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SILENT WORKERS IN FREEMASONRY.

AMONG the many who attempt to form an opinion of the influence of Freemasonry, or who seek to measure the power it exercises in the world at large, there are few who pay a proper regard to the silent workers in its midst, or who give sufficient credit for what is being quietly done by those within its ranks, without show or ostentation of any kind. Too often the opinion of a critic or of a laudatory writer is based on his particular experience of Freemasonry, without any attempt or desire to ascertain the views of others, and even where a little trouble is taken to secure a just verdict it not infrequently happens that the only men studied are those we may describe as the more energetic members of the Craft, brethren who take the lead in their particular circle, so far as outward appearance is concerned, and who, by pushing themselves forward on every possible occasion, seem to be the leaders among their fellows. Such men are frequently but poor specimens of the true Freemason, and hence it is that any opinion formed on the basis of their doings is often most unreliable when considered in association with the whole Craft.

In this respect we imagine Freemasonry stands in much the same position as everything else. The real backbone of the Order consists of those who keep steadily plodding along, neither making an undue prominence of their association with the Craft, or omitting to practise its principles whenever an occasion may arise. Such men are sincere in their desire to benefit by the teachings of Freemasonry, and it is impossible for them to be associated with the Order without reaping the reward they seek, while it seldom happens they remain long members without finding opportunities of testing the usefulness of its lessons. They are silent workers in the world, and when they obtain admission to Freemasonry they only acquire a readier means of exercising the trait we may describe as part of their nature; but for all this Freemasonry is very proud of their association, and it owes much to their perseverance and earnestness. On the other hand, we find men whose object is far less praiseworthy, and others again who bring discredit on Freemasonry, simply because they never properly work for the good of the Order. They may rise to a prominent position in the Craft, but their reason for doing so is far removed from the true dictates of Freemasonry. They seek to make use of the Craft rather than try to benefit by its lessons. They have a desire in life; and to attain it, or with the hope of bringing it within easier reach, they join Freemasonry, and then make no scruple of using the Order for mercenary or other unworthy purpose. We seldom, if ever, find such results among the silent workers, indeed it would be of little avail for one of this class to endeavour to make use of Freemasonry

—which in this country, at least, may be said to have little power in the great concerns of state or general business—for the simple reason they would not have sufficient experience to turn it to account to any appreciable extent.

The silent worker in Freemasonry may certainly be said to be in the majority among the members of the Craft, and this is accounted for from the fact that in most cases seven-eighths of the members have little to do but attend the regular meetings of their Lodge, listen to what is going on, vote on the one or two subjects which are brought forward, and then adjourn for an hour or two's social enjoyment. And yet what a vast amount of good is accomplished by these same brethren. If they are silent with their work they are at least practical, and if they get through their duties without any apparent exertion, they see that what they do undertake is for a good purpose.

These silent workers in the Masonic fold offer an insurmountable barrier to those who urge that promotion in a Lodge should always go by seniority. They are often content to remain simple Master Masons year after year, and when their turn for office comes round they seem to dread undertaking the duties attached thereto, lest it should force them from the enjoyment of their rest. It often happens that such men express a wish to be passed over in regard to appointment to office, and for years they remain without a collar, unless it be that in the absence of a regular officer they act as deputy. On such occasions they prove themselves efficient in the duties required of them, and give further illustration of the fact that it is not always those who make the most show who are the best at a task. In many other ways the silent worker may make his presence felt, but it is in regard to the whole system of Freemasonry that his influence must be gauged. It is true that the energetic bustling members of the Order do much, but if they were left to themselves for a season or two they would soon find out the truth of remarks made earlier in this article, that the silent worker is the backbone of the Order. Such being the case we think that every encouragement should be offered to men who prefer to adopt this particular method of procedure, in direct opposition to those who strive to make as much show and excitement as possible, but who, more often than not, utterly collapse after a very brief display of their brilliancy.

MERCENARY MOTIVES.

SELFISHNESS is the porter that stands at the gate of many profane mansions, but the Craft strenuously endeavours to exclude him from the precincts of Freemasonry. No one can knock at the portals of a Masonic Lodge who has not first formally abnegated this "leprosy of the age," this "alcohol of egotism," and freely and voluntarily declared that he is not actuated by mercenary

or other improper motives, in seeking a knowledge of the mystery of Freemasonry, and association with the great company of those who have aided in some degree to render it illustrious. The ancients had their household gods, their Lares and Penates, but many a man in our day, and in all days, has worshipped himself, has made self a "household god." Spenser styled Mammon "the greatest god below the skies." It ministers more to self than any other creature comfort, and in this generation is more than equal to a patent of nobility. Edgar Allen Poe put this thought in telling phrase when he said: "The Romans worshipped their standard; and the Roman standard happened to be an eagle. Our standard is only one-tenth of an eagle—a dollar—but we make all even by adoring it with tenfold devotion." All this tremendous force and power Freemasonry has to contend with. It strives to disarm its foe, but sometimes this foe pretends to throw away its weapon, and to embrace the principles of its opponent, for the purpose of entering his ranks as an ally. Such a foe in friendly guise is most dangerous, and yet Freemasonry cannot always keep him out of the mystic circle. All the Craft can require is that the applicant should state the principles which actuate him in seeking Masonic light, and formally deny that he does it from low, selfish or mercenary motives, and be able to stand the test of a critical examination of his character.

We remember to have heard of one who, when asked at a certain juncture in whom he put his trust? replied, "In the Delaware County Bank." He no doubt told the truth, which is more than some do. To all such, however, we would mention Dr. Holmes's advice: "Put not your trust in money, but put your money in trust." Money is an excellent servant, but a dangerous master. You may use it, but you should never allow it to use you, for "if you make money your god, it will plague you like the devil."

The very genius of Freemasonry, the weight of its every precept and organised practice, is *against* this household god, selfishness, this idol, the golden calf. Masonry is not cheap, but dear, in a monetary point of view, and it is so on principle. It is not for the indigent, but for those who have to give. During and after their initiation they are habitually taught to contribute of their time, their talents, their personal services, their money. The selfish Freemason is a contradiction in terms; he is a gigantic lie. He is so in spite of his higher nature, in the face of the Craft, in contradiction of his own explicit professions before he was made a Mason. And yet such men and Masons exist. More would exist, were it not for the mighty power of the symbolic teachings of Freemasonry. Not a few applicants, self-stultified on the very threshold of the Fraternity, after being admitted into it are almost unconsciously lifted up to its own high level. They came into it from selfish motives, but were so dazed by the unselfish charitable features of Freemasonry that they became assimilated to its likeness, and soon learned to despise the low motives which led them to such high ground. The level of the Fraternity became their level. But such, unfortunately, is not always the case. There are some Brethren, we say it with shamefacedness, who always gambol before and gamble with their idol—mammon; and regard everybody, even a Brother Mason, as their legitimate prey. The borrowing fiend in the Craft is one who should be laid low with the scythe of expulsion. He is a delusion and a snare, a liar and the father of it. He is a thief in disguise. He would assume the livery of heaven to serve the devil with. He does assume the clothing of Freemasonry to defraud the confiding and defenceless. He would give his word as a M.M. or the pledge of the fifth libation, that his motives are honest, and his word truthful, and yet he—this money-fiend, this abnormal Freemason, this lackey of selfishness and worshipper at the shrine of Mammon—ever has his eye on the pocket-book of his friend and Brother! Does any one ask, Can such things be? To this we reply, Was there not a Judas among the Twelve? Did not He who spake as never man spake include among his Apostles a thief? Was there any *place* in Christianity for such a one? No more is there a place in Freemasonry for a mercenary member of a Lodge—for he is not a Freemason, except in name. He is a blight on the Fraternity, and if he has eluded the watchfulness of the Tyler, the Pursuivant, the Committee on his application and the test of the ballot box, and has entered by the front-door of Freemasonry, the sooner he is ejected *via* the back door, by expulsion, the better for the Craft and for his demerits.

No one, not even the enemies of the Craft, can fairly charge the Fraternity itself with fostering selfishness and deceit. The admonition of Freemasonry is—Give, give, give! Give yourself and your money; give your time and your talents for the performance of its work; give your money, as long as you live, for its stated needs and its abundant charities. The flight of no time absolves you from these duties as a Freemason. If you be a Past Master or a Past Grand Master, you *are* more, you *know* more, you *owe* more. "Freely ye have received, freely give." The Craft practises on the precept of Lord Chancellor Bacon: "Money is like manure, of very little use except to be spread." We spread it by means of our Lodge charities, our organised charity funds, and our Masonic Homes. We do not hoard it, nor worship it, but beneficently use it. We send it before us to do our charitable bidding, remembering Shakespeare's precept: "If money go before, all ways do lie open;" and that weightier admonition of the First Great Light in Masonry—"Charity shall cover the multitude of sins." A mercenary Mason is a contradiction in terms, and the Brother who is justly so styled should abjure either his absorbing selfishness or his Freemasonry.—*The Keystone.*

THE LONDON AND NORTH WESTERN RAILWAY COMPANY.

THIS Company announces that the ticket offices at Euston, Broad Street, Kensington, and Willesden Junction will be open throughout the day, from Monday, 30th July, to Monday, 6th August inclusive, so that passengers wishing to obtain tickets for any destination on the L. & N. W. Ry. can do so at any time of the day prior to the starting of the train. Tickets, dated to suit the convenience of passengers, can be obtained at any time (Sundays and Bank Holidays excepted) at the following town receiving offices of the Company:—15 Queen Street, E.C., Spread Eagle, 3 Whittington Avenue, Leadenhall Market, E.C., Swan-with-Two-Necks, Gresham Street, E.C., 13 Eastcheap, Cross Keys, Wood Street, Cheapside, E.C., 22 Aldersgate Street, E.C., 65 Aldgate, E., 30 West Smithfield, E.C., 8 and 9 Clerkenwell Green, E.C., Bolt-in-Tun, Fleet Street, E.C., 116 Holborn, E.C., George and Blue Boar, High Holborn, W.C., 43 New Oxford Street, W.C., Universal Office, Spread Eagle, Piccadilly Circus, W., Golden Cross, Charing Cross, W.C., under Hotel Windsor, Victoria Street, S.W., 231 Edgware Road, W., Atlas Office, 167 Tottenham Court Road, W.C., 70 St. Martin's Lane, W.C., Lion, 108 New Bond Street, W., 496 Oxford Street, W., Griffin's Green Man and Still, 241 Oxford Street, W., 33 Hereford-road, Bayswater, W., Knightsbridge, 34 Albert Gate, S.W., Kensington, 33 High-street, W., 117 Borough, S.E., 233 and 234 Blackfriars-road, S.E., Surrey Railway Office, 138 Newington Causeway, S.E., 194 Westminster Bridge Road, S.E., Islington, "Angel," 5 Pentonville-road, N. Tickets can also be obtained at Gaze and Sons' Tourist Office, 142 Strand, W.C. The Company also announce that on Saturday, 4th August, a special express train (1st, 2nd and 3rd Class) will leave Euston station at 2.50 p.m., and Willesden Junction at 3.0 p.m., for Northampton, Rugby and Stafford; a special express (1st, 2nd, and 3rd Class) will also leave Euston for Birmingham at 4.25 p.m., calling at Willesden, Rugby, and Coventry. On the same date a special express train (1st, 2nd and 3rd Class), will leave Birmingham (New Street) at 4.5 p.m., for Northampton, calling at Stechford, Coventry, and Rugby, and reaching Northampton at 5.30 p.m. On Bank Holiday, Monday, 6th August, the express trains to and from the City, St. Albans, Watford, and Kensington, will not be run; and numerous residential trains will be discontinued, particulars of which can be ascertained on reference to the Company's local notices. Cheap excursions will be run by this Company from London to Birmingham, Coventry, Leamington, Kenilworth, Dudley, Liverpool, Walsall, Wednesbury, Wolverhampton, Leicester, Burton, Derby, Manchester, Huddersfield, Bradford, Shrewsbury, Hereford, Aberystwith, Borth, Abergavenny, South and Central Wales, Chester, North Wales, Bolton, Blackburn, Southport, Morecambe, Blackpool, Carlisle, the English Lake District, and to various other places on the Company's system. Similar trains will be run from many of the districts named to London, including bookings to Brighton, Hastings, St. Leonards, Portsmouth, Southampton, and also to Paris and the continent. Bills and full particulars can be obtained on application at the railway stations and at the Company's offices.

We are informed that meetings of Provincial Grand Lodge and Provincial Grand Chapter will be held in Norwich on Monday, the 30th inst.

The meetings of the Royal Standard Lodge of Instruction, No. 1298, will in future be held at the Builder's Arms, St. Paul's Road, Canonbury, N.

A CARD.—AN IMPORTANT DISCOVERY is announced in the "Paris Figaro," of a valuable remedy for nervous debility, physical exhaustion, and kindred complaints. This discovery was made by a missionary in Old Mexico; it saved him from a miserable existence, and premature decay. The Rev. Joseph Holmes, Bloomsbury Mansions, Bloomsbury Square, London, W.C., will send the prescription, free of charge, on receipt of a self-addressed stamped envelope. Mention this paper.

PROV. GRAND LODGE OF SUFFOLK.

