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THE GROWTH OF FREEMASONRY.

ONE does not have to be so very old in Freemasonry to remember the time when the Lodges on the Register of the Grand Lodge of England were but half as numerous as they are at present, it only being necessary to go back to 1871 to see the granting of the Warrant for No. 1356, while elsewhere in this issue we record the consecration of the Jubilee Masters Lodge, No. 2712. Thus we see that during the last twenty-seven and a half years there have been additions to the English Register averaging fifty Lodges per annum, while a glance at the accompanying table, which gives the actual increase year by year since 1858, will show with what regularity the additions have taken place, not only during the period we have just spoken of, but for the whole term of forty years included in the return:

Year.	Nos. of Lodges Warranted.		No. for year.
1858	...	733 to 770 inclusive	...
1859	...	771 805	...
1860	...	806 850	...
1861	...	851 903	...
1862	...	904 941	...
1863	...	942 996	...
1864	...	997 1047	...
1865	...	1048 1088	...
1866	...	1089 1142	...
1867	...	1143 1208	...
1868	...	1209 1248	...
1869	...	1249 1299	...
1870	...	1300 1344	...
1871	...	1345 1388	...
1872	...	1389 1424	...
1873	...	1425 1477	...
1874	...	1478 1527	...
1875	...	1528 1593	...
1876	...	1594 1662	...
1877	...	1663 1735	...
1878	...	1736 1800	...
1879	...	1801 1853	...
1880	...	1854 1892	...
1881	...	1893 1953	...
1882	...	1954 1988	...
1883	...	1989 2028	...
1884	...	2029 2081	...
1885	...	2082 2134	...
1886	...	2135 2192	...
1887	...	2193 2240	...
1888	...	2241 2297	...
1889	...	2298 2343	...
1890	...	2344 2388	...
1891	...	2389 2419	...
1892	...	2420 2455	...
1893	...	2456 2498	...
1894	...	2499 2538	...
1895	...	2539 2590	...
1896	...	2591 2646	...
1897	...	2647 2685	...

Although we do not wish to say that the association of H.R.H. the Prince of Wales with Freemasonry has had little or no real effect on the growth of the Craft during the twenty-four years he has been at the head of the Order, it will be somewhat difficult, after studying the

figures we give above, to attach so very much importance as is often attempted to what His Royal Highness has done, by personal act or by creating enthusiasm, in causing the extension of the Order under the Grand Lodge of England during the period of his Grand Mastership, for, as a matter of fact, the Order progressed at about the same rate—guaged by the increase in number of Lodges—during the sixteen years immediately preceding the accession of the Prince of Wales to the Masonic throne, as it has done since he has been at the head of affairs, the average on the first sixteen years being about 46.5, and on the last twenty-four 50.3, although in the former calculation it must be borne in mind we have taken the returns of 1858 upwards as they stand subsequent to the re-numbering of 1863, which is sufficient to account for a fair portion of the difference.

It will be noticed from our figures above that there was a sudden rise following the installation of the Prince of Wales as Grand Master, the totals for 1875-6-7-8 being 66, 69, 73 and 65 respectively, showing an average of 68.25 per year for that period, but this was counter-balanced by three totals far below the average during the next five years, the total on the nine years being 501, or an average of 55.6.

Rapid as has been the growth in the number of Lodges during the forty years under review, we believe it is safe to say that during the whole of the period Grand Lodge has put a very strong check on the enthusiasm of Brethren who desired to establish new Lodges, and the extension which has actually taken place is probably little more than half what it might have been had every petition that was sent into the Grand Master resulted in the granting of a new Warrant.

This is hardly the occasion on which to take into consideration the merits or demerits of the restrictive policy that has guided Grand Lodge in this respect, but there are few but will agree it is far better to have erred on the side of extreme caution, than to have lowered the standard of Freemasonry by extending its Lodges indiscriminately, and thus opening the door for wholesale admissions into the Order. Before now we have questioned the policy of Grand Lodge in refusing Warrants to bodies of Brethren well skilled in the noble science, and to all outward appearance fully qualified to take upon themselves all the responsibilities of starting a new Lodge, and even now the action of the authorities in putting a veto on the expressed desire of bodies of Brethren who petition for a Warrant is more than many of us can understand, but we can only imagine there is some system known to the authorities of Grand Lodge upon which all such questions are decided, and while the Order continues to prosper in our midst, as it has done in recent years, there would be very few who would join in a movement to enforce a radical change in this direction.

The Angel Lodge, No. 51, Colchester, has long enjoyed a high reputation for the liberality of its contributions to the Charitable Institutions of the Craft, and its present I.P.M. Bro. Claude E. Egerton-Green, being anxious to extend its work in this direction, has set himself the task of raising a sum of two hundred guineas, in order to make the Lodge a Patron of the Boys School, in this the Centenary year of that Institution. Bro. Egerton-Green's project has already been well supported, subscriptions amounting to £132 having been promised, while among the business on the agenda for Thursday's meeting of the Lodge was a proposition by the Worshipful Master, to grant a further sum of ten guineas from the Lodge funds for the purpose, and, best of all, Bro. Egerton-Green is able to announce to his fellow members that their Senior Warden Bro. Gilbert, who has already given twenty guineas in support of the idea, has promised that if the members of the Lodge raise half the balance required he will make up the rest. We congratulate the Angel Lodge on this splendid display of Masonic Benevolence, and the Boys School on the all but certain addition to be made to its Centenary total as a consequence.

The Masons' Ball held at Oxford, on Monday, was most enjoyable, and the Apollo Lodge, and more especially the Committee, deserve great praise for their arrangements, says the "Oxford Magazine." Good music and a good floor are always secrets of success: the music could hardly have been improved upon, seeing that it was provided by Wurm's well known "White Viennese Band" and the floor had just the necessary element of elasticity. The richness and variety of the Masonic clothing—the decorations of Arch, Rose-Croix, and Knight-Templar—did much to relieve the sombre black of the male dress, and the set of lancers and the solemn march to supper under the "arch of steel" provided an interesting spectacle. The Craft were there in all their glory, and Viscount Valentia Deputy Provincial Grand Master, together with several distinguished former Officers of Grand Lodge, lent Masonic lustre to the proceedings. The numbers present exceeded anticipations, and fell only just short of 450.

The Summer Outing of the Westbourne Lodge, No. 733 is arranged for Thursday next, 30th inst., the programme being to leave Paddington by 9.53 a.m. train to Taplow, thence from Maidenhead Bridge by launch to Reading, dine at the Queen's Hotel, and return by the 8.30 p.m. train for London. Tickets, including all refreshments, dinner (exclusive of wine), railway fare and launch, twenty-one shillings each. Further particulars may be had of the Secretary Brother S. R. Walker, 12 Wych Street, Strand, W.C. Ladies and friends are cordially invited.

The annual Athletic Sports of the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys will be held at the Institution at Wood Green to-day (Saturday), commencing at 2.30 p.m., when it is expected a large number of friends of the Institution will be present.

The meetings of the Royal Jubilee Lodge of Instruction, No. 72, have been discontinued until September next, when the weekly gatherings will be resumed at the Crown, Lambeth Road.

PRESENTATION AT WIGAN.

ON Wednesday, 25th ult., the Brethren of the Lodge of Antiquity, No. 178, presented Bro. L. R. Rowbottom Past Provincial Grand Warden with a silver fruit bowl on ebony plinth and a silver cigar case beautifully inscribed, as a mark of their esteem and regard of the oldest Freemason in the town, and Senior Past Master of the Lodge. After some introductory remarks by the W.M. Bro. J. Baynes, the presentation was made by Bro. C. B. Holmes P.P.G.P. who, in most felicitous terms, referred to Masonry as it existed in Wigan many years ago, when the recipient was a most active member.

Bro. Rowbottom, in a feeling manner, acknowledged the kindly sentiments expressed toward him, and assured them that he should ever prize their gifts, and remember so long as he lived that happy occasion, and the kind expressions of brotherly love so practically and enthusiastically accorded to him on this occasion, as well as during the forty years he had been a member of the Lodge. Bro. Rowbottom was the Master of the Lodge in 1862, when the Brethren attended at the laying of the foundation stone of Preston Guild Hall.

In Memoriam.

MORGAN.—In memory of Brother William Wray Morgan, founder of the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE, who died 23rd June 1893.

CONSECRATIONS.

JUBILEE MASTERS LODGE.

