintendent of Works
Joseph Solomon 77	-	-	Director of Ceremonies
Lawrance Seager 1273	-	-	Deputy Dir. of Cers.
W. Dixon 1206	-	-	} Assistant Dirs. of Cers.
R. C. Howard 2305	-	-	
T. H. Lygo 483	-	-	} Sword Bearer
Sergt.-Major H. G. Drake 2195	-	-	
G. C. Allen 784	-	-	} Standard Bearers
H. G. Frost 1096	-	-	
J. Plant 31	-	-	Organist
A. G. Harvey 2448	-	-	Assistant Secretary
J. Corp 2148	-	-	Pursuivant
C. Woodger 1967	-	-	Assistant Pursuivant
H. H. Mount 31	-	-	} Stewards
Major V. H. Stallon 158	-	-	
W. Burfoot 1223	-	-	
J. D. Webb 1314	-	-	
W. D. Ingall 1837	-	-	
H. Tyrer 2147	-	-	} Tyler.
W. Austin 1678	-	-	

Brother the Rev. H. L. Fry, the newly appointed Junior Grand Chaplain, preached the sermon at St. George's Church, basing his discourse on the text II Chronicles ii 5: "And the house which I build is great: for great is our God above all gods." Our reverend Brother said King Solomon had a great ideal in his mind when he set himself to build the Temple. It was to be a dwelling place for the Lord God of Israel, and it must be exceeding magnific. He lavished upon it all the wealth and skill at his command, and yet the result, with all its barbaric splendour, could not have fulfilled his expectations. They knew how many times Raphael tried to paint the infant Christ, and how Lord Tennyson failed to please himself in his poetry. The ideal was always higher than the realisation; they could not satisfactorily materialise the spiritual. But because they could not build a habitation worthy of the great God was no reason why they should raise to the ground that which they had accomplished, and say "we will not try any more."

Their ideals as Freemasons were very high. Over and over again they had heard their initiates speak of the worth and helpfulness and solemnity of their ritual and ceremonies, and early in their Masonic career they found that the object of Freemasonry was to promote brotherly love and to follow the highest creeds. They endeavoured to live in the presence of God, and to act as brother to brother, being willing to be controlled, and to be made better, till they became four-square men, and were not afraid to look at death, because of the light that illumined the grave. They had the belief and resolution which enabled them to do their duty at all costs, and, if necessary, to die for the right and the good and the true; because of the life of the world to come. That was their ideal—elevated, noble, and inspiring,—and it was a fine thing to have a great ideal. They would not lower that ideal in order to have more perfect attainment.

They were very conscious of failure, and well knew that the actual life of Freemasons fell below the promise of their youth. Sometimes Brethren had given up their Freemasonry because things were not what they rightly expected them to be. That was because the compass had not been properly employed, or the volume of the sacred law had not been thoroughly studied: it was not the system that was at fault. Friendly intercourse followed their solemn rites, as the children of Israel feasted after they completed the Temple; recreation was as needful and as human as business, but the two must be kept within the circumference. Their ideal was an ideal of life. They would neither give up nor lower their ideal because it was so far unattained, for that ideal was helpful to them.

The Temple was imperfect, but it was made with good intentions, and God took the will for the deed. Would He not also accept their endeavours to build a Temple of Brotherhood and goodwill, even though there might be

many faults in the workmanship? Might they not say He was even now blessing their work, when so many orphans, widows, and unfortunate Brothers were constantly rising up, and calling them blessed. Their Brotherhood was universal, and their charity was not confined to their own body; he would ask them that day to help not only the Masonic Charities, but also the King Street National Schools in providing such education for the children of the grand old town of Gravesend, as would help them to become Christian citizens.

The banquet was supplied by Messrs. Hill, of Bishopsgate, London, and gave general satisfaction. During dinner a selection of music was given by Bro. F. Watson's string band, and at its termination the Provincial Grand Master submitted the toast of the Queen, which was drunk with enthusiasm.

That of the Grand Master H.R.H. the Prince of Wales followed, after which permission was given for smoking.

Bro. Col. C. J. Hamilton Prov.S.G.W. proposed the Officers of Grand Lodge, which was responded to by Bros. Felix Kite P.G.Swd.Br. and H. Lovegrove P.G.Swd.Br.

Bro. James S. Eastes said it fell to his privilege to propose the Provincial Grand Master—an easy task—for in the words of the motto on the programme "He has an excellent good name." His thoughts travelled back to 1860, and he remembered when Earl Amherst, then Viscount Holmesdale, was installed as Provincial Grand Master of Kent. At that time there were only 17 Lodges and 5 Chapters in the Province, with 810 members. Freemasonry then was at a very low ebb in the Province, and he did not know what would have become of them had not his lordship been good enough to accept the position. Since that time they had gone on increasing, and now they had 65 Lodges, 29 Chapters, and a roll of members numbering no less than 4,500. Perhaps there were others present that day who remembered the installation—he hoped they had not all passed away—but he was sure all would rejoice that they still had the privilege of having Earl Amherst to rule over them, and that his services to the Craft had been recognised by his appointment to the proud position of Pro Grand Master of the United Grand Lodge of England.

Earl Amherst, who was received with the utmost cordiality upon rising to respond, said he thanked them sincerely for the kind reception they had given his name. It was forty years since he was installed in that town as Prov. Grand Master of Kent, but his Deputy had made a mistake in saying he had the kindness to accept the office. He accepted it with a sense of the responsibility of the post. He knew that Kent was a large Province, and that it was not being worked so successfully as it might be, and when he accepted that responsibility he did so with the full intention of doing his best for Freemasonry, and he could only hope that he had succeeded in his forty years as Prov. Grand Master of Kent. It was no small matter to take charge of so large a body of Masons, and no man could do it unless he was backed up by the Brethren. They all determined to give him help, and they started fair, and he was glad to say that from that day to the present they had never looked back. In those days their Province was among the smallest in England, but to-day they could hold up their heads amongst the largest, and when, two years ago, lists were read out at the Albert Hall, he was proud to see that the Province of Kent had been beaten by only one Province, viz., that of West Yorkshire. It was something to feel that one's work had not been in vain, and that with the help of all the Brethren their Province had increased, and had become one of the most important, if not the most important, in England. He was also delighted to think how many friends he had made in those forty years, and how many good workers for the cause he had encouraged. Forty years was a long time and some of the active Masons of to-day, Past Masters and others, were not even born when he first took the chair. Let them all hope to see Kent continue to flourish. He was certain they would all work hard so that the Province of Kent might be known as the most happy, the most united, and the most prosperous Province in the kingdom. There were only two prosaic remarks that he now wished to make. Naturally, in his position duties fell to his lot which otherwise would not come to him. His Royal Highness the Duke of Connaught had accepted the Chairmanship of the Boys School this year, before he knew he would be appointed Commander-in-Chief in Ireland,

but he had asked him (Earl Amherst) if he would take the chair if his military duties prevented him being present. He could not refuse to do it, but he wished it to be known that he was only acting as locum tenens of the Duke of Connaught. Next year he would have to make an appeal to the liberality of the Brethren. During all these forty years, it had never been his fortune to take the chair at the Girls School, but he proposed to rectify that omission next year, and he hoped that the Province would support him, as it had done on the many occasions on which he had taken the chair for the other School. In conclusion, he desired to thank them once more for the way in which they had received him. It was no new experience, for they had been uniformly kind to him during the last forty years. He would be very sorry if it were not so. Year after year they had received him most cordially, and he trusted that as long as he remained in that chair he would never be less cordially received by them.

The Provincial Grand Master next proposed the toast of Bro. J. S. Eastes P.G.D. Deputy Prov.G.Master, and referred to the valuable assistance rendered by that Brother during the twenty-three years he had acted as Deputy. Bro. Eastes briefly responded.

Bros. Col. Hamilton Prov.G.S.W. and John Russell P.P.S.G.D., as present and past Provincial Grand Officers, acknowledged the compliment paid to them by their Chief.

Bro. J. N. Willis, the Mayor of Gravesend, and W.M. of the Lodge of Sympathy No. 483, responded for the visitors; and Bro. F. R. W. Hedges acknowledged with sincere thanks the large amount collected by the Province of Kent for the Masonic Charities, especially at the centenary of the Girls School, when they sent up something over £3,000.

Earl Amherst said he must leave, but before doing so he particularly wished to propose the toast of the entertaining Lodge—Freedom, No. 77. They were always fortunate enough on these occasions to find a Lodge ready to take the trouble and expense of entertaining the Prov. Grand Lodge, and he was sure that the verdict of all the Brethren that day would be that the arrangements made for their comfort had been most satisfactory. They had met in an excellent Lodge room, and had dined in an excellent manner, and though perhaps his remarks had not been heard all over the room—as remarked by a previous speaker—they must remember that he had to speak to a blank wall, and an open door. Still he thought that the open door was an allegory of the hospitality of No. 77. He was sure they would all drink to the continued prosperity of No. 77, and thank that Lodge and its W.M. for the excellent arrangements made.