THE annual Provincial Grand Lodge of the Suffolk Freemasons was held at the Masonic Hall, Sudbury, on Wednesday, the 18th instant, under the banner of the Stour Valley Lodge. It is now eight years since a similar gathering was held in this borough, and no effort was spared by the brethren of the entertaining Lodge to ensure the success of the meeting. The R.W. the Prov. Grand Master, Bro. Lord Henniker, presided, and was supported by the V.W. Deputy Provincial Grand Master, Bro. the Rev. C. J. Martyn, and the following visitors:—Bros. J. Terry P.G.S.B., Secretary Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution; Bro. Frederick Binckes P.G.S.B. England, Secretary to the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys; W. P. Spalding 88, P.P.G.S. of W. Cambs., and J. C. Turner P.P.G.O. The following Prov. Grand Officers answered to their names:—

Bros. C. J. Grimwade P.M. 332 P.G.S.W., the Rev. R. Peek P.M. 555 P.G. Chaplain, N. Tracy P.M. 376 P.P.G.J.W. P.G.S., C. W. Grimwood P.M. 1224 P.G. Supt. of Works, W. Clarke W.M. 114 P.G.P. England P.G.D. of C., W. Minter P.M. 555 P.G.S.B., H. J. Wright P.M. 936 376 P.P.G.P. P.G.A.S., E. J. Sherman W.M. 959, T. W. Read W.M. 555 and W. Cocks P.M. 555 Prov. Grand Stewards. The Past Provincial Grand Officers in attendance included Bros. Wm. Boby P.G. Standard B. Eng. P.P.S.G.W., W. P. T. Phillips P.P.G.S.W., F. Wheeler P.P.G. Reg., Jos. F. Hills P.M. 1224 P.P.G.J.W., Frederick Wheeler P.M. 1224 P.P.G. Reg., F. W. Jennings P.M. 1224 P.P.G.S. of W., Charles H. Vincent P.M. 1823 P.P.G. Reg., Jas. M. Harvey 936 P.P.G.J.W., E. Dorling P.M. 959 P.P.G. Sec., W. W. Walesby W.M. 929 P.P.G.S. of W., V. D. Colchester P.M. 114 P.P.G.S.D., George Abbot P.M. 225 P.P.G.S.B., Jas. Napier P.M. 225 P.P.G.J.D., C. Townsend P.M. 959 P.P.G.S.W., George Henry Grimwood P.M. 1224 P.P.G.S. of W., W. H. Smith P.M. 1224 P.P.G.S.B., B. W. Syer P.G. Tyler.

In the absence of Bro. Crane, Bro. Boby acted as P.G.J.W. All the Lodges in the Province, except the Apollo, St. Margaret's, and St. Andrews, were represented. On the motion of Bro. Boby, seconded by Bro. W. P. T. Phillips, Bro. E. P. Youell was unanimously re-elected Prov. Grand Treasurer. The Prov. Grand Master then proceeded to invest the Prov. Grand Officers. He said he did not intend to go through the form of investing his Deputy, Bro. the Rev. C. J. Martyn, because he held the office at pleasure, and he was sure it would be the pleasure of the Lodge that he should hold it for many years to come. The other Officers were then invested as under:—

Bro. H. C. Pratt 1224	-	-	Senior Warden
W. Diver 305	-	-	Junior Warden
Rev. B. B. Syer 1823	-	-	} Chaplains
Rev. J. Beck	-	-	
E. P. Youell 1631	-	-	Treasurer
H. M. Hartcup 929	-	-	Registrar
N. Tracy 376	-	-	Secretary
H. Gedny 1663	-	-	Senior Deacon
E. W. Nunn 1592	-	-	Junior Deacon
E. J. Sherman 959	-	-	Superintendent of Works
W. Clarke 114	-	-	Director of Ceremonies
W. Pearson 936	-	-	Assistant Director of Cers.
R. C. Stanford 388	-	-	Sword Bearer
— Collins 81	-	-	} Standard Bearers
J. L. Brooke 225	-	-	
J. S. Turner 1452	-	-	Organist
H. J. Wright 936	-	-	Assistant Secretary
J. Hunt 376	-	-	Pursuivant
J. Warren 332	-	-	Assistant Pursuivant
W. I. Mason 1224	-	-	} Stewards
— Dalston 1224	-	-	
C. W. Lord 1224	-	-	
B. W. Syer 376	-	-	Tyler

The Board of General Purposes in their report said they had again the pleasure of congratulating the Province on the marked improvement that had taken place, not only in the financial position, but also in the numerical strength during the past year. The returns showed a total of 905 members, as against 879 last year. The statement of liabilities and assets showed a balance of £40 13s 4d. The Board recommended that the sum of £10 10s be voted to each of the three Masonic Institutions. On the motion of Bro. W. P. T. Phillips, seconded by Bro. Boby, the report was adopted. At three o'clock the brethren formed in procession and marched to St. Gregory's Church, where Divine Service was held. The handsome edifice had been tastefully decorated for the occasion by Miss Mason, sister of the W.M. of the Stour Valley Lodge (Bro. Dr. W. I. Mason), under whose direction the whole of the arrangements were made. The prayers were read by the Rev. T. L. Green and the Rev. — Colborne. Mr. Thomas Elliston ably presided at the organ, and the musical portion of the

service was efficiently conducted by Mr. John Bruce. The solo in the *Magnificat* was taken in splendid style by Mr. Double, and Sir Arthur Sullivan's anthem, "Hearken unto me, my people," was very cleverly sung by the choir, the solo being well taken by one of the young choristers (Ostler). The *Magnificat* was sung to Garrett's service in B, the Psalms, Canticles, and Chants to Lamb, Stainer, and Helmore. An eloquent and appropriate sermon was preached by the P.G. Chaplain Bro. Rev. B. B. Syer, from the text Acts vii. 47 and 48. On the resumption of the Lodge, Bro. J. M. Harvey read the seventh annual report of the Suffolk Masonic Charity Association, which stated that Suffolk had this year beaten all previous records, having contributed to the Charities no less than £1,110 17s. Bro. W. Clarke, in an eloquent speech, moved the adoption of the report, and said as Masons they must all feel proud of the grand results which had been achieved during the past year. The D.P.G.M. seconded the motion, which was carried unanimously. The Prov. Grand Master then addressed the brethren upon the present state and future prospects of Masonry in the Province. He thought the reports which had been read showed that they were making satisfactory progress, and he was pleased to state that not only had they increased in numbers, but many good and earnest Masons had been found amongst the latest additions to the Province. During the past year he had had the opportunity of visiting several of the Lodges, and he had been very much pleased in nearly every case with the way in which the work had been done. The report which Bro. Harvey had just read relative to the Masonic Charities was also very gratifying indeed. He had always looked upon the Masonic Charities as the most important work they had to attend to, and it was most satisfactory to know that those Charities were so well supported in the Province over which he had the honour of presiding. He was grateful to Bro. Harvey for having taken up the work so successfully started by Bro. Boby, and so energetically carried on by Bro. Grimwade. After a brief allusion to the loss which the Province had sustained by the death of the late Bro. Barber, whom he described as an excellent Mason, the P.G.M. said he understood that there had been some little soreness in the Province with reference to the place at which the Prov. Grand Lodge was held; he understood that some of the East Suffolk Lodges felt they had been rather slighted. He assured them that he had no such intention. He desired, as far as possible, to consult the wishes of the various Lodges, but he wished it to be understood that it was a prerogative of the Prov. Grand Master to decide upon the place at which Prov. Grand Lodge should be held, and he could not allow brethren to question that prerogative. He did not think there ought to be any soreness in the matter. Prov. Grand Lodges had been held in East Suffolk several years in succession, and he thought it was almost time they came on the other side of the county. Addressing the P.G. Officers, Lord Henniker reminded them that the purple was in every case given in recognition of distinguished service in the cause of Masonry. It was a most difficult matter to properly apportion the several offices, and there were times when he should be glad if it were in his power to confer higher offices on some of the brethren whom it was his privilege to invest. This was particularly the case with reference to the present Prov. Grand Pursuivant, who had done excellent work for the Craft, but he hoped all the brethren who had been invested would look upon the honour as a recognition of their services by the Prov. Grand Lodge. In conclusion, the P.G.M. proposed a vote of thanks to the Stour Valley Lodge for the way in which they had entertained the Provincial Grand Lodge, to the Prov. Grand Chaplain for his excellent sermon, and to Bro. Grimwade for his past services as Secretary to the Suffolk Masonic Charity Association. The D.P.G.M. seconded, and Bro. W. P. T. Phillips supported the motion, which was carried unanimously. The Lodge was then closed, and the brethren adjourned to the Rose and Crown Hotel, where a first-class banquet was served in admirable style by Bro. George. The Prov. Grand Master presided, but was obliged to leave before the toasts were reached in order to resume his duties as Lord in Waiting on Her Majesty the Queen. The Deputy Prov. Grand Master then took the chair, and in felicitous terms proposed the usual Loyal and Masonic toasts. Bro. W. Boby responded for the Grand Officers. In proposing the R.W. the Prov. Grand Master, the D.P.G.M. spoke of his lordship as one who was anxious to discharge his duty to the Craft, and as one who was permanently fitted

for the high position he held as head of the Province. The D.P.G.M. next proposed The Masonic Charities. Charity, he said, was the distinguishing mark and characteristic of Freemasonry. They had present with them that evening representatives of two of the great Masonic Institutions in the persons of Bro. Terry and Bro. Binckes, men who had devoted their lives to this great cause. Referring to the recent Centennial of the Girls' School, he said the collection which was made on that occasion, amounting to £50,600, was a thing altogether without precedent in the history of Charitable Institutions. Bro. Terry, whose name was coupled with the toast, responded in an excellent practical speech, in which he congratulated the Province upon the fact that during the past 12 months it had sent up as much as £1,100 towards the Masonic Charities. He replied at some length to some anonymous charges which had recently been made with reference to the administration of the Charities, and contended that the more closely their affairs were scrutinised, the more thoroughly convinced the whole Craft would be that the funds at the disposal of the Charities were wisely and economically administered. Bro. Binckes, responding on behalf of the visitors, whose health was proposed by the D.P.G.M., congratulated the Province on its continued and increasing prosperity, and referring to the recent Festival of the Boys' School, complimented the Stour Valley Lodge upon the large muster by which it was on that occasion represented, and upon the handsome pecuniary support which the W.M. Dr. Mason was able to give towards the Funds of the Institution. He characterised the attacks which had been made on the administration of the Charity as altogether unwarranted, unwarrantable, unjustifiable, injudicious, and mendacious, and said they were in all probability started by some envious, ungracious spirits, who wished to see the Institution reduced to the level of a pauper school. Other toasts followed. The musical part of the evening's proceedings was under the superintendence of Bro. George Abbott, who was assisted by Bro. Brockbank, of Norwich Cathedral, whose contributions to the programme were very much enjoyed, Bro. Thos. Grayston, Bro. G. E. Barwell, and others.

NOTICES OF MEETINGS.

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NELSON OF THE NILE LODGE, No. 264.

ON the evening of Thursday, the 5th inst., the brethren of this Lodge (which was formed in 1788) and a number of visiting brethren met at the Freemasons' Hall, Park-road, Batley, to celebrate the centennial of its existence, when about forty brethren sat down to a banquet. Bro. Walter Brearey W.M. presided, and was supported by his Worship the Mayor (Bro. Joseph Jubb Parker P.M.), Bros. John H. Senior, B. P. Parker, and other brethren of rank. During the evening a very interesting paper, by Bro. J. W., Bailey P.M., was read, giving an historical account of the Lodge from its foundation at Cockermouth, a hundred years ago. A hearty vote of thanks was accorded to Bro. Bailey for his very valuable and interesting paper.

RURAL PHILANTHROPIC LODGE, No. 291.

THERE was a large and influential gathering of brethren, including several P.M.'s of other Lodges as visitors, and not a few P.G. Lodge Officers, at the Railway Hotel, Highbridge, on the occasion of the installation of Bro. T. Floyd Norris, the retiring S.W. as W.M. The ceremony of installation was ably performed by the V.W. D.P.M. Bro. R. C. Else P.G. Deacon of England. On the proposition of the I.P.M. (Bro. Dunsford) it was unanimously resolved that a vote of condolence be forwarded by the Secretary to the widow of the late Bro. E. L. Collins, Surgeon, of Bridgewater, on her sudden bereavement. The W.M. appointed and invested his Officers, as follow:—Bros. J. T. Dunsford I.P.M., Raiton S.W., Dr. Peckett J.W., Rev. E. A. Sandford Chaplain, J. Burnett P.M. Treasurer, E. Fry Wade Secretary, Dr. H. M. Kemmis D.C., J. Bain Sincock S.D., J. W. Stilling J.D., Tyler I.G., H. M. Marsh Organist, W. Woodward Tyler, Bros. T. M. Reed and C. J. Lott Stewards. The customary banquet took place under the presidency of the W.M. The dinner served up by Bro. Kellaway was of a recherché description.

BENEVOLENCE LODGE, No. 666.

