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WITH the celebration at Brighton on Wednesday of the 88th Anniversary Festival of the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys the efforts of the Craft in aid of our great central Charities may be said to close for the current year. Not that there is ever any absolute cessation from labour in their behalf. Brethren are always being invited to contribute, whether there is a Festival on the way or not, while the Boards of Stewards for the several Anniversaries in 1887 are already in course of formation. But there is a sort of respite from the more active duties of canvassing, a kind of ten minutes' interval, in which we are permitted to take a glance at the general aspect of things; and we are glad to say that the position, if in some respects disappointing, is by no means unsatisfactory. The aggregate of the sums announced at the Festivals of the three Institutions is considerably less than it was last year, but, notwithstanding, it is a few hundreds above £40,000: namely, £15,000 for the Benevolent Institution in February; £13,000 for the Girls' School in May; and, in round figures, £12,300 for the Boys' School on Wednesday. It needs a tremendous amount of canvassing on the part of three Boards of Stewards—and the Boards must be very numerous as well—in order to raise so substantial a contribution, and it would seem both ungraceful and ungrateful on our part if we did not express our belief that the shortcomings which have caused us some disappointment are attributable to a combination of various causes with which it was well nigh impossible to cope successfully. We have alluded to these causes in previous articles and it is unnecessary, therefore, that we should repeat them here. The result it is which concerns us now, and that result is undoubtedly satisfactory, even if it is not quite equal to what in our sanguine moments we had had reason to anticipate. At all events, those who have played the chief part as executive officers, or Stewards, in the benevolent labours of the year must feel that they have done good service and deserve the hearty congratulations of the Fraternity. That they will have their reward in the thanks and enhanced respect of their fellow Masons is beyond all question, and if a few years hence some genial statistician, with nothing but figures for his guide, seems disposed to judge slightly of their efforts as compared with those of 1885 or other years, they have but to refer to the commercial depression and political convulsions of the time, and their apology will more than counterbalance the intended slight. This year's Festivals have not been all we hoped for, but their results are a splendid evidence of the beneficent vitality of the Craft.

As regards the Boys' School Festival, we confess we are among the disappointed ones. We looked for a result of over £13,000, and we have to content ourselves with one of about £12,300. We are somewhat at a loss, too, to account for our miscalculation. The Board of Stewards was as nearly as possible of the same strength as that of 1884, when it was composed of 290 brethren, yet the returns are about £1800 less. London was certainly weaker on Wednesday, especially in the number of represented lodges; but in 1884 it returned about £7750, while on Wednesday its total was within £5250. The Provincial Stewards were more numerous, and the lodges they represented were distributed over a wider area; but they succeeded in obtaining no more than £7060, as against the £6350 of 1884. However, these are differences which are inevitable at some time or other, and if we dwelt upon them too seriously, the Chairman, the Stewards, and the Executive might imagine that we considered them as being in some way or other answerable for the falling off, which is very, very far from being the case. Our former agreeable experience of Lord SUFFIELD as a Masonic Festival Chairman was more than confirmed on Wednesday. He pleaded the cause of the Institution most ably, and his Province of Norfolk, as well as his Board of Stewards, and its Honorary Secretary, Bro. BINCKES, laid themselves out in every possible way to assist his advocacy. Even the Clerk of the Weather condescended to shed a genial warmth over the proceedings, and but for the General Election intervening just at the most critical time of all, we imagine

our anticipations would have been more than realised, and that we should have been now in a position to congratulate Lord SUFFIELD and those assisting him in the beneficent work, on what in every-day parlance is known as a bumper Festival. But, even as it is, we venture to affirm that his lordship and his Stewards have achieved what no other body of men outside of Masonry would have done under similarly unpropitious circumstances. If his and their efforts of Wednesday have been surpassed, it is only by men of the same Masonic society on whom Fortune happened to be rather more lavish of her favours.

THE question of lodge subscription and membership appears to be misunderstood in some quarters, notwithstanding the clearness of the revised Book of Constitutions. We take it that *all* members must pay the stipulated quarterage, excepting the Secretary of the lodge, who, if exempted from such payment by the by-laws, is in all respects, the same as the contributing members. There must be an annual payment of dues to the Grand Lodge made by every member, or in other words, in accordance with Rules 174 and 235, no brother is exempt from subscribing to the lodge funds (a portion of which is forwarded to the Grand Lodge) unless it be the Secretary; otherwise, whether honorary or not, his membership lapses, and Rule 152 applies to such a case. We find, however, in a code of by-laws before us of a lodge in one of the provinces, that one of the laws referring to the election of Treasurer provides that "*while holding such office he shall be free from quarterage.*" Now as we read the Constitutions, such a regulation is not legal, and we invite the opinion of the Craft on the subject. Our point is, that no officer or brother can be exempted from the payment of the quarterage but the Secretary, and then only when the by-laws so provide.

THE "Illustrated News" for Cincinnati contains an excellent portrait of our well-known Bro. ENOCH TERRY CARSON, the Masonic bibliographer, collector, and student. He has been selected—wisely we think—as one of the "Prominent Men of Ohio" for the excellent series. The Hon. E. T. CARSON, it appears, was born in 1822, and came to Cincinnati during President LINCOLN'S administration, when he filled the important post of Collector to the Port. For many years he was active in public affairs, and held many important trusts. Of his Masonic career we are told that he entered the Craft in 1845, and has been three times elected Master of a lodge. Elected in 1856 as Commander-in-Chief of the Ohio Consistory, 33°, he, for the last 30 years, ably discharged the manifold duties of that high office as chief of the largest subordinate body of the Ancient and Accepted Rite in the world. His collection of Masonic works is considered the largest and best of its kind, and comprises an extraordinary number of books relating to Secret Societies generally. The appreciative biograph concludes with the following estimate of the character of our old friend, which we heartily endorse: "Mr. CARSON is by nature a lover of the arts, is a great reader and student, and is considered one of the best Shakespearian and Miltonian scholars in the United States. He is much respected and liked by all who know him."

GRAND LODGE OF MARK MASTER MASONS.

INSTALLATION OF THE PRINCE OF WALES AS GRAND MASTER.

The meeting of the Grand Lodge of Mark Master Masons at Freemasons' Tavern on Thursday was carried through most satisfactorily, and we must offer our congratulations to the Executive Grand Officers on the manner in which they discharged the duties assigned to them. It goes without saying that the attendance was a very full one, beyond any ever known since the Grand Lodge was constituted 30 years ago. The Masonic members of the Royal Family have taken an active part in the labours of the Craft, so far as their multitudinous engagements would permit. But not one of them has been installed as Mark Grand Master, though both the Prince of Wales and his late brother the Duke of Albany had had the rank of Past Grand Master conferred upon them in open Grand Lodge, and it is not surprising, therefore, that the muster should have been unprecedentedly great. In all other respects but this, and the fact that the Grand Officers wore their new jewels of office, the proceedings were of the usual character. The Prince was formally inducted into office by the Earl of Kintore, and having appointed his lordship Pro Grand Master, and Lord Egerton of Tatton, Deputy Grand Master, his Royal Highness was enthusiastically greeted by the brethren and having appointed and invested the Duke of Connaught, as G.S.W., and the rest of the Grand Officers for the year carried to a conclusion the usual business of such a meeting and Grand Lodge was closed. Luncheon was afterwards served to the Prince and Grand

Officers at the Holborn Restaurant, and to the general body of the brethren at Freemasons's Tavern, his Royal Highness's early departure being necessitated by a further engagement in the City in company with the Princess of Wales. We are pleased at the honour thus paid by the Prince to this branch of Freemasonry, which, though not recognised as a part of Constitutional Masonry, is nevertheless a most admirable system, and well worthy of being encouraged on all possible occasions.

We must reserve the usual ample particulars of the gathering till next week, when we shall also publish pen and ink portraits and short accounts of the Masonic services rendered by the Grand Officers. In the mean time we give a complete list of the brethren who have been appointed.

Bro. H.R.H. the Prince of Wales	...	...	G.M.M.
„ Earl of Kintore	...	...	Pro G.M.
„ Lord Egerton of Tatton	...	...	Dep. G.M.
„ H.R.H. the Duke of Connaught	...	...	G.S.W.
„ Lord Saltoun	...	...	G.J.W.
„ Lieut.-Col. Addison Potter	...	...	G.M.O.
„ George Galloway	...	...	G.S.O.
„ George Kenning	...	...	G.J.O.
„ Rev. T. Cartwright Smyth, D.D.	...	...	G. Chap.
„ Rev. Thos. Cochrane, M.A.	...	...	G. Chap.
„ James Moon	...	...	G. Treas.
„ Frank Richardson	...	...	G. Reg.
„ F. Binckes	...	...	G. Sec.
„ W. Kally Miller	...	...	G.S.D.
„ N. Tracy	...	...	G.S.D.
„ Horatio Wood	...	...	G.J.D.
„ J. Crouch	...	...	G.J.D.
„ Lieut.-Col. R. W. Edis	...	...	G.I. of W.
„ Robert Berridge	...	...	G.D. of C.
„ G. P. Festa	...	...	G.A.D. of C.
„ Andrew Mc Dowell	...	...	G.A.D. of C.
„ C. Philip Evans	...	...	G. Swd. Br.
„ Thomas Taylor	...	...	G. Std. Br.
„ William J. Thomson	...	...	G. Std. Br.
„ Professor Rose	...	...	G. Org.
„ William Vincent	...	...	G.I.G.
„ J. Pinder	...	...	G.A.I.G.
„ A. Walkley	...	...	G. Tyler.

ROYAL MASONIC INSTITUTION FOR BOYS.

EIGHTY-EIGHTH ANNIVERSARY FESTIVAL.

The Eighty-eighth Anniversary Festival of the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys was held on Wednesday last, at the Royal Pavilion, Brighton, when there was, as usual, a very large concourse of the brethren and their friends, including a good proportion of ladies. The banquet was served under the Dome, and, as nearly as could be estimated, about five hundred ladies and gentlemen occupied seats at the tables. The President of the day was the Right Hon. Lord Suffield, R.W. Provincial Grand Master of Norfolk, who was supported at the table on the dais by several distinguished Masons and their ladies. Those on the dais included Bros. Col. Shadwell H. Clerke, Grand Secretary; Capt. S. G. Homfray, P.G.A.D.C.; J. L. Mather, V.-Pat.; C. F. Hogard, V.-Pat.; Rev. Dr. Morris, V.-Pat., Head-Master of the Boys' School; Thomas Cubitt, V.-Pat.; Rev. W. Mortimer Heath, Grand Chaplain; H. B. Marshall, P.G. Treasurer; George Plucknett, V.-Pat.; Dr. Jabez Hogg, P.G.D.; R. W. Stewart, V.-Pat., P.G.D.; J. L. Thomas, P.G.A.D.C.; Col. Peters, P.G. Swd. Br.; W. Roebuck, Trustee, V.-Pat., Grand Swd. Br.; W. H. Perryman, Asst. G. Purst.; and Frederick Binckes, P.G.S., Secretary of the Institution.

After Grace had been sung, a considerable list of toasts, loyal and Masonic, were proposed and very cordially received by the company.

The CHAIRMAN said he now had to announce the first toast of the evening. It was what was called a formal toast, but when he reminded those present of what had been so well stated, that our Queen was the wisest and best woman in the world, he thought it could hardly be called so. He would say God confound all those who would by their evil machinations weaken her throne and undermine the welfare and prosperity of her Empire. His lordship continued by saying he had lived too long in the world to be in danger of overstepping the prudence and reserve which should be observed as to speaking upon politics, but he was sure that there was no one in that assembly who would refuse to joining in singing God save the Queen. (Loud cheering, which was followed by the singing of the National Anthem.)

The CHAIRMAN then said he had very great pleasure in proposing to the company the next toast, which was the health of one who was not only known throughout this country but throughout the world, namely, "The M.W. G.M. the Prince of Wales." (Applause.) That toast he was glad to find was well received there, as it always was elsewhere. It was only a few days ago that he accompanied his Royal Highness to Brighton, upon which occasion the Prince had said that never in the whole course of his career had he been better received than he was at Brighton. His Royal Highness's merits were well known; and especially as regarded Freemasons, who well knew what an interest the Prince of Wales took in the Craft generally and how ready he always was to come forward for its good, and especially when he was called upon to do that which he considered might confer a benefit upon his countrymen.

Bro. Col. SHADWELL H. CLERKE, Grand Secretary, then rose and said he had been called upon to propose the next toast, and he need scarcely say that it was both a very great honour and a pleasure for him to have the

privilege of doing so. They all knew that they were meeting there on this occasion to celebrate the Festival of one of the great Masonic Charities—the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys. Every body must have a head, and therefore they that day welcomed with great cordiality their noble Chairman, Bro. Lord Suffield, as their head on that occasion. Their noble Chairman had great and special claims upon every Freemason because his services in the Order had been long, and had been brilliant. Their noble Chairman had been Prov. Grand Master of the Province of Norfolk for ten years, and he (Col. Clerke) need scarcely tell them that he had ruled over the province in a most exemplary and distinguished manner. That day they had special reason to thank his lordship for being with them, because he had most important official duties to attend to in London; but he had said "I am determined to be with your Institution to-day and be at Brighton with you." Therefore he thought they ought to thank Lord Suffield for being so good as to take the chair on this occasion. That was not the first occasion on which Lord Suffield had shown his interest in the Institutions by taking the chair at one of the Masonic Festivals, because it was only four or five years ago that he presided at the Girls' School Festival, and they would all probably remember the remarkably good result that came from that Festival. Therefore he (Col. Clerke) thought they ought to congratulate themselves very much that they had so excellent and noble and distinguished a chairman as the noble Lord Suffield, and he hoped that they would join with him (Col. Clerke) most heartily in drinking his lordship's health, and thanking him for his presence there that day.

His LORDSHIP said in reply that he begged the ladies and brethren present would receive his hearty thanks for the kind manner in which they had responded to the toast which had so kindly and so flatteringly been proposed by the Grand Secretary. It was little indeed that he (Lord Suffield) could claim of the merits of a Freemason. He took an interest in Freemasonry because he had met with nothing but kindness from the Craft. He felt the good that Freemasonry did, and he was glad and proud to belong to the Order. There were many other toasts, and he should not therefore trouble them with any further words as to this one than to thank them for the cordial greeting they had given him.

The CHAIRMAN then proposed "The Health of the Earl of Carnarvon, the Pro Grand Master; the Earl of Lathom, the Dep. Grand Master; and the Prov. Grand Masters and Present and Past Grand Officers." Those names, he said, required no explanation from him to the brethren among his audience, and he therefore would ask them to drink to the very good health of the Grand Officers, and he would couple with the toast the name of the Grand Chaplain for the year, the Rev. Mortimer Heath.

The GRAND CHAPLAIN, in reply, said that a short time ago he saw a speaker get on his legs and heard him say that he was sorry for his audience, for when he once began to talk he never knew when to leave off. He (Bro. Heath) never knew how to begin, and had never felt any difficulty in leaving off. When he heard the names that had been brought forward in the toast to the present heads of the Craft, and considered the names of the illustrious Present and Past Officers which had not been mentioned, he felt that he was a small and humble member of that body to respond to such a toast. There was no need for his saying what he could in their behalf; he knew, and the brethren knew, that the Grand Officers had the interests of the Craft at heart, because the brethren knew by the results of their deliberations the benefits which they had conferred upon the Order. In the matter of the Charities they knew that from the earliest history of the formation of Grand Lodge the Charities held a very large place in its organisation and working, and as the Craft increased so had the anxieties of Grand Lodge increased for the well-being of the Order, and as the Charities increased they had carried out, as the first principle of the Order, not only that brotherly love, but also that which was the outcome of the other, that relief which was shown in such institutions as that which they were then celebrating, but others of a kindred sort. And he thought he might say that the Grand Lodge of England would never be wanting in promoting those great principles taught in our lodges—Benevolence and Charity. The reverend gentleman concluded by thanking those present for the manner in which the toast had been received.

Bro. MCKAY, Prov. Grand Secretary Cumberland, said that, by command of their noble Chairman, he had the honour to submit the next toast, which was a toast to "The Vice-Patrons, Vice-Presidents, Trustees, and Members of Committees." The success of that noble Institution, under whose auspices they had that day met, was in an eminent degree due to those very brethren to whom this toast was proposed. With that toast he would couple the name of the only Trustee present—Bro. Raynham Stewart.

Bro. STEWART, in reply, said that he had to thank both the ladies and the brethren for honouring the toast that had just been drunk; in doing which he should make no distinction, because he was going to rely upon their confidence and their kindness, and the very thing that brought them all together that day was the good feeling of each one, and the hope that they might be enabled to embrace a duty that they recognised, and faithfully discharge to their brethren. If it had not been for the ladies many members of the Craft would not have thought it a proper thing to be Masons; they took an interest and were specially anxious to do all they could to get their special candidates into the Institutions. As far as he was concerned, he was a Trustee, and did his duty to the best of his ability, and the other brethren did the same, and he could simply say to those present, "Send us the money, and we will take care of the infants." He had only further to thank them on behalf of the Trustees and the Committee and all connected with them.

Bro. Lord SUFFIELD then rose and said: Ladies and brethren, I now come to the toast of the evening. It is, indeed, the toast of the evening; it is a most important public duty I have to perform this evening—to propose to you "Prosperity to the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys." As our brother who has made the last address to you said, it is a very important thing that money should be forthcoming to support this Institution, but we want more than money—we want interest; we want the interest that is shown year by year still more and more, because the Institution which we are called here to celebrate is more and more increasing year by year. I am not about to trouble you with the report, or any statistics from the report, which has been in the hands of every brother here present, and the ladies, I am sure, will be glad to take it as read. I have had the good fortune to visit the Institution which we are here to celebrate. I went to Wood Green on Saturday, and was extremely well satisfied with what I saw there. It is not the first time that I have had the pleasure, because I visited it on another occasion, four years ago, but it has been my earnest hope that it will go on increasing. But it cannot go on increasing without those means that I hope will be forthcoming to-night. There are four considerable Institutions, but this and the Girls' School deserve, I think, something

more than the others. This has lasted; I don't know whether you are aware of it, that it has actually existed 88 years. It is a monument ladies and brethren, to the wisdom and goodness of our predecessors, and I feel assured that we shall never allow such an ancient institution to want funds for its support when its comes to applying for money. It is an ungrateful task, perhaps, but I have no shame in it, because I feel it is a worthy object for your subscriptions. You have evinced it in the past, and I am sure you will now come forward. And before I sit down I must express the regret we all feel that it is unfortunate for this gathering to take place now on account of the dissolution of Parliament that has just taken place, and has deprived us of so many who would have been glad to have come here, though I must say there are many kind faces here that I know. However, ladies and brethren, it has given me extreme pleasure to see this noble hall so well attended to-night; an extremely pretty sight it is. I cannot but say, and I say it with truth, that I never presided at a more graceful assemblage. I will not trouble you—as, perhaps, if the ladies had not been present here I should have troubled you—with statistics, but those you will hear later on from the indefatigable Secretary of the Institution. I merely now propose to you "Prosperity to the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys." I ask you to drink it with three times three. Bro. Plucknett, P.G.D., would reply.

Bro. PLUCKNETT said his lordship had been pleased to associate his name with this last toast, and he begged to return thanks for the kind way in which the company had drunk prosperity and welfare to their noble Institution. He believed that the Institution was doing really good work. It was pursuing its onward career successfully. His duty as Treasurer was to thank them for coming to Brighton that evening to support the Institution, and to say that the funds which they subscribed were economically expended, having regard to the efficiency, and comfort, and happiness of the boys. The Prince of Wales had recently referred to the extension in the number of lodges from the time when he was appointed Grand Master. There were now some 500 lodges more than were in existence twelve years ago. That was a significant fact, indicating a large addition to the Craft, and also to the expansion of the Institution. Bro. Plucknett concluded by thanking them on behalf of the Institution for coming there and supporting it.

Bro. BINCKES said that the announcement which he had to make was somewhat disappointing, but that was usually the case, their Festival coming as it did after the Festivals of the other Institutions. He said on Saturday that the present political crisis might to a great extent interfere not only with the personal attendance at this Festival, but also with the result of the Stewards' exertions on behalf of the Society. They were not, however, altogether without reason for thankfulness as to the results that had been achieved, but which were not quite equal to the anticipations of some of their more sanguine friends. There were 120 London Stewards, and 169 Provincial Stewards, as follows:—

LONDON.			
Lodge	Bro.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
1	Louis Chas. Lumley	10 10 0	
2	E. J. V. Husey	42 0 0	
3	Charles Challen	40 19 0	
4	Baron H. de Stern	15 15 0	
5	A. Finlay	56 15 0	
6	J. R. F. Claridge	31 10 0	
8	John Pullman	11 11 0	
11	E. G. Coleman	26 15 6	
12	O. F. Peall	50 0 0	
14	Gordon Smith		
19	W. M. Bywater	37 16 0	
21	R. Hovenden	28 7 0	
23	J. A. Blackman		
26	D. Breay Ledsam	27 6 0	
28	J. Boulton	40 0 0	
29	John W. Green	21 0 0	
33	R. C. Rapiere	23 18 0	
46	Edward J. Humphrey	52 10 0	
55	G. M. E. Snow	73 10 0	
58	F. Wm. Smith	90 6 0	
60	Eliab Rogers	52 10 0	
79	C. Kedgley	105 0 0	
91	Sydney Claris	38 17 0	
96	J. Gordon Langton	46 4 0	
99	C. E. Wilson	78 10 0	
101	Edward J. Altman		
108	W. H. Smith	23 2 0	
141	C. W. Frommholz	65 0 0	
142	H. A. W. Reeves	17 17 0	
145	W. F. Masters	84 0 0	
157	Walter Snodin	21 0 0	
172	Charles Meierhoff	200 11 0	
	Carl T. Fleck		
183	E. Ernest Harding	35 14 0	
188	Lewis Lazarus	40 0 0	
192	Wm. Medwin	107 0 0	
193	S. Smither	53 9 6	
197	A. Millington Naylor	25 2 0	
198	Col. J. G. North		
205	C. F. Hogard	109 4 0	
227	Alfred Jas. Thomas	23 2 0	
235	Wm. E. Harrison	5 5 0	
259	John Scott	31 10 0	
435	W. H. Hooper	27 16 6	
534	J. G. Tongue	15 15 0	
569	John Pash	112 7 0	
657	T. H. Gardiner		
715	F. E. Upfield Green	20 9 6	
822	E. C. P. Scott	31 10 0	
861	Frederick Hallows	58 16 0	
957	Wm. T. Woodruff	115 0 0	
975	James Garnar	73 10 0	
1150	T. H. Gardiner		
1158	W. Holloway	50 13 0	
1196	Benjamin Simpkins	38 17 0	
1216	Capt. N. Bridges	52 10 0	
1383	Moliere Tabuteau	90 4 0	
1425	James Stephens	36 15 0	
1471	W. Shurmur	107 2 0	
1475	W. G. Sayer	57 15 0	
1491	G. S. Waterlow	51 19 0	
1507	George Edwards	63 0 0	
1598	Walter C. Claridge		
	(see No. 1962)		
1590	G. J. Woodman	38 17 0	
1604	Frederick J. Wray	165 18 0	
1612	Samuel Dyer	35 0 0	
1615	S. T. Fisher	28 7 0	
1622	Fred. Hilton	52 10 0	
1623	H. J. Lardner	53 11 0	

LONDON.			
Lodge	Bro.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
	E. V. Jolliffe	106 1 0	
1671	C. W. Meiter	105 0 0	
1677	Robt. D. Cummings	52 10 0	
1681	Asher Barfield	61 18 6	
1704	W. D. Milner	40 19 0	
1707	A. Money	64 1 0	
1719	James Randall	66 13 6	
1728	Richard Kimpton	54 12 0	
1767	J. W. Barker	31 10 0	
1769	T. B. Linscott	69 6 0	
1818	Louis Hirsch	79 16 0	
1962	W. C. Claridge	163 16 0	
1963	V. T. Murché	57 15 0	
1986	H. M. Williams	26 5 0	
2012	George Gardner	240 9 0	
2020	Alderman J. Staples		
2108	C. W. Eves	15 15 0	
2127	A. M. Broadley	157 10 0	
2128	J. L. Cooke	15 15 0	

LODGE OF INSTRUCTION.			
Lodge	Bro.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
1732	Bro. B. Kauffman	31 10 0	

ROYAL ARCH CHAPTERS.			
Chapter	Bro.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
12	Bro. W. B. Kidder	21 0 0	
95	Samuel Brooks	34 13 0	
174	James Knight	15 15 0	
1604	Frederick J. Wray		
	(see Lodge)		
1900	G. P. Festa		

COMMITTEE DINNER CLUB.			
Bro.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
Bro. H. T. Miller	107 0 0		

UNATTACHED.			
Bro.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
Bro. Robert Berridge			
F. Binckes	10 10 0		
Edgar Bowyer			
Thomas Bruce	26 5 0		
H. V. Clements	26 5 0		
J. W. T. Chapman	26 15 6		
George Cooper	5 5 0		
Henry Cox	59 17 0		
R. T. Fennell			
W. Gomm			
George Graveley	15 15 0		
William Herbage	26 5 0		
John P. Houghton	10 10 0		
William Lake			
H. B. Marshall	10 10 0		
J. Lawrence Mather	63 0 0		
Dr. Geo. Mickley	10 10 0		
James Moon	10 10 0		
William Morley	10 10 0		
Henry F. Nash	10 10 0		
F. J. Vander Pant	10 10 0		
Col. James Peters	10 10 0		
M. J. Rowley	5 5 0		
Chas. Sanders, M.D.			
Ald. Joseph Savory			
James Stevens	22 1 0		
David Stroud	10 10 0		
J. Lewis Thomas			
Abner Torkington			
John Weston			
Alfred Williams	10 10 0		
E. C. Woodward	10 10 0		

