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THERE is one point as regards the Boys' School on which Bro. BINCKES, in advance of many of his critics, may justly claim recognition and commendation. It is the substantial manner in which all the work for the School has been executed by the contractors. In all circumstances, Bro. BINCKES has remarked on several occasions, public and private, his great aim has always been to render the School unique and lasting, an edifice of which the Craft might be justly proud, and which at the same time would minister fully and perfectly to the educational requirements of the day. Education, alike in its apparatus and its accessories, its system and its appliances, has advanced with giant strides in the last generation. The Boys' School, we believe, may now fairly challenge comparison with any similar institution in this or any other country, and is at the present time in a very high state of efficiency and progress. This will be a gratifying realization and remembrance to those who have for so many years laboured to advance its prestige and extend its usefulness, and will be an incentive and encouragement to the appeal so lately and forcibly made to its many warm friends at home and abroad, on behalf of the Preparatory School and the double votes.

OUR readers will not forget that the charitable work as regards the three great metropolitan Charities of our Order has closed, as regards public gatherings, with the Boys' School assemblage of last week. But early in the year Bro. TERRY, who is now away for a long-needed holiday and rest, will again "open the ball" with the Festival of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution. That most excellent Charity has a large number of candidates pressing for and awaiting admission, and while too much praise cannot be accorded to its administration, no words of ours are needed to set forth its many and prevailing claims on the Craft for sympathy and support. Bro. TERRY will be truly glad to receive the names of brethren intending to be or desirous of being Stewards.

It is indeed a matter of rejoicing and gratification to our Craft to think that we have three such Institutions in full and successful operation amongst us,—the R.M. Benevolent Institution for the Aged and Decayed, the R.M. Institution for Boys, and last, but not least, the R.M.I. for Girls. As we have said before, these Institutions are in themselves really most remarkable, and can well be compared with any known existing institution of a similar tendency and aim. Not the least successful of these Institutions, most perfectly adapted to the end it has in view, and the wishes of its subscribers and the welfare of its inmates, is our admirable Girls' School. Economically managed and scholastically most strikingly efficient and remarkable in its work and development, it enjoys and retains the confidence of a large number of ardent and loyal supporters. Long may it progress, long may it flourish! And may our three great Metropolitan Institutions continue to advance in efficiency and thoroughness, enjoying the unchanged sympathy and approval of a large body of well affectioned and liberal subscribers, illustrating well the beneficent principles of Freemasonry proper, and conducing forcibly to the present and future welfare of those many, old and young, who participate in their abounding benefits, and are cheered and aided, instructed and helped forward in the rough battle of life, by sheltering homes and ungrudging beneficence.

By the death of Lord HOUGHTON English literature suffers a great and abiding loss. Though not a Freemason himself, he was a Lewis, the son of an old and distinguished Freemason, Provincial Grand Master for West Yorkshire, in which post he was succeeded by Lord MEXBOROUGH. Lord HOUGHTON was a man of wide sympathies and a genial and tolerant mind, a perfect "citizen of the world," and one who always retained most cosmopolitan sympathies in thought and action. Of a very kindly disposition, always considerate and ever social; his associates liked to compare him with a worthy of another generation, "The Hare of many friends." At home he was the courteous host and the pleasant conversationist, and he will be much and long missed by an attached and grieving circle of relatives and friends.

THE report of the Commissioners of Police for 1884 has appeared in a Blue Book, and is very interesting and suggestive. "The Force" is now 12,800 strong, including 25 superintendents, 637 inspectors, 1057 serjeants, and 11,151 constables. The "little village," which is ever extending, so much so as to suggest often many uncomfortable suggestions as to its eventual area, witnessed 46 miles of new streets and squares handed over to police surveillance in 1884. Crime seems not to have increased, despite the mighty aggregate of population in the metropolitan police district. 17,203 persons were charged with drunkenness, being a decrease of over 2000 cases in respect of 1883. It is a very serious thing to reflect and remember that the average proportion per 1000 of the estimated population apprehended for drunkenness has an average of the last five years of 5.491. There was a decrease in 1884 of serious offences to the amount of 1513, and that too in the face of serious attacks on the police by armed burglars, at which the public is very sensitive and greatly alarmed. Larcenies decreased 2045, but burglaries increased from 331, in 1883, to 387, in 1884. The reported loss of property was £108,406, of which £21,737 were recovered, leaving a net loss of £86,669. There is no doubt that these burglaries and larcenies are encouraged by the fact that 1157 houses had no persons in charge of them, and 27,984 windows or doors were left open. 14,478 children under ten years were reported to the police as missing, as well as 3938 adults. Of these, 8485 children and 821 adults were found by the police; 74 adults committed suicide, and the rest returned to their homes or friends, except 121 adults and eight children, who have never been traced. It is a most serious fact, is it not, that adults and children can thus disappear year by year and "leave no trace behind." It is highly suggestive both of the apogee of civilization at which our mighty Babylon has arrived, that with our skilled police, and trained detectives, 121 adults and eight children can utterly disappear from our midst without the possibility of discovery or recovery. It is awful to think what their fate *may* have been, and recent revelations seem to point unmistakably to the conclusion that there is a darker side to the civilizing progress of great cities than has hitherto been realized or reached by the student, the legislator, or the philanthropist. Certain matters are a great scandal, and constitute a great danger to our highly-polished and most artificial state of Society, and call for the most thoughtful and effective measures of surveillance and repression. A good deal is often said about the police, but, we confess, we cannot but feel very grateful for their ceaseless labours, and their organized care of all classes amongst us. It is something to feel and to remember, surely with kindly feelings of satisfied security, that as night after night this extraordinary agglomeration of all nations, castes, climes, and criminals,—the hunted, the outcast, and the forlorn, seems to sink to rest,—a huge cordon of "watchers of the night" pervades our squares and crescents, our streets and alleys, keeps an eye on the haunts of misery and vice, of sin and shame, and affords protection to the honest and well disposed, and constitutes a terror to the rogue and the criminal. Never before in the history of our world has such a spectacle been exhibited, and Sir E. HENDERSON may well record, with pride and satisfaction, the useful, the striking, the unprecedented work and duties, returns, and revelations, of that well-disciplined force over which he presides.

PROVINCIAL GRAND LODGE OF ESSEX.

The Provincial Grand Lodge of Essex was held on the 13th inst., at Saffron Walden, under the presidency of Lord Brooke, Prov. G.M., who was supported by the Very Worshipful Bro. F. A. Philbrick, Q.C., Grand Registrar, and a large number of other influential Masons. Among those present were the following brethren:—

Bros. the Right Hon. the Lord Brooke, M.P., R.W. P.G.M.; F. A. Philbrick, Q.C., G. Reg. England, Deputy Prov. G.M.; Rev. W. Morgan Jones, Prov. G. Chaplain; Andrew Durrant, Prov. G. Treas.; William Herbage, Prov. G. Reg.; T. J. Ralling, Prov. G. Sec.; J. Gilling, Prov. G.J.D.; Arthur Mead, Prov. G.S. of Works; A. Lucking, G.A.P. England, Prov. G.D. of C.; S. Sarel, Prov. G. Tyler; Andrew C. Durrant and W. Strutt, Prov. G. Stwds.; Rev. C. J. Martyn, P.G. Chap. England, Deputy Prov. G.M. Suffolk; Shadwell H. Clerke, G. Sec. England; Rev. John Sedgwick, D.D., P.G. Chap. England; F. Binckes, P.G. Stwd. England; Griffiths Smith, P.G.A.D. of C. England; A. Buck, P.M. 453, P.P.G.S.W.; F. Wood, P.M. and Treas. 1000, P.P.G.S.W.; Richard Clowes, P.P.G.S.W.; Herbert Taylor, P.P. G.J.W.; W. Sowman, P.P.G.J.W.; Joseph Bell, P.P.G.J.W.; J. C. Earle, P.M. 214, P.P.G.J.W.; J. W. B. Glasier, P.M. 107, P.P.G.J.W. Norfolk; Rev. F. B. Shephard, P.M. 276, P.P.G. Chap.; E. H. Crate, P.P.G. Chap.; J. C. White, P.M. 1437, P.P.G. Reg.; J. W. Hair, P.P.G. Reg.; C. H. Vincent, P.P.G. Reg. Suffolk; R. D. Poppleston, P.P.G.S.D.; H. E. Dehane, P.P.G.S.D.; J. G. Bellingham, P.P. G.S.D.; Stebbing Leverett, P.P.G.S.D.; James S. Brown, P.P.G.S.D.; Robert Martin, P.M., Treas. 453, P.P.G.S.D.; W. J. Nunn, P.P.G.S.D. Suffolk; G. Thompson, P.P.G.S.D. Suffolk; J. J. Cavill, P.P.G.J.D.; J. B. Lewin, P.P.G.S. of W.; T. Vincent, P.M. 1861, P.P.G.S.B. Surrey; T. Rix, P.M. 697, P.P.G.S.B.; G. A. Eustace, P.M. 697, P.P.G.S.B.; J. J. C. Turner, P.P.G.O.; W. C. Dewsberry, P.P. G.O. Cambs; F. Dewsberry, P.P.G.O. Cambs; R. Haward Ives, I.P.M. 51, P.P.G. Stwd.; F. C. Emson, P.M. 1280; C. Beaumont, W.M. 1343; J. Corbie, W.M. 453; A. Rattray, W.M. 1543; F. Dorrell Grayson, W.M. 1000, P.M. 160; J. Sadler

Wood, W.M. 2005; Joseph Clever, P.M. 2005; Samuel Lord, I.P.M. 433; Adam Smith, W.M. 433; Robert Smith, P.M. 697, &c.; Joseph Grimes, W.M. 51; John Hutley, I.P.M. 1024; Arthur G. Rickarby, I.P.M. 1799; R. G. Kellett, P.M. 1312; F. R. Hales, W.M. 650; Edward Johnson, P.M. 206; John Noyes, W.M. Grand Stewards' Lodge; J. E. N. Whitlock, I.P.M. 1280; J. Taylor, jun., W.M. 1817; F. J. Snell, P.M. 1543; F. P. Suthery, W.M. 276; Henry King, P.M. 1280; H. J. Skingley, Org. 607; H. Burnell, I.D. 1343; Walter Rowe, J.W. 1543; J. L. Franklin, I.G. 1543; G. H. Finch, S.W. 2005; E. J. Acworth, Treas. 2077; Jas. Salmon, S.W. 2077; W. J. London, S.D. 2077; J. Carew Cox, J.W. 1280; G. J. Thompson, 1457; Herbert Day, 1457; J. M. Jennings, 1457; W. R. Willcocks, 51; J. G. Flitton, 160; W. Dwyer, 1799; M. W. Meade, 1977; S. Munson, 51; G. M. Taylor, 1280; Edward Powell, 1823; H. S. G. Boswell, 1280; Geo. Brown, 1977; J. Glass, 453; Alfred Emson, 1280; A. J. Dixie, 453; H. J. Sibly, 453; F. H. Bennett, 1280; D. B. Flack, 441; W. J. Ward, 1823; F. Wheelhouse, 1237; J. T. Stanton, 107; W. Wilson, 1580; G. H. Baxter, 1000; A. Martin, 1000; B. L. Gandy, and others.

After a preliminary meeting, which met at one o'clock for the purpose of auditing the Treasurer's accounts, Provincial Grand Lodge was opened at 1.45, and the Provincial Grand Master was saluted according to ancient custom.

Prov. Grand Secretary, Bro. THOS. J. RALLING, read the minutes of the Prov. Grand Lodge which was held last year at Malden, and the same being approved were confirmed by the Prov. G.M.

The roll of the lodges of the province was then called over, when all except the Tilbury Lodge were found to be properly represented.

One of the members of Prov. Grand Lodge submitted the question to the Prov. Grand Master whether the Tilbury Lodge had complied with Bye-Law No. 6, which prescribes that "each lodge in the province shall be represented at the Prov. Grand Lodge, either by its Master or its Wardens, or by one of its Past Masters, and that in default such lodge should pay 40s. to the funds of Prov. Grand Lodge," and concluded by moving that the Bye-Law be enforced.

The Prov. G. SEC. said that the Tilbury Lodge was there represented only by an honorary member.

The Prov. G. MASTER said it appeared to him that that was not a compliance with the order.

The member of the Tilbury Lodge said that though a P.M., he was not a P.M. of the Tilbury Lodge, and was there simply as an ordinary member. He did not know whether he could be allowed to represent the Tilbury Lodge.

The SECRETARY read a communication from the Master of the Tilbury Lodge stating that he was engaged in London upon an arbitration which was meeting every day, and that that was the only cause of his absence.

The S.W. said that he had received a telegram from the Master of the Tilbury Lodge requesting him to ask the R.W. Prov. Grand Master to excuse his absence.

The R.W. PROV. G. MASTER said it appeared to him that the spirit of the law was, that if a lodge was not represented by one of its principal officers, or by a Past Master, and did not tender any apology, that was a case in which a fine should be inflicted. But in the present case an ample apology had been given, and he thought he should be justified in remitting the fine on that occasion.

The motion that the Bye-Law be enforced was then withdrawn.

From the report as to the condition of the province, read by the Prov. G. SEC., it appeared that there were 24 lodges, numbering 1118 members, paying Prov. Grand Lodge fees, £90 10s., and £26 5s. to Charity Fund. This was an increase over last year of 111 members, £5 7s. in fees, and £2 10s. Charity Fund.

The Prov. G. SEC. then read the Auditor's report, showing a balance of £60 11s. 2d. in P.G. Treasurer's hands, which report was approved and adopted.

Bro. H. E. DEHANE, P.P.G.S.D., read a report of the representatives of the Essex Provincial Charity Committee, held 4th March, under the presidency of the V.W. the Deputy Prov. Grand Master, when it was decided to support the candidature of Mrs. Allen for the Benevolent Institution, and Florence Ann Dunlop for the Girls' School, the result being that out of 3265 votes polled for the two cases, 1341 were provided by the province, and both candidates were successful. Bro. Dehane, in thanking those who had sent their proxies to the Provincial Charity Committee, remarked upon the larger amount of support now accorded to them, and pointed out that without full and combined co-operation it would be almost impossible to carry in a candidate, but that with the full support of the province a candidate was secure of election. The brethren who represented the Committee were Bros. Dehane, E. Shedd, F. Wood, and R. Clowes.

The report of the Charity Committee was approved and adopted.

The R.W. PROV. GRAND MASTER then said that it was a very pleasing duty to him to address them again at that interesting meeting. He need not say what great pleasure it gave him to meet the brethren of the province, because he found that on all occasions, when a Masonic duty brought them together, the brethren were most cordial and hearty in supporting their Provincial Grand Master. On this occasion they had proved themselves quite up to the mark again. It was very pleasant for him to be there in that charming town, and to find that the preparations for holding the Provincial Grand Lodge had been so excellently conducted by the Master and members of the Walden Lodge. It was very satisfactory to him to be able to tell them that Masonry was flourishing in the province. This was, of course, due to the exertions of the individual Masons of the province all working together in the cordial spirit that they had hitherto done. He was pleased to remind them that two new lodges had been established in the province during the past year. The first of these he had consecrated, and the second had been consecrated by his able Deputy, and the way in which those lodges had been conducted showed that they were perfectly right in consecrating them. There were now 40 members in the Priory Lodge, and he had no doubt that the Epping Forest Lodge, which filled a vacancy, would prove itself worthy of Freemasonry. At the same time, he would tell them that the province had not been unmindful of the Charities, as the report which had just been read fully demonstrated. They could not expect, however, the large sums of money which were collected when he had the honour of presiding at the Festival of the Girls' School, when out of 15,000 odd pounds, 1000 pounds was contributed by the Province of Essex. He desired to take this opportunity of thanking the province for the support they gave him on that occasion. He found that this year also they had done extremely well, the contributions of the province amounting to nearly £800 at the three Festivals. This was a province which could not be considered particularly rich; relying as it did, he was sorry to say, almost entirely upon agriculture, that was a most creditable contribution to the three Charities. Their Charity Committee had been most successful in doing good work; they had carried in their two candidates, and their

thanks were due to those who served on the Charity Committee. He thought it was very satisfactory, and they could see that they had only to put their shoulder to the wheel to be able to carry in their candidates. It appeared to him most desirable that as far as possible they should all of them hand over their proxies into the hands of Provincial Grand Lodge. He thought there was not much more that he had to speak of. He might mention that his attention had been called to the fact that it might be desirable if Secretaries of lodges after the installation would send in the names of those ready to serve on the Charity Committee. He believed that this had been done as a rule; but he thought it desirable that the practice should be more regularly adhered to; he felt sure that it was only necessary for him to mention it in passing. He thought it might not be out of place for him to mention also that since they last met Bro. Philbrick had received Grand honours, having been appointed Grand Registrar of England. (Applause.) That was a matter of hearty congratulation to all the brethren of the province. No one had worked harder than Bro. Philbrick, and no one more deserved the honour. (Renewed applause.) The arduous duties connected with his new post would not, however, occasion the resignation of the office he held in that province. He was afraid that Bro. Philbrick would not be able to be present that day, but he had just received a telegram to say that he was now on his way to join them. There was another thing that he should like to mention, which was that their old and esteemed Bro. Lucking had also received honours from Grand Lodge. (Applause.) There was no person to whom he could more sincerely wish good luck, and he was sure that feeling would be shared equally by all members of Provincial Grand Lodge. In conclusion, he hoped they would remember this—whenever he could see his way to make a new lodge, provided it did not clash with interests already existing, he should always be happy to give the formation of a new lodge his hearty support. (Applause.)