NO more appropriate day could have been selected for the consecration of this, the latest addition to the long list of metropolitan Lodges, than the sixty-first anniversary of the accession of Her Most Gracious Majesty to the throne. This Lodge is unique in the annals of the Craft, as it will consist entirely of Worshipful Masters, who can only become members during the time they are occupying the chairs of their respective Lodges, and the Founders were limited to those who were actually Masters on 20th June 1897. They form a long list, but as this is a historical occasion and shows the great interest with which the project was taken up, we submit them for the information of our readers:—Bros. Major Eustace Anderson, Joseph Bate, Captain Thomas Edward Carey Bates, Richard Cato Bayne, Thomas Jas. Bolton, James Boulton, William H. Bourke, M.D., William Briant, Henry Thomas Brickwell, Charles Offord Burgess, John Robert Cleave, Robert Daniel Cummings, Henry L. Davis, Henry John Davis, Walter Dennis, Edmund Robert Bartley Denniss, Arthur Charles Doughty, Edward Durrant, Lancelot Fielding Everest, George Henry Fennell, Louis Samson Genese, Dr. Frederick Hendebourck Gervis, Bertrand Grant, Henry Joseph Gregory, John Arthur Harrison, Capt. George Hearn, William Singleton Hooper, William Hunt, Frederick Jackson, Theophilus Henry Thomas Jarvis, Frederick Augustus Jewson, George Helmore Jones, William George King, Imre Kiralfy, Octave Lamore, Dr. Frederick Lawrence, Rowland Davis Longworth, Henry Charles Lonsdale, Harold Thomson Lyon, Jethro Medcalf, George Scott Miller, John Harold Milton, John Mitchell, Alderman Walter Vaughan Morgan, Thomas Nixon Morris, Harry Courthope Munroe, Henry Gartside Neville, Harry Nicholls, Constant Edward Osman, Frederick Page, Harry Pearse, Albert Pettitt, George Pidduck, Mostyn T. Pigott, Edwd. William Pillinger, James Alfred Randall, Capt. Frederick Chas. Richmond-Parry, Francis Edwin Rosher, Arthur Edward Samuel, James Alfred Shelton, Francis Watson Smyth, John Henry Stark, Alfred Streeter, John Frances Tee, William Thomson, Lieut.-Col. Charles Henry Reid Todd, James Tollworthy, Fredk. Conkling Van Duzer, Frederick Varley, James Watts, Francis George Webster, Joshua Watson Westmoreland, Thomas Whitford, Thomas Moore Wright, Arthur Frederick Wrightson.

The Visitors numbered considerably over 200, so we may be forgiven if we plead want of space in this particular—sufficient to say that among the distinguished guests present were: Bros. Hon. C. E. Davies Grand Master of Tasmania, Thomas Fenn P.G.W., Hon. Justice Kennedy P.G.W., Rev. J. S. Brownrigg P.G.C., Ven. Archdeacon Sinclair P.G.C., Very Rev. Dean Hole P.G.C., Col. Probyn Grand Treas., Alderman Sir J. Dimsdale P.G.Treas., W. M. Stiles P.G. Treas., J. Strachan, Q.C., Grand Registrar, J. H. Matthews Prest. Board of Benevolence, Frank Richardson P.G.D., F. West P.G.D., Alfred Cooper P.G.D., P. A. Nairne P.G.D., H. L. Florence Grand S. of W., C. Belton P.Dep.G.D.C., H. G. Neville A.G.D.C., Dr. F. Laurance P.A.G. D.C., H. Lovegrove P.G.S.B., T. A. Bullock P.G.S.B., Major C. W. Carrell P.G.S.B., R. Clowes P.G.Stand.B., R. C. Sudlow P.G.Std.B., C. F. Matier P.G.Std.B., W. Shurmur P.G.Std.B., W. Lake Assist. Grand Sec., Kelso King, Arthur Grey G. Reg. Punjab, &c., &c.

To show the interest and favour of Grand Lodge, no less than eight Grand Officers were appointed to take part in the ceremony, viz.: Bros. Edward Letchworth, F.S.A., Grand Secretary, as Consecrating Officer, assisted by Sir John Monckton, F.S.A., P.G.W. as S.W., Thomas Fenn P.G.W. as J.W., Rev. J. Studholme Brownrigg G.Chap. as Chaplain, Frank Richardson P.G.D. as D.C., J. D. Langton P.Dep.G.D.C. and Gordon Smith P.G.Std.B. as Assistant Dirs. of C., R. Clay Sudlow P.G.Std.B. as I.G.

A Lodge having been formed by Bro. Letchworth it was opened in the three degrees, and the favourite hymn "Hail Eternal, by whose aid" was sung "con amore" by the Brethren.

The Consecrating Officer then addressed those present as follows: We are met together to-day on an occasion of peculiar interest, for the purpose of constituting a new Lodge, which has been established to celebrate the Diamond Jubilee of our Gracious Queen—an event that occurred last year—and we all trust that the result will justify the hope of the Founders in extending the particular objects of Freemasonry. The Lodge is about to be dedicated—as all Lodges are—to the service of Almighty God, and I will therefore call upon the Grand Chaplain to offer up a prayer. This was done, and then the Warrant from the Grand Master was read by Bro. Frank Richardson.

The ceremony proceeded on the usual lines, a very effective and impressive oration being delivered by Bro. Rev. J. Studholme Brownrigg.

The Lodge was then dedicated in accordance with ancient

and solemn rites, and the Patriarchal Benediction brought this portion of the proceedings to a close.

Brother Alderman Walter Vaughan Morgan P.G. Treasurer Worshipful Master-designate was presented, and took the obligation of an Installed Master, reciting it himself without dictation. The Board that was formed was surely the largest that ever assisted on such an occasion at a private Lodge, seeing that every one present was either a Past or Acting Master of a Lodge.

Bro. Vaughan Morgan, having been installed by Bro. Letchworth, proceeded to invest as his Officers: James Boulton P.G. Purs. W.M. 2632 acting I.P.M., J. R. Cleave P. Prov. G.D. Surrey W.M. 2648 S.W., W. S. Hooper W.M. 1987 J.W., C. O. Burgess P. Prov. G.D. Surrey W.M. 2398 Treas., J. D. Langton P.D.G.D.C. Sec., Imre Kiralfy W.M. 2581 S.D., J. A. Harrison W.M. 2488 J.D., Henry G. Neville W.M. 2127 D.C., H. T. Brickwell W.M. 2455 I.G., F. A. Jewson W.M. 1818 Organist, F. C. Van Duzer W.M. 2397, Mostyn T. Pigott P.G. Std. W.M. 197, J. H. Stark P.G. Std. W.M. 29, and Walter Dennis W.M. 9 Stewards.

The Warrant of the Lodge having been entrusted to the keeping of the W.M., Bro. Letchworth then delivered the addresses, which were rendered in a most perfect manner, and were highly appreciated by those present. Doubtless most of them had given the lectures at some time, so they formed a highly critical gathering, but the applause that greeted Bro. Letchworth as he resumed his seat sufficiently demonstrated their gratification at his performance.

Bro. J. R. Cleave proposed that a Committee should be appointed to frame the bye-laws of the Lodge.

The Worshipful Master proposed that a hearty vote of thanks be conveyed to the Consecrating Officers for their services, and as a souvenir of the occasion he asked their acceptance each of a gold fountain pen. He also proposed they be elected as Honorary Members of the Lodge.

Bros. Letchworth and Fenn acknowledged the compliment.

A good list of Brethren were proposed as joining members—among whom was Bro. Bevan, a possible future nominee for the Grand Treasurership. Letters of regret on account of absence were read from several distinguished Brethren, and the Lodge was closed with harmony, until the third Friday in September next.

We must not forget the admirable musical arrangements, which tended so greatly to enhance the impressiveness of the ceremony, and which were under the direction of Bro. H. Schartau P.P.G.O. Mdx., assisted by Bros. William Fell, Charles Ellison and John Josey. The beautiful programme of the proceedings was a fine specimen of the printer's art, and will be treasured as a pleasing memento of the occasion.

The installation banquet was appropriately held in the large Victoria Hall, which presented an imposing scene when all the guests were seated. A very choice menu was submitted for the delectation of the Brethren, and was amply enjoyed.

Alderman Vaughan Morgan was received with acclamation upon rising to propose the first toast. The day was the sixty-first anniversary of the accession of Her Most Gracious Majesty, who might also be deemed the Mother of the Lodge, seeing that it was established to commemorate the historical event of her Diamond Jubilee. The Queen was the mother of some distinguished Freemasons, and showed her interest in the Craft by her patronage of the Masonic Institutions. The toast was drunk with enthusiasm, followed by the National Anthem.

In proposing the Grand Master Brother Morgan said that the Prince of Wales had done an immense amount of work during the twenty-four years he had held the office, and Freemasonry had flourished considerably under his rule. He well remembered the installation of H.R.H. at the Albert Hall, on 28th April 1875, and that impressive spectacle would never be effaced from his mind. And no one present would ever forget the scene at the same place a few days back, when H.R.H. presided at the Boys School Centenary, and the marvellous sum of £134,000 was collected. Freemasonry was indebted to the Prince of Wales in many ways, and the Brethren repaid the debt with affectionate fidelity and loyalty.

The Very Rev. Dean Hole P.G.C. responded in a witty speech for the Grand Officers, and referred to the Masonic service to be held on Saturday (to-day) at Rochester Cathedral, in aid of the funds for re-building the tower, which he trusted would be always known as the Freemasons' Tower.

Brother Letchworth, having suitably acknowledged the toast of the Consecrating Officers, Brother Fenn gave the Worshipful Master, who he had known for many years as a Mason well skilled in the work, and of whom the Lodge ought to be proud.

Brother Morgan, in reply, expressed his hearty thanks to the Brethren for placing him in the honourable position of first Master of the Lodge. The members consisted of the cream of London Lodges, and they intended to reflect credit upon the Consecrating Officers and the Craft in general.

A photograph of the company was then taken by Messrs. Fradelle and Young, of 283 Regent Street, W.

Bros. Hon. C. E. Davies Grand Master of Tasmania, Kelso King Past Grand Deacon of New South Wales, and Arthur Grey Grand Registrar of Punjab responded for the Visitors, and conveyed the good wishes of their respective Districts for the success of the new Lodge.

