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THE COMING FESTIVAL OF THE BOYS' SCHOOL.

IT will be seen from an advertisement in another part of our columns that the Anniversary Festival of the Boys' School will be held on Wednesday, the 28th inst., and the Alexandra Palace, as last year, will be the scene of the gathering. Lord Leigh, P.G.M. Warwickshire, will take the chair, and will be ably and enthusiastically supported by a Board of Stewards, having Sir H. Edwards, Bart., P.G.M. West Yorkshire, for its president, and numerically the strongest that has ever been formed on any occasion for either of our charitable institutions, there being just two hundred and fifty-six brethren from the metropolis and the provinces who have undertaken to act for the Boys. The examination and distribution of prizes will take place on the Monday previous, under the auspices of the Supreme Council 33° of England, and we doubt not the occasion will be one of which the Governing Body, the masters, and the boys themselves will have every reason to be proud. That the stewards will leave no stone unturned to swell the subscription list to an amount unprecedentedly large we are well assured, and a few reasons why these efforts should be successful may very properly be discussed on this occasion.

It cannot be too frequently or too emphatically urged upon the Craft generally that our Boys' School is, in one respect, on a worse footing than our other charitable institutions. It has little or no invested funds. What Stock it had was used for building purposes. Therefore, beyond the annual contributions of Grand Lodge, it has no permanent income whatever. It is absolutely dependent on the beneficence of the Craft for support. That support has been yielded with no ungrudging hand. Year after year the Festival has been productive of results grander and still more grand, until, last year, the aggregate of the stewards' collections represented an amount somewhat in excess of £13,000. Naturally we are hopeful of a success more brilliant on Wednesday week. More stewards, more money, is only a just concatenation. We might rest contented, indeed, with the degree of support hitherto accorded to this charity, provided the demand upon its resources were an unvarying quantity. But generous as have been the contributions of the brotherhood, they have only sufficed to meet the current expenses. If we are entitled to hope that a greater body of Stewards than ever will secure a greater subscription than ever, we may state beyond the possibility of a doubt, that the more pupils there are to educate and maintain, the greater the outlay. This year the number is in excess of every previous year. Consequently the expenditure has been beyond all precedent. Then, not only are we maintaining and educating more boys than we were, the number of candidates is regularly increasing, and, unfortunately, each election shows us that the number of applicants for admission to the benefits of this charity is out of all proportion to the number of vacancies. If we take the last three elections only, we find that in the spring of 1875 there were forty-eight candidates for eight vacancies, in the autumn of the same year there were fifty-eight for ten vacancies, and on the last occasion there were fifty-nine for sixteen. Thus the number of approved candidates for whom it was impossible to find room at these three elections was forty-two, forty-eight, and forty-three respectively. Hence, gathering up our reasons as we go along, we find that more money is needed, because, in the first place, more boys are being educated now than formerly; and, in the second

place, because the number of applicants for admission is considerably beyond the number that can be accommodated. Then, in order to keep pace with the times, in order that our boys may receive such an education as will fit them to play their part in the world as men, it has been found necessary to extend the curriculum of study. The three R's of proverbial fame are no longer sufficient. The present generation of schoolboys must know more than merely reading, 'riting, and rithmetic. To begin with, he should have a good sound basis of Latin on which to found the solid superstructure of his knowledge. Many a man has succeeded in the battle of life with no knowledge of Latin whatever, but it follows not that an acquaintance with this important dead language, is not in the highest degree beneficial. It may be that a man does not miss what he has never enjoyed, but this is certainly no argument to prove that he would not have fared better with than without the enjoyment. So a man may say: "Look at me, my boys. I never learnt no Latin, and here am I, worth—well, not one pretty penny only, as the saying is, but several pretty pennies. I am possessed of twenty, fifty, or a hundred thousand pounds (as the case may be). I learnt no Latin, but I worked, I did, and precious hard too." This, we admit, may be very true, but it furnishes no proof whatever that our imaginary friend with the long purse would not have fared equally well, or even better, had he received a Latin as well as a plain English education. He would certainly have been better able to appreciate and speak his own language. Again, we are no longer an isolated people. We mix a great deal with other peoples, and especially with our next door neighbours, the French. Hordes of Frenchmen visit England, and hordes of Englishmen visit France. We trade together largely. We buy of their produce and manufactures, and they of ours. Thus, a boy who starts in life with some knowledge of the French language has, *cæteri paribus*, a wider field open to him than the boy who has not. Indeed, it has come to be recognized as an indispensable part of our school studies that every boy shall have an opportunity of learning French. The same may be said of the German language, and for similar reasons, and the boy who can read and speak German has manifestly an advantage over one who can do neither. Hence it is that now-a-days a reasonably well educated youth is expected to have some knowledge of German, and the knowledge is worth having, not only from a literary, but from a commercial point of view. So, as it would be cruel not to give our boys the same kind of liberal education they would doubtless have received had misfortune not overtaken them so early in life, the Governing Body of the school has very wisely extended the course of education, so as to meet the requirements of the present day. Hence, Latin is taught, French is taught, German is taught, and other branches of knowledge are taught, so that when the boys of the Royal Masonic Institution get their first insight into the stern realities of life, they may be reasonably well furnished with knowledge to earn an honest livelihood. But this higher scale of education can only be imparted at a large annual cost, and the higher we raise the standard of training, both mental and physical, the greater the demands upon the coffers of the Institution. Here then is another reason why more funds are needed. We have said that more boys are being educated than formerly, and there are still more who require to be educated. To these we now add a third and equally valid reason. It is the duty of the Governing Body, in order to keep pace with the times, to give our boys a higher standard of education than was thought necessary in years gone by,

and this higher standard makes our school more costly. This, however, is by no means the limit of our tether. A system of education must be judged by its fruit. If our boys went forth into the world ill-fitted in respect of knowledge and moral character for the duties of their station, we should say at once to our readers, To give your money to our School is only waste, so far at least as the mental training of the pupils is concerned. It is a great misfortune there are so many orphans for us to look after, but as it is our duty to provide for them according to our ability, let us find them schooling elsewhere. We shall not then waste a great part of our annual income in the maintenance of a large establishment. We shall have no costly managerial expenditure, we shall have no costly educational staff, which is worse even than useless. But this is not the case. Our boys go forth into the world admirably well trained, both in knowledge and morals, for the positions they are likely to fill. The staff of masters, with Dr. Morris at its head, acquits itself ably of its most important and, at the same time, most onerous duties. In evidence of this, we have the reports of the examiners, who have spoken in the highest terms of the system of education and the fruit it bears, and, we think our readers will admit, *they* ought to know. *They* speak with an authority based on a long and vast experience, not only of our school, but of hundreds of schools throughout the kingdom. Many of the pupils have passed the local University examinations, and some have done so with "honours." This is proof that the training we give them is a sound one, or we should not have it in our power to record a fact so gratifying. Not only, then, do we educate our boys, but we do it well. We have a good soil to begin with. We work it admirably, and the tree of knowledge we have planted bears excellent fruit. Here, then, is a fourth reason why funds are always necessary. Let us recapitulate them. (1) We are educating more boys than formerly; (2) there are more boys requiring to be educated than can at present be provided for; (3) our standard of education is higher, and, therefore, more costly than it was; (4) our system is a most efficient one, our money is well spent.

Let us glance for one moment at another batch of reasons. We commenced by citing one to the effect that this school, unlike our other institutions, has no invested funds, and is absolutely dependent, therefore, for support on the beneficence of the Craft. This let us put down as No. 1 of the second category. Reason No. 2 is the following. For more than twelve months the management of the school has been the subject of most violent animadversion on the part of certain brethren in one of our most considerable provinces. A series of pamphlets, in which the conduct of the officials was seriously denounced, was published. We said at the time these appeared, the charges they contained were of a very grave character. We said also, that a very grave responsibility rested on those who published these charges. The conduct of the Secretary was impugned. The conduct of the House and Audit Committees was impugned. It is easier perhaps to enumerate who were not, than who were charged with a most terrible array of high crimes and misdemeanours. The pamphlets, one and all, denounced the conduct of the School authorities one and all in language truly formidable. It was a departure from the ordinary practice to make public such terrible charges, but we said nothing could justify such departure but the most momentous considerations—nothing short, in fact, of proof positive, that all the school authorities were worthless, and the whole managerial system utterly rotten. We are almost ashamed to quote Horace, but a well-known line of his is very pertinent to the case—

"Parturiunt montes, nascetur ridiculus mus."

The tremendous mountain in labour gave birth to the most absurdly ridiculous little mouse. Just a few trifling errors, easily capable of being rectified, were shown to have been made. These affected not the credit of the management in the slightest degree whatever. The money which it was supposed could not be properly accounted for was proved to have been expended in a legitimate manner for legitimate purposes. The office expenditure is just and necessary. This, indeed, is a head of expenditure which is usually in an inverse ratio to the strength of a school: the fewer the pupils, the greater the office expenditure per head. Doubtless, were the School doubled in point of numbers, the present amount would not be perceptibly increased. A very slight additional outlay would meet all requirements. Thus a most elaborate—we were almost on

the point of writing, a most vicious—attack resulted in proving one thing, that the School was well and economically (we do not use the word in a cheese-paring sense) managed. We admit that frequent changes in the educational staff are always deplorable, but here it seems to have been a case of Hobson's choice: either the educational or the managerial staffs must have been changed, and the former was rightly sacrificed in preference to losing the tried and long experience of the latter. In short, the Special Committee appointed to inquire into the allegations which the pamphlets contained, emphatically ruled that the conduct of the management had been worthy of all praise, and would always continue to command, most certainly the respect, and most probably the implicit confidence of the Craft. But satisfactory as it was to be told this, the pamphlets had already borne fruit. The School suffered temporarily, and can hardly yet be said to have recovered wholly its former place in the general estimation. The idea that it was not being well managed once bruited about, brethren fought shy of contributing to its funds. True, in the very height of the conflict there came that grandest of all subscriptional (we hope the word is allowable) achievements since our charities were first originated, namely the collection, last July, of over thirteen thousand pounds. But the Craft hardly knew at that time more than that the Masters and the Secretary were at loggerheads. The first blow had been struck, but there had been no time to mark its effects. Other blows followed; in fact, the battle of the pamphlets was long and severe, and victory did not declare itself as emphatically and decisively as it has done on the side of the Management till the last General Court of Governors. Thus the School must have lost, temporarily, some ground, and the only just return the Craft can make for any momentary misgivings it, or a section of it, may have allowed itself to feel is, to subscribe more liberally than ever to the funds of this splendid and well-managed charity. This, then, is our second category of reasons why the efforts of this year's Board of Stewards should produce a more abundant yield. The first is that the School has no invested funds, and therefore no permanent income: the second that the recent onslaught on its management, though perfectly unjustifiable as it turns out, must have exercised an unfortunate influence on the minds of the Craft, and have prevented many from subscribing who would only have been too happy and willing to contribute. Let West Yorkshire in particular, who may be said in a measure to have endorsed the action of one of its most conspicuous officers, behave handsomely, after the manner of West Yorkshiremen. Its Grand Master is President of the Board of Stewards. It is clearly impossible he can retain any sore feeling on account of the evident mistake that was made by his subordinate next in rank to himself. Let the West Yorkshire brethren renew their youthful days. Let them indulge in a glorious bout at the good old-fashioned game of "follow my leader." It is very certain Sir Henry Edwards will lead them nowhere where they will have need to be ashamed of themselves. Let them follow him loyally into the very thick of that far nobler contest—who shall serve best the cause of the Orphan! In that case, the more tremendous their efforts, the more welcome will they be.

MASONIC PORTRAITS (No. 32).

"OLD MUG."

"I can profess, I never writ that piece
More innocent or empty of offence.
Some salt it had, but neither tooth nor gall,
Nor was there in it any circumstance
Which, in the setting down, I could suspect
Might be perverted by an enemy's tongue."

WHO is there in the ranks of the Craft who does not know "Old Mug?" If there be any brothers unfortunate enough to be without the honour of his acquaintance, we can say for their consolation that "Old Mug" might exclaim, in the language of Milton:—

"Not to know me argues yourselves unknown!"

He is one of the kindest and best of men, the most pertinacious of beggars in the cause of Charity, and one of the most skilful of Masons. Thousands of the brethren have learned the precepts of the Craft from

his lips, and the Lodge of Instruction in which he officiates so ably is always well filled with aspirants for office or for fame. We met "Old Mug" recently, at the house of a mutual friend, and in the course of conversation we endeavoured to draw out of him a sketch of his life and Masonic career. Guessing our purpose, he was reticent, short, sharp, and genially snappish. He did not wish to be sketched; he did not care for fame. He had no desire to tell the world the history of his life, nor had he any anxiety to publish a list of his titles and honours. He had dropped in, he added, to see his old friend "Z." for various reasons; it was raining, and he felt tired and wanted a cup of tea, moreover, he wanted a guinea for the School, which he was sure Bro. "Z." would not refuse him. This was indeed a pretty combination of business and pleasure, and he desired peace to enjoy one and to transact the other. We might question him if we pleased, but he should perhaps decline to answer, although he felt assured we should not make any unfair use of any information he might drop. The "Portraits" were, he condescendingly added, very tolerable, and he had recognised many of them. But what did we want his phiz for? There were grandees enough, surely, who had not yet been sketched, men who had won high renown, and whose lives might be worth writing. We could sketch them if we pleased, but he desired to be left in obscurity, and, for the present, he desired to enjoy his tea; perhaps, under the influence of the cup that cheers but not inebriates, Bro. "Z." would hand over that guinea for the "Girls." Brother "Z.," whose mind was at that moment dwelling upon the events of his early life, did not feel the sting in the tail of this gentle remark, but we are nevertheless quite sure the guinea will be forthcoming, if it is really wanted. We do not like to be checkmated, or, as "Z." would say, we don't care to allow any one to "get the weather gage" of us, and so we tried our friend on a new tack. If he could live his life over again, would he care to be a Mason, or was he disposed to say of the Craft as Solomon said of the world—"Vanity of vanities, all is vanity?" Our question was a happy one, for it went home, and, as our transatlantic cousins say, "struck ile" at once. "Old Mug" declared that if he could live his life over again he would be twice—and, if that were possible, thrice a Mason. It was a grand system, which, if it were followed out by all who took upon themselves its obligations could not fail to do vast and lasting good to mankind at large. Masonry was based on the Bible, and, therefore, on truth, but the fraternity did not exclude any one not actually a believer in the religion of the Bible. The Jew, the Mohammedan, the Parsee, the Deist, were all welcome. All that was demanded of a novice was, that he should confess his belief in an Almighty maker of the Universe. "And yet," said we, "the fraternity has admitted 'X.,' who is said to be an Atheist?" "Old Mug's" tea was either very hot, or it was not sweetened to his liking, or a "crumb" had gone the wrong way, for he coughed a most solemn and portentous cough, frowned darkly, and looked as severe as he possibly could, and then remarked, with withering scorn, that there must have been some mistake about the initiation of "X." He either forgot, said "Old Mug," his precise views of theology when the momentous question was asked him, or the officers of the Lodge were deplorably lax in admitting him. Should he ever enter a Lodge while "Old Mug" was present, "Old Mug" would at once retire. He disliked Atheists; he did not believe there was an honest Atheist in existence. He could never hold out the right hand of fellowship to a man who denied or affected to deny the existence of the Almighty. But for all that, he was not bigoted. He was a Christian, and could regard as his brethren all who stood upon the common ground of Deism. But, said we, with perhaps a mischievous desire to hold up the "red rag" once more, "X." has never declared himself an Atheist, at least so we are informed. His enemies have said many evil things of him, which have little, or no foundation in fact, and perhaps, after all, the difference between him and us is merely based on the meaning of a word. What we call God, he may call Nature; he may fail to see, in the apparently endless chain of causation, a primary cause or beginning of all things, but he does not surely deny that adequate forces produced the Universe! "Old Mug" would not, however, rise to this delicate bait. He knew nothing, he declared, of those refinements of language, by the aid of which a so-called "advanced thinker" eliminated the Deity from the Universe. He

only knew that Masonry was based on a belief in the existence of an All-wise and Omnipotent Being—a belief which was full of hope and consolation for those who sincerely embraced it. He knew also that those who denied the existence of this Being could not legally be members of the fraternity.

