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### HASTY INITIATION.

OUR Scottish contemporaries are just now exercised in reference to some strong remarks made by the Toronto "Freemason," which regards Scotland as often guilty of the offence of "rushing" candidates, and instances two cases which had come under its observation, where members were initiated but a few hours before taking ship to cross the Atlantic.

Of course in these particular instances there may have been no cause for complaint, but if it is true, as our Canadian contemporary states, that cases have been known in New York of men who have been made Masons in the beginning of the month in Scotland being before the Board of Relief in America before its close, then there is very good ground for protestation, while it is but rational that more caution should be demanded from those who do not take sufficient care as to the class of men they introduce into Freemasonry.

It is a painful fact, argues the Canadian writer, but one capable of demonstration, that the larger number of Masons who seek relief in the United States hail from Grand Lodge of Scotland, and this being so, it is hardly to be wondered at that a strong feeling exists across the water that men who have been rushed through Masonry as is done in some quarters, but particularly in Scotland, should not be permitted to join Lodges there.

Continuing the subject, it is urged that in Holland a Brother is not permitted to take the Master's degree until he has served twelve months as a Fellow Craft, and not even then without proving himself worthy of the advancement; but there is little probability of so strong a regulation being introduced into the laws of either Scotland or England. Indeed, we have but very recently seen a similar regulation, that formerly guarded the portals of Royal Arch Freemasonry, swept away, in favour of the shorter probationary period of one month.

The question is one of great importance, and will no doubt be discussed in some official way ere long. We regret that on the present occasion other claims on our space prevent our giving further attention to it, but we shall revert to the subject at no very distant date.

### GUERNSEY AND ALDERNEY.

AN event that has been looked forward to by the Masonic fraternity in Guernsey and Alderney, and Jersey, took place in the Masonic Temple, St. Peter Port, Guernsey, on 23rd inst., with great success, viz.: the formation of a Provincial Grand Lodge for Guernsey and Alderney. For many years the various Lodges in these two Islands have belonged to no province, apparently preferring to remain so. However, it has been decided at last to form a province of their own, and it has pleased

H.R.H. the Prince of Wales to appoint Brigade-Surgeon J. Balfour Cockburn as Provincial Grand Master. This worthy Mason has been long known both in Guernsey and Jersey for the tact and energy with which he has carried out the various functions which he has been called upon to perform in both Islands.

Bro. the Right Hon. the Earl of Euston Prov. Grand Master of Northampton and Huntingdon, accompanied by Lord Dungarvan Prov. Grand Master of Somerset, Col. E. Malet de Carteret Prov. Grand Master of Jersey, Bro. Col. Cook P.G.D., Bro. F. Richardson P.G.D., Bro. C. F. Matier P.G.S.B. and other Grand Officers arrived in Guernsey to perform the ceremony.

The ceremony, which is a function seldom witnessed by the majority of Freemasons, took place at St. Julian's Hall with great pomp, and can only be realised by those who have had the privilege of witnessing it; the principal Officers invested being Bro. C. Ozanne, H.M. Solicitor-General of Guernsey, as Deputy Prov. G.M., Col. Guion, commanding Royal Fusiliers, as P.G.S.W., Bro. Gardiner as P.G.J.W., Bro. Rev. Jesse P.G. Chap.

The ceremony concluded, the Brethren adjourned to the Lyric Hall, where a banquet had been provided, and to which about 100 sat down. Dr. Cockburn was in the chair, his Deputy Bro. Ozanne on his left, and the Earl of Euston, Col. M. de Carteret and Lord Dungarvan in order of seniority on his right.

The banquet being over, the Prov. G.M. proposed the toast of the Queen and Prince of Wales, which was drunk with applause. He then proposed the Grand Lodge, which was responded to by Col. de Carteret and Lord Dungarvan, and next the Installing Master (who was much cheered).

The Earl of Euston responded in a most able manner, explaining the great pleasure it gave him to be able to be present to instal the first Prov. G.M. of Guernsey and Alderney.

Lord Euston then proposed what he considered the toast of the evening: Dr. Balfour Cockburn, the first Prov. G.M. of the Province, than whom no better Mason could be found, he having served his country in many lands and risen to the head of his Department, who having learned to obey was well able to command. He trusted the newly-formed Province would follow him loyally and well.

Dr. Cockburn responded in feeling terms, and proposed the health of his Deputy and Officers, which was responded to by Brother Ozanne in an eloquent speech.

The Prov. G.M. then proposed the Visitors, and explained what pleasure it gave him to see so many Jersey Brethren present who had ever met him in that true fraternal spirit which should always characterise Freemasons. Dr. J. Le Cronier responded.

The Charities was then proposed and responded to by Bro. R. Eve, Chairman of the Masonic Boys School, and Bro. F. Richardson, Chairman of the Masonic Girls School, the former in a most eloquent and fluent oration demanding that "Charity" was the main object of Masonry, and calling upon the Brethren to support by every means in their power, the Aged, the Widows and the Orphans.

The assembly broke up at 11 p.m. after a day which will long be remembered by the Masons of these Islands. —"Jersey Times."

## DEMONSTRATION IN NEWCASTLE.

“ALL light cometh from the east,” and on so sure a dictum it is only reasonable that the light of Freemasonry should be strong in this part of the country. The Brethren of the mystic tie in the Province of Northumberland, however, are not wont to “let their light shine before men,” they have always preferred, it seemed, to “hide their light under a bushel,” and differing from their Brethren north of the border, to figure very little in public. In Scotland processions of “Merry Masons,” are common, for the “Craft” is sought to give eclat to the erection of public buildings, and probably the largest assembly of the kind was that which gathered to lay the foundation stone of the Glasgow Municipal Buildings. In Newcastle they have not been accustomed to figure in such functions, otherwise they should have been asked to set their mark in yesterday’s proceedings, not only upon their own buildings, but upon the keystone, say, of the Dean Street Railway Bridge only placed a day or two ago. Perhaps the great public interest manifested in the demonstration yesterday may bring the Craft more outside the “tyled” Lodge Room. Yesterday’s proceedings were in connection with the focussing of the Freemasonry of the district by providing a special building in which a large hall and numerous rooms will give accommodation for the Lodges apart and combined on a festive or other occasion. At present the Lodges are scattered all over the town. The site at the upper corner of High Bridge and Pilgrim Street is central and convenient. It is being built by a company of the Masonic Brotherhood and is to cost some £15,000, but an income from the Lodges of between £1,000 and £2,000 is already assured.

The occasion of the special demonstration was the laying of the chief stone of the new buildings by the Right Worshipful Grand Master of the Province of Northumberland, Sir Matthew White Ridley, Bart., M.P., the leading Grand Officers assisting in the function being Ald. Holmes (Deputy Provincial Grand Master), Rev. P. H. Moore, M.A. (Provincial Grand Chaplain), the Rev. Canon Pennefather, the Rev. Canon Tristram, D.D., and others. The general meeting place of the Brethren was the Olympia, a large covered space that allowed the 2,000 Brethren to assemble, clothe in Masonic attire, and be mustered under their respective banners. This took place between one and two o’clock, when the weather, which had been very wet earlier in the day, faired, and continued fine during the whole of the proceedings. Bro. John Page was an indefatigable director-general of the procession that was formed up and marched from Olympia four deep.

Following the Brethren of the Northumberland Lodges came the Provincial Grand Officers of the other Provinces, Durham having a strong representation, and several from Scotland noted by their crimson aprons. “What’s the apron for, I wonder?” was the exclamation of Mrs. Caudle, but had she seen yesterday’s passage of the Provincial Grand Lodge of Northumberland, with the stalwart figure of the Grand Master, supported by the Grand Sword Bearers, she would at least have admired, if not envied, the valuable regalia worn by these high Officers of Masonry. The emblems of the Craft, too, were borne by the respective Officers, the Corinthian, Doric, and Ionic Lights, the cornucopias with corn, wine and oil, the open Book from which the Light of Masonry is now declared, square, level, rule, and trowel.

The procession was witnessed in Bath Road, Northumberland Street and Pilgrim Street by a great crowd of people, and all went easily till a counter procession was met with in Pilgrim Street, carting a big closed book, and then it came to be a question as to which was like Æsop’s fly that sat on the chariot wheel and said, “What a dust I do raise;” but certes, the Provincial Grand Lodge of Northumberland was lost for a while in the crowd. In due time, however, the scene of the Masonic function was reached, and the whole of the Brethren got massed on special platforms within the barriers of the new buildings. A throne was provided for the Provincial Grand Master, and the sun glinting out on the proceedings was taken as a hopeful augury for the success of the new undertaking. The Brethren had been ordered to appear in morning dress with satin hats, and the

fashions observable in this head-gear were comical enough; but the presence of a choir of male voices from the Cathedral, wearing top hats, white surplices, and Masonic aprons tied over them was so grotesque as to make the most solemn Brother smile. After Mr. Amer’s Exhibition Band had ceased playing, the choir sung the Ode “Hail! Masonry, thou Craft divine.”

The corner stone was then raised by four Masons, specially appointed, under the direction of the architect.

The Prov. G. Master, addressing the Brethren, said: We have amongst us, concealed from the eyes of all men, secrets which may not be revealed, and which no man has yet discovered. But the secrets are lawful and honourable, and not repugnant to the laws of God or man. Unless our Craft were good and our calling honourable, we had not so many illustrious members in our ranks, ready to promote our interests and to help our cause. We are assembled here to-day to erect this building to the honour and glory of the Most High—a building which we pray Him to prosper as seemeth to Him best. And as it is the custom of all Freemasons to invoke the blessing of the great Architect of the Universe upon all their proceedings, I invite you to join the Prov. Grand Chaplain in an address to the Throne of Grace.

The Provincial Grand Chaplain (Bro. the Rev. P. H. Moore, M.A.) then offered prayer, asking the blessing of the Almighty Architect of the Universe upon Masonry, and upon the work which was that day being done.