The Worshipful Master, in proposing the Officers, said he had a very promising set of men, though up to the present the Stewards had done the principal work. They were, however, mostly indebted to Brother J. D. Langton, their highly esteemed Secretary, who had been at their beck and call for many weeks past, and had rendered yeoman service, very possibly to the detriment and disarrangement of his domestic duties. So the Committee proposed to make a peace-offering to Mrs. Langton, in the shape of a magnificent diamond ring, while at the same time to mark their appreciation of his services they asked his personal acceptance of a silver vase, which he now handed to him.

Brother Langton said he could hardly find words to express his thanks for the unexpected presents, but if he had assisted in some degree to the success that had attended the floating of the Lodge he had done so with pleasure, and would always endeavour to promote its prosperity.

The evening's musical programme was arranged by Bros. H. T. Brickwell and Imre Kiralfy, and included, besides those previously mentioned, Madame Bobi, a charming and expert player on the xylophone and violin; songs by Bros. Leo Stormont, and Wilford Howard, and a humorous recitation by Brother Ben Nathan.

It was with a certain amount of regret on the part of the Brethren that the Tyler made his appearance, at a late hour, to terminate a highly successful and enjoyable evening.

WYTHENSHAW LODGE.

ON Saturday afternoon, 14th ult., the Right Hon. Earl Egerton of Tatton Prov. Grand Master of Cheshire consecrated this new Lodge at Northenden.

There was a large gathering, most of the Lodges of the Province being represented, while the assembly included a large number of Provincial Officers.

The Prov. Grand Master having taken the chair and appointed his Officers pro. tem., the Lodge was opened in the three degrees, and after the hymn, "Hail, Eternal," the Prov. G.M. expressed the pleasure it gave him to be present, and to be so well supported on the occasion. He trusted the Lodge they were about to constitute and consecrate would be a distinct honour and service to the district of Northenden.

Bro. Small Director of Ceremonies, having detailed the application for and the issue of the Charter for the constitution of the Lodge, the members of it were arranged in order, and Bro. Newhouse read the Warrant, the following being the Founders and designated Officers: Bro. T. W. Markland P.G.R. W.M., H. G. Small P.P.S.G.W. P.G.D.C. I.P.M., Mark Oliver S.W., John Rylance J.W., John Wrigley Treas., J. J. Broadridge Sec., H. Powell Jones P.P.G. Std. Br. D.C., Julius Laurisch S.D., John Rudd J.D., William Seel Organist, Sam H. Tiller I.G., John Ingle, G. J. Ross, and Frank H. Gregory Stewards, Arthur Keymer C.R. Besides, the Founders included: Bros. Richard Newhouse Prov. G. Secretary P.D.G.S.B. Eng., John Clayton P.A.G.D.C. Eng., E. H. Barnett, J. Cliffe P.P.G.D.C., E. Webb, W. Charlton, W. T. Eskrigge.

The Officers having been approved in due form Bro. Atkinson gave an eloquent Oration on the merits of Freemasonry, after which a select choir sang the anthem "Behold how good and joyful a thing." With faces turned eastwards the invocation was given by the Consecrating Officer, and the acting Chaplain read the orthodox scripture. The Consecrating Officer and Wardens then followed the usual course of procedure, and corn, wine, oil, and salt were scattered, with musical selections and scriptural readings interspersed. The Provincial Grand Master then dedicated and constituted the Lodge, the choir sang the anthem "I have surely built Thee a House," the acting Chaplain pronounced the patriarchal benediction, and the ceremony, which throughout was of sublime and solemn imposture, was concluded.

The Lodge was subsequently resumed in the second degree, and Bro. T. W. Markland was installed first W.M., Bro. F. Broadsmith Prov. S.G.W. and Bro. Armstrong Prov. J.G.W. being the Installing Officers. The subordinate Officers were appointed and invested.

A graceful compliment was paid to Earl Egerton, the Prov. G.M., who was unanimously elected an hon. member of the Lodge, a compliment his lordship fittingly acknowledged.

A Committee was formed to frame bye-laws, and propositions were handed in.

Subsequently a number of the Brethren sat down to a banquet provided by the proprietor of the Hotel which is the

headquarters of the Lodge, and where its meetings will be held the third Wednesday in each month. Earl Egerton presided. At this, the usual Loyal and Masonic toasts were honoured in orthodox usage.

The Lodge opens under the most promising auspices, it has a snug little Lodge room, and possesses very pretty furniture, and as the principles of Freemasonry become to be understood and appreciated, we doubt not the Wythenshawe Lodge and Northenden will become an important centre of the Craft. "So mote it be."—*Stockport Advertiser.*"

TEMPERANCE LODGE.

TO the already extensive Province of West Lancashire another Lodge has been added, as on Monday afternoon the consecration of Temperance Lodge, No. 2174 took place at the Masonic Hall, Hope Street, Liverpool. A large number of Brethren were present to take part in the ceremony, the Consecrating Officer being Bro. Robert Wylie P.G.D. D.Prov. G.M., who was ably assisted.

The Founders of the new Lodge are Bros. John Clayton P.M. 1570, R. Owen P.M. 2114, F. Wilkinson P.M. 594, John Armstrong Prov.J.G.W. Cheshire, W. Roberts, W. Merrick, J. Brookes, W. Kendrick, F. R. Dorsman, A. Adams, J. Wilkinson, C. Cottrell, J. Donaghy, F. Richardson, T. Harper, W. J. Shaw, and J. Chipehase.

The consecration ceremony was most impressively performed, the presiding Officer, Chaplain, and D.C. fulfilling their duties in a manner which called forth generous approbation, while the musical portion of the service was splendidly furnished by Bros. D. J. Davies, F. Tuson, Ben Roberts, N. F. Burt, J. R. Cave, and F. Lott.

After the final benediction had been said, the presiding Officer installed Bro. J. Clayton as the first W.M. of the Lodge, and he invested the Officers.

The banquet was provided by Bro. J. Casey, and a capital musical programme and toast list were submitted.

NEW GLOUCESTERSHIRE LODGE.

THOUGH the date is somewhat remote, some of our readers will be glad to have early intimation of the fact that the Provincial Grand Master of Gloucestershire the Right Hon. Sir M. E. Hicks Beach, Bart. has appointed Thursday, 6th October, for the consecration of a new Lodge at Nailsworth. It will be named the Royal York, says the "Cheltenham Examiner," and will be the seventeenth Lodge in the Province.

KENT.

ON Wednesday of last week the annual meeting of the Provincial Grand Lodge of Kent was held at the Victoria Hall, Hawley Street, Margate, under the banner of the Union Lodge, No. 127, when there was a large gathering. The Prov. Grand Master Earl Amherst presided, supported by the Deputy Provincial Grand Master Bro. J. S. Eastes, as well as by several Officers of Grand and Provincial Grand Lodge.

After the Lodge had been opened, and the usual business of the annual meeting had been disposed of, the Prov. Grand Master appointed the following Brethren his Officers for the ensuing year, and duly invested them with the collars and jewels of office:—

Bro. Sir Robert Hargreaves Rogers	-	-	Senior Warden
John Brighurst	-	-	Junior Warden
Rev. R. A. Fawcett, M.A.	-	-	} Chaplains
Rev. W. H. Robins, D.D.	-	-	
W. Russell	-	-	Treasurer
Alfred Spencer	-	-	Secretary
Edward Blanks	-	-	Registrar
Joseph Barker	-	-	} Senior Deacons
Dr. H. T. Sells	-	-	
Dr. H. M. F. Pope	-	-	} Junior Deacons
Richard Preston	-	-	
A. A. Frigout	-	-	Superintendent of Works
Tom Ryder	-	-	Director of Ceremonies
Wm. P. Dickinson	-	-	Deputy Dir. of Cers.
A. S. Baskett	-	-	} Assistant Dir. of Cers.
Edmund G. Walthew	-	-	
George H. Russell	-	-	} Sword Bearer
Qr. Mr.-Sergt. Joseph Lloyd	-	-	
Thos. B. Rosseter	-	-	} Standard Bearers
George Pope	-	-	
Rev. P. O. Potter	-	-	Organist
James Tower	-	-	Assist. Secretary
J. S. White	-	-	Pursuivant
Henry Chalfont	-	-	Assistant Pursuivant
Frederick Francis	-	-	} Stewards.
Chas. W. Blaxland	-	-	
Albert H. Hale	-	-	
Alfred Laurie	-	-	
Chas. Francis Quicke	-	-	
Martin Jesse Dickins	-	-	

In addition to the above appointments the Provincial Grand Master conferred Past Provincial honours upon the following Brethren, in accordance with the resolution sanctioned by Grand Lodge:—J. G. Podevin P.M. 199 (Dover), W. Dawes P.M. 1854 P.P.S.G.W. Sussex (Tenterden), and George Page P.M. 1209 P.P.G.D. (Ramsgate) Senior Wardens; Felix Kite P.M. 503 P.P.G.D.C. (Maidstone), and George F. Busbridge P.M. 1063 P.P.G. Assist. Sec. (Malling) Junior Wardens; W. Pannell P.M. 1089 P.P.G.S. of W. (Sheerness), and Thomas Ayling P.M. 1096 P.P.G.D.C. (Walmer) Registrars; Edward James Dodd P.M. 1223 P.P.G.O. (Riverhead) Senior Deacon.

