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## THE GIRLS SCHOOL FESTIVAL.

THOSE who professed to be able to make a fair estimate of the total of this year's Festival on behalf of the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls found themselves far out of their reckoning when the result was announced on Wednesday last, and not only were the "knowing ones" taken aback, but every one seemed surprised when Bro. Hedges, after recapitulating the different totals, spoke of yet one other—the far-away Province of Northumberland, and announced amid deafening cheers that Bro. R. H. Holmes, as representative of that Province, had worked so hard and so well, as to bring up no less a sum than £2,315 5s. Amid the bravos that followed this announcement there was a sigh of relief in the knowledge that the success of the Festival had been secured, but even at this moment we believe there were few who would have backed a total in excess of £14,000, which was generally regarded as the extreme limit likely to be reached by this year's Board of Stewards. But the end of the surprises had not been reached, for the Secretary was able to announce a total of £16,016 4s 6d, with eight lists still outstanding, four of which are those of the Brethren who represented the far off districts of Egypt, Bombay, the Transvaal and Montreal.

To say that the large company assembled to do honour to the Deputy Grand Master as Chairman of this Festival were delighted at the result but very imperfectly expresses the pleasurable feeling of the moment; congratulations were freely exchanged among those who had contributed to the success of the gathering, and general astonishment expressed that so much had been collected, especially in view of last year's result of close on £18,000 under the presidency of the Pro Grand Master. It is no disrespect to the other Stewards to say, however, that the lion's share of the feeling of congratulation fell to the lot of the Deputy Provincial Grand Master of Northumberland, for Bro. Holmes's list was really an unprecedented one; not only the largest amount ever secured by an individual Steward, but, in a manner of speaking, a special contribution beyond what was calculated upon for the Festival, raising the total from the satisfactory fourteen thousand generally estimated for, to the really grand sum of sixteen thousand odd actually secured; and we should almost like to see some permanent record of Bro. Holmes's special exertion, not only as a reward for his valuable aid, but as an incentive for others in equally high positions to go and do likewise. Of course in thus speaking of Bro. Holmes's list we must not overlook the fact that the Brethren of his Province warmly supported his efforts with their contributions, and are alike entitled to special thanks from the Craft and its Institutions.

Not only is the gross total one of which the Craft has every reason to be proud, but the large number of lists above the average tends still further to prove the popularity of this Institution among the Brethren of England who are in a

position to give largely of their own means, or influence many others to do so. In another part of this issue we give full details of the respective totals, so that it is hardly necessary to recapitulate any of them here, but we must point to one or two that deserve a place of honour second only to the splendid contribution of Bro. Holmes. In this connection we first refer to the £510 10s of Bro. Philippe Oscar, who represented the General Committee Dinner Club, and the £500 of Bro. Edward Terry, a member of the House Committee, supplemented as this latter sum was by other amounts making the total collected by members of the House Committee £1,132 4s.

£411 12s was brought up by Bro. Fred Arnold, of the Eccleston Lodge, No. 1624; £304 10s by Mrs. James Stephens, who represented the Fellowship Lodge, which was consecrated but four months since, she supplementing the donations of others by a personal contribution of fifty guineas, and this being the third list of upwards of £300 the Institutions have received through the energy and kindness of this lady; £278 5s by Bro. Walter Fielder, of the Justice Lodge, No. 147, who had the misfortune to be omitted from the list of three figure London totals announced at the Festival, much to the regret of the members of the staff, who fully appreciate the efforts made by Bro. Fielder, and will, we are sure, allow us to now direct public notice to so large a contribution which, for the time being, was left off of the "honour roll." Next in order was Bro. Robert Grey, the President of the Board of Stewards, and one of the most zealous workers on behalf of the Institutions to be found anywhere—his list on this occasion was £234 15s; this was followed pretty closely by Bro. W. S. Penley, who appeared as a Steward for the Asaph Lodge, No. 1319, with a total of £210, of which a hundred and eighty guineas was his personal donation. The other three figure London lists were as follow: Bros. G. Cockrell W.M. of the St. Michael's Lodge, No. 211, £139 7s 6d; James Tollworthy, No. 1769, £131; George Bruce-Johnston, No. 1791, £127 15; W. R. King, No. 1671, £117 12s; J. O. Jacobs, Lodge No. 55 and Chapter No. 7, £115 10s; J. Macgregor, No. 548, £110 5s; H. Gardiner, No. 2346, £107 12s 6d; Charles Hammerton, another prominent member of the House Committee; F. G. Knight, No. 142; and Robt. A. Gowan, No. 2029, each £105; and Samuel Rashleigh, No. 902; and O. C. Robson, No. 2489, each £100.

It is not our intention to just now review at any length the contributions of the Provinces. The Chairman's division of Cornwall contributed £750 to the good cause, of which fifty guineas was a personal donation of the Earl of Mount-Edgcumbe, close on £400 of the remainder from the county being collected by Brother E. D. Anderton, the recently-appointed Provincial Grand Secretary.

Included in the total from the Eastern Division of South Wales is a donation of fifty guineas from the Grand Master of that Province, a fact that deserves special mention, as evidence

of continued interest in high places on behalf of the Institutions, which, in the opinion of some are forgotten by our chiefs unless they are actually presiding at one or other of the Festivals of the year, an opinion, we may add, that is not by any means justified by the facts of the case.

In our report of Wednesday's gathering, which appears elsewhere, the different speeches recorded give a fair idea of the opinion of those present as to the success of the Festival, which certainly could not be regarded as anything but satisfactory, no matter what standpoint it was reviewed from, but it is probable this year's Festival will become noteworthy for other reasons, not the least in importance being the movement which may now be described as fairly started upon, with the object of securing an extended grant from Grand Lodge on behalf of the two Schools, to place them, in fact, on a similar, if not an equal footing with the Benevolent Institution. This is a matter of considerable importance in many ways, and is worthy of very careful consideration on its own account, so that we merely refer to it here in passing, with the determination of more fully considering it at no distant date.

In conclusion we most heartily congratulate all concerned in Wednesday's Festival on the result of their efforts, and most sincerely hope that the coming celebration on behalf of the Boys School may be equally as successful as have been the two Festivals already held during the current year.

We now append a summary of the amounts announced at the Festival, with additions up to the time of going to

press, together with the number of Stewards from the respective Provinces :

Province.	Stewards.	Amount.
Northumberland ...	1	£2315 5 0
Yorkshire (West) ...	47	921 0 0
Cornwall ...	8	750 0 0
Sussex ...	11	418 3 0
Hertfordshire ...	8	353 5 6
Essex ...	8	307 2 6
South Wales (Eastern Division) ...	1	300 0 0
Surrey ...	9	253 13 0
Staffordshire ...	5	240 9 0
Kent ...	6	228 18 0
Middlesex ...	7	227 17 0
Gloucestershire ...	6	224 14 0
Warwickshire ...	9	213 3 0
Norfolk ...	1	205 5 0
Buckinghamshire ...	5	199 10 0
Hampshire and Isle of Wight ...	5	185 5 0
Worcestershire ...	4	153 5 0
Oxfordshire ...	6	150 19 0
East Lancashire ...	3	138 15 0
Berkshire ...	5	131 10 0
Cambridgeshire ...	1	131 5 0
West Lancashire ...	7	126 14 0
Suffolk ...	3	125 9 0
Durham ...	1	84 0 0
Yorkshire (North and East) ...	2	82 0 6
Derbyshire ...	2	68 5 0
North Wales ...	4	57 15 0
Cheshire ...	6	42 0 0
Somersetshire ...	1	37 16 0
Shropshire ...	1	36 15 0
Norths and Hunts ...	2	31 10 0
Isle of Man ...	1	26 10 0
Guernsey and Alderney ...	1	10 10 0
London ...	138	7231 2 0
Malta ...	1	10 10 0
Egypt ...	1	—
Bombay ...	1	—
Transvaal ...	1	—
Montreal ...	1	—
Scotland ...	1	20 0 0

The following is a list of the Stewards, together with the amount brought up by each, with late additions. The amounts from Stewards marked "A" are included in Lodge or Provincial list:—

### LONDON.

#### HOUSE COMMITTEE.

Bro. Clutton, Ralph ...	10 10 0
Grey, Robert (see also Lodge 259) ...	—
Hammerton, Charles ...	105 0 0
Hunt, H A ...	15 15 0
Letchworth, E ...	38 7 0
Long, Peter de Lande ...	21 0 0
Loveland, R Loveland (see also Lo. 1869, Hants. and I.W.) ...	—
Matthews, J H ...	10 10 0
Monckton, Sir John B ...	63 0 0
Peters, Col. James ...	10 10 0
Richardson, Frank ...	47 5 0
Smith Henry (see also W. Yorks) ...	—
Spaull, A C ...	44 2 0
Terry, Edward ...	500 0 0

Lodge	
1 Bro. Creed, Richard ...	26 5 0
2 Bristowe, Leonard Hugh ...	38 17 0
4 Ellis, Albert ...	21 0 0
5 Collard, John C ...	44 2 0
6 Wood, His Hon. Judge W W ...	21 0 0

Chapter	
7 Comp. Jacobs, J O (see also Lo. 55) ...	—

Lodge	
8 Bro. Evans, Morris Bilbie ...	21 0 0
14 Burke, Harold ...	21 0 0
19 Whadcoat, J H ...	12 12 0
21 Eady, C Swinfen, LL.D., Q.C. ...	33 12 0
22 Whiting, Walter ...	54 12 0
23 Brandon, Edgar Maris ...	50 0 0
26 Leveson, E J jun. ...	10 10 0
29 Waterlow, Edgar ...	39 18 0
30 Cronk, Sidney ...	23 6 6
49 Tharp, William A ...	51 9 0
55 Jacobs, J O (see also Ch. 7) ...	115 10 0
59 Mayer, Daniel ...	53 11 0
63 White, T Charters ...	15 15 0
90 Reynolds, A L ...	73 10 0
91 Allen, A E ...	30 0 0
101 Wint, Frank ...	36 4 6
140 Burney, W C S ...	32 16 0
142 Knight, F G ...	105 0 0
147 Fielder, Walter ...	278 5 0
169 Johnson, Edwin Hy ...	79 0 0
179 Simkins, Thos ...	68 5 0
197 Shoppee, C Herbert ...	29 8 0
211 Cockrell, George ...	139 7 6
227 Songhurst, W J ...	27 6 0
259 Grey, R (see also Ho. Com.) ...	234 15 0
263 Drysdale, Jn Wm ...	30 9 0
507 Beste, Geo W ...	50 8 0
534 Abrahams, Bernard ...	22 1 0
548 Macgregor, J ...	110 5 0
700 Lawson, Wm ...	99 15 0

733 Boyer, Wm ...	42 0 0
834 Williams, W W ...	68 15 6
857 Grisenthwaite, T A (See also Lodge 2540) ...	45 0 0
902 Rashleigh, Saml ...	100 0 0
917 Autunovich, G ...	51 19 6
1261 Roberts, A F ...	16 16 0
1278 Hall, James Joseph ...	34 0 0
1319 Penley, W S ...	210 0 0
1321 Harris, William Joseph ...	46 4 0
1351 Betts, Arthur ...	50 8 0
1351 Dorrell, E C ...	—
1383 Flower, Ernest ...	91 7 0
1397 Bellamy, W C B ...	37 11 0
1441 James, Hugh ...	46 0 0
Chapter	
1471 Comp. Napper, Sidney ...	35 0 0
Lodge	
1491 Bro. Miller, J W ...	24 3 0
1523 Smith, Rev. H R Cooper, D.D. ...	36 15 0
1537 Richards, W G ...	38 17 0
1572 Orr, Thomas ...	64 1 0
1589 Wellsman, Walter H ...	36 0 0
1608 Ginger, A S ...	85 1 0
1623 Hodges, Thos G ...	63 0 0
1624 Arnold, Fred ...	411 12 0
1641 Nettleship, Thos ...	42 0 0
Chapter	
1642 Comp. Monson, Edward (see also Lodge 1996, London, and Lodge 1194, Middlesex) ...	—
Lodge	
1662 Bro. Turner, Henry C ...	34 2 6
1670 Gosnay, Francis ...	10 10 0
1671 King, Walter R ...	117 12 0
1687 Schultz, Wm ...	52 10 0
1704 Bailey, W H (see also Staffs.) ...	10 10 0
1728 Berenburg, Albert S ...	40 19 0
1768 Kentish, W G ...	52 10 0
1769 Tollworthy, James ...	131 0 0
1791 Bruce-Johnston, Geo ...	127 1 0
1816 Gladding, Walter ...	10 10 0
1900 Shelton, E L ...	27 6 0
1928 Lock, Charles ...	27 6 0
1962 Morris, Spencer W ...	72 19 6
1974 Partridge, J C ...	35 15 0
1996 Monson, Edward (see also Ch. 1642, London, and Lo. 1194, Middlesex) ...	—
2029 Gowan, Robert A ...	105 0 0
2076 Warren, Major-Gen. Sir Chas, G.C.M.G., K.C.B. ...	15 15 0
2127 Bennett, Alfred B ...	40 19 0
2312 Money, E M ...	26 5 0
2346 Gardiner, H ...	107 12 6
2369 (See also Cornwall) ...	—
2395 Smith, Joseph Jas ...	47 5 0
2417 Boswell, Walter G ...	42 0 0
2455 Green, Samuel ...	48 5 0
2489 Robson, O Claude ...	100 0 0

### LODGE OF INSTRUCTION.

167 Bro. Hellier, Wm ...	42 0 0
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### MARK LODGE.

363 Bro. Gardiner, Thos Henry ...	31 10 0
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### GENERAL COMMITTEE DINNER CLUB.