PROVINCES.			
Lodge	Bro.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
414	Bro. Samuel Wheeler, jun.	55 13 0	
591	John Lawson	47 5 0	

BERKS AND BUCKS—Continued.			
Lodge	Bro.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
795	Bro. William Fenton	10 10 0	
945	Maurice Wheeler	59 17 0	
1899	S. G. Kirchhoffer	26 5 0	

BRISTOL.			
Lodge	Bro.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
103	Bro. William Purnell	26 5 0	

CAMBRIDGESHIRE.			
Lodge	Bro.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
88	Bro. Andrew H. Moyes	131 5 0	

CHESHIRE.			
Lodge	Bro.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
537	Bro. Geo. H. Brown	10 10 0	
941	W. Wildgoose	36 15 0	

CORNWALL.			
Lodge	Bro.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
	Bro. Charles Truscott	250 0 0	

CUMBERLAND & WESTMORELAND.			
Lodge	Bro.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
	Bro. G. J. McKay	425 9 0	
129	J. H. Hogg	74 11 0	

DERBYSHIRE.			
Lodge	Bro.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
353	Bro. John Cooper Webb	48 6 0	
802	Edwin Belfield	27 18 6	

DURHAM.			
Lodge	Bro.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
	Bro. C. D. H. Drury	63 0 0	

ESSEX.			
Lodge	Bro.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
160	Bro. Henry Harper	15 14 6	
650	Richard Clowes	75 12 0	
	Geo. Henry Finch	63 0 0	
2005	Henry T. Sibley		
2006	A. J. Dudgeon	14 14 0	
2063	W. J. Nunn	63 0 0	
2077	James Salmon		

GLOUCESTERSHIRE.			
Lodge	Bro.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
900	Bro. William Powell	30 14 0	
1005	Arthur S. Lemon	43 11 6	
1067	W. Crawshay Heane	58 16 0	

HANTS AND ISLE OF WIGHT.			
Lodge	Bro.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
Lo. 76 } Bro. Richard Glasspool	42 0 0		
Ch. 723 }			
Lodge			
130 }	George J. Tilling	131 5 0	
1461 }			
175	Ernest Groves	73 10 0	
309	Edgar Goble	53 0 6	
342	Wm. Gunnell	42 0 0	
1776	Wm. Miles	155 0 0	

HERTS.			
Lodge	Bro.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
403	Bro. Lieut. Rchd. B. Croft		
1327	Edward West	75 1 6	
	A. H. Debenham	19 8 6	

KENT.			
Lodge	Bro.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
558	Bro. Spurgen	31 10 0	
1209	J. O. Eve	115 10 0	
Province		100 0 0	

LANCASHIRE (EAST DIVISION).			
Lodge	Bro.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
221	Bro. Charles Crompton	21 0 0	
317	J. Garside	10 10 0	
1009	George Everatt	26 5 0	
1723	E. G. Harwood		
	Nathaniel Nicholson	31 10 0	
	George Board		
	S. E. Levi		
1789	George Rideal	52 10 0	
	Effraim Nahum		
	Alfred de Bolton		
	Rob Williamson	10 10 0	

LANCASHIRE (WEST DIVISION).			
Lodge	Bro.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
	Bro. Reginald Young	10 10 0	
155	E. Pierpoint	10 10 0	
1384	W. J. Thomson	10 10 0	
1730	J. Slyman		

LEICESTER AND RUTLAND.			
Lodge	Bro.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
1560	Bro. Thomas Macaulay	257 5 0	

LINCOLNSHIRE.			
Lodge	Bro.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
792	Bro. James Duke	10 10 0	
792			

MIDDLESEX.			
Lodge	Bro.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
778	Bro. E. W. Stanton	94 10 0	
805	W. Johnson	26 10 0	
1310	John Etherington	15 15 0	
1526	John Alfred Wilson		
1597	W. Cock	32 11 0	
2024	J. Sadler Wood	60 0 0	
2048	Philip Cheek	26 5 0	
2105	D. P. Cama	15 15 0	

MONMOUTHSHIRE.			
Lodge	Bro.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
1429	Bro. Samuel Davies	31 10 0	

NORFOLK.			
Lodge	Bro.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
Lord Suffield (CHAIRMAN)			
213	Bro. George Baxter		
	George Wm. Girling	420 0 0	
	Barnard		

NORTH WALES.			
Lodge	Bro.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
1336	Bro. Benson, C.K.	32 11 0	
1849	Lieut.-Colonel W. E. Sackville-West	54 12 0	

NOTTINGHAMSHIRE.			
Lodge	Bro.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
1434	Bro. Bernhard Franz Stiebel	102 2 0	

OXFORDSHIRE.			
Lodge	Bro.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
340	Bro. Frederick W. Ansell	35 14 0	
357	F. P. Bulley	27 10 0	
478	W. Kinch	22 2 0	
599	Mark Nathan	19 8 6	
1515	Joseph Richardson	10 10 0	
1703	H. C. Habgood	10 10 0	

SOMERSETSHIRE.			
Lodge	Bro.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
446	Bro. Lieut.-Col. A. Thrale Perkins	161 5 0	
	W. J. Nosworthy	141 15 0	

SOUTH WALES (EAST DIVISION).			
Lodge	Bro.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
651	Bro. T. Lawrence Lewis	105 0 0	

SOUTH WALES (WEST DIVISION.)			
Lodge	Bro.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
	Bro. Samuel Read	210 0 0	

STAFFORDSHIRE.			
Lodge	Bro.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
Province		120 15 0	
624	Bro. Percy Evershed	26 5 0	
1792	F. J. Turley		
	Matthias Barker		
	J. R. Lee	21 0 0	

SUFFOLK.			
Lodge	Bro.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
1224	Bro. T. B. Ardley	100 0 0	
	W. J. Nunn	21 0 0	

SURREY.			
Lodge	Bro.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
	Bro. G. Joseph Dunkley	12 12 0	
410	C. Greenwood, jun.	26 0 0	
1638	George Moorman	17 17 0	
1872	W. H. Dunning Pearse	10 10 0	
2096	Hugh Marcus Hobbs	257 5 0	

SUSSEX.			
Lodge	Bro.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.

SUMMARY OF THE PROVINCES.

Berks and Bucks	£199 10 0	Norfolk	420 0 0
Bristol	26 5 0	North Wales	87 3 0
Cambridgeshire	131 5 0	Nottinghamshire	102 2 0
Cheshire	47 5 0	Oxfordshire	126 14 6
Cornwall	250 0 0	Somersetshire	303 0 0
Cumberland and Westmorland	500 0 0	South Wales (East)	105 0 0
Derbyshire	76 4 6	South Wales (West)	210 0 0
Durham	63 0 0	Staffordshire	168 0 0
Essex	232 0 6	Suffolk	121 0 0
Gloucestershire	133 1 6	Surry	325 5 0
Hants and Isle of Wight	496 15 6	Sussex	420 0 0
Herts	94 10 0	Warwickshire	257 5 0
Kent	247 0 0	Wiltshire	61 13 0
Lancashire (East)	152 5 0	Worcestershire	52 10 0
Lancashire (West)	31 10 0	Yorkshire (North and East)	41 14 6
Leicestershire and Rutland	257 5 0	Yorkshire (West)	760 19 0
Lincolnshire	10 10 0	Guernsey	110 5 0
Middlesex	271 6 0	Mark Degree	63 0 0
Monmouthshire	31 10 0	Foreign Stations	52 0 0

GENERAL SUMMARY.

125 STEWARDS—LONDON	£ 5243 11 6
165 STEWARDS—PROVINCES, &c.	7064 19 0
	£12,308 10 6

Bro. Capt. HOMFRAY (Monmouthshire) said he had the pleasure to propose the next toast, which was "Success to the other Masonic Institutions—the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls, and the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution." He would say that it was a very noble thing that, as Masons, they were enabled to raise such large sums for their Institutions. He would not trouble them longer; but would ask them to honour the toast, with which he would associate the names of Bro. Terry and Bro. Hedges, the Secretaries of those Institutions.

Bro. TERRY, on behalf of the Benevolent Institution, said that on an occasion like the present it would ill become him to take up their time by making anything like a speech in reply to this toast. But he would venture to congratulate the Institution for Boys on the result of the Festival, disappointing as in some respects it was. More especially would he congratulate Bro. Binckes upon his good health. There was one subject, however, which his lordship would forgive him for referring to—the comparison which had been made by the noble Chairman between the Schools and the Benevolent Institution. He felt sure that it was not intended to overlook the claims of the Benevolent Institution; but his lordship had gone on to say that the Girls' School also deserved support. He (Bro. Terry) had looked for some word to say that the Benevolent Institution also deserved support. He would just simply say that when this year had gone by, the brethren's attention would have to be given first to the Benevolent Institution. He should be glad to receive for 1887 the names of some of the brethren under his lordship's presidency. He had already secured one Steward from that province, and was sure he would be a good one.

Bro. HEDGES said he would not detain them by making any lengthy remarks, especially after the able speech which they had just listened to. On behalf of the Girls' School, he thanked them most sincerely, not only for the reception given to the toast, but for the support that had been accorded to the Girls' School, both that year and before. In thanking them he had prominently in his mind the province with which the Institution was very nearly connected—the Province of Norfolk. He had only further to say that when the turn of the Girls' School again came round, he trusted the oldest of the Masonic Institutions would not lack support.

"The Health of the Stewards" was proposed by Bro. HENRY SMITH, and replied to by Bro. J. L. MATHER, who returned his sincere thanks on behalf of the Stewards, who had certainly done their best to make this Festival a success, and had done all in their power so to arrange matters as to give satisfaction to one and all. They had received assistance on all sides in carrying out the arrangements, and they had had the pleasure of hearing from every quarter praises of the manner in which they had done their duty. He trusted the lists which had not yet come in would considerably increase the total.

Bro. J. L. THOMAS said that he had a bachelor's privilege of proposing the toast of the evening. The toast to "The Ladies" had been entrusted to him. He thought that that toast ought to have preceded every other instead of being left to the last. He felt that the Institutions benefited greatly by the interest that the ladies took in them, and their graceful presence enhanced—if it did not constitute altogether—the pleasure of the brethren at assemblies of this description.

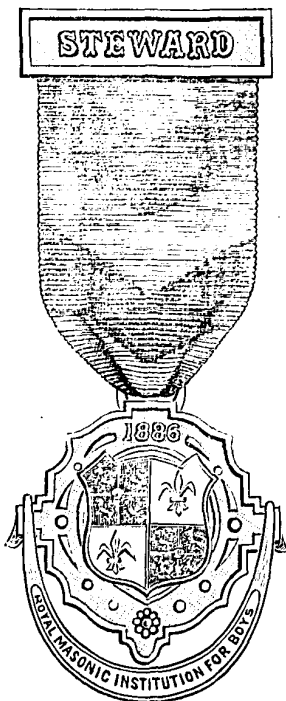
Bro. HOGARD returned thanks on behalf of the ladies.

The CHAIRMAN said he did not think they could separate without expressing, for his own part and on behalf of the brethren, their hearty thanks to Bro. Binckes for the energy which he had already displayed, and it was to him really to whom the success of the Institution was due. Bro. Binckes had said that to him the result was a disappointment, but he thought that, considering the adverse circumstances, they must congratulate themselves on the result of the evening.

A few words in reply from Bro. BINCKES for the hearty response which the toast had met with, brought the proceedings to a close.

The band of the Boys' School performed various selections of music during the evening, and in the intervals between the toasts some very good vocal music was contributed by Miss Effie Clements, Miss Grace Damian, Bro. Arthur Thompson, Mr. Harper Kearton, Mr. W. G. Forington, and also by Bro. Turlie Lee, who had the direction of the musical arrangements.

The Steward's favor, which was manufactured by Bro. George Kenning, consisted of Lord Suffield's arms, inclosed in a border, the bottom part of which bore the inscription "Royal Masonic Institution for Boys," while at the top was the year "1886," the whole being suspended from a white and red chevroned ribbon.



ANALYSIS OF THE RETURNS.

It seems hard lines that the Boys' School Festival should bring up the rear, in a double sense as it were, and that it should be not only the last in order of occurrence, but at the same time lowest in its product. Possibly the lowness of its receipts may be the necessary corollary of its lateness as a fixture. We have said on previous occasions that people's spare cash about reaches the vanishing point when the third arrival of canvassers is announced, and it is the Boys' School misfortune that it submits its appeal for the necessary moneys to keep it in a state of efficiency just when those who are likely to have money about them have been nearly, if not quite, cleared out. However, we need not dwell at length upon a point which, if it were not so manifest before, has certainly made itself manifest these last two years. In 1885 Bro. Terry, who opens the ball, headed the poll with £17,700: Bro. Hedges, whose Festival follows, being second with over £14,000, and Bro. Binckes last, both in order and amount, his announcement being under £12,000. This year the process has been repeated, though the amounts are somewhat less striking in their rate of decrease, the record being (1) Benevolent, £15,000; (2) Girls', £13,000; (3) Boys', £12,300. Perhaps it may be possible to suggest a plan, by which the repetition of this picture may be avoided in future, but as matters stand, there is no alternative for us but to place the facts before the Craft in their naked simplicity and leave them to offer any suggestions of value which may occur to them.

In the meantime, a glance at the Stewards' lists will show not only that the total sum as announced by Bro. F. Binckes was £12,308 10s. 6d., but likewise that there were 290 Stewards, of whom the 125 representing the metropolis were successful in putting together a total of £5243 11s. 6d., while the remaining 165 Stewards, who did duty for the Provinces, amount to £7064 19s. Last year there were 275 Stewards, of whom the London 119 raised £5222 11s. 6d., and the Country 156, £6,783 17s. 6d.; while in 1884, with precisely 290 Stewards, the 130 acting for London were able to raise £7749 7s. 6d., and the 160 hailing from the Country being a long way behind with no more than £6354 11s. These permutations are rather troublesome to explain; but they occur in everybody's experience, and perhaps the best way is to leave them to explain themselves. One thing is certain, that, with a decrease in the number of Stewards from 290 to 275 as between 1884 and 1885, there was a corresponding serious decrease in total from £14,100 to £12,000—taking the figures roundly; while as between 1885 and 1886 the increase in Stewards from 275 to 290 was accompanied by an increase in the total of about £300 only—from £12,000 to £12,300. Those who have leisure to determine eccentric results had better give their attention to the case as we have submitted it here.

Of course, we are aware that the explanation is the same we have given before, namely, that the commercial and political disturbances of the time are at the bottom of this otherwise inexplicable decrease. But we cannot give space enough for too elaborate an enquiry into the subject. We see the drop from £14,100 in 1884 to £12,000 in 1885, and the slight revival from £12,000 to £12,300 in 1886, the number of Stewards being 290 at the two ends of the line we are studying. But if we take the usual sub-division of the Board into London and the Provinces, we shall find the former presenting by no means as healthy an appearance as we have known it in the case of other anniversaries. For instance, as regards

LONDON,

There was a diminution from £7749 7s. 6d. raised by 130 Stewards in 1884 to £5222 11s. 6d. raised by 119 Stewards last year. This year we have 125 Stewards and £5243 11s. 6d., there being as between the returns no difference worth noting. This ought not to be, but we can account for it in some measure by the reduction in the number of Masonic bodies sending up Stewards, while of late years there seems to be a tendency for brethren to enter themselves as Unattached. Could not Bro. Binckes stir up more of the London lodges to increased activity, and so secure a revival of the heavier lodge returns which once figured in his announcements? We must leave it to him to find a solution to this query.

There is, perhaps, some consolation in the improvement noticeable in the chief contributions. There are no less than 14 three-figure amounts on this portion of the list; the Chiswick Lodge, No. 2012, per Bro. George Gardner, taking the lead with £240 9s.; and Bros. C. T. Fick and C. Meierhoff, as joint Stewards for the Old Concord Lodge, No. 172, being second with £200 11s. Bro. F. W. Wray, of the Wanderers Lodge, No. 1604, stands third with £165 18s., and Bro. W. C. Claridge, for the London Rifle Brigade and Ley Spring Lodges, Nos. 1962 and 1598 respectively, is close up with £163 16s., Bro. A. M. Broadley, as Steward for the new Drury Lane Lodge, No. 2127, being also well placed with £157 10s. to his credit. The other three-figure lists are as follow, viz.:—Leigh, 957, £115, W. J. Woodruff; Fitzroy, 569, £112 7s., J. Pash; Israel, 205, £109 4s., C. F. Hogard; Islington, 1471, £107 2s., W. Shurmur; Lion and Lamb, 192, £107, W. Medwin; Committee Dinner Club, £107; Aldersgate, 1657, £106 1s., E. Y. Jolliffe; Mizpah, 1671, £105, C. W. Meiter; and Pythagorean, 79, £105, C. Kedgley.

Let us now give our attention to

THE PROVINCES,

Which, amongst them, have contributed £7064 19s. out of the general total, the number of their representatives being 165. The most prominent, and in a certain sense the most valuable, feature in connection with this portion of the returns is the unusual number of Provinces that have sent up Stewards. Out of the 45 districts, including the Isle of Man and the Channel Islands, there are only nine absentees, whereas the usual proportion between the represented and unrepresented has hitherto been about three to one. This is an exact reproduction of the state of things at the Girls' School Festival in May, when 36 Provinces, including the Channel Islands, sent up Stewards, there being, however, this difference in respect of Wednesday's gathering that its provincial representatives were rather more numerous than at the Girls' Festival. But, this consideration apart, it is manifestly an advantage to find the area of representatives at these two anniversaries greater than at any that have been held, with the exception of the grand meeting under Lord Amherst at the Crystal Palace in 1883, when, with the necessary allowance for the re-arrangement of Provinces that has taken place since, there was the same proportion of represented to unrepresented as on this occasion, only there were some 90 more brethren acting as Stewards, and the sum of the Provincial contributions alone was about £3400 in excess of the general total of Wednesday. It is something to feel that, if we cannot always reckon upon such glorious figures as in 1883, there are more of our Provinces taking an active part in these charitable reunions.

The following were the nine absentees from Wednesday's meeting,

namely: Bedfordshire (five lodges), which, however, has been represented at two out of the three Festivals that have been held since it was erected into a Province towards the close of last year—that is to say, at the Benevolent in February, when it raised £53 12s., and at the Girls' Festival in May, when it was still more successful, and gave £134 13s.; Devonshire (50 lodges), which sent up a Steward or Stewards both in February and May, while to go no farther back than 1885 it raised in that year £289 for this Institution, and £135 for the Benevolent; and Dorsetshire (13 lodges), which, not unnaturally, considers it is entitled to some respite after distributing over £323 between the other two Institutions. Last year it helped the two Schools, and in 1884 it returned a Steward to the Benevolent Institution—in short, it takes its share of the responsibility of supporting our Charities with a liberal margin over for unforeseen contingencies. Herefordshire (four lodges) contributed close on £75 to the Girls' School in May last, and when it has greater confidence in its ability to give help on these occasions it will, no doubt, appear more frequently in our Festival returns. North Hants and Hunts (10 lodges), which has figured regularly as an absentee since June, 1884, when it raised £215 for this Institution, was in the same predicament on Wednesday, Northumberland (21 lodges), by the hands of its worthy Prov. G. Secretary, Bro. B. J. Thompson, compiled the very large total of £906 for the Girls' in May, and in 1883 it helped Bro. Binckes to score his greatest success by contributing towards his list, and by the hands of the same Bro. Thompson, the very substantial total of £1222. Last year, too, it swelled his returns with close on £163, so that, if it does not enter an appearance regularly, it does so very effectively on occasions, as if it preferred concentrating its efforts on a few Festivals, and then having an interval of rest. Of course, there is no need to be surprised at the absence of Shropshire (10 lodges), seeing that it will need all its strength in May, 1887, when Sir Offley Wakeman, its Provincial Grand Master, presides at the 99th Festival of the Girls' School. It has been represented once since its establishment as a separate province, and when conjoined with North Wales, under the late Sir W. Williams-Wynn, it honourably bore its share of the burden of our Institutions. As regards Jersey (eight lodges), though it has had no part in this year's celebrations, it figured among the supporters of the Benevolent in 1885, and among those of the Boys' School in 1883. The Isle of Man (five lodges) will always be a welcome contributor; but, as, owing to its distance, it seems to be outside the sphere of anniversary influences, we do not appear to look for its presence, and are not disappointed by its absence.

The contributing Provinces are headed as usual—that is, as they used to be before Bedfordshire appeared amongst them—by

BERKS AND BUCKS,

The total of its five Stewards' lists being £199 10s. The Abbey Lodge, No. 945, takes the place of honour with £59 17s., and the Union, No. 414, Reading, stands next with £55 13s., the Buckingham Lodge, No. 591, Aylesbury, Bucks, being a good third with £47 5s. In February four of its lodges raised £159 11s. 6d., and in May three lodges made up a sum of £228 5s., the total for the whole year being £587 6s. 6d. One thing we notice about the Returns for the current year is that the represented lodges have figured at one Festival only, and consequently this £587 and a fraction has been compiled by 12 out of the 21 lodges on the roll of the Province. Last year the aggregate for the three Festivals was, in round figures, £590; in 1884 it stood at £453; in 1883, at £472; and in 1882, at £620; so that in the last five years Berks and Bucks has contributed moneys amounting to more than £2700.

BRISTOL,

With one of its eight lodges represented by Bro. Purnell, gives £26 5s., in addition to £145 19s. for the Girls' School in May, and £318 10s. for the Benevolent in February, making the total for the year £490 14s., or an average per lodge of upwards of £61. This is an immense increase upon its 1885 record, when it gave the Benevolent £59 11s., and the Boys' £115 10s., or together £175 1s.; while in 1884 it contented itself with £293 11s. to the Benevolent, and the year previous with about £217 to the same Institution. It is worthy of mention that Bro. Purnell has acted as Steward singly, or in conjunction with other brethren, at six out of the seven Festivals in which during these four years his Province of Bristol has taken part, the Girls' School Anniversary in May being the only one in which he has not lent a helping hand.

There is no doubt that

CAMBRIDGESHIRE,

Though it has a small array of only six lodges, is working tremendously hard, and with very great success, for our Charities. Its total for the current year is no less than £547 5s., made up as follows: At the Benevolent Festival in February, £143; at that of the Girls' School in May, £273; and on Wednesday, £131 5s. Last year it confined its efforts to the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution, and raised for it £106 11s. 6d.; in 1884 the Boys' School had its support to the extent of £174 6s., and the year previous the Girls' School was favoured to the extent of £128. Thus, instead of helping one Institution a year, turn and turn about, it has this year helped all three, and, what is still more creditable, its contributions in 1886 are more by some £130 than they amounted to for the years 1883-4-5 put together. Our light blue friends deserve almost infinite *kudos* for this change of policy, and if they continue thus, as we hope they will, even Provinces that are considerably stronger will have to look to their laurels.

CHESHIRE

Has two of its 38 lodges represented in Wednesday's Returns, their joint contributions amounting to £47 5s., the De Tabley Lodge, No. 941, Knutsford, figuring for £36 15s., raised by Bro. Wildgoose, and the Zetland, No. 537, Birkenhead, for £10 10s., its representative being Bro. G. H. Brown, P.G.A.D.C. In May three lodges, the Zetland being one of them, and Bro. Brown being one of its Stewards, raised £78 15s.; and in February its total was £154 12s., the Zetland being again one of the three represented lodges. This raises the total for 1886 to £280 12s. as against £387 11s. last year, and £680 in 1884. These would be but poor returns for so considerable a Province, were it not that it has an Educational Institute of its own of long standing and approved merit.

There can be no question that, under the able and persistent efforts of such men as Bros. Controller Bake, Charles Truscott, and some others, the Province of

CORNWALL

Has been doing admirable work for some time past. There is rarely a Festival but it takes some part in it, while in the majority of cases its support is not only large-hearted, but substantial likewise. It commenced operations in February, under Bro. Bake, who put together a list of £152 5s., and in May the same worthy brother had a hand in the Girls' Festival, the amount of his contribution being £31 10s. On Wednesday Bro. C. Truscott tried

what he could do, as he has tried on many previous occasions, and as on those previous occasions he tried very successfully, the sum of his figures being £250, so that during the present year this Province has distributed amongst our Charities £433 15s. Last year Bro. Truscott raised over £400 for the Girls' and Benevolent Institution, so that he has the satisfaction of having lent a helping hand—and a strong one, too—to all our Institutions. We trust he has many similar successes awaiting him in the future.

In our Analysis of the Girls' School Festival, in May, we remarked that it was desirable the Province of

CUMBERLAND AND WESTMORLAND,

With its 21 lodges, should give evidence of its continued vitality by again entering an appearance in these Festival Returns. We are glad to see it has itself arrived at this conclusion, and that its two Stewards, of whom Bro. Geo. J. McKay, Provincial Grand Secretary, was one, between them raised the very handsome sum of £500. This will go a long way towards restoring it to its old footing as compared with other Provinces of about equal strength, as, with the exception of two contributions last year, amounting together to close on £103, and pretty impartially divided between the Benevolent and the Boys' School, it has not shown up since its memorable effort at the Festival of this Institution in 1883, when it compiled the fine total of £1050. This gives it an average of about £400 per annum during the quadrennial period, 1883-6, which, having regard to its being an agricultural rather than a commercial district, is very creditable. We must congratulate Bro. McKay, who has raised the lion's share of the four years' total, on this further triumph of his energy as a Festival Steward.