The Brethren afterwards attended Divine Service, at the Parish Church, by the kind permission of the vicar, the Rev. Trelawney Ashton-Gwatkin, M.A. The Services being concluded, the Brethren returned to the Victoria Hall, and Provincial Lodge was closed, after which the Brethren adjourned to the Foresters' Hall, in the Union Crescent, to a banquet, presided over by the Provincial Grand Master, supported by Grand and Provincial Grand Officers.

The whole of the arrangements were ably carried out by a Reception Committee of the Union Lodge, No. 127, of which Bro. F. Stanley the esteemed Secretary of the Lodge acted as Secretary.

THEORY AND PRACTICE.

THEORETICALLY, the Masonic Institution represents the best qualities of human nature, and the noblest forces that minister to the good of the individual man and the welfare of society. The ideal of Freemasonry is every way bright and beautiful. At the very beginning a man who desires to become a Mason is told that he must present himself as a candidate "uninfluenced by mercenary motives," being animated by "a desire for knowledge, and a sincere wish to be useful to his fellow-men." Being thus prompted he makes his application. Because of what he has read and heard of the Masonic Fraternity, of its high standard of morals, the close fellowship of its members, and the beneficent work in which it is constantly engaged, he naturally expects to find associations of a worthy and exalted character, and to be greatly stimulated and helped by Masonic influences operating upon heart and soul.

It must be confessed that these ideals are not always realised. The practice, even within Masonic lines, is not always conformable to theory. The Brother just admitted to the Fraternity expects to find less of narrowness, selfishness, wrong-doing and uncharitableness among Masons than he has been accustomed to meet with in the world at large, and he naturally expects to discover in his new Masonic relation a more consistent regard for truth, honour and right than is generally manifest, together with a special expression of those qualities which bind heart to heart, and contribute so much to the zest of life. Alas! that these expectations are so imperfectly realised. In many things the "Practice" is found to be at variance with the "Theory."

It is not pleasant to refer to some things which are known to exist in the Masonic organisation, and which work to its injury.

Sometimes, however, they should be noted, for it is the part of folly to confuse conditions and make pretence that everything is as it ought to be, when the facts, as they are generally known, do not bear out the assertion. A Craftsman is not less devoted to the Fraternity, that he cannot shut his eyes to its shortcomings and note some of the defects which attach to the system.

Not long ago we were present at the initiation of a candidate, a reputable business man in the community, who had waited until he had reached middle life before seeking entrance into the Fraternity. The Lodge was well attended that evening, the ritual was rendered in an excellent manner, and the ceremony was edifying throughout. At its close the newly admitted Brother walked homeward in company with the present writer.

In response to our question as to how he was impressed by the evening's proceedings, he said: "Almost the very moment I was told that I was a Mason, my glance rested upon a man whom I had known in business relations, and whose reputation in the community is far from good, and my thought was, how came this man to be a Mason? It was a rude shock to find him in the Lodge." However we may explain and justify the admission of such an one the fact remains that grievous harm is being done the Institution by admitting within its lines a man who is not of good repute in the community where he resides. It is a rude shattering of the high ideal formed when the initiate notes the presence of such a class at his first entrance into the Lodge.

It is much the same sort of awakening when a newly admitted Brother listens to the conversation of his Masonic associates, as they make harsh and reckless statements concerning an absent Craftsman of known repute, as they show a want of sympathy with the needy and distressed, and make light of

principles supposed to be fundamental to the Institution. He comes to the conclusion that "theory" is one thing, and "practice" quite another, even in Freemasonry.

But what then? Is he to turn from the Masonic Institution and only heap reproaches upon it because he has not found it to come up to the full measure of his ideals? Not at all. There is no call or justification for such a course. Masons, generally, are upright men, intelligent and large-hearted, who respect the principles of Freemasonry. But they all bear the touch of an imperfect human nature, and they do not always conform in word and deed to the obligations which they have taken upon themselves as Masons. We must excuse them often, as we must ask excuses for ourselves, on the ground of the weakness of our common humanity. But, all the same, there should be a recognition of this variation between theory and practice, accompanied by an earnest purpose to make the real more like the ideal, both as relates to individual conduct, and the action of a Lodge or other Masonic organisation.

It is not required that we should be so devoted to Freemasonry as to be blind to its faults. But when we notice defects let it not be to disparage the Institution which has so much to commend it, but rather to correct whatever is seen to need correction; that so it may become more glorious in its presentation of truth, and more useful in its practical ministries among men. —"Freemasons Repository."

PROPERLY EXPLAIN.

EVERY degree of Masonry is important. Every step and ceremony, symbol, and legend is intended to teach great and important truths, therefore care should be taken that the lessons intended to be inculcated should be made as plain as possible. It is not enough to put the candidate through the various ceremonies and leave him to guess the meaning. There should be a rational accounting for every part of the work. There is no doubt that many a good man, an intelligent, thinking man, has been lost to the Lodge, or at least become indifferent in Masonry simply because he was not given a proper explanation of the meaning of the degrees. The great army of non-affiliates, against whom whole chunks of anathemas are thrown continually, has in its ranks many who lost interest because the work was meaningless to them, by reason of a slipshod rendering and a neglect to explain why this or that was done. Either do not confer the degrees at all, or render them correctly, intelligently, and with as lucid an explanation as possible. Never hurry through the work at the expense of its completeness and without proper regard for the solemnity and importance. We are not aware of any comedy performance in any of the degrees of Masonry. The whole system is a patient search after truth, a serious effort to strengthen the moral nature and elevate the standard of right in every man who comes into the Fraternity. Every act should therefore be dignified and free from any appearance of carelessness, neglect, or indifference. From the beginning of the work to the end, there should be a determination to so impress and explain the design of the rites and ceremonies that the candidate who receives them will carry their lessons with him and be made better by reason of having understood their serious character.

It is far better to spend more time in properly teaching the candidates in the lessons of the degrees than in smoking during a long refreshment hour. Refreshment and sociability are absolutely necessary in the Lodge, but they are not to supersede any of the work of the Lodge, or to interfere with the rightful presentation of its teachings. This thing of hurrying the work and lengthening out refreshment is not conducive to the best interests of the Lodge. Referring a candidate to the monitor for what should be explained in the Lodge room is indicative of carelessness, and breeds dissatisfaction and indifference in the candidate and the brethren. In most cases the man who is "referred to the monitor" never sees the monitor, and, in fact, does not care a continental whether he does or not. When he realises, as he surely must at some time, that the Master and Officers regard the degree-work so lightly, a feeling of disgust comes over him, and he falls into a state of innocuous desuetude. —"Masonic Standard."

ROYAL ARCH.

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CONCORD CHAPTER, No. 124.

THE annual convocation was held at the Freemasons' Hall, Old Elvet, Durham, on Tuesday, 30th ult., when there was a large attendance. The principal business was the installation of Comp. R. Hauxwell H. as M.E.Z., in succession to Comp. H. Brown. The installation ceremony was most ably and impressively performed by Comp. H. Brown I.P.Z. P.P.G.D.C.

SUMMER OUTING OF LA TOLERANCE LODGE, No. 538.

GLORIOUS sunshine, a light westerly wind to temper the heat, the bright blue vault of Heaven flecked with clouds that mirrored in the silvery Thames, whose banks and woods were clothed in Nature's freshest and brightest apparel, causing the most indifferent to cry with the poet "æstas adest"—in other words a perfect summer's day greeted the Brethren of this old Huguenot Lodge, when they assembled on Thursday, accompanied by their wives, and cousins, and sisters—and other fellows' sisters—to enjoy the pleasing programme that had been arranged for their delectation by Bro. T. H. Clear W.M., and a Committee of his Officers.

A party numbering over sixty met at Paddington Station about 11 o'clock, and proceeded in special saloon carriages to Taplow, where they embarked on the launch "Princess Beatrice," and steamed up the river to Marlow. Sunshine above, sunshine all around; it was a perfect day, a day to be proud of. Although the charming scenery was a feast in itself, the W.M. did not forget the other feast so indispensable on these occasions, and a capital lunch was served on board, as a preliminary to the more substantial dinner later on. The laughter of the merry party was echoed in the woods, the caroling of the birds found response in the hearts of the ladies, whose costumes rivalled the gay pastures on the river banks, and whose beaming faces proclaimed their gratification.

Returning to Taplow about six o'clock, the party adjourned to "Skindles's," dear to the memory of boating men, where mine host, J. D. Hodgson, had a delicate little dinner laid out.

This being disposed of Brother Clear informed the guests that although they did not want any speeches Freemasons were bound to show their loyalty to the Queen and their fidelity to the Craft wherever assembled, and he asked them to drink a bumper to the health of Her Majesty. Needless to say this sentiment was cordially responded to, after which Miss Minnie Turner sang the National Anthem.

We do not know whether Bro. Clear is of Irish descent or whether he has lately been to the neighbourhood of Castle Blarney, but certain it is that his next toast, "the Ladies" had a distinct flavour of the Emerald Isle. To such a height did his theme carry him that he actually wanted to make them all Freemasons, and was sure that our Grand Master King Solomon would have offered no objection. In these days, when Ladies were coming to the front in all ranks of life, why should they not be admitted to our mysteries? Meanwhile, he trusted the Brethren would entertain the ladies more than they had hitherto done, and as the summer excursion had been so auspiciously begun that it would be an annual occurrence with La Tolerance Lodge in the future.

Bro. Dudgeon, an avowed son of Erin, responded for the fair sex, and thinking there could not be too much of a good thing, concluded by asking the gentlemen to give them another bumper.