At the conclusion, the Deputy Prov. Grand Master (Brother Ald. W. H. Holmes, Chairman of the Masonic Hall Company) on behalf of the Directors of the Company, asked the Provincial Grand Master to lay the corner stone according to ancient custom, and presented him with a silver trowel. He said: On behalf of the Central Masonic Hall Company, and, as chairman, I have to ask you, Right Worshipful Sir, to lay this chief corner stone of this Masonic temple, for which purpose I have the pleasure to hand you this trowel. It is a work which I hope will, in the result, be glorious to Masonry, and a great temple built to the honour and the glory of the Most High, and for the use of the Brethren of this Province. I trust, Sir, that the trowel, after the ceremony has been performed by you to-day, will be preserved in your family, and handed down as an heirloom of Blagdon, a house which we all honour and esteem in this neighbourhood, and a house which has given us two, if not three Provincial Grand Masters. On behalf of the Masonic Hall Company, I beg to tender you our most sincere thanks for having acceded to our prayer to convene this special Provincial Grand Lodge for the occasion, and for having yourself, as Right Worshipful Provincial Grand Master, done us the honour to lay the corner stone. I have now, Sir, to call upon you to proceed to the laying of this corner stone according to the ancient custom of the Craft of Freemasonry.

The trowel, which was then handed to Sir Matthew, bore the following inscription:—

Presented

By the Chairman and Directors of the Newcastle-upon-Tyne Central Masonic Hall Company, Ltd.,

to the

Right Hon. and Right Worshipful Bro. SIR MATTHEW WHITE RIDLEY, Bart, M.P.,

Right Worshipful Provincial Grand Master of the Province of Northumberland,

on the occasion of his laying the chief corner stone of the Central Masonic Hall, Pilgrim Street, Newcastle-on-Tyne.

25th July 1894. A.L. 5894.

The Provincial Grand Master said: I accept with pleasure and gratitude the trowel you have handed to me on behalf of the directors of this Company, and I can assure you it will be handed down in my family as a reminiscence of a day which I trust will be happy in its augury for Freemasonry in this Province. In answer to your request, we will proceed, in accordance with ancient custom, to lay this corner stone. I have just to ask the Provincial Grand Secretary to read the inscription on the plate.

The Provincial Grand Secretary read the English version of the Latin inscription on the plate, which was as follows:

In the 57th year, and on the 25th day of July, of the reign of  
Victoria,  
by the Grace of God Queen of Great Britain and Ireland, Empress  
of India; and of Salvation, 1894, of the Order 5,894.

The Right Hon. SIR MATTHEW WHITE RIDLEY, Bart., M.P.,  
Right Worshipful Grand Master of Freemasons in the Province of  
Northumberland,

Laid this Chief Corner Stone of the Masonic Hall according to  
ancient form, in the presence of

Alderman RICHARD HENRY HOLMES, J.P.,

Worshipful Deputy Provincial Grand Master;

the Officers of the said Provincial Grand Lodge;

the Directors of the Newcastle-on-Tyne Central Masonic Hall  
Company, Ltd.;

and a large and representative Meeting of Brethren,

at which time the name Freemason was highly honoured and  
influential by the favour and support of the Queen and the Rulers  
throughout the Globe.

The P.G. Secretary stated that a large glass urn,  
which he exhibited, would be placed in the cavity below  
the stone, and that it contained circulars of local Lodges,  
rules and circulars of Lodges, Chapters and reports of the  
Province; a calendar of the Province of Durham; local  
Masonic documents connected with the Masonic Hall  
Company; copies of the local newspapers of that day;  
gold and silver coins of the realm of this year; a medal  
commemorating the death of Queen Caroline, dug up in  
the foundations of the building, two sealed letters, &c.

The Deputy Prov. Grand Master explained that the  
plate would, inscription downwards, be cemented over  
the cavity containing the bottle. This was proceeded  
with by the Provincial Grand Master, who was assisted  
in the work by the Brethren appointed for the purpose.

This done, the upper stone was slowly lowered by  
three stages, the band playing solemn music whilst it  
was being done. The Grand Master then proved the  
stone to be plumb, to be level, and to be square. The  
architect (Bro. Johnstone, London) handed to the Grand  
Master a setting maul, with which he gave three knocks  
on each of the three sides of the stone, and then said:  
"I declare this stone to be plumb, properly laid, true  
and trusty."

The public Grand honours—three-three—led by Bro.  
Page—were then given by the Brethren, after which the  
bearers of the corn, wine, and oil presented the vessels  
to the Provincial Grand Master, who first poured corn  
on the stone saying, "I pour corn upon this stone. May  
the blessings of morality and virtue flourish in this  
building, bringing forth fruit a hundred fold." Pouring  
wine upon the stone he said: "I pour wine upon this  
stone, the emblem of plenty and abundance, and of joy  
and of gladness." He sprinkled oil upon the stone  
saying: "I sprinkle oil upon this stone, the token of  
peace and goodwill. May prosperity, peace, and good-  
will prevail among those who are assembled in this  
building until time shall be no more." He now entrusted  
the architect with the emblems for the completion of the  
building.

The Prov. Grand Master, from the rostrum, now said:  
Men, and Brethren, we have to-day laid the corner  
stone of what we hope in good time will be a splendid  
building, worthy this great city, and serviceable to the  
Brethren of this Province. We pray that the Great  
Architect will bless and reward those brethren who have  
striven towards the accomplishment of the work we have  
all at heart. We pray that He may so conduct the  
affairs that the workmen who shall be labouring upon  
this building may accomplish this work without loss of  
life or limb, and that this edifice may stand for ever as a  
building worthy of this city and everlasting advantage to  
Freemasonry. May He in whose hands the life and  
conduct of those who are meeting within the walls of this  
great building, keep them so that their high morality and  
lofty living will be conspicuous to all men amongst whom  
they dwell.

A collection was made by the Masters of Lodges for  
the workmen, and a hatful of silver and some bronze  
money was contributed.

"Hail! Masonry Divine," was sung in splendid style  
by Mr. Lyal, the company following with a grand chorus  
in unison. Photographs of the assemblage were taken  
by Mr. Bacon, and a member of St. Peter's Lodge.

The procession was again formed, and returned to  
Olympia and to the fourth degree "from labour to re-

freshment." The new Lodges Carville (Wallsend) and  
Prince of Wales (Newcastle) were subsequently  
consecrated, and a banquet took place at the Grand  
Assembly Rooms in the evening.—"Newcastle Daily  
Leader, 26th July."

## ESSEX.

**A**FTER the banquet which followed the annual  
meeting of this Provincial Grand Lodge, as  
reported in our last issue, a few toasts were honoured,  
says the "Essex Standard."

Bro. F. A. Philbrick, Q.C., Deputy Provincial Grand  
Master, in submitting the health of their beloved  
Provincial Grand Master, the Earl of Warwick, said he  
used the word "beloved" in no common sense. (A  
Voice: Lord Brooke). The D.P.G.M., raising some  
roses from a vase in front of him, observed: "A rose by  
any other name would smell as sweet." Whether it was  
as Lord Brooke they had learned to love him, or as the  
Earl of Warwick that they would continue their affection  
to him, the man was the same for "a' that." "The  
rank," if his lordship would pardon him for saying so,  
"was but the guinea stamp," the true gold was there.  
There was an eloquence far higher than the tongue of  
the speaker; it was an eloquence of accomplished facts,  
of a record of continued prosperity and success, a record  
of a Province united and happy and at one with itself,  
and which might therefore legitimately congratulate its  
head upon the success of the promulgation of true  
Masonic principles in the Province. Such had eminently  
been the case during the sway of their Provincial Grand  
Master. It was very little in one aspect to tell them  
that the Lodges since the Provincial Grand Master  
began to reign over them had practically doubled in  
number, and the number of Brethren in the Lodges had  
correspondingly increased. During his lordship's office  
they had not been disturbed by any burning question,  
they had been agitated by no great difficulty, and they  
had had as much Home Rule as they wanted, and as  
had been good for them. He expressed the feelings of  
all when he said that it was their earnest wish that the  
Province might long be favoured with having to preside  
over it a Grand Master who united in himself so many  
Masonic virtues and so many of those Masonic qualifi-  
cations which had contributed in no slight degree to the  
success and popularity of his reign over them. The  
toast was received with full Masonic honours.

The Provincial Grand Master, in reply, remarked  
that it was a good many years since he first had the  
honour of ruling them, and he thought he might say,  
without any presumption, that the depth and warmth of  
Masonic feeling towards him in the Province did not  
seem to diminish on their side, and he could assure  
them most cordially that it did not in any way on his.  
He hoped in the future to be able to attend—to use a  
sporting phrase—the fixtures of their Masonic gatherings  
oftener than he had done in the past. He had no longer  
to sit as a representative of his country. He was now,  
as they knew, in the House of Lords, and he took the  
precaution to take his seat before he went to America.  
He did not think it a misfortune to be in the House of  
Lords. He thought it was a position of which any man  
might be proud. He had had some experience of  
popular representation, having been a representative of  
the people in the House of Commons, but he felt that  
although he was in the House of Lords now, and only  
represented his own views, there was all the more  
responsibility attaching to him, and he should always  
well weigh his vote when he was called upon to give it.  
He concluded by proposing the health of Bro. Philbrick,  
Q.C., whose advice, he said, was of such great assistance  
to him in matters connected with the Province.

Bro. Philbrick suitably acknowledged the compliment.

The Right Hon. Sir W. T. Marriott, Q.C., responded  
for the Visitors.

Sir W. T. Abdy, Bart., responded to the toast of the  
Worshipful Masters of the Province of Essex.

The annual meeting of the Provincial Grand Chapter  
of Essex will be held at Chelmsford, on Wednesday,  
8th August.

## NORFOLK.

THE Annual Provincial Grand Lodge was held on Thursday, 19th inst., in the rooms of the Masonic Association, St. Giles's, Norwich, under the presidency of Lord Suffield, K.C.B., Prov. G.M.

There was a large assembly of Brethren from the seventeen Lodges of the Province.

The Brethren assembled at one o'clock, and half an hour later the Provincial Grand Master, preceded by his Officers, entered the Lodge Room, and the proceedings were commenced in due form.

The roll of the Provincial Grand Officers was called, and there proved to be very few absentees. The roll of Lodges was called and the representatives answered.

The Provincial Grand Registrar, Bro. F. M. Hotblack, gave an account of the work of the Lodges during the past year, and of their present position, and the Provincial Grand Treasurer gave a summary of the financial state of the Province. Bro. H. G. Barwell presented the report of the Charities Committee. It was agreed to make the usual donation to the Girls Institution.