Bro. Oscar, Philippe ...	510 10 0
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### UNATTACHED.

Bro. A Attenborough, Stanley J ...	—
Belton, Charles ...	10 10 0
A Bennett, Col. F Egerton ...	—
A Bevan, A H ...	—
Binnie, Wm ...	21 0 0
A Brown, Dr. A Stewart ...	—
Carrell, Major C W ...	10 10 0
Cobden, Richard S ...	10 10 0
Durett, A W ...	10 10 0
Fairclough, R E ...	10 10 0
Fendick, W B ...	10 10 0
Fenn, Thomas ...	10 10 0
Guy, F S ...	10 10 0
A Ivey, F G ...	—
Kemp, H ...	10 10 0
Kenning, Frank R ...	10 10 0
Knightley, Capt. C J ...	10 10 0
Marshall, H B, J.P. ...	10 10 0
Marshall, H B jun., M.A., J.P. ...	10 10 0
Monteouis, Eugene ...	10 10 0
A Odell, Joseph ...	—
Pailthorpe, C F ...	15 15 0
Prower, N ...	10 10 0
Reeves, Fredk ...	48 6 0
Rice, George ...	52 10 0
A Singer, Paris E ...	—
Stanton, E W ...	10 10 0
A Sheffield, Major Frank ...	—
A Taylor, G W ...	—
Thayre, F J ...	10 10 0
A Tilt, J C ...	—
Tobias, Henry A ...	30 19 6
A Ward, Colonel James, C.B. ...	—
Webber, William ...	10 10 0
Welcome, Henry S ...	21 0 0
Willing, James jun. ...	15 15 0
A Wilson, E Garrett ...	—
Worland, Alderman Henry ...	10 10 0
A Wright, Frederick ...	—

### LADIES.

Cumberland Miss E M ...	42 0 0
2535 Stephens, Mrs. James ...	304 10 0

## THE PROVINCES.

## BERKSHIRE.

Lodge			
209 Bro. Prince, Edward	...	94	15 0
414 Tupman, Captain Arthur	...	26	5 0
574 Knight, Stephen jun.	...	10	10 0
Unatt. A Ball, Robt. J.	...	—	
A Broquet, Eugene C	...	—	

## BUCKINGHAMSHIRE.

Lodge			
1501 Bro. Bliss, Joseph	...	36	15 0
2262 Gale, S	...	10	10 0
2262 Hattersley, John	...	10	10 0
2421 Ferguson, R	...	131	5 0
Unatt. Stephens, James	...	10	10 0

## CAMBRIDGESHIRE.

Lodge			
859 Bro. Simpson, R Percy F W	...	131	5 0

## CHESHIRE.

Lodge			
428 Bro. Moore, Thomas	...	10	10 0
428 Willis, Geo F	...	10	10 0
605 Coveney, A E	...	10	10 0
605 Jackson, —	...	—	
2496 Tomlinson, T E	...	10	10 0
2496 Brewer, Chas S	...	—	

## CORNWALL.

Mount-Edgcumbe, Rt. Hon. Earl of,			
Chairman of the Day	...	52	10 0
Province Bro. Anderton, E D	...	390	12 0
Lodge			
75 Bell, Jas A.	...	37	6 6
121 Chirgwin, Percy T	...	73	10 0
330 Edyvean, B F	...	37	16 0
331 Smith, P Colville	...	41	0 0
496 Higman, J W	...	21	0 0
2369 (See also London)	...	26	5 0
Unatt. Shanks, Major J G, K.M.	...	52	10 0

## DERBYSHIRE.

Lodge			
1688 Bro. Reynolds, John T	...	26	5 0
Unatt. Lawson, J H	...	42	0 0

## DURHAM.

(Name to follow)	...	84	0 0
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## ESSEX.

Lodge			
51 Bro. Egerton-Green, Claude E	...	105	0 0
1024 Bright, F H	...	21	0 0
1343 Westwood, Chas	...	64	1 0
2063 Chamberlayne, A R	...	26	5 0
2077 Shenstone, A G	...	54	1 6
2184 Hammond, J G	...	—	
2508 Griffith, Frank	...	26	5 0
Unatt. Pavitt, J H	...	10	10 0

## GLOUCESTERSHIRE.

Lodge			
Bro. Vassar-Smith, R V	...	10	10 0
82 Tickell, John L	...	46	4 0
493 Jenkins, Wm Jas	...	21	0 0
761 Vizard, Major-Gen. W J	...	31	10 0
839 Bruton, James	...	52	10 0
839 Sumner, R P	...	63	0 0

## HAMPSHIRE AND ISLE OF WIGHT.

Lodge			
132 Bro. Farrance, Walter	...	40	5 0
175 Newman, Francis	...	63	0 0
1705 Rowe, Wm Alexr	...	46	0 0
1869 Loveland, R Loveland (see also House Committee)	...	21	0 0
1884 Willis, W H	...	15	0 0

## HERTFORDSHIRE.

Lodge			
404 Bro. Martin, Sidney	...	65	0 0
409 Wigan, Edwd A	...	21	0 0
1479 Gaffe, Geo	...	61	8 6
1984 Taylor, J P	...	40	9 6
2278 Bell, John F	...	52	10 0
2323 & 2518 Keyser, C E	...	91	17 6
Unatt. Burgess, Chas O	...	10	10 0
Unatt. Baddeley, W	...	10	10 0

## KENT.

Lodge			
133 Bro. Stunt, Walter C	...	63	0 0
709 Creery, John	...	39	18 0
1208 Burkett, Wm Wood	...	37	16 0
1414 Bevan, Arthur T	...	10	10 0
2305 Wilks, Geo, M.B.	...	78	15 0
Unatt. A Hallett, F Hughes	...	—	
Walker, R W	...	10	10 0

## LANCASHIRE (EAST DIVISION).

Lodge			
44 Bro. Coombes, J W G	...	73	10 0
350 Fletcher, Titus	...	26	5 0
1030 Palmer, Archdale	...	39	0 0

## LANCASHIRE (WEST DIVISION).

Lodge			
950 Bro. Clarkson, Jn	...	27	4 6
1403 Rice, Thos Wild	...	10	10 0
2231 Batty, Fred	...	26	10 0
2360 Lewis, Wm	...	10	10 0
2457 Cunliffe, Joseph	...	10	10 0
2457 Somner, J. Schack	...	10	10 0

## MIDDLESEX.

Lodge			
865 Bro. Gardener, W J	...	—	
1194 Monson, Edward (see also Lo. 1996 and Ch. 1642, London)	...	81	18 0
1237 Tilley, Ernest J	...	21	0 0
1293 Pfister, Fredk	...	37	16 0
1494 Fuller, W P	...	42	0 0
1579 Bassett, Ed H	...	34	13 0
2024 Cock, W	...	10	10 0

## NORFOLK.

Province			
Bro. Sparkes, H J	...	205	5 0

## NORTHS. AND HUNTS.

Bro. Euston, Rt. Hon. The Earl of	...	21	0 0
1911 Adkins, W Rylands D	...	10	10 0
2380 Mulliner, Arthur F	...	—	

## NORTHUMBERLAND.

Province			
Bro. Holmes, R H	...	2315	5 0

## NORTH WALES.

Lodge			
755 Bro. Porter, James	...	21	0 0
1594 Kershaw, C M	...	10	10 0
Unatt. Benson, C K	...	26	5 0
Kershaw, Mrs.	...	—	

## OXFORDSHIRE.

Lodge			
340 Bro. Carver, W S	...	—	
340 Day, E J	...	63	7 0
340 Taphouse, C M	...	—	
1515 Hastings, J	...	50	8 0
1515 Hunt, Alfred	...	—	
2414 Wingfield, M	...	37	4 0

## SHROPSHIRE.

Lodge			
262 Bro. Graham, Alexr	...	36	15 0

## SOMERSET.

Lodge			
1755 Bro. Rice, Wm	...	37	16 0

## SOUTH WALES (EASTERN DIVISION).

Province			
Bro. Davies, W G	...	300	0 0

## STAFFORDSHIRE.

Province & Lodge 624 Bro. Bailey, W H			
(see also Lodge 1704, London)	...	103	19 0

Lodge			
624 Bro. Thompson, Francis	...	63	0 0
726 Evans, John E	...	42	0 0
1792 Davies, Wm A	...	15	15 0
2064 Howson, Wm H	...	15	15 0

## SUFFOLK.

Lodge			
332 Bro. Maude, Rev. Samuel	...	21	0 0
1224 Joy, Robert S	...	79	16 0
1823 Ward, W J	...	24	13 6

## SURREY.

Lodge			
1149 Bro. Flood, Frederick	...	44	2 0
1347 Taylor, Hugh	...	60	18 0
1395 Knight, S C	...	16	16 0
1638 Minnitt, H C	...	23	12 0
1872 Gotto, Percy M	...	10	10 0
2146 Hewett, Samuel	...	30	0 0
2234 Miles, Ed.	...	36	15 0
2422 Andrews, James	...	21	0 0
2540 Grisenthwaite, T A (see also Lodge 857, London)	...	—	

## SUSSEX.

Lodge			
811 Bro. Ewart, Joseph, M.D.	...	81	18 0
1110 Martin, Joseph	...	10	10 0
1110 Pike, Frederick	...	11	16 0
1466 Dalbiac, W E	...	63	0 0
1619 Head, E A	...	39	18 0
1636 Tester, Col. Hy	...	32	11 0
1797 & 2187 Wickham, Thomas	...	26	5 0
1821 Berry, Thomas	...	68	5 0
1947 Clark, J J	...	21	0 0
1947 Lamette, A F	...	26	5 0
1947 Hughes, W E	...	36	15 0

## WARWICKSHIRE.

Lodge			
473 Bro. Smith, W George	...	10	10 0
473 Dingley, W J	...	52	10 0
739 Wilkinson, A W	...	21	0 0
794 Bedford, Rev. W C R	...	31	10 0
925 Hodgkinson, Chas	...	—	
925 Chambers, John E	...	—	
925 Stevens, Wm S	...	97	13 0
925 Reynolds, W H	...	—	
925 Woods, Richard	...	—	
925 Ballington, T W	...	—	

## WORCESTERSHIRE.

Lodge			
280 Bro. Williamson, W B, J.P.	...	42	0 0
564 Attwood, Jabez	...	58	15 0
1204 Pike, Thelwell	...	21	0 0
Unatt. Arter, T R	...	31	10 0

## YORKSHIRE (NORTH AND EAST).

Prov. and Lodge 236 Bro. Jones, Arthur	...	71	10 6
543 Carrick, W M	...	10	10 0

## YORKSHIRE (WEST).

Bro. Smith, Henry (see also House Committee)	...	—	
Lodge			
61 Arnold, Alfred, J.P.	...	—	
154 Parke, Geo H	...	—	
154 Statler, Wm Aked	...	—	
154 Childe, Hy Slade	...	—	
290 Harrop, Wm	...	—	
296 Curry, James B	...	—	
306 Blackburn, Wm	...	—	
306 Malcolm, Jno C	...	—	
306 Dyson, John	...	—	
306 Towers, Wm	...	—	
306 Wedderspoon, D	...	—	
306 Ellisdon, Wm C	...	—	
306 Tate, Wm Moyer	...	—	
306 Dolby, John	...	—	
306 Towers, Joseph F	...	—	
306 Redmayne, Alfred	...	—	
306 MacIver, Donald	...	—	
306 Schofield, Francis	...	—	
306 Crowther, Robt H	...	—	
306 Fenton, Charles	...	—	
306 Miller, David J	...	—	
306 Kitchen, Henry	...	—	
306 Wilson, Chas H	...	—	
306 Binns, James	...	—	
306 Boorman, Jos A	...	—	
306 Blackburn, Rd A	...	—	
439 (Name to follow)	...	—	
810 Harrison, Joseph	...	—	
904 Jenkin, James	...	—	
904 King, John Wm	...	—	
904 Coward, Peter B	...	—	
974 Lupton, Wm C	...	—	
974 Foster, Herbert A	...	—	
974 Taylor, Claude	...	—	
974 Barraclough, Edgar H	...	—	
974 Fawcett, John E	...	—	
974 Furniss, George	...	—	
1019 Green, Capt. H G E	...	—	
1102 France, John	...	—	
1108 Strain, Walter	...	—	
1108 Suttle, Alfred	...	—	
1231 Howell, Thos G	...	—	
1239 Hutchinson, G H	...	—	
1462 Sykes, Jno Wm	...	—	
2069 Bailey, B Sykes	...	—	
2321 Ellis, Chas H	...	—	
Total from the Province	...	921	0 0

## GUERNSEY AND ALDERNEY.

Bro. Cockburn, J B	...	10	10 0
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## ISLE OF MAN.