"Old Mug" having fairly opened the sluice gates of his active mind, was now willing to talk freely. He needed no spur, and we had only to listen and learn. He had, he declared, some claim to possess a little knowledge of the Order, for he was almost bred in the principles of Masonry. His father was an enthusiastic member of the Craft, and his house was a sort of Masonic rendezvous for men who were as "hobby horsically" inclined as himself. From these zealous Masons, "Old Mug," then a lad, caught the contagion of their enthusiasm, and determined to enter the Order as soon as he legally could. It was not, however, until he was twenty-eight years of age that he was initiated. He was made a Mason in the Lion and Lamb Lodge, in the year 1839, and was introduced by the celebrated Peter Thomson, P.S.G.D. He joined the Stability Lodge of Instruction the following night, and has been a regular attendant since. He was exalted in Jerusalem Chapter, in 1843, but subsequently resigned, and joined Union Waterloo, No. 13. In the year 1845 he became Master of his Lodge, which dates its existence from the year 1817. He was here an assiduous and constant attendant, and, upon the death of Peter Thomson, in 1851, was appointed Preceptor, and finally, in addition, Treasurer and Secretary. In 1857 he was Master designate of the Panmure Lodge; he had previously joined the Mount Zion Chapter (145) now 22, and is now P.Z. of that and the Union Waterloo. He is Scribe E. of St. James's Chapter, No. 2, and has had the honour of holding the office for fifteen years. He was appointed, by the Earl of Zetland, Grand Standard Bearer of Grand Chapter of England, in 1868, and he is the present Scribe E. of St. George's Chapter, No. 5. On the 9th October 1856 he was elected Collector to the Girls' School. He is honorary member of many Lodges and Chapters, and is Vice-Patron of each of the Charities. He can boast of the possession of many testimonials. Some years since, a piece of plate was presented to him, and seven out of the nine jewels he wears were gifts from Lodges and Chapters. The Stability Lodge of Instruction presented him with a silver snuff box, which contained three bank notes for a considerable amount. "Old Mug" is an able lecturer upon the principles of Masonry, and he has had the pleasure of teaching great numbers of the brethren, both privately and in Lodge, and many of his pupils have distinguished themselves.

These, then, are all the characteristics of "Old Mug" that we could glean during our brief interview. Like a veteran who has seen service in the field, he did not care to talk of himself. He could talk for ever of the beautiful principles of Masonry, and, no doubt, his sage counsels are duly appreciated. "Old Mug" arose to say adieu, but the "Portraits" appropriately reminded him that he had just been photographed by Bro. "H." He would send Bro. "Z." a copy, even if he did not contribute that guinea. Bro. "C.," who was with us, should also have a copy, and he would be happy to send us one. Here "C." interposed with that frankness which is so characteristic of him, and remarked that we were not a Mason, and that he had proclaimed the fact when he introduced us. "Old Mug's" countenance immediately fell; he looked blank for an instant, and an interjection escaped him, the tone of which could not possibly be given by any combination of letters in the alphabet. The word he uttered was merely "Oh!" but it meant volumes; we had evidently sunk below zero in his estimation. But the good man speedily rallied, and said—but we must give his words in full—"You shall have a *Carte*, brother—, Mr.—, if you will accept it, I will send you one. If you are not a Mason now, you will probably soon be one; at all events, you will not object to place in your album a copy of the phiz of 'Old Mug.'"

Bro. E. Danvers, No. 780, the well-known comedian of the Strand, the Duke's, and other theatres, announces a complimentary benefit, which will take place at the Olympic Theatre, on 1st July, when a morning performance will be given. Bro. Danvers, who we are pleased to say has recovered from his late accident, will be assisted by a host of talented artistes.

ZEAL WITHOUT DISCRETION.

EVERY one appreciates zeal. Provided the object a man is striving for is a legitimate one, the more zealously he prosecutes it, the more thoroughly does he command the respect and admiration of the world. It is admitted on all sides, however, that a zealous man should likewise be a discreet man. His zeal must not outrun his discretion. If it does, not only is he likely to fail in his purpose, but he is pretty sure, sooner or later, to provoke hostility. As in the case of two men rapidly traversing a crowded thoroughfare. One moves carefully, so as to avoid inconvenience to his fellow passengers. His civil "By your leave!" or "Permit me to pass, sir," acts like magic, and people step aside for him, immediately, and with pleasure. He is at the end of the street in no time, and has the satisfaction of knowing that he has annoyed or offended no one. But the other, equally solicitous to make rapid way, is not equally solicitous about the comfort of others. He pushes and drives past everybody, provoking angry comments at every step he takes. Often, too, a stalwart fellow, whom it were dangerous to molest, bars all further progress, and the uncivil man fails where the civil succeeded. So with two men pursuing some object. The zeal of one is, the zeal of the other is not, tempered with discretion. The former succeeds, the latter fails. Our advice then is, Be zealous, of course; but, above all things, discreetly zealous.

We are led to make these reflections by what happened at the recent meeting of Grand Lodge. Two worthy Past Grand Officers severally had in view the same laudable object, namely, to establish some enduring memorial of the Grand Master's visit to India. They differed widely, however, as to the character of this memorial. Bro. Havers favoured two subsidies of £1,000 each towards the restoration of St. Paul's and St. Alban's. The Rev. Bro. Simpson at first contemplated an aid to some Indian charity of £1,000; but finding this idea did not commend itself very generally to the members of Grand Lodge, he so far modified his proposition as to suggest a memorial, yet leaving the nature and extent of it for further consideration. We all know the result. Both were zealous advocates, but one was courteous, the other violent. One gained the sympathy of his opponents, the other lost the sympathy of his friends; one was anxious the vote of Grand Lodge should be unanimous, the other set all who differed with him at defiance. One courted, the other disdained the goodwill and co-operation of his fellow craftsmen. One was conciliatory, the other dictatorial. One conceived the idea that Grand Lodge might be led, the other that it might be bullied. Is it surprising which of these rival leaders prevailed? Is it matter for astonishment that the courteous Simpson proved victorious over the rude, intemperate Havers? By no means. Had the result been otherwise, then, indeed, should we have had excellent grounds for wonder. Had the cause he advocated been a thousand times more commendable, we should still have rejoiced over Bro. Havers's discomfiture. In a moment of causeless anger, he cast aside all respect for himself, and for the body of which he was a member. We are sorry he did so, but there are no extenuating circumstances that make us regret his overthrow.

We have made these remarks from a sense of duty. We have no desire to increase the feeling of mortification which Bro. Havers is no doubt experiencing. We should be ashamed indeed if we could allow ourselves to be actuated by any such malignant motive. It may seem senseless to say so, but probably the sincerest well-wishers of Bro. Havers are those who have no regret whatever for the check he has just encountered. Men do not rise to an eminent position in Freemasonry or any other society without they possess many admirable qualities both of heart and mind. What is commonly called "luck" may help a man. Fortune, in the sense of "worldly possessions," is no doubt a great assistance. But in Masonry, at all events, these recommendations alone will not establish a man firmly in the estimation of his fellows. Luck may or may not have favoured Bro. Havers. Wealth may or may not have been a help to him. But he could not have attained his present rank, or earned for himself so liberal a share of the esteem and respect of his fellow Craftmen, had he not shown he possessed some sterling points of character. We know he has a large heart, sound sense, and, ordinarily, a clear judgment. He sees at once what others are a long time seeing. He is prompt to act where others only think

of deliberating. His judgment is rarely, if ever, at fault. But on this occasion his impetuosity overbore his reason. He would have denied to others what he claimed for himself—the right to have an opinion. He was first surprised, then angered, and then most signally defeated. Bro. Havers, however, if we judge him aright, is not the man to commit a wrong wittingly. He may easily convert defeat into a lasting triumph if only he will submit himself to the sway of reason. It will indeed be a great achievement for Bro. Havers, when once again he realises the distinction between the licence which brooks no opposition and the liberty which respects the free unbiassed judgment of all. Then truly, and in the sense we have just indicated, will he deserve the encomium passed upon Augustus.

"Ordinem
Rectum evaganti fræna licentiae
Injecit."

PROVINCIAL GRAND LODGE OF SURREY.

THE annual meeting was held on Tuesday, 13th June, at Croydon. Lieut. General Brownrigg C.B., Grand Master for the Province, presided, and was well supported by his Grand Officers, past and present, and a numerous attendance of the brethren, considerably over 100 being present in the Lodge room. After the reading of the minutes and report of the audit and finance committees, the R.W. the Grand Master invested his officers for the year ensuing as follow:—

Bro. Harrison	-	-	Dep. Prov. G.M.
„ Rev. Ambrose Hall	-	-	„ G.S.W.
„ John Lambert Sim	-	-	„ G.J.W.
„ Rev. D. J. Drakeford	-	-	„ G. Chaplain.
„ George Price	-	-	„ G. Treasurer.
„ A. B. Cook	-	-	„ G. Registrar.
„ Charles Greenwood	-	-	„ G. Secretary.
„ T. C. Eager	-	-	„ G.S.D.
„ Charles Gale	-	-	„ G.J.D.
„ H. R. B. Podmore	-	-	„ G. Sup. of Works.
„ John Close	-	-	„ G. Dir. of Cer.
„ John Rhodes	-	-	„ G. Organist.
„ Capt. M. S. Brownrigg	-	-	„ G.S. Bearer.
„ D. B. Woodward	-	-	„ G. Pursuivant.
„ Pawley 452	-	-	} Prov. G. Stewards.
„ Saunders 889	-	-	
„ Kemp	-	-	
„ F. West 463	-	-	
„ Turquand 1556	-	-	

From the funds of Prov. Grand Lodge five guineas were voted to Croydon Hospital, and a similar sum to the widow of a late Freemason, and to each of the three Masonic Charitable Institutions. Twenty guineas were voted towards a testimonial to the Provincial Grand Secretary, Bro. Charles Greenwood, who has occupied that position nearly a quarter of a century. A Charity Committee was formed to act with the Provinces of Middlesex, Wilts, and Berks and Bucks in concentrating the votes of all four Provinces for selected candidates at the elections of the Masonic Institutions. The brethren afterwards went to Croydon Old Church, which was beautifully decorated by the ladies belonging to the church. There was a full choral service, the choir numbering over 70, the Processional Hymn, No. 304 (A. and M.), "Come, ye faithful, raise the anthem," being given with wonderful effect, to the "March of the Israelites," from Costa's "Eli," arranged in B. flat. Proper Psalms and Lessons were fixed for this service. The anthem, Mendelssohn's "Hear my Prayer," was faultlessly rendered, the solos "Hear my Prayer" and "Oh, for the wings of a dove," being sung by two young gentlemen in such a manner that had it not been a sacred edifice and a solemn service, there would undoubtedly have been a vociferous burst of applause. The Rev. C. W. Arnold, Grand Chaplain of England, preached a most eloquent sermon, taking for his text the 9th and 10th verses of the 3rd chapter of the 1st Epistle to the Corinthians. (As we understand it is to be printed we hope to allude to it more fully on a future occasion.) The service was brought to a close by the choir singing Handel's Hallelujah Chorus, in a manner that has never been surpassed within the walls of this venerable old church.

The offertory, which amounted to over £25 (irrespective of the grant of £5 5s referred to above), was to be given to the Croydon Hospital.

The brethren returned to the Greyhound Hotel, where a sumptuous banquet was provided by mine "Hcst," Bro. Budden. The R.W. Grand Master presided, and nearly 80 brethren sat down. The usual loyal and Masonic toasts were regularly gone through, and were interspersed with some capital singing from Bros. Lawler, Lester, and Carter. The brethren then separated, having thoroughly enjoyed what may be termed a red-letter day in the Province of Surrey, but not without tendering their warmest thanks to the indefatigable Hon. Sec. of No. 463 (Bro. C. H. Woodward P.M. and P.Z. of 463, and P. Prov. G.J.W. of Surrey), on whom had fallen the heavy duty of carrying out the day's arrangements. Everything passed over without a complaint. It is also to this worthy brother's exertions that the Hospital is indebted for the grant and offertory.

THE UNIVERSAL PROVIDER.

THERE are many who think a Masonic Journal should contain nothing but Masonry. We are not entirely of this view. We recognise, of course, that the sayings and doings of the Craft should form the greater portion of its contents. A collection of news, with only a slight dash of Masonry in it, would have a very small claim to be regarded as a Masonic Journal. But Masons are men of the world. They are not so narrow-minded as to feel indifferent to the concerns of every-day life. What goes on outside the brotherhood has a deep interest for them, for the simple reason that Masons, as a rule, are men of business. Most of them follow some trade or profession. Even the Masonic scribe who purveys news for the Craft must find an occasional leisure moment in which to ponder over the work that is going on around him. And so a journal, albeit aspiring to be the organ of the Craft, may occasionally find space for other than Masonic matter. Recently we had an opportunity of going over possibly the largest, but certainly one of the largest, business establishments in London. It has nothing whatever to do with our Order. We saw there no Masonic aprons, no Masonic paraphernalia of any kind. What we did see, however, so completely interested us that we have no hesitation in favouring our readers with a description of it. We saw it under the most propitious circumstances: that is to say, our cicerone was none other than the proprietor himself, who conducted us over all the parts of his house, —or houses be it said rather, for there are more than a dozen of them—sparing himself no pains to acquaint us thoroughly with the character and contents of his establishment. We have already thanked him personally for his kindness. We do so again, now, more publicly, and we think our readers will admit, when they have read our imperfect sketch, that if ever a man deserved honest thanks it is MR. WHITELEY, the Universal Provider, of Westbourne Grove and Queen's Road, Bayswater, for the trouble he bestowed on us at our visit.