THE annual meeting was held on the 11th inst., at Princetown, for the installation of the W.M. for the ensuing year. There was a large attendance of brethren, including several provincial officers from Plymouth and other towns, and the proceedings were more than usually interesting. The W.M. elect was Bro. W. H. Johns, and the ceremony of installation was performed by Bro. W. Holdstock P.P.G.P., in a manner which secured for him the warm commendations of the brethren present. The newly-elected W.M.

appointed his Officers, as follow:—Bros. W. H. Gray I.P.M., E. M. Ellis S.W., J. Geake J.W., G. E. Alexander Treas., W. Holdstock Sec., C. Whiter S.D., J. Weeks J.D., R. Baker I.G., W. Shopland Tyler. At the close of the business the brethren adjourned to the Duchy Hotel, where the annual banquet was held. An excellent dinner was provided by Bro. Rowe, who was personally thanked and complimented on the admirable manner in which he catered for the brethren. Bro. Johns presided, and there was a large attendance. The usual Masonic toasts were proposed, and Bro. Major Tracy P.G.S.W., responding to the toast of the Provincial Grand Master, Viscount Ebrington, M.P., and Provincial Officers of Devon, spoke of the P.G.M. as a good and trusty Mason, and one who always had the real interests of Freemasonry at heart. His lordship never lost an opportunity of doing what he could to promote the welfare and prosperity of the Masonic Charities, and his desire to do good in that, as well as in other directions, permeated, he believed, the whole of the provincial officers and Masons generally in the province. Masonry and Masons always aimed at doing good, and in this respect they had an excellent example in a Provincial Grand Master who was second to none in England. Bro. Kinton Bond P.P.G.D.C. also returned thanks, remarking that it said a great deal for Freemasonry that even on the wilds of Dartmoor the desire to do useful Masonic work was as strong and earnest as in the great centres of industry where the need of such work was far more strongly felt. Responding to the toast of the Earl of Mount Edgecumbe and our Sister Province, Bro. Roseveare P.P.G.S. Works, said the Earl of Mount Edgecumbe enjoyed the confidence, esteem, and affection, not only of Freemasons, but of all who knew him. He was a nobleman in the very best sense of the term, and as a man and a Mason there was nobody who excelled him in popularity. The toast of the Worshipful Master was drunk with great cordiality, and Bro. Johns in acknowledging it said he recognised how great was the responsibility of the work that he had undertaken, and he hoped to so discharge his duties as to justify the honour the brethren had conferred upon him. Several other toasts were given and responded to, and the remainder of the evening was devoted to music and recitations, to which Bros. Tracy, Bond, Roseveare, Lavers, Mutton, Whiter, Robinson, Orchard, and other brethren contributed.

EVERTON LODGE, No. 823.

THE annual installation festival in connection with the above-named Lodge is ever regarded as an important fixture in the local annals of the Craft. Founded in 1860, No. 823 holds a deservedly high reputation in the Freemasonry of South-west Lancashire, a Province second to none in the entire Kingdom. With a membership close upon a quarter of a thousand, the Everton is enabled during the course of a year to give vent to its benevolent aspirations in no uncertain manner, and as may be supposed the amounts given to Masonic Charities are liberal. A large number of well-known citizens have successively filled the Worshipful Master's Chair during the last 28 years, and there is every indication that the Lodge will continue to uphold, for some years at least, its popularity as one of the most successful branches of Masonry in this part of the country. The year just closed has been eminently satisfactory from a financial point of view, for after dispensing in charity a sum closely verging upon three figures, the Treasurer has a substantial balance in hand and at the bank. The Benevolent Fund in connection with the Lodge also shows that the balance in the bank has, under the careful Stewardship of Bro. J. M. King P.M., increased from £119 to £175, and that the amount invested is about £150. The investiture never fails to attract a great number of members and visiting brethren, and the attendance on the 17th inst., in the Masonic Temple, was fully equal to that of former years. Bro. R. W. Gow, the retiring W.M., was well supported at the opening of the Lodge. After ordinary business had been transacted, Councillors W. J. Lunt and John Holding presented the W.M.-elect, Bro. Maddox, for installation, the ceremony being very capably performed by Bro. Gow W.M., assisted by Bro. Holding. The new W.M. subsequently invested his Officers for the ensuing year, as follow:—Bros. Gow I.P.M., Milne S.W., Britten J.W., Councillor W. J. Lunt Treasurer (re-elected for the 22nd time), Mantle Sec., Kite S.D., Guilbert J.D., King I.G., Jones S.S., Spencer J.S., Turner A.S., Millington A.S., Ewart Organist, Councillor J. Holding D.C. W. H. Ball was elected and invested as Tyler, for the 23rd time. After the Lodge had been duly closed the members and their invited guests dined in the large banqueting-hall, Bro. J. Casey, the House Steward, proving an excellent caterer to the requirements of the "inner man." During the after proceedings Bro. Maddox W.M. presented Bro. Gow I.P.M. with a Past Master's jewel, on behalf of the Lodge, and Bro. J. M. King P.M. later on handed to the same recipient a P.M.'s apron and case, as well as a beautiful album, containing an illuminated address and photographs of many of those connected with the Lodge. These presents, subscribed for by the officers and members, were suitably acknowledged by Bro. Gow. The annual picnic in connection with 823, will take place at Chirk, in North Wales.

EMULATION LODGE, No. 1505.

THE members of the above Lodge, on Wednesday, the 15th inst., held their annual picnic in very fine weather. At the time of starting the clouds looked threatening, and no doubt this prevented several friends being present to enjoy the beauties of Hawkstone Park, Shropshire, the seat of Lord Hill. The Park is well known for its beauty of situation and extent, and the visitors thoroughly enjoyed the rambles through the demesne. The necessary refreshments were supplied by the proprietor of the Hawkstone Hotel, in such a way as to leave pleasant memories of his catering. The return drive of five miles to Wem Station for home was a great treat, as the freshness of the country through the late rains was a conspicuous feature. Upwards of sixty persons enjoyed the outing, and the arrangements, in the hands of a committee, consisting of

Bros. A. H. Hallwood W.M. Chairman, W. H. Bicknell Treasurer, W. Mefcalf Sec., were complete and satisfactory in every detail.

CORRESPONDENCE.

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HOLIDAY HAUNTS.

To the Editor of the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—Holding, as I trust I always shall, a lively and vivid recollection of many happy hours we have spent together in seeking for green fields and pleasant places, I desire to send you a few rambling "notes" as to a recent visit I paid to a locality with which I know you are familiar. In your journal a few years back you had something to say about the Clydach Valley, and the many features of interest it presents to those tourists who are not afraid of footing a rough road, and who at the same time possess the physique and energy to do a little climbing. As you are well aware I have known the Clydach district for nearly thirty years, and have recollections of its surroundings that I can meditate on with satisfaction, while at the same time my experiences have not always been of so agreeable a nature. Still, in this life we must take the ups with the downs; it only remains for us to endeavour to make our burdens as lightsome as we can, and whenever it lies in our power so to adjust the weight of trouble our neighbour has to carry that he may not have to fall wearied by the wayside. Well, then, let me without further preface tell you that on the occasion under notice I made Abergavenny my headquarters. Now, Sir, when you and I first visited the Clydach together there was no railroad to take us on to Brynmawr; if you had to visit that now bustling place you must "post" it, or exercise your pedestrian powers, unless you were content to be jostled almost to death in a farmer's cart, which in too many cases was not reluctant with the scent of roses. Now things have materially changed; the London and North Western Railway Company, which some twenty years back acquired by purchase the single line of railway constructed by the late Crawshaw Bailey, I mean the line connecting Abergavenny with Brynmawr, have added a second line of rails, and the system is now, and indeed has been for years, in full force. Trains run at short intervals during the day, and those who desire it can break their journey at either of the three stations, viz. Govilan, Gilwern, or Clydach—whichever may suit them best for the special locality they desire to inspect. With respect to Abergavenny, so much has been written about it during the last two centuries that I need scarcely add a word; I will therefore merely say to those who have never visited this pretty little town that it is surrounded by some of the finest scenery in the world, and as regards its railway facilities no district could be better served; it is literally accessible from almost every important district in the United Kingdom. Well, Sir, if you will permit me, I will at once proceed to the extreme point I have started to touch upon, and ask your readers to accompany me to Brynmawr. Now Brynmawr, as you leave the railway station, does not present an inviting aspect, it has a sterile and barren appearance as regards vegetation, but has also every indication of a bee hive in full vigour. But let me quote from a few "Local Notes" kindly placed at my disposal:—"The town is on the confines of Breconshire, where the parishes of Llangynder, Llanelly, and Llangatlock, in Breconshire, and Abergavenny, in Monmouthshire, meet. It is built on a hill, and is the highest town in South Wales, being 1,200 feet above the level of the sea. It is situated about half-way between Merthyr and Abergavenny, distance from London 170 miles. The land, which is composed of various strata of coal and metal, is owned by the Duke of Beaufort, who receives an annual rental for the same. On its sides run the rivers Clydach and Ebbw-Fychan. The former, at times running down at a mighty speed, empties itself into the Usk, near Abergavenny. The latter, after swelling various ponds, finds its way to the Channel near Newport, while the Ebbw and Moelfryn Mountains stand out in bold relief on the outskirts of the town."

However, it is only with Brynmawr in connection with the Valley of the Clydach that I now have to deal, and therefore beyond mentioning the fact that it has many features of interest worthy of inspection in its immediate neighbourhood, I will not say more than that its old name was Gwain-yr-Helygan, the field of willows, and that in olden days the Ancient Britons here held their courts and councils. Now let us repair to the eastern suburb of the town; it is here that the charming Clydach has its rise. The first feature of interest to which I may direct your reader's attention is the Pont Harry Isaac Fall. You, Sir, know it well, and you will agree with me that any attempt to describe its beauties must result in failure. With the sun's rays fall upon it its glistening sprays glint like diamonds. While in wet seasons the fall of water is naturally of a grander character,—the supply never fails, even during the driest summer. Next we come to the delightful "Fairy Glen." Well, I never yet met a Welshman who claimed Shakespeare for a fellow countryman, but every student will admit that our immortal bard knew a great deal about Wales, and when we hear it asserted by men for whose opinions we entertain every respect that Shakespeare had the Fairy Glen in the Clydach Valley in view when he outlined the scene for his play of the Midsummer Night's Dream, we feel bound to attach some importance to the fact. But of this something might be said by the present Rector of Merthyr, a gentleman who knows more in reference to the legends of the Clydach Valley than perhaps any one living. In any case the tourist will never regret a visit he may be induced to make to inspect the "Fairy Glen." The next feature of interest we come across in tracing the source and progress of the river is the Fynon-is-Vaen Springs. Here the water, icily cold, bubbles up in a large circle; here may be seen, at all seasons of the year, the poor, the maimed,

and the halt, freely using these cooling waters medicinally. A second spring, at this spot, possesses—so it is currently believed—especial curative properties for dimness of sight, and for many diseases the human eye is subject to. Whatever virtues these waters really possess I am unable to decide, but I have personally benefited by their use in a case of severe sprain, when lotions innumerable had failed in reducing the inflammation consequent thereupon. For drinking purposes also the water is excellent. It acts as a mild aperient, but is very pleasant to the taste. The next feature of interest to which I would draw attention is the Clydach Rapids. Your readers must remember that when starting from Brynmawr I stated we were at the highest point in South Wales; we have now proceeded some three miles, but the downward tendency has been a rapid one, consequently when we are asked to inspect the "rapids" we can promise them something worth looking on. Next we come to the Shady Dell; here the tourist can rest, and if he has exhibited forethought can strengthen his inner man with refreshment, which by this time will doubtless be found acceptable. Then, forward, for the Rocky Pass and Caves, several of which latter are to be found hereabout. To those who seek adventure I may say that those caves can be traversed for considerable distances—some assert for miles, but for this I cannot personally vouch. However, those who desire to learn for themselves can do so. Let them, however, be accompanied by trustworthy guides, men accustomed to

"Tear in the dark at the earth's heart's core."

Such guides can be secured, and indeed we recommend all who may visit this interesting locality to avail themselves of those who know its special characteristics. We next come to the Sylvan Glade, where ferns of infinite variety abound. Here the river becomes somewhat more steady in its course, and here it may be fairly said to be available for other purposes than mere motive power. Hereabouts, spots may be selected where a grateful bath may be secured without danger of being driven against pieces of jagged rock. We are now in sight of the Clydach Station, and by this time, if we have done justice to the many features of interest brought under notice, we may feel inclined to mount the steep ascent which constitutes the roadway to Clydach Station and there take train, with a view to completing our journey by rail.

Sir, if I can find time I will endeavour to give you, in a future letter, a few particulars as to other inducements offered to Tourists who may feel inclined to visit these parts. There is ample railway accommodation; the North Western Company offer their patrons special facilities. Quarters can be secured at perhaps one-fourth of the charges made at so-called fashionable resorts, while good trout and salmon fishing can be had by those who affect the gentle art. With these advantages, to say nothing of the really bracing air of the mountains, I yet hope to live to see the Clydach Valley better patronized by those who at present, year after year, prefer to spend their money amongst foreigners, who have learned to look upon all tourists as legitimate game for plunder.

I am, Dear Sir and Brother,

Yours faithfully and fraternally,

GWYLLYM.

P.S.—I may add that our good friend James F. Neat, of Beaufort Street, Brynmawr, has kindly promised to recommend qualified guides to any party of Tourists who may write to him. You well know the interest Mr. Neat takes in this matter; how energetic he has ever been, in erecting seats, in making suitable foot-paths and providing a bridge, in order to make the springs accessible. May he long be spared to continue the good work he so heartily enters upon.

SUPREME GRAND CHAPTER.

A QUARTERLY Convocation of the Supreme Grand Chapter will be held at Freemasons' Hall, London, on Wednesday, the 1st of August next, at six o'clock in the evening.

BUSINESS.

The minutes of the last Quarterly Convocation to be read for confirmation.

THE REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE OF GENERAL PURPOSES.

