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## MISS DAVIS AND HER PENSION.

We publish elsewhere a letter from Bro. W. D. SHOEBRIDGE, P.M. St. James's Lodge, No. 448, Halifax, in which he takes the authorities of the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls roundly to task because they have granted Miss DAVIS, lately Head Governess, a pension of £225 per annum in respect of the services of incalculable value which she has rendered in that capacity during the exceptionally long period of 35 years. Bro. SHOEBRIDGE objects "*most strongly* to money being voted away for pensions which has been given solely for Charity." It is "most astonishing" to him how the General Court "can vote away this money in the unanimous way they appear to have done," and accordingly it appears as if "the financial interests of the School are less to be considered than private interests." Miss DAVIS "has been in receipt of an income from the School of about £360 per annum," and out of this she ought to have saved "sufficient to keep her for the rest of her life." Instead, however, of leaving this lady, who retires on the ground of failing health after 35 years' service of incalculable value as Head Governess, to rub along as best she can "for the rest of her life," the General Court of Governors with a unanimity which is astonishing to our correspondent, and a liberality which, in his opinion, cannot be too strongly condemned, having paid her this handsome salary, stupidly votes her a pension of £225 a year, while the "poor distressed brother Mason" who "may have subscribed 30 or 40 years to the Charities and who, perhaps through no fault of his own, has to seek the assistance of his brother Masons," is granted, if he is "fortunate enough to be elected," a miserable pittance of £40 a year. Bro. SHOEBRIDGE considers this "most inconsistent," and that it will have "a very bad effect upon those Subscribers who read, mark, and learn the contents of the balance-sheets as they come out year by year." He has been a Subscriber to the Charities during the 17 years he has been a member of our Society, but he will subscribe no longer, and while it is not his wish "to injure the Charities, far from it," he will do his best "to open the eyes of the Subscribers" to the manner in which their donations and subscriptions are frittered away in pensions to servants who have been handsomely paid for their services.

Our correspondent has a perfect right to form his own opinions on this and other subjects, and is fully justified in acting in accordance with those opinions, but we cannot say that we sympathise with him in respect of those he has formed in

reference to this particular subject. We cannot, however, avoid congratulating him on the exceeding ingenuity he has shown in piecing his statement together. It sounds plausible enough, and doubtless will have the desired effect on that very numerous body of Subscribers who never take the trouble of thinking a matter out for themselves, but always accept the opinions of others. To assert that the sum voted as a pension to Miss DAVIS is a diversion of the money from the purpose for which it was subscribed is, with all respect to our correspondent and those who agree with him, sheer nonsense, while the contrast between the liberal pension to a servant who has been handsomely remunerated for her services, and the wretched pension to the poor distressed brother Mason "who may have subscribed 30 or 40 years to the Charities," and is "fortunate enough to be elected," is effective enough in its way, but, none the less, is it not what is commonly known as "claptrap," pure and simple. We are aware that the terms we have felt constrained to apply to the statements in our brother's letter are the reverse of complimentary, but it is not our fault that he should have gone out of his way to place the circumstances before our readers in a false light. We have said that the services which Miss DAVIS has rendered as Head Governess, during her 35 years' tenure of that office, have been of incalculable value to the Institution. When she entered upon her duties at Midsummer, 1861, the School most nearly resembled a parish school of the better class, in which the children were well looked after, but were taught only the rudiments of a plain English education. They learned to read, write, and cipher, and to make and repair their own clothes; and on leaving they were fitted out and apprenticed as domestic servants or in the humbler callings then open to young women. Two or three years before Miss DAVIS was elected, a determined attempt had been made to raise the character of the School; but it was not until she appeared upon the scene that it was found possible to give effect to the new scheme which had been suggested, rather than adopted. Since then, and under her auspices, the School has gone on steadily improving, until it may be affirmed with truth that there does not now exist throughout the length and breadth of the United Kingdom a better school of its class than our Royal Masonic Institution for Girls. If we are asked to whom, or to what do we attribute this marvellous progress, we reply unhesitatingly, so far as the educational results are concerned, to the energy and ability and motherly care of Miss DAVIS. But, rejoins our correspondent, she has been handsomely paid for her services, she has been in receipt of an income of £360 per annum, out of which she ought to have saved enough to maintain her for the rest of her days. As regards this statement, we are not in a position to determine the precise value of Miss DAVIS's emoluments. She received board and residence in addition to her salary of £225 per annum, but it was only during the later years of her service that she was thus remunerated. The board and residence always formed part of her emoluments, but she was appointed in June, 1861, at a salary of £84 a year, and this was increased from time to time during her long career, until in 1892 it was raised to the sum of £225 as before stated. Nor have these successive increases of salary been granted merely for length of service, but principally owing to the enormous increase in the number of children on the establishment, and the corresponding increase in the extent of her duties and responsibilities. In June, 1861, there were 80 girls in the School; in 1864 there were 100; in 1872, 112; in 1874,

148; in 1878, 200; in 1888, 243; and in 1896, 269. Thus her salary and the labours of her office have gone on increasing *pari passu*, but at no time can it be said with truth that her emoluments were in excess of the duties and responsibilities she was charged to fulfil. She now retires, after 35 years of successful service such as we have described, with her health enfeebled by the unceasing wear and tear, both mental and bodily, entailed by her position, and who is there who will venture to say, after what she is known to have accomplished, that a pension equivalent to her full salary—without her remuneration in kind—is excessive; and, considering that it is mainly through the excellence of her work the School has attained its present high standard of efficiency, and is in receipt of such an income subscribed by the voluntary contributions of the Craft, who will venture to affirm that the payment of this pension out of the funds thus subscribed is a diversion of the money from the purpose for which it was contributed? Had it not been for the success of her administration, the School would not be in a position to command the generous measure of support it receives. She and those who have worked with her have helped to bring the grist to the mill, and we repeat it is sheer nonsense to allege that the payment of this pension is a misappropriation of moneys raised for the purpose of Charity. We will go further, and say that it would have been a lasting discredit to the General Court of Governors and Subscribers if they had allowed Miss DAVIS, after devoting all the best years of her life to the service of the School, and undermining her own health in doing so, to retire unpensioned.

#### THE NEW ZEALAND QUESTION.

A special communication of United Grand Lodge will be held on Wednesday, the 29th inst., at 5 p.m., when there will be submitted for the consideration of the brethren a message from the M.W.G. Master in which his Royal Highness, after remarking that an application for recognition as an independent sovereign Masonic authority has been addressed to the Grand Lodge of England by the Grand Lodge of New Zealand and having satisfied himself of the general state of Masonic feeling in the Colony, is of opinion that the time has arrived for according such recognition. Accordingly, he is desirous that the voice of Grand Lodge be taken on the following resolution, namely, "That taking into consideration the message from the M.W. Grand Master, Grand Lodge requests that his Royal Highness will be pleased to take such steps for the recognition of the Grand Lodge of New Zealand, and for the establishment of fraternal good feeling with our New Zealand brethren as he may consider consistent with the honour of this Grand Lodge, and with just consideration for those lodges which may desire to maintain their connection with the Grand Lodge of England." It is only a fortnight since that we remarked in reference to a statement in the proceedings at a recent communication of the District Grand Lodge of Canterbury, New Zealand, under our Constitution, that if the report as to the Grand Lodge of New Zealand having resolved to decline recognition "if our Grand Lodge attached to it a condition conferring equal rights" on "the E.C. Masons of New Zealand" proved correct, "then farewell to all prospects of an ultimate reconciliation of the present conflicting interests of the different Constitutions." We assume that the Grand Master has satisfied himself that this conditional recognition, which he now proposes shall be accorded to the Grand Lodge of New Zealand, will be accepted by that body; that the rumour to which currency was given in the proceedings of the District Grand Lodge of Canterbury (E.C.) is unfounded; and consequently, that we may look forward to a speedy termination of the inharmonious relations now existing among the brethren of the several Constitutions in the Colony in a manner honourable to all parties concerned. We shall be pleased beyond measure if this turns out to be the case, and shall gladly welcome the news that the distracted condition of Freemasonry in New Zealand which has existed latterly has at length come to an end. We trust also that all the lodges which have hitherto held aloof from the movement in behalf of the Masonic inde-

pendence of the Colony will give in their adhesion to it, so that absolute unanimity among all parties may be found to prevail; or that, if that is hoping too much, the lodges still holding aloof will be so few in number as to secure what will practically amount to unanimity. If these hopes are realised, Freemasonry in New Zealand will speedily recover itself and become once again a united brotherhood.

As for the suggestion contained in the June number of the *Canadian Craftsman*—"That it would have been a very nice way of celebrating the 21st Anniversary of the election of the Prince of WALES to the Grand East by granting to the Grand Lodge of Quebec full and complete Masonic rights as an independent Grand Lodge"—we take leave to point out that 21 years ago our Grand Lodge offered to recognise the Grand Lodge of Quebec, on the usual condition, namely, that the rights and privileges of the English lodges in Montreal, which were still desirous of retaining their connection with our Grand Lodge, should be respected. This condition the Grand Lodge of Quebec declined to accept, and it is not in the power of the Grand Lodge of England to deprive those lodges of the rights and privileges secured to them under their respective warrants. In fact, our Grand Lodge has done all it is in its power to do, and if the difficulty is ever to be brought to a close, it must be either by the Grand Lodge of Quebec accepting the conditional recognition offered it in 1875, or by the English lodges in Montreal casting in their lot with the Grand Lodge of Quebec, and determining their connection with the Grand Lodge of England.

#### PROVINCIAL GRAND LODGE OF BERKSHIRE.

The brethren of Berkshire assembled in considerable numbers on Tuesday, the 14th inst., in the old county town of Abingdon, which is not only one of the strongholds of Masonry in this part of the country, but is also the home of the able and much respected Deputy Prov. G.M., Bro. John T. Morland, who, since the lamented decease of the Duke of Clarence, has been in charge of this province, directing its affairs with an efficiency which has given the greatest satisfaction to all. The large attendance on this occasion may be taken as a deserving compliment to Bro. Morland, inasmuch as Abingdon is on a branch line, and somewhat inaccessible from certain parts of the province. The majority of the brethren reached Abingdon at about two o'clock, and were received with much cordiality by the officers and brethren of the Abbey Lodge, who had hospitably provided light refreshment for the visitors in a spacious room adjoining the Council Chamber.

The Board of General Purposes assembled at 2.30, and audited the annual accounts, and an hour later the Provincial Grand Lodge was opened in due form in the handsome Council Chamber, which, like the apartment where refreshment was served, contains portraits of many distinguished men who, in various ways, have held important positions in connection with this ancient borough.

The P.G. Secretary, Bro. J. W. MARTIN, first called over the list of lodges in the province, when it appeared that the whole of them were represented.

The Prov. Grand Officers present included—

Bros. C. Stephens, J. W. Martin, G. H. Morgan, W. Ferguson, A. C. A. Higerty, the Rev. W. M. Hope, H. Ponking, E. Hewett, C. L. Lovett, E. A. C. Broquet, H. D'Almaine, J. Tomkins, E. Grisbrook, E. Margrett, S. G. Kirchhoffer, E. Horne, E. L. Shepherd, G. D. Leslie, R.A., the Rev. A. W. N. Deacon, the Rev. A. T. Morland, B. Challenor, Stephen Knight, C. Belcher, L. N. Nixon, G. Saxby, W. Fenton, E. Prince, C. Luker, W. Hickie, R. Nicholson, W. W. Ridley, H. S. Hanington, J. B. King, T. W. Walford, G. J. Cosburn, C. Bating, E. Marshall, W. R. Cook, T. E. Robertson, J. Freeman, J. M. McLeod (Sec. R.M.I. Boys), W. Lewis Morgan, F. Ryman Hall, Stevens, Hemmings, and others. Among the brethren also present were Bros. the Revs. J. L. Turbutt and P. H. Ditchfield, Col. E. Molyneux, G. T. Phillips, D. N. Heron, D. Wilton, E. H. Simmons, A. S. Cooper, F. King, F. Kedge, F. H. Buxton, Harry G. W. D'Almaine, C. O. Burgess, J. W. Maurice, J. T. Ransley, W. Bonny, S. Knight, jun., Percy Coward, Morris McD. Stevens, E. Gould, J. Rolfe, J. Robertson, J. Wright, Jackson Lawrence, J. H. Wilson, S. I. Baker, J. T. Gale, Thomas Skurray, J. Hill, W. J. Higgs, G. Mitchell, A. Shepherd, Coxeter, F. J. Lawes, V. Knowles, W. B. Fendick, C. H. Stradling, E. Ridley, C. W. Sisley, J. J. Alexander, Harry Pates, F. Foxley, W. Tucker, G. Winship, J. Kick, E. J. Harris, H. G. Powell, T. R. Barnby, W. Holloway, G. I. Phillips, and others.

The roll of Prov. Grand Officers having been called over, the minutes of the annual Prov. Grand Lodge, held at Reading last year, were taken as read, the same having been printed and circulated throughout the province.

The P.G. SECRETARY presented the annual financial statement, which showed a balance in hand of £139 odd, this being an increase on last year's balance.

Bro. MARTIN mentioned that the Masonic Calendar account yielded a slight balance in favour of the province, an increased number of copies having been disposed of during the past year. There was a balance of £78 9s. 2d. on the Charity Fund account.

Bro. TOMKINS remarked upon the very satisfactory character of the finance report, and moved its adoption, which was seconded by Bro. KIRCHHOFFER, and unanimously adopted.

The P.G. SECRETARY read a circular which had been received from the Charity Association of the Province of North and East Yorkshire, relating to the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys, and objecting to a sacrifice of the property by its sale in the event of the School being removed to another site.

A discussion on the subject ensued, the brethren taking part in it including the D.P.G.M., the P.G. SECRETARY, Bros. Rev. A. W. N. DEACON, TOMKINS, KIRCHHOFFER, STEPHENS, FERGUSON, D'ALMAINE, and E. MARGRETT, the latter being a member of the Board of Management of the Institution in question.

Bro. MARGRETT explained that a Committee had been deputed to consider the matter, and draw up a report, and while this was being done the Yorkshire Association referred to had sent out to the various provinces the circular which had been read. It should be distinctly understood that at present the Board of Management of the Boys' School were not committed to any particular course, although a strong opinion prevailed that it was desirable that the School should be removed to a more suitable and commodious site. There was certainly no intention of selling the premises at a sacrifice or at anything like the price named in the Yorkshire circular.

Eventually Bro. TOMKINS proposed, and Bro. FERGUSON seconded, a resolution expressing the confidence felt by the Prov. Grand Lodge of Berkshire that the Board of Management of the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys would use the powers entrusted to them for the best interests of the School and the Craft.

This was unanimously agreed to.

The PROV. G. SECRETARY then presented his report of the lodges in the province, of which it appeared there were 15, embracing 635 members and 177 Past Masters. Last year 27 brethren joined and the initiations numbered 38. There had been 98 regular lodges and nine lodges of emergency held during the 12 months.

Bro. MARGRETT, Secretary to the Provincial Charity Committee, also presented an interesting report, recording the particulars of the success achieved for the candidate whose case was taken up by this province at the last election of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution. As many as 4000 odd votes were given for the candidate, who was returned 10th on the poll out of 64 applicants. This satisfactory result had been attained in a large measure by the kind assistance of Bro. Keyser and the brethren of the Bucks Province.

The report was unanimously adopted on the proposal of Bro. HORNE, seconded by Bro. GRISBROOK.

Various sums were then voted to the different lodges in the province for the several Charitable Institutions of the Order.

Bro. H. D'ALMAINE, in complimentary terms, proposed the election of Bro. Charles Stephens, as Prov. Grand Treasurer, which was seconded by Bro. FENTON, and carried unanimously.

Bro. STEPHENS, in reply, said it gave him great pleasure to again accept the office, which he had had the privilege of holding for the past 15 years.

The DEPUTY PROV. G. MASTER then invested Bros. E. C. Broquet, I.P.M. 209; W. J. Maurice, I.P.M. 414; W. Bonny, W.M. 414; Stephen Knight, jun., S.D. 574; and G. D. Leslie, I.P.M. 1887, with the Provincial Charity jewel; C. E. Keyser, W.M. 574; C. Slaughter, P.M. 1101; and C. O. Burgess, W.M. 2460, with the Charity bar; and W. Ferguson, P.M. 1101; and C. Batting, W.M. 1566, with the tri-coloured ribbon.