The next business was the election of Provincial Grand Treasurer, and Bro. DURRANT having been unanimously re-elected, the worthy brother rose and said he again thanked them very heartily for having elected him as their Treasurer. He was delighted to think that they were satisfied with the way in which he conducted their exchequer, and it would be his endeavour in the future to continue to keep the accounts in the same satisfactory manner.

The rest of the Provincial Grand Officers were then appointed and invested by the Provincial Grand Master, and they were afterwards saluted by the members of Provincial Grand Lodge according to ancient custom.

The following is the list of Provincial Grand Officers for the year:

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| Bro. Barrè L. Tandy, W.M. 1280 | ... | Prov. G.S.W. |
| " F. R. Hales, W.M. 650 | ... | Prov. G.J.W. |
| " Andrew Durrant, P.M. and Treas. 276 (7th year) | ... | Prov. G. Treas. |
| " Thos. J. Ralling, P.M. and Sec. 51 (9th year) | ... | Prov. G. Sec. |
| " R. Haward Ives, I.P.M. 51 | ... | Prov. G.A. Sec. |
| " F. P. Suthery, W.M. 276 | ... | Prov. G.S.D. |
| " F. D. Grayson, W.M. 1000 | ... | Prov. G.J.D. |
| " Rev. Henry Stevens, Chap. 1280 | ... | Prov. G. Chap. |
| " Fred. J. Snell, P.M. and Treas. 1543 | ... | Prov. G. Reg. |
| " John Glass, I.P.M. 453 | ... | Prov. G.S. of W. |
| " A. Lucking, P.M. and Sec. 1000 (12th year) | ... | Prov. G.D. of C. |
| " C. Beaumont, W.M. 1343 | ... | Prov. G.A.D.C. |
| " R. G. Kellett, I.P.M. 1312 | ... | Prov. G. Swd. B. |
| " John Hutley, I.P.M. 1024 | ... | Prov. G. Std. B. |
| " John Taylor, jun., W.M. 1817 | ... | Prov. G. Std. B. |
| " G. J. Thompson, 1457 | ... | Prov. G. Org. |
| " A. G. Rickarby, I.P.M. 1799 | ... | Prov. G. Purst. |
| " S. Lord, I.P.M. 433 | ... | Prov. G.A. Purst. |
| " Joseph Grimes, W.M. 51 | ... | } Prov. G. Stwds. |
| " John Corble, W.M. 453 | ... | |
| " H. King, I.P.M. 1280 | ... | |
| " F. E. Emson, P.M. 1280 | ... | |
| " Joseph Clever, P.M. 2005 | ... | } Prov. G. Tyler. |
| " A. Rattray, W.M. 1543 | ... | |
| " T. S. Sarel, 276 | ... | Prov. G. Tyler. |

The Senior Grand Warden, Bro. B. L. Tandy, was elected a member of the Provincial Charity Committee, in room of the member retiring by rotation.

Bro. CLEVER, in the absence of Bro. Philbrick, proposed a resolution which stood in the agenda in the name of the Deputy Prov. Grand Master, to the effect that the expenses incidental to the Charity Committee should be defrayed out of Provincial Charity Fund, and that Provincial Grand Lodge should appropriate the balance in support of one or other of the Masonic Charities, notice of the proposed appropriation to be given in the Provincial Grand Lodge summons. This motion having been seconded, was carried, the Prov. Grand Treasurer having first explained that the expenses referred to, which averaged about £6 per annum, had previously been paid out of Prov. Grand Lodge funds.

Bro. TURNER, P.P.G.O., then proposed "That the sum of 25 guineas be paid to the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys, and 10 guineas to the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution, in the name of the Essex Provincial Grand Lodge. Bro. Turner explained that his reason for leaving out the Girls' School was that important additions were being made to the Institution at Wood Green, for which funds were needed, besides which, the Girls' School had benefited by the contributions of the province very largely at their last Festival. He wished, however, to make the vote to the Boys' School 30 guineas instead of 25 guineas, as they would thereby obtain very much greater voting power.

The R.W. PROV. GRAND MASTER said he did not think it was competent for Bro. Turner to go beyond the scope of the notice of motion.

Another member then proposed, as an amendment, that the sum to be voted be increased from 25 guineas to 30 guineas.

Bro. JOSHUA NUNN asked whether any amount of money could be voted by Provincial Grand Lodge unless the amount were printed in the summons. He asked for information.

The R.W. PROV. GRAND MASTER said no doubt it was somewhat out of order, the usual custom being that the sum to be voted should be stated in the notice paper, but on this occasion it appeared to be so important that the extra £5 should be voted, that he thought the brethren would agree with him that the amendment should be carried.

The amendment was then put and carried.

A motion, standing in the name of W. Bro. JOSEPH BELL, P.P.G.J.W., as to the length of notice to be given of motions intended to be brought forward in Prov. Grand Lodge, gave rise to some discussion, and it was ultimately agreed that the matter should stand over and be reconsidered at the Prov. Grand Lodge next year.

A motion by W. Bro. A. LUCKING, P.M. and Sec. 1000, P.G.D.C.; "That a hearty vote of thanks be recorded on the minutes of this Provincial Grand Lodge to the R.W.P.G.M. for his kind present of the necessary collars and jewels for the new Provincial Grand Offices instituted by the revised Book of Constitutions; and to W. Bro. Wm. Herbage, I.P.M. 2005, P.G.R., and W. Bro. Joseph Clever, P.M. 2005, for presenting standards and fittings," was carried unanimously, a rider being added conveying the thanks of Prov. Grand Lodge to Bro. Philbrick for a sword presented by him for the use of Prov. Grand Lodge Tyler.

A motion by W. Bro. H. E. DEHANE, P.M. 1543, P.P.G.D. Essex, "That the publication of a Prov. Grand Lodge calendar be continued, under the management of a small Committee (say five), to be appointed at this meeting," gave rise to a good deal of discussion on the question whether Prov. Grand Lodge would incur any financial obligations if the publication were continued under the proposed arrangement.

Ultimately Bro. MARTIN proposed that there should be, say, five guarantors (the whole expense of production was only about £15, and a profit of between £2 and £3 had been handed over to the Charity Fund this year), of whom he would be one; and immediately about half-a-dozen brethren rose and offered to join in the guarantee. Thus the matter was settled, and a Committee of Management appointed.

The PROV. G. MASTER proposed a vote of thanks to the Master and brethren of the Saffron Walden Lodge for the manner in which arrangements had been made for the accommodation of Prov. Grand Lodge. His lordship added a vote of thanks to the Great Eastern Railway Company for the facilities they had granted to the brethren to enable them to visit Prov. Grand Lodge.

The S.W. acknowledged the compliment, and the PROV. G. TREASURER moved that a sum of £15 should be allowed out of Grand Lodge funds in aid of the expense of entertaining Prov. Grand Lodge. This was seconded by Bro. SMITH, of Brightlingsea, and carried unanimously.

The R.W. PROV. G. MASTER proposed that next year's meeting should be held at Chelmsford, which was carried by applause, and Prov. G. Lodge was then closed in due form.

After the closing of Prov. Grand Lodge the brethren dined together, under the presidency of Lord Brooke, in the Corn Market, which was tastefully decorated for the occasion. The banquet was cold and admirably served, and the whole arrangements did the utmost credit to the Master and brethren of the Walden Lodge, who were the entertainers of Grand Lodge this year.

At the close of the banquet a number of loyal and Masonic toasts were proposed and duly honoured.

The toasts "The Queen and the Craft;" "The G.M., H.R.H. Prince of Wales;" and "The Grand Officers," were proposed by the CHAIRMAN, and Bro. SEDGWICK replied for "The Grand Officers."

On rising to propose "The Health of the Right W. Prov. Grand Master," Bro. PHILBRICK said they were aware that the pleasures of anticipation almost always surpassed the pleasures of fruition, but on this occasion he was sure that the pleasure of the brethren in drinking this toast would not be less than they anticipated. It was "The Health of the Right W.P.G.M.," who reigned over that province to the signal advantage of the Craft, to the great satisfaction of the whole province, and, he might add, with the respect, esteem, and affection of every brother in the province. They would remember that when his lordship was called upon to take the position which he now held upon the throne of Essex, there were fewer lodges on the roll than they now boasted. They must congratulate themselves upon the progress of Freemasonry in Essex under their Grand Master's sway; they must congratulate themselves upon the united body of Masonry of which Lord Brooke might justly and proudly call himself the head—a body of Masonry, he would venture to say, which was excelled by none in true Masonic spirit, and in devotion to the great principles which they all had at heart. They knew that words merely were not strength, but it was because they were resolved to adhere to and carry out the great principles of Freemasonry, and be brethren in deed as well as in name, that Masonry owed its strength and its power. Addressing the P.G.M., Bro. Philbrick said that he was rejoiced to think that under his lordship's presidency the province had attained its present position; he trusted that the position was one that would consolidate as years rolled on. They respected and esteemed their head as the representative of Masonry among them, and as his lordship had referred to the position which the Heir Apparent to the Throne held in Freemasonry, they must gladly recognise his lordship as holding in the province of Essex the position which the Grand Master held in presiding over the Craft. Without troubling the brethren with further remarks, he would call upon them to drink "The Health of the Right W. the Lord Brooke."

The toast was received with enthusiasm, and the musical brethren started "He's a jolly good fellow."

Lord Brooke, who, on rising, was loudly cheered, said: Bro. Philbrick and brethren—I thank you heartily; I thank you from the bottom of my heart for the very kind manner in which you have drunk my health; and I also feel greatly flattered by the musical honours you have been good enough to give me. His lordship, continuing, said that he did not know anything that united one heart to another more closely than Freemasonry, and, thank goodness, there was nothing political about it—nothing which could mar those friendly feelings which they held towards one another. The only open secret of Freemasonry was the friendly feeling which existed between Masons throughout the whole world. Of course they knew that that was one of their principles, and he was quite sure that that principle would never die out. He had heard that the brethren of the Province of Essex had always had the same kindly feeling towards his Deputy as they had been good enough to bestow upon himself. His Deputy, with his characteristic kindness of heart, had been good enough to ascribe a considerable amount of success in that province to his (the speaker's) endeavours; but he knew well that the success was due to the cordial support which they kindly gave to a young Mason coming among them, and he hoped they would kindly extend that support to an old Mason as time went on. (Applause.) He knew it would require a little exertion on his part to keep Freemasonry going, but when that exertion could be effective, and when it was possible for him to give the time to it, they might rely upon him. It was a great thing for him to find an increasing number of lodges in the province; but the brethren would allow him to remind them that he should never in any way sanction the increase of lodges in the province which would in any way clash with old institutions. The great thing was to promote in every way the spread of good feeling among them, and he could not think that anything that went beyond reasonable limits could be good for the Province of Essex. Still, when he found well-established needs in

the province they might be sure of his readiness to come down and consecrate new lodges. He did not think there was much more he could do. It was a matter of great congratulation to know that the Deputy had received the honour of being appointed Grand Registrar of England; and he also would call attention to the fact that Bro. Lucking had also been made a Grand Officer. As regarded Bro. Philbrick, he could only say that the oftener he was with them, the better they knew him. The brethren had known the Deputy longer than he had; but he was sure that Bro. Philbrick added importance and cheerfulness to any meeting he attended. It gave him great pleasure to see him approach that afternoon, and he could only hope that those gentlemen whom he had been connected with down at Lewes assizes that day had found him an equally agreeable companion. (Hear, hear.) At any rate, he was hailed with the greatest enthusiasm when he came into Grand Lodge that day. They must know that it was no light work to follow a profession like Bro. Philbrick's, and to combine with it a Masonic career. He was sure they would respond heartily to the toast to the health of his excellent Deputy, and the rest of the Provincial Grand Officers. He had only, in conclusion, to express a hope that those officers whom he had that day appointed would support their Grand Master as well as their predecessors had done. His lordship resumed his seat amid loud applause.

Rising again immediately, Lord Brooke said they had many distinguished visitors present, and the gentleman whose name he desired to couple with the health of the visitors, was obliged to leave in order to catch a train. He would therefore ask the brethren to allow his Deputy to postpone his reply to Bro. Martyn's reply for the visitors. He trusted that one of the principal fruits of Freemasonry would always be the privilege of hospitality; he trusted likewise that the guests would always prove themselves as genial and pleasant as the visitors who graced the board on that occasion. They congratulated themselves on the fact that Bro. Martyn was able to remain to spend a pleasant day with them. They might also congratulate themselves on the presence of Colonel Shadwell H. Clerke, who had the numerous interests of Masonry passing through his hands, than whom, he was sure, no one did his duty better. He hoped Colonel Clerke would always be found at Provincial Grand Lodge to see that Freemasonry was conducted as it ought to be, and to give them the benefit of his advice. He would not enumerate all the other visitors he saw present. There was Bro. Binckes, and many whose faces were familiar, as to whom he would say that the oftener they saw them the better.

Bro. C. J. MARTYN, P.G. Chap., needed not to say how grateful he was for the beautiful way in which the Provincial Grand Master had proposed that toast. That really was kind; but he did not think it was kind for his friend on his right and his friend on his left insisting every moment on making suggestions. Colonel Clerke had said, "Now, then, don't let modesty interfere;" and Bro. Philbrick said, "Now then is the time for blushing." When he (Bro. Martyn) was endeavouring to collect his scattered thoughts, he did not think it kind to assail him with things like that, remembering that the Archbishop of Canterbury had said the other day that one of the intrinsic qualities of the British clergyman was his intense modesty. (Cheers and applause.) He did not know that he had any cause to be bashful before that assembly, as he really was an honorary member, and therefore when he came there he really felt like a Colchester native; the more so because one friend had peppered him with his sarcasm, and another had vinegared him with his sour remarks. Bro. Martyn concluded by thanking them very heartily for the reception given to the visitors.

Bro. Colonel SHADWELL H. CLERKE, Grand Secretary, also acknowledged the compliment.

Lord Brooke then said: I now call upon the Deputy to open his brief.

Bro. PHILBRICK:—May it please your lordship, gentlemen of the jury. Having now illustrated the first of all Masonic virtues, obedience, I have, on behalf of the Grand Officers of the province, to return you our most sincere and grateful thanks for your kindness in proposing our health, and for what you have been pleased to say of us. Bro. Philbrick, in continuation, said that it was indeed a difficult thing adequately to express on an occasion of that kind, rising as he did to express the feelings of so many eminent brethren, whom he saw upon their legs at that moment. Those who were answering to this toast were brethren who had distinguished themselves in the province and who had assisted the great cause of Masonry which they all had at heart. He begged to assure the R.W.M., on behalf of the brethren who had that day been called to Grand Office, that he felt sure that their attachment to the Craft and the province would not be inferior to that of their predecessors in office. It was, indeed, a matter of great satisfaction that their affairs in Masonry found that repose which they did, and it was above all happiness to them that the recognition which his lordship had been pleased to give of them had been endorsed by the Grand Lodge of England as to one of their brethren, the D.C. His lordship had been pleased to refer to the progress of Masonry in the province. He (Bro. Philbrick) trusted that every lodge consecrated under his lordship's rule would always be established on legitimate grounds. He hoped, and he believed that such was the case, and he thought that the extension of the principles of Freemasonry, as evidenced by the multiplication of such lodges, was a matter upon which they might congratulate themselves. It had been said, and said truly, that the position which Masonry held in the eyes of the world had been signally attested by the fact that H.R.H. the Prince of Wales was our Grand Master. He thought no true-hearted Mason, no loyal subject would deny that, but on the contrary would be proud and glad to confirm it. At the same time he thought, and he trusted thought not without foundation, that there was a stronger Masonic spirit pervading their body; that there was a desire among them to keep up the true and ancient traditions of the Order; that there was an effort that their work should not be slovenly; and he would confess that he had in lodge been disposed to wonder and to be astonished at the perfect working which he sometimes saw in the lodges of that province. He trusted that that would always be so; he thought there was that spirit in the lodges, and he hoped that spirit would continue—a spirit which recognised in the ceremonies that which bound the heart of man to man, and which embodied that which they were all proud as Masons to possess and maintain as the heritage of the noble Order to which they belonged. That this might continue as long as his lordship was their Prov. Grand Master was the wish of the Grand Officers, who pledged themselves to do their best practically to exemplify to the world the great advantages which belonged to their Order.

