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THE Girls' School Festival on Wednesday resulted more favourably than most people anticipated. The Board of Stewards was of about the same strength as last year, and it was generally understood that one or two Provinces would make very effective returns, worthy of being compared with those of even the largest amongst them in brighter and more prosperous times. But, in spite of these promising conditions, there was a feeling of depression prevalent in many quarters, and a very considerable reduction from last year's total was feared. These fears, we are glad to say, have not been realised to the extent that was expected. There has been a falling off from £14,000 to £13,000, but, even had there being no Sir H. EDWARDS Presentation Fund to account for the difference, it is not such a decrease as, having regard to the state of our trade and commerce, might have been as, in fact, was looked for. Moreover, Surrey, which, as we explained last week, was held to be less well organised than Provinces usually are on the eve of celebrations, at which their chiefs are engaged to preside, seems to have pulled itself splendidly together, and to have raised a total which has surpassed all its best performances of past years, and will stand comparison with those of other Provinces on which have devolved similar responsibilities. Then it was very generously supported by its sister Provinces, Northumberland in particular, which has of recent years, at all events, given most of its help to the Boys' School, having come forward with a grand subscription of upwards of £900—a subscription of which it would have had good reason to be proud had Earl PERCY been in the chair instead of General BROWNRIFF. There were also more Provinces represented than usual, and the returns from this source were in very fair proportion. But London does not seem to have put forward its strength to as good purpose or to as considerable an extent. There are very few three-figure lists, and not one within £30 of £200, while the average per list is not as we like to see it. In fact, London, speaking roundly, shows a falling off of nearly £900 from what it raised at the Girls' School Festival last year; while the Provinces, though their returns are not swelled by a Perpetual Presentation Fund, as they were in 1885, are only about £300 below what they were on that occasion. However, these are matters of detail which will be more appropriately dealt with elsewhere. It is enough that the Girls' School Festival has, under all circumstances, proved a success, that is to say, the standard of contribution has been generally maintained, though it may have fallen below the mark in particular directions, and we tender our warm congratulations to our respected General BROWNRIFF, who has exerted himself to such good purpose at his second Chairmanship, to his loyal Province of Surrey for their generous support of his advocacy, to the Board of Stewards, and Bro. HEDGES, their indefatigable counsellor and guide, and, lastly, to the Institution, whose financial position has been thus satisfactorily assured for the current year.

WE feel justified in claiming some little credit for the promptness with which the printed lists of Stewards' returns were published and circulated in the Hall of Freemasons' Tavern on the day of the Festival. Only a short time elapsed after Bro. HEDGES had made his usual announcement, when these lists, containing the particulars from which it was derived, were in the hands of the guests. We do not often speak of our own performances, but this seems to us to be a case in which a slight departure from custom is permissible.

THE enumeration of "the best 100 books," prepared and proposed by Sir JOHN LUBBOCK, has led the Editor of our able contemporary the *Keystone* (Philadelphia) to try his hand at describing "the best 10 Masonic books," from a Pennsylvanian point of view. Whatever may be the merits or demerits of Sir JOHN LUBBOCK's choice, Bro. MACCALLA says truly, "No one can go astray in reading any one, or more, or all, of the list," and certainly the same may be said of the *Keystone* enumeration, which consists of the following:—1, *Fort's* "Early History and Antiquities of Freemasonry;" 2, *Mackey's* "Encyclopædia of Freemasonry;" 3, *Hughan's* "Old Charges of British Freemasons;" 4, *Anderson's* "Constitutions of the Freemasons;"

5, "Ahiman Rezon of the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania;" 6, "The Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania: its Early History and Constitutions, its Minutes and Proceedings;" 7, *Oliver's* "Historical Landmarks of Freemasonry;" 8, *Lyon's* "Freemasonry in Scotland;" 9, *Gould's* "History of Freemasonry;" and 10, *Hughan's* "English Masonic Rite."

WE are pleased to find that the "best 10 books" include six works of British authors, two are distinctly for the Grand Lodge more immediately concerned, and the remaining two, by Bros. FORT and MACKAY, are almost as well known in England as in America, their reputation being deservedly great. Bro. FORT's later works should also be consulted by Masonic students, whether American or British, that on "Mediæval Builders" being a little gem, and the other on Masons' marks deserves a large circulation, because of its scholarly treatment of the subject. The only author who is honoured with two of his works being selected is Bro. HUGHAN, of Torquay, his "Old Charges" having been a favourite since its publication in 1872, and his "Masonic Origin" has been so eagerly subscribed for, only though a year old, that copies already are at a considerable premium. In no 10 books selected for any jurisdiction, or, in fact, any five, can Bro. GOULD's magnificent History or Bro. LYON's grand volume be excluded. We should like now to consider similar lists from a British standpoint—say "the best 10 Masonic books" for members of the Grand Lodges of England, Ireland, and Scotland, and shall be glad to be favoured with suggestions thereon.

UNDER several of the books in the list, Bro. MACCALLA mentions others of the class—e.g., respecting No. 2, "KENNING'S Masonic Cyclopædia" and others are recorded; No. 5 contains alternative Books of Constitutions for other jurisdictions, as also No. 6 in regard to Grand Lodge Histories; No. 7 makes mention of various books by Dr. OLIVER as also worthy of perusal; and No. 8 does not forget the "History of Mother Lodge Kilwinning," by Bro. R. WYLIE. Under No. 9 the Editor declares Bro. GOULD'S "the fullest history of Freemasonry extant, and its author deserves the largest praise for his industry and judgment," and the "Four Old Lodges," by the same gifted author, is entitled "a work of refined gold." Concluding the series, Bro. MACCALLA refers most appreciatively to Bro. HUGHAN'S labours as one "who has long devoted his best energies to discovering and disseminating Masonic light and knowledge, and who, we trust, will live yet many years to add to his own laurels, and to our pleasure and profit."

WE were fully prepared for the kind of answer to our criticisms on the abuse of the ballot, with which Bro. JAMES STEVENS favoured us last week. Our worthy friend has fallen into the error common to all men with a grievance of imagining that some very terrible catastrophe will happen if the trumpery wrong of which he complains is not instantly remedied. We have said that the ballot as a rule works well, and that it will be difficult, if not impossible, to find a better mode of electing candidates for admission into a Society like ours. That is a broad and general principle which cannot be controverted, but it does not satisfy Bro. STEVENS, who appears to think our Masonic system of ballot must be made incapable of being abused. That being so, it is clearly no good prolonging the controversy. We say, Let well alone; Bro. STEVENS retorts, But it is not well; and there, we think, we must let the matter stand. We have no space for a discussion which, in the nature of things, must be fruitless.

NINETY-EIGHTH FESTIVAL OF THE GIRLS' SCHOOL.

The Ninety-eighth Anniversary Festival of the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls was held on Wednesday evening at Freemasons' Tavern. Gen. J. Studholme Brownrigg, C.B., P.G. Warden, Provincial Grand Master of Surrey, presided. He was supported on his right by Bro. Sir W. Clarke, District Grand Master of Victoria, and on his left by Bro. Thomas W. Tew, Provincial Grand Master of West Yorkshire. There was a large and distinguished company present.

After dinner, which was splendidly supplied and served by Messrs. Spiers and Pond, grace was sung, and the usual toasts were proposed.

Bro. Gen. BROWNRIFF, in giving the first toast, said: We now will drink the first toast—that of "The Queen." It is not only on our lips that we give this first toast, but, as Freemasons, we give it with all our hearts. It is not merely as loyal subjects of that gracious lady, who for now nearly 50 years has ruled us so wisely and so well, but it is impossible that we should forget her Majesty's relationship to us as Masons. Her Majesty's father was a Freemason, and she has had three sons Freemasons and distinguished Masons. One, however, is unhappily removed from us; but we remember that her Majesty ought to have our homage as being so intimately acquainted with our Order, as having so many branches of her family as members of the Craft. I give you "Her Most Gracious Majesty the Queen, the Chief Patroness of this Institution."

The toast having been drunk with enthusiasm, was followed by the singing of the National Anthem.

Bro. Gen. BROWNRIFF next proposed the toast of "H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, Grand Patron and President of the Institution; the Princess of Wales, Grand Patroness; and the other Members of the Royal Family." He said: I think it is very fortunate for us that many years ago, by the general acclamation of Masons, we persuaded the Prince of Wales to become Grand Master of the Order. His numerous engagements prevent him frequently joining us; but whenever he has been present at these Festivals, everyone has been charmed who has come in contact with him. I heard the other day of an American newspaper which suggested that the initiation of the son of his Royal Highness was a hole-and-corner affair; that it ought to have taken place in a larger assembly of Masons. His Royal Highness is Master of the Royal Alpha Lodge, and I appeal to you whether it is not perfectly natural that the Prince should desire to initiate his son in the lodge over which he presided. (Applause.) I had the privilege of being present at that initiation, and I hope Prince Albert Victor will follow in the footsteps of his Royal father. (Applause.)

Bro. General BROWNRIFF, in proposing "The Health of the Earl of Carnarvon, Pro Grand Master; the Earl of Lathom, the Deputy Grand Master; and the rest of the Grand Officers, Present and Past," said that the toast was, as a matter of course, given at these meetings, but it was really drinking his own health, but with that modesty which at all times distinguished Freemasons—(laughter)—he could not be spared giving it. The health of the Pro Grand Master, the Earl of Carnarvon, was one which was always acceptable. He did not know that he need say anything more in reference to this toast, except that he believed that all the Grand Officers tried to do their duty as well as they could. The position was sometimes an anomaly, and one really did not know sometimes what they had to do but to set a good example to their younger brethren. He hoped and believed they lived to do that. He was happy to say they had among them that evening a distinguished brother, who would return thanks for this toast, who was a member of Grand Lodge in his capacity of District Grand Master of Victoria, Sir Wm. Clark. He was quite sure Sir William must have been pleased, like all others who came from that and other colonies, in what he saw here, and the welcome that had been given to the colonial exhibitors at the Exhibition recently opened in London, and in which Victoria held a distinguished portion. He begged the brethren to give Sir W. Clark a hearty welcome.

The toast having been enthusiastically received,

Bro. Sir W. CLARK said: Right Worshipful Sir and Brethren,—I feel highly complimented by having my name associated with the names mentioned by the Chairman in this special toast, and also with a number of other brethren scattered all over the world, who try to do their best in Masonry, and for the purposes of the Order, in every shape and manner in which it can be advanced. I, for Victoria, tell you that I shall be very glad when—and I have no doubt the time is not very far distant—we shall have an Institution like the one the 98th Festival of which we celebrate to-night, viz., an Institution for the purpose of educating the girls (and the boys also) of Masons. We in Victoria have done our best as far as having a Charitable Fund goes, but as yet we have not been rich enough to endow a Charity like this. But we admire the manner in which these Institutions are carried out, for we know that the colonies, as well as the mother country, have received the advantages of these Institutions. When I was in England before, the brethren in Victoria wrote to me, and asked me if Lady Clark would take charge of an orphan girl, who had been sent here and educated in your School. I said she would, and we took her, and found her a well educated and well conducted girl, and she has been a great success in Victoria—(cheers)—so that we are proud of your Institution, and we hope at some future time to have a school in Victoria similar to that which we are here to wish success to to-night. I heartily thank you for the kindness with which you have received my name which has been associated with the toast.

Bro. THOMAS W. TEW, P.G.D., Prov. G.M. West Yorkshire, who was received with an enthusiastic welcome, next said: Sir Wm. Clarke, Grand Officers, and Brethren,—The toast which has been placed in the hands of West Yorkshire is one which will commend itself to your cordial sympathies and approbation. The toast which I have the honour to propose to you is that of "The Chairman of this Festival." No toast could have been more appropriate to West Yorkshire, for General Brownrigg has occasionally been a visitor to that province, and we are always proud in our West Yorkshire lodges to greet the Provincial Grand Master of Surrey when he can come among us. It affords the West Yorkshire brethren the greatest pleasure to be here to-night to support General Brownrigg as well as we can as the Chairman of the Ninety-eighth Anniversary Festival of the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls. I need hardly tell you how gallant a General is our Chairman, how greatly he distinguished himself in the Crimean campaign, and that, for his gallant and distinguished services, her Majesty conferred upon him the Order of Companion of the Bath. (Hear, hear, and Cheers.) But to-day we recognise those other and equally, if not more, efficient services to the Craft which he has rendered as Provincial Grand Master of Surrey. (Cheers.) He was made Provincial Grand Master of Surrey in 1871, and I am informed that at that time they were but nine lodges in his province. To-day his province numbers 31 lodges, and that will show to you the progress Freemasonry has made in Surrey under his able and influential administration of Masonry there. (Cheers.) West Yorkshire, with five provinces, is proud and delighted to extend the right hand of fellowship to that gallant province, and to be with it to-day a co-supporter of this grand and noble Institution. It is my privilege to ask you to drink "The Health of General Brownrigg, Provincial Grand Master of Surrey," and our gallant Chairman to-night. (Cheers.)

The toast having been most warmly drunk,

In acknowledging the toast, the CHAIRMAN referred to his visit to West Yorkshire, when he received a welcome almost royal in its character. He remembered the cordiality of the reception given to him by the late lamented Sir Henry Edwards and by all the brethren, and though he was suffering at the time from a severe attack of asthma, he experienced great pleasure in the visit. (Applause.)

The CHAIRMAN in proposing the toast of the evening "Success to the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls," said. We are assembled to aid a Charity in which all Masons take so great an interest. It was founded in the reign of George II., when it had its habitation at a house near Westminster Bridge, rented at £35 a year. In 1793 it moved to St. George's-in-the-Fields, and in 1851 it was removed to Wandsworth. If, in the inscrutable ways of Providence, Chevalier Ruspini, who instituted the Charity 98 years ago, could have looked down and seen the beautiful building which

now exists for the reception of girls, he would have felt thoroughly rewarded for his exertions. (Hear, hear.) Since the foundation of the Institution 1454 girls have been provided for, educated, clothed, and maintained, and there are now 243 girls receiving the benefits of the Institution, as compared with 100 in December 1872. The great object we now have in view is to increase the comfort of those in the School, and funds are specially required for the purchase of the adjacent land to the Institution. It is utterly impossible for any one who has not seen the School to form any conception of what it is. There is a neatness, regularity, and perfect discipline connected with it such as I have never seen at any other school, and I have had some experience in looking after schools of different sorts. I have made frequent visits to the School, and had been more charmed on every occasion. The drill of the girls is the most perfect I have seen in my life. Bro. Richardson asked me to say something to the girls *apropos* to what I had seen. I told them I had been in the habit of speaking to their fathers, but I had never spoken to a body of Masons' daughters before. I said I had seen in my soldier days the manœuvres of almost every military nation in the world, but in my life I never saw anything to equal the beauty of their drill. (Applause.) I am an old adjutant, and many of you know what the duty of an adjutant is. I was adjutant of a line regiment for five years, and adjutant of the Guards for nine years, but I never saw anything so perfect as the wheeling and counter-marching of these girls. I did not tell them that, but what I did tell them was that they were the prettiest battalion I had ever seen in my life. (Applause.) We should all support this excellent School, and a very good plan is to put down our children's names as Governors and Life Governors. I have qualified as a Governor the son of my old age, who is this day four weeks old. (Applause.)

Bro. HORACE BROOKS MARSHALL, Past Grand Treasurer, Treasurer and Vice-President of the Institution, in reply, said: I submit that the Treasurers of Masonic Charitable Institutions are much-to-be-envied individuals. My experience of the duties of the office of Treasurer outside the region of Masonic light is that very frequently the Treasurer is expected to provide, and not to take care of the treasure. (Hear, hear.) A very different state of things exists here, and I submit that it cannot be too often or too widely made known or repeated for the benefit of managers of Charitable Institutions outside Masonry that the sumptuous banquet we have recently partaken of is not provided at the cost of the Institution—(hear, hear, and cheers)—but out of the pockets of the brethren, who, in addition, at their own cost, entertain our helpers in this good work, the ladies, in yonder hall; and it is the custom of the Stewards of this Institution to commemorate the generosity of the brethren on occasions like this by inviting the children of the School and the staff at the School, at their expense also, to an annual outing at the Crystal Palace. (Hear, hear, and cheers.) Very gratefully, on behalf of the Executive Committee, do I acknowledge the generosity of the brethren in entrusting us with funds sufficient to maintain and educate adequately to fight the battle of life the 243 girls that you have committed to our care, and we look forward to the time when, by a continuance and by an extension of your generosity, we may still further spread the benefits of this invaluable Institution to more children of our deceased or indigent brethren.

Bro. HEDGES then read a Summary of the Returns, amounting to £13,029 3s., the contribution of £902 5s. from Northumberland being greeted with loud applause.

General BROWNRIFF then proposed "The Other Masonic Institutions, and Success to Them."

Bro. JAMES TERRY, Secretary to the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution, in reply, first congratulated General Brownrigg and the brethren of the Province of Surrey upon the noble effort they had made on behalf of the Girls' School, and upon the success which had attended their efforts. He remembered, with a great amount of pleasure and gratitude, the position General Brownrigg occupied some four years since when presiding on behalf of the Benevolent Institution, when the Province of Surrey most nobly supported him with a sum reaching nearly £1000. But now that province had grown, and, with the growth of the province, and with the growth of the esteem of the lodges of that province for their Provincial Grand Master, there was a corresponding progress in the amount of money sent up, viz., more than £1400. On behalf of the Boys' School and the Benevolent Institution, he had also to congratulate General Brownrigg upon the noble result in the total amount achieved, almost exceeding anything that could have been anticipated. That evening the whisper had gone round that it was £12,600, but the other Institutions were glad that that sum had been exceeded. Bro.

Binckes was away on the business of the Boys' School in the Midland counties, or he would have responded to this toast. On his behalf he (Bro. Terry) asked the brethren to be as liberal at the Festival of the Boys' School and the Festival of the Benevolent Institution; and the Girls' School having now passed, the brethren could devote the whole of their attention to the Boys' School, which urgently needed their support. It was only necessary to bring this fact to the attention of the brethren to enlist their generous support. When the Old People's Institution Festival again came round he was quite certain the brethren would be found ranged in support of it.

Bro. J. L. MATHER responded for "The Stewards," and Bro. EDGAR BOWYER, P.G. Std. Br., for "The Ladies," and the brethren adjourned to the Temple, where a concert was given under the direction of Bro. Franklin Clive, the artistes being Miss Margaret Hoare, Miss Effie Clements, Miss Eleanor Rees, Miss Lena Law, Miss Kate Chaplin, Bros. Sidney Tower, W. Coates, Arthur Oswald, Fountain Meen, and Jas. Kift.

Bro. James Hayho was toast-master of the evening.

The favor worn on the occasion was designed and manufactured by Bro. George Kenning. It contained the arms of the Chairman on an enamelled shield, surrounded by a quatrefoil band containing the name of the Institution, and the date of the Festival.



STEWARDS' LIST.

Table listing stewards for LONDON, HOUSE COMMITTEE, and UNATTACHED. Includes names like Bro. Edgar Bowyer, Bro. Ralph Clutton, Bro. Robert Grey, etc.

Table listing stewards for THE PROVINCES, BEDFORDSHIRE, BERKS AND BUCKS., BRISTOL, CAMBRIDGESHIRE, CHESHIRE, CORNWALL, DEVONSHIRE, DORSETSHIRE, DURHAM, ESSEX, GLOUCESTERSHIRE, HANTS AND ISLE OF WIGHT, HEREFORDSHIRE, HERTFORDSHIRE, KENT, LANCASHIRE (EAST DIVISION), LANCASHIRE (WEST DIVISION), LEICESTERSHIRE AND RUTLAND.

Table listing stewards for MIDDLESEX, NORFOLK, NORTHUMBERLAND, NORTH WALES, OXFORDSHIRE, SOMERSETSHIRE, SOUTH WALES (EAST DIVISION), STAFFORDSHIRE, SUFFOLK, SURREY.

Table listing stewards for LODGE, WARWICKSHIRE, WILTSHIRE, WORCESTERSHIRE, YORKSHIRE (NORTH AND EAST), WEST YORKSHIRE, CHANNEL ISLANDS, PUNJAB.

SUMMARY OF THE PROVINCES. Table showing totals for various counties like Bedfordshire, Berks and Bucks, Bristol, etc. Includes a GENERAL SUMMARY table at the bottom.

ANALYSIS OF THE RETURNS. We have described the Festival, and made known the Returns of the contributions raised by the brethren who constituted the Board of Stewards, and in order to complete our usual routine of duty it remains for us now to lay before our readers a carefully digested analysis of the several columns of figures.

ing brethren who do our Charities good service, and if they encourage us at times to speak with a certain amount of freedom, we must plead in extenuation that our object is to encourage every one to lend a helping hand in forwarding the good work.

It has been pointed out elsewhere that the result of Wednesday's Festival is satisfactory beyond expectation. We shared in the general misgiving that, as the Benevolent Festival had shown a very appreciable decrease from last year, the Festival of the Girls' School would be similarly less productive. But our fears have not been realised. The returns amount to £13,029 3s., as against £14,187 11s. 6d., in 1885, the number of Stewards being 274 as against 272 at the latter Festival. But in the list for 1885 there appeared a sum of £1050, raised by West Yorkshire to commemorate the services of Sir H. Edwards, Bart., their P.P.G.M., who, unhappily, has died since then, so that for the ordinary purposes of comparison we must deduct this £1050 from the 1885 total, and then contrast with the balance remaining—£13,137 11s. 6d.—the total of Wednesday. The result, of course, is that the diminution is little more £100, whereas for the larger number of Stewards there should have been an increase of about as much. But this is not all we feel it our duty to point out. There can be no doubt the times are harder now than at the corresponding period of last year, and this has enhanced the difficulties of the Stewards in making their persuasive powers tell. People cannot give so freely when trade and commerce are not over prosperous. Yet the bad times do not seem to have had so great an effect as had been anticipated. In fact, if, for the purposes of this particular argument, we leave the Sir H. Edwards Presentation apart, there is no momentous difference between the work done by the Stewards at the two Festivals, and no difference whatever between the returns of Wednesday and those of the Festival in 1884, when Lord Brooke, P.G.M. Essex, presided. In fine, we cannot too seriously impress upon our readers that, from an all round point of view, the celebration of the current week is a matter for general congratulation.

But there is a slight derangement of this feeling when we contrast the sub-divisions of the two sets of returns. Our pleasure is increased when we contrast the returns from the provinces; but this is not the case when we give our attention to

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Which, with 123 Stewards, returns only £5356 18s., as against the £6226 14s. 6d., raised by its 130 Stewards in 1885. Moreover, there are fewer bodies represented than there were last year, and then it was, as we pointed out at the time, considerably below an average representation. Taking one Festival with another, we are satisfied if about one third of the lodges in the Metropolitan area send up Stewards; on Wednesday only about one fourth did so. There was, however, a slight increase in the number of Unattached brethren. Again, there were, comparatively speaking, few lists exceeding £100, while the highest was that of Bro. Kauffmann, whose list for the King's Cross Lodge, No. 1732, was £164 17s. This is an admirable return, and one that reflects great credit on that worthy brother, but we confess that, in the interests of the School, we should like to have seen just two or three in excess of £200, such as appeared in the Benevolent Returns of February, and at other anniversaries. Here then we have only a limited number of three figure lists, and only 82 lodges and 4 chapters represented, whereas the number of lodges averages over 100, with a small sprinkling of chapters to lend a helping hand. With these facts before us, we cannot be surprised at the decrease in the London aggregate. As regards individual lists, we note there are just 12 ranging from £100 to as high as Bro. Kauffmann's, and we give them in the order of their value, as follows, namely: in the place of honour the King's Cross list, Bro. Kauffmann, Steward, amounting to £164 17s. Not far behind are those of the Selwyn Lodge, No. 1901, and the Queen's Westminster, No. 2021, Bro. Powles, as Steward for the former, figuring for £153 6s., and Bro. George Coop, representing the latter, for £150. Bro. Frank Richardson, P.G.D., a member of the House Committee, stands fourth in order with £138 10s., and Comp. Charles Taylor, of the Eccleston Chapter, No. 1624, fifth, with £120 15s. The remaining seven form a group all pretty close together, viz., Bro. K. R. Murchison, Friends in Council, No. 1383, £108; Bro. Horace B. Marshall, P.G. Treasurer and Treasurer of the Institution; Bro. T. B. Daniell, Steward for the Merchant Navy Lodge, No. 781; and Bro. Francis W. Stamp, Perfect Ashlar Lodge, No. 1178; each of whom returned £105, while Bros. Bardoulean and Hirst, who shared between them the representation of the Langthorne Lodge, No. 1421, gave a like amount. Bro. F. P. Montgomery, acting for the Peckham Lodge, No. 1475, and Bro. C. Hammerton, of the House Committee, appear each with £100 to his credit.

THE PROVINCES.

Though the aggregate of the country contributions may not perhaps be on a commensurate scale, it is some time since the Provinces have been so generally represented as they were on Wednesday. Masonry outside the Metropolis—and, of course, omitting the lodges in foreign parts—is mapped out in 45 districts, namely, 43 Provinces, with the Isle of Man and the Channel Islands. Of these no less than 36 sent up Stewards, namely, 35 Provinces and the Channel Islands, which, as we have already suggested, is considerably above the average. In February last 31 were represented, being all Provinces, and the number of sub-divisions the same as now. At the Boys' School Festival, in June last, 31 sent up Stewards; but North Wales and Salop were then one Province, whereas they are now two, so that 32 of our present Provinces had a share in the Provincial contribution to that Festival. At the Girls' School Festival, in May, 1885, only 27, or, making allowance for the division of North Wales and Salop into two parts, 28 Provinces had a hand in the work. In fact, we must go back to the Boys' Festival in 1883, when 35 of the then, or 36 of the present, Provinces sent up Stewards, so that the same proportion out of the whole was represented at both these Festivals, though, as regards the sums raised at the respective celebrations, that of Wednesday is about half what was given by the Provinces for our Boys at the 1883 Festival. However, if we cannot claim for the country districts that they have achieved so brilliant a result, it is a distinct advantage to find the contributions distributed over a wider area. We have enumerated the causes which are now operating against heavy totals, and, when these causes have been removed, we are sanguine enough to believe that the sympathy with our Institutions having been spread over a larger surface, the results will be commensurately more satisfactory.

Of course, it follows that, with more of the Provinces represented, there must be fewer absentees, the latter being only nine in number, namely, eight Provinces and the Isle of Man, whose five lodges are hardly expected to give a helping hand. The eight Provinces are Cumberland and Westmor-

land (20 lodges), which does not seem to have done anything worth speaking of since it raised £1050 for the Boys' School in 1883, and which might advantageously be awakened to something like its former state of activity; Lincolnshire (22 lodges), which is not too proud to accept help from the Institutions for its necessitous members and their belongings; Northants and Hunts (10 lodges), which may possibly have some contribution in view at an early date, but which has been represented at only one out of the last nine Festivals—that of the Boys' School in 1884, when it raised £215; Notts (14 lodges), which raised nearly £177 for the Benevolent in February last; Shropshire (10 lodges), which sent a Steward to the Benevolent Festival in February last, and, we believe, is organising its strength for next year, when its Prov. G.M., Bro. Sir Offley Wakeman, has kindly undertaken to preside at one of our anniversary celebrations; South Wales, Western Division (10 lodges), which took part in last year's Benevolent Festival and that of the Girls' School in 1884, and which, when it has shaken itself into better form under its new chief will, no doubt, acquit itself worthily; Sussex (25 lodges), which, after its splendid work last year, under its late lamented ruler, Sir W. W. Burrell, Bart., deserves a respite; and Jersey (seven lodges), which, however, does some very good work from time to time, its principal efforts being on behalf of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution. These Provinces muster amongst them 118 lodges.

Let us now turn our attention to the represented Provinces in their alphabetical order, the list being headed by the newly-created Province of

BEDFORDSHIRE,

Which, though it has not completed the first year of its existence, has lost no time in making its presence felt at these gatherings. At the Benevolent Festival in February, its senior lodge, the Stuart, No. 540, Bedford was represented with an effective list of £53 12s. On Wednesday the same lodge contributed by the hands of Bro. Samuel L. Kilpin a fraction over £80, while the Chiltern Lodge, No. 1470, Dunstable, also sent up a Steward, Bro. M. H. Dicker, whose list was £44 2s., the total, including £10 10s. from Bro. S. J. Attenborough, being £134 13s. This is a capital performance, and must be intensely gratifying to that worthy and respected veteran, Bro. Col. W. Stuart, who is at the head of the Prov. G. Lodge. If Bedfordshire continues as it has begun, some of the other small Provinces which have shown well on these occasions will have to look to their laurels.