After the transaction of some miscellaneous business the Provincial Grand Master appointed and invested his Officers for the ensuing year as follow:—

Bro. E. T. B. Wightman P.M. 93	-	Senior Warden
W. P. Eversley 52 P.M. 10	-	Junior Warden
Rev. E. N. G. Williams 52 P.M. 1724	-	Chaplain
W. Smith P.M. 996	-	Treasurer
T. Cranmer P.M. 996	-	Registrar
G. W. G. Barnard P.M. 943	-	Secretary
H. W. Youell P.M. 313	-	Senior Deacon
W. J. King P.M. 107	-	Junior Deacon
W. F. Stockings P.M. 943	-	Superintendent of Wks.
T. H. Fiddy P.M. 807	-	Director of Ceremonies
W. H. Stevens P.M. 1500	-	Assistant Dir. of Cers.
O. H. Rust P.M. 213	-	Sword Bearer
A. W. F. Whitlock P.M. 2237	-	Standard Bearers
F. W. Frewer P.M. 1193	-	
A. S. Wilde 1500	-	Organist
A. A. Markham W.M. 943	-	Assistant Secretary
G. Durrant jun., P.M. 85	-	Pursuivant
A. Tyrrell P.M. 1741	-	Assistant Pursuivant
E. Skinner 1500	-	Stewards
A. A. Bobby 1741	-	
Rev. G. Sharley 1808	-	
A. H. Beesley 2237	-	
W. S. Warlters 52	-	
W. P. Smart 85	-	Tyler.
Ephraim Hollidge	-	

The Deputy Provincial Grand Master Bro. Hamon Le Strange moved a number of alterations and additions to the bye-laws of the Provincial Grand Lodge, of which he had given notice at the last meeting. These were adopted unanimously, and with very little discussion.

The Auditors Bros. George Baxter and R. F. Ladell were re-appointed. Bro. Hamon Le Strange was warmly thanked for his presentation to the Provincial Grand Lodge of a number of pictures of Masonic worthies.

The Provincial Grand Master announced that he had decided that the collection to be taken at the service in the Cathedral that day should be given to the Cathedral Reparation Fund. An invitation to hold the next Annual Provincial Grand Lodge at Lynn was accepted. Before closing the meeting the Provincial Grand Master expressed his extreme gratification at finding all the Lodges so well represented, and at learning they were in so prosperous a condition. The attendance that day had been considerably larger than for many years past.

Provincial Lodge was then closed, the business having occupied a longer time than usual, by reason of the number of bye-laws that had to be considered.

Immediately after the close of the Provincial Grand Lodge the Brethren made their way to the Cathedral, where the evening service was held an hour earlier than usual. The Brethren gathered in the Cathedral School and in the cloisters and robed. A procession was formed, with the choristers and Cathedral body at the head, and marched down the nave to the stalls and choir, which were reserved for the Masons, the transepts being open for the general public. The service was full choral.

The Rev. A. W. Callis was the preacher for the occasion, and gave a discourse based on I. Peter, ii, 17, "Love the brotherhood. Fear God. Honour the king." He said:—It is not my purpose this afternoon to dilate upon the history of our ancient Order, a subject doubt-

less familiar to most of you here present. Upon it the passing events of the world make but little change and exercise but little influence. As you well know, materials in abundance may be found to emphasise its antiquity, and to show that in one form or another Masonry was practised in the far off ages, by the shepherd astronomers, by the astrologers of Chaldea, by the priest-kings of Egypt, by the Brahmins of India, by the philosophers of Greece, reaching its meridian when the Grand Master Solomon, amid much gorgeous ceremony, laid the foundation of the Temple which was to be dedicated to the service of God. Then, too, we have it on the authority of a Roman historian, that when Julian the Apostate, eighteen centuries after, cleared the foundation of that same temple, he discovered the vaulted chamber, with the sacred symbols, in which our ancient Brethren had doubtless often assembled, symbols to be traced among nations far and wide, not only on the pyramids of Egypt, the caves of Elephanta, the temples of Greece, the courts of the Alhambra, the round towers of Ireland, but also on the arches of the sublime cathedrals, the glory of our land. I would rather call upon you this afternoon to dwell for a few moments on the cause of this universal presence, this unfading permanence. It is, my Brethren, not far to seek, embodied, as we find it, in the first catechism of our Craft, which teaches us that its foundation rests, not upon the transitory and perishable circumstances of external life, but on sentiments which spring from and appeal to the most deep-seated affections of our nature, viz., Brotherly love, relief, and truth—that golden chain, whose every link may so readily be found inseparably rivetted to the sacred pages of God's Holy Word, that volume never absent from our midst nor closed in open Lodge, for from it are derived our duty to our Maker, our neighbour, and ourselves; from it the Apostle exhorts us, in the words of my text, to "Love the Brotherhood, fear God, honour the king." "Love the Brotherhood." Although St. Peter employs the term in a general use, meaning the Church, may we not take it to-day in a more particular sense, applying it to ourselves, as Masons working under the direction of the Almighty Architect, who is the one great cause of our being, each striving in his own person after that spirit of unity, the very essence of the Divine being, which He longs to see instilled in us, and which is the very keynote of Brotherhood. It is the Unity in Trinity that we especially think of in our fraternity—that unity, whose aid we are taught to implore in all our lawful undertakings—that unity, or, to use the old Saxon word, that oneness, which is the first principle of all that is good and great, and holy and happy in all worlds. What is the attitude the Apostle bids us maintain towards such a Brotherhood? He exhorts us to the exercise of love, that highest of Christian virtues, before which all others fade into comparative insignificance. The Almighty Architect is Himself love, and my Brethren if God so loved us, we ought also to love one another. We, His Masons cannot but be united. Each one of us is a stone forming a part of a great Masonic temple, either in the foundations, the buttresses, the walls or the pinnacles, and on the one hand we can give strength, grace, and lustre to it by a life modelled on Masonic principles; or on the other we may dim that lustre by forgetfulness of our sacred vows and obligations. Oh! may we be filled with this spirit of love, so that it may overflow to our poorer Brethren. It is not alone the charity in deed that I would impress upon you (essential though this be to Masonry), but that charity, far harder to practise, which is not easily provoked, which thinketh no evil. When this spirit is shed abroad in our hearts, then will every kindred, nation, and tongue be fused into one universal Brotherhood; then may our working tools be laid aside, for our labour will be ended; then may Lodges be closed and secrets proclaimed abroad, for the objects of Freemasonry will be accomplished. Reverting to the text, the preacher spoke of the fear of God as the beginning and the consummation of wisdom, and then went on to remark upon the words of the apostle, "Honour the king." He continued: as good citizens, as true Masons, we must be first and foremost in our obedience to the laws, and show a loyal allegiance to our sovereign. To do otherwise would be to doubly violate our obligations. For centuries, and even in the most troublous times successive sovereigns



have shown an unswerving confidence in Masonic loyalty, and the fact that we have a Royal chief endeared by his devotion to the cause reminds us that loyalty must be one of our binding principles, whether in public, private, or Masonic life. May the exhortation of the apostle find a ready response in our hearts, and in whatever light we take it, let us, as true Masons, whose aim and object in life it is to perfect ourselves and our Brethren for that temple not made with hands, strive with all our might with the Divine aid to follow out the apostle's precepts to "Love the brotherhood, fear God, and honour the king."

In the evening a banquet was held at the Masonic Rooms. Lord Suffield occupied the chair, and was supported by Bros. Hamon Le Strange, Sir Francis Boileau, Sir Kenneth Kemp, Austen Le Strange, Rev. A. W. Callis, Rev. H. T. Griffith, Rev. T. Stone, Rev. Shirley, W. P. Eversley, H. G. Barwell, E. Orams, Col. Sturgeon, T. C. R. King, J. Bridgman, Dr. Offord, J. L. N. Barnard, and a numerous company.

Sir Francis Boileau submitted the health of the Pro Grand Master the Earl of Lathom, the Deputy G.M. the Earl of Mount-Edgcumbe, and the Officers of the Grand Lodge of England present and past. He said these, the highest Officers of the Order, were all chosen with the greatest judgment, and, as they had so often proved, could be relied on for the efficient performance of any duties imposed upon them. In connection with the toast the name of Brother Hamon Le Strange was mentioned.

In response, the D.P.G.M. remarked that so long as such men were at the head of Masonic affairs prosperity was assured for the Order. Proceeding to ask the Brethren to drink the health of the Right Worshipful the Provincial Grand Master, Bro. Le Strange expressed the profound pleasure it afforded everyone to see Lord Suffield among them. Two years since his absence, through a serious illness, caused widespread sorrow in the district; now all were more than happy at his restoration to health, and had every cause to be thankful they had such a splendid Master at their head.

The toast having been drunk with the greatest heartiness and with a vigorous and well-timed "charge," Lord Suffield tendered his thanks for the cordial greeting given him. It was a source of pleasure to him to find the Grand Lodge of Norfolk in so flourishing a condition. The work done during the day had been useful and enjoyable, and he hoped similar success would attend the meeting next year at Lynn.

The remaining toasts were the D.P.G.M. Brother Hamon Le Strange and the Officers of the Provincial Grand Lodge present and past, the replicants for the present Officers being Brothers E. T. B. Wightman Prov.S.G.W. and G. W. G. Barnard Prov.G. Secretary; the Masonic Charities, which found respondents in Bros. H. G. Barwell and Captain Fred Mills, and the Tyler's Toast.

Bros. Holden, Brookes, Thouless and Brockbank, with Brother A. S. Wilde P.G. Org., at the piano, contributed some admirable musical items.

Words of sincere commendation are due to Bro. T. H. Fiddy, who directed the ceremonies, and to Bro. Pretty for the excellence of his catering.—"Eastern Daily Press."

#### BUCKINGHAMSHIRE.

THE Provincial Grand Lodge was held at the Public Hall, Slough, on Saturday, 14th inst., when a large number of Brethren from various parts of the county assembled.

The Lodge was opened at two o'clock by Lord Carrington Prov. G.M., assisted by the Rev. J. Studholme Brownrigg and other present and past Provincial Grand Officers.

The Brethren included Lord Addington and other distinguished members of the Craft, and after the formal business and ceremonial proceedings, upwards of fifty sat down to a banquet at the Royal Hotel.

The Prov. G.M. presided, and in responding to the toast of his health said it was his intention to place his resignation in the hands of the Grand Master, he having ruled the Province for three years.

