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HONOUR TO WHOM HONOUR IS DUE.

AT the present moment the eyes of English Freemasons are turned towards the Western Division of the County of Lancashire, or at least that is the case with those who take a special interest in the great characteristic of Freemasonry—Benevolence, as particularly exemplified in the Charitable Institutions of the English Craft; for it is from that quarter we have to welcome the Chairman for the next great Charity Festival of the year—on behalf of the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls, to be held in May.

We have already referred to the fact that the Earl of Lathom has kindly consented to preside on this occasion, and have spoken of the great efforts likely to be put forward in connection with his Chairmanship, for several special reasons; indeed it was in referring to one of them—the celebration of his lordship's majority as Provincial Grand Master of West Lancashire—that we suggested the presidency of one or other of the annual Festivals of the Craft Institutions might well form a part of the programme in connection with what we considered was likely to be "a notable celebration." This was long before his lordship had consented to take the chair at the Festival, and although we do not know that our remarks were the cause of Lord Lathom's decision, they doubtless added weight to the other arguments used to secure his much desired and generally appreciated consent to act as President at the coming Anniversary, and recognising this we hope we shall be able to do something in support of his Chairmanship.

We regard this occasion as presenting a splendid opportunity for the Craft at large—and Lancashire in particular—to show appreciation of a distinguished Member of the Order, and we shall be very much surprised if this presidency of the Most Worshipful the Pro Grand Master is not accepted in that light. The Brethren of to-day are very apt to reckon the present success of English Freemasonry from the date of the Prince of Wales's accession to the Grand Mastership, and there is ample evidence of an indisputable character to bear out the truth of their arguments, but the duties and calls on the time of the Prince of Wales are numerous, and it is by no means disrespectful to the Grand Master to say that he could hardly have accomplished so much as he has done if he had not been ably seconded and assisted by thoroughly genuine supporters. In this connection we may limit our observations to the Pro and the Deputy Grand Masters—for they really jointly share with the Grand Master the responsibilities of permanent office—and we may almost give them equal credit with the Grand Master himself for the growth and progress of the Order in recent years. This being so we have but one Brother to consider with the Prince

of Wales in connection with His Royal Highness's presidency of English Freemasonry, for the Earl of Lathom has alone been associated with him during the whole term of his Mastership—for many years as Deputy Grand Master, and in later times as Pro Grand Master—the present Deputy having been appointed to that office in comparatively recent years, in succession to the Earl of Lathom, when that Brother ascended to the office of Pro Grand Master, on the death of the late Earl of Carnarvon. In honouring the Earl of Lathom then, and supporting him in any of his Masonic work, the Craft is honouring the one leader of the Order who has shared with the Prince of Wales the chief responsibility of the past twenty years, and in thus honouring so distinguished a lieutenant they honour the chief; and we are sure the Prince of Wales will take almost as much interest in the work of his tried supporter as though he had himself undertaken the presidency of the Festival—which, it must be borne in mind, he could hardly have done, in view of his last efforts in this direction having been associated with the same Institution as that with which the Earl of Lathom is this year associated. There exists then a special reason why the coming Festival should receive encouragement from the whole body of English Freemasons, and we hope every Lodge under the rule of our Grand Lodge will make an effort to join in the support of their distinguished leader.

Turning to the Chairman's own Province of West Lancashire, we find another reason for expecting special support in connection with this coming Festival, inasmuch as the present year marks the completion of Lord Lathom's twenty-first year of Mastership over that district, and our Lancashire friends are hardly the ones to let the opportunity of showing their gratification at such an anniversary pass without making some particular effort in connection with it. We do not know whether the two events—the Master's majority, and his presidency as Chairman of the Girls Festival—have yet been closely associated in the Province, but no doubt something of the sort has been done, and we may ask the question—what is likely to be the result of such a union?

This division of English Freemasonry boasts 108 Lodges, in every one of which the name of Lord Lathom is revered and respected, in fact it is safe to say that no other Provincial Grand Master is more honoured in his own county than is the chief of West Lancashire—hence we have an exceptionally wide field for operations, with most enthusiastic Craftsmen to work upon, and, above all, a good cause, with a splendid leader.

As we said when reviewing the results of Lord Lathom's presidency for the Boys School, in 1891, "those who work with Lord Lathom are never satisfied

with secondary honours, and the efforts of the West Lancashire Brethren in support of their Provincial Grand Master will ever stand out as a prominent example of what is possible in the Masonic Order when a number of Brethren unite to give tangible proof of loyalty to their chief, and desire to show respect for a most popular Craftsman." The district was on that occasion represented by no less than 134 Stewards, and their joint contributions reached the handsome total of £6,030. This was with a Province not quite so strong in point of number of Lodges as we find West Lancashire to-day, while the younger Lodges of that period have had time to more fully develop their resources, and will probably be in a better position to support their chief now than was the case in 1891. Under such circumstances, and in view of the Majority celebration we have spoken of, what, may we again ask, is likely to be the result of Lord Lathom's efforts on behalf of "Our Girls," so far as his Province of West Lancashire is individually concerned? We cannot believe the Brethren of that important section of English Freemasonry will make a backward movement; we shall rather expect them to display a special outburst of enthusiasm, and support their chief with a list far in advance of that just quoted, and which won for West Lancashire the proud distinction of contributing the largest sum ever received from a Province. The Brethren of the district will not rest on their past reputation, but will rather strive to excel themselves, and may virtually be relied upon to do so,—accordingly we may hope for at least £6,000 from West Lancashire for the coming Festival, while there is every probability of its reaching far beyond that grand total, in view of the particular surroundings of this year's celebration; and with such a return from one district, what should we anticipate from the whole of the country?

As we have previously argued, Lord Lathom is not merely the pet of a district—he is also one of the heads of the English Craft, and his work in that position during the past twenty years is so well known and deservedly appreciated as to win for him almost equal respect with his Royal chief throughout the entire English Brotherhood, and this fact should have no little effect on the amount of support he receives outside his own Province. We should like to see every Lodge in the country taking a part in this year's Festivals—we could hardly ask all to support the Pro Grand Master to the detriment of the other Charities—and we consider such a result would be but a fitting tribute of respect to one who fully deserves the greatest honour it is possible for the Craftsmen of England to confer.