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

The Committee of General Purposes beg to report that they have examined the accounts from the 18th April to the 17th July 1888, both inclusive, which they find to be as follows:—

	£	s	d		£	s	d
Balance Grand Chapter -				Purchase of £502 10 3			
ter -	735	2	11	2 1/2% Consols			
„ Unappropriated				@ 99 1/2	499	7	5
Account -	260	13	7	Com-			
Subsequent Receipts -	387	17	6	mission	0	12	7
					500	0	0
				Disbursements during			
				the quarter -	308	10	7
				Balance -	313	19	7
				„ Unappropriated			
				Account -	201	3	10
	£1323	14	0		£1323	14	0

which balances are in the Bank of England, Western Branch.

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

1st. From Companions George Frederick Bevis as Z., Thomas Tufnell as H., John Lind as J., and six others for a Chapter to be attached to the Portsmouth Temperance Lodge, No. 2068, Portsmouth, to be called "The Portsmouth Temperance Chapter," and to meet at the Soldiers' Institute, High-street, Portsmouth, Hampshire.

2nd. From Companions John Hands Paine as Z., Thomas Lambert as H., Walter Smith as J., and six others for a Chapter to be attached to the Combermere Lodge, No. 1795, Albury, New South Wales, to be called "The Combermere Chapter," and to meet at the Oddfellows' Hall, Kiawa-street, Albury, New South Wales.

3rd. From Companions Horatio T. Griffiths as Z., Thomas Robert Oakley as H., Frederick Atkinson Powell as J., and six others for a Chapter to be attached to the Loyal Monmouth Lodge, No. 457, Monmouth, to be called "The Loyal Monmouth Chapter," and to meet at the Freemasons' Hall, Monmouth, Monmouthshire.

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

The Committee have likewise to report that they have received memorials from the Companions of the undermentioned Chapters praying for Charters authorising them to wear a Centenary Jewel, in accordance with the Royal Arch Regulations, Rule 102.

The Chapter of Vigilance, No. 111, Darlington, date of Charter 14th March 1788.

The Chapter of Friendship, No. 257, Portsmouth, date of Charter 11th August 1769.

These memorials being in form, and the respective Chapters having proved an uninterrupted existence of 100 years, the Committee recommend that the prayers thereof be granted.

The Committee have further to report that the vacancy as Trustee of the Fund of Grand Chapter occasioned by the lamented death of the late Companion Colonel John Creton, President of the Committee of General Purposes, has been filled up by the appointment of Companion Robert Grey, the present President of the Committee.

The Committee have also to report that a memorial has been received from the petitioners for the Empire Chapter, No. 2108, London—a Charter for which was granted by the Supreme Grand Chapter on 2nd May last, but which Chapter has not been consecrated—praying that, in consequence of the departure of the Z. designate to resume his duties on the West Coast of Africa, the Principals named in the Charter may be changed as follows, viz.:—Companion Lennox Browne to be Z., Companion Ernest Luxmoore Marshall to be H., and Companion Emile Behnke to be J.

The Committee under the circumstances recommend that sanction for such alteration be given.

The Committee have also received a memorial, with extract of minutes, on the removal of the Harmony Chapter, No. 156, from the Hyshe Masonic Temple, to the new Masonic Buildings, No. 1, Princess-square, Plymouth.

The Committee being satisfied of the reasonableness of the request, recommend that the removal of this Chapter be sanctioned.

(Signed) ROBERT GREY,
President.

Freemasons' Hall, London, W.C.
18th July 1888.

BANK HOLIDAY RAILWAY FACILITIES.

IN accordance with their usual custom, the Great Western Railway Company have made arrangements for the issue of tickets during the week preceeding the August Bank Holiday, at their City and West End Offices, viz.:—193 and 407 Oxford Street, 23 New Oxford Street, Holborn Circus, 29 Charing Cross, 26 Regent Street, 5 Arthur Street East, London Bridge, 82 Queen Victoria Street, 43 and 44 Crutched Friars, 67 Gresham Street, and 4 Cheapside. The booking offices at the Paddington station will be open all day on Wednesday, Thursday, Friday and Saturday, and passengers can obtain tickets at any hour for use on either day. To meet the expected additional traffic by the ordinary trains on Saturday, 4th August, the Company will run in duplicate, the 9.0, 11.45 a.m., 3.0, 5.0 and 9.0 p.m. trains from London to the West of England; and the 12 noon and 5.45 p.m. trains to Weymouth, Hereford, and South Wales. The first portion of the 9.0 a.m. and 5.0 p.m. trains will leave Paddington at 8.55 a.m. and 4.55 p.m. respectively, but the first parts of the other trains will leave at the advertised times, and the second a few minutes afterwards, the long distance passengers being as far as possible taken in the first portion, but with a few exceptions both trains will stop at the advertised stations to take up and set down passengers. On Thursday, 2nd August, an excursion train will leave Paddington at 8.5 a.m. for Gloucester, Cardiff, Newport, Swansea, New Milford, &c.; passengers will also be booked at excursion fares to certain stations in the South of Ireland. A fast excursion train for the West of England will leave Paddington at 8.5 a.m. on Saturday, 4th August, reaching Exeter in 5½ hours and Plymouth in 7½ hours; and excursions will also be run on the same day to Bath, Bristol, Dorchester, Weymouth (for the Channel Islands), Gloucester, Cheltenham, Worcester, Malvern, Hereford, Birmingham, Wolverhampton, Shrewsbury, Chester, Liverpool, Manchester, and other stations on the Great Western system. Cheap tickets are issued daily from Paddington, and from most of the stations on the Metropolitan, District and North London Railways, to Windsor, Taplow, Bourne End, Cookham, Henley and other riverside resorts. A service of omnibuses has recently been established between Slough and Burnham Beeches, and cheap through tickets are issued daily by certain trains from Paddington.

FUNERALS properly carried out and personally attended, in London and Country, by Bro. G. A. HUTTON, 17 Newcastle Street, Strand, W.C. Monuments erected. Valuations made.

THE THEATRES, &c.

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Adelphi.—During the interval that has elapsed since "The Bells of Haslemere" was withdrawn, Messrs. Gatti have certainly done wonders in the way of decorating their theatre. Not only has it been renovated throughout, but the electric light has been laid on, both behind and in front of the curtain, with the result that the theatre is now beautifully cool. Besides thus studying the comforts of their patrons Messrs. Gatti have provided a play that is sure to become as popular as any of its predecessors. "The Union Jack," a drama in four acts, by Messrs. Henry Pettitt and Sydney Grundy, is based on ideas which have been used many times before, but they are handled in such a way that a most stirring and interesting play is the result. We have had the military and the naval element introduced before, but it is of rare occurrence the two services are successfully combined in one piece. In "The Union Jack" we have heroes both naval and military, while the low comedy scenes are most happily conceived. Fancy a girl flirting, before the very eyes of her soldier love, with a sailor, who unmercifully chaffs the soldier because he dare not come off his beat. The first acts are the more powerful, and are written in masterly style, while the ending has been greatly improved upon since the first night. It is to be regretted, however, that such a thorough-faced villain as Captain Morton should be killed in the third act, for by that time the audience has got used to his ways, and expects something further from him. This, however, is not a fault, in fact there are few to find with the piece. It appeals to the hearts of both pit and stalls alike, while its patriotic sentiments are thoroughly relished—by the gallery especially. The story is not new, but is served up in a fresh way, the leading incidents being as follow:—Ruth Medway, who is an orphan and has no one to protect her except one brother, who is at sea, is betrayed by a Captain Morton, who, after ruining her, deserts her. On Jack's return, Ruth, in a prettily written scene, tells him what has happened, and he swears vengeance. Jack goes to Aldershot to try and find the villain, who, with the help of Sir Philip Yorke strives to place the blame on Jack's friend, Lieutenant Stanley. The latter stoutly denies the charge. Captain Morton coming on the scene at this moment Ruth tells Jack that he is the man, with the result that Jack strikes him, and is imprisoned for so doing. Jack is tried by court-martial, and while the jury are deliberating, he jumps through a porthole and escapes, only to turn up at the house of Sir Philip Yorke, where Jack meets Ethel Arden, whose acquaintance he has already made. She tells him that she loves him and begs him to escape, but he refuses until he has seen Captain Morton. The latter at this time enters, and Ethel leaving them, Jack asks Morton for Ruth's address, which he refuses, but is forced to give it up. Yorke sees the struggle, and smarting under Morton's persecution, stabs him and blames Jack. Ethel has, however, seen the murder, but she is confined to the house by Yorke, who has got a warrant out for Jack's arrest. How Ethel escapes, to be found on the road in the snow by Jack; how they fly in Yorke's trap, which he leaves at the toll-house while he searches for Ethel; and how Yorke's villainy is brought home to him is shown in the last act, with the result that all ends happily, with the prospect of three weddings. We have already mentioned the amusing passages by the soldier and sailor and their lass, while some pretty scenes are also allotted to Lieutenant Stanley and Ivy Arden. Foremost amongst the actors stands out Mr. Charles Cartwright, whose Captain Morton is a most artistic piece of acting. Every line, every word, every expression has some powerful meaning, while his cool and cynical bearing is in holding with the character. Mr. Cartwright has seldom, if ever, done better work than this. Mr. William Terris, as Jack Medway, has one of those melodramatic characters that Adelphi audiences like him in. He delivers his lines with telling effect, and early becomes a great favourite. Mr. J. D. Beveridge has done better than Sir Philip Yorke, but he makes a capital tool for Captain Morton. Mr. Laurence Cantley is fresh and vigorous as Lieutenant Stanley, while Mr. J. L. Shine, as Peter Fly, the sailor, has nearly all the low comedy to himself, which he makes good use of. He is, however, well backed up by clever Miss Clara Jecks and Mr. Dalton Somers. Miss Olga Nethersole scores a most emphatic success as Ruth Medway, her confession to her brother being most realistically rendered. Miss Millward is powerful as Ethel Arden, and lends Mr. Terris good aid, while Miss Helen Forsyth is a pretty Ivy Arden. The other parts are in good hands. A special word of praise is certainly due to Mr. William Sydney, who has produced the piece in magnificent style, the scenes being most realistic.

Toole's.—Mr. Lionel Brough's short season at this theatre is proving a great success, which is hardly to be wondered at, considering the amusing and interesting play that has been produced. "The Paper Chase," a three act farcical comedy, is by Charles Thomas, and although the plot is easy to see through, the author has built up an interesting dialogue, that causes roars of laughter throughout the three acts. Of course many of the situations are led up to by absurd mistakes, but the author has done his work well. The whole play rests on the loss of a receipt for curry, and the hunt for this piece of paper is carried on throughout. Of the acting we can speak highly. Mr. Lionel Brough has got a part that suits him admirably, and he does not fail to make the most of it. As deaf Mr. Busby Mr. Brough has enormous scope for his peculiar ways, and he does not miss a single opportunity. Mr. E. W. Garden is fairly amusing, while Miss Kate Phillips and Miss Helen Leyton work well for the success of the piece. Some pretty love scenes are well acted by Mr. E. D. Ward and Miss Margaret Brough. We advise our readers to witness this amusing play.

"The Still Alarm" will be produced at the Princess's on Thursday next, the 2nd August, instead of the 29th instant, as announced in our last issue.

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Edinburgh (Pr. St.) ...	4 5	5 50	7 0	7 50	See Note.	—	6 50	9 25	12 5
Glasgow (Central) ...	4 10	6 0	7 0	7 55	See Note.	5 35	7 0	9 17	12 15
Greenock ...	5 38	7 18	8 0	9 5	—	7 5	8 30	10 43	2 46
Oban ...	9 20	—	—	4 45	—	12 23	2 0	4 58	—
Perth ...	6 40	—	—	8 45	6 35	6 50	8 15	11 10	2 20
Dundee ...	7 35	—	—	9 30	8 20	8 20	9 41	11 55	2 55
Aberdeen ...	10 0	—	—	3 5	9 55	9 55	12 0	2 15	6 40
Inverness ...	—	—	—	8 5	11 30	11 30	2 15	6 5	10 5

The 7.55 p.m. Express from Euston to Perth will run from 26th July to 10th August inclusive (Saturday and Sunday nights excepted). The Train will take saloons with family parties and sleeping and ordinary carriages for Perth and beyond, but will not pick up passengers en route. By this means an undisturbed journey will be secured, and the earlier arrival at Perth will give ample time for breakfast, &c., before going forward to the Highlands.

The Highland Railway Company have agreed to run the 7.55 p.m. Express through to the districts beyond Inverness, in advance of the 8.0 p.m. and Postal Trains.

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A will run every night, but on Sunday mornings its arrival at Dundee will be 9.5 a.m., Inverness 1.30 p.m., and it will have no connection to Oban (Saturday nights from London). B will run every night, but will have no connection to the North on Saturday night.

On Saturdays passengers by the 10.30 a.m. Train from London are not conveyed beyond Perth by the Highland Railway, and only as far as Aberdeen by the Caledonian Railway.

Carriages with lavatory accommodation are run on the principal Express Trains between London and Scotland, without extra charge.

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Additional Trains from Birmingham, Liverpool, Manchester, and other towns will connect with the above Trains.

For particulars of improved Train Service from Scotland to London, see the Companies' Time Bills.

G. FINDLAY, General Manager, L. & N. W. Railway.
J. THOMPSON, General Manager, Caledonian Railway.

July 1888.

