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## SCARCITY OF PROVINCIAL HONOURS.

THE unanimity that should at all times characterise Freemasonry seems to follow its troubles as well as its benefits, if we may judge by the general expressions of regret and disappointment on the part of our Provincial Grand Masters, at their inability to award the honours of Provincial Office to all the Brethren under their rule who are annually deemed worthy of preferment. On every side we hear of our Provincial chiefs regretting that they are unable to distribute the honours of the purple more lavishly, and it is very certain that in a large number of the English Provinces actual hardships regularly occur, because the regulations of the Craft preclude the possibility of awarding one of the coveted collars of Provincial Office each year to many of the subordinate Lodges, and it would seem desirable for the rulers to take some united action, with the view of approaching the Grand Master and inducing him to sanction an extension of the number of Officers attached to each division of the English Craft.

We are aware an addition was made a few years back, but in view of the great increases in the number of Lodges the augmentation can only be described as very meagre, and it by no means met the difficulty which then existed, and is every day becoming more acute. It would seem desirable to allow something in the way of a sliding scale: permission might be given to the Provincial Grand Masters to award collars in the proportion of, say, three to each four Lodges; by which means the larger districts would be put on a footing with their smaller neighbours, and it would not be so difficult for the Provincial chiefs to make a selection year by year, while it would also lessen the number of grievous disappointments that periodically occur among the members of our country Lodges.

## SECRET SOCIETIES IN CHINA.

CHINA is honeycombed as no other country in the world with secret societies, embracing all classes, having an existence dating from the second century of the Christian era—an existence not of tradition, but vouched for by record. They are diverse in the elements of which they are composed, in their rules and practices, although most of them, especially the Triad, which is the most important of them all, have such extraordinary analogy with Western Freemasonry as to imply a community of origin. The symbols and tenets are the same, the ceremonies of initiation are similar, the test questions bear a close resemblance thereto, and, in fact, the only foreigner who ever obtained admission to the Triad, namely an Englishman of the name of Mason, achieved this feat on the strength of his belonging to the higher grades of the Scottish Rite of Freemasonry.

Originally a form of Oriental mysticism, founded on moral and cosmological theories, these societies became political factors towards the seventeenth century of our era, and, until a year or so ago, had in view as their principal object the overthrow of the Manchu, or Tartar dynasty, and as watchword, "China for the Chinese." The Taiping rebellion of forty and fifty years ago was fostered and

promoted by the Triad, and came near overthrowing the Peking Government, which it could doubtless have accomplished had it enjoyed the co-operation of the other secret societies.

To-day the meaning of the watchword of the various secret societies, namely, "China for the Chinese," in changed. For the aim is no longer anti-dynastic, nor do they seek the expulsion of those 10,000,000 or 12,000,000 Manchus who for the past 200 years have imposed themselves as the ruling class over 400,000,000 Chinese, compelling them to adopt the Manchu style of hair dress, namely, a pigtail, in token of subjection. To-day the secret societies have for their object the expulsion of the foreigner from the land. It is a mistake to believe that John Chinaman is a stranger to patriotism. Indeed, so passionately devoted is he to his native country that he makes arrangements for the return of his bones to the Flowery Kingdom in the event of his dying in foreign lands.—"Darlington Echo."

## R. M. I. BOYS.

THE following additions to the Stewards' lists in connection with the recent Anniversary Festival of the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys are announced:

London, Lodge No. 1608, per Bro. G. V. Wood, £3 19s, making £103 19s.

London, Lodge No. 1584, per Bro. Millsom Rees, £10 10s, making £57 15s.

Essex, per Bro. George Corble, £10 10s, making £21.

Middlesex, Lodge No. 1309, per Bro. J. A. Cory, £5 5s, making £39 18s.

Middlesex, Lodge No. 1637, per Bro. W. Hillier, £9 9s, making £130 4s.

Oxfordshire, Lodge No. 357, per Bro. L. S. Davies, £8 4s, making £34 4s.

NEW LIST:—London, Lodge No. 6, per Bro. G. A. Williams, £21.

## BROTHER EVE'S BEQUESTS.

THE late Bro. Richard Eve, it is stated, left £500 to the Kidderminster Infirmary, and £500 to the New Meeting, Kidderminster, together with £100 towards the provision of a room for social purposes in connection with the New Meeting, in addition to the sums already announced in our pages. It is recorded by the "Birmingham Daily Post" that a number of private bequests to Kidderminster and other friends are understood to be included in the disposition of his property. It may be remembered, says our contemporary, that Bro. Eve purchased the Greenhill Estate at Kidderminster when it came into the market, and there is good reason for stating that he had recently been considering the question of making it available as a public recreation ground.

## FREEMASONRY IN ROUMANIA.

THE Freemasons of Roumania are about to publish the first number of their journal, "Roumania Masonica." Freemasonry was introduced in Roumania, says the "Independence Belge," in the time of Constantine Mavrocordal, in the eighteenth century, by the famous Cara, Secretary of that Prince, and author of a history of Moldavia and Wallachia. From 1821 to 1865 Freemasonry was political in its aims, for under the shelter of its institutions the patriot Boyards could secretly propagate the principles of liberty, and help forward the work of the Revolution.—"Globe."

## BERKSHIRE.

WEDNESDAY, the eighteenth day of July, in the closing year of the century, will be a red-letter day in the Masonic records of Berkshire. Never in the history of the Province—excepting only the installation of the late lamented Duke of Clarence by his father, the revered Grand Master of the Order—has there been such a numerous and influential gathering of members of the Craft in this county as that which took place at Lockinge, on the kind invitation of Lord Wantage, V.C., the present Provincial Grand Master. It was a thoughtful and pleasing act on the part of the noble lord to ask his Masonic Brethren to visit him in the charming country home where Lady Wantage and himself happily pass a good portion of their time, and the large assemblage proved how much the opportunity of spending a few hours at Lockinge was appreciated. Those who had enjoyed the privilege of visiting this delightful demesne on previous occasions were only too glad to wend their way thither once more, while those who were strange to Lockinge were more than delighted with all they saw. Whether the visitors came by road or rail they had ample scope for convincing themselves that Lockinge is one of the best kept and most attractive estates in the country. From whichever point the fine old mansion is approached, it is by well-made roads, through rich pastures, or fields of broad dimensions bearing wonderful crops of corn which could scarcely be equalled and certainly not surpassed on any other estate in this part of England. The possession of practically an unlimited capital, the employment of machinery of the most modern and improved construction, and skilled labour directed by experienced heads of departments, have combined in producing at Lockinge what is really a model estate, noted for the best of everything, cattle, sheep, and horses, as well as dead stock. Embosomed in a sheltered dip amidst shady and lovely surroundings is Lockinge House, full of art treasures, with the interesting Parish Church standing within a few yards of the dining-room windows. Altogether it would be difficult to find a more typical example of the home of an English nobleman. Lord Wantage said he was anxious to see the Masons in his own home, and the large muster of the Brethren certainly showed that the feeling was reciprocal.

A special train from Paddington, Reading, and Didcot took down a considerable portion of the visitors, but the members of some of the Lodges preferred to drive the entire distance by road—in the case of Newbury nearly twenty miles—the route taken being via Shefford and through Woolley estate, Mr. Wroughton's beautifully wooded deer park being passed, and a glimpse of the mansion being afforded. The weather was simply magnificent, and everything was seen under the full blaze of midsummer sunshine. Most of the Brethren—some 300 in all—reached Lockinge about midday, and were cordially and hospitably received by Lord and Lady Wantage, whose kindness of manner much impressed the visitors generally.

The handsome saloon, the walls of which are hung with family portraits, had been fitted up for the purposes of the Provincial Grand Lodge, which was opened in due form by the Provincial Grand Master. Seated near his lordship were Lord Addington Provincial Grand Master of Buckinghamshire, Bros. Bowen Deputy P.G.M. of that Province, J. M. McLeod Secretary to the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys, Fendick, Bevir, John W. Martin Provincial Grand Secretary, the Mayor of Wallingford Bro. T. Pettit, Bro. Alderman Dyson of Windsor, Bro. H. D'Almaine of Oxford, Bro. Maurice Wheeler of Southampton formerly of Wantage, Bro. E. Margrett of Reading Provincial Charity Secretary, and other "venerable" members of the Craft, who did good suit and service to Masonry many years ago during the reign of the late Sir Daniel Gooch, of Great Western Railway and Atlantic cable fame.

Apologies for non-attendance through unavoidable circumstances had been received from Bros. the Earl of Jersey, Lord Onslow, W. W. Beach, M.P., Canon Brownrigg, Canon Garry, Charles E. Keyser, E. Letchworth Grand Secretary, P. Colville Smith, W. G. Mount, M.P., C. Stephens, E. Terry, F. R. W. Hedges, E. Prince, &c.

The Prov. G. Secretary first called over the roll of Lodges in the Province, when it appeared that all of them were well represented. The roll of the Provincial Grand Officers was also called, and excepting a few who had sent apologies, they responded to their names.

The financial statement of the Prov. Grand Treasurer Bro. Charles Stephens (who is staying in the Isle of Wight for the benefit of his health) was read by the Prov. G. Sec., and was adopted on the motion of the Senior Grand Warden, seconded by Bro. Stephen Knight.

The Prov. G. Secretary then presented his report of the Lodges in the Province, which showed that the membership numbered 771, of whom 200 are Past Masters. During the year 107 regular Lodges, and four Lodges of emergency had been held. Thirty-two Brethren had joined, and the initiations had numbered fifty.