The name of Whiteley is, of course, familiar to the West-end Londoner especially; we may safely, indeed, add to the Londoner generally. His business is by no means local. He trades with customers from all parts of the metropolis, from the provinces, and in foreign parts. His name is a household word in more senses than one. Thousands of households in the United Kingdom are indebted to him for the comforts they enjoy. The handsome drawing and dining room suites may have come from his furniture warehouse in the Queens-road. The wearing apparel of the family, both male and female, was made perhaps on his premises. The jewelry they bedeck themselves with was bought at his stores. They have dined, perhaps, at his *table d'hôte*. Indeed, every article of daily use, from the diminutive pin to the most elaborate furniture, be it of the room or of the person, may have been purchased at his establishment. He sells everything, so that a man with money who has many wants may satisfy them all within the four corners of Whiteley's. But to proceed in order through the several houses. We are in Westbourne Grove at the busiest time of the day, and locomotion is not uninterrupted. The side streets are lined with carriages from all parts, while their occupants are shopping. Taking the houses *seriatim*, we enter, first of all, No. 31. This is for the sale of hosiery, gloves, shirts, &c. On the basement floor are warehoused the goods sold in this department. On the first floor is the show room, where are exhibited dressing gowns, shirts, morning jackets, sleeping suits, cricket togger, and the like, in every variety to suit every body's taste and pocket. On the second and third floors are the work rooms, the cutting and machine rooms being on the former, while on the latter are engaged some fifty assistants in executing the more delicate hand work. Shop No. 33 is a tailor's and woollen draper's. Here may be seen coats and nether garments to match of every description, besides uniforms, both military and naval, ladies' riding habits, servants' liveries, &c. On the first floor is exhibited every variety of boys' clothing. On the second are located the trousers and breeches makers, the cutters for the juvenile department, and for riding habits, and at the back are busily engaged a whole room full of trimmers. The tailors occupy the third floor, and in the basement are warehoused trunks and such like gear. No. 35 is for the sale of calicoes and plain muslins. In the show room are ranged trunks, portmanteaus, bags, air-tight cases, bullock trunks, dog collars and chains, deed boxes and uniform cases. The tailoresses, who make the boys' suits, are on the second floor, while the third is set apart for the manufacture of coats and vests, trousers and breeches. Muslins, calicoes, and choice Indian silks are stored away on the basement. Printed and washing materials in endless variety are to be bought at No. 37. To the rear of this is a counting-house, with clerks to receive and pay money, private secretaries, &c., &c. The show room is set out with silk costumes and ball-dresses, and to the rear is a fitting room, where a lady may try on her dress. On the second floor are made the bodices, and above this are the tailoresses again. No. 39 is stocked with materials for fancy dresses, and all kinds of silks. The orders given in this department are all executed on the premises. In the show room above may be seen specimens of every description of feminine costume, be it for the ball room, for travelling, for walking, or other purpose, which the stern edicts of fashion prescribe must be worn by its votaries. On the floor above are the dressmakers' working and fitting rooms, and higher still are the sleeping rooms of the night porters, of whom there are always nine on the premises. On the basement floor a workshop for gas-fitters, carpenters and the like, occupies the front portion, and behind this is a warehouse for fancy dress and washing materials. Here, too, are the boot cleaners and lavatories for the buyers and shop walkers. No. 41 is always well filled with ladies, engaged in selecting the needful haberdashery, trimming, hosiery, gloves, ribbons, feathers, flowers, or Berlin wool. The first floor is entirely given up to baby linen, and the clothing of young girls up to the age of twelve. The dressmakers, with a convenient waiting room, are on the second

floor, and on the third are fifty workpeople engaged in the making-up department. The stationery department occupies the basement. No. 43 is for the sale of lace—which is made up on the premises—umbrellas, sunshades, and furs, &c. The rear is a dark room, where ladies can match by gaslight the different materials required for evening dresses, so that the colours or shades of colour may harmonise properly. On the first floor is the show room for ladies' under-linen, dressing gowns, jackets, &c. Flowers and flower mounting are a floor above, on a level with the under-linen workpeople, and higher still is the warehouse, in which are kept, already marked and numbered, a large stock of ladies' and children's under-linen. The porters' room is on the basement. Mantles and shawls are on sale in No. 45, the first floor being set apart for millinery, the second to making head-dresses, hats, &c., and the third to English millinery, baby and under-linen, &c. The porters' kitchen and beer cellar are on the basement floor. In No. 47 may be purchased all kinds of jewellery, plate, fancy and plain stationery, china and ormolu goods, perfumery, patent medicines, fans, opera glasses, and that extensive range of articles known as fancy goods. On the first floor are ladies' and children's boots and shoes of English manufacture. Above, on the second floor, are the mantle cutting room for stock, and a store room where goods as made are kept, and two large work-rooms, accommodating fifty people, are on the third. Below are the refreshment kitchen, the matron's sitting room and store rooms. No. 49 is for the sale of gentlemen's boots, shoes, hats, india-rubber goods, saddlery, whips, sticks, fishing tackle, banners, lawn tennis, croquet, cricket apparatus, &c., and here also is the refreshment department, where customers who are bent on a long day's shopping may make a light or substantial lunch or dinner, or appease the appetite with any agreeable light refreshment, including tea, coffee, ices, &c., but no wine, beer, or spirit is to be had for love or money. In the show room above are an endless assortment of ladies' and children's French boots and shoes. Higher up is the mantle cutting room, where special orders are executed, with a fitting room and back room adjoining. The topmost floor of all is likewise devoted to mantles, there being two workrooms, each accommodating twenty-five people. On the basement, the front is occupied as a kitchen, for soups, fish, and joints, while at the back is the silk hat warehouse. Family and house linen of all kinds, as well as blankets, are purchasable at No. 51. The show-room is filled with fancy goods, dressing bags, writing desks, jewel cases, despatch boxes, &c. On the second floor are warehoused, in the front, foreign goods; at the back, perfumery, patent medicines, croquet, lawn tennis, and other games. Above are plate, jewellery, cutlery, &c., in the front, household linen being stowed away at the back. What are known as soft furnishing goods, such as reps, damasks, cretonnes, chintzes, ticks, table-cloths, with curtains, cornices, curtain-poles, furniture trimmings, oil-cloths, window-curtains of all kinds—Notts and Swiss lace, Leno, &c.—all these are sold at No. 53. On the first floor is the juvenile print room, on the second are located the boot warehouse, the superior class of cutters out, and the examining departments where goods, as they come in, are rigidly overhauled; on the third, ribbons and silk scarfs. Below the basement of Nos. 51 and 53 are the servants' dining hall, and store-rooms for flannels, blankets, lace curtains, &c. Then at the back of Nos. 55 and 57 are carpets of all kinds, druggets, rugs, oil-cloths, Linoleums, mats, and adjoining Kensington Gardens Square, and to the rear of Nos. 45-53, are the ladies and gentlemen's hair-cutting saloons. The china and earthenware branch is at 51 Kensington Gardens Square, where every description of breakfast, dinner, tea, dessert, and kitchen services may be had, and every variety of artificial flowers for table decoration. The first floor is wholly for glass, and the basement serves as a store for both glass and china goods. At No. 50, the ground floor is for iron, tin, and copper ware, gas stoves, gaseliers, chandeliers, &c.; the first floor for brushes and turnery, sponges, &c.; while on the basement are stowed away ironmongery, tin, and other wares. There is besides a lace and stationery warehouse, and at Douglas Place is a branch for printing, repair of jewellery, plate cleaning, fur warehouse, &c., &c. We have already mentioned a counting-house at No. 37, but large as this is, there is a larger one still, where a small regiment of clerks are engaged in preparing invoices inwards and outwards, ledger clerks, telegraph clerks, postal clerks, &c., &c. Then on the basement there is a second kitchen for the daintier edibles, such as ices, cakes, tarts and tartlets, raised pies, and confectionery of all kinds, and for the accommodation of the assistants, there are four dining rooms, two for the young ladies of the establishment, and two for the men assistants. These four, together, accommodate five hundred at one time, two having each six tables for twenty-five each and a carver, and two others four tables each for the same number. There is also a buyers' refreshment room, where the buyers and superior employés take their meals. In Douglas Place are stabling for over fifty horses, and coach-houses, and a sufficiency of carts and waggons for the conveyance of goods throughout the metropolis, and for a distance of twenty-five miles out into the surrounding country. The stablemen and helpers are likewise housed very comfortably, while all the appurtenances, in the shape of smithies, and the like, are ready at hand, so that Mr. Whiteley is absolutely independent of all external help. The premises in the Queen's Road are wholly devoted to house furniture, of which only a limited selection is kept in Westbourne Grove; just enough, indeed, to let the customers know that house furnishing and decorating is a part of Mr. Whiteley's business. The Queen's Road establishment is on a magnificent scale. The building is lofty, of considerable width, and as to depth extends back a distance of no less than three hundred feet. There are four floors, and the amount of stock on these premises, in the shape of drawing, dining, library, and bed-room furniture, may be more easily imagined than described. In quality they are excellent, varying, of course, according to price. There is also a hiring out branch, where tables, chairs, seats, and the like are hired out to people on the occasion of a ball, dinner party, or similar entertainment. Here, too, are workshops innumerable, and a magnificent spa for planning and fitting carpets, so that the furniture warehouse is not only on a large scale, but includes accom-

modation for all the necessary work of fitting, stuffing, covering, polishing, and repairing.

This, which we are well aware is an exceedingly bald sketch of Mr. Whiteley's place, will, nevertheless, serve to convey to our readers some idea of the magnitude of his business. A man with funds in his pocket may go thither and furnish for himself a house from attic to basement—he may even buy or build one, if he is so minded. He may clothe himself anew from head to foot, and his wife and family too, if he is a paterfamilias. He may buy his coals, his stationery, furnish his library with books, clothe his servants in plain or gorgeous livery, according to his taste. If he belong to either the naval or the military profession, he may buy his uniforms and implements of war. If he is an athlete, he may invest in cricket and similar traps; if a sportsman, he may buy his fishing-tackle and the like. His horse furniture is obtainable here, and so, too, carriage furniture. With a thousand or two to spend in jewellery, he will find here trinkets costly, showy, of modern or antique pattern, of any price. Knick-knackery of every variety, choice services of China and Porcelain, Lambeth pottery ware, glass, linens, umbrellas, furs, all these may be bought here; indeed, nearly every want he is likely to feel can be satisfied within the limits of this establishment, even to the wants of the inner man. If he is careful as to his personal adornment—some, we believe, call it titivation—he will here find the place and the man to operate. He may even provide his own funeral paraphernalia, for Mr. Whiteley will bury his customers, as well as feed, clothe, and find house accommodation for them. There is, in short, nothing a man can require or wish to purchase for actual use or abuse, or for mere caprice or ornament, which Mr. Whiteley will not either sell or procure for him. His establishment may almost be described as a street of shops, so extensive are his premises. As to the small army of assistants, upon whose ability he must rely for meeting the requirements of his customers, there are, if we remember rightly, over five hundred salespeople alone. The assistants, in fact, are over two thousand in number, from secretaries, buyers, superintendents of branches, down to porters, carriers, bottle washers, and scullery maids. Nearly every house in Westbourne Grove Terrace close by is either leased or owned by Mr. Whiteley, and these are occupied by his shop-people. Only thirteen years since Mr. Whiteley commenced business, in a single house in Westbourne Grove, with two young lady assistants to attend to the wants of his customers. Now his premises include nearly a score of houses, and his assistants number *two thousand*. Then he confined his attention to the sale of hosiery, &c. Now, he sells, as we have said, well nigh everything a man can want, from a diamond necklace to a birch broom. This is, indeed, an honourable achievement, and one of which Mr. Whiteley has every reason to be proud. He is, indeed, a leader of men, for he is the head and chief of, perhaps, the largest business in the world. His indoor assistants, we repeat, are two thousand; his out-door work-people are even more numerous. He has agents and correspondents in all the large manufacturing and commercial towns, not only in the United Kingdom, but wherever else goods are manufactured and commerce flourishes. All this he has done by his own exertions, by a wonderful activity and energy of mind, by the most rigid attention to business, by a ceaseless desire to please. A genial, manly, straightforward bearing, superadded to great business powers, has raised him to this pinnacle of fortune. It matters not, if a person enters to purchase only a small packet of pins—Mr. Whiteley orders these in by the *ton*—or the most costly jewel, the same considerate kindness, the same desire to satisfy the most whimsical, the most capricious taste or temper is observed. By great ability, indomitable energy, a civility the rudest boor in England would find it well nigh impossible to disturb, Mr. Whiteley has rapidly built up a magnificent business, and certain are we, not only that he merits the success he has achieved, but that his prosperity will be an enduring one. The cordial nods and smiles, and “Good morning, Mr. Whiteley,” with which, ever and anon, some customer saluted him as we walked about the premises, and his kind and friendly bearing towards his subordinates, showed us well enough the kind of man he was. With this for evidence, we did not marvel at his success. We owe him cordial thanks for a view of his establishment, and we acquit ourselves in the best of English coin—hearty good wishes for his continued prosperity.

Obituary.

It is with deep regret we have to announce the death, after a long and painful illness, of Bro. E. P. Hingston. Bro. Hingston was possessed of literary talents that were highly appreciated. He was the manager of the entertainments of the late Artemus Ward, and wrote a biography of that celebrated humourist. He was engaged by Bros. Spiers and Pond to conduct the entertainments at “The Hall by the Sea,” Margate, but failing health compelled him to relinquish this appointment, where he had gained the good wishes of all with whom he was associated.

The death of Bro. T. Roberts, Dental Surgeon at Charing Cross Hospital, took place last week. Our late Bro. will be remembered as the acting manager of the Princess's Theatre during the lesseeship of the late George Vining, and as the husband of the popular singer, Rebecca Isaacs. Bro. Roberts was justly esteemed as a kind father and a true hearted man.

THE OLD FOLKS AT HOME.

