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THE BOYS SCHOOL FESTIVAL-

Caft at this year's Festivals of satisfaction fail to express the feelings one must entertain in regard to the result of Wednesday's Festival on behalf of the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys, when subscriptions to the amount of £18,582 16s 7d were announced, as contributed at the hands of 614 Stewards. This total is most gratifying, and taken in association with the previous successes of the current year, on behalf of the Benevolent Institution and the Girls School, shows a total of £48,973 11s 1d announced as contributed by the Craft at this year's Festivals of the three Institutions, made up as follows:

Benevolent Institution - £12,658 14 6 Girls School - - 17,732 0 0 Boys School - - 18,582 16 7

As in all these cases additions have been made by Stewards whose lists were not complete, while others have sent in returns that were not included in the Festival announcements, the three celebrations of the year may be set down as realising an average of about £1,000 a week, a result which speaks volumes in evidence of the popularity of the Craft Institutions, and the desire of the English Brotherhood to carry out its duty towards the aged and the orphan in distress, in spite of the drawbacks and troubles of bad times, trade depression and the other evils of which all sections of the community are just now complaining.

From these figures it will be seen that the Boys has this year secured the place of honour in the friendly struggle for supremacy among the three Institutions, and that notwithstanding the fact that the Girls had an exceptionally good Festival, while the result of the celebration on behalf of the Benevolent Institution, although lowest of the three, was in itself no mean success, and represented a total that a few years back would have been regarded as phenomenal. But the amount secured on Wednesday, on behalf of the Boys, was nearly 50 per cent. in excess of the Old People's total, a point that only needs mention in order to show by comparison how very successful the latest gathering of the year has proved to be. In expressing our gratification at what has been achieved, as we do with all heartiness, we are convinced we are but echoing the sentiments of the whole English Craft, the members of which must really be delighted at the result of this latest appeal to their benevolence on behalf of the orphan sons of their deceased Brethren.

In other parts of this issue we devote space to many interesting particulars concerning the Institution; its internal working, the doings of its pupils (both in regard to their scholastic duties and their recreation), the speeches made at the Festival gathering, together

with full details of the amounts brought up by the different Stewards; and as everything may be said to point to success and prosperity, we think it best to let the facts speak for themselves. To continue laudatory remarks in this column, in face of the manifold evidences of success to be found in other parts of our issue, would be but to paint the lily, or gild refined gold, and accordingly we leave the details we are able to place before our readers, and which are to be found elsewhere in great profusion, to speak for themselves, but before doing so it is not out of place to submit a summary of the totals contributed by the different Provinces and other divisions of the Craft towards this most gratifying celebration, with the number of Stewards from each, the particulars of which are as follow:

Province			Stewards.	Amount.	
London	,		184	7082 11	0
West Yorkshire	•••		208		ö
Sussex	•••		21		ŏ
Derbyshire	•••	•••	14		6
Buckinghamshire	•••	•••	22		6
Kent	•••	•••	14		Ğ
Middlesex		•••	10		6
South Wales (East D	iv.\	•••	2		ŭ
Hants and Isle of Wi			10		Ö
North and East York	shire	•••	4		0
Suffolk	SILLE	•••	5		ŏ
North Wales	•••	•••	9	289 2	7
Hertfordshire	•••	•••	6	264 16	ά
Staffordshire	•••	•••	$\overset{\mathtt{o}}{2}$		ŏ
Cambridgeshire	•••	•••	4		Ö
West Lancashire	•••	•••	13		0
Surrey	•••	•••	8		0
East Lancashire	•••	•••	8		ŏ
Warwickshire	•••	•••	12		Ö
Shropshire	***	•••	6	139 13	0
Norfolk	•••	•••	3		0
Durham	•••	•••	$^{3}_{2}$		Ö
Berkshire	•••	•••	3		0
Wiltshire	•••	•••	1	117 15	Ö
Cornwall	•••	•••	1		0
Gloucestershire	•••	***	4		-
Norths and Hunts	•••	•••	4		0
Essex	•••	•••	7	99 15	0
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	•••	•••			0
Bedfordshire Northumberland	•••	•• ·	. 3 . 1		0
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	-41 - 3	•••	4	42 0	0
Leicestershire and Ru	mana	•••	1	-	0
Worcestershire	•••	•••	1		0
Devonshire	•••	•••	1	26 5	0
Bristol	***	•••	. 1	10 10	0
Jersey	•••		. 1	10 10	0
Lincolnshire	•••	•••	1	10 10	0
Foreign Stations	•••	•••	9	105 0	0
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Just a word of congratulation to the Secretary and other officials of the Institution in recognition of their efforts is not, however, out of place here, as all must recognise that very much of the success of the Festival is due to the exertions of Bro. McLeod and those who second him in the work of organisation; for on the Secretary really depends the augmentation week by week of the Board of Stewards, to which must primarily be accredited the success of the Festival. Bro. McLeod has been most energetic in this particular, and the fact

that 614 Stewards were secured is in itself unanswerable evidence of long and continued activity on his part. Let us hope that his exertions in connection with many future celebrations may be equally satisfactory, and that he may long enjoy the confidence of the English Craft as the chosen advocate of the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys.

UNITED GRAND LODGE.

BY command of the M.W. Pro Grand Master a Special Grand Lodge is to be holden at Freemasons' Hall, London, on Friday next, the 6th July, at Twelve for One o'clock punctually, to resolve upon Addresses of Congratulation on the auspicious Birth of the Royal Prince, the son of their Royal Highnesses the Duke and Duchess of York, the Grandson of the Most Worshipful Grand Master, and the Great Grandson of Her Majesty the Queen.

CHESHIRE.

BY command of the Prov. Grand Mark Master, Bro. the Hon. Alan de Tatton Egerton, M.P., Past Grand Warden England, the annual meeting of the Prov. G. Mark Lodge of Cheshire was held at the Town Hall, Altrincham, on Saturday afternoon. The proceedings commenced with the opening of a Mark Mason's Lodge by the W.M. Bro. the Rev. C. Chetwynd-Atkinson, M.A., and the Officers of the Stamford Lodge, No. 148, Altrincham, after which the Prov. G. Master, and the Prov. G. Officers entered, and the Prov. G. Mark Lodge was opened.

The Prov. G. Master and the Deputy Prov. Grand Master Bro. James Salmon, J.P., Past Grand Deacon of England were saluted by the Brethren in ancient form.

The roll of the Lodges in the Province and of the Provincial Grand Officers having been called over and answered to, the minutes of the last Prov. G. Lodge, held at Chester on 24th June 1893, being the occasion of the installation of Bro. the Hon. Alan de Tatton Egerton as Prov. G. Master by the Pro Grand Master of England, Bro. the Right Hon. the Earl of Euston, were read and confirmed.

The accounts of the Prov. Grand Lodge, which showed a balance in hand of £26 14s 10d, having been reported upon by the auditors, were adopted, and Bro. F. K. Stevenson, of Birkenhead, was unanimously reelected Prov. G. Treasurer, this being the 16th year of his appointment to the office. Some further routine business was disposed of, Pro. J. Salmon was again named as Deputy of the Province, and the Provincial Grand Master proceeded to appoint and invest the Grand Officers for the ensuing year as follow:—

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Bro. John Clayton	-	•	-	Senior Warden
Rev. C. Chetwynd	l-Atk	inson	F	Junior Warden
Captain Cooper	-	-	-	Master Overseer
James Warren	-	-	-	Senior Overseer
J. O. White	•	, •	-	Junior Overscer
Rev. J. W. N. Tu	rner	•	-	Charleine
J. R. Johnson	-	-	-	Chaplains
Herbert Finch	-	-	-	Registrar of Marks
F. K. Stevenson	-	-	•	Treasurer ·
R. Newhouse	-	-	-	Secretary
E. G. Parker	•	-	-	Senior Deacon
G. P. Poole	•	-	-	Junior Deacon
Parker -	•	-	-	Inspector of Works
H. G. Smale	-	•	. .	Director of Ceremonies
Tom Wood		•	-	Asst. Dir. of Cirs.
H. Murphey	•	•	-	Sword Bearer
J. R. R. Jeffery		•	-	Standard Bearer
G. S. Smith	-	-	-	Organist
R. Carriss -	-	•	-	Inner Guard
J. Wagstaffe	-	•	-	Y
J. S. Darbyshire	-	•		Stewards
T. Nicholson	•	•	_)
Stephen Smith	-	•.	•	Tyler
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The Provincial G. Master then addressed his Lodge, and expressed his gratification at meeting so many Brethren of the Mark Degree on the first anniversary of his Installation at Chester. He thought the results.

