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THE MARK BENEVOLENT FUND.

THIS year's Anniversary Festival of the Mark Benevolent Fund, which was held on Wednesday, affords a further exemplification of the desire of English Freemasons to uphold the splendid reputation the Order has already gained as a medium for dispensing Charity, and affording relief to those members or their families who unfortunately fall into distressed circumstances. For the last twenty-one years it has been the custom for brethren associated with Mark Masonry to hold an Annual Festival on behalf of a special Benevolent Fund for the Degree, and almost every year the total of the subscriptions announced in connection with these Festivals has exceeded the result of the preceding one; indeed, the whole career of the Fund may be described as a continuation of successes, and to-day we find the organisation, which was started but a comparatively short time back, with modest pretensions, has risen to the dimensions of a national Institution, drawing support from all parts of the world, where English Mark Masonry is known, and affording a means of alleviating some of the distress

which prevails over an equally wide area.

This year's contributions to the Mark Fund of Benevolence show an increase, as compared with the total of last year, although they hardly reach to what was realised in the Jubilee year, 1887, when, under the presidency of the Right Hon. Earl Amherst, a sum of £2260 was realised. largest ever known in the history of the Fund, and it hardly seems possible, when we look at the £2084 2s 6d total of Wednesday last, that as recently as 1869 the first Festival was held, under the presidency of the lately deceased Canon Portal, when the modest sum of £97 2s 8d was contributed, at the hands of six Stewards. The following year (1870) the total was but £53 odd, while in 1871 it rose to £85 8s. For the next few years it varied success of the Fund may be said to have been assured, the contributions gradually rising, until, in 1884, they totalled up to £832 19s. Then came a period of of the following year - to which we have already alludedpresent income of this special Masonic Charity as something like two thousand pounds per annum, with the same prospects of its increasing in the future, year by year, as it has done in the past, providing the need exists for more liberal support, and that, unfortunately, is always sure to be the case.

The fund thus raised by the Mark Degree is devoted to the relief of special cases of distress brought under the notice of the General Board, while provision is also made for permanent annuities for the aged of both sexes, and the education of both boys and girls, children of Mark Master

gone by that no applicant for either branch, whose case has been found worthy, has ever been sent away unrelieved. This is saying a great deal, when we remember the many thousands who have been associated with the English Mark Grand Lodge, and we hope that the same most satisfactory state of affairs may always continue, both for the sake of those who may need help, as well as for the reputation of the Mark Degree.

MARK MASONRY.

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SPECIAL Grand Lodge of Mark Master Masons of England and Wales and the Colonies and Dependencies of the British Crown was held on Wednesday, at No. Sa Red Lion-square. Lord Egerton of Tatton, M.W. Pro G.M., presided, and among the brethren present were: -W. J. Hughan P.G.W. acting as S.G. Warden, Sir Lionel Darell J.G.W., W. G. Lemon S.G.O., H. Kynaston G. Chap., Frank Richardson G. Registrar, Frank Sumner Knyvett S.G.D., H. E. Cousans J.G.D., Robert Berridge G.D.C., J. B. Bridgeman A.G.D.C., J. H. Matthews A.G.D.C., T. B. Purchas G.S.B., J. Mainwaring G.I.G., J. W. H. Thompson, S. Knight, and J. M. Collins G. Stewards, Baron do Ferrières P.G.M. Gloucester and Herefordshire, J. H. Right Hon. Earl Amherst, a sum of £2260 was realised. Wynne P.G.I.G., C. F. Woodall P.S.G.D., J. L. Murray With this one exception the support given this year is the P.G. Standard Bearer, N. T. West P.G.O., Alfred Williams P.G.M.O., Walter Adlard P.G.M.O., Geo. Allen P.G.O., Geo. Graveley P.G.S.B., John A. Lloyd P.G.C., John Ramsey P.A.G.D.C., Driver P.G. Standard Bearer, R. I. Emmens P.G.M.O., B. R. Bryant P.G. Standard Bearer, T. Cubitt P.S.G.O., E. T. Hoare P.G. Organist, J. S. Cumberland P.J.G.O., G. Powell P.G.S., James Stevens P.G.J.O., George Mickley P.G.D., Jabez Church P.G.S., A. B. Cook P.G.M.O., Chas. H. Driver P.G.M.O., from £176 11s 6d in 1875, to £96 15s in 1876, after which Lord Euston P.S.G.W. P.G.B., Thos. J. Ralling P.G.D., we have a jump to £221 9s in 1877, since which period the Edwin M. Lott P.G. Organist, W. H. Kempster, M.D., P.G. Steward, R. Loveland Loveland D.P.G.M.M. Hants, and others. After preliminaries Lord Egerton of Tatton said: Brethren, you have heard the notice just read convening great prosperity for the Fund, the succeeding year's total this meeting, the object of which is to receive a special being more than double that of its predecessor, the actual communication from his Royal Highness the M.W.G.M. figures of 1885 being £1721 16s 6d. The year 1886 I have received a letter from Sir Francis Knollys, in which showed a slight falling off, £1534 10s 6d being collected, it is stated that his Royal Highness entirely approves of but this was amply compensated for by the grand success the recommendations of the General Board, which arefirst, that a Special Grand Mark Lodge be held to invest the £2260 of 1887. This was succeeded by an announce- a new Grand Secretary in the place of Bro. Binckes, who of £1818 12s, and now we have the £2084 2s 6d of the has resigned; his Royal Highness has also signified his current year. Altogether then we may look upon the approval of the recommendation that a sum of £125 be given to Bro. Binckes as a retiring allowance. I have now, therefore, to signify his Royal Highness's approval of the appointment of Bro. Matier, Assistant Grand Secretary, as Grand Secretary—and I have his Royal Highness's command to invest him, in lieu of Bro. Binckes, as Grand Secretary. In answer to a question from Bro. Percy Wallis (Derby), Lord Egerton of Tatton said, that the retiring allowance was to be an annual allowance. The Earl of Euston formerly moved that a retiring allowance of £125 a year be granted to Bro. Binckes. Lord Egerton said we like to do that which is right and just to a man who has Masons. All moneys are equally divided for these three served Mark Masonry so well and so long. At the General objects, and so carefully have they been distributed in years Board, when Bro. Binckes signified his intention to retire,

recommended to his Royal Highness the M.W.G.M., that this allowance should be awarded to Bro. Binckes, in consideration of his past services to the Order of Mark Masons. I have the greatest pleasure in moving, now, that a retiring allowance of £125 be voted by Grand Mark Lodge; that the sum of £125 a year be given to him, from the Funds of Grand Mark Lodge. Lo d Euston stated that Brother Binckes sent the resignation through him to His Royal Highness. His Royal Highness accepted it, and confirmed the recommendation of the General Board, that Bro. Matier should be appointed Grand Secretary. Brother Frank Richardson, Grand Registrar, as President of the General Board, had much pleasure in seconding this resolution. Bro. Binckes had served Mark Masonry well and truly, and should receive some recognition of appreciation for his services. had, therefore, much pleasure in seconding the motion, which was put and carried. Brother C. F. Matier was then formally invested with the collar and jewel of Grand Secretary. Bro. W. J. Hughan said: Most Worshipful Pro Grand Master, will you allow me, as the representative of the Grand Chapter of Pennsylvania, in Grand Mark Lodge of England, to present "Hearty good wishes" of that Grand Chapter to this Grand Lodge. It was the first Grand Chapter that recognised this Grand Lodge. I am sorry that one of the brethren from the United States is not here. He left this country this morning, and he very much regrets not being able to be present. He represents 150,000 Mark Masons, of the United States and Canada, and he thought such good wishes were worth having. He was happy also to say that he heartily congratulated this Grand Lodge on the appointment of Bro. Matier, as Bro. Matier was then formally Grand Secretary. saluted, and Lord Egerton said there was no other business on the paper, but there was one event which was about to happen that he felt justified in asking the brethren to give a favourable reception to. He alluded to the approaching marriage of the eldest daughter of our Grand Master, the Princess Louise, with the Earl of Fife. He was sure that an event like that, which affects so closely the welfare and happiness of His Royal Highness the Most Worshipful Grand Master, must be recognised by all Mark Masons, and would give every satisfaction to Mark Masons, who would also like to testify their loyalty and affection to their Grand Master on such an occasion; therefore it would not be inappropriate that he should move that a humble address be presented to His Royal Highness the Most Worshipful Grand Master, congratulating him on the auspicious event of the marriage of his eldest daughter, the Princess Louise, with the Earl of Fife. All would agree that we should not allow this opportunity to pass by without expressing our great joy and sympathy with his Royal Highness on such an interesting occasion. We know also that her Royal Highness, like all the members of the Royal Family, has been well known to Masons on various public occasions, and has shown her interest in all Masonic We also know that Lord Fife has taken a prominent part in Scotland in Masonry, as Provincial Grand Master of Banffshire, and he is also known as a Royal much pleasure in moving the resolution, and he trusted it would be received as cordially by Grand Lodge as he moved it. "That a congratulatory address be presented to H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, Grand Mark Master, on the auspicious marriage of H.R H. the Princess Louise of Wales with Bro. the Earl of Fife, P.G.M. of Banffshire." The Earl of Euston seconded the motion. No words were needed from him, after what the Most Worshipful Pro Grand Master had said. Mark Masons are loyal, and wish every happiness to their Grand Master and his family. After some other matters had been considered, Grand Mark Lodge was closed.

MARK BENEVOLENT FUND.

THE annual festival was held on Wednesday, at Freemasons' Tavern, where a large company of ladies and brethren, presided over by Sir Lionel Darell, Junior Grand Warden, attended. Among those present were Lady Darell, and Miss Darell; Right Hon. the Ea:l of Euston, President General Board; Col. Shadwell H. Clerke | was given at Christmas. There were three candidates now seeking P.S.G.W.; Major A. B. Cook P.G.M.O., and Mrs. Cook; Seva Ram relief, but it would depend on the liberality of the Stewards to attend