ON Tuesday, thanks to our genial Bro. Terry, Croydon was all smiles and joviality. Dull as was the weather for a summer entertainment, there was no lack of enjoyment on the part either of our fine old veterans of the Royal Art and the widows of former members or of their friends who visited them. All was done to make the former happy in their retirement, as happy, indeed, as the day was long, and with pleasant memories for the morrow. A nice repast was served in the Hall of the Institution, including tea and fruit, with an abundance of viands, in the shape of cold meats, for those who needed more substantial fare; while later in the evening wine, cake and fruit were handed round, the visitors, as in duty bound, attending to the wants of their less youthful friends with ceaseless care and untiring zeal and energy. Bro. Terry himself, who presided, was, in a certain sense, ubiquitous. Everywhere he was to be seen looking most kindly after his “ancient charges,” and exerting himself to the utmost of his power to make the entertainment as complete a success as possible. His efforts were laudably seconded by those of Bros. Constable, Stevens, Stewart, Lane, and others too numerous to mention. Equally solicitous were the ladies, and notably Mrs. Terry and Mrs. Constable, for the comfort of all, while there was present a most powerful phalanx of talent, both artistic and musical, so that it was impossible for any evening to have passed off more pleasantly. To Bro. Binckes, we presume, the hosts and their guests were indebted for a part of the musical programme. We do not wish our readers to understand that “Our Hercules” performed personally. We are not even aware if he has any musical talent, be it vocal or instrumental. We know, for we have heard it, that he has a voice, and a right sonorous one it is; but the only part we have ever heard him play has been that of an advocate for “Our Boys,” and we all know how perfectly successful he is in that character. But the next best thing to being a drummer, trombonist, or cornet player oneself, is to be one by deputy, and as Bro. Binckes does nothing by halves, he had, not a single deputy to play for him, but a whole band, who journeyed all the way from a certain Institution at Wood Green, and did their very best to entertain “the Old Folks at home.” They had with them their band master, who conducted with equal emphasis and skill. A wag on the ground, having an eye to the thunder storm that seemed brewing, suggested he would serve admirably as a “lightning conductor,” but we looked, or at all events felt, unutterable things, and our funny brother decamped with amazing promptitude. The selection they played was just what was to be expected from a newly organised band, and if, now and again, there was perceptible a slight unsteadiness, and occasionally a false note or two, their performance, taken altogether, was very creditable, both to themselves and their very efficient instructor. The applause they received when about to return home, and the few kindly words Bro. Terry expressed, were fully deserved. We have no hesitation in setting down the first public appearance before any audience, outside their own building, of Our Boys' Band as a great success. They have our best thanks, as well as our best wishes, for their future career. Tea over, a pleasant stroll and a smoke in the well-kept grounds followed, and then a move was made to the Hall before mentioned, and there was fulfilled the most important part of the programme. Bro. Seymour Smith led the way, with a pianoforte recital of his own composition—“The Installation March.” This is not the first time it has been played. We are certain, however, it was never more effectively rendered—that were impossible—and we doubt not it will be heard again and again at other of our Masonic gatherings. Later also in the evening, Bro. Smith, both played and sung, his really comic *mélanges* being capitally given and very heartily applauded. Bro. Theodore Distin sang “Jack's Yarn” and “Nancy o' Bristol” in a style that can only be described as perfection. Bro. Lawler was equally happy in the songs he selected, and was rewarded with the same smiles and plaudits. Bro. Fairchild gave very successfully two readings, in which were severally described the woes of the Hon. Mrs. Flashington and Mr. Bowerbank Vane. Bro. Henry Marston recited two short pieces in a manner worthy of his great professional reputation. His enunciation was faultless, his emphasis perfect. Many an amateur reader might profitably take a leaf out of Bro. Marston's book—if, at least, he be able to follow, even at a distance, so admirable an elocutionist. Mr. Fred. Stevens gave two comic songs in character. We have not had the pleasure of meeting him since. We trust, however, he has recovered somewhat his natural self possession, and that now, at all events, he is able to “keep himself still.” Bro. J. Stevens recited in admirable style, and, like his son, was very justly and very heartily applauded. Miss Terry sang “La Pepita” very charmingly, and Miss Haynes played a difficult piece with much judgment, and with great brilliancy of execution. Bro. Morgan, too, sang “The Maid of Athens” with considerable taste. But, while we hold generally to that excellent rule of criticism on occasions like these, not to institute a comparison between the various performances, we imagine the kind brethren and others whom we have thus far enumerated, will be the first to pardon our present departure from the custom. Not that we do so with any desire to lessen the value of what they did. Our purpose is simply to give a little more prominence than usual to the inimitable mimicry of Bro. Taunton, known in professional circles as Mr. Walter Pelham. The selections he gave were a choice variety of Penny Readings, including the May Queen by a venerable clergyman, and then a second series, comprising the Cheap John, and sundry vendors of pills, and a paste possessing the most remarkable properties. To say the whole audience were convulsed with laughter is the statement of a simple fact. How, indeed, any one who witnessed Bro. Taunton's powers could have done so with ordinary self-command, we should be at a loss to conceive. The exhibition, too, had the further advantage of being an entirely novel feature at such Masonic gatherings. We are not, therefore, exceeding the limits of truth, nor have we the slightest idea of detracting from the signal merits of the other per-

formers, when we state that Bro. Taunton's contribution was the feature of the entertainment. We can only hope this may not be the last occasion on which we shall be permitted to offer our talented brother our warm felicitations on his success in the art of amusing. Bro. Raynham Stewart then stepped forward, and in a few well-chosen sentences, proposed a vote of thanks to the entertainers. This was very cordially acknowledged by Bro. Seymour Smith. Bro. John Stevens then proposed a similar vote as regards Bro. Terry, a compliment which, we need scarcely add, was justly merited, and most genially acknowledged. Bro. Terry read a letter from Mlme. Thaddens Wells, expressive of her great regret in not being enabled to be present to assist in the entertainment, owing to illness, an announcement which was received with great sympathy by all present, more especially the "Old Folks," by whom she is much respected. Shortly after, the party broke up, the visitors having to catch the last train up, and thus one of the most agreeable evenings it has ever been our good fortune to spend came to an end. Among those present we noticed Mr. Terry sen. and Mrs. Terry, Mrs. Moss, Bro. Raynham Stewart, Miss Stevens, Mrs. Strong, Bros. Barker, Massey, Abbott, Crutch, Percy, Halford, Newton (W.M. of No. 1607) and Mrs. Newton, with several others, both ladies and brethren. May future entertainments pass off as agreeably!

GRAND LODGE OF GLOUCESTERSHIRE.

PRESENTATION TO D.P.G.M. NEWMARCH.

LORD Sherborne, the Right Worshipful Provincial Grand Master, held the annual Provincial Grand Lodge in the Assembly rooms, Cheltenham, on Thursday, 8th June. He was supported by the Deputy Prov. Grand Master, Bro. Newmarch, by the P.G. Chaplain, and the other Grand Officers, and by more than a hundred brethren from the various Lodges of the province, each being represented by its W.M. and other members. The Lodge having been properly constituted, with Bros. E. Crawshaw as P.G. Senior Warden and T. Taynton as P.G. Junior Warden, the business proceeded in due course. On the proposition of the P.G.M., seconded by the D.P.G.M., a special record was made of the services rendered by the late Treasurer, Bro. Palmer; and Bro. Brook-Smith was afterwards unanimously elected in his stead. The report of the Charity Committee (which was re-appointed) was read and approved, and Bro. Colonel Basevi, its Hon. Secretary, was especially thanked for his labours, which this year resulted rather unexpectedly in the election of the two candidates, Cromwell and Keddell, to the Masonic Institution for Boys. Bro. Wiggins was re-elected P.G. Tyler with the usual formalities, and the roll of Lodges was called over in the following order, the W.M. of each being present, and able to make a satisfactory report:—Royal Union Lodge, Cheltenham; Foundation Lodge, Cheltenham; Faith and Friendship Lodge, Berkeley; Royal Lebanon Lodge, Gloucester; Cotteswold Lodge, Cirencester; Sherborne Lodge, Stroud; St. John's Lodge, Dursley; Lodge of Sympathy, Wotton-under-Edge; Royal Gloucestershire Lodge, Gloucester; St. George's Lodge, Tewkesbury; Prince of Wales Lodge, Stow-on-the-Wold; Zetland Lodge, Radford; Royal Forest of Dean Lodge, Newnham; Tyndall Lodge, Chipping Sodbury.

The following were appointed and invested to serve as officers of the Provincial Grand Lodge for the ensuing year:—Bros. John Walker S.W., Jas. H. H. Howard J.W., Col. Basevi Reg., Rev. W. E. Hadow Chaplain, H. W. Bruton S.D., G. W. Keeling J.D., Jos. Read Superintendent of Works, George Tomes and H. S. Crump Directors of Ceremonies, L. Winterbotham Pursuivant, Trenfield Sword Bearer, E. G. Woodward Organist.

The special and chief event of the day was the presentation to D.P.G.M. Newmarch of a testimonial and address, in accordance with resolutions passed at the Provincial Grand Lodge held at Newnham last year, when Bro. Sir Michael Hicks-Beach took part in the proceedings. A committee was then appointed, with Bro. Gwinnett as Hon. Secretary, to collect subscriptions and carry out the design of the resolutions. In true accord with the modesty and Masonic zeal of Bro. Newmarch, who has earned the cordial and unanimous respect of the Masonic fraternity, it was arranged, at his suggestion, that the major portion of the subscriptions should be appropriated to purchasing certain rights of patronage in connection with the great Masonic Charities, which should be vested in Bro. Newmarch during his tenure of office, but which should permanently attach to those who may succeed him. Grand Lodge subscribed 100 guineas to the testimonial, £115 was voted by various Lodges, and over £240 came in as the subscriptions of individual brethren, so that the gross sum at the disposal of the committee exceeded £460. Of this sum £100 has been paid to the Benevolent Institution, and 100 guineas each to the Boys' and Girls' Institutions, so that the Deputy Provincial Grand Master of Gloucestershire will be in perpetuity a vice-president of those associations, having ten votes at his disposal for each election at each of them. Bro. Newmarch's personal wishes having been further consulted as to the disposal of the surplus, a very handsome compound microscope, with object glasses and other fittings, was purchased and enclosed in a walnut case. This cost over £100, and the residue was spent in a beautifully illuminated album, containing the Masonic address, and a list of all the Lodges and brethren subscribing to the testimonial. This album is a superb work of art, and is inscribed with the crest and monogram with other insignia of the recipient; it is enclosed in an elegant casket.

Lord Sherborne, in formerly making the presentation, contented himself with expressing the hope that Bro. Newmarch would receive it with satisfaction, and would live long to make use of it. His many merits were so well known to the brethren that it was quite needless to expatiate upon them, and his lordship called upon the P.G. Secretary (Bro. E. Trinder) to read the following address:—

"To the Very Worshipful Brother George Frederick Newmarch, Deputy Provincial Grand Master of Gloucestershire.

"Dear Sir and Brother,—The Freemasons of Gloucestershire have

for many years observed with satisfaction and pleasure your earnest endeavours to disseminate the principles and to promote the objects of our ancient institution.

"Some of us can remember the time when there were only two working Lodges throughout the Province, and when the Royal Arch Chapter was completely in abeyance. By your zeal and perseverance the Chapter was revived, and new Lodges were planted in Cirencester and Stroud, and all soon became conspicuous for the purity of the working and the activity of the members. Many new Lodges have since been founded in the Province and old ones that had ceased working have been re-established, owing mainly to your exertions and the example you have presented of the worth and excellence of the science. You have brought the Lodges into friendly and fraternal intercourse, and given Masonry a stimulus which will be felt and appreciated for years to come. If the design of Freemasonry be mutual love, mutual instruction, mutual assistance,—if it teach us the duty which we owe to God, our neighbours, and ourselves,—if it teach morality, integrity, and equality, and if it be by adherence to those principles that Masonic Lodges flourish, while a departure from them brings decay and dissolution, then we can scarcely over-rate the value of Freemasonry, nor hesitate to offer you some testimony of our appreciation of your labours, extending over more than a quarter of a century, in the cause of so noble a science. We desire to do you honour, for we have largely become your debtors; we have observed with admiration the unselfishness of your nature and the charitable spirit which appears to influence you in every act of your daily life, never more clearly shown than your desire to transfer the generosity of your brethren from yourself to those benevolent institutions which others partaking of your own truly Masonic spirit have founded for the relief of our poorer brethren, their widows and children. Under the influence of those feelings the brethren of the Province desire to address you in warm terms of affectionate and fraternal regard; and to give a substantial character to it they beg your acceptance of the accompanying compound microscope, with object glasses and apparatus.

"They desire also to express their gratification at being able to comply with your wish that the Deputy Provincial Grand Master of Gloucestershire for the time being should be a vice-president of the three great Charitable Institutions of the Craft, the Royal Institution for Aged Freemasons and Widows of Freemasons, the Royal Institution for the sons of indigent Freemasons, and the Royal Institution for the daughters of indigent Freemasons.

"We hope you will long continue to the brethren the aid you have so ably given them; and sincerely and heartily wish that you may live many years in the enjoyment of health and happiness, and in the consciousness of having zealously discharged your duty to the Craft."

Bro. Newmarch, who was received with fraternal demonstrations, and was evidently affected by the warmth of his reception, expressed his thanks for the kindness shown to him. He recalled that when his testimonial was first suggested he expressed, what he felt, that he had already received quite sufficient honour from the Craft to satisfy him for anything he had done; but that they could do him no greater additional honour than to endow his office rather than himself with the vice-presidency of some charitable institution. He had no idea that so large a sum would have been subscribed as to admit of all that had been done. The address contained a great deal more than he could honestly take to himself. He knew pretty well from whence it emanated, and he deeply appreciated the kind heart as well as the able pen that dictated and produced that address. To have so secured the friendship of that brother was a great gratification to him; and though he could not name that Brother, he offered him sincere thanks for his kindness. Bro. Newmarch also thanked Lord Sherborne, Bro. Gwinnett, and the P.G. Secretary, for their share in preparing the testimonial. The prosperity of the Craft in the province was not due to any individual, but to circumstances, especially to the formation of Provincial Grand Lodge over twenty years ago, which had caused the number of lodges to increase to fourteen. He had rendered what assistance he could, and he rejoiced with them that day that Freemasonry was signally prospering among them. It was in no spirit of mock modesty that he had suggested that the honours should pertain to his office rather than to himself; because this was a far more enduring memorial, and it was a greater honour that his name should be thus prominently and permanently associated with the charitable endowments of the Province. In conclusion he reiterated his hearty acknowledgments.

After the business of the Lodge the brethren dined together at the Plough Hotel, under the presidency of the Right Worshipful Provincial Grand Master.

REVIEW.

Tweed's Guide to Glasgow and the Clyde.

THAT enterprising Glasgow publisher, Bro. John Tweed, has just brought out a new edition of his well-known guide. We formerly thought that it was as near perfection as any tourist or commercial man could wish, but we find several fresh features of general interest have been added, and with "Tweed's Guide" in his hand, any of our brethren wishing to explore Scotland, from Lanark to Inverness, need not be at a loss, as there are two large well executed maps, one of Scotland, round which are illustrations of events of the principal places of interest; the other of the City of Glasgow and its environs, with views of its four parks. In addition, nearly every page is embellished with either a steel plate engraving or a woodcut of the places described. We have also about a hundred pages of good readable matter, not told in the old dry style, but with a freshness that gives an extra zest to the scenes described. The book is a marvel of cheapness, as the illustrations must have cost some hundreds of pounds, and our Masonic friends, when visiting Scotland, or even if wishing to have a quiet tour at home, cannot do better than invest in "Tweed's Guide."

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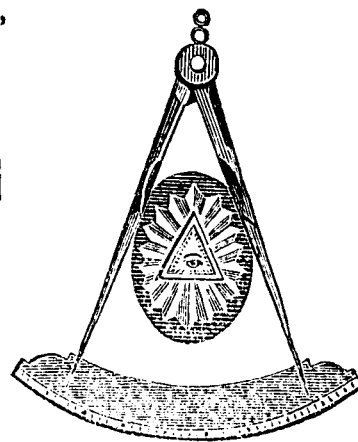
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THE SEVENTY-EIGHTH ANNIVERSARY FESTIVAL will be
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at 3 o'clock, under the Presidency of the Supreme Council 33° of England.

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14th June 1876.

CRYSTAL PALACE.—GREAT AQUATIC FETE AND SWIM-
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1876. First Race to take place at 4 p.m. 400 Yards Handicap, open to Ama-
teurs. Three Prizes—First, presented by Sir John Bennett, F.R.A.S., con-
sisting of a Handsome Silver Watch, engraved with inscription. 200 Yards
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Every information to be had of Bro. Hadley Prestage, Hon. Sec., Victoria
Park Swimming Club, 531 Hackney Road, E., and General Manager, Crystal
Palace, &c. The Prizes will be presented by Bro. John Bennett, F.R.A.S., in
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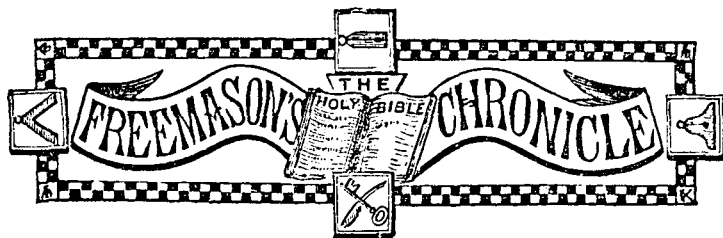
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OUR WEEKLY BUDGET.