BERKS AND BUCKS,

Which, for the purposes of this Festival, must be taken as Berks only, seeing that none but Berks Lodges are represented, has given £227 15s., or more by nearly £70 than it gave to the Benevolent in February. It is, however, in the order of things that totals should fluctuate, when a province makes a point of being always, or nearly always, represented. This makes the amount contributed thus far in the present year £387 6s. 6d., so that there is a fair chance of the province rivaling its performance of last year, when it apportioned close on £600 among our Charities.

BRISTOL

Is a compact Province of 8 lodges, and generally does something useful at one of our three anniversaries, but latterly it has surpassed itself. At the Boys' Festival in June, 1885, it raised £115 10s.; in February, Bro. Terry had the advantage of its services to the extent of £318 10s., of which Bro. Pierrepont Harris raised £300 5s. from the Province generally. On Wednesday, the same Bro. Harris, as representative of the whole body, handed in £145 19s., the contributions of Bristol for the current year being thus far £464 9s.

There was a time when

CAMBRIDGESHIRE

Was seldom represented in these Festival Returns. That time, however, appears to have gone, never to return, and the rule now is that, at the majority of our anniversary gatherings, the Province figures as a generous contributor. On Wednesday it surpassed all its previous efforts by presenting, by the hands of its worthy Steward, Bro. C. A. Vinter, £273, which, seeing that it has only six lodges, is indeed a grand performance.

CHESHIRE,

With its 38 lodges is rather below its average, the sum of its five Stewards' lists being only £78 10s., of which 30 guineas (£31 10s.) represents the contribution of Lodge No. 428, per Bro. the Rev. C. W. Spencer-Stanhope, P.G. Chaplain. The Zetland Lodge, No. 237, had three Stewards, whose contributions amounted to £36 15s., and Bro. Bradford, as Steward for No. 1565, made up the balance of £10 10s.

CORNWALL,

As we have several times remarked, can boast of some half-dozen active spirits, who love to see their Province with its 29 lodges figuring regularly, if only to a small extent, in these lists. Bro. Controller Bake is one of these energetic Cornishmen, who is never so happy as when he is assisting at a Masonic anniversary. His list on Wednesday was only a modest £31 10s., but in February he handed in a total of £152 7s., and in 1884 he was a Steward at all three Festivals, while in the intermediate 1885, the honour of Cornwall was in the hands of Bro. Charles Truscott, who upheld it to admirable purpose at the Benevolent Festival in February and the Girls' School Festival the May following, the amount of his list in each case being in excess of £200.

No one will be surprised at

DERBYSHIRE.

Making only a slight show. One of its 21 lodges contributed £63 to the Benevolent Institution in February, and there are two others in the present list, whose returns amount together to £37 10s. 6d. But its distinguished P.G.M., Bro. the Marquis of Hartington, was Chairman at last year's Boys' School Festival, and then the Province brought its resources to bear in supporting his lordship, and to right good purpose, its sum total, in which pretty nearly all the lodges had a share, being £1546. There is an old phrase to the effect that Apollo does not always keep his bow strung, and Derbyshire, though a well-to-do Province, cannot always be paying over its hundreds of pounds sterling.

DEVONSHIRE.

Had an excellent representative in the person of Bro. the Rev. T. W. Lemon, M.A., whose name is familiar in nearly all branches of Freemasonry, and has now gained fresh laurels as a Festival Steward. His list reached the excellent figure of £136 19s., and we may take it that his success on Wednesday will encourage him to further exploits in the same field of honourable labour.

DORSETSHIRE.

Looks like repeating some of the more signal successes of past years, its representatives, Bros. W. D. Dugdale and Z. Milledge, handing in a joint list of £142 10s., each of those well known brethren taking under his wing a lodge, in addition to his share of the provincial canvass. This, with the £180 10s. raised for the Benevolent in February, gives a present total for

the current year of £323 6s., which is a long way in advance of its performances in 1885, and there is yet another opportunity, at the Boys' Festival, for its distinguishing itself. But even if it should rest on its oars for a while, it has shown well, considering it has only a roll of 13 lodges.

DURHAM.

Made a fair start in February, when Bro. Hans B. Olsen, acting on behalf of one of its 31 lodges, handed in a serviceable list of £105 for our Old Folks. On Wednesday, Bro. W. Logan, Steward for the Marquis of Granby, No. 124, Durham—one of the oldest lodges in the province—made up a list of 55 guineas (£57 15s.), which Bro. Holmes, as an unattached Steward, supplemented with a personal donation of £10 10s. In 1885 it helped the Benevolent and the Boys' School; in 1884 it was represented at the Festivals of all three Charities, while in the years 1881, 1882, and 1883, the sum of its charitable contributions, as entered among the different Festival Returns, exceeded £1700, the lion's share (£1024) being raised when the late Marquis of Londonderry, its P.G. Master, took the chair at the Boys' Festival at Brighton.

ESSEX.

which has 23 lodges, bids fair to rival its performances of last year, when it raised £795 for our Institutions, namely, £456 for the Old People, £86 for the Girls' School, and £253 for the Boys' School. In February, four Stewards, of whom Bro. R. Clowes was one, raised amongst them £115 5s. 6d., while on Wednesday, seven Stewards, of whom two acted on behalf of Lodge 1421, Ilford, and two—Bros. G. Cooper and E. Shedd—were unattached, made up an effective total of £271 10s., while Bro. R. Clowes figured us usual, his list for Star-in-the-East Lodge, No. 630, Harwich, amounting to £38 17s. Bro. Lord Brooke has every reason to be proud of his East Saxon followers.

GLOUCESTERSHIRE.

Had three of its 14 lodges represented, Nos. 82, 493, and 592, Bros. S. Bland and J. A. Matthews doing duty for No. 493, while Bro. Vassar-Smith acted independently. The five Stewards raised amongst them £222 12s., Bro. Bland's list, which included Bro. Matthews's contribution, amounting to £78 15s. This is unquestionably a return which is worthy of the province, especially as, when Sir M. E. Hicks-Beach, Bart., M.P., acted as Chairman for the Benevolent Festival last year, it raised over £1210, and as including Wednesday's gathering, it has helped at three out of the four Festivals which have been held since.

It does not often happen that the Province of

HANTS AND THE ISLE OF WIGHT.

Sends in so small a total as it did on Wednesday, when its four Stewards made up amongst them £164 2s. 6d., Bro. Gieve's list for the Harmony Lodge, No. 309, Fareham, being the most considerable. True, in February last it raised for the Old People only £142 5s., but last year it figured for £550 for this Institution, for £277 for the Girls' School in May, and for £234 in June for the Boys' School, making a total for the year of £1061; while in 1884 it raised altogether £1180, and in 1883 £1832. These latter are the returns we have been mostly accustomed to in connection with Bro. W. W. B. Beach's Province, but for the reasons we have suggested in the case of other Provinces, we must look for an occasional falling off, so that the brethren may not be always putting their hands in their pockets. Besides, who can tell but what Hants and the Isle of Wight may be reserving its strength for the Boys' celebration in June?

We gladly welcome

HEREFORDSHIRE.

In the list of contributing Provinces. It is only a wee Province, as regards the number of its lodges, and we do not presume to look for it very frequently. Its presence, therefore, on Wednesday may be regarded as auguring well for the future, and the list—£74 11s., per Bro. the Rev. Evans, of the Royal Edward Lodge, No. 892, Leominster—is a very creditable one. We shall be only too pleased to extend to it the same cordial greeting on future occasions. There can never be too much of a good thing in the case of contributions to our Institutions.

HERTFORDSHIRE.

does not often put forth any considerable portion of its strength at Festivals other than those of the Benevolent Institution, though it is a regular contributor to all three Charities. On Wednesday, however, two of its 14 lodges sent up Stewards, the Watford, No. 404, Watford, having for its representative Bro. George E. Lake, the Provincial Grand Master, whose list amounted to £100 16s., while Bro. H. J. Giller acted for the other lodge, the Earl of Clarendon, No. 1984, also hailing from Watford, whose total was £25, making together £125 16s. In February it contributed £279 5s. 6d. to the Benevolent, while in 1885 it distributed £411 among our Charities, the Benevolent again receiving the lion's share of £322, the Girls' School receiving only £42 5s., and the Boys' School £46 15s. 6d. This year, so far, at all events, the influence in favour of the Benevolent is not quite so preponderant as in 1884 and 1885.

KENT.

Did so well in February, when its total at the Festival of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution was £844, that had there been a more considerable falling off from that sum, no one would have been justified in noticing it. But it raised £546 10s. on Wednesday, there being an array of eight Stewards acting in behalf of seven lodges. Of these Bro. H. Mason, for the Pattison Lodge, No. 913, Plumstead, made up an admirable list of £210 10s., this being his third stewardship, and raising the total he has collected for our Institutions to not far short of £500. In 1885, Kent contributed over £531 to the Benevolent Institution, £327 to the Girls' School, and over £725 to the Boys' School, making for the year some £1584. Up to the present time it has given £1431, or not very much less at two Festivals than it did in 1885 for the whole three. This shows glorious work even for a Province which, like Kent, has over 50 lodges on its roll.

LANCASHIRE (EAST DIVISION).

Figures for £170 5s., of which Bro. Harcastle's list for the Albert Victor Lodge, No. 1773, absorbed £60, a number of minor contributions by different lodges being grouped together as one amount—£68 5s. Were it not for the Provincial Charitable Association, which receives such liberal support from our East Lancashire friends, and is, consequently, doing such admirable work locally, the total we have stated would look small for so strong a Province.

As regards

LANCASHIRE (WEST DIVISION).

The total—£352 16s.—is comparatively small, when we take into account the number of lodges on its roll. But it has several Provincial Organisations, which are generously supported, and not only are able to increase

their invested moneys from year to year, but at the same time do a world of good for the indigent brethren in the Province and the orphans of deceased brethren. On Wednesday, 12 of its members acted as Stewards, Bro. W. Goodacre, Prov. G. Sec., heading the list with £147, of which 100 guineas was voted by Prov. G. Lodge. Bro. Sinclair, of St. George's No. 32, Liverpool, figures in the returns for £63.

LEICESTERSHIRE AND RUTLAND.

with its 12 lodges, cannot be considered a strong province, that is to say, strong enough to be represented regularly at the three annual gatherings. Nevertheless it does its duty bravely, as for instance at the Girls' Festival last year, when it figured in the returns for £405, with a small supplement for the Boys' of 25 guineas, and again in the years 1884 and 1883, when at the Benevolent Festival in the former it raised £350, and at that of the Boys' School in the latter £405, giving an average for the three years of close on £400 a year. On Wednesday R.W. Bro. W. Kelly, P. Prov. G.M. and Prov. G. Superintendent, handed in a personal donation of ten guineas, and so gave the province for which he has laboured so successfully a representation it would not otherwise have received.

MIDDLESEX.

from old associations, may be reckoned upon as a regular contributory to the Girls' School Anniversary, though, as far as our experience goes, it plays this rôle in behalf of all three Institutions, and with a liberality worthy of the Metropolitan county. On Wednesday five of its 37 lodges sent up Stewards, the Lebanon, No. 1326, Feltham, having a brace of them. Its total was £173 7s. 6d.

The next stage brings us to the compact little province of

MONMOUTHSHIRE.

Which, though it can boast no more than eight lodges, is an annual, if not a regular, supporter of our Charities. That is to say, like the Leicestershire and Rutland, of which we were speaking a little earlier, it enters an appearance at one of the Festivals as a matter of course, but its ability will not justify its going further as a rule, though we have known it do so ere this. On Wednesday Bro. S. Davies, as Steward for the Province, handed in a list of £162 15s., and in addition, Master Willie Watkins, as Steward for his father's lodge—the Albert Edward Prince of Wales, No. 1429, Newport—raised a list of £36 15s., the total for the Province being thus £199 10s. Last year it gave £200 to the Benevolent, with a supplementary gift of £61 8s. 6d. to this Institution in the May following by the hands of this youthful Lewis, who also did duty at the Boys' School Festival last June as an Unattached Steward, the total of his list then being £26 5s. Thus the youngster has served three Stewardships in two years and helped the Institutions to a round £120, while Monmouthshire itself, has fully maintained its reputation as a generous contributor to our Charities.

We had hardly anticipated that

NORFOLK.

Would have entered an appearance on this occasion. Its chief, Lord Suffield, has undertaken to preside next month at the Boys' School Festival, and, as a matter of course, there will be a great effort made to support his lordship generously. However, we may be sure that Bro. Hedges will have been gratified to learn that, notwithstanding its engagement, it has been able to swell his total by £67 4s., of which the major portion emanated from the Cabbell Preceptory of Knights Templar, per Sir Knight G. W. G. Barnard.

NORTHUMBERLAND.

during the last six or seven years, has devoted its chief attention to the Boys' School, to which in 1880 it contributed about £640, in 1883 over £1222, and in 1885 nearly £163. These sums, which together exceed £2000, are grand gifts and, though spread over a fairly long period, could only be raised by a province which is well furnished with the sinews of Charity, and the will to put them in action. This year the province has taken a new departure, and raised a subvention for the Girls' School amounting to £905 2s., and this, though its lodges are only 21 in number. The worthy brother, who has successfully exerted himself in the accumulation of these moneys is none other than Bro. B. J. Thompson, the Prov. Grand Secretary, the same who represented the province at the memorable Boys' School Festival of 1883, when the aforesaid list of £1222 constituted one of the principal items in Bro. Binckes's total on that occasion. It does not often fall to the lot of one man to achieve two such brilliant successes in the short space of three years, and hence we tender to Bro. Thompson our very hearty congratulations on this latest evidence of his energy and persuasive powers.

NORTH WALES.

Has improved on its first performance as a separate Province. In February it raised within a fraction of £30 for the Old People; on Wednesday it benefited the Girls' School to the extent of a fraction over £102, the Royal Leek Lodge, No. 1849, per Bro. Col. H. Platt, D.P.G.M., contributing £70 17s. 6d., and Bro. Benson, unattached, 25 guineas. This looks well for the new régime under Lord Harlech.

OXFORDSHIRE.

with its array of ten lodges, contributes a useful £106, made up of the contributions of three out of the four Oxford lodges—the Alfred, No. 340, the Apollo University, No. 357, and the Churchill, No. 478—and the Windrush Lodge, No. 1703, Witney. This is an appreciable advance on the £46 18s. 6d., which between them the Alfred, No. 340, and the Thames, No. 1895, Henley, contributed to the Benevolent in February last, so that we may reasonably expect that Oxfordshire will about realise its usual average before the present Festival year is over.

The total raised by Lord Carnarvon's Province of

SOMERSETSHIRE.

is perceptibly lower than it is in the habit of contributing. This will be seen best from the following enumeration of its figures at the preceding eight Festivals, namely, Boys' School 1883, £357 10s. 6d.; in 1884, Benevolent Festival, £505 5s.; Girls' School Festival, £71 8s.; Boys' School £64 1s.; in 1885, Benevolent Festival, £176 8s.; Girls' School Festival, £305; Boys' School Festival, £136 10s.; and the Benevolent Festival in February last, £173 4s. On Wednesday the sum handed in by Bro. Porritt as the Provincial Steward was £133 7s. If we add these nine amounts together, we arrive at an average of over £213 per Festival, so that Wednesday's figure, if not the lowest, is a round £180 below the average we have just stated. It will be noticed, however, that Somersetshire's range of subscription extends from £505 at the Benevolent Anniversary of 1884 to as low as £64 1s. at that of the Boys' School the same year, so that it is certainly not impossible, and by no means improbable, that the falling off on this occasion may be retrieved in June.

SOUTH WALES (EAST DIVISION),
has done fairly well. Bro. W. C. Peace as representative of the province, having compiled a list of £140. But its 16 lodges raised £400 last year, £200 for each School, and £360 in 1884, namely, £160 for the Girls' and £200 for the Boys'. However, the decrease is one that must be looked for from time to time.

We pass on to the country of the Potteries, and we find that

STAFFORDSHIRE,

As usual, is well represented, Bros. Vernon and the Rev. W. Randall sharing between them the representation of the Province, and figuring for a combined list of £204 15s. Its one Steward in February—Bro. W. H. Bailey—handed in a total of over £204, so that there is good reason to hope the Province, which musters 27 lodges, will show to as great advantage as in 1885 and 1884, when it distributed £697 and £640 respectively among our three Institutions. We must not omit to mention that a very large proportion of the money raised for Wednesday is derived from that excellent local organisation, the Staffordshire Masonic Charitable Association, which, though of comparatively recent establishment, is doing some splendid work.

In our remarks on the contribution of

SUFFOLK

To the Benevolent Institution in February last we hinted at the pleasure the late Lord Waveney would have experienced had he been spared to hear of the handsome total then raised by the Province with which he had so long and so intimately been associated. The total was in excess of £300—the exact sum being £305 10s.—and on Wednesday a further amount of £137 0s. 6d., of which £126 10s. 6d. was on the list of Bro. Phillips, as Steward for the whole Province, came in conveniently to swell the returns to the Girls' School. There are 21 lodges on the roll; but the county is chiefly an agricultural one, and we all know that agriculture has been the reverse of prosperous for some time past, so that Suffolk is entitled to an amount of kudos even beyond what the aggregate of its subscriptions would justify, the total for the last eight Festivals, including that of Wednesday being about £1800.

Our next stage brings us to the Chairman's Province of

SURREY,

Which has summarily disposed of the misgivings that were felt as to its ability—there were never any as to its goodwill—to repeat the success of 1883, when General Brownrigg was Chairman at the Benevolent Festival, by compiling the grand total of £1328 19s. 6d., and thus securing to itself the premier place among the Provincial contributions. We must plead guilty to having shared in those misgivings, which, as will have been gathered from our remarks of last week, we based on a conjunction of unfortunate circumstances that might be deplored, but could not be controlled, and the best, indeed, the only atonement we can make to the Province is to congratulate it on a success, which, as it has been achieved in the face of so many difficulties, is, on that very account, so much the more honourable. We now give no further thought to absent lodges, which, as the Provincial Grand Lodge voted 100 guineas out of its funds, were not absent in reality, when we look at this total, which surpasses anything that Surrey has done previously, and will compare most favourably with what has been done by the Provinces of other Chairmen, under conditions far more auspicious. As to the composition of the £1328 odd, we have noted already that Provincial Grand Lodge figures for £105, the Chairman's list, including his own personal donation, is, in round figures, £193, while that of Bro. Joseph D. Langton, for the George Price Lodge, No. 2196, was no less than £497 18s. 6d., and Bro. John Hooke's, as Steward for the East Surrey Lodge of Concord, No. 463, amounted to £105. Bro. Charles Belton, too, for the Royal Alfred, No. 777, Guildford, gave in £89 15s. 6d., and even Bro. Chas. Greenwood, D.P.G.M., in spite of his illness and recent great bereavement, was able to present a list of between £43 and £44. But we need not prolong our remarks. The figures tell a tale which has gratified every one, the Chairman, the members of the Board of Stewards severally and collectively, and the Craft throughout the country, and we can only hope that our future Festival Chairmen will be as loyally supported by their own people.

WARWICKSHIRE,

When one of its most distinguished members—the Marquis of Hertford, then G.S.W. of England—presided at the Benevolent Festival in February, totalled up rather more than £230, and on Wednesday it swelled its contributions for the year by a further £102 18s., the lodges who helped to raise this sum being Nos. 43, 284, and 739, the first and third hailing from Birmingham, and the second from Warwick. As about Christmas last there was some talk of the Provincial Grand Master of Warwickshire taking the chair at the Boys' School, it is just possible that, though the talk came to nothing, many of our friends in the district may have resolved on giving the Boys' School the benefit of their services. We hope so, because the last time Warwickshire did anything worthy of its reputation was at the Girls' Festival in 1882, when it figured in the returns for £810. There have been 11 anniversaries since then, and its largest total at any one of them was the before mentioned £230 in February last.

WILTSHIRE

made its first appearance this year on Wednesday, the representative of its 10 lodges, Bro. J. Campbell Maclean, being so fortunate as to raise a list of £200 11s. Last year it concentrated its efforts on the Benevolent Institution, the sum contributed at the Festival of that Charity being upwards of £185, while in 1884 the same Institution was benefited to the extent of £157, the Girls' School received over £85, and the Boys' School a minor contribution of 10 guineas. In 1883, our Boys' had the larger share (£135) and the Benevolent (£50.) In 1882 it subscribed over £300, so that for a small province, it stands high both as a regular and a liberal contributor.

WORCESTERSHIRE.

Made a very effective display for the Benevolent Institution in February, when, with its P.G.M., Bro. Sir E. A. H. Lechmere, Bart., M.P., to head the array of Stewards, it compiled the considerable total of £287 8s. On Wednesday three of its most active members—Bros. A. F. Gordon, D.P.G.M., Grosvenor, and Consterdine-Chadwick—made up amongst them the small but serviceable sum of £36 15s. This raises its contributions for the current year to over £324, so that a heavy list will not be needed in order to place it on a level with the £396 which it distributed in 1885. There is, indeed, a fair chance of its exceeding that amount, and even the £426 which represented its appropriations to our Charities in 1884.

Last year,

YORKSHIRE (NORTH AND EAST)

Raised a total of £535, that is to say, £204 for the R.M.B.I., £150 for the Girls', and £181 for the Boys'. In 1884, its total was £559, and in 1883 it reached £920. During the present year it has raised £42 in February,

and £82 on Wednesday, the former amount being from the Humber, No. 57, and the latter from the Denison, No. 1248, Scarborough, whose representative, Bro. Sir G. Sitwell, Bart., M.P., compiled £42, and the Eboracum, No. 1611, from which Bro. W. Brown raised £40. There is thus an ample margin left for further subventions, in order to place the current year on a fair level with the three immediately preceding it.

YORKSHIRE (WEST.)

sent up 29 Stewards, or more than any other of our Provinces, 15 out of its 69 lodges being represented, and the total of their contributions being £500. This brings us within measurable distance of £1250, the 22 Stewards who did duty on behalf of the Benevolent Institution in February having compiled £735. In 1885 the returns were—Benevolent Institution, £143 17s.; Girls' School, £1608; and Boys' School, £355 19s.; giving a total for the year of £2107 16s., of which, however, £1050 was the Sir H. Edwards Presentation Fund to the Girls'. In 1884 the figures were—Benevolent, £352 5s.; Girls' School, £900; and Boys' School, £589 12s.; total for the three, £1841 17s.; and, in 1883, the total was £2350, of which £1500 was subscribed to the Boys' School. Thus at the last 11 Festivals, West Yorkshire has averaged £700 as its share of the general contributions, and if we carried our inquiries still further back, we should find the returns as conspicuously and as uniformly liberal.

THE CHANNEL ISLANDS.

Have no provincial organisation; but this does not prevent them from every now and then entering an appearance at the Festival of one or other of our Charities. Generally the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution has proved the attraction; but on Wednesday Bro. F. Clarke, as Steward for Doyle's Lodge of Fellowship, No. 84, Guernsey, tendered a list of £63, and not only is the sum credited in the returns we publish elsewhere, but we have much pleasure in drawing attention to its contribution in the course of these remarks.

CONCLUDING REMARKS.

There is only one district which it is out of our power to refer to—that of the Punjab, for one of whose lodges the Rev. Bro. Hildelesy gave his services as Steward. But the Punjab is a few thousand miles away, and, no doubt, the reason there is nothing to its credit is that Bro. Hildelesy has not been able to remit the contributions of his brethren in time for announcement in our columns. It invariably happens, however, that when one of these remote lodges is represented, it contributes generously. But with this and a few other exceptions, Bro. Hedges has succeeded in getting in his returns from all who consented to act on behalf of the School, and in this respect has been exceptionally fortunate. He has also been still more fortunate in the aggregate of these returns as compared with what was generally anticipated. However, on this point we have already said enough, while, if there are any matters that have escaped us, which would seem to have called for some notice, we must claim, as always, the kind indulgence of our readers.

**CONSECRATION OF THE LODGE OF HOPE,
No. 2153, AT GOSPORT.**

A red-letter day in the annals of the Masonic history of Gosport was marked on Wednesday, the 12th inst., when the constitution and consecration of the Lodge of Hope, No. 2153—a military lodge—took place, the ceremony being carried out in the Thorngate (or Town) Hall. The walls were tastefully decorated with bunting and the floor was laid with red cloth, and the whole arrangements were most ably carried out. Amongst those present were—

Bros. the W. W. B. Beach, M.P., P.G.M.; Rev. J. N. Palmer, P.G.C. Eng., P.P.G.C., acting D.P.G.M.; M. E. Frost, P.P.G.W., acting P.G.S.W.; J. B. Goldsmith, Rev. E. H. Ehlers, P.G.C.; Capt. W. H. E. St. Clair, P.G. Reg.; E. Goble, P.G. Sec.; G. A. Mursell, P.G.S.D.; W. Gunnell, P.G.S. of W.; J. Gieve, P.D.G.D.C.; J. G. Niven, P.G. Swd. Br.; G. Cross, P.G. Std. Br.; W. Dart, P.G. Purst.; T. F. Wilton, P.P.G. Org., acting P.G. Org.; E. Nayler, J. Jackson, and F. Cooper, P.G. Stwds.; J. Wilmott, P.P.G. Swd. Br.; J. Woodhouse, P.P.G. Swd. Br.; W. G. P. Gilbert, S.W. 257; J. W. Gieve, I.P.M., and C. Smith, 309; J. Roberts, 325; F. Sanders, W.M.; W. Beutells, S.W.; and J. Bussey, 342; R. K. Clovell, 358; W. Stoddart, 407; H. Simes, 487; J. Maling, P.M.; R. W. Mitchell, P.M.; C. Larkins, Asst. Org.; and G. W. Taylor, 903; J. Mitchell, J.W.; G. F. Williams, Treas.; J. G. Mason, P.M.; J. Miles and S. Williams, 1428; W. Baylis, 1536; G. Darby, W.M.; J. S. Senior, S.W.; S. Smith, J.W.; W. M. Chalcraft, Treas.; F. W. C. Waters and R. P. Briant, 1705; W. Miles, I.P.M.; J. Bryant, I.G.; F. G. Welton, and J. Bryant, 1776; Lieut. J. Knowles, R.N., W.M.; R. S. P. Griffiths, and Lieut. Aplin, 1903; J. Palmer, W.M.; P. H. Emanuel, J.W.; E. G. Adams, P.M.; Q. Ceconi, J.D.; J. Coote, J. Prior, W. Porter, and G. Skeens, 2068; and the petitioners for the lodge—Bros. Major W. T. Miller, P.P.G.S.D.; G. F. Lancaster, P.P.G.J.D.; J. Wilson, P.P.G. Swd. Br.; R. W. Downing, P.P.G. Std. Br.; F. Powell, W.M. designate, P.P.G. Purst.; Wm. Green, P.M., S.W. designate; T. Stretton, J.W. designate; Rev. R. Measham, H. Crisp, W. J. Pawsey, T. Pearson, E. S. Innes, J. G. Williams, D.C.; T. W. Holdstock, I.G.; D. Batson, Org.; E. Jewell, C. H. Buck, T. Nicholls, T. Bailey, A. Harding, J. Smith, R. G. King, G. Turner, T. Adams, G. W. Burnett, J. J. Bate, A. T. White, J. Brams, W. Cotton, J. Hicken, and G. Dunbar.

The lodge having been opened, the brethren saluted the P.G.M. in due form.

Bro. J. N. PALMER, Grand Chaplain, acting D.P.G.M., said that it needed but very few words from him as to why they had assembled there that day, and they were all right glad to see Masonry extended, as was evinced by such a large attendance to witness the constitution and consecration of the Lodge of Hope, and he asked the P.G.M., to accede to the prayer of the petitioners for the new lodge.