Lodge			
2164 Bro. Heron, George C	...	26	10 0

## FOREIGN.

## MALTA.

Lodge			
349 Bro. Kenyon, John	...	10	10 0

## EGYPT.

Lodge			
1105 Bro. Michael, Surgeon-Major H J	...	—	

## BOMBAY.

Lodge			
2438 Bro. Morris, David	...	—	

## TRANSVAAL.

Lodge			
1417 Bro. Paddon, John	...	—	

## MONTREAL.

Lodge			
440 Bro. Kennedy, David R	...	—	

## SCOTLAND.

Lodge			
190 Bro. Pine, W	...	20	0 0

### THE BOYS SCHOOL.

WE are pleased to hear that the Right Hon. the Lord Egerton of Tatton Prov.G.M. Cheshire has fixed Wednesday, the 3rd July, as the date for the 97th Anniversary Festival of the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys, at which his Lordship has most kindly consented to preside. It is further announced that the annual Sports will be held (by kind permission of the Directors) at Kempton Park, on Saturday, 8th June, fuller particulars in regard to which will be announced later on.

A musical and miscellaneous entertainment that is likely to prove very interesting to the pupils is promised for Wednesday next, when Bro. F. H. Macklin W.M. and other Brethren of the Lodge of Asaph, No. 1319, have kindly consented to attend at the School for the amusement of "Our Boys." The performance will commence at 2.30 p.m. and will doubtless attract a large number of friends of the Institution, for whose accommodation the Board of Management have made some special arrangements. It is expected that in addition to Bro. Macklin the entertainers will include Bros. Penley (whose great interest in the Institutions is evidenced by his providing seats at the Globe Theatre for detachments of the Wood Green pupils from time to time, by his personal donation of one hundred and eighty guineas to this week's Festival of the sister Institution, and many other kindly considerations), Bertram, Le Hay, Hambleton, Howard Reynolds, Spurr, and others. We anticipate a great treat for those who attend, admission being by ticket to be had from the Secretary of the Institution.

The first meeting of the Board of Stewards for the Festival will be held at Freemasons' Hall, on Thursday next, at 5 p.m., when, amongst other business, a President of the Board, a Treasurer, and other Officers will be elected, and the question of the locality for holding the Festival will be considered, while minor matters, such as the settlement of the Stewards' fee, the musical and other arrangements will be decided upon.

### NEXT WEEK'S ELECTIONS.

THE election of Annuityants to the two branches of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution will be held on Friday next, following the Annual General Meeting of Governors and Subscribers of the Fund, which latter will commence at 12 o'clock at noon precisely, and will probably present some features of particular interest, in view of the proposals made during the past year to alter the laws, or otherwise amend the working of the Charity.

On the Male side there are sixty-one approved candidates, with seventeen declared vacancies (three of which are for deferred pensions, as usual); while for the Female Fund there are fifty-one eligible to go to the poll, ten of whom are to be elected (with the same proviso as regards three of them as in the Male section). The number of the vacancies will probably be increased next week, in order to make up for deaths that have occurred since the ballot papers were prepared, but, happily so far as the annuityants themselves are concerned, the number of such additional vacancies are not very numerous, while the fact that five new Male Annuities have but recently been created, and will now be filled for the first time, precludes any hope of a further increase being attempted ere the election is commenced.

We may therefore look upon success being available for perhaps one in three of the candidates, and we hope the relief they will then receive will serve them in good stead during the remainder of their days, and go some way towards proving the benefits of Freemasonry, in caring for its members in the time of their misfortune.

Despite all that has been done in recent years on behalf of the Aged Brethren or their Widows who appeal to the Craft for assistance, the two lists present many features likely to arouse the sympathy of thoughtful Craftsmen, who must regret that so many applications are sometimes necessary in order to secure the coveted pension.

In the case of the Men there is a thirteenth, a twelfth, and an eleventh application, followed by two candidates each making a seventh, a sixth, a fifth and a fourth appeal, and when one bears in mind that these appeals can only be made once a year, and only after an applicant has really become an old man, the awful effects of delay may be gauged, and, let us hope, fresh sympathy aroused on behalf of a Fund which, although doing an immense amount of good, is capable of immense extension and has many more claims made upon it than it is possible to meet—for want of the necessary funds. Six of the remaining candidates in this section now make a third application, ten appeal for the second time, and the remaining thirty-four are new cases.

On the Widows side there is a fifteenth application; two twelfth, three tenth, two ninth, two eighth, five seventh, two

sixth, two fourth, five third, twelve second, and fifteen first, for whom it is very difficult to say anything beyond expressing the hope that the most deserving may be elected. We should have liked it to be possible to admit more at the coming election, but the Committee must first be convinced that funds will be forthcoming ere they attempt to extend the already splendid work done by our Benevolent Institution.

The theatrical element was well to the fore at Wednesday's Festival of the Girls School, first and foremost on the roll of honour being Bro. Edward Terry, with a list of £500, while Bro. W. S. Penley was a good second, with £210, of which sum one hundred and eighty guineas was his personal contribution, as mentioned elsewhere. But Bro. Penley did not monopolise all the kindness of the Globe Theatre, for his worthy Manager, Bro. Francis Gosnay was also a Steward, from the Adelphi Lodge, No. 1670, with his personal donation of £10 10s. Bro. Gosnay is now Life Governor of the Boys, Life Governor of the Girls, and Vice-President of the Benevolent Institution, qualifications that are in an indirect manner the result of the great success that still marks the representations of "Charley's Aunt," for which even as recently as last Saturday every reserved seat in the house was booked prior to the opening of the doors. May such success long continue to mark the efforts of Bros. Penley and Gosnay in their respective positions.

### THE COMMERCIAL VALUE OF PEAT.

AN industry that is likely to prove the means of greatly enriching that poverty-stricken country is about to be introduced into Ireland shortly by a body of financiers. After many years of experiments, conducted for the most part in Holland, where an experimental factory has been in operation with marked success, a process of utilising peat and making it valuable for various commercial purposes has been discovered. Red peat is fibrous in nature, and by the new process is combed out until it resembles wool, and then woven into either cloth, which is half the cost of and far more durable than shoddy, or matting and rugs, it being possible to sell the latter at a good profit from a shilling retail. The remarkably good face the cloth possesses is shown by the fact that last week, at the Irish Industries Exhibition, held at the residence of Earl Fitzwilliam, 4 Grosvenor Square, the Duchess of York was so pleased with it that she bought sufficient for a dress, while the Duke ordered a shooting suit of it to be made for him. Up to the present the patents have been worked only experimentally at the factory in Holland, whither the peat has been exported; but now that perfection has been arrived at, and a financial success ensured, the patentees intend erecting a factory in Ireland and commencing the manufacture of the products on a commercial basis. A Company, we hear, is being formed for the purpose of introducing the system to the English public. Meanwhile, any information can be obtained on application to Mr. H. W. Christmas, 42A Bloomsbury Square, who is acting as the solicitor to the Company.

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Dean Farrar contributes an introduction to Père Hyacinthe's "Last Will and Testament," which will be issued in a few days by Messrs. Cassell and Company.

### "A SPRIG OF ACACIA."

THE very sudden death of Bro. William Masters, on Tuesday, has robbed the Boys School of one of its Board of Management, and the Craft of a most worthy member. Brother Masters died at his office almost immediately on arrival there in the morning, and was buried yesterday (Friday) at St. Albans, where he had resided for some time past. The funeral was attended by several of his friends, among them being some of the most prominent supporters of the Boys School.

THE funeral of Bro. James Fisher took place at the Western Cemetery, Spring Bank, Hull, on the 2nd. The deceased was the Director of Ceremonies of the Minerva Lodge, and his funeral was attended by a large number of Brethren and other sympathising friends. Two lovely wreaths were placed on the coffin, says the "Hull Daily News," one from the Minerva Lodge of Freemasons, embodying a floral compass and square of forget-me-nots and other flowers, a unique and highly artistic arrangement. Attached with a satin ribbon were the words "With deepest sympathy from the Minerva Lodge, 250." The second wreath came from the Hull Musical Union, of which the deceased was a highly respected member.

THE remains of Bro. Alfred Kirk, who has been manager for the Lincoln and Lindsey Banking Company, at Gainsborough, for over thirty-three years, were interred at the cemetery on Friday, 3rd inst., in the presence of a vast concourse of people. The deceased having held one of the principal Offices in the Province of Lincolnshire, there was a large attendance of Masons from Notts., South Yorkshire, and North Lincolnshire, and a dispensation having been granted, regalia was worn. The ceremony was conducted according to Masonic rules by Past Grand Chaplain Rev. C. E. Laing and the Revs. J. C. Elliott and A. Hutchinson.



## WHY FREEMASONRY CONTINUES.

TO most of the profane, and to some of the initiated, Freemasonry is one of many secret societies, all of which are on the same general level. Freemasonry, according to their view, may be somewhat more venerable, perhaps more dignified, and possibly possessing a higher grade of character and education in its membership, but after all it belongs to a class of organisations which are of comparatively modern invention, whose purpose is rather to amuse than to instruct their initiates.

Whoever classes Freemasonry with any other secret society whatsoever, mistakes entirely its origin, its purpose and its history.

Whoever supposes that the idea which is at the foundation of Freemasonry—an idea which, like almost everything in the Fraternity, is comprehended in the form of a triad—is equivalent to that which lies at the foundation of other secret societies, does not understand the first principles of our Craft.

Whoever thinks that the Masonic Fraternity is merely somewhat older than other so-called kindred societies, but does not reach back to mediæval, to pre-Christian and even to pre-Jewish eras, has failed to read the lessons of the ages, as recorded in the histories of nations and the writings of sages.

There are some ideas which, like man, are immortal. Freemasonry is founded upon these ideas, and the Craft is their exponent, and so long as they are its corner-stone, and it is true to their teachings, so long will Freemasonry continue to exist and flourish.

Freemasonry is immortal because it is founded upon truths which will never die.

What are these truths, which ensure the perpetuity of the Craft?

These truths are three: (1) The existence of one living, true and eternal God, the Grand Architect of the Universe, and the Father of our spirits and our bodies, which are His; (2) The immortality of the soul; and (3) The Brotherhood of all who are admitted to the fellowship of the mysteries of these truths.

Freemasonry is built upon these primary ideas as its corner-stone, and while they remain at its foundation it can never be removed.

When one fully grasps and comprehends the truth of these statements, he is prepared to understand the origin and early history of Freemasonry.

The Masonic Fraternity was not born in our time, but in the aforesaid. We may trace it back continuously in Lodge minutes for three hundred years, but what are three hundred years to six thousand?

Because we cannot identify in every particular the details of our present system in those of antiquity, it does not follow that the two are unrelated. If we can discover, beyond peradventure, that the same basic ideas, principles, truths, were at the foundation of mystic societies of the past which seem to have been kindred to our own, that is sufficient. In the lapse of thousands of years forms and ceremonies must somewhat change, but principles cannot change, and still be principles.