#### CHURCH SERVICES.

ON the 22nd inst. a procession and service on a larger scale than hitherto was held at Preston in aid of the West Lancashire Masonic charities. Over 300 Brethren assembled at the Public Hall, and, headed by the band of the Preston Rifle Volunteers, marched through the main thoroughfare, which was crowded with people, the weather being very fine, to St. James's Church, where service was held. The Rev. T. Barton Spencer preached. A liberal collection having been taken for the West Lancashire Masonic Charities, the procession was re-formed to the Public Hall, where Bro. Spencer briefly expressed his thanks to the Brethren for the numerical and financial response to the appeal of the Committee.

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IT is announced that Archdeacon Sinclair, one of the Grand Chaplains of the year, has arranged to hold, in the course of the autumn, a great Masonic service in St. Paul's Cathedral, at which the Girls and Boys in the Masonic Schools and the old people on the funds of the Benevolent Institution will take part.

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THE Annual service of the Castle Lodge, No. 1436, was held on Sunday afternoon, 17th ult., at Sandgate. The Brethren, about fifty in number, including several visitors, assembled at their Hall, at half past two, and afterwards proceeded to St. Paul's Church. The service was purely Masonic, and conducted by Bro. the Rev. H. Russell Wakefield P.M. Chaplain to the Lodge. The Rev. gentleman gave an eloquent address.

It is announced as probable that a meeting of the Provincial Grand Lodge of West Yorkshire will be held at Sheffield in October next, under the banner of the Wentworth Lodge, No. 1239.

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Friday, 3rd August, 7.55 a.m., for Gloucester, Cheltenham, Hereford, &c., and the principal stations in South Wales, for 8 days, and Waterford and other places in the South of Ireland, to return any week day to 17th August inclusive.

10.10 p.m., for Exeter, Dawlish, Teignmouth, Plymouth, Newquay, Truro, Falmouth, St. Ives, Penzance, &c., for 3, 8, 10, 15 or 17 days.

Saturday, 4th August, 7.55 a.m., for Weston-Super-Mare, Minehead, Barnstaple, Ilfracombe, Exeter, Dawlish, Teignmouth, Torquay, Dartmouth, Plymouth, Newquay, Truro, Falmouth, St. Ives, Penzance, &c., for 3, 8, 10, 15 or 17 days.

8.10 a.m. for Oxford, Leamington, Birmingham, Wolverhampton, Hereford, Chester, Birkenhead, Liverpool, Manchester, &c., for 3 or 6 days, and for Witney, Evesham, Cheltenham, Worcester, Malvern, &c., for 6 days.

9.5 a.m. for Newbury, Marlborough, Devizes, Trowbridge, Frome, Shepton Mallet, Wells, &c., for 3, 10 or 17 days.

12.5 p.m., for Clevedon, Bridgwater, Taunton, Minehead, Barnstaple, Ilfracombe, Wellington (Som.), Tiverton, &c., for 3, 10 or 17 days.

12.35 p.m., for Yeovil, Bridport, Dorchester, Weymouth, &c., for 3, 10 or 17 days.

1.55 p.m., for Weston-Super-Mare, Exeter, Dawlish, Teignmouth, Torquay, Dartmouth, Plymouth, &c., also for Cirencester, Stroud, Gloucester and Cheltenham, for 3, 8, 10, 15 or 17 days.

3.30 p.m., for Swindon, Chippenham, Bradford-on-Avon, Bath, and Bristol, for 3, 10 or 17 days.

Sunday, 5th August, 8.15 a.m. for Cirencester, Stroud, Gloucester, Cheltenham, &c., for 1, 2 or 6 days.

Sunday, Midnight, 12.15 a.m. (Monday morning), for Oxford, Leamington, Birmingham, Wolverhampton, &c., for 1 or 4 days.

Monday, 6th August, 6.5 a.m. for Swindon, Chippenham, Bath and Bristol, for 1, 2, 8 or 15 days.

6.15 a.m. for Stroud, Stonehouse, Gloucester, Cheltenham, &c., for 1 or 5 days.

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**On Friday (Midnight), 3rd August.**

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To Abergavenny, Dowlais, Merthyr, Tredegar, Ebbw Vale, Llandovery, Builth, Wells, Brecon, Swansea, Carmarthen, &c., returning 10th August.

**On Saturday, 4th August.**

To Birmingham, Coventry, Leamington, Kenilworth, Warwick, Dudley, Dudley Port, Walsall, Wednesbury, and Wolverhampton, returning Monday, 6th August, or Thursday, 9th August.

To Edinburgh and Glasgow, returning Saturday, 11th August.

**On Saturdays, 4th and 18th August.**

To Douglas, Isle of Man, for ten days.

**On Bank Holiday, Monday, 6th August.**

To Birmingham, Coventry, Leamington, Kenilworth, Warwick, Dudley, Dudley Port, Walsall, Wednesbury, Wolverhampton, returning same day, or on Thursday, 9th August.

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Saturday, 4th August.

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MONMOUTHSHIRE.

At the Annual Meeting of the Provincial Grand Lodge, held at Rhymney, on the 12th inst., Col. Lyne Prov. G.M. presiding, it was unanimously decided to give thirty guineas to the Cilfynydd Relief Fund.

## GRAND CHAPTER.

A QUARTERLY CONVOCATION of the Supreme Grand Chapter will be held at Freemasons' Hall, London, on Wednesday, the 1st August, at six p.m.

## BUSINESS.

The Minutes of last Quarterly Convocation to be read for confirmation.

## REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE OF GENERAL PURPOSES.

To the Supreme Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of England.

The Committee of General Purposes beg to report that they have examined the Accounts from the 18th April to the 17th July 1894, both inclusive, which they find to be as follows:

To Balance, Grand Chapter	-	£695	1	10	
" " Unappropriated Account		200	11	8	
" Subsequent Receipts	-	534	18	9	
					£1430 12 3
By Disbursements during the Quarter		£355	18	8	
" Balance	-	842	17	5	
" " Unappropriated Account		231	16	2	
					£1430 12 3

which Balances are in the Bank of England, Law Courts Branch.

The Committee have likewise to report that they have received the following Petitions:—

1st. From Companions Isaac Mann Shields as Z, Hormusji Limjibhai Batliwalla as H, Kanoba Ranchoddas Kirtikar as J, and nine others for a Chapter to be attached to the Cyrus Lodge, No. 1359, Bombay, to be called "The Cyrus Chapter," and to meet at the Freemasons' Hall, Byculla, Bombay.

2nd. From Companions William Humphreys Hodge as Z, Geo. Waterman as H, Joseph Shepherd Old as J, and fifteen others for a Chapter to be attached to the Star of Agra Lodge, No. 1936, Agra, to be called "The Jumna Chapter," and to meet at the Freemasons' Hall, Agra, Bengal.

3rd. From Companions Ephraim Robert Dale as Z, Robert Lees as H, William Thomas Godfrey Fitzgerald as J, and six others for a Chapter to be attached to the Alexandra Lodge, No. 1065, Jubbulpore, to be called "The Clarence Chapter," and to meet at the Freemasons' Hall, Jubbulpore, Bombay.

4th. From Companions Clemens M. de Wet as Z, Joseph Da Silva as H, Solomon Hershfield as J, and six others for a Chapter to be attached to the Gold Fields Lodge, No. 2478, Johannesburg, to be called "The Gold Fields Chapter," and to meet at the Masonic Rooms, Johannesburg, South African Republic.

5th. From Companions Arthur Edward Harris as Z, George Gregory as H, Joseph Henry J. Frye as J, and nineteen others for a Chapter to be attached to the Jordan Lodge, No. 201, London, to be called "The Jordan Chapter," and to meet at the Guildhall Tavern, Gresham Street, in the City of London.

The foregoing Petitions being in all respects regular, the Committee recommend that the prayers thereof be respectively granted.

The Committee have also received a Memorial from the Kandy Newera Chapter, No. 454, Kandy, Ceylon, asking for permission to hold the meetings of the Chapter at Kandy and Colombo, alternately, at Kandy on the 3rd Saturday in February and August, and at Colombo on 3rd Saturday, in May and November, to suit the members who reside in various parts of the Island.

The Committee recommend that the request, under the circumstances, be granted.

The Committee have to report that the Charter of the Rose of Sharon Chapter, No. 1006, St. Day, Cornwall, has been returned by request of the Provincial Grand Scribe E. Cornwall. The last Exaltation in the Chapter was in 1884.

The Committee recommend that the fact of the return of the Charter of Chapter No. 1006, be reported to Grand Chapter.

The Eclectic Chapter, No. 1201, London, having exalted a candidate before the expiration of twelve months from the date of raising, previously to the alteration of the Law, the Committee ordered that the Chapter be censured, and the Candidate re-obligated.

(Signed) ROBERT GREY,  
President.

Freemasons' Hall, W.C.  
18th July 1894.

The annual meeting of the Provincial Grand Chapter of Kent will be held on Wednesday next, 1st August, at Dover.

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The installation of Lord Llangattock, the recently appointed Provincial Grand Master of the Eastern Division of South Wales, is expected to take place at Cardiff, on the 27th September next. Among other eminent members of the Craft who have signified their intention of being present, are the Earl of Lathom Pro Grand Master (who will doubtless officiate on the occasion), and the Earl of Mount-Edgcumbe Deputy Grand Master.

## MASONIC FUNDS AND "REFRESHMENTS."

A FORTUNATE accident has placed in the hands of "Porcupine" the statement of accounts of a certain Liverpool Lodge of the Order of Freemasons. It is beyond question most interesting reading, and affords an unusually large amount of the proverbial food for reflection. There is no order the secrets of which are better kept than those of Freemasonry, and it would be no part of "Porcupine's" purpose to unveil a single one of these secrets, were it not that a perusal of this remarkable little document points out a very obvious duty. To join the Order of Masons—or, indeed, any order which binds its members together in the possession of common secrets—is simply taking a leap in the dark. Anyone, therefore, proposing to join any such order, must be guided in his decision by the more or less accurate reputation which that order bears. It is not the purpose of "Porcupine" to canvass the question as to whether any member of society is justified in binding himself by solemn vows to an order concerning which he is only informed by vague and general report. But it is permissible to urge that if the general reputation of any order be an erroneously favourable one, grave personal discomfort may result to persons who, joining that Order on account of its favourable reputation, find on initiation that they are bound by irrevocable vows to proceedings which they cannot approve and associations which are nothing less than revolting.