Two of the 21 lodges of

DERBYSHIRE

Appear in the list of Wednesday—the Royal Sussex, No. 353, Winhill, which contributes per Bro. J. Cooper Webb £48 6s., and the Lodge of Repose, No. 802, Derby, whose representative, Bro. Edwin Belfield, handed in a list of £27 18s. 6d., making the total £76 4s. 6d. In May two other lodges—Nos. 1085 and 1688—raised £37 10s. 6d., and in February Bro. J. E. Harrison, acting for No. 1235, raised £63, making the total for the current year £176 15s., which, after the grand contribution of £1546 17s. at the Boys' Festival last year, when the Marquis of Hartington, who is Grand Master of the Province, acted as Chairman, is the more welcome, because it might have claimed a generous measure of indulgence during the year 1886. However, it is in keeping with most people's experience that those who work hardest are most in love with hard work, and so with our labours of love in Masonry, those pursue them most eagerly on whom the greatest share of them devolves. Derbyshire has invariably shown well on these occasions, and the more it has of our Festival work, the more desirous it seems of undertaking it.

We could wish the Returns that are credited to

DURHAM

Were somewhat heavier, and as it has 31 lodges on its roll, it might venture on the experiment and see if the idea might not be carried. It deserves great credit for the regularity of its contributions, and on Wednesday, Bro. C. D. Hill-Drury, who was no doubt influenced to the step through being a Norfolk as well as a Durham brother, entered a list of £63, its previous contributions for the year being £105 per Bro. Hans B. Olsen, to the Benevolent Fund; and £68 5s. to the Girls' School, the total for the year being £236 5s. This is slightly in excess of what it did in 1885, but considerably below the total of its performances in the previous year, when its aggregate was within a fraction of £452.

We can hardly realise what a Table of Stewards' Returns would be like if

ESSEX

Or some of its 24 lodges were not included in it. With a few exceptions, its lodges are held in places of comparatively small importance. Yet it always makes a very good show at our anniversary meetings, and every now and then takes quite a foremost place among our contributing provinces. This year, for instance, it had already raised £115 5s. 6d. for the Benevolent and £245 14s. for the Girls' School, when on Wednesday six of its lodges, represented by seven Stewards amongst them contributed a further amount of £232 0s. 6d., giving a total for the year of £593. Last year it raised £456 13s. 6d. for the Benevolent Institution, £86 2s. for the Girls' School, and £253 for the Boys' School, or together £795 15s. 6d.; while in 1884, when its Prov. Grand Master took the chair at the Girls' Festival, its subscriptions to the three Charities amounted to £1546 17s. 6d., of which £1000 very properly passed into the Girls' School coffers, and in 1883 its total, distributed in like manner among all three Charities, was, in round figures, £490. This gives a result for the last four years of £3425 13s., or an average per year of £861 5s. Well done, Essex!

GLOUCESTERSHIRE

And its 14 lodges have done capably this year. Its figure in February last was a small one, only £39 18s. all told, but at the Girls' Festival in May, though only three of its lodges were represented and one of its five Stewards placed his personal contribution on the list of a brother Steward, it was entered for £222 12s. On Wednesday, three brethren, acting for as many lodges, compiled amongst them £133 1s. 6d. This raises the sum for the year to £395 1s. 6d. which, following upon its £1247 8s. 6d. in 1885, when its Prov. Grand Master, R.W. Bro. Sir M. E. Hicks-Beach, Bart., M.P., occupied the chair at the Benevolent, and its contributions exceeded £1210, speaks well for the large-hearted generosity of the Province. In 1884 it subscribed over £600, in 1883 some £850, in 1882, £548, and in 1881, when its chief won his spurs as a Masonic Festival chairman, £1547, the Girls' School, for which he presided, receiving £1000. This gives a grand total for the last six years of some £5190, or an average of more than £865 per year. Yet the number of lodges on its roll is only 14. It strikes us there must be a splendid amount of energy and goodwill in this part of the country.

The next stage brings us to

HAMPSHIRE AND THE ISLE OF WIGHT,

Whose lodges—42 in number—are as generous in supporting our Institutions as they are regular in sending up Stewards and impartial in the distribution of their moneys. On Wednesday seven of its lodges were represented, two of them—the Royal Gloucester, No. 130, and the Clausentum, No. 1461—by Bro. George J. Tilling, and the other five each by a separate Steward. The total £496 15s. 6d., must be set down as a good one, even for so strong a province as this, its previous contributions during the current year having been £142 5s. to the Benevolent Institution in February, and £177 5s. for the Girls' in May, raising the total for 1886 to £816 5s. 6d. Last year it contributed altogether £1025 6s. 8d., of which the Benevolent was fortunate enough to secure £550 14s. 8d., while the Girls' received £240 7s., and the Boys' £234 5s. In 1884 it raised £1180 10s. 6d., and in 1883 something like £1832, making £4854 for the quadrennial, or an

average of £1213 10s. per year. Two of its lists on Wednesday were particularly strong ones, that of Bro. Miles for the Landport Lodge, No. 1776, being a round £155, and that of Bro. Tilling for his two lodges £131 5s. Bro. Edgar Goble, Prov. G. Secretary, doing duty for the Harmony Lodge, No. 309, Fareham, handed in a useful £53 os. 6d.

HERTFORDSHIRE

Was represented by three Stewards, of whom two represented lodges, and the third was unattached. The Returns are not yet complete; but the two that have been received amount to £94 10s., that of Bro. E. West, for No. 1327, being £75 1s. 6d. For the Girls' School our Herts friends raised £131 1s., while for their favourite—the Benevolent Institution—the sum was £279 5s. 6d., the total for the whole year being £504 16s. 6d. This is appreciably higher than in 1885, when its three contributions were £411, and in 1884, when they reached £470; but, as we are getting almost tired of pointing out, such fluctuations must be expected. Anyhow, the result of this pertinacity in helping is very beneficial to those whom it concerns.

It is some time since we have seen so moderate a total from

KENT.

Which, though it rarely sends up many Stewards, is most generous in its contributions. Thus, in Bro. Hedges's announcement this Province figured for £547, and in February it appeared with £884, but on Wednesday the sum was only £247, of which Bro. Eve's list will account for £115 10s. Still, if Kent is less conspicuous this time than usual, the total for the current year is excellent even for a Province so generous, the three sums we have enumerated amounting to £1678, which after all, is nearly £100 more than it raised in 1885, when its three totals reached £1584.

We cannot quite reconcile ourselves to the comparatively small returns which have lately been made by such a Province as

LANCASHIRE (EAST DIVISION)

Which stands first on the roll as regards numerical strength, and one would think might contribute to total up rather more than £152 5s., which was the sum of its contributions on Wednesday. This gives for the whole year no more than £443. This is slightly better than in 1885; but poor by comparison with the £1247 of 1884, and the still higher figures of the year previous, when it gave to the Boys' School alone £2100. These last amounts are more in keeping with the strength of East Lancashire Masonry.

LANCASHIRE (WEST DIVISION),

Which is our second strongest province, makes, we regret to say, but a sorry appearance with a total of £31 10s., representing, apparently, the personal donation of three of its Stewards, Bros. E. Pierpoint, No. 155, W. J. Thompson, No. 1384, and Reginald Young (unattached). It has, as we all know, several Charitable Associations of its own, which are in excellent funds, and do a large amount of service locally, but a total of only £473 11s. for the year—namely, £78 15s. for the Benevolent, £363 6s. for the Girls', and the aforesaid £31 10s. for this Institution—is scarcely on a level with what might have been looked for from a province with more than eighty lodges on its roll, even when we have made allowance for the moneys appropriated to the support of its local Charities. There is this consolation, however, that, though on lesser occasions it seems to do itself but scant justice, on occasions when it puts forth anything like its proper strength its returns are of an imposing character.

LEICESTERSHIRE AND RUTLAND,

Which has but 12 lodges, is, like other provinces of about the same strength, obliged to husband its strength for particular Festivals, and it does so to good purpose, and with tolerable impartiality. It had done nothing this year, if we except the modest contribution of Bro. W. Kelly, P.P.G.M., to the Girls' School in May, but last year the same Institution obtained from it £405, and the Boys' had a supplementary list from one of its members—Bro. Clement Stretton—for 25 guineas (£26 5s.), while in 1884 it gave the Benevolent £360, and in 1883 £405 was raised for the Boys'. Its total on Wednesday was £257 5s. by the hands of Bro. Macaulay, who must be congratulated on the manner in which he has upheld the fame of his province.

We are pleased that

LINCOLNSHIRE

Should have emerged from its comparative retirement. There is only a small sum of £10 10s. entered to one of the two Stewards of the Pelham Pillar Lodge, No. 772, but no doubt by degrees we shall arrive at something which will worthily represent a province with 22 lodges on its roll. We repeat, it is a great thing for Lincolnshire to have made a move in the right direction; next year, perhaps, we may see a large amount to its credit.

MIDDLESEX

Is sure to be more or less strongly represented. It has a roll of some 37 busy and energetic lodges, of which several may be reckoned upon as doing duty at one or other of these Festivals. It generally includes, too, one or two good lists, such as that of Bro. E. W. Stanton, the Steward for the Bard of Avon Lodge, No. 778, amounting to £94 10s. On Wednesday seven of its lodges were included in the Returns, the aggregate of their lists reaching the very comfortable total of £271 6s., which is more by close on £100 than it raised for the Girls' School in May, when its return reached the comparatively modest sum of £174 8s. 6d., though considerably less than it gave the Benevolent in February, namely, £546 4s. 6d. However, these three amounts represent together £992 19s., which is a big total even for an influential Province like this. Last year it appears to have raised £877—£322 9s. for the Benevolent; £215 13s. for the Girls' School; and £339 14s. for this Institution—and apportioned it rather more evenly among the three Charities; while in 1884 it divided amongst them £725; in 1883, £616; and in 1882, £1212. This gives a total of £4423 for the five years, or an average per year of £884. Figures like these need no explanation.

We pass next to a Province which resembles Middlesex in two particulars—its name begins with M, and it is actuated by the same resolute goodwill for our different Institutions. But in the very material consideration of strength there is no comparison between Middlesex with its 30 and more lodges and the little Province of

MONMOUTHSHIRE,

Which can muster, all told, only eight. Yet it is astonishing how well it rubs along. This year, for instance, it has given the greater part of its help to the Girls' School, for which it raised £199 10s. in May. Yet on Wednesday it found a useful 30 guineas (£31 10s.) for the sister School at Wood Green. Last year the Benevolent received £200 and the Girls' £61 8s. 6d., and in 1884 this Institution was still more fortunate, and secured, through the medium of Bro. Capt. S. G. Homfray, £307 13s. Thus each

Charity has had its turn, while a few subsidiary subscriptions have been introduced at odd times just to keep the brethren in practice. If we take these latter into account we shall find this little Province has raised a good £800 in the last three years, or £100 each lodge, and that the money has been pretty fairly distributed among the three central Institutions.

We must heartily congratulate the noble Chairman's Province of

NORFOLK

On the very effective support it gave to his lordship on Wednesday. Some will content themselves with noticing that its total of £420 is considerably below the figures we have been accustomed to from the Chairman's Province at our later Festivals, while others will be at the pains of remembering that as Norfolk is not a strong Province numerically, it has played its part worthily, at all events, if not on so large a scale as we have known in other instances. But it would be unjust to the brethren in the district if we did not likewise take into account the fact that it is principally agricultural, and that if trade has suffered during the long period of depression from which the country has been suffering, agriculture has suffered still more severely. Under these circumstances we incline to the belief that Norfolk has good reason to be satisfied with its latest achievement, and we are confident that Lord Suffield will appreciate the loyalty with which the brethren throughout his Province have supported him on this, as on the previous occasion of his presiding at one of our Charitable Anniversaries. There is also a small contribution of £67 4s., which figured in the returns of the Girls' School Festival in May, while last year the same Institution was enriched to the extent of £200, per our worthy Bro. Bacon, of Lodge Perseverance, No. 213, Norwich. In short, the Province in the course of 1885 and 1886 has raised close on £700 in illustration of its attachment to the distinguishing characteristic of our Society.

NORTH WALES

Has been represented at the three Festivals held this year, which is equivalent to saying it has been represented at all that have taken place since it was created a separate Province under R.W. Lord Harlech. It began quietly, its contribution to the Benevolent in February last by the hands of two Stewards being only £29 11s. In May it was again represented by two Stewards, and the sum of their lists amounted to £102 7s. 6d. On Wednesday Bro. Lieut.-Col. the Hon. W. E. Sackville-West, P.G.W. England, acted as Steward for the Royal Leek Lodge, No. 1849, and Bro. C. K. Benson, as representing the Square and Compass, made up between them a sum of £87 3s., Bro. West's list being for £54 12s. Here then we have a total of over £219 for the current year, which, as it accords well with our experience of North Wales, when it was part of the Province of North Wales and Salop, augurs also well for a continuance of its present honourable course.

NOTTINGHAMSHIRE,

With Bro. John Toplis as Steward for its 14 lodges, raised nearly £177 for the Benevolent Institution, and the £102 2s., which Bro. Stiebel, the Steward of Lodge No. 1434, handed in on Wednesday, makes the total for the year £279 and a fraction, which does not compare too favourably with the £547 of 1885, though that appears to have been an exceptionally fortunate year. However, a total of £1390 in four years from so limited a province is a meritorious figure, and Notts well deserves the compliments it has received for its latest services.

Our anticipations that

OXFORDSHIRE

Would this year exceed its average of £250 have been realised. It contributed £46 18s. 6d. to the Benevolent in February, and £106 to the Girls' School in May. On Wednesday its half-dozen Stewards, representing as many lodges amongst them, raised a total of £126 14s. 6d., the three sums amounting together to £279 13s., which, for a province of only ten lodges, is very creditable. Last year the subscriptions to the three Charities exceeded £207, while in 1884 they reached £293.

The returns from

SOMERSETSHIRE

Are rather above the average, the lists of Bros. Lieut.-Col. A. Thrale Perkins and Nosworthy amounting together to £303, which, added to its contributions to the other Institutions, gives a total for the year of close on £610, while in 1885 it distributed amongst the three Charities £617, and in 1884, £640, giving for the triennial period a total of £1867. It seems from these figures that Somersetshire's yearly totals are on about the same level.

At the Benevolent Anniversary in February

SOUTH WALES (EAST),

With its array of 16 lodges, figures for the useful, but comparatively modest contribution of 100 guineas, which, with the £140 it raised for the Girls' the other day, makes a total of £245 for the year. In 1885 it divided £400 between our two Schools, giving £200 to each; in 1884 it raised £360, namely, £200 for the Boys' and £160 for the Girls'; while the previous year it divided between the same Institutions £447—Girls' £217, and Boys' £230; and in 1882 £574, of which the Boys' received £367, and the balance went to the sister School. This makes for the quinquennial period, 1882-6, £2026—that is to say, £917 for the elder Institution, and £1109 for the younger, the Benevolent Institution receiving nothing.

SOUTH WALES (WEST),

Though with a muster roll of only 10 lodges, shows to greater advantage on this occasion than its Eastern neighbour, its list amounting to 200 guineas, or just double the contribution of South Wales East. But this is its only appearance during the current year. In 1885, Bro. Samuel Read—the same brother who acted as Steward on Wednesday—compiled a neat little list of £90 for the Benevolent Institution. In 1884 it raised £262 10s. for the Girls' School; in 1883, £350 for the Boys'; and in 1882, the year its late chief presided at the Festival of the R.M.B.I., its contributions amounted to £360, making a total for the last five years of £1272, so that the two divisions of South Wales are about on the same footing in their contributions.

STAFFORDSHIRE,

Which works very methodically, figured in Bro. Terry's announcement for £204 15s., and Bro. Hodges had the pleasure of announcing precisely the same sum at the Girls' Festival in May. On Wednesday the total was £168, the number of Stewards being four. This, perhaps, is not quite so high a total for the year as we had hoped for, but it is a good one nevertheless, and, we dare say, the equilibrium will be restored either next year or the year after.

We are pleased that

SUFFOLK,

With its 21 lodges, has held in reserve a liberal subscription for the Boys'

School. Though it can point to a fair muster of lodges on its roll, it is not a conspicuously rich province, and as it raised £305 10s. for the R.M.B.I. in February, and emphasised this demonstration of its vitality by contributing £126 10s. 6d. to the Girls School in May, there would have been nothing unreasonable had it elected to stand aside for others on this occasion. However, instead of doing this, it has very nearly repeated its second contribution of the year, its two Stewards—Bros. Ardley and W. J. Nunn—having contrived to make up lists of £100 and £21 respectively, or together £121. This raises the year's total to £553 0s. 6d. Last year its total for the three Festivals was £690, and in 1884 it was £627, making for the triennial period £1870, or an average per Festival of £207.

Moving southwards we come to

SURREY,

Which, as the Chairman's Province, so highly distinguished itself at the Girls' School Festival in May, when it compiled the exceedingly handsome total of £1345 15s. 6d. It had previously assisted at the Benevolent Festival, and subscribed, by the hands of four Stewards, £148 11s. Yet in spite of the sum of close on £1500 thus disbursed, five of its brethren took upon themselves the office of Stewards, at Bro. Binckes's instigation, and the result of their efforts appears elsewhere in the shape of £325 5s., of which Bro. H. M. Hobbs, as the Steward of the George Price Lodge, No. 2096, is responsible for £257 5s. This makes the total for the year £1819 11s. 6d., the portion subscribed by the aforesaid George Price Lodge being £665 3s. 6d. This is a splendid record even for a Province consisting of 30 lodges, while as regards the achievement of the George Price, there are not many of our lodges, be they old or young, that are able to point to so successful a share of Festival work as this. As to the past performances of this Province, they have been uniformly worthy of its recognised position in the Craft.

SUSSEX,

For very sufficient reasons, has taken but little part in our anniversary proceedings during the current year, its sole contribution being £122 10s. raised by two of its 25 lodges in February for the Benevolent Institution. But it bore the chief part in the Girls' Festival of last year, when its late respected Prov. G.M., Sir W. W. Burrell, Bart., was in the chair, the sum of contributions on that occasion being £1850. In the June following, one of its lodges raised £73 10s. for the Boys' School, making the total for 1885 £1923 10s. After such an amount of help as this, it is not surprising the brethren of Sussex should have rested somewhat from their benevolent pursuits. However, the recent installation of their new chief, H.R.H. the Duke of Connaught, appears to have given them an accession of zeal, and on Wednesday, the seven brethren who did duty as Stewards compounded a total of £420, making the sum of the current year's contributions £542 10s., which is most satisfactory after the heavy and exhausting labours of 1885.

WARWICKSHIRE,

And the Athol Lodge, No. 74, in particular, shows to considerable advantage in these Returns. No less than 18 of the Athol brethren gave in their names as Stewards, and the tune of their efforts is represented by the effective total of £231. Besides these, two other brethren acted in the same capacity for Nos. 567 and 587 respectively, the general result, as regards the whole province being £283 10s., which superadded to the £230 2s. raised in support of the Marquess of Hertford's Chairmanship for the Benevolent Institution in February, and the £102 18s. given to the Girls' School in May, makes a total for the year of £616 10s. We are glad to see these figures, and shall be still more glad when they represent a still higher amount. No doubt, had Lord Leigh been able to take the chair we should have seen Warwickshire bestirring itself, much as they did in 1876, when they helped their chief as President at the Boys' Festival to the extent of £2000. However, they have helped Lord Suffield substantially, and we trust other Chairmen will obtain an even greater measure of support.

Bro. McLean, as the representative of

WILTSHIRE

At the Girls' School Festival in May, was so fortunate as to hand in a list of £200 11s., and as this is only a small Province of 10 lodges, we could hardly expect that his second effort, made for the Boys' School, should prove as productive. But he seems to have worked steadily, his list of £61 13s. being well up to the mark, considering his previous efforts. This places the total for the year—£262 4s.—above the average of the last four years, though in 1882 it figured for upwards of £300. There is, as we have said before, a praiseworthy regularity as well as liberality in these particulars, which reflect great credit on so limited a Province.

It is hardly possible to judge fairly of

WORCESTERSHIRE,

As only one out of its three Stewards—Bro. E. J. Chambers, of Lodge No. 252—had sent in his list up to the time of going to press. But the Province, though moderate in size, is a very energetic one, and moreover raised £287 8s. for the Benevolent Festival in February, with a subsidiary amount of £63 in May for the Girls. The £52 10s. of Bro. Chambers raises the Worcestershire total to £402 18s. for the year. Thus without the lists of Bros. Godson and Consterdine-Chadwick's contributions, this year's total is slightly in excess of that for 1885.

YORKSHIRE (NORTH AND EAST),

Has been dealing with comparatively small figures this year. It gave £42 to the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution in February and followed this up with £82 in May to the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls. On Wednesday one of its lodges gave £41 14s. 6d., making the result for all three Festivals £165 14s. 6d., which is very much below the average of the previous years, its contributions having been £920 in 1883, £559 in 1884, and £535 in 1885. It would, however, be unreasonable to look to large amounts always. There are sure to be some passing circumstances, which will have the effect of lowering our returns every now and then, but the effect is neutralised in the long run by more vigorous efforts at other times, and we have no doubt our North and East Yorkshire brethren, finding their help to our Charitable Institutions has fallen somewhat into arrear during 1886 will do all in their power to revive the heavier contributions of last year and its predecessors. Such help will most assuredly be welcome.

YORKSHIRE (WEST),

Our third largest Province has acquitted itself worthily, as usual. Its total is the largest of all the Provincial Returns, namely, £760 19s., and 41 brethren as Stewards had a hand in raising it. If we add this to the £735 contributed to the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution in February and the £500 raised for the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls in May, we have a grand total for the year of close on £2000—the actual figure being £1995 19s.,

or an average per Festival in round figures of £665. Last year the amount, including the Sir Henry Edwards Presentation to the Girls', was £2107, while in 1884, 1883, and 1882 it was £1841, £2350, and £1635 respectively. The aggregate for the last 12 years is £24,566, which gives an average for the 36 Festivals held during that period of £682 per Festival. As we have said in former analytical articles, such Returns as these need no dressing up in order to make them presentable.

GUERNSEY.

Every now and then we have the satisfaction of welcoming a Steward from what is described in Grand Lodge Calendar as the "Channel Islands." On Wednesday, Bro. Parsons as representative of the Loyalty Lodge, No. 243, Guernsey, gave in a list of £110 5s., and we take leave to congratulate him heartily on his success. A few more brethren as energetic as Bro. Parsons would have helped to swell the total very appreciably.

OUTSIDE CONTRIBUTING BODIES.

There are generally on these occasions a few lists handed in by members representing extra-constitutional branches of Masonry or lodges in foreign parts, and Wednesday was no exception. Bro. Norrington, as Steward for the Kintore Mark Lodge No. 333, compiled a list of £63, and Lieut.-Col. Haldane for the St. John and St. Paul Lodge, No. 349, Valetta, Malta, figures under "Foreign Stations" as the contributor of £52; Bro. the Rev. A. H. Hildesley being also entered as a Steward for the Triune Brotherhood, No. 684, under the District Grand Lodge of the Punjab. Of course, such returns are heartily welcomed, especially in the case of lodges abroad, which, as they mostly have local Charitable Associations of their own, are not expected to render much help towards our home Central Charities.

THE ANNUAL FETE AND STEWARDS' VISIT.

The annual fête, visit of the Festival Stewards, and distribution of prizes amongst the successful pupils at the Boys' School, took place on Saturday last, in the presence of an unusually numerous company of the friends of the Institution, at Wood Green. As usual, an attractive programme had been arranged for the enjoyment of the visitors, a large proportion of whom were ladies, and throughout the afternoon there was an uninterrupted succession of interesting "events," which kept the company in excellent humour. No doubt additional inducement to pay the Boys' School a visit arose from the fact that the Right Hon. Lord Suffield, R.W. Prov. Grand Master of Norfolk, and Chairman of the Anniversary Festival, had kindly consented to preside and distribute the prizes, a compliment that was highly appreciated by the executive and all interested in the welfare of the Institution. The sun blazed fiercely down from what would form Tennyson's ideal of "the blue unclouded," but a fresh breeze served to moderate into a refreshing temperature one of the hottest days yet experienced this summer. Soon after noon visitors began to arrive, and for a couple of hours after the trains from town brought fresh contingents of friends, so that by the time appointed for opening the festivities of the day, the school buildings and the neatly laid-out grounds in which they are situated, presented a populous and animated appearance, the pretty toilettes of the ladies and children adding much to the picturesque aspect of the scene.

During the assemblage of the guests, the Band of the Institution—little fellows, some of whom were scarcely bigger than the instruments they played—gave selections of music in a manner which spoke volumes for the efficient training imparted by their leader, Bro. W. Whare. By two o'clock, the handsome new schoolroom, in which the distribution of prizes was to take place, was completely filled, seats having been conveniently arranged for the guests, whilst the boys forming the choir occupied a gallery at the extreme end of the room. Lord Suffield had arrived some time earlier, and was received by the House Committee, Stewards, and Secretary (Bro. F. Binckes), by whom his lordship was conducted over the establishment, with the interior economy of which he expressed himself highly delighted. On entering the schoolroom, his lordship was greeted with hearty cheering, and he was accompanied by Bros. Dr. R. Morris, Head Master and Chaplain of the Institution; Edgar Bowyer, Horace Brooks Marshall, C.C., J. Terry, C. F. Matier, Raymond Stewart, C. F. Hogard, and many other prominent members of the Craft.