of the past year were satisfactory on the whole, for although one or two of the Lodges were comparatively quiet, there were evident signs of life amongst the others. The total membership of the Lodges throughout the Province had increased by thirty-four Mark After referring to one or two points of order and discipline, which his examination of the minute books suggested, he expressed his regret that he had not been able to visit the Lodges since his installation as often as he could have wished; but the arduous duties in connection with Parliament during the past year had prevented him from coming amongst them, and he was sure they would grant him their indulgence. They had not, as they knew, a large income at their command in connection with the Mark Degree, but what surplus they had they applied in the exercise of that great virtue of the Order—charity, and he had therefore much pleasure in moving, first, a vote from the Prov. Grand Lodge funds of £10 10s to the Cheshire Masonic Benevolent Institution; secondly, £10.10s to the 1895 Festival of the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys, at which, as they were aware, his brother, Lord Egerton of Tatton, had consented to preside; and thirdly, a sum not exceeding £5 5s to the Stamford Mark Lodge, Altrincham, towards the expenses of that meeting.

This was seconded by the Deputy Provincial Grand

Master, and carried unanimously.

Bro. James Cookson W.M. 67 P. Prov. G.J.O., and Bro. Herbert Finch P.M. 67 Prov. G. Reg., gave the Prov. Grand Lodge a cordial invitation to hold the next annual meeting at Stockport.

The Prov. Grand Master thanked these Brethren, and said that after conferring with his Deputy he would

intimate his decision.

The Prov. Grand Lodge was then closed, and the Brethren dined together at the Unicorn Hotel.

The annual meeting of the Provincial Grand Lodge of North and East Yorkshire is to be held at Scarborough, on the 11th prox.

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Responding to the toast of the Provincial Grand Officers of Essex, at the meeting held at Kelvedon, and reported in our last issue, Bro. T. J. Ralling Provincial Grand Secretary announced that the Earl of Warwick had fixed Wednesday, 18th July, for the annual assembly of Provincial Grand Lodge, the gathering to take place at Kelvedon.

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. Speaking of the progress of the Royal Arch Degree in Leicestershire the Prov. G. Registrar, in a recent report, said the Craft Province steadily grows year by year, and it is only reasonable to hope that there should be a corresponding accession to the Order of the H.R.A. It is perhaps difficult to suggest anything that will bring about this much wished end; but possibly if the newly raised Master Mason were systematically instructed that beyond Craft Masonry there is this Supreme Degree, which so fully supplies what is there wanting, he might not be satisfied to rest "content with the Lare and insufficient" information thus far imparted, but would be seized with a longing desire to extend his knowledge and reach the Crown of the Masonic Structure. It is such utterances as these that induces members of the Order to look forward with considerable interest as to the result of the new time limit rule. Will that save the Degree? 0 0 0

TOURIST TRIPS IN BRITAIN.

THE Midland Railway Company has issued a handy little volume devoted to Holiday Tours in the British Isles, which although intended chiefly for the convenience of the tourist and pleasure excursionist, will also prove a useful companion to the man of business whose time is to some extent taken up in Railway travelling. Some very nice views appear of interesting points on the Midland route, a list of furnished Lodgings to be let in farmhouses and country villages adjacent to Stations on and in connection with the Midland Railway, a list of Tourist fares, special travelling arrangements, and a mass of other useful information which cannot fail to be of service to passengers travelling through the interesting parts of the British Isles served by the Midland line.

LODGE OF RECREATION.

THE members of the Lodge of Freedom, No. 77, having formed themselves into a Lodge of P themselves into a Lodge of Recreation, started off on Wednesday, the 13th instant, for a very pleasant outing. Leaving Gravesend at 8.45 in two special saloon carriages provided by the Gravesend at 8.45 in two special sation carriages provided by the South Eastern Railway, the Brethren arrived at Hampton Court in due course, where they embarked on board the steam launch "Formosa," in charge of Bro. Burgoyne of Molesey, and proceeded up the river as far as Staines, whence they returned to Castle Hotel, Hampton Court, where Bro. Mayo received them in his Hotel, Hampton Court, where Bro. Mayo received them in his usual courteous and hospitable manner. The highly esteemed W.M. Bro. George Rackstraw presided at the dinner, which was provided at his expense, being supported by his Officers and a large number of the Brethren, among whom were the following:—E. C. Payne, Mayor of Gravesend, Thos. Nettleingham S.W. and W.M.-elect, J. A. Whitfield J.W., Fowle S.D., J. C. Biggs P.M. and Secretary, G. Masters, J. Solomon, Caddell and Joseph Davis Steward, by whom the arrangements were carried out.

The party returned home at a late hour after having spent a The party returned home at a late hour after having spent a most enjoyable day.

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HOLIDAYS IN THE WEST OF ENGLAND

July, August and September, Cheap Excursions for 3, 8, 10, 15 or 17 days will leave Paddington Station at 10·10 p.m. every Friday night for Exeter, Plymouth, Penzance, &c., and every Saturday morning for the same periods for Weston-super-Mare, Ilfracombe, Exeter, Torquay, Plymouth, Penzance, &c. An Excursion train will leave at 8:10 a.m. on Saturdays for Shrewsbury, Llanidloes, Aberystwyth, Barmouth, Harlech, Rhyl, Colwyn Bay, Llandudno, Bettws-y-Coed, Bangor, Carnarvon and other stations in North Wales for 3, 10, or 17 days.

An Excursion will leave at 12:35 p.m. on Saturdays for Yeovil,

Dorchester, Weymouth, &c., for 3, 10 or 17 days and, at 1.55 p.m. for Exeter, Torquay, Plymouth, &c., for 3, 8, 10, 15 or 17 days. Excursions will also be run at convenient times each Saturday to Newbury, Devizes, Gloucester, Cheltenham, Bath, Bristol, Wells, Clevedon, Taunton, Tiverton and other stations.

Passengers will be booked on Saturdays to Guernsey and Jersey via Weymouth and the short sea passage to the Islands, by the mail train leaving Paddington at 9:15 p.m. Third Class return tickets available for 8, 10, 15 or 17 days will be issued at a fare of 24s 6d.

Direct Steamers will run from Weymouth to Guernsey and from Weymouth to Jersey and back.

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SWITZERLAND IN MINIATURE.

THE London and North Western Railway Company, always to the fore in the matter of improvements and facilities to the travelling public, announce that, commencing on Saturday next, and every Saturday during July, August, and September, special trains at cheap fares will leave Euston Station at 8:15 a.m. for Llandudno, Bangor, Rhyl, Llanberis (for Snowdon), Aberystwyth, Barmouth, and other attractive tourist resorts in North

These Excursions will enable passengers to spend a fortnight in "Picturesque Wales," and will be a boon to thousands of young men and maidens engaged in the Metropolis, as indeed to heads of families, to whom the cost of a summer holiday is a very serious

item in their expenditure.

The Cheap Tickets will be available for return on the following Monday, Monday week, or Monday fortnight, by special through trains. In like manner, Cheap Excursions to London will be run every Monday, commencing 9th July, from the principal towns in the Dissipality available for return on the following Schunday or the Principality, available for return on the following Saturday or Saturday week.

Full particulars can be obtained by consulting our advertisement

columns.

NEXT WEEK.

Monday.

16 Royal Alpha, Hotel Métropole

1319 Asaph, Freemasons-hall

1924 Wickham, Brockley 1996 Priory, Acton

113 Unanimity, Preston 119 Sun, Square, Compasses, Whitehaven

156 Harmony, Plymouth
328 St. John, Torquay
331 Phænix of Honour & Prudence, Truro

431 St. George, North Shields 622 St. Cuthberga, Wimborne

850 St. Oswald, Ashbourne 928 Friendship, Petersfield

977 Fowey, Fowey
1045 Stamford, Altrineham
1071 Zetland, Saltash

1077 Wilton, Blackley

1211 Goderich, Lecds 1239 Wentworth, Sheffield

1254 Semper Fidelis, Exeter 1264 Neptune, Liverpool

1302 De Warren, Halifax

1452 St. Margaret, Lowestoft 1573 Caradoc, Swansea

1954 Molesworth, Wadebridge 2163 Jersey, Southall

2166 Cotchele, Calstock

Tuesday.