The DEPUTY PROV. G. MASTER said he thought all the brethren would agree with him that the above was a very satisfactory list of Stewards who had served at two or more of the festivals held in behalf of the Charitable Institutions of the Order.

The following brethren were then appointed and invested as Prov. Grand Officers for the ensuing 12 months:

Bro. G. H. Morland, 945	...	...	Prov. S.G.W.
" W. J. Maurice, 414	...	...	Prov. J.G.W.
" Rev. W. M. Hope, 574	...	...	} Prov. G. Chaps.
" Rev. P. H. Ditchfield, 2437	...	...	
" Charles Stephens, 414	...	...	Prov. G. Treas.
" J. W. Martin, 414	...	...	Prov. G. Sec.
" F. Kedge, 2460	...	...	Prov. G. Reg.
" E. W. Ridley, 1101	...	...	Prov. S.G.D.
" H. S. Hanington, 574	...	...	Prov. J.G.D.
" F. Foxley, 795	...	...	Prov. G.S. of W.
" J. J. Gale, 1887	...	...	Prov. G.D. of C.
" C. Batting, 1566	...	...	Prov. A.G.D. of C.
" Lieut.-Col. E. Molyneux, 2437	...	...	Prov. G.S.B.
" E. C. Broquet, 209	...	...	} Prov. G. Std. Brs.
" E. Marshall, 771	...	...	
" J. Kick, 1566	...	...	Prov. G. Org.
" F. J. Lawes, 2043	...	...	Prov. A.G. Sec.
" J. Robertson, 1770	...	...	Prov. G. Purst.
" C. E. Paterson, 1899	...	...	Prov. A. G. Purst.
" W. Bonny, 414	...	...	} Prov. G. Stwds.
" T. R. Barnby, 945	...	...	
" W. Tucker, 795	...	...	
" J. H. Wilson, 574	...	...	
" W. Hemmings	...	...	Prov. G. Tyler.

The DEP. PROV. G. MASTER explained that in celebration of the 21st anniversary of the appointment of H.R.H. the Prince of Wales as Grand Master of the Order, the Grand Lodge had sanctioned that Past Grand rank should be conferred upon a certain number of brethren in recognition of distinguished services rendered to the Craft. The Province of Berks was entitled to appoint one brother to such rank, and in considering who was most entitled to the honour, he felt no difficulty in coming to a decision, and he had the pleasure of announcing that, by the authority of the Grand Lodge of England, he then conferred upon their energetic and much respected Provincial Grand Secretary, Bro. Martin, Past rank as Provincial Senior Grand Warden.

This announcement was received by the brethren with loud applause, and Bro. MARTIN, who suitably acknowledged the compliment, was warmly congratulated.

The Prov. Grand Lodge business shortly afterwards terminated, and, on the kind invitation of the Deputy P.G.M., the brethren adjourned to the delightful grounds adjoining Bro. Morland's residence, where they were photographed in a group.

A well-served dinner was subsequently provided by Mr. H. W. Gough, of the Crown and Thistle Hotel, beneath a spacious marquee.

An excellent selection of music was rendered by a string band stationed on the lawn.

The Dep. P.G. Master presided, and the customary Masonic toasts were proposed and responded to.

The Worshipful Master and officers of the Abbey Lodge were warmly thanked for the admirable arrangements made for the reception of the Provincial Grand Lodge, and the hearty thanks of the brethren generally were tendered to Bro. Morland for having placed his pleasant grounds at the service of the company after the lodge business.

The annual gathering was favoured with glorious weather, and the return journeys, made in the cool of the evening by road and rail, were much enjoyed. Altogether the Prov. Grand Lodge was as attractive and successful as any that have been held for some years.

PROVINCIAL GRAND LODGE OF ESSEX.

The annual Provincial Grand Lodge of Essex was held at the Congregational Lecture Hall, Maldon, on Wednesday, the 15th instant, under the presidency of the Prov. Grand Master, Bro. the Earl of Warwick. There was a large attendance of brethren, including—

Bros. his Honour Judge Philbrick, Q.C., G. Reg., Dep. Prov. G.M.; Col. Lockwood, G.D. Eng., Prov. S.G.W.; F. S. Guy, Prov. J.G.W.; the Rev. S. Haslock, Prov. G. Chap.; N. Fortescue, Prov. G. Treas.; Thomas J. Ralling, P.M. and Sec. 51, P.A.G.D.C., Prov. G. Sec.; C. Salter, Prov. S.G.D.; J. Ferney, Prov. J.G.D.; A. Lucking, P.G.P., Prov. G.D.C.; Robert Pitt, Prov. G.S.B.; J. G. Wingrove, Prov. G. Org.; Charles Westwood and F. W. Pelting, Prov. G. Stwds.; A. Martin, Prov. G. Tyler; T. G. Green, P.P.S.G.W.; C. W. Barnard, P.P.G.S.; A. Vandervoid, P.P.S.G.D.; S. Pictor, P.P.G.S.; T. Lloyd, W.M. 2561, P.P.G. Chap.; T. S. Raffles, P.P.G. Chap.; D. J. Wright, P.P.G.P.; G. Thomas, P.P.G.S.; A. Barritt, P.P.A.G. Sec.; R. Hayward, P.A.G.P. Suffolk; F. C. H. Jones, P.P.G. Reg.; J. Wiseman, P.P.A.G.D.C.; J. Speller, P.P.G.D.; G. Riches, P.P.A.G.P.; T. Oldham, P.P.G.P.; W. Meade, P.P.G. Std. Br.; W. Willson, P.P.G. Std. Br.; E. H. Baily, P.P.J. G.W.; Walter de Caen, P.A.G.P.; J. Sadler, P.P.G. Treas.; Geo. Corble, P.P.J.G.W.; J. Fuller, P.P.G.P.; J. Langdon, P.P.J.G.D.; G. A. Eustace, P.P.G. Std. Br.; F. A. Renshawe, P.P.J.G.D.; Harold Gurney, P.P.G.I.G.; Francis Bird, P.P.A.G.P.; C. H. Canning, P.P.J.G.D.; W. M. Butcher, P.P.G. S. of Wks.; R. Martin, P.P.S.G.D.; G. Brown, P.P.G. Std. Br.; F. Wood, P.P.S.G.W.; Thos. Ringrose, P.P.A.G. Sec.; R. D. Poppleton, P.P.S.G.D.; W. F. Reed, P.P.G.P.; H. Dehane, P.P.S.G.D.; J. J. C. Turner, P.P.S.G.W.; A. Dudgeon, P.P.S.G.D.; A. J. Manning, P.P.J.G.D.; — Boulton, P.P.G.D.; Claude E. Egerton Green, P.P.G. Treas.; G. Davis, P.P.G.P.; J. P. Noyes, P.P.G. Chap.; C. R. Finch, P.P.G.S.B.; J. H. Salter, P.P.J.G.W.; E. R. Horwood, P.P.G. Chap.; T. J. D. Cramphorn, P.P.S.G.D.; Edmund Gowers, P.P.G. Org.; Francis White, P.P.G. Reg.; S. Shawyer, P.P.G.S.B.; J. Hutley, P.P.G. Std. Br.; and Sir Wm. Abdy, P.G.D. Eng., P.P.S.G.W. The visitors included Bros. V. P. Freeman, P.G.D., P.G. Sec. Sussex; W. J. Spratling, P.P.G.T. Middx.; and C. J. R. Tijou, P.A.G.P. Eng.

The Prov. Grand Master, preceded by his officers, having entered the Provincial Grand Lodge in procession, the brethren took their positions under their respective banners.

The Prov. Grand Lodge having been opened, the minutes of the last Prov. Grand Lodge were confirmed, and the roll of lodges called over.

The report of the Board of General Purposes, which was submitted, stated that since the last meeting of Prov. Grand Lodge their esteemed Deputy Prov. Grand Master had been appointed County Court Judge of an important district in the West of England. In offering to his Honour Judge Philbrick hearty congratulations, the Board desired, on behalf of the province, to express the hope that he might live long to enjoy his well-earned appointment.

The accounts for the financial year, which had been previously audited by a sub-Committee appointed for the purpose, were submitted, and after payment of all outstanding claims, showed a balance in hand of £163 5s. 9d. on the general account, and of £29 15s. 4d. on the Charity account.

The returns from the lodges showed that during the past year there had been 151 initiations and 71 joining members. Against this there had been 85 resignations, the losses by death had been 34, whilst 41 brethren had been struck off the books of their respective lodges, leaving the present strength of the province 1939 members, against 1877 last year. The Board regretted to note that the brethren returned as "in arrear" had increased from 152 last year to 190 this year, which was equivalent to 10 per cent. of the total membership of the province.

The report was adopted.

The report of the Charity Committee, which was also adopted, stated that one candidate named Aberdein was elected, but for the Old People they could do nothing but repay votes that were borrowed, those for the widows being very difficult to dispose of. During the years 1891—1896 inclusive the Province of Essex had contributed no less than £10,354 to the Masonic Charities, which gave an average of £1725 per annum. At the Girls' Festival the other day no less a sum than £964 was contributed by Essex, towards which Bro. Johnson, No. 2005, contributed £315; Bro. Speller, No. 2304, £263, and Bro. Percy F. Beard, £116.

The PROV. GRAND MASTER then addressed the brethren, observing that since he was appointed Prov. G.M. Masonry had made great progress in the province, for the lodges had increased from 20 to 38, and the membership from 900 to 2000. Everything was going on very well in the province, which had apparently adopted the motto of the neighbouring town of Chelmsford—"Many minds, but one heart." The brethren ought to be very grateful to the Board of General Purposes for the time they gave to their work. He had read their report with great pleasure, and particularly the paragraph which referred to Bro. Philbrick, and he was sure he was echoing the wish of all when he hoped that he might live many years to serve his Queen and country. After alluding to the losses the province had sustained by death, the Prov. G. Master said that he trusted that the young Masons who had joined would do all they could to keep the province second to none in the kingdom. He regretted that owing to his long distance at the time from Essex he was not present at the centenary celebration of the Brentwood Hope of Unity Lodge. He thanked the Maldon brethren for the care they had taken in making the arrangements for the day, and he especially thanked the Mayor of Maldon, who, though not a Mason, had gone out of his way to give a most kind welcome to his brother Mayor. He was specially glad that the ladies would be present at their banquet, and he had noticed that the faces of those brethren who came down by train with ladies beamed with pleasure. But he hoped that only on special occasions, such as the present one, which was a sort of holiday festival, would ladies be present at Masonic gatherings. It was unsuitable for ladies to attend those Masonic gatherings where ceremonies had to be performed, because it was very possible that those ceremonies and the work they had to do would be hurried and slurred over, to the disadvantage of Masonry, because the brethren in lodge would be anxious to join the ladies who were waiting for them in another room.

On the motion of the DEPUTY P.G.M., a vote of thanks was accorded the entertaining lodges, the Mayor of Maldon, the Trustees of the Congregational Hall for the use of the hall, and the G.E.R. Company for the facilities they had given to enable the brethren to get to Maldon.

Bros. W. E. Dring, T. Lloyd, J. H. Salter, and John C. Turner were elected members of the Provincial Board of General Purposes.

The Prov. G. M. then appointed and invested his officers as follows:

Bro. F. H. Bright, I.P.M. 1024	...	...	Prov. S.G.W.
" A. R. Meggy, I.P.M. 214	...	...	Prov. J.G.W.
" Rev. Donald Gotto, I.G. 1024	...	...	Prov. G. Chap.
" E. Gowers, P.M. 24	...	...	Prov. G. Treas.
" C. E. Garrard, I.P.M. 2339	...	...	Prov. G. Reg.
" Thomas J. Ralling, P.M., Sec. 51, P.A.G.D.C. Eng., (20th year)	...	...	Prov. G. Sec.
" Robert Cook, W.M. 276	...	...	Prov. S.G.Ds.
" Harold Gurney, P.M. 650	...	...	
" Edward Hobbs, P.M. 453	...	...	Prov. J.G.Ds.
" Chas. Lewis, I.P.M. 2508	...	...	
" F. J. Eedle, P.M. 2143	...	...	Prov. G.S. of W.
" A. Lucking, P.M. 1000 (23rd year), P.G.P. Eng.	...	...	Prov. G.D.C.
" A. G. Shenstone, P.M. and Treas. 2077	...	...	Prov. D.G.D. of C.
" Charles Westwood, I.P.M. 1343	...	...	Prov. A.G.D. of C.
" C. W. Barnard, P.M. 1000	...	...	Prov. G.S.B.
" W. D. Child, P.M. 1437	...	...	Prov. G. Std. Brs.
" Turner Ennew, W.M. 2477	...	...	
" Val. Mason, Org. 1000	...	...	Prov. G. Org.
" E. A. Basham, P.M. 1977	...	...	Prov. A.G. Sec.
" G. J. Booth, P.M. and Treas. 697	...	...	Prov. G. Purst.
" F. Gooderham, P.M. 1817	...	...	Prov. A. G. Purst.
" B. Orttewell, W.M. 1024	...	...	Prov. G. Stwds.
" W. Howard-Flanders, S.W. 1024	...	...	
" J. W. Moss, S.W. 2342	...	...	Prov. G. Tyler.
" W. J. Butler, S.W. 1977	...	...	
" T. J. Grant, 1977	...	...	
" A. W. Martin	...	...	

In commemoration of the P.G.M., his Royal Highness the Prince of Wales, having presided over the Order for 21 years, four brethren had past rank conferred upon them, as follows: Bros. A. J. Ward, W.M. 659, P.S.G.W.; J. R. Johnson, I.P.M. and Sec. 2005, P.S.G.D.; C. Salter, P.M. 2255, P.S.G.D.; and G. A. Eustace, P.M. and Sec. 1977, P.A.G.D. of C.

Bro. F. H. Bright, P.S.G.W., was elected on the Charity Committee, in the place of the retiring member.

The PROV. GRAND MASTER announced that the next Provincial Grand Lodge would be held at Colchester.

The Provincial Grand Lodge was then closed.

The annual banquet which followed was held in a large marquee on the Recreation Ground, the Prov. G.M. presiding, who was supported by the D.P.G.M. (Judge Philbrick, Q.C.); the Mayor of Maldon (Councillor Bentall); Bro. T. Ralling, P.G. Sec.; and others. An innovation at the feast was the presence of ladies introduced by the brethren, the company numbering about 200.

The toast list was a brief one. "The Queen," and "H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, M.W.G.M.," were given from the chair.

The PROV. GRAND MASTER, in submitting the latter, remarking that it would be received by all Masons with the greatest cordiality, because they were all loyal to their Grand Master. They knew what an excellent Grand Master they had in the Prince of Wales. Amongst the many duties his Royal Highness had to perform in that country, he spared the time very often to come amongst them. Other members of the Royal Family before him had held distinguished positions in the Craft, but he (the Chairman) ventured to say that none had held it with greater honour to himself and with greater honour to the Craft than the Prince of Wales.

The PROV. GRAND MASTER next proposed "The Earl of Lathom, Pro G.M.; Earl Amherst, D.G.M.; and the rest of the Grand Officers, Present and Past," coupled with the name of Bro. Tijou.

Bro. TIJOU responded.

The PROV. GRAND MASTER, diverging from the toast list, gave "The Mayor of Maldon," which, he said, he regarded as the toast of the evening. Though the Mayor was not one of them, he (the speaker) was glad to see him with them on that occasion. They hoped that the fact of his being so was proof that some day or other either some Mason or some lady imbued with Masonic instincts would induce him to join them.

The MAYOR of MALDON suitably acknowledged the compliment.

The Deputy Prov. G.M., Bro. his Honour Judge PHILBRICK, G. Reg., in proposing the toast of "The Right Worshipful Prov. Grand Master for Essex, the Earl of Warwick," remarked that the ladies would agree with him that they knew how to esteem him who ruled over them. (Laughter.) All he could say was that the Freemasons emulated the ladies in knowing when they had a good Master. (Renewed laughter.) The alacrity of their obedience was only equalled by their pride in their possession. (Applause.) He thought it did not need a word from him to the wives and sweethearts of Essex Masons to exhort those whom they cared for to stimulate their fidelity to the great cause of Masonry. He thought the presence of the ladies that day justified him in the remark that they in their lodges revered their Grand Master, and that they had spread a good report of their distinguished brother in their own family circles; and the splendid gathering of that day graced by the presence of the fairer sex, was an echo of that which had been carried home by many Masons. It was not necessary for him to say with regard to their Prov. Grand Master more than that they had known him for many years. They had seen the province increase and multiply under his beneficent rule; they had seen the great principles of fidelity adhered to and promulgated with the utmost success; they saw their lodges increasing and prosperous; they saw the province maintaining a distinguished position amongst the supporters of the great boasts of the Order—the Charities. (Applause.) In conclusion, he made a graceful allusion to the Countess of Warwick, who, in consequence of ill-health, was unable to be present, and for whose speedy restoration to health he knew they all prayed. (Loud applause.)