The noble Chairman having been formally introduced by Bro. Edgar Bowyer,

The HEAD MASTER observed that on a warm day like the present the company would not desire to listen to lengthy speeches; but they would all welcome most cordially the noble lord who had kindly consented to occupy the chair. (Applause.) Some years ago he did them a similar kindness; but they were glad to see him again, and they hoped he would be able to remain with them during the greater portion of the afternoon. (Cheers.)

The programme then opened with Eaton Fanning's part song, "The Vikings," which was admirably rendered by the choir, Bro. H. J. Dutton officiating as conductor, and Mr. E. Hann as accompanist. Then followed the well-known burlesque recitation on "The Advantages of the English Law," capably spoken by P. O'Doherty, whose make-up of wig, gown, brief, &c., was very good, and the "special pleader" acquitted himself most creditably. A pianoforte solo, "Iole" (Dufauré), was then given by W. Conway, followed by Muller's part song, "May Day," both of which items were well received.

The prizes presented by the Institution were then distributed, the recipients, as hereafter enumerated, being each addressed in a few kindly, encouraging words by the noble lord in the chair.

FIRST CLASS.—Scripture, 1, A. T. Haworth. Latin, 1, P. O'Doherty. French, 1, C. J. Johnstone. English, 1, S. W. Richardson. Mathematics, 1, A. J. Kennedy. General Improvement, 1, F. Herring; 2, H. A. Ecclestone; 3, H. Knott.

SECOND CLASS.—Latin, 1, F. Lewis. French, 1, C. C. B. Jones. Mathematics, 1, T. W. Crabb. General Improvement, 1, A. Blunt.

THIRD CLASS.—Latin, French, and English, J. Bloomfield. Mathematics, 1, H. P. Richardson; 2, R. A. Sykes. General Improvement, 1, G. C. Willett.

FOURTH CLASS.—Latin, English, and Mathematics, J. P. Seagrave. French, 1, H. R. Graves. General Improvement, 1, A. Williams.

FIFTH CLASS.—Latin, 1, D. F. McGill. French and Arithmetic, 1, F. Coleman. General Improvement, 1, A. Moore; 2, J. E. Walters.

SIXTH CLASS.—General Proficiency, 1, T. R. Foord. General Improvement, 1, C. J. G. Roddam.

SEVENTH CLASS.—General Proficiency, 1, A. R. Warner; 2, A. E. Astington; 3, G. C. Huggett.

PREPARATORY SCHOOL.

FIRST CLASS.—General Improvement, 1, R. L. Churchhill; 2, F. W. Higginson; 3, L. Shortrock.

SECOND CLASS.—General Improvement, 1, P. Neville.

As a break in the ceremony, the choir sang Flotow's charming part song, "Come where flowers are flinging," and a march from "Tannhauser" was played as a pianoforte duet by W. Conway and W. Pringle; while T. C. Cairney sang Hatton's song, "The lark now leaves his watery nest," in such a manner as to gain an undeniable encore.

The special prizes given by the House Committee, the Audit Committee, and private donors were then presented as follows:—

PRESENTED BY THE HOUSE COMMITTEE.

Writing—G. N. C. Keighley, 1; C. J. Johnston, 2. Dictation—A. J. Kennedy, 1; P. O'Doherty, 2. History—A. T. Haworth, 1; S. W. Richardson, 2. Geography—S. W. Richardson, 1; H. Knott, 2. Mental Arithmetic—A. J. Kennedy, 1; F. Thomas, 2. Elocution—P. O'Doherty, 1. Efficiency as Monitor—P. O'Doherty, 1; G. N. C. Keighley, 2. Proficiency in Drill—G. S. Jones, 1. The Band—F. Bladon, P. O'Doherty, F. Clarke, and E. W. Sissons. Vocal Music—F. Unwin, 1.

PRESENTED BY THE AUDIT COMMITTEE.

The Band—J. B. Green, 1; F. C. Cairney, 2. Pianoforte—Hewitt.

PRESENTED BY PRIVATE DONORS.

By Bro. Edgar Bowyer (Vice-Patron)—Book-keeping—G. S. Jones. By Bro. Augustus Harris, "Drury Lane Lodge" Prizes—English Essay—S. W. Richardson; Dramatic Ability (decided on conclusion of farce)—P. O'Doherty. By Mr. Sylvester (Drawing Master)—Freehand—W. J. Balcombe, C. Jones, and Roche. Mapping—W. Sowden. Painting—G. N. C. Keighley. Shading—C. J. Johnston.

The choir having sung the part song by Moscheles, entitled "The Village Chorister," followed by Pinsuti's serenade, "In this hour of softened splendour," sweetly rendered by A. T. Bowes and F. Unwin, the giving out of the most coveted awards of the year followed, and, amidst vociferous cheering from the boys, the Silver Medal for Good Conduct, presented by the Institution, was presented to William Walter Lucas; the Canonbury Gold Medal, presented by the late Bro. Edward Cox, V.P., to Jas. Baker Green; and Silver Watch and Chain, for General Good Conduct, presented by the Supreme Council 33° to a pupil on leaving the Institution, to George Norman Crozier Keighley. At the University local examinations in December last 13 boys passed successfully, and the prizes apportioned from the interest, £23, of the Fund, £525, founded by Bro. Winn, P.M., 657, V.P., were distributed among them, the full list being as follows:—

HONOURS.

Class I.—A. T. Haworth, Distinguished in Latin and Mathematics. Class II.—C. J. Johnston, G. N. C. Keighley, A. J. Kennedy, and S. W. Richardson. Class III.—H. R. Hounslow, J. Langdon, W. W. Lucas, and W. J. Pringle.

SATISFIED THE EXAMINERS.

H. W. N. Knott, H. V. N. Scrope-Shrapnell, G. W. Southam, and F. T. Tanner. Thus the whole 13 succeeded, two-thirds of the number being placed in the Honour Classes. Nothing could have well been better.

Lord SUFFIELD, who was loudly cheered, then delivered a brief address, in the course of which he said he wished to express to them his great gratification and pleasure at seeing before him so large an assemblage of those who had been kind enough to come and encourage the boys of the Masonic School. He must tell the audience that their presence on such occasions as these did vastly encourage the boys of the School, as well as the head-master and his staff of assistants (hear, hear), and it was a source of great satisfaction to those who belonged to the Masonic Craft to see this Institution, of which they had so much reason to be proud, so well patronised as it had been that day. (Cheers.) The thanks of the Craft, and the thanks also of the boys whom they saw before them in such numbers that day, were due to the friends present, but they were due in the first place to the head-master, who with so much ability and zeal had brought the School to such a high state of efficiency as they had witnessed that day. (Cheers.) It had afforded him real pleasure to give away the prizes on this occasion, because he felt that those boys who had received them honestly deserved them. It must be a great encouragement to them to receive those rewards for hard work, and in recognition of their talents; and the proceedings of that day would act as a stimulus to them in their future career. He would say a few words to the large body of pupils whom he saw before him. In these days they all knew that education was one of the first and principal objects in life, because it was not now as it used to be, when the advantages of education were almost monopolised by people occupying superior and affluent positions. In the march of progress all this had been changed; all classes were on a level as far as education was concerned; and those who educated themselves, and were superior to the rest in point of intellect, would get to the top of the tree. He recommended them to persevere in the course in which they had begun, and to keep always before them the principle of honesty, first of all, and an earnest desire to take advantage of those opportunities which they might have in the world, especially while they were young. (Applause.) That hall, though of magnificent dimensions, was getting extremely hot, and they would no doubt be glad to seek the fresh air and the amusements which were provided outside. He would therefore detain them no longer than to express a hope that the Institution might go on and prosper. (Loud cheers.) He was going to preside on the following Wednesday at the Annual Festival of the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys, which was to be held at Brighton, and he hoped many of those whom he was now addressing would grace that assembly with their presence, and assist the Committee, so far as they were able, in carrying out the grand and glorious objects of the Institution. No doubt a great and noble work had been done by the School during the last 80 years of its existence, and he hoped it would last for another 100 years. (Continued cheering.) His lordship then proposed a vote of thanks to the Head Master for the zealous interest he had manifested in the Schools; and this having been carried, amidst ringing cheers from the boys,

Bro. Dr. MORRIS briefly acknowledged the compliment that had been paid to him.

On the motion of Bro. F. BINCKES, seconded by Bro. EDGAR BOWYER, a vote of thanks was accorded to the Provincial Grand Master of Norfolk for presiding on the occasion, and the noble lord again expressed the pleasure it had given him to be present on the interesting occasion.

The programme concluded with the familiar farce by Martin Beecher, entitled "In Possession," the piece being thus cast:—Mr. Rattleton Rorke, J. C. Johnston; Simon Blobber (a man in possession), P. O'Doherty; Mr. Weazle (a lawyer), A. T. Howarth; Major Molpothirly, F. C. Cairney; and Miss Piretta Platts (a lady's maid), R. F. Reynolds. The piece went with a swing and gusto quite refreshing, and the audience was kept in a constant titter of merriment throughout. An interesting feature in connection with the piece was the offer of a prize by Bro. Augustus Harris, on behalf of the members of the Drury Lane Lodge, to the actor in the play who displayed the most histrionic ability; and this was deservedly awarded

to P. O'Doherty, who acted like a miniature Toole. Johnstone and Reynolds were "highly commended."

The proceedings having been closed by singing the National Anthem, in which the audience joined right loyally, the guests, which numbered between 500 and 600, were entertained at a collation in the Gymnasium, which had been artistically decorated for the occasion with flags and trophies. An excellent repast was provided by Messrs. Hill and Sons, the well-known confectioners, of 60, Bishopsgate-street, City, whose efforts for the comfort and convenience of the numerous party elicited unbounded expressions of approbation. Mr. F. Hill personally superintended the arrangements, not only in the Gymnasium, but in the house and grounds generally, all of which were excellent. After luncheon, the company proceeded to a field in rear of the Institution, where a variety of athletic sports were contested, and where the customary interchange of amenities were enjoyed, returning later in the evening to tea, and the distribution of the prizes given for the athletic competitions. The latter ceremony was gracefully performed by Mrs. Terry, wife of Bro. E. Terry, P.G.D., of the Gaiety Theatre, for whom hearty cheers were given.

At dusk the company gradually dispersed, the majority vending their way to the railway stations to catch the returning trains for town. Thus amidst the heartiest good fellowship and social enjoyment another eventful day at the Boys' Institution was brought to a close, the result being entirely satisfactory to every one concerned in the welfare of the School.

In the evening the annual athletic sports were held in the grounds, in the presence of an immense concourse of spectators. There were 17 events on the card, and all were keenly contested. The Rev. Dr. Morris, head master of the School, officiated as President. Committee; Messrs. J. B. Green, F. Cairney, A. T. Howarth, T. Allison, A. Bowes, and F. Thomas; Mr. J. E. Mansell, M.A., starter; Mr. W. Blain, B.A., Mr. F. Cleaver, and Mr. F. Marsden, Judges; Mr. J. Bere, B.A., Hon. Sec.; Mr. F. Cleworth and Mr. J. F. Short, assisted by the school monitors, clerks of the course. Results:—Throwing the cricket ball: T. Allison, 1 (distance 75 yards); F. Thomas, 2; eight competitors. 100 yards flat handicap for boys over 13 years of age: First heat—B. Farrar, 1; J. B. Green, 2; H. Knott, 3. Second heat—F. Thomas, 1; T. M. Nicholas, 2; W. Conway, 3. Third heat—T. Allison, 1; W. Williams, 2; E. W. Sissons, 3. Final—F. Thomas, 1; T. Allison, 2; B. Farrar, 3. 100 yards flat handicap for boys under 13: First heat—H. Richardson, 1; C. Stewart, 2; J. C. Besley, 3. Second heat—F. Christensen, 1; G. Sutcliffe, 2; A. Bailey, 3. Final—H. Richardson, 1; F. Christensen, 2; G. Sutcliffe, 3. High Jump (open): T. Allison, 1 (5ft. 4in.); R. Reynolds and J. B. Green, equal, 2. Quarter-mile handicap for boys over 13 years of age: H. Knott, 1; T. Allison, 2; Balcombe, 3; 24 entries. Quarter-mile handicap for boys under 13: H. Richardson, 1 (won easily); C. Stewart, 2; G. Sutcliffe, 3. Long jump (open): E. W. Sissons, 1 (distance 15ft. 4in.); H. Knott, 2; nine competitors. Three-legged race: H. Knott and B. Farrar, 1; E. W. Sissons and F. Cairney, 2; 12 couples competed. Band boys' race, 220 yards: T. White, 1; Eccleston, 2. Tug of war for boys under 13: W. Bevis's team beat J. B. Bloomfield's team. Tug of war for boys over 13: W. Southam's team won in the final. 220 yards handicap for boys under 13: F. Christensen, 1; G. J. Ker, 2; G. Sutcliffe, 3; 13 entries. Half-mile handicap, over 13: W. Crabb, 1; W. Conway, 2; E. W. Sissons, 3; 18 starters. Obstacle race (open): H. Knott, 1; F. Thomas, 2; Watson, 3. The prizes were subsequently distributed by Mrs. Terry, wife of Bro. E. Terry, of the Gaiety Theatre, for whom hearty cheers were given. The band of the Institution played selections of music during the sports, under the leadership of the band master, Mr. W. Whare.

THE EMPIRE LODGE, No. 2108.

ENTERTAINMENT TO COLONIAL AND INDIAN BRETHREN.

On Wednesday, the 23rd ult., the Empire Lodge, No. 2108, which was consecrated last November, and of which Sir Philip Cunliffe-Owen, K.C.B., is the W.M., entertained the Indian and Colonial brethren who are now in this country engaged in the Colonial Exhibition, at a grand banquet at the Criterion, Piccadilly. Previous to the banquet the brethren were received in open lodge, where Bro. H. Trueman-Wood, Asst. G.D.C., presided.

The following list includes the members of the lodge—and all non-members to whom invitations were addressed—nearly all of whom were present:—

Bros. Sir F. Philip Cunliffe-Owen, K.C.M.G., C.B., C.I.E., W.M.; Vice-Admiral Sir William Hewitt, K.C.B., V.C., S.W.; J. Hermann De Ricci, J.W.; C. Washington Eves, Treas.; Lennox Brown, F.R.C.S., Sec.; Rupert La Trobe Lonsdale, C.M.G., S.D.; Edward Algernon Barnett, J.D.; Sigmund Sinauer, P.M., P.P.G.S.B. (Warwick), D.C.; Ernest Turner, F.R.I.B.A., Stwd.; Geoffrey Herbert, I.G.; Edmund F. Davis; George Aylmer Baynes, M.D.; Ernest E. Wendt, D.C.L. (G.S. German Correspondence); The Right Hon. The Earl of Dunraven, K.P.; Edward Hyde Hewett, C.M.G.; Alexander Halcombe, P.M.; Maurice Grant, Henry M. Woodhouse, E. C. Erbsloh, George Francis Legg, Joseph James Wedgwood, Andrew Miller, M.D., Asst. Stwd.; William Daniel Harding, Edward Ernest Harding, H. Cockburn Stewart, H. Trueman Wood, M.A., P.M., P.G.S., A.G.D.C.; Harold Boulton, M.A.; Arthur J. Trendell, K.C.B., P.M., P.G.S.; J. R. Somers-Vine, Henry Tanner, F.C.S., P.M.; Sigmund Hoffnung, P.M.; David Marks, Harold Athelstan White, Frederick Hecht, Ernest Edward Berlandina, Joseph Mead, Robert Scipio Marsh De Ricci, Sidney B. Francis Hoffnung, Frederick Harvey Harvey-Samuel, Alfred De Pass, Walter J. Christie Walter, R.N.; Alexander Harvey, Lewis Henry Samuel, Adolph Grainger Wulff, Thomas Walter Fleming, Paul Cremieux Javal, Paul George Nichols, 902, Tyler.

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CANADA—Bros. Major-Gen. Laurie, Grand Master Nova Scotia; Lieut.-Col. Ross, St. Paul's Lodge 374; William Bell, Speed Lodge, Guclph, Ontario; James Clark, St. John's Lodge, Coburg, Ontario; Colin R. Clusholm; Theodore A. Heintzmann, St. John's Lodge, Toronto; Alexander Manning, Old St. Andrew's Lodge, Toronto; Ogle Robert Peck, Rehoboam Lodge 65, Canada; W. H. Pellow, Lebanon Lodge 139, Ontario; George Pigott, Jerusalem Lodge 31; E. S. Piper, St. John's Lodge 75, Toronto; Hon. George W. Ross, Minister of Education, Ontario, Beaver Lodge 59, Strathwy, Ontario; George Leopold Sait; S. C. Stevenson; William Tees, St. George's Lodge 440, Montreal.

NEW SOUTH WALES—Bros. Evan Jones, P.M. Robert Burns Lodge of Australasia 817; James Farmer, Horsham Lodge 429 (I.C.); S. De Lissa, St. John's Lodge 90; P. B. Walker, Dep. Sup. Post and Telegraph Department, Empress of India Lodge, Woollahra, 1761.

VICTORIA—Bros. The Hon. Sir Wm. J. Clarke, Bart., District Grand Master Victoria; The Hon. J. P. Bear, Kilwinning Lodge (S.C.); N. J. Casey, P.M. Lowry Lodge 922; The Hon. M. H. Davies, Combermere Lodge 752, Melbourne; E. T. Dixon, P.M.; William L. Jack, Australia Felix Lodge 474; F. Jacques Martin; Reuben Sassoon, Sandridge Marine Lodge 768; James Thomson, Australasia Lodge 492 (S.C.); H. E. Watts, York Lodge 287.

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It was merely a formal opening and closing of the lodge, no other work being performed than the congratulation of the visitors on their visit to their English brethren, which was most heartily given and acknowledged. At the banquet which followed, Sir Philip Cunliffe-Owen, W.M., presided, and on the clearing of the cloth, the brethren had placed before them seven toasts only—"The Queen and the Craft" "The Most Worshipful Grand Master," "The Pro Grand Master, the Deputy Grand Master, and the

rest of the Grand Officers, Present and Past," "The Visitors," "The Worshipful Master," "The Officers," and the Tyler's toast. These toasts were interspersed with a programme of music, under the direction of Bro. Harry Tipper.

The WORSHIPFUL MASTER, in giving the toast of "The Queen and the Craft," said that as on that occasion they had the pleasure of entertaining so many citizens of so many parts of Her Majesty's empire, he might say the English Masons were delighted to see them there, and to see them joining in drinking the health of the Queen and Empress of an united empire. They would excuse him if he ventured to say at that moment that having passed through a campaign there was not much fire from him, and therefore he must ask them to take his fire from the Asst. G.D.C.

The toast having been enthusiastically received,

The WORSHIPFUL MASTER gave "The Most Worshipful Grand Master." Perhaps in the presence of so many of those who were then welcomed, he might be allowed to say with what interest the Prince of Wales had heard of this meeting, and he would have been delighted to be present, had it been possible, and assist by his presence if even for a few moments while they were met in lodge. His duties, however, were very numerous. Only the day before he was present at that interesting ceremony at Brighton, when he installed the Duke of Connaught as Grand Master of Sussex; they knew also how much interest the Prince took in this particular year, a year when they were welcoming all those who were coming from the distant parts of the empire, and they owed it to the Prince of Wales, as Grand Master, to be able to offer a welcome in response to that welcome which the brethren from the Colonies and India were always ready to extend to those who visited them from the mother country. The brethren in England might congratulate themselves that this year would be a red letter year, which would bind them more than ever in one great united empire, a year which would ever be thought of with pleasant recollections to the English brethren, and they were pleased and gratified that they had on this occasion the leave of H.R.H. the Prince of Wales for showing their duty to their sovereign and their country, to be more than ever united together both in heart and mind, and in concord, that, as a great united empire, they might stand and hold together before the world. He knew they would drink this toast with the heartiest possible response.

This toast likewise was enthusiastically welcomed.

The W.M., after having read the names of the Grand Officers who were present, in proposing "The Pro Grand Master, &c.," said, although they had received a great deal of consideration and kindness on the part of the Grand Officers on the recent foundation of the Empire Lodge, he felt certain that the presence of those distinguished brethren was not so much to do honour to the Empire Lodge, but to do honour to those visitors they were receiving. By their doing so, the Empire Lodge was able to offer its guests more of a welcome than they could have done among the brethren of the lodge alone. There was therefore every reason why this toast should be acceptable.

Gen. BROWNRIFF, in replying, said it was very difficult to answer for a great many others, and when he saw around him so many of the Craft who had distinguished themselves in Masonry, it made it more difficult for him than it would be under other circumstances. He knew he had the sympathies of the brethren in saying that the great desire and wish of the Grand Officers—of whom he had been one for 25 years—was to see the prosperity of the Craft, and he might add that the result of their experience was that not one of them had seen such an assembly as this in a lodge which had only had an existence of seven months. They were all deeply indebted to the Empire Lodge for this. Those who like himself had had a great experience in the Colonies, for he had served as a soldier almost everywhere, and he could not tell them how much he felt the enormous interest all Masons must have in this lodge welcoming those of the brethren whom they had met as friends in foreign parts. Wherever they had met them they had, either as Masons, or men, or Englishmen, been always met with cordiality and hospitality. He could not forget how happy he was that his son assisted at the consecration of that lodge.

The W.M. next gave the toast of the evening—"Our Visitors." As Master of the lodge, he gave the visitors a hearty welcome, and trusted they would carry away with them when they left the old country a remembrance of that heartiness and good feeling with which they ever wished to receive visitors when they came to our shores. They felt that this lodge was founded for the express purpose of being able to entertain, and to hold out the hand of brotherhood to, their fellow Masons throughout the world, and they were delighted to think that they had been able to gather so many of them together. There were, he believed, at the present time 10,000 colonists in London, and he wished they had 10,000 of them present that night in order that they might give them the hearty welcome they desired to give those who came to these shores. He thought that the best compliment he could pay the visiting brethren was to read out their names, which was far better than any paltry words he, as Master, was able to utter. The W.M. then read the list of names; and said he should also call upon Bro. Tilton, of New York, to say a few words, although he could not look upon him as a foreigner, but as a brother.

This toast was most warmly received, and all the brethren joined in singing "Auld Lang Syne."

Sir W. CLARK, who was the first to reply, said he was proud on the present occasion to have to reply for the Colonies. No one felt more pleased at the reception the Colonies had met with at the hands of the Masons of this country. In the Colonies they were just as proud of the Most Worshipful Grand Master as the brethren were in England. In every way Masonry must keep alive this feeling. All the brethren who were present from the Colonies were proud at being connected with the English Royal Grand

Master and with the Grand Lodge of England, and even though some of the decisions on appeals from the Colonies were much against their own view, they felt they were bound to submit.

Bro. A. M. SAUNDERS, on behalf of the brethren from the Indian Empire expressed their very sincere thanks for the great kindness and cordiality of the welcome they had received. He had also to thank the Empire Lodge on behalf of different nationalities. The Anglo-Indians were good Masons, and in their lodges if any of the English brethren present went to India and assisted at their Masonic entertainments they would be happy to receive them, and also to receive any of the nationalities, and show their allegiance to the Empress of India. They thanked the W.M. and brethren of the Empire Lodge for the very kind welcome they had received, for the happy idea that inspired the gathering, and for the very happy way in which it had been carried out. All those present from the Colonies and Dependencies of the British Crown who were then present would return with feelings of pleasure to their native countries at being able to tell their friends and comrades there of the very hospitable reception they had had.

The Earl of MOUNT EDGECUMBE said there were many much more distinguished English brethren who were invited, and expected, who had been unable to attend, and amongst them were the Earl of Carnarvon and the Earl of Lathom. It was quite unexpected by him that he should be in the proud position of returning thanks for the English visitors. He hoped they would all stand up and join with him in returning thanks to the W.M. and brethren of the Empire Lodge, not only for the hospitable reception they had had, but for still more, enabling the English visitors to join with the members of the lodge in welcoming the brethren from beyond the seas, with whom they were so heartily in accord. Such a welcome came not only from the English brethren who were present, but from all the Freemasons of England. The Craft was a Society with respect to which the sun was always at its meridian. They were also met together as members of another society—as members of a great empire—in respect to which the same might most truly be said, and he believed he might safely say they met there as men who desired to see the union of Great Britain and her Colonies and India maintained. Those who had heard of the United Empire would not mind having the term applied to themselves. They were passing through a crisis at this moment which some thought threatened—not indeed the unity of the Empire—but the unity of the Old Country, which was the heart of the Empire from which the life-blood flowed to its most distant members, and returned again through the veins of the great Empire. He hoped he might be forgiven if he expressed his own opinion that, if the crisis should lead a vast number of English people to put aside for once the distinguishing badges of their own political parties, and dropped the collars which they saw upon the shoulders of their host they would still agree with him in the view which he had expressed that the Empire might be more closely united together by unselfish action. If they did this he believed that those who had brought the crisis to pass, perhaps unwillingly, would have done much to cement the union of the Empire of which they were all proud to be fellow subjects. Some of those who were visitors to England would no doubt be paying visits to different parts of the country. Some, perhaps, would be going into the west, but he hoped if they did they would not forget there was a place called Mount Edgumbe, which he would like them to see, and he was only sorry that he would not be there to receive them.

