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THE KING AND THE CRAFT.

DESPITE the fact that the "Daily Telegraph" considers the rumour that His Majesty the King may be present at the Installation of his brother as Grand Master on the 17th of next month to be "entirely without foundation," it is regarded in well informed circles of the Craft that such a gratifying display of Royal favour is by no means unlikely. His Majesty must have pleasant recollections of past great Masonic assemblies in the Albert Hall, and we are sure if he honoured the Craft once again in that historic building he would receive such a Fraternal greeting as would convince him that the Masonic Brotherhood fully recognises the value of his past services to the Craft, and appreciates the honour he has conferred upon it by assuming the position of Protector.

Needless to say, the accommodation of the Albert Hall, vast though it is, will be taxed to the fullest extent on the occasion of the Installation. Some ten thousand seats can be allotted, but the applications far exceed that number, and disappointment must fall to the lot of many Brethren who would highly appreciate the honour of participating in such a historic event—a ceremony which we trust may not have to be repeated for very many years to come.

It is suggested by a correspondent that provision ought to have been possible to allow of the attendance of every Mason who desired to be present at the Installation of the Grand Master next month, and that as the largest available building is not sufficient for their accommodation, an open air assembly might have been arranged. He suggests the football field, with its many stands, at the Crystal Palace, Sydenham, as an eligible site; but we fear it is too late now to even consider his proposition. It seems a pity our correspondent did not earlier approach the authorities with his novel suggestion; we read of a hundred thousand footballers viewing a struggle there for the chief honours of the game; it would be most interesting to see half that number participating in such a ceremony as the installation to take place next month. It would provide a testimony of the extent and unanimity of the Craft in this country which would certainly be unique.

MASONIC MUNIFICENCE.

IN describing the Charitable work of the Craft during the current week we can hardly do better than quote the words of a daily contemporary, which said, "Benevolence and Freemasonry go hand in hand, and the best traditions of the ancient Order were worthily upheld" on Wednesday. But the writer in our contemporary said this in connection with only one great event which took place that day—the 103rd Anniversary Festival of the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys, when a total subscription of £23,020 was announced, as the result of the labours of 553 Stewards. He might have said very much more had he been aware that another great Charity Festival was celebrated the same day away in East Lancashire, on behalf of the Systematic Masonic Educational and Benevolent Institution of that Province, with the result

that subscriptions amounting to upwards of £9,379 were received, that being the largest amount ever raised by the Craft outside the Festivals of the London Institutions. We thus have a total of £32,399 to deal with as the one day's contribution of the English Craft in the cause of charity, so that for the third time this year records have been broken, and a total far in excess of what a few years back would have been considered the utmost limit, has been subscribed.

With such figures before us it is almost impossible to find words in which to compliment the Craft sufficiently; we most heartily congratulate the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys, and we as sincerely compliment the Brethren of East Lancashire on what it has achieved. Truly, both are marvellous records, and taken in conjunction with each other, as subscribed on the same day, really afford evidence of Fraternal goodwill, unity and sympathy which once again places the Masonic Order in the very first rank of benevolent organisations.

In another part of this issue we report the proceedings at the Festival of the Boys School, as well as the Prize Day at the School, which preceded it on the Monday, and we also give a full list of the Stewards and the amounts collected by each. The following summarises the returns, as given by the Secretary at the Festival:

Province.	Stewards.	Amount.
London	249	9150 0 0
Hampshire and Isle of Wight	45	4000 0 0
Suffolk	9	666 4 6
Leicestershire and Rutland	7	600 0 0
Berkshire	14	525 0 0
Monmouthshire	13	525 0 0
Staffordshire	24	425 15 0
Hertfordshire	14	422 8 6
South Wales Western Division	1	420 0 0
Wiltshire	2	410 10 6
South Wales Eastern Division	3	400 0 0
Middlesex	12	385 18 0
Nottinghamshire	2	377 4 0
Worcestershire	7	300 6 0
Devonshire	5	300 0 0
West Yorkshire	10	300 0 0
Somersetshire	5	295 11 6
North Wales	13	276 3 0
Durham	2	273 0 0
Gloucestershire	7	262 10 0
Surrey	9	231 2 6
Sussex	12	207 7 6
Norfolk	3	190 6 0
Essex	11	189 0 0
Northamptonshire and Hunts.	4	176 18 0
West Lancashire	6	169 19 0
Warwickshire	14	163 4 0
Foreign Stations	10	158 11 0
Buckinghamshire	10	137 0 6
Guernsey and Alderney	3	136 10 0
Cambridgeshire	4	134 0 0
Derbyshire	3	110 10 0
Northumberland	2	84 0 0
Shropshire	3	84 0 0
Kent	3	72 5 0
Dorsetshire	2	59 0 6
Cornwall	2	58 16 0
East Lancashire	2	52 10 0
Bedfordshire	1	48 6 0
Cumberland and Westmorland	1	42 0 0
North and East Yorkshire	1	31 10 0
Herefordshire (Collected List)	—	26 5 0
Oxfordshire	2	19 13 6
Cheshire	1	10 10 0
Lincolnshire	1	10 10 0

ESSEX.

THE annual meeting of the Provincial Grand Lodge of this division is fixed for Thursday, 18th July, at Loughton, under the banner of the Bagshaw Lodge, No. 1457. The day selected immediately follows that on which the installation of H.R.H. the Duke of Connaught as Grand Master is arranged to take place, and in view of that fact, together with the high position occupied by the Provincial Grand Master in the Craft, and the short distance of the meeting place from London, we anticipate there will be an exceptional attendance of distinguished visitors on the occasion.

CONSECRATION.
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Norfolk Lodge, No. 2852.

THE newest of Masonic Lodges bears the name "Norfolk," and is No. 2852 on the Register of the Grand Lodge of England. Some time ago Bro. Chas. E. Noverre conceived the idea of establishing in London a Lodge to serve as a home for Norfolk Freemasons who might be permanently or temporarily engaged in the metropolis. With that business-like energy and tact which characterises the late Norwich citizen, Bro. Noverre speedily made the movement take a workable form, and, after much anxious thought and a great amount of labour, it was decided to apply to the Grand Lodge for a Warrant. This was granted by the M.W. Grand Master the Duke of Connaught, and on Wednesday, 19th inst., at Freemasons' Hall, Great Queen Street, London, the Lodge was duly consecrated and constituted.

To bring a Lodge into existence a number of founders are required, and no difficulty was experienced in securing the co-operation of many prominent members of the Craft residing in London and the Norfolk Province. The following is a list of the Founders, most of whom were present at Wednesday's function:—Bros. Lord Amherst of Hackney, Charles A. Bathurst Bignold, Sir Courtenay Boyle, William G. Brighten, George Moore Chamberlin, Sydney Monckton Copeman, Edward J. Dodd, H. Work Dodd, Colonel Robert W. Edis, William Pinder Eversley, Sir Forrest Fulton, Sir Charles Gilman, Arthur D. Hansell, Ferneley Cozens-Hardy, Sir Kenneth H. Kemp, Hermann Klein, William J. Lancaster, the Dean of Norwich, Hamon le Strange, Frederick Miller, John Moore, Bruce Morison, Charles Edwin Noverre, Wm. Reginald Palgrave, Captain William Patrick, Arthur George Russell, C. H. Scriven, Edward Palgrave Simpson, James T. Southgate, Harry J. Sparks, Robert J. Symonds, Walter Wellsman, Professor Ernest W. White, Herbert Winder, and William Henry Wyon.

The ceremony of Consecration was performed in a masterly and effective style by Bro. Edward Letchworth Grand Secretary, assisted by Bros. J. V. Vesey-Fitzgerald, K.C., Dep.G.Reg. as S.W., Philip A. Scratchley J.G.D. as J.W., the Right Rev. the Lord Bishop of Barking P.G.Ch. as Chap., Frank Richardson P.G.D. as D.C., G. W. G. Barnard P.A.G.D.C. as I.G.

The prayers, passages of Scripture, &c., were most impressively recited by the Bishop of Barking, who also delivered an eloquent oration on the nature and principles of the Institution. Bro. Hermann Klein, a native of Norwich,

who plays a prominent part in musical life of London, accompanied and directed the singing of the anthem, hymns, &c., which greatly enhanced the beauty of the service. The Lyric Vocal Quartet, consisting of Bros. Thomas Powell, Etherington Smith, Charles Strong, and Horace Reynolds, gave a very finished interpretation of this music.

The installation of Bro. Hamon le Strange as the first W.M. was then proceeded with, Brother Letchworth ably carrying out the duties of Installing Master. The Treasurer and Tyler having been elected, the W.M. appointed and invested the following as his Officers for the year:—Bros. Lord Amherst of Hackney P.G.W. acting I.P.M., Sir Forrest Fulton P.G.D. S.W., the Very Rev. William Lefroy, D.D., J.W., William J. Lancaster Treasurer, Charles E. Noverre Secretary, H. J. Sparks D.P.G.M. Norfolk S.D., S. Monckton Copeman, M.D., J.D., Walter Wellsman P.A.G.D.C. D.C., H. W. Dodd, F.R.C.S., I.G., Hermann Klein P.G.O. Org., William G. Brighten Assist.D.C., Prof. Ernest W. White, M.B., Assist. Sec., Arthur D. Hansell and James T. Southgate Stewards, C. Patrick Tyler.

The five Consecrating Officers were elected honorary members of the Lodge, and Lord Suffield was also elected an honorary member. It is intended that the Lodge shall meet in February, April, and November, in addition to the gathering for the Installation. The names of seven gentlemen were mentioned as candidates for initiation. Other business having been transacted, the Lodge was closed in ancient form.

