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RULERS IN THE CRAFT.

ENGLAND'S gain will be a severe blow to the Province of Sussex, the members of which will lose H.R.H. the Duke of Connaught as their local Masonic chief as a consequence of his promotion to the chief Office in the English Brotherhood, and the same may be said as regards the far off District of Bombay, of which the Duke has been the Masonic ruler since 1887. Both of these sections of the Craft will doubtless hail the new Grand Master with the most loyal greetings, but they can hardly fail to feel a pang of regret—especially Sussex—in losing so popular and painstaking a local ruler, albeit they will enjoy with their fellows the honour of serving directly under him, in his new and more exalted position.

It is understood the new Grand Master will pay a special visit to Brighton for the purpose of installing his successor in the chair of the Province of Sussex.

CHESHIRE.

A SPECIAL meeting of the Provincial Grand Lodge of Cheshire was held at the Crewe Arms Hotel, Crewe, on Wednesday afternoon, under the presidency of the Hon. Alan de Tatton Egerton, M.P., Prov. Grand Master.

On the proposition of the Chairman, seconded by Bro. F. Broadsmith Acting Dep.P.G.M. a resolution was adopted expressing sympathy with the King and the Royal Family at the great and irreparable loss sustained by them and the nation by the death of the late Queen Victoria; a further resolution of congratulation to the King, on his accession to the Throne, was carried.

At the close of the Provincial Grand Lodge, the Prov. G.M. presided over meetings of the various Charity representatives of the Benevolent Institution and Educational Committee of the Province. The Chairman read a letter from Col. C. S. Dean, of Birkenhead, resigning his position as Chairman of the Charity Council. The meeting accepted the resignation with much regret. Brother Henry Jackson will perform the duties of Chairman until the June meeting, when a resolution will be passed confirming his appointment.

Bro. H. Jackson reported on the voting strength of the Province. They had 2,300 votes for Boys, 600 for Girls, and 2,500 for Widows and Aged Masons in the Benevolent Institution. They had from the Province of Cheshire at present six boys in the Masonic School in London, costing about £200 a year; 4 girls, costing about £150 a year; with six Aged Masons and three widows, receiving from the funds of the Royal Benevolent Institution £336 a year, making a total of £716 which the Province of Cheshire was receiving from the Central Charities in London. He expressed the hope that the forthcoming Masonic Festival, at Knutsford, would materially help the funds of the Province.

Bro. F. Stevenson was re-appointed Hon. Secretary, and Bro. Simm Hon. Treasurer of the Educational Institute.

GRAND CHAPTER OF SCOTLAND.

THE newly elected First Grand Principal of Scotland the Hon. C. Maule Ramsay, replying to the toast of his health, at the installation meeting of the Grand Chapter on the 20th inst., said that now the Supreme Grand Chapter was established in its own home it was incumbent on them to follow the example they saw in the Grand Lodge of Scotland during the last twenty-five years, which had steadily but surely put itself in a state of complete solvency and wealth. He thought it was only fair that from time to time they should consider their position and see how they stood, not as compared with last year only, but as compared with a few years ago, and he had a statement that embraced at least ten years, which

showed that the funds of the Supreme Chapter had increased steadily from £5,300 in 1890 to over £8,000 in 1899, so that the yearly increase during that time had averaged something like £300. The number of Companions had also shown a steady increase, though during the last year the increase did not equal either of the two preceding years. In 1897, for instance, 1,237 were added, in 1898 1,244, and in 1899 only 1,086. He trusted that was owing to some temporary circumstances or conditions, because for the last year the registrations, though the accounts were not altogether closed, amounted to no less than 1,290, which was in excess of any other year during the last ten years. That was certainly a matter of congratulation for them. It behoved those of them in Edinburgh and Glasgow, which were naturally, of course, the two greatest centres of Masonry in Scotland, to see that nothing was left undone that could continue to promote this steady increase, and to bring the Provinces into better working order.

We are pleased to announce that on Wednesday Bro. the Rev. F. C. Corbett, M.A., Rector of Long Marton, Carlisle, was unanimously elected a Fellow of the Royal Society of Literature. We hope in our next issue to give a biographical sketch of Bro. Corbett, who is the author of several volumes of a theological and poetical character. Brother Corbett's nomination certificate, recommending him for the distinction of F.R.S.L., was signed by the following Fellows of the Society: Bro. Dr. Charles Forshaw, F.R.H.S., Bro. James Hartley, Bro. Robert Brown, Bro. Dr. Percy Lodge, M.A., Bro. the Rev. J. E. Perkins, M.A., Bro. Dr. Walter Kaye, M.A., Bro. Dr. Hinsley Walker, F.R.C.P., Bro. Dr. Erskine Stuart, F.S.A., Bro. Prof. Miles, Rev. W. C. Minifie, D.D., E. Gilbert Highton, Esq., M.A., and Bro. Mackenzie Bell.

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The Fifteen Sections will be worked in the Royal Athelstan Lodge of Instruction, No. 19, at the Clachan, 34 King Street, Regent Street, W., to-morrow (Sunday) evening, commencing at 6.30 prompt. Bro. W. Cleghorn P.M. 1287 will act as W.M., with Bro. R. Sandland S.D. 2398 S.W., Bro. A. P. Lowthian W.M. 1900 J.W., the veteran Bro. C. A. Cottebrune P.M. 1257 P.G.P. Preceptor, C. H. Denny 2076 P.M. 1671 Treasurer, and J. I. Moar 2076 P.M. 813 Secretary.

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Bro. W. J. Carroll W.M. 1227, who has been established as a watch and clock maker and repairer, at 17-19 Beer Lane, E.C., for upwards of half a century, has acquired more central and convenient premises at 20 London Street, Fenchurch Street Station. The old premises will be retained for workshops. We wish our Brother every success in his new venture.

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We are compelled to hold over several reports, including those of meetings of the Shepherds Bush Lodge, No. 1828; Duke of Connaught Lodge, No. 1524; together with other items of interest, in consequence of pressure on our space.

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Bro. J. Ernest Lane, F.R.C.S., Sec. Sancta Maria Lodge, No. 2682, appeals to other members of the medical profession, through the columns of the "Lancet," on behalf of Doris Sall, aged nine years, daughter of E. W. H. Sall, M.R.C.S. Eng., till recently in practice at Southsea, who has been compelled to relinquish practice and to go on a sea voyage owing to the complete breakdown of his health, and is anxious to secure the election of his little girl to the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls at the election in April. Any votes will be thankfully received and acknowledged by Bro. Lane, 46 Queen Anne Street, W.

ROYAL Masonic Institution for Girls.

The 113th ANNIVERSARY FESTIVAL
WILL BE HELD ON WEDNESDAY, THE 8TH MAY 1901,
THE
M.W. PRO GRAND MASTER
THE RIGHT HON. THE EARL AMHERST
R.W. Prov. Grand Master Kent
IN THE CHAIR.

Brethren willing to act as Stewards on this important occasion are earnestly solicited to send in their names to the Secretary, as early as convenient. Stewards are much needed, and their services will be gratefully received.

F. R. W. HEDGES, Secretary.

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"A SPRIG OF ACACIA."

WE regret to have to announce the death of Bro. W. Asquith, of Halifax, who was born on 16th March 1840, and died on Monday, 18th inst., after a long and most painful illness, borne with the greatest fortitude. He had been connected all his life with the machine tool trade, but for the last fifteen months he had taken no active part in the management of the successful and well-known business established by him thirty-six years ago, now being carried on at Highroad Well Works, Halifax. During his career Bro. Asquith built many tools of large dimensions for the British and foreign Governments, and the leading engineering works in this country and America. Bro. Asquith was undoubtedly a man of shrewd business and mechanical ability, an acknowledged authority in and thorough master of his profession, and a strict disciplinarian, while scrupulously fair. His ideas of conducting his works were on the most advanced present-day lines, and aimed at advancing the accuracy and lessening the cost of production. Bro. Asquith did not identify himself with public life, but held, at various times, important offices in a private capacity and in private and social life. He had no particular hobby, beyond being thoroughly wrapped up in his endeavours to make his name take the foremost rank in the trade, and sparing no effort to accomplish that end. He was one of the founders of the De Warren Lodge, No. 1304, and held all the Offices in connection with that Lodge. He was highly and widely respected, and his trade has undoubtedly lost one of its most energetic and eminent members.

THE death is announced of M. Cercueil, a very eminent member of the French Masonic Lodge. It was M. Cercueil who, at the risk of their lives, led the historic deputation of Freemasons during the Commune from Paris to Versailles, for the purpose of bringing about a reconciliation between M. Thiers and the insurgents. The deceased was also the author of several useful works on pauperism and intelligent philanthropy.—"Birmingham Daily Post."

WE tender Fraternal sympathy to our Brother Charles Collette, the well-known comedian, on the death of his father, who passed away on Monday of last week in his eighty-fourth year. There was a memorial service at the Charterhouse on the following Wednesday, and the interment subsequently was carried out at Tower Hamlets Cemetery.

THE funeral of the late Bro. E. W. Evans, of Newport, took place last month at the local cemetery. He was a Past Master of the Albert Edward Lodge, and at the time of his death Tyler to the three Newport Lodges. A large number of fellow Masons attended the funeral, and the coffin was covered with floral tributes.

MUCH regret has been expressed at the death of Bro. A. Coe, who officiated as Tyler to several of the Brighton Lodges. He passed away, after a short illness, at his residence in Milton Road, Brighton.

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. We do not sanction anyone attending Lodge meetings as our representative without a specific invitation.

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New Concord Lodge, No. 813.

INSTALLATION OF BRO. JOHN HOWARD.

THE annual festival of this well known and popular Lodge, which was consecrated in 1860, is one of those Masonic events which is always anticipated with pleasure, and enjoyed with satisfaction, therefore we accepted with alacrity the invite of Brother John Howard, the W.M.-elect, to attend the Installation meeting, which took place on Thursday, 21st inst., at the Guildhall Tavern, Gresham Street, E.C.

Those present included Bros. W. M. Johnson W.M., R. Clark I.P.M., Alfred J. Potter P.M. Secretary, John Howard S.W. W.M.-elect, Isidor Keiser J.W., L. A. Margetts S.D., E. H. E. Fletcher J.D., R. J. Fletcher I.G., A. K. Tuberfield Tyler; Past Masters John Ingram Moar, C. H. Ockelford, Charles Weeden, H. D. Blake, H. Sprake; Bros. A. Bernstein, P. Cordell, J. Cox, J. R. Cordell, R. H. Tickle, F. Wade, E. Fletcher, J. Taylor, A. Smith, W. Carter, W. Venner, R. G. Nickolls, S. J. Britton, A. Larcher, A. Denton, H. Watkins, M. Ellis, C. Cook, J. Lewin, M. Wenborn, W. Chittock, A. E. Burnett, L. Wild H. Garrett, R. Anderson, A. Amedie, G. C. Innes, W. Hammond, J. L. Van Hilden, T. W. Couch, C. Reed, F. Mason, J. C. Smellie, and several others.

Amongst the visitors we had the pleasure of seeing Bros. John Mears W.M. 788, A. Green 193, J. Marcham 861, F. A. Slater J.W. 1804, G. Walfield W.M. 2184, F. Baddelin J.W. 2530, C. G. Zander W.M. 201, G. H. Irish 340, John O'Conner W.M. 1632, H. G. Gush P.M. 1541 Preceptor of the New Concord Instruction Lodge, W. E. Jones P.M. 206, F. J. Holdworth W.M. 1538, H. Metcalf 1970, G. J. Vanderpump P.M. 1863, J. Wynman, &c.

The proceedings commenced with praiseworthy punctuality at 5.30, when Bro. W. M. Johnson opened the Lodge in due form, and the minutes of the January and emergency meetings were read and confirmed.

The W.M. said before they proceeded further he had a very pleasant duty to perform, and that was to present Bro. John Marcham with a testimonial, for the many and valuable services he had rendered to the Lodge during the past twenty years. Addressing Bro. Marcham he said he had seen many Masters of the Lodge during that time, and he believed if they were all present that night they would each echo the sentiments of approval. In the name of the Past Masters, Officers and Brethren of the New Concord Lodge he had very much pleasure in presenting the testimonial, which was intended as a recognition of services rendered to the Lodge, and he trusted the recipient might be spared for many years to look upon it and think of the numerous friends he had made in connection with the Lodge.

Bro. Marcham, who was visibly affected, said he never expected that. He should never forget their kindness, and most sincerely thanked the W.M. and Brethren for their presentation. (The testimonial was engrossed on vellum, and was magnificently framed.)