we thoroughly investigated the matter, and we unanimously and Mrs. Ram, of Lahore; E. X. Lehon P.G.D. P.G. Secretary Jamaica; Frank Richardson G. Registrar, Vice-President General Board; C. F. Matier P.G.W. G. Secretary, Secretary M.B.F.; James Moon P.G. Treasner, Thos. Fenn P.G.W., Geo. Mickley P.G.D., J. D. Murray P.G.D., G. W. Marsden, Dr. Zacharie G.S.R. Secret Monitor, Alfred Williams P.G. Overseer, Col. Marmaduke Ramsey D.G.M. Mediterranean, A. F. Godson P.G.M. Worcestershire, Baron de Forrières P.G.M. Gloucestershire and Herefordshire, Robert Berridge G.D. of C., Dr. Purchast G. Standard Bearer, R. J. Emmerson P.G.O., Rev. II. R. Cooper-Smith P.G.O., Horatio Ward P.G.D., Percy Wallis P.G.D., A. Woodiwiss, Mayor of Derby, C. H. Driver P.G.M.O., Geo. Cooper P.G.O., and James Terry P.A.G.D.C. After the banquet the toast the Queen and Mark Masonry was cordially received. The Chairman in proposing the health of the M.W.G.M.M. M. said, wherever the Prince of Wales could, he did everything to promote the highest interests of Freemasonry. The G.M. had many onerous and arduous duties, and the brethren knew how faithfully and strictly he performed them. He might say, without fear of contradiction that no man in the world performed the duties of his high station with a greater sense of responsibility than did the Grand Mark Master. This might also be said with regard to the rest of the Royal Family. On the present occasion, especially as the festive board was graced with the presence of ladies, he must allude to the happy event which was about to take place in the family of the Grand Master, viz., the marriage of his eldest daughter, the Princess Louise, with the Earl of Fife. They were assured by their Grand Master that this marriage was one of love and affection. Lord Fife was a Mason, he was Prov. G. Master of Banffshire, also a Mark Mason. On the present occasion, in drinking to the health of the Grand Master, he must couple the Princess of Wales, the Princess Louise and Lord Fife, the bride and bridegroom, wishing them long life, health, happiness, prosperity, and God speed. The Chairman next proposed the Pro Grand Master the Right Hon. the Lord Egerton of Tatton, and the Past Grand Masters, the Right Hon. Lord Leigh, the Right Hon. the Earl of Carnarvon, the Right Hon. the Earl Amherst, W. W. B. Beach, Esq., M.P., the Right Hon. the Earl Percy, M.P., the Right Hon. the Earl of Limerick, the Right Hon, the Earl of Lathon, the Right Hon, the Lord Henniker, and the Right Hon. the Earl of Kintore. Lord Egerton of Tatton was very sorry he was not able to be present. All knew full well the good work that these Past Grand Masters have done, and we are quite sure they will always do what they can to promote the best interests of Mark Masonry. The Chairman, in giving the toast of the R.W. Bro. the Most Hon. the Marquis of Hertford, Deputy Grand Master, Prov. Grand Master of Warwickshire, and that of the Grand Officers Present and Past, said it was fresh in the memories of most of them how well and ably the Marquis of Hertford had filled the Chair at this Festival last year, They were always glad on these occasions to welcome Grand Officers, and they were glad to see them present that evening. With the toast would be associated the name of Bro. the Rev. T. Robinson, Provincial Grand Master of Kent. Bro. Rev. T. Robinson thanked the brethren on behalf of his brother Officers, -whether noblemen or commoners. whether present or past, whether belonging to the Metropolis or to the Provinces; he returned sincere thanks for the way in which the toast had been received. Every Master of a Lodge, every Grand Office must have its Officers; and we are all sensible of the honour which the Grand Master has done us in promoting us to high office. If, in case of death or sickness, or the pressure of secular avocations, a Present Officer is prevented from doing his work, there are others always ready to step forward, out of loyalty to their chief, to take his place. The Earl of Euston rose; the toast he was about to submit to the notice of the brethren was one they would all drink with enthusiasm; it gave him the most hearty pleasure to propose it, because the Chairman of the evening was a personal friend. Those who did not know the Chairman so well as he did, might be assured Sir Lionel Darrell was a thorough good Mason, from the crown of his head to the sole of his foot. He would ask them to drink most heartily to the toast, wishing Sir Lionel good luck in the future, and that he might live amongst them to help them by the earnest way in which he always took up whatever work he put his hand to. In reply the Chairman said he was much obliged to their good brother for the Arch Mason in the Scottish Order. We have therefore the ladies and brethren for the way in which they had received the far too flattering manner in which he had mentioned his name, and to every reason to greatly congratulate ourselves, as toast. He could assure them that he really had the greatest apprecia-Masons, that the eldest daughter of our Grand Master is about to ally herself to a distinguished Mason. He had metallic ring about it. It was now his pleasure to propose the toast much pleasure in moving the resolution and he trusted it of the evening—viz., "Prosperity to the Mark Benevolent Fund." When he was asked to take the chair on this occasion he did so with some diffidence, not for fear of the present, for their good Bro. Matier would shortly announce the Stewards' lists, which he hoped would be a fair record with those of former years, but it was for the future of the Mark Benevolent Fund that he appealed that evening. This Fund was founded some 21 years ago. It differed from other Masonic Institutions, in that it had no houses to keep up, and was at very little expense; in fact, with the exception of printing and postage, and an annual grant to the Secretary, all the money that was subscribed went for actual benevolence. It was divided into three branches, the benevolent, the educational, and the annuity. Sums for the benevolent were given in relief every month by the General Board. and since the year 1869 these sums had amounted to considerably over £2000. The educational branch was established only in 1879, and since that time 40 children had been educated at their own homes under the care of their parents and guardians, and in the year 1886 it was resolved that £5 be annually given to each pupil for clothes. This required a yearly expenditure of something like £450. The annuity branch was founded in the year 1885, by the liberality of Lord Egerton of Tatton, who as a nucleus to the Fund gave a sum of £105. The Fund now gave to five old brethren £26 a year each, and £5 extra

those benefits. He might say that at the first Festival the Benevolent Fund realised a sum of only £50, and in the year 1887 it reached the substantial sum of £2320. The brethren would see from this the excellent work this Mark Benevolent Fund was doing, and he called upon the company one and all to do everything in their power to increase and augment that Fund. It was that night celebrating its majority,—its 21st year. They looked upon a man as not having come to full age till he had become 21 years old; then, as a general rule, he grew in strength, and generally in size. So he trusted it would be with this Fund. He hoped that Mark Masonry would grow in strength, by the increase of its members, and that it would increase in size, by reason of the increase in its funds. He really did not think he need say anything further about this most excellent Fund, which commended itself most heartily and cordially to each and every one of them. He now had the pleasure of making the announcement, which he was sure would be a most popular one. Most of them were aware that Bro. Binckes had resigned the office of Grand Secretary, and it had been the pleasure of the Grand Master to confer that office on Bro. Matier. Some of the brethren had that afternoon had the opportunity of seeing that brother invested with the collar of the office, by Lord Egerton of Tatton. It would be invidious on his part, in his presence, to speak of what Bro. Matier had done for the Mark Benevolent Fund, because they all knew his good work. He should therefore content himself with asking the company to drink to the future prosperity of the Mark Benevolent Fund. With the toast he should couple the name of their Grand Secretary Bro. Matier. He should ask them to drink his very good health; long life and happiness to him, and to congratulate him on the hosour which had been conferred upon him, an honour which he so richly deserved. Bro. Matier, who was received with, loud cheers, said before he read the result of the list of Stewards, who had so heartily worked for the success of to-night's proceedings, would they permit him to express how much he felt, and how deeply he appreciated, the sentiments expressed. It should be his aim to do everything in his power to promote the interests of the Order, and the extension of the Mark Benevolent Fund. Though not on this occasion breaking the record, he could congratulate the Chairman on being the President of the second most successful gathering that has taken place in the annals of the Mark Benevolent Fund. We have one Steward to-night who has brought up—from the Rose and Thistle Lodge of Wigan, in Lancashire—the large sum—the totally unprecedented amount—of 200 guineas. Bro. Matier then announced the lists, of which we append details. Baron de Ferrières said Masonry was established for the promotion of brotherly love and Charity. It could not be gainsaid that Masons contributed £40,000 and upwards to their Charities every year. They were scattered over the world; but they had no means of shaking hands and meeting each other except on these occasions. These meetings were a great means of promoting Charity, and they were proud to be favoured with the presence of ladies. They had heard the record that evening. For a small body, the sum of £2000, their average subscription, was a very large sum, one of which they might well be proud. But, while congratulating themselves, they must not forget the machinery by which they got it—the Board of Stewards; it was owing to their efforts. To the head of this Board their thanks were due, for raising the necessary funds. The Chairman, Lord Euston, was a brother well known to them. There was also Bro. Murray, whose name he should couple with the toast. Bro.Murray had brought up the largest sum ever collected by one Steward. Lancashire and Yorkshire were somewhat of dampers; the other Provinces felt they could not come up to them. Great credit must be given to Lancashire and Yorkshire, especially to Bro. Murray. Lord Euston, on behalf of the Board of Stewards, thanked Baron de Ferrières, and the ladies and brethren present, for the compliment paid them. They had only done their best to make this an agreeable evening. If they had succeeded in providing a pleasant entertainment, it was encouraging to think that they had also been the means of providing funds for those who really wanted help, and who belonged to their Order. The Stewards of that night would only be too glad to serve in the same capacity again. Bro. Murray expressed regret that so few brethren were present from Lancashire, but hoped that the contribution the county had sent would be taken as a groof of their desire to add to the usefulness of the Order. Major A. Bott Cook proposed the Ladies, which toast was responded to by Bro. F. S. Knyvett. Bro. the Earl of Euston proposed the Visitors; this toast was always proposed and drunk with hearty good eeling, because they knew that, as Masons, wherever they went, throughout the world-whether in America, where they spoke the same language, or in India, where there was a mixture of languages, or in China, or Japan, or Australia-which had taken such a prominent part in Freemasonry—any brother who presented himself with his credentials to Lodges was made most heartily welcome. Bro. Leon on behalf of the province he had the honour to represent, thanked the brethren for the distinguished honour conferred upon him, by his name being associated with the toast of the visitors. He represented a very humble province under Mark Masonry, but he could assure the brethren that they bowed to none in loyalty to the Grand Master and Grand Mark Lodge. They had striven to do their duty in Mark Masonry, and he hoped at the next Grand Festival of Jamaica would flourish, and be as conspicuous in their position there then as they were here that evening. A selection of vocal and instrumental music was performed, under the direction of Bro. Edwin Lott, Mus. Doc., Grand Organist, assisted by Madame Agnes Larkcom, Miss Minnie Freeman, Miss Minnie Kirton, Bro. Reginald Groome, and Bro. Stanley Smith; solo violin-Miss Kate Chaplin; at the pianoforte-Miss Nellie Chaplin and Dr. Lott.

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PROV. G. LODGE GLOUCESTERSHIRE AND HEREFORDSHIRE.

BY command of the Right Worshipful Provincial Grand Master, the annual meeting of the Provincial Grand Lodge and General Communication of Mark Master Masons of the united Province of Gloucestershire and Herefordshire was held on Tucsday afternoon, the 16th inst., at Hereford, under the banner of the St. Ethelbert Lodge, No. 243. There was a large attendance, which included:—

The Right Worshipful Brother the Baron de Ferrières P.G.M.O. Provincial Grand Mark Master, Bros. O. Shellard Deputy Provincial Grand Master, W. Forth, R. C. Ferriss, E. Gregory, R. V. Vassar-Smith, J. Balcomb, W. R. Porcher, George Norman, W. R. Felton, Joseph Ownor, Charles Caldicott, James S. Norton, B. Cullwick, Edward George, T. G. Chance, Edwin Stephens, John Marchant, G. J. Caldwell, John Davies, John Barnes, William Margrett, Thomas Blinkhorn, J. Nasmyth, H. Clarke, J. E. Balcomb, George West, and others.