At seven o'clock the members sat down to an elegant banquet, served in the Crown Room.

Proposing the King and the Craft, the W.M. said the Brethren had scarcely become acquainted with this new form of the toast. In a Lodge named after the King's own county the toast was something more than a merely formal one. Norfolk Masons were particularly pleased that King Edward VII. was not going to forsake the county in which he had lived so long and become so beloved as the Prince of Wales. The toast was drank with the utmost cordiality, and Miss Ruth Vincent (who, as a Norfolk-born vocalist, kindly came forward and offered her valuable services on this interesting occasion), in ringing tones, led off the singing of the National Anthem.

Referring to the toast of the M.W. the Grand Master H.R.H. the Duke of Connaught, the W.M. remarked in a very short time members of the Craft would see His Royal Highness installed. All were very sorry to lose the Grand Master who for twenty-six years had presided over them with such conspicuous success. He had seen the Duke of Connaught perform important Masonic functions, and was convinced that, beyond their Royal patron, no one could be better fitted to occupy the Grand Master's chair, and to him every Mason would loyally transfer the affection borne for so many years to their late chief the Prince of Wales.

The toast of the M.W. the Pro Grand Master the Earl Amherst, the Deputy Grand Master the Earl of Warwick, and the rest of the Grand Officers present and past was also given from the chair. The proposer said that it was needless to expatiate upon the excellency of the work of these Brethren. He was pleased to be supported at the inaugural meeting of the Norfolk Lodge by such a galaxy of Grand Officers, and he thanked them for coming to help to usher

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the new Lodge into existence. Lord Amherst had only arrived in England on Tuesday, and had specially hastened his journey to be with them. With the toast was associated the name of Bro. J. Copley Moyle District Grand Master of Burma.

In reply, that Brother said he should ever retain a very vivid recollection of the splendid way in which the ceremony of Consecration had been performed. He wished some of his friends from the East could have been present, for they would have learnt a very valuable lesson. It did foreign visitors a vast amount of good to see the methods adopted in the old country. He was initiated in Bengal twenty-six years ago, in Lodge 109. The speaker then proceeded at great length to give some of his Masonic experiences in the far East.

The toast which followed was the Consecrating Officers. Bro. Hamon le Strange paid a high tribute to the effective way in which Bro. Letchworth had carried out his important share in the ceremony, and also thanked Bros. Fitzgerald and Scratchley for so ably filling the Wardens' chairs. A deep debt of gratitude, he said, was due to the Bishop of Barking for his good services, and also to the Director of Ceremonies Bro. Frank Richardson, without whom no important Masonic function would be quite perfect. Finally, allusion was made to Bro. G. W. G. Barnard, who in the Norfolk Province had by the exemplary discharge of his duties as Grand Secretary gained the thanks and appreciation of his Brethren. All who had witnessed the interesting function would ever remember it alike for its solemn and social side.

Bro. Letchworth replied. He said it had afforded him great pleasure to help to start a Lodge which gave promise of occupying a high position among Metropolitan Lodges. It had commenced under the most favourable auspices, and it was a matter for congratulation that it possessed so many distinguished members connected with the county whence it took its name. He then passed on to give the toast of the evening, the health of the Worshipful Master. The Lodge was indeed fortunate in securing for its first Master and during the most important and critical period of its existence, so excellent a ruler as Bro. Hamon le Strange, one who had deservedly gained the warm esteem of all Masons in Norfolk and others beyond that Province. Twenty-six years ago the newly installed Master had presided over the Westminster and Keystone Lodge, and since that time had been Master of another Lodge. He, therefore, enjoyed a ripe experience in all Masonic matters. It was hoped that under his gavel the Norfolk Lodge would become strong and prosperous.

A particularly hearty greeting was accorded Bro. Hamon le Strange on his rising to respond. He observed that he deemed it a high honour to hold the position of the first Master of the Norfolk Lodge. Any doubts that might have existed with regard to the success of the Lodge were set at rest by the large attendance of members and by the enthusiasm displayed on all sides. Feeling reference was made to the death of Sir Courtenay Boyle, one of the Founders. Sir Courtenay had displayed a great interest, not only in the formation of this new Lodge, but also in Norfolk Freemasonry generally. In 1882 the deceased Brother was W.M. of Union Lodge, No. 52, and regularly came over from Ireland to attend its meetings. Much had been said of late

with reference to the formation of what had been called exclusive Lodges, and it had been urged that they were somewhat contrary to the spirit of Freemasonry. He ventured to think that there was no derogation of the principles of the Craft. It was pleasant that associations formed in early life should after years of separation be renewed, and that those who went to the metropolis, some bent on business and some as birds of passage only, should meet former companions and cement old friendships. Nothing could be said against a Lodge which had these ends in view. The new Lodge would undoubtedly be of great benefit to the Norfolk Province, which, existing in a poor agricultural district, and totalling but eighteen Lodges, received more benefits from the great Charitable Institutions than it was entitled to by its size and donations. For these favourable considerations they were, beyond question, indebted to the personal influence exercised by the late Grand Master. The establishment of the new Lodge would, it was to be hoped, mean an accession of voting power to the Norfolk Province. In conclusion, he tendered heartfelt thanks for the kind reception that had been extended to the toast of his health.

With the Visitors were associated the names of Bro. James Small P.M. 10 Prov.G.Sec. of Middlesex, and Bro. W. H. Jones P.M. 1808 and P.J.G.W. of Norfolk.

The former briefly acknowledged the compliment, and Bro. W. H. Jones observed that although little had been heard of the sentiments of Masons in the home county regarding the enterprise which their London Brethren had entered upon that evening, he could assure them that they were of a most Fraternal and cordial character. In Norfolk the new Lodge would be thought of with pride and affection, both in the work of the Lodge and at the social board, when the terms of the Tyler's toast would, perhaps, have a new significance for them.

Submitting the toast of the Officers of the Lodge, the W.M. explained the course he had adopted in making his selection. It would be noticed with respect to his Wardens that one was a denizen of London, while the other hailed from Norfolk, and he had succeeded in having both the State (Sir Forrest Fulton) and the Church (Dean Lefroy) represented, thus by a concatenation of circumstances being able to show the universality of Freemasonry. At present the Lodge was without a Chaplain, but it was hoped that when the Dean of Norwich had fulfilled his other duties he might be pressed into service in that capacity. Most of the Officers had gone through the chairs of different Lodges, and though they constituted a "scratch" team, he thought a little practice would enable them to run well together. The Secretary Bro. Charles E. Noverre was entitled to all the praise that could be bestowed for the immense trouble and endless pains he had taken to make everything work so smoothly and well.

Bro. Sir Forrest Fulton S.W. assured the W.M. that he would receive every possible assistance from the Officers in the discharge of what promised to be very arduous duties.

Bro. the Dean of Norwich said the proceedings of the afternoon and evening had yielded him a happiness that had not been exceeded for many years. The beautiful service in which they had shared sent his mind back to the days when he was ordained and made great and solemn vows to God, the Great Architect of the Universe. A ceremony so

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impressive must give fresh inspiration and a noble impulse to all who witnessed it. He rejoiced in the privilege of being Junior Warden in the Norfolk Lodge. He had to follow no man, but would be expected to set an example for the imitation of those who succeeded him. After a humorous reference to the circumstances which combined to induce him to join the Craft, he expressed the belief that London would find that a strong, intelligent, and great Lodge had been formed in its midst. It was a case of the wise men of the East coming to the Jerusalem of Civilisation, and making the whole of the metropolis what it should be.

During the evening some songs were charmingly rendered by Miss Ruth Vincent, who was vociferously applauded, and solo and concerted music was provided by the Lyric Vocal Quartet, whose contributions were marked by good taste, intelligence, expression, and a sweet blending of voices. Bro. Hermann Klein was in charge of the musical arrangements, and played the pianoforte accompaniments.—"Eastern Daily Press."

GRAND CHAPTER OF SCOTLAND.

THE Quarterly Communication was held in the Royal Arch Masons' Hall, Edinburgh. In the absence of the First Grand Principal the Hon. C. Maule Ramsay, the chair was occupied by the Depute First Grand Principal Provost Kirkwood, Govan, who was supported by Captain Hope of Bridge Castle, and Comp. Alexander Bruce, Glasgow, Second and Third Grand Principals.

The Grand Scribe E. Comp. R. S. Brown intimated a gracious acknowledgment of the address of condolence and congratulation lately transmitted to the King.

The annual report of the Auditor stated that the income of the Supreme Chapter during the year ending 20th February last had been £838, and the expenditure £783, and that the general funds and estate now amount to £8,177. His report on the Charity Fund showed an income of £100 for the year, and a total fund amounting to £1,731 compared with £1,598 last year.

This being Major Allan's first appearance in Grand Chapter within the new Hall, he expressed gratification in meeting the members in a Hall of their own, and he was welcomed on his re-appearance in the Chapter after a long illness.

The other business was routine.

It is on record that the Grand Lodge of New York is the wealthiest in the world. Its real estate, free from all incumbrances, is valued at 1,971,058 dollars. Exclusive of furniture in the Hall in New York City and the Home in Utica, the Grand Lodge of New York can realise 2,353,912 dollars at any time. The membership is now 106,235. Truly they do big things "across the herring pond."

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REPORTS OF MEETINGS.

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Bradstow Lodge, No. 2448.