Bro. A. M. BROADLEY said within six weeks they might congratulate the Colonial brethren on having achieved an amount of sight seeing which would be memorable all their lives. But they might congratulate them that in the midst of all that entertainment it had been their pleasure to witness two of the most remarkable Masonic meetings which had ever been held in this country. The meeting yesterday at Brighton was perhaps second to none in the annals of Freemasonry, second at least only to the installation of the Prince of Wales in the Albert Hall; and next to the meeting at Brighton the present was the most remarkable ever held in a private lodge. These meetings made them feel the reality of Masonic principles. It was a proud event in the history of this lodge to hand down to the successors of the present members that they had had around their hospitable board representatives of English Masonry in every part of the world. It had been his privilege to be Deputy Grand Master of a place which was called the Half-way House of the Mediterranean, and he thought the Empire Lodge might be called the Half-way House of the British Empire. It had a function in the future of bringing together those Colonial Masons who happened to be visitors in the old country. He hoped that the experience of this evening would bring them in increasing numbers, and that the record of this meeting would give the Empire Lodge an opportunity of being visited by any Colonial brethren who came here. If the hospitality of the lodge were to be a little tried in the future the lodge would only have to thank itself, for the splendid example of hospitality it had given was only a fore-taste of what would follow.

Bro. TILTON, of New York, said that New York was always interested in everything done in England both in business and Masonry. He was most delighted the day before in listening to a speech of the Grand Master. Masonry in the United States echoed those words. In the 550 lodges of New York they had some 78,000 Master Masons. He was delighted to be the guest of the lodge that evening to see so many Masons congregated together representing almost the four quarters of the globe. To meet like that in one lodge showed the universality of Masonry which bound together in one golden chain Parsees, Mahomedans, Eurasians, Christians, and every other creed.

Bro. H. TRUEMAN WOOD, A.G.D.C., proposed "The W.M." Nothing could be so pleasant than, even though expressing inadequately, but still expressing what were the feelings of every one present, the good feeling which every one experienced of the W.M., and more especially when the lodge was fortunate enough to have such a Master. He imagined in that very lodge simply there was not one single person who did not know the W.M. well. The same was the case outside Masonry, and when he said that, he meant that great work of which Sir P. Cunliffe Owen was the heart and soul. It was the great creed of Masons in every province of life to promulgate union, harmony and good fellowship, and he did not know how better that work could be done than by the great undertaking, the Colonial

and Indian Exhibition. In years to come when they looked back to this year they would see that this great exhibition would have performed the great work of keeping together that great Empire of which they had already heard it was founded on the lives of their forefathers who had spilt their blood for it. The Exhibition had taught them what the colonies really were to this country and he believed it would be one of the greatest instruments for preserving the union of the Empire. Well, this was all due to the executive skill of the W.M. There was only one man in the world who could "run" the exhibition and that was the W.M. He was a public character, but in his presence it would be hardly fit to say what he (Bro. Wood) thought of him in private life. He did not believe that among the thousands that ranged under the banners of Masonry there was any Mason who carried into the practice of his ordinary life those great principles which they were all taught to revere more than their attached W.M.

The W.M., in reply, said that in the work he had had in the Exhibition he felt Masonry had helped him very much in his official work. It had made him learn the lessons of Masonry, and he trusted he might always carry out those principals which he believed dominated all Masons in official daily life. He had endeavoured to carry them out in his work, and much of his success was due to the kind indulgence of Masons. He was happy on this account that he belonged to the Craft, that he might shew what he believed to be the true duty of a Mason. It was a very proud moment to him to be the first Master selected for this Empire Lodge, and he only hoped his successor would be more worthy than he to occupy the chair, although he defied any of them to have greater pleasure than he to be among the brethren that night, and to have the honour of receiving those Colonial brethren who had helped to build up the exhibition. The brethren had reason to be thankful to them for what they had done for us. They had made this grand show; don't believe it was owing to him; it was owing to these brethren who had worked their very insides out. The credit belonged to many of those noble men and noble brethren who were sitting now at the table, and whom he trusted the public generally would appreciate for supplying one of the finest shows in the way of Exhibitions which had ever taken place. They knew that the Grand Master, the Prince of Wales, had been the principal mover, and he (the W.M.) had only been acting as his Secretary, and he and his colleagues, the Commissioners, carried out the great work. He was glad to have this opportunity of rendering them justice, and of asking the brethren and the public generally to acknowledge the great service which these intelligent and enthusiastic men had done to bring honour to the mother country in bringing about one of the finest exhibitions that ever existed.

To the toast of "The Officers" Bro. C. Washington Eves, the Treasurer, and Bro. Lennox Browne, F.R.C.S., responded; and the Tyler's toast concluded the proceedings.

PROVINCIAL GRAND LODGE OF BERKS AND BUCKS, AT AYLESBURY.

The Freemasons of Berks and Bucks held two important gatherings in the new Masonic Hall, at Aylesbury, on Monday last, the first being the Prov. G. Royal Arch Chapter, which was opened at half-past one, and the second, the Annual Provincial Grand Lodge of Craft Masons, which commenced an hour later, both being presided over by Bro. Sir Daniel Gooch, Bart., of Clewer Park, Windsor. At the latter nearly 100 brethren attended, the whole of the 22 lodges in the province being represented, namely, the Etonian, Union, Hope, Buckingham, Windsor Castle, St. John's, Scientific, Abbey, Greyfriars, SS. Peter and Paul, Methuen, Wycombe, Ellington, Watling Street, Vale of White Horse, Grenville, St. Hilda, Herschel, Wellesley, and Kendrick. The Provincial Grand Master was supported by nearly all the P.G. Officers, and by a large number of Past P.G. Officers, while nearly every seat in the body of the hall was occupied by brethren who had not taken provincial rank.

The P.G. SECRETARY (Bro. Robert Bradley) read the finance report of the P.G. Treasurer, and also the report of the Charity Committee. There remained a balance on the general account of £144 19s. 7d., out of which the lodge voted 25 guineas to the Charity Fund, and on the recommendation of the Charity Committee sums of £10 10s. and £5 5s. were voted for charitable purposes to the different lodges who subscribed to the Provincial Charity Fund. A sum of 20 guineas was also voted to a distressed brother, who for many years had rendered valuable service to the cause of Masonry in this and other provinces, and with whom deep sympathy was expressed now that he had fallen into ill-health and straitened circumstances. The P.G. Secretary's report on the state of the lodges in the province was considered highly satisfactory, inasmuch as it showed that the present membership numbered 799, the Past Masters numbering 185. During the past year 160 regular lodges, and 16 lodges of emergency had been held, 18 had joined, and 47 had been initiated.

The P.G. MASTER thought that all present must feel pleased with the report just presented, because it bore testimony to the continued prosperity of the province. He congratulated the lodges on the steady progress they had made, and hoped they would still persevere in the successful course they were now pursuing.

Bro. Charles Stephens was then unanimously re-elected to the office of P.G. Treasurer on the motion of the P.G. MASTER, seconded by the Deputy P.G. MASTER, Bro. the Rev. J. Studholme Brownrigg.

Bro. STEPHENS briefly replied, expressing the pleasure it would afford him to accept the office for another year.

Bro. E. Horne, P.M., of the St. Hilda Lodge, Wallingford, was invested by the P.G. Master with the Provincial Charity Jewel, after which a discussion ensued in reference to cases brought before the Provincial Charity Committee, the result being that the following resolution was passed on the motion of Bro. DIXON, seconded by the DEPUTY P.G. MASTER:—"That in the opinion of the Provincial Grand Lodge, only the children and widows of brethren who, at the time of death, have been subscribing members for three years, should receive the votes of the Charity Committee, and in the

case of a Mason, that no brother should obtain the votes unless he has been a subscribing member for five years."

It was also decided to hold the meetings of the Charity Committee in London at four o'clock in future, for the convenience of brethren who have to return to the country.

The Provincial Grand Officers for the ensuing year were then appointed and invested as follows:—

Bro. Stewart, 631 ...	...	...	...	Prov. G.S.W.
" H. Martin, 591 ...	...	...	...	Prov. G.J.W.
" Rev. H. F. Oliver, 1899 ...	...	...	...	Prov. G. Chap.
" Rev. R. P. Harnett, 591 ...	...	...	...	Prov. G. Chap.
" C. Stephens ...	...	...	...	Prov. G. Treas.
" Doran Webb, 1894 ...	...	...	...	Prov. G. Reg.
" R. Bradley, 414 ...	...	...	...	Prov. G. Sec.
" Innes, 795 ...	...	...	...	Prov. G.S.D.
" Blake, 945 ...	...	...	...	Prov. G.J.D.
" Prickett, 1101 ...	...	...	...	Prov. G.S. of W.
" Blockwell, 414 ...	...	...	...	Prov. G.D.C.
" Arrowsmith, 1566 ...	...	...	...	Prov. G.A.D.C.
" Apted, 209 ...	...	...	...	Prov. G. Swd. Br.
" Hannis, 771 ...	...	...	...	Prov. G. Std. Br.
" Major Craigie, 1899 ...	...	...	...	Prov. G. Std. Br.
" F. Edginton, 591 ...	...	...	...	Prov. G. Org.
" Webb, 2043 ...	...	...	...	Prov. G.A. Sec.
" Plenty, 573 ...	...	...	...	Prov. G. Purst.
" Pocock, 1770 ...	...	...	...	Prov. G.A. Purst.
" Tottle ...	...	...	...	} Prov. G. Stwds.
" Valentine ...	...	...	...
" Marshall ...	...	...	...
" Taylor ...	...	...	...
" Frampton ...	...	...	...
" Perks ...	...	...	...	} Prov. G. Tyler.
" W. Hemmings ...	...	...	...

This closed the business on the agenda, and the officers and brethren having divested themselves of their handsome Masonic clothing and regalia, proceeded to the Corn Exchange, where Mr. Garner, confectioner, of the Market-square, had provided a banquet in a complete and satisfactory manner. Grace was said by the Rev. H. F. Oliver, and on the introduction of dessert,

The P.G. MASTER, who presided, announced that the Prov. Grand Lodge would be held next year at Windsor, and as they would then assemble under the walls, as it were, of Windsor Castle, and as it would be during the Jubilee year, he thought they would be sure to have a very successful gathering. (Cheers.) He then proposed the first toast—"The Queen and the Craft"—(Cheers.)

The next toast honoured was that of "The M.W. the Grand Master of England, H.R.H. the Prince of Wales," the P.G. MASTER expressing the pleasure which all Masons must feel that his Royal Highness had installed his brother as Grand Master of Sussex. (Hear.) He had heard from the Grand Secretary and other Masons who were present, that his Royal Highness performed the installation ceremony most admirably. (Cheers.)

"The Health of the Pro Grand Master, the Earl of Carnarvon, the R.W. the D.G.M., the Earl of Lathom, and the Grand Officers of England, Present and Past," having been drunk,

The P.G. TREASURER, in complimentary terms, gave "The health of the P.G. Master," which was drunk with much enthusiasm.

Sir DANIEL GOOCH briefly returned thanks, and proposed "The Health Dep. P.G.M. and the Past Grand Officers of the Province," in the absence of the Deputy P.G. Master.

Bro. the Rev. H. F. OLIVER responded.

The PROV. GRAND MASTER then gave "The Health of the Visiting Brethren from the surrounding Provinces," for whom Surgeon-General T. RINGER, late of the Bengal Army, returned thanks.

To the toast of "The Masonic Charities" Bro. LAWSON replied.

The PROV. G. MASTER proposed "The Healths of the Prov. G. Treasurer and Prov. G. Secretary," thanking them for their services, and specially remarking upon the assiduous labours of the Prov. Grand Secretary. (Cheers.)

Bros. STEPHENS and R. BRADLEY responded.

The remaining toasts included "The Healths of the Newly-appointed Provincial Grand Officers," and "The W.M. and Officers of the Buckingham Lodge," who were thanked by the Provincial Grand Master for the excellent arrangements made for the Prov. Grand Lodge, to which Bro. MARTIN replied.

"The Healths of the Provincial Grand Stewards" having been proposed and responded to, the Tyler's toast was given, and the brethren rose.

During the evening the company were entertained by the excellent vocal performances of Bros. Page, Payne, Bagshaw, Rapsey, Roberts, Sherman, Hales, and Tottle, who were ably accompanied on the pianoforte by Bro. Edginton, the P.G. Organist. The musical brethren were warmly thanked for their gratuitous services. The gathering passed off very successfully, the only drawback being the long journeys which many of the brethren had to take, and the time consumed by delays at the various railway junctions between Aylesbury and the places where the different lodges exist. In this particular next year's fixture at Windsor will be a much more convenient one for the bulk of the brethren, and under the circumstances mentioned by the Prov. Grand Master, the gathering in the royal borough will doubtless prove an unusually successful one.

H.R.H. the Princess Louise will open a bazaar in aid of the funds of the North London, or University College Hospital this day (Friday) at noon, but the public will be admitted half-an-hour before that time.

PROVINCIAL GRAND MARK LODGE OF MIDDLESEX AND SURREY.

The annual gathering of the Mark Masons connected with the Province of Middlesex and Surrey took place on Monday last at the Masonic Hall, 3a, Red Lion-square, under the presidency of the Right Hon. Col. Sir Francis Burdett, the Provincial Grand Master. Unfortunately the space at our disposal this week, consequent on the several important Masonic matters which have engaged the attention of both Craft and Mark Masons, precludes the possibility of an extended report of the proceedings, and a brief resumé of the meeting is all we can offer to our readers.

The Provincial Grand Lodge was extremely well attended, the Prov. G. Master being supported by his Grand Officers, almost without exception, and a more than usual interest in the proceedings was shown by the full attendance of Masters and Wardens, as representatives of the several lodges attached to the province. These lodges are thirty-two in number, and the roll call was answered in every instance, the Grand Secretary's report stating that all dues were fully cleared, and that the increase in number of members during the year amounted to 138. A very satisfactory statement was presented by Bro. C. Hammerton, the Grand Treasurer, and favourable balances in each of the General Purposes and Benevolent Funds were declared.

The reappointment for three years of Bro. Sir Francis Burdett as Prov. G. Master was proclaimed by warrant from the M.W.G. Master, and the usual salutation was accorded to Sir Francis in a most enthusiastic manner. Having reappointed Bro. Frederick Davison as his Deputy Grand Master, the appointment and investiture of other Provincial Grand Officers followed.

We shall refer to this meeting again in our next issue, and announce on whom these distinctions have fallen.

In the course of the day's proceedings a very pleasing episode was that of the presentation to the Provincial Grand Secretary of a very handsome testimonial to his great ability, courtesy, and general management of the affairs of the province, in the form of an elaborate and artistic production. This comprised a massive salver and ewer, with separate stand, bearing the following inscription: "Presented to Bro. W. G. Brighten, P.P.G.S.W., by the Provincial Grand M.M.M. Lodge of Middlesex and Surrey, in recognition of ten years' service as Secretary. 1885."

The PROVINCIAL GRAND MASTER made this presentation in terms of high eulogium and thanks to the recipient, who responded in well-chosen remarks for the honour conferred upon him.

After the disposal of sundry matters of ordinary business in detail, the Provincial Grand Lodge was closed in due form.

At the banquet, which was subsequently given at the Holborn Restaurant, under the continued presidency of the R.W. Provincial Grand Master, the usual loyal and Masonic toasts were duly honoured, and a most pleasant evening was spent by all present, and until the hour for separation arrived.

PAST MASTERS (ENGLAND).

Past Masters having the privilege to vote in Grand Lodge as members thereof, is an institution of this century, save with respect to the "Ancients." In fact, originally, very few brethren indeed were permitted full voting powers in Grand Lodge, the premier "Constitutions" (1723), only providing for the Grand Master, D.G.M., Grand Wardens, and the Master and Wardens of lodges exercising that privilege. The Grand Treasurer and Secretary, though then constituted members of the Grand Lodge by virtue of their office, not being entitled to vote in the "chusing a Grand Master or Wardens." Past Rank then conferred no voting power. As the Grand Lodge increased in influence, the membership was placed on a broader basis; until by the "Constitutions" of 1784, all the Grand Officers, Past Grand Officers, with the Masters and Wardens of all lodges—"including nine other assistants from the Stewards' Lodge" composed that Body. This description to be complete, must also include the deputies of lodges as subscribers to the "Hall Loan until repayment of their money; together with such individual brethren, who by like subscription have obtained for themselves a personal right of becoming members of that assembly. (Agreed to June 21st, 1779, and January 8th, 1783.)

The "Ancients," who were "wise in their day and generation," constituted Past Masters (subscribing members of lodges) members of Grand Lodge from Dec. 7, 1765, with the privilege of voting on all questions, save as to new laws. No restriction appears to have been imposed farther on. On this point a capital article by Bro. R. F. Gould, in the *Freemason*, for Sept. 1883, should be consulted.

The "Articles of Union," agreed to by the two rival Grand Lodges Dec. 1st, 1813, provided that membership of the Grand Lodge should be secured to all subscribing Past Masters of both organizations (prior to the day of Union) for so long as they continued members of a regular lodge or lodges; so that, as the new Regulations of 1815 enacted "after the decease of all the regular Past Masters of any lodge who had attained that distinction on the said 27th of December, 1813 (when the blessed Union was consummated) the representation of such lodge shall be by its Master, one Past Master, and its Wardens."

It is not for me to say by what legal process this particular clause in the "Articles of Union" has virtually been set aside, as time rolled on, by conferring on all subscribing Past Masters the privilege or right of voting in Grand Lodge; but taking it for granted that the members of Grand Lodge were justified in so acting, from motives of expediency or some other sufficient reasons, I venture to affirm that other clauses may thus be considered and altered in like manner, and consequently the absolutely unalterable character of the "Articles of Union" is proved to be a matter of pure fancy.

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RECOMMENDATIONS OF GENERAL COMMITTEE.

- 1.—That the proposal of the District Surveyor of Battersea (Wandsworth District) respecting the proposed new road between St. John's Hill and Battersea Rise be accepted in principle, provided satisfactory arrangements can be made as to details.
2.—That in consequence of three of the girls elected in April last being below the age for admission in August next, the three highest unsuccessful Candidates on the Poll at the above Election be admitted by the Quarterly General Court in accordance with the recent addition to Law No. 7.

NOTICE OF MOTION.

By Bro. Frank Richardson, P.G.D., Patron.—In the event of the recommendation of the General Committee with respect to the proposed new road in front of the Institution being adopted: That the negotiations in the matter be referred to the House Committee, and that upon their recommendation the Trustees be authorised to execute such deeds as may be necessary.

By Bro. Charles Lacey, P. Prov. G.D. Herts, Vice-Pres.—To erase that part of Law 28, as follows:—Should a Subscriber die before the day of polling named in the voting paper, the votes will be null and void, although the Subscriber may have duly received the voting paper, signed it, and passed it on prior to his decease, and to substitute after the words 'on his or her behalf,' 'All votes duly issued to Governors or Subscribers, after being properly signed, shall continue valid for the current election.'

Also to rescind the resolution of the 12th July, 1884.—That the above be printed on the ballot papers in red ink.

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To Correspondents.

The following communications stand over—CORRESPONDENCE—Lewises and Priority. CRAFT—Minerva Lodge, No. 250. Consecration of the Sir Arthur Sullivan Lodge at Manchester, No. 2156. Consecration of the Crays Valley Lodge at St. Mary Cray, No. 2147.

BOOKS, &c., RECEIVED. "La Chaine d'Union," "Minutes of a Special Communication of the District Grand Lodge of Northern China" (Shanghai), "New York Dispatch," "Sunday Times" (London), "Voice of Masonry" (Chicago), "Proceedings of the Grand Lodge of Mexico," "La Fraternidad del Porvenir," "New Zealand Freemason," "Citizen," "Allen's Indian Mail," "Yorkshire Gazette," "Court Circular," "Hull and East Yorkshire Times," "Masonic Journal," "Keystone," "Freimaurer-Zeitung," "The Masonic Era and Analectic," "Masonic Chronicle" (Ohio), "Sunday Times" (New York), "Masonic Review" (Ohio), "Transactions of the M.W. Grand Lodge of Ohio," "Die Bauhütte," "Jewish Chronicle."



SATURDAY, JULY 3, 1886.

Masonic Notes and Queries.

THE OLDEST SUBSCRIBING FREEMASON. Some time ago, there was an interesting correspondence respecting the oldest Freemason. Many claimants appeared, and ultimately, I believe, an old brother at Falmouth, was accepted as the champion. The other day I heard from my friend and Bro. Dr. C. D. Hill-Drury (Darlington) of a Masonic veteran, whose experience, if not unrivalled, is certainly a most exceptional one. I refer to Bro. G. J. Wilson, of Darlington, who was initiated on April 25th, 1833, exalted in 1834, was installed Master of the "Restoration" Lodge (now No. 111) on December 27th, 1835, and was again Master in 1843 and 1844. Bro. Wilson was appointed Prov. G.J.D. of Durham in 1835, becoming Prov. G.D. of C. from 1846 to 1850, when the office of Prov. G.J.W. was bestowed on him in appreciation of his valuable services. In the Royal Arch our venerable companion has been through the chairs, completing such service in 1850, having been installed by the late Comp. J. Fawcett, Grand Superintendent. Bro. Wilson still takes an active interest in the Craft, is a regular subscriber and attendant in his lodge, and, though advanced in years, has not failed to supply any information in his power respecting the early history of the "Restoration" Lodge. We have no "Masonic Veterans' Association" in England, as there exists in the United States. Bros. Gould, Fendelow, and myself are members of one of these excellent organisations, which assembles in Philadelphia, under the genial and fostering care of Bro. C. E. Meyer, and other well-known Pennsylvanian Craftsmen. Had we such a society in this country, I venture to affirm that Bro. Wilson would be one of its chief ornaments, if not the senior of those who are subscribing members to lodges. I should like to shake our brother by the hand; but, he being removed so many miles from the length of my longest "cable tow," I have asked Dr. Drury to do so on my behalf, and trust our esteemed and veteran Craftsman will be spared many more years to note the progress of the ancient and honourable Society of Free and Accepted Masons, of which he has been so long a worthy member. W. J. HUGHAN.



Craft Masonry.

COLCHESTER.—Angel Lodge (No. 51).—The annual festival of this old and distinguished lodge was held on Thursday, the 24th ult.—St. John the Baptist's Day—the chief business of the day being the installation of Bro. Arthur S. B. Sparling, S.W., as W.M. for the ensuing year. The ceremony (by kind permission of Bro. Round, M.P.) took place in the Library of Colchester Castle, the work being most ably performed by Bro. Charles Osmond, P.M., P.P.G.O. At its close the new W.M. appointed and invested his officers as follows: Bros. Joseph Grimes, P.G. Stwd., I.P.M.; George Harrison, P.M., S.W.; Frank Quilter, J.W.; Rev. C. L. Acland, P.M., P.P.G. Chap.; Chap.; Alfred Welch, P.M., P.P.G.J.W., Treas.; T. J. Ralling, P.M., P.G. Sec., Sec.; R. C. Knight, S.D.; F. Horsman, J.D.; R. Howard Ives, P.M., P.G.A. Sec., D.C.; C. Osmond, P.M., P.P.G.O., Org.; F. Reichter, I.G.; R. O. Coombs and S. D. C. Ablitt, Stwds.; and S. Munson, Tyler.

On the motion of Bro. J. J. C. Turner, P.M., P.P.G.O., seconded by Bro. R. Howard Ives, P.M., P.G.A. Sec., Bro. Charles Cobb, P.M., P.P.G.S. of W., was re-elected Representative of the lodge upon the Essex Provincial Charity Committee. Heartly votes of thanks were passed, and ordered to be entered on the minutes, to Bro. Osmond for so kindly and ably performing the ceremony of the day, and to Bro. Round, M.P., for allowing the use of the Castle. In the evening between 40 and 50 brethren dined together at the Red Lion Hotel, under the presidency of the W.M., a capital repast being well served by Bro. Hart, the host.

After dinner the usual Masonic toasts were duly honoured.

In responding for the toast of his health, the W.M. remarked that though he was admitted into Masonry in one of our distant Colonies, he felt that he was connected with the Angel Lodge by very strong ties, for the records of the lodge showed that his grandfather was an active member in the latter part of the 18th century. He proposed "The Installing Master," remarking that he had invited the V.W.D.P.G.M. to perform the ceremony, but as Bro. Philbrick's engagements would not permit of his undertaking it, his old friend, Bro. Osmond, had most kindly consented to install him, and he was sure the manner in which it had been carried out left nothing to be desired.

Bro. Osmond thanked the W.M. for his complimentary allusions. It had given him great gratification to install into the chair so old and valued a friend as himself, and he predicted that the lodge would have a prosperous career under his rule.

The toast of "The Visitors" was responded to by Bros. Loveland Loveland, P.M. 698, P.P.G. Hants and Isle of Wight; A. Worster Reeves, P.M. 142; and Joseph Hope. The first named said, with the exception of a visit to Halifax, this was the farthest northern lodge he had visited, and it had given him great gratification to see the working of this ancient lodge. He had had the pleasure of knowing their W.M. for some years, and was glad to see him that day placed in the proud position of W.M. of a lodge in his native town. He was quite sure the brethren would find in him a most able Master.

Bro. G. Harrison, S.W., in replying to the toast of "The Charities," made an appeal on behalf of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution, at the next Festival to which he himself and Bro. Sowman were going up as Stewards. He described the Charity as the most needy of the three great Masonic Institutions, for, although it dispensed large sums to necessitous brethren and their widows, the number of candidates yearly were far in excess of the vacancies.

During the evening an excellent programme of music was carried out by Bros. Osmond, Turner, Gowers, Sparling, and A. C. Durrant, while an amusing recitation was given by Bro. Bridgen.