Bro. John Solomon W.M. 77, in response, said it was a proud privilege and pleasure to receive the Provincial Grand Master. His Lordship had visited that Lodge twice during the past forty years, and they thought it was time they again asked him to accept their hospitality, and they sincerely trusted that when his lordship's jubilee arrived he would honour the Lodge of Sympathy with his presence. In conclusion, he would like to thank his lordship for the kind manner in which he had spoken of the Lodge of Freedom, and also for having bestowed two collars upon members of the Lodge.

The Provincial Grand Master then requested Bro. Wm. Russell Prov.G.Treasurer to take the chair, and left the room amidst the cheers of the assembly.

Bro. Russell, in his usual genial manner, then started a little toast list of his own, and took occasion to remark that as Kent and Essex defended the approaches to London by the sea, so Earl Amherst and the Earl of Warwick the Grand Masters of those Provinces guarded the rights and privileges of Freemasonry at Grand Lodge. They had among them a worthy Brother from Essex, who was Master of the Lodge of St. John, at Grays, and he thought they ought to drink his health.

Bro. Charles Asplin having acknowledged the compliment, Bro. Russell found another theme for his ready wit. He said it was not often they succeeded in getting an initiate at Provincial Grand Lodge, but they had a little Brother, thirteen days old, who was the son of one of their old friends, and he would like to wish him success.

Bro. H. King, the last initiate of the Lodge of Freedom, modestly responded, and then the Brethren settled down to enjoy an excellent concert, in which Bros. J. Plant, J. Pearson, W. Halward, and Fred Noakes took part.

The arrangements were admirable, and reflected great

credit upon the reception Committee. Everybody agreed this was one of the most successful Masonic meetings ever held in the Province of Kent.

A feature of the dinner was the cases in which the ices were served, which took the form of a "little tambourine." Bros. Percy White and F. C. Martin took advantage of the good opportunity thus hinted at, and collected 126 shillings for the "Absent Minded Beggars." Brother John Solomon has handed the six guineas to the "Daily Telegraph" War Fund, which was acknowledged with thanks.

The members of the Lodge of Freedom desire to thank all those Lodges that so kindly responded to their appeal for the loan of banners, &c. for the occasion.

## MARK MASONRY.

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### CORNWALL.

THE Mark Provincial Grand Lodge is to be held in the Masonic Hall, Falmouth, on Tuesday, 3rd prox., by command of the Earl of Halsbury (Lord High Chancellor) Provincial Grand Master. There is the usual business to transact, and the appointment and investment of the Officers for the year ensuing. The members of the entertaining Lodge No. 94, have arranged for a steamer trip for the visitors on the Prov. Grand Lodge being closed, and a cold luncheon is to be served on board. The G.W.R. Company have arranged for tickets to be issued to Falmouth on the usual terms.

### ESSEX.

THE first anniversary meeting of the Essex Provincial Grand Lodge of Mark Masons was held at Brentwood, on Tuesday, 12th inst., excellent arrangements for the same being made by the Brentwood Lodge, No. 377.

In the unavoidable absence of the Earl of Warwick Provincial Grand Master the duties of the chair were ably fulfilled by Bro. Col. Lockwood, M.P., Deputy Provincial Grand Master, who was supported by Bros. J. J. C. Turner P.P.G.S.W. acting D.P.G.M., Claude E. Egerton-Green Prov. S.G.W., Frank Landon Prov.J.G.W., James Speller Prov. G.M.O., Canon Quennell Prov.G.Chap., Thos. J. Ralling P.G.D. Prov.G.Sec., R. Clowes P.G.O. Prov.G.D.C., J. G. Mackenzie Pr.A.G.D.C., G. M. E. Hamilton Pr.G.Swd.B., R. Haward Ives Prov.Assist.G.Sec., John E. Cheese Prov.G. Steward, A. Wright Prov.G.Tyler, John Ramsey P.A.G.D.C., J. P. Lewin P.G.Std.B., George Graveley P.G.Swd.B., and other Brethren.

The minutes of the inaugural meeting of the Province, at Colchester, in May last year, having been read and confirmed, a telegram of regret at his inability to attend, owing to his duties as an officer of the Warwick Yeomanry, was read from the Earl of Warwick, and apologies for non attendance were received from several Brethren.

The report of the Board of General Purposes was presented for adoption by Bro. Col. Landon Pr.J.G.W. It stated that there had been seven Advancements and ten Joining Members; whilst five Brethren had resigned; two had died, and four had been struck off, leaving the strength of the Province 185. One new Lodge, the Dunmow, had been consecrated, making the roll of the Lodges eight. The accounts showed a balance in hand of £20 4s 7d.

The motion for the adoption of the report was seconded by Brother R. Clowes Prov.G.D.C. and carried unanimously.

Bye-laws for the government of the Province were next brought forward, and on the motion of Bro. Claude E. Egerton-Green Prov.G.S.W., seconded by Bro. Col. Landon Prov.J.G.W., were unanimously adopted, and ordered to be printed and circulated.

The Deputy Provincial Grand Master then addressed the Brethren. Referring to the absence of the Prov.G.M., the gallant Colonel said they missed his Lordship's presence very much, as he was sure they all felt that no important gathering of Essex Masons was complete without him. They, however, recognised that he was fulfilling a patriotic duty,

and he should ask the Prov. Grand Secretary to write in their name to Lord Warwick, and express a hope that at the next meeting he would be with them. There was one matter which he knew had exercised the minds of many Brethren since the division of the Province, and that was the position of the Past Prov. Grand Officers of East Anglia belonging to the Essex Lodges. Well, he was glad to be able to tell them that as long as they continued to be subscribing members of a Lodge in the new Province they retained the rank, dignity and precedence which they held whilst belonging to East Anglia. He thought they must all feel gratified at the excellent report the Board of General Purposes had been able to present that day, and he had not the slightest doubt that as time went on the Province would grow, and share in the prosperity that had characterised the working of the Craft Province for so many years.

The next business was the election of four members of the Board of General Purposes, and only the requisite number having been nominated, they were declared elected, as follow: Bros. F. W. Imbert-Terry P.M. 377 P.P.J.G.O., James Speller W.M. 461 Prov.G.M.O., John J. C. Turner P.M. 145 P.P.S. Warden, A. J. H. Ward W.M. 413 P.P.S.G.W.

On the motion of Bro. R. Galpin W.M. 145, seconded by Bro. J. P. Lewin P.G.Std.Br. W.M. 527, Bro. J. H. Salter P.M. 145 P.P.G.D.C. was unanimously re-elected Provincial Grand Treasurer.

On behalf of Lord Warwick Colonel Lockwood then appointed and invested the Officers for the ensuing year, as under:

Bro. J. Ramsey 377	-	-	-	Senior Warden
Richard Galpin 145	-	-	-	Junior Warden
Charles E. Garrard 413	-	-	-	Master Overseer
J. H. Retallack-Moloney 467	-	-	-	Senior Overseer
G. M. E. Hamilton 205	-	-	-	Junior Overseer
Rev. Canon Quennell 377	-	-	-	Chaplain
Col. Burgess 377	-	-	-	Registrar
Thos. J. Ralling 145	-	-	-	Secretary
Thomas Humphreys 377	-	-	-	Senior Deacon
Jno. E. Cheese 145	-	-	-	Junior Deacon
William A. Greene 205	-	-	-	Inspector of Works
R. Clowes 413	-	-	-	Director of Ceremonies
H. Barrow 467	-	-	-	Assistant Dir. of Cers.
M. A. McInerney 205	-	-	-	Sword Bearer
F. B. Townend 377	-	-	-	Organist
Walter Fisher 467	-	-	-	Assistant Secretary
John Wright 342	-	-	-	Inner Guard
W. H. Roscoe 377	-	-	-	Stewards
F. England 205	-	-	-	
Arthur Wright 145	-	-	-	Tyler.

A hearty vote of thanks having been passed to the W.M. and Brethren of the Brentwood Lodge, for the excellent arrangements they had made for the meeting, and duly acknowledged by Bro. Canon Quennell W.M. of the Lodge, the proceedings terminated.

Between thirty and forty Brethren afterwards dined together at the White Hart Hotel, an excellent repast being well served by Bro. and Mrs. Bolton.

In the course of the evening Col. Lockwood announced that the annual meeting of the Craft Provincial Grand Lodge would be held at Clacton-on-Sea, on Tuesday, 17th July.

## GLOUCESTERSHIRE AND HEREFORDSHIRE.

THE annual Provincial Grand Lodge of Mark Master Masons was held at Cheltenham on Friday, 15th inst., the Provincial Grand Master Brother R. V. Vassar-Smith presiding.

Provincial Grand Lodge having been opened with the usual formalities, the report of Bro. Balcomb, the Treasurer, was rendered, and showed a very satisfactory condition of the finances under his management. It was adopted on the motion of the Prov. Grand Master, who took the opportunity of thanking Bro. Balcomb for his long-continued services, seconded by Bro. Col. Rogers. The re-election of Brother Balcomb, proposed by Bro. Norman, seconded by Brother Ferris, followed.