ON Wednesday, at the very pretty and convenient Masonic Temple at Broadstairs, a meeting was held presided over by the Worshipful Master Bro. William Fred. Whiteing, who received the support of Bros. John T. May P.M. Secretary acting S.W., W. Nation J.W., A. H. Hale P.M., J. Watson acting Sec., A. H. Clark S.D., H. B. Langham J.D., J. H. Batten Org., W. H. Northover I.G., G. J. Hamilton Tyler; J. Wallace, F. Higginson, W. E. Sacker, G. E. Scott, J. King, J. A. Wright, H. Bing, J. F. Ferrier, F. W. Wood, H. Barrett, T. P. Swain, J. H. Snow, &c.

The Visitors included Bros. F. G. Collier 2292, H. R. Armitage 898, J. S. Jacobs, and J. Wynman.

The Lodge being formed was opened with solemn prayer and the minutes of the regular and emergency meetings were read and confirmed.

There were two candidates on the agenda for initiation, and as a preliminary the ballot was taken for Mr. Arthur Augustus Tyler, and proved unanimous in his favour.

Bros. J. F. Ferrier and W. Barritt answered the usual questions in a faultless manner and were entrusted and retired, after which the W.M. vacated the chair in favour of Bro. E. H. White, who as one of the Founders of the Lodge maintains the greatest interest in its welfare. He opened the Lodge in the second degree, when Bro. H. Bing was examined, and having answered the questions in a faultless manner was entrusted. The Lodge was advanced to the third degree, and that Brother had the privilege of being raised to the sublime degree of Master Mason, taking his place amongst the Brethren as such.

The Lodge was resumed to the second degree and Bro. E. H. White P.M. kindly vacated the chair in favour of Bro. A. H. Hale P.M., when Bros. Ferrier and Barritt having been re-admitted were in due course passed to the degree of Fellow Craft.

The Lodge was resumed to the first degree, and then called off for well deserved refreshment.

On resumption, Bro. Whiteing W.M. initiated Messrs. J. Carl Aalbrecht and Arthur Augustus Tyler. The ceremonies were conferred separately, we were agreeably surprised to see, indeed we were delighted to have been able to be present to witness the working, as we have seldom seen the ceremony more impressively rendered; there was not the slightest hitch or hesitation; the whole being a great credit to the W.M. and the Brethren belonging to the Lodge. Neither can we speak too highly of Past Masters E. H. White and A. H. Hale; their working was admirable. Well deserved compliments are due to them and to the Officers of the Lodge, the labours of which were afterwards concluded in regular form.

Doric Lodge, No. 2359.

INSTALLATION OF BROTHER JOHN LAWRENSON.

THE annual meeting and Festival of St. John took place at the Masonic Rooms, Chorlton-cum-Hardy, on Saturday, 15th inst., and there was a good attendance of members and visitors alike.

Lodge was opened at an early hour of the day by Bro. Julius Laurisch Worshipful Master, who initiated Mr. John Edward Feay, Commercial Traveller, Old Trafford, into the mysteries and privileges of ancient Freemasonry.

This was followed by the installation of Bro. John Lawrenson S.W. into the chair of K.S., the ceremony being performed by the retiring Master in an exceedingly creditable manner, the slight foreign accent, which, despite his English verbal dexterity, he could not thoroughly discard, adding a piquancy to the proceedings.

Bro. Laurisch, judging by his composed manner, apparently capitulated without a struggle from an honoured position. He was ably assisted in the ceremony by Past Masters George Alfred Myers P.P.G.D.C., A. K. Boothroyd P.G.S.B., J. M. Veal, Joseph Ward, and W. H. Anderton.

In passing, we may emphasise the feeling of respect which Bro. Laurisch has induced in the Lodge on his own behalf. As he would admit in his own language, "Wenn man den Hund schlagen will, find't man bald ein Stecken," so it ought to be equally as easy for us to rise superior to disparagement and lavish praise where it is deserved. Bro. Laurisch has ever been an enthusiast in Masonry, a hard worker, a clever exponent of its principles, who, possessing skill, energy, and prudent tact, could subdue external circumstances; so that whilst able to control the natural impulses of those whom he governed, he was also able to minister to their content and happiness, reminding one of the man referred to by a Spanish writer, who was "flexible in resolving, and inflexible in performing."

The following is a list of the Officers for the ensuing twelve months: Bros. R. J. H. Sayers S.W., E. W. Rowsell J.W., A. K. Boothroyd P.M. P.P.G.S.B. Treas., Joseph Ward P.M. Sec., G. A. Myers P.M. P.P.G.D.C. D.C., F. J. Brundrett S.D., C. L. Paine J.D., J. W. Holt Org., A. R. Harrison I.G., G. H. Bassett, H. Bennett, W. Watmough, and R. L. Whitehead Stewards.

The Festival of St. John was a most successful function, and as a matter of course was presided over by the newly-installed Master. Loyal and Masonic toasts were duly proposed, that of the Provincial Officers being responded to by Bro. A. K. Boothroyd.

The health of the Worshipful Master was proposed by Bro. Laurisch I.P.M., who admitted that the duty of installing his successor had been one of pleasure to him. He reverted to the bonds of friendship which united himself and Bro. Lawrenson, and said they had gone hand in hand together for years, following

each other into Office in direct succession in other degrees. Though Bro. Lawrenson suffered under great disadvantages so far as he was affected by the exactions of business, and could not always attend their meetings when called for practice, yet he had been unsparing in his efforts to help the Officers in other ways. The speaker made a very touching reference to the presence at that meeting of Bro. Lawrenson senior, P.M. 344 and 2701 P.P.G. Std.Br., whose apron his son had that day been invested with. Bro. Lawrenson junior thoroughly understood its symbolism, and they might rest assured that no action of his would disgrace the badge so long and so honourably worn by his respected father. Personally he was proud, and rejoiced exceedingly in the selection which the Brethren had made, for his successor had done much good work, and possessed marked ability which had been abundantly proved. He would be a credit to the members, and would adorn the position to which they had appointed him, and into which he had had the further honour of installing him.

Bro. Lawrenson, in responding, thanked the proposer of the toast for the laudatory manner in which he had spoken of him, and also the Brethren for their enthusiastic reception of his name, which had filled him with feelings of pride and joy. He had been a member of the Doric Lodge for a period of ten years; he had filled all the various Offices which led up to his present exalted position, which he regarded as the height of his ambition and the greatest honour which the Lodge could bestow upon any of its members. In all he had undertaken he had ever striven to do his duty, with credit to himself and to the Lodge, and certainly he had now a greater incentive, and should not relax his efforts in that direction.

Bro. Lawrenson then proposed the health of the I.P.M. and Installing Master, saying that Bro. Laurisch had made an excellent speech on his behalf, and he wished he could only reciprocate with equal success. The financial year which had just ended had been a successful one, and all the Past Masters and Officers had done their work in an exemplary manner. So far as regarded Bro. Laurisch, he had so satisfactorily performed his duties that the Brethren had determined to mark their appreciation of him by the gift of a handsome jewel, which it was his pleasure to present on their behalf. Might he be long spared to wear it, and might it go down to posterity with all the honour which it deserved. The jewel, which was adorned with a handsome gold pillar of doric design, bore the words "Stat veritas," and contained also the following inscription:

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Bro. Laurisch responded, saying he remembered that twelve months ago he had said his ambition was satisfied. But that day he felt more than satisfied, knowing that the jewel of the Lodge had now been pinned upon his breast. His heart and soul were connected with the Doric Lodge, which had first received him into its fold, and had bestowed favours upon him until he had attained its highest honour. For the future he would be quite satisfied to be relegated to oblivion, rather than trespass upon the work of other Brethren, although he would always be willing to assist when his services might be called into requisition. In conclusion he said the jewel was his very best remembrance of a very happy year.

Bros. Veal and Ward also spoke as Assistant Installing Officers.

Bro. Rowsell J.W. proposed the health of the Visitors, the same being fittingly responded to.

The contributors to the harmony of the evening were Bros. Joseph Ward, F. J. Brundrett, D. W. Holt, W. Henderson, J. H. Marsh P.M. 1730 P.P.G.D., and Charles Shaw P.M. 1147.

Among those present, whose names have not been mentioned, were Bros. Councillor Jas. J. Lambert P.M. P.G.D.Eng., R. Horebin, G. Spencer, A. E. Walker, James Sharples, A. T. McGregor P.M. 654 P.P.G.D., J. A. Clarkson 940 P.P.G.D., Mark Oliver P.M. 2688 P.G.A.D.C., John Bowers P.M. 1730 P.P.G.P., T. C. Jackson 940, Rio de Janeiro, No. 3, Edward Roberts P.M. P.G.Tlr., John Butterworth I.P.M. 2387, H. J. Farthing W.M. 1387, and many others.

We were indebted to Bro. Laurisch I.P.M. for the invitation to be present at the meeting and banquet, and in return gratefully echo a sentiment often kindly meant, although sometimes indifferently expressed by divers of his own countrymen "Auf Wiedersehn."

North Western Service to Scotland.

IN view of the heavy traffic to Glasgow on account of the Exhibition, the 10.0 a.m. express, which is already being run nearly every day in two portions from Euston, will from the 1st of next month be relieved of the traffic for Perth and the North, which will be conveyed by a new express leaving Euston at 10.5 a.m., and reaching Perth at 8.5 p.m., and Aberdeen at 10.20 p.m. This train will also give a through connection to the Highland Line, arriving at Inverness at 11.30 p.m., passengers being thus enabled to perform the journey through to Inverness in the day, with the convenience of luncheon, tea, and dining accommodation on the train.