What is the general reputation of the Order of Freemasons? Speaking broadly, and without regard to certain emphatic informants of the "Porcupine," it is that Freemasonry is an organisation existing for the propagation of human brotherhood, and for the practice of a large-hearted benevolence. Is this a correct estimate of the objects of a world-wide Order? This small cardful of figures shall answer. From fees and subscriptions the income of the Lodge from 1st July 1893, to the 30th ultimo was some £382. Fees to the central department of the Order and general expenses of the Lodge itself account for, in round figures, £182. There are set down to various benevolent funds items amounting to some £50. Small balances account to about £5, and the remainder, £147, goes in two items: one, "refreshments" £134, the other, "pic-nic," £12 12s. £147! Nearly 40 per cent. of the whole income of the Lodge, as against a mere £50 for benevolent purposes and £180 for general expenses!

Some idea of the nature of the refreshing process indicated may be gathered from the fact that a whole pic-nic cost merely twelve guineas. Pic-nics are usually considered to imply a fairly substantial course of feeding. One may, with justification, suppose that this twelve-guinea pic-nic boasted a "knife and fork tea." And yet it only cost twelve guineas. One is lost in wonder, therefore, before the discovery that the "refreshments" ran away with no less than £134 19s 5d. Refreshments is a term usually considered as indicating something in the nature of what the conventional novelist terms "a slight repast." The word conjures up visions of small cups of tea and coffee, ices, creams, grapes, the thousand and one varieties of cake—all trifles light as air. How, then, do these trifles manage to weigh down the scale of this particular Lodge to the extent of £135, while a heavy pic-nic, doubtless with full complement of horses, waggonettes, favours, and knife and fork tea, only counts a paltry twelve guineas? Here beyond a doubt be mysteries. Now, it will occur to the reader that even if the same £135 was disbursed upon no more debatable comestibles than bottles of ginger beer and Eccles cake, there is a certain disproportion between it and the £50 worth of benevolence. It may well be that there are people who, on joining a great and philanthropic institution, would be disappointed, not to say shocked, on discovering that its benevolence stood to its appetite in the proportion of one to three. It is possible that notwithstanding the innocuous nature of ginger beer and Eccles cakes, a person of strong philanthropic instincts would consider that the expenditures might at least be reversed, so that philanthropy might claim £135, even if the craving of that Lodge for Eccles cakes and ginger beer should necessitate, under the head of refreshments, an expenditure of £50. It is further possible that a really philanthropic person might consider that a pound a week—even on ginger beer and Eccles cakes—was an unduly large expenditure for a philanthropic institution whose total income only amounted to £183. There are, however, other features in the case. We have no satisfactory guarantee that the manufacturers of ginger beer and the purveyors of Eccles cakes were enriched by all, or, indeed, any of this £135. There are possibilities which would make this expenditure not merely an extravagance, but a disgrace.

Little as the uninitiated public know of the mysteries of Masonry, it has always appeared that one of its most obvious *raison d'être* was the ministry of the inner man—the ministry of what the Cretans were such expert exponents. That is to say—to drop allegory and resume simple Saxon—it has long been feared that Masonry was an order whose chief pursuit was that of eating and drinking, unfortunately even more of the latter than the former, and this fear is rendered almost a certainty by a glance over this little four-page statement of accounts. In plain words, there is every reason to believe that no small proportion of the £135 spent by this Lodge between 1st July 1893, and 30th June 1894, has gone in intoxicants. It is just remotely possible that the supposition is unjust, but the possibility is too remote to justify the withholding of this criticism. The worst of it is that there are facts which bear out the belief that the expenditure of the — Lodge on "refreshments" is no exceptional one, and that, indeed, an almost equally large proportion of outlay upon intoxicants is the general rule. A prominent Liverpool gentleman of philanthropic views was approached a short time ago, and urged to join the order of Freemasons in order that he might assist in forming a Lodge in which expenditure on intoxicants should be forbidden. He was significantly told that in twelve months such a Lodge would be at the "top of the tree" for prosperity and benevolence. Other facts there are, not quotable here, which go to prove the existence of a



universal "wet rot" in the Order. It is not difficult to imagine the feeling of an earnest and sincere man who, after joining, has discovered this. To find himself bound by solemn obligations to an organisation which he finds makes Brotherhood an excuse for guzzling, and philanthropy an excuse for "the social glass," is to a man of spirit nothing less than intolerable. "Porcupine" is not particularly concerned with the salvation of Masonry, and this article is written principally to place on their guard those who might be tempted, say, to join the ——— Lodge in ignorance of the relative proportion of its charity and its appetites. Nevertheless it is a great pity that so powerful an Order should count for so much that is evil, for not only does this expenditure upon intoxicants actively operate to degrade the members of that Order, but it places the powerful influence of this, the most compact secret society of any age, very largely in the hands of an already far too dominant drink interest. It is not going too far to say that many a strange phenomenon of the Licensing Bench would be explained if all Masonic secrets were laid bare. Nor is it generalising beyond the strength of the evidence to say that a very firm link in the chain which the liquor interest is fastening upon civic life has been forged by the association of Freemasonry with intoxicants. At least, that would seem to be the lesson of "Refreshments, £135."—"Liverpool Porcupine."

#### AN INTERESTING SPOT IN THE PEAK DISTRICT.

As reported in our last issue the members of the Hartington Lodge recently visited Castleton, on the occasion of their Annual excursion, and as the neighbourhood is a particularly interesting one, only just opened up by the construction of the new Dore and Chinley line of the Midland Railway, some particulars in regard to it will doubtless prove of general interest. We therefore append an extract from Bro. Fletcher's descriptive account of the district (from the "Derby Mercury"), which was also mentioned in last week's issue.

"Castleton," says Bro. Fletcher, "offers to lovers of Nature a number of most interesting features. Situated at the western extremity of the picturesque dale of Hope, and hemmed in by lofty limestone hills it presents to us the interesting pile known as Peveril Castle, made famous by the romance of Scott, the crumbling mountain of shale—Mam Tor—with its ancient British entrenchment, the rugged and picturesque pass, the Winnats, and, perhaps more interesting than all, its wonderful limestone caverns. Of the four to be seen at Castleton, two are worthy of especial notice—the Peak Cavern and the Speedwell Mine.

"The Peak Cavern is perhaps the most remarkable in the county, and its surroundings are most picturesque. It is approached by a precipitous ravine at the extremity of which is the entrance to the cavern. The entrance is in the form of an immense natural arch, about 120 feet in width and 42 feet in height. This arch extends under a perpendicular cliff of limestone of great height, crowned by the square keep of Peveril Castle. The spacious natural entrance, which recedes for a distance of some ninety feet, has been used, almost from time immemorial, as a rope-walk, and terminates in the narrow opening to the cavern proper. A long and narrow passage of about thirty yards leads to a chamber called the Bell House. Here is a small lake, and from this point visitors were in former times conveyed into the further recesses of the cavern by lying full length in a boat which was propelled below a mass of rock, and which in one place descended to within about twenty inches of the surface of the water. Now, however, a passage, artificially cut, makes the journey easy, and we pass into the Grand Saloon, a natural chamber some 100 feet in height. We afterwards

pass for some distance through further passages and chambers, the names of which are instructive only as indicating the power of the imagination. A stream runs through the cavern, and this is crossed several times. After heavy rain this stream becomes a brawling torrent, and enormous quantities of sediment are brought down from the surface and deposited in the cavern.

"The Speedwell Mine is entered through an insignificant doorway at the foot of the Winnats. Then down 100 steps to a boat on a subterranean canal. This canal (under three feet in depth) was cut about a century ago in search of lead. A sum of £14,000 was expended, but little lead was found. It was abandoned after eleven years ceaseless labour. At a distance of 750 yards from the entrance the miners broke into an enormous cavity, which had been hollowed out by water in the line of the 'New Rake,' a lode on the line of which are a number of fallen-in cavities. This deep gulf was bridged by a stone arch or platform, and the boring continued on the other side for a distance of 600 yards. The rubbish taken from this was thrown into this gulf without making any appreciable difference. This was estimated at 40,000 tons. The chasm is said to be 450 feet in height, and extends something less than 100 feet below the level of the platform. Most of the water now passes through a fissure at some distance from this."

#### Masonic Sonnets, No. 97.

By BRO. CHAS. F. FORSHAW, LL.D., 295 and 2417 (E.C.) Hon. Mem. 1242 (E.C.) and 24 (S.C.).

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#### EMBLEMS OF MORTALITY.

UNTIL this end we all must come at last  
And mingle our frail ashes with the sod;  
Our feeble clay in mother earth is cast  
Our souls are claimed by an unerring God.  
Nay, do not shrink at sight of human bones  
Their former habitation now dwelleth There;  
Immortal now, he worldly dust disowns  
Nor claims a burden all too great to bear.  
With gaze complacent we should ever look  
Upon such emblems that affright your eye,  
For we are led by that all-wondrous book  
And our glad Art instructs us how to die.  
Then raise your head, Oh! Brother mine and find  
Life's sequel here—the doom of all mankind!

Winder House, Bradford,  
21th July 1894.

In the current number of the "Craftsman," the monthly journal devoted to the interests of Freemasonry in Wales and the border counties, there appears an interesting history of the rise and progress of Freemasonry at Newport, and also an historical review of the career of the Silurian Lodge, No. 471, together with a portrait of the Worshipful Master Bro. Theodore Harding. The writer, by excerpt from the contents of the minute books of old Newport Lodges, shows how strict was the discipline in those times, when absent Brethren were not only censured, but fined.