Bro. G. T. Augspurg I.P.M. in graceful terms proposed the health of the Worshipful Master, who had worked so hard to give them all such a pleasant outing, an example which he hoped would be followed by the Wardens.

Bro. Clear briefly acknowledged the compliment, and thanked the company for their kind reception. These excursions were always pleasant, because on such occasions they met old friends, and made new ones; so if they had enjoyed themselves, the Committee were amply repaid.

Soon after the party entrained at Taplow, and returned to town, thence to their respective homes. It was a thoroughly happy and successful day.

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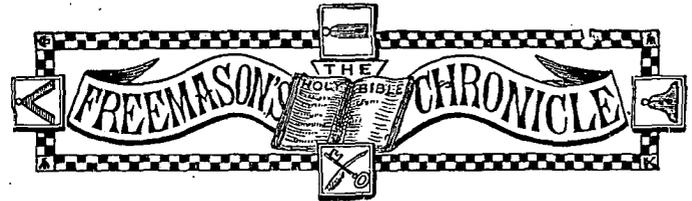
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SATURDAY, 26TH JUNE 1898.

BOARD OF BENEVOLENCE.

THE monthly meeting of the Board of Benevolence was held on Wednesday evening, at Freemasons' Hall. Bro. James Henry Matthews President occupied the chair during the first half of the evening, but having an engagement later on his place was occupied by Bro. D. D. Mercer Senior Vice-President. Brother Cottebrune Junior Vice-President took Bro. Mercer's post on Bro. Matthew's retirement, and Bro. Dr. Mickley took Bro. Cottebrune's position on Bro. Mercer's occupation of the President's chair.

Thirty-nine petitioners were on the list for assistance, but four of the petitions were dismissed, and seven were deferred. One petitioner was recommended to Grand Lodge for a grant of £100, one for £75, and two for £50 each. The recommendation to the Grand Master for a grant of £40 was made in two cases, and of £30 in six cases. Eight grants of £20 each, four of £10 each, and four of £5 each, were also made, the total amount being £775.

THE QUEEN AND THE CRAFT.

THE Queen meditates an early recognition of the remarkable development in the benevolent enterprises of Freemasonry. Two prominent Masons in particular are mentioned as probable recipients of the contemplated distinction, both of whom are connected with the Benevolent Institutes of the Craft. Her Majesty, it is known, has been deeply impressed by the extent of the recent benefactions to the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys, and has conveyed her congratulations to the Prince of Wales the Grand Master, upon the receipt, under his presidency, of the "record" collection of £134,000—a portion of which must be taken as a tribute to his personal popularity among the Craft.—"Westminster Gazette."

INAUGURATION OF THE BRONDESBURY INSTRUCTION LODGE.

WE have noticed from time to time the steps which have been taken, during the last few months, by some Brethren in the north-west corner of the metropolis, with the view of establishing a Lodge of Instruction under the sanction of the newly consecrated Brondesbury Lodge, No. 2698, and are pleased to record the fact that a most successful start was made on Thursday, 9th inst., when the project was fairly launched at the house of Bro. W. G. Coxen, host of the Earl Derby Hotel, 155 High Road, Kilburn.

The founders of the new Lodge of Instruction were fortunate enough to secure the services of Bro. James Terry P.G.Sw.B. of England Secretary of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution, whose record as the Consecrating Officer of upwards of one hundred of our regular Lodges makes him an apt exponent of the work when it is desired to rehearse the ritual and ceremony in a Lodge of Instruction, and he well sustained his reputation on this occasion.

Bro. Terry had for assistants Bros. John Mason P.G.St.B. as I.P.M., J. J. Thomas P.G.St.B. as S.W., E. George P.M. and Sec. 2698 as J.W., F. Dunstan P.M. and Sec. 326 P.G.D.C. Middx. as D.C., A. E. Horstead 1897 as Organist, W. Sutherland as Chap., A. H. Holdrey W.M. 2361 J.D. 2698 as I.G., Harry Willsmer 1567 Secretary; while among other Brethren present were Bros. J. H. Gunn P.M. 2331, F. Bishop 1056, G. Symonds 183, C. Whitehall Cooke 2361, R. Campbell W.M. 2698, T. S. Strong P.M. 1981, A. E. Mason J.D. 1567, A. Horstead 1897, J. Goodwin D.C. 2698, M. T. Truck P.P.G.St.B. Essex, S. Marks 1563, James Gawthrop W.M.-elect 1706, G. D. Mogford P.M. 2362, G. A. Knight P.M. 1585, W. Liddall P.M. 45, J. Goldstein 2265, J. H. Gunn 2331, S. Smith 2331, J. Wynman, and others, in all numbering about 70.

The Lodge having been regularly opened Bro. Terry addressed the Brethren. He said they all knew they had met there that evening for the purpose of starting a new Lodge of Instruction, an event in every way to the interest of Freemasonry, and he hoped the work they were about to perform would lead to the most satisfactory results, and prove of advantage to the Order. After the usual formalities he called upon the acting Chaplain to deliver an oration.

Bro. Sutherland responded in a most gratifying manner, giving a really impressive dissertation on the principles of the Institution, which was generally appreciated, and later on called for special reference from Bro. Terry, who said he had a good mind to write to the Archbishop of Canterbury, asking him to give his sanction for Bro. Sutherland to act as a Chaplain in reality.

The remaining portions of the Consecration ceremonies were regularly gone through, and at their conclusion the President proceeded with a rehearsal of the ceremony of installation, Bro. Robert J. Campbell being presented as Worshipful Master-designate by Bro. F. Dunstan P.M., &c., the acting D.C. The former Brother was regularly placed in the chair and saluted in the different degrees, whereupon he appointed the following as his Assistant Officers:—Bros. A. F. Hardyment S.W., George Coxen J.W., E. George P.M. Treas., Harry Willsmer Sec., T. Battrum S.D., M. Symonds J.D., A. H. Oldrey I.G.

Bro. Terry then delivered the usual addresses to the Master, Wardens, and Brethren, and concluded this real Masonic treat in the way for which he has so long been famous. He then suggested that if any Brethren wished to join the Lodge the Deacons would be very pleased to take their names, and—perhaps equally important—their money, which, he might tell them, would be devoted to the very best of purposes, the advancement of Freemasonry and its Charities.

These remarks were endorsed by Bro. G. Coxen, and we are pleased to say about fifty Brethren responded, and were duly accepted as Members of the Lodge, so that, with the sixteen who joined at the preliminary meeting in May the Lodge was started with a membership of sixty-four, a result which must be most encouraging to the Brethren who have worked most assiduously to bring the Lodge of Instruction and its inaugural meeting to a successful issue.

Bro. Campbell in eloquent terms proposed that a hearty vote of thanks be passed and recorded on the minutes for the kindness Bros. James Terry and John Mason had displayed in attending that evening to help in the work of their Lodge. They had attended at no little inconvenience to themselves, and their presence had afforded considerable pleasure to all who had been present. He highly complimented Bro. Terry on the way in which he had rendered the different ceremonies, and felt all the Brethren would agree they had enjoyed a real Masonic treat. The proposition was received with acclamation, and was unanimously agreed to.

Bro. Terry returned his thanks to the W.M. and Brethren, and said he had been very pleased to be able to render the Lodge the little service that had fallen within his power. He also thanked the Brethren who had assisted him in the different Offices, and concluded with good wishes for the future of the Lodge.

Bro. Hardyment was elected to preside at the next meeting, and the Lodge was regularly closed.

The impressiveness of the ceremonies was considerably enhanced by some excellent music, performed under the direction of Bro. A. E. Horstead, who was thanked for his help in this direction.

The Brondesbury Lodge of Instruction starts with every prospect of success. As we have said, the membership after this meeting totalled sixty-four, for whom every accommodation is provided by the Proprietor of the Hotel, Bro. W. G. Coxen, the room set apart for the meetings being one of the best provided for the use of any Lodge of Instruction in the metropolis.

The permanent Officers of the Lodge are Bros. A. F. Hardyment S.W. 2698 J.W. 1500 S.D. 1489 Preceptor, R. J. Campbell P.M. P.Z. 1489 W.M. 2689 Assistant Preceptor and Treasurer, Harry Willsmer 1567 Secretary. It is intended to meet every Wednesday evening, at the Earl Derby Hotel, 155 High Road, Kilburn, at 8 o'clock. Visiting Brethren may be sure of receiving a hearty welcome on any occasion they may decide to attend.

THE first regular meeting after the formal opening took place on Wednesday, 15th inst., when Bro. Hardyment presided, and was supported by a fair attendance.

A Masonic Charities Association was formed in connection with the Lodge, and Officers were appointed, as follow: Bros. A. F. Hardyment President, R. F. Campbell Treasurer, Harry Willsmer Hon. Secretary, A. H. Oldrey, A. E. Horstead, T. Battrum, W. Knowles, and T. S. Melville Committee.

A hearty vote of thanks was accorded to Bro. Hardyment, the same to be recorded on the minutes, for his excellent working on this, the first ordinary meeting of the Lodge.

Bro. James Gawthrop was elected W.M. for the next meeting on the 22nd inst.

REPORTS OF MEETINGS.

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We shall be pleased to receive particulars of Masonic meetings for insertion in our columns, and where desired will endeavour to send a representative, to report Lodge or other proceedings.