The R.W. PROV. G. MASTER then proposed "The Health of the W.M's. of the Lodges in the Province," coupling with it the name of Bro. B. L. Tandy, upon whom he had had the pleasure of conferring the

honours of Grand Office, and whom he thanked for making this meeting a success. All present thought that the meeting had been an unqualified success. He (Lord Brooke) thought that the attendance had been highly satisfactory, and they had been entertained in a manner highly creditable to the entertaining lodge, and he was sure it had been a pleasure to listen to the words of wisdom which fell from their Bro. Philbrick, which those present would, no doubt, take to heart.

Bro. B. L. TANDY, P.S.G.W., returned thanks, after which the CHAIRMAN interposed a toast—"Success to the Masonic Charities," coupled with the name of Bro. BINCKES, who responded; after which the Tyler's toast brought the proceedings of this Masonic meeting to an end.

PROVINCIAL GRAND LODGE OF HAMPSHIRE AND THE ISLE OF WIGHT.

The Grand Lodge of the Province of Hampshire and the Isle of Wight assembled at the Queen's Rooms, Newport, on Monday, when there was an exceptionally large attendance of brethren, the calling of the roll by the P.G. Secretary, W. Bro. Goble, producing affirmatives from representatives of the following lodges:—Medina, 35; Economy, 76; Royal Gloucester, 130; Unity, 132; Albany, 151; East Medina, 175; Hengist, 195; Phoenix, 257; Harmony, 309; New Forest, 319; Royal Sussex, 342; Peace and Harmony, 359; Southampton, 394; Portsmouth, 487; Yarrowburgh, 551; Oakley, 694; Ryde, 698; Panmure, 723; Twelve Brothers, 785; Carnarvon, 804; Gosport, 903; Friendship, 928; United Brothers, 1069; Shirley, 1112; Aldershot Camp, 1331; St. Hubert, 1373; United Service, 1428; Clausentum, 1461; Prince of Wales, 1705; Landport, 1776; Albert Edward, 1780; Duke of Connaught, 1854; Sandown, 1869; William of Wykeham, 1883; Chine, 1884; Prince Edward of Saxe Weimar, 1903; Hampshire Lodge of Emulation, 1990; Shalden, 2016; and Portsmouth Temperance.

The large room had been very appropriately prepared by the brethren of the entertaining lodge, the Albany, for lodge purposes, and it may be added that the numerous banners suspended in the hall included those belonging to the Isle of Wight when it was an independent lodge and chapter province. The bells of St. Thomas, by permission of the Vicar, were merrily rung at intervals during the day.

The chair was occupied by the Right Worshipful Bro. W. W. B. Beach, M.P., Prov. Grand Master; who was supported on the right by W. Bro. J. E. Le Feuvre, D.P.G.M.; W. Bro. Major Shalden Smith being present as G.S.W.; and W. Bro. Cawte acting as G.J.W. After the reception of the Provincial Grand Lodge Committee's report on grants of money for relief, and on elections to Masonic Institutions, W. Bro. NIVEN asked if any practical good had followed upon the resolution of P.G. Lodge last year to send a representative on the executive of each of the three Masonic charities.

The DEPUTY PROV. GRAND MASTER replied in detail, and said great benefit had resulted.

On the motion of W. Bro. HOLBROOK, P.M., seconded by W. Bro. DAMPIER-CHILD, P.M., W. Bro. Rastrick, of Portsmouth, was unanimously and by acclamation re-elected Provincial Grand Treasurer for the ensuing year, the PROV. GRAND MASTER taking occasion to express appreciation of Bro. Rastrick's past services.

W. Bro. LANCASTER, P.M., moved that the sum of fifty guineas be given from the funds of Provincial Grand Lodge in support of the recently established Hampshire and Isle of Wight Masonic Educational and Benevolent Institution. He added, as showing the interest evinced throughout the province in the establishment of the Institution, that he held in his hand a list of subscriptions from lodges and individuals to the amount of £185.

The PROV. GRAND SECRETARY having seconded the motion, the Rev. G. N. Palmer moved a friendly amendment to the effect that a motion he proposed two years ago for a grant from Prov. G. Lodge funds to the Institution for the benefit of Aged Freemasons or their Widows having been withdrawn solely because Prov. G. Lodge funds would not permit of such a grant, no payment be made to the local institution until a grant was made to the Aged Institution. This was duly seconded, but was, however, lost by a large majority. A motion of which Bro. Lancaster had given notice, to apply the interest from the invested funds of Prov. G. Lodge to the Educational and Benevolent Association was withdrawn, notice being given of a proposal to alter the existing by-laws so as to meet the case.

W. Bro. SNELLING, having obtained previous permission of the Prov. Grand Master, introduced the question of the desirability of Prov. Grand Lodge being identified with the restoration of the reredos in Winchester Cathedral, and said that most certainly three Grand Masters of England were buried within the Cathedral: De la Roche, Cardinal Beaufort, and Bishop Waynflete. He believed there was a fourth, but he had not yet been able to identify the fact.

The D.P.G.M. suggested that probably William of Wykeham was the fourth.

Bro. SNELLING urged that the erection of a statue in the reredos to one of these Grand Masters was a work that might very properly be undertaken by Hampshire Freemasons, and moved a resolution recommending the work to the lodges and chapters of the province, and that a subscription list be opened for the purpose, headed by a contribution of 25 guineas from Prov. G. Lodge funds. One of the largest sized statues would, he said, in marble cost £300; in other material £100 and upwards. From the 43 lodges in the province, embracing 3000 Masons, there should be no difficulty in raising sufficient funds.

W. Bro. W. H. JACOB, P.M., seconded the motion, and said history was opposed to the suggestion of the D.P.G.M. that William of Wykeham was the fourth of the Grand Masters lying in the Cathedral, although his work would have well qualified him to hold such a high position in the Craft. He reminded the brethren that in various parts of the kingdom Masons were assisting in the restoration of cathedrals by subscriptions.

The PROV. GRAND MASTER said that when Bro. Snelling suggested to him that this was a matter which might very well be brought before Grand Lodge he allowed it to be introduced as next year would be too late. The question was whether the Masons of Hampshire and the Isle of Wight would wish to signal the restoration of the reredos in this ancient and historical building by a donation from themselves, and it was for the Prov. Grand Lodge to consider whether it could do so without affecting the means at their disposal for charitable purposes.

On being put the motion was lost by a large majority.

W. Bro. JACOB hoped the lodges and chapters would, however, still interest themselves in the work.

The PROV. GRAND MASTER then invested the following officers for the ensuing year, Bro. Loveland taking the Senior Warden's chair amid special acclamation:

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| Bro. Le Feuvre | ... | ... | ... | Prov. D.G.M. |
| " R. L. Loveland | ... | ... | ... | Prov. G.S.W. |
| " Goldsmith | ... | ... | ... | Prov. G.J.W. |
| " Rastrick, 1069 | ... | ... | ... | Prov. G. Treas. |
| " Goble | ... | ... | ... | Prov. G. Sec. |
| " E. H. Elers, 319 | ... | ... | ... | Prov. G. Chap. |
| " C. S. Ward, 694 | ... | ... | ... | Prov. G. Chap. |
| " St. Clair, 2074 | ... | ... | ... | Prov. G. Reg. |
| " Mursell, 35 | ... | ... | ... | Prov. G.S.D. |
| " Dr. Elliott, 1373 | ... | ... | ... | Prov. G.S.D. |
| " S. Wheeler, 151 | ... | ... | ... | Prov. G.J.D. |
| " R. R. L. Rosoman, 1461 | ... | ... | ... | Prov. G.J.D. |
| " W. Gunnell, 342 | ... | ... | ... | Prov. G.S. of W. |
| " A. H. Jolliffe, 195 | ... | ... | ... | Prov. G.D. of C. |
| " J. Gieve, 1069 | ... | ... | ... | Prov. G.A.D.C. |
| " Walton, 1780 | ... | ... | ... | Prov. G.A.D.C. |
| " Niven, 1776 | ... | ... | ... | Prov. G. Swd. Br. |
| " Westaway, 1834 | ... | ... | ... | Prov. G. Std. Br. |
| " G. Cross, 359 | ... | ... | ... | Prov. G. Std. Br. |
| " Dart, 2074 | ... | ... | ... | Prov. G. Purst. |
| " W. Ward, 132 | ... | ... | ... | Prov. G.A. Purst. |
| " T. Kentfield | ... | ... | ... | Prov. G. Org. |
| " Cooper, 1884 | ... | ... | ... | Prov. G. Stwds. |
| " Irons, 903 | ... | ... | ... | |
| " Jackson, 1462 | ... | ... | ... | |
| " Sharp, 1112 | ... | ... | ... | |
| " Naylor, 928 | ... | ... | ... | |
| " Stobbs, 175 | ... | ... | ... | |

Provincial Grand Lodge was shortly afterwards closed in due form, and several of the brethren afterwards dined together at the Borough Hall, the Prov. Grand Master presiding.

CONSECRATION OF THE PENTANGLE CONCLAVE, No. 147, RED CROSS OF ROME AND CONSTANTINE.

Friday, 14th August, may be considered a red letter day in the annals of the Knights of Rome and the Red Cross of Constantine, as on that day a new conclave was inaugurated and dedicated at the Sun Hotel, Chatham, called the Pentangle Conclave, No. 147 on the muster roll. The Most Illustrious Grand Sovereign, Col. Sir Francis Burdett, Bart., journeyed from his Manor of Ramsbury, Wilts, especially to undertake the duty of Consecrating Officer, in which ceremony he was assisted by the Grand Recorder, Sir Knt. C. F. Hogard, who had very kindly undertaken the preparation of the programme of the proceedings; Sir Knt. J. G. Chillingworth, Intendant General of the division of Kent, acted as High Prelate; Sir Knt. Dicketts, P.S. 2, as Viceroy; Sir Knt. Moon, P.S. 2, as Senior General; Sir Knt. Venn, P.S. 2, as Junior General; and Sir Knt. M. W. Bolton, P.S. 121, as Orator.

The ceremony of dedication having been very ably performed by the Most Ill. Grand Sovereign, he proceeded to enthrone Sir Knt. Penfold (M.D.) as M.P. Sovereign of the new conclave, who then consecrated Sir Knt. Ninnis as Viceroy, and appointed and invested the following officers—viz., Sir Knights V. Brown as Sen. General; T. Conry as Jun. General; J. T. Ready, Treasurer and High Prelate; W. Watson, Recorder; and Spurrier as Prefect. The appointment of the rest of the officers was deferred.

The Most Ill. Grand Sovereign was elected an honorary member, with the best thanks of the new conclave for the trouble he had taken in coming to Chatham and performing the ceremonies of the day. In returning thanks for the vote Sir FRANCIS took the opportunity of saying that it particularly concerned every Order of Freemasonry, more especially a new Conclave of the Order of Rome and the Red Cross of Constantine, to be extremely careful as to the candidates they admitted—it was not quantity but quality that was required to sustain the Order, and he hoped that the members of the Pentangle Conclave would bear this in mind, and he had every reason to believe that, with the efforts of the founders, they had before them a grand career of prosperity.

Several names were proposed for installation at the next regular meeting, after which the conclave was duly closed, and the Sir Knights adjourned to an excellent banquet provided by mine host, Sir Knt. Spurrier, and after doing full justice to the viands, the usual toasts were given by the M.P.S., Col. Sir FRANCIS BURDETT responding for "The Health of the Grand Sovereign;" Sir Knt. HOGARD, Grand Recorder, for that of "Honourable T. W. Orde-Powlett, Grand Viceroy, and the Grand Council;" and Sir Knt. DICKETTS for "The Grand Senate."

The Sir Knights from London then withdrew, trains—like time and tide—waiting for no man, and the other toasts having been duly honoured, the Sir Knights separated at a fairly early hour, everyone expressing their satisfaction at the arrangements made for their comfort, and looking forward to an increased prosperity for the Order.

Many apologies were received from Sir Knights unable to attend, amongst others from Sir Knights J. W. E. Macartney, M.P., Grand Sen. General; W. R. Woodman (P.G. Viceroy), Grand Treasurer; Rev. Ambrose Hall, Grand High Prelate; Rev. C. J. Martyn and P. M. Holden, P.G. High Prelates; W. Adlard, Intendant General, Punjab; and James Lewis Thomas, Grand Historiographer.

MOIRA, FRANCIS RAWDON, BARON.—Afterwards Marquis of Hastings; born in 1754 and died in 1826. He was a distinguished Statesman as well as a Freemason, and acting Grand Master of England from 1790 to 1812. He was also Grand Master of Scotland in 1806, and is said to have laid the foundation-stone of the first Masonic Hall in Edinburgh, in 1808. In 1793 he presented to the King a loyal address from the Freemasons; and on his departure for India, on Jan. 28, 1813, a farewell banquet was offered to him at Freemasons' Hall, at which six members of the Royal Family were present—the Dukes of Sussex, York, Clarence, Kent, Cumberland, and Gloucester—and 500 brethren. A magnificent jewel was then presented to Lord Moira, on behalf of the Order, in Special Grand Lodge, by the Duke of Sussex. "To no person," says Oliver, "had Masonry for many years been more indebted than to the Earl of Moira, now Marquess Hastings." He died whilst Governor of Malta, in 1826.—*Kenning's Cyclopaedia of Freemasonry.*

PREPARATORY BOYS' SCHOOL FUND.

The following contributions to this fund have been received since last week, when our account of the Festival connected with laying the corner-stone of the New Hall at Wood Green by the Baroness Burdett-Coutts was published. In the case of those of Bros. F. Adlard and E. F. Storr, who were Stewards, it was known they were promised, and we regret that no notice of the fact was taken at the time.

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| Bro. F. Adlard... | £10 10 0 |
| „ E. F. Storr ... | 10 10 0 |
| „ E. R. Cust... .. | 5 5 0 |
| Acacia Lodge, No. 876, Monte Video, per Colonel Shadwell H. Clerke, Grand Secretary ... | 10 10 0 |
| Bro. A. Arrowsmith ... | 5 5 0 |

MASONIC BAZAAR AND FANCY FAIR AT COLERAINE.

Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday of last week were gala days in the good town of Coleraine. The Masons of the district are anxious to have a hall of their own in which to hold their meetings and carry out the duties imposed on them as members of our ancient and honourable Society. But the erection of a hall necessitates the expenditure of money, and it occurred to some worthy brethren that part at all events of the requisite means might be raised by a bazaar and fancy fair, at which the fair sex might render excellent service in promoting the very laudable object in view. The idea was a natural one, and was speedily acted upon. An Executive Committee was formed, with zealous and almost ubiquitous brethren in the persons of Bros. W. Glover and W. Price as honorary Secretaries. The patronage was enlisted of many influential ladies, whose husbands are members of the Fraternity, among them being the Duchess of Abercorn, wife of the Grand Master of Ireland; the Marchioness of Hamilton, wife of the Grand Master of the province (Londonderry and Donegal) in which Coleraine is situated; the Marchioness of Headfort, whose husband is Grand S. Warden of Ireland; Lady Claud Hamilton, Lady Arthur Hill, Lady Boyd, Lady Ellis, Lady Miller, wife of Bro. Sir W. Miller, Prov. G. S.W. Londonderry and Donegal; Lady Lennox Conyngham, Mrs. Alexander, of Knockbarna, Coleraine; Mrs. Alexander, of Roe Park, Limavady; Mrs. Alexander, of Castlerock; Mrs. J. A. Lyle, Mrs. Lawlor, and others.