Bro. W. W. B. BEACH, P.G.M., said that the application for a new lodge from the brethren was an indication of a desire to promulgate the benefits of Freemasonry. There would, it was perfectly true, be little cause for congratulation were there any doubt as to the success of the lodge in the future, or as to the sincere wish of the brethren who were joining to promote it. That, he trusted, they might dismiss from their minds. No doubt the brethren of Gosport, emulating their brethren in Portsmouth, who had such a number of lodges, were desirous of extending their lodges, which was not surprising, considering the growth that Gosport was making. That being the case, and a number of brethren having signified their wish to join in promoting a new lodge, he had every desire to assist them by all means in his power, and therefore he had come there that day, it being one that he thought would probably be convenient to them, and on which he could be spared from the House of Commons, though the business on most days was rather of an entrancing nature. What was the work on which they were engaged? Was theirs a Society based on the principles of yesterday? No, it was a Society based on principles which had existed for thousands of years. It was curious that almost from day to day things were brought to light which showed that Freemasonry must have existed even for a longer time than they had an idea of. They had remains of buildings brought to

light which bore traces of Masonic emblems, showing that in those days there were brethren who desired to perpetuate their Society. It had been found that in countries which they had no idea had any contact with the civilised portion of the world Freemasonry must have existed, and how it could possibly have permeated to those remote places was a perfect marvel to them. But, as a rule, Masonry had been synonymous with and had extended with knowledge. This showed that Masonry was one of those societies which were allied to the best interests of civilisation. Their Society promulgated some of the best principles, which, apart from Christianity, could be inculcated. How could what was taught in their ritual fail to exercise a favourable influence upon the conduct of men if only they acted up to it? It was only for them to do so and they would become better citizens, better men, and have increased reverence for the Great Being who created the world and all that was in it. It was surprising, considering the length of time that Freemasonry had existed, that there were hardly any cases where brethren or lodges had fallen away from the principles which had been inculcated. There had been a melancholy instance in recent times, which he trusted might never occur again. Most of the lodges in France had fallen away from the faith and traditions of their forefathers, and rejected the name of the Supreme Being within the walls of their lodges. Had this repudiation been received with favour in other countries? Far from it. They had been refused intercourse with Freemasons in other countries, and in England they had been accounted as out of the pale of the Masonic Order. He thought that this showed that the brethren of this day were determined not to reject the excellent lessons given them in the past. He trusted that the work in which they were engaged might be fraught with prosperity to the Order, and that the Lodge of Hope would shed a bright influence around and be an honour to the Order they loved so well. (Applause.)

Bro. EHLERS, P.G. Chaplain, then offered up the introductory prayer, and the choir, composed of Bros. Pearman, P.P.G. Org.; Downing, P.M.; Batchelor, P.M.; E. H. Buck, and T. F. Wilton, P.P.G. Org., sang hymn, "Great source of Light and love."

The brethren of the new lodge having been arranged in order, the P.G. Secretary read the petition, and afterwards the warrant empowering the brethren to meet on the third Wednesday in the month, at the India Arms Hotel, High-street, Gosport.

Bro. PALMER said that after the able way the P.G.M. had addressed the brethren upon the advantages of Freemasonry, he felt sure the brethren did not want to hear him, and in addition to that he must confess he had not prepared an oration. He then made a very strong appeal upon Charity, bringing most prominently before the brethren the great Institution for the Aged and Widows.

The hymn "O, Lord, Most High," and the first portion of the dedication prayer was given by Bro. EHLERS, P.G. Chaplain. The usual dedication service was most solemnly carried out, and the choir sang "O, God, our help in ages past."

Bro. Francis Powell, P.M., P.P.G. Purst., was presented to the P.G.M. by Bro. GEORGE FELTON LANCASTER, P.P.G.D., for the purpose of installation, and after the usual questions, &c., had been put, Bro. Powell was placed in the chair of K.S., and the P.G.M. addressed the lodge in ancient form.

Wor. Bro. Powell then invested his officers for the ensuing year as follows: W. Bro. W. Green, P.M., S.W.; Bro. T. Stretton, J.W.; W. Bro. Rev. R. Measham, P.M., Chaplain; Bros. H. Crisp, Treas.; W. J. Pawsey, Sec.; T. Pearson, S.D.; E. S. Innes, J.D.; T. W. Holdstock, I.G.; J. G. Williams, D.C.; D. Batson, Org.; E. Jewell, Steward; E. H. Buck, Steward; and L. Cauvin, Tyler.

Wor. Bro. G. F. LANCASTER, P.M., proposed, and Bro. T. STRETTON, J.W., seconded, and it was carried unanimously, that the W.M., who returned thanks, represent the lodge on the Provincial Grand Lodge Charity Committee.

The W.M. proposed a vote of thanks to the P.G.M. and Prov. Grand Officers for their attendance that day. He said that the brethren of the lodge owed them a debt of gratitude for their consideration and the great trouble they had been placed to in their attendance that day. The ceremony that day was not to be excelled by any other Prov. G. Master in the country.

Wor. Bro. MEASHAM seconded the vote of thanks, which was carried with applause.

The Right Wor. PROV. G. MASTER thanked the brethren, and remarked how pleased he was to see such a numerous attendance, and the interest taken in the consecration augured well for the future. He took the opportunity of apologizing for the absence of Wor. Bro. J. E. Le Feuvre, D.P.M., who was attending a most important Masonic duty in London.

On the motion of the W.M., and seconded by Wor. Bro. LANCASTER, Right Wor. Bro. W. W. Beach, P.G.M., was elected, amidst applause, an honorary member, and the P.G.M. returned thanks.

Bro. W. J. PAWSEY, Secretary, read letters of apology from Wor. Bro. J. E. Leuvre, D.P.G.M.; Bros. Lord Charles Beresford, P.M., M.P.; General Sir George Willis, K.C.B.; Col. Sir Francis Festing, R.M.A., A.D.C.; Col. Crease, R.M.A., W.M. 357; General Sir Frederick Fitzwygram, M.P.; Colonel Shadwell H. Clerke, Grand Secretary; Sir Alfred Balliston; Rev. C. S. Ward, P.G. Chap.; R. Loveland Loveland, P.G.S.W.; A. H. Jolliffe, P.G.D.C.; Col. Williams, A.D.C.; Capt. P. H. Colomb, R.N., and others.

On the proposition of Bro. Major W. T. MILLER, a vote of thanks was recorded to all the officers of the lodge, who had each presented their collars and jewels to the lodge, and, in addition, the Secretary had also given a solid leather case, to hold the lodge books.

Several initiates and joining members were proposed, and the lodge was closed in due form.

About 85 of the brethren adjourned to the India Arms Hotel and partook of a banquet, the Stewards and Bros. W. J. Pawsey, Sec., and H. Crisp, Treas., looking after the welfare of the guests.

The choir sang the grace before and after meat, and during the banquet the band, under the able direction of Bro. T. F. Wilton, played several pieces, and a solo on the cornet, "The Better Land," by Bro. Boon, was loudly applauded.

The WORSHIPFUL MASTER gave "The Queen and the Craft," and the choir sang the National Anthem, after which the W.M. gave the toast of "H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, M.W.G.M.," and the choir sang "God bless the Prince of Wales."

The WORSHIPFUL MASTER next gave "The Pro G.M., and Officers of Grand Lodge," and remarked that, unfortunately, he had not had the opportunity of seeing them all work, but they most certainly did do a great deal. They knew, however, that the S.W., Bro. Lord Charles Beresford—

(applause)—Bro. J. E. Le Feuvre, Grand Deacon, and their D.P.G.M.—(applause)—and Bro. J. N. Palmer, Chaplain—(applause)—knew what Masonic work was, and if they judged those brethren as specimens of the officers of Grand Lodge, then they were the best that had ever been appointed. (Applause.)

The WORSHIPFUL MASTER said that the next toast he had the honour of proposing was that of "The R.W. Prov. Grand Master." (Applause.) After that long and continued applause there was scarcely need for him to say anything in his favour. All those present at the constitution could not but admire the most impressive working he had performed. The P.G.M. had certainly attained perfection—(applause)—and they were delighted to see him amongst them and admire his working. He was most indefatigable in Masonic or Parliamentary duties; he was always doing something and was never tired; always doing something for a good purpose. He asked the brethren to drink bumpers for this toast. (Applause.)

R.W. Bro. W. W. B. BEACH, who was received with applause, thanked the brethren most cordially for the kind reception at the mention of his name. It had been remarked that it was most difficult for any one person to perform all the duties involved upon him. Well, he dovetailed them one with another and endeavoured to fulfil them. An officer told him once he had such a lot to do, but still he always found time to do it; another who really had nothing to do complained that his time was so fully occupied that he really had no time for anything. (Laughter.) When he (Bro. Beach) entered Freemasonry he did so for the love of its tenets and practices. He had found that throughout Masonry attracted friends and had done great uses in different parts of the country. He had had the honour of initiating the P.G.M. of Kent, the Pro G.M. the Earl of Carnarvon, amongst several others, and they bore good testimony to the pains one took to inculcate the principles of the Craft. Since he had been P.G.M. great duties involved upon him, and he had used his utmost endeavours to fulfil them. (Applause.) He could ill discharge those functions were he not helped by his officers. He was greatly indebted to many Masons in the province for their assistance in proving what a noble Order they had to perpetuate. When every brother had learned the principles of Freemasonry, he should act up to them, and show the outer world what valuable lessons there were to learn by becoming a Freemason, and they could show to them lessons they might well copy. The P.G.M. concluded by thanking the brethren for having elected him an honorary member of the lodge, and said he would have grateful recollection of the pleasing event and of the constitution of the Lodge of Hope at Gosport. (Applause.)

The WORSHIPFUL MASTER proposed the toast of "The Deputy Prov. G.M. and Officers of Prov. Grand Lodge," and referred to the appointment of the D.P.G.M. as Grand Deacon, saying that Bro. Le Feuvre's name was a household word in the province. (Applause.) Bro. St. Clair, P.G. Reg., was before them on many occasions, and Bro. Goble, P.G. Sec., was worthy of every respect. (Applause.)

Bros. ST. CLAIR and GOBLE responded for the toast in suitable terms, the former considering himself as representing the ornamental and the latter the business part of the province.

R.W. Bro. W. W. B. BEACH said it was his privilege to propose "The Health of the W.M."—(loud applause)—and he could answer that the duties of W.M. would be well carried out to the gratification of all. He had great experience, and it was unnecessary for him (Bro. Beach) to address him (Bro. Powell) upon his office. He hoped the officers and brethren would support him, for then they were bound to have a prosperous year. He gave the toast with great enthusiasm, and wished them many prosperous years to follow the constitution of the Lodge of Hope. (Applause.)

Bro. POWELL, who was enthusiastically applauded, briefly returned thanks.

Bro. Major MILLER, P.P.G.D., on behalf of the lodge, thanked the visitors for their presence, and remarked that they had come at a great sacrifice at such an early hour of the day, thus showing the deep interest they took in Freemasonry. He hoped they would not fail to follow them in their growth, as they would require their support the same as a child requiring help when learning to walk. That day was the birth of a new child, and he hoped that, on each anniversary of its birth, the visitors would rally round.

Bros. GILBERT, S.W. 257; J. W. DYSON, P.M. 394, P.P.G.S. of Wks.; and DARBY, W.M. 1705; returned thanks.

Bro. MEARIAM proposed "The Charities," which was responded to by Bro. LANCASTER, on behalf of the Provincial Educational and Benevolent Institution; and Bro. MITCHELL, on behalf of the London Institutions.

"The Officers of the Lodge" and the Tyler's toast concluded a most pleasant remembrance of the constitution of the Lodge of Hope.

THE CONSECRATION OF THE HUGUENOT LODGE, No. 2140.

Considering the number of special or class lodges which have been constituted during the past few years, it will be deemed a matter of surprise with many brethren that the Huguenot section of the English community has never hitherto thought of organising, or we should say rather, of asking permission to organise a Lodge, the membership of which would be confined principally, if not entirely, to members of that sect or party. We have our French, Anglo-Indian, Colonial, Musical, Dramatic, and Scientific Lodges, and why should there not be a Huguenot Lodge? We know of no particular reasons against the establishment of such a body, while there are some few that have occurred to us and probably also to many of our readers in favour of the proposition. For example, the mere presence in England of a Huguenot community is an enduring protest against the spirit of intolerance in matters religious. The Huguenots are of French nationality in the first instance, and very brave and worthy and reputable Frenchmen they proved themselves to be, but a bigoted French Monarch, towards the close of the 17th century, bethought himself of, as he supposed, a most admirable expedient for showing his love of religion by repealing a certain edict—the Edict of Nantes—passed a century before and under which the French Protestants, known as Huguenots, enjoyed the blessings of religious toleration. The revocation was made in 1685 with the result that all the Huguenots who had it in their power left France, the land of their birth, precipitately, rather than submit to the tyrannical conduct of their Sovereign.

The bulk of them sought refuge in England, and a most valuable accession they proved to our community. They brought with them their religion, their love of toleration, their industry, and what wealth they could carry away with them. Their descendants have preserved many of the national characteristics, and have always been held, as they deserved, in the highest respect by their adopted fellow-countrymen. Thus the Huguenots are the embodiment of the most complete system of tolerance in religion, and that is one of the features belonging to our system of Freemasonry. There is yet another, but subordinate, reason which occurs to us. The famous Freemason, Dr. Desaguliers, was the son of a Huguenot refugee, who sought a home in this country after the year 1805, and the part he played in the establishment of our Freemasonry in its modern character is too well known to need that we should do more than refer to it.

But our Huguenot friends will no doubt quote the old proverb about its being "Better late than never." It is of comparatively little consequence, they will urge, that a special lodge has not heretofore been organised for them. There might, and for the reasons just stated, ought to have had one before; but the point with them now is that they have at length obtained the sanction of the Grand Master to establish a "Huguenot Lodge," and this lodge was consecrated, as we mentioned last week, on Monday, the 10th inst., under the most encouraging circumstances, at the Criterion, Piccadilly, the ceremony being most ably carried out by Bro. F. A. Philbrick, Q.C., Grand Registrar, assisted by Bros. Sir John B. Monckton, P.G.W., as S.W.; Ralph Clutton, G.J.D., as J.W.; the Rev. J. S. Brownrigg, P.G.C., as Chaplain; and Frank Richardson, P.G.D., as D.C.; and Edgar Bowyer, P.G. Std. Br., as I.G.

A more capable body of officers could not have been brought together for such a purpose, and it is needless to say that everything was done that could possibly lend dignity and solemnity to the occasion. On Bro. the Rev. J. S. Brownrigg, as Chaplain, devolved the duty of delivering the customary oration, and this he did most learnedly, as will be gathered from the following exposition *in extenso* :—

Brethren,—The task you have imposed upon me to-night is honourable, but it is difficult; honourable, because I am speaking to men of eminence in the Craft who have requested me to assist in the formation of a new and important lodge; difficult, because the name of that lodge recalls to our minds many things, of which it is hard to speak without treading upon the forbidden ground of party politics. Still I attempt the work, hopeful that I may say nothing that will offend. When we reflect that 200 years ago your ancestors came to our shores, "French strangers," seeking an asylum, and that now as we look around we see in you fellow-countrymen, one with us in all things—we are led to ask, "How came this to pass? Why did we receive you with so much sympathy: How is it that you are now so thoroughly identified with the English nation—that you are indeed part of ourselves?" I will endeavour to answer both these questions. When you came to us, asking for shelter and for protection, we did not stop to inquire whether your Faith was identical with our own. We knew that it was not. We knew that in many points your religious belief differed from ours; but we felt this—that you were contending for a principle that was dear to every Englishman's heart—I mean toleration. Coercion and breach of faith have never found favour in our country. The solemn concordat under which you had for many years lived in comparative peace, was being ignored by France. The attempt was being made by undue means to force you to accept a religious system other than your own. It was not for us to sit in judgment either on your religion or on that of your opponents, but the same principle which many years before had made us, in Magna Charta, insist upon the freedom of our own church, led us to feel that the liberty we had won for ourselves we sought to help others to secure. Thank God this has ever been the principle of English citizens. When any one seeks refuge under our flag we ask not whether he gets his faith from Rome or Geneva, from Constantinople or Canterbury, but simply whether he will be an honest, loyal, and industrious citizen. This is all we asked of you; and we have never regretted the permission we gave you to sojourn amongst us. And so I come to my second question. What has made you no longer "strangers," but our fellow-countrymen? The answer is plain. You have not abused our hospitality. Content to be allowed freedom to your own Faith, you have not attacked ours. Your enemies said that you were actively aggressive, and that you were attacking unduly the Faith of others. We have not found this to be the case. The English Church stands to-day uninjured by Huguenot refugee. Neither of us sought to disguise the fact that on many points there was a difference. We did not ask you to conform to doctrines which we held to be of the first importance, and you with an honourable gratitude abstained from controversy. Indeed, I think that many of your people have been drawn to us. As you lived amongst us and married into our families, the English Church won, by love and sympathy, souls who would never have been gained by harshness and persecution, and to-day, many a staunch and distinct member of our English Church has Huguenot blood in his veins. But there is another tie which binds us. For years we have been brethren in arms for the defence of a Common Empire. Wherever English armies have gone, or English fleets have sailed, the Huguenot and the Englishman have fought side by side. You helped us to reconquer Ireland, when, very shortly after your arrival amongst us, the integrity of the Empire was threatened; you stood by our sides in the Peninsula and at Waterloo—in the Crimean War and in the Indian Mutiny Huguenots and Englishmen have together shed lustre on the English flag. Our interests have become yours. Our honour you have made your own. In England's hour of need you have never stood aside mindful only of your own welfare, and we are proud to share with you our sorrows and our joys. And, further, you have been useful to us. Englishmen are said to be a nation of shopkeepers. I am proud, as an Englishman, to be so designated, because to excel in trade implies the giving of the best possible value for money received. That Englishmen have been able to do this is due in no small degree to Huguenot skill and enterprise. At a very important period in the history of commerce, when many nations were competing for supremacy in commerce, you brought into our country what we wanted, skilled workmen. In two branches of trade you specially helped us; and, I believe, the undisputed fact that England stands *easily* first in the goldsmiths and weavers' art, is due in no small measure to your handicraft. Rightly then do I say that you have earned the right to be no longer strangers to whom we grant an asylum, but brother citizens of the first empire of the world. Let us gather then, in conclusion, this lesson. Difference of opinion in religion and politics need be no bar to brotherly intercourse. We are right each of us to contend for our Faith. Religious conviction to be worth anything must be strong. It is cowardly to buy peace by the sacrifice of principle. But let us ever grant to others the liberty we claim for ourselves, and let us ever remember that by mutual toleration that want of harmony, which in our present imperfect condition mars the beauty of God's fair universe, may be softened until He shall see fit to bring us all to One Fold under One Shepherd, when all discord will be gone for ever.

The work of constituting the lodge having been carried to its conclusion, the W.M. designate, our venerable Bro. R. Hervé Giraud, P.G.D., was installed in office, and in due course appointed and invested his officers for the year, the Wardens designated in the charter of constitution being Bros. Charles J. Shoppee, S.W., and Arthur Giraud Browning, J.W. The other officers are Bros. Major George Lambert, F.S.A., P.G. Swd. Br., acting P.M.; Gerald A. Shoppee, Sec.; Reginald St. A. Roumieu, D.C.; Thomas Archer, I.G.; Wm. Grellier, Stwd.; and R. Hovenden, Treasurer.

The Consecrating Officers then received a vote of thanks for their services, accompanied by the compliment of honorary membership, and the remaining business having been disposed of, lodge was closed, and the banquet, under the presidency of Bro. H. Giraud, W.M., followed.

On the removal of the cloth the usual toasts proper to such an occasion were honoured, and the brethren separated after a most enjoyable evening.

The following were among the brethren present at the ceremony, viz. :—

Bros. Col. Shadwell H. Clerke, G. Secretary; Thomas Fenn, Pres. B.G.P.; R. L. Hallows, S.W. 33; John S. Peirce, P.G.D.; W. G. Lemon, P.M. 165, 1601; Edgar Bowyer, P.G. Std. Br.; Hastings Miller, P.P.G.W. Middx., P.M. 1964; G. A. Potter, W.M. 1964; W. H. Newson, Old Concord Lodge; V. C. Deiport, 1223; R. Powell, 198 Thomas W. Traill, W.M. 33; John Charles, P.M. 19; W. M. Bywater, P.M. 19; George Drysdale, P.M. 46; John Read, P.M. 720; H. O. Yeatman, 1159; Charles Barry, W.M. 197; T. Burne, W.M. 162; James Ricks, P.M. 33; Edward H. Bunnell, P.M. 197; Charles Mansfield, P.M. 21; T. H. Felton, Frank Taylor, W.M. 1260; J. Robbins, P.M. 231; J. T. Rowe, P.M. 198; Arthur C. Tanqueray, Sydney Pitt, 1537; George Kenning, P.M., P.G.D. Middx.; W. B. Heath, P. Prov. G.S.W. Herts; T. Dunbar, S.P. 92; Rev. S. T. Frost, 27 (U.S.A.); O. Hansard, 197, 778; W. H. Stanger, P.M. 197; H. Dumas, 859; F. H. Cozens, 907; J. T. Hutchinson, 1765; E. H. Taylor, 586, P.P.G.O.; B. Suntry, 19; F. W. Lee, J.W. 198; A. Garrard, P.M. 1587; A. C. Wilks, 1964; R. W. Williams, J.D. 198; J. Davit, P.M. 33; A. Lester, 1509; Wm. Cromlees, 382; C. H. Shoppee, P.M. 162; A. W. Seihham, I.G. 162; J. W. Gray, H. E. Dehane, P.M. 1543, P.P.G.S.D. Essex; F. E. W. Collard, P.M. 19; G. Coop, P.M. 141; J. Terry, H. J. Dumas, C. Lambert, 198; Rev. G. W. Weldon, W.M. 104, P.M.; H. C. Lambert, P.M. 108, 504, S.W. 2021; J. S. Cumberland, W.M. 2128; Webster Glynes, P.M. 29, P.G.S.; H. Sadler, Grand Tyler; F. Orchard, P.M. 198; J. Truman Tanqueray, P.M. 1965.

PROVINCIAL GRAND ROYAL ARCH CHAPTER OF NORTHUMBERLAND.

The Annual Convocation of the Provincial Grand Chapter of Northumberland was held on the 4th inst., in the Freemasons' Hall, New Grainger-street, Newcastle, under the presidency of the Provincial Grand Superintendent, Comp. Colonel Potter, C.B. There was a large attendance from the several chapters in the province.

The congratulations of the Provincial Grand Chapter were expressed by the Provincial Grand Superintendent to Comp. E. D. Davis, on his appointment as a Grand Standard Bearer in the Grand Lodge of England, and it was intimated that he would be appointed that day as Assistant Grand Director of Ceremonies in the Grand Chapter of England.

The appointment and investiture of officers for the ensuing year afterwards took place.

PROVINCIAL GRAND CHAPTER OF WEST YORKSHIRE.

On Monday, the 10th inst., the annual meeting of the Provincial Grand Chapter of West Yorkshire was held at Barnsley, under the banner of the Friendly Chapter, No. 1513. The meeting was held in the King's Head Hotel, and was very well attended, representatives being present from chapters 61, 139, 154, 208, 242, 258, 264, 265, 275, 289, 290, 296, 302, 304, 306, 307, 308, 380, 387, 448, 458, 495, 521, 600, 603, 652, 750, 827, 837, 1019, 1042, 1283, 1462, and 1513. The Friendly Chapter was opened at 3.45 p.m. by Comps. W. R. Massie, Z.; S. C. Alderson, H.; and R. Carter, J.

Provincial Grand Chapter being announced, and having entered, the Prov. Grand Superintendent, Comp. T. W. Tew, was saluted in due and ancient form. The following companions acted as officers of the Provincial Grand Chapter :—

Comps. C. L. Mason, P.Z. 304, P., as P.G.H.; William Gaukroger, P.Z. 61, P.G.J.; Henry Smith, P.Z. 302, P.G.S.E.; Joseph Mitchell, P.Z. 1513, P.G.S.N.; William Frederick Tomlinson, P.Z. 304, P.G.P. Soj.; Alfred Austin, P.Z. 306, P.Z. 1st A.S.; J. W. Monckman, P.Z. 600, P., as P.G. 2nd A.S.; George Marshall, P.Z. 521, P.G. Treasurer; John E. Craven, P.Z. 308, P.G. Reg.; Thomas Denby, P.Z. 587, P.G. Swd. Br.; Edmund Lord, P.Z. 495, as P.G. Std. Br.; Edward Poppleton, P.Z. 827, P.G.D. of C.; C. W. Fincken, Org. 1513, as P.G. Org.; Henry William Pawson, P.Z. 296, W. T. Beanland, P.Z. 1462, C. Tait Rhodes, P.Z. 448, and Wm. Delaney, P.Z. 242, P.G. Stwds.; and Theodore Rogers, Janitor 1513, as P.G. Janitor.

Provincial Grand Chapter being opened, the Prov. G. Superintendent then addressed the companions.

The business of the Provincial Grand Chapter was then proceeded with, and the Provincial Grand Officers for the year appointed and invested as follows:

Comp. Rev. W. Collings Lukis, M.A., P.Z. 837	...	Prov. G.H.
„ Rev. Thos. Cartwright Smyth, D.D., P.Z. 1042	...	Prov. G.J.
„ Henry Smith, P.Z. 302	...	Prov. G.S.E.
„ H. W. Pawson, P.Z. 296	...	Prov. G.S.N.
„ J. W. Fourness, P.Z. 289 (elected)	...	Prov. G. Treas.
„ J. Heaton Cadman, P.Z. 154	...	Prov. G. Reg.
„ Charles Crabtree, P.Z. 600	...	Prov. G.P.S.
„ C. Tait Rhodes, P.Z. 448	...	Prov. G. 1st A.S.
„ W. T. Beanland, P.Z. 1462	...	Prov. G. 2nd A.S.
„ John W. Turner, P.Z. 521	...	Prov. G. Swd. Br.
„ Arthur A. Stott, P.Z. 258	...	Prov. G. Std. Br.
„ Wm. Delaney, P.Z. 242	...	Prov. G.D.C.
„ Edmund Lord, P.Z. 495	...	Prov. G.A.D.C.
„ C. W. Fincken, Org. 1513	...	Prov. G. Org.
„ Herbert G. E. Green, Z. 1019	...	Prov. G.A.S.E.
„ James Kay, P.Z. 275
„ Dr. Robert Thomas, P.Z. 139
„ Thomas R. Vause, P.Z. 208	...	Prov. G. Stwds.
„ Wm. Watson, P.Z. 304
„ Joshua Lee, P.Z. 290	...	Prov. G. Janitor.

The following resolution was then proposed by the PROV. G. SUPERINTENDENT, and carried unanimously :—“ That this Grand Chapter desires to record on its minutes its sense of the great loss it has sustained by the death of its beloved and lamented Comp. Colonel Sir Henry Edwards, Bart., C.B., Grand Superintendent of this province from 1878 to 1884; also to record its sympathy and condolence with Lady Edwards and the members of her family.”

Provincial Grand Chapter was shortly afterwards closed.

The visiting companions were afterwards entertained by the companions of Friendly Chapter, No. 1513.

BOARD OF BENEVOLENCE.

The monthly meeting of the Board of Benevolence was held on Wednesday evening at Freemasons' Hall. Bro. Joshua Nunn, President, Bro. James Brett, Senior Vice-President, and Bro. C. A. Cottebrune, Junior Vice-President, occupied the three chairs. They were supported by a numerous attendance of brethren.

The Board of Masters was first held, when the agenda paper for next Grand Lodge of 2nd June was submitted to the brethren. At the Board of Benevolence the brethren first confirmed grants recommended at last meeting to the amount of £445. The new list contained 40 cases of candidates from Old Brompton, Harrogate, Plymouth, Tiverton, Stokesley, Exmouth, Bridgwater, Gateshead, Malta, Preston, Lichfield, Aldershot, St. Helena, Rotherham, Brightonsea, North Walsham, Greenwich, London, Carlisle, Sunderland, Plumstead, Hayle, Middlesborough, Stourport, Antigua, Bromley (Kent), Devonport, Kenilworth, Manchester, Dunstable, Stalybridge, Stockport, and Chichester.

The PRESIDENT, at the commencement of the proceedings, announced that several letters had been received from petitioners relieved at the April meeting, thanking the Board for the relief extended to them.

During a sitting of nearly four hours the Board granted a total sum of £875. This was composed of one recommendation for £100; three of £50 each; three of £40 each; and eight of £30 each; eight grants were made of £20 each; two of £15 each; seven of £10 each; and one of £5. One case was dismissed, and six cases were deferred.

CONSECRATION OF THE SURBITON LODGE, No. 2146, SURBITON.

On Tuesday, this new lodge in the Province of Surrey, was consecrated. It is held at the Maple Hall, Surbiton, which affords ample and excellent accommodation for the purpose. The R.W. Bro. J. S. Brownrigg, C.B., Prov. G.M. of Surrey, himself consecrated the lodge, assisted by Bros. the Rev. Geoffrey Hughes, Prov. G. Chap.; Perryman, A.G.P.; Long, P.M. 889; Horsey, P.P.G.D.C.; and Morgan, P.M. 211. There was a large assembly of brethren of all ranks, but the present bearers of office in the province were most conspicuous by their absence. Bro. Greenwood, jun., acted as Secretary until the constitution of the new lodge and the investiture of the officers. Our readers are so well acquainted with the ritual of consecration that more need not be said than that the ceremony was ably performed, Bro. Horsey acting as D.C.

The oration was given by Bro. Morgan, and Bro. Sebastian Hart, P.G.S.D., P.M. 1872, was requested by the R.W. Prov. G. Master to install Bro. Gibbes, P.P.G.J.D., P.M. 1872, as first Master of the Surbiton Lodge. This was most impressively and accurately done, and Bro. Hart subsequently received the thanks of those assembled for the example of perfect emulation working he had given.