The roll of the Lodges was next called, and showed an exceptionally strong representation from all the Province, whilst the reports presented were a record of very satisfactory working during the year.

The Provincial Grand Master then proceeded to the appointment and investiture of the Officers for the year, as follow, viz.:—

Bro. J. Waghorne	-	-	-	Senior Warden
J. Owner	-	-	-	Junior Warden
Charles Rootes	-	-	-	Master Overseer
I. W. Morrison	-	-	-	Senior Overseer
H. I. Gadd	-	-	-	Junior Overseer
Rev. Dr. Lynes	-	-	-	Chaplain
J. Balcomb	-	-	-	Treasurer
I. C. M. Vaughan	-	-	-	Registrar
G. Norman	-	-	-	Secretary
E. Dening	-	-	-	Senior Deacon
H. C. Ewens	-	-	-	Junior Deacon
G. F. Minett	-	-	-	Inspector of Works
Conway Jones	-	-	-	Director of Ceremonies
N. Philpott	-	-	-	Sword Bearer
F. Forty	-	-	-	Organist
W. Sparks	-	-	-	Inner Guard
Tarr	-	-	-	Tyler.

The third term of appointment of Bro. Vassar-Smith having expired, the next item of the proceedings was to recommend "one or more Brethren of position, eminence and ability" to the M.W. the Grand Master for election; and acting upon this, Bro. the Baron de Ferrieres, himself a past holder of the office, proposed in cordial terms the re-nomination of Bro. Vassar-Smith. This was seconded by Bro. Ferris and carried by acclamation.

The Provincial Grand Master, in accepting this fourth nomination to the office, said his nine years of office had passed very quickly, and had been made pleasant by the loyal support he had received, and by the steady growth of the Order of the Province.

The Brethren afterwards had luncheon at Pittville Pump Room.

The appointment of Viscount Doneraile as Senior Grand Warden of English Mark Masons recalls the fact that Lord Doneraile is the lineal descendant of the only lady who was ever made a Freemason. His ancestress, the Hon. Elizabeth St. Leger, hid in a recess in a room in Doneraile Court, county Cork, during the holding of a meeting of a Masonic Lodge. She was discovered, and immediately initiated into Masonic mysteries.

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Bro. George Rowles 382 desires through the medium of our paper to thank the Brethren and Subscribers to the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution for the support given him at the last election, at which he was fortunate enough to be elected.

## 'A SPRIG OF ACACIA.'

WILTSHIRE has lost its Masonic chief by the death of the Earl of Radnor, which took place on Sunday morning, the 3rd inst. The event was sudden, for his Lordship attended the levee at the beginning of the previous week, and it was only the day before his death that medical advice was seriously called for, and a consultation took place on the symptoms which then alarmingly developed themselves. The right Honourable William Fieydell-Bouverie, who was the fifth earl, was born in 1841, and was educated at Harrow and Trinity College, Cambridge. In 1866 he married a sister of the President of the Local Government Board—Ellen Matilda, daughter of the late Rev. Henry Chaplin, vicar of Ryhall, Rutlandshire. Lord Radnor was a man of many-sided activities and interests. A thorough sportsman, he was until some two years ago a master of hounds, and at one time a member of the Jockey Club. He was appointed to the Prov. Grand Mastership of Wiltshire in 1891, was a captain of the Wiltshire Yeomanry, and in all public and philanthropic movements into which he threw himself his genial presence was a tower of strength.

THE death is announced of Bro. Robert Logan, the well-known and highly esteemed clerk to the Bow Vestry, which sad event took place at his residence, Addington Road, Bow, on Monday evening, 4th inst. The deceased was one of the best known and most widely respected gentlemen in East London and his death, though not wholly unexpected removes one of the oldest landmarks from the social and parochial life of Bow. A few years ago Bro. Logan had the misfortune to lose his wife, and this so preyed upon his mind that for years he suffered from insomnia. The end of it was a complete breakdown of health, and some 12 months ago he was granted an extended leave of absence by the Vestry. Bro. Logan, acting under medical advice, went for a trip to

Madeira, from which he appeared to derive considerable benefit, and resumed his duties apparently in improving health. He, however, again broke down, and only a few weeks ago the Vestry unanimously resolved to grant him a further leave of absence. At the last meeting of that body, the chairman said he had just called upon Mr. Logan, and he was afraid he would never be able to resume his duties. This, unfortunately, proved true. The deceased was born at Paisley, came to London in 1861, and was married at the St. Andrew's Scottish Church in 1864. He leaves eight children, the eldest of whom is the manager of the London and South-Western Bank (Poplar branch). He was a member of the Coborn Lodge, and had served all the Offices.

**W**E hear with regret of the death of Bro. C. W. Raymond, which took place on Monday, 4th instant, at his residence, Campbell Road, Bow. The deceased enjoyed in a unique degree the esteem of a large and growing circle of friends. He was one of the founders of the Hygeia Lodge, a P.M., and Treasurer at the time of his death. He was a member of the All Saints Lodge, Poplar, and had passed the chair. He was also a member of All Saints Chapter. No one took a deeper interest in promoting the success of the Poplar Benevolent Society, and as Secretary to that laudable organisation he was much respected. Bro. Raymond, however, achieved his most signal successes in work of a parochial character. He was most successful as inspector of nuisances in factories, and it is interesting to hear that he was appointed to that position by the Poplar Board solely on his merits. His services were so much appreciated that with the consent of the Poplar Board some years ago he was allowed to take the position of inspector of nuisances in factories in the Erith district. Death occurred most unexpectedly, and has, needless to say, caused profound regret among all who had the privilege of his acquaintance.

**T**HE funeral took place on the 11th inst. in Plymouth Cemetery of Bro. Ernest Budge, of Mutley, who died the previous Friday, after a very brief illness. Bro. Budge was a member for many years of the Prudence Lodge, No. 1550, of which he was a Past Master, and among whose members he was held in very great esteem. The Masonic Brethren assembled at the Club, in Princess Square, about eleven o'clock on the morning of the funeral and drove in carriages to the residence of the deceased, where they were joined by a large number of other friends, so that the cortege was an unusually long one. The service at the cemetery was conducted by the Rev. J. M. Hodge. The coffin was completely hidden under a large number of beautiful wreaths, and at the conclusion of the ceremony the Masonic Brethren each dropped a sprig of acacia into the grave. Bro. Budge, who was thirty-nine years old, leaves a widow and two young children.

**O**N Saturday, 2nd inst., passed away the highly respected Bro. Jacob Friedeberg, one of the oldest Freemasons in the borough of Portsea, a P.M. of the Craft. Of the Jewish persuasion, he was many times Warden of the Synagogue, and filled almost every office of responsibility. He was a trustee of the Synagogue, and a life member of its council, and received many tokens of regard for the valuable services rendered, among which was an illuminated address. He was a trustee of Aria College, an institution he took a great interest in. His mortal remains were interred in the Jewish Cemetery, Fawcett Road, Southsea, on Tuesday, 5th inst., amidst the universal respect of Portsea tradesmen, and many from different parts of the borough. The funeral was well attended by all classes.

**T**HE remains of the late Bro. Wm. Hawes, of Woodbridge, who died on Whit-Monday, at the age of 78, were interred on Friday afternoon, 8th inst. The Doric Lodge, of which deceased had been a member many years, was represented by several members, as also were other bodies with which the deceased had been associated. There were many floral tributes, and at the conclusion of the ceremony the deceased's Brother Masons dropped sprigs of acacia into the grave in accordance with custom.

**T**HE death is announced of Bro. John Dew, J.P., of Basingstoke, a Past Master of the Oakley Lodge, and a P.P.G. Reg. He was also a member of the Provincial Grand Lodge Charities Committee.

## BERKSHIRE.

**L**ORD Wantage Provincial Grand Master has invited the members of Provincial Lodge to hold their annual meeting at his residence, Lockinge, near Wantage. The gathering will take place about the middle of next month.

## ESSEX.

**T**HE annual meeting of this Provincial Grand Lodge will be held at Clacton-on-Sea, on Tuesday, 17th proximo, and may be looked forward to with the certainty of proving most enjoyable, provided fine weather prevails.

Saturday next, the 30th instant, will be ex-pupils' day, and, as usual, the House Committee of the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls will be pleased to see as many ex-pupils as can make it convenient to attend between the hours of three and seven p.m. The Committee, however, wish to impress upon ex-pupils that the day is set apart for them, and them only, and that visitors are not invited or expected to attend.

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At the conclusion of the June meeting of the St. Anne Lodge, Looe, the W.M. and Brethren were entertained at a cold collation by Bro. Sholto H. Hare P.P.J.G.D. During the evening a telegram was sent by Bro. Hare to the Queen, conveying the hearty congratulations of the members of the Lodge on the recent successes of the troops in South Africa. The following reply has reached the Secretary of the Lodge, Bro. J. G. Henwood P.P.S.G.D.:—

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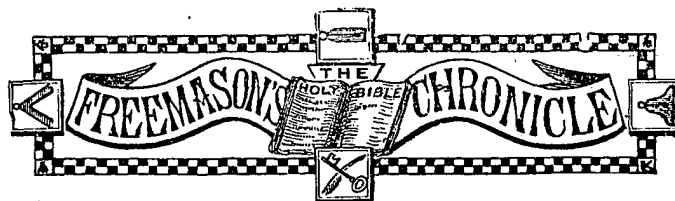
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### BOARD OF BENEVOLENCE.