Colonial Board, at 4

171 Amity, Ship and Turtle

70 St. John, Plymouth

103 Beaufort, Bristol 124 Marquis of Granby, Durham

158 Adam's, Sheerness 209 Etonian, Windsor

252 Harmonic, Dudley

Royal Yorkshire, Keighley

294 Constitutional, Beverley 315 Royal York, Brighton 364 Cambrian, Neath

393 St. David, Berwick

421 Loyal of Industry, Southmolton 510 St. Martin, Liskeard

558 Temple, Folkestone 660 Camalodunum, Malton

673 St. John, Liverpool

734 Londesborough, Bridlington

804 Carnarvon, Havant

847 Fortescue, Honiton 948 St. Barnabas, Linslade

960 Bute, Cardiff

974 Pentalpha, Bradford

1002 Skiddaw, Cockermouth 1244 Marwood, Redcar 1310 Harrow, Harrow

1619 Sackville, East Grinstead

1780 Albert Edward, Southampton 1785 St. Petroc, Padstow

1981 Arnold, East Molesey 2129 Dorothy Vernon, Bakewell 2290 Fairfield, Fairfield 2475 Border, Blackwater

Wednesday.

74 Athol, Birmingham

94 Phænix, Sunderland 137 Amity, Poole

159 Brunswick, East Stonehouse 168 Mariners, Guernsey 282 Bedford, Tavistock 298 Harmony, Rochdale 326 Moira of Honour, Bristol

327 St. John, Wigton 406 Northern Counties, Newcastle-on-T

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417 Faith and Unanimity, Dorchester
429 Royal Navy, Ramsgale
643 Royal, Filey
838 Franklin, Boston
970 St. Anne, East Looe
1003 Prince of Wales, Jersey
1013 Royal Victoria, Liverpool
1085 Hartington, Derby
1167 Alnwick, Alnwick
1274 Earl of Durham, Chester-le-Street
1431 St. Alphege, Solihull

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1549 Abercorn, Great Stanmore 1660 Arlecdon, Frizington

1736 St. John, Halifax 1862 Stranton, West Hartlepool 2024 Raymond Thrupp, Hampton Court 2330 St. Lawrence, Pudsey

2382 Loyal Hay, Hay 2464 Longsight, Longsight 2490 Ampthill, Ampthill

Thurs day.

10 Westminster & Keystone, Freemasonshall

1155 Excelsior, Crystal Palace 1288 Finsbury Park, Cock Tav., Highbury

1383 Friends in Council, 33 Golden Square 1445 Prince Leopold, Three Nuns, Aldgate

1724 Kaisar-i-Hind, Café Royal 1790 Old England, Thornton Heath

1950 Southgate, New Soughgate

1963 Duke of Albany, Surrey Masonic Hall

24 Newcastle, Newcastle-on-Tyne 57 Humber, Hull

110 Loyal Cambrian, Merthyr Tydvil 123 Lennox, Richmond, Yorks

195 Hengist, Bournemouth

219 Prudence, Todmorden 230 Fidelity, Devonport

249 Mariners, Liverpool 266 Naphtali, Heywood

269 Fidelity, Blackburn

289 Fidelity, Leeds

300 Minerva, Ashton-under-Lyne

305 Apollo, Beccles
317 Affability, Manchester
462 Bank Terrace, Accrington
509 Tees, Durham

531 St. Helen, Hartlepool
633 Yarborough, Manchester
637 Portland, Stoke-upon-Trent
703 Clifton, Blackpool
792 Pelham Pillar, Grimsby

856 Restormel, Lostwithiel

913 Pattison, Plumstead 1231 Savile, Elland 1284 Brent, Topsham 1324 Okeover, Ripley

1384 Equity, Widnes

1500 Walpole, Norwich 1513 Friendly, Barnsley 1565 Earl of Chester, Lymm 1829 Burrell, Brighton

1899 Wellesley, Sandhurst 2255 Philbrick, Chingford 2261 Armitage, Milnsbridge 2317 Bisley, Woking 2321 Acacia, Bradford

Friday.

Grand Lodge, Freemasons Hall, 12 for 1

242 St. George, Doncaster291 Rural Philanthropic, Highbridge

306 Alfred, Leeds

375 Lambton, Chester-le-Street 521 Truth, Huddersfield

837 De Grey and Ripon, Ripon 936 Adair, Aldeburgh

1230 Barnard, Barnard Castle 1648 Prince of Wales, Bradford

1664 Gosforth, Gosforth 1754 Windsor, Penarth

2433 Minerva, Birkenhead

Saturday.

1928 Gallery, Anderton's

2182 Sterndale Bennett, Surrey Masonic

Hall

1223 Amherst, Riverhead 1460 Thames Valley, Halliford 1550 Prudence, Plymouth

1567 Elliot, Feltham 1929 Mozart, Croydon

2054 Wilson Isles, Rickmansworth

2077 Epping, Chingford 2148 Walsingham, Wilmington

2205 Pegasus, Gravesend

2323 Bushey Hall, Bushey

2331 Ravenscroft, Barnet 2442 St. Clement, Leigh

2473 Molesey, East Molesey

CHURCH SERVICE.

ON Sunday evening, the 10th, the pretty little church at Deeping St. Nicholas, Near Spalding, was the scene of a goodly gathering of Brethren of the Hundred of Elloe Lodge, No. 469, who had journeyed to a Masonic Service to which they had been invited by the Vicar, Bro. Rev. W. Benson, who is also Chaplain of the Lodge, and who, together with the W.M. Bro. J. E. West, and Bro. G. F. Barrell D.C. of the Province, as well as D.C. of the local Lodge, were responsible for the arrangements for the Service, which proved highly satisfactory to the Brethren and friends present, despite the unpropitious weather which prevailed until late in the afternoon.

Crowds of inhabitants of the village and visitors filled the church to overflowing. Representatives from the Lodges at Bourne and Peterborough were present, also the P.G.J.W. of Kent, Bro. Barrell. Consequently when the procession was formed the Brethren numbered over fifty, and, including the choir and clergy, close upon a

hundred.

The procession started from the vicarage for the church, singing the processional hymn "Onward Christian Soldiers," and after reaching their places in the church came the Masonic Hymn "Hail Eternal by whose aid."

Bro. Rev. R. G. Ash P.P.G. Chaplain (J.W.) rendered the first part of the service, and the second part was taken by Bro. Rev. W. Benson; the first lesson was read by Bro. J. E. West W.M., and the second by Bro. G. F. Barrell D.C.

The special psalms were 84, 96 and 148, and the Anthem was from Mendelssohn's Hymn of Praise, "I waited for the Lord," the duet being exceptionally well sung by Mrs. Brogden of Spalding, and Mrs. Linnell of

Market Deeping.

The singing of the anthem spoke volumes for the vocal ability of those concerned. The choir was augmented by members from other churches, including Bourne, Peakirk and Market Deeping, but especially from the choir of the Spalding Parish Church; the success of their efforts, which proved a musical treat, was mainly owing to Bro. W. J. Price, Organist of the Spalding Parish Church, who kindly undertook the training of the choir. Bro. T. P. Holland, Lodge Organist, presided at the organ. The sermon was preached by Bro. Rev. W. Benson from I Kings v. 17 "and the king commanded, and they brought great stones, costly stones, and hewed stones, to lay the foundation of the house," and both from a Masonic and public point of view was an exceptionally able and remarkable discourse. The singing of the re-processional hymn, "Saviour, blessed Saviour," brought to a conclusion one of the most striking and interesting services ever held at Deeping St. Nicholas.

THE BOYS SCHOOL FESTIVAL.

VISIT OF THE STEWARDS TO THE SCHOOL.

THE annual distribution of prizes, and visit of Stewards to the Institution took place on Tuesday, when a large number of friends of the Institution assembled at Wood Green, under the presidency of Bro. Richard Eve P.G. Treasurer Chairman of the Board of Management of the School.