The principal business of the evening was then proceeded with. The W.M. vacated the chair in favour of Bro. Charles Weeden P.M., who, acting as Installing Master, declared all Offices vacant and requested Bros. R. Clark P.M. and H. D. Blake P.M. to assist him as Wardens pro tem. The Lodge was opened in the second degree and Bro. John Howard W.M.-elect was presented by Bro. John Ingram Moar P.M. Director of Ceremonies. He duly signified his assent to the ancient charges and regulations, and a strong Board of Installed Masters being formed he was formally inducted into the chair of King Solomon for the ensuing twelve months. The Brethren having been re-admitted the W.M. was proclaimed and saluted in the different degrees. The installation ceremony was admirably performed by Bro. Weeden, whose subsequent delivery of the three addresses elicited the hearty appreciation of all present. The W.M. appointed the Officers for the ensuing year, as follow:—Bros. J. Keiser S.W., R. Fletcher J.W., C. J. Stevens Chaplain, H. J. Cabb P.M. (who, unavoidably absent, will be re-invested later on) Treas., A. J. Potter P.M. Sec., H. E. Fletcher S.D., H. West J.D., W. H. Carter I.G., R. H. Tickle Org., J. I. Moar P.M. D.C., A. Bernstein A.D.C., C. H. Ockelford P.M. and T. J. Taylor Stewards, A. K. Tuberfield Tyler. From the impressive way in which the Worshipful Master invested the Officers there can be little doubt that a happy and successful year awaits him.

The balance sheet, which showed a very satisfactory position of affairs, was adopted.

Many letters were read by the Secretary. The resignation of a Brother was accepted with regret. The Worshipful Master read a telegram from his son and received the congratulations of the visiting Brethren, after which the Lodge was closed. Everything worked well and smoothly, without haste or delay, and terminated exactly at the time specified.

The Brethren now adjourned to the banquet room, where an excellent dinner was provided, Bro. S. J. Wells looking after the comfort of the company in his usual attentive manner. The banquet reflected great credit on the famous old establishment.

At the termination of the repast, grace was sung, and then Bro. Howard rose to propose the toasts, his reception on rising proving

his great popularity among the Brethren. He first called upon the Brethren to drink in silence to the memory of their late beloved Queen.

The next toast he had the great honour to propose was given for the first time in the history of the New Concord Lodge; it was the health of His Majesty the King and success to the Craft. His Majesty had resigned as Most Worshipful Grand Master, but they were proud to have their King as Protector of English Freemasonry. The toast was most loyally honoured; Mr. Wills-Page singing the National Anthem.

In proposing the toast of the Duke of Connaught M.W. Grand Master-elect, the W.M. said no words were needed to convince the Brethren that the Duke was fully qualified for the high Office. The members of the Craft were proud and happy to have him as Grand Master, and trusted his Mastership might be as prosperous as had been his brother's for twenty-six years in the past. He was sure their new M.W.G.M. would follow in the footsteps of his brother.

This toast was followed by that of the Grand Officers.

Bro. W. M. Johnson I.P.M. said it was his privilege and pleasure to propose a toast which he was sure would be well received, and that was the health of their Worshipful Master. They had in Brother Howard a most efficient and popular Master, one who knew the working to perfection. He was well to the front in everything he undertook. No doubt he would arrange for a summer outing, which, he was sure, could not be in better hands. He concluded by wishing Bro. Howard a successful and prosperous year of Office.

The W.M., on rising to respond, received quite an ovation. He thanked the Brethren for the hearty and sincere way in which they had honoured the toast. He had been working hard to rise to the honourable position in which he had been placed that evening. He was initiated eight years since. He often asked himself—what is Freemasonry? He replied, find it out for yourself and you will soon learn. He did, and if they dived into Freemasonry they would do the same. The fourth year in his Masonic career he received his first collar, the seventh year saw him S.W., by the eighth he was duly qualified, and there he was as W.M. It was worth working for; he strongly advised the younger Brethren to attend Lodges of Instruction as he had done in his short career, and hoped they would be equally successful. He regarded the Brethren in the S.E. corner as the chief supporters of the Lodge, and assured the Brethren he should do all he could to follow the example of those predecessors. He should do everything in his power for the welfare and prosperity of Freemasonry in general, and for the New Concord Lodge in particular. He sincerely thanked the I.P.M. for his very kind remarks; he had said they had a good Master, and he would give them proof of his words.

Bro. Johnson had been an example to the Lodge. When he was elected W.M. he said he was not prepared, but he stuck to it, and his performance had been a credit to him; he had done his work well, and he was sure he would have installed him that evening, but for a slight indisposition, which prevented his doing so. Now that Bro. Johnson had passed over to the S.E. corner of the Lodge he had a most pleasant duty to perform, which was to present him with the Past Master's jewel which he had so well earned, and he hoped he would wear it in health and prosperity for many years to come, and in his old age would look upon it as a pleasing memento in connection with the New Concord Lodge.

In response, Bro. Johnson thanked all the Brethren for their great kindness and forbearance towards him during his year of Office. He should always regard the handsome jewel just given him as the greatest compliment he had ever received. He had tried hard to give satisfaction and was pleased to hear he had done so. They had rewarded him with the jewel, and he hoped to wear it for many years to come in the New Concord Lodge. The elegant jewel, which was worked by the well known firm of Bro. C. Weeden and Son, 2 Rydon Crescent, Clerkenwell, bore the following inscription:

Presented to

BRO. WM. JOHNSON

W.M. of New Concord Lodge, No. 813,

in appreciation of zeal and assiduity displayed by him as W.M. 1900-1901.

The next toast on the list was that of the Installing Master. The W.M. said he was well aware that Bro. Weeden did not wish to be praised too much, but he must say his working had been grand, and he was delighted he had installed him; the service had been highly appreciated by him, and he was sure it was by the Brethren also.

Bro. C. Weeden P.M. thanked the W.M. for his kind remarks. He said what he had done was merely a labour of love; the I.P.M. asked him to perform the ceremony for him, because he did not feel well. He had been connected with the Lodge for over twenty-five years, and was always willing to do everything in his power for its welfare. Bro. Johnson had been a good Master, and had done his work well during his year of Office. Unforseen circumstances had occurred, over which he had no control, otherwise Bro. Johnson would have installed his successor equally as well, if not better, than himself. Whatever he could do in the future for the Lodge he should be most happy to undertake.

The next toast was that of the visitors, and it afforded the W.M. much pleasure to propose it. The members of the New Concord Lodge were always pleased to see guests among them, and any Brethren who might favour them with a visit might rely on receiving a most hearty welcome.

Bro. C. J. Vanderpump P.M. 1863, in responding said: Among the many advantages of Freemasonry he supposed there should not be reckoned least in pleasure, that of giving and receiving hospitality; but included in those advantages there was no fertile field suggestive of novelty of observation in returning thanks for the toast of the Visitors. It had given him great pleasure to partake of their hospital-

ity at the invitation of their dear Brother Past Master Potter, and the delight had been the more pleasurable as until that night he had not seen Bro. Potter for fifteen years. He trusted they would not allow the meagreness of his remarks to be a measure of his sincerity in thanking them very much indeed.

Bro. Gush P.M. 1541 did not know why he was called upon to respond, although he was pleased the W.M. had coupled his name with the toast. He was pleased to say he had been connected with them for twenty-five years, as the Preceptor of the New Concord Lodge of Instruction. The present W.M. had been a constant and regular attendant thereat, and it had always been his desire to work up to the proud position he occupied at that moment. He was an excellent worker, and knew the ritual of Freemasonry to perfection; the manner in which he had invested the Officers was sufficient proof of his ability. He was also sure that the Officers he had invested that night would give every support and satisfaction. It had been a great pleasure to him to see his old and esteemed friend Bro. Weeden instal the W.M.; the work had been admirably done. As mentioned before he was the Preceptor of the Instruction Lodge, and naturally took great interest in Lodge work; he strongly advised the Brethren to attend the Instruction meetings, as without a great deal of practice they would find great difficulty in gaining the position they all probably hoped to arrive at in due time. As the W.M. had said he was, comparatively speaking, only a young member, but through his attendance and practice he had worked his way up to the top of the ladder.

The W.M. next gave the toast of the Past Masters, and Bro. H. Sprake P.M., in reply, said he was rather bashful, but he would try to get over that. He thanked the W.M. for the kind remarks concerning the Past Masters: they were all pleased to see the W.M. in the chair as ruler of the Lodge. If the W.M. could remember when they first met he told him he would make rapid progress, because he had shown ability in each degree. He was sure the W.M. would give every satisfaction. Of course it was needless for him to say that whatever he could do for the welfare of the Lodge he certainly would do; he should like to attend more regularly, but important business prevented his doing so; however, his heart and soul were always with the New Concord Lodge.

The W.M. in highly complimentary terms gave the toast of the Officers, and Bro. Keiser S.W. replied. In whatever place of honour he might be placed he would endeavour to discharge the duties thereof, and would render all the assistance that was required of him. His desire was in time to come to rise to the honourable position the W.M. was placed in that evening.

Bro. R. Fletcher thanked the W.M. for having placed him in the proud position of J.W., and assured the W.M. he would continue to improve his Masonic knowledge; he hoped to be perfect by the next meeting, so that the W.M. and Brethren would be satisfied with his assistance.

The enjoyable proceedings were brought to a happy and pleasant termination by the Tyler's toast.

The musical entertainment was far above the average, and was under the direction of Bro. R. H. Tickle. The artistes were Miss Emily Foxcroft, Miss Jessie Mayell, Bros. Wallis, Arthur Kennard (court illusionist), Mr. Wills-Page, and others.

Chaucer Lodge, No. 1540.

ON Monday, 25th inst., the regular meeting was well attended at the St. James's Restaurant. There were present, among others, Bros. W. Miles W.M., J. Genese I.P.M., A. J. Barclay S.W., A. Sarjant J.W., Rev. S. J. Roco Chap., A. J. Bailey P.M. Treas., L. Weil P.M. Sec., S. Russell S.D., E. H. Parry J.D., G. W. Cooper Org., C. Graham P.M. I.G., W. Klingenstein P.M., J. Polak P.M., Dr. H. Oppenheimer P.M., H. Vassmore, W. Gradenwitz, E. S. Cook, S. L. Heymann, H. Oppenheimer, E. Oppenheimer, H. De Vries, G. Reid, H. V. Purvis, I. Behr, H. W. Janisch, J. R. Woodley, J. G. DaCosta, O. Reichenbach, Macdonald Brown P.M. 2408, E. Theodore Smith P.M. 1768, E. N. Isaacs P.M. 141, Carl Von Buch S.W. 235, E. C. Haram 1872, and F. Rayden 73.

The Lodge having been opened and the minutes read and confirmed, Bros. Janisch, Woodley, and DaCosta were entrusted and raised to the degree of Master Mason.

The W.M. informed the Brethren that he attended the Festival of the Benevolent Institution, and that the total his list amounted to was £88 3s, monies all subscribed by the Brethren of the Chaucer Lodge.

The Lodge was closed, and after the Brethren had dined the W.M. gave the usual Loyal toasts, specially referring to H.R.H. the Duke of Connaught as M.W.G.M.-elect.

The other usual toasts followed, and were interspered with music, recitations and singing, under the direction of Bro. G. W. Cooper Organist.

In replying to the toast of the Worshipful Master, Bro. W. Miles said it was a pleasure to him to hear that the Brethren were so pleased with the way in which the working of the Lodge had been carried out, and he wished to thank his Officers for the good work they had done.

Bro. Macdonald Brown, in replying for the Visitors, congratulated the Brethren of the Lodge on having as their W.M. such an earnest and excellent worker as Bro. Miles.

The Tyler's toast concluded a very enjoyable gathering.

Royal Commemoration Lodge, No. 1585.

A VERY enjoyable function in connection with this flourishing Lodge was the Ladies' night held at the Holborn Restaurant, on Wednesday evening, 20th inst., under the presidency of Bro. C. C. Barber W.M., supported by the Officers of the Lodge and a large number of ladies and gentlemen.

The guests were received by the Worshipful Master and Mrs. Barber, and afterwards adjourned to the banqueting room.

After the toast of the King by the Chairman, and the National Anthem by Bro. G. A. Knight P.M., Bro. A. E. W. MacCamley I.P.M. in very happy terms proposed the toast of Bro. Barber W.M., suggesting that those who had not the good fortune of knowing the many good qualities possessed by the subject of his remarks could not do better than become members of the Royal Commemoration Lodge. The ladies could persuade their husbands, brothers, and sweethearts to do likewise; and by that means they could also become better acquainted with Bro. Barber who, apart from his ability as a presiding genius on occasions of that kind, was indeed a tower of strength at their Lodge meetings. As a very excellent programme of music had been arranged it was the order of the evening that brevity should be the soul of wit in reference to the speeches.

Bro. Barber returned thanks for the kindly terms in which Bro. MacCamley had referred to his small services, and for the cordial reception that had been given to the toast of his health. Before resuming his seat he intimated that he had a very pleasant duty to perform, in asking the members of the Lodge to accept a very handsome banner, for use at their meetings, designed by their worthy and highly esteemed Secretary Bro. J. W. Robinson P.M., and painted by his amiable daughter Miss Robinson.

After thanking the Brethren for having accepted the banner Bro. Robinson proposed the toast of the Ladies, which was responded to by Bro. W. C. Wigley P.M. and Treasurer of the Ebury Lodge, No. 1348.