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The Brethren confirmed the recommendations made to the Grand Master at the May meeting to the amount of £510.

Twenty-five cases appeared on the new list, one of which was dismissed, and three were deferred. To the amount of £570 the remainder were relieved or recommended for relief. Grand Lodge was asked to sanction votes of £75 in one instance, and £50 in two cases. Three sums of £40 each and three of £30 each were referred to the Grand Master, and seven sums of £20, four of £10, and one sum of £5 were immediately granted.

### THE BOARD OF GENERAL PURPOSES.

**I**T has been determined that in accordance with Law 255 of the Book of Constitutions, two Past Masters of the same Lodge cannot be elected on the same Board of General Purposes. It follows that as a result of the recent election Brother Robert Manuel P.M. of the Urban Lodge, No. 1196, who obtained 295 votes, and who was fifth on the poll, retains his seat at the Board; while Brother Japheth Tickle, also P.M. of the Urban Lodge, No. 1196, who obtained 190 votes, and who was sixteenth on the poll, is ineligible to sit.

Bro. John Robertson Keep P.M. of Cordwainer Ward Lodge, No. 2241, obtains the vacant seat at the Board, caused by Bro. Tickle's election being invalid.

### ENLARGED HALL AT BLANDFORD.

**T**HERE was a large gathering at the Honour and Friendship Lodge, No. 1266, Blandford, on Tuesday evening, 12th inst.

The occasion was a special one, inasmuch as the Brethren celebrated the completion of the set of Masonic Rooms acquired by the Lodge. For some time the need of a more commodious supper room was badly felt, and it was decided to extend the room generally used. This has been carried out in a most satisfactory manner, and an excellent and spacious dining room provided, which was opened by the Master Bro. H. R. Jesty on Tuesday evening after the usual business of the Lodge had been transacted.

The business included the initiation of Mr. G. E. Woodhouse, and at its conclusion the new supper room was used for the first time. An excellent repast was provided by Bro. H. Champion, and the Master presided over a large gathering, which included a goodly number of past and present Provincial Grand Officers and Brethren from various Lodges in the county. The usual toasts were given during the evening and some excellent songs rendered. The gathering was of a most successful character.

At the conclusion of the business at the Portsmouth Lodge, No. 487, on Thursday evening—five members being initiated—a smoking concert was held, a very enjoyable hour being spent. Bro. H. G. Fryer W.M. presided, and his vis-a-vis was Bro. Triggs S.W. Among those who contributed were Bros. Isidore Marcill (who splendidly sang "The Diver" and "Drinking"), W. Bate, W. J. Cronin, A. Gribben, G. Bevis, G. Symes, Bert Cunningham, and Gauntlett. Bro. Cowan presided at the piano.

### MASONIC JEWELS.

EVERY lawfully-constituted and well-governed Lodge has form, covering, furniture, ornaments, lights, and also jewels, all of which claim the attention of every speculative Mason who would rightly understand the royal art and become proficient in the noble science. The most important lessons in Masonry are taught in symbolic language. Each symbol presented to the learner of these lessons is the sign of an idea designed to instruct the diligent Craftsman in skilfully executing his work, and it is desirable that every one in search of Masonic light should understand the media through which it is conveyed, in order to comprehend the instructions given.

Among the many symbols exhibited for contemplation are six jewels—three movable, three immovable—all being of special value to the Mason, and each of great worth among his possessions. The word jewel conveys the idea of something precious, highly valued, worth searching for, and that may be used for the adornment of the person. It is guarded as a treasure. Masonry as a "system of morality, veiled in allegory and illustrated by symbols," has selected the square, level and plumb as immovable jewels, each set in its appropriate place in the east, west and south, where it is expressive of a fundamental idea in Masonry, awakening in the mind a precious train of thought relative to the work in which Masons are engaged, with a most valuable suggestion as to the manner in which they are always to meet, act, and part. They well deserve the name of jewels in this respect, and no quality of the human mind should be more eagerly sought after or more highly prized than is symbolised by these immovable jewels.

These symbols, as tools in the hands of the Craftsmen, are of inestimable value in constructing a social and moral edifice in which every virtue dwells and from which every vice is excluded. Symbolising integrity, equality, morality, each shines in its respective station with the brilliancy of a precious gem, sending a corresponding sentiment towards the mind, heart and conscience of the beholder, which, if received and reduced to practice, cannot fail to produce most precious results in peace, love and unity, with all the valuable accessories that gather around this triplet of Masonic virtues. These jewels are radiant with Masonic ideas which should penetrate the soul of every Mason and be clearly reflected in his character and conduct till he becomes a pillar of strength to the fraternity.

For want of comprehension of the idea conveyed by these symbols through neglect of attention to them, Masonry falls short of its object as a system of morality, and it fails to come up to its true standard as an educational institution. Its design is to make its votaries wiser, better and happier, and this design cannot be accomplished, if its symbolic lessons be not understood; nor can they be understood without such appreciation of their value as to call forth a special effort to make these symbols give up their secret, and especially to gain possession of these jewels.

Many a Mason has failed to grasp the "hidden" mysteries of Masonry. Too many gather up a few signs, words and tokens on their rapid passage from rank to rank, on their upward climb towards the pinnacle, and in their haste they fail to apprehend the true secret of a Master Mason, or realise the beauty of the system, the attractive charm and precious worth of which is veiled in symbols, the meaning of which they have neglected to decipher. Forgetting that Masonry's curriculum is a course of hieroglyphic and moral instructions communicated through the media of symbols, together with allegory, legend and hieroglyph, they become Masons in body, but not in mind, heart, and soul; nor can it be otherwise so long as a tinsel is preferred to a jewel; or, in other words, so long as the outer ornaments of Masonry are prized more highly than the inward adornment conferred through its mystic teachings that lie concealed in its symbols and sparkle in its jewels.

In addition to the plumb, level and square, Masonry has selected the rough ashlar, the perfect ashlar and the trestle-board as jewels, movable in their nature, and designed to be ever in reach of the Craftsman. The Operative Mason wrought in stone, and his task was to transform, by a skilful use of his working tools, the rough block raised from the quarry into a stone hewed, squared and fitted, according to the design drawn on the trestle-board, for its destined place in the building.

In like manner, the Speculative Mason takes man—himself for instance—as symbolised by the rough ashlar,

from the quarry of human nature, demoralised by the evils incident to his natural state, and following the designs drawn upon the trestle-board, which is a symbol of the natural and moral law, and using for his tools the working symbols according to instructions, he hews to the plummet and line till he has wrought a man—a model man, bearing all the features of true manhood, as symbolised by the perfect ashlar—a man that will pass the Overseer's inspection as good square work that will entitle him to the reward that even the world is ready to bestow upon the just and upright man, who is true and trusty in all his relations with mankind.

In reality, there is no more precious object presented on earth for Masonic contemplation than the perfect ashlar as a symbol of the perfect man (as far as human perfection is attainable by all the means within reach)—a man resting on that foundation which God has laid in Zion, shining in the Great Light as "a tried stone, a precious corner-stone, a sure foundation," and to whom shall be given a "white stone, and in the stone a new name written" when he overcomes the evils of his nature by circumscribing his desires, keeping his passions within due bounds, doing justly, loving mercy and walking humbly with his God.

Viewed in this light, the perfect ashlar, wrought by the skill of the Craftsman from the rough ashlar by the plan drawn on the trestle-board under the instruction of the Great Architect, may be regarded as the highest point for attainment in all Masonic work. The common gavel, even in the hand of a skilful workman, may not be capable of changing the rough into a perfect ashlar. The chisel and mallet of the practised artisan may be needed to work such a desirable transformation; but to secure both the strength and beauty of the temple, it is worth all that it costs in knowledge, skill, and industry. No matter on how solid a foundation the Masonic edifice is laid, if its walls are largely composed of rough ashlar, it presents an unsightly appearance, and becomes repulsive instead of attractive to the world. Every Mason should, therefore, keep his eye on this jewel as a symbol of that excellence of moral character, rectitude of conduct, integrity of purpose, honesty in dealing and social culture which he should attain in order to give strength and beauty to that social and moral edifice on the erection of which he is engaged as a Craftsman.

