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As we stated last week, there is every prospect that the 17th Anniversary Festival on Wednesday next of the Mark Benevolent Fund will prove a great success. The services of Bro. Lord EGERTON OF TATTON, the Deputy G.M.M.M. of England and Wales, than whom there is no abler, more genial, and therefore more deservedly popular member of the Degree to be found anywhere under the auspices of Mark Grand Lodge, have been secured as Chairman, and a Board of 88 Stewards, as against 47 last year, has been constituted, on whose loyal co-operation in raising a goodly total his lordship may rely with confidence. Bro. ALFRED WILLIAMS, P.G.D., is President of the Board; Bros. A. F. GODSON, W. KELLY, Sir PRYSE PRYSE, Bart., and JACK SUTCLIFFE, respectively Prov. G.M.M. Masons of Worcestershire, Leicestershire, &c., South Wales, and Lincolnshire, Honorary Presidents, Bro. R. BERRIDGE, G.D.C., Hon. Treasurer, and Bros. F. BINCKES, G. Sec., and C. F. MATIER, Hon. Secretaries. With such officers and so influential a body of representatives from 25 of the Mark provinces, we anticipate a great result for Wednesday next, and we are sure our readers will unite with us in wishing them success.

THE following account of a very foolish procedure appears in the "Echo du Nord" (Lille), July 2nd. It originally appeared, it seems, in the "Matin," another French paper. We presume that our brethren wished to emulate the activity of the "early bird." "The Lodge of Amitie, the most ancient in Paris — it dates from 1721, it is said,—gave on the Sunday previous, at the Restaurant Ory, in the 'Bois de Boulogne,' a most curious 'fête' of 'adoption.' At this establishment a hall on the ground floor had been transformed for the event; at the end a platform destined for the Master, the Deputy LAGUERRE, and his assessors, the Deputies TONY REVEILLON and DESMONS. On each side were two tables, of which one was occupied by the Bro. Secretary THEVET, the other by the Bro. Orator PETROT. In the middle were 15 chairs for the children of Freemasons who were to be adopted; around them were seated the parents, the sponsors (so-called), and members of the lodge. On the platform two English brethren were remarked,"—we suppress their names,—“and, as well, Bro. TAMISIER, Master of the Lodge 'The Democratic Republic.' On opening the meeting, the Master explained the object of the 'reunion,' and put several questions to the two brothers, the First and Second 'Guardians,'—or, we should say "Tylers,"—“who, placed near the door of entry, and screened from observation by the other assistants in the corners, read their answers, printed 'ad hoc.' Fifteen infants were to receive adoption, or baptism.” (We object to this use of the word Masonically very much.) “One of the brethren led three of them outside the hall, one a little girl of five, and returned shortly with them. Each of these infants had the face covered by a white muslin veil, bearing, in yellow letters, a different inscription. On one you read the word 'Ignorance,' on another 'Fanaticism,' and on another 'Misery.' These children resumed their previous places on the first row of chairs, and then the 'word was given' by Bro. PETROT, who dwelt on the benefits of Freemasonry. The first veil fell. For the 'second voyage,' Bro. DESMONS, Deputy for Gard, and V.P. of the Council of the Order, pronounced a 'discours,' taking for his thesis ignorance, which engendered misery, and protesting against clerical intolerance. Finally, Bro. TONY REVEILLON said some words, which were much applauded, on marriage and the duties of mothers towards their infants. When the three infants were freed from their veils, they ascended the platform, followed by their little friends, and each received a diploma, accompanied by cakes and sweetmeats. The ceremony being ended, the children were adopted by the members of the lodge, who undertook to help them whenever they needed aid, as well as "solidarity," (mutual assistance), being the emblem of Freemasonry. A banquet followed the fête, at which 100 guests were present.” Such is the account of an episode which, we confess, we regret greatly to read and to record, and at which we are still more sorry to note that two English brethren were present

It seems sometimes unaccountable to us the unchanged animosity with which Freemasonry in general is regarded by the Roman Catholic authorities everywhere, to use their own phrase, "in urbe et orbe." Roman Catholics base their denominational opposition to Freemasonry on the original Bull of CLEMENT, 1738, confirmed, as that Bull has been, by sundry allocutions of succeeding Popes, and successive demonstrations of infallible authority. We say nothing of inferior officers or local "mandemens," and we go direct to the fountain-head. At that time (1738) the Roman Catholic authorities took the alarm because they thought they saw in the proclamation and propagation of Freemasonry a sort of "natural religion," so called, making light of and disavowing the authority of Pontiffs, and the claims of the Church. A favourite dogma of Rome has always been "extra ecclesiam nulla salus;" and as Roman Catholics and Protestants met together in lodge for purposes of humanity, sociality, and Charity, Rome took the alarm, and having denounced the body, proposed to hand it over to the tender mercies of the Inquisition and a Cosmopolitan persecution. As time ran on Rome's theories and tactics changed with changes in Freemasonry itself. As to Craft Masonry was superadded the more gorgeous and æsthetic ceremonial of the High Grades, Rome professed to be shocked with a nomenclature and a ritual which, it asserted, was a parody both on ecclesiastical terminology, and religious and hallowed rites. But still, despite the fulminations of Roman Catholic officials, Freemasonry advanced, and found Royal patrons and loyal devotees. The appearance of the Illuminati, about 1780, formed by a Roman Catholic professor, WEISHAUP, and a Jesuit to boot, who discovered that Freemasonry was too religious for him, gave Rome a handle which it has never failed to use, since that most mischievous and destructive and disloyal society, in no sense Masonic, and entirely opposed to the peaceful, rational, and loyal progress of Freemasonry proper appeared, and which no doubt did a great deal of evil with its prescribed principles of thought and action, in its short career. For to speak correctly, it was literally and truly Jesuitism engrafted on Nihilism, and may fairly be assumed to be the precursor of many similar hurtful and debased secret associations. Since that period, though Freemasons are not Illuminati, nor Illuminati Freemasons, Rome has skillfully since kept close to that line of description and incrimination. The development of secret societies in the nineteenth century, and up to this hour, has always been assumed by Roman Catholic authorities to be also Masonic, and they confound Freemasonry with societies of various kinds, which have nothing in common with our Order but secrecy, the principles of Freemasonry being light compared with their darkness, loyalty, faith, religion, honour, peace, legality order, as contrasted with the mischievous aims and prejudicial movements of all such illegal and pernicious bodies. Freemasonry aims at the tranquil progress and conservation of society, the peace and civilization of mankind. Not so the secret political associations. They tend only to destruction; seem to seek to compass alone the uprooting of law, government, and social life, the uprising of a vindictive proletariat, and the prevalence of revolution, confiscation, and universal chaos. If something may be alleged for the wild and angry maledictions of Roman Catholic authorities in some portions of the Continent, where foolish words and perverse proceedings have disgraced the fair fame of Freemasonry, and caused doubt and suspicion to hover around both its professions and its practice, why should such words and such prejudices be cherished against our Anglo-Saxon Fraternity? None know better than Roman Catholics themselves how untenable are the allegations they direct in hot haste, bad form, and uncomely virulence against our loyal, peaceful, useful, and benevolent Brotherhood. Rome is still Rome, and, like the French description of Ladies, always will be Rome apparently. Unchanged and unaltered as the ages come and go, it has "learnt nothing, and forgotten nothing;" it is still hopelessly implacable and determinedly vindictive. Freemasonry has incurred its displeasure and disapproval, for it militates with its canons of ecclesiastical polity and professed dogmata, and therefore it must be crushed. And so, like BARTOLO, Rome employs unscrupulously the special agency of calumny. There is nothing too bad, nothing too absurd to be predicated of Freemasons and Freemasonry. Unthinking and unreasoning persons repeat the mendacity, and pass on the accusation. And yet Freemasonry survives it all; yes, and flourishes. It has planted its banner firmly as before men, and a faithful phalanx rallies round it. In the good providence of T.G.A.O.U. it is destined to win the victory, as specious inventions, cruel invective, and deliberate lying are as certain as certain can be to go down before the energetic advance of Truth, Toleration, and Light.