A very interesting souvenir to commemorate the twenty-fifth year of the Lodge's existence had been prepared by Bro. J. W. Robinson P.M., founder, and Secretary, who himself held the position of second W.M. as far back as 1877, and his present position from 1876 to 1889, and 1894 up to the present time. The book is tastefully arranged, bearing on the front a miniature of the Past Master's jewel, which was made from a design by Bro. Robinson when the first W.M. left the chair. Inside are excellent photographs of the present Officers and Past Masters of the Lodge. The Officers are, in addition to Bro. Barber W.M., Bros. A. E. W. MacCamley I.P.M., R. R. Collick P.M. Treasurer, G. W. Fortesque S.W., R. M. Sharpin J.W., J. W. Robinson P.M. Secretary, F. A. Sier S.D., J. H. McNaughten J.D., A. Wyatt I.G., J. Cox Organist, C. Knight Steward, and Gregory Tyler.

A short and concise history of the Lodge and its members accompanies the photographs, and from it we learn that the Lodge was consecrated by Bro. James Terry (now P.G. Sword Bearer of England) at the Star and Garter Hotel, Putney, on 20th March 1876, and some few years since was removed to its present home, where its condition, financial and numerical, has prospered exceedingly. During the existence of the Lodge the sum of £1,325 9s 6d has been given away in Charity, whilst there is still a substantial balance in the hands of the Treasurer. The Lodge is Vice President of the three Institutions, 233 gentlemen have been initiated, and 20 Brethren admitted joining members. At the present time the number on the books is 93. Great credit and the thanks of the members are due to Bro. Robinson for the time and care he has expended in compiling this excellent record of the history of the Lodge.

During the evening each lady was presented with a bottle of scent. An excellent programme of music was rendered under the direction of Bro. Knight P.M., by the following artistes: Misses Adams (accompanist), Bessie Spells, E. B. Robinson, and Messrs. G. A. Knight, Clements, Bladen, F. Thomas (violin solos), Roy Collier, P. N. Gordon, C. Froot (musical sketches—creating much amusement), Rogers, S. Gandy, &c.

In addition to those members already mentioned who were present with their lady friends we noticed the following: Bro. and Mrs. S. Pardoe, Bro. G. M. Coombe, Bro. G. A. Knight, Miss Knight, and party, Bro. Joseph Cox, Bro. F. Thomas, Bro. S. W. Keene Past Masters, Bro. and Mrs. Fortesque, Bro. Cox P.M., Miss Cox, Bro. Sanders and party, Bro. Robinson P.M., Miss Robinson, and party, Bro. and Mrs. Beesley, Bro. and Mrs. Crumden, Bro. Cutcliffe and party, Bro. and Mrs. Hollands, Bro. Jupe and party, Bro. Jordan and party, Bro. Kohlhausen and party, Bro. and Mrs. MacNaughten and party, Bro. Osborne and party, Bro. and Mrs. Parmenter, Bro. and Mrs. S. A. Pardoe, Bro. W. C. Wigley P.M., Bro. Savory and party, Bro. and Mrs. Smith, Bro. and Mrs. Sharpin, Bro. and Mrs. Villiers, Bro. and Mrs. Walker, Bro. A. Wyatt, Bro. and Mrs. H. Willsmer, Bro. R. J. Campbell and friend, Bro. and Mrs. Youngson, Mr. and Mrs. E. Kevan, Bros. Bevan, Drayson, Sier, Sumner, Tucker, A. C. B. Pardoe, Kendall, Woods, and others, in all numbering 110.

During the evening the company was photographed by Messrs. Fradelle and Young, of Regent Street.

Henry Muggeridge Lodge, No. 1679.

The annual election meeting took place on Saturday, at Anderson's Hotel, Fleet Street, when the Brethren attended in strong force at 3.30 p.m., with the intention of being in good time to participate in the excellent working which is usual in this Lodge. There was a full agenda of business.

Those present included Bros. T. F. Strutt I.P.M. 2664 W.M., R. M. Crompton S.W., C. W. Hiscocks J.W., Alfred Sack P.M. Treas., W. Boyce P.M. Sec., A. E. Patman S.D., P. Page J.D., Percy Gayer I.G., S. Roberts Org., J. Rawles Tyler; Past Masters C. J. Sowton, S. Stampfer, J. D. Gomm, R. J. Hall; Bros. J. Gayer, W. Richmond, G. B. Annegarn, R. W. Duce, W. Devin, W. Tipton, W. Roberts, A. S. Cox, J. Baragwanath, A. J. Croft, C. E. Blogg, I. W. Embrow, G. White, H. R. Edwards, F. Wiedemann, C. Manger, Horace W. Page, W. W. Nightingale, &c.

Visitors: Bros. T. H. Challis P.P.G.D.C., E. Busbridge I.P.M. 1829, F. Hughes P.M. 702, Dr. Piesse P.M. 410, W. Drew I.G. 2488, W. Stevenson, O. Hill, Moritz Wurm, J. Wynman, J. W. Turner S.D. 2671.

The Lodge being opened the minutes of the last meeting were confirmed. The Lodge was advanced to the second degree, and Bro.

Frederick John Gayer was examined. Having answered the usual questions without the slightest assistance he was entrusted. The Lodge was further advanced, and in due course that Brother was raised to the sublime degree of Master Mason.

The Lodge was resumed to the first degree, and Bros. A. J. Croft and W. W. Nightingale were examined and entrusted. Lodge was opened in the second degree, and those Brethren were passed Fellow Craft.

The Lodge was again resumed to the first degree and the ballot was taken for Messrs. Cecil Mangan and Louis Ivan Wiedemann, and proved unanimous in their favour. In due course those gentlemen had the honour of participating in the mysteries of the Craft.

The election of Worshipful Master, Treasurer, and Tyler was next proceeded with, and it was with the greatest of pleasure we heard that our esteemed friend Bro. R. M. Crompton had received the unanimous vote of the Lodge for the dignity of Worshipful Master of the Henry Muggeridge Lodge for the ensuing year. The announcement from the worthy W.M. was most heartily received.

Bro. Crompton in a few well chosen words thanked the W.M. and Brethren for having elected him. Bro. Alfred Sack P.M. was unanimously re-elected Treasurer, and Bro. J. Rawles Tyler.

It was proposed by Bro. A. Sack P.M. that the usual gold jewel and Past Master's collar and jewel be presented to Bro. T. F. Strutt on his retiring from Office on the first Saturday in June; also that a donation of £10 10s be given to the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution out of the Lodge funds, and placed on the W.M.'s list. Both propositions were agreed to.

The W.M., on rising, was most heartily received, and thanked the Brethren for having voted him a Past Master's jewel and collar.

Five new members were proposed as candidates for initiation and various communications having been dealt with the Lodge was closed, and the Brethren retired to partake of an excellent repast, after which the W.M. gave the loyal toast of the King, coupled with the Craft; followed by that of the Duke of Connaught and the Grand Officers present and past.

Bro. Boyce P.M. Sec. in brief terms proposed the health of the W.M., and Bro. Strutt was most heartily received on rising to respond.

Bro. Strutt said he felt the kindness of the Brethren very much indeed, and if he had given them satisfaction he was indeed well rewarded for the efforts he had put forth. He had tried to succeed, and he and his Officers had worked hard in the endeavour to bring the Lodge into a flourishing condition. He also particularly thanked the Lodge for the amount put upon his list. He proposed to also act as a Steward for the Boys School, and hoped to collect a good round sum for that Institution. He was happy to say the Lodge could well afford the grant made, as it was in a really flourishing condition. Again he sincerely thanked them.

The toast of the Initiates was next given, the W.M. giving them a hearty welcome, as he felt he had admitted two gentlemen who would become a credit to the Lodge.

Bro. Cecil Mangan considered he need hardly say he felt highly honoured in having been elected a member of the Lodge. He hoped that in time to come he should give proof of his sincerity.

Bro. Louis Ivan Wiedemann thanked the Master for having initiated him. The ceremony was indeed a very impressive one. He would do his best to become a credit to the Lodge. He felt that what he had done was the right thing, and that Freemasonry was now impressed upon his heart. He had been delighted with the beautiful working and hoped to be able in the future to give proof of his devotion to the Order.

The visitors toast was next given, the guests being heartily welcomed. They had the pleasure of several distinguished Masons among them that evening, including Bro. Wurm, the great musician. The toast was most cordially received by the members.

Bro. T. H. Challis P.P.G.D.C. said he was delighted to respond as a visitor. The music and Masonic working had been glorious. The great thing in a Lodge was to have initiates; the W.M. had admitted two gentlemen that evening, and by the great attention they had paid to the ceremony he felt sure they would become additional ornaments to the Lodge. He was also pleased that five more gentlemen were proposed, and wished the Lodge continued prosperity. He thanked the W.M. and Brethren for their very kind reception.

Bro. Busbridge I.P.M. 1829 said there was a Brother present that night who was a "Grand" Master, and if Bro. Henry Muggeridge had been present to witness the working he was sure that Brother would have congratulated Bro. Strutt on his performances. His opinion was that the Henry Muggeridge Lodge was excellent.

Bro. Hughes P.M. Lion and Lamb Lodge was particularly pleased in being there as the Lodge had been formed and named in honour of a very dear and respected member of his Mother Lodge, Bro. H. Muggeridge, who was first shown Masonic light in the year 1839. He was installed W.M. in the year 1841 during his Mastership. He had seen fifty-five years in the Masonic world, of which he had made himself a shining light; his splendid services were recognised on several occasions, notably by the presentation of a piece of silver plate, and a purse of £150; later on the Brethren, to show their love again presented him with a handsome testimonial and a purse of £300. A very worthy Brother and pillar of strength in the Craft Bro. George Kenning was largely instrumental in bringing to the notice of the Brethren the splendid services of their worthy founder and first Master, and he also was most generous towards him, recognising what a splendid Mason he was. He could only think how delighted Bro. Muggeridge would be if he was alive to see the magnificent manner in which the ceremonies had been worked that evening; also the very happy manner in which the Brethren have enjoyed the galaxy of talent brought together to give pleasure to the company. He could not conclude without thanking his esteemed friend Bro. Croft for his invitation.

Bros. Dr. Piesse, W. Drew, and other visitors also responded.

The W.M., in submitting the toast of the Past Masters, said it was

the last time he would be entitled to give that toast. They had the best of Past Masters, and there was nothing too much for them to undertake; they were truly the pillars of the Lodge. He was pleased to see Bro. Hall amongst them.

That Brother said he could endorse what had been said about the Henry Muggeridge Lodge; he was sorry he could not attend more often; the Lodge was second to none and he hoped new blood would continue to show up, and put still more lustre on Freemasonry. He wished the Henry Muggeridge Lodge every prosperity.

The Treasurer and Secretary were next toasted, the W.M. highly complimenting those Officers for their conduct of the work.

The toast of the Officers was next given, the W.M. wishing the W.M.-elect Bro. Crompton every prosperity.

Bro. Crompton S.W. W.M.-elect said that whether he had to gallop, run, or march, the duties expected of him should be carried out to the very best of his ability. The Lodge should not suffer because of his neglect; he should do everything in his power for the benefit of the Lodge; also the Charities should not be forgotten. He thanked the W.M. and Brethren for their cordial reception.

Bro. Hiscocks J.W. and other Officers also responded, after which the Tyler was summoned, and he gave the concluding sentiment, bringing a most successful meeting to a close.

The musical portion of the entertainment was, as usual, a feature of the meeting. Bro. Devin gave an excellent solo on the piano, and afterwards sang. Bro. Percy Gayer and Bro. O'Hill played a selection on the charionet, accompanied by Bro. Roberts Organist. Brothers Tom Turner, Horace Page, and R. W. Duce also contributed; the latter—better known as Bob McKay, giving some comic songs in good style. Others who assisted in the harmony were Mr. E. N. Wilfred Heath and Bros. Carel Brand and Smith. Brother Maurice Wurm, leader of the well known Hungarian band played selections on the violin, in grand form, his accompanist at the piano being Prof. Enrico Venanzi.

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Royal Union Lodge, No. 382.

INSTALLATION OF BRO. J. T. ANDERSON.

THE annual meeting of this Lodge was held at the Public Rooms, Uxbridge—the headquarters of the Lodge, which were handsomely decorated with flags and flowers in honour of the event—on Monday, 18th inst., under the presidency of Bro. A. J. Hanson W.M.

The Lodge was opened by the W.M., who then vacated the chair in favour of the Installing Master Bro. A. A. Hardy, who placed Bro. J. T. Anderson in the chair according to ancient custom.

The new W.M. appointed his Officers, as follow: Bros. A. Newman S.W., J. R. Thonger J.W., H. J. Bragg P.M. Prov.G. Sword Bearer Treas., H. W. Nicholson P.M. P.P.G.D.C. Sec., W. A. Hardy S.D., G. Birch J.D., R. H. Whitaker I.G., J. Taplin P.M. Prov. D.G.D.C. D.C. and Charity Representative, J. J. Turner Organist, C. Franklin and R. G. Howard Stewards, F. Carline Tyler. The installation ceremony was then completed, and the Lodge was closed.