We had intended our remarks to apply solely to the personal qualifications of the Chairman who will preside at the Festival, to be held on the 9th of May, especially as all necessary information as to the internal management and conduct of the Institution can be so readily obtained from Brother F. R. W. Hedges, its Secretary, at Freemasons' Hall, but we feel we should add a few words on behalf of the Institution itself. It has done splendid work in the past, and is at the present time providing education, clothing and maintenance for 263 Girls, in such a manner as to win the highest praise from all who are in a position to judge of the work, and with educational results—guaged by the outcome of the different examinations—which have been of the most satisfactory character. It is in celebration of the 106th Anniversary Festival of this Institution that the Earl of Lathom has undertaken to preside in May, and we hope the outcome of his advocacy and special

pleading will not only be gratifying to himself as the Chairman, but such as the English Brotherhood may be proud to associate with the name of their much respected Pro Grand Master.

UNITED GRAND LODGE.

THE Quarterly Communication on Wednesday clearly demonstrated one thing—that there is a vast amount more interest taken in the affairs of Freemasonry when occasion offers than is evidenced by the usual assembly at the stated meetings of Grand Lodge. The reason for the unwonted activity displayed this week is found in the fact that three candidates were seeking the suffrages of the Craft for election to the post of Grand Treasurer, and so well did their friends and supporters work on their behalf, that no less than 3,085 votes were recorded during the time Grand Lodge was open.

The proceedings were presided over by the Earl of Lathom Pro Grand Master, who was supported by Bro. W. W. B. Beach, M.P., as Deputy Grand Master, Bro. Thomas F. Halsey, M.P., as Past Grand Master, the Earl of Yarborough Senior Grand Warden, the Right Hon. A. Akers-Douglas, M.P., Junior Grand Warden, Colonel Gerard Noel Money, C.B., Prov. G.M. Surrey, Rev. C. J. Martyn P.G. Chap., Samuel Cochrane Grand Treas., F. A. Philbrick, Q.C., Grand Reg., R. D. M. Littler, C.B., Q.C., Deputy G. Reg., T. Fenn P.B.G.P., Dr. F. E. Pocock, E. Letchworth Grand Sec., Robert Grey P.B. of B., L. G. Gordon Robins, Sir Albert Woods, S. G. Kirchhoffer, W. H. Marsden Grand Sword Bearer, A. C. Spaul and R. Willoughby Grand Standard Bearers, Thos. Minstrell G. Purs., C. J. R. Tijou Asst. G. Purs., H. Sadler Grand Tyler, &c., &c.

The re-election of H.R.H. the Prince of Wales as Most Worshipful Grand Master was proposed by Bro. Alfred Cooper Deputy Master of the Prince of Wales's Lodge, No. 259, whose nomination was seconded by Bro. W. B. Coltman Worshipful Master of the Chancery Bar Lodge, No. 2456, at the recent consecration of which, it will be remembered, the Prince of Wales took the leading part. The Grand Master was re-elected with the greatest enthusiasm, and was afterwards regularly proclaimed by Sir Albert W. Woods, K.C.M.G., C.B., Garter, F.S.A., &c., Grand Director of Ceremonies.

The next business—that of election of Grand Treasurer—occupied the attention of Grand Lodge for a considerable period, the special arrangements made for the meeting preventing, however, any confusion. The several candidates were regularly proposed: Bro. Alderman and Sheriff Dimsdale by Bro. Gordon Brown, with Col. Gadsden as seconder; Bro. C. W. Hudson by Bros. Alfred King and Col. Brookfield, M.P.; and Bro. W. M. Stiles by Bros. Walter Martin and E. W. Nightingale. Grand Lodge was kept open all the afternoon, the principal Officers being relieved from time to time.

On the formal re-assembling of the Brethren about 7 o'clock, Bro. Beach, M.P., occupied the chair, and, at 7.15, declared the poll for Grand Treasurer closed, one voter, who was within a yard of the ballot box being too late.

On the proposition of Bro. Dr. Pocock, seconded by Bro. Gordon Robbins, the Report of the Board of Benevolence was received.

Other business having been disposed of, Bro. W. Maxfield Mead the I.P.M. and Bro. Tom Green P.M. of Bromley St. Leonard Lodge, No. 1805, who appealed against the decision of the Board of General Purposes, suspending them from all Masonic privileges for six months, were introduced by the G.D. of C. into Grand Lodge, but being under suspension they did not wear Masonic clothing. The Grand Secretary read the statement of Bro. Green, while Bro. Mead spoke in his own defence, making a capital speech, in which he said he accepted the interpretation of Rule 140 as laid down by the Board of General Purposes, but appealed from their excessive punishment. He was a friend of both parties and certainly bore neither of them any animus. He was in the position of a judge whose judgment had been

over-ruled, but sentenced for his erroneous judgment. He contended the offence was a civil one, and did not merit criminal punishment—the sentence passed upon him really being equivalent to six months imprisonment without the option of a fine. He threw himself on the mercy and justice of Grand Lodge, conscious that he was not guilty of any act, word or deed that would debar him. The appellants then left the Lodge, amid the applause of brethren.

Bro. Fenn contended that the Board had acted strictly within its powers, and considered that when a Brother had been illegally disgraced before his Lodge punishment of an exemplary kind should be meted out.

Bro. Tijou thought the Lodge would sympathise with the two Brethren who, while admitting the justice of the finding of the Board, considered the punishment unnecessarily severe. He suggested that the sentence be cancelled. Bro. Littler then formally proposed, and Bro. Eve seconded: "while recognising that the decision of the Board of General Purposes was quite within their rights, Grand Lodge is of opinion that the remainder of the term of suspension be remitted." This was carried amid manifest signs of approval, and was generally recognised as being a satisfactory conclusion to an unpleasant item of business. The appellants were then recalled, and entered Grand Lodge properly clothed, bowing their acknowledgment to the Master in the chair when he communicated to them the decision. They subsequently took their seats in Lodge.

Bro. Beach, next announced that Alderman Dimsdale had been elected Grand Treasurer, the result of the poll being

Alderman Dimsdale	. 1317 votes
W. M. Stiles	. 1200 "
C. W. Hudson	. 568 "

The proceedings were brought to a conclusion in the usual way.

GRAND MARK LODGE.

THE Quarterly Communication of Grand Lodge of Mark Master Masons of England and Wales, and the Colonies and Dependencies of the British Crown, was held on Tuesday evening, at Mark Masons' Hall, London. The Most Worshipful Pro Grand Master the Earl of Euston presided, and among the other Brethren who attended were Bros. Viscount Dungarvan Deputy Grand Master, Frank Richardson as G.S.W., Sir Reginald Hanson, M.P., J.G.W., R. Loveland-Loveland, Dr. R. Turtle Pigott, C. F. Matier G.S., Col. A. B. Cook, Gordon Miller P.G.T., F. Mead, G.T., C. H. Driver, Baron de Ferrieres, J. S. Eastes C. F. Hogard, C. Martin, W. M. Stiles, Capt. Weston G.I.G., Major C. W. Carrell, Joseph S. Tamburini, Eugene Monteunis, and a large number of present and past Grand Officers. After Bro. Matier, the Grand Secretary, had read the minutes, which were confirmed, the report of the General Board, given in our last issue, was, on the motion of the President, Bro. R. Loveland-Loveland, seconded by the Past Grand Treasurer, Bro. Gordon Miller, taken as read, received and ordered to be entered on the minutes.