Bro. Margrett Provincial Charity Secretary read the report of the Charity Committee, who acknowledged with gratitude the presentation of 1,000 votes by Bro. Keyser. This report was passed on the motion of the Deputy Prov. G.M., seconded by Bro. Kirchhoffer.

On the proposal of the Prov. G.M., seconded by the Deputy Prov. G.M., Bro. Margrett was unanimously nominated to represent the Province on the Board of Management of the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys.

The Deputy Prov. G.M. proposed in complimentary terms the re-election of Bro. Charles Stephens as Provincial Grand Treasurer, and expressed the regret which all the Brethren must feel that ill health prevented Bro. Stephens being present on the auspicious occasion. Bro. R. C. Mount seconded the motion, referring to Bro. Stephens's long and valued services, and the election proved perfectly unanimous.

The following Brethren were presented with Charity Jewels, Bars, and Ribbon: JEWELS:—Bro. E. Parfitt, Hope Lodge, No. 574; Bro. W. B. Reed, Greyfriars Lodge, No. 1101; Bro. Dryland Haslam jun., Kendrick Lodge, No. 2043; Bro. W. Hickie, Downshire Lodge, No. 2437, and Greyfriars Lodge, No. 1101; Bro. Wm. A. Hardy, Victoria Lodge, No. 2671. BARS:—Bro. C. E. Keyser (2), Union Lodge, No. 414, Hope Lodge, No. 574, and Aldermaston Lodge, No. 2760; Bro. G. H. Morland, Abbey Lodge, No. 945; Bro. C. Batting, Ellington Lodge, No. 1566; Bro. E. Margrett, Aldermaston Lodge, No. 2760 (and rosette as V.P.). TRI-COLOURED RIBBON:—Brother W. G. Crombie, Hope Lodge, No. 574; Bro. E. C. Broquet, Victoria Lodge, No. 2671.

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

Bro. A. G. Lacy 2460	-	-	-	Senior Warden
W. W. Ridley 1101	-	-	-	Junior Warden
Rev. E. R. Adams 574 2760	-	-	-	Chaplain
Charles Stephens 414	-	-	-	Treasurer
C. R. Thomas 1566	-	-	-	Registrar
J. W. Martin 414	-	-	-	Secretary
C. Luker 1770	-	-	-	Senior Deacon
W. E. Kingston 771	-	-	-	Junior Deacon
D. N. Heron 2437	-	-	-	Superintendent of Wor
H. W. Dunlop 414	-	-	-	Director of Ceremonies
Dryland Haslam jun. 2043	-	-	-	Assistant Dir. of Cers.
Captain A. Lynden-Bell 1899	-	-	-	Sword Bearer
C. H. Weedon 795	-	-	-	Standard Bearers
W. G. Curtis 1887	-	-	-	
T. S. Cambridge 2760	-	-	-	Organist
Wm. Andrews 209	-	-	-	Assistant Secretary
A. G. Haines 1770	-	-	-	Pursuivant
W. G. Crombie 574	-	-	-	Assistant Pursuivant
W. Kearton 209	-	-	-	Stewards
C. H. Dodd 414	-	-	-	
Clarence Dodd 1887	-	-	-	
C. J. D. Andrews 1770	-	-	-	Tylers
W. Hemmings 1101	-	-	-	
J. F. Stevens 2043	-	-	-	

On the proposal of the Prov. G.M., seconded by Bro. Margrett, the sum of £20 was voted from the Prov. Grand Lodge funds to the South African Relief Fund.

Bro. Sydney Smith ably performed the duties of Director of Ceremonies throughout the proceedings.

The Lodge was closed in due form, and the Brethren adjourned to the grounds and were photographed, Lord and Lady Wantage, Lord Addington, Mr. Loyd, M.P., and Mrs. Loyd being seated in the centre of the group. This item in the day's programme being over, the whole party, including Lady Wantage and Mrs. Loyd, sat down to a splendid luncheon beneath a capacious marquee.

The catering was most complete, and a large quantity of magnificent fruit, grown in the Lockinge Gardens, was placed upon the tables, which were ornamented by some valuable silver plate, including a massive flagon presented to Lord Wantage many years ago by his late father-in-law, Lord Overstone.

After luncheon, the noble Host, who presided, proposed in loyal terms the toast which took precedence on the list, that of the Queen and the Craft.

The Prov. G.M. gave as the next toast the health of the

Most Worshipful the Grand Master of England H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, K.G.; the M.W. the Pro Grand Master the Earl Amherst; the R.W. the Deputy Grand Master the Earl of Warwick; and the Grand Officers of England present and past. His lordship said he took upon himself to inform the Prince of Wales of the present gathering which, with the exception of that held on the occasion of the installation of the late Duke of Clarence was, he believed, the largest that had ever taken place in the Province. He regretted the unavoidable absence of his old friend and comrade Earl Amherst, who did him the honour of installing him as Prov. Grand Master. He was also sorry they had not the pleasure of seeing among them his old friend the Earl of Warwick, who was an excellent Mason, and did so much in a quiet way to promote the interests of Freemasonry, particularly in the Midland Counties, where he was greatly beloved. Other Grand Officers had, of course, been invited to attend, but unfortunately the notice had been rather short. However, they had with them Lord Addington, Grand Master of the sister Province of Bucks, whose presence gave him the greatest pleasure. All the Grand Officers were earnest men who strove to do all they could to promote the best interests of Freemasonry.

Lord Addington, in responding, assured the company that the whole of the Grand Officers were only too glad to do anything in their power to support their much beloved Grand Master. He was very pleased to have the honour of proposing the next toast, the health of the Provincial Grand Master of the Province Lord Wantage. He was old enough to recollect the Crimean War, and the extraordinary wave of enthusiasm which passed over the country when they heard that a young Scotch soldier (Lord Wantage) carried the colours of the Scots Guards up Inkerman. Not only did he do that, but when victory had been gained he gave his earnest care and attention to the wounded. When this gallant soldier returned home, and was married, they realised in his case the happy saying that "None but the brave deserve the fair." In common with many of his countrymen, he (Lord Addington) joined the volunteer force, of which for so many years Lord Wantage took the lead. Therefore it gave him much pleasure to attend that day and propose his Lordship's health. He was sure they would all join him in heartily wishing Lord and Lady Wantage long life, happiness and prosperity.

The toast was drunk with the greatest possible enthusiasm, and special cheers were given for Lady Wantage.

The Provincial Grand Master, in reply, thanked Lord Addington for the very kind way in which he had proposed the toast. There had been long comradeship between them in the peaceful field of home, a comradeship which always drew men together, and they were mutually interested in a common and a good cause, that of the Volunteer movement, in which thousands of our countrymen banded themselves together thirty-eight or more years ago to defend their hearths and homes. Lady Wantage and himself were very pleased to have had the opportunity of welcoming the Masons of Berkshire to their home at Lockinge, which was surrounded by natural beauties. They had fine open downs close at hand, with lands bearing splendid crops, and lovely flowers of all kinds. He hoped they would see at Lockinge much to admire and appreciate, and perhaps something to imitate. His Lordship then proceeded to refer to the South African war, and dwelt specially on what he considered to have been the merciful way in which the campaign had been conducted by Lord Roberts and other commanding officers downwards. He also touched upon the appalling state of things existing in China, but they could only hope and believe that all was being done that could be done to avoid sacrifice of human life in that distant Empire. They could only trust to the Great Architect of the Universe to overrule events there for the best. Lord Wantage assured the Brethren that he should always be glad to advance the interests of Masonry to the utmost of his power, and he thanked them for having come to Lockinge in such numbers in response to his invitation.

The Deputy Prov. G.M. then proposed the health of Lady Wantage, who, he observed, was always ready to promote any good work in the county, as elsewhere.

The Prov. G. Secretary gave the health of the Visitors, coupled with the name of Bro. McLeod Secretary R.M.I.B., who, in reply, congratulated Lord Wantage, on presiding over a happy, harmonious and very charitable Province,

Berkshire standing very high among the Provinces which supported the Masonic Charities most generously.

The Prov. G.M., in complimentary language, proposed the health of the Provincial Grand Secretary, expressing the hope of all present that Bro. Martin might long be spared to hold the Office, the duties of which he performed so ably.

Bro. Martin briefly returned thanks, after which the numerous company repaired to a shady part of the grounds, where several Brethren from St. George's Chapel, Windsor, executed an excellent programme of music, under the conductorship of Bro. Kearton.

The guests perambulated the grounds at will, and towards five or six o'clock they began to take their departure homewards, highly delighted with their visit to Lockinge.

The arrangements were most satisfactory, and reflected great credit not only upon the Provincial Grand Secretary, whose organising ability is well known, but also upon Lord Wantage's household staff.—"Reading Mercury."

## SURREY.

Resignation of the Prov.G.Master—Appointment of a successor.

CONSIDERABLE regret is expressed throughout the Province of Surrey at the announcement made at the Provincial Grand Lodge meeting held on Thursday of last week, at Croydon, that owing to his many official and public engagements the Earl of Onslow had been compelled to ask the Prince of Wales M.W.G.M. to accept his resignation of the Offices of Provincial Grand Master in the Craft, and Provincial Grand Superintendent in the Royal Arch.