A new express will be put on, leaving Euston at 11.30 a.m., and reaching both Edinburgh and Glasgow at 7.55 p.m.; this will

also be a corridor train with luncheon and refreshment cars attached.

The 2.0 p.m. corridor express from Euston, which was the forerunner of the dining car corridor trains in this country, will still maintain its reputation.

For the Scotch traffic from London in the evening, the West Coast Companies are putting on three additional express trains. One, specially intended for the accommodation of passengers for the Highland Line, will be run from the 15th July, leaving Euston at 7.45 p.m., and reaching Inverness at 9.10 a.m., the Highland Company making a further acceleration on their line between the 23rd July and the 11th August, whereby Inverness will be reached at 8.35 a.m. instead of 9.10 a.m. There will be through sleeping saloons for Inverness on this train.

While the 7.45 p.m. train from London is running, passengers for the Highland system will not be conveyed by the 8.0 p.m. express from Euston, which will be restricted principally to traffic for the Oban Line, Aberdeen, and the Great North of Scotland system. A second additional express leaving Euston at 8.10 p.m. will be run to relieve the 8.0 p.m. express of the traffic for the North of Ireland via Stranraer.

The third additional express will be that leaving Euston at 9.0 p.m., to convey traffic for Edinburgh, Stirling, Perth, and the north, hitherto conveyed by the 8.50 p.m. train, which will be for Glasgow only, with connections forward to Greenock, Gourock, Ardrossan, Dumbarton, and Balloch.

The 8.50 p.m. and the 9.0 p.m. trains from Euston will be sleeping saloon trains, and although they will not run as fast as several other Scotch expresses, will be found very comfortable trains on account of the convenient times of arrival at Glasgow and Edinburgh.

The fast sleeping saloon express leaving Euston at 11.50 p.m., and which is the most popular of all the night expresses, will continue to run, and will arrive at Glasgow and Edinburgh at 7.50 a.m. This will be the fastest train between London and Glasgow.

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PROVINCIAL GRAND
Royal Arch Chapter of Kent.

A MEETING of the Provincial Grand Chapter of Kent will be held by the Most Excellent the Grand Superintendent the Right Hon. Earl Amherst, at the Town Hall, Gravesend, on Friday, 12th July, at 3 o'clock p.m., precisely, when the Present and Past Provincial Grand Officers, Principals, and Past First Principals of the several Chapters in the Province are summoned to attend, and all other Companions are invited to be present.

By command of the Grand Superintendent,

ALFRED SPENCER Grand Scribe E.

Maidstone, 14th June 1901.

**Business to be transacted
 at the Meeting of the Provincial Grand Chapter.**

- 1.—To salute the Grand Superintendent and the Second and Third Provincial Grand Principals.
- 2.—To read, and submit for confirmation the Minutes of the last Provincial Grand Chapter.
- 3.—To call over the roll of Chapters in the Province.
- 4.—To receive the Report of the Audit Committee.
- 5.—To elect a Provincial Grand Treasurer.
- 6.—To invest the Provincial Grand Officers for the ensuing year.
- 7.—To transact any other business relating to Royal Arch Masonry in the Province.

A Banquet will take place at the Clarendon Hotel, at 4.30 o'clock p.m., tickets, 12s 6d each, including wines.

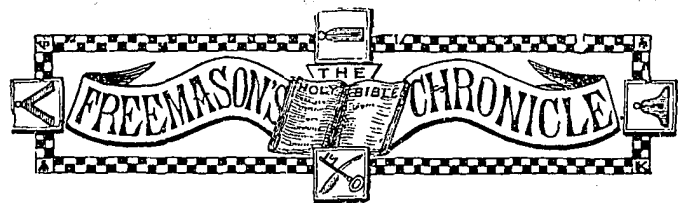
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SATURDAY, 29TH JUNE 1901.

THE BOYS SCHOOL FESTIVAL.

THE 103rd Anniversary Festival of the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys was celebrated under the presidency of Bro. W. W. B. Beach, M.P., Provincial Grand Master of Hampshire and the Isle of Wight, at the Crystal Palace, Sydenham, on Wednesday, the weather being delightful and the popular holiday resort being seen at its best. The banquet hall overlooked the fine grounds of the Palace, and was filled to its utmost capacity by Ladies and Brethren, who most cordially received the Chairman of the day when he entered and took his seat. Bro. Beach was accompanied by Mrs. Beach, and was immediately supported by Col. John Davis, A.D.C., the newly appointed Provincial Grand Master of Surrey, who has kindly consented to preside at next year's Festival on behalf of this Institution; Viscount Templetown, who enjoys the unique distinction of being Senior Warden in the Grand Lodges of both England and Ireland; and many other Grand and Provincial Grand Officers, conspicuous among the company being the leaders of the Craft in the Chairman's own Province of Hampshire and Isle of Wight, which was represented by no fewer than forty-five Stewards, many of whom were accompanied by their wife, daughter, or lady friend. The banquet was first class, and was excellently served, the arrangement of the party at small tables really facilitating matters, although at first sight the departure from custom seemed less attractive than what we are accustomed to at the Festivals of the Craft. The caterers, Messrs. Lyons and Co., certainly deserve great commendation for the way in which they carried out their share of the Festival.

Grace before and after the banquet was said by Bro. H. R. Cooper Smith, D.D., P.G. Chaplain, and the Chairman at once proceeded with the toasts of the day.

Loyalty to the Sovereign of the country, said Bro. Beach, was the duty of every Englishman, and it was a duty that was discharged with the greatest of pleasure by every member of the Masonic Order. Indeed, to Masons he felt he need make no appeal to ensure a hearty reception of the first toast, for from His Majesty's long connection with the Craft as Grand Master they had special cause to honour his name and wish him a long and prosperous reign. He was happy to be able to make the

gratifying announcement that His Majesty the King had consented to be the Patron of their Institution, a position filled by Her late Majesty for very many years previous to her death.

The next toast was that of H.R.H. the Duke of Connaught and Strathearn, K.G., Most Worshipful Grand Master, President of the Institution. The Chairman said members of the Craft might esteem themselves very fortunate, on the retirement of their late Grand Master, in having so distinguished a Mason ready to fill his place as the Duke of Connaught. From what His Royal Highness had done in the past they were justified in expressing satisfaction at his acceptance of the exalted Office, and they might even hope the Duke would do more for the Order in the future in his new position. He had ruled over the Province of Sussex for a number of years to the satisfaction of everyone, and the benefit of his rule was manifest in the high position that county had achieved in the Craft. They had also seen him at Masonic work on other occasions, notably when he laid the foundation stone of the new buildings for the Boys School, at Bushey, and could rest content that he would faithfully discharge the duties of the Grand Mastership.

The third toast the Chairman submitted was another which he felt sure would be received with pleasure, being the health of Her Majesty Queen Alexandra, T.R.H. the Duke and Duchess of York, and the other members of the Royal Family. From the moment of the advent of Queen Alexandra in this country she had won our hearts, and the hope of the nation was that she might be long spared to enjoy her new distinction. The Duke and Duchess of Cornwall and York were now engaged on a by no means unimportant mission, and there was little doubt but that they would succeed in winning the hearts of the colonials during their travels. They were doing their utmost to uphold the honour of their country; let us hope they might return in good health.

Now came the toast of the Pro G.M., the Deputy and the rest of the Grand Officers present and past. The Chairman considered that Lord Amherst had done a great deal for Freemasonry. He was very nearly the oldest Provincial Grand Master in point of service, but he was not nearly the oldest Mason among them. He had a special interest—a paternal interest—in Lord Amherst, inasmuch as he had the pleasure of initiating him into the Craft many years ago. He was particularly glad—as he was sure they all were—as seeing so many Grand Officers rallying around him on that occasion, as it showed they took a great interest in the Charitable work of the Craft.

Viscount Templetown S.G.W. replied. He considered it a very great honour to be called upon on that auspicious occasion to respond to the toast of the Grand Officers. He was glad to think that Lord Amherst was his nearest neighbour in the country, and that he was in the position to know that he carried out the principles of the Craft, not only in his Masonic associations, but also in his private life. As Senior Grand Warden of England, on behalf of all its Grand Officers, and also as holding the similar Office in the Grand Lodge of Ireland, he tendered the Chairman and the Institution sincere congratulations on the fact that His Majesty the King had consented to become Patron of the Institution. He was pleased, as one who had known the Chairman for many years, to support him on this occasion, and hoped they might soon have to congratulate him on the result of his presidency.

The Chairman next rose to propose the toast in honour of the object for which they were met that evening—success to the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys. Theirs was an old Institution, founded in 1798, when six boys were admitted to its benefits. In 1809, when the Jubilee of George III.'s accession to the throne was celebrated, they marked the event by increasing the number of pupils to fifty. In 1832 His Majesty William IV. consented to become Patron of the Institution, and then for the first time the prefix Royal was added to its title. In 1841 they had seventy boys on the foundation, and in 1848—when the Jubilee of its establishment was celebrated—increased activity was displayed. Up to that time it had really been supported by the contributions of London Brethren, but since then the number of its supporters had extended, until to-day it was maintained by Masons generally throughout the country. They had now 295 boys being provided for by the Institution, and the Brethren would readily recognise this could not be done without great exertion and combined effort. Of late years great improvements had taken place, not only in the Institution itself, but also in the curriculum, and the advantages of this were amply demonstrated by the results which had been achieved. An excellent system had recently been propagated, namely, an arrangement by which promising boys might be retained beyond the age limit of fifteen years, for further education. This benefit had already been given to sixty-five of the pupils, and the result was most satisfactory. In regard to the general work of the School Bro. Beach felt they had every reason to congratulate themselves on the results achieved. The different examinations in which the boys had taken part proved they were being well cared for; and as the result of his personal visit to the School, he felt the boys were themselves conscious of this, and were doing their best to avail themselves of the advantages provided for them. He was personally very pleased indeed to see the way in which the boys acquitted themselves on the occasion of his visit to the School on Monday, and he hoped, with the increased support given by the Craft to the Institution, that it might go on and prosper. Let them hope that in the future, when they moved into the new quarters being provided for the School, that it might be possible to do even more than was now being done. The toast was most heartily received.