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HONOUR AND GENEROSITY LODGE, No. 165

THE installation meeting of this ancient Lodge was held on the 24th ult., at the Inns of Court Hotel. Bro. F. E. Roshier W.M. presided, supported by Bros. A. P. Crabb S.W., F. H. Roshier J.W., J. W. H. Thompson P.M. Treasurer, Henry Times P.M. Secretary, Jno. Woodhouse J.D., Godfrey Sykes I.G., J. R. Drake P.M., Chas. Olden, Rev. H. G. Roshier, C. J. Andrews, H. Bearman, W. M. Thompson, H. W. Clarkson, Leo Norman, J. W. Ellis.

Amongst the many distinguished visitors were Bros. the Archdeacon of London P.G.C., Dr. Jno. Robins P.G.C., Sir Joseph C. Dimsdale P.G.T., E. Letchworth Grand Secretary, Fred West P.G.D. D.P.G.M. of Surrey, J. D. Langton P.Dep.G.D.C., J. H. Jarrett 16, H. W. Wells W.M. 946, W. A. Piggot P.M. 1670, A. R. Upjohn 2030, G. Walker 2020, J. T. Horsey I.P.M. 1861, O. B. Cuvilje 1, J. H. Wainwright P.M. Holland, No. 8, of New York, D. T. Tudor 176, Douglas Gordon 1691, J. Edwards 1437, W. Van Praagh P.M. 1491, W. H. Herbert P.M. 173, J. F. Beck 853 and 1196, Geo. Hallett P.M. 811, W. Grant 2231, O. Rix, F. H. Callingham 1769, J. A. Harris I.P.M. 2488, J. H. Ford W.M. 2038, Reginald Grooms 1929, Lovett King 2190, Chas. Bertram 1614, and others.

The Lodge having been duly opened Bro. Olden was raised to the third degree by the W.M.

The W.M. then retired from the chair, and Bro. A. P. Crabb the Master-elect was presented and duly installed according to ancient custom, the ceremony being rendered by the Grand Secretary in his well-known eloquent and impressive manner.

The W.M. appointed and invested the following Officers for the ensuing year: Bros. F. H. Roshier S.W., Jno. Woodhouse J.W., Rev. H. G. Roshier, M.A. Chaplain, J. W. Howard Thompson P.M. Treasurer, Henry Times P.M. Secretary, Godfrey Sykes S.D., W. de B. Herbert, LL.B. J.D., W. Marcus Thompson I.G., A. Spencer Ellam Steward, H. W. Clarkson Organist.

Bro. F. E. Roshier was presented with a Past Master's jewel, in recognition of the excellent services he had rendered to the Lodge during his year of office.

The Lodge was then closed, and the Brethren adjourned to an excellent banquet.

After the usual Loyal toasts had been honoured, the toast of the Grand Officers present and past was given by Bro. Thompson P.M. Treasurer of the Lodge, who said they were honoured by the presence of Bros. the Archdeacon of London Past Grand Chaplain, Dr. Jno. Robins Past Grand Chaplain, Sir Joseph Dimsdale Past Grand Treasurer, Fred West Past Grand Deacon D.P.G.M. of Surrey, J. D. Langton P.D.G.D.C., and J. R. Clipperton P.G.St.B.

In responding to the toast the Archdeacon of London expressed his satisfaction at being present.

Bro. F. E. Roshier I.P.M., in proposing the W.M. Bro. A. P. Crabb, referred in very high terms of praise to the assistance that had been rendered by the W.M. to himself during his year of office.

The W.M., in responding, thanked the Brethren for the reception they had given the toast, and stated that he would do his utmost to maintain those ancient attributes of the Lodge—Honour and Generosity.

Before resuming his seat the W.M. gave the toast of the Past Masters, which was responded to by Bro. Roshier I.P.M., and that Brother next proposed the health of Bro. E. Letchworth Grand Secretary, who had so kindly worked the installation ceremony. He said it was a great treat to all the Brethren of the Lodge to hear such eloquent and impressive working. Bro. E. Letchworth responded.

The toast of the visitors was proposed by Bro. J. R. Drake P.M., he offering the guests a hearty welcome, and coupling with the toast the name of Sir Joseph Dimsdale P.G.T. and Bro. Wainwright (of New York).

The W.M., in giving the toast of the Officers of the Lodge, stated he was very fortunate in being surrounded by such an excellent set of Officers, who he knew from actual experience would do everything in their power to assist him during his year of Mastership. Bro. F. H. Roshier S.W. responded in adequate terms.

The Tyler's toast brought a very enjoyable evening to an end.

A charming musical entertainment was provided, which included Bro. Regd. Grooms, who sang, amongst others, a composition of his own; Bro. James Blakeley, who gave two sketches in his inimitable style; Bro. Bertram, whose sleight of hand was much appreciated; and Bro. J. Edwards and Bro. Lovett King, who also contributed towards the success of the evening.

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GALLERY LODGE, No. 1928.

THE annual picnic of this Lodge took place on Saturday, 18th inst., at Guildford. The party, about fifty in number, travelled by the South Western Railway, the directors of which placed three saloon carriages at their disposal. In the afternoon the company had an enjoyable drive to Fairyland and the Silent Pool, returning to dinner at the Constitutional Hall, under the presidency of Bro. Samuel James W.M. Bro. Asher proposed the Gallery Lodge, which was acknowledged by the Master.

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DUKE OF FIFE LODGE, No. 2345.

AN emergency meeting was held at the Alexandra Hotel, Clapham Common, on Wednesday, 15th, under the presidency of the genial W.M. Bro. Thos. Morris, who was supported by Bros. A. Robertson S.W., G. F. Winny J.W., R. Steele P.M. Treas., J. W. Folkard P.M. Sec., C. J. Fitch J.D., W. W. Westley P.M. D.C., G. Taylor A.D.C., F. W. Sinclair, Beckwith, A. Harvey P.M., E. Beaven P.M., and C. Woods P.M. Stewards, C. Patrick P.M. Tyler, J. T. Kidman, T. Hill, S. Baker, H. Leigh Mitchell, J. Simmons, C. H. Merrett, C. Merrett, C. Hearsey. Visitor: Bro. C. Cowland P.M. 902.

Bros. Hill, C. H. Merrott and Simmons were passed, Messrs. Wm. Hole and Grove Poppin Cooper were initiated.

Bro. Robertson S.W. presented the report of the Committee appointed to arrange the summer outing, which is to take place on Wednesday, 29th inst.

The Brethren afterwards assembled around the festive board, under the presidency of the W.M., received the usual Loyal and Masonic toasts, and generally spent a happy time, keeping up the best traditions of the Lodge for genial good fellowship.

The J.W. was, as usual, in his element, in attending to the musical arrangements. An account presented by the S.W., read by the Secretary, went rather out of the beaten track with relation to such gatherings.

The work of the Master was complimented, and the initiates made really effective replies to their toast.

ENGINEER LODGE, No. 2599.

THE members of this Lodge held their last meeting before the summer vacation of three months on Saturday, 11th inst., at the Masonic Temple, 33 Golden Square, W., when the following were present: Bros. R. Urquhart P.M. 1424 W.M., E. S. Standing I.P.M., C. B. Wasser P.M. 1424 S.W., J. Percy White P.M. 2277 J.W., W. H. Coles P.M. 20 Treasurer, Jno. Fitch Secretary, A. Davis as S.D., Jas. Kearney J.D., C. G. Sleigh I.G., J. Duffy Tyler, L. H. Coles P.M., D. Ricketts and J. Hines Stewards, C. Ashworth, S. Chote, F. Ward, and others.

Amongst the Visitors were Bros. J. Phillips P.D.G.S.W. Gibraltar P.M. 153, U. Mulholland P.M. 398, W. Phillips 2277, R. Glanville 704, T. Halsam 1424, J. Bruce 726.

The Lodge was opened in due and ancient form, with solemn prayer, and the minutes of the twenty-first meeting read and confirmed.

The ballot was then taken on behalf of J. W. Healey C. Serg. Major R.E., of Woolwich, and H. W. Drackford Q.M. Sergt., of Chatham, and found all clear. The aforementioned being in attendance were then admitted and initiated into the mysteries of ancient Freemasonry, the charge being admirably and impressively given by the I.P.M.

The Lodge was then opened in the second degree, Bro. F. Ward examined as to his proficiency, and, having answered the questions in an admirable manner, he was entrusted. The Lodge was then opened in the third degree and Brother Ward was raised, the complete traditional history and tracing board being given by the W.M. in a very able manner, so as to thoroughly impress on the candidate the solemn ceremony he was going through.

The Lodge was then resumed to the first degree, when, amongst other general business, the Steward for the Centenary Festival of the Boys Institution (Bro. White) gave an interesting description of the grand ceremony held in the Albert Hall, and stated he felt proud of being one of the Stewards at such a Festival.

Very interesting were the many meetings of old comrades who had not met for many years, from various parts of the British Empire; some who last met in Egypt, others in far off Bermuda, and other stations, proving the advantages of such a society as Masonry, where all can meet and feel equal with each other; it cannot but do good, and help to spread the influence of our Noble Art to the limits of the globe, or, as in the motto of the Corps from which this Lodge receives its members, "Ubique."

INSTRUCTION.

ST. MICHAEL LODGE, No. 211.