It was further announced that the Prince of Wales had appointed as the noble Earl's successor Brigadier-General John Davis, A.D.C. General Davis resides at Whitmead, Tilford, Farnham, but at present is on military duties at Gosport. He is a member of the Royal Alfred Lodge, No. 777, Guildford, and of the Army and Navy Lodge, No. 1971, Aldershot, and a Past Master of the Jerusalem Lodge, No. 197.

Lord Onslow was installed as Provincial Grand Master at Guildford, by the late Earl of Lathom, in July 1895, succeeding the late Col. Noel Money, who died the previous February.

## HAMPSHIRE AND ISLE OF WIGHT.

THERE was a record attendance at the Provincial Grand Lodge meeting held at the Town Hall, Portsmouth, on Monday.

The luncheon, held in the Mayor's Banqueting Hall, was presided over by the Provincial Grand Master the Right Hon. W. W. B. Beach, M.P. On his right was the Mayor of Portsmouth Bro. Harold R. Pink W.M. United Brothers Lodge, No. 1069, and on his left the Deputy Prov. G.Master Bro. Edgar Goble P.G.Swd.Br.Eng., Past Dep. Prov.G.Master Brother J. E. LeFeuvre P.G.D., R. Loveland-Loveland, Q.C., President of the Board of General Purposes, Rev. F. B. M. Norman Lee P.G.Chap., Bro. Daniel Mayer S.G.D., Bro. Brig-Gen. J. Davis P.D.G.D.C.Eng. P.P.G. S.Warden. The Prov. Grand Lodge Officers and Brethren from various Lodges in the Province numbered about a hundred and twenty.

Full justice was done to an admirable and well served repast, supplied by Mr. D. Pyle, Southsea. The toast list was necessarily brief.

The Prov. Grand Master, in proposing the Queen and the Craft, alluded to Her Majesty's undoubted interest in the welfare of all her subjects. The number of times Her Majesty had visited Netley Hospital and spoken to every man within its walls was astonishing, and it was impossible to pay too high credit for the energy she had displayed. Altogether Her Majesty had shown herself a worthy Sovereign of a great country.

The health of the Most Worshipful the Grand Master H.R.H. the Prince of Wales was also given from the chair, and enthusiastically honoured.

The Mayor of Portsmouth proposed the M.W. the Pro Grand Master, the Deputy, and the rest of the Grand Officers present and past, the toast being coupled with the names of Bros. Loveland-Loveland and the Rev. Norman Lee, who suitably responded.

The Deputy Provincial Grand Master proposed the

R.W. the Prov. Grand Master the Right Hon. W. W. B. Beach, M.P., who, he said, ably and efficiently performed the duties. That day was unique in the history of Freemasonry. A hundred and thirty, or a hundred and forty years ago, they used to meet at the Bell and Dragon, or one of the other inns, but that day they were favoured by having the privilege of attending in the magnificent Town Hall of Portsmouth, and there was no doubt they were looked up to and respected by the whole community of England, whether Freemasons or not.

The Provincial Grand Master, responding, said he highly appreciated the kindness he had received from them all on many occasions. It was gratifying to know that the Brethren recognised that he did his best to fulfil the duties of the high position he occupied. Alluding to one's duties in Freemasonry, he said it was pleasing to him to have done what he could for its benefit.

The Provincial Grand Lodge meeting, afterwards held in the large hall, was presided over by the Prov.G.M., and there was a very numerous attendance.

Some routine business having been transacted, Bro. John W. Gieve was re-elected Treasurer, and the Prov. Grand Lodge Officers were appointed, as follow:—

Bro. H. R. Pink 1069	-	-	-	Senior Warden
G. F. Simmons 694	-	-	-	Junior Warden
Rev. H. L. Watts 1834	-	-	-	Chaplains
Rev. Geoffrey Hughes 1461	-	-	-	
John W. Gieve, J.P., 309	-	-	-	Treasurer
W. H. Willis 1884	-	-	-	Registrar
Captain H. G. Giles, R.N., 1903	-	-	-	Secretary
Captain H. C. Godley 1971	-	-	-	Senior Deacons
C. Brown 35	-	-	-	
R. H. A. Woodman 551	-	-	-	Junior Deacons
George Cox 804	-	-	-	
E. Hinxman 76	-	-	-	Superintendent of Works
W. J. Pawsey 2153	-	-	-	Director of Ceremonies
D. T. Rule 1834	-	-	-	Deputy Dir. of Cers.
Dr. K. W. T. Mackenzie 698	-	-	-	Assistant Dirs. of Cers.
C. Pearce 2208	-	-	-	
Isaac White 1428	-	-	-	Sword Bearer
H. Sherwood 1373	-	-	-	
E. Penton 309	-	-	-	Standard Bearers
T. G. Dacombe 359	-	-	-	
J. L. Snell 487	-	-	-	Organist
F. White 2068	-	-	-	
G. F. Lancaster 903	-	-	-	Assistant Secretary
E. G. Finch 1331	-	-	-	Pursuivant
J. G. Jordan 1780	-	-	-	Assistant Pursuivant
R. G. Masters 319	-	-	-	Stewards
W. H. Vye 195	-	-	-	
P. Dicks 1883	-	-	-	Tyler
E. A. Edwards 1990	-	-	-	
W. H. Brading 2169	-	-	-	
J. W. Sandell 2158	-	-	-	
J. Excell 487	-	-	-	

In the evening the Officers and members of the United Brothers Lodge, No. 1069, of which the Mayor Bro. Harold R. Pink is Worshipful Master, held a reception at the Town Hall, the function proving most successful and thoroughly enjoyable. The guests numbered fully 600, and late comers had difficulty to find anything but standing accommodation, the small round tables, at which light refreshments were served, being fully occupied soon after the time for the commencement of the conversazione. It was expected that the Mayor, as W.M. of the United Brothers Lodge, would have received the guests, but His Worship was entertaining a select party at dinner in his banquetting hall. About nine o'clock the party entered the large hall, and as they proceeded to the dais reserved for them they received an ovation. The Mayor escorted Mrs. Beach, and the Prov. Grand Master followed with Mrs. Pink, together with the Rev. C. G. Lang, several prominent members of the Craft, and a number of ladies.

A programme of classical instrumental and vocal music was arranged, each item being listened to with marked attention and heartily applauded. The band of the R.M.A., under the conductorship of Bro. B. S. Green, played a number of selections. The vocalists were Miss Meredith Elliott, Mr. Clifford Hunnybun, and Mr. George Fielder, whose songs and duets were much enjoyed. For the gentleman guests No. 2 Committee Room proved a great attraction, and refreshments were also dispensed in one of the corridors. The proceedings closed shortly before eleven o'clock.

### NORFOLK.

THE annual meeting of this Provincial Grand Lodge was held on Thursday, 26th ult., at the rooms of the

Masonic Association, 47 St. Giles's Street, Norwich. The Provincial Grand Master Bro. Hamon le Strange presided, and Bro. H. J. Sparks acted as Deputy, in the regrettable absence, through illness, of Bro. Sir Francis G. M. Boileau.

All the Lodges were represented, and the minutes of the meeting held in July last at Wymondham were confirmed.

The Provincial Grand Registrar read a return recording the number of initiations, joinings, and resignations in each Lodge. This showed that during the year there had been 53 initiations, 22 joinings, and that the number of subscribing members in the Province was now 878.

After the balance-sheet had been presented, the Assist. Secretary presented the report and recommendations of the Board of General Purposes.

On the proposition of the Provincial Grand Master the sum of ten guineas was voted to the fund for the relief of loyal Brethren in South Africa, and at the same instance various sums were voted to deserving cases in the Province. Ten guineas was also subscribed to the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls. In moving the adoption of this report, the Prov. Grand Master made eloquent allusion to the late Bro. Bridgman, and his unceasing labours on behalf of the Craft.

Bro. B. Barwell introduced the Report of the Charities Committee, from which it appeared that at the Festival in aid of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution the amount of donations totalled £22,000, the Norfolk list being £73 10s, including £52 10s from the Henry Barwell Memorial Fund. The Festival for the Girls School produced £22,037 5s 6d, Bro. W. P. Eversley taking up £130 18s, including £52 10s from the Henry Barwell Memorial Fund, while Bro. A. F. Hardyment W.M. of the Walpole Lodge, No. 1500, went up with a list of £115 10s. At the Boys Festival the sum of £16,834 14s 2d was raised, including £52 10s from the Henry Barwell Memorial Fund.

The Prov. Grand Master moved the adoption of the Report, and expressed the great gratitude all the Brethren must feel that the object of those who desired to perpetuate the memory of Bro. H. G. Barwell had been so successfully accomplished.

Bro. Albert Smith P.M. 100, who alone had been nominated for the position of Treasurer, was declared elected.