The Town Hall, Coleraine, having been secured, was gaily decorated and fitted, and, in fact, everything was done that was calculated to promote the success of the fête. Nor were the efforts made unavailing. It is early yet to be able to state the result financially, but as on each of the three days on which the bazaar was held the Town Hall was crowded with a succession of enthusiastic people, and as those who presided or assisted at the various stalls had the satisfaction of discovering that few, if any, of the goods or wares placed in their charge for sale remained undisposed of at closing time, we feel justified in assuming that as a financial venture, as well as spectacularly, the brilliant fête of last week in Coleraine realised in great measure the expectations of its promoters.

It is to be regretted the Prov. G. Master, the Marquis of Hamilton, was prevented by a long-standing engagement from presiding at the opening ceremony on the Tuesday, but a most capable representative was found in his Deputy, Bro. Major W. E. Scott, D.P.G.M., who was supported by the following members of Prov. G. Lodge—namely, Bros. Sir William Miller, M.B., Derry, P.G.S.W.; Dr. J. A. MacCullagh, Derry, P.G.J.W.; Dr. Walter Bernard, Derry, P.G.S.; Hugh Anderson, Coleraine, P.G.T.; John Macnie, Derry, P.G.S.; Dr. Thomas MacLaughlin, Derry, P.G.J.D.; William Stafford, Derry, P.G.J.W.; R. N. Chambers, Derry, P.G.I.G.; and Dr. Davis, Waterside, Derry, P.P.G.T.; and the following representatives of lodges—viz., Bros. J. J. Johnston, Derry, 52; Dr. Moore, Dungiven; William J. Fry, 190, Queenstown; James C. Caldwell, P.M., Coleraine; John Kennedy, P.M.; Thomas Henry, jun., M.M.; Samuel Knox, Derry; William Henry, Portrush; W. Mack, W.M.; J. R. Norris, S.W.; R. Hunter, J.W.; R. McCandless, S.D.; R. Lynn, J.D.; J. Harris, Sec.; J. Oliver, Treas.; and R. Dysart, I.G.; all of Lodge 235, Coleraine; W. Gilmour, W.M.; J. Fyvie, S.W.; C. J. Jenkins, J.W.; R. Moorhead, S.D.; F. Cohoon, J.D.; and W. Price, Sec.; of Lodge 754; Dr. Creery, Sec., and Capt. Carver, Portrush, Treas., of Lodge 127; T. S. Taylor, Sec. and P.M., and Samuel Porter, P.M., of Lodge 211, Magherafelt; W. H. Finlay, 414, and S. A. Wilson, W.M., J. S. Black, S.W.; and Daniel Fall, Sec.; of Lodge 1008, Portrush.

A procession having been formed, and the members of the Provincial Grand Lodge having taken their places on the dais, the choir sang the Masonic version of the National Anthem, after which

Bro. Major SCOTT, as the President of the day, said his first duty was to express regret at the inability of the Grand Master, the Marquis of Hamilton, to attend there, and perform the duty of opening the bazaar. He was sure no one would regret that inability more than the Marquis himself; but a long prior engagement prevented him coming amongst them.

Their presence there on that occasion as Masons was for the purpose of expressing openly and in public the very great obligation the whole of the Masonic body were under to those ladies who had given assistance to get up this bazaar, and especially to those who had undertaken the arduous and onerous duty of superintending the different stalls. Of the object of the bazaar—the building of a Masonic Hall—it was unnecessary for him to say many words, for, if Masons were to have meetings at all, they must have some hall or place of assembly. The public generally need not be afraid of anything that would take place in that building, for they had the assurance that, although Masons might have some secrets, yet much in connection with their Order was open and evident. The principles upon which the Order was founded needed no concealment. Recent events had clearly shown that the foundation of the Order was a belief in God, the Creator of the Universe, and they instructed all men to live as loyal subjects, obedient to the laws of any country in which they might be, and also to give themselves to deeds of Charity and benevolence. So that, as long as the hall might be used by Masons, they might rest assured nothing would be done in it contrary to those principles. He had then simply to declare the bazaar open. (Applause.)

Bro. Scott having been saluted, and having given the brethren permission to retain their Masonic clothing, the business part of the fête was entered upon with hearty goodwill, the ladies at the various stalls exerting themselves most earnestly to promote the success of the meeting. On Thursday, the closing day, the Hall was tremendously crowded, but good humour reigned everywhere, and, as we have said, the proceedings as a fête, if not financially, were of the most gratifying character throughout. The programme of the bazaar was a gem of its kind, and reflects great credit on its editor, Bro. W. Glover, one of the Hon. Secretaries, who was assisted in his efforts by some very praiseworthy contributions in prose and verse from the pens of several ladies and brethren, and we can only express our regret that space does not permit of our reporting some or the shorter poems.

The following is a list of the stalls, with the names of those who presided at them, viz.:

No. 1.—Flower Stall, presided over by Lady Bruce, assisted by Mrs. Bruce, Hon. Miss Somerville, and Miss Bruce, with Sir H. Bruce as Steward.

No. 2 Stall, presided over by Mrs. Woodside, assisted by Miss Gardiner, Miss Boyle, Miss MacMaster, Miss Wallace, Miss J. Moore, Miss Maude Moore, Miss P. Moore, Miss Strahan, Miss Anderson, Miss G. Martin, Miss Woodside, Miss M. Woodside, Miss Stevenson, and Miss Sloane. Here the following articles among others were balloted for: A diminutive Shetland pony, presented by Bro. H. Anderson; a hand-painted drawing-room screen, a four-fold scrap screen, and an inlaid music box, presented by Mrs. Woodside; an organette, presented by Bro. A. F. O. Beyer, Belfast. In connection with this stall was a Japanese stall with Japanese goods, in charge of Miss M. J. Woodside, Miss Gardiner, and Miss M. MacMaster.

No. 3 Stall, presided over by Mrs. Richardson Scott, assisted by the Misses Gage and Miss Harvey. At this stall were disposed of a genuine Masonic goat, presented by Bro. O. P. Macauland; a diminutive Shetland pony, the gift of Bro. Hugh Anderson; a number of Masonic aprons, far-famed rattlesnakes from Japan, &c., &c.

No. 4 Stall, presided over by Mrs. Stubbs, Mrs. Leech, and Mrs. Lawrence Cox, who were assisted by Miss Scott, Miss A. Scott (Wilsboro'), Miss Swainson, Miss Oulton, Miss H. B. Knox, Miss Crawford, Miss Davies, the Misses Garrett, Miss Johnston, Miss G. Knox, Miss Keown, and Miss G. Scott. Here were balloted for—A case of Moët and Chandon's champagne, a pair of antique brass jugs; lawn-tennis set, presented by Bro. J. G. Fyvie, &c.

Royal Blue Lodge, No. 754, Stall—presided over by Mrs. James C. Caldwell, Mrs. Fyvie, Mrs. J. Barr Hunter, Mrs. J. Barr Hunter, Mrs. Jenkins, Mrs. John Kennedy, Mrs. Mack, Mrs. John Mooney, Mrs. Price, and Mrs. Mill, assisted by Miss Bessie Caldwell, Miss Christie, Miss Deane, Miss Dunn, Miss Hanson, Miss Hunter (Portrush), Miss Lizzie Hunter, Miss Hunter, Miss Johnston, Miss Augusta Long, Miss Reynolds, Miss Mullan, and the Misses M'Cormick. The following valuable articles were balloted for: A first-class outside car, with rugs, mats, &c., presented by Bro. R. A. Taylor; a four-fold Japanese draught screen, presented by Mrs. John Kennedy; a four-fold Japanese draught screen, presented by Mrs. John Stewart; a lady's gold watch, presented by the W.M. of Lodge No. 754; &c.

The Refreshment Stall was presided over by Mrs. Taylor and Mrs. T. G. Houston, assisted by the Misses Baxter, Miss Borrowne, Mrs. Campbell, the Misses M'Cormick, the Misses Jack, Miss Ogilvy, and the Misses Smith. Here also several articles were balloted for.

PICNIC AT WEST GRINSTEAD.

By the kind invitation of Sir W. W. Burrell, Bart., M.P., Prov. Grand Master of Sussex, a pleasing gathering took place on Tuesday, the 11th inst., at his seat, West Grinstead Park, of the Provincial Grand Officers, Principals of chapters, and Worshipful Masters of lodges in the county. The weather throughout the day was charming, and enabled a large body of the Craft to embrace the pleasures of the reunion, and to share the hospitality of their esteemed host.

The company present included Bros. Col. Shadwell H. Clerke, Grand Secretary; J. Henderson Scott, P.G.D., D.P.G.M.; Lieut.-Col. C. W. Randolph, P.M. 1383, P.G.S.W.; Major G. C. D'Albiac, 1466, P.G.J.W.; Rev. E. R. Currie, 1184, Prov. G. Chap.; Rev. W. A. Tooth, 1821, Prov. G. Chap.; R. Crosskey, 311, Prov. G. Treas.; V. P. Freeman, 315, Prov. G. Sec.; F. Rossiter, 40, Prov. G.S.D.; H. A. Dowell, 1466, Prov. G.J.D.; C. W. Tomes, 1110, Prov. G.S. of W.; C. W. Hudson, 315, Prov. G.D. of C.; B. Bennett, Royal Brunswick, Prov. G.A.D. of C.; L. Lewis, 811, Prov. G.S.B.; W. S. Skindle, 851, Prov. G.S.; W. Rudge, 1619, Prov. G.S.; W. Ardley, 811, Prov. G. Org.; B. Burfield, 1821, Prov. G.A. Sec.; T. Wilkinson, 271, Prov. G. Purst.; C. Briscoe, 311, Prov. G. Purst.; F. Daniel, Royal Brunswick, Prov. G.S.; A. Long, 1726; W. R. Wood, P.G. Purst.; T. Hughes, Prov. G. Tyler; and H. Hughes, Prov. G.A. Tyler; also the following Provincial Grand Chapter Officers: Comps. W. H. Gibson, J. Farncombe, A. King, J. M. Kidd, J. H. E. Coles, and J. P. M. Smith; the following Worshipful Masters of lodges: Bros. F. Ploverman, G. E. Chapman, 311; H. Kent, 315; G. F. Shaft, 811; H. H. Jordan, 851; T. Cooper, 1110; C. H. Haine, 1141; A. M. Betchley, 1619; G. Cole, 1636; Sir F. C. Knowle, Bart., 1726; G. J. Malcolm Smith, 1797; S. B. McWhinnie, 1947; with Bros. W. Dawes, H. Abbey, P. Prov. G.D.; W. T. Nell, J. W. Stride, P.P.G.J.W.; E. Dumsday and J. Sayers.

The guests on their arrival at the house partook of light refreshments, and then proceeded to explore the beauties of the neighbourhood, or to engage in lawn tennis and other games. Meeting again at half-past three, the company sat down to an excellent banquet, presided over by Sir W. W. Burrell, Bart., M.P., Prov. G.M. The viands and wines were excellent, and with the chastely arranged tables, reflected the greatest credit upon the house cuisine, assisted and superintended by Messrs. Sayers and Marks, of Brighton.

Though no formal toast list had been prepared, Sir W. W. BURRELL submitted "The Queen," and "The Prince and the Princess of Wales, and the rest of the Royal Family," which were heartily given and cordially received.

Bro. J. HENDERSON SCOTT proposed "The Provincial Grand Master, Sir W. W. Burrell, Bart., M.P." In a few remarks he expressed the pleasure the brethren of the province felt in finding their Provincial Grand Master so much improved in health, and trusted he would be spared many years to rule over the Freemasons of Sussex.

Sir W. W. BURRELL, who, on rising to respond, was enthusiastically received, thanked the brethren for their hearty reception. Briefly touching upon the difficulties he experienced in the appointment of the officers who were annually chosen, he testified to the great assistance he received at all times from Bros. J. H. Scott and V. P. Freeman.

Before the brethren had finally separated, Bro. Lieut.-General C. W. RANDOLPH, Prov. G.S.W., pointing to the splendid masterpieces of painting which adorned the walls of the dining-hall, trusted that the brethren present would support him in his desire to see the portrait of Sir Walter himself added to the works of art—the painting to be a presentation from the brethren of the province.

The proposal received the support of Bros. W. T. NELL, W. R. WOOD, and V. P. FREEMAN, whose remarks were endorsed by the applause of the remaining brethren.

A Committee will shortly be appointed to fully consider the proposition.

The brethren left West Grinstead by the various evening trains, having thoroughly enjoyed their outing.

REPORT OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ESSEX PROVINCIAL CHARITY COMMITTEE.

At a meeting of the Committee on the 4th March, the V.W. the Deputy Prov. Grand Master in the chair, and fourteen present, it was decided to support Mrs. Allen for the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution, and Florence Ann Dunlop for the Girls' School. We are pleased to say both candidates were successful, Dunlop being No. 15 on the poll out of a list of 30 candidates, and Mrs. Allen No. 11 out of a list of 76 candidates.

Total received from the province 1341, viz., 317 Girls, 355 Boys, 320 Widows, 349 Mens.

On the 11th April we polled for Florence Ann Dunlop:

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| Sent through the post ... | 14 |
| Province pledged for ... | 129 |
| Received from province ... | 317 |
| Do. out of province ... | 78 |
| I.O.U. repaid ... | 450 |
| In exchange for 222 boys ... | 597 |

Total ... 1585

On the 15th May we polled for Mrs. Allen:

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| Brought forward ... | 800 |
| Sent through post ... | 14 |
| Received from province ... | 320 |
| Do. out of province ... | 139 |
| I.O.U. repaid ... | 223 |
| In exchange for Boys, Old Mens, and I.O.U. ... | 184 |

Total ... 1680

In thanking those who sent in their proxies we cannot but call attention to the marked improvement in the support given by the province, and would still urge that without the full and combined co-operation of all the brethren it would be almost impossible to carry a single candidate, and on the other hand with the full support of the province a candidate would be certain to be elected.

The representatives feel it would be of essential benefit that a full report of the proceedings of the Committee meetings, giving the names of those present, should be printed and circulated through the province.

In securing the election of Dunlop, it was deemed advisable to make perfectly sure to borrow 129 proxies, the soundness of which determination is borne out by the result, there being only 95 votes to spare between her case and the lowest successful one.

In Mrs. Allen's case the province is pledged to the extent of 80 proxies for next election, and 20 for the next Boys' election.

We repaid the Province of Berks and Bucks the 309 Benevolent proxies, which were polled for Bowler, without an I.O.U., at the election in 1884.

Trusting our endeavours will meet with the approval of the Committee,

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| H. E. DEHANE, P.M. 154, P.P.G.S.D.; | } Elected Representatives. |
| C. SHEDD, P.M. 276 and 1543; | |
| F. WOOD, P.M. 1000, P.P.G.S.W.; | |
| R. CLOWES, P.M. 650, P.G.S.W. | |

THE RECENT GRAND MARK LODGE MEETING IN LIVERPOOL.

Bro. William Brackenbury, W.M. of the West Lancashire Lodge of Mark Master Masons, under whose banner the Grand Mark Lodge was recently held at the Adelphi Hotel, Liverpool, has received a communication from Bro. F. Binckes, the Grand Secretary, heartily thanking him on behalf of the Grand Lodge for all his attention and courtesy, the exercise of which rendered the visit to Liverpool exceedingly agreeable. The thanks of the lodge were due to all who did what they could to promote the visitors' enjoyment, and he trusted that the visit of the Grand Lodge to Liverpool might lead to the advantage of the Order. Bro. Brackenbury also read the following communication from the Secretary of the Provincial Grand Mark Lodge of Lancashire, which also held a meeting on the date of the Grand Lodge:—"Manchester, 21st July, 1885.—Dear Bro. Brackenbury, W.M. 65,—I am commanded by the Worshipful G.M., Colonel Le Gendre N. Starkie, to convey to you and the Liverpool brethren his best thanks for the hearty reception accorded to him, and also for the excellent arrangements made for holding of the Grand Moveable Mark Lodge and Provincial Grand Lodge. He also desires me to express his regret at being unable to stay and participate in the hospitalities accorded to the brethren on Thursday. I cannot close this letter without asking you in my own name to accept my best thanks for the kindness shown to me on this occasion. The two days will long be remembered by me as two of the most enjoyable days I ever spent in Masonry.—Believe me always, yours truly and fraternally, John Chadwick, P.G.S."

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SATURDAY, AUG. 22, 1885.