The following brethren were present at either lodge or dinner, in addition to the officers above-mentioned:—Bros. Loveland Loveland, P.M. 698, &c., P.P.G.S.W. Hants and Isle of Wight; F. Geo. Green, P.M. 1024, P.P.G.S.W.; E. Gowers, I.P.M. 1024, P.P.G.O.; John E. Wiseman, P.M. 433, P.P.G.A.D.C.; John Dean, P.M. 433, P.P.G. Std. Br.; M. L. Sanders, W.M. 650; F. Spalding, P.M. 81; Thomas Rix, P.M. and Sec. 697, P.P.G. Swd. Br.; T. Eustace, P.M. 697, P.P.G. Swd. Br.; J. T. Bailey, W.M. 697; Andrew C. Durrant, W.M. 276; G. A. Eustace, P.M. 697, P.P.G. Std. Br.; S. H. Ellis, W.M. 1977; H. A. Worster Reeves, P.M. 142; John Ballminker, P.M. 1421; C. R. Salter, Org. 650; C. Potter, 433; Joseph Hope, G. Macallan, and the following members of No. 51:—Bros. W. A. Bowler, P.M., P.P.G.D. Norfolk; John J. C. Turner, P.M., P.P.G.O.; Wm. Sowman, P.M., P.P.G.J.W.; C. E. Denton, W. W. Daniell, A. O. Stopes, John Brooks, R. Curzon, H. E. Bridgen, and E. J. Hart.

LIVERPOOL.—Merchants' Lodge (No. 241).

Among the many Masonic lodges in West Lancashire none are more flourishing and deservedly popular than this lodge, now in the 107th year of its existence, and which on the 22nd ult. held its annual installation at the Masonic Hall, Hope-street. Bro. Roger White, W.M., occupied the chair, and there was a large and influential body of the Craft present, including Bros. Goodacre, Prov. G. Sec.; E. Pierpoint, P.G.J.W.; J. H. Barrow, P.P.G.S.D.; J. T. Callow, P.P.G. Treas.; H. H. Smith, P.G.A.D.C.; A. Bucknall, P.M. 667; H. Jones, P.M. 1620; J. Chapman, P.M. 1013; P. G. Mason, P.M. 1276; J. Sherwood, W.M. 786; I. Platts, W.M. 1473; T. Buxton, P.P.G. Reg.; J. Cobham, P.G.S.D.; S. E. Ibbes, P.M. 1356, P.P.G.S.B.; R. Martin, P.P.G. Treas.; H. Molyneux, P.M. 156; H. Marshall, P.M. 1756; S. E. Edwards, P.M. 1472; T. Knowles, P.M. 721; R. Harley, P.M. 1473; Rev. E. F. Neep, Chap. 1473; T. Salter, P.P.G. J.D.; R. Brown, P.M. 241; J. Winsor, P.M. 241; and C. A. Luker, W.M. elect.

The customary business having been transacted, the W.M. elect was presented by Bros. Past Masters R. Brown and J. Winsor, and the ceremony of installation most impressively and effectively performed by Bro. R. White, the retiring W.M. The new W.M., Bro. C. A. Luker, then invested the following officers for the ensuing year: Bros.

R. White, I.P.M.; S. Jude, S.W.; J. Macnab, J.W.; J. Pendleton, Treasurer (re-elected); T. Salter, D.C.; W. M'Lachlan, Secretary; J. Cornish, S.D.; G. Hulse, J.D.; J. Latta, I.G.; R. Pruddah, S.S.; R. Capper, J.S.; A. B. Ewart, Organist; and P. Ball, Tyler.

On the conclusion of the ceremony, Bro. Goodacre, Prov. G.S., referred in very flattering terms to the able manner in which the Installing Master had performed his duties, both during his year of office and in the ceremony just concluded, also paying a high compliment to the late Secretary, Bro. Capt. Macnab, for his conduct and ability.

The proceedings closed with the presentation to Bro. White of a valuable Past Master's jewel from the lodge, in recognition of his valuable services during his year of office.

The brethren and visitors then proceeded to Southport, where they sat down to an excellent dinner at the Prince of Wales Hotel, which was served in the most satisfactory manner under the personal supervision of the able and courteous manager, Bro. C. J. Wilkinson. The musical items were well rendered by Bro. A. B. Ewart, assisted by Bros. J. T. Pugmire, R. N. Hobart, A. J. Sewell, and others.

During the evening a very elegant silver salver, with tea and coffee service, suitably inscribed, was presented by the members of the lodge to Bro. White, I.P.M., as a token of their esteem. The brethren returned, having spent a most enjoyable day and evening.

It may be interesting to know that the P.G.M. sent a letter of thanks to the brethren for having re-elected him an honorary member of the lodge.

LEICESTER.—John of Gaunt Lodge (No. 323).—The annual festival and installation meeting of this time-honoured lodge was held at Freemasons' Hall, on St. John the Baptist Day, in accordance with the usual custom, when, in addition to the lodge officers, there was a large attendance of visiting officers and brethren. The chair was occupied by Bro. H. Pickard Brown, Prov. G.A.P., W.M., and he was supported on the dais by Bros. Wm. Kelly, F.S.A., F.R.H.S., P.P.G.M., P.M.; L. S. Partridge, Prov. D.G.M., P.M.; Geo. Toller, P.G.S.B. Eng., P.P.D.G.M., P.M.; Rev. W. Langley, M.A., P.P.G.S.W., P.P.G.C., P.M. 50, 1130, 2028; W. Beaumont Smith, P.P.G.S.W., P.M.; T. Sheppard, P.P.G.R., P.M.; F. C. Bastick, Prov. G.P. Staffordshire; C. F. Wike, Prov. G. Stwd., W.M. 279; R. Michie, P.P.G.J.D., P.M. 279; J. Herbert Marshall, Prov. G. Stwd., W.M. 1007; E. Dutton, W.M. 432; John Harrison, Prov. G.S.B., P.M. 1391; W. J. Freer, Prov. G. Stwd., W.M. 1560; Miles J. Walker, P.P.G.J.W., P.M. 1265; E. Mason, P.M. 1391; F. B. Wilmer, W.M. 2028; and B. A. Smith, M.A., P.P.G.S.B., P.M. Amongst the visitors were Bros. W. H. Watson, 1782; S. A. Morris, 279; S. Knight, S.W. 1391; and many other brethren.

After confirming the minutes, and transacting other formal business, Bro. Geo. Newsome, Prov. G. Steward, S.W., W.M. elect, was introduced to the retiring W.M., and the ceremony of installation was performed by Bro. Brown, very ably assisted by Bro. Joseph Young, Prov. G. D.C., P.M., and Bro. J. F. Thorp, P.P.G.S.W., P.M. The newly installed W.M. then appointed and invested his officers as follows: Bros. J. G. Murdin, S.W.; T. G. Charlesworth, J.W.; F. J. Baines, Prov. G.S.W., P.M., Treas.; J. B. Waring, Sec.; W. H. Barrow, Mus. Bac., F.C.O., Prov. G.O., S.D.; S. Barfield, J.D.; A. E. Brice, D. of C.; S. Taylor, Org.; G. Brocklebank, I.G.; W. Bream and J. A. Payne, Stwds.; and T. Dunn and J. Tanser, Tylers.

The deficiency on the Stewards' accounts was allowed, and the Treasurer's audited statement approved, the sum of five guineas being added to the Charity list of Bro. T. Macaulay, M.R.C.S., P.P.G.S.D., for the R.M.I.B. An exceedingly handsome jewel was presented to the retiring W.M., on behalf of the lodge by the "veteran" Bro. Kelly, and suitably acknowledged by the recipient. Bro. Thorp was again reappointed Preceptor to the lodge of instruction.

Letters of apology were read from W. Bros. Rev. C. Henton Wood, M.A., P.P.G.C., Prov. G. Sec.; R. Taylor, P.P.G.S.D., P.M.; Edgar Taylor, P.M.; C. Oliver, Prov. G.S.B., I.P.M. 1007; R. Rowley, P.P.G.J.D., I.P.M. 279; E. Playster Steeds, Prov. G. Stwd., W.M. 2081; D. Challis, P.P.G.S.B., P.M.; Bros. Henry Nicholson, E. Pickard, Carl Lowenstein, 1007; H. Goodacre Marriott, 2028, and others.

"Hearty good wishes" were tendered by the various visiting brethren, and the lodge was duly closed. A splendid banquet was subsequently served by Bro. Tanser in the new banqueting hall, when a number of additional brethren joined those before named. The usual Masonic toasts were duly honoured and responded to, R.W. Bro. Kelly narrating some most interesting recollections of his large and varied experience. The newly-installed W.M. greeted the brethren in the ancient "lovyng" cup, and some excellent songs and musical *morceaux* were rendered by Bros. Harrow, Birch, Noble, Corah, Herbert Marshall, and Chambers.

LIVERPOOL.—Derby Lodge (No. 724).—The annual installation meeting of this lodge was held on the afternoon of the 23rd ult., at the Masonic Hall, Hope-street, where there was a numerous attendance. The chair at the opening was occupied by Bro. D. Davies, and he was supported by Bros. J. Humphreys, I.P.M.; J. W. Ballard, P.P.G.P.; R. Caine, P.M.; P.G.S.B.; J. Pendleton, P.M.; J. Comins, P.M.; R. Crispe, P.M.; W. Vaughan, P.M.; G. Gordon, P.M.; Joseph Sharples, S.W., W.M. elect; and a full complement of officers. The visitors included Bros. W. Goodacre, P.G. Sec.; J. Boyle, P.M. 823; J. Ewart, W.M. 1086; W. Foulkes, W.M. 1505; J. Davies, W.M. 1325; W. H. Veevers, P.M. 594; W. Blunson, S.W. 594; J. White, S.W. 249; E. Cattrall, P.M. 203; A. Mein, 1609; J. Grierson, P.M. 1756; R. G. Bradley, W.M. 249; and others.

Bro. Joseph Sharples was most impressively installed the W.M. of the lodge by Bro. J. Humphreys, P.M., and the officers invested were Bros. Daniel Davies, I.P.M.; Wm. Stephenson, S.W.; D. H. Ogley, J.W.; Geo. Beeken, P.M., Treas.; R. Owen, Sec.; W. Quenele, S.D.; C. W. Higson, J.D.; H. F. Evans, I.G.; W. Hudson, A. Clayton, R. H. Fraser, and John Evans, Stwds.; John Humphreys, P.M., D.C.; and Bro. Williamson was re-elected Tyler. A special vote of thanks was unanimously

given to Bro. Humphreys for the manner in which he had performed the duties of Installing Master, and Bro. Davies, I.P.M., was presented with a handsome Past Masters' jewel.

The brethren subsequently dined in the large banqueting room, the catering of Bro. Casey being excellent, and a choice programme was provided by Bros. Ellis, Ramage, Ogley, Grove, Neale, Humphreys, and others.

DEVONPORT.—St. Aubyn Lodge (No. 954).—The annual meeting of this lodge was held at the Ebrington Mission Hall, Granby-street, on Tuesday, 22nd ult., to instal Bro. H. G. Best, S.W., as the W.M. for the year ensuing. The ceremony was performed by the retiring W.M., Bro. J. Joliffe; C. Watson, P.M. 954; J. R. Dugdale, P.M. 954; and the following Board of Installed Masters: Bros. H. T. Smith, P.M. 954, P.P.G.S. of Wks.; J. Crosley, P.M. 954; T. Goodall, P.M. 954, P.P.G. Org.; J. Osborne, P.M. 954; the Rev. T. W. Lemon, P.M. 189, 1205, 2025, P.P.G. Chap.; W. K. Mitchell, P.M. 156, P.P.G.D.C.; J. B. Gover, P.M. 70, P.P.G.A.D.C.; W. H. Gillman, P.M. 1099, P.P.G.D.C.; J. Mosey, P.M. 223, P.G.J.D.; R. Cawsey, P.M. 230, P.P.G.J.D.; E. A. Davies, P.M. 1099, P.P.G.S. of W.; W. Foxwell, P.M. 1071, P.P.G.S. of W.; W. D. Thomas, P.M. 159; G. Swiss, P.M. 230; A. E. Lean, P.M. 70, 2025; T. S. May, P.M. 1099; J. Gidley, P.M. 2025; M. C. Lakeman, P.M. 1550; W. Allford, P.M. 202; J. Whitford, P.M. 230; J. R. H. Harris, P.M. 230; J. F. Burns, W.M. 202; and E. Littleton, W.M. 230. The officers invested were Bros. J. Joliffe, I.P.M.; G. Hickey, S.W.; H. Haynes, J.W.; R. O. Polwhele, R.N., Chap.; C. Watson, P.M., Treas.; J. Osborn, P.M., Sec.; H. Nicholls, S.D.; A. Willcocks, J.D.; T. Launder, I.G.; D. Waight, D.C.; J. Gedge, A.D.C.; J. Gower, Org.; B. Parsons, Assist. Org.; C. Coombes, S.S.; W. Vining, J.S.; G. Grigg and W. Watson, A.S.; and S. Harvey, Tyler. Bro. C. Watson, P.M., was unanimously appointed as representative on Committee of Petitions, and also the Charity Steward of the lodge.

The brethren adjourned to the Public Hall, Fore-street, where the annual banquet was prepared by Bro. Bosworthick in his usual excellent style.

MALDON.—Lodge of St. Peter (No. 1024).—The installation meeting of this lodge was held at the Masonic Hall on the 29th ult. The lodge was opened by the W.M., Bro. Edmund Gowers, P.P.G.O. Essex, assisted by Bros. C. S. Blyth and W. H. de Cean, Wardens; Rev. E. R. Horwood, P.P.G.C., Chap.; F. G. Green, P.P.G.S.W. Essex, P.M., Sec.; H. F. C. B. Christie, and C. Ker, Deacons; C. H. Parker, Org.; E. J. Smith, I.G. There were also present P.M.'s Bros. T. Aldham, P.P.G.P.; F. Bird, P.P.G.P.; J. Hutley, P.P.G. Std. Br.; E. Humphreys, P.P.G. Reg.; T. J. Ralling, P.M. 51, P.G. Sec.; H. J. Grimes, W.M. 51, P.G. Stwd.; C. Osmond, P.M. 51, P.P.G.O.; G. Eustice, P.M. 697, P.P.G. Std. Br.; S. H. Ellis, W.M. 1977; Synnott, 255; and several members.

The minutes having been read and confirmed, Bro. F. H. Bright was passed to the Second Degree. Bro. C. S. Blyth, S.W., was then presented for installation, which ceremony was ably performed by the retiring W.M., Bro. Edmund Gowers. Bro. Blyth, W.M., appointed and invested his officers as follows: Bros. W. H. de Cean, S.W.; C. W. Ker, J.W.; Rev. E. R. Horwood, P.P.G.C., Chap.; F. G. Green, P.M., P.P.G.S.W., Sec.; H. J. Sansom, P.M., P.P.G.J.D., Treas.; C. H. Parker, Org.; A. Barritt, S.D.; W. Gower, J.D.; W. Clover and J. W. Hawkes, Stwds.; C. Dibben, I.G.; and G. Huxtable, Tyler.

The Installing Master having delivered the usual addresses, the W.M. in eulogistic terms proposed a vote of thanks to him for his performance of the installation ceremony, which was carried unanimously.

Bro. Gowers, in acknowledging the compliment, remarked that he considered it the duty of a W.M. to be prepared, in the absence of any distinguished Mason, to instal his successor.

On the proposition of Bro. F. G. Green, Sec., seconded by Bro. the Rev. E. R. Horwood, Bro. Edmund Gowers was unanimously re-elected to represent the lodge on the Provincial Charity Committee, and he took occasion to refer to the candidature of Chas. Wm. Green, son of a late member, for admission to the Boys' Institution, for which he bespoke their earnest support.

At intervals during the proceedings Bro. Osmond, P.P.G.O., entertained the lodge with some able performances on the valuable American organ belonging to the lodge.

The brethren then adjourned to a most sumptuous banquet, at the King's Head Hotel, after which the usual loyal and Masonic toasts were duly honoured, and songs were contributed by Bros. Bird, McElwee, Ker, Gowers, Barritt, Clover, and others.

PORTLAND.—Portland Lodge (No. 1037).—The usual monthly meeting of this lodge took place on Thursday afternoon, the 17th ult., at the Masonic Hall, a fair number of members and visitors being present to open the lodge. The principal event of the day was the placing in the chair of King Solomon Bro. Richard Cox, and we are fully sure he must have been pleased to see such a gathering of brothers from All Souls, several officers of the Fleet, and other lodges in the county, the ceremony of installing the Master being ably performed by the outgoing Master, Bro. G. J. Bradley, assisted by Bros. B. Morgan, Gibbs, C. F. Arden, A. Graham, and others.

After the ceremony the brethren adjourned to the banqueting room, where a bounteous supply of good things awaited them, the tables being decorated with a profusion of roses, geraniums, fuchsias, and hothouse plants. The capabilities of the lodge must have been somewhat tried, but the Stewards, Bros. W. R. P. Jeffery and T. Hoskins, left no effort wanting to contribute to the comfort of all present, it being the unanimous wish that Bro. Richard Cox should have a prosperous year of office. The meeting concluded in good time, and the brethren returned to Weymouth.

PLYMOUTH.—Dundas Lodge (No. 1255).—The annual meeting of this lodge was held at the Huyshe Masonic Temple, on Tuesday, the 22nd ult., to instal Bro. John Wallis, S.W., as W.M. for the year ensuing. The ceremony was ably performed by Bros. W. Lavers, P.M., and S. J. Hearle, P.M., and the following Board of Installed Masters: Bros. R. G. Barrett, P.M., 2025, P.P.

G.S.D.; W. Trevena, P.M., 159, P.P.G.D.C.; J. B. Gaven, P.M. 70, P.P.G.A.D.C.; L. D. Westcott, P.M. 70, P.P.G.S.W.; the Rev. T. W. Lemon, M.A., P.M. 189, P.P.G. Chap.; S. Jew, P.M. 105, P.P.G.T.; J. R. Lord, P.M. 1247, P.P.G.S.B.; C. H. Cooper, P.M. 105, P.P.G.J.D.; J. Austin, P.M. 1099, 2025, P.P.G.D.C.; E. A. Davies, P.M. 1099, P.P.G.S.W.; J. Hiffey, P.M. 223, P.P.G.D.C.; E. Knight, P.M. 202, P.P.G. Purst.; Roseveare, P.M., P.P.G.S.W. Cornwall; W. H. Triplett, P.M.; W. Bell, P.M.; Samuel B. Harvey, P.M.; E. A. Lean, P.M. 70; W. Allford, P.M. 202; W. Coath, P.M. 893; W. D. Thomas, P.M. 159; B. Elliott, P.M. 1247; James Gidley, P.M. 2025; R. Pike, P.M. 230; J. Bray, P.M. 458; W. H. Hunt, P.M. 1205; R. J. Pitcher, P.M. 230; I. Y. Avery, P.M. 156, 1550; G. Sercombe, W.M. 70; G. Horswills, W.M. 105; E. Prout, W.M. 189; J. Elliott, W.M. 1247; and G. Dimien, W.M. 1550. The officers were invested as follows: Bros. W. Crimp, I.P.M.; G. Lee, S.W.; Frederick J. Piper, J.W.; W. Bell, P.M., Treasurer; S. B. Harvey, P.M., Secretary; S. J. Daniels, S.D.; A. Toms, J.D.; J. McBryde, I.G.; G. Pinkham, D.C.; P. Symons, A.D.C.; F. M. Easterbrook, Steward; and W. H. Phillips, Tyler. Bro. S. B. Harvey was duly elected as representative on Committee of Petitions, and Bro. G. R. Barrett, P.M., the Charity Steward of the lodge. At the close of the lodge the brethren adjourned to the Farley Hotel for the annual banquet.

The usual Masonic toasts were given and duly responded to, and a comfortable and pleasant evening was spent, the brethren separating at an early hour.

ROMFORD.—Liberty of Havering Lodge (No. 1437).—The installation meeting of this flourishing lodge took place at the Rising Sun Hotel, on Thursday, the 24th ult., when Bro. Thos. Humphreys, S.W. and W.M. elect, was with the usual ceremony installed into the chair of K.S. The lodge was opened by Bro. W. Burroughs, W.M., and the minutes having been read, Bro. Humphreys was presented to the W.M., who, in a most impressive manner carried out the duties of Installing Officer. The usual proclamations and salutations having been duly observed, the W.M. invested his officers as follows: Bros. J. Parsons, S.W.; Thos. Davey, J.W.; E. West, P.P.G.S.D. Herts, P.M., Treas.; H. R. Heasman, P.M., Sec.; J. Harrison Sharp, S.D.; G. B. Gilly, J.D.; R. Jennings, I.G.; F. A. White, P.P.G. Reg. Essex, P.M., D.C.; H. T. Hardy and G. W. King, Stwds.; W. Jacobs, Asst. D.C.; and A. G. Young, Tyler.

Bro. Burroughs then gave the addresses and concluded the ceremony, for the excellence of which he received the heartiest commendations. Bro. F. A. White was then re-elected representative of the lodge on the Provincial Charity Committee, and returned thanks.

Bro. West proposed a vote of thanks to Bro. Burroughs, to be inscribed on the minutes of the lodge for the admirable manner in which he had carried out the duties of Installing Officer, and further that a testimonial inscribed on vellum of the value of five pounds be presented to him as an acknowledgment of his excellent services to, and from the lodge. In putting it, Bro. West said the fact of so young a Mason as Bro. Burroughs, who had only been a Mason for five years, working so well and so ably installing his successor, was unprecedented in the annals of Freemasonry.

Bro. Heasman seconded, and took credit for introducing Bro. Burroughs to the lodge, not five years ago as Bro. West said, but only four years ago.

The motion was carried with acclamation, and Bro. Burroughs briefly returned thanks.

The lodge was then closed, and the brethren adjourned to the Golden Lion Hotel, Romford Market, where under the hospitable roof of Bro. Peter Reynolds, they partook of a recherché and splendidly served banquet. A prominent feature of which, was the great quantity of beautiful flowers provided by Bro. Beeson, P.M. Among the other brethren present not above enumerated were Bros. P. Beeson, P.M.; R. J. Warren, P.M.; G. W. Patmore, P.M.; W. D. Child, G. Little, R. Matthew, A. W. Armour, J. Smith, and G. Parish, all of the lodge. The visitors included Bros. J. Mason, P.M. 309, P.P.G.S.D. Middx.; J. Caviil, P.M. 1312, P.G.D. Essex; J. Farnfield, P.M. 907; V. Valentine, P.M. 1017; C. J. Scales, P.M. 1507; J. Field, P.M. 256; H. Mason, P.M. 913; A. Knox, P.M. 1076; W. Hewett, J.D.; Ed. White, I.G. 902; A. Jacobs, 1349; A. Gifford, 700; G. S. Needham, 1572; A. Albert, 1949; and C. Jolly, W.M. 1472.

"The Queen and the Craft," "The M.W.G.M., H.R.H. the Prince of Wales," "The R.W. Pro G.M., the D.G.M., and the rest of the Grand Officers Present and Past," having been duly honoured, that of "The R.W. P.G.M., Bro. Lord Brooke," was drunk with much enthusiasm.

The Worshipful Master, in proposing the next toast, that of "The D.P.G.M., Bro. Philbrick, and the rest of the Prov. Grand Officers Present and Past," said they had several brethren present who, as Past Officers, were in a position to respond for the toast, and they all knew the great interest taken by the Prov. Grand Master in the welfare of the province, while the Masonic lore of Bro. Philbrick was universally acknowledged, and those who were privileged and had attended Grand Lodge must have seen that that distinguished brother's decision on all matters touching important questions was always received with the greatest respect.

Bro. Manning, in response, said he had watched the career of their esteemed Prov. G.M. ever since he was installed as ruler over their province, and could safely say that he was one of the best and most earnest workers for the good of Freemasonry they had ever had, while his subordinates, present and past, tried, and had tried, to render themselves worthy of serving under him.

Bro. White said that he agreed with every word uttered by Bro. Manning with respect to the earnest Masonry of both Bro. Lord Brooke and Bro. Philbrick, and he could assure them that it afforded him very great pleasure to attend the meetings of Grand Lodge, and see the admirable manner in which their Prov. G.M. and Prov. I.G.M. carried out their high and important duties, and he sincerely hoped the brethren of that lodge would attend the next meeting at Chelmsford, in August, for he believed that if they showed a good front, the Prov. Grand Lodge meeting of next year would be held at Romford, under the banner of the Liberty of Havering Lodge. Last year at Saffron Waldon he was the only brother present to represent the lodge, but he trusted one and all would attend the

next meeting of Prov. Grand Lodge, and support the Prov. G.M., the P.D.G.M., and the officers, as they both desired and deserved to be supported.

Bro. Cavit also briefly responded. The Immediate Past Master then rose to propose "The Health of the W.M.," which was a task, he said, that gave him the greatest pleasure. Having worked side by side with Bro. Humphreys for the last four years, he felt sure that their W.M. was fully capable of carrying out the duties of the office, and, further, that when he left the chair they would say that he was one of the best that had ever filled it. It afforded him great pleasure to install their W.M. for many reasons; but more especially from the fact that that brother had allowed him to step over his (Bro. Humphreys') head, and fill the chair that he had just vacated. He felt sure that every officer and brother in the lodge would render all the assistance in their power to Bro. Humphreys, and trusted that his year of office would be both pleasant and prosperous.