The St. Ethelbert Lodge was opened shortly after three o'clock, and transacted preliminary business. Then the Provincial Grand Master and his Officers were received with due ceremony, at 4 o'clock, and the chairs were vacated by the Lodge Officers for them. Provincial Grand Lodge was next opened, and the business of the Province was proceeded with. Reports were received from the various Lodges, giving an account of their charitable and other brotherly work during the past year. In the course of other business, the Provincial Grand Master appointed his Officers, as follow, for 1889:—

Bro. O. Shellard	•••		Deputy
M. F. Curter		•••	Senior Warden
J. Nasmyth	***	•••	Junior Warden
W. R. Porcher	•••		M.O.
H. Clark		•••	8.0.
R. T. Hughes	•••	•••	J.O.
Rev. Dr. Lynes		• • •	Chaplain
J. Balcomb	***		Treasurer
G. Norman		•••	Registrar and Secretary
J. S. Ownor			S.D.
J. Barnes		•••	J.D.
W. R. Felton			D.C.
J. Davies		•••	Sword Bearer
C. Roberts		. ur	Standard Bearer
C. Caldicott		•	Organist
Edward George	•••	•••	Steward
T. G. Chance			Pursuivant
H. Phillips	•••	• • •	Tyler
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A banquet was subsequently held under the presidency of Baron de Ferrières, when the usual Masonic toasts were honoured. In replying to one of the local toasts, the Deputy Provincial Grand Master Bro. O. Shellard expressed the pleasure which it afforded him and the other Provincial Grand Officers to support the Provincial Grand Master in his arduous duties, and he also said he hoped to see an increase in the number of Mark Masons in the Province. The P. G. Master gave, in terms of praise, the health of Bros. George and Chance, who had acted as Provincial Grand Stewards on this occasion, and to whose excellent arrangements the success of the gathering was in a great measure due. Bro. George having been obliged to leave early, on account of another engagement, the toast was re-The Baron also very sponded to by Bro. T. G. Chance. highly complimented Bro. John Barnes, the Lodge Secretary, upon the willing and admirable assistance which was received from him on this and all other occasions. The toast was replied to by Bro. Barnes, and the toast of the Tyler brought a pleasant afternoon's gathering to a close.

PROV. G. LODGE CUMBERLAND AND WESTMORELAND.

the Freemasons' Hall, Frizington, on Wednesday, the 17th inst., under the banner of the Henry Lodge, No. 216. Previous to opening Provincial Grand Lodge, the Henry Lodge was opened by Brother B. Craig W.M., assisted by his officers and members, when the minutes of the last regular Lodge were read and confirmed, and Bro. William Heathcote was balloted for and unanimously accepted as a candidate for Mark Masonry, and in, the presence of the Present and Past Grand Officers of the Province, was advanced to the honourable degree by the W.M. and his Officers, in a faultless manner. The brethren then retired for a short time, and at 1:30 p.m. the Deputy Provincial

Grand Master and the Grand Officers were reported, and | Marquis of Hertford. admitted in due and ancient form. Brother Col. F. R. Sewell D.P.G.M. in the chair; Brothers P. de E. Collin as D.P.G.M, Jas. Gardiner P.G.S.W., James Harper P.G.J.W., and other Officers present and past Provincial Grand Lodge was opened in due form, and the roll of Lodges called, when all but one responded. The Provincial Officers also were well represented. The minutes of the last annual Provincial Grand Lodge, held at Maryport, were read and confirmed. Brother Gardiner, Provincial Grand Treasurer, read his statement of accounts, which, after having voted to two of the Masonic Charities twenty guineas, showed a balance to the credit of the Province of £22 9s 6d. Brother Col. Sewell moved, and Brother William Carlyle seconded the motion, that Brother Gardiner be again elected Provincial Grand Treasurer. Carried by a unanimous vote, for the eighth time. The Deputy Provincial Grand Master then nominated and invested the following as the Provincial Grand Officers for the ensuing year, viz.:-

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Bro. John Paterson	***		Senior Warden
Rev. Jas. Anderson	•••	•••	Janior Warden
Dr. Jas. I. Lace	•••		M.O.
Thos. Brackenridge	•••		S.O.
Wm. Walker	• • •	•••	J.O.
Rev. G. B. Armes	•••		Chaplain
Jas. Gardiner	•••	•••	Treasurer
Thos. A. Argles	•••	•••	Registrar of Marks
Geo. Dalrymple	•••	•••	Secretary
E. G. Mitchell	•••	•••	S.D.
W. D. P. Field	• • •		J.D.
Henry Hartley	***		Inspector of Works
Jas. Copland	***	•••	D.C.
Robert Leach	• • •		A.D.C.
I. Dickinson		•••	Sword Bearer
Thos. Atkinson	•••		Standard Bearer
D. H. Cook	•••		Organist
Jas. Black	•••	•••	Assist. Sec.
Alexander Cross		•••	I.G.
W. H. Bewlay	•••)	
John Wakefield	•••	(Stewards
H. Ashmore	***	(Diowarus
G. B. M'Kay	•••	<i>)</i>	
Joseph Dickson	•••	•••	Tyler

The following brethren were unanimously appointed to serve on the Committee of General Purposes for the ensuing year, viz.:-Brothers Joseph Nicholson, P. de E. Collin, James Harper, and B. Craig. The past and present Provincial Grand Officers for 1887-8 were presented by the Provincial Grand Master in the chair with their Provincial certificates. Brother Rev. Jas. Anderson moved, as a recommendation to the Provincial Grand Master, that the next annual Provincial Grand Lodge be held at Whitehaven, under the banner of Fletcher Lodge, which was supported by the Provincial Grand Master in the chair, and agreed to. Bro. Collin subsequently called the brethren's attention to a circular that had been sent to the Provincial Grand Secretary, anent the Peterborough Cathedral, and the erection of stalls therein. And as the corner stone was laid by the Provincial Grand Master, with Masonic honours, that the Mark Masters of this Province be invited to vote a small donation on behalf of the same. On the motion of Brother Rev. J. Anderson, supported by Brother Collin, two guineas was voted from this Provincial Grand Lodge. Letters from various brethren of the Province were read, tendering their apology for absence, and other general wishes, Provincial Grand Lodge was closed, and the brethren sat down to a cold collation, prepared by Mrs.

PROV. GRAND LODGE OF HAMPSHIRE AND THE ISLE OF WIGHT.

THERE was an unusually large gathering of Mark Masons of this Province at the Freemasons' Hall, Landport, on the 19th inst., to witness the ceremony of installation of Bro. W. W. Beach, M.P., as the Provincial Grand Mark Master, in succession to the late Canon

The newly installed Provincial Grand Mark Master was then saluted with the grand honours, and appointed as his Deputy Bro. R. Loveland Loveland, who was similarly honoured, the brethren being marshalled by Bro. Berridge G.D.C. of England. Bro. T. W. Faulkner P.G.S.B. England was elected as Treasurer, in succession to Bro. Rastrick, resigned. The Provincial Grand Mark Master then appointed and invested the following as Provincial Grand Officers for the year:-

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Senior Warden
Bro. R. J. Tarney
    F. Rutland
                                        Junior Warden
                                       M.O.
    J. A. Nethercote
                                        S.O.
    J. T. Thackara
                                   ...
                                        J.O.
    Dr. J. G. Horwood
    Rev. A. M. Walker
                                       Chaplains
    Rev. J. H. Chadwick
                                        R. of M.
    N. Solomon
    C. W. A. Jellicoe
                                        Secretary
                                        Senior Deacon
    J. Jenkins
                                        Junior Deacon
    W. H. Jacob
                                        Inspector of Works
    F. D. Miller
    A. J. Blackman
                                        D. of C.
                                        A.D. of C.
    W. Farrance
    W. H. Hamphrey
                                        Sword Bearer
                                        Standard Bearer
    W. Beuttell
    W. Townsend
                                        Organist
    J. Richardson
                                        I.G.
    J. Exell ...
                                        Tyler
                        ...
    H. T. Holmes
                                        Stewards
    Ansle
    C. Cortis ...
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Votes of thanks were passed to the Marquis of to the Assistant Grand Mark Secretary (Bro. C. F. Matier), and Grand Director of Ceremonies (Bro. Berridge) for their services. The sum of ten guineas was voted to the Mark Benevolent Fund, on the proposition of the Deputy Provincial Grand Master. Letters were received from Lord Valentia, Lord Cremorne, Lord Euston, and other Grand Officers, regretting their inability to attend. Amongst those present were Bros. the Rev. J. N. Palmer Grand Chaplain, J. E. Le Feuvre G.O., F. Newman G.O., G. J. Tilling Grand Steward, G. F. Lancaster, W. J. Borrow, the Rev. H. J. Mason, J. T. Burchett, J. C. Airs, R. Boughton-Smith, W. C. Webb, H. Pigeon, D. O. Hobbs, G. Cross, S. M. Emanuel, H. Durrant, J. D. Antill, J. Scott-Ramsay, S. Salter, F. Sanders, T. W. Price, Colonel Meade, Commodore Markham, R.N., C. J. Robinson, J. Leftwich, H. Cawte, G. A. Mursell, Everett, R. W. Mitchell, J. W. Willmott, H. Barton, &c.

THE "OLD MASONIANS."

THE Committee of this flourishing Association have just issued their Report for the year ending 30th April 1889. This document shows a very prosperous state of affairs. The number of new members for the year is nineteen, a larger increase than that obtained in the previous year. The Committee would express their thanks to those members who, during the past season, have undertaken the duties and responsibilities of Chairman on the Social Evenings. The efficient programmes provided, not without the expenditure of time and money on their part, have greatly enhanced the pleasure of the Social Meetings, and secured a higher average of attendance. Relying on a former success, three Cinderella Evenings have been held this year, which were both socially and financially successful, benefitting the General Fund to the amount of £5 5s 9d. The attendances at the "Social Evenbusiness of a routine character; and with hearty good ings" has shown a marked increase; while the Council Meetings instituted at the beginning of the season have fully realised the usefulness expected of them. The annual dinner was held on Saturday, 13th April. Bro. A. F. Godson, M.P. Bentley, which pleased exceedingly. The usual Loyal and Masonic toasts followed, and a very agreeable evening was spent.

was neighbor from Education, properties by English and Master of Worcestershire) was the President; he was supported by Bros. Frederick Binckes (B.G.S.B., Vice-Patron and Secretary of the Institution), Past President, Bros. Augustus Harris (P.M. 2127), Asher Barfield (G. Treas.), Major George Lambert (F.S.A., P.G. Stand. Bearer), Vice-Presidents, and other influential Masons. The Association must be congratulated on the fact that the V.W. Bro. Rev. C. J. Martyn (Prov. Grand Chaplain, Deputy Prov. Grand Master Suffolk, Patron of the Institution) has kindly undertaken the office of President for the ensuing year. To the Report is appended a Financial Statement, which shows a balance to the credit side of the account of between £30 and £40.

Holloway's Pills.-Nervous Debility.-No part of the human machine Portal. Bro. R. Loveland Loveland, the Deputy Provincial Grand Master, opened the Lodge, and the Marquis of Hertford Deputy Grand Master was received with due honours. The R.W. Provincial Grand Mark Master (Bro. Beach) was then introduced in proper form, and with the accustomed ceremonial was duly installed by the

NOTICES OF MEETINGS.

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LODGE OF ANTIQUITY, No. 178.

THE members of this Lodge held their annual pic-nic on Wednesday, 17th inst., when they visited Beeston Castle, Cheshire. About thirty-five brethren, with their ladies, journeyed in saloons, per London and North Western Railway to Hartford, where conveyances were in waiting to carry them to Beeston. On their way to the latter place the party, by special permission, were allowed to go through Lord Delomero's grounds, Vale Royal. On arriving at Beeston, the party made their way to the Castle Hotel, where a splendid repast was in readiness. The meal, which was excellently served by the host (Mr. S. Williamson), was greatly appreciated, and this part of the proceedings concluded, the party visited the ancient Castle. The ruins were minutely inspected, and the party subsequently took tea in the grounds. Beeston was left shortly after six o'clock, and the company left Hartford at 8.20, arriving in Wigan a few minutes after nine.

UNITY LODGE, No. 267.