The principal guest of the day was Mrs. W. Lawies Jackson, who presented the prizes and certificates of merit to the successful pupils, and was accompanied by Bro. Jackson, M.P., Provincial Grand Master West Yorkshire Chairman of the Anniversary Festival, together with Miss Jackson, who appears to take consider-

able interest in the Institution.

The Visitors having been cordially welcomed by Bro. Eve, the Head Master presented the Report of the School examination which was decided on by the Board of Management at its meeting in August last, when it was resolved to submit the whole School to an independent examination, arrangements being subsequently made with the Syndicate appointed by the University of Cambridge for such to take place. The Board desire that the Report should be made as widely known as possible, feeling sure it will satisfy the subscribers as to a distinctly marked progress in Educational attainments, as well as the excellent tone and standard of the School. We have pleasure in making the following extracts from the Report of the Examiner:

"The course of study and organisation were very satisfactory. Under the present rules boys leave the School at the age of 15, except in very special circumstances. In my opinion this rule must operate very prejudicially in the case of promising boys, and it would, I think, be advantageous if the limit of age were raised

in favour of boys who have attained a certain position in the School. Such a course would be likely to benefit the boys themselves, and to facilitate the organisation of the Institution.

"The Buildings are large and commodious; the Class rooms are well lighted and ventilated, and the Dormitories well kept and supplied with all appliances in case of fire. There is also a fine Hall, with an organ, which is used for the purposes of assembly, prayers, &c., and a spacious Reading Room, which is, in fact, a Common room for the senior Classes, its arrangements being managed by a committee of the boys themselves.

"A good Playground is contiguous to the Buildings, and serves excellently for ordinary purposes, but the Cricket Ground is scarcely large enough for the wants of so many boys, and it is, I think, desirable that a more suitable one should, if possible, be found.

"The tone of the boys and their demeanour during the examination pleased me greatly. They seemed happy both in their work and in their play, and the Staff appeared to be, one and all, zealously working for the good of the School.

"I proceed now to speak of the work done by the boys in the examination, and, taken as a whole, I am glad to say that it was satisfactory. The weak points were not more numerous than might reasonably be expected in a School of this size, and on the other hand the greater part of the work was in every respect sound and good, and much of it excellent."

The prizes were then distributed by Mrs. Jackson, and at the conclusion of this part of the day's programme Bro. Eve proposed a

vote of thanks to that lady.

He said the Board of Management were very much indebted to Mrs. Jackson for her attendance. It was very gratifying that the wife of the Brother who would preside at their Festival the following day should attend and take a share in the work of the School. He referred with gratification to the fact that the boys of the Institution were all in very good health, there not being a single lad in the Infirmary. Not only were the boys healthy just at the present moment, but they went away from the School full of health and strength, to the entire satisfaction of the parents. The tone of the boys had greatly improved during the past seven years; now it might be said the little boys were quite little men and the older ones really good fellows. As had been manifest at the recent Athletic Sports of the School the lads developed muscle, and it was a source of great gratification to the Executive that the boys turned out so well. They recognised this result was due to the efforts of the Head Master and his assistants, who seemed to possess the knack of winning the respect of the boys while instructing them in their duties. Bro. Eve referred to that part of the Report which dealt with the limit of age at which the Boys had to leave the School. Most decidedly the lads ought to remain until 16 years old, and not be turned out at 15 as is now compulsory, except in special cases. There were nine boys at present in the School who had been accorded this extension of time by the Board of Management, but they would like to make the extension general, which could only be done, however, by direction of the subscribers to the School and in answer to the large hearted support of the Craft. Then in regard to a larger cricket field; they had recognised the need for this, but there were so few available spaces around them as to render its provision extremely difficult. However, they were delighted the boys required more accommodation for physical development, and would endeavour to supply the need. The Institution owed a debt of gratitude to the Head Master and the Assistant Masters for the way in which they had raised the tone of the School, which was making satisfactory progress. Bro. Eve concluded by proposing a hearty vote of thanks to Mrs. Jackson for her services. The vote was carried with acclamation.

Bro. Jackson acknowledged. He said his wife, like a great many other ladies, did most of her talking at home, and had desired him to say something in recognition of the compliment that had just been paid her. Ladies no doubt often wondered what it was that bound men so strongly together in Freemasonry. As an answer he might refer them to the meeting that day, which was an exemplification of what Masons did when away from their homes, although but a very small part of what they accomplished throughout the country. Such results should secure for the Craft greater latitude from the Ladies than they now enjoyed. It had afforded Mrs. Jackson very great pleasure to be present that day and she, as well as himself, was greatly pleased at what they were told, both in the Examiner's Report and the Head Master's remarks. There was really nothing to find fault with. Bro. Jackson then addressed himself more particularly to the pupils, urging them to greater efforts, both in their educational studies and in their sports. One failure or one disappointment should be but the incentive to greater exertions in the future, so as to retrieve the disaster and win success later on. Reference had been made to a cricketer who was very closely associated with him and who, he could assure them, would have been very pleased to be present that day. Though his son he was also his Brother, and would, the speaker was convinced, take his place some day in the work of the Institutions of Frecmasonry. It was impossible to keep boys healthy in body or mind unless they were found some healthy recreation with which to occupy their minds in their leisure hours, and that being so he strongly urged the Craft to see what could be done towards providing the enlarged cricket field referred to in their Examiner's Report. He was glad to know on such high authority that the moral tone of the School was good. It must be extremely gratifying to those who a few years back took it in hand and strove to raise it from its then position. He urged the boys to show their love for their Masters by maintaining this tone; never giving way to disappointment, but rather sticking to their purpose with the tenacity, he might almost say the obstinacy, of Yorkshiremen, and working on the principle that there is no such word as "can't" for those who really are determined to push on in the world. Too often they would find that "can't" was used where it should be "won't," for there were few things that could not be accomplished if one made up their mind to surmount all difficulties. Much as the Masters did for the lads they could not do half as much as the boys could do for themselves, therefore he urged them to make up their mind to do what lay before them, and if they were but persistent they must succeed. He hoped the prosperity of the School would continue, and that, much as it had improved during the past few years, still greater results would accrue in years to come.

We append the list of prize winners:

FORM PRIZES.

Form 18.—1 S. W. Hughes, 2 H. G. W. Todd.

,, 1A.—1 J. M. Brewis, 2 L. W. Croft.

,, 2B.—1 G. B. Marston, 2 W. R. Bellamy.

,, 3c.—1 H. R. Harris, 2 H. D. Culpin.

,, 3B.—1 H. R. Corner, 2 W. R. Bennett.

,, 3A.—1 E. Richardson, 2 A. P. Shaw.

,, 4N.—1 L. A. F. Thomas, 2 H. Lamb.

SPECIAL SUBJECTS.

4.—1 A. R. Podmore, 2 E. B. W. Appleby.

Writing.—1 S. Dowdell, 2 C. J. Callander, 3 C. Mossop, 4 W. H. Pinder.

Latin.—4 A. R. Podmore, 58 N. C. D. Foote.

French.—4 E. B. W. Appleby, 5B W. R. Binks.

Mathematics.—4 A. R. Podmore, 5B F. J. S. Broad.

Sound, Light and Heat.—E. R. Bingham.

Singing, for the best voice.—H. W. A. Long.

sight reader.—R. P. Chinneck. singer not in choir.—C. Michael.

Piano.—1 W. E. J. Watson, 2 H. D. Culpin.

Drawing.-1 H. C. Bartholomew, 2 R. S. Coulthurst.

W. Bro. Smithson's Shorthand Prizes.—Bartholomew, Bindley, Bingham, Bland, Ibbotson, Jennings, Johnston, Lamb, Nankivell and Thomas.

Bowyer Memorial Prize for Shorthand.—R. G. Bindley.

Cama Memorial Prize, for the youngest Boy who passed the Cambridge Local Examination.—E. Whale.

Cama Memorial Prize, for Arithmetic.-F. J. S. Broad.

Escott Prize, for Mathematics.—E. R. Bingham.

Thrupp Prize, for History.—J. A. Coupland.