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

Bro. Richard F. E. Ferrier 313	-	-	-	Senior Warden
William Henry Jones 1808	-	-	-	Junior Warden
Very Rev. W. Lefroy, D.D., Dean of Norwich	-	-	-	Chaplains
Rev. Percy de Putran	-	-	-	
Albert Smith	-	-	-	Treasurer
Charles Edward Ward 107	-	-	-	Registrar
G. W. G. Barnard	-	-	-	Secretary
Charles Henry Youngman 100	-	-	-	Senior Deacon
W. Buckenham 213	-	-	-	Junior Deacon
Albert Charles Havers 93	-	-	-	Superintendent of Works
George Sidney Barnard 807	-	-	-	Director of Ceremonies
James Clarke 2602	-	-	-	Assistant Dir. of Cers.
John Youngman 102	-	-	-	Sword Bearer
Frederick Samuel Palmer 2237	-	-	-	Standard Bearers
George Arthur Westrope 1741	-	-	-	
Joseph Wainwright 1114	-	-	-	Organist
W. Oliver 943	-	-	-	Assistant Secretary
George Stebbings 85	-	-	-	Pursuivant
Richard B. Alpe 1193	-	-	-	Assistant Pursuivant
G. C. Sturgeon 52	-	-	-	Stewards
J. C. R. Robinson 85	-	-	-	
F. J. Smith 93	-	-	-	Tyler
C. A. Rayna 1808	-	-	-	
H. A. Wild 2237	-	-	-	Assistant Tyler
W. Churchyard 2602	-	-	-	
G. Hollidge	-	-	-	
F. G. Wyatt	-	-	-	

The following Brethren were appointed to serve on the Board of General Purposes:—From the Norwich Lodges: Sir Charles Rackham Gilman 52 P.M. P.P.G.W., William Farrow Stratford 807 P.M. P.P.G.Treas., Thomas Joseph Mackley 1500 P.M. P.P.A.G.D.C. From other Lodges in the Province: Richard Martins 100 and 313 P.M. P.P.G. Reg., George William Page 107 P.M. P.P.G.Treas., Harry James Sparks 996 P.M. P.P.G.W. P.D.D.G.M. Bengal.

Bros. J. B. Coleby P.P.J.G.D., and A. N. Mann P.P.G. Treasurer were re-appointed to audit the Prov. Grand Lodge accounts for the ensuing year.

Bro. Arthur Shephard W.M. Baring Lodge invited the Provincial Grand Lodge to hold its next meeting at Cromer. A similar invitation was extended by the Diss Lodge (Montgomerie).

Before closing the Lodge the Provincial Grand Master expressed his great regret at the absence of his Deputy Bro. Sir F. G. M. Boileau, and trusted that he might speedily be



restored to good health, and enabled once more to exercise his valuable functions.

At four o'clock the Provincial Grand Master, the Grand Officers, and a numerous company of Brethren, clothed in the insignia of the Order, attended a special service at the Cathedral. The principal members of the Craft assembled in the choristers' room, and passed in procession to the seats allotted them, in the choir, to the strains of "The War March of the Priests," from Mendelssohn's "Athaliae."

The service commenced with the singing of the first verse of the National Anthem. Minor Canon Breffit intoned the prayers, and the Psalms for the day were chanted to music by the late Minor Canons Bulmer and Foster. Archdeacon Crosse read the lessons, and the Magnificat, and Nunc Dimittis were sung to Professor Prout's effective setting in the key of D. The anthem was "God, who commanded the light" by Dr. E. J. Hopkins. The quartet, "He loveth righteousness and judgment," was very sweetly interpreted by Master Hollis and Brothers C. L. Holden, H. J. Brookes, and J. H. Brockbank, while the full sections were admirably rendered.

The Rev. Percy de Putron, curate of Sandringham with West Newton, and Provincial Grand Chaplain, preached the sermon, taking for his text St. Mark xiii 1: "As He went out of the temple, one of His disciples saith unto Him, Master, see what manner of stones and what buildings are here." After contrasting at some length the evidences of the real faith in the Divine Master with those that characterised mere outward show, the preacher went on to observe that there was no body of men in England who had done more to keep the true faith alive than the Freemasons. The members of the Craft of Freemasonry lived by rule of faith in the love and fear of God. Without pride or boasting they had striven to carry on God's work with love and kindness. They had striven to build up an ever-living temple—a temple of Christian love and charity, in which no thoughts of bitterness dwelt. The charities of the Freemasons of England had won great commendation and praise in the past; they would command greater praise and commendation in the future if the men of the present and those who should come after remembered the reason of their existence, and carried on the work which they had inherited from their ancestors. Only two years ago over £140,000 was collected in one building in London in one night for the Charities of Freemasons. That day they were asked to help towards the restoration of the cloisters of the Cathedral in which they were assembled. As they left the Cathedral that day they would see what manner of stones and buildings were these—stones and buildings that were there by reason of a living faith in the days gone by. Let them take care that those stones remained with greater strength by reason of the faith which lived in their hearts to-day.

During the singing of the hymn, "Lift the strain of high thanksgiving," to the good old tune, "Austria," a collection was made on behalf of the Cloister Reparation Fund. Mr. A. J. Robertson (Dr. Bates's assistant) presided at the organ with ability, and played Dubois' "Fiat Lux" as the out voluntary.

The usual banquet was held in the evening, at the rooms of the Masonic Club. The Prov. Grand Master occupied the chair, and was faced by Bro. R. F. E. Ferrier and Bro. W. H. Jones in the Warden's positions.

Honour having been done to the formal loyal toasts, Bro. W. P. Eversley gave the health of Bro. Hamon le Strange, gracefully alluding to the geniality, tact, and kindness invariably displayed by the Prov. G.M.

The toast was enthusiastically drunk, and Bro. Hamon le Strange, after responding in happy terms, went on to submit the D.P.G.M. Bro. Sir Francis Boileau, and the Officers Present and Past of the Provincial Grand Lodge. He paid a high tribute to the valuable work of his esteemed Deputy, and referred to the difficulties which attended the task of bestowing honours upon the deserving Brethren in the Province. He trusted that those who had not been appointed to the more coveted positions would not consider their merits were unappreciated. Necessarily all could not be equally high in the scale of hierarchy, but he hoped all upon whom Provincial rank had been bestowed would consider the offer made them as a compliment. Bros. R. F. E. Ferrier and Dr. Offord were the replicants.

With the toast of the visitors the name of Brother F. Butcher J.D. of the Cumberland Lodge, No. 41, was associ-

ated, and this Brother warmly thanked the company for the honour done him.

Bro. C. A. Bathurst Bignold submitted the Worshipful Masters of the Lodges in the Province, for which Bros. G. A. Harrison W.M. 85, and W. H. Jones W.M. 1808 made suitable answers.

At the call of the Prov. G.M. the Masonic Charities met with a cordial reception, the names of Bros. W. Buckenham and A. F. Hardymont being coupled therewith. The latter said though closely associated with two Lodges in London, his first love was for his mother Lodge, Walpole. At any time he would be delighted to act as Steward for the Norfolk Province and act as representative at the meetings of the Charities; moreover, given adequate time, he would see that his last list—£115—was more than doubled.

With the Tyler's toast a very enjoyable evening was brought to a close.

Under the direction of Bro. J. H. Brockbank a capital programme of vocal pieces was submitted, the contributors being Bros. Brockbank, Brookes, and Bocking, while Bro. C. Payne gave as a recitation Tennyson's immortal poem, "The Charge of the Light Brigade."

The catering of Bro. G. Pritty was of the usual excellent order, and regret was generally expressed that the Brethren are soon to lose the services of so exemplary a steward.

A hint might be taken from the following resolution of a colonial Grand Lodge: "That a Committee for examination of Master-elect be appointed at the annual Communication of the Grand Lodge; and that hereafter no Brother shall be installed Master of a Lodge unless he is qualified to confer the three degrees of Freemasonry."

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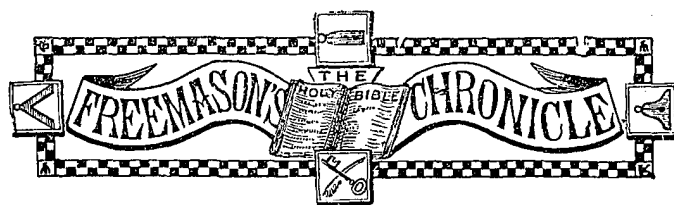
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**ST. BRIDE LODGE.**

**A**BOUT two years ago the Institute of Printers and Kindred Trades was founded, and has since abundantly justified its existence. Among its more recent developments is the establishment of a Masonic Lodge, which was consecrated on Monday, 23rd ult., under the title of the St. Bride, No. 2817. Among the founders are Bros. Alderman Green, already designated as the probable incoming Lord Mayor, Alderman and Sheriff Sir W. P. Treloar, Alderman Vaughan Morgan, who, with Bro. J. Lawrence, is Sheriff-designate, Bros. Horace Marshall, Imre Kiralfy, and Carl Hentschel. The work of consecration was admirably performed by Bro. Edward Letchworth Grand Secretary, assisted by Sir John B. Monckton, Colonel Fitzroy Tower, and other Grand Officers, and took place at the Hotel Cecil. The principal Officers of the Lodge are Bros.

C. J. Drummond W.M., Burry I.P.M., Lefts S.W., Warde J.W., Rev. W. C. Heaton Chaplain, and W. Hilton Secretary. The meeting was attended by a numerous body of Brethren, about 120 of whom afterwards sat down to dinner under the presidency of the new Master.

#### GROVE PARK (KENT) LODGE.

BY special dispensation from the M.W.G.M. the Consecration of this Lodge, No. 2824, took place at the Freemasons' Hall, on Monday evening. Brother Edward Letchworth had undertaken to perform the ceremony, but was unavoidably prevented from doing so, and in his place Bro. Frank Richardson P.G.D. presided, supported by Bros. Daniel Mayer S.G.D. as S.W., Charles Belton P.G.D. as J.W., Rev. Canon Brownrigg P.G.C. as Chap., J. C. Fitzroy Tower G.D.C. as D.C., J. D. Langton P.G.D.C. as I.G., J. M. McLeod P.G.Swd.Br., H. Sadler G.Tyler, and others.