Bro. Eugene Monteunis Past Grand Steward then rose and said: Most Worshipful Pro Grand Master and Brethren, I feel it a very great honour that I should be allowed the privilege of proposing that His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales be the Most Worshipful Grand Master of Mark Master Masons of England and Wales, and the Colonies and Dependencies of the British Crown for the ensuing year. I am sure it is unnecessary for me to expatiate on the qualities and merits of His Royal Highness; they are known to you all, and I feel sure that this proposition will be received with acclamation, for I have seen and heard the applause with which His Royal Highness's name is always honoured at our meetings. Now, Most Worshipful Pro Grand Master, I may be allowed to say, as the Master of La Tolerance Lodge, that among all the Brethren who owe obedience to our Most Worshipful Grand Master, there are men of many climes and many nationalities, and I feel confident that I am not advancing too much when I say that it is a source of gratification to them as well as to you that

he should rule over us all. His Royal Highness has proved himself so entirely free from prejudice, so cosmopolitan in all his ideas, that he is most fitted to preside over those men who are proud to call themselves English Masons. Most Worshipful Pro Grand Master, I think I need say no more. I beg to propose His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales to be elected Most Worshipful Grand Master for the ensuing year.

Bro. Joseph S. Tamburini W.M. No. 104 had very great pleasure in seconding the motion.

The Earl of Euston: Brethren, I am sure the motion needs no words of mine to commend it to you. I hope the election will be unanimous.

The motion was carried unanimously, and Bro. Major C. W. Carrell Assistant Grand Director of Ceremonies proclaimed His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales duly elected as Grand Master of Mark Masons.

Bro. Frederick Mead Grand Treasurer: Most Worshipful Pro Grand Master, I have great pleasure in proposing Bro. Richard Turtle Pigott, D.C.L., a Worshipful Master, Past Assistant Grand Director of Ceremonies in the Craft, Past Grand Assistant Director of Ceremonies in the Royal Arch, a Life Governor of all the Charities, for each of which he has served as Steward several times, and has also served three Stewardships of the Mark Benevolent Fund, a Joint Member of many Lodges and Chapters, a Brother who is well-known for his Masonic work, and who is greatly esteemed, for the office of Grand Treasurer for the ensuing year. I am sure his election will be extremely popular among all Mark Master Masons.

Bro. Major C. W. Carrell A.G.D.C.: I have much pleasure in seconding the motion.

The Earl of Euston: Nobody else being proposed I announce Bro. Dr. Turtle Pigott duly elected as Grand Treasurer during the ensuing year.

Grand Lodge was then closed in ample form.

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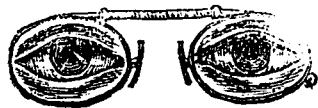
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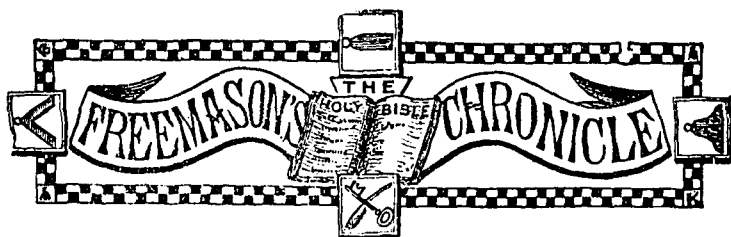
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ELECTION OF GRAND TREASURER, 1894-95.

BRO. CHAS. W. HUDSON,

in thanking the many Brethren who supported him in his candidature on Wednesday last, begs to announce that he will stand for the appointment again on an early occasion.

Brighton, 9th March 1894.



SATURDAY, 10TH MARCH 1894.

OUR MILLENARY.

WE may be excused for saying a word in regard to ourselves on the occasion of the issue of this, our thousandth number, but we shall confine our remarks to an expression of thanks for the favours of the past, with the hope that we may be even more liberally supported in the future, and so enabled to do more for the good of the cause we have at heart. In these days of journalistic enterprise it is no very difficult task to point to a specialty suited to the needs and requirements of every class—the merest caprices and whims of fashion being catered for by some new aspirant for public favours, but it is not all these ventures that exist for a thousand weeks; therefore we should express our gratification that the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE has done so. We have received several kind expressions of approval during the last month, and these, coupled with the fact that we have a journal of respectable age to work for, inspire us with fresh enthusiasm, which will lead, we hope, to satisfactory results. We trust it may be our good fortune to address our readers under equally gratifying conditions on the completion of the two thousandth number of the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

Masonic Sonnets, No. 86.

BY BRO. CHAS. F. FORSHAW, LL.D., 295 and 2417 (E.C.) Hon. Mem.
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Written in commemoration of the Thousandth issue of
"The Freemason's Chronicle."

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A Thousand numbers is an epoch great
In press career—Masonic or profane—
So I to-day would fain commemorate
The Craft's Own Paper in poetic strain.
Since first the CHRONICLE appeared to Light,
(May nought e'er come its Columns bright to sever)
Papers have been and gone and lost to sight,
But Brethren true wish theirs' to live for ever.
Long may its leaves portray with Wisdom's might
The Strength and Beauty of The Mystic Tie;
Pointing to Realms that know no earthly night—
The blest abode of Him who is Most High!
And thither led by Truth's and Love's own pages
We find a refuge on the Rock of Ages!

Winder House, Bradford,
6th March 1894.

There are three candidates, said the "Evening News and Post" of the 2nd inst., for the post of Grand Treasurer of the Freemasons—Brother Hudson, of

Brighton, who will not be in the running, Bro. Alderman and Sheriff Dimsdale, and Brother W. M. Stiles. The last two represent London Masonry, the pith and marrow of the Craft; while Bro. Hudson stands as the champion of the Provinces. Brothes Stiles, who is the manager of the famous cartridge firm of Eley Brothers, is supported by the "Blue" Masons, on the ground that his retirement at the last election allowed the present Treasurer, Brother Cochrane, a walk over. Alderman Dimsdale, as the candidate whom the "purple men," the Grand Officers Present and Past, support, is nearly certain of election. A man of five-and-forty, he is the managing partner in the firm of Prescott, Dimsdale and Co., and as a banker of the highest repute in Cornhill and Alderman of the Ward, is just the man to command the confidence of the Craft. He is said to be the first Etonian who has been an Alderman, though his Brother Hanson is of Rugby, and Sir Joseph Savory, M.P., was, or rather is, an Old Harrovian.