WE learn from particulars with which we have been furnished that a "London Mutual Masonic Voting Association" has been formed, with Bro. C. DAIRY, P.M. 141, as its President and Treasurer; Bros. G. READ,

P.M. 511, and R. TAYLOR, P.M. 44, Vice-Presidents; Bros. W. VINCENT, P.M. 1194; R. BURLETON, P.M. 860; T. CROSS, P.M. 1194; T. B. DODSON, P.M. 860; F. GREEN, P.M. 1687; J. C. FLATTELY, P.M. 1624; C. HOLLAND, S.W. 1681; G. A. CUNDY, P.M. 901; C. TAYLER, P.M. 1624 and P. COGHLAN, P.M. 144, Members of the Committee; and Bro. G. COOP, J.W. 141, Sec. 2011, as Honorary Secretary. The object of this Association is clearly enough explained by the device it has adopted—"Unity is Strength." It is pointed out, from statistics derived from authentic sources in respect of the sums raised in 1884-85 at the Festivals of our three Institutions, that, while London, in return for the share subscribed by its members, is entitled to a proportional number of 124 girls, 112 boys, and 205 annuitants (male and female together), it has only 75 girls, 54 boys, and 119 annuitants; while the Provinces, which, on the strength of their joint contributions, should have only 117 girls, 92 boys, and 153 annuitants, have succeeded in the election of 166 girls, 150 boys, and 239 annuitants. Here, undoubtedly, we have a very glaring inequality between what should be and what is the representation of the Provinces and London respectively on the strength of the three Charities, and the new Association, by combining its voting powers, proposes to do its utmost to make things more level between the two sections of contributors, so that—to put the matter somewhat bluntly—each shall more nearly have the money's worth to which, by the total of its contributions, it is entitled. Certainly our country brethren cannot complain if the London subscribers to our Charities organise their strength, as they themselves do, for so laudable a purpose.

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OPPORTUNITY was taken by our lodges in Leeds on the occasion of the visit of the Prince and Princess of WALES to that town on Wednesday, for the purpose of inaugurating the Yorkshire College, to present to His Royal Highness, as Most Worshipful Grand Master of England, a loyal address of welcome. The brethren representing those lodges were most courteously received, and a most gracious reply vouchsafed to them. Both address and reply will appear in our columns next week.

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THERE is perhaps no brother now living to whom the Craft is so deeply indebted for its knowledge of our ritual and ceremonies as Bro. MUGGERIDGE. No one since the days of the late Bros. PETER GILKES and STEPHEN BARTON WILSON has done so much and such admirable work as he in the capacity of a Masonic instructor, and in an age, when testimonials are frequent, there is unquestionably no one to whom a memorial of the valuable services he has rendered can be more appropriately offered. One can hardly indeed quite realise the Stability Lodge of Instruction without the presence of its venerable Preceptor, and we gladly take this opportunity of congratulating the members of that lodge—the pupils who, figuratively speaking, have sat at Bro. MUGGERIDGE'S feet, and learned from him the meaning and beauty of our Masonic system—on their resolution to present to him on Friday next, the 24th inst., some slight gift in recognition of what he has done for them and the esteem and respect in which he is universally held. The lodge will meet at Masons' Hall, Masons' Avenue, at 7 p.m., and when the presentation has taken place a cold collation will follow, so that the brethren may be able to meet him as a guest whom they have mostly known as their devoted and painstaking instructor.

CONSECRATION OF THE FARRINGDON WITHOUT CHAPTER, No. 1745.

On the 29th ult. this chapter was consecrated at Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street, by Comp. Colonel Shadwell H. Clerke, G.S.E., assisted by Comps. T. Fenn, P.G. Swd. Br., as H.; the Rev. J. Brownrigg, M.A., P.G.A. Soj., as J.; and Frank Richardson, P.G.A. Soj., as D.C. The proceedings commenced at six o'clock by the assembling of the founders and visitors in the large hall of the hotel. Among the former were Comps. T. C. Walls, P.G. Soj. of Middx., M.E.Z. designate; H. J. Lardner, H. designate; J. Strugnell, J. designate; J. Young, W. Clarke, J. Lister, Louis Lardner, and R. Webber. Among the latter were Comps. H. B. Marshall, C.C., P.G. Treasurer; George Manners, C.C., M.E.Z. 1589; J. H. Dodson, P.Z. 1589; Hoare, 1929; and Sadler, P.Z., G. Janitor.

The Grand Officers having been announced were received in due form.

The G.S.E. then addressed the companions at length. In his speech he spoke in flattering terms of No. 1745, and was pleased to see that its members were desirous of increasing their sphere of Masonic usefulness by having a Royal Arch chapter attached to their lodge.

Comp. the Rev. J. BROWNRIFF then delivered a powerful and original oration, which was received by the companions with very marked approval.

Upon the conclusion of the ceremony, which was most ably carried out by the G.S.E. and his colleagues, Comps. Walls, Lardner, and Strugnell were duly inducted into their respective chairs. Comps. J. Young, J. Lister, and E. M. Lott were then unanimously elected respectively as S.N., P.S., and Treasurer. Comps. L. Lardner and R. Webber were appointed 1st and 2nd Assistant Sojourners, and Comp. Parkinson was elected as Janitor.

A vote of thanks to the Consecrating Officers was carried with acclamation, and they were unanimously elected honorary members.

Previous to the chapter being closed a number of names were handed in for exaltation at the next meeting, and apologies for non-attendance read from Comps. E. M. Lott, Grand Organist (a founder); H. Turner, P.Z. 1589; Alderman De Keyser, W. H. Clemow, B. Turner, and others.

The companions then adjourned to the banquet, which was well served. Upon the removal of the cloth, the customary toasts were given and duly honoured.

Ex. Comp. the Rev. J. BROWNRIFF, M.A., responded upon behalf of "The Grand Officers."

In response to the toast of "The Consecrating Officers," Ex. Comp. Colonel CLERKE expressed the gratification it had afforded him in being present that day. He believed that the Farringdon Without Chapter had a brilliant prospect before it, and that it would be as successful as the other chapters which he had had the honour of consecrating. The Royal Arch Degree was flourishing, and he trusted that No. 1745 would be the means of increasing the strength of the Order by admitting a number of good and worthy Masons into its ranks.

Comps. F. RICHARDSON and T. FENN having also replied,

Comp. Colonel CLERKE then proposed in very kind and flattering terms "The Health of the M.E.Z." In the course of his speech, he said that he had known Comp. Walls a great number of years, and that he was a thoroughly hard-working Mason. The chapter had the advantage of having a companion at its head who had been installed as First Principal in various chapters no less than six times, and he had no doubt that the working of the chapter under the rule of so experienced a companion, supplemented by the aid of Comps. H. J. Lardner and J. Strugnell, who were also Masons of experience, would be most excellent in character.

The M.E.Z. having replied, then gave "The Visitors," which toast was fluently responded to by Comp. G. MANNERS.

The toasts of "The Second and Third Principals" and "The Officers" terminated the proceedings, which were considerably enhanced by the musical efforts of Comps. Hoare, Young, L. Lardner, and others.

MOVEABLE MARK GRAND LODGE AT LIVERPOOL.

We have much pleasure in announcing that the programme of arrangements for the Moveable Meeting of the Grand Mark Lodge of England and Wales, &c., on the 29th inst., at the Adelphi Hotel, in Liverpool, has been settled. The meeting will be held under the banner of the West Lancashire Mark Lodge, No. 65, of which Bro. W. Brackenbury is W.M., and this will be opened at one o'clock for the purpose of advancing several candidates. The Prov. Grand Lodge opening is fixed for three o'clock, when Bro. the Right Hon. the Earl of Lathom, P.G.M.M.M., and Bro. Col. Le Gendre Starkie, D.P.G.M.M.M., are expected to be present. The Grand Lodge will be received at four o'clock, Bro. the Earl of Kintore, G.M.M.M., and the Deputy G.M.M.M., Bro. Lord Egerton of Tatton, being amongst the most distinguished visitors. The banquet takes place at five o'clock, and the musical arrangements have been placed in the able hands of Bro. Josef Cantor. On the following day, the visiting brethren will be conducted on the general round of the principal "lions" of Liverpool, the scheme comprising an inspection of the chief features of the dock estate, a visit to Garston vineyards, a peep at the Mersey Tunnel Works, and a trip on the river. During the afternoon the Grand Lodge Officers will be entertained at luncheon at the Town Hall by his Worship the Mayor, Bro. Alderman D. Radcliffe.