ON Thursday, the 18th inst., this Lodge celebrated the Festival of St. John the Baptist, at their Lodge-room at the Macclesfield Arms Hotel. The Lodge met at 2.30, under the presidency of the retiring W.M. Bro. T. Brough, and there was a good muster of brethren. Bro. Thos. Richards was installed W.M. for the ensuing year, by Bros. Brough and W. I. Bates. The W.M. appointed his Officers, as follow:—Bros. T. Brough I.P.M., C. A. Bradley S.W., W. Carswell J.W., W. Astle Treasurer, B. Morton Secretary, R. Edwards S.D., J. L. Fawcett J.D., W. Kettlewell I.G., A. Cockayne D. of C., W. I. Bates P.M. Almoner, J. A. Fox Organist, G. Fountain S.S., S. Schofield, C. Stoneley Stewards, D. Mason Tyler, F. Hulme Assistant Tyler. In the evening the annual banquet took place, the W.M. presiding, and the S.W. occupying the vice-chair. Bro. Crowther catered in his usual satisfactory manner. Amongst those present were Bro. R. Newhouse, the Provincial Grand Secretary, who, in the course of the evening, expressed himself highly pleased with the working of the Lodge, and the general condition of the Craft in Macclesfield; Bro. George Swindells, 295 (Mayor of the Borough), Captain H. Cardwell 1387, T. S. Sheldon W.M. 533, J. Staniforth W.M. 295, the newly-elected Officers and other members of 267, several of the Officers and members of the sister Lodge in Macclesfield, and of the Congleton Lodge, and several visitors from Lancashire and Cheshire Lodges, numbering in all about 60. The usual Masonic toasts were given and heartily responded to, the proceedings terminating before the statutory hour.

PEACE AND HARMONY LODGE, No. 359.

THIS Lodge was honoured, at the regular meeting on Monday, the 15th inst., by a visit from the Right Worshipful Provincial Grand Master (Bro. W. W. B. Beach, M.P.), accompanied by several members of the Provincial Grand Lodge of Hampshire and the Islc of Wight. The W.M. of the Lodge (Bro. A. J. Blackman) presided, and amongst those assembled to greet the visitors were Bros. T. P. Payne, J. R. Weston, M. Emanuel, C. W. A. Jellicoe, John Adams, H. Dusautoy, T. Lashmore, H. P. Arthur, G. Cross, D. O. Hobbs, E. O. Longland, J. E. Aldis, J. Fewings, C. J. Appleford, W. Foster, J. H. Martin, Rev. F. J. Ashmall, F. Dacombe, A. Howett, and W. Hussey. The W.M.'s and Wardens of the Clausentum and Shirley Lodges were unavoidably absent, and sent apologies. During the evening a handsome P.M.'s jowel was presented to I.P.M. Dusautoy, who in turn prescuted the Lodge with a scal impress. After the business had been transacted they sat down to an admirably-served banquet, and a very pleasant evening, and one long to be remembered in the history of the Ludge, was spent. The usual Loyal and Masonic toasts were duly honoured, the health of the Right Worshipful Provincial Grand Master his Deputy and Officers was drunk. The Right Worshipful Provincial Grand Master, in responding, referred in commendatory terms to the manner in which the business of the Lodge of Peace and Harmony was conducted, and congratulated the brethren upon the very influential and prosperous condition of the Lodge.

MENTURIA LODGE, No. 418.

THE usual monthly meeting of this Lodge was held at Hanley, on Tuesday, the 16th inst., the W.M. Bro. H. Windle in the chair, and for a summer meeting there was a good attendance of the mombors, between 30 and 40 being present. The Lodge was honoured with a visit from the R.W. Provincial Grand Master of the Province Col. Foster Gough, LL.D., P.G.S.B. On entering the Lodge, attended by Past and Present Provincial Grand Officers, the R.W. P.G.M. took the chair whilst the circular and minutes were road and confirmed, after which he requested the W.M. to resume the gavel, and proceed with the further business. Bros. Forester and Rushforth were then questioned as necessary, and passed to the second degree by the W.M., the charge being delivered by the S.W. Bro. T. Robinson. After fraternal greetings from the visiting brothren, a resolution was proposed by Bro. E. V. Greatbatch P.M. P.P.G. Supt. Works, and seconded by Bro. Tunnicliff I.P.M., that the sum of Fifty Guineas be subscribed to the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys, out of the proceeds of the Conversazione held in February last. The proposer and seconder referred to the fact that they had taken an active part in assisting to bring about, and producing evidence before, the recent Committee of Inquiry into the management of the Boy's School, and they hoped and believed that nothing but good to the Institution would result from that Inquiry. They had now the greatest possible pleasure in asking the Lodge to strongthen the hands of the Provisional Committee by a handsome subscription to the funds. Some discussion took place as to the desirability the Lodge a Vice Patron, but ultimately the resolution was excellent style by the host, Bro. Bales.

carried, the hope being held out that at an early date funds would be forthcoming to enrol the Lodge amongst the list of Vice Patrons. The R.W. Provincial Grand Master theu complimented the W.M. and Officers upon the excellent manner in which, not only the two passings, but the entire business of the Lodge had been conducted. It left little, very little indeed, further to be desired. He had found every Officer at his post, and well up in his duties, which gave him very great pleasure. He also expressed his gratification at seeing the resolution carried with respect to the grant to the Boys' School, showing as it did the truly Masonio spirit of the brethren. Some, possibly most of the members of the Lodge, thought that some improvement might be made in the management of the Institution, but at the same time they were not withholding their pecuniary aid. They recognised the fact that the boys were there, and must be provided for. He was truly glad that a Staffordshire Lodge was acting so nobly in the matter, and he doubted not that the action of the "Menturia" would carry influence even beyond the borders of his own Province. Colonel Gough then referred, in eulogistic terms, to a paper on voting in Lodges (as to candidates), which was read by Bro. Greatbatch before the members of the Lodge recently, a printed copy of which he had received. He thoroughly endorsed the principles suggested in the paper, and he thought it a most useful and commendable contribution. He apologised for having to leave the Lodge before it was closed, but was compelled to do so in order to catch a train. After the departure of the R.W. Prov. Grand Master the Lodge was closed, and the brethren adjourned to light refreshment in the anteroom.

ELLESMERE LODGE, No. 758.

ON Thursday, the 18th inst., the Festival of St. John was celebrated at the Masonic-rooms, Runcorn. Bro. Newhouse congratulated Bro. Summerfield on the efficient way in which the business of the Lodge had been conducted. Bro. Summerfield then installed Bro. Arthur Linaker as W.M. for the ensuing year. The newly-elected W.M. afterwards invested the following Officers:—Bros. G. Summerfield I.P.M., J. Cooper S.W., J. Littler J.W., C. W. Phillips S.D., T. S. Burgess J.D., W. Hankinson I.G., W. R. Wass Treasurer, T. Sharrocks Secretary, W. E. Lancaster Organist, J. Le Conteur Almoner, and G. Hayes Tyler. A Past Master's jewel was presented to Bro. George Summerfield, for his services during his term of office, and also a Life Governorship on the Cheshire Masonio Educational Institution.

EVERTON LODGE, No. 823.

THIS well known and influential Lodge, which at one time held its meetings in Everton itself, assembled on 17th inst., in very strong force at the Masonic Hall, Hope-Street, Liverpool, to instal the W.M. elect Bro. R. S. Milne. The Lodge has become a very strong one during the past twelve or fourteen years, and many well known local men of standing still keep up their connection with it, the annual assembly being always looked forward to with interest by Masons in the city. The chair was taken by Bro. W. Maddox W.M. There were numerous Visitors who accepted the hospitality of the Lodge. The W.M. elect was presented by Bros. Conneillors John Houlding and W. J. Lunt, and the ceremony was performed by Bro. Maddox. The following Officers were invested: -Bros. William Maddox I.P.M. R. T. Britten S.W., John Mantle J.W., Councillor W. J. Lunt Treasurer (re-elected), Edwin Kite Secretary, W. J. Guilbert S.D., T. W. King J.D., W. Spencer I.G., F. Turner S.S., T. C. Millington J.S., Jabez Oates A.S., Joseph Bennett A.S. Bros. W. H. Ball was re-elected Tyler, and R. W. Gow D.C. Before the Lodge closed, a handsome Past Treasurer's jewel, in recognition of his twenty-one years' service, was presented to Bro. Councillor W. J. Lunt, and suitably acknowledged. Bro. Casey catered admirably for the brethren, and during the evening a valuable P.M.'s jewel was presented to the I.P.M. on behalf of the Lodge, and it was accompanied by a full suit of regalia. A woll-executed musical programme conduced to the enjoyment of the brethren.

BURGOYNE LODGE, No. 207.

MIE members had a most enjoyable onting on Tuesday, 16th inst. Nearly all the committee of the Lodge hail from the neighbou hood of Clapham Junction, so Battersea was well represented in the pleasant little party which went down to Windsor, by saloon carriage. had a drive to Virginia Water, and afterwards dined at The Castle Inn. Bro. John Cross W.M. presided. A number of ladies were present, and the toast of the Ladies, given by the W.M., was well received. Bros. Mark Gill, Rashleigh, Norrington, Harvey, Price, Sadler, White, Prince, Gabb, and other well-known Craftsmen took part in the proceedings. The genial Bro. George acted as Steward, and contributed a good deal to the success of the day.

MARWOOD LODGE, No. 1244.

ON the 2nd inst. the celebration of the Annual Festival of the Marwood Lodge and the installation of Bro. George Hood as the W.M. for the ensuing year took place at Redcar. The ceremony of installation was performed by the Right Worshipful the Hov. W. T. Orde-Powlett P.G.W. and D.P.G.M. N. and E. Yorkshire. Several visitors were present, including brethren from Middlesborough, Stockton, Darlington, Huddersfield, &c. The W.M. afterwards invested the officers for the year, and the proceedings concluded with a banquet, held at the Cotham Hotel.

ST MARGARET'S LODGE, No. 1452.

N Monday, the 1st inst., the members of this Lodge presented to Bro. F. A. Mann P.G.O. a Past Master's jewel and an illuminated address, on the occasion of his leaving Lowestoft. After the Lodgo business was concluded, the brethren adjourned to the Great of increasing the amount to such a sum as would constitute Eastern Hotel, and partook of a cold supper, which were supplied in

ISLE OF AXHOLME LODGE, No. 1482.

O'N Tuesday, 9th inst, the very interesting ceremony of installing Bro. W. Burtoushaw as W.M. was ably performed by Bro. Staniforth. The rendering of the anthem, "Be thou faithful," by Bro. Blagbro' was delightfully sung. The W.M. invested the following Brethren as his Officers for the ensuing year: -Bros. Chamberlain I.P.M., Constable S.W., Behrendt J.W., Le Gassick as Chaplain, Watson Treasurer, R. Wood Secretary, R. N. Brunyee S.D., C. Fox J.D., Hemingbrough D.C., Horobin Steward, Staniforth Almoner, Burtonshaw Organist, Druary Standard Bearer, Faulkuer I.G. Pickering, Petch, Coulman, and Scholey Stewards, G. Naylor Tyler. There was a goodly number of brethren present. Telegrams and congratulations were received from the Prov. Grand Sec., the W.M. of Aire and Calder, Goole; the W.M. elect of St. Nicholas, Thorne; and other Masonic officials and Lodges. After Lodge duties the brethren adjourned to Bro. Bartonshaw's residence, where a group picture was photographed by Bro. Brookes, from Messrs. Wellsted's, of Hull, as a memento of the occasion. The banquet was set out in the Town Hall, and was of a first-class character, provided by Mrs. Chafer, and the Misses Chafer, of the Darby and Joan Hotel. The W.M. Bro. Burtonshaw presided, and the vice-chair was occupied by Bro. Constable S.W. Bro. Hemingbrough D.C. very ably managed the duties of his office. The Loyal and Masonic toasts were given and responded to in the manner usual with Masons. These toasts were interspersed with songs, exceptionally well rendered. The instrumentalists were Bros. Burtonshaw Organist, Le Gassick, and Goodhind. The instrumental duet by Bros. Burtonshaw (piano), and Goodhind (violin), was a delightful piece of work. Bros. Blagbro', happy meeting was only broken up by the arrival of "Mr. Bruce's hour." Fox, Hemingbrough, and Bellerby, did pleasant service vocally. The

LIVERPOOL LODGE, No. 1547.