ON Monday, at Bro. G. H. Cates's, Richmond Hotel, Shepherd's Bush, the Brethren again assembled in strong force to participate in the working of the sections of the second and third degrees, the first sections having been worked, as reported in our last issue, on Monday, 13th inst.

The chair was taken as on the previous occasion by Bro. G. E. Higgenson P.M. 1791, with Bros. J. Knight S.W., F. Craggs P.M. J.W., R. H. Williams P.M. Prec., C. Barber Sec., S. Webb S.D., W. Woods J.D., T. Ridgway I.G., E. Kirkham P.M. 2309, Fred Payne, Jubb, Cordin, T. Jobson, A. Dallas, Stansell, Elkin, Johnson, J. Wynman, and several others.

Lodge being duly formed was advanced to the third degree, and then resumed to the second, when Bros. F. M. Ridley, R. Reid W.M.-elect 1275, R. H. Catling P.M. 2157, J. Knight J.W. 861, and F. Craggs went through the different sections.

Lodge was called off and on, and then resumed in the third degree, when Bros. S. Webb P.M. 1287, H. R. Elkin, and R. H. Williams Preceptor of the Lodge completed the sections, and the W.M. resumed the Lodge in the first degree.

Bro. A. M. Dallas was elected a member of the Lodge, and the W.M., S.W. and J.W. of the evening had the compliment of honorary membership conferred on them, the Preceptor, in making this latter proposition, expressing the pleasure he had experienced in seeing so many Brethren present on the two occasions when the sections had been worked.

Bro. Higgenson, in acknowledgment, said it was a great pleasure to him to be again present in the Lodge, as he was always pleased to meet the members of the St. Michael. When he was the Preceptor of the Lodge he was an honorary member, but as he resigned the post he was proud of again having the compliment conferred on him. Whatever assistance he could render to the Lodge he should only be too pleased to give. He heartily thanked the Brethren who had assisted him in working the sections. Bros. Knight and Craggs also acknowledged the compliment conferred on them by the Lodge.

A vote of thanks was passed to the Brethren who had worked the sections, and being acknowledged the proceedings terminated.

Bro. S. Webb will preside at the next meeting.

ROYAL ALFRED LODGE, No. 780.

ON the 16th inst., at the Star and Garter Hotel, Kew Bridge, Bro. J. W. Blaydes W.M., E. H. Wilcox S.W., R. W. Robinson J.W., R. H. Williams Preceptor, J. H. Cumming Sec., Arthur Williams P.M. 834 and 2090, J. Dennis S.D., W. Langdon J.D., F. J. Larkman I.G., F. M. Ridley, F. J. Cross, C. Humble, and others.

The ceremony of Initiation was rehearsed, Bro. Williams acting as candidate. The charge was given by the W.M. in a faultless manner. Lodge was called off and on. The W.M. vacated the chair in favour of Bro. Arthur Williams, who opened the Lodge in the second degree, and Bro. Ridley answered the questions leading to the third, which ceremony was rehearsed.

The ceremony was rendered in a most impressive manner, and the Brethren expressed a hope that such an excellent exponent of the ritual as P.M. Arthur Williams would try and come amongst them oftener. The Lodge was resumed to the first degree.

It was subsequently proposed that Bro. Wilcox should preside at the next meeting, and that a hearty vote of thanks be entered on the minutes to Bro. Blaydes, for the excellent manner in which he had carried out the duties of the chair for the first time in this or any other Lodge of Instruction. After hearty good wishes had been given Lodge was closed in ancient form

MERCHANT NAVY LODGE, No. 781.

ON Wednesday, at Bro. J. Kiniple's, the Silver Tavern, Burdett Road, E., Bros. G. Marrow W.M., W. Shuttleworth S.W., J. Rugg J.W., A. Bebrouth P.M. Preceptor, C. Breden P.M. Sec. (who is fulfilling the duties of the office for the twenty-sixth year), T. Blyth S.D., W. Hayward J.D., D. Gower I.G., A. Robinson P.M., Pringle P.M., Barrett, A. Lucas, Nelson P.M., J. Wynman, and others.

The Lodge being opened, the W.M. proposed to rehearse the ceremony of passing, for which Bro. Robinson P.M. kindly offered himself as the candidate. After being examined he was entrusted, the Lodge was opened in the second degree, and the ceremony was gone through. This being the first time for very many years that we have had the pleasure of visiting this Lodge we take the opportunity of complimenting the Brethren on the fraternal spirit evinced.

Bro. Marrow displayed considerable ability in the work, while Brother Bebrouth P.M. distinguished himself as Preceptor. The Lodge of Instruction is almost too well known to Brethren of the East-end to need any recommendation from us, all we need say is that it maintains the high reputation it won in years gone by, and affords the opportunity of enjoying a pleasant hour in Masonic union, and at the same time provides the means for good instruction for those who may desire to improve their knowledge of the ritual and ceremonies of our Order.

Bro. Shuttleworth S.W. was chosen to preside at the next meeting, and he being well qualified in the work there is a prospect of an interesting gathering, with a large number of Brethren present to participate.

WOODROW LODGE, No. 1708.

ON Monday, 20th inst., at Bro. Rudderforth's (Stone's) Restaurant, Pantons Street, Haymarket, Bro. J. E. Culverhouse W.M., W. West S.W., G. Spice J.W., C. Woodrow P.M. Preceptor, I. W. Simeons Secretary, W. H. G. Rudderforth P.M. J.D., G. T. Baker S.D., J. Morris I.G.

The ceremony of raising was rehearsed, Bro. Simeons acting as candidate. The Lodge was called off and on. The initiation ceremony was gone through, Bro. Baker acting as candidate.

Bro. P.M. Rudderforth congratulated the Brethren present in having seen four of them at the Albert Hall, at the Centenary Festival of the Boys School.

Bro. W. West was elected to the chair for the next meeting.

CLARENCE AND AVONDALE LODGE, No. 2411.

ON Tuesday, at Bro. E. W. Greenwood's, the Masonic Hall, Leytonstone, Bros. T. Blyth W.M., J. Oxley P.M. S.W., W. Gernon J.W., B. Stewart P.M. Preceptor, E. W. Greenwood Treasurer, T. W. Box Secretary, J. West P.M. S.D., S. Fennell W.M. of the Mother Lodge J.D., Sidney Vernon I.G., Bromhead P.M., A. P. Bebrouth P.M., Wynman, and others.

The Lodge was opened to the second degree, when Bro. Greenwood offered himself as a candidate, was examined and entrusted, the ceremony of raising being rehearsed. The W.M. then rehearsed the work of investiture of Officers.

PROVINCIAL.

LOYAL CAMBRIAN LODGE, No. 110.

THE Brethren of this Lodge held their annual summer outing on Thursday, 16th inst., the place selected being Raglan, where a banquet was partaken of at the Beaufort Arms Hotel. After a ramble round the beautiful old Castle ruins, the party returned by brakes to the Angel Hotel, at Abergavenny, where the company sat down to a high tea. The Worshipful Master Bro. J. M. Berry, who presided, gave the Loyal and customary Masonic and other toasts, which were duly honoured. The party returned by saloon, arriving at Merthyr at 10:30 p.m., a most pleasant outing having been experienced.

LODGE OF VIRTUE, No. 152.

A REGULAR meeting of this old and popular Lodge was held at the Freemasons' Hall, Cooper Street, Manchester, on Friday, 17th inst.

The minutes having been read and confirmed, Bro. Joseph Dutton was raised to the sublime degree of Master Mason by Bro. George Wragg W.M., the ceremony being excellently well performed. This was succeeded by the remainder of the traditional history of the third degree, which was rendered by Bro. the Rev. John Watson P.M. P.P.G.C. Chaplain.

Grand Lodge certificates were presented to Bros. Herbert Senior, and the Rev. Nicholas Birkett, after which the Lodge was closed in peace and harmony.

The annual picnic in connection with the Lodge will take place on Wednesday next, 29th June, the place selected being Studley Royal, with a visit to Ripon and its cathedral, and also to the historical ruins of Fountains Abbey. From our own knowledge of the locality, which has been fully described in these columns, we can—given a fine day—promise intending visitors a treat of an exceptional character.

FIDELITY LODGE, No. 555.

THE annual meeting was held at the Crown Hotel, Framlingham, on Wednesday, 8th inst., when a large number of members and visitors attended to witness the installation of Bro. the Rev. J. Pilkington P.P.G.C.

The ceremony of installation was performed in a most impressive

and exemplary manner by Bro. Fraser, after which the W.M. appointed and invested his Officers.

After the banquet, in proposing the toast of H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, the W.M. stated that there was one other Prince of Wales, afterwards King George IV., who had witnessed the sixtieth year of his parent's reign. That Prince of Wales had a title given him which, in a certain sense, might have been appropriate. But those who had lately read the account of Mr. Gladstone's funeral, and the touching incident of our Grand Master's behaviour on that occasion towards Mrs. Gladstone, would confess that to the present Prince of Wales, far better than to the former one, belonged the title of "The First Gentleman of Europe."

Bro. the Rev. W. T. Pratt proposed the toast of the evening, the W.M. Bro. the Rev. J. H. Pilkington. They had, he said, placed at their head a most excellent and enthusiastic Mason, one who would reflect honour on their choice, and he expressed the wish of the Lodge that the W.M. might have a happy and prosperous year of office.