The following are the Officers and Founders of the Lodge:—Bros. Edward Le May P.M. W.M., Edward Ball P.M. I.P.M., C. R. Valentine S.W., C. B. C. Hancock J.W., F. H. Bowater S.D., W. H. Le May J.D., W. Watson Treas., E. A. Foster Sec., Collard P.M. D.C., J. Barnicott I.G., W. Olliver and F. W. Bowater Stewards, W. O. Kennett P.Prov. G.J.W. Kent.

The following Brethren signed the attendance book:—J. Maynard W.M. 1692, C. Leach W.M. 1636, E. Jewers P.M. 1678, H. W. Schartau I.P.M. 1291, G. Procter W.M. 1531, J. R. Creasey W.M.-elect 2530, J. T. Heath P.M. 1196, H. W. Kingsland, R. W. James P.M. 1924, J. Driver P.M. 45, E. Ball I.P.M. 1678, S. T. Baker I.P.M. 1892, S. W. Shaw P.M. P.J.G.D. Kent, P. G. Shaws, R. J. Chuckett P.M. 1962, F. L. Palmer W.M. 2054, G. W. Harlow P.M. 613, C. Sheath W.M. 2550, E. F. Debenham P.M. 28, F. W. Hancock P.M. 548, H. Hiscott S.W. 314, H. Cole S.W. 749, A. G. H. Dicker 1, J. R. Hooker 2528, W. Fell 1706, F. Tebbutt 2098, F. J. Bell 2098, J. H. Brown 1701, F. P. Matthews 569, H. Willsmer 1567, H. W. Laurie 90, G. Stubbs 771, &c.

The ceremony was impressively performed, but appeared to lack much of the grace and dignity with which it is surrounded when the Grand Secretary presides. The oration was delivered by Past Grand Chaplain Bro. Canon

Brownrigg, and was much appreciated, while the work of D.C. was admirably carried out by Bro. Fitzroy Tower.

Votes of thanks were passed to the Grand Officers present, and regret expressed at the absence of the Grand Secretary Bro. Letchworth.

The consecrating Officers, including the latter, were elected honorary members.

Several propositions for candidates for initiation and joining were received.

The Brethren afterwards sat down to a sumptuous banquet, presided over by the W.M., supported by all the Grand Officers who were in Lodge.

The usual Loyal and Masonic toasts were duly observed, Brother Canon Brownrigg replying to the toast of the Grand Officers, and Bro. Richardson to that of the Consecrating Officers.

An excellent programme of music enhanced the proceedings, under the direction of Bro. Herbert Schartau P.P.G. Org. Middlesex, assisted by Bros. Frank Tebbutt, William Fell, and George Stubbs.

#### ST. MARTIN LODGE.

ON Saturday 21st ult., the consecration of St. Martin Lodge, No. 2812, of the Province of Buckinghamshire, took place at the High Street Schools, Fenny Stratford, where members of the Craft, to the number of close upon 100, who had come from many parts of the Province, assembled.

The Consecrating Officer was the Right Hon. Lord Addington Prov. Grand Master, who was assisted by Bro. J. Evan Bowen Dep.P.G.M., Bro. J. C. Fitzroy Tower as S.W., W. Woollett Prov.G.Secretary as J.W., Rev. V. P. Wyatt as Chaplain, Rev. C. E. Roberts as D.C., C. Colgrave Prov.G.Pursuivant as I.G.

The ceremony was worthily performed by Lord Addington, who was assisted in a dignified manner by the other Grand Officers and the Officers-designate of the new Lodge.

The Rev. V. P. Wyatt gave a touching address, referring to the appropriateness of the name of the Lodge, "St. Martin," that saint, so it was recorded, having on one occasion given half his cloak to a naked and starving beggar, his act proving the turning point in the man's reckless career.

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The full ceremonial was completed, the musical portions being in charge of Bro. Herbert Schartau and party.

The Lodge having been consecrated, the following Officers were appointed: Bros. Lieut.-Col. A. Finlay W.M., Rev. H. F. Oliver Chaplain, Captain J. Chadwick S.W., R. Hughes J.W., W. W. Carlile, M.P., Treasurer, F. P. Hook (Irish Constitution) Secretary, H. C. Pope S. D., Colonel Burney J.D., Major W. J. Levi I.G. and Organist.

After the Lodge business the Brethren adjourned to the Town Hall for banquet.

### HUDSON LODGE.

THE Consecration of the Hudson Lodge, at Wolsingham, by that veteran in the Craft, the Rev. Canon Tristram Deputy Provincial Grand Master of Durham, marks an important step in advance in Weardale, which has previously through want of opportunities, furnished only a small number of Masons, says the "Newcastle Chronicle." Crook was the nearest point at which the Brethren could assemble to receive instruction from the successor in King Solomon's chair; but the opening of the Hudson Lodge has made a centre within easy access from all parts of the dale. It is an indication of the success anticipated for the new Lodge that a dozen new applications were made at the Consecration ceremony on behalf of candidates who are anxious to secure admission.

### DEVON LODGE.

A LODGE to be called the "Devon," the membership of which will be limited to Devonshire men, large numbers of whom are resident in the metropolis, is to be formed. The Lord Chancellor Lord Halsbury will be the first Master, with Bro. Walter Wellsman, C.C., as Senior Warden, and the Rev. W. Whitley as Junior Warden. The Lodge will meet five times a year, commencing in October next.

Referring to the recent consecration of the Lodge of Progress, "the only teetotal Lodge in Glasgow," the "League Journal" of that city says "Tippling is the blot on the fair fame of Freemasonry in Scotland," and then adds: The "apartness" of Lodge "Progress" is an effective protest, and the recognition of it given by Lord Provost Chisholm adds to the effectiveness of the protest. Will the Provincial Grand Lodge set its dependency in order? If it would, Freemasonry in Scotland would be an immense power for good. Now, it is anything but that.

### ROYAL ARCH.

#### SUPREME GRAND CHAPTER.

THE August Communication of Supreme Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons was holden on Wednesday evening, at Freemasons' Hall. The chairs of the three Grand Principals were occupied by the Right Hon. W. W. B. Beach, M.P., as Z., Comp. Thomas Fenn P.G.S.N. as H., and Comp. T. Lean Wilkinson P.D.G. Registrar as J.

After Grand Chapter had been opened, the acting First Grand Principal said: Companions, I rise to make a motion of which no notice has been given, but I think it will nevertheless meet with your acceptance, as it is to pass a vote of sympathy with our beloved First Grand Principal the Prince of Wales, on the loss he has sustained by the death of his brother, the Duke of Saxe-Coburg, more commonly known in this country as the Duke of Edinburgh. It was not a very long time ago that we were congratulating ourselves that our First Grand Principal had escaped the hand of an intended assassin, and we considered ourselves fortunate in having secured that result. But still there are other blows which even wound not less when the death of a near relative occurs, and the death of a near relative of our First Grand Principal having occurred, I think we might express our sympathy fitly with the Prince of Wales on his loss sustained by the death of his brother. Many years have elapsed since the death of the Duke of Albany, his younger brother, who was well known to Masonry and to the Brethren; but

although many years have elapsed, the Duke of Albany has not been forgotten. The Duke of Coburg was not a member of our Order, but still he was so nearly connected with our First Grand Principal and with the Royal Family that we naturally deplore his loss and sympathise with the head of our Order on the death of so near a relative. I am sure it will be the unanimous feeling of the Freemasons of England, whom we may be considered by our meeting to represent to-day, that we should express one and all our warmest and heartfelt sympathy with the First Grand Principal the Prince of Wales, on the loss he has sustained by the death of his brother the Duke of Saxe-Coburg.

The motion was seconded by Comp. Thomas Fenn, acting H., who hoped it would be received as all such motions were received among Masons.

This was done by every one in Grand Chapter rising and giving the sign of approval of the motion, in silence.

On the motion of Bro. Sir George D. Harris, seconded by Comp. Frank Richardson, the Report of the Committee of General Purposes was taken as read and ordered to be received and entered on the minutes.

The recommendations of the Committee were all agreed to (vide agenda paper as published in these columns last week).

Bro. Powell proposed, and Bro. Songhurst seconded, Companion H. A. Tobias as a member of the Committee of General Purposes, in place of Comp. George Graveley P.A.G.D.C. deceased, one of the elected members.

As, however, it appeared that by the Constitutions notice must be given of such a proposition, the motion was withdrawn.

Grand Chapter was then closed.

### MARK MASONRY.

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#### CUMBERLAND AND WESTMORLAND.

THE annual meeting of this Provincial Grand Mark Lodge was held at Whitehaven, presided over by Bro. Colonel Sewell Deputy Prov.G.M.M.

The following were appointed as the Officers for the year:

Bro. T. Brakenridge	-	-	-	-	Senior Warden
J. B. Thwaite	-	-	-	-	Junior Warden
D. L. Thorpe	-	-	-	-	Master Overseer
R. Monkhouse	-	-	-	-	Senior Overseer
J. Coates Hellon	-	-	-	-	Junior Overseer
Rev. D. G. Douglas	-	-	-	-	Chaplain
G. E. Cartmell	-	-	-	-	Registrar
G. Dalrymple	-	-	-	-	Treasurer
J. Gardiner	-	-	-	-	Secretary
T. Milburn	-	-	-	-	Senior Deacon
R. A. Clark	-	-	-	-	Junior Deacon
W. Coulthard	-	-	-	-	Inspector of Works
J. Young	-	-	-	-	Director of Ceremonies
S. Johnson	-	-	-	-	Assistant Dir. of Cers.
J. O. Fothergill	-	-	-	-	Sword Bearer
J. Henderson	-	-	-	-	Standard Bearer
W. Peck	-	-	-	-	Organist
W. A. Creighton	-	-	-	-	Inner Guard
H. C. Marks	-	-	-	-	
I. Silson	-	-	-	-	} Stewards
J. F. Stout	-	-	-	-	
J. Shields	-	-	-	-	
J. Casson	-	-	-	-	Tyler.