CONSECRATION OF THE ROYAL SAVOY LODGE OF MARK MASTER MASONS, No. 355.

The consecration of a new Mark lodge has of late years become an event of such frequent occurrence that, though we experience no difficulty whatever in saying what is perfectly true as to the increasing popularity of the Mark Degree, the beauty of its ceremonies, and the energy of its members, we are oftentimes at a loss to say something that is new, something that has not been too frequently repeated at previous consecrations. Happily, in the case of the Royal Savoy Mark Lodge, No. 355, consecrated by Bro. F. Binckes, P.G.W., Grand Secretary, at the Criterion, on Saturday last, the difficulty we have referred to in finding something novel—ponderously novel, perhaps, but still worthy of the designation—has been less formidable than usual. It goes without saying that Bro. Binckes did his work well as the Consecrating Officer—there is nothing new in that statement; but we question if in the whole range of his long experience the worthy Grand Mark Secretary ever had such trio of principal officers designate ready and even eager to be installed in their respective offices as Bros. James Willing, W. M. Stiles, and W. A. Scurrah. Bro. Willing, to give him the priority due to his rank as W.M., is a tremendous fellow, a host in himself, who is equally ready to initiate you, advance you, install you; who will write you a new and warranted-to-be-popular drama in the morning and play it for you in the evening inimitably; who will advertise you according to your own estimate, roast you in a genial kind of way till your sides ache with laughing, and then balance matters by toasting you with even greater geniality. Of Bros. Stiles and Scurrah, we can say but little more than, "like Master, like Wardens," they are worthy of their chief. Bro. Stiles is always in the mode, as his name betokens, and that mode we need hardly say is an ever lively one. Moreover, if not precisely a born "W.M.," he has been entitled to that designation during more years of his life than the majority of us, indeed, ever since the eventful day his sponsors gave him the right to use those initials; while as to Bro. Scurrah, let him look to his laurels as the Festival Steward of the premier list of his day. We are all in a *hurra-scurrah* to overtake and beat his record—if we can. The worst of it is, he will want so much beating.

With such a trio to encourage him in his task, we may be sure that Bro. Binckes fulfilled his part like one inspired. There was as strong a muster as might in reason be expected, and at the appointed hour of 2.30 p.m., the presiding officer, Bro. J. L. Mather, took the chair, and after appointing his officers pro tem., proceeded to open the lodge. There were present Bros. James Willing, jun., W.M. elect. W. M. Stiles, W. A. Scurrah, G. Gregory, R. Berridge, G.D.C.; F. Davison, G. Treas.; E. Hoare, G. Org.; C. E. Soppet, G.S.; W. Lake, P.P.G. Reg.; E. Storr, G. Emblin, G. Gardner, Edward Mills, E. Roberts, J. T. Briggs, A. J. H. Goldney, W. W. Morgan, R. J. Taylor, G. Moseley, Skidder, and others. The following brethren were then balloted for and duly advanced to the Degree of Mark Master Masons: Bros. H. Dickey, J. C. Harrison, W. J. Ferguson, H. W. Field, C. J. Knightley, W. H. Barling, R. Ross, R. W. Fraser, G. Mordey, J. H. Batty, and S. Smith, as Tyler. The chair was then occupied by Bro. F. Binckes, G. Sec., Bro. J. L. Mather filling the chair of S.W., and Bro. W. Lake that of J.W.

Bro. BINCKES, in opening the proceedings, expressed great pleasure in being present to assist in the interesting ceremony of consecrating a new Mark Lodge, which was to have as its first Master his good friend, Bro. James Willing. The petition and warrant having been read by the Secretary pro tem., the Consecrating Officer duly constituted the lodge and placed the W.M. in the chair in ancient form, who then appointed his officers as follows: Bros. W. M. Stiles, S.W.; W. A. Scurrah, J.W.; G. Gregory, M.O.; H. Dickey, S.O.; J. H. Batty, J.O.; and C. J. Knightley, Sec.

On the motion of the W.M., the Consecrating Officers, Bros. F. Binckes, J. L. Mather, C. E. Soppet, and W. Lake were elected honorary members.

The brethren afterwards sat down to a choice banquet, Bro. James Willing occupying the chair.

The toast of "The Queen and Mark Masonry" was first given, followed by that of "The Earl of Kintore, H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, and other Past Grand Masters."

The toast of "The Deputy Grand Master, Lord Egerton of Tatton," was replied to by Bro. BERRIDGE, who referred to the important services rendered by the Deputy Grand Master, expressing his firm belief that when he succeeded to the chair, now so ably filled by Lord Kintore, they would find a worthy successor in Lord Egerton of Tatton. As an officer of Grand Lodge he (Bro. Berridge) was delighted to come amongst them to take part in the ceremonies of the day. As for the officers of the Grand Mark Lodge, he believed they had been carefully selected, and that they well deserved the honour.

Bro. SOPPET also replied, thanking the brethren for their hearty reception of his name in connection with the toast. It was always gratifying to have one's name connected with the Grand Officers, and he could confidently say, that they all wished success to that lodge, which had been so ably brought into being by Bro. Binckes. In the first W.M., Bro. Willing, they had one whom they were delighted to honour. Such small services as he had been able to render had been more than amply repaid by their electing him as an honorary member.

The WORSHIPFUL MASTER in giving the toast of "The R.W. the Prov. G.M.M.M., Sir Francis Burdett, Bart., and the Prov. Grand Officers," enlarged on the many good qualities of the worthy brother, Masonic and otherwise, and explained that his absence on that occasion was caused by the necessity of his being present at the consecration of a Craft lodge in another part of the province.

Bro. DAVIDSON, G. Treas., responded, remarking that he was always delighted to support the Prov. Grand Master, who was one of the most zealous of Masons, in every possible way. He congratulated the brethren on the proceedings of the day, and should always take pleasure in attending their meetings whenever possible. The selection of Bro. Willing as W.M. had made it certain that the lodge would be a prosperous one and would add much to the strength of Mark Masonry in the province. He expressed the pleasure he always felt at witnessing Bro. Binckes' admirable working, and they would all agree with him that they had that day had a rare treat.

"The W.M., Bro. Willing," was the next toast on the list, and was placed in the hands of Bro. BINCKES, who said that he supposed there was not a single toast given in Masonry but what was, at some time or other, called the toast of the evening. The supreme ruler of the Order would fairly claim to come under that category, but when they came to the special object of the meeting it was most certainly the W.M. One more zealous in any pursuit than Bro. Willing in Masonry he did not know; his energy and ability were well known. He had answered in every shape what he had expected of him, and he felt honoured at being the medium of his being inducted into the chair of the Royal Savoy Mark Lodge, the members of which might fairly congratulate themselves on having so able and genial a Master to preside over them. They were taught that they should not only be happy themselves, but be the means of communicating happiness to others, and he knew no one more capable of carrying out that injunction than Bro. Willing.

The W.M., in reply, thanked Bro. Binckes and the members all round for all their kindnesses. At such meetings as these the brethren became better acquainted with each other, and, as a consequence, prejudices vanished as individuals entered into closer ties of friendship and brotherly love. Some argued that Masonic meetings were too numerous; but, for his part, he considered it was quite the reverse, especially in the Degrees of the Royal Arch, Mark, &c., which often were less effectively worked than the Craft, by reason of the long intervals of meeting. He intended to devote his best energies to promoting the Royal Savoy Mark Lodge, and felt assured of the support of all his officers.

The W.M. then gave "The Health of the Consecrating Officer, Bro.