Bro. Keyser Treasurer of the Institution replied. He felt he had a very easy task in responding to the toast so lucidly brought

before them by the Chairman that day, as Bro. Beach had mentioned every item it was his duty as Treasurer of the Institution to refer to. The thanks of the Craft were due to Bro. Beach and Mrs. Beach, for having attended there that day, and also for going to Wood Green as they did the previous Monday, for the purpose of presenting the prizes to the successful pupils of the Institution. It was a matter of great satisfaction to the members of the Board of Management of the Institution that they were able to secure the services of such an eminent Brother as their Chairman that day to preside over their annual Festival, and he hoped when the announcement came to be made that the result of his presidency would be eminently satisfactory to Bro. Beach, and gratifying to the entire English Craft. From having started with six boys they now had nearly three hundred on their books and they confidently appealed to the members of the Order to provide the funds necessary to maintain the Institution. They had decided to move to more commodious quarters, and under the banner of the late Grand Master, his present Majesty the King, they had succeeded in getting together £142,000 to enable them to make the enlargement; but beyond that they had succeeded in disposing of the old Institution and land at Wood Green for a sum which was considered most satisfactory. They could not expect as much that day as the sister Institutions had received during the current year, after the handsome total subscribed in connection with the great event of the Centenary of the Institution, but he felt they would receive sufficient to make them indebted to the Stewards, to the President of the day, and to the Brethren of his Province of Hampshire and the Isle of Wight in particular. They had reasonable hope of getting the £15,000 that was required to carry on the work for the year. Speaking as Treasurer of the Institution he believed that everything was being done for the School which it was possible to do at the present time, and that everything that could be desired was being taken in hand. He felt the thanks of all interested in the Festival were due to their Right Worshipful Chairman, and to all the Ladies and Brethren who had come down to support them on the occasion.

Bro. J. M. McLeod then announced the subscriptions. He said 553 Stewards had worked for the Festival, among them being thirty-three ladies. London was represented by 249 Stewards, the English Provinces by 294, and Foreign Stations by 10. Twenty-two of the London Stewards had lists of £100 and upwards, the premier list of the metropolis being that of Bro. Tom Fraser, who, as representative of the Eccentric Lodge, had collected £368 4s. All but three of the Provinces were represented on the occasion, the number of Stewards, and the totals announced from each being given in detail in other parts of this issue.

The sum contributed by Hampshire and the Isle of Wight—£4,000—was a record from that Province, and included the money subscribed by its members for the purpose of acquiring a perpetual presentation for the School, the same to be called the Beach Presentation, as a compliment to the popular chief of the county and as a recognition of his kindness in presiding on this occasion. The totals of the day were: London, 249 Stewards, £9,150; Provinces and Foreign Stations, 304 Stewards, £13,870; giving an aggregate of £23,020 from the 553 Stewards. This was not exactly a record amount, but it was the largest but one of the totals realised in connection with an ordinary Festival of the Institution. Only once before had it been exceeded, in 1801, when Earl Lathom was in the chair, and £29,000 was announced. The total of the day's returns was certainly a good second.

Bro. Rev. H. R. Cooper-Smith, D.D., P.G.Chap. proposed the next toast. He considered it was one that came very appropriate after the result they had just heard announced, and it required no eloquence on his part to ensure its hearty reception, as it was the toast of the Chairman of the day. They in Hampshire knew what Bro. Beach had done, not only in the Province of Freemasonry, but also in the Parliament of the country. The outcome of his more than thirty years rule was shown in the result announced that day. He was a member of the Lodge in which their esteemed Brother was initiated—the Apollo University—and knew much of his private work in the Craft. This was not the first occasion on which he had presided at a Festival on behalf of the Charities of the Craft; when he presided before the total realised was a record for the time, and the result on the present occasion was almost equally as satisfactory. They all trusted Bro. Beach might live for many more years to give his services to Freemasonry and to his country as he had done for so long in the past.

Bro. Beach was accorded the heartiest reception, musical honours being given. In reply to the greetings he tendered to all sincere thanks for the way in which they had received the toast. It had afforded him the greatest pleasure to preside on the occasion, and to be supported so splendidly. He was particularly grateful to the members of his own Province. It was indeed gratifying for a Chairman to hear such announcements as had been made that day, and he was personally pleased to see the Institution so well supported. He remembered acting as a Steward on its behalf within a year of his initiation, and he had never ceased to take a lively interest in it. He indeed felt grateful that he had been received so heartily as he had been on this occasion.

Bro. Harry Bevir Chairman of the Board of Management proposed the other Masonic Charities and success to them, and Bro. Terry replied. The result of that day's Festival had raised the total of the year's returns to upwards of £75,000. Could anything be better, when they looked at the total, than to think that this vast amount was collected among themselves? They did not appeal to the outside world, but raised the money out of their own pockets. Not only so, but he firmly believed the members of the Craft would continue to do so as long as it was required of

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1563	*Hy. Wm. Lardner	—
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1563	*S. E. Young	—
1563	*T. H. Townsend	—
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1586	Thos. Wm. Edmonds	36 15 0
1607	Robert Collins Halford	103 8 6
1614	Thomas Middleweek	35 0 0
1627	Percy G. Edwards	45 13 6
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1672	Wm. John Clubb	47 5 0
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	James M. Pett	10 10 0
	*Fred. William Prior	—
	Lieut.-Col. Clifford Probyn, J.P.	10 10 0
	Charles Robinson	—
	J. Peter Robinson	10 10 0
	W. Short	10 10 0
	W. Jno. Songhurst	21 0 0
	*Jas. Speller	—
	J. T. Stevens	10 10 0
	G. J. Taylor	18 18 0
	*L. D. C. Thomas	—
	W. E. M. Tomlinson, M.P.	10 10 0
	John Welford	10 10 0
	J. H. Whadcoat, J.P.	10 10 0
	*T. Blanco White	—
	Chisholm Williams, F.R.C.S.	21 0 0
	Major Woolmer Williams, F.S.S.	10 10 0
LADIES.		
*Mrs. T. H. Beach (see Lo. 1563)		
		—
	*Mrs. G. J. Brown	—
	*Mrs. T. W. Chant	—
	Mrs. C. Hunwicks Cooper	5 5 0
	*Mrs. Cox	—
	*Mrs. H. Dawkes	—
	*Mrs. Fergusson	—
	*Mrs. T. Fraser	—
	Mrs. Gourlay	5 5 0
	*Mrs. L. A. Homer (see Lo. 1563)	—
	*Mrs. D. T. Jackson	—

*Miss Ethel Jennings	—
*Mrs. E. Kerrell	—
*Miss L. N. Ladler	—
Mrs. Leroy	5 5 0
*Mrs. J. J. Linton	—
Miss M. M. McLeod	126 0 0
Mrs. W. C. Parsons	5 5 0
*Madame Roux	—
*Miss Druscilla Short	—
*Mrs. James Speller	—
*Mrs. E. G. Steers	—
*Mrs. J. H. Witty	—

THE PROVINCES.

BEDFORDSHIRE.

The Province and Lodge	
540 Bro. F. W. Williams	40 6 0

BERKSHIRE.

LODGE			
414	Bro. W. J. Maurice	31	10 0
574	„ John Rolfe	30	0 0
771	„ G. Gray	48	16 6
771	„ *E. Marshall	—	
795	„ Capt. H. H. Tasker	99	15 0
795	„ *H. Morecroft	—	
795	„ *F. Farrow	—	
945	„ E. J. Harris	55	3 0
1887	„ F. E. Hedges	42	0 0
2043	„ E. H. Simmons	26	5 0
2437	„ E. Caldecott	60	0 0
2671	„ J. M. Payne	15	9 6
2760	„ Lieut.-Col. G. C. Ricardo	36	15 0

CHAPTER		
414 Comp. W. J. Maurice (see Lo. 414)	—	
Unattached		
Bro. C. E. Keyser, J.P.	79 6 0	

BUCKINGHAMSHIRE.

LODGE		
591 Bro. John Reader	21	0 0
1501 „ Henry Flint	10	10 0
1894 „ W. D. Shuard	16	5 6
2421 „ W. Yeo	73	10 0
2421 „ *H. J. Gibbs	—	
Unattached		
*Bro. J. Stephens	—	
„ W. G. Cannon	10	10 0
Mrs. W. G. Cannon	5	5 0
*Miss Lily Stephens	—	

CAMBRIDGESHIRE.

The Province and Lodge		
88	Bro. A. E. Chaplin	63 0 0
859	„ W. J. Armitage	10 10 0
2727	„ J. C. Laxton	50 0 0
Unattached		
	Bro. Major O. Papworth	10 10 0

CHESHIRE.

Unattached		
Bro. James Cookson	10 10 0	

CORNWALL.