With this clue to lead one back through the ages to primitive times, the Masonic scholar and thinker can scarcely fail to discover that the Osirian Mysteries of Egypt, and the Eleusinian Mysteries of Greece were the lineal ancestors of the Craft of Freemasonry of to-day.

The ancient Mysteries placed the same emphasis upon the triad truths referred to above that we do now. Theirs, like ours, was an obligated fellowship whose purpose it was to unite together selected, worthy, well qualified initiates, and instruct them in immortal truths. What are they? Let ancient sages answer.

Plutarch tells us, in his "Isis and Osiris":

In the Mysteries it is taught that the universe is not without mind, or reason, or a pilot."

In one of the Orphic Hymns, "probably recited in the celebration of the Mysteries," we read:

" King of all,  
Zeus is first, Zeus last, origin of all,  
One power, one ruler, one God."

Eusebius says, that in the Eleusinian Mysteries the hierophant instructed the initiate:

"Go on in the right way, and contemplate the sole Governor of the world. He is One, and of Himself alone. And to that One all things owe their being. He worketh through all, was never seen by mortal eyes, but doth Himself see everyone."

Theon said, speaking of the Mysteries, in his "Mathematica":

"The end of all these rites is friendship and interior communion with God."

Isocrates tells us:

"Ceres hath made the Athenians two presents of the greatest consequence: Corn, which brought us out of brutality, and the Mysteries, which teach the initiated to entertain the most agreeable expectations touching death and eternity."

Aristides did not hesitate to say that

"The welfare of Greece was secured by the Eleusinian Mysteries alone."

Many other similar quotations might be given from ancient writers, all of which go to show that the Ancient Mysteries were exponents of the three great truths of all time and all eternity: The existence and unity of God, the immortality of the soul, and the Brotherhood, the friendship, the fellowship of the initiated.

It is because the Freemasonry of to-day, as of all time past, is founded upon, and teaches these truths, that it continues as a Fraternity. As long as it is faithful to its principles it will exist and flourish, but if it should ever ignore them it would die. The ideas must remain ideals, if the indestructible potency of Freemasonry is to continue, if the Craft is to be immortal.—"The Keystone."

On the occasion of the visit to Durham of H.R.H. the Duke of Sussex M.W.G.M. of English Freemasons, in 1822, a special jewel was granted by His Royal Highness to be worn by the members of the new Lambton Lodge of Freemasons. This is known as the "Lambton Medal," and is made of gold, locket shaped. The first Master of this Lodge was Bro. John George Lambton, who was afterwards created Baron Durham, and subsequently first Earl of Durham and Viscount Lambton. Other names connected with the Lodge are Lord Viscount Howick, Sir Hedworth Williamson, Bart. (initiated 1824), Wm. Stobart, and John Pexall Kidson. The medal is still worn by the favoured members of No. 375, and is one of the handsomest Masonic decorations existing. An interesting pamphlet dealing with the Lambton medal has just been written by Bro. W. J. Hughan P.G.D., the well known Masonic historian, from particulars supplied by Brother Robert Hudson, Secretary of the Province of Durham, and is illustrated with the Lambton medal from that belonging to Sir Hedworth Williamson, Bart., P.G.M. of Durham. The pamphlet is published by the Quatuor Coronati Lodge.—"Newcastle Journal."

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The members of Harmony Lodge, No. 495 (I.C.) recently held a concert, for the purpose of liquidating the debt on their Hall, the result being eminently successful. We congratulate them on their good efforts.

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Terry's.—8.15, A woman's no. 9, The Passport. Matinée, Saturday, 3.

Comedy.—8.15, Delia Harding.

Strand.—8.15, Before the dawn. 9, Fanny.

Globe.—8, The Journey's End. 9, Charley's Aunt.

Prince of Wales's.—7.50, A Woman's Caprice. 8.30, Gentleman Joe. Matinée, Saturday, 2.30.

Haymarket.—8.30, John-a-Dreams.

Gaiety.—8, The Shop Girl. Matinée, Saturday, 2.

Daly's.—8, A drawn battle. 8.30, An Artist's Model. Matinée, Saturday, 2.30.

St. James's.—The triumph of the Philistines.

Trafalgar.—7.50, A happy thought. 8.30, Baron Golosh.

Garrick.—8, The notorious Mrs. Ebbsmith. Matinée, Saturday, 2.

Criterion.—8.15, The Home Secretary.

Adelphi.—8, The Girl I left behind me.

Vaudeville.—8.15, Hal the Highwayman. 9, The Ladies' Idol. Matinée, Saturday, 3.

Savoy.—8.30, Hausel and Gretel. Matinée, Saturday, 2.30.

Toole's.—7.45, The Secret. 8.15, Thorough-bred.

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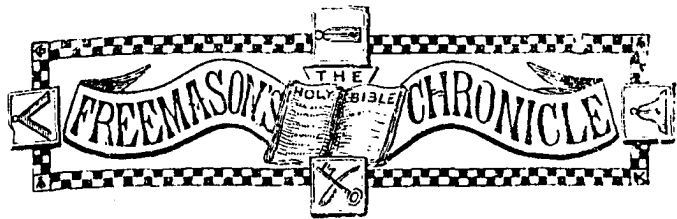
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SATURDAY, 11TH MAY 1895.

## WEATHER MAXIMS.

"Those that are weather-wise are rarely otherwise."—Old saying.

IN view of the many Masonic picnics likely to occur during the next few months, I have taken the trouble to compile some of those wise saws, proverbs, weather signs, and prognostications which have been drawn from the observations of our ancestors, and were believed in by many of them with rigid seriousness. Whether these will prove useful by inducing a little judicious care in those journeys of pleasure which are sometimes fraught with many dangers, it is not for me to determine, as the reader may entertain his own opinion as to their value, and perhaps it would be considered impertinent on my part to remind him that our climate is variable, with a decided leaning to the humid, as the author of the following lines endeavours to prove:—

"The south wind always brings wet weather,  
The north wind wet and cold together;  
The west wind always brings us rain,  
The east wind blows it back again;  
If the sun in red should set,  
The next day surely will be wet;  
If the sun should set in grey,  
The next will be a rainy day."

Others have formulated the axiom that

"Evening red and morning grey  
Are two sure signs of one fine day,"

which lines have their counterpart in another couplet, viz.,

"An evening grey and a morning red  
Will send a shepherd wet to bed."

"Cloudy mornings turn to clear evenings," says one proverb, and the late Admirable Fitzroy tells us that, "A grey sky in the morning presages fine weather, a bright yellow sky at sunset presages wind, and a pale yellow, wet," while we learn from another source that

"Sky red in the morning  
Is the sailor's true warning,"

but that a

"Sky red at night  
Is the sailor's delight."

We are to expect a fine day "when the raven is observed early in the morning at a great height in the air, soaring round and round, and uttering a hoarse croaking sound," and may conclude the weather is about to become fair, but to see the magpie when starting on a journey ensures a drenching.

The abundance of woodsear and honeydew on herbs indicates fair weather, as does floating gossamer.

The floating of gossamer, and its alighting on the rigging of ships foretells fine weather.

The clamorous croaking of frogs indicates fine weather.

The appearance of beetles flying about of an evening in summer, indicates that the following day will be fair.

When the swallow is observed to fly high, the weather will probably be fair. On the contrary, when the swallow or martlet are seen to fly low, and dip the tip of their wings in the water as they skim over its surface, we may conclude that rain will ensue, and probably before the expiration of twenty-four hours.

I collect the following from the mass of wisdom regarding rain. For example, "Rain before seven, lift before eleven." "If rain begins about noon, it will continue through the afternoon," and "if at night rain begins after nine, the morrow will show you but little sunshine."

Of the rainbow a Cornish rhyme says:—

"A rainbow in the morn, put your hook in the corn;  
A rainbow in the eve, put your hook in the sheave."

The incessant quackling of ducks, geese, and other water fowl is a sign of rain.

An instinct which warns them of approaching changes in the weather is with much truth attributed to animals, and students of natural history have indicated the various signs which they manifest on these occasions.

The much barking of dogs in the night frequently indicates a change in the weather, and before rain they are apt to grow sleepy and dull, and to lay all day before the fire.

Before rain, swine appear very uneasy, and rub in the dust, as do cocks and hens. If the cock crows very lustily it is a sign that the weather will change, and

"If the cock crows on going to bed,  
He's sure to rise with a watery head."

or as they say in the Midland counties:—

"If the cock moults before the hen,  
We shall have the weather thick and thin;  
If the hen moults before the cock,  
We shall have the weather as hard as a block."

Before storms, kine, and also sheep assemble at one corner of the field, and are observed to turn all their heads toward the quarter from whence the wind does not blow.

Before wind, swine run squeaking as though they were mad, which has given rise to the popular notion that pigs can see the wind.

Here are a few rules with respect to the wind, viz., "If wind follows sun's course, expect fair weather," and according to Bacon, "Every wind has its weather." A well-known couplet says:—

"When the wind is in the east,  
'Tis good for neither man nor beast."

The appearance of sea gulls, petrels, or other sea fowl in the islands,

indicates stormy weather. In fine weather the bat is observed to continue flying about very late of an evening.

In autumn, before rain some flies bite, and others become very troublesome, and gnats are more apt to sting. When flocks of wild geese are observed flying in a westward or southern direction in autumn, it indicates a hard winter.

When the trees and hedges are very full of berries, it indicates a hard winter.

The appearance of rare foreign birds in this country, such as rollers, hoopoes, &c., indicates hard weather, and the first appearance of the dottrel is a sign of frost.

The early advent of woodcocks, snipes, swinepipes, fieldfares, &c., are the prognostications of severe winters.

When the dew lies plentifully on the grass in the evening, the next day will probably be fine; when there is little or no dew, probably wet.

Before rain, moles throw up the earth more than usual.

Before rain, the pintados called "Comebacks," squall more than usual, as do peacocks.

It is said in Wilshire, that the Dunpicks, or moor buzzards, alight in great numbers on the down before rain.

Before storms, the missel thrush is observed to sing particularly loud, and to continue so till the commencement of the rain, from which circumstance it is in some places called the "Storm Cock."

It is a sign of rain when pigeons return slowly to the dovehouses.

If the hens gather on rising ground and trim their feathers, this action means rain.

When spiders are seen crawling on the walls more than usual, rain will probably ensue.

When bees do not go out as usual, but keep in or about their hives, rain may be expected.

Edward Roberts P.M.

## THE GIRLS FESTIVAL.

THE Anniversary celebration was held at Freemasons' Tavern, under the presidency of the Deputy Grand Master of England, who was well supported by Officers of Grand Lodge, together with a goodly array of Provincial and Private Lodge representatives. Messrs. Spiers and Pond catered for the large assembly with their accustomed ability, and with due attention to the service brought the dinner to an end at an early hour.

Then followed the usual toasts. The Earl of Mount-Edgumbe, in proposing that of Her Most Gracious Majesty the Queen, Chief Patroness of the Institution, took the opportunity of making what must be regarded as an official announcement in reference to a matter that has long received the attention of a large section of the Craft—the association of Masonic honours with toasts, in the presence of Ladies or non-Masons. The Masters of many Lodges celebrating Ladies' nights, or enjoying a summer pic-nic in the country, have not hesitated to call for Mason "fire" in association with the toasts, and any objection to the practice on the part of those who are opposed to it has been met with the rejoinder that the Grand Master did not hesitate to give it when he presided at the Centenary Festival of the Girls School, although Ladies and others outside the Craft were then present. But this single action on the part of the Prince of Wales was never intended to be followed indiscriminately, and we are only surprised that Grand Lodge has not previously taken notice of the innovation, which, however, is now condemned in no uncertain terms, and will doubtless be discontinued without the necessity of further official action. The Earl of Mount-Edgumbe said: Many of you may remember the Centenary Festival of this Institution in the Albert Hall. Very few who were present on that occasion will be likely to forget that remarkable scene. You will perhaps remember, therefore, that it was under the presidency of the Most Worshipful the Grand Master, and that he then gave the first toast of the evening with due Masonic honours, although there were a large number of Visitors present. But I believe that His Royal Highness on consideration would not think that was a precedent to be followed always, and therefore on this occasion I shall follow the toast list in the usual course without the "firing," and I feel you will honour it with the loyalty and warmth you always drink it, and with which every member of the Craft does drink it, whether in the boundaries of the United Kingdom or throughout the vast dominions of this Empire. I give you the health of Her Most Gracious Majesty the Queen, the Chief Patroness of this Institution.