Among the members present were Bros. J. W. Ross, W. H. Venning, C. Hall, George Barnes, A. A. Cure, A. Foyer P.M., D. Humphrey, John Laurie, R. H. Tyler, G. E. Smith, Edmund Bailey, F. B. Hanson, H. P. Brownscombe, W. Blackwell, E. M. Dagnall, T. T. Heaton, S. C. Waddington, W. L. Eves, Mercer P.M. The visitors included Bros. G. W. Catling D.C. 2271, E. Prince P.M. 2671, Rev. H. Mills Prov.G.Chap. 2163, D. N. Heron W.M. 1101 Prov.G.S.Wks., J. G. Edin S.W. 2662, F. C. Reed 2671, W. A. Cocks W.M. 2671, E. M. Bull S.W. 1549, A. J. Vincett I.G. 209, Thos. Brown P.M. 705 1572, J. H. Jackson 771, W. H. Bale P.M. and Treasurer 87, W. F. Tanager S.W. 2163, J. Hoptroff 1981, W. E. Eburne 2765, W. E. Alloway W.M. 209, John Gardner W.M. 720, John Roe 2218, J. N. Sidney J.D. 177.

The banquet was served at the Town Hall, Uxbridge, which was also tastefully decorated, and at its conclusion the W.M. submitted the usual toasts.

That of the King and the Craft was enthusiastically honoured, the National Anthem being sung by Bro. Humphreys in good style.

The W.M. expressed his wish that the speeches should be cut as short as possible, in view of the extensive musical programme before them, and briefly submitted the toast of the Grand Master-elect, and that of the other Grand Officers, coupling with the latter the names of Bro. H. J. Bragg Prov.G.S.B., Bro. Nicholson, and Bro. Mills Prov.G. Chaplain Middlesex.

Bro. Bragg, in reply, thanked the W.M. and Brethren for associating his name with the toast. He felt the Brethren who had high honours conferred on them had very little to do at the Provincial meetings, and he almost wished there was more work for them.

Bro. Nicholson briefly replied, endorsing the remarks of the previous speaker.

Bro. Mills said no doubt he had more to do than some of the Brethren appointed to Provincial Office, as his duties included the opening and closing prayers, but he could, and would be pleased to do more if the work came before him and it was in his power.

The benevolent box of the Lodge was passed round, and realised £2 os 3d.

The Immediate Past Master next proposed the toast of the W.M., mentioning that during the twelve months he had served in the Senior Warden's chair he felt sure the Brethren had found him to be most deserving of his present honour.

The W.M. replied in a very nice manner, observing that the present was the most pleasant evening of his Masonic life.

He next proposed the toast of the I.P.M., which he introduced in a few very kind remarks. He presented to his predecessor the Past Master's jewel of the Lodge and expressed the hope that the Great

Architect of the Universe would give him health and strength to wear it in the Royal Union Lodge for many years to come.

The Immediate Past Master replied in suitable manner, thanking the Brethren for their support and assistance during his term of Office.

The W.M. next submitted the health of the Installing Master Bro. Andrew A. Hardy, making a few suitable remarks, and thanking him on behalf of the Brethren for his assistance to the Lodge on many occasions and in many ways.

Bro. Hardy replied, saying he did his very best in the work of installation, but yet he was very dissatisfied with his working. These remarks were received by the Brethren with all good humour, as all knew the great interest Brother Hardy took in Freemasonry, and realised the efficiency of his working.

The toast of the visitors was now given, and was acknowledged by Bros. Prince, Heron, and Bale.

The toast of the Past Masters was coupled with the names of Bros. W. A. Hardy and W. Harvey.

Bro. Hardy briefly acknowledged the toast, and then Brother Harvey followed with a few remarks. Some eight years since he had the pleasure of proposing the present W.M. in the Lodge, and he was sure the choice made by the Brethren, in electing that Brother to preside for the coming year, was a wise one, Bro. Anderson having proved himself a most indefatigable worker. He was sure the coming year of Office would be one of great success.

The toasts of the Treasurer and Secretary, and of the Officers of the Lodge were honoured, and then came the Tyler's toast, when the Brethren departed, after having spent one of the most enjoyable evenings ever held at the Royal Union Lodge.

There was an excellent programme of music, the artistes including Bros. David Humphreys, J. W. Sydney, Barclay Gammon, and Mr. James W. Dempster, whose efforts to entertain and amuse the company were very much appreciated.

Masonry's work in the past must be its work for all time to come. As in the past, so in the future, it will stand outside, attack no governments, engage in no conspiracies—calm in republic and empire—amid the whole peoples of the earth it will reach on—it can never change. Its unchangeableness is the wonder among its friends. The day has never been and never will be when Brotherly love will not be a necessity among men. To relieve distress will always be a mission of mankind—the imperative duty of Masonry to-day, as in the old, to illumine the character, dispel the gloom, to elevate and ennoble mankind.—Rev. J. W. Bischoff, Pennsylvania.

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NOTICE OF MOTION—

By W. Bro. STANLEY J. ATTENBOROUGH, P.A.G.D.C., Patron:

"That this Court accept the sum of 1,550 guineas from the Province of Kent in commemoration of the 113th Anniversary Festival of the Institution, to be held under the presidency of the M.W. the Pro Grand Master, the EARL AMHERST, R.W. Prov. G.M. Kent, for the purchase of a perpetual presentation of one girl to the School, to be called the "Earl Amherst Presentation," the right of such presentation to be vested in the Charity Committee of the Provincial Grand Lodge of Kent for the time being."

F. R. W. HEDGES, Secretary.

5 Freemasons' Hall, Great Queen Street, W.C.,
28th March 1901.

The 113th Anniversary Festival will be held on Wednesday, 8th May next, under the distinguished Presidency of the Right Hon. the EARL AMHERST, M.W. Pro Grand Master, R.W. Prov. G.M. Kent. Brethren willing to act as Stewards on this important occasion are earnestly solicited to send in their names to the Secretary as early as convenient.

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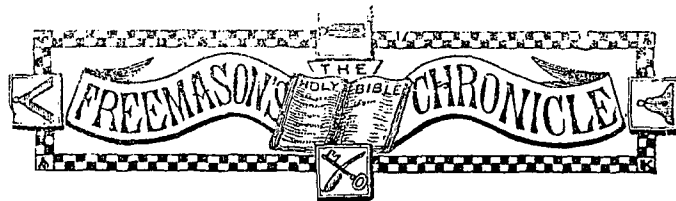
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SATURDAY, 30TH MARCH 1901.

We are pleased to hear that Bro. C. D. Cheetham, of Manchester, will be appointed to the Office of Junior Grand Warden of England, at the annual Festival to be held next month. Bro. Cheetham has been a member of the Order since 1878, and having held other important Offices, is at present Provincial Senior Grand Warden of East Lancashire. He has taken very great interest in the Masonic Charities, and for four years has held the position of Chairman of the Provincial Charity Committee and of the East Lancashire Systematic Masonic Educational and Benevolent Institution. At the annual meeting of the Provincial Charity Committee held on the 22nd, Bro. Cheetham was unanimously re-elected Chairman. He was congratulated upon the Masonic honour that had been conferred upon him.

MEETINGS NEXT WEEK.

Monday.

- 45 Strong Man, Holborn Restaurant
 69 Unity, Westminster Palace Hotel
 83 United Prudence, Albion
 256 Unions, Freemasons' Hall
 1319 Asaph, Freemasons' Hall
 1669 Royal Leopold, Surrey Masonic Hall
 1853 Caxton, Freemasons' Hall
 2020 St. Botolph, Albion
 53 Royal Sussex, F.M.H., Bath
 61 Probity, F.M.H., Halifax
 85 Faithful, Swan, Harleston
 89 Unanimity, Angel, Dukinfield
 102 Unanimity, King's Arms, N. Walsham
 107 Philanthropic, F.M.H., Lynn
 113 Unanimity, Bull, Preston
 119 Sun, Square & Compasses, Whitehaven
 135 Perpetual Friendship, Bridgwater
 154 Unanimity, F.M.H., Wakefield
 156 Harmony, F.M.H., Plymouth
 199 Peace and Harmony, F.M.H., Dover
 251 Loyal, F.M.H., Barnstable
 264 Nelson of the Nile, F.M.H., Batley
 270 Royal Faith and Friendship, Berkeley
 302 Hope, F.M.H., Bradford
 307 Prince Frederick, Hebden Bridge
 328 St. John, F.M.H., Torquay
 331 Phoenix of Honour & Prudence, Truro
 338 Vitruvian, Royal, Ross
 388 Prudence, F.M.H., Halesworth
 395 Guy, Victoria House, Leamington
 408 Three Graces, Masonic Room, Haworth
 428 Sincerity, Angel, Northwich
 431 St. George, F.M.H., North Shields
 433 Hope, Duke of Wellington, Brightlingsea
 441 Three Grand Principles, Cambridge
 467 Tudor, F.M.H., Oldham
 482 St. James, Wretham Rm., Handsworth
 529 Semper Fidelis, F.M.H., Worcester
 543 Cleveland, F.M.H., Stokesley
 557 Loyal Victoria, F.M.H., Callington
 607 Chicheley, F.M.H., Thrapston
 613 Unity, F.M.H., Southport
 622 St. Cuthberga, F.M.H., Wimborne
 694 Oakley, F.M.H., Basingstoke
 699 Boscawen, F.M.H., Chacewater
 839 Rl. Gloucestershire, Bell, Gloucester
 850 St. Oswald, Town Hall, Ashborne
 928 Friendship, F.M.H., Petersfield
 959 Prince of Wales, F.M.H., Ipswich
 977 Fowey, F.M.H., Fowey
 985 Alexandra, F.M.H., Sutton Bridge
 1045 Stamford, Town Hall, Altrincham
 1050 Gundulph, King's Head, Rochester
 1051 Starkie, F.M.H., Lancaster
 1070 Starkie, Mas. Bldgs., Southport
 1071 Zetland, F.M.H., Saltash
 1077 Wilton, Red Lion, Blackley
 1180 Forward, F.M.H., Birmingham
 1211 Goderich, F.M.H., Leeds
 1230 Wentworth, F.M.H., Sheffield
 1254 Semper Fidelis, F.M.H., Exeter
 1264 Neptune, F.M.H., Liverpool
 1272 Tregenna, F.M.H., St. Ives, Cornwall
 1280 Walden, Rose & Crown, Saffron Walden
 1282 Anchorholme, Masonic Rooms, Brigg
 1286 Bayon, F.M.H., Market Rasen
 1312 St. Mary, F.M.H., Braintree
 1434 Nottinghamshire, F.M.H., Nottingham
 1486 Duncombe, F.M.H., Kingsbridge
 1542 Legiolium, F.M.H., Castleford
 1573 Caradoc, F.M.H., Swansea
 1575 Clive, Raven, Market Drayton
 1600 Hamilton, F.M.H., Alford
 1861 Claremont, Greyhound, Crowdon
 1954 Molesworth, F.M.H., Wadebridge
 1977 Blackwater, Blue Boar, Maldon
 2039 Londonderry, F.M.H., Sunderland
 2078 St. Lawrence, F.M.H., Scunthorpe
 2166 Cotehele, F.M.H., Calstock
 2237 Earl of Leicester, New Hall, Wells
 2240 Arrow, Burton, Kington
 2322 E. Lancashire Centurion, Manchester
 2497 Carville, F.M.H., Wallsend-on-Tyne
 2520 Prince Wales, F.M.H., Newcastle-on-T.
 2533 Fitzwilliam, F.M.H., Peterborough
 2541 St. Andrew, F.M.H., Avonmouth
 2586 St. Nicholas, F.M.H., Scarborough
 2753 St. John's Thanet, Mas. Tem., Margate

Tuesday.

- 18 Old Dundee, City Terminus Hotel
 101 Temple, Ship and Turtle
 166 Union, Criterion Restaurant
 217 Stability, Anderton's Hotel
 255 Harmony, Greyhound, Richmond
 1159 Marquis of Dalhousie, 33 Golden Sq.
 1259 Duke of Edinburgh, Three Nuns Tav.