The Province		
Bro. Col. G. J. Parkyn	47	5 0
Unattached		
Bro. Sholto H. Hare	11	11 0

CUMBERLAND and WESTMORLAND.

LODGE		
2285 Bro. William Beck	42 0 0	

DERBYSHIRE.

LODGE		
353 Bro. James Roden	100 0 0	
353 „ *James Morris	—	
Unattached		
Bro. I. N. Woodiwiss	10 10 0	

DEVONSHIRE.

LODGE		
328 Bro. R. Douglas Renwick	64 1 0	
1135 „ A. H. Fisher	26 5 0	
Unattached		
Bro. Herbert L. Schuster	42 0 0	
„ F. B. Westlake	115 10 0	
„ J. R. Wilson	42 0 0	

DORSETSHIRE.

LODGE		
707 Bro. A. M. Broadley	38 6 0	
Unattached		
Bro. S. R. Baskett	21 0 0	

DURHAM.			CHAPTER			LODGE		
The Province			2074 Comp. W. J. Bone			1562 Bro. Thomas Acland		
Bro. Charles T. Johnson	262	10 0	MARK LODGE			2186 „ R. Nancarrow		
LODGE			2 Bro. Alex. N. Y. Howell			2226 „ Thomas Edwards		
2352 Bro. Sir Geo. Hare Philipson	10	10 0	ROSE CROIX CHAPTER			2556 „ Nestor L. Wilputte		
			(Canute) Bro. Major Le Feuvre			Unattached		
ESSEX.			Unattached			Bro. S. G. Homfray		
LODGE			Bro. Norman Clinton			„ Lieut.-Col. C. R. Lyne		
453 Bro. Geo. Corble	15	15 0	„ John W. Gieve, J.P.			Total from the Province	525	0 0
2184 „ W. H. Catt			„ Edgar Goble					
2256 „ G. R. Brown	42	0 0	F. H. Buck (Lewis)			NORFOLK.		
2442 „ Arthur R. Ray	10	10 0	Total from the Province	£4,000	0 0	LODGE		
2750 „ H. A. Baxter	94	10 0	HEREFORDSHIRE.			52 Bro. W. P. Eversley	58	16 0
2750 „ *T. P. Trounce	—		Collected List	26	5 0	100 „ Alf. H. Bateman	100	0 0
2750 „ *H. A. Palmer	—		HERTFORDSHIRE.			Unattached		
2750 „ *George Hoare	—		LODGE			Bro. A. F. Hardymont	31	10 0
2750 „ *B. Shaw	—		403 Bro. J. L. Gregory	21	0 0	NORTHS. AND HUNTS.		
2750 „ *J. M. Petts	—		404 „ W. T. Boydell, jun.	10	10 0	The Earl of Euston, Prov.		
CHAPTER			1757 „ J. S. Hassell	31	14 6	G. Master	10	10 0
453 Comp. John Glass	15	15 0	2086 „ A. E. F. Lander	39	7 6	LODGE		
Unattached			2323 „ E. L. Heseltine	42	0 0	737 Bro. John J. Coulbeck	40	8 6
Bro. D. George Kerr	10	10 0	2353 „ J. Heilbrun	43	16 6	1911 „ H. W. K. Markham	105	0 0
GLOUCESTERSHIRE.			2786 „ F. Crocker	150	0 0	Prov. Grand Chapter		
LODGE			2786 „ *L. Beale	—		Comp. Harry Manfield	21	0 0
562 Bro. Charles Mackinnon	63	0 0	2786 „ *W. M. Wilson	—		NORTHUMBERLAND.		
761 „ Francis James Bloodworth	31	10 0	2786 „ *H. Burkett	—		LODGE		
761 „ H. R. Smith	36	15 0	2786 „ *J. T. Matthews	—		393 Bro. G. S. Riddle	73	10 0
1067 „ Russell J. Kerr, J.P.	47	5 0	2786 „ *W. Metcalfe	—		393 „ T. Martin	10	10 0
2407 „ J. T. Rowe	63	0 0	2518 „ C. E. Keyser, J.P.	63	0 0	NORTH WALES.		
Unattached			Unattached			Lord Harlech, Prov.G.M.		
Bro. Edwin Lea, J.P.	10	10 0	Bro. W. H. Williams	10	10 0	The Province		
„ R. V. Vassar Smith	10	10 0	KENT.			Bro. J. Porter		
GUERNSEY AND ALDERNEY.			LODGE			LODGE		
Bro. J. Balfour Cockburn,			2041 Bro. A. A. Frigout	40	15 0	755 Bro. Rev. W. E. Scott Hall		
Prov.G.M.	21	0 0	Unattached			755 „ J. Haworth		
The Province and Lodge			Bro. Frank Stanger	10	10 0	1509 „ J. G. Tuxford		
2805 Bro. Gervase F. Peek	105	0 0	„ H. F. Whyman	21	0 0	1849 „ H. A. Stenning		
LODGE			LANCASHIRE (EAST DIVISION).			1088 „ J. C. Hughes		
593 Bro. Edgar W. Livesey	10	10 0	Unattached			2569 „ W. A. Tuxford		
HANTS AND ISLE OF WIGHT.			Bro. Capt. J. Barlow	42	0 0	2569 „ C. M. Lees		
Bro. the Rt. Hon. W. W.			„ W. Forrest	10	10 0	Unattached		
B. Beach, M.P.,			LANCASHIRE (WEST DIVISION).			Bro. C. K. Benson		
Prov. Grand Master			LODGE			„ E. Roberts		
(CHAIRMAN)			148 Bro. Roger C. Parr, B.A.	52	10 0	„ J. R. Williams		
LODGE			950 „ F. J. Thompson	—		Mrs. J. Haworth		
35 Bro. Charles Brown			1313 „ William Morecroft	42	19 0	Total from the Province	276	3 0
76 „ Charles Bunch			1561 „ Thos. Baxter	10	10 0	NOTTINGHAMSHIRE.		
130 „ G. J. Tilling, J.P.			2651 „ *Roger C. Parr, B.A.	—		The Province		
132 „ Walter Farrance			2714 „ Richard Owen	10	10 0	Bro. His Honour Judge		
151 „ J. G. Pinnock			Unattached			Masterman (see also		
175 „ Edgar R. Ratcliffe			Bro. Capt. C. H. Garnett	31	10 0	London)	366	14 0
195 „ Frederick T. Cutler			LEICESTERSHIRE AND RUTLAND.			Unattached		
257 „ G. W. Edmonds			The Province			Bro. Alfred Page	10	10 0
257 „ G. E. Kent			Bro. R. B. Starkey	600	0 0	OXFORDSHIRE.		
309 „ Robert Clover, J.P.			„ *Giles Eli Barton	—		LODGE		
319 Collected List (per Bro. R. Catt)			„ *F. W. Billson	—		478 Bro. H. Collison	10	10 0
359 Bro. William Jenvey			„ *H. J. Grace	—		1895 „ H. R. Blaker	9	3 6
359 „ William Martin			„ *Isaac H. Harrison	—		SHROPSHIRE.		
359 „ E. Brown			„ *John Hassall	—		LODGE		
394 „ James Lemon, J.P.			„ *C. F. Oliver	—		117 Bro. S. Withers, jun.	10	10 0
487 „ Walter W. Slade			LINCOLNSHIRE.			262 „ L. J. Godson	63	0 0
604 „ Rev. Dr. Cooper-Smith			LODGE			1621 „ W. L. Southwell	10	10 0
694 „ C. Franklin Simmons			985 Bro. Herbert Garthwaite	10	10 0	SOMERSETSHIRE.		
723 „ H. G. Marshallsay			MIDDLESEX.			LODGE		
804 „ W. T. Williams			The Province			53 Bro. A. E. Fuller	145	8 6
903 „ W. A. Rowe			Bro. Rear Admiral W. H.			1222 „ R. J. Dart	75	12 0
1069 „ Harold Rufus Pink			St. Clair (see also			2390 „ W. Ludlow	67	1 0
1069 „ Jas. Watson Gieve, J.P.			London)	60	8 0	Unattached		
1112 „ Noel S. Ashby			LODGE			*Bro. J. S. Haddon	—	
1331 „ Sergt. James Cancy			382 Bro. A. A. Hardy	10	10 0	„ Colonel A. Thrale		
1373 „ Ernest A. Farr			1293 „ P. Collings	37	5 6	Perkins	10	10 0
1428 „ Charles A. Stuart			1310 „ J. Williams	10	10 0	SOUTH WALES (EAST DIVISION).		
1705 „ Richard H. Rogers			1415 „ T. Whittingham	42	0 0	*Lord Llangattock, Prov.G.		
1780 „ Humphrey Hussey			1549 „ Major F. S. Winkley	50	0 0	Master	—	
1884 „ John Chapman			1579 „ H. W. Dobb	10	10 0	The Province		
1903 „ Comm. H. G. Giles			1691 „ E. Leonard	19	19 0	Bro. W. A. Beer	400	0 0
1958 „ W. J. Bone			2024 „ J. R. Thomson	36	15 0	LODGE		
1971 „ Rev. F. B. N. Norman-Lee			2087 „ E. J. Reid	55	13 0	2453 Bro. G. S. Giller		
1971 „ F. Stroyan			2163 „ *A. A. Hardy	—		SOUTH WALES (WEST DIVISION).		
1990 „ George Williams			2183 „ E. J. Reynolds	50	8 0	The Province		
2068 „ George Williams			MONMOUTHSHIRE.			Bro. Henry Studt	420	0 0
2074 „ W. J. Bone			The Province			STAFFORDSHIRE.		
2153 „ Lt. and Qr.-Mr. W. J. Pawsey			Bro. F. Phillips			LODGE		
2158 „ Dr. J. A. Hosker			LODGE			347 Bro. W. G. Cumming		
2169 „ Charles Brown			457 Bro. F. A. Powell			347 „ J. Pasfield		
2203 „ Maj. H. Pidcock Henzell			471 „ F. J. Roberts			347 „ Luke Taylor		
2208 Lodge (per Bro. F. T. Cutler)			683 „ W. H. Le G. Chambers			451 „ Walton Stanley		
Prov. G. Chapter			818 „ H. C. Evans			482 „ J. F. Pepper		
Comp. Major J. E. Le Feuvre, J.P			1258 „ D. G. Longher			539 „ Alfred Dewsbury		
CHAPTER			1429 „ W. Gibbs			539 „ Sydney B. Wheway		
35 Comp. Charles Brown								
175 „ E. R. Ratcliffe								
195 „ Fred. T. Cutler								
309 „ Robert Clover, J.P.								
903 „ Thomas Taylor								