The toast was enthusiastically received.

The PROV. GRAND MASTER, in returning thanks, assured the brethren that he looked forward with the greatest pleasure to the annual gatherings at which he could meet his Essex brethren. He only wished that he could meet them oftener, and he tendered them on that occasion his very humble and sincere apologies in that respect. Turning to the presence of the ladies, whose attendance they were all grateful for, he remarked that they were not able to initiate them into all the mysteries of Freemasonry, but he informed them that they were a very harmless body of men—(laughter)—and that they did their best, as no doubt the ladies did—and as they had often

encouraged them out of lodge to do—to support their poorer brethren and others in all good and charitable works to the best of their ability. It was not often that they were able to extend their hospitality to ladies; they would like to do so oftener, but those mysteries which they guarded over most jealously would not permit it; and beyond that the occasions on which they met together as brothers were for the purpose of Masonic business of a most serious nature, and which would not allow them for one moment the attraction which he had no doubt the ladies would offer them to get quickly through their business and join them outside the lodges. (Laughter.) In conclusion, the P.G.M. proposed "The Health of the Deputy Prov. G.M., Judge Philbrick," and referring to his honour's recent judicial appointment, said that, in offering their congratulations, they could only regret that the position was not a very much higher one.

The other toasts were "The Worshipful Masters of the Province of Essex," and "The Ladies."

The arrangements in connection with the gathering were admirably carried out by a Committee composed of Bros. F. H. Bright, chairman, F. G. Green, J. Hutley, R. Orttewell, H. J. Sanson, E. A. Basham, G. Brown, G. A. Eustace, T. O'Neill, S. Shawyer, with E. Gowers as Secretary.

### PROVINCIAL GRAND LODGE OF EAST LANCASHIRE.

A meeting of the Charity Committee of this province was held in Freemasons' Hall, Manchester, on Friday, the 17th instant, when there were present: Bros. J. H. Sillitoe, Chairman; C. D. Cheetham, Vice-Chairman; James Newton, Secretary; and a large number of representatives of lodges from the various parts of the province.

Amongst the business transacted was the consideration of the contemplated sale of the building and site of the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys at Wood Green, and the erection of new buildings on some other site. After numerous brethren had expressed their views on the question, the following resolution was unanimously adopted:

"That this Provincial Grand Lodge Charity Committee protests against the proposed removal and sale of the Boys' School from Wood Green to another site until the Donors and Subscribers have been consulted and their opinions recorded by voting papers."

### PROVINCIAL GRAND LODGE OF NOTTINGHAMSHIRE.

The summer meeting was held under the presidency of Bro. Lieut.-Col. William Newton, P.G.D., Deputy Prov. Grand Master, as Prov. Grand Master, at the Old Meeting House School, Mansfield, on Wednesday, the 8th inst., when there were present, among others—

Bros. his Honour Judge W. Masterman, P.G.D. England, as Deputy Prov. G.M.; Thomas Salisbury, Prov. S.G.W.; G. H. Hibbert, Prov. J.G.W.; the Rev. H. T. Hayman and the Rev. W. F. Boot, Prov. G. Chaplains; R. A. M. Webster, Prov. G. Reg.; Arthur Stubbs, P.P.G.W., Prov. G. Sec.; Captain W. H. Tomason, Prov. S.G.D.; H. E. Wilson, Prov. J.G.D.; John Hewitt, Prov. G. S. of W.; Jacob Levy, Prov. G.D.C.; W. J. Lazenby, Prov. G. Std. Br.; J. G. Carver, Prov. G. Org.; J. P. W. Marx, P.P.G.D.C., Prov. A.G. Sec.; F. W. Fine, Prov. G. Purst.; J. J. Turner and T. Mallender, Prov. G. Tylers; J. Wilford, W. J. Rooke, J. Greenwood, and J. D. Fidler, Prov. G. Stewards; H. J. Hobson, P.P.G.R.; W. F. Sanders, P.P.G.D.; J. H. White and R. F. Vallance, P.P.G.D.Cs.; W. Sibley, P.P.G.S.B.; G. G. Bonser, P.P.G. Std. Br.; T. Fisher and John Allsopp, P.P.G. Pursts.; and the representatives of the great majority of the lodges in the province.

The roll of Prov. Grand Officers and lodges having been called, the minutes of the last Prov. Grand Lodge, held at Nottingham on the 12th December, 1895, were taken as read and confirmed.

Bro. G. H. Hibbert was invested as Prov. J.G.W., *vice* Bro. John Sansom, deceased, while, in commemoration of the 21st anniversary of H.R.H. the Prince of Wales's installation as M.W. Grand Master, the rank of P.P.S.G.W. was conferred on Bros. Arthur Stubbs, Prov. G. Sec., and the Rev. W. F. Boot, Prov. G. Chap.

The ACTING PROV. GRAND MASTER called attention to a circular issued by the Prov. Grand Lodge of North and East Yorkshire relating to the purchase of another site for the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys, but as the information in possession of the brethren was insufficient to enable them to form a correct opinion on the question, he earnestly deprecated the adoption of any resolution on the present occasion.

Bro. THOMAS SALISBURY, Prov. S.G.W., Secretary to the Prov. G.L. Benevolent Committee, having explained that the Board of Management of the Boys' School were at present engaged in drawing up a statement of the position of affairs, which would, in due course, be submitted to all the lodges and to the subscribers to the School, the matter was deferred; and, there being no further business, Prov. Grand Lodge was closed, and the brethren entertained at a banquet in the Town Hall by the members of the Forest Lodge, No. 1852.

### PROVINCIAL GRAND CHAPTER OF BUCKINGHAMSHIRE.

#### CONSECRATION OF THE WYCOMBE CHAPTER.

On Thursday, the 9th inst., the above Prov. Grand Chapter was held at High Wycombe, under the presidency of the Grand Superintendent of the Province, Comp. the Rev. J. S. Brownrigg. Additional interest was lent to the proceedings by the fact that the opportunity was taken to consecrate the new chapter which has been formed in connection with the Wycombe Lodge, No. 1501, the founders of which are the following: Comps. Joseph Bliss, M.E.Z. 1804, &c.; Rev. O. J. Grace, P.Z. 591, and P.G. Soj. Eng.; R. Nicholson, P.Z. 771, &c.; G. T. James, 591; W. Scott Miller, 1305;

John C. Coppock, 591; H. H. Sherwin, 591; A. Ball, 591; Jas. Williams, 1894; J. J. Simcox, 591; and J. N. Hodgkinson, 591.

Provincial Grand Chapter was opened at 2.30 p.m., at the Masonic Rooms, when there was a large attendance of companions present, including the following:

Comps. the Rev. J. S. Brownrigg, Grand Superintendent; the Rev. O. J. Grace, Prov. G.H.; T. Taylor, Prov. G.J.; J. Williams, Prov. G.S.E.; W. Weston, Prov. G. 1st. A.S.; R. H. Barrett, Prov. G. 2nd. A.S.; Thomas Horwood, Prov. G. Treas.; A. Turner, Prov. G. Std. Br.; J. J. Simcox, Prov. G. Org.; A. Ball, Prov. G. Stwd.; F. Payne, Prov. G. Janitor; J. Bliss, 1894 and 591; C. J. D. Hustler, 591; J. W. Burgess, 591; James Williams, 1894; F. Johncock, 1894; C. A. Bennett, 840; James Corp, 2458; J. C. F. Tower, 2458; A. McDowall, 948; H. H. Sherwin, 591; J. C. Coppock, 591; E. J. Wick, 276; W. O. Beazley, 1891; W. E. Chapman, G.S.B.; H. J. Thomas, 2421; W. J. Hewett, 1185; J. J. Thomas, 2421; J. D. Carter, 1894; J. Henry Frye, 948; James Bayne, 201; W. G. Beauchamp, 591; G. T. James, 591; W. Scott Miller, 1305; and W. Rotherham, 591; and others.

Provincial Grand Chapter having been opened in due form, the minutes of the last Prov. Grand Chapter were read and confirmed.

The Grand Superintendent, assisted by the Prov. Grand Officers, then proceeded to consecrate the Wycombe Chapter, No. 1501, in a very impressive manner, after which the installation of the Principals and election of officers were proceeded with, the first officers being invested as follows: Comps. J. Bliss, M.E.Z.; G. T. James, H.; O. J. Grace, J.; R. Nicholson, I.P.Z.; J. Williams, S.E.; W. Scott Miller, S.N.; Sherwin, Treas.; J. J. Simcox, P.S.; F. Johncock, 1st A.S.; C. Batting, 2nd A.S.; J. C. Coppock, D.C.; J. Williams and A. Ball, Stwds.; and J. N. Hodgkinson, Janitor.

On the motion of Comp. J. SIMCOX, seconded by Comp. GRACE, Bros. C. Rose and D. Wilton were proposed as candidates for exaltation, and Comps. Williams, Batting, and Johncock were proposed as joining members.

Comp. J. BLISS, M.E.Z., then, on behalf of the new chapter, presented the Grand Superintendent with a Consecrating Officer's jewel.

The GRAND SUPERINTENDENT said, in thanking the chapter, he should ever wear the jewel with pleasure, and as a remembrance of the good work being done by the Wycombe brethren.

After this ceremony had been completed, the provincial business was proceeded with.

The Prov. G. Treasurer's statement of account, which showed a balance of about £60 in hand, was adopted.

On the motion of Comp. TAYLOR, seconded by Comp. GRACE, Comp. Horwood was re-elected P.G. Treasurer.

The other Prov. Grand Officers were then invested as follows:

Comp. Taylor ...	...	...	Prov. G.H.
" J. Williams ...	...	...	Prov. G.J.
" Bowen ...	...	...	Prov. G.S.E.
" Tower ...	...	...	Prov. G.S.N.
" Bliss ...	...	...	Prov. G.P.S.
" Roberts ...	...	...	Prov. 1st A.G.S.
" Barrett ...	...	...	Prov. 2nd A.G.S.
" Stevens ...	...	...	Prov. G. Reg.
" Ball ...	...	...	Prov. G.S.B.
" Frye ...	...	...	Prov. G. Std. Br.
" Charsley ...	...	...	Prov. G.D.C.
" Philpots ...	...	...	Prov. A.G.D.C.
" Simcox ...	...	...	Prov. G. Org.
" H. J. Thomas ...	...	...	} Prov. G. Stewards.
" Colnbrook ...	...	...	

The GRAND SUPERINTENDENT moved that a sum of 10 guineas be voted to provide testimonials to Comps. Grace and Williams for their services as Prov. G.H. and Prov. G.S.E. respectively, and this was seconded by Comp. TAYLOR and carried unanimously.

Provincial Grand Chapter was then closed with the usual formalities, and the companions adjourned to the Red Lion Hotel, where Host Miles put an excellent banquet upon the table, consisting of all the delicacies of the season, which was much enjoyed by the companions present.

The GRAND SUPERINTENDENT proposed "The Queen and Royal Arch Masons;" also "H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, First Grand Principal, the Pro Grand Principal, the Deputy Grand Principal, and the rest of the Grand Officers, Present and Past."

Comp. GRACE having replied, proposed "The Grand Superintendent of Buckinghamshire," and Comp. BROWNRIFF, suitably replied and proposed "The Prov. Grand H. and J. and the rest of the Prov. Grand Officers, Present and Past," to which Comps. C. TAYLOR and WILLIAMS responded.

"The M.E.Z. of the new Wycombe Chapter" was proposed by Comp. BROWNRIFF, who said that things started in Wycombe were not like mushrooms; they did not wither away in a few years but went on and prospered, and he believed the newly consecrated chapter would do likewise.

Comp. BLISS suitably replied to the toast, and the next toast, which was that of "The H. and J. of Wycombe Chapter," proposed from the chair, was responded to by Comps. JAMES and GRACE.

"The Visiting Companions," with which the names of Comps. Hewett and Bayne were coupled, concluded the toast list.

The companions from the North and Mid Bucks having arrived by an earlier train, Comp. Simcox, the acting S.E., who had undertaken the arrangements, provided the brethren with refreshments and then conducted them through Messrs. Birch and Sons' chair works, which was interesting and a great treat, also various other places in the ancient borough, including the fine old church.

### LADIES' BANQUET OF THE GRAND MASTER'S LODGE, No. 1.

The ladies' banquet of the above lodge took place on the 15th instant at the Hotel Cecil, the Worshipful Master, Bro. Joseph Rock, P.G.S., presiding. Among those present were Sir Forrest and Lady Fulton, Bro. Sir J. C. and Lady Dimsdale, Bro. Sir J. B. Monckton, Bro. Sir Thomas Roe, Bro. Gen. Gadsden, Bro. Gen. Hay, C.B., the Sheriff Elect and Mrs. R. H. Rogers, Bro. Captain and Mrs. Philips, Bro. E. Letchworth (G. Sec.), Bro. and Mrs. H. H. Crawford, Colonel Cowan, and Bro. Dr. and Mrs. Gooding.

### ANNUAL OUTING OF THE QUEEN VICTORIA LODGE, No. 2584.

The first picnic of this lodge took place on Wednesday, the 8th instant, and was a glorious success, auguring well for the prosperity of the lodge. The weather was all that could be desired, and the brethren and friends, numbering over 60, left the central station, Manchester, at 9.15 a.m. in a saloon train for Wrexham, where they were met by coaches, and were driven through the lovely vale of Llangollen—a distance of about 13 miles—and after a most enjoyable drive all were able to do full justice to the excellent lunch provided at the Royal Hotel, Llangollen, after which the majority of the party walked to Plasnewydd, the famed abode of the ladies of Llangollen, while others visited some of the many spots of interest in the neighbourhood.

The return drive to Wrexham concluded about 6.30, when dinner was served at the Wynnstay Arms, Wrexham.

The usual loyal toasts were proposed, and Miss Holland sang "God save the Queen" and "God bless the Prince of Wales," when it became necessary to start for the station, and the toast list was concluded in the railway carriage.

Refreshments were provided in the train, both on the outward and return journey, by Bro. S. J. Mills, who, by his generosity and *bonhomie*, proved himself a "beau ideal" W.M.

The party arrived in Manchester at 10.30 p.m., having been in a "whirl of enjoyment" from the start.

### SUMMER OUTING OF THE NEW CONCORD LODGE, No. 813.

The members of the New Concord Lodge, with nearly 100 friends, went for their summer outing on the 17th inst. The company travelled on the Great Western Railway to Tilehurst, where the completion of the journey was made on the fine boat, Bonafide, through, perhaps the most charming part of the river Thames to Wallingford, returning, after a brief sojourn to Pangbourne, where, at the Elephant Hotel, the party enjoyed a banquet served at 5 p.m. The W.M., Bro. H. D. Blake, was in the chair. The travellers returned to London in the saloon carriages specially provided, arriving soon after nine o'clock having spent as all acknowledged, a most delightful day.

### THE OLD MASONIANS.

On Saturday, the 11th instant, the above Association of old scholars of our School at Wood Green held their first summer gathering at the Hermitage, Norbury. The principal item of interest was a cricket match between the Old Masonians Cricket Eleven and 13 of the Association. The game, which was played in glorious weather, resulted in the victory of the former by five wickets and 38 runs. Appended are the full scores:

OLD MASONIANS ASSOCIATION.		OLD MASONIANS CRICKET ELEVEN.	
R. H. Williams ...	5	R. L. Churchill ...	3
A. E. Davey ...	6	M. B. Lumsden ...	14
A. H. Stephenson ...	1	W. H. Pinder ...	15
G. R. Aitken ...	5	H. Lewis ...	2
C. Leeming ...	12	H. Wilson ...	9
H. S. Thompson ...	0	C. W. Barber, not out ...	4
F. A. Moorcroft ...	1	Norman, not out ...	18
R. S. Chandler ...	0	E. A. Gough ...	} Did not bat.
E. G. Jarman ...	0	G. C. Willett ...	
G. Cox ...	10	C. P. O'Doherty ...	} bat.
G. Johnston ...	0	H. F. Aspinall ...	
S. Bayliss ...	0	Byes ...	7
R. T. Biggs ...	0		
Byes ...	4		72

For the 11 Mr. Pinder bowled excellently, securing most of the wickets, and Messrs. Stephenson and Davey did good service with the ball for the Association.