The W.M. then invested his officers as follows: Bros. A. Storr, P.M. 1658, S.W.; Alex. Wilson, P.M. 1298, J.W.; J. H. Jarvis, Treasurer; J. W. Allen, Secretary; Frank P. Hill, S.D.; S. Hewitt, J.D.; W. Douglas Young, I.G.; G. G. Budden, D.C.; J. Beck and F. Lockett, Stewards.

Eight candidates for election, and one for joining were proposed, and after an expression of "Hearty good wishes," the lodge was closed in solemn form.

A great proportion of the brethren afterwards partook of luncheon, after which the customary toasts were proposed.

The R.W. PROV. GRAND MASTER, referring to the new lodge, said that at first he had some doubt as to the presentation of the petition for a warrant, but after due enquiry he did so, and what he had heard and seen that day convinced him that he was right. Fourteen years ago, when he was placed in charge of the Province of Surrey there were but nine lodges, and now they numbered 31. Brethren would therefore see how difficult it was for him to select recipients for the "purple," but he would now be able to add two more Deacons. Still, brethren must not be disappointed if they were not all put into office in the province.

The Wardens of the Surbiton Lodge are old and experienced Masons, and while Bro. Storr, S.W. (whose brother is so widely known as "Charity Storr") extolled Charity, and exhorted the brethren to exercise it, Bro. Wilson, J.W., dwelt upon the necessity of all attending a lodge of instruction.

It was announced that the W.M. of the infant Masonic lodge would go up to the Girls' Festival on the following day, and 10 guineas were at once subscribed in the room for him to put on his Stewards' list.

THE PHENIX CLUB.

On Thursday, the 13th inst., a new club was founded, somewhat on the lines of the old K.T., to be called the Phoenix. There were present Sir Knights Capt. J. M. P. Montagu, Chairman; C. Fendelow, Capt. C. R. N. Beswicke-Royds, R. Costa, J. F. Tweedale, H. C. Burt, T. W. Coffin, R. Young, G. Cooper, W. J. Thomson, G. R. Crickmay, and C. A. Newnham. The club meets on the night before Great Priory. It is eminently a social club, and is for the purpose of bringing together the knights who come from all parts of the kingdom to attend Great Priory on the following day. About 30 of the old K.T.'s joined, and 16 new members were proposed. After the business was over the knights dined at the Holborn Restaurant, where an excellent banquet was provided.

We again call our readers' attention to the fact that next Thursday, the 27th inst., Mr. Daly's company, again under the management of Mr. Terriss, will open at the Strand, where they will remain for 10 weeks. They will give a series of their popular pieces, and we trust will receive a hearty response from their English cousins. No doubt many of their own countrymen, who are here for the Exhibition, will assist in the welcome which should be accorded to such funny plays as "A Night Off," "She Would and She Wouldn't," "The Country Girl," &c. Mr. George Brown, who has reigned at the Avenue on several occasions with so much satisfaction to every one, will be the acting manager.

Knights Templar.

NATIONAL GREAT PRIORY.

The usual meeting was held at the Cannon-street Hotel, on Friday, the 14th inst. The following sir knights having assembled in the hall: Sir Knights F. W. Driver, R. A. Luck, G. J. Dunkley, G. Graveley, L. Steele, C. E. Bloomer, F. Newman, Sir Bruce Seton, F. Davison, H. T. Sparks, H. J. Mason, T. L. Smith, H. G. W. Drinkwater, C. Thornton, A. T. Simpson, C. F. Matier, K.C.T., Henry Lovegrove, Rev. W. C. Lukis, R. S. Simonds, Eugene Monteuis, R. F. Hall, J. N. Spencer, J. C. Wakefield, J. W. Messenger, J. B. Sharp, J. C. Jones, G. A. Norris, J. R. F. Claridge, H. C. Heard, C. F. Millett, E. H. Thorn, W. Glynes, J. W. Shepherd, G. Mickley, M.B., A. G. Hennell, M. Hancock, A. Gaenuki, J. J. Hanley, J. W. Thomson, J. B. Fitzgerald, Rev. H. Cummings, F. Wood, A. H. Bateman, W. H. Hodgkin, W. G. Lemon, Sir F. Boileau, Bart., J. Hilhouse, and others, an arch of steel was opened, and the Great Officers entered in procession.

The Great Sub-Prior, Col. Shadwell H. Clerke, took the throne, with Capt. N. G. Philips, Prior of East Anglia, on his right, and the following Great Officers and Past Great Officers: Sir Knights A. F. Godson, Prov. Prior Worcestershire; Major G. Lambert, Ralph Gooding, M.D., J. L. Sim, R. H. Thrupp, G. Reg.; R. Clutton, G. Treas.; C. G. Banister, Col. Haldane, J. Walker, Capt. Montagu, R. T. Thornton, E. Moore, C. A. Fendelow, C. A. Newnham, Col. A. W. Adair, Rev. H. R. Cooper Smith, G. Cooper, Wilhelm Ganz, H. Penfold, Capt. Beswick Royds, W. Reynold, R. Young, C. J. Hampden, E. Ashworth, C. Goodden, J. W. Monks, J. S. Cumberland, Raphael Costa, Baron de Ferrieres, H. Le Strange, J. W. Thompson, W. Tinkler, and others.

The National Great Priory was opened in due form, after which the Registrar called the muster roll. The minutes of the December meeting were read and confirmed.

The report of the council was taken as read, accepted, and ordered to be entered on the minutes.

The following extract includes the most interesting portion:—

"Very High and Eminent Grand Prior, Your council has, with great regret, to report the death, on the 26th of February last, of the Senior Prov. Prior, Very Eminent Sir Knt. Henry C. Vernon, in command of the Province of Worcestershire.

"You have been pleased to appoint, by patent, dated the 28th day of April inst., as his successor, the Provincial Sub-Prior, Very Eminent Sir Knt. Augustus Frederick Godson.

"The Excelsior Preceptory, attached to the 1st Battalion 21st Fusiliers, having been in abeyance for the last 12 years, in consequence of the deaths of the members and changes in the officers of the Regiment, the warrant has been returned to head-quarters by the sole surviving member, Lieut.-Col. F. A. Jackson, through the hands of your Great Sub-Prior, Col. Shadwell H. Clerke, who formerly held a command in the Battalion, and was one of the petitioners for the warrant.

"The Hyde Preceptory, in the Province of Dorsetshire, has, with the consent of the Prov. Prior, Capt. J. M. P. Montagu, been authorised to remove from Bridport to Wimborne, where it is hoped a more favourable field will be found for its operations."

Grants were made to two sir knights and one widow from the Benevolent Fund.

Sir Knight Ralph Clutton was re-elected Grand Treasurer.

The following were then invested as officers by the Great Sub-Prior:

GREAT OFFICERS.		
Sir Knt.	Rev. H. R. Cooper Smith	High Prelate.
"	A. Staveley Hill	Chancellor.
"	Col. E. C. Malet de Carteret	Constable.
"	H. J. Sparks	Marshal.
"	Ralph Clutton	Treasurer.
"	R. H. Thrupp	Registrar.
OFFICERS.		
Sir Knt.	W. Tinkler	Vice-Chancellor.
"	Col. Geo. Haldane	Sub-Marshal.
"	Rev. W. C. Lukis	Almoner & Chap.
"	Major Geo. Lambert	Warden of Regalia.
"	Frederic Davison	Herald.
"	R. A. Luck	Standard Bearer (Beauceant).
"	W. J. Thompson	Standard Bearer (Vexillum Belli).
"	J. Brook Smith	Great Prior's Banner Bearer.
"	C. F. Millett	Aides-de-Camp.
"	Capt. Gresley Hall	Chamberlain.
"	E. Swain	Captains of the
"	J. W. Shepherd	Guard.
"	Henry Lovegrove	Sword Bearer.
"	W. H. Hodgkin	Organist.
"	Wilhelm Ganz	

A Priory of Malta was afterwards held, and Sir Knights Mason, Drinkwater, Messenger, Wakefield, Monteuis, Fitzgerald, Steele, Millett, Sir B. Seton, Hanley, Hennell, and Simpson were installed as Knights of Malta with the usual impressive ceremony.

A NEW PATENT RIDING SHIRT.

Gentlemen who are much in the saddle have experienced the discomforts of their shirts rucking or wriggling up the back, nothing is more disagreeable. Mr. Arthur Linney's Patent, of 99, Regent-street, prevents all this. Having seen and thoroughly examined this new invention, we are bound to say that it is the best fitting and most comfortable garment of the kind we have had brought under our notice. The front of the shirt and the back part or tail are made to fit the body, and by an ingenious arrangement the tail is buttoned round the upper part of the thighs. There is no superfluity of material and no creasing, and the buttoning is so arranged as to be of no inconvenience. At the waist there is a band across the back, and above this the shirt is roomy and easy, giving full play for the shoulders. Hunting men will find this shirt add much to their comfort. For Dress shirts, high class hosiery, gloves and ties, Mr. Arthur Linney cannot be excelled, neither in price nor quality. He may well be styled *The Hosier of Regent-street.*



On Monday evening, the ballet of "Nina" at the Alhambra will give way to a new one, called "Cupid Inverted," by Mons. J. Hansen, with original music specially composed by M. Jacobi, and in which Signorina Bessone will appear. The round of amusements are as continuous and varied as ever in this popular place, under Bro. C. Morton's direction.

The Novelty is now to be turned into a theatre for amateur displays, under the direction of Messrs. L. and K. Nathan. We believe the charge for the hire of the theatre is not to be at all extensive. We have our doubts that amateurs, whether skilled, or only beginners, are numerous enough to make it pay. The Novelty has undergone some alterations lately in its interim.

At the Gaiety on Monday, the 31st inst., Mr. Dixey's American burlesque company will take possession of the theatre, and produce "Adonis." We are unable to say much about the players, this being their first visit to our shores; but we are sure they will receive a welcome according to their deserts, for every one just now seems bent on stretching out the right hand of fellowship to every guest, be he Colonist, Indian, or from the States.

Miss Violet Cameron at her benefit produced a comic opera, "The Commodore," which met with so much success that she has now announced a series of matinées, to be given at the Avenue, of this piece, which this lady will take to America in the autumn, accompanied by Bro. Lionel Brough. We hope, as we understand that she has some share in the management of the Avenue Theatre, that Miss Cameron will give her other admirers the opportunity of seeing it in the evening.

The new burlesque called "Lurline," now being played at the Avenue, is chiefly remarkable for giving Mr. Arthur Roberts another opportunity of distinguishing himself in many ways which he readily makes use of. His song, "I have found it," is encored over and over again. Miss Violet Cameron looks very beautiful, but she has not nearly as much to do as many would like to see her have. It goes without saying that she sings with all her accustomed spirit and sweetness. Mr. Lonnen and Mr. Ramsey Danvers—the latter a new comer—contribute to the fun, whilst Miss Phyllis Broughton, with her dancing, surpasses any of her many previous efforts. "Lurline" is well worth a visit, for one is sure to be amused.

Bros. Hare and Kendal announced the last nights of "Antoinette Rigaud," which has been playing for a long while at the St. James's Theatre. The new play to be produced is by Mr. Sydney Grundy and Mr. S. Edwards, adapted from "Marlyre." Mr. Grundy cannot complain any longer that his plays are not presented to the London public. There is not much time to be lost for those who have not yet seen the powerful plays "Antoinette Rigaud" and "Uncle's Will," in both of which Bro. and Mrs. Kendal act. We shall hope to duly notice the forthcoming piece, which is sure to be brought out with all the taste and skill for which the St. James's management is renowned.

"The Lily of Leoville," with which Miss Violet Melnotte has reopened the Comedy, has many of the elements conducive to attract those fond of comic opera, but it lacks humour. The lyrics written by Mr. Clement Scott are the best part of the new show; the music is not unfamiliar. The action is brisk, the melodies certainly catching, and the mounting beautiful. Mr. Hayden Coffin, who has only been on the stage about a year, meets with much éclat, through his fine rendering of Coriolan, the local poet. Bro. Henry Bracey, the tenor, sings well, and looks handsome, as always. Miss De la Porte is brilliant in her vocal efforts as Gabrielle, and Miss Victor is, of course, funny, whilst the manageress, Miss Melnotte, is well to the front.

Messrs. Russell and Bashford, after courting the public favour in various ways, now by way of tragedy, now by old English comedy, and now by a Gilbertian play, have at last struck oil, real oil, and for some weeks have been fast making up the losses they are understood to have sustained hitherto. We hope they will keep the Haymarket in its old groove to which, it has returned, namely, high class plays, or as they term "Jim the Penman" in the programme, "A romance of modern society." This play by Sir Charles Young is only another instance, if that were wanting, what bad judges of good plays managers often are. "Jim the Penman" has been written some years, and was offered to several lessees, who, after reading it, saw nothing in it to bring luck. After being relegated to the pigeon hole, it was determined by its author to try it at a matinée, on which occasion it met with such enthusiasm that Mr. Russell, who had not seen it before, determined to bid for it. Now it is the talk of London, and without doubt is one of the finest plays ever put upon the English stage. Its story is interesting without being too thrilling; it deals with the present age, it is descriptive of persons one is always in contact with, its dialogue is clear, fit for any one's ears, and there is nothing suggestive of impropriety. We know some who have seen the piece more than once and like it better each time. The plot is now so familiar that we shall not enter into it. We advise our play-going readers to lose no further time, if they have not yet been, in booking seats; they will anticipate a pleasure which will be thoroughly realised. "Jim the Penman" may have an additional interest to Masons from the fact that Lady Monckton, the wife of one so well known in the Craft, plays the chief lady's part, and shows herself full of dramatic power and artistic discretion in her handling of the part of Mrs. Ralston.

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To Correspondents.

We must ask the indulgence of our correspondents for
the omission of many communications, consequent on the
large demands on our space this week.

The following communications stand over:—

CRAFT:—
Confidence, 193; Meridian, 1469; United Military,
1536; Coborn, 1804.
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Chapter of Hope and Unity, 214; Hornsey Chapter of
Improvement, 890; Mithuen, 1530.
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SATURDAY, MAY 22, 1886.

Original Correspondence.

RE PAST MASTERS' COLLARS.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,

"P.M." has very clearly shown that the Revised
Constitutions on Regalia are somewhat "dubious" as to
Past Masters' collars. But the *Lex non Scripta*, or
custom, of the Craft, supplies for the present generation,
at least, a guide of sufficient authority for the most
"constitutional" of its members.

There was no ambiguity in the previous Book of Consti-
tutions on this point, and I would refer "P.M." to the
Edition of 1873, pp. 121, 122, where it is plainly ruled that
"a Past Master's jewel" must be worn pendant to a collar,
such collar "to be light blue ribbon, four inches broad; if
silver chain be used, it must be placed over the light blue
ribbon."

To prevent any doubt arising in the future as to this
matter, it would perhaps be desirable to amend Regulation
307, by inserting in the first line after the word "officers"
and *Past Masters*. The rule would then read: (307)
The collars of the officers and Past Masters of private
lodges to be light blue ribbon, four inches broad; if silver
chain be used it must be placed over the light blue
ribbon." No doubt Grand Lodge would approve of this
amendment.

Rule 308 would not require any alteration, so far as Past
Masters are concerned.

Allow me again to ask the question "When were Past
Masters first admitted as members of Grand Lodge?"
Was it at or before the Union of 1813?—Yours truly and
fraternally,
E. T. BUDDEN.

PAST MASTERS.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,

To my mind the omission of a Past Master's collar
from the regalia clauses in the Constitutions has been an
oversight, and ought to be remedied by Grand Lodge, the
same as was done a few months' since in reference to the
decoration of English representatives at foreign Grand
Lodges.

A Past Master is permitted to continue to wear the
levels on his apron and a P.M.'s jewel at any Craft meet-
ing. Why not therefore allow him to wear a collar to
attach his jewel to, especially when he is compelled to
wear one in Grand and Provincial Grand Lodges? I hope
some London brother will bring this evident omission before
Grand Lodge in a temperate manner, and not defy that
body as "P.M." in his letter threatens to do.—I am,
yours fraternally,
MANCUNIAM.

ROYAL ASYLUM OF ST. ANNE'S.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,

A child of the late Bro. W. F. Lane, who was
collector to the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution, is an
applicant at the ensuing election, for the fourth time, for
the benefits of the Royal Asylum of St. Anne's.

Doubtless, if made acquainted with the circumstance,
many members of the Craft would gladly assist with votes,
which the widow finds so hard to obtain, more especially as
the case is ineligible, under the rules, for the Masonic
Institution for Boys—one of the family being already
there.

Will you, therefore, kindly allow me to call attention to
the case, and to say that proxies sent to me "will be thank-
fully received and faithfully applied."—Yours fraternally,
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FREEMASONS' CALENDAR, LINCOLNSHIRE, 1886.

Bro. B. Vickers, Prov. Grand Sec. of Lincolnshire, has
edited the "Freemasons' Calendar and Directory" for his
province, and we congratulate him on so doing. It is the
first of its kind issued for Lincolnshire, and its advent must
surely be a matter of satisfaction to the many more
immediately concerned, and there are not a few outside
the county who will be gratified to witness another addition
to the Provincial Directories, now increasing year by year.
It is to be hoped that the increase will continue until all
the Provincial Grand Lodges have such most useful repre-
sentatives. Bro. Vickers has made a good start, and
given a mass of information, but, unfortunately, much of
its value is considerably lessened by the absence of dates,
e.g., there is a long list of "Past Provincial Grand
Officers from 1792," arranged most carefully under the
several offices, but the years of appointment are not stated.
Surely these should be given, and whilst the interesting
compilation was being made, might easily have been added.
"Meetings of Prov. Grand Lodge" from 1792 to 1885,
as held in the various towns, arranged alphabetically,
is a good idea, and is quite a new feature. There are 22
lodges in Lincolnshire, the senior having been warranted
in 1789 and the junior in 1884 (not 1885). The officers of
all these lodges are duly reported, and also the names of
all the Past Masters, but the latter lists lack the years of
service, and Provincial Grand Lodge rank (if any), two
points of great importance in such a work. There are six
Royal Arch Chapters, and five Mark Lodges, each Degree
being well looked after by a Provincial Organisation, the
former being under the genial rule of Major W. H. Smyth,
the esteemed Prov. G.M., and the Mark has for its honoured
Prov. G.M. the R.W. Bro. Jack Sutcliffe. Three of the
Mark Lodges, we regret to notice, have not supplied the
names of their officers, for which omission the Masters or
Secretaries, we presume, are to be blamed. The "Historical

Notes" are of special value and interest, embracing as they do several historical sketches of lodges and chapters. Relative to No. 272, Boston, founded originally at Northampton, there are quite a number of facts narrated. Its Benevolent Fund was formed in 1808, sums having been donated therefrom to the English Prisoners of War in France, 1808-11, to the Patriotic Fund in 1854, and to other worthy purposes. Banquets at the expense of the lodge were discontinued in 1859. Unless a separate fund or additional subscriptions are paid, we much wish all other lodges had a similar record. Under No. 297 mention is made of the old lodge held there with records from the year 1732. It was chartered September 7th, 1730. The present lodge dates from 1793. Bro. Vickers is in error as to the present "Doric" Lodge, No. 362, of the year 1820, having been restored under its original number by the Duke of Sussex, as the lodge does not date from 1791, but 1820. The brethren of the Shakespeare Lodge, No. 426, possess the whole of the regalia which belonged originally to the Shakespeare Lodge, Stratford-on-Avon, being naturally, much prized. St. Matthew's Chapter, No. 1447, of 1880, owns the pick and crowbar used by the old chapter, originally granted as No. 58, to a chapter of the same name, on May 16th, 1788, at Barton-upon-Humber. There are other items we should like to cull from Bro. Vickers' interesting little volume, but must forbear. We conclude our glance at its chief features by commending our friendly criticism to the kind consideration of its painstaking editor.

MASONIC CALENDAR FOR THE PROVINCE OF HERTFORDSHIRE.

The Calendar is now edited by the Prov. Grand Secretary, and is published by authority of the Prov. Grand Lodge, but we believe the first issue was compiled by Bro. T. S. Carter, of Hertford. There are many reasons, however, why the Prov. G. Sec. of the province should undertake the duty, provided such a brother is both able and willing, as Bro. G. E. Lake is. The "bill of fare" exhibits a most attractive list, and, on reference to the text, we find that the initiatory promises are abundantly fulfilled in the varied, extensive, and well-arranged list and tables, which render the Directory nearly all that is needed for such an active and compact province. There are 14 lodges, but only four Royal Arch Chapters and two Mark Lodges. We find there are some 474 subscribing members in the province, or, in other words, an average of 34 members to each lodge; and there are 86 registered Royal Arch companions. We think there is room for a considerable increase in Royal Arch Masonry in Herts, for surely over four-fifths of the brethren should not rest content with only locally supporting their lodges. Not only does Bro. Lake give a carefully compiled Calendar, with the meetings of lodges, &c., inserted, but, under each lodge and chapter, the days of meetings, installations, names and addresses of Secretaries, and number of subscribing members are duly given, as also their dates of warrants and consecrations, names of consecrating officers, also full lists of officers for 1886, subscribing P.M.'s, with their provincial honours (if any). The page "In Memoriam" we like to see, and also the several pages devoted to the Royal Masonic Charities, and the votes held in the province. The totals of the latter, however, are not given, so we have added up the four columns, which, to our surprise, show that the extraordinary number of 3334 votes are credited to the province, inclusive of the Ladies' and Lewis's, but exclusive of the official Benevolent votes. In this total a few brethren figure very largely, five well-known London Craftsmen having some thousand votes between them. Still, however distributed, and though the lodges, as such, hold lamentably few votes, the fact remains that, with 474 subscribing members in the province, the average is unusually large, there being nearly seven times as many votes as members. What province can equal or beat this record? If all are utilised for local candidates we should say that many larger provinces would be worsted at the elections by Herts, for though much more numerous as respects members, their votes would be far behind. We wonder if the success is due to having Bro. Terry as one of the most energetic officers in the province. If so, and we fancy it must be, then he has been Prov. G.D. of C. to some purpose, and, though envy is not a Masonic virtue, we expect other provinces would be glad at least of another Secretary or two, to help them in like manner, by their advocacy, practical help, and excellent example. We congratulate the R.W. Bro. T. F. Halsey, M.P., on presiding over such a Provincial Grand Lodge, and we trust that our reference to its extensive benevolence will induce other provinces to improve their lists, and increase their support to the Royal Masonic Charities.

MASONIC CALENDAR FOR THE PROVINCE OF HAMPSHIRE AND ISLE OF WIGHT, 1886.

The Hants Calendar is published "under the authority of the R.W. Provincial Grand Master," W. W. B. Beach, M.P., the Editor being Bro. Edgar Goble, Prov. G. Sec., assisted by Bro. the Rev. A. A. Headley, P. Prov. Grand Chaplain. This handy volume contains a deal of information respecting all the recognised Degrees, but what surprises us is the attention paid to what is described as the "Esoteric Masonic Orders," such as the "Segmental Ghousia of the Order of Sikha and the Sat B'hai," the "Swedenborgian Rite," "Senate of Hermetic Philosophers," "Ancient and Primitive Rite," &c., &c. These Masonic Orders, so-called, are certainly not desirable companions with those Regular Degrees, the "Ancient and Accepted Rite," the "Knights Templars," &c., especially when the esteemed Prov. Grand Master holds such a deservedly high position in the Mark Grand Lodge as a Past G.M., and is the Provincial Prior of the Templars. It occurs to us, that all the Masonic Degrees, so-called, as well as actually so, being thus given, may be taken as a sign of large heartedness, but however that may be, we cannot but think that the insertion of lists of officers of Masonic monstrosities (excrescences—beg pardon) as well as the names of the officials of the regular Rites, is calculated to lead ordinary members astray, by causing them to believe that all the Degrees enumerated are parts of one great whole, whereas, some are no more calculated for companionship than oil is suitable to mix with water. Looking at the Calendar, however, with respect to the portion which concerns us, we have no hesitation in declaring that it is one of the most valuable of the score or more published for provinces in England. The complete register is appended of P.G. Masters from 1767, of D.P.G. Masters

(so far known) from 1793, and of all the other officers from 1833, the years of appointment, or election, being appended, as well as the lodges to which they do or did belong. So also with the Grand Superintendents and officers of the Prov. Grand R.A. Chapter from 1846, and the officers of the Prov. Grand Mark Lodge. Then again, 43 lodges and 20 R.A. chapters have, as far as possible, the names of their officers, Past Masters, and Past Principals duly inserted, and the same is done for the numerous Mark Lodges, Rose Croix chapters, and K.T. preceptories, the mere arranging which must have been no slight labour, but the value of which is considerable, for reference and use generally in the province. The oldest lodge in the province is the Medina, Cowes, of February 17th, 1733 (not 1732), and the junior was warranted November 11th, 1884, at Landport, Portsmouth. What are the numbers of members in lodges and chapters, &c., we do not know; but in another issue we suggest that they might well be given, as so many editors do. It would enable one to test the relative proportion of subscribing members to the number of votes held in the Royal Masonic Charities. We should judge that the figures would come out well, and show much to the advantage of the province, there being over 3400 votes enumerated in the excellent table devoted to that purpose, and we should not suppose there were 2000 subscribing members. As there are 11 girls, seven boys, five brethren and seven widows enjoying the benefits of these truly grand and beneficent Institutions from Hants and the Isle of Wight, it will be seen that the province gets a goodly share by way of return, and suggests that the votes are well utilised. There is also a local "Educational and Benevolent Institution," of which Bro. G. F. Lancaster, of Forton, Gosport, is the Honorary Secretary, and about which we should have liked to have read a few particulars, for the success of such Societies generally is a matter for sincere congratulation.

PROVINCIAL CALENDARS.

There are the Directories for East Lancashire, Kent, Durham, and Warwickshire, of which we should like to receive copies for review, and we understand that the Calendar for Cornwall is now ready for issue, and Devon is in preparation. If there are any more than these, and the others mentioned in the *Freemason* for the 1st inst., our correspondents will doubtless kindly inform us, that the whole series may be duly described.



Craft Masonry.

STRONG MAN LODGE (No. 45).—The installation meeting of this old lodge was held on Thursday, the 6th inst., at Mason's Hall Tavern, Basinghall-street. The lodge was opened in due form by the W.M., Bro. Henry T. Nell, assisted by Bros. L. Selwyn Fountaine, S.W. and W.M. elect; Robert E. Hunt, J.W.; Henry Follett, P.M., Treas.; John N. Heale, Sec.; F. C. Herbert, S.D.; T. Bolt, J.D.; T. C. Cubban, I.G.; J. H. Smethurst and R. Kelsey, Stewards; and G. G. Symons, P.M., D. of C. The members present were Bros. Driver, P.M.; Humphries, P.M.; Smith, P.M.; Dove, A. Whitby, A. M. Whitby, Sammes, Liddall, sen., Liddall, jun., Wood, Dowsett, E. Mallett, Tyler; and others.

Among the visitors the lodge was honoured by the presence of the V.W. Bros. D. P. Cama, Grand Treas.; Capt. J. Pash, W.M. 569; J. J. Woolley, I.P.M. 15; J. S. Badkin, P.M. 1365; W. Wilkinson, P.M. 107; Dyer, P.M.; Clough, S.W. 293; Sharp, I.G. 869; Broad, 1364; Crook, 554; Rutter, 1275; Dowsett, 79; Thomas Chamberlain, Forsyth, and Kift, who presided at the organ.

The minutes of the previous meeting having been read and confirmed, the ballot was taken for Mr. I. James Ward, and being unanimous in his favour, he was at once initiated into the mysteries of ancient Freemasonry, the ceremony being most ably performed by the W.M., Bro. L. Selwyn Fountaine was next presented to Bro. G. G. Symons, P.M. and D. of C., by Bro. Henry Follett, P.M., for the benefit of installation, and a Board of Installed Masters having been formed, he was duly installed in the chair of K.S. according to ancient custom, the ceremony being performed in a highly impressive and efficient manner.

It may be mentioned a beautiful carpet, the one upon which H.R.H. the Prince of Wales was installed as Grand Master at the Royal Albert Hall, kindly lent to the lodge, was used on this occasion, and was greatly admired by the brethren and visitors.

The newly-installed Master then appointed the following brethren as his officers, viz.: Bros. R. E. Hunt, S.W.; F. C. Herbert, J.W.; H. Follett, P.M., Treas.; H. T. Nell, I.P.M., Sec.; T. Bolt, S.D.; T. C. Cubban, J.D.; J. H. Smethurst, I.G.; and R. Kelsey, E. H. Dove, and A. Mace, Stewards.