Binckes." They looked up to him in the Mark Degree as the official representative of Grand Lodge, always ready to undertake any of the ceremonies, and as one possessed of a vast amount of Masonic lore in every Degree. Speaking from an intimate acquaintance with Bro. Binckes, he could assert unhesitatingly, that a more generous and upright Mason did not exist. As the Secretary of one of the great Masonic Charities he had lately been prominently before them in connection with the last Festival of the Boys' School, the result of which, although not so large as in recent years, was, considering the times, satisfactory. He thanked him heartily for the good offices he had rendered the Royal Savoy Mark Lodge that day, and trusted to see him often among them.

Bro. BINCKES thanked the W.M. for what he had said. The ceremony of that day had given him much gratification. During a career of 33 years, as a Mason, he had performed many Masonic functions, and he still hoped for some time to be able to do something for Freemasonry. For 28 years he had been officially connected with Mark Masonry, and had watched with interest its rise and progress. It had now made its way to a high position, and a long career of prosperity was before the Order. They had only to be true to themselves, to maintain the Charities, and to cultivate brotherly love to ensure that happy result.

The WORSHIPFUL MASTER next gave the toast of "The Advancers," which was replied to by Bros. FERGUSON and BATTY.

"The Visitors" was responded to by Bros. J. L. MATHER, H. BRIGGS, GARDNER, LAKE, TAYLOR, and MORGAN.

"The Officers of the Lodge" followed, which gave the W.M. an opportunity of alluding in warmest terms of friendly feeling and Masonic friendship to the S.W., Bro. Stiles, and to the magnificent achievements of the J.W., Bro. Scurrah, as a Steward for the Charities; and both having suitably responded, the brethren separated, after enjoying a very pleasant evening.

The music at both the consecration and subsequent banquet was efficiently rendered by the Grand Organist, Bro. Hoare, and the vocalists were Miss Pauline Featherley, Miss Adelina Paget, Bros. J. Probert and Egbert Roberts.

The lodge was furnished by Bro. George Kenning.

THE NEW PROVINCIAL GRAND MASTER OF OXFORDSHIRE.

We warmly congratulate our brethren of Oxfordshire on having had so distinguished a brother as the Earl of Jersey selected to preside over them, in place of the late lamented Duke of Albany, P.G.J.W. The province has been exceptionally fortunate in its rulers. Since 1837, when, though there had been Provincial Grand Masters previously, the history of Oxfordshire as a separate and distinct province begins, it has been governed by a succession of able and respected chiefs. Lord H. Spencer Churchill, appointed in 1837, was at the time Deputy Grand Master of England. The Rev. C. J. Ridley, who received his patent as Prov. Grand Master in 1845, had been four times chosen as W. Master of the Apollo University Lodge, and had served as Deputy Grand Master of the province under Lord Churchill, and Bros. Harrison and Hall, successively Grand Registrars in charge. Col. H. A. Bowyer, who was for a brief period Deputy to his predecessor, Bro. Ridley, and twice W. Master of the Cherwell Lodge, was installed in May, 1855, and the late Duke of Albany in 1876, the province in the interval between Col. Bowyer's death, in 1871, and his Royal Highness's appointment having been in charge of Grand Registrar McIntyre. Of the virtues exhibited by the late Duke, and the respect in which he was held by the brethren of the province, it is not necessary to speak. It will suffice if we say that no amount of geniality and ability on the part of his successor could suffice to obliterate the recollection of them. Yet it is impossible that an abler or more suitable successor to his Royal Highness could be born in the province, who lives in the province, and who, as a distinction have been chosen than the Earl of Jersey, who, speaking Masonically, a gifted member of the Mark Degree, has for several years been connected, as the chief of an outside branch of Freemasonry, with the province. His lordship was initiated into Freemasonry in the Apollo University Lodge, No. 357, Oxford, in October, 1865, and, joining the Churchill Lodge, No. 478, the December following, was elected its W. Master in 1868, having, in 1866, been appointed Prov. Grand Secretary. In 1870 he was appointed Grand Senior Warden of England, and since then has taken great interest in the proceedings of the Craft, but especially in connection with the Mark Degree, in which he has held the office of Prov. G.M.M.M. of Berks and Oxon since 1879. He is also a Past Grand General of the Orders of Rome and of the Red Cross of Constantine, and one of the Honorary Vice-Presidents of the Rosicrucian Society of England; while, as regards our Institutions, he is a Vice-President of the Boys' School, and a Life Governor of the Girls' School and Benevolent Fund, and has served once as Festival Steward for all three.

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Wednesday, 22nd July, 1885,

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The ceremonies during the afternoon were rendered additionally impressive by the singing of chants and other morceaux by Comps. Wm. Dumville, Turner, and Wm. Ollier, and the efficient accompaniments by Comp. J. C. Whittington.

The companions afterwards sat down to a capital banquet, prepared by that able caterer, Bro. Phillips, after which the usual loyal and Masonic toasts were honoured.

TWICKENHAM.—Sir Francis Burdett Chapter (No. 1503).—This chapter met at the Albany Hotel on the 25th ult. Among those in attendance were Comps. T. C. Walls, G.P. Soj. Middx., M.E.Z.; R. H. Saunders, H.; the Rev. S. T. H. Saunders, J.; W. H. Saunders, I.P.Z.; W. Taylor, P.P.G.J. Middx., P.Z., Treas.; Cama, P.G. Swd. Br. Middx., P.Z.; Gurney, E. Jenkins, and others. Comp. Woodward, P.G.S.E. Middx., was a visitor.

The minutes of the previous convocation having been read and confirmed, Bros. H. Jenkins and Bunn were duly exalted to the Royal Arch Degree by the M.E.Z., ably assisted by his officers. The bye-laws having been read, a notice of motion was given—"To alter the day of meeting to the third Wednesday in the month, instead of the fourth Thursday." The chapter was then closed, and the companions adjourned to the banquet. The usual toasts followed.

INSTRUCTION.

NORTH LONDON CHAPTER OF IMPROVEMENT (No. 1471).—A convocation was held at the Alwyne Castle Tavern, St. Paul's-road, Canonbury, N., on Thursday, the 9th inst., when there were present Comps. W. Radcliffe, Z.; J. Strugnell, H.; J. Pinder, J.; J. E. Sheffield, S.E.; T. C. Edmunds, S.N.; H. E. Dehane, P.S.; H. Tipper, Capt. A. Nicols, G. W. Knight, J. Carter, A. Trewinard, C. Thomas, G. Gregory, H. F. Shepherd, H. Slyman, A. J. Dixie, W. B. Kidder, F. Ashton, R. F. Potter, and D. Stroud. Visitors: Comps. Capt. H. S. Andrews, and H. Sadler, Grand Janitor.

The minutes of the last convocation were read and confirmed. The ceremony of exaltation was rehearsed, Comp. Stroud being the candidate. Comp. Andrews was elected a member. Comp. Edmonds, Preceptor, announced that he had invited the Grand Janitor, to give an explanation of the Banners and Ensigns, Comp. Sadler had kindly attended for that purpose, and he was sure the companions would give him their best attention.

The Grand Janitor then proceeded to deliver a most entertaining and instructive lecture, elucidating his subject by the aid of a diagram, executed by Bro. Beaufort, of Piccadilly-circus, which was listened to with much interest by all the companions present, and to those who had never heard it before, it must have been an especial treat. Indeed, the opinion of most of those present was, that it was too soon ended, and at least one of the audience was forcibly reminded of an incident in the career of the celebrated Weller family, and the remark of the elder Mr. Weller, when his dutiful son announced the somewhat abrupt termination of his first love letter: "That's rather a sudden pull up, ain't it, Sammy?" "Not a bit on it," said Sam, "She'll wish there was more, and that's the great art of letter writin'!" The best thanks, and an honorary membership of the chapter were voted to Comp. H. Sadler. The chapter was then closed until Thursday next, at 8 p.m.

Mark Masonry.