Original Correspondence.

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

A CORRECTION.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,

In a report of a meeting at Bermuda published in your last number I notice that Bro. Sir Major Campbell stated that the St. John Ambulance Association and the British Ophthalmic Hospital in Jerusalem are the offspring of Freemasonry. I beg you will allow me to correct this assertion, and to inform your readers that both these institutions were established by the Chapter of the Order of St. John of Jerusalem. This body, although not Masonic, contains, I am glad to say, several good Masons in its ranks.—Your obedient servant,

A FREEMASON.

August 17th.

MASONIC BENEFIT SOCIETY.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,

Can you, or any of your readers, afford any information in respect of a "Masonic Benefit Society," which was in operation in 1802, "under the patronage of H.R.H. George Prince of Wales, G.M.," and of which the Earl of Moira was "Chairman of Committee," and W. Harman, "Actuary?" Until an engraved Certificate of Registration, "Thomas Malton, fecit" came into my hands a day or two since I had never heard of any association of Freemasonry with a benefit society, but there can be no doubt that such had existence in the early part of this century. The certificate names a brother whose certificate of M.M. is made out on an engraved parchment, headed "Masonry Universal, sanctioned by Parliament 1799." It bears date 5th December, 1800, and is issued by the W.M. and Wardens and Secretary of "Jacob's Lodge, 570, held at the Royal Oak Inn, Ramsgate, in Kent." Probably our esteemed Bro. Hughan may be able to tell something about both the above-named documents which, to my mind, must have some amount of interest attached to them.—Yours fraternally,

JAMES STEVENS, P.M., P.Z.

ST. JOHN'S FESTIVAL.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,

In reply to Bro. C. Kupferschmidt's (I.P.M. 238) letter, I beg to tender the following information, which, although to some brethren it may offer nothing afresh, to others may be of interest. But I must first call Bro. Kupferschmidt's attention to this fact, that, though the greatest number of German and French lodges hold their anniversary festival on the 24th of June—St. John the Baptist's Festival—there are some German and French lodges that hold their anniversary on St. John the Evangelist's Festival Day, the 27th of December. How the change came about, and when the strict observance of the St. John's Day ceased, Bro. Kupferschmidt, and those of your readers who are interested in the subject, will glean from the following paragraphs, for which I crave your indulgence:—

That system of Masonry, practised generally on the Continent, particularly in Germany and in the United States, is called Johannite Masonry, and contains the dedication of all symbolic lodges to St. John the Baptist and St. John the Evangelist, and therefore would naturally in its calendar point out St. John's Day, 24th June or 27th December, as its chief festival. Bro. Kupferschmidt will be aware that lodges, however, in different countries are differently dedicated. Anciently they were dedicated to King Solomon, as the founder of ancient Craft Masonry, and the first Most Excellent Grand Master. Christian lodges, as a rule, are dedicated to the above-named saints, and in every well regulated lodge there is exhibited a certain point within a circle, bordered by two perpendicular lines, called the "lines parallel," which represent these two saints. Therefore, the two anniversaries of Symbolic Masonry really are the festivals of St. John the Baptist and St. John the Evangelist, 24th of June and 27th of December.

In England the 24th of June (St. John's the Baptist festival) is still in many lodges observed as the day in the calendar. In those English lodges which have adopted the Union system of work the dedication is to "God and his service," and the lines parallel represent Moses and Solomon. This change was adopted by the Grand Lodge of England in 1813, to obviate the charge of sectarianism. From that time St. John the Baptist's Day has ceased to be strictly observed amongst English Masons. I have, however, to remark that by this change we by no means render ourselves amenable to the dedication to the above saints, since it is made to them, not as Christians, but as eminent Masons; not as saints, but as pious and good men; not as teachers of a religious sect, but as bright exemplars of all those virtues which Masons are taught to reverence and practise.

With respect to the original cause of this dedication, the English lodges have preserved a tradition, which, as a matter of curiosity, may find here a place.

From the building of the first temple at Jerusalem to the Babylonish captivity, Freemasons' lodges were dedicated to King Solomon; from thence to the coming of the Messiah they were dedicated to Zerubbabel, the builder of the second temple; and from that time to the final destruction of the temple by Titus, in the reign of Vespasian, they were dedicated to St. John the Baptist; but, owing to the many massacres and disorders which attended that memorable event, Freemasonry sunk very much into decay; many lodges were entirely broken up, and few could meet in sufficient numbers to constitute their legality; and at a general meeting of the Craft held in the city of Benjamin it was observed that the principal reason for the decline of Masonry was the want of a Grand Master to patronise it; they therefore deputed seven of their most eminent members to wait upon St. John the Evangelist, who was at that time Bishop of Ephesus, requesting him to take the office

of Grand Master. He returned for answer that, though well-stricken in years (being upwards of 90), yet having been in the early part of his life initiated into Masonry, he would take upon himself that office. He thereby completed by his learning what the other St. John (Baptist) had completed by his zeal, and thus drew what Freemasons term a line parallel, ever since which Freemasons' lodges in all Christian countries have been dedicated both to St. John the Baptist and St. John the Evangelist, and hold their anniversary on, or near, the festival days of either one or the other of these saints.

But the task is not difficult to trace more philosophically, and, I believe, more correctly, the real origin of this custom. In the spurious Masonry, so well known as the mysteries of the Pagan nations, we may find the most plausible reasons for the celebration of our festivals in June and December, and for the dedication of our lodges to St. John the Baptist and St. John the Evangelist.

The post-diluvians, according to the testimony of the Jewish writer, Maimonides, the Magians of Persia, until their ritual was improved and purified by Zoroaster, and most probably the ancient Druids, introduced into their rites a great respect for, and even an adoration of, the sun, as the source of light, and life, and fruition, and the visible representative of the invisible creative and preservative principle of nature. To such sects the period when the sun reached his greatest northern and southern declination, by entering the zodiacal signs, Cancer and Capricorn, marked, as it would be, by the most evident effects on the seasons, and on the length of the days and nights, could not have passed unobserved; but, on the contrary, must have occupied a distinguished place in their ritual. Now, these important days fall respectively on the 21st of June and the 22nd of December.

In the spurious Masonry of the Ancients these days were, doubtless, celebrated as returning eras in the existence of the great source of light, and object of their worship. Our ancient brethren adopted the custom, abandoning, however, in deference to their own purer doctrines, the idolatrous principles which were connected with these dates, and confining their celebration exclusively to their astronomical importance. But time passed on. Christianity came to mingle its rays with the light of Masonry, and our Christian ancestors, finding that the Church had appropriated two days near these solstitial periods to the memory of two eminent saints, it was easy to incorporate these festivals, by the lapse of a few days, into the Masonic calendar, and to adopt these worthies as patrons of our Order. To this change the earlier Christian Masons were doubtless the more persuaded by the peculiar character of these saints. St. John the Baptist, by announcing the approach of Christ, and by the mystification to which he subjected his proselytes, and which was afterwards adopted in the ceremony of initiation into Christianity, might well be considered as the Grand Hierophant of the Church, while the mysterious and emblematic nature of the Apocalypse assimilated the mode of teaching adopted by St. John the Evangelist to that practised by the Fraternity.

It is thus that I trace the present system of dedication through these saints, to the heliacal worship of the Ancients. To return to the question. I have the bye-laws of the lodges of Jersey, Guernsey, Alderney, and of other districts before me, and in all of them the following rule or law is to be found, either that the annual banquet take place on or near St. John the Baptist's Day, or on the night previous to the 27th December, being the anniversary of St. John the Evangelist. I do not think that the union of the Grand Lodges of "Moderns" and "Ancients," in the year 1813, when the change took place, and the annual festival of the Grand Lodge of England, was fixed to fall on the Wednesday following St. George's Day, April 23, that saint being the Patron of England, or the change of the parallel lines, has materially affected the keeping of the festival of either St. Johns in our lodges. In Germany and elsewhere lodges are more distant the one from the other, and generally only one in a town, than what they are in England. In St. Helier's, Jersey, for instance, there are seven Craft lodges, and if they were all to have their anniversary, or only four of them, on either St. John's day, neither festival would be carried with the same success as now that some meet near or on St. John the Baptist's Day, and others on or near St. John the Evangelist's Day, and so with the rest of English towns whose lodges are numerous, or where there are more than one or two.

The following may be useful, instructive, and interesting to most readers of the *Freemason*. The Wednesday following April 23, St. George's Day, however, is, correctly speaking, the annual Festival day of English Freemasons, because that saint being the Patron of England, and the said day being the annual festival of the Grand Lodge, has been so kept ever since the day of the Union, in 1813.

For a similar reason, St. Andrew's Day, November 30, is kept by the Grand Lodge of Scotland and most lodges under its jurisdiction. The change took place in the year 1518, on the 21st September, at Lodge O, Antient or Mother Lodge of Kilwinning, Edinburgh. The priories, acting under the Chapter General of the Religious and Military Order of the Temple of Scotland, have their anniversary on the 11th March, the immolation of Jacques de Molay's anniversary day. The anniversary of the Princes of Rose Croix is Shrove Tuesday. In the Scotch Rite the anniversary is on the 17th of September, that being the date of dedicating King Solomon's Temple to Jehovah. The anniversary of the Druids is the 1st of May, the sun entering into Taurus. The anniversary of Eclectic Masonry (Frankfort) is the 3rd August; whether a Sunday or other day it matters not, the day is strictly observed. The Elect of Perpignan's anniversary falls on 10th Tam-mouz—9th July. The Elected Knights of Nine, Ninth Degree in the Ancient Scottish Rite, and the Illustrious Elected of Fifteen celebrate their anniversary on the 19th July.

The lodges of Canada, over 400 in number, hold their anniversary either on the 24th June or on the 27th December. The lodges of Ireland, the lodges under the Grand Lodge of Hamburg, the lodges of Sweden and Norway, Denmark, Belgium, most lodges in France, Spain, and Portugal, celebrate the St. John's Festival on 24th June. The Greek lodges celebrate the Festival of the Order on the 22nd July, in commemoration of the election of H.I.H. the Prince Rhodocanakis, as the first Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Freemasons in Greece.—I am, dear Sir and Brother, yours fraternally,

LOUIS HESPIRADOUX, P.M. 244.

St. Aubin's, Jersey, 17th August.



Craft Masonry.

JOHN HERVEY LODGE (No. 1260).—On Wednesday, the 12th inst., this lodge met at Freemasons' Hall for the transaction of business set forth on the agenda, and after labour an adjournment took place, but not to the usual place, for refreshment; the adjournment being until the following day, which was the date fixed for the annual summer excursion. On the morning of the 13th inst. a goodly number of the brethren, with several visitors, met at Paddington, whence they were conveyed in a comfortable saloon carriage to Taplow Station by the Great Western Railway. Here vehicles were in readiness to transport them to the Ray Mead Hotel, Maidenhead, where they had a hearty greeting from Bro. Deacon, whose attention to the party was such as to call forth well-deserved praise. After a frugal luncheon—but not meagre—all went on board a steam launch, which swiftly bore the visitors to the most beautiful reach of the Thames, viz., that part about and just above Marlow. The feasting of the eye did not, however, satisfy the natural cravings of the inner man, and so when Ray Mead was again sighted, no one was disinclined to obey the summons to the banquet in readiness. The "good creatures" were enjoyed to the full, and under the genial presidency of Bro. Gifford T. Salmon, W.M., all passed off most pleasantly. Bro. Deacon fully maintained the reputation which he has gained for doing all things well, and the festival was a complete success. To the great regret of all, Bro. Dr. Hogg, Treasurer of the lodge, was not able to be present.

The arrangements for the day were admirably planned by the W.M., Bro. Baker, S.W. (who was a host in himself), and the worthy Secretary, Bro. Latreille, P.M. Bro. Potter, who is as efficient an Organist, in the estimation of the John Hervey Lodge, as he is a journalist, in the opinion of thousands in a Northern suburb of the Metropolis, adds to his many gifts that of taking "sun pictures." Having grouped—some might say "squared"—the company, he "took" them, and has kindly promised to send each a copy as a souvenir of a happy day.

LANCASTER.—Lodge of Fortitude (No. 281).—The monthly meeting of this lodge was held on the 12th inst., in the Masonic Hall, Church-street. Bro. Richard Stanton, W.M., occupying the chair of K.S., the other officers present were Bros. Bayley, I.P.M.; A. McRaith, S.W.; R. Nicholson, J.W.; B. Gregson, P.M., acting S.D.; J. Heald, J.D.; J. Relph, as I.G.; and A. K. Allinson, Tyler. There was a good attendance of Past Masters, and amongst the visitors present were Bros. Goodacre, P.M. 155, 1588, 1730, Prov. G. Sec. West Lanc.; R. Gregson, P.M. 51; and W. Johnson, S.W. 104.

The lodge having been opened with the usual formalities, the ballot was taken for Mr. Thomas Gilchrist, and proving unanimous, he was initiated into the mysteries of Masonry by the W.M., the working being carefully gone through by all the officers who took part therein. During the evening Bro. Goodacre, who has recently been appointed to the office of Prov. G. Sec. of West Lanc., expressed his pleasure at being present for the first time in his official capacity at the lodge meeting, and congratulated the lodge and the officers on the working of the initiation ceremony. Other business having been transacted, and a candidate proposed for initiation, the lodge was closed according to ancient custom.

GOOLE.—Aire and Calder Lodge (No. 458).—At the regular meeting of this lodge, held at the Masonic Hall, Boothferry-road, on the 13th inst., the following address, which had been previously unanimously adopted by the brethren, was presented by the W.M., Bro. William Brook, to Bro. the Rev. C. E. Storrs, vicar of Snaith, there being on the occasion a large muster of brethren, including visitors from other lodges:—"Aire and Calder Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons, No. 458. To the Rev. C. E. Storrs, vicar of Snaith and Rural Dean; Chaplain of St. Oswald's Lodge, No. 910. Rev. Sir and Brother,—We, the Master, Wardens, and brethren of the Aire and Calder Lodge of Freemasons, No. 458, are desirous of expressing to you a heartfelt and fraternal farewell on your leaving the vicarage of Snaith for the living of Bedminster; and of wishing you and your family a happy and prosperous future; assuring you it is with very great regret that we have heard of your intended departure from this neighbourhood. The indefatigable manner in which you have worked for the church, and in the service of the Great Architect of the Universe, has won for you the respect and admiration of all with whom you have come in contact; and we trust that the many good works that you have begun and carried on may be continued by your successor, and be a help and blessing to the people of Snaith. That He, in whose service and for whose glory you have laboured, may abundantly bless you in your new sphere of life is the fervent prayer of the brethren of this lodge. Signed on behalf of the lodge: Bros. William Brook, W.M.; W. Everatt, S.W.; E. J. Foster, J.W.; R. Dayson, Secretary. Goole, 10th July, 1885." Bro. Storrs replied in an excellent speech, in the course of which he referred to the pleasant associations he had had with the Aire and Calder Lodge, and the brethren connected with it.

HUDDERSFIELD.—Lodge of Truth (No. 521).—The regular meeting of this flourishing lodge was held on Friday, the 7th inst., at Freemasons' Hall, Fitzwilliam-street, at 6 o'clock prompt, by the W.M., Bro. Jno. W. Turner, and the following brethren: Bros. A. Armitage, S.W.; A. Graham, J.W.; James Brierley, Treas.; J. E. Cooper, Sec.; J. Eccles, S.D.; J. H. Sterry, J.D.; H. Wood, I.G.; Geo. Jackson, A.D.C.; J. B. Matthewman, P.M.; H. Shaw, P.M.; Jos. Varley, P.M.; Jos. Graham, P.M.; Allen Jackson, P.M., P.P.G.D.; George Marshall, P.M.; E. A. Beaumont, S. Crossley, F. S. Wilkinson, G. Banks, J. Kendrew, Joe Lancaster, Herman Field, Jno. Dawson, T. Harrison, W. E. Jowett, J. F. Sheard, W. Wood, G. Moxon, J. Swallow, S. Butterworth, and the following visitors: Bros. Jonas Craven, P.M., P.P.G.J.W.; C. H. Riley, 1783; Jno. Shoemith, P.M. 1783; P. J. Hartley, 204; and John Snowball, 1418.