Wynn Prizes, for Boys who have gained Certificates in the Cambridge Local Examination.—Seniors.—Bingham, Coupland, Crompton, Davis, Fortune, Higgison.—Juniors.—Stephenson, Groombridge, Foote, Broad, Leeming, P. Parker, W. E. J. Watson, Binks, Jarmain, Bland, Hayes, Mountford, Ravenscroft, Baylis, Bartholomew, Whale, Jewitt, Mundle, King, Buckley.

Canonbury Gold Medal, for the most popular Boy (elected by his comrades).—W. H. Hird.

Greenwood Memorial Prize, for Good Conduct.—A. R. Podmore.

Supreme Council's Prize, for Good Conduct.—F. J. Harris.

Institution Silver Medal, for the Head of the School.—J. A. Coupland.

HONOURS DURING THE YEAR.

Department of Science and Art, South Kensington.—Mathematics, First and Second Stages 18 certificates.—Sound, Light and Heat, First Stage 10 certificates.—Drawing, Second Stage 5 certificates.

Cambridge Local Examinations.—Seniors, with one distinction in Arithmetic, 6 certificates.—Juniors, with one distinction in Drawing, 20 certificates.

Pitman's Shorthand Examination.—Third Class 29 certificates.—
Membership of the Phonetic Society 10.

Trinity College Musical Knowledge Exam.—Honours obtained by Foote, Broad and Watson.—Passes obtained by Chinneck and Leeming.

Several of the pupils gave an exhibition of Bayonet exercise on the lawn, and displayed such precision and accuracy as to entitle them and their instructor to the highest praise under this heading.

Later in the afternoon the boys gave a representation of the nautical opera by Gilbert and Sullivan: "H.M.S. Pinafore," with the following caste:—

The Rt. Hon. Sir Joseph Porter, K.C.B., R. P. Chinneck First Lord of the Admiralty Captain Corcoran, Commanding H.M.S. Pinafore Ralph Rackstraw, Able Seaman ... F. P. Turner H. W. A. Long Dick Deadeye, Able Seaman E. R. Bingham ••• ••• Bill Bobstay, Boatswain ... Bob Becket, Boatswain's Mate A. S. Clunes *** ... H. V. Moreton ... R. T. C. Chadwick Tom Tucker, Midshipmite ... Josephine, Captain's Daughter Hebe, Sir Joseph's First Cousin W. A. Spain H. H. Martin ••• Little Buttercup, A Bumboat Woman E. E. Whale

First Lord's Sisters, Cousins and Aunts, Sailors, Marines, &c.

The performance was splendid, the costumes and scenery (supplied by Simmons, of Covent Garden) greatly adding to the success of the display. The make-up of the boys was simply perfection, and reflected the greatest credit on the manipulator, who transformed the pupils into veteran sailors and soldiers, charming

"cousins and aunts" with so much success that some of the performers' mothers, who were among the audience, did not know their own children. The advantages of the good make-up accounted for a share of the applause lavishly given, but it was by no means the only cause of the success, for the acting and singing of the performers was such as to win for them the heartiest recognition. Great credit is due to Mr. H. V. Crane, the principal Assistant Master of the School, who acted as Stage Manager, as well as to Mr. F. B. Wood, the Music Master, for the care and attention they must have given to the preparation of the boys, but they should be amply rewarded for all their trouble by the knowledge that their pupils achieved a phenomenal success, such as many older and more experienced persons would be gratified at realising.

The indulgence of the audience was asked on behalf of young Spain, who had taken up the part of Josephine with but four days notice, but no apology was needed in his case; he was really one of the best among the performers, and clearly proved that "our Boys" are capable of anything they set their hearts upon, and have the right sort of instruction. We should like to hear that the performance could be repeated, as we believe another representation, with even greater accommodation for the spectators, would enlist the sympathies of all who were able to witness it, and would probably prove one of the very best forms of appeal ever attempted on behalf of the Boys School. What a pity the performance was not given in connection with the Festival at Brighton, it would have been far more attractive than the Concert, excellent though that was, which was included in the programme of the day, and would have satisfied more of the Stewards that they had been engaged in a really good cause.

The Visitors shortly afterwards bid adieu to the pupils and the School, with general expressions of approval of what they had seen during the day.

We may remind our readers that the annual meeting of the Provincial Grand Lodge of Kent will be held on Wednesday next, at the Chapter House, Canterbury Cathedral. We gave a full agenda of the business, &c., in our last issue, so that it is only necessary to mention that Lodge will be opened at 12·30 p.m., that there will be Service at the Cathedral at 2 o'clock, and a Banquet at the Kent County Pavilion at 4. The chief items of business include the settlement of the purchase of a perpetual presentation to the Boys School, and the presentation of a testimonial to Bro. Alfred Spencer, in commemoration of his completion of twenty-one years service as Provincial Grand Secretary.

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SATURDAY, 30TH JUNE 1894.

THE BOYS SCHOOL FESTIVAL.

THE banquet was laid in the Royal Pavilion at Brighton, about 700 Ladies and Brethren sitting down. Every arrangement had been made for the comfort of the guests, and all passed off satisfactorily, the service, considering the large number present being excellent, and reflecting great credit on Bro. Jno. Sayers the caterer, who certainly provided most liberally of everything, and was well seconded in his efforts by a good staff of assistants.

The usual toasts were submitted from the chair, the President feeling sure the fact that so many members of the fair sex were present would not make the reception of the name of the Queen less hearty than was customary. He regarded the Queen as the noblest of ladies and the best of women, ever mindful of the doings of her people, and ever to the fore with her womanly sympathy whenever there was reason for it, as had been amply demonstrated during the past few days, in connection with the calamity that had swept away so many workers in South Wales, the assasination of the President of a neighbouring Republic, and the more personal

affairs of the Royal Family.

The toast of the Prince and Princess of Wales and other members of the Royal Family was next given. The chairman said that in the Prince of Wales the Craft had one who ever and always took the deepest and widest interest in all that concerned Freemasonry, while no praise was too much to bestow upon the Princess of Wales, who, even in the presence of the ladies, he might fearlessly say was more dearly loved than any other woman in the world. The concluding part of the toast, which embraced the other members of the Royal Family, brought them into association with the Duke of York, whose name had been so prominently before the country during the part for days and it is a support of the Royal Family. before the country during the past few days, and it also seemed to bring Yorkshire most prominently to the front, in view of the fact that they were that day celebrating a Masonic Boys Festival with West Yorkshire to the fore, while the Royal Family of England was also celebrating a Boy's Festival, with York at its head. He hoped the son just born to the Duke of York might live to reign over the nation, and walk in the footsteps of his Royal prede-

The toast of the Grand Officers was heartily proposed and received, and was acknowledged by Bro. Rev. Cooper-Smith P.G. Chaplain, who referred to the presidency of the Pro Grand Master, by his son as deputy, at the last Festival of the Girls School, as evidence of the interest taken by the rulers of the Craft in its welfare.

The next on the list was what the Chairman thought he might call, without any disrespect to others, the toast of the eveningbeing, Success to the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys. He felt in some difficulty as to how to approach the important question, but he felt that those who had attended previous Festivals had heard of the rise and progress of the Institution, while those who had not been at a similar gathering on previous occasions had had many opportunities of late of studying the documents put