EARL OF CARNARVON LODGE (No. 211)

—An emergency meeting of this prosperous lodge was held at Ladbroke Hall, Notting Hill, on the 2nd inst. Among those present were Bros. A. S. Harris, W.M.; J. Mason, P.M., P.P.G.M.O. Middlesex and Surrey, Treas., acting S.W.; J. Taylor, J.W.; Rickwood, M.O.; Parkhouse, J.D.; Smout, D.C.; J. French, Stwd.; Lawson, I.P.M.; T. C. Walls, P.G. Swd. Br., &c., P.M., Sec.; Huish, Mattin, and Wadham.

The sum of two guineas was voted to the list of Bro. J. Mason, P.M., as a Steward of the ensuing Mark Benevolent Festival. There being no other business before the meeting, in consequence of the unavoidable absence of three brethren who were on the agenda of business for advancement, the lodge was closed, and the brethren adjourned to refreshment. A few toasts followed.

CHORLEY.—Lawrence Lodge (No. 313).—An extraordinary meeting of this lodge was held in the Masonic Rooms, Town Hall, on Wednesday, the 8th inst., when amongst those present we noticed the following brethren: Bros. James Lawrence, W.M., P.P.G.S.W. Lanc.; Jas. Corbitt, S.W., W.M. elect; J. M. Kerr, J.W., P.G.S. of W. West Lanc.; P. Yates, as M.O.; L. Eccles, as S.O.; A. Hall, J.O.; Eccles, Sec.; Blackledge, P.M.; A. G. Leigh, Dr. Farmer, J. Jolley, Tyler; and our distinguished Bro. J. D. Murray, P.M. 158, P.P.G.D.C., and P.G.S.B.

The lodge was opened in the usual good style, and the minutes of the previous regular meeting were read. The W.M. announced the meeting of the Moveable Grand Mark Lodge at Liverpool on the 29th inst. The special business of the evening was then commenced by the W.M. elect, Bro. James Corbitt, in a few well-chosen terms, presenting, on behalf of the members, a very handsome and valuable Past Provincial Grand Senior Warden's jewel to Bro. Jas. Lawrence, who was agreeably surprised; and, in accepting the same, said he could only thank the brethren from his heart for the honour they had done him; first, in calling the lodge after his name, then making him first Master and re-electing him a second year, and now for the very handsome present they had just made him, and he assured the brethren he would ever take a deep interest in the lodge and all that pertained to its welfare.

The lodge was then closed, after the congratulations of the brethren, who one and all hoped Bro. Lawrence might live long in prosperity, and in that greatest of all blessings—good health.

The jewel is a beautiful specimen of the jeweller's handicraft, of 18-carat gold, and richly set in diamonds, the inscription, which covers the reverse, being as follows: "Presented to W. Bro. James Lawrence, Founder and First and Second W.M. of the Lawrence Lodge, No. 313, Chorley, Past Provincial Grand Senior Warden, Lancashire, as a small token of the high esteem of his brethren. Chorley, 8th July, 1885."

Knights Templar.

MOUNT CALVARY ENCAMPMENT (E).—This old encampment met at the Mitre Hotel, Hampton Court, on the 24th ult. Among those present were Sir Knights F. W. Driver, M.A., E.C.; Gravely, 1st Captain; J. H. Dodson, Expert; H. J. Lardner; H. W. Paas, P.G.B.B., Treasurer; E. Baxter, P.E.C.; T. C. Walls, P.E.C., P.G.C. of G., Reg., and others.

The minutes of the previous convocation having been read and confirmed, letters of apology for non-attendance were read from Sir Knights Col. Shadwell H. Clerke, F. Binckes, Roebuck, C. Driver, Alfred Williams, Berridge, Harris, Stohwasser, Glenn, Wood, Spence, and others.

The sir knights then adjourned to the banquet, which was most excellently served. Upon the removal of the cloth a few toasts were given, and the proceedings, which were throughout most enjoyable, then terminated.

ROYAL MASONIC INSTITUTION FOR BOYS.

The Quarterly Court of this Institution was held at Freemasons' Hall on Monday, the 13th inst. Bro. Edgar Bowyer, P.G. Std. Br., presided, and among those present were Bros. J. L. Mather, A. F. Godson, H. W. Hunt, W. Paas, J. Moon, George Plucknett, P.G.D., Treasurer; W. Roebuck, P.G. Stwd., Trustee; Alfred Williams, E. H. Stannuowitz, L. Ruf, H. Venn, C. F. Hogard, C. H. Webb, W. A. Scurrah, F. Adlard, C. Lacey, A. E. Gladwell, F. T. C. Keeble, G. Everett, E. F. Storr, George Gardner, T. Cubitt, P.G.P.; Raynham W. Stewart, P.G.D.; and F. Binckes, P.G. Stwd., Secretary.

The minutes of the Quarterly Court of April last having been read and verified, and that of the General and House Committees having been read for information, the Court accepted two petitions which had been referred to it, so that the list of candidates for the October election, as finally approved, includes the names of 57 applicants, from whom there were, in the first instance, to have been elected 22 boys; but Bro. E. Bowyer's motion to increase the establishment by 15 boys having been carried, the number has been commensurately increased to 37.

The motion, of which Bro. Raynham W. Stewart had given notice, to the effect that, in consideration of her valuable services, extending over 22 years as Matron of the School at Wood Green, Miss Hall, on retirement, through ill-health, be awarded an annual grant, payable quarterly, for the remainder of her life of £75, was carried.

Bro. Matthews' motion was also agreed to, to the effect that the privilege of double votes be given to individual donors for every five guineas, and to lodges, chapters, &c., for every 10 guineas, presented up to the 31st December next ensuing, to the Preparatory School Fund, in connection with the occasion of fixing the corner stone of the new buildings by the Baroness Burdett-Coutts on Tuesday, the 11th August next.

Bro. Bowyer's motion to elect 15 additional boys in October next, was, as already stated, also carried, and there being no further business before the Court, the proceedings closed with a vote of thanks to the Chairman.

ANNUAL SUMMER BANQUET OF LODGE ST. JOHN, No. 1306.

The annual summer banquet in connection with this lodge was held on Wednesday, the 1st inst., at the Royal Forest Hotel, Chingford. Although by no means a brilliant day, there was no rain to speak of, so that the company were able to enjoy the opportunity for a look at the forest, which is now at its best. About half-past two o'clock they assembled for dinner, which was served in the banqueting room at the Forest Hotel in the *recherché* style for which the establishment is noted. Bro. J. Magrath, the I.P.M., presided, in the absence of the W.M.; Bros. Holdom, S.W., and Twinn, J.W., occupied the vice-chairs, and among the company were Mrs. Magrath, Master Magrath, Bro. Veal, P.M., Mrs. Veal, Miss Veal, Miss Holdom, Mrs. Twinn, Bro. Hardy, Mrs. Hardy, Miss Hardy, Bro. Wise, Mrs. Wise, Miss Wise, Bro. Oppenheim, Mrs. Oppenheim, Bro. Dickson, Mrs. Dickson, Bro. Daw, Bro. Hausmann, Bro. G. J. King, Mrs. King, Bro. Joslin, Bro. Allan, Bro. F. H. Dale, Bro. Stichling, Mrs. Stichling, Bro. Parkhurst, Mrs. Parkhurst, Miss Parkhurst, Bro. Bullwinkle, Miss Bullwinkle, Bro. Bayley, Bro. Fortescue, Mrs. Fortescue, Miss Fortescue, and others.

The dinner having received due attention and evident appreciation, a few customary toasts were honoured; "The Queen and the Craft," "H.R.H. the Prince of Wales and the Royal Family," being followed by the toast of the day, "The Lodge of St. John." Bro. Magrath, in giving this toast, spoke of the healthy and prosperous state of the lodge, and connected with it the name of Bro. Holdom, S.W., who, after the toast had been duly honoured, responded with the brevity which he claimed as his characteristic in speechmaking.