The minutes of the previous meeting having been read

and confirmed, the ballot was taken for Mr. Thomas Johnson, and being favourable, he was initiated into the mysteries by Bro. Joseph Varley, P.M., Bro. A. Graham, J.W., presenting and explaining the working tools. The lodge was opened in the Second Degree; Bros. Wilkinson and Lancaster answered the test questions and retired. On being readmitted they were raised by Bro. Allen Jackson, P.M., and the W.M.; Bro. George Marshall, P.M., delivered the traditional history and presented and explained the working tools. The lodge was closed in the Third and Second Degrees. The W.M., in accordance with a resolution unanimously passed, instructed the Secretary to write a letter of condolence to the widow of Bro. H. W. Wrigley on the great loss she had sustained by the death of her husband.

"Hearty good wishes" having been given by the visitors the lodge was closed, after which the brethren partook of an excellent supper provided by the purveyors.

ERITH.—St. John and St. Paul Lodge (No. 615).—The installation meeting of the above lodge took place on Wednesday, the 12th inst., at the Town Hall, and was remarkable for the number of visitors present, many of whom have made themselves famous in the Craft, not only for good earnest work, but in the cause of Charity; of these we especially allude to Bros. F. Binckes, Secretary to the Boys' School; C. Hogard, P.M. 205, P.P.G.S.W. Essex; J. Tickle, P.M. 1702, P.P.G.R. Middx.; E. West, P.M. 1072, P.P.G.S.D. Herts; G. Graham, P.M. 1851, P.G. Org. Surrey; Dr. Flaxman Spurrell, P.M., P.P.G. J.W. Kent; T. D. Hayes, P.M. 915; G. Spinks, P.M. 1536, P.G.S.B. Kent; H. Mason, P.M. 913; and the W.M., Bro. J. Aillud, all of whom wore the emblems of good labour done for the Masonic Charities and the Craft generally.

Bro. Aillud opened the lodge, and in due course Bro. G. W. Mitchell, J.W., W.M. elect, was presented to him to receive at his hands the benefit of installation, and that brother having been installed, was saluted in due form. He appointed his officers as follows: Bros. R. W. Bilby, S.W.; W. L. Doddrell, J.W.; R. Stone, P.M., P.P.G.D. Kent, Treas. (by proxy); J. Aillud, P.M., Sec.; S. E. Waldegrave, S.D.; C. H. Barham, J.D.; C. Watkins, I.G.; G. Churchley, P.M., W. Stwd.; and Martin, Tyler. The Installing Officer then gave the charges most impressively, and the ceremony was concluded. A vote of thanks was accorded Bro. Aillud, to be inscribed on the minutes of the lodge, and he was also presented with a handsome Past Master's jewel of the value of ten guineas, for both of which he returned thanks. Bro. Mitchell was appointed to represent the lodge on the Provincial Charity Committee, and then, after "Hearty good wishes," the lodge was closed and the brethren adjourned to the Prince of Wales Hotel, Erith Avenue, where a banquet awaited them.

The toast of "The Queen and Craft Masonry" was the first toast, and was followed by that of "H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, M.W.G.M." In giving these toasts the W.M. alluded, in eloquent terms, to the long and glorious reign of her Majesty, and to the unquenchable zeal of our Grand Master for the welfare of the Craft, and we need hardly say that the toasts were drunk heartily.

The toast of "The Earl of Carnarvon, Pro Grand Master of England, and the rest of the Grand Officers, Present and Past," was coupled with the name of Bro. Binckes, who, in the course of a vigorous response, disclaimed any pretention to the rank of a Grand Officer, as a Steward of Grand Lodge was only in office for one year, and held no rank or privilege after that year; although Bro. McIntyre, their late esteemed Grand Registrar, once told him that in the absence of any other Grand Officer, a Grand or Past Grand Steward might respond for the Grand Officers; he, therefore, heartily thanked them for the cordiality with which they had received the toast, and assured them that he felt it a great honour to have his name attached to it. With reference to Lord Carnarvon and the rest of the Grand Officers, he did not know whether Masonry was the nursery of Statesmanship, but certainly if they looked to the number of Masons holding positions in the Cabinet, and in fact on both sides of the House, they must come to the conclusion that it was at least a matter for speculation. Masonry inculcated loyalty, and loyalty was the first attribute of Statesmanship. The great Duke of Wellington said years ago that the only way to govern was by sacrificing individual interests to the general interest and welfare of the State, and that was what their Masonic brethren were doing, whether in or out of office; of which fact Lords Carnarvon and Skelmersdale, and a host of other good and true Masons, were brilliant examples. As to whether grand honour was within the reach of them all, he could not say, but there was a French proverb which said "Everything comes to him who waits." He did not know whether they could wait long enough, but this he did know, that even if they abided as "hewers of wood and drawers of water" to the end, they would have done something for the good of Freemasonry, and as their grand ritual told them that "some must rule and govern while others must learn to submit and obey," so they, by submitting and obeying were teaching a great and grand lesson that would bear fruit in good season. He again thanked them for the toast, and resumed his seat amid great cheering.

"The Health of Lord Holmesdale, Prov. G.M. of Kent," having been drunk with enthusiasm, that of "Bro. Eastes, D.P.G.M., and the rest of the Prov. Grand Officers, Present and Past" was given, and, in response,

Bro. Spinks said it was a great honour to be a P.G. Officer of such a province as that of Kent, with its 52 lodges, and under such a Grand Master as Lord Holmesdale. He had been a Mason for 27 years, and had, during that time, visited lodges not only throughout most of the garrison towns of England, but also in Malta, Gibraltar, Natal, and other places, and had always found friends in Masonry, and could assure any brother who might travel abroad, that they would find an amount of fraternal love and good feeling that would surprise them.

Bro. Spurrell also briefly responded.

The I.P.M. then proposed "The Health of the W.M.," and in so doing spoke of their early intimacy at school, and of the pleasure he had in introducing Bro. Mitchell into the lodge, the crowning of which was the installing him into the chair that day. The lodge had been under a cloud for some time, but brighter days were in store, and he could see a way to steer the good old ship out of the troubled waters. They had that day put a good pilot to the helm, and by fair sailing they would soon reach harbour. He asked them to drink the toast in bumpers.

Bro. Mitchell, who was received with cheers, said he

thanked them very heartily for their kind and generous reception of the toast. At present he had not done anything to deserve it, but trusted that under his care the lodge would prosper, and that when they met again that day twelve months, they would hear a better report than they had heard that day. Nothing should be wanting on his part; nothing should be relaxed; and he asked them all to put their shoulders to the wheel, and then success was assured. He heartily thanked them for the toast.

Bro. Tickle responded for "The Visitors," and, although not a young Mason, that was the first time he had ever visited a Kent lodge. From what he had seen that day he felt sure that the Kent lodges held their own in Masonry. He trusted that the day of the lodge's tribulation was past, and that a brighter future was in store for it. He was proud to see his old friend, Bro. Bilby, among the officers, and in a good position. He then spoke of other matters connected with the election of Provincial Grand Treasurers, and concluded by cordially thanking the lodge for its reception of him and the visitors generally.

Bro. Hayes and Crompton also returned thanks; and after the toasts of "The Installing Officer," "The Past Masters," "The Treasurer and Secretary," "The Senior and Junior Wardens," "The Officers," and the Tyler's toast had been drunk, the proceedings closed.

Bro. Graham presided at the piano, and delighted everyone by his rendering of some good songs, and especially by his "whistling obligato."

The others present were Bros. E. Palmer, W.M. 912; W. Moulds, W.M. 1536; J. Pinch, P.M. 1702; H. Stephens, P.M. 752; H. De Gray, 13; J. J. Gould, J.W. 1685; H. F. Huddleston, 1744; G. Tedder, 11; G. Crampton, 861; W. Harris, 913; A. D. Capon, 913; T. Corder, 913; F. Hambrook, 913; and C. Jolly, 913 (*Freemason*).

SIDCUP.—Sydney Lodge (No. 829).—The first meeting of the above lodge after the installation of Bro. James Etheridge as W.M. took place on Tuesday, the 11th inst., at the Black Horse Hotel, and was a most pleasant and enjoyable affair. The W.M. was present, and was assisted by the following brethren: Bros. A. R. Britten, I.P.M.; S. Gore, P.M.; R. J. Hanson, P.M.; J. Parsons, P.M., P.P.G.O. Kent; J. Coombes, P.M.; H. Greener, S.W.; J. Seaton, J.W.; T. Hastings, P.M., P.P.G.P. Kent, Treas.; W. Moulder, P.M., Sec.; A. Smith, I.G.; H. Martin, D.C.; A. Sharpe, G. Kenneday, G. Gregory, S. D. McClellan, W. Etheridge, J. Swanson, G. Kent, W. Myson, and T. Knight, all of the lodge; J. Pakes, P.M. 870; and C. Jolly, 913 (*Freemason*).

The lodge having been opened, and the minutes confirmed, a brother was passed, and Mr. Emms, an approved candidate, was initiated, both ceremonies being performed by the W.M. in good style.

After enjoying a well-served banquet, the usual loyal and Craft toasts were given, and that of "Lord Holmesdale, G.M. Kent," was received and drunk as it deserved.

To the toast of "Bro. Eastes, and the rest of the Prov. Grand Officers, Present and Past," Bros. Parsons and Hastings responded, the latter saying he had known Bro. Eastes, and sat under the banner of Lord Holmesdale for many years, and a more perfect gentleman he never knew. Bro. Eastes was a grand Mason; his whole heart and soul was in the work. He (Bro. Hastings) could safely say that he had never been at Prov. Grand Lodge without seeing Bro. Eastes there. So far as the Sydney Lodge was concerned, they had not been forgotten in the allotment of the purple, and although they had never had the pleasure of seeing Bro. Eastes at the lodge, yet they trusted to have that pleasure at the next installation. He cordially thanked them for the toast.

The Worshipful Master, in response to the toast of his health, expressed the pleasure it gave him to preside over the lodge. It was a position he had worked hard for, and now that he had achieved it, meant to hold it pure and unsullied. He asked the officers to help him make his year of office one of the most successful in the history of the lodge. He cordially thanked them for their expression of goodwill, and would ever try to be worthy of their continued esteem and confidence.

Several other toasts followed, and a most agreeable evening was spent in harmony.

LIVERPOOL.—Duke of Edinburgh Lodge (No. 1182).—The annual celebration of the festival of St. John by the members of this lodge took place on August 13th, at the Masonic Hall, Hope-street, when there was a large and influential attendance. Bro. J. H. Tyson, the retiring W.M., presided at the opening of the lodge, and amongst those present were Bros. John P. Rea, I.P.M.; Thomas O. Dutton, P.M.; John Williams, P.M.; Thomas Davies, P.P.G.P., P.M.; R. Martin, P.G. Treas., P.M.; Thomas Wright, S.W., W.M. elect; George B. Kirkland, J.W.; A. D. Hesketh, P.M., Treas.; J. Pittaway, Sec.; J. B. Galloway, S.D.; J. Edwards, J.D.; E. Paull, P.G.S.; W. Rawthorne, I.G.; A. Barclay, P.M.; D. C. W. Hudson, Org.; A. Morris, Stwd.; and Peter Ball, Tyler. The visitors present included Bros. W. Goodacre, P.G. Sec.; J. B. McKenzie, P.P.G.S.D.; Richard Washington, P.P.G.S.D.; J. T. Callow, P.P.G. Treas.; T. Buxton, P.P.G.S.D.; R. Foote, P.M. 1505, P.P.G.S.; H. M. Molyneux, P.M. 155; J. Devaynes, P.M. 667; S. W. H. Halse, I.P.M. 673; J. C. Robinson, P.M. 249; J. Brotherton, I.P.M. 241; A. Woolrich, P.M. 1356; J. Ashley, I.P.M. 1356; W. H. Veevers, I.P.M. 594; J. Hughes, I.P.M. 1675; H. H. Hughes, Sec. 1356; J. Rawthorne, Treas. 1325; James Lees, S.W. 667; James Bailey, W.M. 667; W. Lewis, 2042; J. Busfield, 2042; Thomas J. Jarman, S.D. 1325; D. Cumming, 1609; J. Shield, J.W. 1086; John Lees, W.M. 1356; D. W. Caughley, I.P.M. 249; J. M. King, I.P.M. 823; J. B. Parker, S.D. 673; C. Robeson, S.W. 673; J. H. W. Walker, W.M. 1675; R. G. Bradley, W.M. 249; H. J. Nicholls, S.D. 2042; and others.

At the close of the ordinary business, the W.M. elect, Bro. Thomas Wright, was presented for installation by Bros. R. Martin, P.G. Treas., and A. Barclay, P.M., after which Bro. Wright was duly installed as W.M. of the lodge. The introductory portion of the ceremony was performed by the retiring W.M., Bro. J. H. Tyson, and the subsequent part by Bro. A. D. Hesketh, P.M., the work being performed in a most efficient manner. At the conclusion of the ceremony, the newly-installed W.M. invested his officers as follows: Bros. J. H. Tyson, I.P.M.; G. B. Kirkland, S.W.; J. Pittaway, J.W.; A. D. Hesketh, P.M., Treas.; J. B. Galloway, Sec.; W. Hudson,

Org.; J. Edwards, S.D.; W. Rawsthorne, J.D.; A. Morris, I.G.; J. Donald, S.S.; T. Williams, J.S.; A. Barclay, P.M., D.C.; and Peter Ball, Tyler.

Subsequently the brethren, to the number of about 80, sat down to an excellent dinner, provided by Bro. J. Casey, the House Steward, whose catering gave complete satisfaction. The usual loyal and Masonic toasts were proposed and cordially responded to, the proceedings being most agreeably enlivened by a well-selected musical programme, provided by Bros. J. Busfield, W. Lewis, Davies, E. Edwards, H. J. Nicholls, and Stott, under the direction of Bro. Hudson, the Organist of the lodge.

In the course of the evening, a handsome P.M.'s jewel of chaste design was presented to Bro. Tyson as a mark of the esteem in which he is held by the brethren of the lodge, and in recognition of his valuable services to the lodge during the past year. A vote of thanks, to be recorded in the minutes, was unanimously passed to Bro. A. D. Hesketh, P.M., for the admirable way in which he had conducted the ceremony of installation.

FELTHAM.—Lebanon Lodge (No. 1326).—The 110th meeting of this prosperous and well-established lodge was held at the Railway Hotel on Saturday, the 15th inst. Important and very pressing business having detained the W.M., Bro. Fletcher Knight, in town until the closing of the lodge, Bro. J. J. Marsh, P.P.G.S.B. Middx., and I.P.M., opened the lodge. There were but few present. Bro. Marsh was supported by Bros. W. R. Vassila, S.W.; J. Laurance, J.W.; F. Walters, P.P.G.D. Middx., P.M., Sec.; E. A. Smith, S.D.; C. W. Baker, J.D.; W. H. Walters, as I.G.; J. A. Wilson, C.S.; R. J. Morley, W.S.; H. Forss, W.M. 917; and others. Only two visitors were present—Bros. F. I. Keeble, I.P.M. 1446, and C. J. Fox, I.G. 1743.

The minutes were read and unanimously confirmed. The work, which was done in an able manner, consisted of raising separately Bros. H. Lee, A. J. Drysdale, and P. Lodge, and passing Bro. J. R. Cox. The work occupied some hours, but all present well appreciated the solemn, impressive, and painstaking manner Bro. Marsh rendered all the ceremonies. Some alterations were made in the bye-laws, and a suit of provincial clothing was unanimously voted to Bro. E. Gilbert, P.G.A.P. Middx., P.M., Treas., from the lodge funds. Propositions were given in for joining and initiation. The usual good banquet followed, presided over by the courteous W.M., and a very happy and jovial evening was spent.

YORK.—Eboracum Lodge (No. 1611).—On Monday, the 10th inst., there was a meeting of this lodge at the Masonic Hall, St. Saviourgate. Bro. J. Blenkin, I.P.M., was in the chair, and there were also present Bros. T. B. Whythead, P.M.; G. Balford, P.M., Treas.; W. Brown, J.W.; Jas. Kay, Sec.; J. E. Wilkinson, J. D. Irving, W. Stephenson, Pearson, Tuff, Stubbs, Major McGachen, P.M. 1991; and W. C. Forster, 24.

A successful ballot was taken for a candidate, after which Bro. William Routledge was passed to the Second Degree.