There is reason to suspect that this particular stone is set at naught by many builders, and, if not rejected from their contemplations as a symbol of finished work, is at least neglected as a model, and in consequence a large amount of Masonic work fails to come up to standard. In addition to divesting the mind and conscience of the vices and superfluities of life, the mind, which, like the rough ashlar, is rude and unpolished, untutored and uncultured, must be brought under the influence of that system of education which "discovers its latent virtues and draws them forth to range the large field of matter and space, to display the summit of human knowledge—our duty to God and to man." This calls for an application of the chisel, which symbolises morally the advantages of discipline and education; and this finishing tool in one hand must be used with the mallet in the other, each blow of which must leave a mark on that which contains the vital parts of the man, that will be visible through all his life, for "what the mallet is to the workman, enlightened reason is to the passions; it curbs ambition, depresses envy, moderates anger, and encourages good dispositions and kind feelings"—in a word, "it relieves the mind from the domination of vice and immorality, and fits it as a well-wrought stone for that exalted station in the great temple of nature to which, as an emanation from Deity, it is entitled." "Morally the mallet teaches to correct irregularities, and reduce man to a proper level; so that, by a quiet deportment, he may, in the school of discipline, learn to be content."

If these refining tools were used more frequently, carefully, and diligently by the Craft in their daily work, there would be fewer rough ashlar in the walls of the temple, and its claim that "no institution was ever raised on better principles or a more solid foundation," would be established in strength before all mankind.

But while the perfect ashlar may be contemplated as the most valuable jewel in the set, as it is the product of all combined and a resultant of all Masonic labour, yet it can never be wrought without most closely following

every plan and specification of the Masonic trestle-board, which "in Speculative Masonry is symbolical of the books of nature and revelation, in which the Supreme Architect of the Universe has developed his will, for the guidance and assistance of his creatures in the great labour of their lives," the erection of a temple in which every moral and social virtue dwells.

The book of the law and testimony is so highly prized in Masonry as to be placed among its jewels in the form of a trestle-board, on which the course of life to be pursued is clearly marked out, if true manhood is to be attained, or real happiness is to be gained. To answer the purpose designed, it is not enough that these jewels be exhibited in the Lodge as the insignia of office, or explained to the candidate from a chart, where they are seemingly valueless; but as symbols, embodying ideas of deepest import in the development of character and conduct corresponding with their interpretation, they should be cherished in the mind, treasured in the heart and exhibited in the every day life of the Mason as ornaments of the heart and adornments of the person, evidencing that purity of thought and rectitude of life so essential to gaining admittance to the realms of earthly happiness, peace, and prosperity.

Indeed, if that close attention were given to symbolic Masonry which it deserves, and if a more earnest search were made for the hidden mysteries therein contained, a much deeper interest would be taken in the work, and the greater would be the desire to tarry long among these fundamental principles, instead of seeking a hasty flight into regions beyond and ranks above. Rather, Brethren, stand to and abide by the Blue Lodge with its jewels.—Bro. Rev. Gilbert Small, in "Masonic Advocate."

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### LODGE MEETINGS NEXT WEEK.

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

#### Monday.

1910 Shadwell Clerke, M'kmasons'-h.  
2397 Columbia, Criterion  
48 Industry, Gateshead  
491 Royal Sussex, Jersey  
999 Robert Burns, Manchester  
1110 Tyrian, Eastbourne  
1177 Tenby, Tenby  
1258 Kennard, Pontypool  
1325 Stanley, Liverpool  
1399 Marlborough, Woodstock  
1688 Buxton, Buxton  
1752 Omore, Bridgend  
1753 Obedience, Okehampton  
1991 Agricola, York  
2068 Portsmouth Temperance, L'dp't.  
2279 Thornham, Thornham  
2502 Gatwick, Horley  
2547 Llangattock, Cardiff  
2553 Rufford, Nottingham  
2654 Arter, Moseley  
2769 Rolle, Exmouth

#### Tuesday.

14 Tuscan, Freemasons'-hall  
2108 Empire, Criterion  
253 Tyrian, Derby  
299 Emulation, Dartford  
564 Stability, Stourbridge  
1007 Howe & Charnwood, Loughboro  
1016 Elkington, Birmingham  
1052 Callander, Manchester  
1358 Torbay, Paignton  
1390 Whitwell, Millon  
1536 United Military, Plumstead  
1580 Cranbourne, Hatfield  
1616 Friendship & Harmony, W'yb'ge  
1650 Rose of Raby, Staindrop  
1675 Ancient Briton, Liverpool  
1779 Ivanhoe, Sheffield  
1834 Duke of Connaught, Landport  
2025 St. George, Plymouth  
2328 Albert Victor, York  
2404 Lord Charles Beresford, Ch'tm.  
2405 Ionic, St. Helen's

2414 Wychwood, Burford  
2518 Chas. Ed. Keyser, Hoddesden  
2692 Hastings, Hastings

#### Wednesday.

2 Antiquity, Freemasons'-hall  
76 Economy, Winchester  
163 Integrity, Manchester  
220 Harmony, Garston  
257 Phoenix, Portsmouth  
304 Philanthropic, Leeds  
321 Unity, Crewe  
439 Scientific, Bingley  
461 Fortitude, Newton  
724 Derby, Liverpool  
778 Bard of Avon, Hampton Court  
1039 St. John, Lichfield  
1083 Townley Parker, Manchester  
1219 Strangeways, Manchester  
1283 Ryburn, Sowerby Bridge  
1633 Avon, Manchester  
1756 Kirkdale, Liverpool  
1760 Leopold, Scarborough  
1775 Leopold, Church  
1868 Unity, Oldham  
1967 Beacon Court, New Brompton  
1984 Earl of Clarendon, Watford  
1989 Stirling, Cleator Moor  
2019 Crook, Crook  
2064 Smith Child, Tunstall  
2149 Gordon, Hanley  
2186 Strigui, Chepstow  
2216 Egerton, Swinton  
2320 St. Martin, Castleton  
2385 Godson, Oldbury  
2444 Noel, Kingston-on-Thames  
2448 Bradstow, Broadstairs  
2762 Lindisfarne, North Shields

#### Thursday.

General Committee Girls' School,  
F.M.H., at 5.  
65 Prosperity, Guildhall Tavern  
99 Shakespear, Albion  
858 South Middlesex, Fulham  
1523 St. Mary Magdalene, Café Royal  
2319 Scots, Crane Court, Fleet Street  
39 St. John Baptist, Exeter

51 Angel, Colchester  
78 Imperial George, Middleton  
202 Friendship, Devonport  
309 Harmony, Fareham  
346 United Brethren, Blackburn  
410 Grove, Ewell  
590 La Casaree, Jersey  
594 Downshire, Liverpool  
636 De Ogle, Morpeth  
787 Beaureper, Belper  
807 Cabbell, Norwich  
935 Harmony, Salford  
1032 Townley Parker, Chorley  
1151 St. Andrew, Tywardreath  
1163 Emulation, Birmingham  
1166 Clarendon, Hyde  
1313 Fernor, Southport  
1345 Victoria, Eccles  
1404 Saint Vincent, Bristol  
1418 Fraternity, Stockton-on-Tees  
1519 Albert Edward, Clayton-le-Moors  
1578 Merlin, Pontypridd  
1705 Prince of Wales, Gosport  
1817 St. Andrew, Shoburness  
1884 Chine, Shanklin, Isle of Wight  
1957 Grove, Hazel Grove  
1971 Ald'shot, Army & Navy, A'shot.  
2101 Bramston Beach, Godalming  
2184 Royal Vict. Jubilee, Rainham  
2214 Josiah Wedgewood, Etruria  
2215 Anfield, Anfield  
2263 St. Leonards, Sheffield  
2335 Cycling and Athletic, Liverpool  
2371 Felix, Felixstowe  
2375 Hilbre, Hoylake  
2415 Tristram, Shildon  
2418 Hadworth, South Shields  
2462 Clarence, West Hartlepool  
2463 Bootle-Wilbraham, Knotty Ash  
2474 Hatherton, Walsall

#### Friday.

Council Boys School, F.M.H., at 4.  
602 North York, Middlesbrough  
810 Craven, Skipton  
1822 St. Quintin, Cowbridge  
1284 Brent, Topsham  
1462 Wharnccliffe, Penistone

### The Theatres, &c.

Avenue.—8, His Wife's Picture. 8.45, A Message from Mars. Matinée, Wednesday and Saturday, 3.  
Comedy.—8, Pygmalion and Galatea. 10, Comedy and Tragedy. Matinée, Thursday, 2.30.  
Covent Garden.—On Monday Das Rheingold, Tuesday Die Walkure, Wednesday Siegfried, Thursday Faust, Friday Die Gotterdammerung.  
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, The School for Scandal. Matinée, Wednesday and Saturday, 2.  
Her Majesty's.—8.30, Rip Van Winkle. Matinée, Wednesday and Saturday, 2.15.  
Lyceum.—8, Olivia. Matinée, Saturday, 2.  
Lyric.—8, Florodora. Matinée, Wednesday, 2.30.  
Prince of Wales.—8, Ib and Little Christina. 8.45, The only way.  
Princess's.—8, Dora. The Streets of London.  
Royalty.—8.15, Mrs. Jordan. 9, Magda. Matinée, Wednesday and Saturday, 3. Tuesday and Thursday, 3, Pelleas and Melisande.  
Savoy.—8, Pretty Polly. 8.20, The Rose of Persia.  
Strand.—8.15, Miss Cinderella. 9, The Brixton Burglary. Matinée, Wednesday, 2.30.  
Vaudeville.—8.15, The Lady Volunteers. 8.50, Kitty Grey. Matinée, Wednesday, 3.  
Wyndham's.—8.30, The Liars.  
Alexandra.—Next week, 8, On and Off.  
Surrey.—Next week, 7.45, The Life we Live.  
Standard.—Next week, 7.45, No Man's Land.  
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.  
Alexandra Palace.—Thursday and Saturday. Varied entertainments.  
Crystal Palace.—Varied attractions daily. Thursday and Saturday Fireworks, &c.  
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.  
Moore and Burgess Minstrels (St. James's Hall).—Every evening at 8, Monday, Wednesday, and Saturday at 3 and 8.  
Polytechnic.—3, Our Navy, &c. Saturdays, 3 and 8.