#### GLOUCESTERSHIRE AND HEREFORDSHIRE.

AT its recent meeting at Cheltenham this Provincial Grand Lodge of Mark Masons unanimously passed a resolution recommending Bro. Richard V. Vassar-Smith for re-appointment as Provincial Grand Master, in accordance with the statute of the Order which requires a recommendation from the Province at the end of each term of three years, for which appointment is made. A communication has now been received from the Secretary of Grand Lodge notifying that the Grand Master H.R.H. the Prince of Wales had acceded to the resolution, and has appointed Bro. Vassar-Smith for a further term, the fourth in succession, of three years.

#### AN OUTSIDER'S OPINION.

IN opening a bazaar at Newburgh, promoted by the Brethren of the Lindores Lodge, No. 106 (S.C.), to

liquidate the debt on the recent improvements on their hall, Mr. A. H. B. Constable, replying to an introductory address thanking him for his attendance, said the duty he had been asked to perform was to him a very pleasant one, and at the same time a very interesting one. He had not the honour of being a member of the great Brotherhood of Freemasons, but as far back as he could remember he had always looked upon the Freemasons and their very curious rites with something of the superstitious sort of wonder with which the ancient Briton must have looked on and trembled while the Druids performed their mystic rites on those old stone circular temples that still remained among them to that day. It was a curious and impressive institution, the Institution of Freemasons, with their strange signs, their wonderful emblems, their curious devices, their high-sounding titles, and even their gorgeous apparel. It had always seemed to him one of the most interesting and impressive things about Freemasonry that in spite of all the efforts of Eve and of Eve's daughters they had never yet succeeded in getting at the secrets of the Craft. There were people who told them that as women progressed poor mankind must sooner or later be content to take a back seat. Ladies were beating them at school and college; they had now invaded every profession; they conducted pioneering expeditions in unknown lands; they had fallen fighting in the trenches. They had even taken to wearing men's clothes, or, at any rate, some of them. Though women never could or would be Freemasons, they had that sweet forgiveness about them that on an occasion like the present they turned out to help them. In spite of the treatment they had received, whenever Freemasons were in difficulties, whenever a Lodge like theirs wanted a helping hand, they were ready to turn up smiling, and do what they could to help in the achievement of the object in view. Proceeding, he said Lindores Lodge were doing yeoman service in promoting the great cause of universal Brotherhood. There was, he said, no nobler sentiment which any society could set itself to promote, and it was due to that that Freemasonry had made the position which it held throughout the world to-day. If that was a good object to serve, then there remained but one thing to do, and that was to serve it with all their might and main. They had before them everything that man, or even woman, could desire, and he was sure the members would have the double satisfaction of knowing that not only had they made good bargains, but that they were serving a great and a good cause.

### INFLUENCE OF MASONRY ON ARCHITECTURE.

AS to the influence of Freemasonry on architecture much has been said, and great authorities are divided in their opinions as to what extent Freemason influence prevailed. As early as the time of Canute, associations under the name of "guilds" were established for religious purposes. Similar brotherhoods afterwards developed into combinations of merchants for mutual assistance and protection, and were followed in the fourteenth century by "craft guilds," which, as their name implied, were unions of handicraftsmen—the principal guild being that of the Freemasons. These societies were the trade unions of the middle ages, and flourished at a time which has been called the "Golden Age of Architecture."

The Brotherhood of Freemasons arose from the circumstances in which the travelling builders of the middle ages found themselves placed. They could not settle down in their towns or villages and labour like shoemakers, tailors, bakers, and others, as their work brought them together from distant towns—away from their homes—to be employed for a considerable time on such great works as our mediæval cathedrals and churches. When travelling from one town to another in search of work, it was thought that great assistance and mutual benefit could be given to one another if the Masons possessed a set of signs by which all Masons could recognise one another as such, and also by which each man could make known his grade to those of similar rank, without further trouble than a manual sign or the utterance of some recognised pass-word. This was decided on and assented to by groups of Masons, who, meeting in a shed near the structure upon which they were employed, established the original "Masons' Lodge." Before all other things it was necessary that Masons should be "Free and Accepted." The entrance into this order, as indeed into all others, was, in accordance with the spirit

of the times, surrounded by mysterious rites and ceremonies, and all such societies had their peculiar lore and traditions. One of the Masons' rules was that each member was bound by oath to give notice to his Lodge of any bad work done by any member, and the penalty, if such charge be proved, was expulsion from the Order. The tenets of the Freemasons were guarded in a most jealous manner, a remarkable instance of this being in the fact that in 1099 the Bishop of Utrecht was murdered by a Mason because he had extracted the secrets of the Order from another Mason.

The Brotherhood of Freemasons before the middle of the twelfth and beginning of the thirteenth centuries, it is generally admitted, was not sufficiently organised to have much influence on architecture, but at that time it is supposed to have assumed more importance, and to have been the principal guiding cause in the great changes which were then in progress. The main influence of the Masons was architectural, and their organisations were both national and international, their gatherings being ruled over with great pomp by Master Masons, Wardens, and other officials.

The Masons were not the architects of the cathedrals and churches upon which they were employed during the prevalence of the Early English style (thirteenth century), as during this period most of these ecclesiastical pieces of architecture were designed by their bishops and other well educated persons. In the case of Exeter Cathedral, the transformation from Norman to Decorated was designed by Bishop Quivil. But in the fifteenth century, during the prevalence of the Perpendicular style, the Masons took the designing of buildings into their own hands, and thus became the architects.

Upon the origin of the term "Freemason" there is divided opinion. Some affirm that "Freemason" meant "Free-man," others say it was derived from Free-stone, which is stone that can be easily cut into blocks and worked with a chisel, and may therefore be cut into any direction. There is little doubt that the Masons were reverent men, and loved their work. One fact that will tend to prove this is that the most beautiful pieces of carving in many of our cathedrals are sometimes in corners and crevices where they have very little, if any, chance of being seen by the ordinary observer. As the Masons were obliged to travel from one part of the country to another in search of work, it will be seen that, as an organised body, they must have had no small influence on architecture, as they carried their notions and ideas into all districts where they were employed.

Hundreds of Masons' marks are to be seen on the stonework in Hexham Abbey, an evidence of the precautions taken to prevent bad workmanship. Every Mason was required to cut his own special mark on the stonework he had executed, so that in the event of its being condemned the workman could be punished. This assured the highest standard of excellence. Writers on the architecture of the middle ages refer eulogistically to the influence the order of Masons had upon the workmanship of the period. It is beyond doubt that it is to the exacting methods of this Fraternity that we owe the remarkably good condition of our magnificent cathedrals, structures which will be standing intact when much of our first-class modern work has hopelessly perished.—Guy Wilfred Hayler, in the "British Architect."

It is wonderful how the delights and griefs of life blend together and cannot be separated. The one enriches the other, and from their union there results a blessing to all who are rightly exercised thereby, as they broaden and sweeten our lives. How sweet the memory of our beloved dead. How their virtues grow and errors fade, and what comfort to know that they were our friends.—L. L. Munn, Illinois.

There are, says an American writer, nearly a hundred Masonic publications in the United States, ranging in price from 50 cents to two dollars a year, any of which, by constant reading, would break off the rough corners of ignorance and polish the mind to such a degree that the possessor would behold beauties in Masonry of which he never dreamed.

Good ritualism is no sign that a Brother is a good Freemason; nor is it evidence that he is a bad one, but it is evidence that he thinks enough of the Order to devote much valuable time to it, which should always be something in his favour.—"Texas Freemason."

## IN THE HEART.

WE teach that a Mason's first preparation should be in the heart. In the heart! Ah! Brethren, there is the key-note of all Speculative Masonry, as it is the very pith and marrow of all manhood. With the heart right, how easy it is to practice that charity which "envieth not, is not puffed up, doth not behave itself unseemly;" and how naturally does the fulfilment of obligations become "at once our duty and our happiness." Such a heart sends its red current to the lips, and we speak words of encouragement and good cheer; it courses along the arm, and we raise the fallen and succour the needy; it extends to the feet, and they are quick to run on errands of mercy.

A heart thus tempered shrinks not from affiliation with all races and conditions of men; the high and low, rich and poor. Under the glow of its inspiration, our jewels, or working tools, all our paraphernalia, take an ideal import, transcending the limits of mere physical measurement; and pregnant with infinite suggestions radiate a spiritual light even to the boundaries described in the answers to the questions in the Eternal Apprentice degree—"How long?" "How broad?" "How high?" "How deep?"—uplifting all those who have this "first preparation" into the full perception of the grandeur of our Order, and the profound significance of its symbols.—Samuel B. Spooner, in the "Canadian Craftsman."