Mr. Chandler captained the 13, which we think it only fair to add were mostly composed of members who had rarely touched a bat since leaving school. At the conclusion of the game the whole of the company present, numbering upwards of 50, were formed into a group and photographed.

A substantial tea was laid out under an avenue of trees and very heartily partaken of, Bro. R. H. Williams, the President of the cricket club, presiding. Bro. WILLIAMS took the opportunity of announcing that owing to the lamented death of their late President, Bro. Sir Augustus Harris, the Committee, through Mr. Chandler, had approached Bro. W. H. Bailey, Grand Treasurer of England, and that Bro. Bailey had very kindly consented to be the President of the Association for the ensuing year.

Mr. R. S. CHANDLER, Treasurer of the Association, also added a few remarks to what Bro. Williams had said and at the same time offered the thanks of those present to Mr. Barber, the energetic Secretary of the cricket club, and to its Committee for organising so enjoyable an afternoon, and he hoped it was the forerunner of many similar gatherings.

After tea an adjournment was made indoors where songs and recitations were indulged in till a late hour, those contributing to this portion of the programme being the Misses Dixon, Gough, Lumsden, O'Doherty, Lewis, and Sherman; and Messrs. Radford, Terry, O'Doherty, Norman, Sargeant, Barber, Lewis, and Stephenson.

A vote of thanks to the Chairman was proposed by Mr. C. BARBER, who also mentioned that Bro. Williams had that day presented the club with a couple of good bats.

Bro. WILLIAMS briefly replied, and the company separated at 10.30 all having thoroughly enjoyed themselves.

We might add that our Old Boys' Cricket Club—which only came into existence last year—has done well this season, having so far played nine matches of which they have won six.

THE DUKE AND DUCHESS OF YORK and Prince Charles of Denmark visited the Gaiety Theatre on Saturday evening last and witnessed a performance of "My Girl."

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At 10.10 p.m.—For WESTON-SUPER-MARE, Exeter, Dawlish, Teignmouth, Torquay, Kingswear, Plymouth, Truro, Penzance, &c., for 3, 8, 10, 15, or 17 days.

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SATURDAY, JULY 25, 1896.

**Masonic Notes.**

We respectfully, and, at the same time, most cordially congratulate his Royal Highness the M.W. Grand Master and his illustrious consort, the Princess of Wales, on the marriage of their youngest daughter, the Princess Maud, with H.R.H. Prince Charles of Denmark. The solemn ceremony was performed by the Archbishop of Canterbury in the private chapel of Buckingham Palace on Wednesday, at 12.30 p.m., in the presence of her Majesty the Queen, the Prince and Princess of Wales, the Crown Prince and Princess of Denmark, and other members of the Royal Family, and later in the afternoon the bride and bridegroom drove to St. Pancras, where a train was in waiting to convey them to Appleton Hall, Sandringham, to spend the honeymoon. We congratulate their Royal Highnesses and trust their union may prove a source of infinite happiness to both.

We are informed that a warrant has been granted for a chapter to be named the Blackpool Rose Croix Chapter, No. 136. We are pleased to see W. Bro. Thomas Forrester, 18° (a most indefatigable Freemason, and one that is always to the front to enhance the dignity of the Order), is to be the first M.W.S. The meetings will be held at the Victoria Hotel and consecrated probably in September.

Our readers will, doubtless, have seen from our advertisement columns of last week that a Special General Meeting of the Governors and Subscribers of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution will be held at Freemasons' Hall, on Tuesday, the 28th inst., the purpose for which it has been called being to amend Law 18. This law as it now stands, lays it down that in consideration of the grants made by Grand Lodge to the Male and Widows' Funds respectively, the Master of every lodge shall have two votes at every election of Male Annuitants, and one vote at every election for Widow Annuitants, provided the lodge has paid its previous year's contributions to Grand Lodge; and, similarly, that in consideration of the grants by Supreme Grand Chapter to the said Funds, the First Principal of every chapter shall have two votes at every election to the Male, and one at every election to the Widows' Fund, provided the chapter shall have made its returns and payments, if any, to Grand Chapter, for the previous year.

This law it is proposed to alter in such a manner that while the votes accorded by the Institution in consideration of the grants severally made to the Male and Widows' Funds of Grand Lodge and Grand Chapter remain the same they will be differently distributed; the M.W. Grand Master or his nominee receiving two votes at every Male election and one vote at every Widows' election in respect of every lodge in London; and the R.W. Prov. Grand Master or his nominee the same privilege at every election on each Fund in respect of every lodge in his Province; while similarly the Grand Z. or his nominee will receive the same privileges in respect of every chapter in London; and each Grand Superintendent in respect of each chapter in his Province; the number of lodges and chapters in London and each of the Provinces to be determined by the number recorded in the "Freemasons' Calendar and Pocket Book" for the current year.

It will be remarked, that the provision requiring that every lodge and chapter, before exercising its privileges of voting, shall have made its previous year's returns and payments to Grand Lodge and Grand Chapter is altogether omitted. In one particular, however, there will be a distinct advantage resulting from the proposed change, and at the same time, a considerable saving of trouble and also of expense in the matter of postage. According to Grand Lodge Calendar, there are 1700 lodges and 679 chapters on the roll in London and the Provinces, and to each of these are issued two voting papers, one for the Male and one for the Widows' Fund. That is to say, the voting papers issued in consideration of these grants are close on 4800 under the existing law; under the proposed new law they will be between 170 and 180 in number.

It is satisfactory to remark that at two of the recent Provincial Grand Lodge meetings recently held, the circular issued by the Prov. Grand Charity Committee of North and East Yorkshire in condemnation of the proposal to remove the Boys' School has not been received with favour. Nottinghamshire at its summer meeting at Mansfield on the 8th inst., refused to express any opinion on the question, until the promised statement of the position of affairs had been received from the Board of Management; while at the Provincial Grand Lodge of Berkshire, which was held at Abingdon on the 14th inst., a resolution was proposed by Bro. Tomkins, and seconded by Bro. Ferguson, "expressing the confidence felt by the Provincial Grand Lodge of Berkshire that the Board of Management for the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys would use the powers entrusted to them for the best interests of the School and the Craft," and unanimously adopted. Thus Nottinghamshire and Berkshire decline to express any opinion upon a question which is not yet fully before them, but in the meantime they have every confidence that the Board of Management will do what is right and just both to the School and the Craft. This method of dealing with so important a question, as compared with that adopted by the Provincial Committee of North and East Yorkshire, has at all events the quality of fairness in its favour.

The general meeting in reference to the memorial it is proposed to raise to the late Bro. Sir Augustus Harris was held at the Royal Opera House, Covent Garden, on Tuesday, when, previous to the commencement of the particular business for which the meeting had been convened, a letter from the Queen's private Secretary was read, in which it was stated that her Majesty, while she was unable to become patron of the Memorial Fund, fully appreciated the value of the efforts made by the late Bro. Sir A. Harris in support of the readiness [with which he had always endeavoured to carry out her Majesty's wishes. A Committee was subsequently appointed to take steps for raising the Fund, and determining the character of the memorial, and to report some time in September. Among the members of this Committee are Bros. the Earl of Londesborough, Sir A. Altman, S. E. Bancroft, Dr. Lennox Browne, Edward Terry, H. Neville, and W. H. Bailey

## Correspondence.

We do not hold ourselves responsible for the opinions expressed by our correspondents, but we wish, in a spirit of fair play to all, to permit—within certain necessary limits—free discussion.

### PROPOSED REMOVAL OF THE BOYS' SCHOOL.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,

In suggesting in your leading article of Saturday last that the opponents of the new school scheme desire to have the boys sent "to Board and other elementary schools of the lower order, where they will have the children of labouring folk for their associates," &c., you are doing us a distinct injustice.

In this city we have Clifton College, the Bristol Grammar School, and the Cathedral School, the Merchants' Technical College, and private schools of very high character. Bath, Cheltenham, Malvern, Sherborne, and the West of England are well provided. In fact, from a pretty general knowledge of England, I may safely say there are very few places where a boy need be sent more than 25 miles to obtain an education of a high class in a good public school. When the R.M.I.B. was founded it was not so.

Of course, as in the case of the Mark Educational Charity, the Committee would have to be satisfied as to the efficiency of the school to which the boy was to be sent, whether in his own immediate locality or otherwise.

Is there any practical use in getting off upon a side issue whether the subscribers ought to have expressed their views at an earlier date? The matter is still an open one, and should be treated as such; and the subscribers must have an opportunity afforded them of expressing their views without making journeys up to 300 miles for the purpose of attending a Quarterly Board.—Yours fraternally,

D.P.G.M. AND PAST G.O.

Bristol, July 21st.

### RE GIRLS' SCHOOL AND PENSION TO MISS DAVIS, LATE HEAD GOVERNESS.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,

In your remarks upon the above subject, you appear to be surprised at any one making any adverse comments or objecting to this pension being granted. Now, sir, I am a Life Governor of the Girls' School, and I object *most strongly* to money being voted away for pensions which has been given solely for the purpose of Charity. In this feeling, I am, no doubt, joined by hundreds of others who are Subscribers. If the opinion of these could be ascertained, I feel sure there would be a very large majority against granting either this or any pension out of the funds of the Girls' School. How the Board can vote away this money in the unanimous way they appear to have done is most astonishing to me. It appears as if the financial interests of the School are less to be considered than private interests. Were there a fund for the purpose of pensioning off these old servants, or had they been called upon to pay a certain proportion towards it, one could have understood it. As the case stands, this lady has been in receipt of an income from the School of about £360 per annum. Out of an income like this (which I daresay is more than 50 per cent. of the Subscribers can boast of) surely Miss Davis must have saved sufficient to keep her for the rest of her life. What a difference in the treatment there is between this lady and a poor distressed brother Mason, one who may have subscribed 30 or 40 years to the Charities, and who, perhaps through no fault of his own, has to seek the assistance of his brother Masons. If fortunate enough to be elected, he is granted the sum of £40 per annum, and this governess, who has been so well, even handsomely, paid during her services at the School, is pensioned off with £225 per annum—more than four times as much as the 30 or 40 years' Subscriber receives.

This appears to me to be most inconsistent, and cannot but have a very bad effect upon those Subscribers who read, mark, and learn the contents of the balance-sheets as they come out year by year. I am afraid that sadly too little interest is taken in these matters by the majority of the Subscribers, or surely some steps would have been taken before now to put an end to this extravagant and unjust manner of spending the money. I have been a Subscriber to the Charities since I joined the Order, nearly 17 years ago, but from this time I cease subscribing, as I do not intend giving money to Charitable Institutions to be frittered away in pensions to persons who have been so well paid for their services. I may further say that I shall do my best to open the eyes of the Subscribers to these matters, with a view of getting them to take more interest in the affairs of the Charity. It is not for one moment my wish to injure the Charities, far from it, but simply to have them carried on in a more business-like manner than in my opinion they are carried on at present.—I am, dear Sir and Brother, yours fraternally,

W. D. SHOEBRIDGE,  
P.M. St. James' Lodge, No. 448,  
Halifax, Yorkshire.

### MASONIC VAGRANTS—CAUTION TO ALMONERS.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,

Another case of imposition has come under my notice. An individual, calling himself James Black, claiming to belong to Lodge 1473, Bootle, is obtaining relief from Almoners. He does not produce a Grand Lodge certificate. On making enquiry of the Secretary of that lodge, I am informed that they have no record of any man of that name being a member of the Bootle Lodge.—Yours fraternally,

JAMES NEWTON,  
Prov. G. Secretary East Lancashire.

23, Silverwell-street, Bolton.  
July 20th.

### INITIATES AND THE BOOK OF CONSTITUTIONS.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother

I cannot think where "P.P.G.S.W." can have spent his Masonic time not to have seen the "Constitutions" given with the copy of by-laws as it is very common in London and in the lodges of which I am Secretary. I always place a copy for each candidate on the Master's pedestal. The cost is only 1s. 6d. and surely can be paid for out of the seven or 10 guineas paid by the candidates for initiation.

If newly-made Masons are not supplied with a copy how can they know what is required of them.—Yours fraternally,

Herne Hill, S.E.

HENRY LOVEGROVE.

### MASONIC IMPOSTORS.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,

On the 7th instant, a man, giving the name of Thos. Horn, and claiming to have been initiated in the Bute Lodge, No. 960, in 1876, and to have subscribed up to 1894, applied to our Almoners' Committee in Manchester for assistance, and a small amount was granted for the purpose of taking him to Liverpool. We have recently adopted in this province a system of making enquiries from the lodge to which an applicant for relief claims to belong, and, on making enquiry in this case, I am informed by Bro. W. C. Peace, P.M., P.P.S.G.W., Almoner of the Bute Lodge, that they have no such name as "Horn" in that lodge. I wish, therefore, through your columns, to caution the various Almoners throughout the country against being imposed upon by this individual.—Yours fraternally,

JAS. NEWTON,

2, Cooper-street, Manchester, Prov. G. Secretary East Lancashire.  
July 17th.

### JEWELS IN CRAFT LODGES.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,

Since writing in your journal some time since, I have been asked to bring before the Craft the question of wearing, under certain conditions, jewels belonging to the various Masonic bodies outside Craft and Royal Arch.

It would be interesting to have opinions on this subject before approaching the authorities, and I may state that I care nothing about the matter myself.—Yours, &c.,

HENRY LOVEGROVE.

### A DISCLAIMER.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,

Several friends have sent me cuttings of newspapers in which a certain Ernest St. Clair, "musician" is reported as having been mulcted to the tune of £175 for breach of promise.

As both christian and surname coincide with my own, I should like to state that I am in no way connected with the above case.—Yours truly and fraternally,

E. ST. CLAIR,  
Asst. G.D.C. England.

48, Hatton Garden, E.C.,  
July 23rd.

## SUMMER ENTERTAINMENT TO THE ANNUITANTS OF THE ROYAL MASONIC BENEVOLENT INSTITUTION.

In splendid weather, and with other most favourable surroundings, the annual summer entertainment of the annuitants in residence at the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution, at Croydon, took place on Tuesday last, when a party of ladies and brethren who take a deep interest in the welfare of the Old People, journeyed from London by an afternoon train on the South-Eastern Railway, and immediately on arrival at the Institution, paid visits to the occupants of the dwellings.

Among the visitors were Mrs. Terry, Bro. George E. Fairchild; Bro. John Newton and Mrs. Newton; Bro. Wm. Rendell Dann and Mrs. Dann; Bros. H. Gillard Flindon, John Oldis, and Charles Lacy; Bro. Charles Varley and Mrs. Varley; Bro. E. J. Anning and Miss Anning; Bro. A. Start and Mrs. Start; Bro. W. H. Hubbert and friends; Bro. J. Brockett Sorrell and Mrs. Sorrell; Bro. Hugh Cotter, and Misses Harriet and Annie Cotter; Bro. H. Massey and Miss Ellen Massey; Bro. J. Wayne, Hon. Surgeon; Miss Lilian Raiker, Mrs. Mary M. Bell, Miss Kate Terry, and Mr. Nye.

Bro. Terry, the energetic Secretary of the Institution, preceded the party and arrived early in the day, having travelled direct from Lowestoft where the Province of Suffolk had contributed largely to the Benevolent Institution. Mrs. Terry and Miss Terry went down with the visiting party, but Bro. John G. Stevens, without whom and Bro. Terry none of these entertainments would be complete, journeyed by an earlier train, and took a leading part in the excellent arrangements which were made for the comfort and happiness of both visitors and annuitants. The Supreme Council provided each female annuitant with a pound of tea and each male annuitant with a pound of tobacco; and the Misses Cotter, with similar liberality, contributed 34 jars of jam for distribution amongst the old people.

At five o'clock the visitors sat down to a high tea, and then strolled in the grounds until the variety performances took place in the evening. These were provided by Bro. Herbert Schartau, the executants being Miss Mary Beynon, Miss Grainger Kerr, Mr. Reginald Brophy, Mr. Wingrove Ives, Mr. Tom Browne, Mr. and Mrs. Wallis, and Bro. James Kift.