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The White Rose of York—the youngest of the Sheffield Lodges—contemplates a new departure, says the "Sheffield Daily Telegraph." Masonic dances are not novel, and they are usually most enjoyable, but the idea of a single Lodge giving a dance all by itself is to be carried out by the White Rose for the first time in Sheffield. The experiment, I think, will answer. Most ladies, like a few men, prefer a dance to a dinner. Nearly a hundred years ago the Britannia Lodge, the oldest of the Masonic bodies, had a little trial banquet of that kind. In the "History of the Royal Brunswick Lodge," it is recorded that it was decided in 1800 "that each Brother should have the liberty of introducing two ladies to partake of the evening's entertainment (that is the Feast of St. John, on the 25th June 1800)." No account is given of how the function went off. Probably the historian was more judicious in those days than ours. Neither is there any record of the experiment being repeated. The writer contents himself with the comment, "No mention is made of any similar privilege being accorded to the members of the Royal Brunswick Lodge." Why so shy, O Royal Brunswickers?

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At a largely attended meeting held on the 2nd inst. at the Freemasons' Hall, Plymouth, it was resolved to nominate Bro. W. Allsford P.M. of Lodge Friendship, No. 202, Devonport, as Provincial Grand Treasurer at the next meeting of the Prov. Grand Lodge. Bro. Allsford, says the "Western Morning News," has been an active Freemason for a great number of years, and a generous supporter of the Masonic charities. He was elected W.M. of Friendship twelve years ago, and is a very popular member of the Order.

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South Wales and Monmouthshire Freemasons are distinctly privileged in having an organ of their own. This is "The Craftsman," published in Cardiff, and edited by Bro. F. J. Harries, member of the Institute of Journalists. It makes its appearance once a month. The issue for the 20th inst., says the "South Wales Daily News," contains information of special interest to Masons, and is well got up. Among its features are a portrait and a *fac-simile* letter of Bro. General Lord Roberts, and an interesting illustrated interview with Bro. Marmaduke Tennant, the Dep. Prov. Grand Master for South Wales Eastern Division.

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The proposal to build a grand Masonic Hall in Glasgow has at last taken definite shape, and Bro. John Graham, of Broadstone, P.G.M. has taken the matter in hand. A company has been registered under the Companies' Acts, and the intention is to raise a capital of £20,000 in £1 shares.

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It will be seen from an announcement in another column that Bro. Hudson has already decided to continue his candidature for the Grand Treasurership.

HEREFORDSHIRE.

THE Provincial Grand Lodge was held at Ledbury, on Monday, 12th ult., under the banner of the Eastnor Lodge, No. 751. The Lodge was opened at the Mission Hall, by the Provincial Grand Master, Sir Joseph Bailey, who was supported by the Rev. J. Buckle P.D.P.G.M., and upwards of seventy brethren from various Lodges of the Province. The report from each Lodge was presented by its respective Master, and showed collectively an increase in the numbers, and generally testified that Freemasonry in the Province was in a prosperous condition.

It was reported that about £50 had been given to charities during the past year, and that a local Masonic Charity scheme had been formulated, with the object of assisting in the education of children of deceased Masons and relieving necessitous brethren. Towards this each Lodge will contribute a proportionate amount. The Prov. Grand Lodge cordially voted the sum of twenty guineas as a first contribution.

The principal feature in the business of the meeting was the investiture of Bro. H. C. Beddoe as Deputy Provincial Grand Master, *vice* Bro. G. H. Piper, who has retired through ill health. The high esteem in which Bro. Beddoe is held throughout the county has made the appointment one of universal satisfaction.

The Provincial Grand Master appointed and invested his Officers for the ensuing year, addressing a few complimentary remarks to each.

At the conclusion of the business, a collection was made on behalf of the Ledbury Parish Nurse Fund, which amounted to £4 4s 6d. The brethren adjourned to the Feathers Hotel, where they partook of dinner. The usual Masonic toasts were honoured, interspersed with songs and glees, Bro. Mason presiding at the piano.

CENTENARY: APOLLO, No. 301.

THE one hundredth anniversary was celebrated in the Town Hall, Alcester, on the 26th ult., under the presidency of Bro. D'Arcy Power, B.A., M.B. Oxon, F.R.C.S. Eng., the Worshipful Master. Bros. R. H. Gilper and H. A. Power were raised. Letters of regret for their unavoidable absence were read from Bros. the Most Honourable the Marquis of Hertford, Lord Ernest Seymour, Horace Haynes, and other members of the Lodge.

After the business of the evening had been transacted the brethren adjourned to the Swan Hotel for their banquet. In the course of the evening the Worshipful Master gave an account of the Lodge. He stated that it was founded in Alcester on 26th February 1794. The first initiations took place on 5th March 1794, when Joseph Wyatt and Arthur Styles were admitted Masons. The Lodge meetings were at first held fortnightly, but in 1801 they became monthly. From the foundation of the Lodge until the end of 1848 the meetings were held at the Angel Hotel, but they were then transferred to the Swan, and of late years the kindness of the Marquis of Hertford had permitted them to be held in the Town Hall. After some technical details, the Worshipful Master went on to say that his predecessors only acquired the right to use the term Worshipful in 1817, as before that date they simply called themselves Master. He then gave an interesting account of his good fortune in discovering the original Warrant or Charter of the Lodge, which had been lost for more than 40 years.

The health of Bro. Dr. Haynes, who for sixteen years in succession had acted as Installing Master to the Lodge, was then drunk with enthusiasm, after which Bro. Gothard, acting for the Treasurer, gave a most encouraging account of the financial position of the Lodge.

The Worshipful Master pointed out to the Tyler that the office he held was a most wholesome one, and one that conduced greatly to longevity. The Lodge had only three such Officers in the course of its existence, of whom one, Bro. Abel Franklin, officiated from 26th July 1809 to 19th July 1848, without missing a single meeting.

CORRESPONDENCE.

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GRAND OFFICERS AT THE FESTIVALS.