The lodge was then closed, and the brethren adjourned to an elegant banquet, admirably served under the superintendence of Bro. S. Wood. At its conclusion grace was sung, and the usual loyal and Masonic toasts followed.

In reply to that of "The Grand Officers," the Grand Treasurer expressed his pleasure at being present, and thanked those members of the lodge who supported him at his election, and in a subsequent speech made an eloquent appeal on behalf of the Masonic Charities.

The I.P.M. then assumed the gavel, and in a few words proposed "The Health of the W.M.," wishing him every success, and felt sure that he would make an excellent Master.

The toast was received with acclamation.

The W.M., in reply, thanked the brethren for their hearty reception of the toast, and also for the honourable position in which they had placed him, and which he fully appreciated. He assured them he had the welfare of the lodge at heart, and that his endeavours should always be for its best interests.

"The Health of the Initiate" was then given by the W.M., who hoped Bro. Ward had been impressed with the ceremony he had passed through.

Bro. Ward, in reply, thanked the brethren for the manner in which they had received him, and said that had

it not been for illness he would have been a Mason many years ago, as he always had a desire to become one.

The W.M. then proposed "The Health of the I.P.M.," whom he said had conducted his duties in a most satisfactory manner to the credit of the lodge and unanimous approval of the members. The W.M. then presented him with a gold P.M.'s jewel which had been voted to him by the members.

The toast was heartily received.

The I.P.M. briefly replied, thanking the brethren for their hearty support during his year of office, which had been a happy and successful one. He strongly urged on the members the claim of the Strong Man Lodge of Instruction as one of the best in London.

The W.M., in a few well-chosen remarks, welcomed the visitors to the lodge, to which Bros. Cama, Woolley, Badkin, Pash, and others replied.

The W.M., in proposing "The Health of the Installing Master," alluded to the very efficient manner in which the ceremony of installation had been carried out, and how pleased the lodge was at having so able a member.

Bro. Symons, in responding expressed his thanks, and said he should at all times be ready to carry out any duties entrusted to him to the best of his ability, and if his services were gratifying to the lodge he was amply repaid for anything he might do for them.

The W.M. proposed "The Health of the P.M.'s," to which Bro. John Smith replied.

"The Health of the Treasurer and Secretary" was well received, and the W.M. expressed a hope that Bro. Follett, who had been Treasurer for so many years, would continue so for many years to come.

Bro. Follett replied.

The toast of "The Officers" was responded to by the S.W., Bro. Hunt, who promised on behalf of himself and the other officers, to support the W.M. to the best of their ability.

The Tyler's toast brought the meeting to a close.

The musical programme was ably arranged by Bro. J. Ion Cattle, P.M., Sec. 1791, and was assisted as vocalists by Miss Matilda Roby and Bros. Hunt, Kift, and Nell.

HYDE PARK LODGE (No. 1425).—The installation meeting of this lodge was held at the Westbourne, Craven-road, Bayswater, on Thursday, the 6th inst., Bro. James Stephens, the W.M., presided, supported by Bros. Charles Powell, S.W.; J. Whitehead, J.W.; W. C. Heaton, Chaplain; W. Langridge, Treasurer; G. Read, P.M., Secretary; A. T. Hayes, S.D.; J. R. Allman, J.D.; J. T. Mickelburgh, P.M., D.C.; J. H. Dew, Organist; C. A. Bond, I.G.; A. C. Stephens, Steward; Coleman, J. Chappell, Hendry, Seymour, Barrow, Howe, Chapple, Thompson, Snell, Barradell, S. Sones, P.M.; A. H. Longhurst, P.M.; W. H. Chalfont, P.M.; C. W. Hunt, P.M.; D. Gellion, P.M.; J. E. Hughes, Hutchings, Drew, W. Bailey, Smith, J. Tapp, H. Curtis, and Wyndow. Amongst the visitors present were Bros. Seager Hunt, M.P., W.M. elect 2030; Davie, I.P.M. 173; S. J. Humfress, S.W. 733; Harvey, P.M. 25; J. Bradney, S.D. 419; Bird, D.C. 121; Clear, 538; J. Welton, 1452; Darnall, J.W. 1799; J. Potter, 1987; Mostyn, 2045; Groves, 172; Farthing, P.M. 55; H. Dehane, P.M. 1543, P.P.G.S.D. Essex; J. J. Thomas, S.D. 753; C. Biorn, J.W. 733; J. C. Conway, S.W. 1891; Capt. A. Nicols, P.M. 1974, P.D.G.S. of W. Punjab; J. Hughes, P.M. 901; D. Hughes, P.M. 901; J. Hughes, S.W. 901; Ross, I.G. 1744; J. Wells, Steward 1612; and J. Finch, P.M. 173.

The lodge being opened in due form, and the minutes having been confirmed, and the report of the Audit Committee adopted, Bro. Hendry was raised to the Degree of a M.M., and Bros. Thompson and Chapple passed to the Second Degree. Bro. Stephens, the retiring W.M., then installed Bro. C. Powell into the chair of K.S., which he did with great satisfaction to the brethren present, and credit to himself. After being saluted by the members, the new W.M. proceeded to appoint and invest his officers as follows: Bros. J. Stephens, I.P.M.; J. Whitehead, S.W.; A. T. Hayes, J.W.; J. R. Allman, S.D.; C. A. Bond, J.D.; A. C. Stephens, I.G.; C. W. Hunt, P.M., D.C.; H. Curtis, Asst. D.C.; W. Bailey and J. M. Hutchings, Stewards; B. H. Dew, Organist; and re-installed Bros. Heaton, Langridge, and Read, as Chaplain, Treasurer, and Secretary, respectively. The addresses to the W.M., Wardens, and brethren were delivered by the Installing Master in a very impressive manner. After "Hearty good wishes" from the visitors present, the lodge was closed, and the banquet took place, supplied by Bro. Fisher in his customary good style.

Previous to the close of the banquet, Bro. Seager Hunt, M.P., the W.M. elect of the Abbey Lodge, was compelled by his parliamentary duties to leave, before his departure, however, he expressed to the brethren his regret at doing so, and his gratitude to the I.P.M. for his kind invitation. He said he was under the impression that he knew the duties, but after hearing the admirable way the I.P.M. had performed his part, and the W.M. had done his, he had great doubt of his own powers, but hoped those who were present to see him installed would only render him a moiety of the approval that had been given to the W.M. and I.P.M. that evening, and he hoped at a very near future to visit the Hyde Park Lodge again.

After the banquet, the W.M. in proposing "The Queen," alluded to her presence at the opening of the Colonial Exhibition, and also to the fact that the brethren had been witnesses that afternoon of Her Majesty's return to Windsor, from the windows of the lodge room.

The other Royal and Grand Officers toasts followed.

"The Health of the W.M." was proposed in very felicitous terms by Bro. Stephens, who, in the course of his remarks, told the visitors that no W.M. was ever placed in the chair of K.S. under more favourable auspices than Bro. Powell, and he hoped his year of office would be as successful as his had been—he might say the most successful in the history of the lodge—and he trusted all would hail and support the W.M. both as a pattern and a Mason in every sense of the word.

The Worshipful Master thanked the I.P.M. and the brethren for the cordiality of their reception of the toast, and hoped he would deserve the encomiums that had been heaped on him when he left the chair.

The Worshipful Master then proposed the toast of "The I.P.M.," whose year of office had been so satisfactory to the lodge, there having been a larger number of initiations than in any previous year since the foundation

of the lodge. He had taken an active part in promoting the welfare of the lodge. The usual summer outing and banquet had taken place, also a ball, which proved a marked success in every way. He assured the brethren he would endeavour to follow in the same lines; and, after a few more complimentary remarks, presented Bro. Stephens with a handsome Past Master's jewel, and, in doing so, hoped he would live many years to wear it; also a Past Master's collar, presented by the brethren, as well as a handsomely framed and illuminated vellum, worded as follows: "This testimonial, together with a Past Master's collar and jewel, in addition to the jewel voted by the lodge, was presented to Bro. James Stephens by the members of the lodge as a token of their high esteem and appreciation of the exemplary manner in which he performed the duties of W.M. during his year of office; and, further, to recognise the indefatigable manner in which he worked in connection with the summer banquet, and also the first ball of the above lodge, both of which resulted in such brilliant success."

Bro. Stephens, in reply, alluded to the work of art produced by Bro. Bailey, and thanked him for the labour, pains, trouble, and time he must have spent over it. He was sorry he (Bro. Bailey) was obliged to leave to attend and give his services towards a benefit for the Police Orphanage. He also thanked the brethren for their many kindnesses to himself. It did not fall to the lot of every brother to be able to render the ritual perfectly, and if his rendering had, as was said, been approved, it was then indeed amply repaid. He might flatter himself by the applause that it was approved. He also mentioned that two years ago the lodge numbered 22, now, somewhere about 40, and the funds had grown from a deficit to a balance unprecedented in the annals of the lodge, and concluded by saying he hoped that he should meet with a support worthy of the Hyde Park Lodge on his undertaking a Stewardship for the Boys' School, and appealed to all, and said those who rendered help might rest assured that their offerings would be fully appreciated.

"The Visitors" toast followed, responded to by Bro. Davie, thanking the brethren for their hospitality, and congratulated them also on having such admirable workers, which would keep up the standard of the lodge.

Bro. Wickens said he had followed the W.M. closely in his work, and was gratified to have been present on that occasion.

Bro. Farthing reciprocated the sentiments of the two brethren who had preceded him, and concluded that great credit was due to those who worked so well, and recommended the younger officers to follow in the same steps.

"The Officers," replied to by Bro. Langridge and the S.W., and the Tyler's toast concluded the proceedings.

DUKE OF CONNAUGHT LODGE (No. 1558).—The monthly meeting of this lodge took place at the Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell New-road, on Thursday, 13th inst. Present: Bros. George S. Stokes, W.M.; Nettlefold, S.W.; T. Walker, J.W.; T. Taylor, P.M., Treas.; C. Power, P.M., Sec.; Plummer, S.D.; Goodyear, D.C.; Brown, I.G.; Manley and Shave, Stwds.; Henry Thomas, Tyler; also Bros. Boyton, P.M.; J. R. Smith, I.P.M.; C. Lacy, T. Marceau, Muddiman, W. Stevens, sen., W. Stevens, jun., Wakeford, Hargroves, Simpson, Sulton, Trackson, Raymond, and Rice. The visitors were Bros. James Hill, W.M. 1658; Edgley, J.D. 1446; Mancroft, P.M. 25; Barnes, P.M. 1452; and Burt, 27.

The lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of the last lodge meeting were read and confirmed. Bros. W. Stevens, sen., W. Stevens, jun., and C. Lacy were passed to the Second Degree, and afterwards raised to the Sublime Degree of Master Masons. The ceremony was well rendered by the W.M. Bro. J. F. Raymond was passed to the First Degree, and afterwards passed to the Degree of F.C. The communications were then read, and the lodge was closed.

The brethren then adjourned to the dining hall, where a nice supper was provided by Bro. Venables.

The W.M. proposed "The Health of the Queen," coupled with the Craft. He acknowledged the Queen a great supporter of our country, laws, and the Craft. She had come forward among her subjects to promote the exhibitions whereby trade and commerce might revive, and also to gladden the eyes and hearts of her people.

Bro. Power, P.M., sang "God save the Queen."

The next toast was "The M.W.G.M., H.R.H. the Prince of Wales." He was a great promoter of the Craft in all the branches. His study was to enhance its welfare.

Bro. Nettlefold, S.W., sang "God bless the Prince of Wales."

The next toast was that of "The Grand Officers, Present and Past, including Pro G.M. and D.G.M." These were the head, and they the body. Without them they could hardly get on, because they supported us in all directions. They were good and true.

Bro. Boyton, P.M., sang "Do not forget me."

The toast of "The W.M." was proposed by Bro. J. R. Smith, I.P.M. He had great pleasure in proposing this toast, because they are all pleased with his work and genial manner. Every brother must have been impressed with the manner with which he worked the Degrees that evening.

Bro. Burt gave a solo on the piano. It was exceedingly well appreciated by the brethren.

The W.M., in responding to the toast, thanked the brethren for their appreciation of his work. It was a pleasure to him to do it for them. He would use all his powers to conduct the lodge to their satisfaction. The more good work they found him the better he would be pleased. He then stated that a summer excursion was to take place early in July, and laid before them several plans. A Committee was formed to carry out the plans, and arrange everything for them. The summer outing two years ago, when Bro. Taylor, presided over them, was a complete success, and this year's excursion it is to be hoped will prove the same. The Committee consisted of the W.M., two Wardens, Secretary, Treasurer, Bros. Rice, Brown, and Goodyear.

Bro. Sutton sang a song. The W.M. introduced the toast of "The Visitors." Generally speaking, they had large numbers, but that evening there were only a few. They were very glad to see them, and hoped they had enjoyed themselves.

The Visitors then responded in suitable terms, expressing themselves delighted with the working of the lodge, and the hospitality shown them.

The toast of "The P.M.'s, including the Treasurer and Secretary," was next proposed. The W.M. was pleased to see Bro. Boyton, P.M., present. He was the oldest P.M. among them. He had come some distance, and it cheered their hearts to see his face and hear his voice. He was the "grandfather" of the lodge. He also spoke in terms of strong appreciation of the services of the Treasurer and Secretary, and likewise the I.P.M. They were devoting their time, talents, strength, and knowledge for the lodge, and the brethren were glad to have such good and well-working P.M.'s.

Bro. Raymond sang "The Village Blacksmith." The toast of "The Officers" was proposed and well received. They responded in suitable terms, and the last toast of the evening was rendered. The brethren separated after thoroughly enjoying themselves.

SAMSON LODGE (No. 1668).—The installation meeting of this lodge was held on Tuesday, the 11th inst., at the Regent Masonic Hall, Café Royal, Regent-street, when there was a representative gathering of members and visitors. Lodge was opened under the presidency of Bro. H. W. Casperd, W.M., who was supported by Bros. R. A. Kingsbury, S.W., and W.M. elect; B. Field, J.W.; M. D. Lowenstark, P.M., Treas.; Baron D. Barnett, P.M., Sec.; J. L. Miller, S.D.; L. Lancaster, J.D.; Isaac Levy, I.G.; H. Moss, Steward; Past Masters H. Aarons, J. Quincey, and C. Ochsee; C. Benjamin, Isaac Koal, C. A. Adams, J. F. Denham, F. G. Brown, F. T. Drewett, J. Van Praagh, A. H. Marks, Emil Hahn, J. M. Nash, J. Seigenberg, A. P. Casperd, A. Oberdorffer, Tyler, and others.

Amongst the visitors were Bros. D. M. Davis, W.M. 1017; J. N. Dewsnap, W.M. 188; D. W. Bayley, W.M. 185; H. H. Myers, J.W. 1017; R. G. Crawford and T. S. Clarke, 55; W. J. Firth, 1005; H. J. Amphlett, and others.

After the confirmation of the minutes, Bros. J. F. Denham and C. A. Adams were passed, the ceremony being worked with the precision and impressiveness for which the retiring W.M. has become proverbial. Bro. R. A. Kingsbury, who had ably discharged the duties of the Senior Warden's chair during the preceding year, was then presented for installation, and in the rendering of this impressive rite Bro. Casperd may be said to have even excelled himself, so admirably and faultlessly was the work executed. The ancient charges were given with all the requisite effect, and the whole ceremony was such as to elicit the hearty encomiums of all present. The newly-installed W.M. invested his officers for the year as follows: Bros. W. H. Casperd, I.P.M.; B. Field, S.W.; J. S. Miller, J.W.; M. D. Lowenstark, P.M., Treas.; Baron D. Barnett, P.M., Sec.; L. Lancaster, S.D.; Isaac Levy, J.D.; F. G. Brown, I.G.; F. T. Drewett, D.C.; H. Moss, Asst. D.C.; J. Van Praagh, W.S.; and A. Oberdorffer, Tyler.

"Hearty good wishes" having been interchanged, the lodge was closed in harmony, and the brethren adjourned for the banquet, which was served in *recherche* style.

The customary loyal and Craft toasts were given from the chair and duly honoured.

The W.M. then proposed "The R.W. the Pro Grand Master, the Earl of Carnarvon; the R.W. Deputy Grand Master, the Earl of Lathom; and the rest of the Grand Officers, Present and Past." He hoped to have had the presence of one of the Grand Officers that evening, but at the last moment the Grand Treasurer had written to say he was unable to accept the invitation to attend, and in an extremely pleasant letter begged him to apologize to the brethren for his unavoidable absence from that meeting.

Bro. Casperd, I.P.M., then proposed "The Health of their excellent Worshipful Master." He was sure that toast would be received with the utmost cordiality and satisfaction, for they all knew the admirable qualities possessed by Bro. Kingsbury, who had that day been installed into the chair. For his own part, he was glad that he was out of office, so far as the work of the Samson Lodge was concerned, and he only hoped that their new W.M. would have double the amount of work which had devolved upon himself. He had known their W.M. for he scarcely knew how many years—before he was married, at any rate—and all he could say was that if ever a man acted Masonry before he was a Mason, that man was their W.M. Since he had known Masonry he had always acted up to it. He rejoiced to know that Bro. Kingsbury succeeded him in the chair, for he felt certain that if he (the speaker) had been able to give satisfaction, the present W.M. would be able to do so far more abundantly.

The Worshipful Master, in responding, remarked that, after what had been said by their I.P.M. he could but thank Bro. Casperd for the extremely kind manner in which he had proposed the toast, and the brethren for the cordiality with which they had received it. He asked them to accept his hearty and sincere thanks. He now filled a position which when he joined the lodge he could scarcely have dreamt of occupying for many years to come; but circumstances seemed to have been ordered otherwise. He sincerely hoped the time had not come before he was prepared to accept the responsibilities of office, and he assured them he should do his utmost to deserve the goodwill and respect which they had shown him. He trusted that, with the assistance of the officers and brethren, they might be enabled at the expiration of his term of office to feel satisfied with the choice they had now made.

The Worshipful Master then proposed "The Health of the Visitors," in doing which he said he would distinguish that toast from that of "Our Sister Lodges," which were represented that evening. He was delighted to see the Worshipful Masters and other members of the sister lodges present, and if they would permit him, he would afterwards propose their toast specially. He asked them to drink to the visitors in right royal manner. Let them teach the visitors a lesson, that in this lodge there was a welcome which they could not find surpassed in any other lodge. He associated with the toast the names of Bros. Crawford and H. H. Myers.

The toast was received with a "good fire," and Bro. Crawford replied in a brief but humorous speech, thanking the brethren of the lodge for the generous manner in which the visitors had been received, and complimenting the lodge upon the excellence of its working.

Bro. H. H. Myers congratulated the lodge upon having a W.M. who knew certainly how to conduct its affairs, and the I.P.M. upon the excellent way in which he had per-

formed the installation ceremony. His clear enunciation and good delivery, particularly in the charges, produced a great effect upon him and all the rest of the brethren, and as long as they had such Masters the lodge would bear a name in the first rank of Freemasonry.

The Worshipful Master said he had now a very important duty to discharge, and that was to propose a toast that was not down upon the programme—"The Reigning Masters of the Three Sister Lodges" who had honoured them with their presence, out of the five lodges who termed themselves Jewish. It had been customary with them that the four other reigning Masters should take part in their installation ceremonies. He was delighted to see three of the W.M.'s present, the fourth had, unfortunately, been compelled to send a telegram to say the state of his health prevented his attendance. He very much regretted that Bro. Henochsberg, W.M. of the Lodge of Israel, was not with them, and he wished him a speedy recovery to health. He associated with the toast the names of Bro. Bayley, W.M. of the Tranquillity Lodge; Bro. Dewsnap, W.M. of the Joppa Lodge; and Bro. Davis, W.M. of the Montefiore Lodge.

Bro. Bayley said it was with unfeigned pleasure that he attended on that occasion. He was reminded that the Samson was the youngest of the sister lodges, and it seemed to be a wise dispensation that they were termed "sister lodges," for he believed amongst the five lodges which had been named perfect friendship had been kept up year after year by the interchange of visits on the part of Masters and members. That had been productive of the greatest Masonic good, for it had taught them much of the inner working, as it enabled them to imitate that which they found to be good, and to point out what was defective in others. Every one must be pleased to see the vigour which this lodge had displayed within the comparatively short time since its establishment. The sister lodges wished it the utmost success, and congratulated them upon the excellence of its workmanship.

Bro. Dewsnap, on behalf of the Joppa Lodge, also tendered his sincere thanks for the reception accorded to the toast. It was a source of great pleasure to him to attend a meeting of the Samson Lodge for the first time. He had the pleasure of knowing their I.P.M., whom he esteemed very highly, and doubly so after having seen him work the installation ceremony. It was his good fortune to visit many lodges; but he never received a more kindly greeting than he did amongst the Jewish brethren. It was rather strange that of the five so-called Jewish lodges three had Christian Masters. He must say that going amongst Jewish brethren he met with a better reception than in any other lodge. Amongst Hebrew brethren they met with working equal to any in London, and whenever he had been present with a Jewish Master and officers the ceremonies had been superbly carried out.

Bro. Davis, in the course of his reply, gave it as an illustration of the universality of Freemasonry that Jews were enabled to meet Christians, and Christians Jews, in a lodge with perfect amity and accord. They had no issues in the lodge, provided they were Masons, and they were all able to meet on the one common happy ground of Masonry. That was one of the beauties of the Order.

The W.M., in proposing "The Health of the Installing Master and I.P.M.," said it was a pleasant duty to tender to Bro. Casperd hearty thanks for the excellent manner in which he had performed his duty during his term of office. He (the speaker) only hoped he might be able to acquit himself to some extent as Bro. Casperd had done. He was only a young Mason, but he thought he was correct in saying that no Master of the lodge had had the privilege of initiating so many members into it as had their I.P.M., having added to initiates and one joining member during his year. He hoped it might be his happy lot to have even one half as much success. He was delighted to follow Bro. Casperd in the chair, for he was a Master to whom he could look up for any assistance or counsel he might need. He had now the pleasurable duty of asking Bro. Casperd to accept from the brethren of the lodge a beautiful jewel, which had been voted to him from the funds of the lodge. They would all agree with him that in placing that jewel upon his breast it had been well earned. He was charmed to be able to pin to Bro. Casperd's breast a jewel equal in value to any that had been presented to his predecessors in office. It was the wish of every brother of the lodge that Bro. Casperd might live long to wear it, and to enjoy the credit which it would reflect upon him in any lodge which he might visit. The brethren had done him the high honour of asking him to request Bro. Casperd to accept that jewel as a token of their esteem, and of thanks for the able way in which he had performed his duties in the past year.

Bro. Casperd, I.P.M., offered his sincere thanks to the W.M. of the lodge for the kind way in which he had proposed the toast, and for the handsome manner in which he had pinned that beautiful jewel to his breast. He thanked them from the bottom of his heart for having so cordially supported him during his year of office. He had tried to the utmost of his ability to do his duty as a Mason and Master of this lodge, and it was a consolation to know he had given them a certain amount of satisfaction. There was only one point on which he was inclined to call their W.M. out of order, and that was (he said it without fear of contradiction) he never in his life invited a man to become a Mason. When a person had asked him "What is Freemasonry?" his answer invariably was that he had never regretted joining it, and that his interrogator must follow in the same course—that if a man wanted to become a Mason he must do so from what he felt; and his conviction that it would advance him as a man and a brother. That was what the W.M. meant. If in the immediate circle of their Masonic organisation he had been enabled to fulfil his duty to their satisfaction he was more than rewarded. He had done his best to win their approbation, and was gratified they had acknowledged that his efforts had come up to their expectations. He also thanked them for the very handsome jewel which the W.M. had placed on his breast that evening, and he could assure them that as I.P.M. he should consider it his duty and privilege to assist the W.M. in every possible way, though from what they had seen that day he very much doubted whether any such assistance would be needed.

The W.M., then, in felicitous terms, gave "The Health of the P.M.'s," the toast being acknowledged in a suitable manner by Bro. H. Aarons; and the remaining toasts were "The Treasurer and Secretary" and "The Officers of the Lodge."

During the evening a choice selection of vocal and in-

strumental music was given by a glee party, consisting of Mr. Hugh Davies (alto), Mr. W. Price (1st tenor), Mr. Selwyn Davies (2nd tenor), Mr. E. A. Baker (bass), Mr. E. Bateman, Mr. W. A. Peering, and Mr. James Hallé (pianoforte).

UBIQUE LODGE (No. 1789).—The installation meeting of the above lodge took place at the Regent Masonic Hall, Café Royal, Air-street, Regent-street, on Monday, the 10th inst., when Bro. G. Mason, R.A., S.W. and W.M. elect, was, with the usual ceremonies, placed in the chair of K.S. as Master for the ensuing 12 months. The lodge was opened by the W.M., Bro. Quartermaster R. G. Wishart, R.A., and the minutes of the previous meeting and cash accounts having been passed, the ballot was taken for Sergeant-Major F. McGill, and proved unanimous. Bro. J. Sapper, Quartermaster-Sergeant R.H.A., was then unanimously accepted as a joining member, and returned thanks. Bro. Capt. W. Weston, P.M., and P.M. 1536, P.P.G. Sd. Br. Kent, then, in suitable terms, presented Bro. Mason to the W.M., to receive at his hands the benefit of installation, and the usual formalities having been observed, Bro. Mason was installed and saluted in due form. He then invested his officers as follows: Bros. W. Maule, S.W.; Major P. L. McGregor-Skinner, R.H.A., J.W.; Capt. W. Richey, R.A., P.M., Treas.; Capt. J. Sculley, R.H.A., P.M., Sec.; T. F. Cooper, S.D.; W. Arnold, J.D.; E. Morris, I.G.; J. Christian, D.C.; J. Lawson, W.S.; and H. Harding, Org. Bro. Weston then gave the addresses, and the ceremony was concluded.

A handsome P.M.'s jewel (manufactured by Bro. George Kenning, London), of the value of 10 guineas, was presented to Bro. Wishart, I.P.M., for valuable services rendered to the lodge during his year of office, and also as a mark of the esteem of the brethren, and he returned thanks. Five guineas were then voted for the temporary relief of a widow of a late brother. A handsomely-carved broken column was presented to the lodge by Bro. W. J. Graham, P.M. 700, who, in a note accompanying it, trusted that whenever it was passed round, the brethren would remember the cause of the widow and orphan. A cordial vote of thanks was accorded Bro. Graham for his valuable and opportune present. The W.M. then initiated the candidate in excellent style, and, after "Hearty good wishes" had been tendered by the visitors, the lodge was closed in due form.

Among the other brethren present were Bros. Col. E. S. Gordon, R.A., P.M., and P.M. 706; G. Spinks, O.S.C., P.M., and P.M. 1536, P.P.G. Sd. Br. Kent; Capt. Bowles, R.A., P.M.; Capt. J. McCaffrey, R.A.; Capt. Sir G. V. Thomas, Bart., R.H.A.; H. A. Davis, P.M., and P.M. 1413, P.P.G.S.B. Punjab; Quartermaster M. J. Rowan, R.A.; E. Palmer, W.M. 913; G. Neal, W. Seager, E. Jordan, W. Shackleton, and J. H. Chinn, all of the lodge. Among the visitors were Bros. A. Bowles, P.M. 1398, P.P.G.S. of W. Surrey; W. Moulds, W.M. 1536; G. Kenneday, P.M. 1536; Quartermaster A. Willmott, Shropshire Light Infantry, 1536; J. Hadington, P.M. 217; D. Rose, P.M. 73; Quartermaster R. E. Donohue, R.A., 913; W. Campbell-Taylor, 913; W. Saunders, 913; F. Tyler, 913; Clifton, 913; R. Durling, 913; and C. Jolly, W.M. 1472, &c.

The brethren having banqueted, the W.M. proposed the usual loyal and Masonic toasts, and they were honoured with true military spirit.

The I.P.M. then proposed the toast of "The W.M.," and, in so doing, said their Master had shown them that day the sort of work he was able to do in the initiation of their candidate, and he felt sure they would never regret having chosen him to preside over them. He asked them to drink the toast with all the heartiness it deserved.

Bro. Mason, in response, thanked them for the very cordial and flattering reception the toast had met with, and trusted that by that time next year he should have shown himself worthy of their appreciation. During his tenure of office he should endeavour to give a good account of himself, and he felt sure that, assisted as he should be by the P.M.'s, officers, and brethren generally, he should hand over the destinies of the lodge not only unimpaired and unshaken, but rather strengthened in numbers and in continued prosperity and brotherly love.

The next toast was that of "The P.M.'s," and the W.M., in giving it, congratulated both the lodge and himself on the array of distinguished Past Masters present.