The programme consisted of two parts, the first part introducing a humorous duologue sketch, "Three weeks' married," Mr. and Mrs. Wallis; new song, "A song of May," Miss Mary Beynon; ballad, "In this old chair," Mr. Reginald Brophy; whistling solo, "American airs," Mr. Tom Browne; recitation, "The bells," Mr. Wallis; new song, "The gleaners' slumber song," Miss Grainger Kerr; and a song, "When bright eyes glance," Mr. Wingrove Ives.

After this wine and cake and fruit were handed round, and Part II. was then proceeded with. A humorous duologue sketch, "The Chicago Girl in search of an Earl," Mr. and Mrs. Wallis, was the first piece, and next came a Russian folk-song, "Vainka's song," Miss Mary Beynon; old ballad, "Sally in our alley," Mr. Reginald Brophy; whistling solo, Mr. Tom Browne; ballad, "Love the rover," Miss Grainger Kerr; humorous song, "MS.," Mr. James Kift; and song, "The wonders of the deep," Mr. Wingrove Ives.

The entertainment was the brightest and liveliest of all that have taken place at the Institution, and gave universal satisfaction, and at its conclusion,

Bro. JOHN NEWTON, P.G.P., who was President of the day, proposed a vote of thanks to the performers, stating that everyone felt much indebted to Bro. Schartau for sending down so excellent a party to entertain the company. It had been one of the best treats they had had in that room—it had been perfectly charming; and in saying that he was only echoing the minds and sentiments of the residents in the Institution. All the party were very pleased to have been so entertained. He trusted that Bro. Kift would be kind enough to convey to Bro. Schartau the thanks of the Committee.

Bro. KIFT, in acknowledging the vote, said that if the entertainment had afforded amusement, the performers were repaid two-fold.

Bro. J. BROCKETT SORRELL proposed a vote of thanks to Bro. Newton. Bro. NEWTON, in reply, said some of his happiest days were spent among his old friends at that Institution, and he hoped he might be spared many years to repeat those visits.

The company, after bidding a hearty good-night to the annuitants, returned to town.

## Craft Masonry.

### Lodge of Unity, No. 267.

The installation meeting of this ancient lodge was held on the 16th inst. The meetings are permanently held at the Macclesfield Arms Hotel, Macclesfield, but on this occasion the room was inadequate for the large number expected to be present, consequently a dispensation had been graciously granted by Bro. Lord Egerton, Prov. G. Master, to be held at the Town Hall, which premises are admirably adapted for the purpose, and which by the kindness of the Mayor, Bro. Frederick Hill, had been secured. The brethren assembled at 2.30 p.m., and the lodge was opened by the W.M., Bro. Chas. Stoneley. The Grand and Provincial officers were received and saluted, and the chair was assumed by Bro. Geo. Fountain, I.P.M., who conducted the first portion of the installation ceremony. Bro. Wm. Richmond, B.A., S.W., W.M. elect, was presented in due form, Bro. Brookes, P.P.A.G. Sec., occupying the S.W. chair, and Bro. A. Cockayne, P.P.G.D.C., the J.W.'s. Bro. C. A. Hordern, P.P.G.D., at this stage assumed the chair and completed the installation by placing Bro. Wm. Richmond, B.A., S.W. elect, into the chair of King Solomon according to ancient custom, in the presence of about 27 installed Masters. Bro. Richmond is an ardent worker and is very popular amongst his brethren. Upon the brethren being admitted the newly-installed W.M. was duly proclaimed and saluted in the Three Degrees, under the direction of Bro. A. Frith, P.M., who presented the working tools and gave the addresses to the Worshipful Master, Wardens, and brethren. The following were invested as officers—Bros. Charles Stoneley, I.P.M.; George Kershaw, S.W.; James Mobey, J.W.; Thos. Brough, P.M., Treas.; Alfred Frith, P.M., Sec., Charity Representative; John Fowler, S.D.; John Dunkerley, J.D.; Alfred Cockayne, P.M., P.P.A.G.D.C., D.C.; John Wardle, I.G.; W. Mellor and G. Clarke, Stwds.; Daniel Mason, Tyler; and F. Hulme, Asst. Tyler. It was announced that five brethren of the lodge were acting as Stewards at the Cheshire Benevolent Institution to be held that day at Knutsford.

Other important business was carried out, and after the numerous visitors had expressed their "Hearty good wishes" and congratulations to the newly-installed W.M., the lodge was closed, and subsequently the brethren adjourned to the Macclesfield Arms Hotel to celebrate the Festival of St. John.

The banquet was prepared in the handsome dining-room. There were covers laid for 60, and, under the tasteful management of the worthy host, Bro. J. Crowther, P.M., the room had been magnificently decorated, and the tables were beautifully laid and ornamented profusely with roses and other rare flowers and plants, which gave a most brilliant and picturesque appearance.

The menu was *recherché*, and displayed Bro. Crowther's abilities as a caterer of the highest order.

The usual loyal and Masonic toasts were heartily given and responded to in a most hearty manner.

Bro. J. Stevens, P.G.O., presided at the organ and pianoforte, and songs were given during the evening by Bros. Cockayne, S. Blackshaw, G. S. Smith, and other brethren.

The following is a list of those present on the occasion: Bros. C. Stoneley, W.M.; G. Fountain, P.P.G.S.B., I.P.M.; Wm. Richmond, S.W.; Alfred Frith, P.M., Sec.; G. Kershaw, S.D.; James Mobey, J.D.; John Dunkerley, I.G.; Daniel Mason, Tyler; A. Cockayne, P.M., P.P.G.D.C.; John Fowler, Wm. Mellor, Jas. Burgess, P.M.; C. Bradley, P.M.; Thos. Heapy, John Wardle, Thomas Pattenson, P.M., P.P.G.R.; E. H. Hordern, P.M., P.P.G.D.; J. Houghton, Ralph Edwards, P.M.; Frederick Hill (Mayor of Macclesfield), Richard Newhouse, G.S.B. Eng., P.G. Sec.; John Brookes, P.M., P.P.A.G. Sec.; Walter Brown, W.M. 295, P.P.G.S.; James Stevens, P.G.O.; Thos. Lockett, P.P.G.D.; T. T. Higgins, P.P.G.C.; J. M. Wildig, P.G.S.B.; J. Whittaker, B. Pownall, A. C. Perkins, E. Moreton, G. Carter, J. Fred May, P.M., P.P.S.G.D.; T. Wadsworth, P.M.; G. S. Smith, P.P.G.O. E. and W. Lancs.; T. Walker, P.M., P.G.P.; J. Stamford, S. Blackshaw, P.M., P.P. G.S.B.; Hugh Bloomer, and Frank Hulme.

### Nelson Lodge, No. 700.

The installation season is just now in its harvest time in the Woolwich and Plumstead districts, the fourth installation within the month taking place on Wednesday, the 15th inst., when the brethren of the above influential lodge assembled at the Masonic Hall, Mount Pleasant, Plumstead, to witness and assist at the elevation of Bro. G. H. Porter, S.W., and W.M. elect, to the chair of K.S. The lodge was opened by Bro. G. R. Nichols, W.M., and that excellent brother concluded a most harmonious and successful year of office by performing the ceremony of passing and raising. He had, the previous evening, at a lodge of emergency initiated Messrs. Tom Gage, H. J. Dalby, and H. J. Critchell into Masonry, and he leaves behind him a brilliant record for good and faithful service that will last for ages. Bro. J. Warren, P.M., Sec., then (by special request) assumed the chair as Installing Officer, and in a masterly style installed the W.M. elect, who appointed and invested his officers as follows: Bros. G. R. Nichols, I.P.M.; H. Pamment, S.W.; T. S. Smith, J.W.; J. H. Roberts, P.M., Treas.; W. Lawson, P.M., Sec.; J. Warren, P.M., Consulting Sec.; H. Tufnell, P.M., D.C.; W. Long, S.D.; W. Chambers, J.D.; W. J. Harris, I.G.; W. J. Bidwood, Organist; H. J. Roberts, Assistant Organist; E. Carter and A. J. Walkin, A.D.Cs.; W. Webber, P.M., H. J. Palmer, and F. Folkes, Stewards. The impressive addresses were eloquently rendered by Bro. Warren, and for the admirable manner in which he had installed the W.M. that day he was accorded a hearty vote of thanks, the same to be recorded on the minutes of the lodge. He was also presented with a Secretary's collar and jewel, and it was unanimously resolved that a Past Secretary's jewel of the value of seven guineas, together with an address, to be engrossed and illuminated on vellum and handsomely mounted and framed, should be presented to him to mark the brethren's appreciation of his services during the past nine years he has held the important position of Secretary of the lodge. Bro. Warren having returned thanks, Bro. Nichols, I.P.M., was presented with a handsome and valuable Past Master's jewel as some slight token of the esteem of the brethren and for valuable services rendered the lodge during his year of office, for which he returned thanks.

The lodge was then closed, and the brethren went by special train to London, and banquetted at the Holborn Restaurant. The banquet was laid in the King's Hall of the establishment, and was served under the active supervision of the genial and courteous manager, and was much appreciated.

Among the other brethren present were Bros. F. J. Dawson, P.M., C. Sweeting, P.M., R. J. Naylor, P.M., S. E. Southgate, P.M., E. B. Hobson, P.M., J. Sanderson, P.M., G. F. Taylor, P.M., J. McCollough, P.M., H. King, P.M. and Sec. 615, P.P. G.P., G. B. Davies, P.M. (Hon.), E. Curtis, H. Back, C. Frost, E. Moore, W. Cooper, F. Wright, C. Jacobs, Capt. E. Mills, H. Sanford, H. James, M. A. Blest, C. Morton, W. James, O. Uegan, A. Benstead, P. W. Reynolds, F. Bryant, J. Plume, E. Cohen, W. Goodman, E. Chinery, J. Chennells, J. Hodson, J. Jones, G. Fopp, J. Trodd, G. W. Townsend, A. Goodman, E. J. Valon, J. Lloyd, J. Dowsett, Abbley, G. Palmer, J. Martin, J. Budgin, J. Dhonow, T. Punter, J. Bass, H. Duchnan, T. Blackler, C. Watts, T. Bond, C. Kitley, T. Sandford, H. Routh, W. Cooper, C. Sharman, E. Brown, J. Frown, J. Price, G. A. Grant, G. H. Campbell, A. Wadsworth, J. Noakes, P. D. Auld, G. Perry, T. Day, J. Twist, C. Tyler, A. Stewart, W. Bell, A. Sanders, and C. Feary, all of the lodge; W. H. Syer, P.M., Treas. 13, P.M., Charity Representative 829; A. W. Russell, W.M., A. McQueen, S.W., J. W. Turton, J.W., W. Abblay, J. Dobbins, and F. Bussey, of 13; T. Reeves, W.M., W. Turvey, S.W., J. Palmer, J.W., A. T. Ives, P.M., J. Baldie, C. Carter, and J. Offord, of 1472; D. K. Summers, W.M., J. J. Murphy, S.W., J. Nell, D. C. Capon, A. W. Lewis, and Oxley, of 913; G. Ingle, W.M., R. Fowler, S.W., and T. Reed, J.W., of 1536; F. Hulley, W.M., and H. Crowdy, S.W., of 2399; W. H. Keeble, W.M. 615; J. Feuillade, W.M. 1297; J. Marason, P.M. 548; J. Spencer, J.W. 1437; J. Macdonald, P.M. 548; A. Richards, 201; T. Lintott, 874; T. Burningham and W. Halle, of 1789; J. Lomas, P.M. 1374; T. Lawson, 1789; G. Lewiner, 19; C. Chandler, I.G. 1259; and G. Hall, 1571.

The usual loyal and Grand Lodge toasts having been honoured, Bro. Nichols, I.P.M., proposed the toast of "The W.M.," saying nothing could have given him greater pleasure than to have to propose the jolly good health of their W.M., whom they were all pleased to see presiding over them. He hoped the officers and brethren would rally round him and ensure him a good and successful year of office.

The Worshipful Master premised they would all agree with him when he said that

his power of speech was very much limited. On that occasion his feelings were such that he could do no more than heartily thank them for placing him in such a high position, and also for the cordial manner in which the toast had been received by them, and he could assure them that he should endeavour to carry out the duties of his office to their satisfaction.

Bro. Roberts, P.M., had the toast of "The Initiates" placed in his hands. He said that they all knew how necessary it was to have new blood introduced into the lodge to fill the place of those whom age, or other circumstances, removed from their ranks. As some fell out others came on. The previous evening three good candidates were admitted among them and he was sure they would make excellent Masons. They had expressed themselves impressed and delighted with the ceremony, and as they went on they would be even more impressed. He asked them to drink the toast with a good fire.

Bros. Gage, Critchell, and Dalby suitably responded.

Bro. Hobson proposed the toast of "The Visitors." The brethren of the Nelson Lodge were never so happy as when they had plenty of visitors among them. They liked to extend the right hand of fellowship to the brethren of other lodges, and to welcome them both at their working and at the festive board. They had 41 visitors present—a number of whom he enumerated. He was sure that further remarks from him were unnecessary, except to hope they had and would thoroughly enjoy themselves, and he called upon the brethren named by him to respond.

Bro. Russell, W.M. 13, said it gave him a great amount of pleasure to be present, not only to witness the ceremonies of raising and passing by their I.P.M., but to witness the splendid manner in which Bro. Warren, P.M., had performed the ceremony of installation that day. He congratulated the W.M. on being raised to the proud position of W.M. of such an excellent lodge, and wished him a happy and prosperous year of office.

Bro. Summery, W.M. 913, said one hardly knew what to say more than "thank you, very much." Under the banner of the Nelson Lodge they always fared well and always would do so. He congratulated the W.M. on his excellent officers, and heartily wished the W.M. a good year with plenty of work to do.

Bro. Keeble, W.M. 615, expressed his pleasure at being present and enjoying the hospitality of the Nelson Lodge. He was sure they had installed a brother who was worthy of the position he had attained. He added his best wishes to those of the other speakers, and trusted to be spared to be with them on many occasions.

Bro. Lomas, P.M. Sandeman Lodge, Dum Dum, Bengal, India, who has been in India for the last 13 years, also responded, and, among other items, informed the brethren that he had some little time before had the pleasure of installing Bro. G. Smith, a member of the Nelson Lodge, into the chair as W.M. of the Sandeman Lodge. He had much enjoyed himself, and gave the brethren a hearty offer to visit his lodge at Dum Dum.

Bro. Syer, P.M. 13, said that after the response of the W.M. of his lodge, a word from him would be a work of supererogation, and perhaps *infra dig*, but, as the Past Master of the Sydney Lodge, he would take the opportunity of thanking them for their very kind and hearty reception of the visitors, himself among them, and he could only say that he wished the W.M. as good a year as his predecessor had had.

Bros. Hully, Ingle, Reeves, and La Feuillade also responded.

Bro. Warren, whose health as Installing Officer had been eloquently proposed by Bro. Tufnell, and who was heartily cheered as he rose to respond, said he rose with a great amount of pleasure, and yet with a vast amount of diffidence, to respond to the toast so eulogistically given by Bro. Tufnell and so heartily received by the brethren. His work in the lodge, whether as officer, Master, or Installing Officer, had always been a labour of love, and if what he had done in either capacity had been done to their satisfaction, then he felt that that was his reward. It had given him a vast amount of pleasure to install Bro. Porter that day; he had known Bro. Porter for a good many years, and had always found him taking a great interest in the welfare of the lodge, and if the officers and brethren rallied round him, Bro. Porter would do his duty as well as it had been done by his predecessors. He cordially thanked them, and could assure them that although circumstances over which he had no control compelled him to decline the office of Secretary, yet they had a good man in Bro. Lawson to supply his place, and any assistance he could lend Bro. Lawson would be gladly extended to him.

The other toasts were "The Past Masters" and "The Officers." The Tyler's toast closed the proceedings.

The musical arrangements were, in the hands of Bro. H. Roberts, who accompanied, all that could be desired, and the artists were Miss Nellie Roberts, Miss Edith Bushell, Bros. E. B. Hobson, Albon Nash, and Frank Millward, and Mr. Walter Hengler.