NUMEROUS company of members and visitors assembled at the Masonic-hall, Hope-street, Liverpool, on the 10th inst., to instal Bro. Henry Isaac. The chair was taken by Bro. Jessop W.M. After the installation the following Officers were invested: -Bros. J. Jessop I.P.M., R. E. W. Stephenson S.W., W. Montgomery J.W., John H. Parker Treasurer (re-elected), R. H. Leake Secretary, T. M. Stephenson S.D., John Haynes J.D., J. C. M'Guire D.C., C. H. Eaton Organist, J. Killip I.G., John H. Newton S.S., John W. Hughes J.S., E. Cornish A.S. Bro. W. H. Ball was re-elected Tyler. A chaste P.M.'s jewel was presented to the I.P.M., on behalf of the Lodge.

PRUDENCE LODGE, No. 1550.

THE members held their annual meeting at the Freemasons' Hall, Plymouth, on Saturday, 6th inst., when, after the initiation of a candidate, the raising of two brethren, and the election as a joining member of Bro. A. Roberts, of Lodge 230, the installation of Bro. N. Reed was proceeded with. The installing Officers were Bros. A. Goodman, J. G. Kevern, C. Philip, J. B. Gover, and J. R. Lord, assisted by a board of installed officers. The W.M. afterwards invested his Officers, as follow: -Bros. A. Goodman I.P.M. A. C. Titherley S.W., J. J. Beer J.W., C. Philp Treasurer, T. Goodall Secretary, C. Mutten S.D., Godfrey Evans J.D., E. Budge I.G., H. Robins D.C., J. Penwarne A.D.C., W. Smith-Renn Organist, T. Griffiths and T. B. Leonard Stewards, W. H. Phillips Tyler.

DEE LODGE, No. 1576.

THE members held their annual installation on Thursday, the 11th inst., when Bro. Joseph Clarke J.W., who was elected unanimously at the previous Lodge, was installed in the chair of W.M. There were a number of visiting brethren from both the provinces of West Lancashire and Cheshire. By dispensation from the Provincial Grand Lodge, the ceremony of installation was performed in the school-room adjacent to the Union Hotel. The attendance of brethren was large. Bro. G. B. Richmond officiated as Installing Master. Bro. Clarke was presented for installation by Bros. the Hon. Henry Holbrook and John Morris. The W.M. invested his Officers:-Bros. George B. Richmond I.P.M., R. G. Hawkins S.W., James W. Shaw J.W., John Morris P.M. Treasurer, W. Taylor P.M. Secretary, George Forrester Assistant Secretary, J. W. Evans S.D., J. M. Gibbs J.D., John Mayers I.G., William Jones D.C., John J. White S.S., F. V. Fearn J.S., J. Gerrish Assistant Steward, and A. J. Bro. Craft was unanimously re-elected Tyler. post of Charity Steward, Bro. J. Morris was unanimously choser. After some ordinary business had been transacted the Lodge was closed, and the Brethren adjourned to the regular Lodge room at the Union Hotel, where a banquet was served which quite sustained the wide reputation of the house. Bro. Joseph Clarke W.M. presided, the vice-chairs being respectively occupied by Bros. Hawkins S.W., and Shaw J.W. The toast of the Queen was given from the chair, and response was entrusted to Bros. Barnes and the Hon. H. Holbrock, lead to thorough reform, and the report itself could do no harm, adjourned for the installation banquet to the Farley Hotel, Plymouth,

to spend their own money in their own Province, among their own people, in their own way. They themselves had the control of the financial and other arrangements; they had no extravagant management expenses to pay; and they were enabled by its organisation at a minimum of cost to produce the maximum of efficiency and do the greatest possible amount of good to the distressed ones whom it was their duty and privilege to help. Bro. J. Morris responding, made allusion to the memorable Girls' School Centenary in London, at which he was present, and where the magnificent sum of £51,000 was collected. Compared with other Provinces, Cheshire might seem to be in an unfavourable position in regard to her support of Charities, but then Cheshire had educational and charitable institutions of her own, which were doing a great and good work. Bro. Richmond next proposed the Worshipful Master, in eulogistic terms, and Bro. Clarke feelingly responded. The W.M. proposed the Visiting Brethren, Bros. Brittain, White, Maddock 823, Dean, Clarke, and J. Humphreys W.M. 721, responding. The remaining toasts were the Installing Master, the Past Masters, the Officers of the Lodge, and the Tyler's toast. The harmony of the evening was materially contributed to by the excellent songs of Bros C. S. Dean, T. Brittain, E. Robinson, R. Parry, and J. Humphreys; whilst the Junior Warden (Bro. Shaw) convalsed the audience with laughter by an amusing reading, which took the form of a sermon on the text "Old Mother Hubbard." Bro. A. Phipps played all the accompaniments in his usual delightful manner.

OGMORE LODGE, No. 1752.

THE annual meeting was held on Monday, 22nd inst., at the Wyndham Arms, Bridgend, when Bro. T. B. Boucher was installed as Worshipful Master for the ensuing year. The following represents his official staff: -Bros. J. C. Couth I.P.M., J. F. C. Boles S.W., G. T. D. David J.W., John Herdman Treasurer, D. M. Lellan Secretary, Geo. Vanghan S.D., Robert Scule J.D., William Francis I.G., R. Richard D.C., William Jones Organist, E. Jenkins and T. C. Forester Stewards, L. Bena Charity Steward, and A. D. Weber Tyler. The ceremony of installation was performed by Bro. Beha, the duties of Director of Ceremonies being undertaken by Bro. Hemming. The brethren at the close of the Lodge drove to Southerndown and the camp at Ewenny. On their return they sat down to a well-served and liberal banquet, supplied by Bro. Hislop and Mrs. Hislop, of the Wyndham Arms Hotel.

CLAREMONT LODGE, No. 1861.

THE installation meeting of the above took place on Saturday, 20th inst., at the Crown Hotel, Chertsey. Owing to various causes, the muster of the members was not so numerous as heretofore. Among the P.M.'s was Bro. T. Vincent, P.G.S.B., father of the Lodge; we regret to say, however, that Bro. Vincent did not appear in his usual health; still he was as genial as ever. Bros. Woodin P.M., Frances P.M. Secretary, W. Morfit I.P.M., and W. Williams P.M., who, in a very able manner, installed into the chair of K.S. Bro. Claude Thomaseti the W.M. elect. Several visitors and members of the Lodge were present. The I.P.M. was presented with the handsome P.M.'s jewel usually given by this Lodge. Bro. Frances P.M. officiated as D.C. An excellent dinner followed, provided by the hostess, Mrs. Heckroe, and the usual Loyal and Masonic toasts received due henour.

MARTYN LODGE, No. 1983.

THE installation of Bro. T. Sergeant as W.M. took place at the Lodge Room, at the Town Hall, Southwold, on Friday, the The Deputy Provincial Grand Master, the Rev. C. J. Martyn P.G. Chaplain England, assisted by Bro. P. M. Canova 388, ably performed the installation ceremony. The W.M. having been duly installed, proceeded to invest his Officers, as follow:-Bros. W. T. Griffiths S.W., W. H. Elmy J.W., J. M. Canova Treasurer, T. II. Jellicoe Secretary, O. G. Rackham S.D., R. J. Allen J.D., W. J. Browne D.C., W. G. Jackson I.G., W. Porter Tyler. After the installation the brethren proceeded to the Centre Cliff' Hotel, where they were photographed in a group by Bro. D. R. Gooding. A banquet took place at 6.30 o'clock, Mrs. Downes, the manageress of the hotel, catering in a style which reflected upon her the utmost credit. After the banquet the usual Masonic toasts were honoured.

WESTERN DISTRICT UNITED SERVICE LODGE, No. 2258.

TITUE annual meeting was held at the Masonic Rooms, Carolineplace, Stonehouse, on the 17th instant, to instal Bro. Col. J. Philips, C.B., Senior Warden as Worshipful Master for the year ensaing. The ceremony was well rendered by the retiring Worshipful was loyally received with musical honours. The Prince of Wales Master Bro. M. Tracy, R.A., P.S.G.W., assisted by Bro. Powell P.M. and the Officers of the Grand Lodge were next toasted, and this too 1205 2258 and a large Board of Installed Masters. The Board of was drunk with musical honours. Bro. J. Morris proposed the health | Installed Masters being closed, the Worshipful Master invested his of the Right Hon. Lord Egerton of Tatton and Prov. Grand Officers Officers - Bros. Major M. Tracy I.P.M., Sergeant-Major A. Revill present and past, paying a well-deserved compliment to Lord S.W., Major N. Pago J.W., Rev. J. Black, M.A., Chaplain, D. Cross Egerton and his Officers for their management of the affairs of the P.M. Treasurer, W. Powell P.M. Sceretary, Major C. B. G. Dick S.D., Province. The toast was drank with musical honours. The Lieut, and Quartermaster W. E. Donohue J.D., Lieut, Bowman I.G., Quartermaster Sergeaut A. Jones Dir. of Cers., Capt. and Adjutant the latter of whom took Provincial honours so far back as 40 years J. H. Swanton Assist. Dir. of Cers., Bandmaster C. F. H. Froehnert ago, under Lord Combernere. Bro. G. B. Richmond I.P.M., in Organist, Lieut. and Quartermaster T. Reynolds, Lieut. H. M. C. W. giving the toast of the Cheshire Masonic Educational Institution, and Graham, Lient. J. H. E. Allen Stewards, James Gidley acting all other Masonic Charities, made a passing reference to the report of Tyler, S. Jew Representative on Committee of Petitions. Prior to the the Commissioners who had inquired into the management of the clesing of the Lodge, three gentlemen were proposed as candidates Boys' School. He said the feeling which that report had evoked must for initiation, and a brother as a joining member. The brethren inasmuch as no really good institution could be harmed by a knowledge of the truth. Coming to our own Province he said that, assisted by the Senior Warden, Junior Warden, and supported by the thanks to the agency of the Cheshire Institution, they were enabled Past Masters of the Lodge, a very enjoyable evening was passed. The following is a list of the Stewards of the Mark Benevolent Fund Festival, with the amount collected by each :-

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The Freemasons of Barnard Castle have erected a handsome headstone to the memory of the late Bro. John Kirtley.

The members of the Royal Albert Edward Lodge, No. 906, Weston, have subscribed for and presented to the Lodge the portrait of Bro. George Henry Bartlett I.P.M., P.P.J.G.W. Somerset, in recognition of his Masonic services.

A Provincial Grand Lodge meeting of Hampshire and the Isle of Wight will be held at Andover, on the 13th August.

H.R.H. the Prince of Wales has been pleased to accept t'e dedication of a March Nuptial, composed and to be performed ly Mr. Jekyll at the forthcoming royal wedding. The march is published by Metzler and Co., Great Marlborough-street, and in all probability it will be heard next Sunday in most of the churches throughout the United Kingdom.