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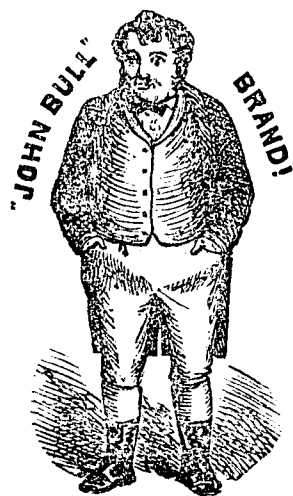
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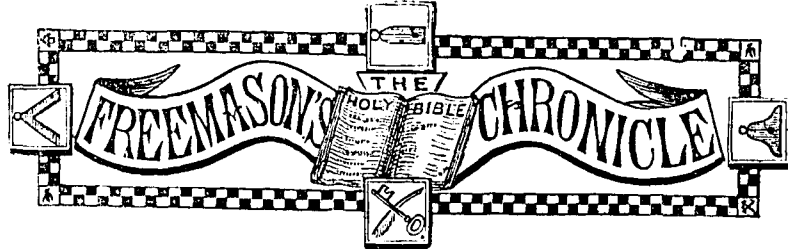
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PROV. GRAND LODGE OF MIDDLESEX
AND SURREY.

THE annual meeting of this Provincial Grand Lodge took place on Saturday last, the 21st instant, at the Greyhound Hotel, Richmond, where every effort was made by the proprietor, Bro. F. C. Mouffet, to make the gathering a successful one. The Provincial Grand Master the Rt. Wor. Sir Francis Burdett, Bart., presided, and he was supported by:

Bros. F. Davidson D.G.M., Capt. W. E. Stewart S.W., H. White J.W., Rev. Jas. Hutchins Chaplain, C. Hammerton Treasurer, W. G. Brighten Secretary, J. K. R. Cama J.D., D. E. Biddlecombe Organist, J. H. Hawkins I.G., John Larkin, A. G. Fidler, W. Vickers Stewards, and John Gilbert Tyler. Amongst other brethren who signed the attendance book were Dr. W. H. Kempster G. Steward, G. J. Dunkerley P.G.Org., J. Rhodes P.G.Org., D. P. Cama P.G.S.D., H. M. Appleton P.G.S., Thos. Clark P.G.S.D., J. M. Klenck P.G. Reg. P.G. Sec., L. G. G. Robins G.Std., C. F. Hogard P.G.Std.Br., G. H. M. Bridges P.G.J.W., A. H. Scurrah Reg. 355, C. Fountaine P.G.S., C. J. Axford W.M. 4, G. Graveley P.G.S.B., J. S. Cumberland P.G.O., S. C. Dibdin P.G.O., F. Laurence P.G.O., J. Owens 234, H. Kempton D.C. 331, H. E. Vickers, M.D., 198, W. W. Call, Tyler P.M. 357, R. Dakers I.P.M. 333, S. P. Catterson W.M. 234, J. H. Clare W.M. 199, J. Barnett jun. S.O. 315, J. Delves 350, J. T. Briggs G.Std.Br., T. Edmondston P.M. 333, J. Hill J.D. 333, B. R. Bryant P.G.Std.Br., G. Gregory S.W. 355, W. A. Scurrah W.M. 355, W. M. Stiles P.M. 355, H. Dickey J.W. 355, J. F. Saunders 133, E. Morbey S.O. 355, W. Potter M.O. 234, M. J. Rowley J.D. 355, H. Burgess W.M. 198, G. Dickinson S.D. 355, J. Powdrell Org. 355, Dr. Ferguson S.W. Era, C. J. Knightley Sec. 355, C. Quennell Sec. 144, J. L. Tamburini, C. M. Braden, R. W. Byford W.M. 350, W. C. Dickey S.D. 357, F. Eastwood S.W. Clapton, P. Saillard W.M. 144, J. H. Lane 315, Col. Mahone, W. Tomson, W. W. Morgan, &c.

After Provincial Grand Lodge had been regularly opened the Provincial Grand Master and his Deputy were saluted. The minutes of the last meeting, held on the 12th July 1887, were read and confirmed. The Prov. Grand Secretary then proceeded to call the roll of the Lodges, and to give particulars as to the several returns made by their respective Secretaries. Bro. Brighten's efforts in this regard had resulted most satisfactorily; of the Thirty-three Lodges comprising the Province thirty-two had supplied the necessary details, while in the remaining

instance one of the representatives of the Lodge in question explained that he had just undertaken the duties of Secretary, but had not yet had the whole of the papers transferred to his charge. He hoped, however, to be in a position in another week to comply with the requirements of the Prov. Grand Lodge. This announcement was received with enthusiasm. The total number of members on the Register now stands at 707, while to this has to be added the list not yet to hand. The Treasurer's Financial Statement showed that the Receipts (including balance in hand at last meeting) amounted to £158 17s 10d; the balance in favour of Prov. Grand Lodge, after all expenses had been defrayed, now stands at £94 12s 2d, an increase of £17 8s 7d over that of last year. There is also a balance in hand to the credit of the Benevolent Fund, instituted especially for the relief of distressed Mark Master Masons of the Province, amounting to £22 5s 8d. The Report was unanimously adopted, and it was ordered to be entered on the minutes. The Deputy Provincial Grand Master now explained that the time had arrived when the Provincial Grand Master should be nominated for a further term of service. Sir Francis Burdett during the long period he had been at their head had so zealously exerted himself that he felt assured the brethren one and all desired he should still retain the reins of government. Sir Francis Burdett said he had now held the office of Provincial Mark Master for eighteen years, and if he were again elected for a further term of three years some among them might think he was monopolising the office. Still, at the same time, he greatly appreciated the compliment, and if they should re-elect him he would continue to do the best in his power for their welfare and comfort. Bro. Charles Hammerton Provincial Grand Treasurer was thanked for his services during the past year, and re-elected for the ensuing twelve months. After Bro. Hammerton had gracefully acknowledged the compliment, the Deputy Prov. Grand Master was confirmed in his appointment and the Provincial Grand Officers invested, as follow:—

Bro. L. G. G. Robbins .	-	-	Senior Warden
A. J. Bristow .	-	-	Junior Warden
Philip Dakers .	-	-	M.O.
J. L. Mather .	-	-	S.O.
J. W. Hobbs .	-	-	J.O.
Rev. J. Hutchins .	-	-	} Chaplains
Rev. Cooper-Smith .	-	-	
W. A. Scnrrah .	-	-	Registrar
W. G. Brighten .	-	-	Secretary
T. P. Staley .	-	-	Senior Deacon
J. Larkin .	-	-	Junior Deacon
W. Fisher .	-	-	Superintendent of Works
H. M. Appleton .	-	-	Director of Ceremonies
C. Slater .	-	-	Asst. Director of Cers.
C. Fontaine .	-	-	Sword Bearer
A. G. Fidler .	-	-	Standard Bearer
H. H. Shirley .	-	-	Organist
D. Ferguson .	-	-	Inner Guard
P. Saillard .	-	-	} Stewards
— Clare .	-	-	
— Tyler .	-	-	
W. R. Potter .	-	-	
F. K. Hales .	-	-	} Tyler
Colonel Bircham .	-	-	
J. Gilbert .	-	-	

The next business was to appoint a Steward on behalf of the Mark Benevolent Fund, and on application being made as to whether any brother present would offer his services, the new Senior Warden Bro. L. G. G. Robbins responded. The Provincial Grand Lodge then voted £10 10s from its funds to head Bro. Robbins's list. This grant was liberally supplemented later in the evening, and Bro. Robbins, though only undertaking the functions at the eleventh hour, was enabled to take up £30 on Wednesday. Bros. J. M. Klenck, P. Dakers, H. White and P. A. Scratchley were the four members added to the regular officers who will form the Committee for General Purposes. This completing the business, Provincial Grand Mark Lodge was closed. The banquet was well served and the wines did credit both to "mine host" and to the "selectees." On the removal of the cloth Sir Francis Burdett, who was in capital health and spirits, gave the Loyal toasts with his accustomed geniality. With the toast of the Deputy Grand Master and the rest of the Grand Mark Officers was associated the name of Bro. C. F. Hogard, who in the course of his reply expressed his gratification that the Provincial Grand Lodge of Middlesex would be represented on Wednesday, the 25th instant, when the Deputy Grand Master the Marquess of Hertford would

preside at the Mark Benevolent Fund Festival. On behalf of the Grand Officers generally he thanked those present for the cordiality with which they had received the toast. Capt. Stewart proposed the health of the Provincial Grand Master, and in responding Sir Francis said that though perhaps he, to some extent, had suggested that it was desirable he should retire in favour of some younger man, he felt equal to a good amount of work yet. He had experienced great pleasure in being present on that occasion, and as long as he had health and strength he should continue to take an interest in Masonic work. The next toast was a combined one, it included the Deputy Grand Master, the Treasurer, and the Secretary. After full honour had been done it, the three brethren referred to rose to reply. Bro. Davidson expressed the gratification he and his confrères had experienced by the heartiness with which the brethren had received them. He trusted they might all be spared to meet on future occasions. It was the rule that they should alternate their meetings—one year in Surrey, the next in Middlesex; it would be the turn of Middlesex next time, and he hoped they might have an equally satisfactory gathering. Bro. Hammerton took a retrospective glance, and related some particulars as to the relative cost of the entertainments of past years with that of the present. Bro. Brighten said that with respect to the disbursements of their funds they had been especially careful, and as a result, although at one period of their history they were in debt, they were now in much better circumstances. Their Provincial Grand Lodge was well appointed, and there was a goodly balance in hand. He trusted this happy state would long continue. To the toast given in honour of the Mark Benevolent Fund Bro. Robbins replied, and cordially thanked those who had contributed to his list. For the Visitors Bro. Morgan replied, and shortly afterwards the Tyler closed the proceedings.

PROVINCIAL GRAND LODGE OF CUMBERLAND AND WESTMORELAND.

THE annual Grand Mark Lodge of the Province of Cumberland and Westmoreland, was held at Maryport, on Wednesday, the 18th inst., under the banner of the Whitwell Lodge, No. 151. In the absence of the P.G. Master, the Deputy Provincial Grand Master Colonel F. R. Sewell presided; with Bro. J. Nicholson P.M. P.G.S.D of England as D.P.G.M. The Provincial Grand Lodge having been opened in due form, Bro. Gardiner P.G. Treasurer read a statement of the accounts for the year, which showed a good balance to the credit of the Province. On the motion of the P.G.M. in the chair, supported by Bro. Collin, the Earl of Bective was unanimously nominated as Grand Master of the Province for the ensuing three years. Bro. James Gardiner was again elected P.G. Treasurer; and the following brethren were then appointed and invested the Grand Officers for the year, viz. :—

Rev. E. M. Rice P.M. 282 .	-	-	Senior Warden
J. Dickinson P.M. 151 .	-	-	Junior Warden
Bryce Craig P.M. 216 .	-	-	M.O.
J. Eden P.M. 282 .	-	-	J.O.
Rev. James Anderson Chap. 213 .	-	-	Chaplain
J. Gardiner P.M. 151 (elected) .	-	-	Treasurer
E. B. Penrice P.M. 151 .	-	-	Registrar
G. Dalrymple P.M. 216 .	-	-	Secretary
Dr. James I. Lace W.M. 216 .	-	-	Senior Deacon
Thomas Brakenridge W.M. 213 .	-	-	Junior Deacon
J. H. Braithwaite 195 .	-	-	Inspector of Works
James Black W.M. 229 .	-	-	Director of Ceremonies
W. Carlyle 282 .	-	-	Asst. Director of Cers.
Sergeant-Major Lookyer 60 .	-	-	Sword Bearer
John Jenkinson 282 .	-	-	Standard Bearer
J. Smith Organist 151 .	-	-	Organist
J. Kendall S.W. 151 .	-	-	I.G.
Quarter-Master Wright 60 .	-	-	} Stewards
W. D. P. Field J.W. 213 .	-	-	
Dr. J. F. Muir Registrar 213 .	-	-	
Thomas Atkinson J.W. 229 .	-	-	
John Gordon Tyler 216 .	-	-	Tyler

Bros. Nicholson, Collin, Atkinson, and Cray were elected to serve on the Committee of General Purposes. It was agreed that ten guineas be voted to Bro. Gardiner's Stewardship on behalf of the Mark Benevolent Fund; and ten guineas was unanimously voted to the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution. It was carried, as a recommendation to the R.W. P.G.M., that the next annual Prov. G. Lodge

be held at Frizington, under the banner of the Henry Lodge. At the conclusion of the business the brethren dined together at the Star Hotel, under the presidency of Bro. Colonel Sewell.

MARK BENEVOLENT FUND FESTIVAL.