The next toast was that of His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales, K.G., Most Worshipful Grand Master, Grand Patron and President of the Institution, the Princess of Wales, Grand Patroness, and the other Members of the Royal Family. The Chairman said the history of the development of the Institution whose Anniversary they were celebrating was in a small way a reflection of the history of Freemasonry in this country, and of the development of Masonry during the last half century. Especially was this the case in regard to the last twenty years of that half century, and he would ask if the reason for the great development that had taken place was not to be found in the fact that His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales had been Grand Master of the Order during that period, and with other members of his family had lent approbation to the Craft; and when with the toast was coupled the name of the Princess of Wales they more fully recognised the fact, for while the Prince of Wales was Grand Patron and President of their Institution, Her Royal Highness was Grand Patroness, and had done much on its behalf. The toast was heartily received, the remarks of the Chairman in regard to the Princess of Wales being especially applauded.

The Provincial Grand Master of Guernsey and Alderney Brigade-Surgeon James Balfour Cockburn, M.D., proposed the next toast, that of the Pro Grand Master and the rest of the Grand Officers present and past. The services of the Pro Grand Master in Grand Lodge has extended for so long a period that the history of Grand Lodge itself was, in a measure, mixed up with him. Having referred more fully to the services of the Earl of Lathom, the speaker proceeded to say that what he saw on Monday last at the Girls School was sufficient, as it must have been to all others who were there, to convince him that the Grand Officers and the other Brethren to whom was entrusted the management of the Institution had rendered an account of their Stewardship that well merited the approbation of the Craft.

The name of the Rev. Sir William Vincent, Bart., P.G. Chaplain was associated with the toast, and that Brother, in reply, regretted the Pro Grand Master was not present to return thanks for the toast so ably proposed, and so heartily received. He had the pleasure of assisting in the ceremony of initiating the Pro Grand Master, in the Apollo University Lodge at Oxford, ever since which time Lord Lathom had most enthusiastically devoted himself to the work of Freemasonry, with the most gratifying results, as was evidenced by the enthusiasm with which his name had just been received.

Sir John Monckton Past Grand Warden proposed the next toast. Most—probably all—of those present knew the Earl of Mount-Edgcumbe, Masonically, if not personally, and that being so they could but appreciate what he did for the Craft. Sir John said he had the pleasure of sitting beside their present chairman when he presided for Bro. Terry at the Jubilee celebration of the Benevolent Institution, at Covent Garden Theatre, and all present on that occasion could but compliment him on the success that attended his efforts as President. Of the Earl of Mount-Edgcumbe it might truly be said he was always the same, always most particular, most careful, most thorough in what he undertook. The words he had heard uttered by one of the Cornish Brethren, that the chairman was thoroughly beloved throughout the Duchy, really expressed the views of the whole Craft in regard to Lord Mount-Edgcumbe, and it was really presumption on his part to add anything with the view of increasing the good opinion already entertained by those present.

The Earl of Mount-Edgcumbe tendered his thanks for the very cordial reception given to the toast. He could only say that it was a great pleasure as well as a great honour to be associated with the annual Festival of the Girls Institution. He knew most of those before him had done the best they could to make it a success from a financial point of view, and among them he had especially to thank his own Brethren of Cornwall. He hoped the result would prove a grand addition to the funds of the Institution.

The Chairman next submitted the toast of the evening, wishing long continued and ever-increasing success to the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls. He thought it must be a satisfaction to the Ladies, who by their presence there that evening showed they took an interest in the proceedings of Freemasons, a satisfaction to them to know that the first thought of their Society—exclusively limited as it was to men—should be of their daughters. Dr. Ruspini, in 1788, laid the foundation of the Institution, its first home being a small house that accommodated fifteen girls. The Deputy Grand Master then reviewed the rise of the Fund, and the continued enlargements of its sphere of usefulness, making special reference to the part taken by the Princess of Wales in the good work, which found a fitting memorial in the Alexandra wing, which Her Royal Highness so graciously allowed to be named after her. The celebration of the Centenary of the Institution was another event worthy of special notice, when the Prince of Wales presided, and was supported by the King of Sweden and Norway, whose remarkable speech, in English, on that occasion was the marvel of many who were then present. At the celebration of the Jubilee of the Institution, in 1833, there were 57 Stewards, who collected £1,000; at the Centenary, in 1838, there were 1475 Stewards, and the amount of their lists was £51,500—what an evidence was here presented of that he had already referred to—the spread of Freemasonry during the last few years. At the present time there were 263 daughters of Freemasons living in the Institution, which might safely be regarded as one of the very foremost among institutions for girls in this country. Anyone who had the opportunity of visiting the Institution would see that the 260 odd girls were being brought up as they would like their own daughters to be. While he believed every effort was made to teach them to develop their powers, he felt they were not taught to develop into what the world was now forced to recognise as the “new woman,” but rather to become true English ladies. The Chairman next spoke of the position, the local advantages, and the extent of the Institution's property, and mentioned as an instance of its favourable qualifications as a healthful spot that he believed that during the last fifteen years but three deaths had occurred among the scholars, despite the large number continually being cured for at the School. He regretted he was unable to attend the distribution of prizes to the pupils the previous Monday, but those who were there doubtless appreciated the appearance and the general bearing of the pupils under their beloved Head Mistress, Miss Davis. If any military Brethren were then present they doubtless envied the precision with which the pupils went through their calisthenic exercises, and probably regretted their own men were not equally efficient. The educational work at the Institution was in every respect up to date, but above all included household duties, one specially pleasing fact being that the girls made all their own clothes, and so early qualified themselves for usefulness in their future life. All the teachers, with the exception of Miss Davis, had been trained at the School, which had also supplied Superintendents and others in command at different Institutions throughout the country.

Lord Mount-Edgcumbe next touched upon what may be regarded as a very important point. He said grants for education at home, and not at the Institution, were not yet attempted, but might well be considered. He hoped the success of that night would be satisfactory to all concerned, although he could not expect it to equal that of last year, when the Pro Grand Master presided, and had at his back one of the most important Provinces of English Masonry—that of West Lancashire, which would not allow a comparison in this connection with his own district of Cornwall.

Bro. Henry Smith Deputy Prov. G.M. West Yorkshire Treasurer of the Institution responded. The Chairman had told them all that could be said of the Institution, and he ventured to think his special pleading on its behalf would induce some of those present to double their interest in its welfare, if not their subscription to the present Festival. He forcibly impressed on those present the necessity of increasing the funded property of the Institution, just as he had advocated in connection with the Boys School and the Benevolent Institution. He had the feeling that there were times of depression and adversity to be met, and these should be provided for as far as possible. Bro. Smith then spoke of the contributions to the two Educational Funds from Grand Lodge and Grand Chapter, as compared with the sums received by the Benevolent Institution, which had a very considerable amount in comparison with what was received by the Boys or the Girls. He should like to see similar grants made to all three.

Bro. F. R. W. Hedges Secretary of the Institution then announced the lists, the total number of Stewards being given as 327, of whom three were Ladies, and 138 represented London Lodges. The total of the contributions was £16,016 4s 6d, of which London contributed £7,231 2s, and the Provinces £8,785 2s 6d. We give full details of the amounts, &c., elsewhere in this issue.

Bro. C. E. Keyser P.G.D. submitted the next toast—the other Masonic Charities, and success to them. He desired to express, on behalf of all, gratification at the success of the day. They heartily congratulated the Girls Institution on the handsome amount collected by the Stewards, and the Stewards on the result of their efforts. It had always been a feature with the Charities that they should wish success to the others, and not only success, but continued prosperity. Bro. Keyser spoke of the work being done by the different funds, and the special claims of each on the kindly consideration of the Craft.

Bro. J. Morrison McLeod Secretary of the Masonic Institution for Boys responded. He thought that of all the difficult positions he had ever been in this was the most difficult of all, and yet he could not find fault with the kind Brother who had proposed the toast taking away the bit of fat which was left to him for his speech. He heartily congratulated the sister Institution, the Girls School, and the Stewards on having reached the noble total of

£16,000 odd, supplementing the grand total of last year of £18,000. He would say “Very happy Girls Institution” which, in two successive years could have the Pro Grand Master and the Deputy Grand Master presiding at its Festivals. He hoped this continued success was a prelude of success to this Institution, and that in future years they would find a return to the level they both desired and which on behalf of the other Institutions he would say they wished might be the case. He could not say more in making an appeal on behalf of the other Institutions than had been said by Brother Keyser, who in his own position was a most generous supporter of them, and who knew so well from the way he made his donations from the means he was blessed with, and from the active support he gave to and interest he took in the Institutions what the deserts of the Institutions were. He (Brother McLeod) took the opportunity of alluding to a matter which had just been mentioned by his Brother Henry Smith the Treasurer of the Girls School, which many of those present remembered being referred to in that room at Grand Festival—the fact that the Boys School and the Girls School ought to receive a larger measure of support from Grand Lodge. He repeated it now and he was glad that Bro. Henry Smith had with his greater power and weight alluded to the subject. He would ask the Brethren below the dais who belonged to the “blue” whether it was not true that Grand Lodge had £100,000 in hand? For what purpose they were hoarding it he did not know—he said it without any desire to give offence—with all his heart he said they might do more for the Institutions. The Boys Institution was doing all it could for the boys; why should not Grand Lodge relieve the general strain on the generosity of the Craft which year after year was heralded forth with such publicity? They never knew when the strain would become too great. Nearly sixty years ago an alteration was made in the conduct of the funds of the Grand Lodge of England. Up to that time there were only two Institutions, the Girls and the Boys, which received a capitation grant, which was commuted, £160 for each Institution. The Lodges on the English roll had since increased five-fold, and the number of Masons had also increased five-fold. The benefits of the Institutions had been increased, but the amount donated by Grand Lodge had never been increased. He left it for others stronger than he to raise this question, and he looked with the utmost confidence to the Treasurer of the Boys School to take it under his own wing and with his greater and larger ability to bring it forward. He had no fear of the result. He had to congratulate the Earl of Mount-Edgcumbe upon the magnificent result of that day and on presiding over so generous a little province as Cornwall. Their hearts were true, their motto was “One and All,” they had shown that they could respond to the appeals made to them, and the thanks of the Brethren were due to his lordship and to all those who had acted with and supported him.

Bro. Smithson P.G.D. then proposed the health of the Stewards of the day, making special reference to the list brought up by Mrs. Stephens, and the interest now generally displayed by Ladies in the work of the Masonic Institutions.

Bro. Robert Grey responded. The Stewards had worked hard, and had succeeded in bringing up an amount no Board need be ashamed of. If the result of the work of the Stewards was satisfactory to the noble chairman, and also satisfactory to the Craft, any labour that had been expended in its realisation was more than repaid.

The Chairman concluded by expressing his personal thanks to the Stewards, who, he said, had provided an amount far beyond what he had dared to expect.

The Brethren then adjourned to the Temple, where the usual concert was given, bringing a most successful gathering to an end.

## ROYAL ARCH.

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### ST. JOHN OF JERUSALEM CHAPTER, No. 203.

ON Tuesday, 7th inst., the Companions of this, the oldest Chapter in the city of Liverpool, held their annual Convocation at the Masonic Hall, Hope Street, when a large and influential gathering took place. The three Principals, Companions J. N. Baker Z., Thomas Burrows H., and W. Naylor J. presided.

The following are the Officers for the present year: T. Burrows Z., W. Naylor H., T. C. Fargher J., J. W. Baker I.P.Z., R. Armitage P.P.G.R. Treasurer, John Bain S.E., J. Griffiths S.N., H. Peers P.S., J. Jones First Assistant S., R. J. Widell Second Assistant S., and Du Chemin Janitor.

Companion Casey afterwards provided dinner in a creditable manner. During the evening a very handsome P.Z. jewel was presented to the retiring M.E.Z. Companion J. W. Baker, on behalf of the Chapter, and was suitably acknowledged. The music was furnished by an efficient contingent of musical Companions under the direction of Companion W. G. Doran.

The Crystal Palace programme for the season of 1895 has just been issued, and, as usual, contains a number of attractive features that should make the season as successful as any of its predecessors. One thousand free concerts and entertainments are provided for during the year, while a representation of “Africa in London,” with an East African Village, and a complete representation of wild African life, is among the chief permanent features of the year. The weekly firework displays commence on the 23rd inst., and will be continued every Thursday, novelties being introduced from time to time. A special programme will be provided for Whit Monday, concluding with a grand firework display.

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## WILTON LODGE, No. 1077.