### King Harold Lodge, No. 1327.

The regular meeting of the above lodge was held on Thursday, the 16th inst., at the Four Swans Hotel, Waltham Cross, Herts, under the presidency of Bro. John, the W.M., supported by Bros. Joseph Priddle, J.W.—the S.W. was unavoidably absent through temporary illness—F. M. Bilby, P.M., P.P.G. Std. Br., acting as I.P.M.; W. A. Sproat, P.M., P.P.A.G.P., Treas.; Thos. Reilly, P.M., P.P.G.P., Sec.; H. Park, S.D.; W. Bangs, P.P.G. Org., J.D.; P. L. Blackmore, P.M., P.P.G. Supt. Wks., as D.C.; G. J. Holdsworth, Org.; H. Trask, P.M. 2372, P.G. Supt. Wks., as I.G.; E. G. Platt and D. J. Witte, Stewards; Young, Tyler; J. Tydeman, P.M., P.A.G.D.C.; J. Robinson, P.M., P.P.J.G.W.; G. Holdsworth, P.M., P.P.G.P.; W. H. Bickel, P.M.; W. Metcalfe, P.M., P.P.G.P.; W. J. Robinson, Capt. Count Peter Stiens, J. S. Gregory, James Findlay, George Jones, E. A. Blackburn, J. W. Crockett, Frederick Godfree J.W. 2372; A. J. Williamson, I.P.M. 2218, P.G. Std. Br.; Samuel Clifton, J. C. Jackson, and E. W. Newman. Visitors: Bros. John Fox, 860; S. Leaman, 217; T. Feistel, 171; and J. Marsham, 1260.

The lodge having been opened and the minutes read and confirmed, the ballot was unanimously taken for Bro. S. Clifton as a joining member from Lodge Concord, No. 757, Bombay. Bro. Capt. Count Stiens was passed to the F.C. Degree. The election of Bro. G. S. Metcalfe, the S.W., as W.M. for the ensuing year then took place, when the ballot was unanimous in his favour. Bro. W. A. Sproat was unanimously re-elected as Treasurer and Bro. A. J. Young as Tyler. The usual Past Master's jewel was voted to the retiring W.M. as a token of esteem and respect and in appreciation of his services during his year of office. Bro. John Mark returned thanks in a suitable manner, and said he had then a very pleasing duty to perform, which was to present to Bro. Tydeman, P.M., an illuminated address subscribed for by members of the lodge in recognition of his services to the lodge as host at the Four Swans for many years, he having recently retired from that hotel. Bro. Tydeman returned thanks in feeling terms.

The lodge was then closed, and the brethren retired to a cold supper, provided by the new host, Mr. William John Nash.

### Sub-Urban Lodge, No. 1702.

On the 25th ult., the installation meeting of this lodge was held at the Abercorn Hotel, Great Stanmore. The lodge was opened by the W.M., Bro. W. E. Mackley. The W.M. elect, Bro. Charles Lucius Nelson, having been duly presented, the Master's chair was, at the invitation of the W.M., then taken by Bro. T. Sheppard, I.P.M., who duly installed Bro. Nelson into the chair of King Solomon in the presence of, and assisted by, a Board of 17 Past Masters. Bro. Nelson, the newly-installed W.M., was the premier Steward at the recent Festival of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution, having broken the record by taking up a list exceeding the sum of £1100. Whilst the ceremony of installation was proceeding, Bro. J. Terry, P.G.S.B., Sec. R.M.B.I., arrived, and was received with due Masonic honours. The W.M. appointed his officers as follows: Bro. James Bridge, S.W.; Greenwood, P.M., J.W.; J. Tickle, P.M., Treas.; J. Hill, P.M., Sec.; Mansfield, P.M., S.D.; Malpas, J.D.; Banks, I.G.; Shutt, P.M., D.C.; and Sheppard, P.M., Stwd. Bro. Malpas was also appointed a member of the Special Committee in the place of a brother resigned. Letters of regret at being unable to be present were read from Bros. Lord Geo. Hamilton, the P.G.M.; Lord Warwick, P.G.M. Essex; Letchworth, G. Sec.; his Honour Judge Pailbrick, Q.C., D.P.G.M. Essex; H. H. Room, P.G. Sec. Middx; and others.

Several new members having been proposed for initiation and joining, the lodge was closed, and the members and their guests adjourned to a sumptuous banquet provided by Bro. Veal "Ye Mangle."

The usual loyal, Grand, and Provincial Grand Lodge toasts having been proposed in felicitous terms from the chair, and responded to by the Grand and Provincial Grand Officers present,

The Worshipful Master then gave "Prosperity to the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution," which was responded to in his usual eloquent terms by Bro. J. Terry, Sec. At the conclusion of the toasts, the brethren adjourned to the grounds adjoining the hotel, and a most enjoyable evening was spent.

## St. Lawrence Lodge, No. 2078.

The monthly meeting of this lodge was held at the Masonic Rooms, Scunthorpe, on Thursday, the 16th inst., when there were present Bros. M. R. J. Behrendt, W.M., P.J.G.W.; S. M. Peace, acting I.P.M., Sec.; R. I. Swaby, S.W.; J. H. Dewhurst, J.W.; Rev. E. M. Weigall, Chap., P.P.G.C.; J. W. Graham, J.D.; T. A. Robinson, I.G.; W. Campbell, P.M., Org.; S. Hadley, Tyler; and others. Visitors: Bros. J. Constable, 1482, P.P.G.O.; and Sergt. Cox, Sec. 2209. Bro. J. W. B. Hanby was passed to the Degree of F.C. by the W.M., assisted by Bros. Dewhurst and Graham.

After lodge, the brethren adjourned as usual to the ante-room and partook of light refreshment.

A GRAND MASONIC TEMPLE is being arranged for at the new Trocadero Restaurant which Messrs. J. Lyons & Co. are now completing at Piccadilly Circus. Special and complete accommodation will be provided for large and small lodges, and the tariff will be strictly in accord with the moderation which has hitherto characterised J. Lyons and Co.'s charges. The cuisine will fully sustain the high reputation this company have already earned, and the decorations and comforts of the whole place will mark a new era in the record of Masonic gatherings. Inquiries as to particulars, should be addressed to the proprietors, J. Lyons & Co., Limited, Cadby Hall, Kensington.—[ADVT.]

## Royal Arch.

## Pattison Chapter, No. 913.

The installation meeting of the above influential chapter, one of the strongest, if not the strongest in the Province of Kent, took place on the 16th inst., at Freemasons' Hall, Mount Pleasant, Plumstead, and was a most successful and pleasant one. The chapter was opened by Comps. C. J. Clapham, as M.E.Z.; G. F. Taylor, as H.; and G. F. Nichols, as J.; and the undermentioned Principals and Past Principals. The usual preliminary business having been disposed of, Comp. A. Penfold, P.Z., P.Z. 13 and 1472, and P.P.G. 1st A.S., assumed the chair as Installing Officer, an office he has filled in this chapter for many years past, and duly installed Comps. Taylor, M.E.Z.; Nichols, H.; and Sidney Horton, J. The following companions having been duly elected, were invested as officers, namely: Comps. H. J. Butter, P.Z. and P.P.G.P.S., Scribe E.; I. Turton, Scribe N.; A. Penfold, P.Z., P.Z. 13 and 1472, and P.P.G. 1st A.S., Treas.; J. O. Cook, P.S.; Dr. E. Bryceson, 1st A.S.; G. H. Letton, M.E.Z. 1472, 2nd A.S.; R. J. Cook, P.Z., P.G.P.R., D.C.; H. Mason, sen., P.Z., P.P.G.S., and E. M. Taylor, Stwds.; and C. Warren, Janitor. A hearty vote of thanks, the same to be inscribed on the minutes of the chapter, was tendered Comp. Penfold for his services that day as Installing Officer, for which he returned thanks. Comp. Clapham, I.P.Z., was presented with a handsome and valuable P.Z.'s jewel for signal services rendered the chapter during his year of office, and to mark the esteem of the companions of the chapter with whom, as in the mother lodge, Comp. and Bro. Clapham is much respected, and for which he returned thanks. It was unanimously resolved that the Scribe E. of the chapter be commissioned to write a letter of condolence to the widow and family of our late esteemed Comp. T. Warne, P.Z. (Hon.) of the chapter, and P.G. Scribe E. of the province, in the heavy bereavement they have sustained by the death of her beloved husband, and their father, and then the chapter was closed.

The companions then adjourned to the Royal Mortar Hotel, Comp. Hall's fine house opposite the Royal Arsenal main gates, Woolwich, where they enjoyed one of his well-served and choice banquets.

Among the other companions present were Comps. C. Coupland, P.Z., P.Z. 13, P.P.G.J., E. B. Hobson, P.Z., P.P.G. Org., E. Morris, P.Z., P.G.S.B., W. Campbell Taylor, P.Z. (who was the day following invested as P.G.S.B. at the Prov. G. Chapter at Ashford), C. Jolly, P.Z., P.Z. 1472, M.E.Z. 2184, H. J. Roberts (late P.Z. of the chapter), Surgeon-Captain W. Kiddle, P.Z. 2277 (Cyprus), W. J. Squires, J. Stratton, G. H. Campbell, R. E. Saunders, D. C. Capon, J. Messent, A. Moore, W. H. Turton, G. Frost, G. Hall, D. K. Summers, C. Carter, J. D. Brooks, C. Chasteaneuf, and B. Hammond, all of the chapter; J. G. White, P.Z. 2277; G. Harvey, P.Z. 2277; G. Kennedy, M.E.Z. 13; and G. Grant, 1472.

The banquet having been satisfactorily discussed, the usual loyal and Grand Chapter toasts were duly honoured.

The toast of "Earl Amherst, Grand Superintendent of the Province of Kent," was received with ringing cheers, and was drunk most enthusiastically, as was also that of "Comp. Eastes, P.G.H., and the rest of the Prov. Grand Officers, Present and Past."

Comp. Morris, with whose name the toast was coupled, said it had been his privilege to get a collar in the Provincial Grand Chapter of Kent, and hoped it would, in due course, be the privilege of every companion to have the same. He esteemed it a grand privilege to be a member of the Grand Chapter of the Province of Kent. Wherever he had been, whether in a lodge or chapter, he had always heard the Province of Kent spoken of with great respect, and he thought those who had attained that honour owed a deep debt of gratitude to Comp. Eastes for recommending them to their Grand Superintendent as worthy of the purple. It is a great grief for any one to leave the chair, whether in the Craft or Royal Arch; he found it so at any rate. The chairs were most comfortable ones and he could assure them, without affectation, that the happiest moments of his life were when he occupied the first chair of that chapter, for it not only put him at the head of it but was the cause of his attaining the honour of a collar in the Prov. Grand Chapter of their province. No one who had ever visited Provincial Grand Chapter but must have been pleased, not only at its splendid appearance but with the grand way in which its business was conducted, and the urbanity and genial manner in which his lordship, Earl Amherst, and their esteemed Prov. G.H., Comp. Eastes, discharged the responsible duties of their high offices. For himself and for the other P.G. Officers, he cordially thanked them for the toast.

The I.P.Z., Comp. Clapham, then proposed the toast of "The M.E.Z." He said they had that day placed in the chair a most excellent Mason, because they had seen how well he had carried out the duties of every office he had occupied in the chapter, especially his work as P.S., and they all knew how anxious he was that whatever work he undertook should be done well. Comp. Taylor had never asked to be excused from any work he had to do, but attended the chapter and did it himself. From what he could gather, there would be plenty of work for their M.E.Z. and his officers in the coming year, and their number would go up to the required 50 to make the chapter the premier chapter in the Province of Kent. They now had 46 members, and the others were to come during the reign of their esteemed M.E.Z. He felt sure they would drink the toast heartily.

Comp. Taylor said the kind words of Comp. Clapham made him feel something like six foot six in height, for he never felt prouder or more elevated in his life than when he heard and saw their kind expressions of regard for him shown by the companions around him. He looked upon them as intellectual men and good Masons. He little thought when he was initiated into Masonry that he should ever arrive at the chair of his mother lodge, but he had done so; but most certainly he never expected to reach the proud and dignified position of M.E.Z. of the Pattison Chapter. He trusted to be worthy of their approbation, and nothing should be wanting on his part to increase, if possible, the high prestige of the Pattison Chapter.

Comp. Penfold, in responding to a hearty and enthusiastic reception of the toast of "The Installing Officer," said he had so many times received a vote of thanks and had the toast of his health proposed in connection with the office of Installing Officer that he thought it almost unnecessary to propose it that night, but as they had again done so, he heartily thanked them for their kindness. There was a real conservative spirit in the ceremony of installation, because the companions generally were not allowed to witness any portion of it; they might hear the addresses when they were given, but it was the law and according to the tenets of the Order, and they must bow to it. It was different in the Craft, there the brethren were called upon to perambulate the lodge and assist in the proclamation and saluting of the W.M. Now he, for one, would like the companions to hear something of the ceremony of installation in the chapter, but, however, it could not be, and so they must wait till they arrived at the position of a Principal of a chapter, and then they would see the work done inside. That day he had missed the genial presence and valuable assistance of their late and most estimable companion, Thos. Warne, who sometimes went to the installation meetings of the chapter and lent valuable assistance, a task he took the greatest delight in. Comp. Warne always spoke of the chapter as a most "intellectual" chapter, and he had had the pleasure that day to place a most intellectual companion in the chair as M.E.Z. of it. He did not think the M.E.Z. was one who would stand still, but go on and bring the

number of the members up to 50, and then at the end of his year of office they could say to him as they had said to Comp. Clapham, "well done, thou good and faithful servant." It was always a great pleasure to install the Principals, but at the same time he hoped that some of the younger companions would come on and do the work. For himself so long as he could do anything for the benefit of the chapter and Masonry generally he should always be delighted to do it.

"The Second and Third Principals" were toasted, and promised in return to do their duty to the satisfaction of the chapter.

Comps. Kennedy, White, and Grant responded for "The Visitors," and Comp. Cook for "The Past Principals," and after Comp. J. O. Cook had responded for "The Officers," the Janitor's toast concluded the proceedings, which comprised the splendid songs and playing of Miss Jessie Hotine, Comps. E. B. Hobson and Hammond, Bros. H. Mason, jun., and Ireland, and Messrs. A. C. Horton and O. Morgan. Comp. S. Horton presided at the piano, and played a solo on the violin grandly, his son, Mr. A. C. Horton playing two solos on the oboe unutterably well.

## Aldersgate Chapter, No. 1657.

A meeting of this chapter was held on Monday last, at the Albion Tavern, Aldersgate-street, when there were present Comps. George Kenning, M.E.Z.; George Rawlinson, H.; James Shotton, J.; John Larkin, P.Z., Treas.; W. S. Whitaker, S.E.; George Hand, P.S.; Charles Garton, 1st Asst. Soj.; G. Couchman, Janitor; Arthur B. Hudson, I.P.Z.; Henry Nicholas Bennett, and Rupert Smyth. Visitors: Comps. Henry Garrod, P.G.D.C.; Thos. Cohe, P.Z. 192; Geo. Harlow, P.Z. 1572; W. H. Cole, Z. 2147; I. J. McCullough, H. 1832; Cowan, P.Z.; and others.

The minutes of the previous convocation having been read and confirmed, Comps. George Rawlinson and J. Shotton, as First and Second Principals elect, were installed into their respective chairs, the J. elect, Comp. M. R. Webb, being unavoidably absent. The officers for the ensuing year having been invested and Bros. H. N. Bennett and R. Smyth having been exalted, the Auditors' report was submitted and adopted. A gold P.Z. jewel was presented to Comp. George Kenning in recognition of his services as M.E.Z. for the past year, after which the chapter was closed, and the companions dined together, E. Comp. George Rawlinson, M.E.Z., presiding.

The usual Royal Arch toasts were duly honoured, while an excellent musical programme was carried out by the following students of the Guildhall School of Music: Miss Maude Ballard, A.G.S.M., Miss Marian Blinkhorn, Mr. A. Montague Borwell, A.G.S.M., and Mr. George Dawson.

THE OLD TROCADERO went the way of all things but in its stead there has been raised a Trocadero which bids fair to altogether eclipse the memories of the old favourite place of amusement. A magnificent restaurant has been raised upon its site, and Messrs. J. Lyons and Co., Limited, have succeeded beyond their anticipations in making this the most attractive and comfortable resort of the kind in Europe. A Masonic Temple is included in its many attractions and exceptionally good arrangements are being made for the convenience of lodges. Application for particulars should be made to the proprietors, J. Lyons and Co. Limited, Cadby Hall, Kensington.—[ADVT.]