The famous Druce case—with its doubly-buried Duke—is likely to have a parallel, if report speaks truly regarding the death and burial of Mr. George Edward Lake, solicitor, of London, late Deputy Prov. G.M. Herts. He was dead, but is alive again, according to many witnesses who can have no object in spreading abroad a false report. Last November a coffin, supposed to contain the remains of Mr. George Ed. Lake, was brought over from the continent to England, and interred with all the publicity attending the obsequies of the late lamented Miss Kilmansegg. "All I know," said the undertaker to a representative of the London "Daily Mail," "is that I received the coffin from Germany, that the certificates of death—there were two, one being in German and the other in English—were quite in order so far as I could tell, the cause of death being given as 'collapse.'" "Then you did not see whether or not there was a corpse in the coffin you received from Germany?" was asked. "No, I did not open it. Inside the wooden case was a metal coffin which would doubtless be soldered down." "How do I know what was inside the wood? Because in one place where a screw had been fixed the wood had split, and I could see the metal of the inside coffin." At the graveside the Duke of Norfolk was one of the chief mourners; several prominent Freemasons also showed their respect for the "deceased"; and every blind in Bushey, where he was buried, was drawn low. And now the whole affair is said to have been bogus, and the statement is of more importance from the fact that the recent failure of the "surviving" partner is alleged to be due to the "dead man's" defalcations. The obvious method of settling the difficulty is to open the coffin and see if Mr. Lake is really there; but if the Druce case counts for anything, the simplest remedy will be the most difficult to apply.—"Birmingham Gazette."

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The Mason who cannot wholly divest himself of all party feeling before crossing the threshold of a Masonic Lodge might as well carry in with him the pestilence. Brethren should always remember that there is more danger from within the Lodges than without. Masters of Lodges cannot be too strict in rebuking the slightest political allusion in Lodge, whether at labour or refreshment. These principles should extend farther. We should, on all occasions, lend our influence and example in assuaging the bitterness of party spirit in the community around us.

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A proposal to have a dramatic performance of "Rob Roy," or some other popular play, under the auspices of the Provincial Grand Lodge of Glasgow for the benefit of the Prov. Grand Lodge Benevolent Fund was before that body on Tuesday, but they would have none of it. The proposal was declined by a three-fourths vote, notwithstanding the statement by the proposer that at a former performance of the kind a sum of £124 was netted.

## 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: PROVINCIAL.

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## ROYAL SUSSEX LODGE, No. 353.

THE third annual pic-nic was held on Wednesday, 18th ult., in delightful weather. The party, to the number of fifty, left Burton at 9.15 a.m., and journeyed per Midland Railway to Worcester, in two new and splendidly-appointed saloon carriages.

After a visit to the porcelain works, luncheon was partaken of at the Star Hotel, and then the historic cathedral was visited by several of the trippists. At half-past two o'clock the party proceeded by the steamer "Jubilee" to Tewkesbury, where a leisurely stroll round the old battle-field formed an interesting and helpful prelude to afternoon tea, which was partaken of at the Bell Inn, a house rendered famous as the residence of old Abel Fletcher, the tanner, who will be remembered by all readers of "John Halifax, gentleman." A visit to Tewkesbury Abbey was the next item on the programme, and the ancient town was left at half-past five for the return journey to Worcester, which was reached, after a most enjoyable sail, at a quarter past seven. Half-an-hour later the party sat down to a recherche repast at the Star Hotel, the catering giving entire satisfaction.

Shortly after ten o'clock the homeward journey was commenced, and Burton was reached after a capital run. The whole of the arrangements were in the hands of Worshipful Master Bro. Arthur R. Price, who is to be heartily congratulated upon the success of the outing, which was generally pronounced to have been the most successful one of the series.

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## SYDNEY LODGE, No. 829.

LADIES whose husbands, brothers, or cousins are members of the Ancient Order of Freemasonry, do not hear much of Masonic doings, says the "Sidcup Times," but the Brethren of the Sydney Lodge organised a ladies' day outing which took place on Wednesday, 25th ult., to Sevenoaks.

The party made an early start, leaving the Rose Inn, Plumstead, at nine o'clock in the morning in four smartly-equipped four-in-hand coaches. The Black Horse, Sidcup (where the Lodge holds its meetings) was reached at 10.30, and the Royal Oak Hotel, Sevenoaks, at one o'clock. The charming scenery passed through was greatly enjoyed, the old town being probably more famous for its delightful situation than for any historic interest. In the grounds of the hotel a sumptuous luncheon was partaken of. At 3.30 the return journey was commenced, and at Sidcup tea was provided and the evening spent with a musical entertainment. The last stage of the homeward journey was entered on at ten o'clock, and home was reached about eleven, when the Masons and their ladies were found to have agreed that the drive into the "Garden of England," on such a perfect summer's day, had been so delightful that it will be strange if another such outing is not arranged next year.

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## WILTON LODGE, No. 1077.

LIKE the Egyptians, who are said to have had their benish-days, or periods of emancipation from the cares and exactions of every-day life, so members of Masonic Lodges are glad to throw off the restraint of ceremonial, and endeavour to disprove the saying of old Froissart that "the English take their pleasures sadly," by an annual trip into the country, and a supreme effort to crowd into one day an amount of enjoyment which, to an ordinary individual, would suffice for a week. Those lucky people who, at an early hour on the morning of Wednesday, 18th ult., assembled at the Central Station, Manchester, with the intention of supporting the pic-nic of the Wilton Lodge, No. 1077, were well rewarded for the trouble they had taken to be present. In the first place the weather was all that could be desired; in the next the Cheshire Lines Company had furnished three excellent saloon carriages for the convenience of the party; thirdly, Knutsford, the objective of the visit, was very judiciously selected; and lastly, the W.M. had supplied plenty of refreshments for consumption during the journey.

On arrival at the pretty Cheshire town, conveyances in the shape of ten open landaus and a brake were in readiness, and the party, consisting of members and friends to the number of eighty-five, were driven to the Bear's Head Hotel, Brereton; a distance of fifteen miles, through a lovely stretch of country, the route being via Ollerton, Marthall, Chelford, Astle, Withington, where a halt was made, refreshments again provided, and a snap shot taken of the group,\* Holmes Chapel, and on to the Bear's Head Hotel. Here a hot dinner was partaken of in a large marquee erected in the hotel grounds, the afternoon being spent in games of cricket, bowling, &c. Brother W. H. Lowry Worshipful Master had offered some very valuable prizes to lady competitors, as follow:—for the cricket match, a silver tea-pot and lady's purse; and for bowling, a silver cruet (out glass), and a lady's satchel. The foresight of Bro. Lowry had also been the means of furnishing a supply of fruit and other delectables which were offered unsparingly.

At last tea, that welcome feminine nepenthe, was announced, and partaken of with a relish. There was no time for speeches of any kind; every arrangement had been so carefully made, and was acted upon with such exactness and precision, that directly tea was over the carriages were in waiting for the party, and another drive of about ten miles was undertaken via Holmes Chapel, Allstock, Higher Peover, and Toft, to Knutsford and thence to Manchester by train, arriving at the Central Station shortly before 10 p.m.

Brother Lowry was well supported by his Officers, all of whom were present, and he may be congratulated upon the fact that the pic-nic projected under his auspices was one, if not the most successful ever held in connection with the Wilton Lodge.

\* We believe that it is the intention of the Worshipful Master to have the photograph enlarged, when he will present it to the Lodge, as a pleasant reminder of the happy day spent amidst the Cheshire scenery.

## PORTLAND LODGE, No. 1037.

THE Brethren of this Weymouth Lodge gave their first pic-nic on Wednesday. They proceeded by coach to the Springhead Hotel, a charming hostelry delightfully situated at Sutton Point, a quaint old time village a few miles from Weymouth. After a short ramble the company sat down to a well served luncheon. The W.M. Bro. W. R. Wallis was in the chair, supported by Bro. N. Bowes W.M. All Souls Lodge, and Bro. E. M. Davidson I.P.M. of the Portland.

After luncheon the W.M., in proposing the Queen and Craft, made feeling allusion to the loss their Most Gracious Majesty had sustained in the death of her son and her dear friend King Humbert.

Later the W.M. proposed the Visitors, coupled with the names of Bro. Nelson Bowes, Bro. W. L. Cockburn (the famous basso), and Bro. Charles Collette (the world known comedian of "Colonel" and "What happened to Jones" fame). Both these popular artistes were fulfilling engagements at the Weymouth Popular Concerts.

The guests suitably replied, when Bro. P.M. Davidson eloquently proposed the W.M., to which toast Bro. W. R. Wallis replied.

In respectful memory of the dead all toasts were drunk in silence. The remainder of the afternoon was devoted to pigeon shooting, quoits, whiskies and sodas, and other sports. Mine Host Clay, proprietor of the Springhead Hotel, fully sustained his reputation as a caterer.

## INSTRUCTION.

## ZODIAC LODGE, No. 2615.

ON Wednesday, at Bro. Smith's, Denmark Hotel, East Ham, Bro. G. Douglas, who is only a young member of the Craft, was in the chair, and was supported by Bros. W. Clark S.W., F. Sturton J.W., G. Dale W.M. 2615 Dep. Prec., W. Henshaw Sec. acting S.D., J. Jagers J.D., J. Wynman I.G. and others.

The W.M. rehearsed the ceremony of initiation, Bro. Taylor acting as the candidate. Bro. Taylor then answered the questions leading to the second degree. Bro. Dale in his usual able manner worked the first and second sections of the lecture. Bro. Dale proposed that a hearty vote of thanks be recorded on the minutes for the able manner in which the W.M. had fulfilled the duties of the chair for the first time in the Lodge. This being seconded was unanimously carried, and the compliment was gracefully acknowledged. We add our congratulations to Bro. Douglas, whose working was all that could be desired.