THE regular meeting of this Lodge was held at the Red Lion Hotel, Blackley, on Monday. A remarkably good gathering of Brethren testified to the popularity of Bro. G. T. Lenard W.M., which was further increased by the admirable manner in which he raised Bro. Edwin Sawyer to the degree of Master Mason, and his skilful rendition of the Traditional History. Following this ceremony was that of raising to the sublime degree Bro. J. Planty jun., which was accomplished by Bro. John Horsfield I.P.M., the Working Tools being presented and explained to the candidates by Bro. Hiram Jackson.

These ceremonies over, the Lodge was closed in due form, and the Brethren adjourned to an excellent banquet. This in turn was succeeded by the festive board, where Loyal and Masonic toasts were submitted and responded to, the proceedings being enlivened by songs, recitations, &c., given by Bros. Robt. H. Jackson S.W., F. Middleton J.W., Edward Roberts P.M. 1459, and J. W. Shaw P.M. The accompanist was Bro. Alfred Smith Std. and Organist.

Bro. Horsfield proposed the health of the newly-raised Brethren, who replied, expressing the pleasure they had derived from the excellent manner in which the ceremonies had been performed, and how much impressed they had been with the same.

In proposing the health of the Principal Officer, Bro. C. W. Godby P.M. said that he cordially endorsed the remarks of the Visitors to the effect that they seemed proud of their W.M., and he would emphasise their words by saying that they were indeed proud of him, and of the splendid work which he was capable of performing. Bro. Godby announced that he had received several subscriptions for Life Governorships, and solicited further aid in an endeavour to perpetuate the memory of Bro. Lenard W.M.

The W.M. responded, saying that he could scarcely find words adequately to express his thankfulness for the many complimentary remarks which had been uttered of him that evening. It was always a pleasure for him to perform any part of a ceremony, or indeed to do anything which would have a tendency to conduce to the prosperity of the Lodge. In concluding his remarks, Bro. Lenard reverted to the great assistance which had been rendered to the Lodge by Bro. Horsfield. Other toasts followed.

Besides those mentioned above there were present:—Bro. J. T. Sawyer P.M. Treas., R. Wingfield Sec., Dr. J. Knight Coutts S.D., Dr. C. Barry Taylor J.D., W. H. Lowry I.G., Thomas Stopford P.M. D.C., Geo. Jackson P.M., Council. Saml. Mills P.M., Geo. Holford P.M., Edmund Horsfield, H. G. Jackson, Jas. Parkinson, W. H. Rogers, Jos. King, R. Kirk, J. Williamson, R. Collinson, Job Kershaw, Chas. Slee, J. Fletcher, J. Palmer, C. G. Virgo, G. Siddall, J. Siddall, R. H. Williams, Barnette Jackson, G. P. Jackson, W. Smith, A. Whittaker, S. T. Brown, and F. Thomason. Visitors:—Bros. John Waring P.M. 1134, J. R. Farrar 2185, and George Rothwell Berry 1011.

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## ARCHITECT LODGE, No. 1375.

IT was not only an eminently satisfactory and successful function, in connection with this Lodge, which took place at the Masonic Rooms, Chorlton-cum-Hardy, on Friday of last week, but it was also a very brilliant one, as will be seen by the list appended, for fifteen Provincial Officers shed the lustre of their presence over the meeting, and as they entered the Lodge in due order to receive the salutations of those Brethren who had not yet attained to Provincial rank, they presented a very imposing appearance, causing one to think that a visit of such magnitude as this to a private Lodge is an indication at least that the members of it are either not supinely indifferent to their present position in the Province, or that the distinguished visitors in question can appreciate the efforts which are being made to maintain that position, and to insure the ultimate success of the Architect Lodge.

The formalities over, and the minutes of last meeting having been read and confirmed, Bro. William Lea, who had signified his intention of taking the final step in Craft Masonry, was subjected to the customary test as to proficiency, and ultimately raised to the degree of Master Mason by the W.M., the ceremony being carefully and, so far as could be judged, faultlessly performed.

The Picnic Committee, in presenting their report, stated that this year the Derbyshire town of Matlock had been decided upon, and prospective arrangements made for a visit there on Monday, 17th June, the party to dine at the Royal Bath Hotel.

At the festive board, which followed these proceedings, Loyal and Masonic toasts were proposed and honoured. In responding to that of the Grand Officers, Bro. Wylie took the opportunity of congratulating the Architect Lodge upon its working capacities, and also the high position which it occupied in the Province with regard to charity. It was very gratifying to think that at the recent election in connection with the Boys School, the candidate in whom Bro. Moss had interested himself was successful, as were also three other candidates supported by the Province of West Lancashire. The fact that this Lodge had placed their votes unreservedly at the disposal of Provincial Grand Lodge had materially assisted the efforts made, and should be an object lesson to other Lodges, an inducement for them to act in a similar manner, and thus strengthen their hands, the Province being generally enabled to bring to bear, as circumstances may require, an amount of interest and support which it is not always in the power of individual Lodges to command. Bro. Wylie also made the gratifying announcement that although in the nature of things they had sometimes to defer a candidate, yet when the Province of West Lancashire had undertaken to lend its support to any case, they had invariably succeeded in their efforts.

Bros. Goodacre and Helme also spoke, and in felicitous terms indicated their approval of the general working of the Lodge, and of the ceremony of raising as performed by the W.M.

Bro. Hesketh proposed the health of the Visitors, extending to one and all a hearty and unequivocal welcome. Bros. Simpson, Lambert, Armitage, Cross and Brayshaw responded.

Bro. Councillor John Bradshaw, in proposing the health of the W.M., alluded to the prosperity which had marked his tenure of office, and said he was extremely glad that such had been the case, for before being elected to

the high position which he then held, Bro. Pickford had shown by conspicuous ability in various ways that he was one who could be fully trusted to maintain the glorious traditions of the Architect Lodge, and hand them down to his successor untarnished, and with honour.

Bro. Pickford W.M. thanked Bro. Bradshaw for his unqualified praise of him, and also the Visitors for the kind and feeling manner in which they had alluded to the work of that evening. It was very gratifying for him to hear these remarks from such distinguished sources, and it would be his constant desire to maintain the good opinion which had been expressed of him. He sincerely thanked them for having honoured the Lodge with a visit while he was in the chair as Master.

Bro. Pickford subsequently proposed the health of the newly-raised Brother, saying that what he knew of him was of a most satisfactory character. By patience and industry he might hope to attain a high position among the Brethren, for he possessed undoubted abilities for such distinction.

Bro. Lea, in reply, expressed the pleasure which he had derived from being present that evening, and he took it as a compliment (for which he thanked them), that such a distinguished company should have been invited to see him go through his third and last degree. He had been very much impressed with what he had seen, and would try to make himself worthy of all they had done on his behalf, and of the confidence placed in him.

The W.M. announced the fact that one of their prominent Past Masters had been honoured with the Royal Arch Treasurership in Provincial Arch Chapter, which induced a very able riposte from Bro. Henry Nall, the subject of these remarks.

Bro. Rawle S.W. very trenchantly proposed the health of the Past Masters of the Lodge, who he said were always ready with words of encouragement and advice, and eager to take any duties which might be assigned to them. He alluded specifically to several of them, his speech finding an excellent corollary in that of Bro. Slyman, who followed him with the toast of the Officers of the Lodge.

Bro. Nall announced an interesting ceremony which is to take place in the village of Chorlton-cum-Hardy in connection with a contemplated extension of the parish church. At the laying of the foundation stone it is intended to hold a Masonic service, under the auspices of the Chorlton Lodge, No. 1387, and he called upon the Chaplain of that Lodge, who was present, to give further particulars.

The Rev. Bro. Thomas explained that it was intended to add a substantial portion to the parish church. Some years ago, when outside the pale of Masonry, he had attended a similar function in the Province of East Lancashire, and was so much impressed with what he had seen that was good and devotional, that he had had a strong wish whenever the opportunity presented itself to become a member of the Craft. Having now joined Freemasonry, he had a desire to do in this district what had so impressed him in another. A conference with several Provincial Officers had led him to believe that they were in favour of the scheme, and he hoped that about the middle of July the ceremony would take place. It might have a tendency to give the outside world a good impression, for Masonry was full of beauty, full of order, and the backbone of everything that was good.

The various speeches were enlivened by songs, recitations, &c., contributed by Bros. Nall, Beever, Holland, Rushton, Moul, and Roberts.

The following is a list of those present:—Bros. Alfred Pickford P.M., W. T. Hesketh I.P.M., Chas. Rawle S.W., Thos. A. Holland J.W., W. Dyson Fryer P.M. Treas., Henry Nall P.M. Sec., J. Coupland S.D., A. Redfearn J.D., Arthur A. Moss P.M. D.C., J. R. E. Birkett I.G., Wm. Rushton Org., Ed. M. Beebe, John M. Crone, Baron E. de Minciaky, and Hugh W. Bloomer Sds., Council. John Bradshaw P.M. Prov.G.S.D., Jas. Laidlow P.M. P.P.G.D., Cyril H. Beever P.M., Edward Roberts P.M. 1459, Wm. Lea, Wm. C. Flint, and Wm. Moul.

Visitors:—Bros. Robert Wylie P.G.D. Dep.Prov.G.M. 155, W. Goodacre P.G.St.B. Prov.G.Sec., Walter Simpson P.P.S.G.W., Nowal W. Helme P.J.G.W. 1051, W. Savage P.P.G.Tr. 1609, G. A. Harradon P.P.G.Tr. 2316, J. J. Lambert P.P.G.R. 1387, R. Armitage P.P.G.R. 2316, T. Brayshaw P.P.G.R. 2091 West Yorks., H. W. Johnston P.P.G.D. 113 2229, J. H. Wells P.P.G.D. 2109, Alfd. Cross P.P.G.D. 1713 2316, J. Slyman P.P.G.D. 1730, W. Toombs W.M. 1538, Rev. C. C. Bluett W.M. 2326, R. V. Critchley J.W. 1140, John Travers I.P.M. 1387, Rev. F. G. Thomas Chaplain 1387, and others.

We must not omit to state that an agreeable break had been made in the business of the Lodge, during which the Brethren, availing themselves of the opportunity, adjourned to a sumptuous dinner, provided in Mrs. Langford's best style.

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## ETHELBERT LODGE, No. 2099.

THE first supper in connection with the Lodge of Instruction attached to this Lodge was held at the New Dolphin Hotel, Herno Bay, on the 30th ult., under the presidency of Bro. Seaman, when the customary toast list was honoured.

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## MANCHESTER DRAMATIC LODGE, No. 2387.

THE festival of this popular Lodge was held at the Freemasons' Hall, Cooper Street, Manchester, on Thursday, 25th ult., on which occasion Brother Charles Swinn P.M. S.W. was installed as W.M. for the ensuing year. The election, judging from the large attendance, was an extremely popular one, says the "South Manchester Chronicle," and there is no doubt that in the Masonic world, of Manchester at all events, Bro. Swinn's popularity is undoubted.

The routine business having been disposed of, the installation of Brother Swinn and the investiture of Officers proceeded.

The presentation was made by Bro. Richardson P.M., and the ceremony of installation was performed by Bro. Thomas Ramsay P.M. and Prov.G.J.D. elect of East Lancashire, assisted by Bros. J. M. Simpson, E. G. Simpson, and other Past Masters of the Lodge. Brother Thomas Ramsay was unanimously elected Charity Representative.

The banquet which followed was worthy of the best traditions of the Lodge, and was exceedingly well served under the direction of Mr. Phillips. The usual Loyal and Masonic toasts were honoured, that of Bro. George Mellor D.P.G.M. of East Lancashire and the P.G. Officers present and past being coupled with the name of Bro. J. Richardson, the esteemed and revered Secretary of the Dramatic Lodge, who ably responded.

Bro. J. Massey Simpson I.P.M. said he had great pleasure in proposing the toast of the evening,—the health of the Worshipful Master Bro. Swinn. When the Dramatic Lodge was formed some five years ago, Bro. Swinn came in as one of the first members. In him they had a first rate man and a good worker, and none could excel him; he was a tower of strength to that Lodge, and he hoped he would continue to do what he could for it in the future.

Bro. Swinn, in response, thanked them for their kindness. As they

knew, his connection with the Dramatic Lodge was from the first, and since then he had never missed a meeting, but had done his level best to make the Lodge a success. He was one of those who recommended that the Warrant should be granted, and although the consecration was a proud day for him, that day of his installation was a prouder, and he should do his utmost to make that Lodge one of the best in the Province. He would not say anything of the past, nor would he prophesy as to the future, but, as far as he was concerned, he should do his best to add lustre to the chair in which he had been installed that day, and it was also his earnest hope that they might meet together for many years to come.