## Mark Masonry.

## Phoenix Lodge, No. 2.

This—the oldest Mark lodge in the world—held high festival on Saturday, the 11th inst., at their rooms in the High-street, Portsmouth, on the occasion of the installation of Bro. Wm. Gillman, 30<sup>th</sup>, as W.M. The lodge was honoured by the presence of the Pro G.M., Bro. the Earl of Euston, who was accompanied by a large staff of Grand Officers, amongst whom we noticed Bros. Berridge, Balfour Cockburn, Clifford Probyn, Gordon Miller, Richard Eve, who is also D.P.G.M. for Hampshire and the Isle of Wight; Major Carrell, and many others. Bro. Matter, the indefatigable Grand Secretary, conducted the ceremony of installation in his usual admirable manner. The arrangements made for the reception of the Pro Grand Master and the large body of Grand Officers were excellent, and reflected the greatest credit on the W.M., the I.P.M., Bro. James Hewitson, the Secretary, Bro. Alexander Howell, and Bro. Captain Hearn.

THE GLORIES of the old Trocadero in its best days are to be more than revived, as Messrs. J. Lyons & Co. have erected upon its site at Piccadilly Circus one of the grandest restaurants to be found in Europe. For elegance and convenience of construction, splendour of decoration, and the comfort and completeness of the general appointments it would be difficult to find its peer. The cuisine of J. Lyons & Co., Ltd., has earned for this Company the title of The Only Perfect Caterers, and the Trocadero Restaurant will be a distinct acquisition to Masonic lodges. Applications respecting bookings should be made to the proprietors, J. Lyons & Co., Ltd., Cadby Hall, Kensington, W.—[ADVT.]

## BOARD OF BENEVOLENCE.

The monthly meeting of the Board of Benevolence was held on Wednesday evening, at Freemasons' Hall. Bro. Robert Grey, P.G.D., President, occupied the President's chair, and Bros. D. D. Mercer, Senior Vice-President, and C. A. Cottelune, Junior Vice-President, held their appointed seats. Bros. W. Dodd, G. Recknell, and H. Sadler, Grand Tyler, represented the Grand Secretary's department, and there were also present Bros. W. Fisher, George R. Langley, William Vincent, Charles J. R. Tijou, George Graveley, Charles Dairy, Henry Garrod, George Cowell, T. W. Whitmarsh, S. H. Goldschmidt, George Reid, Major-General F. Gadsden, Walter Martin, James Bunker, W. Kipps, S. Stridly, Edward Wits, W. H. Skinner, J. Lawrence, W. J. Light, Lewis Poulton, W. H. Hubbert, J. Cox, H. Massey, John H. Rutherglen, J. T. Davies, F. T. Larkman, W. Russell, Charles Daniel, A. E. Clements, John Grist, William Englefield, J. Austin, John Oldis, Richard Prill, Henry T. Stoner, and T. Willcox.

The brethren first confirmed recommendations to the Grand Master, made at the June meeting, to the amount of £280. There were 31 cases on the new list qualified through lodges in the London district, and at Hanley, Liverpool, Geelong, Gravesend, Landport, Malta, Aylesbury, Calcutta, Dartford, Burslem, Portishead, Bristol, Newcastle-upon-Tyne, Eccleshill, Sydney, Scarborough, Feltham, Coventry, Hong Kong, Leamington, and Newton-le-Willows. Two of the cases were deferred and three were dismissed. A total sum of £710 was voted to the others. The proportions in which the recommendations and grants were made were as follows: Grand Lodge was recommended to sanction a vote of £75 in one case and £50 in each of two other cases; the Grand Master was recommended to allow £40 to be given to one petitioner and £30 to each of nine cases; and the Board made immediate grants of £20 in 10 instances, £10 to each of two cases, and £5 to one petitioner. Among the persons relieved were a brother whose savings were lost in the Liberator Building Society; another brother whose business has come to grief by the smallpox epidemic in Gloucester; and a widow, whose husband, a mariner, went down in the Drummond Castle. The Board sat nearly four hours.

NOTWITHSTANDING THE FACT that the Guildhall School of Music has been without a principal since January last, up to the present time the increase in the number of students has been most satisfactory. In the spring term of this year there were 195 more pupils in the school than in the corresponding term of 1895, while the term just ended shows an increase of 117 over the summer term of 1895.

**MASONIC MEETINGS (METROPOLITAN)**  
For the week ending Saturday, August 1, 1896.

The Editor will be glad to receive notice from Secretaries for Craft Lodges, Royal Arch Chapters, Mark Lodges, Rose Croix Chapters, Preceptories, Conclaves, &c., of any change in place, day, or month of meeting.

**MONDAY, JULY 27.**

**CRAFT LODGE.**  
1632, Stuart, Surrey Masonic Hall.

**LODGES AND CHAPTERS OF INSTRUCTION.**  
Blackheath, Stirling Castle, Church-street, Camberwell, at 8.  
Cripplegate, Goldsmiths' Arms, Gutter-lane, at 6.30.  
Eleanor, Rose and Crown, High Cross, Tottenham, at 8.  
Friars, The White Horse, 94, White Horse-lane, Mile End-rd., E., at 8.  
Hyde Park, Prince of Wales Hotel, Eastbourne-terr., Bishop's-rd., Paddington, at 8.  
Kingsland, Cock Tavern, Highbury, N., at 8.30.  
Marquess of Ripon, Mildmay Tavern, Ball's Pond-road, N., 7.30.  
Metropolitan, Moorgate Tavern, 15, Finsbury-pavement, at 7.30.  
Neptune, Gauden Hotel, Clapham, S.W., at 7.30.  
North London Chapter, Cock Hotel, Highbury, at 8.  
Perseverance, Rider's Hotel, Holborn, E.C., at 7.  
Regent's Park, Frascati Restaurant, 32, Oxford-street, at 8.  
Royal Arthur, Prince of Wales Hotel (opposite Wimbledon Railway Station), at 7.30.  
Royal Commemoration, Railway Hotel, Putney, at 8.  
St. James's Union, St. James's Restaurant (Piccadilly entrance) St. Mark's, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell New-road.  
St. Michael's, Norland Arms, Addison-rd. North, Uxbridge-rd., 8.  
Sincerity, Blackwall Railway Hotel, Fenchurch-street, at 7.  
Stockwell, White Hart, Abchurch-lane, E.C., at 6.  
United Military, Earl of Chatham, Thomas-st., Woolwich, at 7.30.  
Upton, Great Eastern Hotel, Bishopgate-street, at 8.  
Walthamstow, The Chequers, High-street, Walthamstow, at 8.  
Wellington, New Cross House, New Cross, at 8.  
Woodrow, Star and Garter Hotel, Pall Mall, W., at 3.  
Zetland, "The Falkland," Falkland-road, N.W., at 8.  
Doric Chapter, Duke's Head, 70, Whitechapel-road, at 6.  
Lewis Chapter, Fishmongers' Arms Hotel, Wood Green, N., at 8.  
North London Chapter, Cock Tavern, Highbury, at 8.

**TUESDAY, JULY 28.**

**ROYAL ARCH CHAPTERS.**  
502, Hornsey, Anderton's Hotel.  
1305, Clapton, Great Eastern Hotel.

**LODGES AND CHAPTERS OF INSTRUCTION.**  
Brixton, Prince Regent, Dulwich-road, Herne Hill, S.E., at 8.  
Capper, City Arms, St. Mary Axe, at 6.  
Clarence and Avondale, Green Man Hotel, Leytonstone, E., at 8.  
Constitutional, "Apple Tree and Mitre," 30, Cursitor-street, Chancery-lane, W.C., at 7.  
Chaucer, Grapes Tavern (See & Pike's), 121, Borough High-street, at 8.  
Corinthian, George Hotel, Cubitt Town, Poplar, at 8.  
Dalhousie, Lord Truro, Dalston-lane, at 8.  
Domestic, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell New-road, at 7.30.  
Duke of Cornwall, Queen's Arms, Queen-street, Cheapside, at 7.  
Egyptian, Salutation, Newgate-street, at 7.  
Emblematic, St. James's Restaurant, Piccadilly, at 8.  
Enfield, Rose and Crown, Church-street, Edmonton, at 8.  
Excelsior, Commercial Dock Tavern, Plough-road, Rotherhithe, Finsbury, The Bell Hotel, Old Bailey, at 7.  
Florence Nightingale, M.H.I., William-street, Woolwich, 2nd and 4th Tues., at 7.30.  
Hendon, Railway Hotel, West Hampstead, N.W., at 8.  
Kensington, Town Hall Tavern, High-street, Kensington, at 8.  
Kirby, Midland Grand Hotel, St. Pancras Station, at 7.30.  
Jappa, "The Moorgate," 15, Finsbury Pavement, E.C., at 7.30.  
Mount Edgcombe, Havelock Arms, Naylor-road, Asylum-road, Peckham, at 8.  
Nelson, Star and Garter, Powis-street, Woolwich, at 8.  
New Cross, Chester Arms, Albany-street, N.W., at 8.  
New Finsbury Park, Hornsey Wood Tav., Finsbury Park, at 8.  
Prince Frederick William, Eagle Tavern, Clifton-road, Maida Vale, W., at 8.  
Pythagorean, Portland Hotel, Greenwich, at 8.  
Richmond, Station Hotel, Richmond, at 8.30.  
Robert Burns, Frascati Restaurant, Oxford-street, W.  
South Middlesex, Beaufort House, Waltham Green, S.W., at 7.30.  
St. Kew, Masonic Hall, Weston-super-Mare, at 8.  
St. Leonard's, Bedford Hotel, Victoria Park-road, South Hackney, at 8.  
Southwark, White Hart Hotel, New Cross Gate, at 8.  
Wandsworth, St. Mark's School-room, Battersea Rise, S.W., at 8.  
Westbourne, Oliver Arms, Westbourne-terraces North, Harrow-road, at 8.  
Yarborough, Green Dragon, Stepney, at 8.  
Camden Chapter, The Moorgate, Moorgate-street, at 8.  
Kintore Mark Lodge, Stirling Castle Hotel, Camberwell Green S.E., at

**WEDNESDAY, JULY 29.**

**ROYAL ARCH CHAPTER.**  
13, Union Waterloo, Masonic Hall, Plumstead.

**LODGES AND CHAPTERS OF INSTRUCTION.**  
Beaconsfield, Chequers Hotel, High-street, Walthamstow, at 8.  
Belgrave, Salutation Tavern, Newgate-street, at 6.30.  
Bromley St. Leonard, Bromley Vestry Hall, Bow-road, at 8.  
City of Westminster, Cafe Royal, "B" Room, at 8.  
Confidence, Bunch of Grapes, 14, Lime-street, E.C., at 7.  
Derby Allcroft, Midland Grand Hotel, at 8.  
Doric, Moorgate Tavern, Moorgate-street, at 8.  
Duke of Albany, The Clock House, Battersea-park-road, at 8.  
Duke of Connaught, Royal Edward Hotel, Triangle, Hackney, 8.  
Earl of Lathom, Station Tavern, Camberwell New-road, S.E., 8.  
Fidelity, Alfred Tavern, Roman-road, Barnsbury, N., at 8.  
Gallery, Press Club, Wine Office-court, Fleet-street, at 7.  
Guelph, Plough and Harrow, Leytonstone-road, E., at 8.  
Langthorne, Angel Hotel, Ilford, at 8.  
La Tolerance, Frascati Restaurant, 32, Oxford-street, at 8.  
Londesborough, Berkeley Arms, John-street, Mayfair, at 8.  
London Scottish Rifles, Albert Hotel, Victoria-street, S.W., 8.30.  
Merchant Navy, Town Hall, Limehouse, at 7.30.  
Mitcham, Vestry Hall, Mitcham, at 8.  
Mount Lebanon, "See & Pike's," 121, Boro' High-street, at 8.  
Panmure, Balham Hotel, Balham, at 7.30.  
Plucknett, Railway Hotel, Finchley, at 7.45.  
Prosperity, Weaver's Arms, London Wall, at 7.  
Rose of Denmark, Brunswick House, Wandsworth-road, at 8.  
Royal Jubilee, The Crown, Lambeth-road, S.E., at 8.  
St. Leonard, Lord Clyde, Wotton-road, Deptford, at 8.  
St. Leonard, Prince of Wales Hotel, Bishop's-rd., Victoria Pk., 8.  
Southgate, Railway Hotel, New Southgate, at 8.  
Strong Man, Blue Anchor, 164, Fenchurch-street, E.C., at 6.30.  
Temperance-in-the-East, Greenwich Pensioner, Bow-lane, Poplar, at 7.30.  
United Mariners, Duke of Albany, Kitto-road, Nunhead, at 7.30.  
United Strength, Hope Tavern, Stanhope-st., Euston-road, at 8.  
Wanderers, Victoria Mansions Restaurant, Victoria-street, S.W., at 7.30.  
Whittington, Red Lion Poppin's-court, Fleet-street, at 8.  
Andrew Chapter, Bush Hotel, Shepherd's Bush, W., at 8.  
Domestic Chapter, St. James's Restaurant, Piccadilly, W., at 8.  
Camden Mark Lodge, Earl Russell, Pancras-road, King's Cross,

**THURSDAY, JULY 30.**

General Committee Girls' School, at Freemasons' Hall, at 5.

**LODGES AND CHAPTERS OF INSTRUCTION.**  
Burdett-Coutts, Swan Tavern, New Bethnal Green-road, at 8.  
Burgoyne, Coach and Horses, 348, Clapham-road, S.W., at 7.30.  
Covent Garden, Criterion, Piccadilly, at 8.  
Creaton, Bush Hotel, Shepherd's Bush, W., at 8.  
Crescent, King's Head Hotel, Twickenham, at 8.30.  
Duke of Edinburgh, Eastern Hotel, East India Dock Rd., E., 7.30.  
Elliot, Railway Hotel, Feltham.  
High Cross, Coach and Horses, High-road, Tottenham, at 8.  
Highgate, Falkland Arms, Falkland-road, N.W., at 8.  
Honor Oak, Crystal Palace Tavern, at 8.  
Hornsey, White Hart Masonic Rooms, Lewisham, S.E., at 8.  
Ivy, Railway Tavern, Battersea Rise, S.W., at 8.  
Justice, Brown Bear, High-street, Deptford, at 8.  
Kent, King and Queen, Norton Folgate, at 8.  
Langton, White Hart, Abchurch-lane, E.C., at 5.30.  
Leopold, Moorgate Tavern, Moorgate-street, E.C., at 7.  
Montefiore, St. James's Restaurant, Piccadilly, at 8.  
Perfect Ashlar, Bridge House Hotel, Southwark, at 7.  
Priory, Berrymead Priory, Acton, at 8.15.  
Royal Albert, White Hart Hotel, Abchurch-lane, at 7.30.  
Royal Savoy, Criterion, Piccadilly, at 8.30.  
St. Ambrose, St. James's Restaurant, Piccadilly, at 8.  
St. John's, Court House, Harlesden, N.W., at 7.30.  
St. John's, Queen Victoria Tavern, Exmouth-st., Stepney, at 8.  
St. Luke's, Victoria Tavern, Gertrude-street, Chelsea, at 8.  
Sir Hugh Myddelton, Star and Garter, Upper-st., Islington, at 8.  
Southern Star, Sir Sydney Smith, Chester-st., Kennington, at 8.  
Stockwell, Salutation Tavern, Newgate-street, at 6.30.  
Tranquillity, Manchester Hotel, Aldersgate-street, E.C., at 7.30.  
Tredgar, The Cheshire Cheese, Crichton Friars, E.C., at 7.30.  
Union Waterloo, Earl of Chatham, Thomas-street, Woolwich.  
Victoria Park, George Hotel, Stratford, E., at 7.30.  
Industry Chapter, Prince Regent, Dulwich-road, Herne Hill, at 8.

**FRIDAY, JULY 31**

Council Boys' School, at Freemasons' Hall, at 4.