The W.M., in reply, thanked Bro. Pratt and the Brethren for the very kind way in which this toast had been proposed and received. He thought he could not do better in the responsible position into which he had that day been installed than to try and follow the example set him by Bro. Pratt, and he trusted that with the help of the Officers of the Lodge, which he felt confident would be readily accorded him, the coming year would be a successful one.

Bro. E. W. Lynch submitted the toast of the I.P.M., and stated that Bro. the Rev. W. T. Pratt had now handed on to his successor the cares and responsibilities of his high office, and he was sure that the Brethren would agree with him that during the past year Bro. Pratt had done his level best; he had rendered excellent work, and had done all that he could to enhance the reputation of the Fidelity Lodge, and uphold its high traditions. Bro. Lynch asked the Brethren to accord to this toast the reception which it so thoroughly deserved.

Bro. Pratt said he rose with some little diffidence to respond to the toast, which had been put in such eulogistic terms. He deprecated the praises bestowed upon himself, and attributed the success of the year in great measure to the generous support accorded to him by the Past Masters and Officers of the Lodge.

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LODGE OF FAITH, No. 581.

THE regular meeting was held at the Gransmoor Hotel, Higher Openshaw, on Wednesday, 15th inst., Bro. Robert Adsheed W.M.

As there was no especial business to transact, the Lodge was not opened until a late hour, and an opportunity was afterwards given for a lengthy festive board, where a very pleasant evening was spent, the harmony which relieved the usual toasts being contributed by Bros. Chas. H. Griffiths J.W., J. H. Smith P.M. P.D.G.S. Bombay, Arthur Mellor, J. T. Moorhouse, Matthew Goth, Wm. Nelson, and others.

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DERBY LODGE, No. 724.

THE annual meeting was held on the 22nd inst., in the Masonic Hall, Hope Street, Liverpool, and was attended by nearly 100 members and visitors.

Bro. R. Robertson was installed as W.M., at the hands of Bro. W. W. Briscoe retiring Master, to whom a handsome Past Master's jewel and clothing were presented.

The Brethren afterwards dined under the presidency of the W.M., and highly enjoyed a musical entertainment provided under the direction of Bro. W. Hudson.

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DORKING LODGE, No. 1149.

THE annual installation was held in the Lodge room at the Public Hall, Dorking, on Monday. Bro. James A. White was installed W.M. for the ensuing year, the ceremony being performed by Bro. E. Withers W.M.

An adjournment was made to the White Horse Hotel, where the annual banquet was served, the chair being taken by Bro. E. Withers, in the absence, through family bereavement, of the newly appointed W.M.

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ARCHITECT LODGE, No. 1375.

AN emergency meeting was held at the Masonic Hall, Chorlton-cum-Hardy, on Tuesday, 7th inst.

The principal business of the evening was that of raising Brother A. V. Sharratt to the sublime degree of M.M., the ceremony being undertaken by Bro. J. R. E. Birkett W.M., while Bro. H. W. Bloomer J.W. presented and explained the working tools to the candidate.

At the festive board which followed, songs and recitations were contributed by Bros. Hy. Nall P.M. P.P.G.T. Organist, C. H. Beaver P.M. D.C., W. Rushton J.D., W. Thos. Watts 2863, and others.

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CONCORD LODGE, No. 1534.

THE regular meeting was held at Chester Bank, Prestwich, on Thursday, 16th inst., the principal business of the evening being that of balloting for and initiating Mr. Thomas Schofield, Buyer, Prestwich, into the mysteries and privileges of ancient Freemasonry. Bro. H. B. Fawcett W.M. performed the ceremony, with the assistance of Bros. Dr. F. Stephenson S.W., and Jas. Kershaw J.W., the former rendering the ancient charge, and the latter presenting and explaining the working tools of the degree.

At the festive board which followed, songs and sketches were rendered by way of relieving the various toasts, several Brethren being put under contribution.

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ARLECDON LODGE, No. 1860.

ON Wednesday, 1st inst., the installation of Bro. William Hannah took place in the Freemasons' Hall, Frizington. The Lodge was opened by Bro. J. J. Little W.M., and there was a good attendance of visitors from the various Lodges in the district.

After the transaction of the ordinary business of the Lodge, Bro. E. Jackson I.P.M. presented Bro. Wm. Hannah S.W. for the benefit of installation, which was conferred in a most impressive manner.

A presentation of a beautiful Past Master's Jewel was made to Bro. J. J. Little the retiring W.M., by Bro. H. Hartley P.M. P.P.G.St.B., in very pleasing terms, and was suitably acknowledged by Bro. Little.

ALBERT VICTOR LODGE, No. 1773.

THE regular meeting took place at the Town Hall, Pendleton, on Friday, 17th inst.

After the reading and confirmation of minutes, Bro. Albert Thomas Mills was raised to the sublime degree of M.M. by Bro. Wm. Lambert W.M. The ceremony was well done, and the W.M. received many encomiums from speakers at the festive board which followed, the careful Deaconing of Bros. P. B. Hayden and John Harwood being also referred to in terms of praise.

Bro. J. Harrop P.M. P.P.G.D. proposed the health of the candidate, which was duly acknowledged by Bro. Mills, who said he had been trying to collect his thoughts together so as to say a few words in answer to Brother Harrop. It was difficult to imagine that the social and moral virtues could be impressed upon one more forcibly than by such a ceremony as the one through which he had just passed. He sincerely hoped he would be able to do his duty in his humble way, and add to the traditions of the Lodge.

Other toasts followed, the musical element being of a humorous and attractive character.

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TENNANT LODGE, No. 1992.

THE annual picnic took place at Dunraven Castle, on Wednesday, 22nd inst., in delightful weather. The party consisted of a large number of ladies and gentlemen, who thoroughly enjoyed the varied entertainments provided for the day. The Worshipful Master of the Lodge Bro. Richard Mumford extended a hearty welcome to the guests, and at the luncheon was toasted with great enthusiasm. The M.C.'s were Bros. J. H. Ruddock Secretary, and Fred Richards S.D., and the Secretary of the picnic was Bro. George H. Walters. Bro. J. H. Taylor Prov. Grand Senior Warden was given a place of honour at the table. During the afternoon Miss Jenkins was presented with two gold bracelets, on the occasion of her approaching marriage.

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SHURMUR LODGE, No. 2374.

A MEETING was held on the 16th inst., at the Royal Forest Hotel, Chingford, under the presidency of the Worshipful Master Bro. S. C. Kaufman. There was a large attendance of Brethren, including several Visitors.

The business included the raising of Bros. W. M. Beck, H. C. Gardiner, Max Croner, Moss Moseley, and Simon Moseley, the passing of Bro. H. Keys, and the initiation of Messrs. C. Cox, A. Moseley, J. Moseley, and H. Eustace.

Bro. Holland S.W. was elected W.M. for the ensuing year, Bro. Wm. Shurmur P.G.St.B. England was unanimously re-elected Treasurer, and Bro. Ives re-elected Tyler.

On the conclusion of the business the Brethren adjourned to an excellently served banquet, Bro. Kaufman presiding.

Bro. W. Shurmur replied to the toast of the Grand Officers, and made special reference to the magnificent demonstration of Masonic loyalty at the Centenary Festival of the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys, and the record subscription of £134,000.

Bro. W. Gower Provincial Grand Treasurer of Essex replied for the Provincial Officers, and in the course of a happy little speech said his duties had chiefly consisted of signing cheques for charities. Every step he had taken in Masonry had been through their dear Brother Shurmur.

The toast of the Worshipful Master was proposed by Bro. Shurmur in most appreciative terms, and Bro. Kaufman suitably replied.

The remaining toasts included the Immediate Past Master and Past Masters, replied to by Past Masters Bestowe, Speller, and Shurmur, and the Officers—Bro. Speller in proposing this toast paying a high tribute to the services of Bro. Shurmur Treasurer and Bro. James Clark Secretary.

The musical programme included songs by Bros. Gurney Russell, Darling, and others, and a most pleasant evening was spent.

It is well worthy of special mention that the Lodge sent up to the Boys Centenary Festival, by special Stewards two hundred guineas, and another £300 by Stewards unattached.

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DUKE OF YORK LODGE, No. 2449.

THE regular meeting was held at the Palatine Hotel, Hunt's Bank, Manchester, on Thursday, 9th inst.

In the absence of the W.M. Bro. Thos. T. Hardicker P.M. P.P.G.St.B. took the principal chair, and raised Bro. T. W. Lewin to the sublime degree of M.M. There was a very good attendance of members, the visitors being Bros. Walter Cassidy 1011, and E. L. Barritt 1052.

THE HOLIDAY SEASON.

THE Great Western Railway Company announce their usual series of excursions for the summer season, and tourists to the many famous places of recreation on this Company's line will find their requirements fully provided for.

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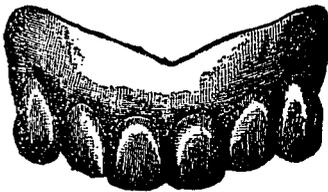
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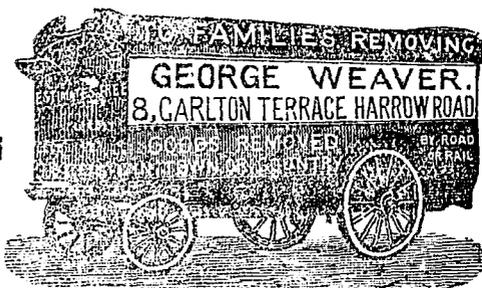
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