THE twentieth Anniversary Festival of the Mark Benevolent Fund was held on Wednesday, 25th inst., at Freemasons' Tavern, Great Queen-street, London, under the presidency of the Marquess of Hertford Most Worshipful Deputy Grand Mark Master. His Lordship was accompanied by the Marchioness of Hertford, and was supported by a large number of Mark Masons. At the conclusion of the banquet grace was sung by Miss Minnie Freeman, Miss Eliza Thomas, Bro. Reginald Groome, and Bro. Stanley Smith, under the direction of Bro. E. M. Lott, Mus. Doc., and then the Chairman proceeded to submit the usual toasts. He first proposed the Queen and Mark Masonry, which was duly honoured and followed by the National Anthem. Then came the toast of H.R.H. the Prince of Wales Most Worshipful Grand Mark Master, a sentiment which met a warm reception from the assembled company. The third toast on the list was the Most Worshipful Pro Grand Master Lord Egerton of Tatton, with which was coupled the Past Grand Masters of the Mark Degree. With this latter was associated the name of the Rev. Canon Portal, who, in acknowledging the toast, said that, owing to the peculiar circumstance that the Grand Masters of the Mark Degree in England only held office for three years, they had a triennial rejuvenescence, if he might so express it, on their throne, and every three years there was a fresh outburst of zeal and vigour and of interest in the Degree. The consequence was that the Grand Masters had among them erected a structure, of which none of them need be ashamed. At any rate, five of the Past Grand Masters had presided from time to time at Festivals similar to this, and he was quite sure that as time rolled on those who ascended the Grand Master's throne would, as those of the past, use their utmost exertions in support of the interest of their important Degree. Baron de Ferrières proposed the Grand Officers Present and Past. Every Degree in Freemasonry depended very much upon the efficiency and zeal of those who commanded. He was sure the members of the Mark Degree appreciated the zeal which the Grand Officers showed. All present must have agreed with the words of Canon Portal—that they had built up a Degree of which none of them were ashamed. They were all very proud of the Mark Degree. Whenever they saw a man enter the Mark they might be sure he was a good Mason, for he did not stop there; he wished to enter every Degree, and to find out the depths of the secrets of Freemasonry. The name he was going to mention in connection with this toast reminded him of one who was an instance in point. He had to couple with the toast the name of Lord Euston, who, they all knew, was every inch a Mason, and aspired to all the Degrees. He had entered the Royal Order of Scotland, and was determined to go on. Like Alexander of old, who regretted that there were no more worlds to conquer, Lord Euston would by-and-bye regret there were no more Degrees for him to join. Lord Euston said he was sure that all the brethren who had attained to Grand Office felt that they were getting on, and the more they got on the more they wanted to. He thought that any one who went into Masonry approached it first from curiosity. When they found it was a good, charitable, brotherly Institution, they liked it and loved it for the good it did. After that they tried to get on for the sake of doing good in the cause, and nobody liked to stop at the bottom of the ladder. Nobody would be worth calling a really good Mason if he did, because every one was ambitious, and the man who was not was one who sat down and let things go just as they might, and did not throw his heart into the work he took up. All the brethren present took an interest in Masonry. For himself, he might say he was a very keen Mason. When he looked round the hall he saw a number of Grand Officers, Present and Past, many of them from his own Province. The Chairman's Province of Warwickshire was well represented, and they could not say the Provincial Grand Masters were not backed up most heartily and cordially in the good work they were trying to perform. Canon Portal said the toast he had now the honour of proposing was one which deserved all the

attention the company might be pleased to give it. The Brother whose health he was going to submit had not by any means arrived at those heights on the ladder of the Mark Degree to which he hoped to live to see him attain. But he had at any rate arrived at the top of their ladder that night, because he had been good enough to take the chair at their Festival. He (Canon Portal) had the pleasure, years ago, to preside at the first of these Festivals; everything must have a beginning, and he had the honour of presiding at that beginning. He found upon looking at the list that they then had five Stewards and collected £97. They were very pleased with themselves on that occasion. He would not tell them how many Stewards they had that night, or how large the collection was, because if he did he should encroach on the speech of their Chairman; but he would say that if envy was a Masonic virtue, or a Masonic vice, he should envy his Lordship the brilliant assembly he saw around him; but as he could not envy him he contented himself with congratulating his Lordship most heartily on that most distinguished gathering, and if the noble Lord had a claim to their most hearty thanks for having come among them in the genial way in which he had to preside over the meeting, they owed him double thanks when they remembered it was owing to his coming that they were honoured and graced with the presence of Lady Hertford. The Marquess of Hertford, in response to the toast, said he would start by observing that he cordially agreed with the words that fell from Lord Euston first, and then from Canon Portal, that a good Mason should not be content to stop where he was, but should always be trying to get to the top of the tree. He cordially reciprocated those sentiments, and could assure the company that he had every intention to go on and learn as much of Masonry as he possibly could. He trusted his past record had shown he was keen about Masonry, and took the greatest interest in his work. It had given him great pleasure to have the honour of presiding that evening. The brethren would now allow him to pass on and propose what he might call the toast of the evening, prosperity to the Mark Benevolent Fund. His Lordship said he did not think it a very difficult task for any one to come there that night and propose this toast. He had only to look around and see the large number who had attended, and when he thought of the large numbers all over the country represented by those present, all of whom were doing their best to work for the Mark Benevolent Fund, he felt prosperity was already assured. Canon Portal had told them of their small beginning compared with what they were now. They started in the year 1869, when there were only five Stewards and a sum of £97 2s 8d was collected. The Mark Benevolent Fund did not pretend to compete with the three great Masonic Charities of which all knew, but at the same time, to begin with, Mark Masonry was in its infancy compared with Craft Masonry, and was not nearly so numerous as they, while he thought he might say Mark Masons were not nearly so numerous as they intended to be. They could not attempt to get together large sums. He thought that such a sum as was got together only the other day for the Girls' Masonic School certainly had never been equalled, and although it did not do to prophesy, he should say it would be long before it was ever surpassed. They could not attempt to compete on such a scale as that; but they did claim for the Mark Benevolent Fund that it was doing a vast amount of good with the limited sums at its disposal. Perhaps he might say for the benefit of the ladies, who were not so well acquainted with the objects of the Fund, that it is divided into three parts, one third being given for the relief of the most urgent cases of necessity; another third for the Educational Fund, and the other third for Annuities. At the present time they were assisting twenty-six children from the Educational Fund at a cost of something over £400 a-year, which he believed represented a trifle over £15 a head. They had not large sums like Craft Masonry, but they endeavoured to assist in the education of their children in as practical a way as possible. Some of them might remember what he said on the last occasion he had the pleasure of meeting the Grand Mark Lodge and talking of the Benevolent Fund. He said he thought they were dispensing it in a very practical way—they assisted the parents to pay for the education of their children, but at the same time they did not take away the authority of the parent. They did not relieve the parents from the respon-

sibility they had for educating their own children, but endeavoured to assist them to do so to the best of their power. Now, Mark Masonry he believed and hoped was progressing every day, and they were glad to see it; but they must remember that the more Mark Masonry progressed the more likelihood there was of their Fund being called upon to educate the children of the poorer Mark Masons and the heavier would be the demands on the Annuity Fund. Therefore he asked them to recollect that when they saw they were only educating 26 children and had only four old Mark Masons on the books for the Annuity Fund, that it was simply because the Fund had not been started many years; the demands on it were likely to increase every year. Consequently he hoped that no one would relax his efforts to keep up the good Charity in every way he possibly could. Canon Portal had told them of a small beginning. That was only 19 years ago, and the Fund had gone on steadily increasing year by year till last year there were no less than 157 Stewards and no less a sum than £2,207 4s 9d collected. They would hear presently from their worthy Secretary, Bro. Matier, who worked very hard, and who did such excellent work for this good Charity, the sum collected that night; but he was glad to tell them there were 163 Stewards, the largest number ever yet seen at one of their Festivals. He had alluded to the large sum collected for the Girls' Charity. That alone, he thought would be quite enough to make those who were working that night feel pretty well certain that there would be a good deal of difficulty in drawing money out of Masonic pockets. That large sum of £50,500 came out of Masonic pockets and it was a pretty good haul. Therefore, nobody need be surprised to hear that night that a less sum than last year was forthcoming. But he looked upon the number of Stewards, 163, as most satisfactory, because it showed that a larger number of Mark Masons all over the country were taking an interest in the Mark Benevolent Fund, and he felt certain that the numbers having now got up to such a pitch they would never decrease, but that the Mark Benevolent Fund would always be represented in that room, or wherever else its Festivals might be held, by Stewards from all parts of the country. He thanked them for the way they received the toast of his health, and asked them to drink with him with extreme heartiness, success to the Mark Benevolent Fund, coupling with the toast the name and health of Bro. Matier, whom he now asked to announce the result of the Steward's efforts. Bro. Matier, Secretary of the Fund, said he could not unfold to the company a budget the same as was unfolded by Bro. Hedges on the occasion of the Festival of the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls. He could not say this had been the largest amount ever contributed; but he had to congratulate the meeting and the Marquess of Hertford on his being the Chairman when there was one of the largest amounts ever subscribed. As his Lordship had already told them, there were many reasons why the amount which he had to announce that night was not larger. The Royal Masonic Institution for Girls, of which every Mason was most justifiably proud, had obtained a great and unqualified success on the celebration of its Centenary, and he only hoped that when the Centenary of the Mark Benevolent Fund took place—he supposed none of those present now would be present then—the Secretary of that day would be able to make the same announcement, Bro. Hedges had made, that it was the greatest and most splendid success ever realised in Freemasonry. Bro. Matier then announced the subscriptions, of which we give details elsewhere. Bro. Colonel Shadwell H. Clerke proposed the health of those brethren who had served on the Board of Stewards that day, and who had so excellently and energetically contributed to the success of the evening. Brother Matier had looked somewhat downhearted about his list not being so large that night as it was last year, but when they considered the circumstances, he thought the Board of Stewards were to be congratulated exceedingly upon the success they had achieved. They had had a somewhat uphill game to play, and he thought they had played it most successfully. They had brought up a very handsome amount to this excellent Charity, and they who were accustomed to the working of these things knew what an immense amount of labour was involved in getting up the amount; they knew the hours of the night a Steward had

to devote to the completion of such excellent work, and he therefore thought they should be acting very improperly that night if they parted without recognising the merits of those meritorious brethren in getting this exceedingly large sum, and coming before the Festival with such lists in their hands. He would couple with the toast the name of a well-known and highly esteemed brother, Charles Driver, the President of the Board of Stewards, who, with great energy and ability, had devoted himself to the work. Bro. Driver, in reply, said every one was impressed that night with the kind feeling which had prompted all the speeches. The Stewards had been this year not so fortunate as they were last year with the lists they brought up; but it was not for want of hard work on their part. They all admitted that circumstances over which they had no control had given to one great Charity this year large success, and probably that strongly affected not only this meeting, but other meetings of a kindred nature; but when they knew how the Stewards were assisted by other Stewards—Bros. Williams, Very, and Church, all members of the General Board—and other distinguished past Mark Masters, it was not at all to be wondered at that they had this year a success, and he considered a very great success indeed—that they had this year, under all the disadvantages he had mentioned, succeeded in getting the second largest amount collected in any one year. The work the Stewards had done had been a work of pleasure, and was one they had all interested themselves in, and they might be depended on on all future occasions for doing the utmost in their power to advance the interests of the Mark Benevolent Fund. He trusted that next year, when they would start on equal ground with the other Charities, they would show a larger amount than they had shown this year. He thanked the brethren most heartily for the compliment paid the Stewards. He hoped they felt those brethren had done the best they possibly could do for the Fund, and that they intended to do so as long as they were Mark Masters. Lord Saltoun said he was very much taken aback at being asked to propose the next toast, but nevertheless he felt it was a very great honour conferred on him, which they would all confess when he told them that the toast was that of the Ladies, who had so kindly graced the meeting, and who, he was perfectly certain, when after this they knew what the Charity was with which they were at that moment connected, would on future occasions use their utmost endeavours to forward its interests, and do all in their power to make next year and following years the subscriptions even larger than they were that night. It was very difficult to speak for the ladies, but speaking for themselves (the Masons), he was perfectly certain that the ladies attending a meeting of this sort added to its pleasure, to its beauty, and to its success. He hoped the ladies would accept a humble apology from himself for not being a more capable exponent of their value. Bro. Randall responded, after which the Marquess of Hertford proposed the Visitors. Masons were always hospitable, and therefore liked to see visitors at their gatherings. He hoped the visitors that night would go away impressed with the merits of the Mark Benevolent Fund, and would do what they could to help it in the future. Sir Lionel Dayrell replied. In uttering words of thanks, which came from his heart, he felt he was expressing the feelings of the rest of the guests. They thanked the brethren most heartily for having invited them to be present at their festive board, and for their excellent entertainment. They also congratulated their hosts on the munificent sum collected. The visitors would go away thoroughly impressed with what they had seen and heard, and he would further say that the pleasure that had been afforded them would not be the pleasure only of that night, for they would carry away with them most pleasant recollections that would be stored in their memories. The company then adjourned to the drawing-room, where a concert was given.

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DIARY FOR THE WEEK.

We shall be obliged if the Secretaries of the various Lodges throughout the Kingdom will favour us with a list of their Days of Meetings, &c., as we have decided to insert only those that are verified by the Officers of the several Lodges.

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SATURDAY, 28th JULY.