The I.P.M., in response, expressed his pleasure that his year of office was up, especially as he had had to run up from Liverpool every time to be present at the lodge meetings. He should, however, stroll on occasionally to see them; but should, wherever he was stationed, always have the interest of the lodge at heart, and never forget the kindness of the brethren to him during his year of office. On behalf of the Past Masters, he thanked them for the toast.

"The Initiate" having been toasted, and returned thanks,

Bro. Rose responded eloquently for "The Visitors," thanking the lodge for its warm reception of their guests. He spoke highly of the work done by the W.M. that night and kindly of the Installing Officer, the exigencies of whose position had prevented him giving the ceremony all the attention it deserved. It showed, however, that he not only desired to be a "Past Master," but an "Installing Officer," an ambition that he felt sure would stimulate the younger brethren to even greater exertions. He trusted the W.M. would have a successful year of office, and that the prosperity and harmony of the lodge would long continue.

Bro. Wishart briefly responded to the toast of "The Installing Officer," and Bros. Maule, Turner, and Lawson for "The Officers."

Bro. Jolly's name was coupled with a hearty reception of "The Masonic Press," and he returned thanks.

Bro. Tyler presided at the piano, and some good singing by Bros. Clifton, Darling, Willmott, and others enlivened the proceedings; Bro. C. Jolly recited; and the Tyler's toast concluded the enjoyment of a pleasant gathering.

UNIVERSITY OF LONDON LODGE (No. 2033).—The installation meeting of this lodge was held at Freemasons' Hall, on Thursday, the 13th inst., when a large number of members and visitors attended. Amongst the members present were Bros. Alderman Sir R. N. Fowler, Bt., M.A., M.P., P.G.W., W.M.; Alfred Meadows, M.D., J.P., P.G.D., S.W.; R. W. McConnell, J.W.;

A. E. Sansom, S.D.; J. Curnow, J.D.; W. G. Lemon, Treas.; W. J. Spratling, Sec.; F. A. Philbrick, O.C., G. Reg., I.P.M.; A. C. Maybury, I.G.; E. Owen, D.C.; F. E. Lemon, C. Gross, and F. E. Pocock.

Visitors: Bros. Col. Sir Francis Burdett, Bart., P.G.M. Middx.; Col. J. Sampson Peirce, P.G.D.; H. R. Cooper-Smith, W.M. 1118; J. H. Puleston, M.P., P.M. 235; C. Horton Ledger, P.M. 1586; J. G. Green, W.M. 373; J. A. P. Ingoldby, S.D. 1601; A. G. Hennel, W.M. 1601; B. Whitehead, 1494; A. G. C. Fletcher, 1506; H. W. Roberts, W.M. 1293; Layton, 1573; G. Stanley Smith, Trinity College; G. Mickley, P.M. 449; Malcolm Moris, S.D. 26; J. S. Grimshaw, W.M. 136; J. Smithers, 58; W. Stevenson Hoyte, 4; D. W. Pearce, 1293; P. L. de Montmorency, 1; A. Allworth, P.M. 1261; B. Morice, 1827; T. Wakeley, P.M. 1895; A. Gibbins, 63; W. W. Lee, 1897; and others.

The lodge having been opened in due form, and the minutes of the preceding regular and emergency meetings having been read and confirmed, ballot was unanimously taken in favour of Mr. H. E. Juler as a candidate for initiation, and for Bros. Beaumont Morice, LL.B., 1827; and Edgar Alfred Hughes, 2000, as joining members. Bro. Ralph Gooding, M.D., P.G.D., was next elected an honorary member of the lodge, after which the report of the Permanent Committee was received and adopted. Bro. Alfred Meadows, M.D., P.G.D., was then presented as W.M. elect, and was impressively installed into the chair of K.S. according to ancient custom.

The W.M. then proceeded to appoint and invest his officers for the ensuing year as follows: Bros. R. W. McConnell, B.A., S.W.; A. E. Sansom, M.D., J.W.; W. G. Lemon, LL.B., Treas.; W. J. Spratling, B.Sc., Sec.; J. Curnow, M.D., S.D.; A. C. Maybury, D.Sc., J.D.; E. Owen, M.B., I.G.; F. E. Lemon, LL.B., D.C.; R. D. M. Little, B.A., O.C., D.C.; C. Gross, M.B., and F. E. Pocock, Stewards. The investiture of Bro. R. A. Germaine, M.A., as Organist, was postponed, and the election of a Tyler deferred until the next meeting.

The usual addresses were then ably rendered by the Installing Master, Bro. Philbrick, G. Reg. The newly-installed W. Master then presented a P.M.'s jewel to Bro. Alderman Sir R. N. Fowler, Bart., M.P., P.G.W., as a mark of the high personal esteem in which he is held, and of warm appreciation of the benefits he has conferred upon the lodge, and of his courteous hospitality to its members during his tenure of the office of Lord Mayor of the City of London. In making this presentation, the W.M. said that Bro. Sir R. N. Fowler had, by his kind and genial manner, endeared himself to the hearts of the members of the lodge, who sincerely hoped he would long be with them to benefit the lodge in the future as he had done in the past.

Bro. Sir R. N. Fowler, I.P.M., briefly acknowledged the gift, for which he tendered his warmest thanks and assured the brethren of the interest he took in the welfare of their lodge.

Letters of apology for non-attendance were read from several brethren, including Bro. the Right Hon. the Earl of Carnarvon, Pro G.M., who stated that he had deferred writing until very late in the hopes of being able to attend. All Masonic business having been transacted, the lodge was closed in due form, and the brethren adjourned to an excellent banquet, at which the usual loyal and Masonic toasts were cordially received.

Bro. Alfred Meadows, W.M., said that in asking the brethren to drink the first toast, "The Queen and the Craft," he was sure they would join with him in an expression of congratulation that Her Majesty had been able to come among them again to show the interest she has always felt in everything calculated to advance the welfare of her people. The Queen had lately conferred an honour on the medical profession by laying the foundation stone of their new Examination Hall, and had very recently honoured the people of Liverpool by her presence.

"H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, M.V.G.M." was the next toast introduced by the W. Master, who observed that the name of His Royal Highness was honoured among Masons, for he claimed their allegiance and their affection. It would be unnecessary for him to say anything about the excellent way in which their M.V.G.M. performs his duties. In a short space of time His Royal Highness would give another proof of the interest he takes in the Craft by installing his brother as P.G.M. of Sussex. This event would evince the interest taken by the M.V.G.M. in Freemasonry, and also that it is shared by his brother.

In proposing "The Grand Officers," the W.M. said that very few words would be needed from him to commend this toast to the brethren, for many of them had the privilege of attending Grand Lodge, and would, therefore, know the excellent manner in which the Grand Officers performed their duties. There were several Senior Grand Officers present that evening, and they also had several that were members of their own lodge. They had a very distinguished and zealous Mason present in Bro. Sir Francis Burdett, whose name was well known to them all as one who had rendered valuable service to the Craft. He asked the brethren to give all the Grand Officers a cordial and hearty welcome.

Bro. Col. Sir Francis Burdett, P.G.M. Middlesex, in response, said that this toast had been so often proposed, that any remarks he might make would, consequently, not be new. Whenever he had had the opportunity of responding for the Grand Officers, he had always been pleased to do so, for it was invariably received with the greatest cordiality. They had all seen Bro. the Earl of Carnarvon so often that he need say very little of the way in which that brother officiated at Grand Lodge as Pro G.M. With regard to Bro. the Earl of Lathom, he would say that he was a most energetic Mason, and anything that he does for the Craft is performed in a perfect manner, that was a credit to the whole Order. The position of G.S.W. was held by the Lord Chancellor, and whilst he held that post he would fully maintain the prestige of Grand Lodge. In the G.J.W. they had a brother who was a distinguished man, not only in Freemasonry, but in the Navy also, for he was one of those who risked their lives more from motives of kindness than duty—to try to save that great man, General Gordon. He thanked the brethren most heartily for the kind and cordial manner in which they had received this toast.

Bro. Ald. Sir R. N. Fowler, Bart., M.P., P.G.W., I.P.M., then proposed "The Health of the Worshipful Master," and said he was sure it would be received, as it deserved, with the greatest cordiality. Their lodge was

young, but it was a rising lodge, and was identified with that University to which they belonged. There was a very right and proper feeling that the University of London should have a lodge connected with it, and he was very glad to see that it had been so successful, and which was, no doubt, mainly owing to their W. Master. He considered he might safely say that he did not propose this toast under ordinary circumstances, for their W. M. was one of the founders of that lodge, and he was a brother to whom a large portion of credit was due for its successful foundation. Their W.M. was a Past G. Officer, and took every possible opportunity of showing the interest he takes in the Craft. He thought, therefore, that they had special reason for drinking this toast with the greatest cordiality.

Bro. Alfred Meadows, M.D., P.G.D., W.M., thanked the I.P.M. sincerely and heartily for the more than kind way in which he had expressed himself towards him and the brethren for the manner in which they had welcomed him in his new office. The I.P.M. had not said one word too much of the interest he had taken in that lodge. When first the idea of starting the lodge was hinted to him it touched a cord in his heart that he was only too pleased to respond to. The installation ceremony had been most admirably performed by Bro. Philbrick, Grand Reg., and those who had worked with that brother in this lodge knew that he had won for himself the admiration and respect of all. Bro. Philbrick had added to the lustre of their young lodge, and had set them an example which they ought to try and emulate. He now wished to ask them to drink "The Health of their Installing Master," and he could assure them that their I.P.M. had, by his impressive rendering of the ritual that evening, produced an effect on his mind that was not likely to be forgotten.

Bro. Philbrick, O.C., G. Reg., responded, and after thanking the brethren for their great kindness, assured them that it was a kindness he should always try to deserve. He wished also to assure them how deeply grateful the founders of the lodge were for the support they had received. It was in a room in Lincoln's Inn Fields that they first laid their heads together to consider the desirability of starting this lodge, and he was delighted to see that their prognostications were realised. The founders were very proud that the lodge was flourishing, and when he looked round and saw the large number of visiting brethren present, he thought he was no untrue prophet when he said that its success was certain. While the feeling of unanimity and brotherly affection was in their midst, their progress was sure. Long might that be so, for while those feelings existed, the hopes of the founders would be realised, and the interests of the Craft would be served. Any part he might have taken, or any service he might have rendered to the cause they had at heart, was a labour of love.

In proposing "The Past Masters" the W.M. said as their's was a very young lodge they necessarily had very few Past Masters. He should look to their I.P.M. during his year of office to give him his genial support, and he should couple his name with this toast.

Bro. Sir R. N. Fowler, Bart., I.P.M., returned his sincere thanks for himself and the other Past Master—Bro. Philbrick—whom they considered had conferred a high honour on the lodge by accepting the office of first Master. He thanked the members sincerely for the very great kindness he had experienced during the past year, and for the support he had received, especially from the Treasurer and Secretary, who had both been unremitting in their endeavours to promote the lodge in every way.

"The Visitors" was next given by the W.M., who remarked that their lodge would not deserve to be called distinguished if it did not practise hospitality. The members were extremely grateful to those brethren who had honoured them by their presence, and offered them a sincere and hearty welcome. He would ask Col. Peirce to respond, and also Bro. Puleston, M.P., whom they all regarded as a distinguished member of the House of Commons. He (the W.M.) had the pleasure of visiting the Nine Muses Lodge, to which Bro. Puleston belonged about 15 years ago, and he had never forgotten it. He would also ask the W.M. of a sister lodge—Bro. Cooper Smith, W.M. 1118—to respond to this toast.

Bro. Col. Peirce, P.G.D., in response, said it was the first occasion he had had the pleasure of visiting that lodge, and he assured them he should not easily forget it. A lodge, started in the way in which that lodge had been, and numbering amongst its members men of culture and intelligence, could not fail to be a success. As a Mason of 30 years' standing he was immensely gratified at what he had seen and heard. When he knew that their esteemed brother, the Grand Registrar, was to perform the installation ceremony, he felt that there was an intellectual treat in store, and he had not been disappointed. But not only was he gratified at their work, but also for their hospitality, for which he thanked them heartily.

Bro. Puleston, M.P., P.M. 235, said the brethren would not expect anything like a speech from him, as that toast had already been ably responded to by Bro. Col. Peirce, who was always heartily welcomed wherever he visited. He sincerely thanked them for their profuse hospitality, and hoped that would not be his last visit. He congratulated them heartily on the successful manner in which the lodge was progressing. He had felt on many occasions since he had been in public life considerable gratification at being seated round the board as he had been that evening, in the company of those who were bonded together as a band of brothers. He sincerely trusted this would not be his last visit, but that in the future they would always, as Masons, meet upon the level and part upon the square.

Bro. Cooper Smith, W.M. 1118, also returned thanks, and "The Officers" having been given and warmly received, the Tyler's toast concluded the proceedings.

The musical arrangements were under the able direction of Bro. W. Stevenson Hoyte, 4, who was assisted by Bros. Stedman and Stanley Smith, and six boys from Bro. Stedman's choir.

GOOLE.—Aire and Calder Lodge (No. 458).—A meeting was held on Friday, the 14th inst., at the Masonic Hall, when there were present the W.M., Bro. W. Everatt, and the following brethren: H. Wilson, P.M., acting S.W.; R. Dayson, J.W.; W. Porter, Chap.; J. A. Bray, P.M., Treas.; G. Dixon, Sec.; R. C. Bruce, M.D., S.D.; W. H. Fogg, J.D.; E. Goodridge, P.M., acting D.C.; R. Bladale, acting I.G.; C. Chappell, Stwd.; T. Rippon, Org.; A. Spink, P.M.; W. Brook,

I.P.M.; G. Jackson, P.M.; R. Peacock, P.M.; H. T. Gardener, P.M., Prov. G.A.D.C. West Yorkshire; Capt. Empton, Lieut. Hind, H. B. Thorpe, Greenwood, J. Leach, and others. Visitors: Bro. F. Beanland, Pentalfa Lodge; and others.

The lodge was draped in black in recognition of the loss the province had sustained through the death of Sir Henry Edwards, P.P.G.M., and in token of sympathy with Lady Edwards and family. As the brethren entered Bro. Rippon, the Organist, impressively played the Dead March in "Saul." Bro. Gardener, P.M., explained that in deference to the wishes of the Provincial Grand Lodge no separate vote of condolence would be proposed. The lodge had shown their sympathy by forwarding to the funeral a wreath, in reference to which the following letter had been received from Bro. Herbert Crossley, Sec. No. 61:—"I carried the wreath myself, and placed it on the grave along with others which were sent. . . . I cannot conclude without thanking the brethren of the Aire and Calder Lodge for their kind sympathy with the family of our late Bro. H. Edwards. I take it also as a compliment to the Lodge of Probity, which owned Sir H. Edwards not only as a member, but a child." Bro. R. Ward was admitted to the Degree of a F.C., the ceremony being performed by the W.M., while Bro. Gooderidge, P.M., gave the charge; Bro. Bray, P.M., the working tools; and Bro. Gardener, P.M., the tracing board. A candidate having been proposed and seconded, the lodge was closed.

COLCHESTER.—United Lodge (No. 697).—The installation meeting was held on the 12th inst., in the Library of Colchester Castle (kindly lent for the occasion by Bro. James Round, M.P.), when Bro. the Rev. W. Morgan Jones, S.W., P.P.G.C., was installed as W.M. for the ensuing year, the ceremony being ably performed by Bro. R. H. Ives, I.P.M. 51, P.G.A. Sec. The officers for the year were appointed and invested as under: Bros. J. T. Bailey, I.P.M.; G. P. Hazell, S.W.; Hy. J. Skingley, J.W.; the Rev. E. H. Crate, P.M., P.P.G.C., Chap.; R. Clowes, P.M., P.P.G.S.W., Treas.; T. Rix, P.M., P.P.G.S.B., Sec.; A. J. Norman, S.D.; A. J. Ward, J.D.; T. Eustace, P.M., P.P.G.S.B., D.C.; C. Osmond, P.M. 51, P.P.G.O., Org.; J. Ashdown, I.G.; Manley, Horncastle, and Oldham, Stwds.; and S. Monson, Tyler.

A cordial vote of thanks was passed to Bro. Ives for his kindness and ability in performing the ceremony, especially as he was called upon at an hour's notice, owing to the V.W.D.P.G.M., who was to have been installing Master, not being able to reach Colchester in time. The thanks of the lodge were also given to Bro. Jas. Round, M.P., for kindly allowing the use of the room. Between 50 and 60 brethren afterwards dined together at the George Hotel, an elegant banquet being served by the new host, Mr. Morris.

In replying to the toast of his health and that of "The Present and Past P.G. Officers," the V.W.D.P.G.M., Bro. Fred. A. Philbrick, O.C., congratulated the brethren upon the prosperous condition of the Province of Essex. When he first had the honour of being appointed D.P.G.M., which was in the lifetime of the late Lord Tenterden, there were but 19 lodges; now there were 24 on the roll, and he understood from their P.G. Sec. that the warrant for a new lodge to meet at Halstead, and to be named the "Joshua Nunn," had been received, and would shortly be consecrated. It was satisfactory to know that all the lodges were doing good work for the Craft in Essex. It was only last Saturday that he was present at the installation meeting of one of the youngest of our lodges—the Tilbury—and he found there the true spirit of Masonry pervading the brethren. They had just removed their lodge into that magnificent hotel which had been erected in conjunction with the vast engineering undertaking of Tilbury Docks, which had brought the port of London into Essex. In conclusion, the V.W.D.P.G.M. expressed his regret that he had been unable to reach Colchester in time to perform the installation ceremony; and while thanking Bro. Ives for his kindness in acting as substitute, complimented him on being able at so short a notice to carry out the work.

During the evening an excellent programme of vocal and instrumental music was carried out by Bros. Osmond, Clowes, Sparling, and Coombs, assisted by Masters Nunn, Coombs, and Watts, the latter lad playing a very nice accompaniment to "La Serenata" on the violin.

Among those present, besides the officers mentioned above, were Bros. F. A. Philbrick, O.C., G.R., D.P.G.M.; F. Binckes, P.G. Stwd., Sec. R.M.I.B.; T. J. Ralling, P.M., Sec. 51, F.G. Sec.; R. Clowes, P.M., Sec. 650, P.P.G.S.W.; F. R. Hales, I.P.M. 650, P.G.J.W.; J. Corble, W.M. 453; J. S. French, W.M. 433; Andrew C. Durrant, W.M. 276; M. L. Sanders, W.M. 650; W. Sowman, P.M. 51, P.P.G.J.W.; J. E. Wiseman, P.M., Sec. 433, P.P.G.A.D.C.; R. H. Ives, P.M. 51, P.G. Asst. Sec.; W. J. Nunn, W.M. 2063; R. F. Symmons, F. Quilter, 51; F. Reichter, 51; C. Gray, 51; E. Williams, 1016; and the following members of the lodge: Bros. A. Gosling, P.M.; G. A. Eustace, P.M.; R. Smith, P.M.; J. Street, P.M.; J. H. Boulton, J. H. Johnson, G. A. Oldham, F. Freeman, G. Beaumont, S. H. Ellis, T. J. Grant, R. J. Godfrey, L. F. Manley, F. Horsman, J. G. Potton, E. J. Horncastle, H. E. Williams, and A. S. B. Sparling.

LINSLADE.—St. Barnabas Lodge (No. 948).—The members of this lodge held their annual meeting in the Masonic Hall, Elephant and Castle Hotel, on Tuesday, the 4th inst. The Audit Committee met at two o'clock, and the general meeting was called for three, by which time a large number of present and former members, together with many invited guests, had arrived. Bro. A. S. Morling, the W.M., assisted by his officers, opened the lodge with the ancient ceremonies, Bro. the Rev. J. S. Studholme Brownrigg, D.P.G.M. Berks and Bucks, had consented to act as installing Master, and upon taking the chair, proceeded to induct the W.M. elect, Bro. T. T. Fountaine, into the chair of K.S. The following brethren were then appointed and invested as officers for the ensuing year:—Bros. Pratt, S.W.; Dale, J.W.; Rev. J. S. Brownrigg, Chap.; T. Fountaine (by proxy), Treas.; Poynter, Sec.; Howard, S.D.; Miller, J.D.; Willis, Org.; Pease, I.G.; and Gibbs, Tyler.

At the end of the ceremony a beautifully engraved P.M.'s jewel (manufactured by Bro. George Kenning, London) was presented to Bro. Morling, upon his retirement from the chair, for the efficient services he had rendered the lodge, and the excellent manner in which he had per-

formed the ceremonies during his year of office. The V.W. Installing Master having impressively addressed the new officers upon their respective duties, the lodge was duly closed in ancient Masonic form.

At five o'clock the brethren, to the number of nearly forty, sat down to a splendid banquet, served by Bro. Miller, the host. The newly installed W.M. presided, and was supported on the right by Bros. Rev. J. Studholme Brownrigg, P.G.C., D.P.G.M., and James Terry, Sec. to the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution; and on the left by Bro. Morling, I.P.M., and Past Masters Bros. McCubbin, King, and Poynter, the Stewards. The table was very prettily decorated with ferns and choice plants in full bloom, lent by Bro. W. King, and by Mr. Worsley, of the Linslade Nurseries, the latter providing "button holes" of cut flowers for each guest, the hall being hung with flags, banners, shields, &c., by Bro. Edgington, of Aylesbury.

Upon the removal of the cloth, the W.M. proposed the usual loyal and Masonic toasts, and a most enjoyable evening was spent, some music by an efficient band being a conspicuous feature.

SOUTHEND-ON-SEA.—Priory Lodge (No. 1000).—A meeting was held on Thursday, the 13th inst., at the Middleton Hotel. Present: Bros. G. R. Dawson, W.M.; J. F. Harrington, P.M. 160, P.P.G.P., S.W.; C. Floyd, P.M. 1817, P.P.A.G.P., J.W.; Rev. C. Marriott, Chap.; F. Wood, P.M., P.P.G.W., Treas.; A. Lucking, P.M., G.P. Eng., Sec.; L. Warren, jun., S.D.; C. F. Voosnam, J.D.; Rev. H. J. Hatch, P.M. 160, P.P.G. Chap., I.G.; J. F. Barrett, P.M., P.P.G.R., D.C.; G. Kitchen, Org.; E. F. Wood, Stwd.; W. E. Bridgeland, I.P.M. 933, Stwd.; A. W. Martin, Tyler; N. de Sylla Zucco, T. Hood, A. Vandeword, A. G. Rennington, W. Tyler, B. Thomas, J. R. Brightwell, A. M. Gerussi, R. G. Dempster, and C. W. Cooke. Visitors: Bros. G. Wood, 160; A. Henson, 1706; and C. L. Constantinidi, 1009.

The lodge being duly opened Bros. T. Hood and A. Vandeword were raised to the Third Degree. Bro. N. de Sylla Zucco was passed to the Second Degree. The ballot was taken for Mr. Wm. Trigg, which was unanimous in his favour, and he was, with Mr. Evans Cant, balloted for at the previous meeting, duly initiated. A candidate for initiation having been proposed, the lodge was duly closed.

FELTHAM.—Lebanon Lodge (No. 1326).—The first regular meeting of the year was held on Saturday last, the 15th inst., at the Railway Hotel. In the unavoidable absence of Bro. Fletcher Knight, W.M., the chair was taken by the I.P.M., Bro. J. J. Marsh, P.P.G.S.B. Middlesex. There were present Bros. W. R. Vassila, S.W.; J. Laurence, J.W.; Frederick Walters, P. Prov. G.D. Middlesex, P.M., Secretary; E. A. Smith, S.D.; C. W. Baker, J.D.; W. Walters, I.G.; Henry Forss, P.M., as D.C.; S. Page, Organist; J. A. Wilson, C.S.; J. Goslin, W.S.; S. Wheeler, J.S.; F. Dunstan, Asst. Sec.; W. H. Walters, A.D.C.; W. Kite, W. J. Babb, H. Lawton, J. R. Cox, E. J. Whelan, Rev. Reuben Seddon, D.D., A. Coleman, and many others. Visitors: Bros. E. Oates, 13; and G. Baugh, 548.

The minutes of the last regular and emergency meetings were read and confirmed. The ballot was taken, and proved unanimous in favour of Mr. Whelan, who being present, was initiated into the mysteries and privileges of Freemasonry. Bro. Rev. Reuben Seddon and A. Coleman were raised. Bro. W. R. Vassila, S.W., was recommended for Provincial Grand Lodge honours. Bro. J. A. Wilson was unanimously elected Steward to represent the lodge at the Benevolent Festival to be held in 1887. Several gentlemen were proposed for initiation. The lodge was then closed.

The usual good cheer followed, Bro. J. J. Marsh who presided, made all comfortable and happy by his genial guidance, and after a few hours spent in enjoyment, the brethren separated.

INSTRUCTION.

HYDE PARK LODGE (No. 1425).—A meeting was held on Monday, the 17th inst., at the Porchester Hotel, Leinster-place, Cleveland-square, Porchester-terrace, Paddington, W. Present: Bros. W. J. Mason, W.M.; J. Cruttenden, S.W.; J. Potter, J.W.; H. Dehane, Sec.; J. Bailey, S.D.; J. C. Conway, J.D.; G. D. Bailey, I.G.; W. Middleweek, Stwd.; Capt. A. Nicols, P.M. 1974; M. S. Speigel, P.M. 188; G. Davis, P.M. 167; W. H. Chalfont, P.M. 1425; E. C. Mulvey, J. H. Taylor, C. J. Morse, W. C. Williams, J. H. Wood, J. R. Allman, H. P. Fowler, O. W. Battley, F. Chandler, C. J. Biorn, P. W. Rogers, W. Robinson, W. H. Wadham, C. S. Mote, and W. Death.

The lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of the last weekly meeting were read and confirmed. The ceremonies of initiation and passing were rehearsed, after the usual preliminaries, Bros. Allman and Fowler candidates respectively. The 1st Section of the lecture was worked by Bro. Bailey, and the 4th by Bro. Mulvey, assisted by the brethren. Bro. Mulvey was elected W.M. for the ensuing week, and appointed his officers in rotation. After "Hearty good wishes," the lodge was closed.

METROPOLITAN LODGE (No. 1507).—A very successful meeting took place on Monday, the 17th inst., at the Moorgate, Finsbury-pavement, to greet the worthy host, Bro. G. R. Bolton, who took the chair, when over 40 members were present, including Bros. Kauffman, S.W.; Wace, J.W.; Wm. M. Stiles, P.M. Preceptor; E. Stoor, Sec.; Saunders, A.S.; Scales, Treas.; Gross S.D.; Medwin, J.D.; and Hearnsum, I.G.

The lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of the previous meeting read and confirmed. The ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, Bro. Ward candidate. The lodge was opened in the Second Degree. Bro. Ward answered the questions leading to the Third Degree and retired, he being only Fellow Craft; Bro. Scurah was entrusted. Lodge was opened in the Third Degree, and the ceremony of raising was rehearsed. The lodge was resumed to the First Degree. On rising for the first time, Bros. R. Banks, 1886, W. Waller, and Geo. Levers, 1732, Frost, 1500, and Ward, 192, were unanimously elected members of this lodge of instruction. Bro. Stiles, Preceptor, then said he had a pleasing duty to perform, that was, to give hearty congratulations to their W.M., Bro. Bolton, for being unanimously elected W.M. of the Acacia Lodge, No. 1314, Bromley, Kent, which was seconded by the W.M. of the Acacia Lodge, and carried. Bro. Bolton thanked the brethren. Bro. Kauffman, S.W., was elected W.M. for the next meeting, and hoped he should have as good attendance as the present Master had. On rising for the third time, after "Hearty good wishes," the lodge was closed.

WANDERERS LODGE (No. 1604).—A meeting was held on Wednesday, the 19th inst., at the Victoria Mansions Restaurant, Victoria-street, S.W. Present: Bros. Mimms, W.M.; Gibson, P.M., Treas., S.W.; C. Pugh, J.W.; Wray, P.M., Preceptor;

Musson, Sec.; Coleman, S.D.; Bowen, J.D.; Salter, I.G.; Weeks, Tyler; Hayes, Somerville, G. E. Saunders, and Badderly.

The lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. Bro. Hayes answered the questions leading to the Second Degree, and was entrusted. The lodge was opened in the Second Degree, and Bro. Hayes duly passed to the Degree of a F.C. Bro. Saunders answered the questions leading to the Third Degree, and was entrusted. The lodge was then opened in the Third Degree, and Bro. Saunders duly raised to the Degree of a M.M. The lodge was resumed in the Second Degree, Bro. Badderly being a candidate for raising in his mother lodge, answered the usual questions and retired. The lodge was resumed to First Degree. The S.W. was unanimously elected W.M. for the next meeting. All Masonic business being ended, the lodge was closed in due form and in perfect harmony. Brethren are reminded that Wednesday week, June 2nd, the annual dinner takes place at the above address.