The chair was afterwards taken by Bro. T. B. Whythead, and Bro. J. W. Blenkin was raised to the Third Degree. The lodge being resumed in the First Degree, Bro. Whythead, in the name of the Ebor Lodge, of St. Lawrence, and in the absence of its W.M. (Bro. W. B. Dyson), presented to the lodge a dinner service for use on ordinary occasions of suppers. Bro. W. Stephenson presented a massive mahogany vase, beautifully carved with the name of the lodge, for the purpose of a tobacco jar for the smoke-room. Bro. Whythead presented some books to the library, and a gas cooking-stove for the Tyler's cottage, as well as a copy of Dr. Morris's Masonic Poems, on behalf of the Ancient Ebor Preceptory of Knights Templar. Bro. Starkey presented additional articles of furniture for the smoke-room. The lodge passed votes of thanks for all these valuable gifts, and then, on the motion of Bro. Blenkin, P.M., seconded by Bro. J. T. Seller, P.M., a resolution was passed congratulating Bro. the Earl of Zetland, Prov. G. Master, upon his providential escape from injury on the previous Saturday, when the driver of his carriage was killed.

Bro. Whythead gave notice that at the next meeting application would be made to the lodge for permission to open a Lodge of Instruction on the premises, and the lodge was closed with "Hearty good wishes."

RUGELEY.—St. Augustine's Lodge (No. 1941).—The monthly meeting of the members of this lodge was held on Tuesday evening, the 18th inst., at the Shrewsbury Arms Hotel. Bro. George Buttery, W.M., presided. Bro. Charles Gee, the Hon. Secretary, presented the minutes of the previous meeting, which were read and confirmed. Bro. Richard Pipe was raised to the Degree of F.C. After the transaction of some general business the lodge was closed, and the brethren adjourned for supper, which was served up in an excellent manner in an adjoining room. Several Masonic toasts were proposed and responded to.

INSTRUCTION.

HYDE PARK LODGE (No. 1425).—A meeting was held on Monday, the 17th inst., at the Fountains Abbey Hotel, 111, Praed-street, Paddington. Present: Bros. D. Stroud, W.M.; J. Crutenden, S.W.; C. S. Mote, J.W.; G. Read, P.M., Treas.; H. Delane, P.M., Sec.; W. J. Mason, S.D.; E. C. Mulvey, J.D.; C. J. Morse, I.G.; P. W. Rogers, Stwd.; Captain A. Nicols, P.M. 1974; F. Chandler, and H. Dobbin.

The lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes were read and confirmed. After the usual preliminaries, the ceremony of raising was rehearsed, Bro. Mulvey candidate. The lodge was closed in the Third Degree, and the 1st Section of the lecture was worked by Bro. Read, assisted by the brethren. Lodge closed in the Second Degree. Bro. Crutenden was elected W.M. for next lodge meeting, who appointed his officers in rotation. Bros. H. H. Tatham and H. Longhurst, both founders of the Hyde Park Lodge—the latter was its first W.M.—by a melancholy accident, Bro. Tatham lost his wife, daughter of Bro. Longhurst, by drowning in sight of two other sisters at Ilfracombe last week. The brethren passed a sincere vote of sympathy and condolence with both brothers and their families. Bro. Crutenden, a cousin, thanked the brethren for their sympathy with himself. Lodge was closed.

COVENT GARDEN LODGE (No. 1614).—The usual weekly meeting of this lodge of instruction was held at the Bedford Head Hotel, Maiden-lane, Covent-Garden, W.C., on the 13th inst., when there were present Bros. E. J. D. Bromley, W.M.; E. C. Mulvey, S.W.; D. Stroud, J.W.; C. Ralph, S.D.; A. Clark, J.D.; F. C. Hatfield, I.G.; W. C. Smith, Preceptor; G. Reynolds, Secretary and Treasurer; C. W. Smith, and T. E. Weeks.

The lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. Bro. W. C. Smith worked the 1st Section of this lecture. Bro. G. Reynolds having offered himself as a candidate for initiation, the W.M. was pleased to rehearse the ceremony. Bro. W. C. Smith worked the 4th and 5th Sections of this lecture. On rising for the first time, Bro. F. C. Hatfield, Royal Commemoration, No. 1585, was unanimously elected a joint member of this lodge of instruction, being proposed by Bro. E. C. Mulvey and seconded by Bro. D. Stroud. On rising for the second time, Bro. W. C. Smith proposed that Bro. E. C. Mulvey, S.W., be W.M. for the ensuing week; seconded by Bro. J.W., and carried unanimously. The W.M. elect was pleased to appoint his officers in rotation. On rising for the third time, Bro. W. C. Smith proposed that a vote of thanks be recorded on the minutes of this lodge of instruction to Bro. E. J. D. Bromley for the very creditable and pleasing manner in which he had carried out the duties of the chair for the first time. It was another proof how persevering the young Masons were in their attention to Masonry. Nothing further offering for the good of Freemasonry, the lodge was then closed.

UBIQUE LODGE (No. 1789).—A meeting was held on Friday, the 14th inst., at the Crown and Anchor, 79, Ebury-street, S.W. Present: Bros. A. Hayes, W.M.; G. Mason, S.W.; J. Gilbert, J.W.; J. Wade, P.M., acting Preceptor; P. Coughlan, Sec.; F. Green, sen., S.D.; and F. Purnell, J.D.

The lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. Bro. Coughlan, a candidate to be passed to the Second Degree, answered the usual questions and was entrusted. The lodge was opened in the Second Degree. The ceremony of passing was rehearsed, Bro. Purnell candidate. The lodge was resumed to the First Degree. The ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, Bro. Green candidate. The W.M. having risen for the second time, it was proposed, seconded, and unanimously carried that Bro. Mason be elected W.M. for the ensuing week. Bro. Mason returned thanks and appointed his officers in rotation. Nothing further offering, the lodge was then closed.

Royal Arch.

ROMFORD.—Chapter of Hope and Unity (No. 214).—This old chapter held a convocation on the 7th inst. at the White Hart Hotel, when there were present Comps. J. S. Fraser, M.E.Z.; Fred Adlard, H.; G. Wallace, J.; E. J. Barrow, Past G.S.B., P.Z., Treas.; G. Cooper, P.Z., S.E.; C. E. Davison, P.Z.; Col. W. J. Burgess, P.Z.; G. Cowell, P.Z.; W. W. Brown, P.Z.; F. W. Imbert-Terry, Dr. W. B. Stirling, and F. B. Page.

The chapter having been opened in due form, the M.E.Z. alluded in feeling terms to the death of Comp. Dr. O'Connor, who died on the previous Monday under very sad circumstances, and proposed that a letter of condolence be sent to his widow. Comp. C. T. Speight having at this meeting completed 25 years of service as Janitor, a handsome gratuity was presented to him by the companions. Four brethren were elected, one of whom, Bro. F. B. Page, was in attendance, and was very ably exalted by the M.E.Z. The proposition that the chapter be removed was carried unanimously. In an exhaustive speech, Comp. Imbert-Terry pointed out that this chapter is essentially a summer one, and that to meet in Romford does not offer any inducement to the companions to attend, especially those members who reside in London. Furthermore, he had every reason to believe that the Provincial Grand Chapter of Essex would next year be held under the banner of the Chapter of Hope and Unity, and they could not properly accommodate that body at Romford. He felt sure that by removing to the Castle, Woodford, or the Royal Forest Hotel, Chingford, it would add to the continued prosperity of the chapter, the comfort of the companions, and would receive the approving sanction of the Grand Superintendent. All business being ended, the companions adjourned to a banquet admirably served.

YORK.—Eboracum Chapter (No. 1611).—An emergency meeting of this chapter was held on the 4th inst. at the Eboracum Masonic Hall. Amongst those present were Comps. G. Simpson, Z.; T. B. Whythead, P.Z., as H.; J. Sykes Rymer, J. 236, as J.; Jas. Kay, S.E.; J. Blenkin, S.N.; Wm. Brown, P.S.; and a number of other companions and visitors.

A ballot was taken for several candidates, after which Bros. T. Masterman, T. Horsley, R. Kersopp, and Rev. R. Blakeney were duly exalted by the M.E.Z., the mystical lecture being given by Comp. Whythead, P.Z. Subsequently the companions met to the number of over 20 at an excellent supper, when the usual toasts were duly honoured.

Mark Masonry.

JERSEY.—Cæsarean Lodge (No. 74).—On Wednesday, the 12th inst., a regular meeting of the above lodge was held at the Masonic Temple, Stopford-road, St. Heliers. The W.M., Bro. L. Hespirdoux, presided, supported by the following officers and brethren, viz.: Bros. J. Gray, I.P.M.; Thos. Leat, P.M.; Dr. T. J. Aubin, P.M.; W. Pugsley, I.P.M.; T. Le Scelleur, S.W.; J. E. Hamon, J.W.; C. Naylor, M.O.; Thos. Stone, S.O.; P. Bois, J.O.; J. Poole, Treas.; O. Dodge, Sec.; F. D. Wallis, S.D.; G. Coombes, J.D.; H. Ahier, I.G.; J. E. Saunders, Org.; Thos. Moss, P. Blampied, L. Kicher, J. Gibson, and Geo. Rogers, Tyler.

The lodge being clothed and tyled, was opened by the W.M. in the Mark Master's Degree according to the ancient custom. The summons for that night's meeting, and the minutes of the previous meeting having been read and confirmed, the ballot was taken on behalf of Bro. Rev. Chas. Picot, proposed by the W.M., and seconded by the J.W., at the previous meeting of the lodge. Also on behalf of Bros. Arthur H. Powell and H. S. Pratt, both members of lodge 244, recommended by Bros. C. Naylor and J. E. Hamon; and Bro. F. P. Aubin, 244, recommended by the W.M. and J.W. The ballot proved unanimous in favour of the candidates. The presence of Bro. F. P. Aubin in the ante-room as the only candidate that evening for advancement having been announced, he was admitted, and the ceremony was very efficiently performed by the W.M. and his officers in accordance with the authorised ritual.

The W.M. explained the W. Ts. of a M.M.M., delivered the Charge and the Lecture, expounding the history of the degree, and explaining the origin of our ceremony and signs.

At the close of the ceremony of advancement Bro. P. Bois, J.O., thanked the W.M. for the way in which he had worked the degree that evening.

The W.M., in answer, said, that when he was asked six

years ago to take office, he then determined to devote what time and attention he could to all branches of Freemasonry in Jersey, and the more he knew of their excellent institution the more he appreciated and valued it. The tenets of the Order were to him sacred. A day or two ago he chanced to come across the following exposition of Freemasonry, in a work by Dr. Arnold, which so appropriately expressed his own views, that he would repeat the words to the brethren. They were—"Freemasonry opens a new Temple, and erects a new altar above all prejudice, and dissensions, and selfishness—a Temple dedicated to friendship, love, and truth, where men of all parties are taught to lay aside their differences and their hypocrisy, and meet on the common ground of truth and charity. Our lodges are the asylums of peace and love; political or religious disputes cannot enter there; and within their peace-inspiring walls men of all shades of opinion meet as brothers; and bind themselves by solemn vows to fulfil the Christian law of love, and to do good to all men, as they had opportunity or ability. There may the lone wanderer, weary and discouraged in his march of friendship, find repose in sympathising and loving hearts. Unity, love, and friendship are the very objects it seeks to promote. Masonry not only embraces all the excellences of other societies, however noble and good, but it goes far beyond them. It asks that not only that justice be done, it demands friendship and love. Thus it towers above them all, stands pre-eminent in beauty and splendour, as the bright moon around a heaven of stars." Such was his creed, and he hoped and trusted it would be so with many members of the Craft in Jersey.

Several Grand Lodge communications were read at the leisure intervals, and no other business offering, the lodge was closed in due form and adjourned in perfect harmony until the following Wednesday.

INSTRUCTION.

JERSEY.—Cæsarean Lodge (No. 74).—A meeting of this lodge was held last Sunday afternoon, the 16th inst., at the Masonic Temple, Stopford-road, St. Heliers. The lodge was opened in due form for the instruction and improvement of M.M.M.; the minutes were read and confirmed, and the summons read, in short, the Degree was in full rehearsal. Bro. L. Hespirdoux, W.M., occupied the chair. The ceremony of advancement was gone through without the least abridgment according to the Ritual authorised by the Grand Lodge of M.M.M. The W.M. explained the working tools, delivered the charge to the candidate, and entertained the brethren by giving the lecture, expounding the history, and explaining the origin of the ceremony and signs of the M.M.M. Degree. At the end, the W.M. delivered the Exhortation, commencing: "Finally, brethren, before quitting," &c. The working of the supporting officers was excellent, there was not so much as a single hitch. The W.M. read numerous communications from Bro. C. F. Matier supplying the key to all open spaces in the Ritual, and replying to many very important questions as to the proper mode of working the Degree, and other practical instructions. Bro. Matier's correspondence was very voluminous indeed, and the brethren present begged the W.M. to write to Bro. Matier and thank him from them for his heavy onus that had by that correspondence been thrown upon his shoulders. The W.M. intimated that in future their instruction or rehearsal meetings would take place at Waiworth House School Room, St. Aubin's, and thanked the brethren present for their assistance that afternoon. The brethren present were Bros. L. Hespirdoux, W.M.; J. Gray, P.M.; Thos. Le Scelleur, S.W.; J. E. Hamon, J.W.; C. Naylor, M.O.; Thos. Stone, S.O.; P. Bois, J.O.; J. Poole, Treas.; O. Dodge, Sec.; F. D. Wallis, S.D.; G. Coombes, J.D.; H. Ahier, I.G.; G. Rogers, Tyler; and others.

Obituary.

BRO. WILLIAM JOHN SWETNAM.

The interment of Bro. William John Swetnam, formerly a member of the Prince of Wales Lodge, No. 1035, took place on the 17th inst., at St. James's Cemetery, Liverpool, the funeral service being conducted by the Rev. W. Banister. Amongst those present, besides the relatives and friends of the deceased, were Bros. John Tunstall, W.M. 1035; J. J. Smith, P.M. 1035; G. Mitchell, S.W. 1035; W. Addison, J.W. 1035; Tempest Fozzard, P.M. 1035; J. Whalley, P.P.G.D.C., P.M. 249; J. Pealing, T. M'Crea, E. Gregory, William Jones, R. Bulmer, W. Hill, A. Penrose, W. Causfield, 673; S. Prince, 594; K. Tunnicliffe, 1182; A. D. Hesketh, P.M. 1182; and J. Ashley, P.M. 1356.

DISTRICT GRAND LODGE OF BOMBAY.

A regular Communication of this District Grand Lodge was held at Rawal Pindi, on the 4th April last. R.W. Bro. Colonel Anthony Stewart, D.G.M., presided, and among those present were Bros. Major J. G. Kelly, P.D.G.W., as D.D.G.M.; D. F. Camadore, P.D.G.W., as D.G.S.W.; W. Mitchell, D.G.J.D., as D.G.J. Warden; Surgeon O. G. Wood, D.G. Stwd., as D.G. Sec.; Captain H. K. Saunders, as D.G.S.D.; J. W. Gerard, as D.G.J.D.; E. E. Jarsawalla, P.D.G.D., as D.G.S. of Wks.; Jamsetjee Cursetjee Coleah, as D.G.D.C.; J. Robb, D.G. Stwd., as D.G.A.D.C.; C. H. Fairbrother, as D.G.S.B.; W. Triggs, as D.G.P.; J. A. Smith, as D.G. Tyler; the representatives of several lodges, and several visitors.

The minutes of the previous communication having been taken as read and confirmed, the D.G.M. delivered an address, in which, having explained his reason for holding the D.G. Lodge at Rawal Pindi, and expressed his regret that the weather and other circumstances had had an unfavourable influence on the attendance, he went on to describe the visits he had paid to sundry lodges. He also laid stress on the necessity for a strict observance of the law which requires that members on joining lodges must produce their certificates and clearances, and gave the reasons which, in his opinion, accounted for the slight falling off which had occurred in the number of subscribing members of the lodges in the district.

The accounts of the D.G. Treasurer for the half-year to 31st December, 1884, in respect of the D.G. Lodge, the Fund of Benevolence, and the Hall Fund, were submitted and approved. The first showed a balance in the Agra Bank of over 2510 rupees, and the Fund of Benevolence a balance in the same bank of over 2251 rupees, while the Hall Fund showed an excess of expenditure over receipts of upwards of 57 rupees, there being, however, a sum of 275 rupees due in respect of rents for 1884.

A motion to the effect that a sum of 500 rupees be voted to the Building Fund of the Cathedral Church of Lahore was lost; and the representatives of the various lodges on the Board of General Purposes having been appointed, a number of letters of apology for non-attendance were read and ordered to be recorded, and D.G. Lodge was closed.