In proposing the health of Bro. J. M. Simpson I.P.M. Bro. Swinn congratulated that Brother on the admirable services he had rendered to the Manchester Dramatic Lodge since its formation. During his year of office their financial position had attained strength; they were now solvent, and his proposition that they should make a grant to the East Lancashire Fund was much to be encouraged, as it would commend itself to them to give something to charity.

The toast having been duly honoured, Bro. J. M. Simpson responded. He said he rejoiced that he had such an excellent successor in Bro. Swinn, who, he was sure, would make them a worthy and excellent Master, and he wished him a prosperous and pleasant year of office. He also thanked the Brethren for the manner in which they had responded to the toast, and concluded with some excellent advice to the junior Officers, as to Lodges of Instruction in the future.

Bro. Swinn said he had the greatest pleasure in proposing the health of a gentleman with whom he had been associated since the founding of the Lodge, and in the closest bonds of amity—and that was the health of Bro. Ramsay the Installing Master. Those who had worked with Bro. Ramsay knew that during the first year of his mastership he enjoyed indifferent health, and he was, on his return to this country, elected for a second term. Bro. Ramsay himself, Bro. Simpson, Bro. Cavanah, and others had seen that Lodge through troublous times. There were ways and means to be found, but they had got over them and Bro. Ramsay had installed him that day, for which he publicly thanked him. He would not say a word derogatory to him when he said that it was at Bro. Richardson's request that Bro. Ramsay undertook to do the ceremony that day. He need not remind them of his virtues and qualities. He was a founder, and had done his level best to make the Lodge what it was that day. He in his position could not hope to make it a success unless he had the support of the dramatic element. That Lodge was instituted for a special purpose—that was to enable those to meet in the afternoon who could not attend in the evening, on account of their professional engagements. If, therefore, the dramatic element did not support it, it ceased to have a reason for its existence. Bro. Ramsay could give them a lot of assistance in that direction, and he was sure he would do so, not only during his year of office, but also during that of his successors.

The toast was received with much enthusiasm.

Bro. Ramsay said he was deeply grateful to them for the kind manner in which they had drunk his health. As far as he was concerned, he had only been too proud, and he felt it a very great honour indeed, to have placed Bro. Swinn in the chair, as he felt himself that no Master of any Lodge had done his duty until he had performed the installation ceremony. He could only say that he was very pleased to have the opportunity of doing it, and as far as his humble efforts were concerned he did his best. He would be also very glad, as far as he was concerned, to make the Dramatic a big success. He was surprised to find when he came to Manchester that there was no Dramatic Lodge, while in Liverpool they had one with perhaps 100 or 200 members, and to him that appeared to be an injustice to Manchester. From his first coming to that city it was his desire and wish to have founded a Dramatic Lodge, and ultimately with the help of a few Brethren they had that Lodge consecrated, so as to enable them to attend their work in the evening. They had a great many dramatic Brethren who would be excellent and worthy Masons if they had more opportunity. He had had the pleasure, as they all knew, of being W.M. of that Lodge for two years, and he thoroughly appreciated the honour bestowed upon him, and did his best to fulfil the duties required of him, and at the close of his term to instal his successor. He was not content, but would do all he could to further the interests of the Manchester Dramatic Lodge, and to do what was required of him. He concluded by again thanking them very sincerely for the manner in which they had drunk his health.

Bro. Swinn said he omitted to state in his remarks that Bro. Ramsay was Prov. G.J.D. Designate of East Lancashire for the ensuing 12 months, an announcement which was received with applause and musical honours.

Bro. Hart proposed the health of the Past Masters, to which Bro. Cavanah replied. The other toasts were the Visiting Brethren, the Officers of the Lodge, the Masonic Charities, and the Tyler's toast. In the course of the evening the proceedings were pleasantly varied by songs and recitations.

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#### LONGSIGHT LODGE, No. 2464.

A MEETING of this Lodge was held at the Club House, Birch Lane, Longsight, on Wednesday, 1st inst., Bro. Henry Grimshaw W.M. There was a good attendance of members both in Lodge and at the festive board, the latter being of an enjoyable kind. Songs, recitations, &c., were given by Bros. F. W. Lean P.M. P.P.S.G.D. D.C., Ed. Roberts P.M., C. S. Cotton I.G., Henry Wood, Andrew Ellor, C. Coatman, and E. Ireland, a Visitor from the Lodge of Virtue, No. 152.

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#### IXION LODGE, No. 2501.

THE installation meeting was held on the 2nd inst., at the Roebuck Hotel, Buckhurst Hill, under the presidency of the Worshipful Master, Bro. H. French Bromhead P.M. Past Provincial Grand Superintendent of Works Essex. There was a very large attendance of Brethren, says the "Walthamstow and Leyton Guardian," the Lodge having made great progress since its consecration twelve months ago, when Bro. Bromhead was installed as first Master.

The worth of the Lodge was testified to on Wednesday week by Supreme Grand Chapter, which, on the recommendation of the Committee of General Purposes, granted a Warrant for a Royal Arch Chapter to be attached to the Lodge, although the usual practice is that a Lodge shall not have a Chapter until it is three years old.

After the formal opening Bro. Bromhead passed Bro. Flight to the Second Degree, and afterwards initiated Messrs. Thomas Tarminter Fosse, Edward Wilmot, and Victor Taylor. Bro. Nathaniel Fortescue, C.C., P.M. 2374 was elected a Joining member.

Bro. Bromhead installed Bro. Henry Edward Herman Senior Warden as Worshipful Master for the year ensuing. The brethren appointed to office

were: Bro. W. Gower Senior Warden, Clement Spurgeon Junior Warden, Ven. Archdeacon Dunbar Chaplain, Richard Sandall Treasurer, George T. Peall Secretary, W. J. Barnes Senior Deacon, T. H. Lloyd Junior Deacon, J. R. Carter Inner Guard, F. Gemmell Director of Ceremonies, G. Taylor Assistant Director of Ceremonies, G. E. Gratton Organist, H. Miller, B. G. Jones, F. X. Zimmerli, and B. Dietrich Stewards, David Legg Past Master 1227 Tyler.

Bro. Bromhead was presented with a Past Master's jewel in recognition of his great services to the Lodge during his year of office. The Earl of Warwick was elected an honorary member, and was voted thanks for the honour he had done the Lodge by attending, for which purpose he had made a journey from Warwick. His lordship acknowledged the compliment, and expressed his regret that he was absent when the Lodge was consecrated, but his absence was necessitated by a business engagement in America. He was delighted to see the Lodge had made such progress, and he was proud of it, as he was of all the Lodges in his Province, which were never wanting in their working, in their desire to promote the cause of Freemasonry, and in their support of the great work of charity. The Worshipful Master then announced that he would be Steward of the Lodge at the next festival of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution, and on the motion of Bro. Bromhead, seconded by Bro. C. J. R. Tijou P.A.G.P., ten guineas was voted to his list from the Lodge funds, and ten guineas from the Benevolent Fund of the Lodge. The Lodge had given twenty-five guineas to Bro. Bromhead's list as steward for the Girls School at the last festival.

The Lodge was then closed, and the Brethren adjourned to a choice banquet provided by Bro. A. C. Smith, of the Roebuck Hotel.

Before the banquet the Earl of Warwick, in the name of the Brethren, presented to Bro. Bromhead a memento of his year of office in the shape of a valuable set of table cutlery and plate, and a costly bracelet for Mrs. Bromhead. The noble Earl said it was a token of the high esteem in which Bro. Bromhead was held by the Brethren.

Bro. Bromhead said it was a great pride to him to occupy the chair as first Master of the Ixion Lodge. The gift now made to him would remain a happy memory, as long as he lived, of the esteem in which he had been held by the Brethren.

After the banquet the usual toasts were proposed and honoured.

Bro. Thomas J. Ralling Past Assistant Grand Director of Ceremonies Prov. Grand Secretary Essex responded to the toast of the Grand Officers. As the Brother who consecrated the Lodge a year ago, he was very glad to find it had taken such root in the neighbourhood.

Bro. Herman W.M. proposed the health of the Earl of Warwick, observing that he was a Provincial Grand Master of whom they were all proud. Whenever the Earl of Warwick was called upon to perform a duty he performed it even at great personal inconvenience, an instance of which they had that day, as his lordship had come all the way from Warwickshire to attend that meeting. This showed the great interest he took in his Province. His lordship had been thirteen years their Grand Master, and during his reign the number of Lodges in Essex had been doubled.

The Earl of Warwick said, although no one in the room was keener in regard to Freemasonry than himself, no one was more aware of his deficiencies. It had been a great pleasure to him to be present among the Essex Brethren. He had watched with great interest the progress of Masonry in the Province, both as regarded the number of Lodges and the number of members of the Order. It had been his endeavour, supported by his Officers, to promote Lodges only where he found there was a necessity for them. Fortunately, all the Lodges in Essex were in a state of excellence, which was most creditable. Every one of them held high the banner of Masonic Charity. Masonry promoted this object in a very marked degree, and benevolence was always first and foremost in a Mason's mind. Essex was not a rich Province, but whenever he, as their Provincial Grand Master, took a leading part in the cause of the charities the Brethren had come forward and placed him in a leading position. Of this he had felt very proud, and if in the future it should occur that he was called upon to take a prominent part for any one of the Masonic charities, he felt sure he had only to appeal to the Essex Brethren to supply him with a good list. In conclusion he expressed his sense of the admirable working of the Lodge that day by Bro. Bromhead.

The Earl of Warwick next proposed the health of the Deputy Provincial Grand Master Bro. Philbrick, and with it he coupled the toast of the Worshipful Master. He regretted the absence of Bro. Philbrick through illness, and wished him speedy restoration to health. For the Worshipful Master he wished every success during his year of office, and he hoped the Brethren of the Lodge would all give him their support and loyalty. Bro. Herman would doubtless carry on the duties of his office with credit to himself, to the Brethren, and to the Province. Speaking of the banquet, his lordship said he had never partaken of a better repast than that provided by Bro. Smith.

Bro. Herman W.M. said he could only repeat the hope expressed by the Earl of Warwick, that he should have the loyal support of every Brother of the Lodge. He had had the privilege of being initiated under the hands of Bro. Shurmur, in the Province of Essex, and the first chair of Worshipful Master he was installed in was in the Province of Essex. He could only trust that when he should be relegated to the class of Past Masters, called fossils, he should carry with him the goodwill and esteem of the Brethren.

The Earl of Warwick then left, drinking, first of all, to "our next merry meeting."

Bro. Shurmur responded to the toast of the Provincial Grand Officers, and said that while he was Provincial Grand Treasurer he had a most happy year of office. He asked the Brethren to support the candidature of Brother Nathaniel Fortescue for the office of Provincial Grand Treasurer.

Bro. Bromhead, in replying to the toast of the Installing Master, again thanked the Brethren for the handsome present they had made him and his dear wife. The present Worshipful Master was initiated in the Shurmur Lodge, and the Officers and Brethren of the Lodge were many of them from the Shurmur Lodge, men who had proved themselves efficient Freemasons, gentlemen, and true men in every sense of the word.

The toasts of the Visitors, and the Officers of the Lodge, were given and responded to, and the Tyler's toast closed the proceedings.

Interspersed with the toasts, an excellent selection of music was given under the direction of Bro. T. H. Lloyd J.D. Mrs. Charlton Kelly and Mr. Henry Thorn sang some solos and duets with admirable taste, and they were assisted in the quartettes by Miss Marggraf and Bro. H. Marggraf.

#### ROSE CROIX.

AT the regular meeting of the Rougemont and Coryton Chapter, No. 2, held at the Masonic Hall, Exeter, last week, Bro. John Taylor 30°, J.P., F.C.S., of Torquay, was unanimously elected M.W.S. for the ensuing year.

## NEXT WEEK.

Further particulars as to place of meeting of the undermentioned Lodges are given in the Freemasons' Calendar and Pocket Book (published by Grand Lodge, for the benefit of the Charity Fund).