- 1261 Golden Rule, Cafe Royal
 1472 Henley, Three Crowns, Nth. Woolwich
 1803 Cornhill, Cafe Monico
 2190 Savage Club, Freemasons' Hall
 2469 Hortus, Freemasons' Hall
 2715 Acanthus, Gt. Eastern Hotel
 2738 Army and Navy, Anderton's
 47 Newstead, F.M.H., Nottingham
 52 Union, 47 St. Giles Street, Norwich
 70 St. John, F.M.H., Plymouth
 103 Beaufort, F.M.H., Bristol
 124 Marquis of Granby, F.M.H., Durham
 126 Silent Temple, Bull, Burnley
 158 Adam, Britannia, Sheerness
 160 True Friendship, Old Ship, Rochford
 252 Harmonic, F.M.T., Dudley
 265 Royal Yorkshire, F.M.H., Keighley
 315 Royal York, Royal Pavilion, Brighton
 340 Alfred, F.M.H., Oxford
 364 Cambrian, F.M.H., Neath
 373 Socrates, George, Huntingdon
 393 St. David, F.M.H., Berwick
 421 Loyal Industry, F.M.H., Southmolton
 457 Loyal Monmouth, F.M.H., Monmouth
 484 Faith, Gerard's, Ashton-in-Makerfield
 492 Royal Lebanon, Bell, Gloucester
 510 St. Martin, F.M.H., Liskeard
 558 Temple, F.M.H., Folkestone
 615 St. John & St. Paul, F.M.H., Belvedere
 624 Abbey, F.M.H., Burton-on-Trent
 660 Camalodunum, F.M.H., New Malton
 673 St. John, F.M.H., Liverpool
 685 Northumberland, Newcastle-on-Tyne
 702 Sherborne, Sub. Rooms, Stroud
 734 Londesborough, F.M.H., Bridlington
 779 Ferrers & Ivanhoe, Ashby-de-la-Zouch
 789 Dunheved, F.M.H., Launceston
 794 Warden, New Royal, Sutton Coldfield
 804 Carnarvon, F.M.H., Havant
 814 Parrett & Axe, Town Hall, Crewkerne
 847 Fortescue, F.M.H., Honiton
 855 Sympathy, Swan, Wotton-under-Edge
 910 St. Oswald, F.M.H., Pontefract
 960 Bute, F.M.H., Cardiff
 967 Three G. Principles, F.M.H., Penryn
 974 Pentalpha, F.M.H., Bradford
 979 Four Cardinal Virtues, Royal, Crewe
 990 Neyland, New Masonic Hall, Neyland
 995 Furness, Masonic Temple, Ulveston
 1002 Skiddaw, Masonic Rooms, Cockermouth
 1036 Bowyer, F.M.H., Chipping Norton
 1067 Ry. Forest of Dean, Newnham-on-S.
 1072 Aberystwith, F.M.H., Aberystwith
 1096 Lord Warden, Forester's H., Walmer
 1134 Newall, F.M.H., Manchester
 1168 Benevolence, F.M.H., Sherborne
 1214 Scarborough, Station Hotel, Batley
 1222 Saint Kew, F.M.H., Weston-super-Mare
 1244 Marwood, F.M.H., Redcar
 1256 Fidelity, F.M.H., Poulton-le-Fylde
 1265 Vale of Catmos, Agri. Hall, Oakham
 1266 Honour & Friendship, Blandford
 1310 Harrow, King's Head, Harrow
 1336 Square & Compass, F.M.H., Wrexham
 1367 Beaminstor Manor, Beaminstor
 1395 Wey Side, F.M.H., Woking
 1447 St. Matthew, Barton-upon-Humber
 1482 Isle of Axholme, F.M.H., Crowle
 1488 St. Eleth, Eleth Inn, Amlwch
 1509 Madoc, F.M.H., Portmadoc
 1522 Olicana, New Masonic Hall, Ilkley
 1533 Loyalty, F.M.H., Marlboro
 1587 St. Giles, Town Hall, Cheadle
 1726 Gordon, Assembly Rooms, Bognor
 1780 Albert Edward, F.M.H., Southampton
 1785 St. Petroc, F.M.H., Padstow
 1799 Arnold, Marine, Walton-on-Naze
 1807 Loyal Wye, F.M.H., BUILTH
 1823 Royal Clarence, F.M.H., Clare
 1902 St. Cuthbert, King's Arms, Bedlington
 1908 Cholmondeley, F.M.H., Frodsham
 1970 Hadrian, F.M.H., South Shields
 2129 Dorothy Vernon, Town Hall, Bakewell
 2133 Swan of Avon, Stratford-on-Avon
 2136 St. Michael, Bishops Stortford
 2339 Mistley, White Hart, Manningtree
 2490 Amphill, White Hart, Amphill
 2595 Trinity, Assembly Rm., Buckfastleigh
 2676 Royal Connaught, Grand, Eastbourne

Wednesday.

- 511 Zetland, Anderton's Hotel
 1298 Royal Standard, Holborn Restaurant
 1306 St. John, Guildhall Tavern
 1491 Athenæum, Criterion Restaurant
 1687 Rothesay, Frascati
 2562 Papyrus, Anderton's Hotel
 2615 Zodiac, Denmark, East Ham
 2729 Verity, Cafe Monico
 2764 St. Olave, Tower Bridge Hotel

- 74 Athol, F.M.H., Birmingham
 86 Loyalty, King's Arms, Prescott, Lanc.
 91 Phoenix, F.M.H., Sunderland
 137 Amity, F.M.H., Poole
 159 Brunswick, F.M.H., East Stonehouse
 164 Perseverance, F.M.H., Sidmouth
 168 Mariners, Masonic Temple, Guernsey
 258 Amphibious, F.M.H., Heckmondwike
 279 St. John, F.M.H., Leicester
 282 Bedford, F.M.H., Tavistock
 287 Unanimity, White Lion, Stockport
 298 Harmony, Masonic Room, Rochdale
 301 Apollo, Town Hall, Alcester
 313 United Friends, Great Yarmouth
 320 Loyalty, F.M.H., Mottram
 326 Moira of Honour, F.M.H., Bristol
 327 St. John, Lion and Lamb, Wigton
 320 Brotherly Love, F.M.H., Yeovil
 332 Virtue and Silence, Hadleigh
 341 Wellington, George, Rye
 366 St. David, F.M.H., Milford
 368 Samaritan, F.M.H., Sandbach
 372 Harmony, F.M.H., Budleigh Salterton
 380 Integrity, F.M.H., Morley, Yorks.
 387 Airedale, Saltaire Inst., Shipley
 417 Faith & Unanimity, F.M.H., Dorchester
 429 Royal Navy, Royal, Ramsgate
 464 Cambrian, F.M.H., Haverfordwest
 471 Silurian, F.M.H., Newport, Mon.
 533 Eaton, F.M.H., Congleton
 555 Fidelity, Crown, Framlingham
 611 Marches, F.M.H., Ludlow
 633 Yarborough, Grand, Manchester
 645 Humphrey Chetham, Manchester
 678 Earl Ellesmere, Farnworth
 681 Scarsdale, F.M.H., Chesterfield
 697 United, George, Colchester
 920 Waveney, King's Head, Bungay
 946 Strawberry Hill, Albion, Twickenham
 970 St. Anne, F.M.H., East Looe
 992 St. Thomas, Griffin, L. Broughton
 1003 Prince of Wales, Mas. Tem., Jersey
 1004 Athole, F.M.H., Douglas, I. of Man
 1010 Kingston, F.M.H., Hull
 1013 Royal Victoria, F.M.H., Liverpool
 1024 St. Peter, F.M.H., Maldon
 1063 Malling Abbey, F.M.H., W. Malling
 1085 Hartington, F.M.H., Derby
 1091 Erme, F.M.H., Ivybridge
 1124 St. Oswald, Wynnstay Arms, Oswestry
 1167 Alnwick, F.M.H., Alnwick
 1193 Doric, White Hart, Wymondham
 1205 Metham, F.M.H., East Stonehouse
 1206 Cinque Ports, Town Hall, Sandwich
 1274 Earl of Durham, F.M.H., Chester-le-St.
 1333 Athelstan, Town Hall, Atherstone
 1335 Lindsay, F.M.H., Wigan
 1354 Marquis of Lorne, F.M.H., Leigh
 1369 Bala, Plas Cock, Bala
 1431 St. Alphege, George, Solihull
 1461 Clausentum, F.M.H., Woolston
 1478 Longleat, Town Hall, Warminster
 1493 Robin Hood, Eastwood
 1520 Earl Shrewsbury, Council H., Cannock
 1529 Duke of Cornwall, St. Columb
 1532 Bective, F.M.H., Carlisle
 1543 Rosslyn, Saracen's Head, Dunmow
 1544 Mount-Edgcumbe, F.M.H., Camborne
 1549 Abercorn, Great Stanmore
 1620 Marlborough, Derby Hall, Liverpool
 1645 Colne Valley, F.M.H., Slaithwaite
 1660 Arlecdon, F.M.H., Frizington
 1663 Hartismere, White Lion, Eye
 1736 St. John, F.M.H., Halifax
 1783 Albert Edward, F.M.H., Huddersfield
 1808 Suffield, Angel, North Walsham
 1854 Weald of Kent, Tenterden
 1862 Stranton, F.M.H., West Hartlepool
 2024 Raymond Thrupp, Mitre, Hampton Ct
 2120 Abbey, F.M.H., Chertsey
 2193 Queen's Jubilee, Lord Nelson, Nelson
 2224 Fairfield, Pavilion, Long Eaton
 2283 Luston, New Inn, St. Neots
 2334 Jersey, Masonic Temple, Bicester
 2355 Chantrey, Lic. Vic. Bldgs., Dore
 2368 Alan, Queens, Alderly Edge
 2391 Orde-Powlett, F.M.H., Middlesbrough
 2464 Longsight, Club House, Longsight
 2556 Glyn Ebbw, F.M.H., Ebbw Vale
 2560 Earl of Lathom, Royal, Bury
 2655 Queen Victoria, St. Budeaux
 2690 West Kirby, Tynwold Hall, W. Kirby
 2729 Streatham, Streatham

Thursday.

- 10 Westminster & Keystone, F.M.H.
 27 Egyptian, Anderton's Hotel
 742 Crystal Palace, Crystal Palace
 1178 Perfect Ashlar, Bridge House Hotel
 1216 Macdonald, Surrey Masonic Hall

1351 St. Clement Danes, Hotel Cecil
 1672 Mornington, Holborn Viaduct Hotel
 1707 Eleanor, Great Eastern Hotel
 1772 Pimlico, Holborn Restaurant
 2271 St. Pancras, Midland Grand Hotel
 2512 Fulham, Town Hall, Fulham
 2580 Crouch End, Gate House, Highgate
 2665 Past and Present, Freemasons' Hall
 2675 Diamond Jubilee, Castle, Woodford
 24 Newcastle-upon-Tyne, Newcastle-on-T.
 31 United Industrious, Canterbury
 38 Union, Council Cham., Chicester
 41 Royal Cumberland, F.M.H., Bath
 57 Humber, F.M.H., Hull
 110 Loyal Cambrian, Merthyr Tydvil
 114 British Union, F.M.H., Ipswich
 116 Royal Lancashire, Swan, Colne
 120 Palladian, Green Dragon, Hereford
 123 Lennox, F.M.H., Richmond, Yorks.
 105 Hengist, F.M.H., Bournemouth
 208 Three Grand Principles, Dewsbury
 219 Prudence, F.M.H., Todmorden
 230 Fidelity, Masonic Hall, Devonport
 240 Mariners, F.M.H., Liverpool
 254 Trinity, Craven Arms, Coventry
 266 Naphtali, Freemasons' Arms, Heywood
 260 Fidelity, Volunteer Hd. Qts., Blackburn
 275 Harmony, F.M.H., Huddersfield
 270 Good Fellowship, Chelmsford
 283 Amity, Grey Mare, Haslingden
 289 Fidelity, F.M.H., Leeds
 204 Constitutional, F.M.H., Beverley
 205 Combermere of Union, Macclesfield
 300 Minerva, Ashton-under-Lyne
 305 Apollo, Town Hall, Beccles
 317 Affability, F.M.H., Manchester
 337 Candour, F.M.H., Uppermill
 360 Pomfret, F.M.H., Northampton
 361 Industry, Norfolk Arms, Hyde

362 Doric, F.M.H., Grantham
 419 St. Peter, Wolverhampton
 446 Benevolent, Vicar's Hall, Wells, Som.
 450 Cornubian, F.M.H., Hayle
 456 Foresters, Town Hall, Uttoxeter
 462 Bank Terrace, Hargreaves, Accrington
 469 Hundred of Elloe, F.M.H., Spalding
 472 Friendship & Sincerity, Shaftesbury
 509 Tees, F.M.H., Stockton
 531 St. Helen, F.M.H., Hartlepool
 539 St. Matthew, Dragon, Walsall
 630 St. Cuthbert, F.M.H., Howden
 637 Portland, Town Hall, Stoke-upon-Trent
 703 Clifton, F.M.H., Blackpool
 710 Pleiades, F.M.H., Totnes
 761 St. John, F.M.H., Dursley
 792 Pelham Pillar, F.M.H., Grimsby
 803 St. Andrew, Swan, Biggleswade
 856 Restormel, Duchy Palace, Lostwithiel
 913 Pattison, F.M.H., Plumstead
 076 Royal Clarence, Blue Ball, Bruton
 1012 Prince of Wales, Derby, Bury, Lanc.
 1164 Eliot F.M.H., St. Germans
 1231 Savile, Masonic Room, Elland
 1235 Phoenix of St. Ann, Town Hall, Buxton
 1304 Olive Union, F.M.H., Horncastle
 1324 Okeover, Masonic Room, Ripley
 1379 Marquess of Ripon, M.H., Darlington
 1384 Equity, Central, Widnes
 1424 Brownrigg of Unity, Old Brompton
 1473 Bootle, F.M.H., Bootle
 1500 Walpole, 47 St. Giles St., Norwich
 1504 Red Rose of Lancaster, Padiham
 1513 Friendly, F.M.H., Barnsley
 1557 Albert Edward, F.M.H., Hexham
 1565 Earl of Chester, F.M.H., Lymm
 1639 Watling Street, Cock, Stony Stratford
 1741 Montgomerie, King's Head, Diss
 1770 Vale of White Horse, Faringdon

1790 Old England, Art Gallery, Croydon
 1829 Burrell, Royal Pavilion, Brighton
 1874 Lechmere, F.M.H., Balsall Heath
 1899 Wellesley, Wellington, Crowhurst
 2091 Castleberg, Ashfield, Settle
 2169 Osborne, F.M.H., East Cowes
 2189 Ashburton, F.M.H., Ashburton
 2195 Military Jubilee, F.M.H., Dover
 2255 Philbrick, Royal Forest, Chingford
 2317 Bisley, F.M.H., Woking
 2321 Acacia, F.M.H., Bradford
 2342 Easterford, Mas. Temple, Kelvedon
 2350 Corinthian, Bird i' th' hand, Hindley
 2386 Clarence, F.M.H., Chester
 2433 Minerva, Bank Bdgs., Connah's Quay
 2496 Wirral, Claughton Hall, Birkenhead
 2512 Baring, Hotel Metropole, Cromer
 2651 Charity, F.M.H., Warrington
 2750 Waltham Abbey, Cock, Waltham Ab.