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539	Bro. F. Gnosill	
539	" John Moseley	
546	" G. C. Kent	
624	" John Gretton, M.P.	
624	" Francis Thompson	
624	" W. H. Bailey	
726	" J. Parker Cater	
1838	" H. Percy Smith	
2149	" Thomas Taylor	
2149	" Arthur Fogg	
2149	" Arthur Baines	
2487	" H. A. Frewer	
2756	" J. F. Pepper	

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482	Comp. Frank Hughes	
Unattached		
	Bro. Charles Richards	
	Mrs. W. H. Bailey	
	Mrs. Hughes	
	Mrs. Charles Richards	

Total from the Province 425 15 0

SUFFOLK.

LODGE		
81	Bro. Major R. J. Carthew	121 16 0
332	" E. R. Gayford	89 5 0
555	" Edward W. Lynch	121 16 0
936	" J. C. Ryder-Richardson	63 0 0
1224	" David Ward	68 5 0
1452	" Maj. Hugh W. H. Cary-Elwes	94 10 0
1663	" Arthur Flatman	10 10 0
1823	" Rev. B. B. Syer	63 0 0
Unattached		
	Bro. C. J. N. Row	34 2 6

SURREY.

LODGE		
410	Bro. R. S. Armstrong	11 0 6
416	Donation	20 9 6
1826	Bro. Thomas A. Polson	21 0 0
1872	" E. C. Haram	10 10 0
1892	" W. D. Stewart	37 5 6
1981	" George Alderton	30 19 6
2120	" A. G. Hutchins	28 17 6
2502	" William Dawson	50 0 0
Unattached		
	Bro. George R. Saunders	10 10 0
	" T. H. Griffiths	10 10 0

SUSSEX.

LODGE		
1110	Bro. J. H. Maryan	10 10 0
1797	" Dr. Henry Pearce	32 11 0
1797	" H. Webb	15 15 0
1821	" V. W. Burden	21 0 0
1842	" *Major Hugh W. H. Cary-Elwes	—

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1842	Bro. Palmer	26 5 0
1947	" Sydney Johnson	21 0 0
2201	" Frank J. Sawyer	10 10 0
2450	" John Wood	21 10 6
2676	" D. M. Smith	10 10 0
2692	" James J. Wright	37 16 0
Unattached		
	*Mrs. James Wright	—

WARWICKSHIRE.

LODGE		
74	Bro. John Foster	65 2 0
74	" *B. Hunn	—
74	" *J. Coulson Nicol	—
74	" *Henry J. Sayer	—
74	" *John W. Bint	—
74	" *F. W. Harris	—
395	" Arthur P. Cohen	12 0 0
794	" Arthur J. Abrahall	10 10 0
794	" Felix Jones	12 12 0
1031	" A. Rodway	42 0 0
1031	" John Bowen	10 10 0
2804	" E. J. Charles	10 10 0

WILTSHIRE.

The Province		
	Bro. Fred. S. Hancock	400 0 6
Unattached		
	Bro. H. Bevir	10 10 0

WORCESTERSHIRE.

LODGE		
573	Bro. E. Lowe	116 11 0
1204	" J. Ransome Corder	63 0 0
1874	" G. F. Bennett	36 15 0
1874	" C. H. Clark	10 10 0
1874	" J. A. Hughes	36 15 0
2034	" W. H. Steeley	—
2724	" T. A. Bayliss	10 10 0
Unattached		
	Bro. E. J. Chambers	26 5 0

YORKSHIRE (NORTH-EAST).

The Province and Lodge		
	1848 Bro. Rev. Chas. S. Steel	31 10 0

YORKSHIRE (WEST DIVISION).

	Bro. Wm. Blackburn, J.P.	
	" H. S. Childe	
LODGE		
458	Bro. William Boulton	
495	" Thomas Horner	
521	" James Ashton Riley	
652	" James Graham	
904	" F. Cleaves	
904	" H. P. Gough	
1102	" Thomas G. Howell	

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1102	Bro. Walter Bailey	
1311	" A. W. Robson	
2268	" Chas. F. Longden	
2321	" J. W. Bland	
2491	" W. D. Foxon	
2530	" Harry H. Bridgens	
Unattached		
	Mrs. W. Boulton	

Total from the Province 300 0 0

FOREIGN STATIONS.

BENGAL.

LODGE		
2726	Bro. J. C. Horne	10 10 0

BRITISH GUIANA.

LODGE		
2642	Bro. H. E. Murray	

EASTERN ARCHIPELAGO.

LODGE		
508	Bro. Walter Makepeace	31 10 0

JAPAN.

LODGE		
1401	Bro. Rodham H. Cook	42 0 0

MADRAS.

LODGE		
926	Bro. Col. J. Temple	

MALTA.

	Bro. J. M. McLeod	26 5 0
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QUEENSLAND.

LODGE		
2207	Bro. E. H. Wicker	

SOUTH AFRICA (RHODESIA).

LODGE		
2678	Bro. W. E. Haworth	10 10 0

SOUTH AFRICA (WEST DIVISION).

LODGE		
2691	Bro. E. H. Nathan	15 15 0
Unattached		
	Mrs. Nathan	5 5 0

ANTIGUA (W.I.).

LODGE		
492	Collected List (per Bro. R. H. Kortright)	16 16 0

* Included in Lodge or Provincial list.

CHESHIRE.

THE annual meeting of this Provincial Grand Lodge of Mark Masons took place on Saturday afternoon, 22nd inst., at the Hotel Victoria, New Brighton, the Hon. Alan De Tatton Egerton, M.P., Provincial Grand Master presiding over an attendance of about sixty Brethren, representing the ten Mark Lodges of the Province. Included in the attendance were Bros. Frederick Broadsmith, the newly-appointed Deputy Provincial Grand Master, and Richard Newhouse Provincial Grand Secretary.

The principal business was the investiture of the following Officers:

Bros. J. Fred. May	...	Senior Warden
Joseph Clarke	...	Junior Warden
W. Allan Shaw	...	Master Overseer
Rev. F. Hylton Stewart, M.A.	...	Chaplain
Thos. W. Atkinson	...	Treasurer
George Leigh	...	Registrar
Richard Newhouse	...	Secretary
William Hall	...	Senior Deacon
Joseph Ward	...	Junior Deacon
George W. Hughes	...	Inspector of Works
J. Stanley Derbyshire	...	Dir. of Ceremonies
Thomas Overington	...	Dep. Dir. of Cers.
J. W. Bedell	...	Sword Bearer
Walter Guillian	...	Standard Bearer
D. B. Reginald Mountfield	...	Organist
John Ferguson	...	Steward
Joseph Potts	...	Ditto
J. G. Mills	...	Ditto
R. Grundy	...	Ditto
S. S. Chiswell	...	Ditto
James Sharples	...	Ditto
S. Thompson	...	Tyler.

At the close of the Provincial Grand Lodge the Brethren sat down to a high tea, and the customary Loyal and Mark toasts were honoured.

CHURCH SERVICE.

THE annual service of the Provincial Grand Lodge of North Munster was held on Friday evening, 21st inst., in St. Mary's Cathedral, Limerick, when the Lord Bishop of Ossory preached an eloquent and impressive sermon, on the text "A new Commandment I give unto you that ye love one another," to a representative gathering of Freemasons. Much interest was created in the ceremonies observed in the service.

The Brethren assembled in the Jebb Chapel, and whilst they proceeded in procession to their appointed seats Mr. Frank Muspratt, the cathedral organist, played a march in E flat (Archer). The Provincial Grand Master Sir Charles Barrington, Bart., was received with the customary honour of an arch of swords.

A grant of twenty guineas to the British Medical Benevolent Fund was made on the occasion of the Installation meeting of the Rahere Lodge, No. 2546, held on the 11th inst., in the Great Hall of St. Bartholomew's Hospital (kindly lent for the occasion by the Treasurer and Almoners). The report of the Audit Committee showed that £69 6s had been expended by the Lodge during the past year in the cause of Charity. The annual banquet was afterwards held at the Frascati Restaurant, and was attended by nearly ninety Brethren.

REPORTS OF MEETINGS.

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METROPOLITAN: INSTRUCTION.

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Friendship Lodge, No. 206.