WEST SMITHFIELD LODGE (No. 1623).—A meeting of this lodge was held on the 17th inst., at the New Market Hotel. Present: Bros. J. J. Howes, W.M.; Simpson, S.W.; F. J. Rumball, J.W.; J. W. Jolly, Sec.; T. Hodges, S.D.; W. Jolly, J.D.; S. C. H. Rumball, I.G.; Smyth, Tyler; and Mallett, P.M.

The lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. The W.M. opened up the lodge to the Third Degree, and worked the M.M. ceremony, with W. Jolly as candidate. The W.M. then worked the initiation ceremony, Bro. J. W. Jolly candidate, and, by request, the F.C. Degree, Bro. Mallett candidate. The W.M. rose to inquire for the good of the Craft, and made an earnest appeal, with success, on behalf of the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls; he also recommended that a Charity Association be connected with the lodge, and he thanked the brethren for their indulgence and attention to him. Bro. T. Hodges, a comparatively young member of the mother lodge, discharged the duties of Preceptor with great credit to himself and satisfaction to the brethren. Bro. Simpson was unanimously voted to the chair for the first Monday in June. 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. Geo. Musson, W.M.; Glover, S.W.; Hayes, J.W.; Boulton, P.M., Preceptor; Gibson, P.M., Treas.; Coughlan, Sec.; Mann, S.D.; Arnold, J.D.; Hayes, I.G.; McCullagh, Coleman, Green, jun., Clarkson, and Christian.

The lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. The ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, Bro. Green, jun., being the candidate. Bro. Coleman, 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. Coleman being the candidate. The lodge was opened in the Third Degree, and closed down. The W.M. having risen for the second time, Bro. Glover was unanimously elected W.M., and appointed his officers in rotation. Nothing further offering, the lodge was closed.

CHISWICK LODGE (No. 2012).—A meeting was held at the Windsor Castle Hotel, King-street, Hammersmith, on Saturday, the 15th inst. Present: Bros. W. W. Williams, W.M.; Chas. Dopson, S.W.; Geo. Gardner, J.W.; Geo. Gardner, Treas.; W. Johnson, P.M., Sec.; J. H. Woods, S.D.; H. F. Williams, J.D.; Arthur Williams, I.G.; E. Ayling, P.M., Preceptor; Purdie, P.M.; Sims, P.M.; Davies, Furze, Brown, Wing, Craggs, and Tipper.

The Second ceremony was rehearsed. Lodge opened in the Third Degree, and resumed to the First Degree. The Auditors' report was received and adopted. Bros. Ayling, P.M., G. Gardner, and Johnson, P.M., were unanimously re-elected Preceptor, Treasurer, and Secretary respectively. A vote of thanks was unanimously accorded to the Preceptor, Treasurer, and Secretary for their services during the past year; a vote of thanks was also accorded the Auditors. It was resolved that the Fifteen Sections be worked on Monday, June 21st, at 7 p.m. sharp. Brethren are cordially invited to be present. Lodge was then closed.

CANTERBURY.—Royal Military Lodge (No. 1449).—A meeting was held on Monday, the 17th inst., at the Masonic Temple, 38, St. Peter's-street. Present: Bros. Abbs, as W.M.; R. D. Simms, S.W. and Sec.; Beckett, J.W.; Passmore, S.D.; Cockerell, J.D.; Blamiers, W.M., Preceptor; Tomblings, I.G.; Blake, Tyler; and McClintock, as I.P.M. Visitor: Bro. Brogan, 730 (I.C.), Garrison Lodge.

The lodge was opened in the First Degree, and the minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. The working tools were explained by Bros. Simms, Tomblings, Passmore, Abbs, Beckett, and McClintock. The lodge was opened in the Second Degree. The working tools were explained by Bros. Abbs, Beckett, McClintock, Cockerell, Simms, Tomblings, and Passmore. The questions leading to the Third Degree were put by the W.M., and correctly answered. The lodge was lowered to the First Degree. "Hearty good wishes" were received from No. 730 (I.C.), Garrison Lodge. Nothing further having been offered for the good of Freemasonry in general, or for this lodge of instruction, the same was closed.

Royal Arch.

ALDRSGATE CHAPTER (No. 1657).—A convocation of the above chapter was held at the Albion Tavern, Aldersgate-street, on Monday last. There were present Comps. Right Hon. John Staples, Lord Mayor, M.E.Z.; A. Brookman, H.; F. Crockford, J.; E. Y. Jolliffe, S.E.; Saml. White, S.N.; George Kenning, Treasurer; M. R. Webb, P.S.; John Larkin, 1st A.S.; Arthur B. Hudson, 2nd A.S.; W. H. Froom, Geo. Rawlinson, P. F. R. Saillard, E. W. Stillwell, J. L. Mather, Dr. Augustus GreatRex, Edward Anderton, Joseph Renals, and James Sholler. Visitors: Comps. W. Taylor, P.Z. Royal Middlesex; H. R. Wakefield, Pythagorean; and W. G. Batchelor, M.E.Z. Pythagorean.

The minutes of the last convocation were read and approved. Bros. Anderton, Renals, and Sholler, of the Aldersgate Lodge, were exalted to the Degree of Royal Arch Masonry, by Comp. Dr. GreatRex, ably assisted by Comps. W. Taylor, Crockford, and Mather. The Principals and officers were elected for the ensuing year, and an Audit Committee was appointed.

The companions afterwards sat down to dinner, presided over by the M.E.Z., the Right Hon. the Lord Mayor, when the usual loyal and Masonic toasts were duly honoured.

ORPHEUS CHAPTER (No. 1706).—An emergency convocation of this chapter was held on Saturday, the 15th inst., at Freemasons' Hall. Present: Comps. Dr. Lavies, M.E.Z.; Richard Eve, as H.; F. W. Imbert-Terry, as J.; G. Cooper, S.E.; G. C. Burry, S.N.; Rev. W. Stainer, W. A. Frost, J. H. Lavies, H. Bullock, and W. Little. Visitor: Comp. F. B. Page, 214.

The business was the exaltation of Bros. H. Lavies, N. Turner, J. Pollard, R. Walford, and H. C. H. Houndle. They were very ably exalted into R.A. Masonry by the M.E.Z. and his two Principals, with that musical accompaniment for which the chapter is noted. The Organist is Comp. Frost.

After the business the companions adjourned to the Holborn Restaurant, where a very pleasant evening was spent.

WHITBY.—Britannia Chapter (No. 312).—The regular convocation of this chapter was held on the 3rd inst. at the Masonic Hall, West Cliff, when there were present Comps. James S. Moss, M.E.Z.; William H. Falkingbridge, H.; John Stevenson, P.Z., acting J.; Henry C. Walker, P.S.; B. Newbald, 1st A.S.; John T. Stewart, acting 2nd A.S.; Silvester Reed, P.Z., S.E.; John N. Lawson, P.Z., S.N.; T. Tate, H. Wald, and others.

The minutes of the last convocation were read and confirmed. No candidates having presented themselves, the chapter, after some minor business, was closed in ancient form, and the companions then adjourned, and spent a pleasant evening together.

COLCHESTER.—Essex Chapter (No. 276).—The anniversary convocation of this chapter was held on Monday, when the Principals were installed by Ex. Comp. Vero W. Taylor, P.Z., P.G.H., as follows: Comps. A. C. Veley, M.E.Z.; J. P. Lewin, P.P.G.S.W., H.; and A. Mead, P.G. 1st A.S., J. The other officers were invested as follows: Comps. the Rev. F. B. Shepherd, S.E.; E. Shedd, I.P.Z., S.N.; J. J. Cavill, P.S.; R. G. Kellett, 1st A.S.; F. P. Sutherland, 2nd A.S.; and Sarel, Janitor. At the close of the ceremony a hearty vote of thanks was passed to Comp. Vero Taylor for his kindness and ability in performing the installation ceremony.

The companions afterwards dined together at the White Hart Hotel.

Among those present, in addition to the officers above-mentioned, were Comps. Thos. J. Ralling, P.Z. and S.E. 51, P.G.S.E.; Frank Whitmore, P.Z. 276, P.G.P.S.; A. Goodchild, P.Z. 276, P.P.G.P.S.; F. Meggy, A. C. Durrant, G. Copus, G. Bannister, T. Winmatt Smith, R. D. Poppleton, F. Bird, and E. Gowers.

BARNESLEY.—Friendly Chapter (No. 1513).—The installation meeting of this chapter was held on Thursday, the 13th inst., at the King's Head Hotel, when there were present Comps. W. R. Massie, Z.; S. C. Alderson, H.; R. Carter, J.; Seward, S.E.; Embleton, S.N.; B. Smith, P.S.; Tallents, 1st A.S.; A. W. Gratton, 2nd A.S.; E. J. Massie, Treasurer; Billington, D.C.; Senior and Sutton, Stewards; Rogers, Janitor; Ensor Drury, P.Z., P.P.G.H.; J. H. Gratton, P.Z., P.P.G. Treas.; T. Braithwaite, P.Z.; J. Smith, C. Lingard, J. Hutchinson, J. H. Taylor, T. Braithwaite, and others.

After the confirmation of the minutes of the previous convocations, Comp. Ensor Drury installed Comps. S. C. Alderson, Z.; R. Carter, H.; and T. W. Embleton, J.; the companions were then admitted, and the officers were invested for the ensuing year: Comps. J. Sutton, S.E.; W. Dickie, S.N.; B. Smith, P.S.; W. H. Tallents, 1st A.S.; A. W. Gratton, 2nd A.S.; E. J. Massie, Treas.; E. Billington, D.C.; H. Fountain, Org.; W. Senior and Charles Lingard, Stewards; and Theodore Rogers, Janitor.

INSTRUCTION.

CAMDEN CHAPTER OF IMPROVEMENT (No. 704).—A convocation of the above chapter was held at the Moorgate, Finsbury-pavement, on Tuesday, the 18th inst. Present: Comps. J. C. Smith, M.E.Z.; Carter, H.; Vine, J.; Gregory, N.; Knight, P.S.; Edmonds, Preceptor; Nicols, Dean, Jacobs, Bolton, Kauffman, and Christian.

The ceremony of exaltation was rehearsed, Comp. Edmonds candidate. After the M.E.Z. had risen for the third time, Comp. Edmonds proposed a vote of thanks, to be recorded on the minutes, to Comp. J. C. Smith for the admirable manner in which he had rehearsed the ceremony of exaltation for the first time in any chapter of improvement—carried unanimously. Companions wishing to perfect themselves in this splendid ritual cannot do better than attend this excellent chapter of improvement, under the able Preceptorship of Comp. Edmonds.

Mark Masonry.

HENNIKER LODGE (No. 315).—The installation meeting of this lodge was held at 8A, Red Lion-square, on Tuesday, 11th inst., when there were present W. Bros. Jas. Terry, W.M.; Deputy-Controller Bake, S.W.; Col. Radcliffe, J.W.; Joyce Murray, M.O.; Larkin, J.O.; C. F. Hogard, Secretary; H. Tipper, S.D.; Crutch, J.D.; and other officers and members.

The minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed, and two candidates were introduced and advanced in due form, the ceremony being ably performed by Bro. C. F. Matier, P.G.W.

The chair was then occupied by Bro. F. Binckes, Grand Secretary, who proceeded to install the W.M. elect, Bro. Bake into the chair of the lodge. The W.M. appointed his officers as follows: W. Bro. Terry, I.P.M.; Bros. Col. Radcliffe S.W.; Joyce Murray, J.W.; Carter, M.O.; Larkin, S.O.; H. Tipper, J.O.; Edgar Bowyer, Treas.; C. F. Hogard, Sec.; Heath, S.D.; Crutch, J.D.; and Bellingham, D.C.

The W.M. proposed, and the I.P.M. seconded, a cordial vote of thanks to the Grand Sec., Bro. Binckes, for his valuable services as Installing Master, and a similar compliment was paid to Bro. Matier for the assistance he had rendered in initiating the candidates.

The W.M. then said he had a very pleasing duty to perform in presenting to the retiring W.M., Bro. Terry, a Past Master's Jewel, in recognition of his services during the year he had occupied the chair. He (the W.M.) regretted to see him out of the chair, but they all had to retire in their turn, and Bro. Terry was going out with the best wishes of all the members. In addition to the P.M.'s Jewel, he also had the pleasure to present to Bro. Terry, in the names of the members of the lodge, a silver salver. They felt that some recognition of the liberality of Bro. Terry during the year was due to him, and, although its intrinsic value would in no way represent those services, yet he trusted it would be accepted as an expression of their regard and gratitude.

Bro. Terry thanked the W.M. and brethren for the handsome jewel that had been handed to him, but he was too much taken aback, by the totally unexpected mark of their kindness which followed, to adequately express his gratitude. He should prize it highly, and he assured the brethren that he more than appreciated the gift.

The lodge was then closed, and the brethren adjourned to a banquet at the Holborn Restaurant, presided over by

Bro. Col. Bake. The usual loyal and Masonic toasts were duly proposed and honoured, that of "The Grand Officers" being replied to by Bro. Binckes, Grand Sec., who congratulated Bro. Bake on his elevation to the chair, and on behalf of the Grand Officers said there was not one, from the Grand Master downwards, who would not do everything in his power for Mark Masonry.

Bro. Loveland, D.G.M. Hants and Isle of Wight, responded for "The Provincial Grand Master of Middlesex and Surrey."

Bro. James Terry, I.P.M., then proposed "The Health of the W.M., Bro. Col. Bake." He was glad to see him in the chair. He had already received Grand Office as Swd. Br., which was an evidence of the estimation in which he was held by the Grand Master, and he wished him every success as the Master of the Henniker Lodge. The W.M. returned thanks.

The toast of "The Advancers" followed, replied to by Bro. Da Silva.

The W.M. next proposed "The Health of the Visitors," remarking that they gave zest to their meetings and promoted the interchange of ideas which could not be other than advantageous to both. He had special pleasure in referring in this connection to a visitor present in the person of Bro. James Lewis Thomas, who was an old and valued friend of 40 years' standing.

Bro. Bake then proposed "The Health of the I.P.M., Bro. Terry," whom he characterised as one of the kindest-hearted of men both in and out of Masonry.

Bro. Terry, in reply, desired that the other Past Masters, Bros. Edgar Bowyer and C. F. Hogard, should be included. For himself, he thanked them heartily, and desired to add to the remarks he made in the lodge with reference to the presentation, that the feelings of surprise and pleasure would remain to him to the end of his Masonic career. He sincerely trusted that the kindly good feeling at present existing would ever be characteristic of the Henniker Lodge and its members.

Bro. Bowyer and Hogard also responded. "The Officers of the Lodge," responded to by Bros. Redcliffe, Crutch, Bellingham, and Larkin, brought the proceedings to a close.

DAVISON LODGE (No. 331).—The members of this lodge met on Thursday, the 13th inst., at the Masonic Hall, Red Lion-square. The W.M., Bro. Jas. Inglis, advanced Bro. W. H. Kempster, M.D., and performed the ceremony of installing the W.M. elect, Bro. R. A. Meyer, most creditably. After the disposal of some formal business, the lodge adjourned.

A banquet followed afterwards at the Holborn Restaurant, and amongst the brethren present were Bros. R. A. Meyer, W.M.; R. Plumbe, S.W.; A. C. Bauke, J.W.; T. P. Staley, S.O.; W. Woodward, J.O.; F. Davison, J. C. Dibdin, C. F. Matier, Henry Fajja, L. Wose, R. Young, J. Thomas, J. F. Tweedale, and others.

After proposing the usual loyal toasts, the W.M., Bro. Meyer, in proposing "Bro. F. Davison's Health," remarked that Bro. Davison, as father of the lodge, might bear in mind the words of Horace—"Exegi monumentum acre perennius," and that the Davison Mark Lodge would for many years to come commemorate his name, so well known in Mark Masonry.

Bros. W. Ganz, Dibdin, and Woodward enlivened the proceedings with their music.

DERBY.—Derby Lodge (No. 302).—The regular meeting of this very prosperous lodge was held at the Masonic Hall, on Monday, the 10th inst. Present: Bros. W. Whittaker, P.G.J.D., W.M.; Thos. Cox, P.M., P.P.G.J.W.; Percy Wallis, P.M., P.G.S.W., G.S.D. England; G. T. Wright, P.M., P.G.J.O.; J. Bland, S.W.; W. S. Hall, J.W.; C. Webster, M.O.; A. Woodiwiss, S.O.; Frank Campion, J.O.; Rev. C. T. Bromwich, Chap.; J. O. Manton, Treas.; Edgar Horne, R. of M.; J. Walker, Sec.; R. H. Mole, S.D.; W. L. Dodd, Org.; W. Stone, Tyler; J. E. Whitehead, Thos. Oldham, Severn Taylor, A. Frazer, P.M.; and Rev. T. Orrell, P.P.G.C. Visitors: Bros. R. Hunt, Wm. Kelly, 339; and W. Lynch, 95 (I.C.)

The minutes of the last regular meeting were read, confirmed, and signed. The ballot was then taken for a W.M. for the ensuing year, when the S.W. having expressed a wish to be passed over this year, the choice of the brethren fell upon Bro. W. Silver Hall, J.W., who thanked the brethren for the honour they had conferred upon him, Bro. J. O. Manton, W.M. 246, was re-elected Treas., and Bro. W. Stone, Tyler. The ballot was then taken for Bro. J. B. Slack, of the Craft lodge, No. 1324, and he was duly elected, and being present was advanced in excellent style by the W.M., who was ably assisted by the various officers. Grand Mark Lodge certificates were presented to several brethren.

"Hearty good wishes" having been tendered, and nothing further offering, the lodge was closed in perfect harmony and adjourned. Refreshment followed labour, and afterwards the usual loyal and Masonic toasts were heartily given and received. The W.M. having announced that he intended acting as Steward for the Mark Benevolent Fund, received from those present promise of support.

Allied Masonic Degrees.

WIGAN.—St. George's Council (No. 4).—The annual meeting of this council was held at the Masonic Hall on the 13th inst., when the following brethren were present: W. Bro. Wm. Dean, W.M.; W. Nicholl, P.G.J.W., S.W.; W. Johnson, J.W.; J. D. Murray, P.M., G.D.C., Sec.; Wm. Wyld, Prelate; W. H. Horrocks, I.G.; J. G. Christian, S.S.; J. S. Garner, J.S.; Jas. Wilson, W. Wilson, J. H. Smith, T. C. Thorburn, Richard Knowles, and T. Milner.

The council was opened by Bro. Murray, and the minutes of the previous meeting having been read and confirmed, the following brethren were balloted for and admitted to the Degrees of St. Lawrence and Knight of Constantine: Bros. T. P. Simpson, J. Radcliffe, E. A. Mahir, and H. G. Smith; to the Degree of Red Cross of Babylon: Bros. Simpson, Mahir, and R. Knowles; and to the Grand High Priest: Bro. W. Wilson. Bro. Wm. Johnson, the W.M. elect, was then presented by Bro. W. Nicholl, P.M., P.G.J.W., to the Installing Master, Bro. J. D. Murray, P.M.,

G.D. of the council, and duly installed as W.M. for the ensuing year. After being proclaimed and saluted, the W.M. appointed his officers as follows: Bros. W. M. Wyld, S.W.; R. B. Seddon, J.W.; J. D. Murray, Sec. and Treas.; J. Browne, Prelate; W. H. Horrocks, S.D.; J. Wilson, J.D.; J. S. Garner, I.G.; J. G. Christian, S.S.; R. Knowles, J.S.; and W. Patterson, Tyler. The brethren afterwards dined with the members of the Ark Mariner Lodge, and all thoroughly enjoyed themselves.

Ark Mariner.

WIGAN.—Mount Ararat Lodge.—The annual meeting of the members of this lodge was held at the Masonic Hall, King-street, on the 13th inst., when the following brethren were present: Bros. W. M. Wyld, W.C.N.; W. Nicholl, P.C.N., as J.; T. C. Thorburn, P.C.N., as S.; W. Johnson, Scribe; J. Wilson, J.D.; R. Knowles, Guardian; J. D. Murray, P.C.N.; W. Dean, J. G. Christian, J. S. Garner, W. Wilson, J. H. Smith, and W. H. Horrocks.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed. The ballot was then taken for the following candidates, who had been proposed by Bro. J. D. Murray, viz., Bros. T. P. Simpson, J. Radcliffe, E. A. Mahir, and H. Gordon Smith, and being unanimous, they were admitted, and elevated to the Royal Ark Degree by the W.C.N., Bro. Wyld. Bro. J. D. Murray then took the chair, when Bro. W. Johnson, the Commander elect, was duly presented by Bro. Nicholl, and installed as W.C.N. for the ensuing year, proclaimed, and saluted accordingly. The officers were then appointed as follows: Bros. R. B. Seddon, J.; James Wilson, S.; J. D. Murray, Scribe; R. Knowles, S.D.; W. H. Horrocks, J.D.; J. G. Christian, Guardian; J. S. Garner, S.S.; J. H. Smith, J.S.; and W. Pattison, Tyler.

The lodge was then closed, and the brethren adjourned and took dinner with the members of the Allied Degrees, and a most enjoyable evening was spent by all.

From the great interest taken in this and the Allied Degrees, Masonry is making rapid strides in the old town of Wigan, and we trust the brethren who devote themselves to furthering the good cause will live to see the fruit of their labours.

Obituary.

CHARLES WADHAM WYNDHAM, P.M. 586.

The Craft at large, and the Southern Provinces in particular, have lately lost by death, in the 66th year of his age, one of its most zealous and enthusiastic members, viz., W. Bro. Charles Wadham Wyndham, P.M. of Elias De Derham Lodge, No. 586, his mother lodge, of which he was for many years Secretary, and continued a subscribing member till death; P.M. of the Vale of Avon Lodge, No. 1112, Fordingsbridge (since removed to Shirley, near Southampton), Hants, of which lodge he was one of the founders; P.M. of Lodge Unity, No. 386, Wareham, Dorset; P.M. of St. Cuthberga Lodge, No. 622, Wimborne, Dorset; P.P.G.S.W. Wiltshire; P.P.G.S.W. Dorsetshire; joining member of Economy Lodge, No. 76, Winchester; Royal Gloucester Lodge, No. 130, Southampton; and several other lodges in Wilts, Hants, and Dorset; a Royal Arch, Mark, Rose Croix, and Knight Templar. Bro. Wyndham was nearly always in office and at work as Secretary, Treasurer, W.M., or as "locum tenens" for a sick or absent brother, or as Steward for the great Masonic Charities. He was a Vice-President of the Boys' School, Governor of the Girls' School, and Governor of the Male and Female Funds of the Benevolent Institution. He was always ready to help start a lodge or chapter by giving his services, his time, and his money, if there seemed any chance or prospect of success. Of independent means, a bachelor, belonging to an old county family of distinction, gifted by Nature with a fine melodious voice, and a "soul for music framed;" genial, hospitable, generous, chivalrous, Bro. Wyndham was ever "a welcome guest," and infused life and soul "to all within his sphere." His special abhorrence was "a wet blanket."

"A merrier man,
I never spent an hour's talk withal."

His generous breast and open hand, his joyful heart and beaming countenance, diffused around him the warmth of Charity, the light of gladness, and the gaiety of cheerfulness. In the lodge he was always ready to promote its harmony and to assist its work. No office, from the W.M. to the I.G. and Tyler, but he was willing to fill, to serve an absent brother, or to maintain the dignity of the lodge. For Bro. Wyndham considered that in the lodge the office conferred distinction on the holder, and not that the holder conferred distinction on that office. Many, in a whole lifetime, never learn this important truth.

"When the lodge was closed" no one could do more to promote the social enjoyment of his "brethren and fellows." His ample leisure, his talents, his delight in "communicating happiness to others," caused him to be much sought after by the Craft in the lodges to which he belonged, and many other lodges in their proximity. With real sorrow we learned that Bro. Wyndham was laid aside from active work about four or five years ago by an attack of dropsy, which confined him to his rooms for nine months. He was more than once "given over" by his medical attendants; but was marvellously rescued from the very jaws of death, to a "reunion with his former companions in toil." Yet, though recovered to a surprising degree, he never regained his former strength, and during the present winter a renewed attack by the same enemy finally overpowered him. His last attendance at lodge was at the installation of W.M. of 622, in February last. Bro. Wyndham died at Wimborne (where he resided for nearly 20 years) on the 5th inst., and was buried in the local cemetery on the 8th inst., followed to the grave by a large number of "brethren and fellows, who attended his funeral with the sprig of acacia and white gloves, to pay the last sad tribute of respect to departed merit." Had our brother no failings? Undoubtedly, or he would not have been of woman-born. But

"He was a man, take him for all in all,
We shall not look upon his like again."

There are spots in the sun, and no good Mason need covet such a "cussedness" of spirit as not to fully and entirely endorse—"De mortuis nil nisi bonum."

E. T. B.



Bro. Sir Charles and Lady Graves-Sawle and family and Bro. Sir J. R. and Lady Bailey and family are among the more recent arrivals in town.

A conference of the friends and supporters of Bro. Lieut.-Col. Kirby in his candidature for the shrievalty, will be held at his house on Monday. Over a thousand liverymen have consented to act on his divisional committee.

The Prince and Princess of Wales have announced their intention of visiting Mile End on Monday, the 28th June next, for the purpose of laying the first stone of the People's Palace.

We are pleased to learn that Bro. G. Reynolds, Secretary to the Covent Garden Lodge of Instruction, No. 1614, is improving in health after his illness. His stay at Ramsgate seems to be doing him much good.

It is announced that H.R.H. the M.W.G.M. of England has just appointed the Right Hon. Lord Henniker Grand Master of the Province of Suffolk, in the room of the late Lord Waveney.

Prince George of Wales arrived at Gibraltar on Monday on his way to Lisbon, where he is to represent the Queen at the marriage of the Duke of Braganza with the Princess Marie Amélie of Orleans.

Bro. the Lord Mayor has been officially notified that the Prince of Wales, as representing her Majesty the Queen, will perform the ceremony of driving the first pile of the Tower Bridge. His Royal Highness has fixed on Monday, the 21st June, for the ceremony.

Bro. H. B. Marshall, Past G. Treasurer, was among the chief supporters of the chair at the 128th anniversary festival, in Willis's Rooms, on Tuesday evening, of the Orphan Working School and Alexandra Orphanage, Haverstock-hill, and gave 100 guineas towards the funds of the Institution.

Bro. Sir J. McGarel Hogg, Bart., M.P., presided at the usual weekly meeting of the Metropolitan Board of Works on Friday, the 14th inst., and at the opening of the proceedings announced that the Prince and Princess of Wales had very kindly consented to open New Putney Bridge on Saturday next, the 29th inst.

The installation meeting of the Prince of Wales Mark Lodge, No. 4, will be held at 8a, Red Lion-square, on Monday next, at 4 o'clock p.m. There are nine names of candidates for advancement, two notices of motion by Bro. H. Lovegrove, P.M., &c., after which Bro. James Shilcock will instal Bro. George Edwards as W.M. for the ensuing year.

The *Liverpool Weekly Mercury*, in its notice of the Liverpool Exhibition, says: "Mr. Kenning, of Liverpool and London, whose hand has adorned with jewelled insignia nearly all the Freemasons of England, and in his time clothed thousands of soldiers and sailors—puts before us a group of Masonic emblems and the ornamental accessories of military and naval uniforms."

The Princess Christian has very kindly consented to open a bazaar in aid of the funds of the Great Northern Central Hospital at the Riding School, Knightsbridge Barracks, on Monday, the 31st inst., the bazaar remaining open the two following days. Among the ladies who have undertaken to preside at stalls are the Countess Cowper, the Baroness Burdett-Coutts, and Ladies Herschell and George Hamilton.

H.R.H. the Duke of Connaught, after having inspected the militia battalions of the East and West Kent regiments at Shorncliffe Camp on Monday, proceeded the day following to Folkestone and visited the National Art Treasures Exhibition. His Royal Highness promised at the moment of his departure to pay another visit to the town during the summer, when he would be accompanied by the Duchess of Connaught and other members of the Royal Family.

Bros. the Earl of Limerick, Viscount Bury, Lord Brabourne, Lord George Hamilton, M.P., D. Smith, M.P., Sir J. Fergusson, Bart., M.P., F. Seager Hunt, M.P., W. Tyssen-Amherst, M.P., W. Burdett-Coutts, M.P., A. Akers-Douglas, M.P., and H. Vincent, M.P., were present at the meeting in St. James's Hall, on Saturday last, of the National Union of Conservative and Constitutional Associations. The annual conference of the Associations at the Westminster Palace Hotel preceded it, when Bros. Sir M. E. Hicks-Beach, Bart., M.P., Lord Brabourne, Lord Ashbourne, and A. Akers-Douglas, M.P., took part in the proceedings.