**LODGES AND CHAPTERS OF INSTRUCTION.**  
All Saints, Town Hall, Poplar, at 7.30.  
Citadel, Farleigh Hotel, Amhurst-road, Stoke Newington, N., 8.  
Clapton, Great Eastern Hotel, Liverpool-street, E.C., at 7.  
Coborn, The George Inn, High-road, South Woodford, at 8.  
Crossaders, Northampton Arms, Goswell-road, at 8.30.  
Earl of Carnarvon, Elgin Hotel, Ladbrooke-grove, Notting-hill, 8.  
Earl of Zetland, Royal Edward Hotel, Triangle, Hackney, at 7.  
Euphrates, Green Man, Mansell-street, Whitechapel, E., at 8.  
Emulation, Freemasons' Hall, at 6.  
Gavel Club, Freemasons' Tavern, at 8.  
Harrow, Waterloo Arms, High-street, Marylebone, at 8.  
Henley, Three Crowns, North Woolwich, at 8.  
Kennington, Horns Tavern, Kennington Park, S.E., at 8.  
Lewis, Fishmongers' Arms, High-street, Wood Green, at 7.30.  
Loyalty, Private Rooms, 206, Mare-street, Hackney, at 8.  
Metropolitan (Victoria), Mail Coach, 60, Farringdon-street, at 7.  
Ranelagh, Six Bells, Queen-street, Hammersmith, W., at 8.  
Royal Standard, Castle Tavern, 81, Holloway-road, at 8.  
Royal Alfred, Star and Garter, Jew Bridge, at 8.  
St. James's, Gregorian Arms, Jamaica-road, S.E., at 8.  
Savage Club, Savage Club, Adelphi-terrace, at 6.  
Selwyn, Montpelier Tavern, Choumert-road, Peckham, at 8.  
Stability, Masons' Hall Tavern, Masons'-avenue, at 6.  
Stanhope, Fox and Hounds Hotel, Upper Richmond-road, Putney, at 8.30.  
Temperance, Railway Tavern, New Cross-road, at 8.  
The Abbey, The Town Hall, Westminster, 7.30 till 9.30.  
United Pilgrims, Surrey M.H., Camberwell New-road, at 7.30.  
Woodgrange, Princess Alice Hotel, Forest Gate, E., at 8.  
Eastern Star Chapter, Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall-street, 2nd and 4th Friday, at 7.  
Dagmar Chapter, "See & Pike's," 121, Boro' High-street, at 8.  
Hornsey Chapter, Prince of Wales Hotel, Eastbourne-terraces, Bishop's-road, Paddington, W., at 8.  
Lily of Richmond Chapter, Station Hotel, Richmond, at 8.30.  
Pythagorean Chapter, Dover Castle, Broadway, Deptford, at 8.  
Star Chapter, Stirling Castle Hotel, Church-st., Camberwell, at 8.

**SATURDAY, AUGUST 1.**

(No Meetings.)

**LODGES AND CHAPTERS OF INSTRUCTION.**  
Alexandra Palace, Station Hotel, Camberwell New-road, at 7.30.  
Chiswick, Windsor Castle Hot., King-st., Hammersmith, at 7.30.  
Duke of Connaught, The Lord Napier, West Side, London Fields, at 8.  
Ebury, Grapes Tavern, 123, High-street, Borough, S.E., at 8.  
Eccleston, Victoria Tavern, 46 Buckingham Palace-road, at 7.  
Finsbury Park, Cock Tavern, at 8.  
King Harold, Four Swans, Waltham Cross, at 7.  
Manchester, Waterloo Arms, High-street, Marylebone, at 8.  
Percy, Jolly Farmers, Southgate-road, N., at 8.  
Star, New Cross House, Deptford, S.E., at 7.  
Vitruvian, Duke of Albany Hotel, Kitto-road, St. Katherine's park, Hatcham, S.E., at 7.30.  
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## Masonic and General Tidings.

H.R.H. THE PRINCE OF WALES, as Duke of Cornwall, has contributed £100 to the fund being raised in that county for the relief of the distress among the Cornish miners.

ONE HUNDRED AND SEVENTY years ago this month the first Freemasons' lodge was established in Carmarthen to meet on the first Tuesday in every month at the Bunch of Grapes.—*South Wales Daily News*.

THE DUCHESS OF TECK, attended by Miss Tufnell and the Hon. Nelson Hood, visited the Paddington Workhouse on Saturday last and opened the sale of work by the inmates under the Brabazon Employment Scheme. The Duchess expressed the pleasure it had given her to attend, and made several purchases at the various stalls.

THE WELSH CHOIR AND CONGREGATION from Berkeley Chapel, Mayfair, visited Canterbury Cathedral on Saturday last, when choral evensong in the Welsh language was celebrated for the first time in the venerable edifice. There was a very full congregation present, and the benediction was given by the Dean of Canterbury (Dr. Farrar).

BRO. LORD AND LADY PIRBRIGHT entertained a party of guests at Henley Park from Saturday to Monday, among those present being the Earls of Dundonald and Longford, Bro. Viscount Wolsley, Viscount and Viscountess Deerhurst, Bro. Lord and Lady Eustace Cecil and Miss Cecil, Bro. Admiral Sir Edmund and Miss Commerell, Sir Henry Brackenbury, and many others.

BRO. LORD MAYOR SIR W. WILKIN officially visited the East London Exhibition, now open at the People's Palace, on Saturday last. His Lordship was accompanied by the Lady Mayoress, Mr. Alderman and Sheriff Pound, Bro. Sheriff Cooper, and many civic dignitaries. An entertainment was given in the Queen's Hall by the Poplar Co-Operative Children's Guild, and a very hearty welcome was extended to the distinguished visitors.

THE DUCHESS OF ALBANY, accompanied by her sister, the Princess Elizabeth of Waldeck-Pyrmont, attended by Miss Heron Maxwell and Bro. Sir Robert Collins, visited Watford on Saturday afternoon last, for the purpose of distributing the prizes at the London Orphan Asylum. The institution was founded in 1813, and her Royal Highness having closely inspected the building, expressed her pleasure at the manner in which the asylum was conducted. The Herts Yeomanry and Rifle Volunteers furnished an escort and guard of honour on the occasion.

BY COMMAND OF THE QUEEN, the natives of India, Ceylon, and Burma, who are employed as artisans and performers at the Earl's Court Exhibition were taken down to Windsor by Bro. Imre Kiralfy, who was accompanied by Mrs. and Miss Kiralfy, Mr. Charles Kiralfy, Bro. W. E. Chapman, and others. The party, to the number of about 200, were inspected on the Terrace by her Majesty, and afterwards by the Duke and Duchess of Connaught and Princess Henry of Battenberg. After the visitors had partaken of refreshments, the party returned to town, delighted with their visit.

TO-MORROW (Saturday) Messrs. E. Onslow Ford, R.A.; A. Hasker, A.R.A.; and Basil Bradley, R.W.S., will adjudicate upon the merits of the works produced by the Students of the Crystal Palace School of Art during the current session, which will be open on the day in question to the students and their friends, and will award a silver medal for the most meritorious work in the following classes, namely, painting from life, drawing or modelling from life, painting from costumed figure, and landscape, architecture, flowers, animals from life. The judges may also award a certificate for the next in excellence in each class, as well as for the best drawing from the antique, and two certificates for original design and composition.

SEVERAL OF THE most important contests at Bisley were settled on Saturday among them being that for the International Challenge Trophy, teams 20 in number seven shots at 200, 500, and 600 yards. Scotland proved the winner with 1658 points, Wales being second with 1647, England third with 1642, and Ireland last with 1613. The London Rifle Brigade first team won the Mappin Brothers Challenge Cup with a score of 209 points, while the Artists Corps won the Sir James Whitehead Challenge Cup with 89 points. In the contest for the Elcho Challenge Shield, teams of eight, 15 shots at 300, 500, and 1000 yards, England repeated its success of last year by again winning with a score of 1659, Ireland being second with 1614, and Scotland last with 1588 points.

THE CROWN PRINCE AND PRINCESS OF DENMARK arrived at Charing Cross Station from Copenhagen on Saturday morning last. Owing to a telegraphic error, H.R.H. the Prince of Wales and other members of his family were late in reaching the station, the Duke and Duchess of York driving up as the train entered, the Prince of Wales following shortly after, and then the Princess of Wales, &c. The Crown Prince and Princess drove to Buckingham Palace, where they remained as guests of the Queen. In the evening the Crown Prince and Princess of Greece and Prince Nicholas of Greece arrived at Charing Cross, and were met by the Prince and Princess of Wales, whom they at once accompanied to Marlborough House.

THE SECOND MATCH between Australia and England terminated, after an exciting contest, in a victory for the former by three wickets. Australia went in first and scored 412, Iredale (108), Giffen (89), and Trott (53) being the chief scorers. England then went to the wickets and put together only 231, Ranjitsinhji (62) and Lilley (65) being the most successful. In their second attempt the Englishmen compiled a total of 305, of which Ranjitsinhji made 154 not out, Stoddart being next with 41. This left the Australians 125 to win, but it cost them seven wickets to accomplish this, Richardson taking as many as six wickets for 76 runs. The matches between Hampshire and Yorkshire and Essex and Warwickshire were drawn. In the former, Hampshire made 515 and Yorkshire 307 and 235 for the loss of eight wickets, while in the latter Essex scored 395 and 242 and Warwickshire 347 and 236 with eight wickets still to fall.

MIDLAND RAILWAY BANK HOLIDAY ARRANGEMENTS.—On Monday, August 3rd, certain booked trains will be discontinued, of which due notice will be given by special bills at the station. For the convenience of the public the Midland Railway Company have arranged that the booking offices at St. Pancras and Moorgate-street Stations shall be open for the issue of tickets all day on Friday and Saturday, July 31st and August 1st. Tickets to all principal stations on the Midland Railway will also be obtainable beforehand at their offices. The tickets thus obtained will be available from St. Pancras Station, and will be issued at the same fares as charged at that station, and dated to suit the convenience of passengers. Cheap excursions will be run from London on Friday night, July 31st, to Stirling, Perth, Aberdeen, Inverness, &c., for four or nine days, by which train third-class return tickets will be issued at a single fare for the double journey, available for 16 days. On Saturday, August 1st, in addition to the new weekly summer excursions to Liverpool, Southport, Blackpool, Isle of Man, Matlock, Buxton, Morecambe, Lancaster, and English Lake District, for 3, 8, 10, 15, or 17 days, cheap excursion trains will be run to Leicester, Nottingham, Melton, Birmingham, Walsall, Wolverhampton, Burton, Derby, Manchester, Liverpool, Blackburn, Bolton, Rochdale, Oldham, Bury, the Furness District, Sheffield, Leeds, Bradford, Barnsley, Keighley, York, Hull, Scarborough, Darlington, Durham, Newcastle, Carlisle, &c., returning the following Thursday; to Edinburgh, Glasgow, Dumfries, Castle Douglas, Ayr, &c., for eight days, with bookings at a single third-class fare for the double journey for 16 days. On Monday, August 3rd, day trips will be run from London (St. Pancras) to St. Albans, Harpenden, Luton, Bedford, Leicester, and Birmingham, and a two days' excursion to Manchester. Tickets for these trains for starting from St. Pancras Station can be obtained on the two days previous to the running of the trains at the company's offices. Cheap excursion trains for six days will be run to London from Carlisle, Keighley, Bradford, Leeds, Barnsley, Sheffield, Liverpool, Manchester, Blackburn, Bolton, Burnley, Bury, Rochdale, Burton, Derby, Nottingham, Birmingham, Walsall, Wolverhampton, Leicester, &c., and from Liverpool, Southport, Warrington, &c., for three days, on Saturday, August 1st. Passengers will be booked by the six days' excursion trains at cheap fares to Brighton and other South Coast stations for 5, 8, 10, or 15 days; to Paris and other places on the Continent, having the privilege of returning within 16 days. On Monday, August 3rd, cheap day trips to London will be run from Bradford, Leeds, Derby, Nottingham, Leicester, Birmingham, Bedford, Luton, St. Albans, and a two and four days' trip from Manchester, Stockport, &c. Cheap daily and week-end excursions are run from St. Pancras and other Midland stations to Southend-on-Sea by the new and shorter route, via the Tottenham and Forest Gate line. For holiday companions, travellers cannot do better than secure copies of the new publications which have just been issued by the Midland Railway Company. The books may be obtained at any Midland station or agency.

THE STATE APARTMENTS at Windsor Castle will be open to the public on and after Monday, the 27th inst., on every weekday, Wednesdays excepted, under the usual regulations, until further notice.

PRINCESS CHRISTIAN OF SCHLESWIG-HOLSTEIN has consented to offer special prizes for embroidery at the Artists' Guild Eighth Amateur Art Exhibition, which will be held in the Royal Albert Hall in November.

WE REGRET TO ANNOUNCE the death at his residence, Fairholme-road, West Kensington, on Monday, the 20th instant, of Bro. Charles Dickens, eldest son of the great novelist. The deceased was 59 years of age, and leaves a widow and family to mourn his loss.

H.R.H. THE PRINCE OF WALES, his daughter, Princess Victoria, the Duke and Duchess of Sparta, and Prince Nicholas of Greece visited Messrs. Agnew's Gallery on Monday afternoon for the purpose of inspecting the portrait of the Princess of Wales, painted by Mr. Hogher.

LI HUNG CHANG, the Chinese Envoy to Europe, will arrive in London on the 31st August and will remain for a month, during which time he will be entertained by various public bodies, among them being the London Chamber of Commerce, which will hold a reception in his honour in Fishmongers' Hall, and the China Association, which will entertain him at a banquet. He will also visit the Queen at Osborne and will present an address to her Majesty.

A DEPUTATION FROM WALES waited upon the Princess Maud at Marlborough House on Monday afternoon and presented her Royal Highness with a wedding ring of pure Welsh gold and an address contained in a silver casket. Their Royal Highnesses the Prince and Princess of Wales, the Duke and Duchess of York, Princess Victoria, and Prince Charles of Denmark were present at the reception of the deputation, which represented the Gorsedd and National Eisteddfod Association.

WE REFERRED AT LENGTH in our issue of the 11th instant to the marvellous success achieved by Harrod's Stores, Limited, as a trading concern. We now learn the Harrodians have resolved to do a part in making a success of the Guy's Hospital Fund, and have arranged to hold a Grand Garden Party and Venetian Fête on the 8th August on their pretty grounds at Barnes. Bro. Alderman Newton, the Chairman of the company, and Mr. Richard Burbridge, the managing director, have entered very heartily into this praiseworthy undertaking, and, encouraged by the generous support of the board and a host of patrons, their ambition is to raise a sum of not less than £2000, and knowing what Mr. Burbridge raised last year in aid of the Drapers' Schools, when he was a Steward (some £1300), we have little doubt as to the sum aimed at being realised.

THE GREAT NORTHERN RAILWAY COMPANY announce that on Friday night, July 31st, cheap four or nine days' excursions will be run from London to Stirling, Perth, Dundee, Oban, Montrose, Aberdeen, Inverness, &c. Also on Friday night, July 31st, for nine days, to Northallerton, Darlington, Richmond, Durham, Newcastle, Berwick, Edinburgh, Glasgow, &c. By the above excursions, tickets at a single fare for the double journey will also be issued available for 16 days. On Saturday, August 1st, cheap three, eight, 10, 15, and 17 days' excursions will be run from King's Cross (G.N.) to Bridlington, Filey, Whitby, Scarborough, Robin Hood's Bay, Redcar, Seaton Carew, Saltburn, Tynemouth, Whitely, Cullercoats, Liverpool, Southport, and Douglas (Isle of Man). On Saturday, August 1st, cheap six days' excursions will be run from London to Cambridge, Huntingdon, Peterboro', Lynn, Cromer, Yarmouth, Nottingham, Derby, Burton, Tutbury, Stoke, Manchester, Stockport, Liverpool, Wakefield, Leeds, Bradford, Keighley, Halifax, Hull, Harrogate, York, Scarborough, Whitby, Bridlington, Darlington, Richmond, Hartlepool, Middlesboro, Durham, Newcastle, &c. On Saturday, August 1st, Monday, August 3rd, cheap day excursions will be run to Skegness, Sutton-on-Sea, and Mablethorpe. Tickets will be issued by the excursion on Saturday, available for return by the excursion on Monday or by any ordinary train on Tuesday. For Alexandra Park Races on Saturday, August 1st, a frequent service of special and ordinary trains will be run from Victoria (L. C. and D.), Moorgate, Broad-street, King's Cross, and the Wood Green Station. On Sunday, midnight, August 2nd, a fast excursion for two days will be run from King's Cross, &c. to Manchester. On Monday August 3rd, cheap day excursions will be run from Victoria (L. C. and D.), Moorgate, King's Cross, Finsbury Park, &c. to St. Albans, Wheathampstead, Harpenden, Luton, Dunstable, Hitchin, Royston, and Cambridge. Cheap return tickets will also be issued to Biggleswade, on Monday, August 3rd. On Tuesday, August 4th, cheap day excursions to Skegness. To prevent inconvenience from crowding at the company's principal terminal station, King's Cross, tickets, dated in advance, will be issued at King's Cross, (G.N.R.), Victoria (L. C. and D.), Ludgate-hill, Moorgate, Aldersgate, Farringdon, and Finsbury Park Stations, and at the company's ticket offices.

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