#### NEXT WEEK.

##### Monday.

557 Loyal Victoria, Callington  
1753 Obedience, Okehampton

##### Tuesday.

1007 Howe and Charnwood, Loughborough  
1358 Torbay, Paignton  
1636 St. Cecilia, Brighton  
1650 Rose of Raby, Staindrop  
1779 Ivanhoe, Sheffield  
1942 Minerva, Fenton

##### Wednesday.

74 Athol, Birmingham  
94 Phoenix, 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  
417 Faith and Unanimity, Dorchester  
429 Royal Navy, Ramsgate  
643 Royal, Filey  
838 Franklin, Boston  
970 St. Anne, East Loos  
1003 Prince of Wales, Jersey  
1013 Royal Victoria, Liverpool  
1063 Mallory Abbey, West Mallory

1085 Hartington, Derby  
1167 Alnwick, Alnwick  
1274 Earl of Durham, Chester-le-Street  
1431 St. Alphege, Solihull  
1461 Clausentum, Woolston  
1549 Abercorn, Great Stanmore  
1660 Arlecdon, Frizington  
1736 St. John, Halifax  
1862 Stranton, West Hartlepool  
2330 St. Lawrence, Pudsey  
2382 Loyal Hay, Hay  
2464 Longsight, Longsight  
2490 Ampthill, Ampthill

##### Thursday.

742 Crystal Palace, Crystal Palace  
1790 Old England, Thornton Heath  
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  
295 Conberrere of Union, Macclesfield  
317 Affability, Manchester  
509 Tees, Durham  
531 St. Helen, Hartlepool  
637 Portland, Stoke-upon-Trent  
703 Clifton, Blackpool

792 Pelham Pillar, Grimsby  
856 Restormel, Lostwithiel  
1231 Savile, Elland  
1284 Brent, Topsham  
1304 Olive Union, Horncastle  
1384 Equity, Widnes  
1565 Earl of Chester, Lymm  
1829 Burrell, Brighton  
1899 Wellesley, Sandhurst  
2261 Armitage, Milnsbridge  
2321 Acacia, Bradford

##### Friday.

1489 Marquess of Ripon, Cock Tavern  
242 St. George, Doncaster  
291 Rural Philanthropic, Highbridge  
306 Alfred, Leeds  
521 Truth, Huddersfield  
837 De Grey and Ripon, Ripon  
936 Adair, Aldeburgh  
998 Welchpool, Welchpool  
1230 Barnard, Barnard Castle  
1648 Prince of Wales, Bradford  
1664 Gosforth, Gosforth  
1754 Windsor, Penarth  
2433 Minerva, Birkenhead

##### Saturday.

1223 Amherst, Riverhead  
1550 Prudence, Plymouth  
1929 Mozart, Croydon  
2442 St. Clement, Leigh

## REPORTS OF MEETINGS.

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## CHARITY LODGE, No. 223.

WHEN the members of the Lodge and their lady friends assembled at the Freemasons' Hall, Plymouth, on the 18th inst., for their third annual outing, the prospect was certainly not promising, says the "Western Morning News." Rain was falling in torrents. The shower clearing at last, a start was made half an hour late, with a faith that was justified by the result, for only a few brief light showers fell for the rest of the day. In two fours-in-hand, a breezy run across Roborough Down to Tavistock was enjoyed, and after a capital luncheon at the Newmarket Hotel, the party, numbering nearly 50, drove to Endsleigh. There sylvan charms, artistic gardening (reflecting credit on Mr. Yeo, the head gardener), the model dairy, the fish pond, the daisy dell, the grotto, the Swiss cottage, and much else that goes to make the Duke of Bedford's Devonshire cottage home a delightful memory, was greatly enjoyed in beautiful weather. Returning to Tavistock, an elegant tea was served at the Newmarket Hotel, and at eight o'clock a start was made for home. The working bees of the Outing Committee were Bro. C. B. Gale the W.M. of the Lodge; Bro. R. Blight one of its P.M.'s; Bro. James Hoyten its Hon. Sec. and another of its P.M.'s; and Bro. W. Biscombe the S.D.

The completeness and success of the arrangements won the gratitude of one and all. The Duke of Bedford's kindness in giving permission for the visit to Endsleigh was heartily acknowledged. Mr. Skinner's catering was highly praised.

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## EVERTON LODGE, No. 823.

THE members had a very successful and pleasant gathering on the 18th, at the Masonic Hall, Hope Street, Liverpool, on the occasion of the Installation as Worshipful Master of Bro. T. W. King. Over a hundred members and visitors were present.

Bro. W. J. Guilbert I.P.M. was the Installing Master. He performed the duties with exceptional efficiency, and after the ceremony he was presented on behalf of the Lodge with a Past Master's Jewel in recognition of his very acceptable occupancy of the chair during the past year.

The usual banquet followed.

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## ST. KEW LODGE, No. 1222.

ON Thursday, 21st ult., a Lodge of Emergency was convened at the Masonic Hall, Weston-super-Mare, when upwards of thirty Brethren responded to the call of the W.M. Bro. F. Blackmore. The Lodge having been formally opened, the W.M. explained the immediate business on the agenda, the presentation of an address to Bro. F. W. S. Wicksteed, on his leaving Weston-super-Mare. The W.M. presented Bro. Wicksteed with the following illuminated address, in a frame embellished with Masonic emblems, adding, "May this always remind you of absent friends":—

"St. Kew Lodge, Weston-super-Mare, 1222.

21st June 1894.

To our well-beloved Brother,

FRANCIS WILLIAM SLOW WICKSTEED

P.M., P.P.G.J.W., P.P.G.J., P.G.M.S.W., K.T., &c.

"No words can adequately express the heartfelt sorrow and regret which we all feel at your leaving the town for which you have done so much, and the Lodge of which you have been the life and soul for so many years—a Lodge in which every Brother felt the happier for your presence, and felt something was lacking to make it perfect when you were absent. You have been a generous and true friend to all: not only a Brother in the Lodge, but always a Brother out of the Lodge—every ready to carry out those principles which we all profess to admire. The only thing we have ever had to forgive is your leaving us. Partings are, alas, inevitable in this transitory world, but this parting is too painful to dwell on. Rather would we look upon it as no parting at all, but hope that we shall see you amongst us almost as often in the future as we have done in the past. Not 'Good-bye' therefore, but 'Au revoir.' Wherever you may be you take with you the goodwill and affectionate regard and love of us all, both collectively and individually. May the Great Architect of the Universe long give you health to be a blessing to those around you, and may you often return to the Lodge of St. Kew to receive that welcome which you and you alone will ever be able to call forth."

Bro. Wicksteed, who was visibly affected, responded in the course of a feeling speech, observing that he had not chosen the step he was taking, but was leaving Weston-super-Mare through circumstances over which he had no control.

The Lodge of Instruction subsequently presented to the mother Lodge of St. Kew a framed portrait of their late preceptor (Bro. Ffarington).

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## DUKE OF LANCASTER LODGE, No. 1353.

THE Installation meeting was held at the Masonic Hall, Church Street, Lancaster, on Wednesday, 18th inst., when the Lodge was opened in due form. One candidate was initiated, and two

passed to the second degree. Bro. J. E. Oglethorpe P.M. P.P.G.R. next took the chair as Worshipful Master, and installed Bro. J. L. Barrow S.W. into the chair for the ensuing year. The W.M. then appointed and invested the Officers.

The Installation ceremony being over, a vote of thanks was accorded to Bro. J. E. Oglethorpe for the very efficient manner in which he had performed the ceremony.

Bro. J. L. Barrow was also cordially congratulated upon being placed in the chair of K.S.

The Brethren then adjourned to a substantial supper.

The usual loyal and Masonic toasts were given and responded to. The Brethren intended holding their Installation banquet at the Rothsay Hotel, Grasmere, on Wednesday last.

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## LIBERTY OF HAVERING LODGE, No. 1437.

SEVERAL of the members had an excursion into Kent, on the 19th. They travelled to Tilbury, and crossed the river there to the Clarendon Hotel, Gravesend, where, after a drive, they sat down to a capital dinner.

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## TRUTH LODGE, No. 1458.

THE annual pic-nic took place on Saturday, the 14th inst., when upwards of one hundred members and friends availed themselves of the opportunity to visit Windermere and some of its lakes. A very formidable programme had been provided, and at a first glance it did not seem possible to crowd so much enjoyment into one day, and successfully carry the same into effect without a hitch of any description; but so perfect had been the arrangements that this was happily effected.

Special saloon carriages had been provided, and our party (for we were of the number) left Victoria Station, Manchester, shortly after 8 a.m., arriving at Windermere about 11. Coaches awaited the arrival of the train, and we were driven to the Belsfield Hotel, Bowness, a distance of a mile and a half, very shortly afterwards sitting down to an enjoyable lunch which had been provided by Mr. McLeod, the proprietor, in anything but a barmecide fashion. This over, and after wandering for some little time about the beautiful grounds of the hotel, we proceeded to the landing stage and were soon on board one of the steam yachts, bound for Waterhead, Ambleside, passing on the way Belle Isle, Wray Castle, and Low-wood, and gaining a distant view of Scafell, the serrated peaks of Crinkle Crag (2816 feet), Langdale Pikes, &c. Coaches were in waiting at Waterhead, and no time was lost in commencing a lovely drive of fourteen miles, the route being through the villages of Clappersgate (which lies at the foot of Loughrigg), and Elterwater.

This is the neighbourhood described in Wordsworth's elaborate work "The Excursion," of which Judge Thomas Noon Talfourd was so great an admirer that he wrote several reviews in Wordsworth's favour, and it is generally considered that he helped in no small degree to establish the poet's reputation. Lord Byron, on the other hand wrote of this effort as—

"A drowsy, frousy poem called the Excursion,  
Writ in a manner that is my aversion,"

at the same time laying himself under obligation to the lake poet by drawing from his resources, abundant evidence of which will be found in the third and fourth cantos of Childe Harold.

Resuming our journey we neared the heights and peaks of Red Bank, then by Rydal Water to the Vale of Grasmere, situate in the heart of the Lake district, and described by Wordsworth as

"The loveliest spot that man hath ever found."

Here, for purposes of refreshment we paid a visit to the Rothsay Hotel, of which Bro. Joe Cowperthwaite (Windermere Lodge, No. 2217), is the proprietor. In the south east corner of the church, which is close by, there lie the remains of Wordsworth and Hartley Coleridge, and several of the party, impelled by a laudable curiosity, were attracted to the graves of these celebrities.

Returning to Waterhead in time for the 4.25 steamer, we sailed back to Bowness, and from here returned to the Belsfield Hotel, where a most substantial dinner awaited us. This over, several toasts were proposed. Bro. Fred Hilton P.M. P.P.G.D.C., in submitting that of the W.M., announced in a humorous speech that the latter was a single man, and regretted that he had not yet found the time and inclination to join the ranks of those who were married. He, however, wished him every success, and congratulated him upon the very admirable pic-nic which had been arranged, to which remarks Bro. H. L. Burgess W.M. felicitously responded.