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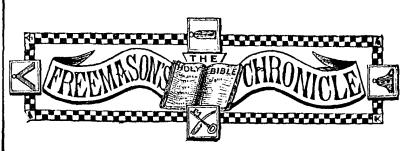
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SATURDAY, 27TH JULY 1889.

BRO. ALBERT PIKE'S REMARKS ON MACKAY'S 25 LANDMARKS.

NE of [Mackey's] lists, which is published as if compiled by authority, sets down twenty-five laudmarks. I will give them one by one [says Bro. Pike], with such remarks with regard to each as may occur to me.

"1. The modes of recognition.

"How are 'the modes of recognition' a landmark? Is it meant that our present modes of recognition were used in Ancient Craft Masonry? That would not be true, because all the secrets of Masonry, anciently, were those which were made known to the apprentices.

"Is it meant that the modes of recognition are the same everywhere? That is not true, because the substituto word used in England is wholly another word than that used here, and the same that has long been used in France, because the order of two others has been transposed sinco 1723, because there are words used elsewhere that we do not use, and because some of the signs are different in different countries.

"Is it meant that the mode of recognition cannot be changed? They have been changed, and they may, if it be found necessary, be changed again. And modes of recognition are not principles, much less essential and fundamental principles.

"2. The division of symbolic Masonry into degrees.

"But Ancient Craft Masonry had no 'degrees.' These were made about 1723, and forty years afterwards there were Lodges, under the Grand Lodge of England, that and never accepted them. [The above is new to me].

"3. The legend of the Third Degree.

"This was not introduced into Masonry until about 1723, and those who believe that the legend is true, must believe the two Kings and Hiram the artificer were Freemasons, and, therefore, that there was Freemasonry before the facts in the legend had occurred.

"4. The government of the Fraternity by a presiding officer called Grand Master, who is elected from the body of the Craft.

"There is absolutely no evidence that there ever was a Grand Master in England, or a general assembly of Masons held there, before Sayer was elected, in 1717.

"The 'body of the Craft' then meant the Apprentices and Fellows, for they constituted the Lodge and General Assembly, and a Fellow Craft could be elected Grand Master. The body of the Craft was the body of Fellows of the Craft, but now a Fellow Craft has, in this country, no voice in the election of a Grand Master.

"And Masonry existed, and there were Lodges in England and Scotland, long before there were either Grand Lodges or Grand Masters.

"5. The prerogatives of Grand Masters to presideaver

every assembly of the Craft, wheresoever and whensoever

"There could have been no such right before there were Grand Masters, nor is this prerogative known to have been claimed or exercised anywhere by any Grand Master in the early days of Masonry.

"6. The prerogative of a Grand Master to grant disponsation for conferring degrees at irregular times.

"This prerogative was not anciently possessed by the Grand Master, because no such dispensations were needed, inasmuch as each Lodge was entirely uncontrolled in regard to the times of conferring the degrees, and conferred them when it pleased.

"7. The prerogative of a Grand Master to grant dispen-

sations for opening and holding Lodges.

"The old Lodges were opened and held by the spontaneons and free action of the members, without authority from any one. The practice of granting Warrants and Charters grew up in modern days, and the Grand Lodges may, if they see fit, take away from the Grand Masters the power of granting what are now incorrectly styled dispensations.

"8. The prerogatives of a Grand Master to make Masons

at sight.

"The Grand Master could make Masons with the aid of a proper number of brethren, called together by him, but the power of a Grand Master to take a person into a room and, by himself alone, to make him a Mason, will be looked in vain for in the Ancient Charges and Regulations, and this supposed prerogative was not a landmark, because it no longer belongs to Grand Masters.

"It is supposed to have always been a landmark that a man could only be made a Mason in a just and lawfully constituted Lodge. But this became a law of Masonry by being enacted by the Grand Lodge; and independent Lodges, at Newcastle and elsewhere, holding no charters, but self constituted, continued to make Masons at will.

- "In Scotland, private Lodges had the right to issue commissions or dispensations to one or more individuals, to admit and enter such duly qualified persons as might apply to them, into the Society or Lodge, either as Apprentices or Fellow Crafts. This was done by the Lodge of Kilwinning, in 1677; by the Lodge of Haughfoot, in the early part of the eighteenth century; in 1804, by the Lodge Royal Arch, at Maybole, which commissioned one of its members to confer degrees, and in other cases.
 - "9. The necessity for Masons to congregate in Lodges.
- "10. The government of every Lodge by a Master and Wardens.
- "These were undoubtedly landmarks. Bro. Pike, for the old Lodges in Scotland were governed by Deacons, and sometimes by Wardens, and I doubt whether English Lodges always had to have two Wardens.]
- "11. The necessity that every Lodge when congregated should be duly tyled.
- "Undoubtedly it was a landmark (for a Lodge to be tyled.)
- "12. The right of every Master to be represented in all general meetings of the Craft, and to instruct his represontatives.
- "Every Apprentice and Fellow Craft in London and Westminster had a right to be present and vote, but no right to be represented, in the general assembly. In the Grand Lodge, individual Masons were not represented. The Masters and Wardens represented the Lodge, and not the Masons who were unaffiliated, and the right of instruction never belonged to 'every' Mason, or to any individual Mason, neither was any such a right recognised when the general assemblies were deprived of their power by usurpation on the part of the Grand Lodge.

"Nor was it ever a landmark that a Lodge represented in Grand Lodge could instruct its representatives there in regard to questions and matters as they arose.

"13. The right of every Mason to appeal from the decision of his brethren in Lodge convened, to the Grand

Lodge, or to a general assembly of Masons.

"There was never any right of appeal from the decision of England at all,

"14. The right of every Mason to visit and sit in every

regular Lodge.

"There is no such right now, and never was any such a right. [Query]. No Mason from this country can visit a Lodge in London without being vonched for [is it so?], not only as a Mason, but as a person fit to be received as a visitor. Any member of a Lodge can object to a Mason seeking to visit his Lodge.

- "15. That no visitor not known to some brother present as a Mason can enter a Lodge without undergoing examination.
- "It is a law enacted by the Grand Lodge of England that no brother can visit without being youched for, but in most countries of the world there are no examinations, a visitor being admitted upon production of his diploma or patent.
- "If it is a landmark that no person not vouched for can visit without being examined, brethren from other countries in which the English language is not spoken, and in which the work differs from ours, will always find their diplomas and patents valueless, and if the rule prevailed in other countries, no American Mason could visit any Lodge in Sweden, Norway, Denmark, or in any Latin country on the face of the globe.

"16. That no Lodge can interfere in the business or

labour of another Lodge.

This is entirely too vague and general to be a landmark. It might be stretched wide enough to cover the doctrine of perpetual proprietorship over a rejected candidate (that is, that no Lodge could initiate a man who was rejected by another Lodge until the Lodge that rejected him permits another to initiate him).

"17. That every Freemason is amenable to the criminal (1) laws and regulations of the Masonic jurisdiction in which he resides.

"(1). (The word "criminal" was inserted by Parvin, who holds that a brother may be tried for Masonic offences

- "This is not true, except to a limited extent. Suppose the Grand Lodge of the District of Columbia should require every Mason residing here to become affiliated here. Nor is it by any means settled that Masons affiliated in one State can be tried by a Lodge in another State. If one of us visit Italy, do we become amenable to the laws of the Grand Orient of Italy in every respect, by residing there unaffiliated? The language is too general and indefinite.
- "18. That every candidate for initiation must be a man, free-born, and of lawful age.
- "It was not anciently necessary that to become an Apprentice one should be a man of lawful age. He was described as a youth, and was in general not of age. Nor is it now necessary in England that he should be free-born.

[The landmark of "Sound limb" was as important, in the estimation of Dr. Mackey, as any other landmark. Strange! very strange! that Bro. Albert Pike omitted to refer in the above remarks to the landmark of sound

"19. That every Mason must believe in the existence of

God as the Grand Architect of the Universe.

"The phrase, 'Grand Architect of the Universe,' is not an ancient one, and does not express the adequate idea of the Deity, and the truth is, that it was originally, and for a very long while, in England and Scotland, a landmark, that no one, not a Christian and a believer in the Trinity, could be made a Mason.

"20. That every Mason must believe in the resurcction to a future life.

- "Every Mason must believe in another life for the soul of man; belief in a life that is a continuance of this, but not in any sense a resurrection, being certainly sufficient.
- "21. That a book of the law of God must constitute an indispensable part of the furniture of the Lodge.
- "It does not appear that this was required in olden days of Masonry.

"22. That all men in the sight of God are equal, and meet in the Lodge on one common level.

"It is not a landmark of Masonry, that all men are equal a Lodge to the general assembly, and the right to appeal in the sight of God. That is a statement that God regards to the Grand Lodge was not possessed by individual mem- men in a certain way. The Australian savage, as equal in bers, except so far as it was given by the Grand Lodge, and every way, in the greatest and best of the race. Whether in regard to very many decisions, never has existed in this be true or not, it is no landmark of Musonry. But it lis a landmark that on the floor of the Lodge all Masons

stand on one common level. It is not true that we are ments Labour with Refreshment at Masonic meetings. The bound to admit to that common level all men, of all kinds of races, who may apply.

"23. That Freemasonry is a secret society, in posses

sion of secrets that cannot be divulged.

"It is not true that Freemasonry is a secret society. A secret society is one whose existence is a secret, and its members unknown. But it is a landmark that the secrets of Masonry cannot be divulged.

"24. That Freemasonry consists of a speculative science

founded on speculative art.

"There is neither science nor art in Freemasonry. Its true definition is, that it is a system of morality, veiled in allegory, and illustrated by symbols. It does not pursue scientific studies nor practice of the arts.

changed.

"But they can be, and they have been. It is true that its real landmarks ought not to be changed. But who is to

say what these landmarks are?

"One would be warranted in believing that it was an ancient landmark that no one could be admitted into the society except by unanimous consent, but one of the earliest Lodges to receive candidates when unanimous consent was refused by even more than one vote.

"It was never a landmark that the vote should be taken by a secret ballot, although that now seems to possess greater sanctity than many things that time has taken should be had, the brethren expressing their pleasure in

their own way.

"Thus most of the so-called landmarks were not known either to Ancient Craft Masonry in England or Scotland before the Revolution of 1723; or to the new Masonry, as landmarks, for years afterwards. It is a pity that Masonry them is, "On to Washington," in the Autumn; to attend has not a Pope, or cannot make one of some Grand Master, the Grand Encampment of the United States, and in Editor, Chairman of a Committee on Foreign Correspondence, endowed with infallibility, to determine the age are dubbed at an extraordinary rate. Indeed, we have which a landmark must have to entitle it to call itself a landmark. What is the essential nature of a landmark? how many of the supposed twenty-five are landmarks? and ington "sounding in their ears there, and stimulating their Mackey] of this catalogue has overlooked?

"A mushroom may grow ever so tall on a boundary line

"If there was such an infallible authority and arbiter, I | their dignity, their meaning or value. should like to submit for his consideration a score or so of additional landmarks of the same nature as some of those on the semi-official catalogue, and it seems to me equally entitled to figure in it."

AT REFRESHMENT.

N the annual revolution of the seasons we have reached the time of Midsummer, and the Craft is generally at Refreshment. The abundant Labour of the preceding Autumn, Winter, and Spring have been properly succeeded by the Refeshment of Summer. "All work, and no play, makes Jack a dull boy." True, we miss the monthly meetings with, and greetings of our Brethren, but we shall of the body and the life of every initiate. So completely value and enjoy them the more when we renew them in September. It is not well to have a monotony, even of our enjoyments. Novelty and change are at least valuable in this, that they add zest to our appreciation of either duties or pleasures, and as a consequence, when our Masonic meetings are resumed in the Autumn, they will appear almost as fresh and new to us as if they were entirely novel experiences.