Bro. VEAL then, in his peculiarly humorous fashion, proposed "The Chairman," and "The Vice-Chairman," "The Visitors" for whom Mr. Gerrard King replied, and "The Press" having each been honoured. "The Secretary" was proposed, and recognition was made of the services rendered by Bro. Twinn in arranging the necessary details in connection with the event of the day. The toast of "The Ladies" was the final one, and this was properly received, the important but pleasurable duty of responding on their behalf being allotted to Bro. F. H. Dale. In the course of the proceedings songs were given by Bros. Veal, Hardy, and Twinn, and Bro. Gerrard King caused much amusement with his well-known recital, "Trades and Callings." After dinner the company dispersed for a further enjoyment of the outdoor attractions of the spot, and reassembled in the evening for some music and dancing, among the appreciated items in the programme being the pianoforte performance of the overture to "Zampa" by Master Magrath, the necessary accompaniment to the dancing being provided by Mr. Kalischer, of Poplar.

FREEMASONRY IN HAMPSHIRE.

The long and interesting sketch we gave last week of the excellent work accomplished by Freemasonry in Hants and the Isle of Wight would be wanting in one very important particular if we omitted to state that the province can now boast of a Masonic Educational and Benevolent Association, which is established for the purpose of raising a fund to be applied to educate, clothe, and advance in life the children of Freemasons of the Province of Hampshire and the Isle of Wight, whether the father be living or dead, and to afford relief, or assistance, where considered desirable, to Freemasons of or in the said province, and their families, and generally to promote the cause of Masonic Charity; and will consist of a Patron, Patroness, President, Vice-Patrons,

Vice-Presidents, a Treasurer, Secretary, an Honorary Solicitor, and an unlimited number of Governors and Subscribers. The bye-laws, which have severally been most carefully considered, were principally drawn up by Bro. George Felton Lancaster, P.P.G.J.D., who initiated the movement for establishing such an Association at the Provincial meeting held August 8th, 1884. He may be congratulated now on the success of the scheme, as donations are being numerously promised, and by means of these we may hope soon to see it in active operation. We may add that it is not started in opposition to the London Charities, but as supplementary to them, and we have no doubt it has before it a long and useful career.

THE RECENT BOYS' SCHOOL FESTIVAL.

The final meeting of the Board of Stewards was held at Freemasons' Hall on Tuesday, at 5 p.m. Bro. Chapman, P.M. 194, occupied the chair, and the Treasurer's accounts having been presented and approved, votes of thanks to the Marquis of Hartington, M.P., for presiding at the Festival, and to the officers of the Board for the careful fulfilment of their duties were passed, and the Board was dissolved.



Mr. Pinero's original farcical comedy, "The Magistrate," has passed its 120th night, and, though the weather has been oppressive, the Court Theatre shows no signs of a falling off in the audiences, either in numbers or interest. We should not be surprised at "The Magistrate" going on for several months amusing those who are wise enough to go and see it. * * *

Mr. Hurst has written a capital farcical comedy for Mr. Thorne, now being played at the Vaudeville. In "Loose Tiles" the plot hangs upon a misunderstanding, which is kept up from the rise to the fall of the curtain. Mr. Hurst has founded his amusing play upon the misapprehension which causes a boarding-house to be taken for a private lunatic asylum. The audience are at first made clear about the misunderstanding, and so readily anticipate much fun must follow, which it does, with the effect of keeping every one in roars of laughter. The cast is the usual Vaudeville company, with the addition of Miss Victor. To-night (Saturday) the popular manager, Mr. Sydney Alport, takes his benefit, when "Loose Tiles" will be played, and other attractions added to the bill. * * *

Monday will be a red-letter day in the annals of the stage generally, and the Haymarket in particular. On that night Bro. and Mrs. Bancroft say "good bye" in their managerial capacity to the public. The Prince and Princess of Wales have signified their intention of being present at this farewell performance. It will be a scene never to be forgotten by those lucky enough to be present. Several managers will change their programmes that night in order to take part in the farewell. Bro. Irving will substitute "The Bells" for "Olivia" in order for him to arrive to speak a piece specially written by Mr. Clement Scott. Bro. and Mrs. Kendal, who are on the continent, will come across specially to take part. Mr. Kyrie Bellew will do the same, he having made his first appearance under the Bancrofts' management at the Prince of Wales' Theatre. Among those who will join in this testimony of regard are Bros. Alfred Bishop, Lionel Brough, John Clayton, David James, Toole, Messrs. Arthur, Cecil, John Clarke, Pinero, and Forbes Robertson; Mrs. Bernard Beere, Miss Buckstone, Mrs. John Wood, Mdma. Modjeska, Mrs. Leigh Murray, Mrs. Stirling, Miss Kate Phillips, Miss Ada Cavendish, Miss Linde Dietz, Mrs. Kendal, Mrs. Langtry, and Miss Ellen Terry. Shall we venture to prophecy that after this the theatre will remain closed until about the last Saturday in September, when the new managers, Mr. Edward Russell and Bro. Bashford, late captain in the Scots Greys, will commence their career with Hugh Conway's novel, "Dark Days," dramatised by him and Mr. Comyns Carr, the distinguished authors of "Called Back." The play, we are informed, is replete with interest, maintained by some of the most striking and elaborate stage effects which have ever been placed before the British public. The cast, which has been especially chosen, comprises some of the most talented members of the dramatic profession, and will include Mr. Beerbohm Tree, Bro. Robert Pateman, and a late importation to the London stage—Mr. Barrymore—who displayed such remarkable force and finish of style in the late revival of Sardou's play, "Diplomacy." Miss Lingard, who so faithfully and naturally portrayed the heroine in "Called Back" has been specially engaged for the heroine. Miss Lydia Foote will also lend her valuable aid. The scenery, which will be on an extensive scale, will be perfectly in accord with the traditions the house has gained under the régime of Bro. and Mrs. Bancroft, and Messrs. Walter Johnstone, Perkins, and Telbin have now nearly completed their task, and will provide some of the most charming stage pictures which have ever been witnessed, even in this theatre. We heartily wish the new management all the success they deserve, for we know they are keenly alive to the responsibility they are undertaking, and feel sure that in their hands nothing will be wanting, either in the plays produced or for the comfort of their audiences, to maintain the glories of the Haymarket as one of our London theatres to which every one, whether resident or visitor in town, makes it a matter of duty to go to. Mr. Edward Russell has served a long and valuable apprenticeship to the stage under the banners of the late Colonel Bateman, Bro. Henry Irving, and Bro. Bancroft, and Bro. Captain Bashford has also had much experience, who, by marriage, has allied himself with the Bancroft family, and can be safely reckoned upon as a genial partner in the new régime. We will venture another prophecy, that Sardou's next production will be brought out at this theatre, and not, as has been stated by certain contemporaries, elsewhere; but we are in a position to affirm that the stage of the Haymarket will not be devoted entirely to plays of the type of "Called Back," "Dark Days," or "Fédora," as the management will vary this by comedies by the best known English authors.



Bro. C. F. Matier, P.G.W., assisted by Bro. R. Berridge, G.D. of C., will consecrate the new Mark Lodge, the Rose and Lily, No. 354, at the Four Swans Hotel, Waltham Cross, to-morrow (Saturday.) The following are the principal officers designate: Bros. Major G. J. Gardner, W.M.; Fred. T. Bennett, S.W.; and Alexander Millar, J.W. Bros. C. H. Driver and James Terry are among the petitioners for the Warrant.

Bro. the Lord Mayor's dinner to Her Majesty's Ministers will take place at the Mansion House on Wednesday, the 29th instant.

The Prince of Wales was an exhibitor at the annual show on Wednesday, the 8th inst., of the County of Cork Agricultural Society.

Bro. Earl Granville had so far recovered from his recent illness on Thursday last that he was able for the first time to take carriage exercise.

Warrants have just been granted for a new Mark and Royal Ark Mariners Lodge, attached thereto, to be known as the Finmore Lodge, No. 358, Addington, Natal, South Africa.

Bro. the Lord Mayor, M.P., who was accompanied by the Lady Mayoress, opened a grand fancy fair at Grove House, Dulwich, on Friday, the 10th inst., in aid of the funds of St. Peter's Church, Dulwich.

Bros. Lord Carrington, the Earl of Milltown, Lord Henniker, and the Earl of Arran are members of the Select Committee appointed to consider the Waterworks Clauses Act, 1847, Amendment Bill.

By command of the Queen, the Prince of Wales held a Levée at St. James's Palace on Monday, at which presentations to His Royal Highness are held as equivalent to presentations to Her Majesty.