Saturday.

1622 Rose, Surrey Masonic Hall
 1949 Brixton, Anderton's Hotel
 2661 Mendelssohn, Holborn Restaurant
 2728 Muswell Hill, Frascati Restaurant
 149 Peace, F.M.H., Meltham
 444 Union, Courtenay Arms, Starcross
 1223 Amherst, Amherst Arms, Riverhead
 1288 Canynges, F.M.H., Bristol
 1460 Thames Valley, Mitre, Hampton Court
 1466 Hova Ecclesia, Old Ship, Brighton
 1458 Truth, Mitre, Manchester
 1494 Felix, Mitre, Hampton Court
 1550 Prudence, F.M.H., Plymouth
 2096 George Price, Public Hall, Croydon
 2493 Vale of Eden, Tufton Arms, Appleby
 2499 North Kent, F.M.H., Bexley Heath
 2722 Loyal Travellers, F.M.H., Birmingham

METROPOLITAN: INSTRUCTION.

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Metropolitan (Victoria) Lodge, No. 1056.

LADIES BANQUET AND CONCERT.

A VERY successful function was that promoted by the members of this Lodge; it proved to be a most interesting meeting, and a credit to all who were responsible for the arrangements, and they must have been greatly gratified at the result of their endeavours.

The meeting was postponed from January on account of the death of the late Queen, and took place on Friday, 22nd inst., at Anderton's Hotel, Fleet Street.

After a pleasant little chat with the ladies, Bro. F. P. Weinell, as their President and Preceptor of the Lodge, with his wife, led the way to the banqueting room, which presented a beautiful spectacle. An excellent dinner was greatly enjoyed by the company, and after ample justice had been done to the repast Bro. Weinell in eloquent terms proposed the toast of the King and the Craft. The King, he said, was one of the noblest, and one of the brightest in the Craft. He held the position of Most Worshipful Grand Master for twenty-six years, and was now the Protector of English Freemasonry. That the Great Architect of the Universe might give him health and strength to reign over them for many many years to come was their ardent wish. Miss Bessie Spells sang God save the King in grand style, the company most heartily joining in the Anthem.

The toast of the Most Worshipful Grand Master-elect H.R.H. the Duke of Connaught and the Grand Officers present and past was next honoured. The President said he was sure H.R.H. the Duke of Connaught would follow the noble example of his brother. Comparatively speaking he was a young man, but not a young Mason. He had done a great deal for the welfare of the Craft; he had worked hard without reward or fee, and they trusted God might grant him long life, health, and strength in his high Office.

Bro. Bull P.M. proposed the toast of the President Bro. Weinell, and prosperity to the Metropolitan Lodge of Instruction. He said the Lodge had rendered great services in the past. Bro. Weinell the Preceptor did everything in his power to make the Lodge a great success; he was always ready and willing to assist those Brethren who were anxious to learn the beautiful ritual of Freemasonry. Brother Weinell had been the Preceptor for nine or ten years, and during that time the Lodge had greatly improved and the members under him had made rapid progress; there would be great difficulty to find a better Preceptor. He proposed the health of Bro. Weinell, and prosperity to the Metropolitan Lodge of Instruction. The toast was honoured and duly acknowledged.

Bro. Witt P.M. Secretary rose and said he had now the pleasure of giving a toast—a particularly easy one to propose, as it was one on which he could say nice things. It was the toast of the Ladies, and in the name of the Metropolitan Lodge he gave them a most hearty welcome. He was delighted to see the Ladies were enjoying themselves. It was the first attempt of the Lodge to have a Ladies gathering, but now he could say in confidence it would not be the last. Considering the Lodge took the husbands, brothers, and sweethearts away to attend its meetings it was necessary they should do something to keep in the good graces of the Ladies, otherwise they might get into a little trouble. He called on the Brethren and gentlemen to drink the health of the Ladies, which was heartily done.

Mr. Jack Webb, in a very humorous speech, responded on behalf of the Ladies.

Bro. J. D. Webb P.M. gave the toast of the visitors, and said the motto of the Craft was to be happy and communicate happiness to everyone. He could not tell them all the secrets they had, but he might mention one—that it was always a pleasure to them to see visitors. They hoped the guests were enjoying themselves, and that they might have the pleasure of seeing them all on a future occasion. He had much pleasure in calling upon Mr. H. J. Chilton to reply.

That gentleman said he was asked to respond to the toast just ably proposed by Mr. Webb, but really on looking round he saw quite a number of gentlemen whom he was sure were more competent than he was, therefore he must claim their kind indulgence. He was quite certain that if all Masonic re-unions or banquets were as pleasant, enjoyable, and convivial as that had been that night then he—and he spoke personally—should look forward with pleasurable anticipation to the time when he was initiated into the Craft. All he could add was that he was sure every visitor that evening would join with him in expressing sincere thanks for the hearty way in which they had been received.

The toast of the Treasurer and Secretary was next given by the worthy Chairman.

Bro. J. D. Webb P.M. Treasurer thanked Bro. Weinell for his kind remarks, and the Brethren for receiving the toast in such a cordial manner. As Treasurer he had very little to do, but the Secretary plenty. The Preceptor and Secretary were very much alive, and were hard working Masons; they did everything in their power for the welfare of the Lodge. He assured the Brethren that whatever he could personally do in the interests of the Lodge he should at all times be most happy to fulfil.

Bro. Witt P.M. Secretary said he had officiated as Secretary for over two years, and was not dead yet. Their labour was a labour of love and if the Brethren wished to enjoy a Masonic treat he advised them to pay the Metropolitan Lodge a visit. It was held on Friday evenings, at the Mail Coach, 60 Farringdon Street, where Brethren would highly appreciate the excellent working of Bro. Weinell. When they met they did so for a good cause and mutual improvement.

Bro. Snelling P.M. late Secretary to the Lodge, said he had been Secretary for twenty years, and should now be a regular attendant if he resided in London, but he was living out of town, and after so many years he wanted a little rest. There was an entertainment for the good of Freemasonry, and if the husbands came a little late home in the idea of their better halves, the ladies must recognise they were working for the welfare of the Craft.

Bro. Waldvogel gave the toast of the Vice Presidents Bro. A. B. Clayton W.M.-elect 1886, and Bro. G. Knight W.M. 1828, and the compliment was acknowledged by those Brethren.

Some excellent songs were rendered by Miss Bessie Spells, Miss Alison Rye, Mr. A. Fowler, Bro. Wilfred Stracey, Mr. Charles Morton, Bro. H. Hudson (who gave as a humorous sketch "Kissing Cup's race," whilst sneezing). Several artistes were deservedly encored. Mr. V. R. Taylor officiated at the piano, Bro. W. Stracey being the musical director.

Altogether the gathering was a notable and successful Festival, one of the most enjoyable it has been our pleasure to take part in for some time past.

Amongst the company present were Bro. and Mrs. F. P. Weinell, Bro. and Mrs. J. D. Webb, Bro. and Mrs. W. R. Witt, Bro. and Mrs. G. Knights, Bro. and Miss A. B. Clayton, Mr. and Mrs. Chilton, Bros. Snelling, Clark, Bachhoffner, Bro. and Mrs. Bull, Bro. and Mrs.

Case, Bro. and Mrs. Finck, Bros. Roger, Neilson, Waldvogel, Fuller, Bockin, Moyle, Robt. Fitch, accompanied by his daughter, Miss Alice Fitch and Mr. P. Baldwin, Bro. and Mrs. Myddleton, Bro. and Mrs. Newell, Bro. and Mrs. Blake, Mr. and Miss Webb, Bro. and Mrs. Warwick, Bro. Hampton, Bro. and Mrs. Hayward, Mr. and Mrs. Mc Mullin, Bro. and Miss Pewtress, Miss Foote, Bro. J. Wynman, and others.

Expressions of sympathy were desired to be conveyed to Bro. J. Evans P.M., who was prevented from being present through serious illness.

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Ranelagh Lodge, No. 834.

ON Friday, 15th inst., at the Six Bells Hotel, Hammersmith, W., Bros. J. Hallam W.M., M. F. Wilkins S.W., H. G. Cox J.W., Arthur Williams P.M. Prec., W. Hinds P.M. Treas., F. Craggs P.M. Sec., G. White S.D., R. Reid P.M. J.D., W. J. Foes I.G., H. J. Cousens, W. Hide, J. H. Cumming, T. Harrington, Patrick Cronin, K. M. Ross W.M. of the Paxton Lodge, J. Lee, and Harry Butt.

Lodge was opened, and it was announced that one of the oldest members was waiting for admission. Bro. William Fisher Past Asst. Grand Pursuivant entered, and was accorded the salutes that are usually given to a Grand Officer. The initiation ceremony was gone through, Bro. Butt taking the candidate's place. The first and second sections were worked by the Preceptor, with the assistance of the Brethren.

Bro. M. F. Wilkins, who is noted for the excellent way he always carries out the duties of the chair, was elected to that Office for the next meeting.

Bro. Harry Butt, of the Euphrates Lodge, was elected a member and the Brethren afterwards balloted for a Life Governorship of one of the Institutions.

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Chiswick Lodge, No. 2012.

SATURDAY, 16th inst., witnessed a large attendance at the Windsor Castle Hotel, Hammersmith. Bro. W. Hide P.M. acted as W.M., and was well supported by Bros. L. Walsh S.W., W. Atkinson J.W., Arthur Williams P.M. Prec., R. Josey P.M. Sec., F. Craggs P.M. Treas., J. Evans S.D., K. M. Ross J.D., J. H. Cumming P.M. I.G., Robert Reid, L. J. Powell, H. J. Cousens, T. Harrington, R. H. Bunce, Vandegoor, &c.

Lodge was opened to the second degree. Bro. Harrington was examined and entrusted. Lodge was opened up, and that Brother acted as candidate in the raising ceremony. Bro. Hide having resumed the Lodge to the first degree, called it off and on. He vacated the chair in favour of Bro. Lewis Walsh, the popular Master of the Philbrick Lodge. Bro. Vandegoor was entrusted and the passing ceremony was given.

The Brethren unanimously elected Bro. Walsh to occupy the chair at the next meeting, and Bro. Vandegoor, a member of the Creaton Lodge of Instruction joined.

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Woodrow Lodge, No. 2271.

ON the 25th inst., at Stone's, Panton Street, S.W., Bros. A. Elliott W.M., J. E. Culverhouse S.W., Geo. Burgess J.W., W. H. G. Rudderforth P.M. Assistant Preceptor, J. W. Simeons P.M. Sec., G. A. Calot S.D., Percy S. Cooper J.D., J. G. Lobb I.G., Thos. Grummant P.M. 1559 Sec., Firminger P.M. 1559, G. W. Lacy, P. Amato, T. H. Westcote, J. A. Grille, W. Hammond, J. Baron, S. E. Hinton, and others.

The ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, Bro. Lacy candidate, questions leading to the second degree were answered by Bro. Grille, and the ceremony of passing was rehearsed.

Bro. H. W. Chibnall of the New Cross Lodge, No. 1559, became a member. A vote of thanks was recorded on the minutes to the W.M. on his occupying the chair for the first time, and he, in returning thanks, stated that the whole of his instruction had been received in that Lodge, he never having attended any other Lodge of Instruction. Bro. J. E. Culverhouse was elected W.M. for the next meeting.

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Brondesbury Lodge, No. 2698.

THE third annual supper was held on Monday, 18th inst., at the Earl Derby, Kilburn.

The chair was taken by Bro. Preceptor Hardyment P.M., &c., supported by Bros. R. J. Campbell Treasurer, Bore, Clemens, Gawthrop, Oldrey, Smith, Rev. G. Greenwood Grand Chaplain of Middx., Golby, Woods, Cutts, Dunaway, Spencer, Palmer, H. Coxen, Fraser, Butler, Marks, Green, Pearce, Aylett, Lines, Oliver, Horstead, Morris, Lewis, Cowley, and others.