Bro. W. H. Worsley J.W. proposed the toast of the Visitors, both ladies and gentlemen. The W.M. responded on behalf of the former, and with regard to the latter, Bro. Jas. W. Abbott P.M. P.P.G.D.C. said that it gave him very great pleasure to say a word or two about their excellent pic-nic. He would indeed be difficult to please who had not been satisfied that day. In the whole of his experience of Masonic pic-nics this had been the most enjoyable and the most agreeable which he had attended.

Bro. T. Russell P.M. P.P.G.D.C. also thanked them for the privilege which he had enjoyed in accompanying them to Windermere. He spoke of the delightful day, the lovely scenery, the magnificent hotel, and the excellent catering. Their pic-nic to Chester last year had been a fine one, but this had eclipsed even that one, and for his own part he thought it would be difficult to improve upon it.

Bro. J. Robinson I.P.M. 1219 also expressed the pleasure which he had derived, and he should try to induce the W.M. of his own Lodge to pay a visit to Windermere next year.

Bro. Burgess W.M. proposed a vote of thanks to Bros. W. H. Worsley J.W., Sam Luke, A. B. Taylor Treas., and T. Hall P.M. Secy. (the pic-nic Committee), for the excellent arrangements

which they had made, and for the perfect manner in which they had been carried out.

Bro. Worsley, in response, said the Committee were perfectly satisfied, and amply rewarded by the success which had attended their efforts, which itself constituted sufficient payment. He announced that the pic-nic had been satisfactory in every way.

Thus ended one of the most delightful days which it has ever been our pleasure to enjoy. The weather was of that kind which may be described as fine and clear without being uncomfortably hot, and the scenery so incomparably beautiful that it could not be adequately described in the space at our command.

Besides those mentioned, we noticed as present on this occasion Bro. Geo. Macfarlane P.M. 1633 P.P.G.Supt. Wks., Bro. Jeffery W.M. 1140, Messrs. Dyson, Lowe, and Tom Manchester (Princes Theatre), nearly all being accompanied by their wives or relatives.

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#### WESTERN DISTRICT UNITED SERVICE LODGE, No. 2258.

THE installation meeting was held on Wednesday, 18th inst., at the Metham Masonic Temple, Caroline Place, Stonehouse, when Bro. Superintending-Clerk John Davidson, R.M.L.I., S.W. was installed as W.M. for the ensuing year. The ceremony of installation was ably performed by the retiring W.M. Colonel G. Vernon, late Bedfordshire Regiment.

Bro. Major Dick was unanimously re-appointed Charity Steward, and Bro. S. Jew representative on the Committee of Petitions.

Previous to the installation Bro. Denison was passed to the second degree, and Bros. Lieutenant Hopwood and Sergeant Gribble raised to the sublime degree of M.M., the work being done in a most impressive manner, reflecting great credit on the W.M. (Colonel Vernon) and his Officers.

The toasts of the W.M., Officers, etc., were most cordially drunk at the festive board.

The Installation banquet was held on the 20th, at the Farley Hotel, Plymouth, when the Worshipful Master was well supported.

An excellent dinner was admirably served up, says the "Western Mercury," after which the loyal toasts were given by the W.M. and heartily drunk.

Bro. Colonel G. Vernon the I.P.M. said he had the greatest possible pleasure in submitting the health of the W.M., Bro. J. Davidson, who had occupied the chair of S.W. for the past two years, and during that time had been most regular in his attendance, and had done his work in a most efficient manner. He had found Bro. Davidson a most excellent man in every respect, and a true and trusty Mason. He had no doubt whatever that Bro. Davidson would have a most successful year of office.

The toast having been drunk with enthusiasm, the W.M., in reply, said no effort should be wanting on his part to make his year of office most successful in every way.

Bro. Major Dick P.M. P.P.G.S.W. proposed the health of the I.P.M. Bro. Colonel Vernon, which was received with musical honours. He said that Bro. Vernon had fully justified their choice in electing him as W.M., for he had carried out his duties as far as the working of the Lodge was concerned in about as able a manner as any W.M. in the Province. Bro. Colonel Vernon had been the means of placing the Lodge on a sound financial basis, for which they were much indebted to him, and had also conclusively and practically proved that the United Service Lodge was one to which all branches of the services could belong.

Bro. Colonel Vernon, in reply, said he had done his best for the Western District United Lodge, which would always have his best support. He thanked the Officers and Brethren for the assistance they had rendered him during the past year.

Bro. S. Jew, in giving the health of the Treasurer and Secretary, said he was not going to say they were the best Officers for that position, but they could not surpass them in any Lodge in England. They had worked with zeal, assiduity, and for the benefit of the Lodge.

Bro. H. Best P.M. Treasurer, in reply, said he was pleased to inform them that the Lodge was in a sound financial position, and they had a good balance at their bankers. During the past year they had had six initiates and twelve joining members.

Bro. W. Powell P.M. P.P.G.T. Secretary said he prided himself on the fact that he first proposed the founding of the Western District Lodge, which he believed had a great future before it. He also thought the present year would be one of unexampled success in the history of the Lodge, for, in addition to a good W.M. they had a most excellent set of Officers.

The S.W. Bro. Swanton proposed in appropriate terms the other Past Masters of the Lodge.

Bro. Major Dick acknowledged the toast, and expatiated on the rules of the United Service Lodge, which, he said, was now firmly established, and for which he entertained a great affection, being one of its parents, so to speak.

Bro. Wood P.M. gave the Wardens and Assistant Officers, and observed that the well-being of the Lodge depended to a great extent on the way in which they performed their work and the loyal way in which they supported the W.M. In a Service Lodge they had members who brought them the experience of the world, and he did not doubt but that ere long the Western District United Service Lodge would become one of the principal Lodges in the Province.

The S.W. Bro. Captain Swanton referred to the advantages of Brethren belonging to the Services being members of the United Service Lodge, for if by the exigencies of the Service they were ordered abroad and still remained members of the Lodge, they were allowed on their return to take the office which they would have assumed had they remained at home.

Bro. D. Biebnor, R.N., J.W. also replied.

Bro. Best proposed the Visitors, and Bro. W. Allsford replied.

Songs, &c., were given by Bros. Lieut. Dundas, S. Jew, Maher, Griffiths, Dunn, Brockman, and Wood. A small orchestral band, under the direction of Bro. A. T. Lidiard D.C. 105, played some choice selections during the dinner.

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#### THORNHAM LODGE, No. 2279.

THE members had their Annual pic-nic on Wednesday, 18th inst., the place selected being Chester and Hawarden.

Chester was reached at 11 o'clock, and landaus were awaiting the arrival of the train to convey the Brethren to the Bull and Billet Hotel. Arriving there luncheon was served in a most excellent style. After lunch came the drive to Eaton Hall and Hawarden Castle. The scenery and grounds were generally admired, nature appearing at its very best. Returning to the Hotel at five o'clock p.m. tea was served. The return journey was made at 8.35, home being reached about 11 o'clock.

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#### METROPOLITAN.

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#### ALBION LODGE, No. 9.

THE Summer outing of this Lodge, held last month, was attended by a select number of Ladies and Brethren, who journeyed by train to Taplow, and there embarked on a launch to Henley, where they dined at the Catherine Wheel Hotel.

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#### TEMPLE LODGE, No. 101.

THE Annual excursion of the Lodge took place on Tuesday, 19th ult., when the steam launch, "Queen of the Thames," was boarded at Maidenhead, and proceeded up the river as far as Great Marlow. A stay of about an hour was made at Medenham Abbey, where the party, numbering sixty-seven, were photographed. A capital repast was enjoyed on board.

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#### ROYAL ARCH.

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#### ST. HILDA CHAPTER, No. 240.

A MEETING was held in the Freemasons' Hall, Ingram Street, South Shields, on Wednesday, 18th inst., Comp. W. E. Moffett Z. P.P.G.R. presiding.

Comp. James Sedcole was installed Z. by Comp. Robert Hudson P.Z. P.P.G.Stand.B. Eng. P.G.S.E. Comp. George Harland H. and D. Cameron J. by Comp. John T. Robson P.Z. P.P.G.J.

The Companions afterwards had supper together, presided over by Comp. Sedcole.

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#### PERSEVERANCE CHAPTER, No. 300.

THE regular meeting was held at Ashton-under-Lyne, on Tuesday the 17th inst., there being present: Comps. Jno. Preece Z., Alfred D. Rayner S.E., S. Newton P.S., F. W. Bromley P.Z. P.P.G.R., Thos. T. Broadbent P.Z., J. B. Pownall, George H. Coop, Ed. Roberts P.M. (FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE). Visitors: Comps. R. Gornall P.Z. Perseverance 345 P.P.G.P.S., Ernest Moss P.Z. P.P.G.Swd.B., G. W. Davies A.S. 268.

The Chapter was opened and the minutes of the previous meeting read and confirmed. There had been three ceremonies of exaltation announced, but only one candidate (Bro. Henry Lees S.W. Royal Edward Lodge, No. 1088), put in an appearance, the abstentions very probably being occasioned by the wretchedness of the evening, the rain for some considerable time coming down very heavily. This was a pity, as Comp. Gornall had made an especial journey from Blackburn for the purpose of performing the ceremonies. He, however, was no wise disconcerted, but put Bro. Lees through in that masterly manner for which he has gained a wide reputation.

Supper followed, which in turn was succeeded by the festive board, where the usual toasts were honoured.

## CANDIDATES FOR THE INSTITUTIONS.

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Announcements are inserted under this head at the rate of five shillings per inch, to appear each week from the time the ballot papers are issued up to the day of election, for cash with order.

## GIRLS SCHOOL.

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#### JESSIE RACHEL FISHER (Aged 9).

Her father, Bro. Henry James Fisher, Collector for Kent Water Co., was initiated in the Royal Oak Lodge, No. 871, on 23rd January 1873, and remained a subscribing member until his death, 26th November 1893. He was Organist of the Lodge for some years, and served the several offices up to S.W. Her mother also died 12th January 1894, leaving four children. This most distressing case is strongly recommended. Proxies will be thankfully received by Miss Fisher, c/o Mr. Gregory, Shirley Villa, Sidcup.