## Monday.

5 St. George and Corner Stone, Freemasons-hall  
58 Felicity, Ship and Turtle  
957 Leigh, Freemasons-hall  
1366 Highgate, Midland Grand Ho.  
1670 Adelphi, Freemasons-hall  
1789 Ubique, Criterion  
1922 Earl of Lathom, Camberwell  
2030 Abbey, Westminster  
2426 Wood Green, Wood Green  
2454 Guildhall School of Music  
Holborn Restaurant

37 Anchor and Hope, Bolton  
40 Derwent, Hastings  
68 Royal Clarence, Bristol  
75 Love and Honour, Falmouth  
88 Scientific, Cambridge  
104 St. John, Stockport  
105 Fortitude, Plymouth  
106 Sun, Exmouth  
133 Harmony, Faversham  
151 Albany, Newport, I. of W.  
189 Sincerity, East Stonehouse  
237 Indefatigable, Swansea  
240 St. Hilda, S. Shields  
292 Sincerity, Liverpool  
296 Royal Brunswick, Sheffield  
297 Witham, Lincoln  
303 Benevolent, Teignmouth  
314 Peace and Unity, Preston  
330 One and All, Bodmin  
339 Unanimity, Penrith  
481 St. Peter, Newcastle-on-Tyne  
587 Howe, Birmingham  
589 Druid of Love and Liberality, Redruth  
632 Concord, Trowbridge  
671 Prince of Wales, Llanelly  
721 Independence, Chester  
797 Hauley, Dartmouth  
827 St. John, Dewsbury  
884 Derwent, Wirksworth  
893 Meridan, Millbrook  
941 De Tabley, Knutsford  
1069 United Brothers, Portsmouth  
1112 Shirley, Shirley  
1174 Pentangle, Chatham  
1221 Defence, Leeds  
1237 Enfield, Enfield  
1253 Travellers, Manchester  
1350 Fernor Hesketh, Liverpool  
1373 St. Hubert, Andover  
1380 Skelmersdale, Liverpool  
1408 Stanford and Warrington, Stalybridge

1436 Castle, Sandgate  
1449 Royal Military, Canterbury  
1474 Israel, Birmingham  
1496 Trafford, Moss Side  
1592 Abbey, Bury St. Edmunds  
1611 Eboracum, York  
1618 Handyside, Saltburn-by-Sea  
1691 Quadratic, Hampton Court  
1730 Urmston, Urmston  
1748 Castlemartin, Pembroke  
1792 Tudor, Harborne  
1802 Vernon, East Retford  
1852 Forest, Mansfield  
1885 Torridge, Gt. Torrington  
1914 St. Thomas, Kildgrove  
1948 Hardman, Rawtenstall  
1952 High Peak, Chapel-en-le-Frith.  
1966 Fidelity & Sincerity, Wellington  
2034 Masefield, Moseley  
2144 De Tatton, Altrincham  
2185 Ardwick, Ardwick  
2197 Spencer Walpole Temperance, Douglas, I. of Man  
2237 Earl of Leicester, Wells  
2373 Hardwick, Chesterfield  
2376 Carnarvon, Layland  
2422 Ebbisham, Epsom  
2457 St. Anne, St. Anne's-on-Sea

## Tuesday.

167 St. John, Hampstead Heath  
235 Nine Muses, Grand, Charing X  
781 Merchant Navy, Limehouse  
1593 Royal Naval College, Greenwich  
1604 Wanderers, Freemasons-hall  
1668 Samson, Café Royal  
1769 Clarendon, Guildhall Tavern  
2400 Brentford, Brentford  
80 St. John, Sunderland  
93 Social, Norwich  
131 Fortitude, Truro

184 United Benevolence, New Brompton  
241 Merchants, Liverpool  
272 Harmony, Boston  
319 New Forest, Lymington  
371 Perseverance, Maryport  
378 Loyal Welsh, Pembroke Dock  
386 Unity, Wareham  
448 St. James, Halifax  
473 Faithful, Birmingham  
494 Virtue and Honour, Axminster  
495 Wakefield, Wakefield  
496 Peace & Harmony, St. Austell  
502 Rectitude, Rugby  
503 Belvedere, Maidstone  
506 Mundy Grove, Shipley Gate  
567 Unity, Warwick  
573 Perseverance, Halesowen  
593 St. Ann, Alderney  
603 Zetland, Cleckheaton  
626 Lansdown Unity, Chippenham  
650 Star in the East, Harwich  
696 St. Bartholomew, Wednesbury  
723 Panmure, Aldershot  
764 Harbour Refuge, Hartlepool  
771 Windsor Castle, Windsor  
829 Sydney, Sidcup  
855 Sympathy, Wotton-under-Edge  
877 Royal Alfred, Jersey  
892 Royal Edward, Leominster  
897 St. Helen's Loyalty, St. Helens  
903 Gosport, Gosport  
954 St. Aubyn, Morice Town  
967 Three Grand Principles, Penryn  
973 Royal Somerset, Frome  
1021 Hartington, Barrow-in-Furness  
1073 Greta, Keswick  
1138 Devon, Newton Abbot  
1220 Solway, Aspatria  
1247 St. John, Plymouth  
1250 Gilbert Greenall, Warrington  
1267 Kenlis, Egremont  
1314 Acacia, Bromley, Kent  
1402 Jordan, Torquay  
1414 Knole, Sevenoaks  
1476 Blackpool, Blackpool  
1528 Fort, Newquay  
1545 Baildon, Baildon  
1560 Albert Edward, Leicester  
1713 Wilbraham, Walton-on-the-H.  
1782 Machon, Coleshill  
1837 Lullingstone, Wilmington  
1847 Ebrington, Stonehouse  
2099 Ethelbert, Herne Bay  
2104 Whitwell, Stockton-on-Tees  
2134 Wiiberforce, Hull  
2164 St. Germans, Peel  
2222 Frederick West, East Molesey  
2324 Horwich, Horwich  
2339 Mistle, Manningtree  
2360 Victoria, Southport  
2487 St. Michael, Stone  
2492 Concordia, Wendover

## Wednesday.

619 Beadon, Upper Norwood  
700 Nelson, Plumstead  
969 Maybury, Inns of Court Hotel  
1278 Burdett Coutts, London Tav.  
1539 Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell  
2140 Huguenot, Criterion  
2241 Cordwainer Ward, C. Term. Ho  
20 Royal Kent of Antiquity, Chatham  
121 Mount Sinai, Penzance  
127 Union, Margate  
137 Amity, Poole  
175 East Medina, Ryde  
178 Antiquity, Wigan  
200 Old Globe, Scarborough  
210 Duke of Athol, Denton  
221 St. John, Bolton  
243 Loyalty, Guernsey  
246 Royal Union, Cheltenham  
261 Unanimity and Sincerity, Taunton  
285 Love and Honour, Shepton Mallet  
311 South Saxon, Lewes  
325 St. John, Salford  
342 Royal Sussex, Landport  
345 Duke of Fife, Clapham Common  
376 Perfect Friendship, Ipswich  
451 Sutherland, Burslem  
581 Faith, Openshaw  
591 Buckingham, Aylesbury  
610 Colston, Bristol  
662 Dartmouth, West Bromwich  
683 Isca, Newport, Mon.  
726 Staffordshire Knot, Stafford  
795 St. John, Maidenhead  
823 Everton, Liverpool  
865 Dalhousie, Hounslow  
874 Holmesdale, Tunbridge Wells  
889 Dobie, Kingston-on-Thames  
934 Merit, Whitefield  
950 Hesketh, Fleetwood  
962 Sun and Sector, Workington

972 St. Augustine, Canterbury  
1019 Sincerity, Wakefield  
1040 Sykes, Driffield  
1086 Walton, Kirkdale  
1114 Joppa, Fakenham  
1129 St. Chad, Rochdale  
1136 Carew, Torpoint  
1161 De Grey & Ripon, Manchester  
1179 Rutland, Ilkeston  
1212 Elms, Stoke Damerel  
1246 Holte, Aston  
1301 Brighthouse, Brighthouse  
1323 Talbot, Swansea  
1334 Norman, Durham  
1353 Duke of Lancaster, Lancaster  
1403 West Lancashire, Ormskirk  
1511 Alexandra, Hornsea  
1634 Starkie, Ramsbottom  
1774 Mellor, Ashton-under Lyne  
1842 St. Leonards, St. Leonards  
1988 Mawddach, Barmouth  
2050 St. Trinians, Douglas, I. of M.  
2135 Constance, Consett  
2153 Hope, Gosport  
2203 Farnborough and North Camp, Farnborough  
2258 W.D. United Service, E. Stonehouse  
2412 Ashfield, Sutton-in-Ashfield  
2434 Anderida, Eastbourne  
2259 St. Nicholas, Thorne

## Thursday.

6 Friendship, Criterion  
813 New Concord, Guildhall Tav.  
1321 Emblematic, Bridge House Ho.  
1365 Clapton, Great Eastern Hotel  
1623 West Smithfield, Freemasons-h.  
1963 Duke of Albany, Camberwell  
2310 London Scottish Rifle, Criterion  
42 Relief, Bury, Lanc.  
56 Howard Brotherly Love, Littlehampton  
57 Humber, Hull  
98 St. Martin, Burslem  
100 Friendship, Great Yarmouth  
203 Ancient Union, Liverpool  
230 Fidelity, Devonport  
245 Mechanics, Jersey  
267 Unity, Macclesfield  
268 Queen's Arms, Ashton-under-Lyne  
280 Worcester, Worcester  
236 Samaritan, Bacup  
322 Peace, Stockport  
343 Concord, Preston  
345 Perseverance, Blackburn  
350 Charity, Farnsworth  
363 Keystone, Whitworth  
367 Probity and Freedom, Rochdale  
430 Fidelity, Ashton-under-Lyne  
489 Benevolence, Bideford  
523 John of Gaunt, Leicester  
600 Harmony, Bradford  
605 Combermere, Birkenhead  
659 Blagdon, Blyth  
758 Ellesmere, Runcorn  
777 Royal Alfred, Guildford  
802 Repose, Derby  
833 Afan, Aberavon  
939 Pelham, Worksop  
940 Philanthropy, Stockton  
1000 Priory, Southend  
1011 Richmond, Manchester

## Friday.

Annual Meeting R.M.B.I., Freemasons' Tavern, 12  
143 Middlesex, Albion  
1118 University, Freemasons-hall  
1591 Studholme, Café Royal  
2157 St. Mark's College, Holbn. Res.  
2346 Warrant Officers, F.M.H.  
152 Virtue, Manchester  
271 Royal Clarence, Brighton  
347 Noah's Ark, Tipton  
541 De Loraine, Newcastle-on-Tyne  
993 Alexandra, Levenshulme  
1108 Royal Wharfedale, Otley  
1311 Zetland, Leeds  
1330 St. Peter, Market Harborough  
1357 Cope, Sale  
1389 Fenwick, Sunderland  
1773 Albert Victor, Pendleton  
2005 Brooke, Chingford  
2063 St. Osyth's Priory, Clacton-on-Sea  
2231 Talbot, Stretford  
2447 Palatine, Manchester

## Saturday.

1329 Sphinx, Camberwell  
1767 Kensington, Ladbroke Hall  
2041 West Kent Volunteer, Plumstead  
2308 Viator, Anderton's  
416 Surrey, Reigate  
811 Yarrowburgh, Brighton  
1096 Lord Warden, Walmer  
1126 Oakwood, Romiley  
1326 Lebanon, Feltham  
1556 Addiscombe, Croydon  
1871 Gostling Murray, Hounslow  
2035 Beaumont, Kirkburton  
2318 Lennox Browne, Buckhurst-hill  
2381 Bushey Park, Hampton Court  
2437 Downshire, Wokingham

The Installation meeting of the Samson Lodge, No. 1668, will be held on Tuesday next, at the Café Royal, Regent Street, when Bro. A. Clark will be placed in the chair as ruler of the Lodge for the year. The other business of the meeting includes a raising and three initiations, the former ceremony being taken before the chief event of the day, the others afterwards. Lodge is summoned for 3 o'clock, with banquet at 7. We hope to give a report of the proceedings in our next issue.

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We learn that the Warrant for the Manchester Lodge, No. 2554, has been granted, and that Bro. Chadwick Prov. Grand Secretary has been in communication with Bro. Lieut.-Col. Le Gendre N. Starkie Prov. Grand Master of the Province of East Lancashire, to make an early appointment for the consecration of the same.

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The third edition of Mr. Sala's Autobiography, about to be issued by Messrs. Cassell, will contain a new preface by the author, in the course of which he will relate some remarkable experiences respecting his recent illness in Rome.

Mr. Max Pemberton's new work, "The Impregnable City," will be issued in a few days. A steady demand exists for this author's works, his "Sea Wolves," issued last year, having been already reprinted, and his "Iron Pirate" having reached a third edition.



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