before them in relation to this matter. He did not therefore propose to weary the company with hosts of statistics showing the progress of the Institution, contenting himself with the mere mention of the fact that it was established in 1798, and was therefore celebrating its 96th Anniversary; that it started with six boys, and was now educating, clothing and maintaining 268. Needless to say, the Institution had had its periods of trial and difficulty, and he thought it best to say out fearlessly and truthfully that it had also had its period of mismanagement, but he felt he might confidently say that the time of trouble was past; the evil having been fairly recognised and reform undertaken with the determination of eradicating what was wrong. The Craft was very much indebted to those Brethren who undertook the difficult and by no means pleasant task of reorganisation, and commended them for their endeavours to extricate from its difficulties the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys. In this connection they were largely indebted to Bro. Richard Eye, and the others who had worked with him, for the vastly improved condition of the Institution at the present time. He had the pleasure of attending at the School the previous day, when Mrs. Jackson was good enough to present the prizes to the successful pupils, and he was sure all who were then present must have come away impressed with the feeling that all was going on well there. The boys were not only making progress in their studies, but what was of equal or even greater importance, they appeared happy in their minds, happy and healthy in their bodies and, he believed he might say, healthy in their minds also. It seemed to him there was going through the School a spirit of satisfaction it should be their effort and desire to encourage and extend, and he felt the very best results would accrue. He referred to the recent examination of the pupils that had taken place—not of a few hot house plants, not a few specially prepared pupils, but the whole School—and felt it proved that what was being done was being done well. There were undoubtedly weak places, as must exist everywhere in similar cases, but the Institution at present occupied a high position, and he was sure, from what he had seen, they had in the Head Master and those who were assisting himall being men with University training and capable of doing their duty—men who would advance the Institution, as well as purify the atmosphere and raise the moral tone of the School to the advantage of the Charity and the boys associated with it. He spoke of the regular assistance rendered to the Charities, not by any particular Province, but from the Craft as a whole, and concluded by saying he had felt unworthy of taking the position he was asked to fulfil, as being too young in office for so important a trust, but the way in which his chairmanship had been supported, not only by his West Yorkshire Brethren but by members of the Craft throughout the country, had convinced him that his efforts on behalf of the Boys School were appreciated. As head of the West Yorkshire district he could but be gratified at the prominent positions taken by Yorkshire boys in the School, who had secured the highest prizes in different matters open for general competition.

Bro. Richard Eve P.G. Treasurer, Chairman of the Board of Management, acknowledged the toast. On behalf of the Manage-

ment of the Institution he had to thank the Chairman for his very eloquent address, and for the kind things he had said of the School. They felt that what had been said of the Board of Management was a compliment to the Brethren who comprised it. If what he had said was true then the Institution was worthy of all the assistance the Craft could afford it. The Management, while thanking the Chairman for his presidency, also felt that they must thank the Brethren and Ladies who were present for the splendid gathering of that day. What the Board of Management did would be of little value if it did not receive the endorsement of the Craft, the members of which had to be relied upon to supply the wherewithal to carry out the wishes and intentions of the executive. The Head Master of the School, Bro. Hebb, and his assistants had done much for the boys, and had raised the morule of the School to a higher point than it had ever been known before, as was evidenced by the appearance of the boys, who seemed to go about their studies as if they were going to play rather than to work. Another branch of the Institution's affairs in which the Management was ably supported was the financial section, wherein they had to rely very much on the energies of the Secretary, with results that could only be described as the most satisfactory, indeed everything appeared to be working in combination to secure the very best results. Bro. Eve continued his remarks for some time longer, amid continued cries for Bro. McLeod, whose announcement, and the conclusion of the toast list, was most anxiously looked for, and impatiently desired by the company, who very naturally wished to change the heated atmosphere of a crowded hall for the bright sunshine and refreshing breeze to be found outside. But Bro. Eve expressed his determination to say what he desired, and steadily persevered to the end, a course that is seldom wise in face of expressions of weariness on the part of an audience. However, Bro. Eve no doubt considered he was acting for the best, and his energetic efforts on behalf of the Boys School are so well known as to entitle him to the greatest respect from its supporters.

Bro. McLeod was warmly greeted on rising to make the annual announcement, and prefaced his remarks by saying he had received many expressions of regret from distinguished Brethren who were unable to attend the meeting. Prominent among these might be mentioned the names of Lord Llangattock, the new Provincial Grand Master of the Eastern Division of South Wales, who had accompanied his letter of regret with a donation of fifty guineas to the Fund; the Marquis of Zetland Provincial Grand Master North and East Yorkshire, who had sent twenty-five guineas; Lord Ampthill, the Masonic ruler of Bedfordshire, who also contributed twenty-five guineas; the Earl of Euston and Sir Reginald Hanson, who were all Honorary Presidents of the Board of Stewards, while Bro. C. E. Keyser the Treasurer of the Institution had also expressed his regret at being absent, but had shown his sympathy with their efforts by a contribution of one hundred guineas. The Board of Stewards was a particularly strong one, numbering no less than 614, of whom 554 were Brethren, 51 Ladies, and 9 Lewises;

London was represented by 160 Brethren, 21 Ladies and 3 Lewises a total of 184; and the Provinces and Foreign stations by 394 Brethren, 30 Ladies and 6 Lewises, a total of 430. The Chairman's district of West Yorkshire took the lead among the Provinces, sending up no less than 207 Stewards: 194 Brothren, 10 Ladies and 3 Lewises. Bro. McLeod then proceeded to summarise the contributions from the different Masonic divisions, the figures being those given elsewhere in this issue, and referred to any special lists that were included in the different returns. He concluded by making the following announcement:

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of which sum West Yorkshire contributed the handsome total of £4,454, which included a personal donation of 50 guineas from the Chairman, who had not only worked hard himself but had also enlisted the support of his wife, daughter and son.

Bro. Eve next proposed the toast of the Chairman, thanking him most heartily for what he had done, and referring to the great interest he had displayed in the work of Freemasonry thus early in

his career as a Provincial Grand Master.

In reply, Bro. Jackson said he of course recognised that the flattering words used by Brother Eve were sanctioned by custom and precedent rather than founded on fact, but he thanked them from the bottom of his heart, not only for the reception they had accorded the toast, but also for the hearty response they had made to the appeal it was his duty to urge on behalf of the Boys Institution. In this direction his special thanks were due to his own Brethren of West Yorkshire for the support of his presidency. Of the seventy-six Lodges in his Province not one was absent on the occasion, and if any evidence was wanting to justify his acceptance of the chairmanship of that Festival it was given in the results achieved by his West Yorkshire Brethren.

The toast of the other Masonic Charities and success to them was next given, and with it was associated the name of Brother James Terry, who, said the chairman, was an old and valued friend of the Institutions; it was to such men as he the Charities owed much of their present prosperity. He took the opportunity of tendering to their own Secretary, Bro. J. M. McLeod, not only the thanks of all concerned in the welfare of the Boys School, for his

great exertions on its behalf, but the expression of their great obligation to him for what he had done to ensure the success of the present Festival. Bro. Hedges also was deserving of a word of praise for what he had done and was still doing in promoting the good fortunes of the Girls School.

Bro. Terry responded, thanking the Brethren on behalf of the other Institutions, and heartily congratulating them on the success of the Boys Festival. This would complete the record of the year's work and it would be found that upwards of £50,000 had been given to the three Institutions during the period, or, in round figures, upwards of £1,000 a week had been subscribed for the relief of the aged, the widow and the orphan.

The Chairman proposed the toast of the Stewards of the day. The Board comprised 614 names, truly a very goodly number. As showing the interest taken by the Board of Management he might refer to the fact that twenty-three of the thirty on the Board were Stewards that day, and had contributed, by their personal donations and their advocacy, towards swelling the handsome total that had been announced. Bro. Smithson acknowledged the toast.

The Ladies was proposed by Bro. Gerald Loder, M.P., who had much pleasure in submitting this last, though by no means least important toast. Were he to attempt to mention the many obligations they were under to the Ladies-from the time of their birth upwards-he would be face to face with an all but insurmountable task. The Ladies were specially deserving of thanks for what they had done, by their advocacy and by their presence, to ensure the success of that day's meeting. He ventured to think it was owing to the presence of the Ladies that very many of the Brethren accorded their support to the Festival. He had much pleasure in selecting Bro. Thomas to acknowledge the toast, and to compliment him in recognition of the fact that his list was the largest personal collection of the day, and that he was the father of the youngest Vice-President of the Institution, the little boy whose portrait appeared in the book before them as the "Lewis" Steward of their Festival.

The toast was duly acknowledged and this part of the proceedings was brought to a conclusion, the company afterwards enjoying a concert and other attractions provided for their amusement in different parts of the grounds attached to the Pavilion.