The demand for periodic rest and refreshment is one which is natural to man, implanted in his physical constitution. One cannot labour continually, either through day and night, or continuously every day in the year, without suffering from impaired health or physical or mental debility. We must have rest if we would appear always at our best. Periodicity is a law of our being. The First Great Light in Masonry informs us that even the Grand Master of the Universe rested from His labour, and enjoined mankind to rest, in like manner, one day out of seven through all time. It is in recognition of a natural

Refreshment is wages for Labour. The Brother who has performed his duties to the Craft, who has been present at his Lodge or other meeting, has encouraged and supported the officers in their several stations and places, and has aided in the work when required, at the close of the Labour is richly entitled to meet with his Brethren, who like him have conscientiously performed their respective duties, and share with them in the physical, social, intellectual and convivial pleasures of the banquet board. It is not the material food, which all so much enjoy, as the good fellowship, the freedom from conventionality, the abandon, the sociability and the spirit of fraternity which so unmistakably prevails. This is true Masonic Refreshment. It exhilarates the mind. It enlivens the heart. It enables us to understand, appreciate, and value our fellows at "25. That the landmarks of Masonry can never be their true worth. Man—the machine of machines—is then repairing and winding up. When we rise from the social board we feel, in the language attributed to Zachary Taylor, "at peace with the world and the rest of mankind." This is the reward which accompanies the Refreshment which closes and completes a Lodge, or other

Masonic meeting.

The Refreshment which results from the omission of acts of the Grand Lodge of England was to authorize certain | Masonic meetings in either or both of the months of July and August, is of kindred value. In mid summer the Lodge Room is anything but comfortable. It appears to be impossible to thoroughly ventilate a Lodge Room, crowded with Brethren, even in the Winter season; and in the summer the conditions are still more unmanageable. away. It was only required that the unanimous consent | Hot air, largely unchanged, is almost unbearable. Who of us has not been present on occasions when fans and handkerchiefs were powerless to bring comfort. Nature ordains rest in Midsummer, and all Masonic bodies except those most pressed with work willingly obey it. Among the latter, this Summer, are the Commanderies. The cry in consequence of, this during the Summer months, Knights learned of cases where candidates entered the Lodge, in the months recently gone by, with the cry, "On to Washwhat others the oracular wisdom of the author [meaning | zeal. Such a spirit is to be reprobated. Freemasonry is not a rendezvous for crusaders, and the degrees of Ancient Craft Masonry are not mere stepping stones to something or in a corner, but it will never be mistaken for a land-beyond. They exist for themselves, and those who use them for ulterior purposes have no proper conception of

One thing is always to be borne in mind with regard to either hours or days of Refreshment, that they are never to be converted into occasions for intemperance or excess. Overplay is worse than overwork. Over indulgence in any form of amusement during Masonic periods is equally forbidden by the laws of nature and of Masonry. We must temper our zeal for Refreshment with discretion. must be men and not boys, Masons must be Masons and not profane. We have been initiated into the Craft; we have made solemn promises which bind us for all time; we are not our own, but built into a Temple which is now visible and temporal, but which we trust will one day be eternal. We are bound to practise out of the Lodge those is this true, that the common phrase, "once a Mason always a Mason," expresses the indefectibility of Masonic obligations. They abide with us for ever, so that we can never abrogate or renounce them. This is true of the degrees of Ancient Craft Masonry, but of those of no other so-called Masonry, if it comes in conflict with our primary obligations, those taken in the Blue Lodge. Whatever is superadded, is subject to the action of the Lodge and Grand Lodge, in case there be a conflict. This fact should be remembered as well during seasons of Refreshment as of Labour. Our Masonic bodies may not be in session now, but we are always Masons, always bound by the Mystic Tie, always under obligation to be true men and worthy fellows, a credit to Freemasonry, and worthy of the high vocation of a Master Mason to which we have been called.

-Keystone.

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ROYAL MASONIC BENEVOLENT INSTITUTION.

THE usual summer entertainment to the residents was given on Thursday. There was a very fair attendance of ladies and brethren, friends and supporters of the Institution, among whom we may mention :- Bros. C. J. Perceval, W. Eckersall, C. H. Stone, T. Cubitt, J. G. Tongue, G. F. Cook, E. S. Boulter, J. Newton, C. F. Hogard, W. W. Morgan, G. Plucknett, A. H. Tattershall, W. Massey, H. M. Hobbs, James Stevens, J. S. Fraser, C. G. Hill, H. G. Thompson, Hugh Cotter, A. T. Fanll, J. E. Terry, J. A. Farnfield, E. Terry, H. A. Lovett; Mesdames Jas. Terry, E. Eckersall, Stone, Newton, Tongne, Morgan, A. R. and C. Massey, Stevens, Hill, Clara Cooke, Cissie Crutch, K. S. Terry, M. Rucker, Aïda Crutch, Jessie Terry, Lillian Rucker, Cotter, Angelina Hill, Lovett, &c., &c. The majority of the party left Charing Cross and Cannon Street Railway Stations respectively at 3.22 and 3.32 p.m. On reaching the Institution the usual house to house visitations took place, and the ladies in particular gave expression to the sustained interest they individually take in the comfort and welfare of the residents. The Supreme Council 33° considerately renewed their thoughtful gifts of tea and sugar to the females, and tobacco to the male residents. The Misses Cotter (daughters of our genial Brother Hugh Cotter P.M. 554) again evinced their interest and forethought,—on this occasion they presented their aged sisters each with a pot of jam. Later the party partook of high tea, and still later a very enjoyable musical entertainment, under the direction of Bro. A. G. Pritchard, who was assisted by Miss Emily Pritchard, Miss Lizzie Holmes, Miss Frances Grahame, Mr. John Cross and Bro. George Cronin. The entertainment was divided into two parts, and was of a very successful character throughout. Bro. Pritchard has secured a high reputation as a versatile mimic, and his "Swiss Experiences" on this occasion were most heartily relished. Miss Holmes was onthusiastically applauded after her song, "The Old Sun Dial," and responded to a demand for an encore with "The Miller and the Maid." For the second part Dibdin's Ballad Opera, "The Waterman," had been selected. As Tom Tug Mr. John Cross gave a manly representation, and sang the several songs allotted him in a hearty and spirited fashion. Bro. Cronin was entrusted with the part of Robin, and he displayed a true sense of comedy, without vulgarity, in the way he gave expression to that worthy market gardener's peculiarities. Miss Emily Pritchard was the Wilhelmina, and this lady charmed her audience by the manner in which she sang the songs "Cherry Ripe," and "Tell me, my heart," while as an actress she gave signs of careful training. Bro. Pritchard was a capital Bundle, and made the most of his opportunities. As Mrs. Bundle Miss Lizzie Holmes everything that could be desired; we venture to predict that at an early date this young lady will secure a position at one or other of our London theatres. At the close of the evening a cordial vote of thanks was given to Bro. Pritchard and his party, for their services. This compliment having been gracefully acknowledged, the visitors shortly afterwards took leave of the residents, and returned to town. We have omitted to refer to Miss Frances Grahame; this would indeed have been a fault. This lady proved herself a brilliant player, and her associates can be complimented on having had the services of so competent an accompanist.

HOLIDAY HAUNTS.

WE have already spoken of the circular trips arranged by the Great Eastern Railway Company in the neighbourhood of Yarmouth, Lowestoft, and the rivers of Norfolk. Too much cannot be said in their praise, for they have really opened up to the ordinary tourist a very pleasant district, which was hitherto all but inaccessible-only to be enjoyed by those who could personally charter a small yacht, and not always an unmixed enjoyment then, as those who have found themselves some dozen miles or so away from home, without a breath of wind, can well testify. During the summer season well appointed Saloon Steam Boats leave Yarmouth, every week day, on the arrival of the 8:30 a.m. train from Lowestoft. The first of these, which starts from Yarmouth Bridge about 9:10, travels via the River Bure, as far as Wroxham, a distance of twentyseven miles, from whence train is taken to Norwich, which is reached at 1.15 p.m. The tourist may at once return to either Yarmouth or Lowestoft, or may spend a few hours in the county town, returning by any train the same day to the coast town from which he started. The fares for this circular trip are 4s 6d and 3s 6d, for 2nd and 3rd class respectively, from Lowestoft; and 38 bd and 2s bd respectively from Yarmouth.

The second boat leaves Yarmouth Bridge about 9:30 a.m. and proceeds via the River Yare direct to Norwich (also a journey by boat of twenty-seven miles), arriving there about 12:40. As is the case with the other trip, the traveller may avail himself of any train the same day for the return journey, the first available being timed to reach Yarmouth at 2.25 p.m. and Lowestoft at 2.30 p.m. The fares by this route are 4s and 3s respectively from Lowestoft, and

3s and 2s respectively from Yarmouth.

The return journies of the boats is taken advantage of to provide circular trips from Norwich and Cromer, the boat travelling via the River Yare, arriving at Yarmouth Bridge about 5:20, and that via the River Bure at about 5:50. This affords ample time for a brief stay at Yarmouth, the last train leaving that town for Norwich at 10.22 p.m., and for Cromer at 7.20 p.m. The fares for the Norwich to Norwich trips are the same as those charged for the Yarmouth to Yarmouth ones, while from Cromer to Yarmouth and back the charge is 4s second class, and 3s third class.

By availing himself of these trips, the tourist is enabled to spend a very pleasant holiday on the Norfolk rivers; has an opportunity of viewing the sights of the district, and at the same time can enjoy a half-day at Norwich, a city which possesses many items of interest,

and will well repay a visit.

ourselves of the Great Eastern system. Oulton Broad is tickets are issued daily by certain trains from Paddington.

but a short journey from Lowestoft, and is close to the Onlton Broad Station, on the Yarmouth and Lowestoft direct line. Fritton Broad is in the same district, close to the St. Olave's, station on the main line, and at either of these resorts there is ample accommodation for fishing, boating, pionics, and other rural enjoyments. To reach Ormesby, Filby, and most of the other popular Broads, we had best first reach Yarmouth, and then travel either by road, or the new Eastern and Midlands Railway, to our destination. Ormesby Broad is perhaps the most favoured of the many which abound hereabout, and a most enjoyable place it is whereat to spend a holiday. At the noted "Eel's Foot," of which Mr. Ed. Monsey is the proprietor, every accommodation is available. Comfortable apartments can be secured, dinners and teas are provided, there is no lack of good boats, while fishing tackle, bait, &c., may be procured. Above all this the lover of angling may rest assured that it is next to impossible for him to cast his line anywhere without speedily securing the attention of one of the many members of the finny tribe which are here so plentiful.

THE MIDLAND RAILWAY.

THE difficulty of the present age is not so much to find a place where a pleasant holiday may be expected, as it is to make a selection from the many centres of attraction, and means of getting about that are now provided. The Midland Railway Company has always been provertial for its go ahead proclivities, and it is but reasonable to expect that in the matter of Tourist and Holiday arrangements it is well to the front. The Tourist Programme of this Company provides as with particulars of the principal Holiday Resorts of the United Kingdom. Ireland being reached via the Barrow and Belfast route, or via Liverpool and Dublin. Circular tours are arranged, embracing the principal attractions of the Lake District and the North of Ireland, and, indeed, everything that is possible is done to attract the visitors to the sister Isle. The route between London and Scotland via Settle and Carlisle offers many attractions to the traveller, not the least of which is the magnificent scenery of the Peak District, and if a few minutes onger is spent over the journey to Edinburgh, Glasgow and the Highlands, than is the case if either the West Coast or East Coast route is selected, it is in a measure compensated for by the variety which a change of route affords.