PARLIAMENT has reassembled after the Whitsun
holidays. The Lords met for the first time on
Tuesday, but the sitting was a very brief one. On
Thursday the 8th inst., when the Commons resumed their

labours, the Commons Bill passed through committee, and
the House made further progress with the Civil Service
estimates. On Friday, Mr. Disraeli, in reply to a question
from the Marquis of Hartington, made a statement respect-
ing the present Eastern crisis, which was received with
loud cheers. The House subsequently went into Committee
of Supply, and agreed to many items of expenditure, chiefly
for the military service. On Monday, was first of all dis-
cussed a question of privilege, and then the University of
Oxford and Army Corps Training Bills passed a second
reading. On Tuesday, the Poor-law Amendment Bill went
through committee, and was reported to the House. Later,
Lord Elcho's motion for the better municipal government
of the metropolis was withdrawn, after a long discussion.
On Wednesday, Sir W. Lawson tried to induce the Commons
to accept his Permissive Bill on the second reading. His
speech was greeted with occasional laughter, for Sir
Wilfrid aims at being a funny man, but in spite of
his genial eloquence the House refused to listen to the
voice of the charmer, and summarily rejected the bill by
299 to 81. On Thursday, the second reading of the Ele-
mentary Education Act was partly debated.

The Queen is still in Scotland. The King of the Belgians
has returned home, and King George of Hanover leaves,
we believe, to-day. The Prince of Wales is temporarily
sojourning in the neighbourhood of Ascot, this being Ascot
week. On Tuesday the Royal party, which included the
Prince and Princess, the Dukes of Connaught and Cam-
bridge, and the Duke and Duchess of Teck, drove in semi-
state to the Royal Stand. The weather, however, was far
from brilliant, but, fortunately, the rain held off till the
important business of the meet had been disposed of.
There was a heavy day's sport, including the Gold Vase,
won by Thunder, the favourite, Freeman, being beaten
easily by a length; the Prince of Wales's Stakes, in which
the winner of the Two Thousand, Petrarch, was first, Great
Tom and Julius Caesar being second and third respectively;
and the Ascot Stakes, won by Whitebait. On Wednesday
Hopbloom won the Royal Hunt Cup. On Thursday was
the State visit of the Royal party, the chief event being
the Ascot Cup, which was secured by Apology, who was
second favourite at starting.

We have just said the weather on Tuesday was far from
brilliant. Indeed, it seemed as though we were to have
had a thunderstorm. Rain, however, fell heavily, and
doubtless lessened the number of visitors to Croydon,
where Masonry was doubly in force. The Provincial
Grand Lodge of Surrey, under the presidency of its Grand
Master, Lieut.-General Brownrigg, met at the Greyhound,
and elected its officers for the year; while at the R.M.B.I.
all was gaiety, for the old and young and middle-aged had
met to enjoy one of Bro. Terry's social summer gatherings.
We have described this and the Surrey Grand Lodge
elsewhere. We need say here no more, therefore, than that
everything passed off most satisfactorily and enjoyably.
Now that our opportunities for social pleasure are so
numerous, it is to be regretted that Lodges do not meet
more frequently in the summer. We can do our Masonry
first, and then enjoy ourselves in a quiet genial fashion
afterwards. A pleasant pic-nic, a quiet ramble in some
country lanes, a modest little dinner at the Alexandr

Palace, all of these are very agreeable ways of spending a few hours. Even Grand Lodge itself has visited Hampstead on such an errand, but that was a long time ago, and then the journey to Hampstead was a long affair. The place itself was right away from London, and the visitors were more select than they are now-a-days. But the region about Boxhill and Dorking is easily accessible. The Crays are within a short ride by rail, and other equally pretty spots, north, south, east and west, are well within our reach. Why should we not cultivate more these genial meets? We should know more of each other, and, if it be possible, be still more intimately banded together. As to expense, it would cost less to arrange and carry out two or three such summer recreations than would a single stately and elaborate banquet. The chief obstacle, perhaps, is this capricious climate of ours, one day all sunshine, the next all tears. But shady arbours are pleasant harbours of refuge, even for a band of brothers, and if there are any sisters and daughters in the case as well, why—so much the jollier, say we. We commend the simple idea to the notice of our readers. We may get a wrinkle or two from one or other of them.

Those who take an interest in the scenes of the Prince of Wales's royal progress through India have now the opportunity of seeing a series of drawings by Mr. Simpson, the well-known artist of the *Illustrated London News*. The sketches are on view at Mr. Thompson's, Burlington Gallery, 191 Piccadilly, and will well repay a visit of inspection.

The military athletic meeting at Lillie Bridge, on Friday and Saturday last, was, as we expected, a great success. The second day was brilliant as regards the weather, and the attendance, therefore, was on a larger scale than the day previous. The mounted contests were the great attraction, for the pedestrianism was not above the average. The Duchess of Teck, who with her husband and the Duke of Connaught were present, afterwards distributed the prizes, saying a kindly word to each of the recipients. Had Hurlingham not offered several attractions, in the shape of La Crosse and Polo, Lillie Bridge would no doubt have drawn more spectators. The same Royal party visited likewise the rival display of sport.

The political world is a little calmer, especially since Mr. Disraeli's declaration, last Friday, in the House of Commons. His statement has given great satisfaction both at home and abroad, as is evidenced by the rise in the most important stocks on the various Bourses. The Porte has offered the insurgents an armistice, which the latter are said to have rejected. This ought to excite the good will of the European powers towards the Turk. Servia has received a civil note from the Sultan's government, and has answered civilly. A Servian representative will be present at the investiture of the new Sultan, and Roumania will also be present on the occasion. The Khedive will also be present in person. All kinds of rumours are, of course, afloat. General Ignatieff is said to have been recalled from his post of ambassador at Constantinople, Prince Gortschakoff to have resigned his chancellorship. All these must be taken for what they are worth. One piece of news is certain, that the Emperors of Russia and Germany have met, and cordially embraced each other at Ems. It is said that the Emperors of Russia and Austria will meet later. Be it so. With all these personal interviews, the three Emperors ought to manage somehow to keep the peace of Europe from being disturbed. Be this as it may, the action of the British government has raised the fame of the present ministry. It is felt everywhere that England is still a power in Europe. In saying this, we imply nothing disrespectful to our late government. No such terrible commotion occurred while they were in power. The Franco-German war was a struggle between two great rival states, but an Eastern outbreak means something not very far short of a general European war. May such a catastrophe be averted!

As already announced, the Provincial Grand Lodge of Cornwall will hold its next General Communication at the Town Hall, Falmouth, on Thursday next, the 22nd inst., at 10 a.m. precisely. At twelve o'clock the brethren will walk in procession to church, when service will be held, and the sermon preached by Bro. the Rev. J. K. Lethbridge, P.G. Chaplain. After service, the procession will be re-formed, and return to the Lodge Room, when the officers for the year will be appointed, and the other

business of the meeting concluded. A banquet will follow, at 3 p.m., at the Polytechnic Hall, tickets for which, price 6s each, exclusive of wine, may be obtained at the Royal Hotel Bar, of Bro. Charles Trevithick P.G.D.C., Bro. James Sims A.P.G.D.C., or of the P.G. Stewards. Arrangements have been made with the Cornwall and West Cornwall Railway Companies to issue first and second class tickets to Falmouth on 21st and 22nd, and available for return up to and inclusive of 23rd of June, at the usual single fares, on members producing their Masonic clothing at the time of booking.

On Monday the Crystal Palace will offer a special attraction. A great Aquatic Fête will form part of the day's programme, and there will likewise be a series of swimming matches in university costume, the first race being fixed for 4 p.m. The following is the list of events:—400 yards Handicap, open to amateurs, for three prizes, the first of which will be a handsome silver watch, presented by Bro. Sir John Bennett; 200 yards Hurdle Race, over open boats, three prizes; 100 yards Siamese Twin Race, two prizes for the first couple; 100 yards in complete suits of clothes, which must weigh not less than four pounds, three prizes; pole walking for a live pig, and a live duck hunt, together with an aquatic tournament. Entrance fee to each race, 1s, and to the Siamese Twin race, 1s the couple. The prizes will be presented in the Concert Room at the close of the entertainment, by Bro. Sir John Bennett, and considering how necessary an accomplishment swimming is, both to ladies and gentlemen, and how desirable it is that every encouragement should be given to young people to acquire it, we trust the enterprise of the Crystal Palace Directors in organising such a fête, and the energy of the promoters in preparing for it, will meet with a fitting reward. We hope there will be a numerous attendance of visitors to witness the contests. Every information may be had of Bro. Hadley Prestage, Hon. Sec., Victoria Park Swimming Club, 531 Hackney Road, E., and of the General Manager of the Palace.

The Fifteen Sections will be worked at the "Earl Grey Tavern," Mile End Road, on Friday Evening, 23rd June, at seven o'clock precisely. Bros. W. Musto W.M., P.M. No. 1349; T. J. Barnes S.W., P.M. No. 933 and 554; B. Cundick J.W., S.W. No. 1421; T. Austin P.M. No. 933 and 1445.

FIRST LECTURE.

1st Section	...	...	Bro. Salmonese 27.
2nd "	...	...	Bro. Blackhall, P.M. 1349.
3rd "	...	...	Bro. A. H. Brown 174.
4th "	...	...	Bro. T. Jennings 554.
5th "	...	...	Bro. J. Brient 933.
6th "	...	...	Bro. W. Yetton, P.M. 933.
7th "	...	...	Bro. Williams 933.

SECOND LECTURE.

1st Section	...	...	Bro. A. Ellis 933.
2nd "	...	...	Bro. Hogarth 1107.
3rd "	...	...	Bro. Job 1076.
4th "	...	...	Bro. Wm. H. Myers, P.M. 820, W.M. 1445.
5th "	...	...	Bro. Miles 1076.

THIRD LECTURE.

1st Section	...	...	Bro. I. P. Cohen, S.D. 205.
2nd "	...	...	Bro. C. H. Webb, J.W. 1607.
3rd "	...	...	Bro. T. J. Barnes, P.M. 933 & 554.

Reports of Provincial Grand Lodge of Lincolnshire; District Grand Lodge, Punjab; Consecration of Llanidloes Lodge 1582, and of Cydwain Lodge 1594, with other matters, stand over for want of space.

HOLLOWAY'S PILLS AND OINTMENT.—Summer weather brings with it many risks and many diseases. The blood becoming often overheated, and the circulation of it increased in rapidity, renders it a more susceptible receptacle for poisonous emanations and infectious processes. Fevers are often generated in this manner, and sometimes lie lurking in the system, in a latent form, until some accidental exciting cause calls the disease into activity. Premonitory symptoms afford an indication of this state of things, such as nausea, headache, pains in the back, shivering, &c., and such admonitions should be disregarded by none. Early attention to them will often ward off impending danger and stifle the disease in its infancy. Holloway's remedies afford the best means of doing this.

CONSECRATION OF THE LEWIS CHAPTER.

"THERE is a tide in the affairs of men," as the poet has said, "which, taken at the flood, leads on to fortune." The remark may, with equal truth, be applied to localities, and the propriety of the application will be manifest when we look at the present prosperous condition of our northern suburb of Wood Green. Taken in connection with the Boys' School, it may be regarded as one of the centres of Masonry, and perhaps enjoys a far wider reputation in our Order than places of far greater commercial importance. During the past twelve months it has done much to prove the popularity thus claimed for it, two new Lodges (the Alexandra Palace No. 1541 and the Loyalty No. 1607) having been consecrated. The special object of our notice this week is to report further progress, by the foundation of a Chapter in connection with the Lewis Lodge, No. 1185, which was consecrated about nine years since, and was, we believe, the first home of Masonry in these parts. Comp. Hervey G.S.E. officiated as consecrating officer, supported by Comps. A. A. Richards as H., J. Terry as J., Rev. C. T. Ridgway as Chaplain, Dr. B. Ringrose as S.E., and H. G. Buss as D.C. Comp. Hervey having addressed the Companions as to the nature of the meeting, and ably worked the usual portions of the ceremony, the Chaplain delivered the following oration:—

The beautiful ceremony prescribed to be used at the consecration of a new Lodge or Chapter includes, as a prominent feature, an oration on the merits of Freemasonry. We should be doing the wisdom of our ancient brethren who devised this ceremony a great injustice if we supposed that this was meant to be confined to a mere eulogium on the system or on those who possess it. The former is unnecessary, for the science of Freemasonry speaks for itself; neither would the latter be congenial to its spirit, for the practice of Freemasonry carries with it its own reward to those who practise it aright, and they value not the praise or flattery of men. The purpose of an oration has a higher and a nobler aim; for as every human institution is liable to be deteriorated and corrupted by the wear and tear of ages, it is intended to carry the mind back to the first principles of the Order, to trace the stream of Freemasonry through the quicksands which beset its course, to clear away the rocks and shoals which time has accumulated, until we reach the clear pellucid fountain from which flow the pure and crystal waters of charity, morality and justice. It is intended to enforce on the members of every new Chapter that they are to guard its landmarks with jealous care, and to extend its principles with unflagging, self-denying zeal. Such is, I believe, the object of this prescribed oration; and I could only wish that I had power of language sufficient to enforce upon you the importance of exercising this care. I pray you to remember that on you is thrown the responsibility of evincing to the Craft at large that the confidence placed in you by the Supreme Grand Chapter has not been misplaced. I trust you will never forget that this Chapter should be so conducted as to improve the quality of Freemasonry rather than to increase the numbers of professing Freemasons; above all, that it may be a great centre for the diffusion of brotherly love, relief and truth; brotherly love, as shown in mutual forbearance and forgiveness, mutual aid and sympathy—joy in a companion's joy, and grief in a companion's grief, relief of his wants freely and ungrudgingly given, relief not only to his bodily but to his mental wants, relief not only to himself but to those who are nearest and dearest to him, in the persons of his widow and his orphans. And, above all, that the hand of a brother given to a brother Mason should be the sure pledge of brotherhood; ay, and when given to any of the outer world should be received as an obligation binding as any the law of man could devise, because given by a Mason. Above all, let charity and benevolence be your motto, words tending to the same end, but by different means; charity to give when you have the power, to every one of your fellow creatures in the hour of their need, and his handmaid benevolence to wish well to and to strive well for every good cause, even when, as in the Apostles' case, "silver and gold we have none" to give. Remember that the noblest instinct of man, his noblest attribute, is labour, to work through the morn, to work through the noon, to work through the evening of life, until "the night cometh when no man can work." And when man is in muscular life he should be in the higher domain of spiritual life. The highest and most complete state of man which his nature most longs for, and in which it fulfils its most sublime instinct, is work, bodily and intellectual, leading up to moral and religious work. For, as the race began with an outward paradise, which being lost may yet offer the type of a higher paradise to be gained, so each individual life begins with muscular life, the passing through the hard struggles of work in which body, mind and soul are alike engaged, it may carry its ideal with it, and emerge at last into a state of inspired liberty and spontaneous beauty. It may be a gigantic task that which has been sketched out for us by the wisdom and self-denial of our forefathers in the Order; but if any of the objects of human activity are worth living for at all, if, on the whole, it is not the highest wisdom to say, "let us eat and drink, for to-morrow we die," it is impossible to imagine a nobler or more stirring object of ambition, a cause for which a man could work with more complete satisfaction, or in which he would be sure to meet with a fuller or purer reward, and to which he could devote all the energies of his life as a Mason, than to carry out to their limit the principles inculcated by Freemasonry. Let each in his own sphere, each according to the talents with which God has endowed him, take up his share of the work which lies at his door waiting to be done. There is work for all, and if Masons would but do the work which they should do, then would they be fulfilling indeed that they had undertaken, in the first and second degrees, to perform. Then of them it would be said, and it deserved, how sweet would it be to hear it said, "when the ear heard me, then it blessed me; and when the eye saw me, then it gave witness to me; because I relieved the poor that cried, and the fatherless, and him that had none to help him; the blessing of him that was ready to perish came upon me, and I caused the widow's heart to sing for

joy." God imposes on us serious duties; we must struggle in the interests of humanity against the strong when they abuse their strength, and against the powerful when they abuse their power. From time to time the struggle is interrupted, to contemplate its fruits; the oppressed delivered from the tyrant, the poverty or diseased stricken man snatched from the abyss of want, and sent forward rejoicing on a new career of life; the widow encouraged, protected and supported, when she believed she was forsaken by all the world; the orphan, once wan and emaciated, now lighted up and rosy in the splendid dawn of its young life. Thus do we pass from indignation to tenderness, and we understand the aim of life. Then may we thank God, who, giving us the task to combat the powerful and the wicked, gives us also to succour the innocent and the feeble, and who, side by side with the grave duties of life, has placed the cheerful ones, the latter to uphold the former. The man who so understands and practices Freemasonry, even if he has not progressed beyond this degree, and even if he does not care to display one single jewel, is a better Mason and better acquainted with its symbolical teachings than he who, having taken every degree under the sun, has never carried into every day life the principles and teachings which Freemasonry has perpetually enjoined upon him. He is a Mason who can, and he is not a Mason who cannot—

"Grasp the whole world of reason, life and sense
In one close system of benevolence;
Happier, as feeling in what'er degree,
The height of bliss in height of charity."