THE following is a list of the Stewards at the Festival, together with the amount of the list brought up by each. In view of the special exertions made by West Yorkshire in support of its Provincial Grand Master. as President of the day, we depart from our usual custom and give the results from that district first of all, instead of in the place they would occupy if all appeared in alphabetical order:

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Prov. Grand Master		J D Kay	904	F Cleeves
(Chairman)		G Wood		G A Ilston
Unattached	290	W Harrop	<u> </u>	P B Coward
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T B Fox, J.P.	1	J J Brook	[J Mellors
W F Smithson	296	F Harrison		C A Locke
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Bart., M.P.	1	A Deakin	l	N Greaves
W Gaukroger, J.P.		H B Sandford		A Davies
John W Balme		W Colver	974	W C Lupton
George Buckley	302	J R Armitage		I Mossop
Walter Emmott	I	H Smith		H A Foster, J.P.
Alfred Binns	304	J W Bailey	}	J E Fawcett
James Duff	1	J L Butler	1	A W Sonnenthal
R M Houldsworth		G A Suddick		A P Rendell
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Richard H Singleton		J W Booth	i	E H Foster
C Holdsworth, J.P.	İ	R Chorley		C H Drummond
Walter Wright	306	W M Tate		F Johnson
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ERASMUS WILSON LODGE, No. 1464.

THE members of this Lodge met on sorrowful occasion at the A Old Falcon Hotel, Gravesend, on the 21st inst. The furniture was draped with the emblems of death, and the Brethren wore Masonic mourning out of respect to the memory of Bro. Robert Andrew Gibbons, of whose sudden decease and funeral we gave an account in our last issue.

The W.M. Bro. H. G. Woodford presided, being supported by his Officers and the following Brethren: John Russell I.P.M., William Russell Provincial Grand Treasurer of Kent, E. C. Paine Mayor of Gravesend, Rev. Augustus Jackson Prov. Grand Chaplain of Kent, F. A. Walker P.M. Secretary, Orlton Cooper P.M. 211, &c.

After the minutes had been confirmed, Bro. Woodford, who spoke with great emotion, referred in feeling terms to the great loss they had sustained by the lamented decease of Bro. Gibbons, who had for so many years been Treasurer of the Lodge. A more warm hearted, genial, and friendly man never existed, and his character was written on his face. It would be a long time before they found such another man who was so universally respected and beloved. As a mark of respect he ordered the Lodge to go into mourning for three months; and he proposed that a vote of

sympathy be tendered to the family of the deceased, in the name of the Lodge, and that the same be entered on the minutes.

Bro. John Russell P.M. seconded the proposition, and quite agreed with all the remarks of the W.M. Bro. Gibbons had a good heart and was an excellent Mason, and his loss would be deeply

Bro. William Russell said that with the exception of himself Bro. Gibbons was the oldest member of the Lodge, to which he had rendered substantial service as well as to the Craft in general. His sons took great interest in Freemasonry, and he hoped that before long one of them would join and so keep the honoured name warm in the Lodge.

The vote was put and carried unanimously.

inks of the Lodge to his wife for the very beautiful wreath she had constructed and placed on the coffin of Bro. Gibbons.

The acting Treasurer stated that he had inspected the Lodge accounts, which had been carefully kept and were perfectly satisfactory.

The Brethren then adjourned.

Bro. Henry Gorham Woodford, the W.M. of this Lodge, was born at Gravesend in 1854, and is the son of a highly esteemed member of the Craft, who died a short time since. He was only initiated into Freemasonry so recently as 1892, so his promotion has been rapid, though well deserved. He is a joining member of the Lodge of Freedom, No. 77.

COLNE LODGE, No. 1645.

THE annual trip of the members took place on Saturday, the 9th inst., about twenty members of St. James's Church choir also joining the trip. The whole party numbered fifty-six, and two saloon carriages were provided by the London and North Western Railway Company. They left Slaithwaite and journeyed via Leeds to Ingleton, where a good substantial breakfast awaited them at the Ingleton Hotel.

Owing to the wet weather the party did not turn out until one o'clock, when some of the most beautiful scenery was visited. A walk of eight or ten miles prepared them for dinner at the same Hotel, and which was well served, and was of a most substantial character, reflecting the highest credit on the proprietor, Mr.

After the removal of the cloth Bro. Thomas Mallinson, J.P., W.M., Bro. G. Woodhead P.M., and Bro. Dr. Dean P.M. P.P.G.D., spoke a few words on the unpropitious weather they had in the early part of the day, the beauty of the scenery, and the pleasure they had received from the singing of the choir, to whom their thanks were due and tendered. Bro. J. A. H. England, Choirmaster, acknowledged the thanks on behalf of the choir. The return journey was commenced at 6.25 p.m., and Slaithwaite was reached a little past eleven, after a very enjoyable outing.

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ARLECDON LODGE, No. 1660.

THE Annual meeting was held on the 6th inst., when Brother Joseph Armstrong was installed as No. Joseph Armstrong was installed as Master for the ensuing year, by Bro. G. W. Kenworthy P.M. 119 P.P.S.G.W., and Bro. G. Dalrymple P.M. P.G. Sec.

The business of the Lodge, previous to the installation, was the initiation of two candidates, and three new ones were proposed. After a vote of thanks had been unanimously passed to the Installing Masters, Bros. Kenworthy and Dalrymple, Bro. H. Hartley P.M. P.P.G. St. Br. presented Bro. W. Shaw, the I.P.M. of the Lodge, with a handsome P.M. jewel, with the following engraved upon

Presented to

Bro. Wm. Shaw, P.M. of Arlecdon Lodge, No. 1660, by the members, as a token of respect. 6th June 1894.

The excellent way in which Bro. Shaw has discharged his duties during his year of office fully warrants the presentation.

The Lodge was then closed with the usual formalities, and the members, to the number of over forty, dined at the Anchor Hotel, the repast being provided by Bro. and Mrs. Moffat.

The usual toast list was gone through, and capital songs were given by Bros. Jackson, Wilkinson, Moffat, and Bell.

URMSTON LODGE, No. 1730.

THE regular meeting was held at the Victoria Hotel, Urmston, L on Monday, the 11th inst., Bro. William Henry Jolliffe W.M. There were also present:—John Walton jun. J.W., Edward Lewis Littler P.M. P.P.G.P. Treas., Geo. R. Lloyd P.M. Prov. G. Treas. Sec., Walter Bowers S.D., J. Bowers Org., J. Ormrod I.G., J. H. Marsh I.P.M. Past Masters:—G. A. Myers Prov. G.D.C., John Slyman P.P.G.S.D., Peter Heaton P.P.G.S., Thos. Wester and E. Beberts (Engage 1997), (Innovative Prop. Thos. Walton and E. Roberts (FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE). Bros. Thos. French, W. Kirk, J. Mallard, E. W. Barratt, Adam Stott, Arthur Hawkins, and others. Visiters:—Bros. George' Samuel Smith P.M. 2359 P.P.G. Org., F. Ridsdale Bowley P.M. 2216, Dr. U. L. Desai 145.

The principal feature of the evening was the rendering of the

Traditional History, which was most satisfactorily performed by the W.M.

At the usual festive board which followed, Loyal and Masonic toasts were submitted. Bro. J. Hardwicke Marsh I.P.M., in proposing the health of the W.M., apologised for the latter on the plea of indisposition, from which he hoped he would soon recover. He further said that the very impressive manner in which he had given the Traditional History without mistake of any kind, had surprised all who had been fortunate enough to listen to him, and he neartily wished him health and happiness.

Bro. Jolliffe, in response, said that he thanked the Brethren for laving appreciated his attempt of that evening, and promised that he would endeavour to perform all his work in such a manner as to enhance it, not only in the eyes of the Masonic Brethren, but also

in the opinion of the public.

Bro. Ed. L. Littler P.M. P.P.G.P. Treas., in very earnest language, proposed the health of the Visitors, saying that they were always welcome to the Urmston Lodge. Of Bro. Ridsdale Bowley he spoke in the highest terms, adding that gifted as he was with an excellent voice, he was ever ready to assist in their enjoyment when

harmony was required.

Bro. Littler also proposed the health of Bro. Peter Heaton P.M. P.P.G.S., touching particularly upon his convalescence. About two months ago Bro. Heaton had met with a serious accident, and he was sure that he expressed the feelings of everyone present when he said that they were glad to see his genial face once more. He had known Bro. Heaton over twenty years, and had found him to be a true and genuine Mason, and one who, under the especial circumstances which he had mentioned, deserved the heartiest welcome which they could accord to him. The toast was drunk with the most fervent enthusiasm.