Derby, Matlock, Buxton and the Peak District are among the especial attractions of the Midland Railway system, and many timed have we enjoyed the journey which business or pleasure has renderes necessary in this neighbourhood. But it is not here alone that the Midland Railway Company is able to offer tempting allurements to the holiday seeker, the line is such an extended one that there is hardly a place of any importance which is not in communication with some one or more of the special attractions of our country, and in every case the Midland Company may be said to second, as far as

they are able, the advantages which nature has provided.

In the matter of accommodation the Midland is also prominently to the front. Pulman and Saloon carriages are available on the principal day trains, while for the night service luxurious sleeping carriages are provided. In the former case the saloon carriages are available for first class passages without extra charge, while for a berth in the sleeping cars a small extra charge is made. Special facilities are provided by this line for the conveyance of passengers' luggage in advance, so as to avoid the trouble inseparable from having a number of packages to look after; the journey may be broken at various points of interest on the route, and in fact, every concession, that can reasonably be expected is provided.

GREAT WESTERN RAILWAY.

N accordance with their usual custom, the Great Western Railway Company have made arrangements for the issue of tickets during the week preceding the August Bank Holiday, at their City and West End Offices, viz.:-193 and 407 Oxford-street, 23 New Oxford-street, 269 Strand, 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

ou 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, 3rd August, the Company will run, in duplicate, the 11.45 a.m., 3.0, 5.0, and 9.0 p.m. trains from London to the West of England; and the 120 noon and 545 p.m. trains to Weymouth, Hereford, and South Wales. The first portion of the 5.0 p.m. train will leave Paddington at 4.55 p.m., but the first part of the other trains will leave at the advertised times, 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, 1st August, an Excursion train will leave Paddington at 8.5 a.m., for Gloncester, Cardiff, Newport, Swansea, New Milford, &c.; passengers will also be booked at excursion fares to certain stations in the South of Ireland. Fast Excursion trains for West of England will leave Paddington at 8.5 a.m. and 3.5 p.m. on Saturday, 3rd August, reaching Exeter in 54 hours and Plymouth in 74 hours; and Excursions will also be run on the same day to Bath, Bristol, Dorchester, Weymouth (for the Channel Islands), Cheltenham, Worcester, Malvern, Hereford, Birmingham, Wolverhampton, Shrowsbury, 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 To visit the famous Broads of Norfolk we must again avail established between Slough and Burnham Beeches, and cheap through

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.

SATURDAY, 27th JULY.

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Quarterly General Court Girls' School, Freemasons' Hall, at 12
178—Manchester, Yorkshire Grey, London St., Tottenham Court Rd., at 8. (In)
198—Percy, Jolly Farmers', Southgate Road, N., 8. (Instruction)
1275—Star, Dover Castle, Deptford Causeway, 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, Holbren Via luct
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)
R.A.—Sinai, Union, Air Street, Regent Street, W., at 8. (Instruction)
 1293—Burdett, Mitre Hotel, Hampton Court
1462—Wharneliffe, Rose and Crown Hotel, Penistone
1464—Erasmus Wilson, Pier Hotel, Greenhithe
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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. 308—Affability, Station House Hotel, Bottoms, nr Todmorden
R.A. 1777—Royal Hanover, Town Hall, Twickenham

MONDAY, 29th JULY.

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22—Longhborough, Gauden Hotel, Clapham, at 7.30. (Instruction)
27—Egyptian, Atlantic Tavern, Brixton, S.W., at 8. (Instruction)
45—Strong Man, Bell and Bush, Ropemaker St., Finsbury, E.C., at 7 (In)
174—Sincertty, Railway Tavern, Railway Place, Fenchurch Street, at 7. (In)
  180—St. James's Union, Union Tavern, Air-street, W., at 8 (Instruction) 648—Wellington, White Swan, High-street, Deptford, at 8 (Instruction) 933—Doric, Duke's Head, 79 Whitechapel Road, at 8. (Instruction) 975—Rose of Denmark, Gauden Hotel, Clapham Road Station, at 7'30. (Inst.)
1227—Upton, Three Nuns, Aldgate, E., at 8. (Instruction)
1425—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. (1 1608—Kilburn, 46 South Molton Street, Oxford Street, W., at 8. (Inst.) 1623—West Smithfield, New Market Hotel, King Street, Smithfield, at 7 (1
 1693—Kingsland, Cock Tavern, Highbury, N., at 8.30 (Instruction)
1707—Eleanor, Seven Sisters Hotel, Page Green, Tottenham, 8. (Inst)
1745—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)
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, Crewe Arms Hotel, Crewe
R.A. 1205—Elliott, 1 Caroline Place, East Stonehouse
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TUESDAY, 30th JULY.

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25—Robert Burns, 8 Tottenham Court Road, W.C., at 8. (Instruction) 56—Constitutional, Bedford Hotel, Southampton-blugs., Hother at 7 (Inst.) 65—Prosperity, City Arms Restaurant, 2 St. Mary Axo, E.G., at 7. (Inst.)
  111—Faith, Victoria Mansions Restaurant, Victoria Street, S.W., at 8 (nst). 177—Domatic, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, at 7.30 (Instruction) 148—Joppa, May clester Hotel, Aldersgate-street, at 8. (Instruction) 212—Euphrates, Mother Red Cap, High Street, Camden Town, at 8. (Inst.)
  551—Yarborough, Green Dragon, Stepney (Instruction)
763—Prince Frederick William, Eagle Tavern, Clitton Road, Maida Hill, at 8.
   820-Lily of Richmond, Greyhound, Richmond, at 7.30 (Instruction)
8 30 - Dathousie, Middleton Arms, Middleton R and, 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, Mona fietel, Heericita-street, W.C., at 8. (Instruction)
1349—Friars, Liverpool Arms, Canning Town, at 7.30. (Instruction) 1446—Mount Edgeunbe, Three Stags, Lambeth Road, S.W., at 8. (Instruction) 1471—Islington, Champion, Aldersgate Street, at 7. (Instruction) 1472—Henley, Three Crowns, North Woolwich. (Instruction)
1549—Chaucer, Old White Hart, Borough High Street, at 3. (Instruction)
1695—New Finsbury Park, Hornsey Wood Tavern, Finsbury Park, at 8. (Inst.)
1539—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 Instruction, White Hart, Cannon Street, at 6.3)
R.A. 704—Camden, the Moorgate, 15 Finsbury Pavement, E.C., at 8. (Inst.)
       299-Emulation, Bull Hotel, Dartord
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310—Unions, Freemasons' Hall, Castle-street, Carlislo
573—Perseverance, Shenstone Hotel, Hales Owon
1353—St. John, Masonic Hall, Grays, Essex. (Instruction)
1358—Torbay, Town Hall, Paignton
1566—Ellington, Town Hall, Maidenhead
1636—St. Ceilia, Royal Pavilion, Brighton
2146—Surbiton, Spread Eagle Coffee Tavern, Surbiton. (Instruction)
R.A. 418—Staffordshire Knot, Freemasons' Hall, Hanley
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WEDNESDAY, 31st JULY.

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3-Fidelity, Alfred, Roman Road, Barnsbury, at s. (Instruction)
39-United Mariners', The Lugard, Peckhain, at 7.39. (Instruction)
72-Royal Jubilee, Micre, Chancery Lane, W.C., at s. (Instruction)
73-Mount Lebauon, George Inn, High Street, Boroagh, at s. (Instruction)
193-Confidence, Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall Street, at 7. (Instruction)
228-United Strength, The Hope, Stanhope Screet, Regent's Park, at s. (Inst)
538-La Tolerance, Portland Hotel, Great Portland Screet, at s. (Inst)
720-Pannare, Balham Hotel, Balham, at 7. (Instruction)
781-Morchant Navy, Silver Tayora, Burdeta-road, E. (Instruction)
729—Pranmire, Bainam Hotel, Baiham, at 7. (Instruction)
781—Merchant Navy, Silver Tavern, Burdett-road, E. (Instruction)
813—New Goncord, Jolly Farmers, Southgate-road, N. (Instruction)
802—Whittington, Red Lion, Poppin's Court, Fleet Street, at 8. (Instruction)
808—Temperance in the East, 6 Newby Pietre, Poptar
9 2—Burgoyne, Essex Arms, Essex Street, Strand, at 8. (Instruction)
1475—Peckham, Lord Wellington Hotel, 515 Old Kent Road, at 8. (Instruction)
1524—Duke of Connaught, Royal Edward, Marc Street, Hackney, at 8. (Instruction)
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1601-Ravensbourne, George Inc., Lewislean, at 8. (Instruction) 1604—Wanderers, Victoria Mansions Rostanrant, Victoria-st., S.W., at 7.30. (In) 1562—Beaconsfield, Choquers, March Street, Walthamstow, at 7.30. (Inst.)

1691—Londesborough, Berkeley Arms, John Street, May Fair, at 8. (Inst.) 1922—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) 163—Integrity, Freemasons' Hall, Cooper-street, Munchester 304—Philanthropic, Masonic Hall, Great George-street, Levils 439—Scientific, Masonic Room, Bingley 972—St. Augustine, Masonic Hall, Canterbury. (Instruction) 996—Sondes, Eagle Hotel, East Dereham, Norfolk 1085—Hartington, Masonic Hall, Gower Street, Dorby. (Instruction)
1119—St. Bede, Mechanics' Institute, Jarrow
1219—Strangeways, Masonic Rooms, King Stroot, Mynchyster
1283—Ryburn, Central Buildings, Town Hall Stroot, Soworby Beidge
1611—Alexandra, Horasea, Hull (Instruction)
R.A. 236—Zetland, Masonic Hall, Duncombe Street, York
M.M.—Howe, Masonic Hall, New Street, Birmingham
M.M. 24—Roberts, Masonic Rooms, Ann Street, Rochester

THURSDAY, 1st AUGUST.

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87—Vitruvian, White Hart, College-street, Lambeth, at 8 (Instruction) 144—St. Luke, White Hart, King's-road, Cholsea, at 7.30. (Instruction) 147—Justice, Brown Bear, High Street, Deptford, at 8. (Instruction) 435—Salisbury, Union Tayern, Air-street, Regent-street, W., at 8. (Inst.)
147—Justice, Brown Bear, Righ Street, Deptord, 25. (Instruction)
135—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)
879—Southwark, Sir Garnet Wolseloy, Warndon St., Rotherhithe New Rd. (Instruction)
1017—Monteflore, St. James's Restaurant, Piccadilly, at 8. (Instruction)
1158—Southern Star, Sir Sydney Smith, Chester St., Kennington, at 8. (In.)
1278—Burdett Coutts, Swan Tavern, Bethnal Green Road, E., at 5. (Instruction)
1306—St. John, Three Crowns Tavern, Mile End Road, E. (Instruction)
1339—Stockwell, Masons' Tavern, Masons' Avenue, E.C., at 7.37 (Instruction)
1360—Royal Arthur, Prince of Wales Hotel, Wimbledon, at 7.30. (In.)
1428—The Great City, Masons' Hall, Masons' Avenue, E.C., at 6'30. (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)
1502—Sir Hugh Myddelton, White Horse Tavern, Liverpool Rud (corner of Theberton Street) N., at 8. (Instruction)
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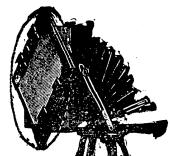
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