THERE was a good meeting at Simpson's, Bird in Hand Court, Cheapside, E.C., on Monday afternoon, 10th inst., when Bro. C. Patten occupied the chair and received the able assistance of Bros. A. E. Dodd S.W., F. Dodd J.W., Dr. Chisholm Williams W.M. 206 acting Preceptor, H. L. Smiles Secretary S.D., J. W. Christy Clarke J.D., C. S. Lepine I.G., Bartlett, J. Wynman, and others.

The W.M. proposed to rehearse the ceremony of passing, for which Bro. Clarke kindly offered himself as candidate. He having answered the questions in a faultless manner was entrusted. The Lodge was advanced to the second degree, and the ceremony was gone through. Lodge was resumed to the first degree. We take the opportunity of complimenting the W.M. on the way in which he conducted the ceremony; the work was most satisfactorily rendered.

Bro. J. W. C. Clarke, of the Mother Lodge, was elected a member, and Bro. Dodd chosen to preside at the next meeting.

ON the 17th another interesting meeting was held, and on this occasion we had the pleasure of seeing Bro. E. Dodd in the chair, with Bros. F. Dodd S.W., C. Patten J.W., W. F. Bates P.M. Preceptor, G. Andrew Markham acting Secretary, Lepine S.D., C. Williams J.D., J. W. C. Clarke I.G., J. Hudson, J. Wynman, and others.

The ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, Brother Hudson candidate. The W.M. of this meeting also proved himself a capable exponent of the ritual.

We congratulate the Brethren on securing Bro. W. F. Bates P.M. as Preceptor of the Lodge, and feel that Brethren seeking Masonic knowledge could not do better than pay this Lodge a visit. The meetings are held every Monday, at 5 o'clock.

Bro. G. Andrew Markham was elected W.M. for Monday next, and his capabilities being well known we expect a good attendance.

Kirby Lodge, No. 263.

WE went to this Lodge of Instruction, held at the Midland Grand Hotel, on Tuesday evening of last week, and were surprised to find such a large number of earnest and thoughtful workers in the Craft. The ritual is here carried out strictly on Emulation lines, the Officers are thoroughly up to their duties, and the rendering of the tracing boards is solemn, beautiful, and effective.

The meetings are held in room 78 every Tuesday evening, from 7.30 till 9 o'clock.

Ranelagh Lodge, No. 834.

THE meeting was held as usual on Friday, 14th inst., at the Six Bells Hotel, Hammersmith. Bros. Walter Atkinson W.M., M. F. Wilkins S.W., H. J. Cousens P.M. J.W., F. Craggs P.M. Sec., W. Hinds P.M. Treas., Arthur Williams P.M. Prec., H. G. Cox S.D., Robert Reid P.M. J.D., T. Hellyar I.G., G. J. Meeks, W. Lee, &c.

Lodge being opened to the second degree Brother Lee was examined and entrusted, after which the Lodge was advanced to the third degree and the raising ceremony rehearsed. The third section was worked by the Brethren, under the Preceptor's direction.

Metropolitan Lodge, No. 1507.

AN exceptionally good meeting was held on Monday, 10th inst., at the Globe, Moorgate Street, E.C., those present including Bros. A. Bradley W.M.-elect 1507 in the chair, J. Webster S.W., G. Ryon J.W., C. Johnson Sec., W. Barry P.M. acting Treas., E. G. Steer W.M. 1507 acting Preceptor S.D., C. Stephens J.D., H. Johnson I.G., J. W. Doubtfire, J. Ward, G. Collins, A. J. Brickwell P.M., J. Wynman, G. Dear.

The ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, Bro. Brickwell acting as the candidate. The Lodge was called off and on resumption the ceremony of passing was rehearsed, Bro. Collins candidate.

ON the 17th those present included Bros. J. Webster W.M., C. Ryon W.M. Tilbury Lodge S.W., J. W. Steer W.M. 1507 J.W., Charles Johnson acting Preceptor, E. F. Stevens S.D., A. J. Brickwell J.D., J. W. Doubtfire I.G., R. Hunt, A. Pidduck, F. W. Theeman, A. Bradley W.M.-elect 1507, J. Wynman.

The ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, Bro. Bradley kindly acting as candidate. The W.M. vacated the chair for Bro. Johnson Secretary, who rehearsed the ceremony of passing, Bro. Brickwell candidate.

Chiswick Lodge, No. 2012.

IN no portion of the suburbs of London more than Hammersmith and the surrounding district is more attention given to section working, and that is possibly the reason the Brethren of that part of the metropolis are as a rule efficient when they are called upon to act as Worshipful Master in their own Lodge. The local system of dividing the Fifteen Sections into two evenings work is also to be commended, as when the whole are to be completed on the same evening it is the means of prolonging the meeting to an inordinate length.

On Saturdays, 11th and 18th ult., the large Assembly Room at the Windsor Castle Hotel was well filled, and punctually at 7.30 p.m. the gavel was sounded by Bro. W. Hillier P.M. as W.M., he being supported by Bros. J. Knight P.M. S.W., R. Reid P.M. J.W., A. Williams P.M. Preceptor, F. Craggs P.M. Treasurer, R. Josey P.M. Sec., H. Warren S.D., W. Hide P.M. J.D., J. H. Cumming P.M. I.G. The number of Past Masters and present Masters of Lodges held in the vicinity who were present was very large, and about three times that of lay Brethren.

The questions, put by Bro. Hillier, were answered by the section workers with admirable promptitude, and the services of that veteran "Sectionist" Bro. J. Knight were scarcely ever called into action as prompter.

A vote of thanks was proposed and carried to those Brethren who had come from long distances to assist, and, on separating, wishes were expressed by some who had been invited that they would not be forgotten on the next occasion of the Fifteen Sections being worked at the Chiswick Lodge of Instruction.

Hammersmith Lodge, No. 2090.

THE spacious Wycombe Hall, situate in Hammersmith Road, W., was well patronised on Wednesday, 19th inst. In response to an invitation eighteen members of the Hugh Owen Lodge of Instruction put in an appearance. This, with thirty members of the Hammersmith Lodge of Instruction, made a goodly array.

The Official positions were all taken by the Visitors, as follow: Bros. H. Tull W.M., J. B. Schroder S.W., J. W. Hunt P.M. J.W., R. H. Nicholls P.M. Preceptor, Thomas S.D., Taylor J.D., C. J. Ridway I.G. There were also present Bros. W. G. Read, Scotton, Moon, Ford, A. Frith, Riordan, Harrold, Swinton, E. A. Frith, Hargrave P.M., W. Hillier P.M., W. Elliott P.M., W. Handover P.M., Heath P.M., Bartlett P.M., W. B. Neville P.M., J. H. Cumming P.M., Harry Warren P.M. Treasurer, Rev. Greenwood P.G.C. of Middlesex, R. W. Gale P.M. Sec., F. Cave, W. G. Cave, W. H. Cave, W. G. Lee, J. Hallam, G. W. Turner, Woods, Golby, Holland, E. Scolding, Pomeroy, W. T. Ridgway, M. F. Wilkins, R. Hendy, Gifkins, Payne, Reith, Lichenburg, and Morgan.

After the usual preliminaries the initiation ceremony was rehearsed, the candidate being Bro. Nicholls. The ancient charge was given. The Lodge was called off, and the Brethren adjourned to the minor Hall, where creature comforts in the shape of an "evening lunch" were provided by the courteous Bro. Henry Warren, and both the visitors and the Hammersmith Brethren thoroughly refreshed themselves.

After declaring the Lodge "on" Bro. Tull vacated the chair in favour of Bro. J. B. Schroder, who examined and entrusted Bro. Ford. Lodge was opened in the second degree, and the passing ceremony was rehearsed. The Lodge being resumed to the first degree Bros. R. H. Nicholls, Walter Lee, Ridgway, and E. Frith were unanimously elected members. These four Brethren suitably replied, when the W.M. announced the fact to them.

It was proposed by Bro. Hillier, and seconded by Brother Warren, that the Brethren of the Hugh Owen Lodge of Instruction be thanked for attending, and great stress was laid on the excellent manner in which the ritual had been rehearsed. During our extended experience we never heard the ceremonies given in better style. The Lodge being closed the visiting Brethren left to catch their various conveyances, and all expressed the great pleasure they had experienced at the manner in which they had been received.

THE Great Northern Railway Company inform us that in addition to important alterations already announced in connection with their summer trains, the service to Yorkshire will from 1st July be considerably improved. The luncheon and dining car expresses now leaving London (King's Cross) for Leeds at 9.45 a.m. and 5.45 p.m. will be accelerated to reach Leeds at 1.24 p.m. and 9.35 p.m. respectively, whilst the 1.30 p.m. from London (King's Cross) now due to arrive at 5.22 p.m. will reach there at 5.7 p.m. A new express will be timed to leave Leeds (Central) at 2.0 p.m., calling at Wakefield (Westgate) and Grantham, and reaching London (King's Cross) at 5.35 p.m.

Whatever may have been the case in regard to the past it seems certain that the future generation of Freemasons will not lack adequate representation in the newspaper and magazine world, if all the ventures recently launched or contemplated are able to maintain an existence. We read in the "Manchester Courier" that "emulating the example set by Liverpool, Bro. William Townsend, of Moss Side, intends, with the beginning of July, to publish 'The Masonic World: a Journal chiefly devoted to the interests of Freemasonry in the Provinces of East Lancashire and Cheshire.' The new journal will endeavour to record the charitable and social side of Freemasonry, and will from time to time contain portraits of the leading lights in the Craft. This is the fifth new venture that has come under our notice the last few months, and seems to imply that the Masonic field is regarded as a very rich one for the purposes of journalism. We hope the different promoters may not be disappointed in their anticipations.