To the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—Re the above, "A Worker in the Cause" has ample cause for drawing the attention of brethren to what he so justly calls an anomaly, and he is deserving of their thanks for making the matter prominent through the medium of the CHRONICLE. In my opinion the real mischief lies in the fact that Grand Officers and Provincial Grand Officers are all too often chosen for their honoured and responsible positions for the sole reason that their purses are large, their hearts generous, and that that grand Masonic virtue, charity, has a large place in their breasts. The question then naturally arises "does all this entitle them to superior positions in our Order, and must they as a sequence tower head and shoulders above brethren whose knowledge of the workings of Masonry is immeasurably in advance of theirs?" I say emphatically, No! All honour to them for so nobly coming forward in the hour of need, but to be thrust in positions for which they have no love, and are totally unfitted, is a blot upon the Craft that needs erasing promptly and surely. As "A Worker in the Cause" says, the real "work has to be done by humbler members of the Order," and as soon as our leading Masonic spirits see this the better it will be for Freemasonry.

Fraternally yours,

CHAS. F. FORSHAW, LL.D.

Winder House, Bradford,
6th March 1894.

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ATTENDANCE AT GRAND LODGE.

To the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—When I read in yesterday's daily papers that somewhere about four thousand brethren were expected at the meeting of Grand Lodge, to take part in the election of its Treasurer, I felt that considerable allowance ought to be made for journalistic exaggeration, and that if half that number attended it would be a large assembly, but what are the facts? Upwards of 3000 actually polled, and thereby proved a lively interest in the affairs of the Order. Bearing in mind that every one of these voters must have won distinction in the Craft (most of them are Past Masters, of course) I think it proves most conclusively that the members of the Masonic Order do not lose all interest in the work when once they have secured the summit of their ambition—the Master's chair.

A few weeks back I read in your columns that a keen contest for the elective office of Grand Treasurer must be of advantage to the Craft. I could not see how that was to be, and intended to express my views on this point in a letter to you, but I did not do so, and luckily I did not, for if I had I must now have written in contradiction of my ideas at that time, for I recognise that a matter which induces 3085 members of Grand Lodge to personally attend and record their vote should be of material benefit, and proves beyond doubt the existence of considerable enthusiasm in our midst.

Yours fraternally,

P.M.

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PERSONAL OR PROXY VOTING.

To the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—I agree with your remarks of last week as to the means of securing the opinion of Grand Lodge on such questions as the election of Grand Treasurer—the voting should be by ballot papers sent through the post, as then country members would have equal chances with London ones, whereas now the decision virtually rests with those on the spot. If the brethren of London and say 25 miles round take a fancy for any particular line of action they can easily swamp outsiders; would, perhaps, be able to turn up in a majority of 10 to 1, and this clearly shows that the Craft is at the mercy of the metropolis on all votive questions. Is it desirable to alter this? I think it is, and anyone who travels much through the Provinces, and discusses the question with the leaders of Masonry there, will, I think, adopt the same opinion.

I have frequently argued out the pros and cons of the question, and am aware there are strong arguments to be used against the proxy system. Men may then be induced to vote who know or care very little as to what they vote upon, merely answering the call or dictate of some friend, but after all that is really what is wanted, and provided there is no bribery or underhand working I cannot see it matters whether the vote is given on a personal decision, or as the result of influence brought to bear by a friend at a distance. It certainly seems fairer to allow all members of Grand Lodge equal opportunities of voting, and that can only be done by means of papers sent through the post, or perhaps by

voting carried on at a regular or an emergency meeting of every Lodge throughout the country.

Yours fraternally,

ON THE ROAD.

Grantham, 7th March 1894.

MASONIC BENEFIT AT BURY.

TUESDAY of last week witnessed the gathering of one of the most brilliant audiences of the season at the Theatre Royal, Bury, says the "Bury Guardian," the occasion being the annual performance for the benefit of the Masonic Charities, which was given under the patronage of Colonel LeGendre Starkie R.W. Prov. G.M. East Lancashire, Bro. George Mellor Dep. Prov. G.M., &c. A dispensation had been given for Brethren to appear in Masonic Craft and Royal Arch clothing, of which full advantage was taken by the members of the five local Lodges. The interior of the theatre presented a spectacle only to be seen by the outside public on very special occasions. Past Masters, Worshipful Masters, and other officials appeared in full Masonic clothing, which to the uninitiated is a matter of wonder and admiration. So great was the interest in the event that the whole of the seats were booked days in advance, and it taxed the organising powers of Bro. Purcell to meet the demand for accommodation. The five Bury Lodges—Lodge of Relief, 42, Prince Edwin, 128, Lodge of St. John, 191, Prince of Wales, 1012, Egerton Lodge, 1392—were all strongly represented both by Officers and members, the general public responding to the appeal in numbers sufficient to afford the utmost gratification to all concerned, and the performance from beginning to end evoked the greatest enthusiasm. "Julius Caesar" occupied the premier position in the programme, with Mr. Edmund Tearle as Brutus; Bro. Bernard Sloman, "the man bird," and the Besses-o'-th'-Barn Band were included in the programme, the evening concluding with the screen scene from "The School for Scandal." Praise must be equally distributed to all concerned. Mr. Tearle, ably supported by his company, provided the initial stage of the evening's pleasure, which was followed by Bro. Sloman's mimicry of birds and beasts, and an operatic selection by a band which enjoys a reputation extending far beyond the boundaries of the County Palatine. The Screen Scene is always enjoyable, and the curtain dropped amid rounds of applause, oft repeated. During a short interval, Bro. Newbold expressed from the stage the hearty thanks of the whole of the Masonic Brethren to Bro. Purcell for the use of the theatre on that occasion, and for the success of his arrangements. To Mr. Edmund Tearle and his talented company, Bro. Sloman and the Besses-o'-th'-Barn Band, their thanks were also due. The result of the performance was about £120, and of that sum it was estimated the Masonic Charities would benefit to the extent of £50. The short address was received with loud applause. A tribute of praise must be paid to those Brethren who acted as hon. secretaries for this performance, viz:—Bro. Sam. Cox I.P.M. 42, Bro. P. Bibby P.M. 128, Bro. F. W. Purcell I.P.M. 191, Bro. F. Howarth W.M. 101, and Bro. George Black I.P.M. 1392.

EASTER HOLIDAY RAILWAY ARRANGEMENTS.

Midland Railway.—On Good Friday, the trains on this Railway will run as appointed for Sundays, with the following exceptions: the Newspaper Express leaving St. Pancras at 5.15 a.m., will run to Bedford, Leicester, Nottingham, Derby, Sheffield, and Manchester, and the 8.55 a.m. Local Train, Sheffield to Leeds, &c., will await its arrival. The Up Night express leaving Edinburgh at 9.45 p.m., Glasgow at 9.45 p.m., and Carlisle at 12.38 a.m., for London, will run on Good Friday night, March 23rd, and Saturday morning, March 24th, the same as on ordinary week-days. The 3.32 a.m. Carlisle to Stranraer, and 8.50 p.m. Stranraer to Carlisle, in connection with Steamers to and from Ireland, will run on Good Friday, the same as on ordinary week-days. The Steamers between Barrow and Belfast will sail on Good Friday in both directions. That from Barrow will await the arrival of the 4.5 p.m. train from Leeds.