The ceremony having been completed, the installation of the principals followed, Comp. Leared being appointed Z., Row H., and Durrant J. The following companions were the officers selected, viz.: B. Ringrose S.E., G. Newman S.N., J. Berrie P.S., S. May P.Z. Treasurer, and C. T. Speight Janitor. The thanks of the Chapter were then voted to the Companions who had consecrated it, and Comps. Hervey, Terry, Buss, Richards and Rev. C. T. Ridgway were elected honorary members. Comp. Hervey acknowledged the compliment on behalf of himself and the others. Several propositions were then handed in, after which the Chapter was closed.

At the banquet which followed, the toasts of the Queen, the Prince of Wales, and the Grand Officers were given. In responding to that of the Grand Officers, Comp. Raynham Stewart expressed his regret at the lateness of his arrival. He was present when the Lewis Lodge was consecrated, and was pleased to see such a hopeful future before the Chapter. He concluded by wishing the Chapter as prosperous an existence as that which the Lodge had enjoyed. The toast of the Consecrating Officers having been duly honoured, Comp. Hervey replied, and then proposed the health of the Principals, and coupled with it "Success to the Chapter." Other toasts having been duly honoured, the Companions dispersed after spending a very agreeable day.

PRESENTATION TO BRO. W. G. JENNINGS.

ON Friday, 9th inst., a presentation of a very gratifying character was made to Bro. W. G. Jennings, manager of the Albion, Aldersgate-street, on the occasion of his fiftieth birthday. The staff of the establishment, with a few other personal friends, had united to give him a testimonial of their esteem and regard, and it took the form of a timepiece and two candelabra, all under glass shades, together with a handsome silver salver, bearing a suitable inscription. The presentation was made by Mr. J. Staples, C.C. (one of the directors), in the name of the donors, and in concluding a highly complimentary address, the speaker expressed a hope that Mr. Jennings, with Mrs. Jennings, would be spared for many years to come, and that each succeeding year would be pleasanter and more prosperous than the preceding—a wish that was heartily endorsed by the staff assembled. Bro. Jennings, in the course of his reply, said that when a few weeks previously he expressed a wish to meet a few friends on his fiftieth birthday, he did not at all think it would be made the occasion of such a presentation. He had endeavoured to do his duty both to employers and employed. He could not say that the handsome testimonial now presented to him would be handed down to his heirs, because he was not blessed with any; but some member of his family would have it when he was gone, and would see that there had been some one connected with them who had honestly striven to do his duty, and not unsuccessfully. He thanked them most sincerely, and he hoped all connected with the Albion would ever do their utmost to make it a continued success. A further testimonial, in the form of a couple of silver breakfast cups and saucers with spoons, in a case, was then presented from the Directors. Bro. Jennings expressed his acknowledgments for this further agreeable surprise, and called for three cheers for the Directors. Before leaving the room, the members of the staff severally congratulated Bro. Jennings upon the auspicious event.

In the evening, a select circle of friends, with the principal members of the Albion staff, were entertained at dinner. The arrangements were of a thoroughly social character, such exercise of speech as was indulged in being rather of a conversational than of an oratorical order. A few toasts were duly honoured, the list including the usual expressions of loyalty and patriotism. The proceedings, which were throughout of a pleasant character, were agreeably varied by some capital singing by Miss Bessie Stroud, Messrs. Lester, Michael Watson, and Chaplin Henry, whose efficient services were duly acknowledged.

CHINESE CARVING.—For Sale, an elaborately carved Set of Ivory Chessmen. The Kings stand 8½ inches high, the other pieces in proportion. Knights and Pawns on horseback, all mounted on stands, with concentric balls. Can be seen, and full particulars obtained, on application to W. W. MORGAN, 67 Barbican.—Advt.

ROYAL MASONIC BENEVOLENT INSTITUTION.

THE General Committee of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution for Aged Freemasons and the Widows of Freemasons met on Wednesday, the 14th inst., at Freemasons' Hall, Gt. Queen-street, Bro. Col. Creaton P.G.D. V.P. in the chair. The Secretary, Bro. Jas. Terry, read the minutes of the former meeting, which were confirmed. In pursuance of a notice of motion, Bro. R. W. Stewart P.G.D. proposed, and Bro. J. Constable seconded, That, owing to the numerous calls upon the time of Miss Norris, by the residents of the Institution at Croydon, she be appointed matron, with a salary of £30 per annum, the appointment to date from the 1st of March last. The death of a male annuitant was announced. The list of the brethren elected to serve on the Committee was read. The Secretary stated that 19 male annuitants were admitted without election, and 21 females, being one more than was placed on the list. The report of the House Committee was then read and adopted. A vote of thanks was unanimously carried to Bro. Dr. Strong, for his presentation of a very handsome clock, which has been placed in the Institution. The members of the Finance Committee were re-elected, and the following were elected on the House Committee:—Bros. Col. Creaton P.G.D., B. Head P.G.D., R. W. Stewart P.G.D., J. E. Saunders P.G.D., and J. A. Farnfield. Bro. Col. Creaton said one candidate at the last election had lost by three votes. This candidate was over eighty years of age, and two more applicants being also over that age, it was carried unanimously that they be placed on the list of annuitants. A vote of thanks was accorded to the chairman, and the meeting was adjourned. Among those present were Bros. B. Head, S. Rawson, J. Brett, W. Hale, J. Constable, R. W. Wheeler, J. M. Case, H. J. Warren, J. Stevens, Hilton, H. Massey, Griffiths Smith, R. W. Stean, R. W. Stewart, L. Stean, Hyde Pullen, T. Cubitt, H. M. Levy, C. Hogard, &c.

LODGE OF LIGHTS, No. 148, WARRINGTON.

PRESENTATION OF A CONGRATULATORY ADDRESS TO BRO. SIR GILBERT GREENALL, BART. M.P.

THE Masonic world at Warrington was fully alive on Tuesday, 6th June last. The Craft has a history in this thriving manufacturing town. The distinguished antiquary, Elias Ashmole, was initiated there in 1646, and so pleased was he with all he then saw and heard that he carefully recorded the fact of his initiation in his diary, which can be seen at the British Museum. From that time down to the present the Craft has been well cared for. Some twenty years since, however, it was in rather a languishing condition, but, thanks to the present Secretary of No. 148, and others, new life was infused into the working, and from that time to the present Warrington has been looked upon as a model of correct, well-interpreted ritual. At the time of the "revival" the old Lodge, which was the only one, had about twenty members; now there are two Lodges and a Chapter, and the muster roll records nearly two hundred names. In the early part of the present year Bro. Greenall, one of the senior members, was made a baronet, and a unanimous desire was at once expressed to present that worthy brother with an address of congratulation. The first convenient opportunity of presenting the address was during the Whitsuntide recess, and, accordingly, a Lodge of emergency was summoned for five o'clock on Tuesday, 6th June, the W.M., Bro. W. H. Robinson, was supported by his Wardens, Bros. Thomas Tunstall and Joseph Pickthall, and a large number of brethren. The Lodge was opened in due form, and it being reported that Bro. Greenall sought admission, he was duly received, and under the direction of Bro. John Bowes, was saluted as became his rank. The W.M. rising from his chair, said: Right Worshipful Bro. Sir Gilbert Greenall, we are met for the especial purpose, as you are aware, of presenting to you an address of congratulation on the occasion of your elevation to a Baronetcy. I assure you we are all actuated by one single desire, and that is, in a feeble manner, perhaps, to give expression to the intense gratification we experience on the present occasion. You have lived amongst us all your life, and for more than a quarter of a century been "one of us." In filling the various offices you have secured credit to yourself and great advantage to your brethren. Such being the case, we all felt a brotherly desire of giving you some tangible proof of our esteem and regard. I now call upon our esteemed Secretary, Bro. Bowes, to read the address, of which he is the author, after which I shall invite those brethren who desire the opportunity to support the sentiments briefly expressed in the address.

Bro. Bowes then read the address as follows:

"To Sir Gilbert Greenall, Bart. M.P., P.M. R.A.C., P. Prov. G.S.W. W.L. and Past Senior Grand Warden of England.

"Right Worshipful Sir and Brother,—We, the W.M., Wardens, Officers and Members of the Lodge of Lights of Ancient Free and Accepted Masons, No. 148, Warrington, beg your acceptance of our fraternal congratulations on the occasion of your being raised to the dignity of a Baronetcy by Her Most Gracious Majesty the Queen.

"As members of your Mother Lodge we experience peculiar pleasure on this occasion, because you have been long and intimately associated with us in the promotion of the best interests of our ancient Craft.

"You were admitted to Masonic light on Monday, 28th January, A.L. 5850, and we are proud to know that in your Mother Lodge you were promoted to those positions which qualified you for the high Masonic distinction you now enjoy.

"During the first year of your Mastership of the Lodge, A.L. 5856, we celebrated our Centenary Festival, and we have good reason to remember the great importance your official position amongst us imparted on that interesting occasion.

"That the Most High may long preserve you and Lady Greenall, and when this transitory life shall have passed away, that the Lewis—upon whose birth it was our pleasure and privilege to congratulate

You—may sustain the high distinction conferred upon his father, with equal honour, dignity and grace, is our ardent prayer

"So mote it be."

We are, Right Worshipful Sir and Brother,

Your faithful brethren,

Signed on behalf of the Lodge, W. H. Robinson, W.M.

Thos. Tunstall, S.W.

Jos. Pickthall, J.W.

John Bowes, P.M. and Hon. Sec.

Masonic Rooms, Sankey Street, Warrington.
27th March, A.L. 5876.

Bro. James Hephherd, P.M., J.P., on the invitation of the W.M., said that he felt it a great honour, as one of the senior members of the Lodge, to take part in the interesting proceedings of that day. The members of the Lodge of Lights felt proud that they numbered among their members a brother who deserved so well of his Queen and country. Bro. Greenall was well known to all present and to know him was to esteem and respect him. As a Mason he held high rank, as he deserved to do, and they felt proud of him in that respect. He cordially endorsed the sentiments conveyed in the address drawn up by their excellent Secretary, and, in common with every member of the Lodge, he tendered to Bro. Greenall his hearty congratulations.

Bro. Pickthall, J.W. said he could not let the occasion pass without adding his congratulations to those of his brethren. Bro. Sir Gilbert Greenall had their best wishes. They all united very heartily in the prayer with which the address closed, and he hoped their distinguished brother would assure Lady Greenall, and the Lewis, how sincerely they prayed for their health and happiness.

Bro. Thos. Tunstall, S.W., said: As one of the younger members of the Lodge, he begged on behalf of himself and that section of the members to express the extreme gratification they all felt at his elevation to a Baronetcy. The name of Greenall was a household word amongst them, and it was their aim to emulate his good example in carrying out the sublime precepts of their ancient and honourable Order.

Bro. Sir Gilbert Greenall, in reply, said he begged to express his heartfelt thanks for the very kind sentiments expressed towards him by the W.M., his Wardens, Bros. Hephherd, Bowes, and other brethren, and for the presentation which had just been made to him as a token of regard from the brethren of the Lodge. He received them with pleasure and delight, and he should ever remember his having been amongst them on that occasion. He always felt that there was amongst them that good and kindly feeling which ought always to exist amongst brethren, members of the Masonic Order. He felt especially grateful for the reference which had been made to him in the position he held as a Mason. He was first attracted to Masonry by the respect which he had for some excellent friends who were Masons, and having voluntarily offered himself as a candidate for the mysteries and privileges of the Order, he could most sincerely assure them that he had never had the least reason to regret having taken that step. The honour that it had pleased her Majesty to bestow upon him would in no way alter their friendly relations. He felt towards his brethren as he ever had done, and he hoped to meet them again and again in Lodge, and in the discharge of those great and important duties which they had in common undertaken to perform. He felt very grateful to them for the kind allusions which had been made to Lady Greenall, and the good feeling expressed for the welfare of his and her son. He was sure his wife would highly prize their good feeling, and he hoped that if their son was spared to grow up to manhood that he would be a good and useful man, and, like his father, be attached to Masons, and in due time be a good and true Mason himself. He again begged to thank them for their kindly expressions and the token they had given him of their friendship, which he should always look upon with pleasure, and prize very highly.

The address was beautifully written and illuminated, in book form, on vellum, and elegantly bound in blue morocco, with suitable Masonic emblems in their proper colours. The work was executed by Bro. Hine, of Manchester.

EARLY HISTORY OF FREEMASONRY IN IRELAND.

To the Editor of THE FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—It was with extreme pleasure I read "Masonic Investigator's" letter, and am glad to find we have such a brother in Ireland. Would that we had a few more such.

The records of the Grand Lodge of Munster, to which our brother alludes, are in the possession of the present Provincial Grand Lodge of Munster, where they have been ever since their recovery, many years ago, by our esteemed and valued brother George Chatterton, 33° and P.P.D.G.M. of Munster.

The earliest date in these records is 1721, not 1726, this 1721 record being signed by Lord Kingston G.M. and Spriggett Penn D.G.M.

What is alluded to in Bro. Spencer's catalogue of 1860 is, I think, a MS. copy of part only of these original records, being those from 1726 to 1733. This MS. copy may have been the one used by the printer when printing part of these original records for Mr. Hewitt.