The brethren (and friends) of the Honor Oak Lodge, No. 1986 (Bro. H. M. Williams, W.M.), hold their picnic to-morrow (Saturday), proceeding to Keston, Kent, by coach, from Camberwell, and dining at the Red Cross Hotel, Keston.

Bro. Captain George Lambert, P.G.S.B., as Master, presided at a Court dinner, held on Thursday, the 9th inst., at the Holborn Restaurant, of the Pattenmakers' Company, Bros. A. F. Godson, Dr. Mickley, Augustus Harris, and R. Clowes, being among the guests.

The Prince of Wales is President of the Amalgamated Committees of the two Gordon Memorial Funds, and Bro. the Duke of Connaught, P.G.W., is one of the Vice-Presidents. Bro. the Lord Mayor, M.P., has undertaken to receive funds at the Mansion House towards the proposed memorial.

Bros. Sir James McGarel Hogg, Bart., M.P., Sir E. J. Reed, K.C.B., M.P., Alderman Sir R. Hanson, C. J. Shoppee, Lieut.-Col. T. Davies Sewell, and Captain A. Bott Cooke, were present at the Court dinner of the Shipwrights' Company, at Braziers' Hall, on the 10th inst.

Bro. the Marquis and Marchioness of Waterford, Bro. Major General Sir Evelyn and the Hon. Lady Wood, and Bros. Aldermen Staples, Savory, Waterlow, Evans, and Alderman and Sheriff Whitehead, were at the Lady Mayoress's reception at the Mansion House, on Thursday, the 9th instant.

The annual summer banquet and ladies' day in connection with the Corinthian Lodge, No. 1382, will take place on Thursday next, the 23rd inst., at the Crown Gardens, Broxbourne. Brakes will leave Bro. W. Clark's, George Hotel, opposite Millwall Dock Station, at 9.30 prompt. Brethren desiring to join this festive arrangement, can apply to the Hon. Secretary, Bro. S. G. Bonner, 2, The View, Millwall, E. Early application is requested to facilitate the arrangements.

Bro. the Earl and Countess of Hardwick, Bro. Earl and Countess Granville, Bro. the Marquis of Hartington, M.P., Bro. the Earl and Countess of Cork, Bro. Viscount and Viscountess Powerscourt, Bro. Lord and Lady Suffolk, and Bro. Lord and Lady Brooke were among those present at the marriage in St. George's, Hanover-square, on Tuesday, of Lord Vernon with Miss Fanny Lawrence, daughter of Mr. Francis Lawrence, of New York.

LONDON, EDINBURGH, AND GLASGOW ASSURANCE.—Warrants for payment of a dividend of 5 per cent. per annum on the paid-up capital were posted on Tuesday, the 30th ult. The directors report that, during the half-year ending on that date, 72,668 new policies, insuring £774,988, were issued in the industrial branch, as compared with 16,851 policies, insuring £181,152, issued during the corresponding half of 1884, and exceeding the total new business effected during the year 1884.

The marriage of Princess Beatrice, youngest daughter of the Queen, and Prince Henry of Battenberg will take place at Whippingham Church, on Thursday next, the 23rd inst., and in order to make the necessary preparations for the ceremony, the Queen with her Court left Windsor Castle for Osborne, Isle of Wight, on Saturday, the 11th inst. The Prince and Princess of Wales, the Duke and Duchess of Connaught, and other members of the Royal Family will be present at the marriage, which will be performed by the Archbishop of Canterbury, assisted by the Dean of Windsor and Canon Prothero.

Bro. Charles Du Val's South African experiences, recently published in popular form by Messrs. Dean and Son, London, have achieved a remarkably literary success, two editions having been sold out in a few weeks from the date of issue. The enterprising publishers, in announcing a reprint of the popular shilling issue, announce also a special drawing room edition in cloth and gold at half-a-crown. Bro. Charles Du Val has done wisely in publishing a popular edition of "With a Show through Southern Africa." In its pages Bro. Du Val is as interesting as on the boards, and that is saying no little. Bro. Du Val will shortly visit India, where he proposes to give a series of monologue entertainments, and will probably produce in book form his impressions of our Eastern Dependency.

Comp. the Rev. Dr. P. H. E. Brette was presented with a valuable gold jewel at the last meeting of the Aldersgate Chapter, on his vacating the chair of First Principal. This is the fifty-third decoration awarded to Comp. Brette, in appreciation of his indefatigable labours in the causes of Freemasonry, Science and Literature.

The *Gardeners' Chronicle* publishes a bird's-eye view of a number of conservatories recently erected at Buchan-hill, Crawley, the seat of Bro. P. Saillard, of Aldersgate-street.

Bro. F. T. Isit occupied the chair at the annual dinner, at the Crystal Palace, on Saturday, the 11th inst., of the firm of Messrs. J. and C. Boyd and Co.

Bro. J. H. Puleston, M.P., dined with the Company of Wheelwrights at the Mitre Hotel, Hampton Court, on Thursday evening, the 9th instant.

Bro. the Earl of Carnarvon, Lord Lieutenant of Ireland, and the Countess of Carnarvon, visited the Artizans' Exhibition in Dublin, on Saturday, the 11th inst., and afterwards received a deputation from the Corporation of Belfast.

Bros. Herbert Rymill and H. Lavington were among the guests at the 22nd Anniversary Festival, at the Cannon Street Hotel, on Wednesday, the 8th inst., of the Contractors' and Carmen's Provident Institution.

Bros. the Lord Mayor, M.P., F. W. Imbert-Terry, and T. Beard were included in the company present at the Court dinner of the Cooks' Company, at the Albion Tavern, Aldersgate-street, on Thursday, the 9th inst.

The Queen has been pleased to confer the dignity of a baronet of the United Kingdom on Bro. the Right Hon. Alderman R. N. Fowler, M.P., P.G.J.W., Lord Mayor of London.

Bro. the Lord Mayor, M.P., laid the cornerstone of a new block of Artizans' Dwellings about to be erected in Seward-street, Goswell-road, by the City and Central Dwellings Company (Limited). A lunch followed, at which the chair was occupied by Bro. Deputy Sims.

Bro. the Earl of Carnarvon received an address from Dublin University on Monday. In the forenoon, his excellency, accompanied by the Countess of Carnarvon, was shown through the Four Courts by Bro. Lord Ashbourne, Lord Chancellor of Ireland.

Bro. General Lord Wolseley visited the War Office, and Bro. Captain Lord Charles Beresford, R.N., the Admiralty on Tuesday last, each of these distinguished officers being heartily congratulated on their return home from Egypt.

Bro. Viscount Ebrington, M.P., P.G.M. Devonshire, has written to express his approval of the steps in contemplation by the Devonshire men to show their appreciation of the honour conferred by the Queen on Sir Stafford Northcote, by creating him a peer of the United Kingdom.

Bros. A. Williams, R. Berridge, and J. Church were among the members of the Society of Engineers, who on Thursday, the 9th inst., visited by permission the locomotive and carriage works of the South Eastern Railway Company, at Ashford.

Ex. Comp. H. Baldwin, J. 720, Scribe E. of the Royal Hanover Chapter, 1777, asks us to notify that the convocation for installation will be held at the Town Hall, Twickenham, on Saturday, the 25th inst., at two o'clock. Ex. Comp. H. B. Marshall, C.C., Past Grand Treasurer, is the retiring M.E.Z. of this chapter.

The Duchess of Albany has kindly consented to attend the annual "Camp Kettle" of the Esher Volunteers on Wednesday next, and distribute the prizes. By Her Royal Highness's permission a grand bazaar was opened at Claremont on Tuesday last, in aid of the enlargement of the organ in the parish church of Esher.

The farewell performance of Bro. and Mrs. Bancroft is fixed for Monday next, when the leading members of the dramatic profession will lend their aid in order to give to the occasion as much prominence as possible. The address, which has been written by Mr. Clement Scott, will be delivered by Bro. Henry Irving, and Bro. Toole will appear in a comic sketch.