THE SHRIEVALTY.—There are already four candidates before the Livery of London for the offices of Sheriffs of London and Middlesex in the ensuing civic year, and the election will take place on Midsummer Day next. Bro. Alderman Isaacs, who has been a member of the Corporation since 1862, and Mr. Alderman Gray have both intimated their intention of coming forward, and the other candidates are Bro. Lieut.-Colonel Alfred Kirby, of the firm of Messrs. Holland and Co., distillers, and Mr. Edward Brooke, J.P., a member of the firm of Messrs. Brooke, Simpson, and Spiller, aniline dye manufacturers, in the City. It is stated that a poll is inevitable.

Bro. Henry Windybank, of the Burgoyne Lodge, No. 902, and West Kent Chapter, has been entertained at a banquet given in his honour, when a testimonial was presented to him. The testimonial, which was a handsome silver and glass centrepiece for the dining-room, bore the following inscription: "Presented to Henry Windybank, Esq., by the Law and City Courts Committee of the City of London, in token of their esteem and thanks for the manner in which he conducted the duties as their chairman during the year 1885." On either side of the inscription was engraved the City arms and the City shield, and on the reverse side the arms, crest, and motto of the late chairman. The Lord Mayor and several of the high officers of the corporation were amongst the guests present at the banquet.

The Queen's visit to Scotland has been postponed, and it is expected that her Majesty will not leave Windsor till next week.

Bro. the Earl of Donoughmore presided at the house dinner of the City Carlton Club on Friday, the 14th instant.

The Prince of Wales honoured Mr. Leonard C. Wynn with a final sitting on Monday for his portrait for the medal which is being executed for the Royal Commission by the Colonial and Indian Exhibition.

Telegraphic addresses (Inland) for the Freemason Printing and Publishing Works—"Freemason, London." For Jewels, Clothing, Furniture, Banners, &c., &c.—"Kenning, London."

The principal members of the Ministry will, as usual, give grand banquets on Saturday next, the 29th inst., being the day selected for the public celebration of her Majesty's birthday. There will also be the usual military function on the Horse Guards Parade in the morning.

An emergency preceptory will be held, on or about the 14th June, of the Shadwell Clerke Preceptory of Knights Templar, after which a Priory of Malta will be held. Any Knight Templar wishing to take the Malta Degree should communicate (before the 1st June) with the Prior, H. Lovegrove, 26, Budge-row, Cannon-street, E.C.

We are informed officially that H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, K.G., will not be installed as the M.W. Grand Master of Mark Master Masons at the next half-yearly communication on 1st June, but at a special Grand Lodge on some later day to be fixed by himself.

Bro. the Lord Mayor will open the Art Treasures Exhibition at Folkestone to-morrow (Saturday). His Lordship will be accompanied by the Lady Mayoress and Bro. Alderman and Sheriff Evans and Sheriff Clarke, and Bro. Earl and Countess Granville will be present.

The Fifteen Sections will be worked on Monday, June 7th, at 7 p.m. sharp, at the Chiswick Lodge of Instruction, No. 2012, held at the Windsor Castle Hotel, King-street, Hammersmith. Brethren are earnestly invited to be present. Bro. William Johnson, P.M., Secretary.

Bro. Henry Irving will, at the invitation of the Vice-Chancellor, deliver a series of four lectures at Oxford during the week preceding Commemoration, the following being the subjects selected, namely: (1) "The Age of Shakespeare;" (2) "The Restoration and Betterton;" (3) "Garrick and his Contemporaries;" (4) "Kean and the Kembles."

Bro. Lord Charles Beresford, M.P., who was accompanied by the Prince of Wales, headed the parade of the Coaching Club, on the occasion of their opening meeting for the season by the Magazine in Hyde Park on Saturday last. The Princess of Wales and her daughters and the Duchess of Connaught and two of her children were present to witness the start.

Bro. the Lord Mayor presided at the annual meeting, held at the Mansion House on Monday afternoon, of the London Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals. Bro. the Duke of Abercorn took part in the proceedings, while the Baroness Burdett-Coutts, who takes a deep interest in all that relates to animals, was summoned away from the meeting by the sad intelligence of the death of her sister, Mrs. Trevanion.

The following dinners take place at the Freemasons' Tavern for the week ending Saturday, 22nd.—Monday—Grand Masters Lodge; British Lodge. Wednesday—Noviomagus; Dinner to Sir F. Bramwell; Royal Masonic Institution for Girls (Festival.) Thursday—Royal Caledonian Asylum; United Pilgrim Chapter. Friday—University Lodge.

W. Bro. James Terry, P.P.G.J.W. Norths and Hunts, P.M. 228, 1278, 1366, and Secretary R.M.B.I., worked the ceremony of consecration and installation at the Covent Garden Lodge of Instruction, No. 1614, held at the Criterion, Piccadilly, W., on Thursday evening, the 13th inst., when there were upwards of 116 brethren present. He was assisted by Bros. G. Coleman, P.M. 1614, as S.W.; John Jacobs, P.M. 1614, J.W.; A. A. Clark, P.M. 1897, Director of Ceremonies; F. F. C. Keeble, P.M. and Secretary 1426, I.G.; and G. Reynolds, S.D. 1614, acting as Secretary. The musical arrangements were under the direction of Bro. S. Lane, 1614, and gave great satisfaction. The brethren expressed themselves as being highly delighted with Bro. James Terry's beautiful working. A supper afterwards took place, Bro. G. Coleman, P.M. 1614, in the chair, at which 69 brethren sat down.

Bro. Sir James McGarel Hogg, Bart., M.P., as Chairman of the Metropolitan Board of Works, presided at the annual banquet given by that body at Willis's Rooms, St. James's, on Saturday evening last. The principal guests included Bros. the Duke of Abercorn, the Earl of Jersey, the Earl of Galloway, the Earl of Longford, the Lord Mayor, Lord Kensington, G. J. Shaw-Lefevre, M.P., Lord Harlech, Lord Egerton, Lord Eustace Cecil, M.P., the Hon. H. S. Northcote, M.P., Puleston, M.P., Dixon-Hartland, M.P., Sir R. Lethbridge, M.P., T. W. Boord, M.P., Alderman Sir J. Whittaker Ellis, Bart., M.P., Alderman Sir R. N. Fowler, Bart., M.P., Sir F. Fitzwygram, P. Rylands, M.P., Sir R. E. Welby, T. Agg-Gardner, and Sir George Willis.

TOBACCONISTS COMMENCING.—An Illustrated Guide of 110 pages "How to open respectably from £20 to £2000;" three stamps. H. Myers & Co., 109, Euston-rd., London. Telephone No. 7541. —[ADVT.]

MORTGAGES.—Messrs. JAMES are in a position to Supply Money to ANY EXTENT on the following Securities:—Landed Estates, Houses, Shops, and Offices, Warehouses and Wharves, Life Interests, &c., Reversions, Borough Rates, &c., at the lowest current rates of interest. Prompt Settlement. 11, Staple Inn, London, W.C.—[ADVT.]

HOLLOWAY'S PILLS.—Changes of temperature and weather frequently upset persons who are most careful of their health, and particular in their diet. These corrective, purifying, and gentle aperient Pills are the best remedy for all defective action of the digestive organs. They augment the appetite, strengthen the stomach, correct biliousness, and carry off all that is noxious from the system. Holloway's Pills are composed of rare balsams, un-mixed with baser matter, and on that account are peculiarly well adapted for the young, delicate, and aged. As this peerless medicine has gained fame in the past, so will it preserve it in the future by its renovating and invigorating qualities, and the impossibility of its doing harm.—[ADVT.]

On Friday, the 14th inst., Bro. the Lord Mayor visited St. James's Church, Curtain-road, for the purpose of unveiling a memorial window to Shakespeare.

Bro. Sir T. Brassey, K.C.B., M.P., presided at the meeting on the 14th inst. of the Committee appointed to consider the Employers Liability Act Amendment Bill.

The death is announced, at Chester-square, on Monday, of Mrs. Trevanion, second daughter of the late Sir Francis Burdett, and sister to the Baroness Burdett-Coutts.

The gentleman who was drowned in the late boating fatality near Maidenhead was, we are sorry to learn, the only son now in England of Bro. Wm. Nicholas, so widely known as the Secretary of the Earlswood Asylum.

The Prince and Princess of Wales, with their daughters, the Princesses Louise, Victoria, and Maud, honoured the Gaiety Theatre with their presence on Tuesday evening.

The Duke and Duchess of Connaught, with their children and the Hereditary Grand Duke and Duchess of Oldenburg, arrived at Windsor Castle, on Saturday last, on a visit to the Queen.

Bros. Lord Leigh, Lord Monk-Bretton, and the Bishop of Peterborough are to be among the members of the Committee of the House of Lords on the Archbishop of Canterbury's Church Patronage Bill.

The Prince of Wales has suggested that on the occasion of the annual exhibition at Norwich of the Royal Agricultural Society on the 16th July, the day should be observed in that East Anglian city as a general holiday. The Prince will himself visit the show on that day.

Bros. the Earl of Stair, V. A. Williamson, Sir H. Williamson, Bart., Sir J. St. Aubyn, Bart., M.P., G. O. Trevelyan, M.P., Sir F. G. M. Boileau, Bart., and Viscount Powerscourt were present at the third meeting this season at Brooks's, on Saturday last, of the Fox Club.

A Committee has been formed for the purpose of recognising the efficient manner in which Bro. Alderman Evans has carried out the duties as Sheriff. It is intended to present the Alderman with his portrait in oil, at a banquet, the date of which has not yet been definitely fixed.

The Prime Warden for the ensuing, *i.e.*, after Saturday, the 29th inst., of the Goldsmiths' Company, will be Mr. W. Trotter, 5, Throgmorton-street; and the Wardens will be Bro. Major G. Lambert, 12, Coventry-street; Mr. C. T. Lucas, 9, Belgrave-square; and Mr. C. Hoare, 37, Fleet-street.

The *Builder* contains some illustrations of the interior of Buchan Hill, a fine mansion near Crawley, which has been in course of erection for the last three years for Bro. P. Saillard, of Aldersgate-street (W.M. of St. Botolph's Lodge, No. 2020). The illustrations show the two ends of the great hall, one of the fireplace end, and the other of the gallery across the hall and opposite the fire. This gallery is of oak, and very beautifully carved. The grand staircase is also shown.

Bro. W. Holland has added a new attraction, in the shape of a most wonderful juggler to the already exceedingly liberal programme at the Albert Palace. Katsnoschin Awata is a Japanese, and performs the most marvellous feats in plate spinning and sleight of hand tricks with complete *sang froid*, and with great celerity and neatness. The great Cinquevalli, Mr. Holland's importation at Covent Garden Theatre, is by no means his superior, and, judging from his first performance on Monday, his variety of tricks is equally great.

FUNERAL OF THE LATE BRO. FOULGER.—On Thursday, the 13th inst., the funeral of the late Bro. J. R. Foulger took place at the Ilford Cemetery. The first portion of the Burial Service was read in the parish church of St. Giles, Cripplegate, and also the latter portion at the grave, by the Rev. G. B. M. Arnold, M.A. The Cripplegate Lodge was represented by Bros. J. Gibbs, W.M., F. King, J. Westerby, B. Groner, W. Medwin, C. Benson, and about thirty other members, including Bro. Headon, P.M. of the Great City Lodge. About six hundred persons were present in the church, including Mr. Churchwarden Felton, Mr. Deputy Harvey, Mr. W. C. Pearson, C.C., Mr. C. Spurgeon, C.C., Mr. J. C. Leefe, C.C., Mr. S. da Costa Andrade, C.C., Dr. Simpson, Dr. Fendick, Mr. J. Lake, Mr. E. S. Weedon, Mr. R. E. Sempill, Mr. J. Dawson, Mr. J. Mardorf, Mr. Freshwater, Mr. F. Herold, Mr. Walker, Mr. Owen, and many other inhabitants; also Mr. Superintendent Foster, and Mr. Chief Inspector Tillock. At the time of his death the deceased brother held the offices of vestryman and sidesman. The coffin was covered with several handsome wreaths sent by the members of the Cripplegate Lodge, No. 1613, the City police, and personal friends. The funeral cortège was escorted through the City by Mr. J. W. King (parish beadle) and several of the City police.

A GRACEFUL PASTIME.

As a natural result of the increased interest taken in lawn-tennis, there is much activity among the makers of the articles used by the players. Amongst the best of the novelties lately introduced is a waterproof seamless ball, manufactured by Messrs. E. Nusser and Co., of 41, Gerrard-street, Soho, to which they have given the name of the "Perfect." The size and weight of this ball are in accordance with the existing regulations, and its chief merit consists in its power to resist wear and tear. When wet it will hold much less water than other balls, and altogether it is not undeserving of the title its inventors have bestowed upon it. For ourselves we should pronounce it the perfection of a tennis ball. The following unsolicited testimonial is from Andrew W. Tuer, Esq., the owner of the private asphalt tennis court in Church-walk, Kensington:—

"September 10th, 1885.

"Messrs. E. Nusser and Co., 41, Gerrard-street, Soho, W. Gentlemen,—Your new bright-orange seamless tennis balls, the colour of which I notice is quite fast, answer most admirably. In dull weather the ordinary grey ball approximates much too closely in appearance to the asphalt to allow of good play; but by using the orange coloured balls the return, by reason of their distinctness, is easier and more certain, and when the light begins to fail, the game can be carried on, at least, half an hour later than when balls of the usual colour are used.—Yours faithfully,
"ANDREW W. TUER."

METROPOLITAN MASONIC MEETINGS.
For the week ending Saturday, May 29, 1886.

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

SATURDAY, MAY 22.

- Lodge 1297, West Kent, Crystal Palace, Sydenham.
- " 1541, Alexandra Palace, Imperial Hot., Holborn Viaduct.
- " 1679, Henry Muggeridge, M.H., Masons'-avenue.
- " 1777, Royal Hanover, Town Hall, Twickenham.
- Chap. 176, Caveac, Albion Tav., Aldersgate-st.

LODGES OF INSTRUCTION.

- Alexandra Palace, Station Ho., Camberwell New-rd., at 7.30.
- Chiswick, Windsor Castle Hot., King-st., Hammersmith, 7.30.
- Eccleston, Crown and Anchor, 79, Ebury-street, Pimlico, at 7.
- King Harold, Four Swans, Waltham Cross, at 7.
- Manchester, 17, London-st., Fitzroy-sq., at 8.
- Percy, Jolly Farmers, Southgate-rd., N., at 8.
- Star, Five Bells, New Cross-rd., S.E., at 7.

MONDAY, MAY 24.

- Lodge 4, Royal Somerset House and Inverness, F.M.H.
- " 26, Castle Lodge of Harmony, Willis's Rooms, St. James's.
- " 183, Unity, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall-st.
- " 902, Burgoyne, Anderton's Hot., Fleet-st.
- " 905, De Grey and Ripon, Freemasons' Hall.
- " 1828, Shepherd's Bush, Athenæum, Godolphin-rd., W.

LODGES AND CHAPTERS OF INSTRUCTION.

- Brownrigg, Alexandra Hotel, Kingston Hill, at 8.
- Coborn, Eagle Hot., Snarebrook, at 8.
- Eleanor, Seven Sisters Hot., Page Green, Tottenham, at 8.
- Euphrates, Mother Red Cap, High-st., Camden Town, 8.
- Hyde Park, Porchester Hot., Leinster-place, Cleveland-square, Porchester-terrace, Paddington, W., at 8.
- John Hervey, Albion Hall, London Wall, at 8.
- Kingsland, Cock Tav., Highbury, N., at 8.30.
- Loughborough, Gauden Hot., Clapham, S.W.
- Marquess of Ripon, Queen's Hot., Victoria-park-rd., E.
- Metropolitan, Moorgate Tav., 15, Finsbury Pavement, 7.30.
- Perfect Ashlar, Jamaica Tav., Southwark Park-rd., at 8.
- Prince Leopold, Printing Works, 202, Whitechapel-road, 7.
- Royal Commemoration, Railway Hot., Putney, 8 till 10.
- Selwyn, East Dulwich Hot., East Dulwich, at 8.
- Sincerity, Railway Tav., Fenchurch-st., at 7.
- St. Ambrose, Baron's Court Hot., W. Kensington, at 8.
- St. James's Union, Union Tav., Air-st., Regent-st., at 8.
- St. Mark's, Surrey M.H., Camberwell New-rd.
- Strong Man, Excise Tav., Old Broad-st., at 7.
- United Military, Earl of Chatham, Thomas-st., Woolwich.
- Upper Norwood, White Hart Hot., Church-rd., Upper Norwood, at 8.
- Wellington, White Swan Hot., High-st., Deptford, 8 to 10.
- West Smithfield, New Market Hot., E.C., at 7.30.
- Doric Chapter, Duke's Head, 79, Whitechapel-rd., at 6.

TUESDAY, MAY 25.

- Lodge 14, Tuscan, Freemasons' Hall.
- " 165, Honour and Generosity, Inns of Court Hot., Lincoln's Inn.
- " 259, Prince of Wales, Willis's Rooms, St. James's.
- " 788, Crescent, Mitre Hot., Hampton Court.
- " 1530, Cranbourne, Red Lion, Hatfield.
- " 2108, Empire, Criterion, Piccadilly.
- Chap. 21, Cyrus, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall-st.
- " 180, St. James's Union, Freemasons' Hall.
- " 1589, St. Dunstan's, Anderton's Hot., Fleet-st.
- Rose Croix 29, Palestine, 33, Golden-square.

LODGES AND CHAPTERS OF INSTRUCTION.

- Brixton, Prince Regent, Dulwich-rd., East Brixton, at 8.
- Capper, Railway Tav., Angel-lane, Stratford, at 8.
- Constitutional, Bedford Hot., Southampton Bldgs., at 7.
- Chaucer, The Old White Hart, High-st., Borough, at 8.
- Corinthian, George Hot., Cubitt Town, Poplar, at 7.
- Dalhousie, The Sisters' Tav., Pownall-rd., Dalston, E., at 8.
- Domestic, Surrey M.H., Camberwell New-rd., at 8.
- Duke of Albany, Rock Tav., Battersea-park-rd., at 8.
- Duke of Connaught, Palmerston Arms, Grosvenor Park, 8.
- Emblematic, Red Lion, York-st., Jermyn-st., W., at 8.
- Enfield, Rose and Crown, Church-st., Edmonton, at 8.
- Excelsior, Commercial Dock Tav., Plough-rd., Rotherhithe, 8.
- Faith, Victoria Mansions Restaurant, Victoria-st., at 8.
- Finsbury, King's Head Tavern, 42, Threadneedle-st., at 7.
- Florence Nightingale, M.H., William-st., Woolwich, 7.30.
- Friars, Liverpool Arms, Cannoning Town, at 7.30.
- Islington, Champion Hot., Aldersgate-st., E.C., at 7.
- Israel, Rising Sun Tav., Globe-rd.
- Joppa, Champion Hot., Aldersgate-st., at 7.
- Kennington, Giraffe Tav., Newington Crescent, Newington, S.E., at 7.30.
- Kensington, Courtfield Hot., Earl's Court Station, at 8.
- Lily, Greyhound, Richmond, at 8.
- Mount Edgcombe, Three Stags, Kennington-rd., at 8.
- New Cross, Chester Arms, Albany-st., N.W., at 8.
- New Finsbury Park, Hornsey Wood T., Finsbury Park, at 8.
- Prince Fredk. Wm., Eagle Tav., Clifton-rd., Maida-hill, 8.
- Pilgrim (German language), Guildhall Tav., Gresham-st., E.C., 1st and 3rd Tues.
- Royal Naval College, Greenwich Hospital Schools, at 8.
- South Middlesex, Beaufort House, Walham Green, 7.30.
- St. George's, Public Hall, New Cross, at 8.

- Wandsworth, East Hill Hot., Alma-rd., S.W., at 8.
- Yarborough, Green Dragon, Stepney, at 8.
- Camden Chapter, The Moorgate, Moorgate-street, at 8.
- Earl of Carnarvon Chapter, Ladbroke Hall, Ladbroke Grove-road, Notting-hill, at 8.

WEDNESDAY, MAY 26.

- Lodge 2, Antiquity, Freemasons' Hall.
- " 212, Euphrates, M.H., Masons' Avenue, E.C.
- " 753, Prince Frederick William, Lords' Hotel, St. John's Wood.
- " 754, High Cross, Seven Sisters Tav., Tottenham.
- " 898, Temperance in the East, 6, Newby-place, Poplar.
- " 1017, Montefiore, 8, Air-street, Regent-street.
- " 1719, Evening Star, Freemasons' Hall.
- " 1768, Progress, Freemasons' Hall.

LODGES OF INSTRUCTION.

- Burgoyne, Goose and Gridiron, St. Paul's Churchyard, at 7.
- Confidence, Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall-st., 7 till 9.
- Duke of Connaught, Ryl. Edwd. Hot., Mare-st., Hackney, 8.
- Earl of Lathom, Station Hot., Camberwell New-rd., at 8.
- Fidelity, Alfred Hot., Roman-rd., Barnsbury, at 8.
- Finsbury Park, Cock Tav., Highbury, at 8.30.
- Langthorne, Swan Hot., Stratford, at 8.
- La Tolerance, Portland Arms, Gt. Portland-st., W., at 8.
- Londesborough, Berkeley Arms, John-st., Mayfair, at 8.
- Merchant Navy, Silver Tav., Burdett-rd., Limehouse, 7.30.
- Mt. Lebanon, Windsor Castle, Southwark-bridge-road, 8.
- New Concord, Jolly Farmers, Southgate-rd., N., at 8.
- Panmure, Balham Hot., Balham, 7.
- Peckham, Lord Wellington Hot., 516, Old Kent-rd., at 8.
- Pythagorean, Portland Hot., Greenwich, at 8.
- Queen's Westminster, 79, Ebury-st., S.W., at 7.45.
- Ravensbourne, George Inn, Catford, at 8.
- Royal Jubilee, Haunch of Venison, 1, Bell-yd., Fleet-st., at 8.
- Temperance in the East, Geo. the Fourth, Ida-st., E., at 7.30.
- United Mariners, Lugard Hot., Lugard-rd., Peckham.
- United Strength, Hope Tav., Stanhope-st., Regent's-pk., at 8.
- Vitruvian, Bridge House Hot., London Bridge, at 8.
- Wanderers, Victoria Mansions Restaurant, Victoria-st. S.W.
- Whittington, Red Lion, Poppin's-court, Fleet-st., at 8.

THURSDAY, MAY 27.

- General Committee Girls' School, at 4.
- Lodge 34, Mount Moriah, Freemasons' Hall.
- " 861, Finsbury, London Tav., Fenchurch-st.
- " 1658, Skelmersdale, Surrey M.H., Camberwell.
- " 1974, St. Mary Abbott's, Town Hall, Kensington.
- Chap. 5, St. George's, Freemasons' Hall.
- " 29, St. Alban's, Albion Tav., Aldersgate-st.
- " 157, Bedford, Freemasons' Hall.
- " 657, Canonbury, Masons' Arms, Basinghall-st.
- " 766, William Preston, Cannon-street Hot.
- " 1601, Ravensbourne, Town Hall, Catford.
- Mark 13, Hiram, Greyhound Hot., Richmond.

LODGES AND CHAPTERS OF INSTRUCTION.

- Burdett Coutts, Swan Tav., New Bethnal Green-road, at 8.
- Camden, Lincoln's Inn Restaurant, 305, High Holborn, at 7.
- City of London, Tiptree Tavern, 6, Leadenhall-st., at 6.
- Covent Garden, The Criterion, Piccadilly, 8.
- Creaton, Wheatheaf Hotel, Goldhawk-rd., Shepherd's Bush, W., at 8.
- Crusaders, Old Jerusalem Tav., St. John's-gate, Clerkenwell, at 9.
- Duke of Edinburgh, Cape of Good Hope Tav. (opposite Limehouse Church), at 7.
- Ebury, 12, Ponsonby-st., Millbank, at 8.
- Egyptian, Hercules Tav., Leadenhall-st., 7.30.
- Guelph, Blackbirds Inn, High-st., Leyton.
- Great Northern, Berwick Arms, Berners-st., Oxford-st.
- Highgate, Boston Hot., Junction-rd., N., at 8.
- High Cross, Coach & Horses, High-rd., Tottenham, at 8.
- Justice, Brown Bear, High-st., Deptford, 8 to 10.
- Langton, White Hart, Abchurch-lane, Cannon-st., at 5.30.
- Leopold, Old White Hart, Borough High-st., at 7.30.
- Royal Savoy, Yorkshire Grey, London-st., Tottenham-ct.-road, at 8.
- Royal Arthur, Prince of Wales Hot. (opposite Wimbledon Railway Station), at 7.30.
- Royal Albert, White Hart Hot., Abchurch-lane, at 7.30.
- Rose, Sterling Castle, Church-st., Camberwell, at 8.
- Salisbury, Union Tav., Air-st., Regent-st., at 8.
- St. Luke's, White Hart, King's-rd., Chelsea, 7.30.
- Sir Hugh Myddelton, White Horse Tav., Liverpool-rd., at 8.
- Southwark, Sir Garnet Wolseley, Rotherhithe New-rd., at 8.
- Southern Star, Sir Sydney Smith, Chester-st. Kennington.
- The Great City, M.H., Masons'-avenue, 6.30.
- Tredegar, Wellington Arms, Wellington-rd., Bow-rd., 7.30.
- Union Waterloo, Earl of Chatham, Thomas-st., Woolwich.
- Victoria Park, Yorkshire Grey, High-st., Stratford, at 8.
- West Middlesex, Bell Hot., Ealing, at 7.30.
- North London Chapter, Alwyne Castle Tav., St. Paul's-rd., Canonbury, at 8.
- Prince Frederick William Chapter, Eagle Tav., Clifton-rd. Maida-ave, 7.30.

FRIDAY, MAY 28.

- Lodge 197, Jerusalem, Freemasons' Hall.
- " 780, Royal Alfred, Star and Garter, Kew Bridge.
- " 1602, Sir Hugh Myddelton, Agricultural Hall, N.
- Chap. 255, Iris, Greyhound, Richmond.
- " 1044, Mid-Surrey, Surrey M.H., Camberwell.
- " 1591, Studholme, 33, Golden-sq.
- " 1839, Duke of Cornwall, Freemasons' Hall.
- K.T. 74, Harcourt, Greyhound Inn, Richmond.

LODGES AND CHAPTERS OF INSTRUCTION.

- Albion, Crown Hot., Essex-st., Strand, at 7.
- All Saints, Town Hall, Poplar, at 7.30.

- Beacontree, Bell Tavern, Leytonstone, at 8.
- Chigwell, Loughton Public Hall, at 7.30.
- Clapton, Lord Stanley, Sandringham-rd., Hackney, 8.
- Doric, Duke's Head, 79, Whitechapel-rd., at 8.
- Earl of Carnarvon, Ladbroke Hall, Notting-hill, at 8.
- Henley, Three Crowns, North Woolwich, at 7.30.
- Loyalty, Private Rooms, 206, Mare-st., Hackney, at 8.
- Metropolitan (Victoria), Portugal Hot., Fleet-st., at 7.
- Ranelagh, Six Bells, Queen-st., Hammersmith, W., at 8.
- Robert Burns, Portland Arms Hot., 40, Gt. Portland-st., W.C.
- Royal Standard, The Alwyne Castle, St. Paul's-rd., N.
- Royal Alfred, Star and Garter, Kew Bridge, at 8.
- St. George's, Globe Tav., Greenwich, at 8.
- St. James's, Gregorian Arms, Jamaica-rd., S.E., at 8.
- St. John's, Mother Red Cap, Camden Town, N.W., at 8.
- St. Marylebone, British Stores Tav., St. John's Wood.
- Temperance, Duke of York Tav., Evelyn-st., Deptford, 8.
- Ubique, 79, Ebury-st., Pimlico, S.W., at 7.30.
- Unions Emulation (for M.Ms.), F.M.H., at 7.
- United Pilgrims, Surrey M.H., Camberwell New-rd., 7.30.
- Westbourne, Lord's Hot., St. John's Wood, at 8.
- Wm. Preston, St. Andrew's Tav., George-st., Baker-st., W.
- Kintore Mark, Stirling Castle, Church-st., Camberwell, 9.
- Hornsey Chapter, Porchester Hot., Leinster-pl., Cleveland-sq., Paddington, at 8.
- Lily Chapter, Greyhound Hot., at 8. [at 7.30.]
- Panmure Chapter, Stirling Castle, Church-st., Camberwell.
- Pythagorean Chapter, Portland Hot., London-st., Greenwich.
- Royal Savoy Mark, The Moorgate, 15, Finsbury-pavement, 7.

SATURDAY, MAY 29.

- Lodge 1910, Shadwell Clerke, Sa, Red Lion-sq., W.C.

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