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## REPORTS OF MEETINGS.

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

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### CRAFT: METROPOLITAN.

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#### HENLEY LODGE, No. 1472.

ON Tuesday, 5th inst., a Lodge of emergency met at the Three Crowns Hotel, North Woolwich, to initiate, pass, and raise several gentlemen. Bro. D. Ross is the W.M. of this flourishing Lodge, and, assisted by his various Officers, performed the ceremonies in a very effective manner.

Messrs. T. Clamp and H. J. Vaughan, both of South Woolwich, took their first step into the mysteries and rites of the Craft. Bros. Ross and Walters were passed, and Bros. Hirons, Hart, Hammond, and Ott were raised.

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#### RAHERE LODGE, No. 2546.

THE installation meeting was held in the Great Hall of St. Bartholomew's Hospital, on Tuesday, 12th inst.

Bro. J. H. Drysdale, M.D., was elected a joining member. Bro. the Rev. Sir Borradaile Savory, Bart., and Bro. Cross were re-elected members of the standing Committee, and Bro. A. W. Izard was elected a member of this Committee.

Bro. Reece W.M. installed his successor, Bro. Walter Gripper P.P.G.D. Surrey, as W.M. for the ensuing year.

A Past Master's jewel was awarded to Bro. Reece, and Bro. Gripper, in the name of the Lodge, presented Bro. D'Arcy Power with the jewel of a P.G.D. in recognition of his services to the Lodge in the capacity of Secretary, and as a token of appreciation on his appointment to the office of a Junior Grand Deacon. The report of the Audit Committee was received and adopted.

The Brethren and their guests to the number of 90 afterwards dined together at the Restaurant Frascati.

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## INSTRUCTION.

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#### YARBOROUGH LODGE, No. 554.

ON Tuesday, at Bro. Butlin's, the Citizen, Houndsditch, Bros. J. George W.M., G. Stock S.W., B. Gibbard J.W., J. Cowell P.M. Prec., D. McNish P.M. Sec., J. Mahony S.D., W. T. Andrews J.D., L. DaCosta I.G., J. Wynman, &c.

The Lodge being formed, the W.M. announced his intention of rehearsing only one degree, as other important business had afterwards to be transacted. He selected the ceremony of initiation, for which Bro. Wynman was accepted as candidate. This being the first occasion on which we had had the pleasure of witnessing the working of Bro. George we take the opportunity of complimenting him on his efforts.

The yearly accounts were gone through, and the Secretary and Auditors were highly complimented on the record they were able to submit.

Bro. G. Stock will preside on Tuesday next, when we hope to see a good attendance.

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#### FRIARS LODGE, No. 1349.

UNFAVOURABLE weather did not prevent a good assembly on Thursday, at Bro. M. Abrahams's, the Aldgate Distillery, Aldgate, those present including Bros. Jas. Oxley W.M., B. DaCosta S.W., N. Goldman J.W., L. A. DaCosta P.M. Prec., J. Davis Sec., M. DaCosta S.D., S. B. Lotheim J.D., John Durrell I.G., A. Crabb Steward, D. Moss P.M. D.C., J. Richmond, and J. Wynman.

A feature of the meeting was the presence of five Past Masters, each of them a Preceptor of a Lodge of Instruction. As can be imagined the work of the meeting was severely criticised, and it was fortunate that the Officers for the time being were well up in their duties.

The Lodge was advanced to the second degree and Bro. D. Moss was examined and entrusted as a candidate for raising, that ceremony being gone through, after which the W.M. worked the second and third sections of the lecture. The Lodge was resumed to the second degree and the W.M. worked the first section of that lecture. The Lodge was then resumed to the first degree.

Bro. B. DaCosta was elected W.M. for the first Thursday in July, as next week the worthy and highly esteemed Preceptor Bro. L. A. DaCosta has the privilege of officiating in the chair.

It was proposed that a letter of sincere condolence be sent to Bro. R.

Philips, sympathising with him in the loss of his mother, also to Mrs. M. Abrahams, the hostess, sister of Mrs. Philips. Bro. B. DaCosta also proposed that a letter of sincere sympathy be sent to Bro. Joseph Abrahams, the W.M. of the Mother Lodge, who had met with a severe railway accident, wishing him a speedy recovery. All of which propositions were unanimously carried.

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#### SKELMERSDALE LODGE, No. 1658.

THE fine weather caused a smaller attendance than usual at the weekly meeting of this Lodge of Instruction, held at the Rookingham, Newington Causeway, on Sunday evening, at 7 o'clock, but those who did attend were well repaid with a very interesting display of Masonic working. The chair was occupied by Bro. R. B. Hopkins, who can at least show us how to sound a bell, and was on this occasion equally at home in the chair of W.M., even if his Masonic duties did not require quite so much activity as we are accustomed to witness when he is "ringing the changes" on his silver bells. He was supported by Bros. J. C. Davis J.W., Charles Plant P.M. Prec., H. R. Buckeridge P.M. Treas., B. Cohen Sec., J. Hibble S.D., F. Nilen J.D., S. P. Smeltzer I.G., T. Davis P.M., J. Ford, and J. Wynman.

The Lodge being opened the minutes were confirmed. The Lodge was called off and on. Lodge was advanced to the second and third degrees, and Bro. Plant, by desire of the W.M., worked the first section of the lecture. Lodge was resumed to the second degree, and the W.M. expressed his desire to rehearse the third ceremony, for which Bro. J. Ford offered himself as the candidate, answered the questions, was entrusted, and duly raised.

Bro. Crowther was elected W.M. for the first Sunday in July, to-morrow being Officers' night.

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#### WOODROW LODGE, No. 1708.

THE fine weather did not prevent the Brethren attending this Lodge on Monday afternoon, at 3 o'clock, at Bro. Rudderforth's (Stone's) Restaurant, Panton Street, Haymarket, those present including Bros. J. W. Simeons W.M. 193 Secretary of the Lodge as W.M., J. E. Culverhouse S.W., S. E. Firminger J.W., C. Woodrow P.M. Prec., G. Baker S.D., Th. Burgess J.D., J. G. Lobb I.G., N. Cawley, G. E. Genett, A. Menn, J. Wynman, &c.

The Lodge was opened to the second degree, and Bro. Genett answered the questions to the satisfaction of the W.M. He was entrusted and the ceremony of raising was proceeded with.

Bro. Culverhouse was elected W.M. for Monday next. The excellent working of that Brother being so well known we strongly advise Brethren to pay the Lodge a visit on the occasion, and we are sure they will receive an exceptional Masonic treat, as well as a hearty welcome.

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#### EYRE LODGE, No. 2742.

CONSIDERING the unfavourable weather there was a very good attendance on Wednesday, 13th, at the house of Bro. C. Murless, the Eyre Arms Hotel, St. John's Wood. Those present included Bros. E. Nauen W.M., A. Archers S.W., G. Thompson J.W., H. Weston P.M. Prec., W. Bersey Sec., E. Lillie S.D., A. Barrell J.D., J. Wynman I.G., J. Graham P.M.

The W.M. having opened the Lodge vacated the chair in favour of Bro. Murless, who announced his intention of rehearsing a passing, for which Bro. Nauen offered himself as a candidate. He having answered the questions he was entrusted, the Lodge was opened in the second degree, and the ceremony was gone through. The perfect working of Bro. Murless being so well known requires no compliment on our part. The Lodge was resumed to the first degree and Bro. Weston, with the assistance of the Brethren, worked the second section of the lecture.

Bro. Nauen was elected a member, and Bro. Archer W.M. for Wednesday next.

Brethren wishing for a Masonic treat are strongly recommended to pay this Lodge a visit. The meetings are held every Wednesday, at eight o'clock.

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

ON Wednesday, 30th ult., at the Greyhound Hotel, Kensington Square, Bros. A. Williams W.M., C. G. Hatt S.W., T. Leete J.W., J. Worth Preceptor, J. Cox Deputy Preceptor, J. W. Facey Treas., Albert J. Taylor Sec., R. R. Young S.D., H. G. Cox J.D., W. S. Lyon I.G., J. Cox Steward, B. S. Thompson, J. H. McNaughten, Barton Jones.

The W.M. rehearsed the ceremony of initiation, Bro. B. S. Thompson being candidate. Bro. Thompson answered the questions leading to the second degree. The Lodge was opened in the second degree. Bro. J. Cox answered the questions leading to the third degree, was entrusted and retired, and the ceremony of raising was rehearsed. Bro. C. S. Hatt was unanimously elected to occupy the chair at the next meeting.