Bro. Heaton, in response, said he scarcely knew how to thank Bro. Littler for his kind expressions concerning him, and also the Brethren for the handsome manner in which these kind sentiments uttered on his behalf had been received. He was glad to say that he had nearly recovered from the effects of his accident, but still he had to excercise great care. For the many anxious inquiries which had been made regarding him during his illness, he was very grateful, and in return wished them every good which it was possible for them to be recipients of.

Songs, recitations, &c., were given by Bros. F. Ridsdale Bowley, J. H. Marsh, Hedley Jones, Peter Heaton, Edward Roberts and J.

Bowers.

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ALBERT VICTOR LODGE, No. 1773.

THE regular meeting was held at the Town Hall, Pendleton, on Friday, the 15th inst. There were present:—Bros. Thos. T. Sefton W.M., Thos. Threlfall I.P.M., W. Mosley S.W., Jas. Clough J.W., S. Statham P.M. P.P.G.T. Chap., F. Townson P.M. Treas., J Clarkson Secretary, W. Lambert J.D., W. Hardcastle P.M. P.P.G.D.C. D.C., W. Thos. Blease I.G., W. Allen Smith and R. Hilton Stewards. Past Masters:—J. Harrop P.P.G.D., E. Holland, Thos. Kay, J. L. Smith and E. Roberts (FRI EMASON'S CHRONICLE). Bros. John Harwood, J. Handley, Tom Bradbury and E. Winterbottom P.M. Visitor:—Bro. E. Bardsley 993.

After the reading and confirmation of minutes, Mr. Alexander Henry Sellers, Commercial Traveller, Cheetham, was successfully balloted for, and afterwards initiated by the W.M., he being assisted by Bros. W. Mosley, and J. Clough, the former delivering the Ancient Charge, and the latter presenting and explaining the

Working Tools.

At the festive board which followed, the usual Loyal and Masonic toasts having been disposed of, Bro. Samuel Statham P.M. proposed the health of the newly-initiated Brother, saying that Bro. Sellers had come amongst them with a very excellent recommendation. As a body they were no better than other men, but he could assure his newly-found Brother that many valuable friendships had been engendered by Freemasonry. He himself might find it a very valuable help to him, for when travelling abroad, after a day's work, and the despatch of his orders, he could inquire for a Masonic Lodge, where he would receive a hearty welcome, and be made comfortable, and where he could pass a few otherwise dull hours away.

Bro. Sellers said, in response that, a man could not fail to be impressed with such a ceremony as that through which he had passed, and it would be his constant effort to act up to the precepts put before him. For twenty years he had had a great feeling towards the Craft, and he had at last with all seriousness taken the solemn step. He thanked the Brethren for having given him an

opportunity of doing so.

The various speeches were pleasantly relieved by songs, recitations, &c., given by Bros. E. Bardsley, W. T. Blease, Tom. Bradbury, and E. Roberts.

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ZION LODGE, No. 1798.

THE regular meeting was held at the Grand Hotel, Manchester, on Wednesday, the 13th inst., the following Brethren being present:—Bros. John Fisher Prov. G.S.D. W.M., Leone Levy J.W., S. Mamelok P.M. Treas., A. Kirkwood J.D., Walter Marshall I.G., Julius Arensberg P.M. P.P.G.P., Geo. Board P.M. P.P.G.J.D., Geo. Rideal P.M., E. Roberts P.M. (FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE), Chas. J. Sassoon, L. Frankenstein D.C., Max Frankenberg, B. Steel, A. Libstein. Visitors:—Bros. Jas. W. Abbott P.M. 1030 P.P.G.D.C., Fred Hilton P.M. 1458 P.P.G.D.C., H. Stevens P.M. P.P.G.O., Jno. M. Simpson W.M. 2387, John Ambler S.W. 1345, M. P. Smethurst P.M. 78, Harry C. Goldman 323, C. T. Cottingham 323, 'Adam Brown 100.

The Lodge having been opened by Bro. Rideal the Provincial Grand Officers entered in procession, and were received with the

usual Masonic greetings. Bro. Fisher W.M. the recently appointed Prov. G.S.D. was then announced, and he advanced to the chair of K.S. supported by Bros. Board and Mamelok. Upon taking his seat in the principal chair for the first time since his appointment to the dignity of Prov. G.S.D. for East Lancashire he was cordially greeted with Grand and Royal honours by the Brethren in Lodge assembled.

After the reading and confirmation of minutes, the W.M. announced the next business to be that of presenting to the Zion Lodge by members thereof, the portrait of Bro. Julius Arensberg P.M. P.P.G.P., in celebration of his active membership of the Lodge at 85 years of age. The W.M. in his address congratulated the Lodge that it possessed a Brother so distinguished as was Brother Arensberg, not for his venerable age alone, but in addition for his long, steady, and unfailing interest in the life and progress of the Lodge at every step of its career. The ripeness of his experience, the value of his counsel and his genial presence, were enhanced by the remarkable constancy of his support in all matters Masonic. The W.M. congratulated equally Bro. Arensberg—who, whether he had the secret or not of perennial youth, looked the freshness of perpetual spring—and the Lodge, in being so fortunate as to own a Brother with these treasurable and enduring qualities.

The portrait, which was an admirable and truthful likeness, was designed to give expression to the pleasure of the Brethren, and the esteem in which they held their patriarchial Brother, for whom they wished and prayed for a continuance of hale and hearty activity in the interests of Masonry for many long and happy years. To seal and commemorate the remarkableness of these incidents in the life and career of Bro. Arensberg, and to keep them constant to the minds of the Brethren, the portrait was intended to take its place on the Lodge walls as a companion picture to that of the late Bro. Elias Nathan P.M., whose talents at the age of eighty-five years, and services to Masonry during a long career, had been the theme of general admiration. The W.M. trusted that Bro. Arensberg would accept the address on the ground of the sincerity of the Brotherly love which dictated the terms of it, and concluded by congratulating the Lodge, not only upon having the picture, but what was far better—their hale and evergreen member himself in front of it. Long might it be so.

Bro. Arensberg, in reply thanked the Lodge for their great kindness to him. He assured them that he should prize their good opinion of him and should labour with continued devotion and duty to Masonry, so long as the Great Architect of the Universe was pleased to permit him to do so. In view of his long Masonic companionship with the late Bro. Nathan, and the great loss which he felt he had sustained himself by the removal of that Brother from their midst, he was very much touched with this seasonable and acceptable kindness on the part of the members of the Zion

Lodge.

At the festive board which followed, the usual loyal and Masonic toasts were given and duly responded to. In proposing that of the octogenarian Past Master of the Zion Lodge, Bro. Rideal said that it had pleased the powers which be to place this particular toast in his hands. He considered it to be an honour to congratulate a Brother who at the age of fourscore years and five could sit in company with all religions and businesses and be equally respected in each. Bro. Arensberg had always done what he could for the benefit of those around him, and he sincerely trusted that

he might be spared for many years.

Bro. Arensberg, who was deeply affected, said that he held the whole of his Brethren in reverence, and old as he was, he could never forget those who had been kind to him. He was not boastful or proud, but he believed he might venture to say that he had not an enemy in Manchester. Favours had come to him without asking, and if he indulged in the longest speech he could not add to their previous knowledge of what he had done and attempted. He hoped he might never be a trouble to the living, and that the impressions of that evening would remain in their memories for ever. He also sincerely trusted that they would live to his age and enjoy health and prosperity, and that their pride in the Masonic principles would increase. He had lived with this end in view, and hoped he would die a good Mason.

Cabinet copies of the portrait were presented to every Brother

present.

The proceedings were enhanced by songs, recitations, &c., given by Bros. Brown, Ambler, Levy, Goldman, Hilton, Simpson and Frankenstein.

It is satisfactory to know thus early that the Chairman for next year's Festival of the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys has been secured, in the person of the Provincial Grand Master of Cheshire, Bro. the Rt. Hon. Lord Egerton of Tatton. Cheshire has not the same number of Lodges as West Yorkshire from which to draw support for its chief, but what it lacks in quantity may be, to a great extent, made up for in quality. We anticipate an exceptionally strong list of supporters from the Chairman's Province, as well as from the important Masonic districts that surround it, and as a consequence may predict another success for "Our Boys" next year.

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The annual meeting of the Provincial Grand Lodge of Norfolk will be held on Thursday, the 19th of July next, at Norwich.