- Quarterly General Court Girls' School, Freemasons' Hall, at 12
 179—Manchester, Yorkshire Grey, London St., Tottenham Court Rd., at 8. (In)
 198—Percy, Jolly Farmers', Southgate Road, N., 8. (Instruction)
 1275—Star, Five Bells, 155 New Cross Road, S.E., at 7. (Instruction)
 1288—Finsbury Park, Cock Tavern, Highbury, at 8. (Instruction)
 1297—West Kent, Crystal Palace, Sydenham
 1364—Earl of Zetland, Royal Edward, Triangle, Hackney, at 7. (Instruction)
 1541—Alexandra Palace, Imperial Hotel, Holborn Viaduct
 1624—Eccleston, Crown and Anchor, 79 Ebury Street, S.W., at 7. (Inst)
 1679—Henry Muggeridge, Masons' Hall Tavern, E.C.
 1871—Gostling-Murray, Town Hall, Hounslow
 2012—Chiswick, Windsor Castle Hotel, King Street, Hammersmith, at 7.30. (In)
 Sinai Chapter of Improvement, Union, Air Street, Regent Street, W., at 8
 1293—Burdett, Mitre Hotel, Hampton Court
 1462—Wharnccliffe, Rose and Crown Hotel, Penistone
 1464—Erasmus Wilson, Pier Hotel, Greenhithe
 1531—Chiselhurst, Bull's Head Hotel, Chiselhurst
 1777—Royal Hanover, Albany Hotel, Twickenham
 1965—Eastes, Parish Rooms, Bromley, Kent
 1982—Greenwood, Public Hall, Epsom
 2048—Henry Levander, Station Hotel, Harrow
 R.A. 1777—Royal Hanover, Town Hall, Twickenham
 M.M. 14—Prince Edward's, Station Hotel, Stanfield, Tottenham

MONDAY, 30th JULY.

- 22—Loughborough, Gauden Hotel, Clapham, at 7.30. (Instruction)
 45—Strong Man, Bell and Bush, Ropemaker St., Finsbury, E.C., at 7 (In)
 174—Sincerity, Railway Tavern, Railway Place, Fenchurch Street at 7. (In)
 3180—St. James's Union, Union Tavern, Air-street, W., at 8 (Instruction)
 548—Wellington, White Swan, High-street, Deptford, at 8 (Instruction)
 933—Doric, Duke's Head, 79 Whitechapel Road, at 8. (Instruction)
 976—Rose of Denmark, Gauden Hotel, Clapham Road Station, at 7.30. (Inst)
 1227—Upton, Three Nuns, Aldgate, E., at 8. (Instruction)
 1426—Hyde Park, Porchester Hotel, Leinster Place, Cleveland Gardens, at 8. (In)
 1445—Prince Leopold, Printing Works, 202 Whitechapel Road, E., at 7 (Inst.)
 1489—Marquess of Ripon, Queen's Hotel, Victoria Park, at 7.30 (In)
 1507—Metropolitan, The Moorgate, Finsbury Pavement, E.C., at 7.30 (Inst.)
 1585—Royal Commemoration, Railway Hotel, High Street, Putney, at 8. (In)
 1608—Kilburn, 46 South Molton Street, Oxford Street, W., at 8. (Inst.)
 1623—West Smithfield, New Market Hotel, King Street, Smithfield, at 7 (In.)
 1693—Kingsland, Cock Tavern, Highbury, N., at 8.30 (Instruction)
 1707—Eleanor, Seven Sisters Hotel, Page Green, Tottenham, 8. (Inst)
 1746—Farringdon, Holborn Viaduct Hotel
 1891—St. Ambrose, Baron's Court Hotel, West Kensington. (Instruction)
 1901—Selwyn, East Dulwich Hotel, East Dulwich. (Instruction)
 2021—Queen's (Westminster) and Marylebone, Criterion, W., at 8. (Inst.)
 62—Social, Queen's Hotel, Manchester
 148—Lights, Masonic Rooms, Warrington
 248—True Love and Unity, Freemasons' Hall, Brixham, Devon, at 7. (Inst)
 382—Royal Union, Chequers Hotel, Uxbridge. (Instruction)
 1177—Tenby, Tenby, Pembroke
 1449—Royal Military, Masonic Hall, Canterbury, at 8. (Instruction)
 R.A. 310—Union, Freemasons' Hall, Castle Street, Carlisle
 R.A. 321—Faith, Crowe Arms Hotel, Crowe
 R.A. 1205—Elliott, 1 Caroline Place, East Stonchouse

TUESDAY, 31st JULY.

- 66—Constitutional, Bedford Hotel, Southampton-bldgs., Holborn, at 7 (Inst)
 65—Prosperity, Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall-street, E.C., at 7. (Instruction)
 141—Faith, Victoria Mansions Restaurant, Victoria Street, S.W., at 8 (Inst.)
 177—Domatic, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, at 7.30 (Instruction)
 188—Joppa, Champion Hotel, Aldersgate-street, at 7.30. (Instruction)
 212—Euphrates, Mother Red Cap, High Street, Camden Town, at 8. (Inst)
 554—Yarborough, Green Dragon, Stepney (Instruction)
 753—Prince Frederick William, Eagle Tavern, Clifton Road, Maida Hill, at 8, (Instruction)
 820—Lily of Richmond, Greyhound, Richmond, at 7.30 (Instruction)
 860—Dalhousie, Middleton Arms, Middleton Road, Dalston at 8. (Inst.)
 861—Finsbury, King's Head, Threadneedle Street, E.C., at 7. (Instruction)
 1044—Wandsworth, East Hill Hotel, Alma Road, Wandsworth (Instruction)
 1321—Emblematic, Red Lion, York Street, St. James's Square, S.W., at 8 (In)
 1349—Friars, Liverpool Arms, Canning Town, at 7.30. (Instruction)
 1446—Mount Edgecombe, Three Stags, Lambeth Road, S.W., at 8. (Inst.)
 1471—Islington, Champion, Aldersgate Street, at 7. (Instruction)
 1472—Henley, Three Crowns, North Woolwich. (Instruction)
 1540—Chaucer, Old White Hart, Borough High Street, at 8. (Instruction)
 1695—New Finsbury Park, Hornsey Wood Tavern, Finsbury Park, at 8. (Inst)
 1839—Duke of Cornwall, Queen's Arms, Queen Street, E.C., at 7. (In.)
 1949—Brixton, Prince Regent, Dulwich Road, East Brixton, at 8 (Instruction)
 Metropolitan Chapter of Improvement, White Hart, Cannon Street, at 6.3
 R.A. 704—Camden, the Moorgate, 15 Finsbury Pavement, E.C., at 8. (Inst.)
 24—Newcastle-on-Tyne, Freemasons' Hall, Grainger-st., Newcastle 7.30 (In)
 299—Emulation, Bull Hotel, Dartford
 310—Unions, Freemasons' Hall, Castle-street, Carlisle
 573—Perseverance, Shenstone Hotel, Hales Owen
 1353—Torbay, Town Hall, Paignton
 1566—Ellington, Town Hall Maidenhead
 1636—St. Cecilia, Royal Pavilion, Brighton
 2146—Surbiton, Spread Eagle Coffee Tavern, Surbiton. (Instruction)
 R.A. 418—Staffordshire Knot, Freemasons' Hall, Hauley
 R.A. 510—St. Martin's, Masonic Hall, Liskeard

WEDNESDAY, 1st AUGUST.

- Grand Chapter, Freemasons' Hall, at 6
 3—Fidelity, Alfred, Roman Road, Barnsbury, at 8. (Instruction)
 13—Waterloo, Union Masonic Hall, William Street, Woolwich
 30—United Mariners', The Lizard, Peckham, at 7.30. (Instruction)
 72—Royal Jubilee, Mitre, Chancery Lane, W.C., at 8. (Instruction)
 73—Mount Lebanon, George Inn, High Street, Borough, at 8. (Inst)
 193—Confidence, Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall Street, at 7. (Instruction)
 228—United Strength, The Hope, Stanhope Street, Regent's Park, at 8 (In)
 538—La Tolerance, Portland Hotel, Great Portland Street, at 8. (Inst)
 720—Panmure, Batham Hotel, Batham, at 7. (Instruction)
 781—Merchant Navy, Silver Tavern, Burdett-road, E. (Instruction)
 813—New Concord, Jolly Farmers, Southgate-road, N. (Instruction)
 862—Whittington, Red Lion, Poppin's Court, Fleet Street, at 8. (Instruc.)
 902—Burgoyne, Goose and Gridiron, St. Paul's Churchyard, at 7. (Instruc.)
 1475—Peckham, Lord Wellington Hotel, 516 Old Kent Road, at 8. (Instruction)
 1521—Duke of Connaught, Royal Edward, Mare Street, Hackney, at 8. (Inst.)
 1691—Ravensbourne, George Inn, Lewisham, at 8. (Instruction)

- 1604—Wanderers, Victoria Mansions Restaurant, Victoria-st., S.W., at 7.30. (In)
 1662—Beaconsfield, Chequers, Marsh Street, Walthamstow, at 7.30. (Inst.)
 1691—Londesborough, Berkeley Arms, John Street, May Fair, at 8. (Inst.)
 1923—Earl of Lathom, Station Hotel, Camberwell New Road, S.E., at 8. (In)
 1963—Duke of Albany, 153 Battersea Park Road, S.W., at 7.30. (Instruction)
 2206—Hendon, Welsh Harp, Hendon, at 8. (Instruction)
 R.A. 177—Domatic, Union Tavern, Air Street, Regent Street, at 8. (Inst.)
 R.A. 720—Panmure, Goose and Gridiron, St. Paul's Churchyard, at 7. (Inst.)
 R.A. 933—Doric, 202 Whitechapel Road, E., at 7.30. (Instruction)
 M.M.—Thistle, Freemasons' Tavern, W.C., at 8. (Instruction)

- 74—Athol, Masonic Hall, Severn-street, Birmingham
 298—Harmony, Masonic Rooms, Ann-street, Rochdale
 326—Moirs, Freemasons' Hall, Park-street, Bristol
 327—Wigton St. John, Lion and Lamb, Wigton
 406—Northern Counties, Freemasons' Hall, Maple-street, Newcastle-on-Tyne
 417—Faith and Unanimity, Masonic Hall, Dorchester
 594—Downshire, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 7. (Instruction)
 645—Humphrey Chetham, Freemasons' Hall, Cooper-street, Manchester
 673—St. John, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 8. (Instruction)
 678—Earl Ellesmere, Church Hotel, Kersley, Faraworth, near Bolton
 838—Franklin, Peacock and Royal Hotel, Boston
 972—St. Augustine, Masonic Hall, Canning-st. (Instruction)
 992—St. Thomas, Griffin Hotel, Lower Broughton
 1013—Royal Victoria, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
 1037—Portland, Portland Hall, Portland. (Instruction.)
 1063—Malling Abbey, Bear Inn, West Malling, Kent
 1085—Hartington, Masonic Hall, Gower-street, Derby
 1091—Erme, Erme House, Ivybridge, Devon
 1167—Alnwick, Masonic Hall, Clayport-street, Alnwick
 1206—Cinque Ports, Bell Hotel, Sandwich
 1274—Earl of Durham, Freemasons' Hall, Chester-le-Street
 1323—Talbot, Masonic Rooms, Wind-street, Swansea
 1335—Lindsay, 20 King-street, Wigan
 1354—Marquis of Lorne, Masonic Rooms, Leigh, Lancashire
 1356—De Grey and Ripon, 140 North Hill-street, Liverpool, at 7.30. (Inst.)
 1363—Tyndall, Town Hall, Chipping Sodbury, Gloucester.
 1431—St. Alphege, George Hotel, Solihull
 1511—Alexandra, Hornsea, Hull (Instruction)
 1549—Abercorn, Abercorn Hotel, Great Stanmore.
 1620—Marlborough, Derby Hall, Two Brook, Liverpool
 1692—Hervey, White Hart Hotel, Bromley, Kent, at 8.30. (Instruction)
 1736—St. John's, St. John's Rooms, Halifax
 1903—Prince Edward of Saxe Weimar, Masonic Hall, Portsmouth
 2042—Apollo, Masonic Hall, 22 Hope Street, Liverpool
 R.A. 126—Nativity, Cross Keys Inn, Burnley
 R.A. 221—St. John, Commercial Hotel, Town Hall Square, Bolton
 R.A. 258—Ampubious, Freemasons' Hall, Heckmondwike
 R.A. 304—Philanthropic, Masonic Hall, Great George Street, Leeds
 M.M. 30—Furness, Hartington Hotel, Duke-street, Barrow-in-Furness

THURSDAY, 2nd AUGUST.