A hearty vote of thanks was accorded to Bro. Arthur Williams for occupying the chair and giving such a splendid rendering of the two degrees, and was duly recorded on the minutes. Bro. Williams highly complimented the Preceptor Bro. Worth, for his very able and kindly attention, and congratulated the Lodge in having such a genial Preceptor, so thoroughly efficient in the ritual.

ON the 16th ult., Bros. Albert J. Taylor W.M., S. C. Stafford S.W., J. H. King J.W., J. Worth Preceptor, Albert J. Taylor Sec., W. James S.D., H. J. Cox J.D., Hallam I.G., Smethurst, S. C. Stafford, B. S. Thompson.

The W.M. rehearsed the initiation ceremony, Bro. Thompson being the candidate. The Lodge was called off and on. The W.M. gave the charge.

Bros. Stafford and Thompson were unanimously elected members, Bro. Stafford being also chosen to occupy the chair as W.M. at the next meeting.

Bro. Preceptor proposed, Bro. Junior Warden seconded, that a hearty vote of thanks be recorded on the minutes for the excellent manner in which Bro. Taylor had conducted the ceremonies and rehearsed the initiation.

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## PROVINCIAL.

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

THE annual installation took place at Rochford, on Tuesday, 12th inst., and was attended by Brethren from far and near. The ceremony took place in the Court House, which was adapted for the occasion. Bro. Charles E. Judd Prov.G.Org. and P.M. of the Trinity Lodge was installed as W.M. by Bro. B. G. Thomas P.M., and the Officers for the year were invested.

After the ceremony, the Brethren repaired to the Old Ship Hotel for the banquet.

### LODGE OF SYMPATHY, No. 483.

A MEETING was held at the Clarendon Hotel, Gravesend, on Wednesday, by dispensation, as the regular date was absorbed by the meeting of the Grand Lodge of Kent, when Bro. Alfred J. Walklin I.P.M. presided, in the absence of Bro. J. N. Willis W.M., and opened the Lodge with the assistance of the Officers: Bros. W. Spencer Bowen S.W., Ernest Ingman J.W., T. T. Hogg Treasurer, Arthur Ronaldson Secretary, J. A. Gillett S.D., J. Hewison acting J.D., C. P. Bowen I.G., and Robert Matthews Organist.

There were also present Bros. R. J. Beamish P.M., Thos. H. Lygo P.M. (wearing the collar of his new office as Prov.A.D.C.), William Hawker P.M., John Fitch J.W. 2599, H. Collins 615, and a large number of the Brethren.

After the minutes had been read and confirmed the ballot was taken for Bro. Alfred Primey Busbridge, of the Royal Standard Lodge, No. 1298, as a joining member, which proved unanimous. The Lodge was then opened in the second degree, when Bros. W. Nice, A. Holland, F. W. Phillips, and H. A. Browne answered the customary questions of the Craftsman, and were subsequently raised to the supreme degree. The work of all concerned was admirably performed, and may be cited as the result of an excellent Lodge of Instruction.

Bro. Walklin gave the Traditional History, after which the Brethren were invested and took their seats in the Lodge as Master Masons.

The Treasurer presented his report, from which it appeared that the financial condition of the Lodge was highly satisfactory, while a goodly amount stood to the credit of the Charity Fund. The resignation of an old member and Past Master of the Lodge was accepted with regret. Bro. Lygo received the congratulations of the members upon the preferment conferred upon him by the Provincial Grand Master, and there being no further business the Lodge was closed and the meeting adjourned.

The Brethren subsequently partook of supper, and a pleasant evening was spent.

### FIDELITY LODGE, No. 555.

THE installation meeting was held at the Crown Hotel, Framlingham, on the evening of Wednesday, 13th inst., when a large number of visitors assembled for the installation of Bro. E. W. Lynch.

The ceremony of installation was performed in a most impressive and finished manner by Bro. J. B. Fraser P.P.S.G.D., after which the W.M. appointed and invested his Officers.

The Lodge having been closed, the Brethren adjourned to an excellent banquet, at the Corn Hall, presided over by the W.M. After the usual preliminary toasts had been proposed and honoured, Bro. Hulland proposed the special toast of the evening—the W.M. Bro. E. W. Lynch. He said Shakespeare had bidden us in one of his plays, to "welcome the coming, speed the parting guest," and he appreciated very highly the privilege which had been accorded him of performing the former task, and in being that evening the mouthpiece of the meeting to express the thanks of the Brethren that Bro. Lynch had again consented to fill the chair. Lodge Fidelity was in this connection under deep obligation to him. The W.M. had a long and honourable family Masonic tradition to maintain, and right worthily had he done so. He had filled every Office in the Lodge, and carried out the duties appertaining to each with zeal and dignity, bringing to bear upon his work a thorough earnestness of purpose, and at all times an anxiety to further the cause of the Craft and the best interests of the Lodge. He ventured to bespeak for him the hearty support of the Brethren during his tenure of Office and to prophesy a record year of prosperity. He had nominated for Officers true and trusty Masons, who had in the past proved their capacity, and this augured well for success in the coming year.

The W.M., in reply, said he was proud—very proud—of the position which he occupied, and thanked the Brethren, not only for the kind manner in which the toast had been proposed, and for its enthusiastic reception, but also for the very many kindnesses he had received from them during the whole of his Masonic career. Having already occupied the chair of K.S., he was cognisant of the duties and grave responsibilities which devolved upon him. He appreciated the trust reposed in him, and he would spare no efforts to study and further the best interests of the Fidelity Lodge and of Masonry in general. He was convinced that those efforts would be most heartily seconded by the excellent Masons who had done him the honour to accept office under him. The W.M. said he considered himself a link with the past, for his father, grandfather, and great grandfather were Masons; and it was by a curious and happy coincidence that when he was first installed it was just exactly a century that his great grandfather was placed in the chair of K.S. in Lodge at Ballyconnell, No. 453 on the Register of the Grand Lodge of Ireland.

### TYNWALD LODGE, No. 1242.

THERE was a most successful meeting at Douglas on Wednesday evening, 13th inst., Bros. J. A. Brown Deputy Provincial Grand Master and Samuel Webb Prov.S.G.Warden Designate, and many of the prospective Prov.G. Officers, being present.

### NEWTON LODGE, No. 1661.

THE annual meeting took place on Friday, 8th inst., at the Masonic Hall, Newark, and was largely and influentially attended.

Additional interest attached to the occasion by the fact that the Lodge had unanimously conferred its chief honour this year on one of the most eminent Masons of the Province—Bro. Henry George, B.A. The distinguished services which Bro. George has rendered to Masonry for a long series of years are well known to the members of the Order, and they have been recognised from time to time by his preferment to various dignities, notably that of Provincial Senior Grand Warden. In the Newton Lodge Bro. George has always been ready to give the benefit of his able services and wide experience in the promotion of its interests, and much of its success is undoubtedly due to his efforts and to the efficient way in which he has discharged the onerous duties of Secretary. Though a Past Master of other Lodges, Bro. George has never occupied the position of W.M. at Newark, and when it was proposed that he should be asked to do so as some recognition of his services, Bro. Cosham, who was next in succession to the chair, readily and loyally waved his claim for the year, and the election of Bro. George was very heartily and unanimously confirmed.

The installation was not only largely attended by members of the Newton Lodge, but a large number of visitors attended to do honour to the occasion.

Judge Masterman D.P.G.M. and Dr. Appleby officiated at the installation, the latter acting as Installing Master.

After the Lodge meeting a banquet was served at the Town Hall,

Mrs. and the Misses George were present in the Council Chamber to assist at the reception of the guests, each of whom was presented with a button-hole.

The usual Loyal and Masonic toasts were honoured, and a hearty reception was given to that of the new Master who, in an interesting speech, reviewed his Masonic career, and expressed the deep interest he felt in the success of Freemasonry.

A very interesting speech, or rather two speeches during the evening, were made by Bro. J. M. McLeod (brother-in-law of the new Master), who as Secretary to the Masonic School for Boys made an eloquent appeal on behalf of the Masonic Charities.

### WALTHAM ABBEY LODGE, No. 2750.

ON the 14th inst., at the Cock Hotel, Waltham Abbey, Bros. Jas. Graham P.M. 652 Prov. Grand Stewd. W.M., H. A. Baxter S.W., J. H. Kirby J.W., T. P. Trounce P.M. 453 Prov. Grand Treas. Treas., W. B. Rutherford Sec., Jas. Speller P.P.G.D. I.P.M., H. Palmer S.D., Jno. Page J.D., W. C. Goulding I.G., &c.

Visitors: Bros. F. M. Bilby P.P.S.G.W., W. A. Sprout P.P.G.D., H. Trask P.P.G.S.Works, F. H. Mausell P.M. Grand Std., and Craig 2372, all of the neighbouring Province of Herts., Bro. M. F. Cadman J.W. 1707, F. Harvey Org. 1707, R. R. Sinclair 1185, J. Crawler 2136, and W. Budd 1693.