## HOLIDAY TRAIN ARRANGEMENTS.

## GREAT WESTERN RAILWAY.

THE Great Western Railway Company issue ordinary as well as excursion tickets, at their principal City and West-end Offices, and this arrangement is probably never so much appreciated as during the week preceding the Bank Holiday, when large numbers of people avail themselves of the opportunity thus afforded for obtaining tickets at their own time and without the crowding and worry inseparable from a large railway station at holiday seasons. The fares charged are the same as at Paddington and the tickets are available for use under precisely the same conditions as those issued at that station. The following are the offices at which tickets are issued, viz.—193 and 407 Oxford Street, 23 New Oxford Street, 269 Strand, Holborn Circus, 29 Charing Cross, Cambridge Circus, Shaftesbury Avenue, The Piazza, Covent Garden, 26 Regent Street, 5 Arthur Street East, London Bridge, 82 Queen Victoria Street, 181 Tottenham Court Road, 67 Gresham Street, 4 Cheapside, 17 Brompton Road, Minorities (opposite Goodman's Yard), The Nags Head, High Street, Borough, and the L.B. & S.C. Company's Office, under the Grand Hotel, Trafalgar Square.

The booking offices at Paddington station will be open for the issue of tickets all day on Wednesday, Thursday, Friday and Saturday, 1st, 2nd, 3rd and 4th August, and the tickets issued (except those for specified excursion trains) will be available for use on any of those days.

To meet the expected additional traffic by the ordinary trains on Saturday, 4th August, the Company will run in duplicate, the 3.0 5.0 and 9.0 p.m. trains to the West of England, the 12.0 noon, 3.15 and 9.15 p.m. trains to Weymouth, and South Wales. The first portion of the 5.0 and 9.0 p.m. trains will leave Paddington at 4.55 and 8.55 p.m. respectively, but the first portions of the other trains will leave at the advertised times, and the second a few minutes afterwards, the long distance passengers being, as far as possible, taken in the first portion, but with a few exceptions both trains will stop at the advertised stations to take up and set down passengers. On Friday, 3rd August, an excursion train will leave Paddington at 7.55 a.m. for Gloucester, Cardiff, Newport, Swansea, New Milford, etc.; passengers will also be booked at excursion fares to certain stations in the South of Ireland. Fast excursion trains for the West of England will leave Paddington at 10.10 p.m. on Friday, 3rd August, and at 7.55 a.m. and 1.55 p.m. on Saturday, August 4th, reaching Exeter in 5½ hours and Plymouth in 7¼ hours. Excursions will also be run on Saturday to Bath, Bristol, Dorchester, Weymouth, the Channel Islands, Cheltenham, Worcester, Malvern, Hereford, Birmingham, Wolverhampton, Shrewsbury, Barmouth, Aberystwyth, Llandudno, Chester, Liverpool, Manchester, and other stations on the Great Western System.

Passengers are also booked every Saturday 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 24/6.

An Excursion Train leaves Paddington at 8.10 a.m. every Saturday during July, August and September, 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.

On Sunday, 5th August, excursions will be run to Cirencester, Stroud, Gloucester, Cheltenham, etc., and at 12.15 midnight an excursion for 1 or 4 days will leave Paddington for Oxford, Leamington, Birmingham, Wolverhampton, etc. On Monday, cheap trains will be run to Bath, Bristol, Stroud, Gloucester, Cheltenham, Reading, Pangbourne, Goring, Wallingford, etc.

Cheap Third Class Excursion tickets are issued daily by specified trains from Paddington, Kensington (Addison Road), Hammer-smith, and certain stations on the Metropolitan, Metropolitan District and North London Railways, to Staines, Windsor, Taplow, Maidenhead, Henley and other popular riverside resorts.

## LONDON AND NORTH WESTERN RAILWAY.

THE London and North Western Company announce that the Ticket Offices at Euston, Broad Street, Kensington and Willesden Junction will be open throughout the day, from Monday, 30th July, to Monday, 6th August inclusive, so that passengers wishing to obtain Tickets for any destination on the line can do so at any time of the day prior to the starting of the Trains.

Tickets, dated to suit the convenience of Passengers, can be obtained at any time (Sundays and Bank Holidays excepted) at the Town Receiving Offices of the Company, which are to be found in all parts of the metropolis.

The Company also announce that on Thursday, 2nd August, and Friday, 3rd August, Special Trains will leave Euston at 6.25 p.m. for Holyhead and Ireland. On Friday, 3rd August, the 2.0 p.m. Train from London (Euston) will convey Passengers to Carlisle and Scotland only.

The 12.0 Midnight Train from Euston will be run via Blisworth. A Train in connection will leave Northampton at 1.34 a.m. on Saturday morning, 4th August, and return from Blisworth at 1.53 a.m., arriving at Northampton 2.3 a.m.

On Saturday, 4th August, the 2.0 p.m. Train from London (Euston) will convey Passengers to Carlisle and Scotland only. A Special Train will leave Willesden Junction at 2.57 p.m. for Blisworth, Weedon, Rugby, Trent Valley Stations and Stafford. Special Trains will leave Euston at 4.25 p.m. for Coventry and Birmingham, arriving at 6.21 p.m. and 6.50 respectively. The 7.0 p.m. Express from Birmingham to London will travel via Northampton, thus affording an additional Service from Birmingham to Northampton, and Northampton to London.

On Bank Holiday, Monday, 6th August, the following Trains will not be run: the 3.0 p.m. Euston to Bletchley. The 12.0 noon

and 4.0 p.m. Trains from Euston will leave at 12.10 noon and 4.10 p.m. respectively. The 4.30 p.m. Train from Euston will not run. Passengers for the Birmingham District will travel by the 5.0 p.m., and those for stations between Northampton and Rugby, Northampton and Peterborough, and Northampton and Nottingham, must leave London (Euston) at 3.15 p.m. The 7.0 p.m. Express from Birmingham to London will travel via Northampton, thus affording an additional service from Birmingham to Northampton and Northampton to London. Many of the Residential Trains run in the Suburbs of London, Birmingham, Liverpool, and Manchester, will not be run on Bank Holiday, Monday, 6th August, particulars of which will be advertised locally. The Dining Cars between London and Liverpool will not be run on the Bank Holiday, but those between London and Manchester and the Corridor Dining Car Train will run as usual.

Cheap Excursions will be run by this Company from London to Birmingham, Coventry, Leamington, Kenilworth, Dudley, Walsall, Wednesbury, Wolverhampton, Leicester, Liverpool, Manchester, Huddersfield, Bradford, Shrewsbury, Hereford, Aberystwyth, Borth, Abergavenny, South and Central Wales, Chester, North Wales, Bolton, Blackburn, Southport, Morecambe, Blackpool, Carlisle, the English Lake District, Scotland, and to various other places on the Company's system.

Similar trains will be run from many of the districts named to London, including bookings to Brighton, Hastings, St. Leonard's, Portsmouth, Southampton, etc., and also to Paris and the Continent. Bills and full particulars can be obtained on application at the railway stations and at the Company's offices.

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## LONDON, CHATHAM AND DOVER RAILWAY.

THE London, Chatham, and Dover Railway Company announce a novel feature for a full day's excursion to Calais on August Bank Holiday. Passengers will be conveyed at a return fare of 10s 6d by Express train from Victoria or Holborn Stations to Dover, and thence by the Company's large mail steamer, "Invicta," to Calais. Free conveyance will be provided from Calais Pier to the new Casino which has recently been completed, and an additional attraction is offered in the shape of a free admission to the Sea Baths. For the return journey passengers have the choice of two Express services to London, the sea passage being performed in each case by large vessels.

Other cheap day trips are announced by this Company's line to Margate, Broadstairs, Ramsgate, Canterbury, Dover, Deal, etc., and for attractions nearer London there will be an ample train service from Victoria, Holborn, and Ludgate Hill to Greenwich, Blackheath, Bromley (for Hayes Common), and to the High Level Station, Crystal Palace.

Special cheap Continental trips are advertised for passengers to Paris, and Brussels and Antwerp, via Dover and Calais and the Company's large boats, "Calais-Douvres" or "Victoria," will cross in the night services on Friday, Saturday, and Monday, returning on Tuesday morning. Cheap bookings are likewise announced to Brussels and Antwerp, via Ostend, and to towns in Holland and to Antwerp, via Queenborough and Flushing. A special trip to Antwerp, enabling passengers to spend one day there to visit the Exhibition, will leave Victoria and Holborn on Saturday night previous to Bank Holiday, passengers travelling via Dover and Ostend.

The period of validity of Cheap Fast and Friday or Saturday to Monday tickets to the Seaside will be extended up to Friday, August 10th.

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## MIDLAND RAILWAY.

FOR the convenience of the public the Midland Railway Company have arranged that the Booking Offices at St. Pancras and Moorgate Street Stations shall be open for the issue of Tickets all day on Friday and Saturday, 3rd and 4th August. Tickets to all principal Stations on the Midland Railway will also be obtainable beforehand at their City and Suburban offices, and the offices of Messrs. Thos. Cook and Son, a full list of which will be found in the Midland Time Tables and other announcements. 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.

Cheap Excursions will run to all parts from London to Leicester, Nottingham, Melton, Birmingham, Walsall, Wolverhampton, Burton, Derby, Manchester, Liverpool, Blackburn, Bolton, Rochdale, Oldham, Bury, the Furness District, Sheffield, Leeds, Bradford, Barnsley, Keighley, York, Hull, Scarborough, Darlington, Durham, Newcastle, Carlisle, &c., &c., on Saturday, 4th August, returning the following Thursday; and to Edinburgh and Glasgow, returning the following Saturday; and Tickets for these Trains for starting from St. Pancras Station can be obtained on the two days previous to the running of the Trains at the above named offices. Cheap Excursion Trains for six days will also be run to London from Carlisle, Keighley, Bradford, Leeds, Barnsley, Sheffield, Liverpool, Manchester, Blackburn, Bolton, Burnley, Bury, Rochdale, Burton, Derby, Nottingham, Birmingham, Walsall, Wolverhampton, Leicester, &c., on Saturday, 4th August. Passengers will be booked by these Trains at cheap fares to Brighton and other South Coast Stations for 5, 8, 10, or 15 days, to Paris and other places on the Continent, having the privilege of returning within sixteen days. On Monday, 6th August, Cheap Day Trips will also be run from Derby, Nottingham, Leicester, Birmingham, Northampton, Bedford, &c., to London; and from London (St. Pancras) to St. Albans, Harpenden, Luton, Bedford, Leicester and Birmingham, and a Two Days' Excursion to Manchester.

Cheap daily and week-end Excursions are run from St. Pancras and other Midland Stations to Southend-on-Sea, by the new and shorter route, via the Tottenham and Forest Gate Line.