At the banquet given on Tuesday evening at Merchant Taylors' Hall to the Masters and Wardens of the Skinners' Company, there were present among the guests Bros. Alderman Sir J. Whittaker Ellis, Bart., M.P., T. W. Boord, M.P., Sir W. H. B. Ffolkes, Bart., M.P., Major C. Harding, Dr. Paul, Alderman and Sheriff Whitehead, and Alderman Sir R. Hanson.

Bro. Sir M. E. Hicks-Beach, Bart., M.P., Col. Stanley, M.P., Lord Randolph Churchill, M.P., the Hon. D. Plunket, M.P., W. T. Marriott, Q.C., M.P., and the Lord Mayor, M.P., attended the Levée at St. James's Palace on Monday. Bros. Baron H. de Worms, M.P., Charles Dalrymple, M.P., Akers-Douglas, M.P., the Earl of Dunraven, Lord Henniker, the Earl of Kintore, and the Hon. H. S. Northcote, M.P., were presented on appointment to office, and the Marquis of Breadalbane on being advanced in the peerage.

An Express Day Service between London and Antwerp will commence on the 25th inst., when the Great Eastern Railway Company will run a special Continental train from Liverpool-street Station at 9 a.m. In connection with this train their fast steel paddle steamer *Adelaide* will leave Harwich (Parkeston Quay) at 11 a.m., arriving at Antwerp the same evening. The Service will be run every Wednesday and Saturday, and there will be a corresponding morning service from Antwerp on Tuesdays and Fridays, reaching London the same night. The ordinary week-day service leaving Liverpool-street Station at 8 p.m. every evening, reaching Antwerp and Rotterdam early the following morning, will be run in addition to the New Day Service.

HOLLOWAY'S PILLS.—Epidemic Diseases.—The alarming accounts of the cholera and the prevailing diarrhoea should be a warning to every one to subdue at once any irregularity tending towards disease. Holloway's Pills should now be in every household to rectify all impure states of the blood, to remedy weakness, and to overcome impaired general health. Nothing can be simpler than the instructions for taking this corrective medicine, nothing more efficient than its cleansing powers, nothing more harmless than its vegetable ingredients. Holloway's is the best physic during the summer season, when decaying fruits and unwholesome vegetables are frequently deranging the bowels, and daily exposing thousands, through their negligence in permitting disordered action, to the dangers of diarrhoea, dysentery, and cholera.—[Advr.]

Bro. Alderman Cowan will distribute the prizes, on Monday next, the 27th inst., at Aske's, Hatcham Boys' School.

Bro. Lord Arthur Hill was re-elected member for County Down by a very considerable majority on Wednesday, the 8th instant.

Bro. Edmund Yates presided on Saturday, the 11th inst., at the annual dinner, at the Albion, Aldersgate-street, of the staff of the *World* newspaper.

We have much pleasure in announcing that the Aldersgate Chapter, No. 1657, voted, at its recent meeting, a sum of five guineas towards the Levander Testimonial Fund.

Bro. Pope, Q.C., appeared before the House of Lords Committee on Tuesday, and opened the case on behalf of the now pending Metropolitan Board of Works Bill.

A patent has been signed for the appointment of Bro. John Walker, M.A., Cheltenham, as Prov. Grand M.M.M. of Gloucestershire, in succession to Bro. Rev. C. R. Davy, who has resigned.

Bro. Kennard's bill for enfranchising the Police is backed by, among others, Bros. Sir H. D. Wolff, Lord Claud Hamilton, the Lord Mayor, and George Elliot. The second reading is fixed for Thursday next, the 23rd instant.

Bro. T. Eccleston Gibbs has been definitively accepted as candidate at the approaching General Election in the Liberal interest by the East St. Pancras Liberal Council of One Hundred.

Bro. Colonel Sir Archibald C. Campbell, of Blythswood, Bart., G.M. of Scotland, has agreed to lay the foundation-stone of the new Public Hall Buildings at Kirriemuir, with full Masonic honours, on the 18th prox.

Bro. the Lord Mayor, M.P., and the Sheriffs will attend divine service at St. Helen's Church, Great St. Helen's, on Sunday, when the Rev. Canon Spence will preach a sermon in aid of the Poor Clergy Relief Corporation.

On Monday the Prince of Wales, accompanied by the Princess of Wales and the Princesses Louise, Victoria, and Maud of Wales, opened the Kettlewell Convalescent Home, recently established at Swanley in connection with St. Bartholomew's Hospital.

The Summer Number of "Society" is just published. It is a big sixpennyworth, the principal features being a remarkable powerful story called "Calumny," by Mrs. Leith Adams, and a new and very charming poem, "Roses and Rue," by Mr. Oscar Wilde.

The Prince and Princess of Wales and suite left Marlborough House for Yorkshire on Tuesday, and on Wednesday their Royal Highnesses visited Leeds for the purpose of opening the new buildings of the Yorkshire College.

We are sure our readers will cordially unite with us in expressing sympathy with our esteemed Bro. D. P. Cama in the loss he has recently sustained through the death of his mother. The deceased lady, who was highly respected in Bombay, departed this life on the 7th inst.

Bros. Richardson-Gardner, M.P., and Sir Joseph Devereux were members of a deputation from the Royal Borough of Windsor, which waited on the Queen at Windsor Castle, on Friday, the 10th inst., for the purpose of presenting to Her Majesty an address of congratulation on the occasion of the Princess Beatrice's marriage.

In accordance with our announcement last week the Provincial Grand Lodge of Suffolk held its annual meeting at Lowestoft, under the auspices of the Unity Lodge, No. 71, and the St. Margaret Lodge, No. 1452, on Monday, the 13th inst. Everything passed off very successfully, as will be seen from the full account we shall have space enough to publish in our issue of next week.

Bro. Col. Sir Francis and Lady Burdett, the Baroness Burdett-Coutts, and Bro. Lord Balfour of Burleigh were among those present at the meeting at St. James's Hall, on Thursday, the 9th inst., of the Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals, when the Princess Frederica of Cumberland distributed the prizes to the writers of the successful essays, given annually by the Society.

The first anniversary meeting of the London Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Children was held at the Mansion House, on Friday, the 10th inst. In the unavoidable absence of Bro. the Lord Mayor, M.P., the chair was taken by Mr. Alderman Cotton, and among those present were Bro. the Earl of Shaftesbury, K.G., the Baroness and Bro. Burdett-Coutts, Bro. Colonel Sir Francis and Lady Burdett, the Countess of Wharcliffe, and Lady Ellis.

We feel great pleasure in making known that the Lion and Lamb Chapter, No. 192, at its meeting, on Wednesday, the 15th inst., voted a sum of two guineas towards the testimonial now in course of being raised to that most worthy exponent of Freemasonry—Bro. Henry Muggieridge—whose fame as a Preceptor has been for so many years as familiar with the brethren generally as a household word, who, also, as Collector for the Girls' School, rendered such conspicuous service to that admirable Institution.

Bro. the Lord Mayor and Lady Mayoress entertained the Archbishops and Bishops of the Church of England at a banquet at the Mansion House, on Wednesday, the 8th inst. The guests included Bro. Lord and Lady Egerton of Tatton, Bro. the Hon. H. S. and Mrs. Northcote, Bro. the Right Hon. Sir John and Lady Mowbray, Bro. Alderman and Mrs. Isaacs, Bro. Alderman and Mrs. Waterlow, Bro. Alderman Sir R. Hanson, Bro. Alderman and Sheriff and Mrs. Whitehead, Bro. and Mrs. Snowden, Bro. and Mrs. Brookman, Bro. Alderman and Mrs. Evans, Bro. H. H. Crawford (City Solicitor) and Mrs. Crawford, Bro. and Mrs. Dresser Rogers, Bro. Alderman Savory, Bro. the Rev. J. E. Cox, D.D., P.G.C., Bro. the Rev. Dr. and Mrs. Tristram, and Bro. Deputy and Mrs. East.

3,000,000 tins of CHAMPION'S MUSTARD were sold in London alone during the past year. Why was this so? Because the public, having satisfied themselves it was the best and cheapest gave it a preference over all others.—Advr.