Much praise is due to our brother George Chatterton for having secured these invaluable records. They were found by him, after much trouble, in the shop of an old book dealer in Cork.

Could our Bro. Chatterton be persuaded to write a history of this Grand Lodge? No brother is so competent, or has the information to do it.

I shall be glad to receive our brother "Masonic Investigator's" address, so as to enter into a Masonic correspondence with him.

Yours fraternally.

5 Upper Mount-street, Dublin,
13th June 1876.

JAMES H. NEILSON.

DIARY FOR THE WEEK.

We shall be obliged if the Secretaries of the various Lodges throughout the Kingdom will favour us with a list of their Days of Meeting, &c. as we have decided to insert only those that are verified by the Officers of the several Lodges.

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SATURDAY, 17th JUNE.

198—Percy, Jolly Farmers' Tavern, Southgate-road, N., at 8. (Instruction.)
R. A.—Sinai Chapter of Instruction, Union, Air-street, Regent-street, at 8.

MONDAY, 19th JUNE.

45—Strong Man, Old Jerusalem, St. John's-square, E.C., at 8. (Instruction.)
1159—Marquess of Dalhousie, Freemasons' Hall, Great Queen-street.
236—York, Masonic Hall, York.
331—Phoenix of Honour and Prudence, Public Rooms, Truro.
359—Peace and Harmony, Freemasons' Hall, Southampton.
466—Merit, George Hotel, Stamford Baron, Northampton.
725—Stoneleigh, King's Arms Hotel, Kenilworth.
1037—Portland, Royal Breakwater Hotel, Portland.
1141—Mid Sussex, Assembly Rooms, Horsham.
1238—Gooch, Prince Alfred Hotel, Southall.
1502—Israel, 22 Hope-street, Liverpool.
R. A. 492—St. James's, New Inn, Handsworth, Staffordshire.

TUESDAY, 20th JUNE.

55—Constitutional, Wheatsheaf, Hand-court, W.C., at 7.0. (Instruction.)
860—Dalhousie, Royal Edward, Triangle, Hackney, at 7.30. (Instruction.)
1507—Metropolitan, 289 Pentonville-road. (Instruction.)
Metropolitan Chapter of Instruction, Jamaica Coffee House, St. Michael's-alley, Cornhill, at 6.30.
213—Perseverance, Masonic Hall, Theatre-street, Norwich.
1006—Tregullow, Masonic Rooms, St. Day, Scorrier, Cornwall.
1325—Stanley, Masonic Hall, Kirkdale, Liverpool.
1470—Chiltern, Town Hall, Dunstable.
R. A. 41—Royal Cumberland, Old Orchard-street, Bath.
R. A. 419—St. Peter, Swan Hotel, Wolverhampton.
R. A. 792—Oliver, Bull-ring-lane, Grimsby.

WEDNESDAY, 21st JUNE.

190—Oak, Freemasons' Hall, Great Queen-street.
193—Confidence, Masons' Hall, Masons'-avenue, at 7. (Instruction.)
212—Euphrates, Masons' Hall, Basinghall-street, E.C.
1288—Finsbury Park, Finsbury Park Tav., Seven Sisters'-rd., at 8.0. (Instruction.)
1524—Duke of Connaught, Havelock, Albion-road, Dalston, at 8.0. (Instruction.)
121—Mount Sinai, Public-buildings, Penzance.
137—Amity, Masonic Hall, Thames-street, Poole.
199—Peace and Harmony, Royal Oak Hotel, Dover. (Instruction.)
200—Old Globe, Private Rooms, Globe-street, Scarborough.
221—St. John's, Commercial Hotel, Town Hall Square, Bolton.
591—Buckingham, George Hotel, Aylesbury.
969—Sun and Sector, Assembly Rooms, Worthington.
1040—Sykes, Masonic Hall, Great Driffield.
1063—Malling Abbey, Bear Inn, West Malling, Kent.
1086—Walton, St. Lawrence Boys' School, Kirkdale.
1114—Joppa, Corn Hall, Fakenham.
1161—Eliot, Private Rooms, St. Germain's, Cornwall.
1337—Anchor, Masonic Rooms, Durham House, Northallerton.
1353—Duke of Lancaster, Athenaeum, Lancaster.
1443—Salem, Town Hall, Dawlish, Devon.
1501—Wycombe, Town Hall, High Wycombe.
1511—Alexandra, Masonic Hall, Hornsea.
R. A. 403—Hertford, Town Hall, Hertford.
R. A. 591—Buckingham, George Hotel, Aylesbury.
R. A. 907—Royal Albert, White Hart Tavern, Abchurch-lane, E.C.
R. A. 1365—Clapton, White Hart Tavern, Clapton, at 7.30. (Instruction.)

THURSDAY, 22nd JUNE.

General Committee, Girls' School, Freemasons' Hall, at 4.
8—Fidelity, Yorkshire Grey, London-st., Fitzroy-sq., at 7.0. (Instruction.)
27—Egyptian, Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall-street, E.C. (Instruction.)
435—Salisbury, Union Tavern, Air-street, Regent-street, W. at 8. (Instruction.)
1260—Hervey, 152 Fulham-road, at 8. (Instruction.)
1489—Marquess of Ripon, Albion, Albion-road, Dalston, at 7.30. (Instruction.)
78—Imperial George, Assheton Arms Hotel, Middleton, Lancashire.
100—Friendship, Crown and Anchor Hotel, Quay, Great Yarmouth.
R. A. 216—Sacred Delta, Masonic Temple, Hope-street, Liverpool.
R. A. 217—Stability, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street, E.C.
R. A. 279—Fortitude, Freemasons' Hall, Halford-street, Leicester.

FRIDAY, 23rd JUNE.

933—Doric, Earl Grey Tavern, Mile End-road, at 8. (Instruction.)
1278—Burdett Coutts, Approach Tavern, Victoria Park, at 8. (Instruction.)
1365—Clapton, White Hart, Clapton, 7.30. (Instruction.)

SATURDAY, 24th JUNE.

198—Percy, Jolly Farmers' Tavern, Southgate-road, N., at 8. (Instruction.)
453—Chigwell, Castle Hotel, Woodford, Essex.
R. A.—Sinai Chapter of Instruction, Union, Air-street, Regent-street, at 8.

WEST YORKSHIRE.

MONDAY.

R. A. 139—Paradise, Freemasons' Hall, Surrey-street, Sheffield.

WEDNESDAY.

1019—Sincerity, Freemasons' Hall, Zetland-street, Wakefield.
131—Brighouse, Masonic Room, Bradford-road, Brighouse.
R. A. 255—Amphibious, Freemasons's Hall, Heckmondwike.

FRIDAY.

R. A. 61—Sincerity, Freemasons' Hall, St. John's-place, Halifax.

SATURDAY.

1462—Wharfedale, Rose and Crown Hotel, Penistone.
R. A. 30—Affability, Station House, Bottoms, Eastwood.

DURHAM AND NORTHUMBERLAND.

MONDAY.

421—Borough, Freemasons' Hall, West-street, Gateshead.

TUESDAY.

1427—Percy, Masonic Hall, Maple-street, Newcastle-on-Tyne.
R.A. 80—St. John's, Masonic Hall, Park terrace, Sunderland.

WEDNESDAY.

1334—Norman, Freemasons' Hall, Old Elvet, Durham.
1359—Fenwick, Masonic Hall, Park-terrace, Sunderland.

THURSDAY.

1418—Fraternity, Freemasons' Hall, Wellington-road, Stockton-on-Tees.
R. A. 431—Ogle, Masonic Hall, Norfolk-street, North Shields.

FRIDAY.

Royal Kent Rose Croix, Masonic Hall, Maple-street, Newcastle-on-Tyne.

IRELAND.

WEDNESDAY—161—Excelsior, Bishop-street, Tuam.

EDINBURGH DISTRICT.

MONDAY—44—St. Luke, Freemasons' Hall.
TUESDAY—36—St. David, Ship Hotel, East Register-street.
405—Rifle, Freemasons' Hall.
WEDNESDAY—160—Roman Eagle, Iona Hotel, 62 Nicolson-street.
THURSDAY—392—Caledonian, Freemasons' Hall.

GLASGOW AND THE WEST OF SCOTLAND.

During the Tourist Season, for the benefit of our travelling brethren, we purpose giving all the Masonic Meetings in the West. All the meetings are at 8 p.m., unless otherwise expressed.

MONDAY—332—Union, 213 Buchanan-street, Glasgow.
581—Plantation, MacLean-street, Govan-road, Glasgow.
TUESDAY—549—St. Mathew, Crown Hotel, Dregburn, at 7.0 p.m.
WEDNESDAY—117—St. Mary School Room, Douglas-street, Partick.
571—Dramatic, 213 Buchanan-street, Glasgow, at 3.0 p.m.
R.A. 150—Shettleston, Freemasons' Hall, Shettleston.
THURSDAY—290—Blair Dalry, White Hart Hall, Dalry, at 7.0 p.m.
324—St. John, Castle Inn, New Cumnock.
FRIDAY—236—St. John's, Forth Inn, Carnwath.
399—Royal Blues, Commercial Hotel, Kilburnie.
SATURDAY—28—St. John's, Black Bull Inn, Kirkintilloch.
305—St. John Woodhall, Freemasons' Hall, Holytown. (Installation), at 7.0 p.m.

NOTICES OF MEETINGS.

Grand Lodge of Mark Master Masons.—On Tuesday, 6th June, the summer half-yearly Communication was held at the Masonic Hall, 33 Golden-square. Present—The Rt. Hon. the Earl of Limerick M.W.G.M.M., Rev. G. R. Portal Past Grand Mark Master, Colonel Le Gendre M. Starkie P.G.W. as G.S.W., Captain N. G. Philips G.J.W., Major George Barlow G.M.O., John Chadwick G.S.O., S. Rosenthal P.G.D.C. as G.J.O., Rev. C. R. Davy P.G.C. as G. Chaplain, Frederic Davison G. Treasurer, H. C. Levander G. Registrar, F. Binckes P.G.J.W. G. Secretary, Samuel Jones G.S.D., J. C. Gregg G.J.D., R. W. Edis G. Inspector of Work, Thos. Trollope M.D. G.D.C., T. W. Coffin P.G.S.B. as G. Sword Bearer, T. S. Mortlock G. Standard Bearer, J. H. Spencer G. Inner Guard, C. T. Speight G. Tyler, with a large number of Past G. Officers, Masters, P.M.'s, Wardens, Overseers, and brethren of private Lodges. The minutes of the Communication of 30th November, and those of the moveable G.L. held at Bristol on 28th April having been read and confirmed, the report of the General Board was read and adopted, i.e., grant to a brother from the Fund of Benevolence £20, announcement of the Benevolent Fund Festival for 19th July next, recommendation for a further investment of £200 on account of the General Fund. The Rt. Hon. the Earl of Limerick was then installed, proclaimed and saluted as Grand Mark Master Mason, and returned his thanks to the brethren for their election of him to this his second year of office, alluding to the flourishing state of the Order, which he trusted would continue to prosper under his rule. The M.W. Grand Mark Master thereupon invested the following for the ensuing year:—The Rt. Hon. Lord Skelmersdale Deputy Grand Master, the Rt. Hon. Earl of Jersey Grand S.W., Lt. General J. S. Brownrigg Grand J.W., Rev. R. H. E. Brette, B.D., and Rev. J. S. Brownrigg Grand Chaplains, F. Davison G. Treasurer, H. C. Levander G. Reg., F. Binckes (P.G.J.W.) G. Secretary, Wm. Roebuck G.M.O., W. S. Webster G.S.O., Hy. Matthews G.J.O., Josiah Austin G.S.D., J. E. Curteis G.J.D., R. W. Edis G. Supt. of Wks., H. M. Green G.D.C., Chas. Lacey G.A.D.C., Henry Bagot G. Swd. Br., T. W. Faulkner G. Std. Br., F. H. Cozens G. Org., J. J. Fast G.I.G., H. W. Binckes G. Asst. Secy., C. T. Speight G. Tyler, Robert Butterworth, J. J. Loewenthal, C. Pulman, Geo. Bolton, and Mason, G. Stewards. Bros. W. E. Gumbleton, Thos. Meggy, S. Rosenthal, R. W. Edis and S. C. Dibdin were then nominated by the Grand Master, and Thos. Cubitt, D. M. Dewar, T. J. Sabine, E. S. Stidolph, and W. Roebuck were elected members of the General Board, of which the Rev. G. R. Portal P.G.M. was appointed President. Bro. Roebuck was presented by the G.M. with the jewel for having served as Steward to the Benevolent Fund. The G.M. then performed the very pleasing duty of presenting Bro. Gerald Martin P.M., of the Mallet and Chisel Lodge, No. 134 (Poona, Bombay), with a handsome P.M.'s jewel, which had been voted to him by the members of that Lodge in token of their admiration and esteem for him as a Master, and their regard for him as a friend and brother. Bro. Rev. Wm. Langley P.G. Chap. invited G.L. to hold a moveable G.L. at Leicester in the autumn, which the M.W.G.M. was pleased to accept. G.L. was then closed in ample form, and the brethren adjourned to banquet at the Café Royal, Regent-street, under the presidency of the G.M.

Strong Man Lodge of Instruction, No. 45.—This Lodge held its regular weekly meeting on Monday, the 12th of June, at the Old Jerusalem Tavern, St. John's Gate, Clerkenwell. Present—Bros. Halford W.M., Morrison S.W., Hill J.W., Kinick Sec., Halford Treas., Lake S.D., Percy J.D., Garbett I.G., Caistophar Tyler. Past Masters—Bros. Beckett, Preceptor, and Hanes. Business—Lodge was opened in the usual manner, and the minutes were duly confirmed. Bro. Hanes was passed to the second degree. Bros. Beckett and Tomie worked the sections of the second lecture. Bro. Morrison was elected W.M. for the ensuing week.

Glasgow Chapter, No. 50.—This Chapter held its monthly meeting on Thursday, the 8th inst., at St. Mark's Hall, and was opened by the Z. Camp. Miller, in the Mark degree, with Comps. C. McKenzie S.W., D. Leeds J.W., P. Agnew Treasurer. Visitors—J. Duthie Z. of 67, G. W. Wheeler Z. 73, J. O. Park P.Z., Mercer 1st S. 87. A long discussion took place relative to the status of those brethren who had received the Mark degree in a Craft Lodge, all the 1st Principals named above holding that they could not receive such a

brother into a Chapter, even when it was working in the Mark degree. The question was also raised as to the legality of a Royal Arch Mason assisting to confer the Mark degree in a Blue Lodge.

St. Andrews Royal Arch Chapter, No. 69.—This Chapter held its regular meeting, in St. Clair Hall, Robertson-street, the M.E.Z. Comp. Campbell presiding, who opened the Chapter in the Mark degree with Comps. Harper J. as S.W., Wm. Dobbie P.Z. of 119 as J.W., J. Fash Secretary, J. Blackwood Treasurer, and D. Ramsey O.G. There were two candidates for advancement, Bro. Wm. Pascoe of St. Clair 362 and Wm. Bisland S.W. of the Clyde Lodge 408. At the request of Comp. Campbell, Comp. Wheeler Z. of 73 performed the ceremony. The office of H. and others being vacant, the following Comps. were nominated for the respective offices:—J. Harper J., W.M. of 408, was raised to the chair of H., J. B. McNair P.M. of 332 as J., Comp. McGinnis Superintendent of Works, Collett Capt. of 1st Veil, Stark Capt. of 2nd Veil, and Wm. Pascoe Capt. of 3rd Veil. Amongst the visitors present were Comps. J. Duthie Z. 67, Wheeler Z. 73, Mercer 1st S. 87, W. Dobbie P.Z., and Mirrain of 119.