The membership is now considerably over 150, and during the last two years the Association connected with the Lodge has sent over 200 guineas to the three Institutions.

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Eyre Lodge, No. 2742.

THE annual supper of this young and vigorous Lodge was held at the Eyre Arms Hotel, St. John's Wood, on the 13th inst. Brother Weston P.M., the indefatigable Preceptor of the Lodge, occupied the chair, and had the support of Bros. G. Fagg P.M., R. Raymond P.M., J. D. Graham P.M., C. B. Murless, J. Dewhurst, J. Culverhouse, J. Mason, G. Tapley-Smith, A. J. Barrell, E. J. Lillie, G. E. Thompson, K. Kietzschmar, A. Archer, W. P. Clark, C. Hall, G. Jackson, D. Kozminski, A. S. Pereno, F. E. Shearlock, C. Johnson W.M., G. Faaz, Dr. Montgomery-Smith, Knox, Cooper, Mitchell, W. Knill Secretary.

The supper provided was quite up to the usual high standard of

this well known establishment, and was largely attended by the Brethren of the Lodge, with a good number of visitors.

After the Brethren had partaken of the good things provided for them, the usual loyal and Masonic toasts were given. Several of those present kindly assisted to make the evening an enjoyable one, by giving recitations and vocal and instrumental music, which were successfully rendered and well deserved the encores they received.

ENTERTAINMENT NOTES.

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Comedy.—Great are the uses of advertisement! and our able contemporary the "Sunday Special" has hit upon what is perhaps the most novel method of increasing its subscribers known to the present generation. The proprietors invite their readers to a theatrical performance, which, in addition to giving them amusement, is the means both of bringing forth untried writers with plays, and of affording young actors and actresses a chance of distinguishing themselves. One of these performances was given at the Comedy Theatre on Friday afternoon of last week, the piece selected being an original comedy in three acts, by Mr. Israel Zangwill, entitled "The Revolted Daughter," which met with a very favourable reception. The "new woman" is as much doomed to failure and extinction as were the aesthetes and other fadists of a similar character; but Mr. Zangwill cruelly destroys the illusion of his heroine, though the spectator cannot help laughing at her discomfiture. Christina Huntynford leaves her home and loving parents to start a mission in the slums of east London, under the influence of Sophia Twick, M.A., who has already "emancipated" herself. Young Professor Gray thinks he can become the co-worker and platonic friend of Christina, but the little god of Love quickly disposes of his pretensions, and when Sophia actually proposes to marry the Professor the bubble bursts, and Christina is content to resign herself to the inevitable. Miss Nina Boucicault is eminently well suited to the poor little disillusioned Christina, though her "newness" is a palpable deception. Miss Edith Olive is also well placed as Sophia, and the scene where she lays bare her thoughts to Christina is an excellent example of tragi-comedy. Mr. Loring Fernie would have a difficult task to render the Professor other than a bore, but Mr. Luigi Lablache and Mrs. Campbell Bradley are capitally suited as the "old fashioned" parents of Christina. The other characters, which, however, are little more than cynical sketches, are represented by Mr. Holman Clark, Miss Rhoda Halkett, and Miss Annie Hill, and are admirably acted. A little more lightness and compression would render this an excellent comedy, for the dialogue is witty and sparkling, and some of the situations are distinctly good. The piece was produced under the auspices of Mr. J. T. Grein, the clever dramatic critic of the "Sunday Special," who returned thanks on behalf of the author for its reception.—For his forthcoming production at the Comedy, Mr. Forbes Robertson has engaged Miss Suzanne Sheldon and Mr. Frank Mills. The cast of the opening play, "Count Tezma," will be completed during the present week, all being well. The incidental music is being written by Mr. Arthur Hinton, who will conduct the orchestra during Mr. Forbes Robertson's stay at the Comedy.

Haymarket.—Captain Robert Marshall's altogether delightful comedy "The Second in Command" is receiving a well merited appreciation from crowded houses, and the eight performances a week hardly suffice to satisfy the demands of the playgoing public. This is accounted for by the "naturalness" of the play, and the perfect ease with which everybody enacts his or her part. Mr. Cyril Maude's "Binks" is a charming performance, and will long linger in one's memory, but Mr. Allan Aynesworth, Miss Sybil Carlisle, Miss Muriel Beaumont, and Mr. Vane Tempest also have their share in the success of the piece. A special matinée will be given on Easter Monday, at 2.30.

Bro. R. F. Gould P.S.G.D. England is about to issue a "Concise History of Freemasonry," which will be an abridged or summarized edition of his more complete "History of Freemasonry." The work will be published in one volume (to subscribers at 8s 6d, after publication 10s 6d net) by Messrs. Gale and Polden, Limited, 2 Amen Corner, Paternoster Row, London, and, we venture to think, will prove as successful as any of our distinguished Brother's other works.

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The will of the late Bro. Thomas Fenn has been filed at Somerset House, the net personalty being sworn at £45,083. There does not appear to be any legacy for either of the Masonic Institutions, which is certainly to be wondered at in view of our late Brother's prominent position in the Order. It has long been a matter of surprise to us that legacies for the Institutions are so few and far between, considering the class of people who rise to prominence in Freemasonry.

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Bro. Henry Neville, who is playing Sir Daniel Carteret in the tour of "Mrs. Dane's Defence," was one of the Grand Officers selected to form the deputation to the King at St. James's Palace, on Wednesday of last week, for the presentation of the address. He travelled all night from Sheffield, where he was playing last week, and returned to the cutlery capital in time to resume his part in the second act at night.

BOOKS OF THE DAY.

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

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At the Gates of Song. Sonnets, by Lloyd Mifflin.—Henry Frowde.

WE are not fond of a quarrel; but we have a bone to pick with the critic who, in the "Literary World" has penned a notice of this volume that savours of the supercilious. "We could have wished from Mr. Lloyd Mifflin a smaller number of sonnets and workmanship less faulty." We notice that the critic in question has pointed out no instance of faulty workmanship. But let it pass: criticism is indeed easy, though Art is difficult. It is supremely difficult to write a good sonnet. This is, perhaps, a truism, but its truth is seldom appreciated. The hand of the master craftsman has left its impress upon most of these 150 sonnets; most indelibly, we think, upon the last fifty, entitled "In Quiet Fields." They are possibly too pastoral and too purely descriptive to elicit applause from all schools of criticism; but many of them are exquisitely finished and contain lines which—as Mr. Coulson Kernahan says of some lines by Rossetti—"might haunt one in Heaven." To Rossetti, indeed, we think Mr. Lloyd Mifflin bears no small resemblance in the beauty of many isolated sentences or lines, e.g. "where ripe wheat yellows all the hills of June," "from up-piled splendours of some crimson cloud, storm-based with dark" and "the beauteous river's long, unrippled blue." In the former portion of this volume two noteworthy sonnets are those "To an old Venetian wineglass" and on "Milton." The latter is well conceived and skilfully expressed; it is less remote than the well known sonnet by F. W. H. Myers and is, we think, more wholly poetical than that by Wordsworth. We spent a pleasant hour in dipping into these sonnets one morning, and shall take an early opportunity of further cultivating their acquaintance.

The Words of Wellington. Collected from his despatches, letters, and speeches, with anecdotes, &c. Compiled by Edith Walford.—Sampson Low and Co.

THERE can hardly be two opinions regarding the merit of this little volume. Most persons have long since decided that the words of Wellington were usually as wise as his actions were brilliant. We have here, in brief but sufficient compass, some of the most pregnant utterances of the Iron Duke. Perhaps the chief truth brought to the front is that Wellington never discussed matters about which he knew little, and this is probably one of the rarest traits anywhere to be met with. Miss Walford has cited an admirable anecdote to prove this characteristic. The Duke, in reply to an enquiry, once wrote "the Duke of Wellington can give no opinion upon that of which he knows nothing." As these pages further show, the Duke, naturally enough, spoke and wrote much of warfare, and invariably spoke and wrote well. He had a rare knack of putting much in a few words, as in his remarks upon M. Choumara's strictures upon the Battle of Toulouse. The passages selected by Miss Walford, which touch upon English politics and the press, will not suit everybody's views in these days, but it must always be borne in mind that the hero of Waterloo was a strong Tory. This beautifully decorated pocket volume would be a splendid present for a boy, and will doubtless be largely purchased for that purpose. It should, moreover, form a valuable comment in the hands of readers already acquainted with the histories of the Peninsular War by Southey and Napier.

The Mayor of Littlejoy. Being a faithful narrative of the strange experiences which befell Mr. Josiah Pettigrew, Mayor of Littlejoy, during his term of Office. By Fred. C. Smale. Illustrated by Will Owen (6s).—Ward, Lock and Co., Limited.

MR. SMALE has written a story which is in many respects witty, spontaneous and amusing, although we are not disposed to class stories of this character among the elite of literature. Mr. Smale, however, probably knew quite well what he was about when he planned "The Mayor of Littlejoy" and, on the whole, he may be congratulated upon having discharged his undertaking successfully. Alderman Pettigrew is not the most singular old gentleman who ever came into a mayoralty; nor is he the only person who, upon instituting enquiries as to his pedigree, has been considerably surprised at the result. Rosabel, the "shadow," who plays so extraordinary a part in this comedy, is a lady who should have been defunct in earnest a century ago, but lives and moves and has her being still, much to the bewilderment of Mr. Pettigrew, and in the narration of her eccentricities Mr. Smale has given us some smart writing. The illustrations by "Will Owen" are so good that we prefer them to the text; they express much, but they hint more. Between author and artist an agreeable hour may be spent with "The Mayor of Littlejoy."

New Century Library (2s net per vol.).—T. Nelson and Sons.

The Works of SIR WALTER SCOTT, BART.

Vol. iv., **Rob Roy.**

THE reviewer's work is usually rendered easy by the fact that he receives good books and bad, and consequently has to temper justice with mercy, and soften his blame with praise. Sir Walter Scott, however, is in this respect a stumbling block of offence, for you must perforce "love him, or leave him alone," as Wordsworth advised the robin whom he saw chasing a butterfly. To quarrel with the intellectual menu while "Rob Roy" is before you is a procedure fit only for such wretched hacks as were wont to scribble venom and nonsense in the pages of the old "Monthly Review." Every sane reader feels interested in the adventures of Rashleigh, and if he does not fall in love with Miss Vernon at first sight he must be

singularly insensible to female charms. "Rob Roy" is peculiarly a Scotchman's novel, but we never met with anybody personally who would speak of it in tones of disparagement. We are glad to see that the printing of these handy little volumes is as carefully looked to as ever. "Wattie Scott" is worthy of every attention from his innumerable admirers, be they readers or printers.

Mr. R. Norman Silver, whose novel "Hate the Destroyer" was noticed in these columns some weeks back, has written a sensational story of modern life, which is shortly to be published by Messrs. Jarrold and Sons. We shall look for this story with interest.

Messrs. George Newnes, Limited have just published "German Life in Town and Country," by Mr. W. H. Dawson. Now that we are all so busily engaged in weighing the weakness and strength of each of the "great powers" this book may be expected to enjoy a very large sale.

Mr. Grant Richards has issued, or is about to issue, the last diaries of Marie Bashkirtseff, including her correspondence with Guy de Maupassant; and a volume of short stories of the west country, entitled "Good Souls of Cider Land," by Mr. Walter Raymond.

Some good books are announced for publication during the spring by Messrs. James Nisbet and Co., amongst which we notice "The Evangelical School in the Church of England," by Rev. H. C. G. Moule, D.D.; "Alone in Africa: a Lady's Experiences," by Madame Goy; "Bolingbroke: a Study and a Vindication," by Walter Sickel; and "Treason and Plot: Catholics and Protestants in the last years of Queen Elizabeth," by Martin Hume.

Messrs. Macmillan and Co. are publishing two series of lectures by Mr. W. J. Courthope, entitled respectively "Life in Poetry" and "Law in Taste." It is hardly necessary to say that the author is an authority on these matters, and his volumes always command respect.

One of the most interesting literary announcements that we have recently seen comes to us from Mr. William Heinemann. It is a prospectus of "The Dollar Library of American Fiction," a series to be issued monthly. The first volume, published on 1st March, was "The Girl at the Halfway House," by E. Hough; the second, promised for 1st April, is "Parlous Times," by D. D. Wells. Among authors who are to contribute to this Library we notice the name of Mr. Hamlin Garland, whose book will bear the title "Her Mountain Loves," and will be issued on 1st July. It would be difficult for us to say how highly we appreciate much of the American literature which has recently come into our hands, and we heartily wish that Mr. Heinemann's venture may prove a phenomenal success. We hope to have an opportunity of estimating the merits of "The Dollar Library" from time to time.

BOOKS RECEIVED.

The Great Magician. By T. R. Threlfall. Illustrated by W. S. Stacey (3s 6d).—Ward, Lock and Co., Limited.

HOLIDAY ARRANGEMENTS.

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Midland Railway.

ON Tuesday, 2nd April, cheap excursion trains will be run from London to Londonderry, via Morecambe, by direct Steamer, returning within 16 days as per sailing bill.