Bro. the Earl of Lathom left town for Lathom House, Ormskirk, on the 14th instant.

Bro. the Marquis of Hartington, M.P., has consented to open the Grimsby Liberal Club in October next.

Bro. Lord Harlech, P.G.M. designate of North Wales, presided on Monday at the 18th annual musical festival of the Merionethshire Choirs.

Bro. Baron H. De Worms, M.P., arrived on Saturday at Sandgate, where he intends spending the early portion of the recess.

Bro. Baron Ferdinand de Rothschild, M.P., has remitted 15 per cent. of his tenants' rents on his Buckinghamshire estates for the next three years.

Bro. Alderman Sir J. Whittaker Ellis, Bart., M.P., has promised to contribute £50 towards the restoration and extension of Queen Elizabeth's Grammar School, at Kingston.

Bro. C. M. Norwood, M.P., is amongst those who have declined the request of Lord Iddesleigh to serve on the Royal Commission of Inquiry into the Depression of Trade.

The bazaar that was opened a short time since at Wood Green by Bro. the Lord Mayor and the Lady Mayoress in behalf of the new Baptist Chapel in that thriving suburb, has resulted in a net profit of £400.

Bro. the Earl of Shaftesbury, K.G., is one of a body of gentlemen who have appealed to the public for a sum of £5000, in order to build a Young Men's Christian Association at Bournemouth, as a memorial to the late Earl Cairns.

Prince Albert Victor's name has been placed on the Parliamentary register for the borough of Cambridge as the tenant of rooms in Trinity College, this having been done without any claim being made by his Royal Highness.

We learn from one of our exchanges that the Tyler of Fairfax Lodge, No. 43, Culpepper, Virginia—Bro. Jesse L. Burrows—has held the office for upwards of 50 years, and has been absent from only three regular meetings during the whole of that period.

Bro. the Lord Mayor, M.P., visited Tottenham on Thursday evening, the 13th inst., for the purpose of taking part in a demonstration of respect to the Rev. R. Wallace, who for the last forty years has been minister of the Tottenham Baptist Chapel, and whom his lordship designated "an old friend and neighbour."

Bro. the Earl of Carnarvon, Lord Lieutenant of Ireland, was sufficiently recovered from his severe indisposition to be enabled to take carriage exercise on Saturday last. On Monday morning early his lordship left Dublin for Galway, for the purpose of making himself acquainted with its educational and industrial institutions, and visiting places of interest in the neighbourhood.

The Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters for Minnesota comprises six councils, with a total membership of 402. The total fund, according to the last published statement, was 278 dollars, and the disbursements for the year 166 dollars. Comp. Dwight M. Baldwin is the Grand Master (elected in October, 1884), and Comp. W. Cheney, Minneapolis, Grand Recorder.

Bro. the Duke and Duchess of Abercorn, Bro. the Earl and Countess of Winterton, Bro. Lord and Lady Carrington, and Bro. Lord and Lady Claud Hamilton were among the wedding guests at the marriage at St. Mark's, North Audley-street, on Saturday last, of Capt. H. Streatfield, Grenadier Guards, with the Lady Florence Anson, eldest daughter of the Earl and Countess of Lichfield.

Bro. the Lord Mayor, M.P., and Bros. the Sheriffs-elect (Alderman Evans and T. Clarke) were entertained at a banquet, at the Albion Tavern, Aldersgate-street, on Friday, the 14th inst., by the Master and Wardens of the Gold and Silver Wyre Drawers' Company. Bro. Major Joseph, Master, presided, and among those present were Bros. Alderman Cowan, Rear-Admiral Bedford Pim, Colonel Dundas, Colonel T. Davies Sewell, and Shaw, C.C.

The inaugural festival of the West Lancashire "Alpess" Benevolent Institution will take place on Thursday, 17th September next, at the Prince of Wales Hotel, Southport, under the presidency of the Right Hon. the Earl of Lathom, R.W.D.G.M., R.W. Prov. Grand Master, who will be accompanied by the Countess of Lathom. Bye-laws of the institution have been prepared, and the services of Stewards from the various lodges are asked for the festival.

Bro. the Lord Mayor, M.P., who was accompanied by the Lady Mayoress, opened the new buildings of the Royal Asylum of St. Anne's Society, on Friday, the 14th inst., her ladyship afterwards distributing the prizes to the children. Among those present were Bro. H. B. Marshall, P.G. Treas., Mrs. Marshall, and Mr. Marshall, jun.; Bro. Colonel T. Davies Sewell; and Bro. and Mrs. R. B. Garrett. It will be in the recollection of our readers that the Prince of Wales, accompanied by the Princess of Wales, laid the memorial stone of these buildings with Masonic ceremonial in July last, a Special Grand Lodge being held for the purpose.

It is with great regret we chronicle the unexpected death of Councillor Bro. A. Stretton. The deceased while staying at Penmaenmawr ruptured a small blood-vessel, through falling when out for a walk in the Fairy Glen, Bettws-y-Coed. This necessitated rest in bed, and at first everything indicated an early restoration to health. But unfavourable symptoms supervened, and death resulted on Wednesday, the 12th inst. The Council of which Bro. Stretton was a member lost no time in recording their sorrow at his untimely death, and promptly passed a resolution of sympathy with his widow and parents, the desire on the part of the members to pay severally their tribute of respect to the memory of the deceased being most conspicuous.

Bro. Major-General Sir D. C. Drury-Lowe, K.C.B., Inspector-General of Cavalry, inspected the riding establishment at Canterbury on Saturday last.

The death is recorded as having taken place on the 24th of June last of Sir Knight Charles E. Munger, Past G. Commander of Knights Templar of Illinois.

One of the Ohio lodges—Hoffner Lodge, No. 253, Cummins—very worthily celebrated St. John the Baptist's Day by laying the corner stone of its new hall with full Masonic ceremonial.

Bro. W. F. Bunting has resigned the Chairmanship of the Library Committee of the Grand Lodge of New Brunswick, and is succeeded by Bro. T. N. Robertson, New Brunswick.

Bro. J. F. B. Firth, M.P., the Liberal candidate for North Kensington, addressed a numerous meeting of the electors at the West London Tabernacle, Notting-hill, on Tuesday last.

The Prov. G. Mark Lodge of South Wales will hold its annual meeting at Swansea, on Tuesday, the 8th prox., under the presidency of R.W. Bro. Pryse Pryse, Bart., P.G.M. A numerous attendance is expected.

According to the "Voice of Masonry" for the current month, Comp. Z. H. Thomas, Grand Secretary of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Massachusetts, died some weeks since, and is succeeded in his office by Comp. Alfred F. Chapman, General G.H. Priest.

Bro. Sir H. Drummond-Wolff, M.P., has visited Vienna, Pesth, and Bucharest en-route for Constantinople, whither he has been dispatched as Envoy Extraordinary to the Sultan.

Bro. the Earl of Lathom, D.G.M., will perform the ceremony of installing Bro. Sir Hedworth Williamson, P.G.W., as Provincial Grand Master of Durham, on Friday, the 21st inst. (to-day), in the Palace-green Lecture Hall, Durham. He will afterwards be entertained at a banquet in the Castle Hall.

Bro. Alderman Sir R. Hanson, P.G. Stwd., will not again seek re-election as a member of the London School Board, when early in November next the electors will again be called upon to return a Board, but Alderman Savory has consented to place his services at their disposal, if they see fit to accept them.

Sir Knight Capt. J. Giesman Chillingworth, Intendant General for the Division of Kent, of the Masonic and Military Order of Knights of Rome and of the Red Cross of Constantine, has appointed Sir Knight Manwaring W. Bolton, P.S. of the Thanet Conclave, No. 21, as his deputy.

A grand testimonial banquet was held at the Cock Tavern, Highbury, on Tuesday, the 19th inst., the purpose being to present an illuminated address, accompanied by a cheque for 300 guineas, to Bro. ex-Superintendent Green, in recognition of his important services in the district during a long term of years. Bro. H. S. Goodall occupied the chair, and among the guests were Bros. C. F. Matier, Baker, Clarke, and others. Bro. Green acknowledged the presentation in feeling yet cordial terms.

The foundation-stone of a new church at Brighton, to be called St. Saviour's, situated in Ditchling-road, was laid with full Masonic formalities on Wednesday. The ceremony was performed by the Provincial Grand Master of Sussex, R.W. Bro. Sir Walter Wyndham Burrell, Bart., M.P. The Deputy Provincial Grand Master, Bro. Henderson Scott, was also present, and representatives from each lodge in the province. The clergy included the vicar-designate, the Rev. A. Farnall; and the Rev. A. D. Freeman, vicar of Preston, to which the district at present belongs. The ceremony lasted two hours. A full report will appear in our next.

We gladly draw attention to the meeting that was held at Freemasons' Tavern on Tuesday, at 4 p.m., with a view to raising a fund for the purpose of presenting a testimonial to Bro. Rev. C. W. Arnold, P.G.C., Dep. P.D. G.M. Surrey, whose departure for his new home in Florida, U.S.A., will take place at an early date—8th September. We have often had occasion to refer with pleasure to the great respect which Bro. Arnold has invariably and deservedly received from the brethren generally, but especially from those with whom he has been so long associated in his own particular Province of Surrey. We must all regret that he is leaving us, while at the same time we all most sincerely wish him long life and happiness in the country he is about to visit and make his home, a country in which he will not only find members of his own family established, but where he will be accorded a hearty welcome by the members of that Craft universal of which he has been in England for so many years so distinguished and respected a member. We trust the testimonial about to be presented to Bro. Rev. C. W. Arnold will be worthy equally of the donors and the recipient.

We have received copy of programme of a very commendable scheme for providing pensions for Civil Servants of the Crown, and establishing a Widows' and Orphans' Fund. The idea is that Government should deduct, say, 2½ per cent. from the salaries of all Civil Servants over £100, and 1 per cent. from all under £100, and that its officers should be allowed to retire on full pay after 40 years' service, and according to a graduated scale for shorter terms, and that, if the tax were continued on the pensions, the money thus obtained would form a fund for the widows and orphans of officers dying in the service. It is urged that this plan would be welcomed by Civil Servants, and would be a great boon to the country, as the amount now paid in pensions would be no longer payable. The scheme is well thought out, and if, as is stated, the Civil Service is earnest in its desire for such an arrangement, we shall only be too glad if the Government sees its way to meeting its wishes.

HOLLOWAY'S PILLS are the medicine most in repute for curing the multifarious maladies which attack humanity when wet and cold weather gives place to more genial temperatures. In short, these Pills afford relief, if they fail of being an absolute remedy, in all the disturbances of circulation, digestion, and nervous energy, which at times oppress a vast portion of the population. Under the wholesome, purifying, and strengthening powers exerted by these excellent Pills the tongue becomes clean, the appetite improves, digestion is quickened, and assimilation rendered perfect. Holloway's medicine possesses the highly estimable property of cleansing the whole mass of blood, which in its renovated condition carries purity, strength, and vigour to every tissue of the body.—[Advtr.]

Bro. and Mrs. Egerton Hubbard were among the donors of prizes at the recent annual Exhibition of the Buckingham Horticultural Association.

Bro. Lord Randolph Churchill, M.P., will address the Glasgow Conservative Association in St. Andrew's Hall, on the 25th prox., and will also be entertained at a banquet by the Conservative Club.

The second part of Volume II. of Bro. Edward T. Schultz's "History of Freemasonry in Maryland," which has recently been issued, deals with the period from 1800 to 1820.

Bro. Sir W. Hart Dyke, Bart., M.P., Chief Secretary for Ireland, Prov. G.S.W. Kent, addressed a large meeting of his constituents at Dartford on Friday, the 14th instant.

We notice in the *Freemasons' Repository* for July, a report of the death, at the advanced age of 93, of a Bro. Tobias H. Butler of Indiana, who was made a Mason in 1814. The deceased was buried with Masonic ceremonial.

Bro. Major General Laurie has been re-elected Grand Master of Nova Scotia, the re-election taking place during our respected brother's absence on military duty in the North West, where he is one of the force engaged in completing the suppression of Riel's rebellion.

Her Majesty will leave Osborne for Scotland on Tuesday next, the 23rd inst., and travelling by the usual route will reach Balmoral the following day. The Duchess of Albany will arrive at Abergeldie in the course of the present week.

Bro. Burdett-Coutts cut the first sod of the new railway at Sutton-on-Sea on Saturday last, Bro. Lord Waveney, P.G.M. Suffolk, being one of the principal personages present at the ceremony as well as at the lunch which followed.

Owing to the appointment of Sir Knight Robert E. Withers, Grand Master of Knights Templar of the United States, as Consul at Hong Kong, Sir Knight Charles Roome, D.G.M., has been invited and agreed to act as his *locum tenens*.

According to a decision promulgated at the meeting, at Hamilton last month, of the Grand Lodge of Canada, quakers cannot be made Masons, on the ground that an affirmation in lieu of the oath or obligation is inadmissible.

The Irish Society, of which Bro. Alderman Sir J. Whittaker Ellis, Bart., M.P., is the President, is on a tour of inspection in Ulster, and has promised to erect a new Town Hall in Londonderry, at a cost of 20,000. A banquet was held on Monday, in Derry, at which the chair was occupied by Bro. Alderman Sir J. W. Ellis.

The *Voice of Masonry* records the death, at the age of 78, of Bro. Thomas Glover, probably the oldest Mason in Illinois, who was born in Manchester, England, in 1807, and initiated in Lodge Virtue, No. 152, Manchester, in 1830. The deceased was buried with Masonic Ceremonial on the 5th July last.

At the annual assembly of the Grand Council, Royal and Select Masters, of Tennessee, held at Nashville in January last, under the presidency of Ill. Grand Master, Henry C. Hensley, ten charters were declared forfeited. Comp. John Frizzell, Nashville, was re-elected Grand Recorder.

M.W. Bro. Frank R. Lawrence, Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of New York, laid the corner stone of the State Armoury at Oneonta, on the 18th June, and that of the Hall of Records, at Brooklyn, on the 30th June, there being present on each occasion a large gathering of Grand Officers, brethren, and spectators.

TO BRETHREN VISITING JERSEY.—Lodge Yarrowborough, No. 244, meets now every third Wednesday in the month, instead of every first Monday in the month, as communicated in the Cosmopolitan Masonic Pocket Book and other similar publications. Bro. F. P. Cabot, is the W.M. Every visiting brother will meet with a kind reception, and a cordial welcome.

Bro. T. Eccleston Gibb, Vestry Clerk of St. Pancras, was on Tuesday, the 11th inst., presented with a testimonial, consisting of a beautifully illuminated address on vellum and 134 handsomely bound volumes of valuable books of reference, on the occasion of his retirement from the office of Clerk to the Guardians in order to become a candidate in the liberal interest for the eastern division of the new borough of St. Pancras.

Bro. James Stevens, P.M., P.Z., is now making arrangements for the delivery of his very interesting Masonic lecture, explanatory of Ritual and Ceremonial, in Metropolitan and Provincial lodges during the ensuing months, and has accepted the invitation of the Shakespeare Lodge, No. 1009, at Manchester, for Friday, the 2nd October, when that lodge opens its winter session.

Many of our readers in common, with the public generally, are greatly indebted to Sir Francis Bolton for the pleasurable recollections afforded them by him in connection with this and last year's Exhibitions at South Kensington. No one who has visited these can fail to have been struck with the beautiful effects produced by the illumination by electricity, both of the gardens and the fountains. It has been again and again remarked to us, by men who have travelled much, and seen almost every variety of public entertainment, that nothing equals the display at South Kensington when this electric illumination takes place, and it must be borne in mind that for the wonderful effects we are indebted to Sir Francis Bolton, whose career commenced in 1857 in the army, from which he retired in 1881 with the rank of full colonel. He is also a civil engineer, and besides being the inventor of the telegraphic and visual system of signalling adopted in the army in 1863, is Water Examiner under the Metropolis Water Act, 1871, and is founder, and since its formation in 1870 has been honorary secretary, of the Society of Telegraph Engineers and Electricians. He is likewise the author of many important improvements and inventions in war material, and in fact his services have been of so meritorious a character that, on the recommendation of the Secretary of State for War, Her Majesty a short since conferred upon him the honour of Knighthood. Speaking selfishly we trust that Sir Francis Bolton may be the illuminating spirit of many more Exhibitions at South Kensington, while in his behalf we hope he may live very many years to enjoy the honours which have been so worthily bestowed upon him.