The W.M. opened the Lodge in the first and second degrees, and passed to the latter Bros. Thos. Carr, Thos. Rochford, J. T. Briscoe, E. J. Evedell jun., W. J. Matthews, and Jas. Carr, going through the ceremony twice.

He then vacated the chair to permit Bro. Geo. Richards P.M. 1707 to initiate his brother Mr. Arthur Richards, as also another friend of his, Mr. Ed. Livock. This arrangement not only favoured Bro. Geo. Richards, but set the Worshipful Master at liberty. Bro. Graham therefore retired for a short time, drove from Waltham Abbey to Waltham Cross, a distance of about a mile, and took part in the opening of the James Terry Chapter, No. 2372 as H., and was duly elected M.E.Z. for the ensuing year. He remained until the close of the Chapter, and then returned to the Waltham Abbey Lodge.

A sumptuous banquet was provided, and the usual toasts given.

The I.P.M. Bro. Speller announced, when proposing the health of the W.M., the before mentioned facts, which were only known to himself, and therefore took the Brethren as a surprise. At the same time he commented in very eulogistic language on the deep interest Bro. Graham W.M. took in Freemasonry generally.

### MARK MASONRY.

#### DOVE VALLEY LODGE, No. 353.

THE annual installation was held on Monday evening, 28th ult., at the Town Hall, Ashbourne, when Bro. W. Wooddisse was installed as Worshipful Master, the ceremony being impressively performed by Bro. W. H. Smedley P.P.G.J.O.

The Brethren afterwards held the usual banquet at the Green Man Hotel, an excellent repast being provided by the host Mr. S. Boden. In addition to the large number of members of the Lodge the Prov. Grand Master of Derbyshire Bro. Abraham Woodiwiss, and other distinguished visitors were present.

### HOLIDAY ARRANGEMENTS.

THE Great Western Railway Company announce that a large number of important train alterations will come into operation on 1st July. Expresses will run from London to Birmingham without stop, and also between London and Exeter and London and Worcester. Additional services are announced between London and Weymouth, Barnstaple, Ilfracombe, Taunton, Exeter, Plymouth, Newquay, Penzance, and other health and holiday resorts in the West of England, also to Shrewsbury, Aberystwyth, Barmouth, Chester, Birkenhead, and Liverpool. The steamer from the Channel Islands will leave Jersey at 8.30 a.m. and Guernsey at 10.15 a.m., arriving at Weymouth about 3.0 p.m. A special express for Bristol and London will start as soon as possible after the arrival of the steamer, reaching Bristol about 6.0 p.m., and Paddington about 7.15 p.m. New trains will also run between Plymouth, Torquay, Exeter, Bristol, and Liverpool, Manchester, and Scotland.

THE Great Northern Railway Company announce many important alterations in their train service commencing 1st July, among the most important of which are the running of additional dining car expresses (first and third class) on week-days, leaving London at 11.20 a.m. for Edinburgh, Glasgow, Perth, Aberdeen, &c., and at 6.15 p.m. for Wakefield and Bradford direct. Additional express trains for the East Coast watering places will leave Kings Cross on week-days at 10.15 a.m. and 1.10 p.m. for Sheringham, Cromer, and Mundesley-on-Sea, and at 11.30 a.m. for Scarborough, Whitby, Filey, Bridlington, &c. A through train will be run from London to Harrogate, via York, leaving King's Cross at 1.30 p.m. A special Highland sleeping car express will, from 23rd July to 10th August (Saturdays excepted), leave Kings Cross at 7.45 p.m. for Perth and Inverness. It is also announced that, commencing on 1st August, dining accommodation will be given on the 10.0 a.m. express from Kings Cross to Edinburgh and other parts of Scotland. A special express for Norway Tourists leaves Kings Cross for Hull at 10.55 a.m. on Tuesdays, Thursdays, Fridays and Saturdays, until 18th August.

### Entertainments.

Savoy.—Mr. D'Oyly Carte has arranged to reproduce "The Pirates of Penzance" at this Theatre on Saturday evening, 30th June, and Mr. W. S. Gilbert is himself conducting the rehearsals. "The Rose of Persia" will not be played this season at the Savoy after Thursday evening, 28th. It is to be produced in New York in September or October.

St. James's.—Mr. George Alexander announces the last nights of "The Man of Forty" at this Theatre, the season terminating on Saturday, 30th inst. The last matinee will be given on Wednesday next. The Theatre will re-open on the 1st September, with Mr. Sydney Grundy's new play "A Debt of Honour."

### IMPRESSIONS BY THE WAY.

I WAS riding on a railway train recently when a young man came into the car in a high state of intoxication. On his coat I noticed a Masonic emblem. I felt like going over to him and removing the Masonic pin, and thus protect our grand old Fraternity from further insult. If a Mason wants to disgrace himself by getting on a big drunk, he ought to have enough regard for Masonry to remove every evidence of the fact that he belongs to the institution. Such conduct reflects upon every individual Mason and destroys the high opinion which the public has of a Fraternity supposed to be made up of good men and true. The fact of the matter is we as Masons are too charitable with offenders of this class. A little salutary discipline would not be amiss.

Every Masonic Lodge can by a proper management of its finances secure a home of its own. There is an idea prevalent in many quarters that a surplus is a bad thing, and some way is immediately found whereby it may be scattered. Banquets, picnics, expensive paraphernalia, are all right in their proper places. But to a Lodge without a home of its own such things should be avoided. The first duty of every assemblage of Masons is to provide a permanent Masonic home. It should be the one fixed purpose in view, and the Masons of the Lodge should be so interested as to make the realisation a fact and not a fancy. It is noticeable that with those Lodges owning Temples of their own, dues are less and the general condition of the Fraternity better. There is a feeling of pride and security on the part of every member of that Lodge, and its perpetuity is assured.

The ambition to be Master of a Lodge is a laudable one. But no Mason should try to force himself to that position. His selection to fill that office should be the choice of his Brethren freely expressed. There are not a few Masons who start out with an inspiration to be Master and proceed to use every means legitimate or otherwise, to that end. Should they succeed in securing votes enough to elect them, trouble usually follows. Such a course of conduct has worked the ruin of not a few Lodges. The selection of a Brother to fill any particular office in the Lodge should be on account of his peculiar fitness for that position. If, in the opinion of the best men in the Lodge, he is not considered the proper

person, and he has the spirit of Masonry in him, he will not try to force himself upon his Brethren, but will be contented to fill a minor station and do what he can to promote the glory and welfare of our Institution.—"Illinois Freemason."

The Grand Lodge of Winnipeg has sent a message to the Prince of Wales congratulating him on the success of the British Arms in South Africa.

### BRIGHTON MASONIC PICNIC.

WARNHAM Court was on Tuesday, 19th inst., visited by the members of the Burrell Lodge, Brighton, together with their wives and friends, the party altogether numbering about 120. The visit was made through the kind invitation of Mr. C. J. Lucas, who resides at Warnham Court, and throughout the day he was most assiduous in seeing that everything was done to render the visit thoroughly enjoyable.

The party left Brighton by the 9.45 train for Horsham, special carriages being reserved. On arriving at the latter station, conveyances were in readiness to take them to Warnham Court, where they were met and welcomed by Mr. Lucas, who announced that he would throw open the whole of the mansion and grounds for inspection, a concession which was regarded with delight. About half-past eleven lunch was provided in the spacious riding school, the W.M. Bro. Edwin Rusbridge presiding, and being supported on his right by the host.

Afterwards Mr. Lucas conducted the party around the picturesque and well-kept gardens. The Alpine garden was a source of considerable interest, especially as many of the plants were collected by Mr. Lucas in Switzerland and other countries. The extensive range of conservatories and hot houses were next gone through, and here was to be seen one of the finest collections of orchids in Sussex. Many of these plants have also been collected by Mr. Lucas, and the beautiful flowers were greatly admired. The inspection of the mansion was highly appreciated, the rare collection of curios, the choice paintings, and rich tapestry affording the greatest interest. Afterwards a large number, under the direction of Mr. Lucas, went into the village, where the village hall and reading room and the church of St. Margaret were visited. Different amusements were also provided, and there were numerous objects of interest, a stroll through the picturesque grounds under the trees, which offered a welcome shelter from the warm rays of the sun, being very pleasant. After partaking of tea the visitors sat down to an excellent dinner in the riding school. W.M. Bro. Edwin Rusbridge again presided, and was supported by Mr. Lucas. The post prandial proceedings were very harmonious. Royalty was honoured, and the toasts of Mr. Lucas and the W.M. of the Burrell Lodge were enthusiastically drunk.

At eight o'clock conveyances were in waiting to take the party to Horsham station, for the return journey to Brighton by the 8.46 train. Throughout the outing was exceedingly appreciated, and everyone returned to Brighton with happy recollections of their visit to Warnham Court. Mention should be made of the fact that Mr. W. Massie, the steward at Warnham Court, was also very attentive to the guests, and it was under his supervision that the riding school was decorated to present such a gay appearance with flags and mottoes.

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