On Wednesday, 3rd, to Dublin, Cork, Killarney, &c., via Morecambe and via Liverpool, returning any week day within 16 days; also to Belfast, Londonderry, Portrush, &c., via Barrow and via Liverpool, available for returning any week day within 16 days.

On Thursday, 4th, cheap excursion trains will be run from London to Leicester, Nottingham, Newark, Lincoln, Birmingham, Burton, Derby, Manchester, Blackburn, Bolton, Rochdale, Oldham, Liverpool, Sheffield, Leeds, Bradford, Scarborough, Newcastle-on-Tyne, Barrow and the Furness and Lake District, Carlisle, &c., &c., returning the following Monday or Tuesday; and from London (St. Pancras) to Edinburgh, Glasgow, Greenock, Perth, Stirling, Aberdeen, Inverness, Nairn, Forres, Ballater, &c., returning Monday, 8th April, or Friday, 12th April. Tickets will also be issued by the Scotch excursion at slightly more than the single ordinary third class fare for the double journey, available for returning on any day within 16 days from and including date of issue.

On Thursday midnight, 4th, a cheap excursion will be run to Leicester for 1, 4, or 5 days, and to Loughboro', Nottingham, Sheffield, and Manchester for 4 or 5 days. On Saturday night, 6th April, to Leicester, Loughboro', Nottingham, Sheffield, Leeds, Bradford, Manchester, Liverpool, &c., for 2, 3, or 4 days, and on Monday, 8th April, to Leicester, Loughboro', and Nottingham for 1, 2, or 4 days.

On Easter Monday, 8th, cheap excursion trains will be run to St. Albans, Harpenden, Luton, and Bedford.

Cheap week-end tickets will be issued on Thursday, Friday, and Saturday, 4th, 5th, and 6th April, from London (St. Pancras) to the principal seaside and inland holiday resorts, including the Peak District of Derbyshire, Morecambe, the Lake District, Yorkshire, the North East Coast, Scotland, and other parts, available for return on any day up to and including Tuesday, 9th April, except day of issue.

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

Cheap excursion trains for three, five, or six days will be run on Thursday, 4th April, to London from Carlisle, Bradford, Leeds, Sheffield, Liverpool, Manchester, Blackburn, Bolton, Blackpool, Preston, Lincoln, Newark, &c., and from Birmingham, Wolverhampton, Walsall, &c. Passengers will be booked by these trains at

cheap fares to Brighton, and other South Coast Stations, and to the Continent; those for the Continent having the privilege of returning by any ordinary train within 16 days. On Good Friday, 5th April, from Bradford, Leeds, Sheffield, Blackburn, Bolton, Blackpool, Preston, Oldham, Manchester, Liverpool, &c., for two, four, or five days, and from Burton, Derby, Nottingham, Birmingham, Leicester, &c., for one, four, or five days. Cheap three or four days excursion trains will also be run to London on Friday night, 5th April, from Colne, Blackburn, Bolton, Blackpool, Preston, Rochdale, Oldham, Manchester, Liverpool, &c., and on Saturday, 6th April, from Sheffield and Chesterfield, and day, half-day, and three or four days trips from Nottingham, Loughboro', and Leicester.

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

To prevent inconvenience and crowding, the Booking Offices at St. Pancras and Moorgate Street Stations will be open for the issue of tickets all day on Wednesday, Thursday, and Saturday, 3rd, 4th, and 6th April, and tickets to all principal stations on the Midland Railway will also be issued beforehand at any of their offices in the metropolis. The tickets obtained at these offices will be available from St. Pancras Station, and will be issued at the same fares as charged at that station, and dated to suit the convenience of passengers.

On Good Friday, the trains on the Midland Railway will run as appointed for Sundays, with the following exceptions:—The newspaper express leaving St. Pancras at 5.15 a.m. will run to Bedford, Leicester, Nottingham, Derby, Sheffield, and Manchester. The 8.55 a.m. local train, Sheffield to Leeds, &c., will await the arrival of the newspaper express at Sheffield. The night expresses will leave Glasgow at 9.30, and Edinburgh at 10.0 p.m. on Good Friday, 5th April, and proceed from Carlisle at 12.22 and 12.50 a.m. respectively, on Saturday morning, 6th April, in the same way as they are run south of Carlisle on ordinary week-days, and the 12.23 a.m. Carlisle to London will not run on Saturday morning, 6th April. The 2.58 a.m. Carlisle to Stranraer, and 8.50 p.m. Stranraer Harbour to Carlisle, in connection with steamers to and from Ireland, will run on Good Friday, the same as on ordinary week-days. The steamers between Barrow and Belfast will sail on Good Friday in both directions. That from Barrow will await the arrival of the 5.0 p.m. train from Leeds. On Easter Monday certain booked trains will be withdrawn, of which due notice will be given by special bills at the stations.

Great Western Railway.

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

On Wednesday, 3rd April, excursions will be run to Waterford, Limerick, Killarney, Belfast, Armagh, Giants' Causeway, &c., for a fortnight or less.

On Thursday, 4th April, excursions will run to Bath, Bristol, Weston-super-Mare, Taunton, Minehead, Ilfracombe, Exeter, Dawlish, Teignmouth, Torquay, Plymouth, Bodmin, Falmouth, Penzance, Newbury, Trowbridge, Frome, Yeovil, Weymouth, Oxford, Evesham, Worcester, Malvern, Birmingham, Shrewsbury, Aberystwyth, Barmouth, Llandudno, Carnarvon, Chester, Manchester, Liverpool, Swindon, Cirencester, Gloucester, Cheltenham, Hereford, Newport, Cardiff, Swansea, Carmarthen, Tenby, New Milford, Cork, Killarney, &c.

On Thursday, 4th April, excursion tickets, at a return fare of 2s, will be issued to Guernsey and Jersey, by trains leaving Paddington at 9.15 p.m., and Waterloo at 9.50 p.m. The service to and from the Islands being now worked jointly by the Great Western and London and South Western Railway Companies, passengers travelling on the forward journey via Paddington and Weymouth may, if they so desire, return via Southampton and Waterloo, and those proceeding via Waterloo and Southampton may return via Weymouth and Paddington.

On Good Friday and Easter Sunday, cheap trains will run to Reading, Oxford, and other riverside stations. On Saturday, 6th April, excursions will run to Swindon, Gloucester, Cheltenham, Cardiff, Swansea, Carmarthen, Bath, Bristol, Weston-super-Mare, &c., and on Easter Monday, to Reading, Pangbourne, Goring, Swindon, Bath, Bristol, Weston-super-Mare, Gloucester, Cheltenham, &c.

On Tuesday, 9th April, a cheap half-day excursion will leave Paddington at 12.8 noon for Banbury, Leamington, and Stratford-on-Avon.

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

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

On Good Friday, the trains will run as on Sundays, and special trains will leave Paddington at 5.30 a.m., for Reading, Swindon, Gloucester, Cheltenham, Hereford, Swansea, Bath, Bristol, Weston-super-Mare, Exeter, Torquay, Plymouth, Penzance, Frome, Yeovil, Dorchester, Weymouth, &c.; and at 5.35 a.m., for Reading, Oxford, Worcester, Malvern, Kidderminster, Banbury, Leamington, Birmingham, Wolverhampton, &c.

Cheap third class excursion tickets will be issued on Good Friday, Saturday, 6th April, Easter Sunday and Monday, by specified trains from Paddington, Clapham Junction, Kensington (Addison Road), Hammersmith, and certain stations on the Metropolitan, Metropol-

itan District, and North London Railways, to Windsor, Taplow, Maidenhead, Henley, and other riverside resorts. Week-end tickets will also be issued to the same stations on 4th, 5th, 6th, or 7th April, available for return on the following Saturday, Sunday, Monday, or Tuesday.

Cheap week-end tickets will be issued on Thursday, Good Friday (where train service permits), and Saturday, 4th, 5th, and 6th April, to Winchester, Southampton, Bridport, Abbotsbury, Dorchester, Weymouth, Cheltenham, Clevedon, Weston-super-Mare, Ilfracombe, Dawlish, Teignmouth, Torquay, Dartmouth, Droitwich, Malvern, Church Stretton, Abingdon, Oxford, Leamington, Warwick, Stratford-on-Avon, Aberystwyth, Dolgelly, Barmouth, Rhyl, Llandudno, Bangor, Carnarvon, Holyhead, &c. These tickets are issued on Fridays and Saturdays throughout the year.

London and North Western Railway.

THIS Company announce that the ticket offices at Euston, Broad Street, Kensington, Victoria (Pimlico), and Willesden Junction will be open throughout the day, from Monday, 1st April to Easter Monday, 8th April inclusive, so that passengers wishing to obtain tickets for any destination on the London and North Western Railway can do so at any time of the day prior to the starting of the trains. Tickets, dated to suit the convenience of passengers, can also be obtained at any time (Sundays and Bank Holidays excepted) at the Town receiving offices of the Company.

Additional express trains will be run, and special arrangements made in connection with the London and North Western Passenger Trains for the Easter Holidays.

The Company also announce cheap excursions for the Easter Holidays, as follow:—

On Wednesday, 3rd April, to Dublin, Greenore, Belfast, Ardglass, Armagh, Bray, Bundoran, Cork, Downpatrick, Dundalk, Enniskillen, Galway, Greystones, Killaloe, Killarney, Limerick, Londonderry, Newcastle (co. Down), Newry, Ovoca, Portrush, Sligo, Thurles, Warrenpoint, Westport, Wexford, Wicklow, and other places in Ireland. To return within 16 days.

On Wednesday midnight, 3rd April, to Blackburn, Blackpool, Bolton, Carlisle, Carnforth, Chorley, English Lake District, Fleetwood, Furness Line Stations, Lancaster, Maryport, Morecambe, Preston, St. Helens, Southport, Wigan, &c., returning 8th and 9th April.

On Thursday, 4th April, to Aberdovey, Abergavenny, Abergele, Aberystwyth, Bangor, Barmouth, Bettws-y-Coed, Blaenau, Festiniog, Brynmawr, Builth Wells, Carmarthen, Carnarvon, Colwyn Bay, Conway, Criccieth, Dolgelly, Dowlais, Ebbw Vale, Harlech, Hereford, Holyhead, Llanberis, Llandilo, Llandrindod, Llandudno, Llangammarch, Llanwrtyd, Merthyr, Oswestry, Pwllheli, Rhayader, Rhyl, Shrewsbury, Swansea, Tredegar, Wellington, Welshpool, Wrexham, &c., returning 8th, 9th, and 13th April.

To Ashbourne, Birkenhead, Birmingham, Burton, Chester, Coventry, Derby, Dudley, Leamington, Leicester, Macclesfield, North Staffordshire Company's Stations, Nuneaton, Rugby, Tamworth, Thorpe Cloud (for Dove Dale), Walsall, Warwick, Wolverhampton, &c., returning 8th and 9th April.

To Carlisle, Edinburgh, Glasgow, Aberdeen, Arbroath, Ayr, Ballater, Banff, Brechin, Buckie, Callander, Castle Douglas, Crieff, Cruden Bay, Dumbarton, Dumfries, Dundee, Dunkeld, Elgin, Forfar, Fort William, Gourcock, Greenock, Inverness, Keith, Kirkcudbright, Moffat, Montrose, Nairn, Newton Stewart, Oban, Perth, Stirling, Stranraer, Strathpeffer, Whithorn, Wigtown, and other places in Scotland, returning 8th and 12th April, or within 16 days.

On Thursday midnight, 4th April, to Crewe, Liverpool, Stafford, Warrington, Widnes, Ashton, Manchester, Oldham, Stalybridge, Stockport, &c., returning 8th and 9th April.

On Saturday midnight, 6th April, to Liverpool, Manchester, Warrington, and Stockport, returning 8th and 9th April.

Cheap week-end tickets will be issued on Thursday, Good Friday (where train service permits), and Saturday, 4th, 5th, and 6th April, to Aberystwyth, Barmouth, Carlisle, Church Stretton, Grange, Lancaster, Leamington, Llandrindod, Llandudno, Llanwrtyd, Llangammarch, Malvern, Morecambe, Rhyl, Stratford-on-Avon, Windermere, Aberdeen, Edinburgh, Glasgow, Greenock, Inverness, Montrose, Oban, Perth, Stirling, and other places, available for the return journey on the following Sunday (where train service permits), Monday, or Tuesday.

Tourists tickets available for two months are issued daily to North and Central Wales, Cambrian Line Stations, Blackpool, Southport, Morecambe, Windermere, Grange, Ulverston, the English Lake District, Greenore, Portrush, &c.

For full particulars see the Company's announcements.

At an influential meeting, convened by the York branch of the National Association for the Prevention of Consumption, held at the Mansion House, York, on Wednesday, under the presidency of the Earl of Zetland Prov.G.M. N. and E. Yorks, a resolution was passed approving of a proposal to establish a sanatorium for the benefit of the consumptive poor in York and the North and East Ridings of Yorkshire, as a memorial to the late Queen. The proposed site of the sanatorium is in the neighbourhood of Coxwold, in the North Riding, on the estate of Sir George O. Wombwell, Bart.

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