- 27—Egyptian, Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall-street, E.C., at 7.30 (Instruction)
 37—Vitruvian, White Hart, College-street, Lambeth, at 8 (Instruction)
 141—St. Luke, White Hart, King's-road, Chelsea, at 7.30. (Instruction)
 147—Justice, Brown Bear, High Street, Deptford, at 8. (Instruction)
 435—Salisbury, Union Tavern, Air-street, Regent-street, W., at 8. (Inst.)
 701—Camden, Lincoln's Inn Restaurant, 305 High Holborn, at 7 (Instruction)
 742—Crystal Palace, Crystal Palace, Sydenham
 749—Belgrave, The Clarence, Aldersgate Street, E.C. (Instruction)
 754—High Cross, Coach and Horses, Lower Tottenham, at 8 (Instruction)
 879—Southwark, Sir Garnet Wolseley, Warndon St., Rotherhithe New Rd. (In)
 1158—Southern Star, Sir Sydney Smith, Chester St., Kennington, at 8. (In.)
 1278—Burdett Coutts, Swan Tavern, Botolph Green Road, E., at 8. (Instruc)
 1306—St. John, Three Crowns Tavern, Mile End Road, E. (Instruction)
 1339—Stockwell, Masons' Tavern, Masons' Avenue, E.C., at 7.30 (Instruction)
 1360—Royal Arthur, Prince of Wales Hotel, Wimbledon, at 7.30. (Inst.)
 1553—D. Connaught, Palmerston Arms, Grosvenor Park, Camberwell, at 8 (In)
 1571—Leopold, Austin's Hotel, 7 London Street, E.C., at 7.30. (Instruction)
 1612—Sir Hugh Myddelton, White Horse Tavern, Liverpool Road (Corner of Theberton Street) N., at 8. (Instruction)
 1612—West Middlesex, Public Hall, Ealing Dean, at 7.45. (Instruction)
 1614—Covent Garden, Criterion, W., at 8. (Instruction)
 1622—Rose, Stirling Castle Hotel, Church Street, Camberwell. (Instruction)
 1625—Fredegar, Wellington Arms, Wellington Road, Bow, E., at 7.30. (In.)
 1673—Langton, White Hart, Abchurch Lane, E.C., at 5.30. (Instruction)
 1677—Crusaders, Old Jerusalem Tav., St. John's Gate, Clerkenwell, at 9 (Inst)
 1744—Royal Savoy, Yorkshire Grey, London Street, W., at 8 (Instruction)
 1790—Old England, Masonic Hall, New Thornton Heath
 1791—Creston, Wheatheaf Tavern, Goldhawk Road, Shepherd's Bush. (Inst)
 1950—Southgate, Railway Hotel, New Southgate, at 7.30. (Instruction)
 R.A. 753—Prince Frederick William, Lord's Hotel, St. John's Wood, at 8. (In)
 M.M. 199—Duke of Connaught, Haverlock, Albion-rd., Dalston, at 8. (Inst.)

- 24—Newcastle-on-Tyne, Freemasons' Hall, Grainger-st., Newcastle.
 123—Lennox, Freemasons' Hall, Richmond, Yorkshire
 219—Mariners, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
 266—Naphthali, Masonic Hall, Market-place, Heywood
 269—Fidelity, White Bull Hotel, Blackburn
 289—Fidelity, Masonic Hall, Carlton-hill, Leeds
 294—Constitutional, Assemoly Rooms, Beverley, Yorks
 295—Combermere Union, Macclesfield Arms, Macclesfield
 300—Minerva, Pitt and Nelson, Ashton-under-Lyne
 317—Affability, Freemasons' Hall, Cooper-street, Manchester.
 419—St. Peter, Star and Garter Hotel Wolverhampton.
 446—Benevolent, Town Hall, Wells, Somersetshire.
 509—Tees, Freemasons' Hall, Stockton, Durham.
 637—Portland, Masonic Rooms, Town Hall, Stoke-upon-Trent.
 792—Pelham Pillar, Masonic Hall, Bullring-lane, Great Grimsby
 976—Royal Clarence, Blue Ball, Bruton, Somerset
 1088—Royal Edward, Commercial Inn, Stalybridge
 1231—Savile, Royal Hotel, Eiland
 1282—Ancholme, Foresters' Hall, j Brigg, Lincolnshire
 1284—Brent, Globe Hotel, Topsham, Devonshire
 1384—Equity, Alford Chambers, Widnes
 1500—Walpole, Bell Hotel, Norwich
 1594—Red Rose of Lancaster, Starkie's Arms Hotel, Pullin-rd., near Burnley
 1580—Cranbourne, Red Lion Hotel, Hatfield, Herts, at 8. (Instruction)
 1807—Loyal Wye, Bulth, Breconshire
 1829—Burrell, George Hotel, Shoreham
 2050—St. Trinians, Masonic Hall, Loch Parade, Douglas, Isle of Man
 R.A. 187—Charity, Freemasons' Hall, Park Street, Bristol
 R.A. 496—Mount Edgecombe, Masonic Rooms, St. Austell
 R.A. 581—Rectitude, Corporation Hotel, Tipping-st., Aclwick, Openash v, Man
 R.A. 587—Howe, Masonic Hall, New Street, Birmingham
 R.A. 753—Bridgewater, Freemasons' Hall, Ramcorn, Cheshire
 M.M. 53—Britannia, Freemasons' Hall, Sheffield

FRIDAY, 3rd AUGUST.

- Metropolitan Masonic Benevolent Association, 155 Fleet-street, E.C. at 8.30
 Emulation Lodge of Improvement, Freemasons' Hall, at 6
 25—Robert Burns, Portland Arms Hotel, Great Portland Street, W., at 8. (In)
 167—St. John's, York and Albany Hotel, Regent's Park, N.W., at 8. (Inst.)
 507—United Pilgrims, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, at 7.30. (Inst.)
 765—St. James, Princess Victoria Tavern, Rotherhithe, at 8. (Instruction)

766—William Preston, St. Andrew's Tavern, George St., Baker St., at 8. (In)
 780—Royal Alfred, Star and Garter, Kew Bridge, at 8. (Instruction)
 834—Rauelagh, Six Bells, Hammersmith. (Instruction)
 1056—Metropolitan, Portugal Hotel, Fleet Street, E.C., at 7. (Instruction)
 1185—Lewis, Fishmongers' Arms Hotel, Wood Green, at 7.30. (Instruction)
 1228—Beacontree, Green Man, Leytonstone. (Instruction)
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DISTRICT GRAND LODGE OF WELLINGTON.

A MOST important and imposing gathering of members of the Masonic fraternity took place at the Provincial Buildings, Custom-house Quay, on the 28th May, to witness the installation of Bro. Sir Harry Albert Atkinson, K.C.M.G., as Right Worshipful District Grand Master of Wellington, North Island of New Zealand. It will be remembered that in the early part of 1887 Bro. C. J. Toxward, who has held the office of D.G.M. since the death of Bro. Sir Donald McLean, in 1879, signified his intention to resign that important position, and recommended as his successor the worthy Brother who was installed. The selection met with the approval of the Grand Master H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, and also was a most popular one with the numerous Lodges under the jurisdiction of the Wellington District Grand Lodge. It is therefore not at all surprising that such a large assemblage of Masons should have been present, not only on account of the imposing ceremony, which is an unusual one, but more especially to show their respect and loyalty to the newly appointed District Grand Master, whose ability and honesty of purpose have stamped him as a leader of men.

Long before 6.30 p.m. the Provincial Buildings were crowded with members of the Craft, who, on arrival, were received by the Stewards, and shown to the various reception rooms. The arrangements were most complete in every respect, and no confusion or hitch took place, although there were fully 360 persons present. The old Provincial Council Hall, in which the ceremony of installation was performed, and in which, curiously enough, Sir Donald McLean was installed, was appropriately decorated with Masonic emblems and drapery, and had a most imposing effect.

The New Zealand Pacific Lodge, No. 517, being the oldest Lodge in the colony, was tyled at 6.30 p.m. After the P.M. had stated the business of the meeting, District G.M. Bro. Toxward and most of the visiting Grand Officers were admitted in due form, and the Degree of Installation was conferred on Bro. Sir H. Atkinson, the D.G.M. Designate. This part of the ceremony was ably undertaken by Bros. Toxward and Wilson, P.M.'s, and Bro. Robertson, the latter being P.M. of Wellington Lodge, 1521 E.C., of which Bro. Sir H. A. Atkinson is a member. After this had been done D.G.M. Bro. Toxward, accompanied by the D.G.M. Designate and Visiting Grand Officers, retired, and all the Visiting Brethren and Lodges were then admitted. The following Lodges were represented, viz.:—New Zealand Pacific, Mount Egmont, Tongariro, Masterton, Wellington, Victoria, Sir Donald McLean, Greytown, United Manawatu, Heretaunga, Abertown, St. John's, Rangitikei, Fielding, Ngamotu, St. Mark's, Marton, Ruapahu, Ruahine, Victory, Golden Bay, Forest, Waitohi, Ulster, Waterloo, St. Andrew's, Leinster, Southern Cross, Marlborough, Lodge of Unanimity, St. Andrew Kilwinning, Foxton Kilwinning, St. Augustine, and many others.

When representatives of the above Lodges had taken their places,

D.G.M. and Officers of the District Grand Lodge of Wellington, North Island of New Zealand, were announced and received in due form. The District Grand Lodge was then opened by Brother Toxward D.G.M., and the following distinguished representatives of the District and Provincial Grand Lodges were received in a proper Masonic manner, viz.:—Bros. Sir F. Whitaker Prov. G.M. of Auckland, S.C., accompanied by his Grand Officers, Dr. A. J. Johnston D.D.G.M., H. J. H. Elliot P.A.G.S., J. Jack P.G.C., and others, Bros. H. Thomson D.G.M. of Canterbury, E.C., Graham D.G.M. of Auckland, E.C., Sir Robert Stout Past D.D.G.M., and Fish D.D.G.M. of District Grand Lodge of Otago and Southland, E.C., the Rev. James Hill D.G.M. of Canterbury, S.C., R. C. Hamerton representing the Prov. G.L. of Auckland, I.C., Robertson representative of the Grand Orient of Italy, &c.

Apologies were received from the D.G.M. of Otago, E.C., and Westland, E.C., all other District and Provincial Grand Lodges being represented.

The patent appointing Bro. Sir H. A. Atkinson to his office, issued under the hand of G.M. H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, was then read by the D.G. Secretary, and the R.W. D.G.M. Designate was introduced and presented in a manner befitting his rank by the D.G.M.'s of Canterbury and Auckland.

The Installing Master then proceeded to obligate and invest in a most impressive manner, and immediately on Bro. Sir H. A. Atkinson taking the chair, a proclamation was made, preceded by a flourish of trumpets, and succeeded by grand honours in Masonic form. Addresses were given by Bros. H. Thomson D.G.M. of Canterbury, E.C., and Rev. — Pinge D.G. Chaplain, and congratulations were heartily tendered by all representatives of other District and Provincial Grand Lodges.

Bro. Sir H. A. Atkinson, who on rising was received with applause, in returning thanks for the great honour which had been conferred on him that evening, said that although he had been connected for many years with the Craft, yet his duties had been so numerous and exacting that he had been unable to attend to Masonry as he should have liked. Still, although he had not taken an active interest in Masonic matters, he had ever had the Craft at heart, and would endeavour in the future to give more time to the good cause. He thanked all those who had selected him to fill the important office of District Grand Master, and trusted that he would be able to perform the duties in a satisfactory manner, so as to merit the confidence reposed in him. He also said he intended to visit every Lodge in his District, so as to see their requirements, and would in every way further benevolence, which was one of the Masonic virtues.

The Grand Lodges then retired, and the District Grand Lodge was closed in accordance with ancient custom. The District Grand Master and his Officers then left the hall, and the Worshipful Master of the New Zealand Pacific Lodge closed the proceedings at 9 p.m.

The musical portion of the ceremony, which consisted of anthems and instrumental music, was carried out in a very efficient manner by Bro. G. Robertson Organist, assisted by a powerful orchestra of twenty instruments, and this contributed in no small measure to the success of the proceedings.

An adjournment was made to the Masonic Hall, in Boncote-street, where the brethren sat down to supper.

After ample justice had been done to the repast, the toasts were honoured.

Some capital songs were given by the brethren, and the proceedings from beginning to end were most successfully carried out, and reflected great credit on all those brethren who were entrusted with the management of affairs.

ROSE CROIX.

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CORYTON AND ROUGEMONT UNION CHAPTER.

AT the annual meeting, held at the Masonic Hall, Gandy-street, Exeter, on Thursday evening, 12th instant, Bro. John Lane was installed M.W.S. for the ensuing year by W. Bro. W. Bennet Maye P.M. W.S. The M.W.S. appointed the following officers:—W. B. Maye Prelate, G. J. Pepprell 1st Genl., J. P. Heath 2nd Genl., S. Jones Treasurer, John Stocker Recorder, James Jerman G. Marshall, William Taylor Raphael, Henry Stocker D. of G., R. K. Norris Herald, H. B. Stark Organist, Henry Shuter Outer Guard. A sum of ten guineas was voted to the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls, and five guineas to the Mark Benevolent Fund. The brethren afterwards dined together at the Masonic Club.

Miss Fairman has designed and worked a handsome banner for the Stratford Lodge. The foundation, which is of dark blue silk, is richly emblazoned with gold thread, the scroll pattern entirely surrounding the figure of Bishop Maurice, Bishop of London, at the time of the Norman Conquest. The arms of the county, a hart crossing a ford, is beneath the figure of the bishop, and above in gold embroidery is the name and number of the Lodge.

The brethren of Lodge 76, Longford, have decided to erect a Masonic Hall, in Longford, in memory of the late Right Hon. Colonel E. R. King Harman, M.P.

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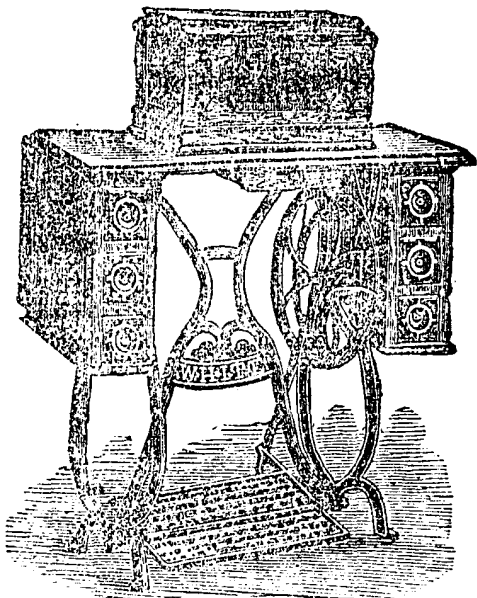
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