To prevent inconvenience and crowding, the Booking Offices at St. Pancras and Moorgate Street Stations will be open for the issue of Tickets all day on Wednesday, Thursday, and Saturday, March 21st, 22nd, and 24th, and tickets to all principal stations on the Midland Railway will also be issued beforehand at any of their offices, a list of which can be had on application. The Tickets obtained at these Offices will be available from St. Pancras Station, and will be issued at the same fares as charged at that Station, and dated to suit the convenience of Passengers.

On Thursday, March 22nd, cheap Excursion Trains will be run from London to most of the principal stations on the Midland system, tickets for which can be obtained on the two days previous to the running of the Trains, at the offices of the Company.

Cheap Excursion Trains for six days will also be run on Thursday, March 22nd to London, from Carlisle, Bradford, Leeds, Sheffield, Liverpool, Manchester, Blackburn, Bolton, Lincoln, Newark, &c., &c.; and on Good Friday, from the principal stations for different periods. Passengers will be booked by these Trains at cheap fares to Brighton, and other South Coast Stations, and to the Continent; those for the Continent having the privilege of returning by any ordinary train within 16 days. On Easter Monday, single day trips will be run in various directions.

A novel Exhibition under the highest patronage will open at the Royal Aquarium in June next, consisting of everything connected with coaching, riding and driving. A number of most interesting loans have already been promised, and the project is exciting great interest amongst the Coaching fraternity.

REPORTS OF MEETINGS.

METROPOLITAN.

ÆSCULAPIUS LODGE, No. 2410.

AN ordinary meeting was held at the Café Royal, Regent Street, on the 14th ult., the W.M., F. Ernest Pocock, M.D., presiding. James Sartin, M.R.C.S., and H. J. Sharpe, M.R.C.S., were elected Joining Members. H. W. Nix, B.A., M.B., B.C. Camb. M.R.C.S. Eng., and J. R. Bosworth, M.R.C.S. Eng., L.R.C.P. Edin., were admitted into Freemasonry. Ten guineas was voted to the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys. The W.M. announced that Grand Chapter had granted the petition for a Chapter in connection with the Æsculapius Lodge, to be called the "Æsculapius Chapter," which will be consecrated at an early date. The members, together with a number of visitors, afterwards dined together and spent a very enjoyable social evening.

PICKWICK LODGE, No. 2467.

AT Anderton's Hotel, Fleet Street, on Friday, 2nd inst. Present Brothers Col. I. W. Beningsfield W.M., Nicholls S.W., Moss J.W., Jacobs Treasurer, W. C. Blake Secretary, Holland S.D., Scribner I.G., W. Wright P.P.G.O. for Middlesex. Bros. Boulton, Moss, Churcher, Masters, Yeoman, Stock, Rhodes and others. Visitors:—Bros. Clay Sudlow P.G.S.B., Anthony P.M. 207, G. Edwards 907, Lawley 2848, Griffith W.M. 463, Wakefield P.M. 95, Shepherd 194, and Nixon P.M. 207.

The Lodge was opened and minutes confirmed. Bro. Churcher having answered the questions was entrusted. The Lodge was then opened in 2nd and 3rd degrees and resumed to the 2nd. Brother Churcher was passed. Lodge was then resumed to 1st degree, and two gentlemen were initiated into the Order.

Bro. Col. I. W. Beningsfield W.M. installed Bro. Nicholls into the Master's chair in a most impressive and exemplary manner, after which the new Master invested his Officers with a few well chosen congratulatory remarks. After hearty good wishes the Lodge was closed, and the brethren adjourned to the banquet which was under the personal superintendence of Bro. A. Clemow and gave the greatest satisfaction.

The toast of the Queen, and Prince of Wales M.W.G.M., were heartily given and received, as was that of the Grand Officers, which was responded to by Bro. Clay Sudlow in his usual clear and distinct manner. He expressed the great pleasure he felt in visiting the Lodge and seeing the rapid progress it had made; he said it was always a pleasure to the Grand Officers to visit the Lodges, as their reception was most cordial, and their endeavours to discharge their duties were always appreciated by the brethren.

The toast of the W.M. Bro. Nicholls was received with great enthusiasm. Bro. Col. I. W. Beningsfield the I.P.M. in proposing the toast, said there could not possibly be a better W.M. than Bro. Nicholls, who was a perfect Master of the work, always constant in his attendance, courteous and genial in his manner to all, and ever striving to promote the interest of the Lodge. He was a P.M. of the Craft, Arch and Mark degrees, a Provincial Grand Officer of very high rank, and a Brother widely known, and he felt confident very highly appreciated.

The W.M. briefly thanked the I.P.M. and the Brethren for their kind reception.

The toast of the I.P.M. and Installing Past Master followed. Bro. Col. Beningsfield expressed his thanks to the Brethren for the kindness of feeling towards him, and especially for the beautiful P.M.'s jewel they had presented him with. He could assure them that he felt very very proud of being their first Master. He had always tried to do his best, and it had always given him great pleasure to witness the harmony and good feeling that had existed in the "Pickwick Lodge," which had been the means of making the Lodge a great success.

The Visitors toast was next given, and responded to by a Brother from "The Isle of Green" and Bro. Griffiths, who congratulated the Lodge upon the splendid work they were doing, and the very hearty reception that the visitors had received.

The toast of the Officers and that of the Tyler brought a very successful gathering to a happy conclusion.

VICTORIA PARK LODGE OF INSTRUCTION, No. 1816.

THE annual supper was held at the George Hotel, Stratford, on the 15th ult. Bro. D. Meiklereid W.M. in the chair. After paying due honour to the repast, which was served in a most satisfactory manner by Bro. F. C. D. Fenn, the worthy host, the Loyal toasts were proposed.

CONCORD CHAPTER, No. 632.

ON Wednesday, 21st ult., the installation meeting was held at Trowbridge, when the new M.E.Z. Comp. T. S. Hill was installed by the Right Hon. the Earl of Radnor, G.S. of Wilts.

ISRAEL CHAPTER, No. 205.

THE installation meeting was held on the 14th ult., at the Cannon Street Hotel, when Comp. A. J. Henochsberg P.Z. was installed as M.E.Z., Maurice J. De Leeuw H., Joseph Levy J., H. J. Phillips P.Z. Treas., C. F. Hogard P.Z. S.E., I. H. Gluck-

stein S.N., B. Marcus P.S., S. Lichtenfeld and I. Rosalki Assist. Sojs. Comp. S. Dancyger was presented with a P.Z.'s jewel for his services as M.E.Z. for the past year.