Bro. W. Clark was elected W.M. for Wednesday next, and Bros. C. Taylor and W. Jungersen, both of No. 2615, were elected members.

## HOLIDAY ARRANGEMENTS.

## BELLE STEAMERS.

THE sailings from Fresh Wharf, London Bridge, during the holidays will be as follow:—Saturday, 4th August: 8.45 to Southwold, Lowestoft and Yarmouth express; 9.0 to Southend, Walton-on-the-Naze, Clacton, and back; 9.15 to Clacton, Walton, Felixstowe, Harwich and Ipswich direct, carrying passengers also for Southwold and Yarmouth, changing at Walton; 9.35 to Southend, Margate, Ramsgate, and back; 10.0 to Southend, Clacton, Walton, Southwold and Yarmouth direct; 2.0 Husbands' Boat to Southend and Margate. A relief steamer will wait at Tilbury, to take train passengers in case of need. Sunday, 5th August: 9.0 to Clacton, Walton, Felixstowe, Harwich and Ipswich direct; 9.15 to Southend, Walton, Clacton and back; 9.35 to Southend, Margate, Ramsgate and back; 10.0 to Southend, Clacton, Walton, Southwold, Lowestoft and Yarmouth direct; 3.0 to Southend and round the Nore, calling at Gravesend for Rosherville Gardens. Bank Holiday and Tuesday 7th August: 8.45 to Southend and Margate and back; 9.0 to Clacton, Walton, Felixstowe, Harwich and Ipswich direct; 9.15 to Southend, Walton, Clacton and back; 9.35 to Southend, Margate, Ramsgate and back; 10.0 to Southend, Clacton, Walton, Southwold, Lowestoft and Yarmouth direct.

The Nore Steamers will not run on the 4th and 6th August.

Passengers will be booked for Rosherville Gardens by the nine o'clock steamer on Bank Holiday and Tuesday. To enable the steamers to start punctually passengers are requested to take their tickets before the holidays, and to come early to Fresh Wharf. Special arrangements have been made for the issue of tickets at all the Company's booking offices.

By arrangement with Messrs. Smith, Elder and Co., Messrs. Thomas Nelson and Sons are now enabled to issue the complete works of Thackeray in their "New Century Library" of India paper novels. The edition will consist of fourteen volumes, and will be completed this year. Under these circumstances the issue of Scott's novels in the "New Century Library" will be postponed till December.

## 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).

Tuesday.	
2738 Army and Navy, Anderton's.	364 Cambrian, Neath
70 St. John, Plymouth	393 St. David, Berwick
103 Beauford, Bristol	421 Loyal of Industry, S'thmolton
124 Marquis of Granby, Durham	510 St. Martin, Liskeard
158 Adam, Sheerness	558 Temple, Folkestone
252 Harmonic, Dudley	660 Camalodunum, New Malton
265 Royal Yorkshire, Keighley	673 St. John, Liverpool
	734 Lodesborough, Bridlington

847 Fortesque, Honiton  
960 Bute, Cardiff  
967 Three Grand Principles, Penryn  
974 Pentalpha, Bradford  
1002 Skiddaw, Cockermouth  
1244 Marwood, Redcar  
1780 Albert Edward, Southampton  
1785 St. Petroc, Padstow  
2129 Dorothy Vernon, Bakewell

## Wednesday.

Committee Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution, at 4.

1260 John Hervey, Freemasons'-hall  
2765 Earl's Court, Rl. Palace Hotel  
84 Doyle of Friendship, Guernsey  
187 Rl. Sussex Hospitality, Bristol  
250 Minerva, Hull  
258 Amphibious, Heckmondwike  
274 Tranquility, Newchurch  
277 Friendship, Oldham  
281 Fortitude, Lancaster  
288 Harmony, Todmorden  
320 Loyalty, Mottam  
323 Concord, Stockport  
329 Brotherly Love, Yeovil  
366 St. David, Milford  
368 Samaritan, Sandbach  
372 Harmony, Budleigh Salterton  
380 Integrity, Morley  
387 Airedale, Shipley  
409 Stortford, Bishops Stortford  
533 Eaton, Congleton  
555 Fidelity, Framlingham  
661 Fawcett, Seaham Harbour  
666 Benevolence, Dartmoor  
679 St. David, Aberdare  
697 United, Colchester  
730 Ellesmere, Chrley  
731 Arboretum, Derby  
755 St. Tudno, Llandudno  
906 Royal Albert Edward, Bath  
1018 Shakespeare, Bradford  
1024 St. Peter, Maldon  
1181 De la Pole, Seaton  
1209 Lewises, Ramsgate  
1220 Solway, Aspatria  
1248 Denison, Scarborough  
1273 St. Michael, Sittingbourne  
1331 Aldershot Camp, Aldershot  
1356 Toxteth, Liverpool  
1398 Baldwin, Dalton-in-Furness  
1400 Curwen, Workington  
1529 Duke of Cornwall, St. Columb  
1544 Mount Edgecumbe, Camborne  
1643 Perseverance, Hebburn-on-Tyne  
1645 Colne Valley, Slaithwaite  
1783 Albert Edward, Huddersfield  
1808 Suffield, North Walsham  
1855 St. Maurice, Plympton  
1879 Lord Warkworth, Amble  
1932 Whitworth, Spennymoor  
1958 St. George, Portsea  
2156 Arthur Sullivan, Manchester  
2355 Chantrey, Dore  
2389 Avondale, Middlewich  
2423 St. Mark, Connah Quay

2483 Hadrian, Westham  
2583 St. Thomas, Tibshelf  
2655 Queen Victoria, S.. Budeaux  
2734 Harlow, Harlo

## Thursday.

116 Royal Lancashire, Colne  
130 Royal Gloucester, South'mpton  
208 Three Gd. Principles, Dewsbury  
275 Harmony, Huddersfield  
283 Amity, Haslingden  
333 Royal Preston, Preston  
337 Candour, Uppermill  
369 Limestone Rock, Clitheroe  
381 Harmony & Industry, Darwen  
437 Science, Wincanton  
450 Cornubian, Hayle  
456 Foresters, Uttroter  
469 Hundred of Elloe, Spalding  
472 F'ship & Sincerity, Shaftesbury  
630 St. Cuthbert, Howden  
710 Pleiades, Totnes  
816 Royd, Littleboro'  
973 Royal Somerset, Frome  
991 Tyne, Wallsend  
1099 Huyshe, Stoke, Devonport  
1145 Equality, Accrington  
1182 Duke of Edinburgh, Liverpool  
1235 Phoenix St. Ann, Buxton  
1387 Chorlton, Chorlton-cum-Hardy  
1416 Falcon, Thirsk  
1583 Corbet, Towyn  
1697 Hospitality, Waverfoot  
1750 Coleridge, Clevedon  
1992 Tennant, Cardiff  
2091 Castleberg, Settle  
2234 Onslow, Guildford  
2262 Dagmar, Wraybury  
2285 Eden, Workington  
2449 Duke of York, Manchester

## Friday.

36 Glamorgan, Cardiff  
81 Dovic, Woodbridge  
170 All Souls, Weymouth  
318 True and Faithful, Helston  
401 Royal Forest, Slaidburn  
458 Aire and Calder, Goole  
460 Sut'land Unity, N'castle-u-Lyme  
516 Phoenix, Stowmarket  
526 Honour, Wolverhampton  
652 Holme Valley, Holmfirth  
1034 Eccleshill, Eccleshill  
1087 Beadesert, Leighton Buzzard  
1102 Mirfield, Mirfield  
1121 Wear Valley, Bishop Auckland  
1224 Stour Valley, Sudbury

## Saturday.

1685 Guelph, Leyton  
149 Peace, Meltham  
444 Union, Starcross  
869 Gresham, Chestnut Park  
1423 Era, Twickenham  
1637 Unity, Harrow Station  
1755 Eldon, Portishead  
2442 St. Clement, Leigh

## The Theatres, &amp;c.

Avenue.—8, His Wife's Picture. 8.45, A Message from Mars. Matinée, Wednesday, 3.

Criterion.—8.30, Lady Huntworth's Experiment. Matinée, Wednesday, 2.30.

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

Gt. Queen Street.—8.15, A Boer Meisje. 9, The Private Secretary. Matinée, Wednesday and Saturday, 3.

Lyric.—8, Florodora.

Savoy.—8.15, The Outpost. 8.45, The Pirates of Penzance. Matinée, Saturday, 2.30.

Shaftesbury.—8, The Casino Girl. Matinée, Wednesday, 2.

Vaudeville.—8.15, The Lady Volunteers. 8.50, Kitty Grey.

Alexandra.—Next week, 8, Her Majesty's Guests.

Opera House, Crouch End.—Next week, 8, Charley's Aunt.

Surrey.—Next week, 7.45, Death or Glory Boys.

Standard.—Next week, 7.45, The Great Ruby.

Alhambra.—7.45, Variety Entertainment, &c.

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

Empire.—7.45, Variety Entertainment. Round the Town Again, &c.

Oxford.—7.30, Variety Entertainment. Saturday, 2.25 also.

Palace.—7.45, Variety Entertainment. New American Biograph, &c.

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

Tivoli.—7.40, Variety Entertainment. Saturday, 2.15 also.

Agricultural Hall.—3 and 8, Mohawk Minstrels.

Alexandra Palace.—Varied entertainments, &c.

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 8 and 8.