Shamrock and Thistle Chapter, No. 87.—This Chapter held its monthly meeting on Wednesday, 7th June, at 12 Trongate, Comp. McNaught presiding, Comp. J. Duthie Z. of 67 was also present, and took part in a discussion on the legality of Blue Lodges conferring the Mark degree, and granting diplomas thereof. It was resolved to lay the matter before the Supreme Grand Chapter of Scotland.

Royal Arch Lodge, No. 116, Rutherglen.—This Lodge having lost one of its most active members, the late P.M., Wm. Robertson, who was also Substitute Master of the Province of Renfrewshire East, determined, with the sanction of the P.G.L., to hold a Lodge of Sorrow to do honour to his memory, and having secured the Town Hall for the purpose, and draped it in sombre hue befitting the melancholy occasion, the Lodge was opened at 8 p.m. on Friday, 9th June, by the R.W.M. Bro. John Hamilton, Calton S.W., F. Rice J.W., J. Ferguson I.P.M., and the rest of the Office-bearers; in the East, the Rev. J. C. Stewart, who officiated as P.G. Chaplain, the R.W.M.'s of Royal Arch, No. 114, Cambusling, and St. Mirrens, No. 129, Paisley; there were also deputations from the following Lodges in Renfrewshire East and the Province of Glasgow, in most cases headed by the W. Master and Wardens. St. John's 3 bis, Old St. John's 21, Kirkintilloch 28, Thistle and Rose 73, Cambusling 114, Royal Arch 116, Shelleston 128, St. Mirrens 129, Scotia 178, Pollockshaw 153, Star 219, Shamrock and Thistle 275, St. George 333, St. John's, 347, Rutherglen, St. Clair 362, St. John's, 458, Busby, Thorntree 512, and the Clydesdale 556. The R.W.M., Bro. J. Hamilton, in his opening address, gave a brief outline of the Masonic career of our late brother Robertson, who was initiated on 8th August, 1861, in the Royal Arch Lodge, Rutherglen. In 1865 he was elected to the chair, and filled it with such ability that on the two following years he was re-elected. He was also elected again in 1868, and filled a third term of office in 1873, when he was also Substitute Grand Master of Renfrewshire East, and in the absence of Col. Campbell he frequently presided at the Provincial Quarterly Communications. Col. Campbell had written expressing his regret that he was unable to attend at this public testimony of their appreciation of his Masonic worth. At a later stage in the proceedings, the Rev. J. C. Stewart, Chaplain, delivered a most excellent oration, commenting on the many virtues of our deceased brother, and showing how the theory of Masonry, when, as in this instance, reduced to practice, was calculated to adorn the moral man, and fit him for the Grand Lodge above. The hymns, anthem, and chants were very well rendered by a choir of brethren from the Rutherglen and Shamrock and Thistle Lodges, Bro. Miller P.M. of the Athol 413, P.G.D. of Music of the Province of Glasgow, presiding at the harmonium; the other members included J. Neilson G.C., F. McNaught P.M. 275, J. B. McNaught, J. Stirling, Hamilton, and Parkinson. The whole of the proceedings were rendered in a very impressive manner, and must have been very gratifying to the sorrowing friends of our lamented brother.

Confidence Lodge of Instruction, No. 193.—The Lodge met on Wednesday, the 14th inst., at Masons' Hall Tavern, Masons'-avenue, Basinghall-street, E.C., Bro. Radderforth presiding. There were also present Bros. Pelton S.W., Hollands J.W., J. K. Pitt Hon. Sec., John Constable P.M. Hon. Treas., Geo. Pare S.D., Triggs J.D., Bone I.G., Christopher Tyler; E. Gotthiel P.M. Preceptor, T. J. Barnes P.M., James Stevens P.M., W. Yetton P.M., C. Atkins P.M., and a full complement of members. The minutes of the previous meeting having been confirmed, the second ceremony was ably rehearsed by the W.M., Bro. P. Turner acting as candidate. Three of the sections were worked by Bro. Gotthiel, assisted by the brethren. Bro. Hollands was elected to preside on the next occasion. It was decided that the fifteen sections should be worked by Bro. T. J. Barnes P.M. 933, &c. on Wednesday, the 5th of July. As a great gathering is anticipated on that occasion, the largest room in the house has been engaged for the purpose.

Percy Lodge of Instruction, No. 198.—This Lodge held its usual weekly meeting on Saturday, 10th June, at Bro. Fysh's, "Jolly Farmers," Southgate-road, Islington. Present—Bros. Macarthy W.M., Halford S.W., Read J.W., Killick Secretary, Halford Treasurer, Stock S.D., Powell J.D., Haggins I.G., Percy Preceptor. Business—The Lodge was opened with due care. The ceremony of passing was then rehearsed, Bro. Powell being the candidate. Bro. Stock, with the assistance of the brethren, worked several of the sections. Bro. Halford was selected as W.M. for the ensuing week.

Temple Lodge of Mark Master Masons, No. 173.—A meeting of this Lodge was held on Monday, 12th June, at the "Green Dragon" Tavern, Stepney. In the absence of Bro. G. W. Verry W.M., and also of Bro. C. Lacy the I.P.M., Bro. T. Mortlock P.M. occupied the chair. There were also present Bros. E. Gotthiel S.W., N. Gluckstein as J.W., Startevant Hon. Sec., S. Tarquand M.O., Dr. Defries as S.O., Mole I.O., Candick S.D., Wallingford J.D., J. K. Pitt acting as I.G., Grant Tyler, and many other brethren. Bros. J. Starkkey of 1489, and W. C. Claridge of 1421 were duly advanced to the degree. Although there was but slight refreshment on this occasion, Bro. Mortlock, in his genial way, managed to render the evening a most pleasant one. Several good songs were given by Bros. Barnett, Wallingford, Davis, Defriez, Mortlock and Toy, and at a very early hour the brethren dispersed, with mutual good wishes, expressions of satisfaction, and sincere regrets that two months must elapse before another opportunity for a similar gathering will occur.

Northern Counties Lodge, No. 406.—A meeting of this Lodge took place on Wednesday, 7th inst., at the Masonic Hall, Maple-street, Newcastle-on-Tyne. There were present—Bro. W. Mondoy W.M., R. Knox S.P.M., J. H. Holladay S.W., G. Lax as J.W., R. L. Armstrong Treasurer, &c., J. Page S.D., S. M. Harris as J.D., —Deen I.G., G. T. Timmes Tyler. Past Masters—B. J. Thompson Prov. G.S., W. Fulsham, W. T. Hughes, Rev. T. H. Harris. The Lodge was opened in due form by the W.M. There was one initiate, and five brethren were passed by the W.M., in a very excellent manner. The Lodge being closed, the brethren adjourned, when the usual Loyal and Masonic toasts were given and responded to. There were present as Visitors Bros. J. Spearman W.M. 481, E. J. Deen J.W. 541, R. H. Stone 541, McKenning, Boston, U.S.

Northern Counties Lodge of Instruction, No. 406.—At the meeting held on Tuesday, the 13th inst., at the Masonic Hall, Maple-street, Newcastle-on-Tyne, were present Bros. W. T. Hughes P.M. as W.M., J. Watson S.W., T. M. Harris J.W., J. Wood Secretary and S.D., J. Duckitt J.D., G. T. Timmes I.G., Marten P.M. Tyler, R. Knox P.M. Preceptor. The Lodge was opened in the three degrees, and several questions asked. Bro. Rysdoll P.M. was elected Lecture Master for the next meeting.

Royal York Lodge of Instruction, No. 315, Brighton.—On Tuesday last an interesting ceremony took place in connection with this Lodge, an illuminated address of thanks being presented to P.M. Bro. Hugh Saunders for the gratuitous use of his house for the purposes of the Lodge during the past 18 years. The presentation was made by the W.M., Bro. T. Nell, but, in accordance with the wishes of the recipient, was of an entirely private nature. The address was handsomely framed, and the illumination the work of Mr. Leggatt, of Grenville-place, to whom great credit is due.

St. Peter's Lodge, No. 481.—The election meeting of this Lodge was held on Monday, the 12th inst., at the Masonic Hall, Maple-street, Newcastle-on-Tyne. Bros. John Spearman W.M., R. L. Armstrong as S.W., H. S. Sewell J.W., G. Thompson P.M. P.P.G.S.W. Treasurer, R. Hozard Secretary, R. Eynon S.D., H. Turner J.D., Carr I.G., Marten Tyler. There was one candidate initiated, two brethren passed, and one raised. The election of W.M. then took place, and resulted in favour of Bro. H. S. Sewell, the J.W. Bro. G. Thompson P.M. was elected Treasurer, and Bro. G. S. Timmes Tyler. The Finance Committee elected were Bros. J. T. Wilson P.M., J. Atkinson P.M., J. H. Thompson P.M., J. Spearman I.P.M., J. Cook P.M. and W. Pearson. The Lodge being closed, the brethren adjourned to refreshments. The health of the W.M. elect was given by the W.M., who spoke in very high terms of the capabilities of Bro. Sewell. Bro. Sewell, in reply, thanked the brethren for the honour they had conferred upon him in placing him in the proud position of W.M. The whole of the work was done by the W.M., Bro. Spearman, in his usual excellent manner. There was a very large attendance of brethren, amongst whom were J. Cook I.P.M., W. Fulsham P.M. and D.C. Visitors—W. Mondoy W.M. 406, P. O. Smith P.M. 541, Waddington J.W. 48, J. Wood I.G. 48, Hord Secretary 1427, S. M. Harris J.S. 406.

Dalhousie Lodge of Instruction, No. 860.—The members met at the "Royal Edward," Triangle, Hackney, on Tuesday, 13th June. Present—Bros. Weige W.M., Brown S.W., Barker J.W., Smith S.D., Williams J.D., Johnson I.G., Worsley Secretary, Wallington Preceptor, and several other brethren. The Lodge was opened in due form, and Bro. Cull, having answered the usual questions, was passed to the 2nd degree. The 1st section of the lecture was worked by Bro. Allen, the Lodge was then closed to the 1st degree; the 1st, 2nd and 3rd sections of the lecture were worked, the first two by Bro. Cull, and the 3rd by Bro. Allen, assisted by the brethren. Bro. Brown was unanimously elected W.M. for the ensuing meeting.

Rose of Denmark Chapter, No. 975.—The usual quarterly meeting of this Chapter was held at the Star and Garter, Kew Bridge, on Saturday, 3rd inst. Present—Comps. Terry acting M.E.Z., John Newton H., Henry Martin J., J. P. Richards S.N., W. Dodd S.E., J. Green S.S., J. Walker A.S., H. G. Buss P.G. Treasurer, G. Price P.Z., May, Chapman, Gorman, and several others. Visitors—Comps. D. W. Rain P.S. 1293, Roberts 771, C. G. Hill S.N. 177. The Chapter was opened and the minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed. Bro. John Bingham, P.M. 55, W.M. 1599, and Bro. Charles H. Goode No. 27 were balloted for and approved, when Bro. Bingham being in attendance was duly exalted in Companion Terry's usual excellent style, he being well supported by his officers. The Chapter was then closed in ancient form and adjourned till September.

Duke of Connaught Lodge of Instruction.—This Lodge held its usual weekly meeting on Wednesday, 14th June, at the Havelock Tavern, Albion-road, Dalston. Present—Bros. Robinson W.M., Brown S.W., Hill J.W., F. Garbutt S.D., Sims J.D., Brasted I.G., Gilchrist Preceptor, and Bros. Torking, Marsh, Bell, Fieldwick, Dignam, Farrah, Pool and Shackleton. Lodge opened in due form with solemn prayer, minutes of last Lodge meeting read and confirmed, initiation ceremony rehearsed, Bro. Torking as candidate. The 1st and 2nd sections of the lecture were worked by Bro. Gilchrist, the 3rd and 4th by Bro. Fieldwick, assisted by the brethren. Bros. Torking 1524, and Gartitt 1178 were elected joining members. Bro. Brown was elected W.M. for the ensuing week. Nothing else offering the Lodge was closed in ancient form, and adjourned to Wednesday 21st inst., at 8 p.m.

Phoenix Lodge, Port Royal, Jamaica, No. 914.—An Emergency Lodge was held on the 11th May, at 8 p.m., for the installation of the following officers:—Worshipful Osmond Delgado jun. Master, Worshipful Osmond Delgado sen. I.P.M., Bros. W. I. L. Rutherford S.W., J. S. Campbell J.W., R. Thompson Treasurer., L. C. Hollar Secretary, J. Hall S.D., E. C. Price J.D., J. Allen D.C., C. Ward and C. Levy Stewards. E. De Pass I.G., Frank Hollar Tyler. Several Past Masters of Sister Lodges were present, and assisted the W.M., G. J. De Cordova, in the ceremony of installation, after which the brethren retired to a well-spread banquet, where the usual Loyal and Masonic toasts were proposed and heartily responded to, the brethren retiring at a very late hour. This Lodge has completed its own Masonic Temple, it being intended for the use of the Navy and Army. It numbers about fifty members.

The Phoenix Lodge having obtained a charter for the Holy Royal Arch Chapter, a convocation was held on the 11th May, at 3 p.m., when the following officers were installed:—Excellent Companions W. J. L. Rutherford Scribe E., Henry Barned Scribe N., R. Thompson Treasurer, and Comps. L. Hollar and J. L. Campbell Assistant Sojourners, F. Hollar Janitor. Seventeen brethren were elected, of whom twelve were exalted on the 7th April. The consecration took place, and the following Principals were installed:—Most Excellent Companions G. J. De Cordova Z., O. Delgado H., D. Barned J., and Excellent Companion O. Delgado jun. Principal Sojourner. The Consecration was performed by the Most Excellent J. W. Whitbourne Deputy Grand Superintendent, assisted by several others. The members of the Sussex Lodge, Kingston, Jamaica, having consented to sell their premises, have purchased another spot, where, shortly, a new Masonic Temple will be raised.

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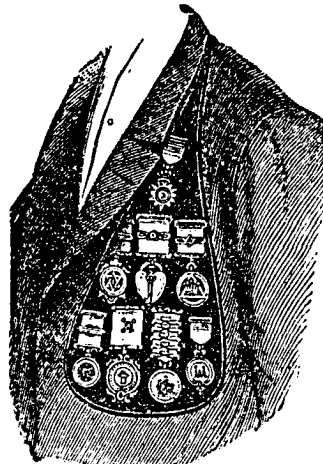
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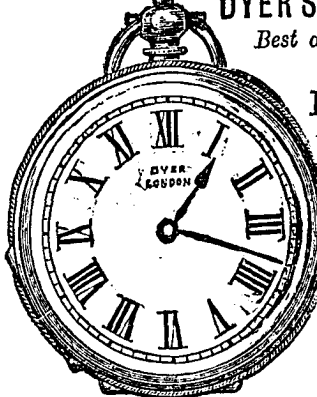
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