CRAFT: PROVINCIAL.

ROYAL YORK LODGE, No. 315.

AT the annual meeting held at the Royal Pavilion, Brighton, on the 6th inst., Bro. Harry Kent was re-installed W.M. for the ensuing year, the brethren having honoured him by re-electing him to that important office. The W.M. appointed his Officers, those present being invested. The Brethren afterwards sat down to a banquet.

ST. JOHN'S LODGE, No. 348.

THE annual meeting was held at the Masonic Hall, Institute Street, Bolton, on the 22nd ult., the gathering being attended by about 60 brethren, representing almost all sections of the Bolton district. Bro. Heyes was installed Worshipful Master for the ensuing twelve months, in succession to Bro. C. Holgate. Other Masonic business followed, and during the evening a substantial amount was realised for charitable purposes.

PERSEVERANCE LODGE, No. 371.

THE brethren of this Lodge assembled in the Freemason's Hall, Maryport, on the 22nd ult., to meet I.P.M. Bro. Annison P.G.A. Dir. of Cers., who is leaving the town. At the last regular meeting it was decided that he was worthy of some mark of appreciation on the part of the brethren, and a committee was appointed to conduct the matter. This Committee decided that a social gathering should be held, at which Brother Annison should be presented with a Past Master's jewel. In proposing Brother Annison's health, the Chairman, Bro. J. Gardner P.M. P.P.G.R. said it needed no words on his part to help them to recognise the great interest which Bro. Annison took in Freemasonry; and they knew what progress the Lodge had made since he joined it. When it became known that he was about to remove from the town, the brethren, to show the sincerity of their appreciation, and in recognition of his services to Craft Masonry in particular, decided to present, and cheerfully subscribed for, a Past Master's Jewel, which they had asked him, as the oldest P.M. there, to present. He might say they one and all heartily hoped that he would be spared for many years to aid and encourage Freemasonry. The Chairman then proposed the health of Brother Nicholson, the oldest Mason of 371, whom the brethren were sorry not to have with them. The toast was also drunk with musical honours. Brother Carey proposed a vote of thanks to the Chairman, which was seconded by Brother Mitchell, and heartily awarded. The Chairman suitably replied. A similar compliment was paid the Vice-Chairman, on the motion of Brother Waite, seconded by Brother Leach.

YARBOROUGH LODGE, No. 551.

THE installation of Bro. W. Cole Norman took place at the Masonic Hall, Ventnor, on the 20th ult., when the ceremony was most impressively performed by the outgoing W.M. Bro. F. H. Sheppard, in the presence of about 40 members of this and other Lodges. Subsequently the W.M., his Officers, and the members partook of a banquet at the Royal Hotel, which was catered for in his usual high class style by Bro. Lieut.-Col. Coyle, the managing director of the Hotel.

ST. DAVID'S LODGE, No. 679.

THE anniversary of this Lodge was celebrated at the Masonic Hall, Aberdare, on the 1st inst. There was an unusually large attendance of Brethren, including visitors. The installation of the W.M. for the forthcoming year was conducted by Bro. T. Phillips. Bro. Phillips was then presented, on behalf of the Lodge, with a handsome oil-painting of himself, in Masonic regalia, executed by Bro. G. F. Haines, of Merthyr. Bro. Phillips, in a brief speech, tendered his thanks to the brethren, and presented the picture to the Lodge, to be preserved in the Lodge Room.

After the ceremony a sumptuous dinner was partaken of at the Boot Hotel, the host, Bro. D. Hughes, having provided an excellent spread for the occasion. The usual Loyal and Masonic toasts were honoured.

ALBERT VICTOR LODGE, No. 1773.

THE regular meeting was held at the Pendleton Town Hall, on Friday, 17th ult., Bro. Thomas T. Sefton (W.M.) presiding, and there were also present:—Bros. Thomas Threlfall I.P.M., W. Mosley S.W., James Clough J.W., Samuel Statham P.M. P.P.G.T. Chaplain, F. Townson P.M. Treas., J. Clarkson Sec., Thomas M. Brown S.D., W. Lambert J.D., W. Hardcastle P.M. P.P.G.D.C. D. of C., J. L. Smith P.M., William Thomas Blease I.G., W. A. Smith and Richard Hilton Stewards, Edward Roberts P.M. Asst. Prov. G.T., John Harwood, W. Bransby, E. Holland P.M. Visitors:—Bros. S. Gaskill J.W. Integrity, 163, Ridsdale Bowley I.P.M. Egerton, 2216, Hedley Jones Urnston, 1730, H. Entwisle Harmony, 935, R. F. C. Tonge Harmony, 935. After the minutes had been confirmed, the various Officers rendered illustrations of the grand

Principles and distinguishing characteristics of Masonry. This finished, Bro. Holland presented to the Lodge, on his own behalf and on behalf of Bro. Tonge, two very handsome bronze columns, which had been manufactured at the works of the latter. They bore the following inscription:—

Brotherly love between
Bro. E. HOLLAND P.M.,
Albert Victor Lodge, No. 1773,
and Bro. TONGE,
of Harmony Lodge, No. 935,
has caused these columns to be presented to the
Albert Victor Lodge,
16th February 1894.

A vote of thanks to the donors, proposed by Brother Threfall, seconded by Bro. Hardcastle, and supported by Bros. Statham and Mosley was carried. At the festive board the toasts were submitted, that of the Visitors being proposed by Bro. Townson in a capital speech. The visitors, in responding, spoke of the illustrations which had been rendered that evening, and admitted that they were something unique in their experiences of Masonic work.

Bro. Jones said he had witnessed them with feelings of very great pleasure, and he hoped to see the same experiment tried in other Lodges. The evening was pleasantly enlivened with songs, etc.

ROYAL LEEK LODGE, No. 1849.

THE annual meeting took place on the 6th inst., at the Masonic Hall, Bangor, when the Rev. T. Lloyd Kyffin was installed W.M. for the ensuing year. The installing Master was J. Lloyd Griffith, M.A., Holyhead. The Worshipful Master afterwards invested his Officers.

ST. HILDA LODGE, No. 1887.

THE annual meeting was held at the Lodge Room at the Lamb Hotel, Wallingford, on the 15th ult. Bro. Joseph John Gale was installed W.M., the ceremony being performed by Brother E. Horne P.P.S.G.W. Berks. A Past Master's jewel was presented to the Rev. A. W. N. Deacon on retiring from office. At the conclusion of the Lodge the annual banquet was held at the Lamb Hotel, when several visitors from other Lodges were present.

CROOK LODGE, No. 2019.

AT the monthly meeting of the Crook Lodge, held on Wednesday, the 28th ult., Bro. Myles Taylor S.W. was unanimously elected Worshipful Master for the ensuing year. It is announced that Bro. Samuel Holdsworth P.M., ex-Mayor of Durham, but now residing at Kidderminster, has signified his willingness to instal the new Master.

CYCLING AND ATHLETIC LODGE, No. 2335.

THE festival of this Lodge was celebrated on Thursday, the 22nd ult., when Bro. J. Lane was installed W.M. for the ensuing year by Bro. T. G. Parker, the retiring W.M. Subsequent to the installation a banquet was held at which Bro. T. G. Parkes, the I.P.M., was presented, on behalf of the Lodge, with a Masonic gold jewel, studded with diamonds, and a diamond ring, as a token of the esteem and regard in which he was held by the Brethren of the Lodge. Bro. Parkes replied, and congratulated the Lodge on the successful year they had just experienced, and upon the amicable way in which the Officers and members had worked and supported him. The number of Brethren present was close upon ninety.

BENEVENTA LODGE, No. 2380.

CAPTAIN A. F. Mulliner was installed Worshipful Master on the 27th ult. The Lodge is only three years old, but it bids fair to attain a vigorous and useful career. Bro. Mulliner, who was the recipient of hosts of congratulations from all quarters, begins his term of office most auspiciously; and, under his rule, Beneventa is likely to have a happy and useful year. The ceremony took place at a well attended meeting in the Lodge Room at the Wheat Sheaf Hotel, Daventry, and it was admirably performed by Bro. F. Willoughby, one of the Past Masters of the Lodge. Subsequently the Brethren sat down to a banquet, and during the evening the newly-elected W.M. was heartily congratulated on his accession to office.

The W.M., in giving the Officers of Provincial Grand Lodge, spoke of the great indebtedness of the Province to its G.M., Earl Euston, who had taken a foremost place in the Masonry of the kingdom. Only the night before, they were proud to see that the Earl of Euston had been installing the Duke of Connaught in the Mastership of the Euston Lodge of Mark Masons. They had been indebted, too, in the Province, and in that Lodge in particular, to the fraternal help and guidance they had received from the Deputy P.G.M. Bro. Butler-Wilkins.

Bro. Butler-Wilkins said there were no doubt Provinces with a larger number of Lodges, but there was no Province which could boast of a more earnest or capable Grand Master.

Bro. F. Willoughby gave the toast of the evening, the health of the W.M. He must congratulate the Lodge on having elected so worthy a brother to fill the office.

W.M. Bro. Mulliner, on rising to respond, was cordially greeted. He said he would do his utmost to deserve the good will of the brethren. He was but a young Mason, but he should try to carry out his duties so as to satisfy the desires of his brethren and promote

the well-being of the Lodge. In doing what he could to advance the interests of Freemasonry in that district he knew he should have the support of worthy and experienced brethren, to whom he might confidently appeal for counsel and assistance; and he knew he could rely on the loyal support of the members who formed the body of the Lodge. Whatever their position or degree, they would unite with him in furthering the interests of that Lodge in particular and of Freemasonry in general.

Bro. Dr. W. T. Knight, with the permission of the W.M., mentioned that at the Lodge of Fidelity, Towcester, a project had been set on foot, with the full sanction and approval of the Prov. G.M. and the Deputy Prov. G.M., for placing a stained glass window in Towcester Parish Church, in memory of the late Bro. G. Osborn, who was the father of Masonry in the Province. Bro. Osborn was initiated in 1837, was one of the founders of the Lodge of Fidelity, and he was also present at the inauguration of Provincial Grand Lodge, serving as a Provincial Officer in 1846. The Lodge of Fidelity had itself voted twenty guineas towards the object. He merely mentioned the matter now that the brethren might be prepared to assist in the movement when it was launched.

WIRRAL LODGE, No. 2496.

THE first regular meeting of this new Lodge was held in the Masonic Rooms, Music Hall, Birkenhead, on Thursday, the 1st inst., Bro. Thos. Shaw W.M. After the duties of the Lodge were over the Brethren sat down to an excellent banquet, served by the New Restaurant and Catering Co., Argyle Street. The catering was all that could be desired. The musical part of the proceedings was ably sustained by Bros. G. Proudman S.D. 1013, and R. Parry, the accompanist being Bro. J. Millward Hughes.

MARK MASONRY.

TEMPERANCE IN THE EAST LODGE, No. 350.

THE installation meeting took place at its new quarters, the Bromley Vestry Hall, on the 14th ult. Lodge was opened by Bro. Archibald Trew W.M. Bro. W. A. C. Lowry was balloted for and advanced. Bro. W. G. Bridges S.W. was then installed by Bro. Geo. Graveley P.M. P.P.G.Sd.B., &c. After banquet the usual toasts were honoured. The Prov. Grand Master for Middlesex, Bro. Colonel Cook, said it was the first time he had visited the Lodge, and expressed his satisfaction with the very efficient way in which every part of the work had been carried out. The W.M. had reason to be proud of his Officers, also in having the assistance of such a worthy Mason as Bro. P.M. Graveley, who was the father of the Lodge.

Covent Garden Opera House.—The third grand Fancy Dress Ball of this season took place on Wednesday, 28th ult., and appeared to be more fully attended than on previous occasions. Certainly the number of visitors in fancy dress was larger, and the costumes worn presented greater variety both among the male as well as the fairer dancers. Among more noticeable novelties were a "Jabez Balfour" costume, composed of gold and silver coins and bank notes; a charming dress representing a rainbow and waterfall, and a handsome Turkish design denominated "Constantinople." An eccentric arrangement which could hardly have been comfortable to the wearer, was "A Village Stores," while an imitation bronze statue came in for a deal of chaff. The pretty scene of Old Vauxhall Gardens became gay enough after supper, and much merriment was caused by the accidental dipping of a couple of the spectators in the fountain. Mirth and jollity reigned supreme, while the best thanks of the dancers are due to Messrs. A. Collins and Neil Forsyth, who kept the space in front of the orchestra well cleared for their accommodation. Mr. J. M. Glover again conducted his capital company of musicians, and no less than twenty-five dances, some of which were encored, were admirably rendered. The prizes as usual were a great attraction, but were not awarded until the termination of the carnival.

The Belgrave Dairy Company is urging on the Royal Agricultural Society of England the desirability of taking steps to stop or minimise the sale of separated milk, on the ground that it is ruinously handicapping the dairy industry, and also because the public should only receive genuine articles. Every effort in the direction of securing pure food is deserving of support, and on that ground, if for no other, we hope success will attend this movement.



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