The Worshipful Master said he was quite taken aback at the hearty and spontaneous reception the toast of his health had met with, and could only say that he was exceedingly grateful to the Past Masters, officers, and brethren for electing him as their W.M. He was proud of the honourable position, and would do all in his power to maintain the prestige of the lodge, and only trusted that during his year of office he should have plenty of work to do. He thanked them for their kind and flattering reception of his name, and assured them that that kindness was most acceptable to him. He again thanked them for the toast, and resumed his seat amid cheers.

The toast of "The Installing Officer" having been eloquently put from the chair, Bro. Burroughs as eloquently responded.

The Worshipful Master next gave the toast of "The Visitors," for whom Bros. Mason, Scales, Valentine, Albert, Cavit, and C. Jolly responded.

The next toast was that of "The Masonic Charities," and, in giving it, the Worshipful Master said Charity was the apex of the pyramid of Masonry, and those who did not subscribe to the Institutions of the Order were merely Masons in name. In that lodge they had subscribed and sent up to the Charities during the last three years no less than £700. He should have liked to couple the name of Bro. White with the toast, for he knew no one who had done more to make Masonry a reality and a blessing to the world in which we live than their warm-hearted and esteemed Past Master Bro. F. A. White. Bro. White was not only their Charity Representative in the province, but the founder of their Benevolent Association, by which means they, although a small lodge, had achieved the most magnificent results. As, however, Bro. J. Mason had paid them the graceful compliment of being present, and as he was connected with one of the Institutions, he had much pleasure in coupling his name with the toast.

Bro. Mason, in response, said he should have gone away dissatisfied if he had not had an opportunity of responding to the toast, because that lodge was the very home of Charity. He should have liked to have heard Bro. White tell them the grand results of his hard work in the cause, of the result of that shilling a week, of that constant giving of a little to make a great whole. They felt the true love of Charity, and desired to place a poor brother, who, from unforeseen circumstances had been reduced in life, back in his former position. Wherever there was a will, there was a way; he did not believe in those who always took Charity and never did anything for it. There was Bro. Warren, who had done good service, and now the W.M. had intimated his intention to stand for the "Old People," and meant to take up something like £200. He could do it if the brethren helped him, they would help him, would they not? He would help those who could not help themselves. Think of it, that year they had to shut out nearly a hundred poor brethren because they had no funds to help them. Let them all join the shilling a week association, it only meant six two-pennyworths a week less. He trusted some off night to tell them more about the Charities, and concluded a brilliant speech by assuring them that he came down to get a Steward for the "Old People," and was exceedingly glad to know that his journey had not been in vain.

The other toasts were "The Past Masters," "The Officers," and the Tyler's toast, and then the proceedings, which were most harmonious, were brought to a conclusion.

During the evening some excellent songs were given by Bros. A. W. Armour, H. T. Hardy, G. B. Gilbey, W. D. Child Saunders, and Bros. Cox and Jolly gave a couple of capital recitations.

CHISLEHURST.—Chislehurst Lodge (No. 1531).—The annual recurrence of installation in this lodge took place at the Bull's Head Hotel, on Saturday the 26th ult. The place of meeting is situated in a picturesque and highly interesting portion of the county of Kent, surrounded by pleasant and varied walks, of which the brethren avail themselves during the interval between labour and refreshment on each occasion of meeting, thereby securing a healthy and agreeable addition to the business and pleasure of Masonic reunion. The excellent grounds in rear of the hotel with gardens, lawns, and bowling courses are also attractive for such as do not care for distant rambles before dining; whilst the internal accommodation afforded by a spacious and lofty lodge room, with all necessary ante-chambers and conveniences on the same floor, render the hostelry especially suitable for Masonic meetings at no great distance from London. To these advantages may also be added the willingness with which provision is made, according to the requirements of the brethren, for either "high teas," elaborate dinners, or still more elaborate "banquets," such willingness on the part of "mine host" enabling the lodge to have regard to the state of its finances, without the pressure sometimes elsewhere applied, of considering the "good of the house" as an important factor in securing accommodation and attention. At this agreeable "home" the Chislehurst Lodge was opened on Saturday last by Bro. Edward J. Goodale, the W.M. Amongst the brethren present at the opening and during the meeting were Bros. W. T. Brailey, S.W.; Richard Nevill, J.W.; W. Hollis, Treas.; J. C. Main, Sec.; W. T. Hunt, P.M., S.D.; John Mason, P.M., J.D.; R. Strachan, I.G.; C. F. Quicke, D.C.; H. C. Dana, Stwd.; J. Rawles, Tyler; W. H. Drinkwater, P.M.; T. C. Nunn, P.M.; John Preston, W. Strudwick, W. J. A. Gleaves, John Tuck, George Holding, and others. The visitors were Bros. James Stevens, P.M. 720, 1216, 1426; H. W. Roach, J.D. 55; and J. H. Montague, 2030.

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having been confirmed, a very satisfactory report of the Audit Committee was received and adopted. This report, but for unfortunate circumstances arising out of some extreme measures taken by a small minority of the members during the past year, and which have greatly retarded the progress of the lodge, would have been still more satisfactory; but it is pleasant to know that common sense and some return towards brotherly feeling and regard for the welfare of the lodge have prevailed, and the differences which have existed will be no longer continued. Resolutions were passed for the increase of annual subscription of members, and that now dining (or country) members should not be residents within fifteen miles of the place of meeting. Ballots were taken and resulted in unanimous approval of Mr. Francis Martin Hunt as a candidate for initiation, and Bro. John Peacock, of the Mizpah Lodge, No. 1671, as a joining member. To the regret of the brethren generally, neither of these gentlemen were able to be present to receive at once the benefit of their successful candidature. Bro. Nunn, P.M., at the request of the W.M., presented Bro. William Thomas Brailey, S.W. and W.M. elect, for the benefit of Installation. Bro. W. H. Drinkwater, P.M., then occupying the chair of S.W., and subsequently Bro. John Mason, P.M., that of the J.W., Bro. James Stevens, P.M., was invited by the W.M. to discharge the duties of D.C. In a most perfect manner the W.M., Bro. E. J. Goodale, performed the entire ceremony of Installation, and completed a finished rendering of this most important part of Masonic ritual by the delivery of the addresses to the W.M., Wardens, and brethren, in admirable style. The warmest acknowledgments of hearty satisfaction were accorded to Bro. Goodale on his thus completing his year of office and receiving at the hands of the newly-installed Master a handsome Past Master's jewel, and a collar with the usual pendant signifying his newly-acquired rank. The officers invested by the W.M. for the ensuing year were Bros. Richard Nevill, S.W.; W. T. Hunt, P.M., J.W.; W. Hollis, Treas.; J. C. Main, Sec.; R. Strachan, S.D.; Charles Quicke, J.D.; W. Powell, D.C.; H. C. Dana, I.G.; J. Marshall Stwd.; and Jas. Rawles, Tyler.

Before the lodge was closed a special vote of thanks was ordered to be recorded on the minutes in favour of Bro. Goodale, P.M., in token of his successful performance as Installing Master, and a similar vote was also unanimously accorded to Bro. James Stevens, P.M., for his valuable assistance as Director of Ceremonies.

Bro. Hollis, Treasurer, having accepted the position of representative of the lodge as Steward at the next Festival of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution, a sum of 10 guineas was voted to head his list of donations, and, from the high appreciation in which that worthy brother is held, both in the Chislehurst Lodge and other Masonic Associations, there can be no doubt that his Stewardship will prove highly creditable as well to the lodge in particular as to himself as its representative. A few brief remarks on the happy augury for future harmony and renewed friendship, which the proceedings of the evening had fully justified, resulted in reposition of a candidate for initiation, whose overtures had been, through no fault of his own, previously rejected; and there can now be no doubt that the fullest amends will be made to him at the ensuing meeting by a reception all the warmer for the restoration of peace, and forgetfulness of private piques and resultant differences. May we be permitted to say, "So mote it be."

The lodge having been closed in due form, the brethren "took the air" for awhile. It was much needed; and some in short walks and others in quiet saunter in the hotel grounds, where they were gratified to find ladies connected with esteemed members of the lodge, pleasantly passed an interval before dinner was announced. The weather being in every respect agreeable, the relief afforded by this brief diversion was most enjoyable, and gave zest to the subsequent entertainment in the "fourth degree." After the cloth had been cleared, the usual routine of toasts and responses was observed, but with satisfactory brevity and without omission or alteration of programme, the W.M. acquitting himself on this the first occasion of the exercise of his supremacy most courteously. To the great satisfaction of all present, the amiable daughter of Bro. Main, the Secretary of the lodge, and the no less amiable wife of Bro. Quicke, the S.D., were good enough to discourse sweet music and to accompany the singing brethren, so that when the inevitable moment for parting had arrived, and the stern fact that the last train was close at hand was assured, the merry company, with many hand shakes and fervent aspirations for similar enjoyable reunions, separated, and so terminated a meeting long to be remembered in connection with the Chislehurst Lodge, No. 1531.

HARROW STATION.—Citadel Lodge (No. 1897).—The installation meeting of this lodge was held at the Railway Hotel on Saturday, the 26th ult. The chair was taken by Bro. W. H. Lee, Prov. G.A. Sec. Middlesex, W.M., who was supported by Bros. Raymond H. Thrupp, P.G.A.D.C., Deputy Prov. G.M. Middlesex; E. Woodman, S.W.; J. Weston, J.W.; J. Osborn, P.G. Std. Br. Middlesex, P.M., Sec.; W. Hurrin, Treas.; O. J. Von Holtorp, S.D.; J. H. Gaskin, J.D.; W. Wright, D.C.; J. Hughes, I.G.; J. Boyne, Org.; E. W. Mayne and J. E. Sheffield, Stwds.; H. Mayes, P.P.G.P. Middlesex, P.M.; T. I. Bird, P.P.G. Swd. Br. Middlesex, P.M.; and a large attendance of members. The following visitors were in attendance: Bros. W. Needham, P.M. 966, P.P.G.S. of W. Staffordshire; D. W. Pearse, P.P.G.R. Middlesex; W. A. Scurrah, W.M. 2048, Prov. G. Std. B. Middlesex; R. W. L. Sindall, P.M. 1293, P.P.G.S.D. Middlesex; J. P. Quার্থy, S.W. 228; J. Leslie Williams, 1278; E. F. Snook, S.W. 1693; J. W. Moulton, 1693; P. Forge, P.M.; Dillon, J.W. Elliott Lodge; and others.

The lodge having been opened in due form, the minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed. Bros. Itter and White were then passed to the Second Degree, and a favourable ballot having been taken in favour of Messrs. F. Dainton and F. W. Holland, and the latter gentleman, being in attendance, was regularly initiated into Freemasonry. Bro. Edwin Woodman, S.W., P.M. 1950, was then presented as W.M. elect, and was duly installed into the chair by the Installing Master, Bro. Raymond H. Thrupp, Deputy Provincial Grand Master Middlesex. Bro. Woodman, W.M., then appointed and invested his officers as follows: Bros. J. Weston, P.M., S.W.; O. Von Holtorp, J.W.; W. Hurrin, Treas.; J. Osborn, P.M., Sec.; J. H. Gaskin, S.D.; E. W. Mayne, J.D.; J. Hughes, I.G.; J. Bayne, D.C.; W. Wright, Org.; J. E. Sheffield and C. J. Davison, Stwds.; and J. Very, Tyler.

The usual addresses were then delivered by Bro. Raymond H. Thrupp in his usual able manner, and a vote of thanks was unanimously accorded him for kindly undertaking the installation ceremony. Bro. Woodman, W.M., then presented the retiring W.M., Bro. W. H. Lee, with a jewel, in recognition of his able and efficient services during the past year.

Bro. W. H. Lee briefly acknowledged the gift, and remarked that he was amply repaid for the work he had performed if he had gained the esteem and affection of the brethren.

There being no further Masonic business for transaction, the lodge was closed in due form, and the brethren adjourned to a substantial banquet, at which the usual loyal and Masonic toasts were duly honoured.

The first toast was "The Queen and the Craft," in introducing which Bro. Woodman, W.M., remarked that there was a special interest in proposing this toast, as her Majesty had recently commenced the 50th year of her reign. There was no body more loyal than Freemasons, and they were one and all pleased that her Majesty had been spared for so many years to rule over them, and trusted she would continue to do so for some time to come.

"H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, M.V.G.M.," was the next toast honoured, and the W. Master, in proposing it, said that his Royal Highness took every opportunity of showing the interest and love he has for Freemasonry. An example of this had recently occurred in his visit to Brighton to install the Duke of Connaught as Prov. G.M. for Sussex. Although the time of their M.V.G.M. was fully occupied with philanthropic and charitable work, the brethren were aware of the interest evinced by him for the Order.

"The Grand Officers" was then given, the W. Master observing that the brethren would require no lengthy remarks from him to assure them of the excellent manner in which the Grand Officers perform their duties.

Bro. Raymond H. Thrupp, P.G.A.D.C. replied, and said it was always very gratifying to be coupled with the names of such eminent Masons as were included in the Grand Officers. All the members of that body had the interest of the Craft at heart, and the toast would for that reason, always be received with cordiality. The Grand Officers would continue to exert themselves to promote the welfare of the Order, and were very glad to find that their efforts were recognised and appreciated.

The Worshipful Master then proposed "The Health of Bro. Col. Sir Francis Burdett, Bart., Prov. G.M.; Bro. Raymond Thrupp, Dep. Prov. G.M. and Installing Master; and the rest of the Provincial Grand Officers," and said that a pleasing task had devolved upon him to introduce this toast to their notice. He had hoped to have been honoured with the presence of their esteemed Prov. G.M., Sir Francis Burdett, but they would be pleased to know that he had been restored to good health. They were delighted to see Bro. Thrupp, Dep. Prov. G.M., amongst them on that occasion, and there was no lodge in the province that would give him a more cordial welcome than the Citadel Lodge. He (the W.M.) thanked him sincerely for installing him into the chair, and hoped he would be spared for many years to continue his visits. He trusted that the Prov. G. Officers who were not members of the lodge would go away with a pleasing recollection of their visit, and they would agree with his hearty encomiums on the manner in which the Dep. Prov. G.M. had performed the installation ceremony.

Bro. Raymond H. Thrupp, Deputy Provincial Grand Master, said it was now his duty to respond on behalf of the Prov. Grand Officers, and it was a difficult task to reply for such a popular body. With regard to their Prov. G.M., Sir Francis Burdett, whose kind and genial manner had endeared him to all the brethren, he could assure them that since he had presided over the province it had increased considerably in the number of lodges and members, and now held a position that few provinces could equal. The work in the province was carried out in a very satisfactory manner, and all the brethren present that day had been delighted at the way in which the lodge had been worked, not only by Bro. Lee, but also by every officer. Bro. Lee had performed the duties of the chair in an admirable manner that was well known to all, and had been ably supported by the officers, and when the junior officers reached the chair they would be able to appreciate the assistance derived from an efficient staff of officers. Wherever he (Bro. Thrupp) visited in the province he always received a cordial welcome, and it was a pleasure to him to see the work performed in a satisfactory manner. He would remind the brethren that a chapter had recently been started in that house, which would gladly receive any brother wishing to join one.

"The Health of the Worshipful Master" was then proposed by Bro. W. H. Lee, I.P.M., who said it afforded him a considerable amount of pleasure to propose that toast, for they had a brother in the chair who had conducted the various duties entrusted to him in a manner that had not only reflected credit on himself, but lustre on the lodge. He had known Bro. Woodman for many years, having seen him initiated, and had watched the progress he had made in Freemasonry, which was entirely due to his untiring energy. He congratulated him on his installation, and the brethren on having elected such an able brother to preside over them.

Bro. Edwin Woodman, W.M., in reply, sincerely thanked Bro. Lee for his kind remarks, and the brethren for their cordial reception of the toast. He had always endeavoured to deserve their approbation in any office he had been appointed to, and as they had now elected him to occupy the chair, he would endeavour to carry out the duties to their satisfaction. He thanked them for placing him in his present position, and hoped to have plenty of work, and was sure he could rely upon the hearty co-operation of the officers and brethren.

"The Initiate" was next proposed by the W.M., who hoped that Bro. Holland, who was about to start on a long voyage, would carry away with him a favourable impression of Freemasonry. He trusted he would always have pleasant recollections of his initiation in that lodge, and he asked the brethren to join with him in wishing Bro. Holland "God speed."

Bro. Holland having replied in suitable terms, the Worshipful Master proposed "The Visitors," and expressed the pleasure he felt at seeing such a numerous attendance, to all of whom he offered a hearty welcome.

Bros. Needham, P.P.G. Supt. of Works Staffordshire; Scurrah, Prov. G. Std. Br. Middlesex; Moulton, and Forge responded on behalf of the visitors, and returned

thanks for the hospitality they had received, and expressing their satisfaction at the admirable working of the lodge.

Bro. W. H. Lee replied for the toast of "The I.P.M.," and thanked the W.M. for the kind and flattering terms he had used in proposing his health, and the brethren for their very hearty reception of it. Since his connection with the lodge it had always been his ambition to further its interests. He was pleased to find that his efforts had met with their appreciation, and hoped that he would be connected with the lodge for many years to come, and that the same good fellowship that now existed amongst the brethren would not be diminished in the future.

"The Past Masters" was next given, and responded to by Bros. Mayes and Bird, who assured the brethren of the interest taken by that body in the welfare of the lodge.

Bros. Weston, S.W.; Osborn, Sec.; and Hurran, Treas., responded on behalf of "The Officers," after which the Tyler's toast brought a successful meeting to a close.

The musical arrangements, which were of an excellent character, were under the able direction of Bro. Bayne, and one of the special features was a pianoforte solo very skillfully executed by Bro. Wright, Org.

HAMPTON COURT.—Electric Lodge (No. 2087).—This prosperous young lodge held a regular meeting at the Mitre Hotel, on the 26th ult. The W.M., Bro. W. H. Preece, F.R.S., was in the chair, supported by Bros. J. Hooke, S.W.; T. Barlow, J.W.; George Gregory, P.M., Sec.; T. Fletcher as S.D.; R. C. Leversedge as J.D.; P. Estler, I.G.; G. Harrison, Tyler; Sir Charles Bright, P.M.; P. D. P. G. M. Middx.; E. B. Bright, P.M.; P. P. G. J. W. Middx.; and several other brethren. Visitor: Bro. P. B. Walker, 1761, New South Wales.

The minutes of the previous meeting having been read and confirmed, the chair was, by request, taken by Bro. E. B. Bright, I.P.M., P.P.G.J.W. Middx., who raised, in a very able and impressive manner, Bro. the Rev. W. H. Denny, M.A., to the Sublime Degree of M.M. The W.M. on resuming the chair, appointed and invested Bro. Denny as Chaplain of the lodge.

The lodge being closed, the brethren adjourned to a recherché banquet, served under the personal superintendence of Bro. Sadler.

The usual loyal and Masonic toasts were duly honoured, and the brethren returned to town by the 9.15 train, having spent a most enjoyable afternoon and evening.

CROYDON.—George Price Lodge (No. 2096).—A regular meeting of this lodge was held on Wednesday, the 23rd ult., at the Greyhound Hotel, when there were present Bros. H. M. Hobbs, W.M.; F. J. Ridpath, S.W.; E. Samuel, J.W.; J. D. Langton, I.P.M.; J. S. Fraser, Sec.; M. L. Levý, S.D.; W. G. Goode, J.D.; F. Cambridge, P.P.G. Org. Surrey, I.G.; W. G. Oates, D. of C.; J. C. Leaver, Stwd.; W. Lane, Tyler; F. Blake, P.P.G. Reg. Surrey; C. Holden, J. Rosenberg, E. C. Holdsworth, Dr. Wilson, D. Guedalla, Dr. Matthey, J. C. Leaver, and E. C. Leaver. Visitors: Bro. Dr. Smith, W.M. 463; E. F. Daffin, W.M. 753; W. G. Fenn, S.D. 538; L. Courlander, 975; and S. Potter, 1790.

The minutes of the last meeting and the emergency meeting were read and confirmed, after which Bro. E. C. Leaver was passed to the Second Degree, the W.M. afterwards giving the explanation of the tracing board. It was unanimously resolved that the lodge should take a share in the Langton Masonic Benevolent Association, and that the same be placed on the W.M.'s Stewards' list at the Boys' School Festival. The lodge was then closed, and the brethren adjourned to refreshment.

INSTRUCTION.

FIDELITY LODGE (No. 3).—At the weekly meeting of this lodge, held at the Alfred Tavern, Roman-road, Barnsbury, on Wednesday, the 23rd ult., there was a very large muster of brethren to hear Bro. L. Solomon, P.M. 1732, rehearse the ceremony of installation, among whom were Bros. W. A. Scurrah, P.G.S. of Works Middlesex; W. M. Stiles, P.M. 1507; Putland, W.M. 1732; Gregory, P.M. 1538; Ferguson, P.M. 177; Preceptor; Bolton, W.M. elect 1314; Silvester, S.W. 195; Treasurer; Dimstale, S.D. 1507; Secretary; Whiting, Wheelock, Bleakley, Messer, Ament, Wright, Thom, and many others.

The lodge was opened in the Three Degrees by Bro. Solomon, as W.M., supported by Bros. Gregory, S.W.; Bleakley, J.W.; Messer, S.D.; Ament, J.D.; and Wright, I.G.; and the ceremony of raising was rehearsed, Bro. Thom acting as candidate. The lodge was resumed to the Second Degree, and Bro. G. R. Bolton, W.M. elect 1314, was duly obligated as W.M. elect. Bro. Solomon then rehearsed the remainder of the installation ceremony in perfect style, and the officers were appointed and invested in due form by Bro. Bolton. At the conclusion of the ceremony a very hearty vote of thanks was carried by acclamation to Bro. Solomon for the splendid manner in which he had carried out the ceremonies. Bro. G. Gregory, P.M. and P.Z. of several lodges and chapters, was unanimously elected W.M. for the next meeting. All Masonic business being ended, the lodge was closed.

HYDE PARK LODGE (No. 1425).—A meeting was held on Monday, the 28th ult., at the Porchester Hotel, Leinster-place, Cleveland square, Porchester-terrace, Paddington, W. Present: Bros. E. C. Mulvey, W.M.; Jos. Bailey, S.W.; C. S. Mote, J.W.; H. Dehanc, P.M. 1443, Sec.; O. W. Battley, S.D.; J. C. Conway, J.D.; W. C. Williams, I.G.; J. H. Wood, Stwd.; E. J. Day, Org.; Capt. A. Nicols, P.M. 1974; W. H. Chalfont, P.M. 1425; R. P. J. Laundry, W. H. Wadhams, R. E. Cursons, W. Robinson, and J. Smith.

The lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. The 1st Section of the First Lecture was worked by the W.M., assisted by the brethren. The lodge was called off and on, and, after the usual preliminaries, the ceremonies of initiation and raising were rehearsed, Bros. Land and Cursons being the candidates respectively. Bro. Jos. Bailey was elected W.M. for the next lodge meeting, and appointed his officers in rotation. After "Hearty good wishes," the lodge was closed. It has been intimated that Bro. Major-Gen. Laurie, Grand Master of Nova Scotia, will attend the next meeting on Monday, the 5th inst., at 8 p.m.

METROPOLITAN LODGE (No. 1507).—A meeting took place on Monday, the 28th ult., at the Moorgate, Finsbury-pavement. Present: Bros. Thom, W.M.; G. W. Knight, S.W.; Surridge, J.W.; Ross, S.D.; Sadgrove, J.D.; E. R. Smith, I.G.; J. C. Smith, acting Preceptor; C. J. Seales, Treas.; E. Storr, Sec.; Saunders, Assist. Sec.; and several brethren.

Lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed. The lodge was opened in the Second Degree, and Bro. Freygang answered the questions leading to the Third Degree, and was entrusted. Lodge was then opened in the Third Degree, and the ceremony of raising rehearsed. The lodge was closed down to the First Degree. On the second time of rising, Bro. G. W. Knight, S.W., was unanimously elected W.M. for the next meeting. In returning thanks, Bro. Knight, W.M. elect of the parent lodge, said he had never heard the Third

Degree more impressively worked than the W.M., Bro. Thom, had treated the brethren to that evening, and he hoped the brethren of the parent lodge would attend in goodly numbers on Monday next. After "Hearty good wishes," the lodge was closed.

COVENT GARDEN LODGE (No. 1614).—The usual weekly meeting of this lodge of instruction was held at the Criterion, Piccadilly, W., on the 24th ult., when there were present Bros. E. Chamberlain, W.M.; E. J. D. Bromley, S.W.; H. Crookes, J.W.; L. Gunzell, S.D.; C. Lambert, J.D.; J. D. Graham, I.G.; W. C. Smith, Preceptor; G. Reynolds, Treas. and Sec.; T. E. Weeks, Tyler; G. F. Swan, J. Lee, R. J. Harnell, H. J. Pellatt, R. Fendick, James Rowe, W. Culverhouse, A. Clark, C. Corby, F. Kedge, F. Dusterwald, Frank Gulliford, J. Skinner, James Woodward, A. Wells, H. J. Weise, G. H. Reynolds, and G. Wilson.

The lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. Lodge was opened in the Second Degree. Bro. W. C. Smith worked the 1st Section of the Second Lecture. Bro. H. J. Pellatt having offered himself as a candidate to be raised to the Third Degree, the usual questions were put, well answered, and the brother retired. Lodge opened in the Third Degree. The W.M. rehearsed the Degree of M.M. with the traditional history. Bro. W. C. Smith worked the 3rd Section of the Third Lecture. Lodge resumed to the Second Degree. Lodge closed in the Second Degree. On rising for the first time, Bro. E. J. D. Bromley proposed that Bro. Joseph J. Lee, 217, be a joining member of this lodge of instruction—seconded by Bro. G. Reynolds, and carried unanimously. On rising for the second time, Bro. W. C. Smith proposed that Bro. E. J. D. Bromley, S.W., be W.M. for the ensuing week—seconded by the J.W., and carried unanimously. The W.M. elect was pleased to appoint his officers in rotation. On rising for the third time, Bro. G. Reynolds, Sec., proposed that the Fifteen Sections be worked by the brethren of this lodge of instruction on Thursday, the 15th inst., and to say it would give the brethren great pleasure to see Colonial brethren present on that occasion—seconded by Bro. W. C. Smith, Preceptor, and carried unanimously. Thereupon Bro. G. Reynolds informed the brethren that Bro. G. P. Bertini had kindly placed either the Carnarvon Room or the Masonic Temple at their disposal for the evening of the 15th instant. Bro. F. Kedge then proposed that the Masonic Temple be used—seconded by the S.W., and carried unanimously. Bro. G. Reynolds to convey to Bro. G. P. Bertini the thanks of the brethren for his kind offer of the rooms, which they appreciated much. Bro. A. Clark proposed that Bro. W. C. Smith, Preceptor, be W.M. on the evening of the 15th inst., and appoint his officers—seconded by the J.W., and carried unanimously. Bro. W. C. Smith, in reply, said he appreciated the honour of being W.M. on the 15th inst., and trusted there would be a good attendance of Colonial brethren and others on that occasion, and also that the work would be done well and satisfactorily. Bro. W. C. Smith proposed that a vote of thanks be recorded on the minutes of this lodge of instruction to Bro. E. Chamberlain, W.M., for the very able and efficient manner in which he had occupied the chair for the first time in this lodge of instruction, and also for the beautiful and interesting way he had rendered the ceremony of raising, and the admirable manner in which he had set forth the traditional history—seconded by Bro. F. Swan, and carried unanimously. Nothing further offering for the good of Freemasonry, the lodge was closed and adjourned.

KENSINGTON LODGE (No. 1767).—A meeting was held on the 29th ult. at the Courtfield Hotel. Present: Bros. S. W. Keene, W.M.; J. R. Hubbard, S.W. and Sec.; S. Cochrane, J.W.; Neville, S.D.; Aslett, J.D.; Windsor, I.G.; R. H. Williams, Silcock, Walter, Lobel, Pidcock, and Rayner.

The lodge was opened in due form, and Bro. Dobel answered the questions leading to the Second Degree, and was entrusted. The lodge was opened in the Second Degree, and the ceremony of passing rehearsed. Bro. Dobel answered the questions leading to the Third Degree, and the lodge having been opened in the Third Degree, the ceremony of raising was rehearsed. The lodge was resumed in the First Degree, and Bro. Hubbard elected W.M. for the next meeting. The lodge was then closed in due form and perfect harmony.

UBIQUE LODGE (No. 1789).—A meeting was held on Friday, the 25th ult., at the Crown and Anchor, 79, Ebury-street, S.W. Present: Bros. Gibson, P.M., W.M.; Green, P.M., S.W.; Hayes, J.W.; Boulton, P.M., Preceptor; Gibson, Treas.; Coughlan, Sec.; Green, junr., S.D.; Mason, J.D.; Taylor, I.G.; Grist, and Roberts.

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. Coughlan being the candidate. Bro. Roberts, 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. Roberts being the candidate. The lodge was resumed to the First Degree. The W.M. having been appointed at the previous meeting, and nothing further offering, the lodge was closed. A meeting of the Charitable Association was afterwards held, which proved favourable to Bro. Taylor.

CREATON LODGE (No. 1791).—A meeting was held on Thursday, the 24th ult., at the Wheatheaf, Hotel, Gola-hawk-road, Shepherd's Bush. Present: Bros. A. Cavers, W.M.; Sims, P.M., S.W.; Mander, J.W.; W. H. Chalfont, P.M., Hon. Sec.; W. Williams, S.D.; Austin, Treas., J.D.; Maloney, I.G.; Davies, Preceptor; Spiegel, P.M.; Proude, P.M.; Marsh, Stonmill, Briebart, Curtis, and Craggs.

The lodge was opened, and the minutes read and confirmed. The Second Section was worked. The ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, Bro. Curtis candidate. Bro. Marsh, being only an E.A., answered the questions leading to the Second Degree, and, having retired, the lodge was opened in the Second Degree. Bros. Stonmill and Curtis answered the questions leading to the Third Degree, and the lodge was resumed to the First Degree. Bro. Sims, P.M., having been elected W.M. for the next meeting, the lodge was closed in perfect harmony.

BRITON LODGE (No. 1949).—The usual weekly meeting of this very excellent lodge was held on Tuesday evening, the 29th ult., at the Prince Regent, Dulwich-road, Herne Hill. Present: Bros. Jones, W.M.; Boyce, S.W.; Richardson, J.W.; Andrews, S.D.; Asford, J.D.; Phillips, I.G.; Langley, Sec.; Francis, Preceptor; and other brethren.

The lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed. The ceremony of initiation was ably rehearsed by the W.M., Bro. Hooper being the candidate. Bro. Hooper, having proved his proficiency, was entrusted, and the lodge was then opened in the Second Degree, and the ceremony of passing rehearsed, Bro. Hooper acting as candidate. The lodge was closed in the Second Degree. The W.M. rose for the first time, and dues were collected. The W.M. rose for the second time, and announced that, in accordance with the usual custom, the Preceptor, Bro. Francis, would occupy the chair next Tuesday. The W.M. rose for the third time, and received the "Hearty good wishes" of the brethren, and the lodge was then closed in perfect peace and harmony.

Bye-law No. XI. of this lodge of instruction states that when the balance in hand amounts to £10 10s. a ballot may be taken for a life subscription to either of the Royal Masonic Institutions between the 12 members who have been most regular in their attendance during the preceding 12 months. As the requisite sum will be in hand on Tuesday evening next, a ballot will then be most probably taken. Bro. Francis, Preceptor, will occupy the chair, and a large assemblage of the members is confidently anticipated, the worthy Preceptor being highly appreciated by the brethren generally, all feeling that it is mainly due to Bro. Francis's untiring and courteous teaching that this lodge of instruction has achieved that proud position it now holds as second to none for the truly Masonic unity among its members and correctness of ritual.

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DRIFFIELD.—Londesborough Chapter (No. 734).—A meeting of this chapter was held at the Masonic Hall, on Wednesday, the 23rd ult., for the purpose of installing the Principals and investing the officers. Companions were present from Hul', Beverley, Malton, and Bridlington. The installation ceremony was performed by Comp. W. H. Porritt, P.Z., P.P.G.H., and the following is a list of the officers: Comps. J. Scott Wilson, P.Z., P.P.G.D.C., M.E.Z.; J. Bordass, P.G.D.C., M.F.H.; Eh Bryan, M.E.J.; Thomas House, Scribe E.; D. Titterton, Scribe N.; H. Holgreaves, P.S.; G. S. Highmore and W. Highmore, Asst. Sojs.; J. Elgey, P.Z., P.G.A.S., Treas.; Alfred Stanley, D.C.; Severs and G. H. Potts, Janitors.

After the ceremony the companions adjourned to the Keys Hotel, where high tea was served, and the usual Masonic toasts were given and duly honoured.

INSTRUCTION.

CAMDEN CHAPTER OF IMPROVEMENT (No. 704).—A convocation of the above chapter was held at the Moorgate, Finsbury-pavement, on Tuesday, the 29th ult. Present: Comp. J. C. Smith, M.E.Z.; G. Gregory, H.; G. W. Knight, J.; H. Syman, G.D. of C. Middlesex, S.E.; Ratcliffe, S.N.; Whiting, P.S.; Kaulmann, Carter, Dodgson, Stroud, Bolton, Dean, P.G.R. of Dorset; Tate, and T. C. Edmonds, Preceptor.

Chapter was opened in due form, and the ceremony of exaltation was rehearsed, Comp. Dean candidate. After rising for the first time, Comp. Tate, M.E.Z. elect 862, was unanimously elected a member. The companions were pleased to hear that Comp. Syman, the esteemed S.E. of this chapter of improvement, was duly installed M.E.Z. of the Beigrave Chapter on Friday, the 25th ult. After "Hearty good wishes," the chapter was closed.

HORNSEY CHAPTER OF IMPROVEMENT (No. 890).—A convocation was held at the Porchester Hotel, Leinster-place, Porchester-terrace, Paddington, W., on Friday, the 25th ult. Present: Comps. J. T. Mickelburgh, P.Z., Z.; H. Purdue, J. elect 834, H.; Capt. A. Nicols, P.Z., J.; H. Dehanc, J. 890, S.E.; W. H. Wadhams, S.N.; Capt. H. S. Andrews, Treas.; W. H. Chalfont, P.S.; J. S. Pardoe, Z. 834; J. Cruttenden, W. Edwards, J. Jameson, and E. J. Day.

The chapter was declared open, and the minutes of the last convocation were read and confirmed. The ceremony of exaltation was rehearsed, Comp. Pardoe candidate. The ballot was taken, and on proving unanimous Comp. Pardoe was elected a member. After "Hearty good wishes" had been accorded, the chapter was closed. It has been intimated that Major-General Laurie, Grand Master of Nova Scotia, will attend the next convocation to-day (Friday) at 8 p.m.

PROPOSED CHAPTER OF IMPROVEMENT FOR SOUTH LONDON.

A chapter of improvement, to be worked under the warrant of the Industry Chapter, No. 186, will be opened at the Prince Regent, Dulwich-road, Herne-hill, S.E., on Saturday, the 10th inst., at 7.30 p.m. precisely, and weekly meetings will be held at the same time and place throughout the year. Comp. Watts, P.Z. of the Panmure Chapter, No. 720, has consented to accept the office of Preceptor, and as the excellence of his working in this Degree is so well known, his ability to fulfil the office with credit to himself and satisfaction to the members is undoubted. He will occupy the principal chair on the opening night. Comp. Francis, Preceptor of the Brixton Lodge of Instruction, and Comp. C. H. Phillips, H. elect 186, have been elected to the offices of Treasurer and Scribe E. respectively. These companions are so well known in South London in connection with the Craft, that the founders may be congratulated on having obtained their services. The very handsome miniature furniture of the late Panmure Chapter of Instruction has been purchased on reasonable terms. The joining fee is 2s., a payment of 3d. for each night of attendance, or an annual subscription of 5s., and it is hoped there will be a large number of joining members on the opening night. The founders are all energetic and hardworking Masons, and all that is necessary to ensure the success of the undertaking is the hearty co-operation of the R.A. Masons in South London, and, as in North London; members of the Order have earned for themselves a high reputation for "North London" working, it is anticipated that, under the tuition of Comp. Watts, the members of this chapter of instruction will obtain for it such a reputation for "South London" working as shall vie in friendly rivalry with that of their companions in the north of the metropolis.

Allied Masonic Degrees.

MARYPORT.—W. M. Sewell Council (No. 11).—The annual meeting of this council, for the purpose of installing the W.M., was held in the Masonic Hall, Eaglesfield-street, on Wednesday, the 22nd ult. Bro. P. de E. Collin, W.M., G.J.W. Eng., presided, when the minutes were read and confirmed, and Bro. W. Carlyle admitted to the Red Cross of Babylon. Bro. J. D. Murray, P.M. 4, G.D.C. Eng., then assumed the chair, when Bro. J. Nichol, J.W., was presented and duly installed as W.M., ably assisted by Bro. Chas. S. Lane, P.M., P.G.S.D. Eng. The following brethren were invested as officers: Bros. Col. F. R. Sewell, S.W.; George Dalrymple, J.W.; James Dickinson, Treasurer; E. B. Penrice, Secretary; J. C. Thompson, S.D.; J. H. Raven, J.D.; Thomas Mandale, D.C.; J. Paterson, I.G.; J. Kendall, Stwd.; and John Messenger, Tyler. Bro. Col. Sewell moved, and Bro. Collin seconded, a vote of thanks to Bros. Murray and Lane for their services, which received a unanimous vote. The council was then duly closed, and the brethren spent a very pleasant hour in the banquet hall.

A slight improvement has taken place in the health of Bro. Earl Granville, though his lordship is still confined to his bed.

The Queen and Court reached Windsor Castle from Balmoral on the morning of Friday, the 25th ult., and in the afternoon her speech proroguing Parliament was delivered in the House of Lords by Royal Commission. On Saturday last, at a Council at Windsor, the proclamation dissolving the House of Commons was signed, and a special *Gazette* of the same evening made it public. A second proclamation for the election of sixteen peers to represent Scotland in the House of Lords was also signed, and afterwards published in the *Gazette*.



The Lady Mayoress will hold her next reception at the Mansion House on Tuesday next., the 6th inst.

The festival of the Chaucer Lodge of Instruction, No. 1540, will take place on Thursday, the 15th inst., at Tunbridge Wells.

Bro. Henry Irving will bring the present season at the Lyceum Theatre to a close on Saturday, the 31st inst., for a holiday of six weeks.

Bro. Sir S. H. Waterlow, Bart., presided at the June election recently held at the Cannon-street Hotel, of the Commercial Travellers' Benevolent Institution.

Bros. the Earl of Onslow, Lord Londesborough, and Lord Poltimore took part in the meeting of the Four-in-Hand Club at the Magazine, Hyde Park, on Wednesday.

Bros. Col. Harding, P.G.A.D.C., and O. Salmon were included among the guests at the banquet held at the Crystal Palace on Monday evening by the Carriers' Company.

As soon as he is sufficiently recovered from his recent severe attack of gout, Bro. J. L. Toole will, on the advice of his medical attendants, visit one of the German baths in order to complete his cure.

On Saturday, the 26th ult., Bro. J. W. Woodall, Past Grand Treasurer, was elected Mayor of Scarborough. His predecessor had resigned the office in order to contest the borough on the current General Election.

Bro. Sir Thomas and Lady Brassey entertained a third party of our Colonial and Indian guests at Normanhurst Court, Battle, on Saturday last. The weather was splendid. The number was about eighty.

Bros. Lord Randolph Churchill, the Marquis of Hartington, Sir G. O. Trevelyan, Bart., M.P., Sir Michael E. Hicks-Beach, Bart., are among the principal political leaders who have been addressing the electors during the week.

By command of the R.W.P.G. Master the Annual Provincial Grand Lodge of Mark Master Masons of Cumberland and Westmorland will be held under the banner of the Faithful Lodge, No. 229, at Cockermouth, on Wednesday, the 21st inst.

The installation meeting of the Wilson Hies Lodge, No. 2054, will take place on Tuesday, the 6th inst., at the Four Swans Hotel, Waltham Cross, when Bro. Stephen H. Moore, F.R.C.S.E., will be installed as Worshipful Master for the ensuing year.

The Baroness and Bro. Burdett-Coutts will entertain the members of the Congress of the Chambers of Commerce of the Empire and the representatives of the Colonies and India at a Garden Party, at Holly Lodge, Highgate, on Friday next, the 9th inst.

Prince Albert Victor of Wales inspected the training-ship Exmouth, stationed off Grays, on Saturday last, every care having been taken by the authorities to receive his Royal Highness in proper form, while the inhabitants took the opportunity of showing their loyalty, by a liberal display of bunting.

Bro. Major George Lambert, F.S.A., P.G.S.B., is about to be presented by the Court of the Pattenmakers' Company with a loving cup, in recognition of his long connection with the Company, and the many and great services he has rendered to it as Master and in other capacities.

Monday was the anniversary of the Queen's Coronation, which took place on the 28th June, 1838, and was celebrated in the usual loyal manner in London, Windsor, Woolwich, &c., the bells of the various churches being rung and flags displayed in abundance, while in London royal salutes were fired by the Tower and Park guns.

Bro. Lord Herschell (Lord Chancellor, supported by Bro. Lord Hailech, P.G.M. North Wales, and other influential personages, presided at the anniversary festival, held at Willis's Rooms on Saturday last, of the Cabdrivers' Benevolent Association. The subscriptions amounted to about £850, including a donation of £30 from the chairman.

The Queen has been graciously pleased to confer the distinction of a Knight Commandership (Civil Division) of the Order of the Bath on Bro. Sir P. Cunliffe Owen, and a Knight Commandership of the Order of St. Michael and St. George on Bro. Francis Knollys, C.B., for the services they have severally rendered in connection with the Colonial and Indian Exhibition.

Bro. Henry Irving delivered his promised lecture on the drama in the new Schools at Oxford on Saturday evening last, the Vice-Chancellor presiding, and many heads of houses and a strong gathering of undergraduates being present. Bro. Irving was loudly cheered at the close, and then an illuminated address, accompanied by a handsome copy of Shakespeare, was presented to him in recognition of his services to the profession and as part of the welcome extended to him by Oxford.

The annual banquet of the Lodge St. George, No. 2025, was held in the new dining hall at Bro. Henry Matthews, Bedford-street, Plymouth, on Wednesday, the 23rd ult. The banquet was most splendidly served, and Bro. Matthews is to be greatly congratulated upon the alterations which he has made in his premises. Accommodation for eighty or ninety guests can be made by the junction of the new with the old dining rooms. There is little doubt that Bro. Matthews's fame and the excellent room now provided will bring him a considerable increase to his already extensive trade. The new room was inaugurated by this banquet, under the presidency of Bro. J. S. Sloggett, the W.M. of the lodge, and a numerous party of members and visitors. The usual loyal and Masonic toasts were given and responded to. A number of songs and recitations were rendered by several brethren, and some beautiful solos on the cornet by Bro. Sergeant Philip Elford, accompanied on the piano by Mr. Vercoe, R.M. band. A truly enjoyable evening was spent by all present.

The Fifteen Sections will be worked by the brethren of the Covent Garden Lodge of Instruction, No. 1614, at the Criterion, Piccadilly, W., on Thursday, the 15th inst., commencing at 7 o'clock. It will give the brethren great pleasure to see Colonial brethren present. Bro. W. C. Smith, Preceptor; Bro. G. Reynolds, Secretary, 3, St. James's-square, Pall Mall, S.W.

It is stated the building for the Guildhall School of Music on the Embankment is so far advanced that it will be fit to be occupied after the vacation.

Bro. Alderman Sir R. N. Fowler, Bart., W. Burdett-Coutts, Sir E. Watkin, Bart., Baron H. De Worms, and Col. R. Gardner are among the members returned to the new House of Commons.

Bro. Sir C. Warren, Chief Commissioner of Metropolitan Police, is causing enquiries to be made as to the desirability of extending the authority of the river Police on the Thames as far as Molesey.

The Princess of Wales has very graciously consented to distribute the prizes at the close of the meeting at Wimbledon of the National Rifle Association. The day appointed for the ceremony is Saturday, the 24th inst.

The grand review of the troops at Aldershot, at which the Queen will be present, will take place to-day (Friday), when our visitors from the Colonies and Dependencies of the British Crown will have the opportunity of seeing a considerable division of our troops.

The poll for the election of Sheriffs took place at the Guildhall on Monday, with the result that Bros. Lieut.-Col. Kirby and Alderman Isaacs were returned with 1199 and 1096 votes respectively, Alderman Gray, who was unsuccessful, being only a short way behind with 1045 votes.

The Prince of Wales presided on Wednesday morning at a meeting of the Governors of Wellington College, and in the afternoon, accompanied by the Princess of Wales and the three young Princesses, H.R.H. opened the new wing of the Victoria Hospital for Children, Chelsea.

Bro. Sir E. A. H. Lechmere, Bart., was one of the party that received the Princess Beatrice when, in company with her husband, the Prince Henry of Battenberg, her Royal Highness opened a Hungarian Market, or Bazaar, at Willis's Rooms, St. James's, on Monday, in aid of the funds of the St. John's Ambulance Association.

A State Concert was given by command of the Queen at Buckingham Palace, on Wednesday, when the Prince and Princess of Wales, who were attended by the Great Officers of State and the members-in-waiting of the Queen's household, the Duke and Duchess of Connaught, and other members of the Royal Family were present. The guests who had received invitations were very numerous.

On Saturday last the wife of Bro. A. L. Gargini, of the Fidelity Lodge, who is an Englishwoman, presented her husband with triplets—one girl and two boys—mother and children are doing well. We understand they are to be christened Romolo, Remo, and Roma. It is to be hoped that Bro. A. L. Gargini will be honoured with the Queen's bounty on this auspicious occasion.

Bros. Aldermen Sir H. E. Knight and Isaacs (Sheriff elect), Bros. Aldermen and Sheriff Evans, and Sheriff Clarke, and Bros. W. H. Pannell, Major Joseph, H. H. Lavington, and J. Bertram were members of the Reception Committee at the Guildhall Ball given to the visitors from the Colonies and India by the Corporation of London on Friday, the 25th ult., while Bros. Major Joseph, A. J. Altman, T. Beard, A. Brookman, F. Dresser Rogers, and P. Green acted as Masters of the Ceremonies.

Bros. the Duke of Manchester, the Earl of Dalhousie, Sir P. Cunliffe Owen, Sir T. Brassey, K.C.B., Aldermen Sir J. W. Ellis, Bart., Sir H. E. Knight, Sir R. Hanson, De Keyser, Isaacs, Waterlow, Savory and Cowan, Alderman and Sheriff Evans, Sheriff Clarke, Major Joseph, Sir C. H. Gregory, Sir J. B. Monckton, and Major-General Laurie, G.M. Nova Scotia, were among the guests at Bro. the Lord Mayor's banquet at the Mansion House on Tuesday.

The Prince and Princess of Wales, accompanied by two of their daughters, visited the East End on Monday for the purpose of laying the foundation stone of the People's Palace, which will be erected under the auspices of the Beaumont Trustees, and towards which the Duke of Westminster and others have contributed so generously. The reception by the Eastenders was most enthusiastic, and the ceremony itself was carried out successfully in the usual manner. In the evening the Prince and Princess, accompanied by Prince Albert Victor and Princess Louise, attended a ball at Londonderry House.

A picnic under the auspices of the Howe and Charnwood Lodge, No. 1007, was held on Tuesday the 22nd ult., in the beautiful grounds of Longcliffe, near Loughborough. The number present was about 65, and was composed of ladies and gentlemen from Leicester and Loughborough. Music was supplied by a quadrille band, and tea was served on the grounds. At five o'clock the party dined at the Bull's Head Hotel, and after dinner dancing was carried on until eleven o'clock, when the Leicester party were conveyed from Loughborough by special train. Amongst those present were Mr. and Mrs. Marshall, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Oliver, Mrs. Oliver, and Mr. Charles Oliver, jun., Mr. and Mrs. Wilkinson and Mrs. Beeston, of Leicester; the Rev. J. Hird, Oadby, Dr. and Mrs. Corcoran, Mr. and Mrs. Gibson, Mr. and Mrs. Mason, and Mrs. Massey, of Loughborough.

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Bro. the Lord Mayor presided at the regular meeting of the Common Council held at the Guildhall on Thursday.

Bro. Colonel E. C. Malet de Carteret, Prov. G.M. of Jersey, will be installed W.M. of the Yarrowburgh Lodge, No. 244, Jersey, on Wednesday, the 14th inst.

Bro. Lord Herschell, Lord Chancellor of England, received the degree of D.C.L., conferred upon him and other distinguished personages in the Sheldonian Theatre, Oxford, on Wednesday.

Bros. Sir F. W. Truscott, J. D. Allcroft, and H. H. Marshall were amongst those present at the Installation of the Duke of Connaught as Provincial Grand Master of Sussex, on Tuesday, at Brighton.

The Prince of Wales inspected the original sketches of the Soudan War and Nile Expedition, made by Mr. Melton Prior, of the *Illustrated London News*, at the Pall Mall Gallery, on Saturday morning last.

Bro. Alderman Sir R. N. Fowler, Bart., presided at the first festival dinner of the National Dental Hospital, at the Albion, Aldersgate-street, on Tuesday. The subscriptions and donations were announced as amounting to £500.

By command of the Queen, a levée was held by H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, at St. James's Palace, on Friday, the 25th ult., the Duke of Connaught, the Duke of Cambridge, and other members of the Royal Family being present.

The annual meeting of the Provincial Grand Lodge of Berks and Bucks took place at Aylesbury on Monday, under the presidency of R.W. Bro. Sir Daniel Gooch, Bart., P.G.M., there being a large attendance on the occasion.

The following dinners take place at the Freemasons' Tavern for the week ending Saturday, the 3rd inst.: Wednesday—Smeatonian Society of Civil Engineers. Thursday—Grand Lodge of Mark Masters. Saturday—Imperial Federation League.

The Prince of Wales and Prince Albert Victor were entertained at dinner by Bro. the Lord Mayor on Tuesday, at the Mansion House, a number of distinguished representatives of the Colonies and India and other distinguished guests being present.

The Board of Trade have awarded their medal for gallantry in saving life at sea to John Fleming, coast-guard boatman, in recognition of his services at the wreck of the schooner *Mary Ann*, of Dublin, on Greystones Beach on the 12th of May last.

The public library at the Patent Office is now thrown open from 10 a.m. to 10 p.m. This library, in addition to the specifications, indexes, and other publications of the Patent Office, contains a large collection of the leading British and foreign scientific journals, transactions of learned societies, and text books in the various departments of science and art.

Bros. Lieut.-Col. Kirby, Sheriff-elect, and Capt. Hamber were among the principal guests at the 50th Anniversary Festival at the Crystal Palace on Tuesday, the former of whom returned thanks for "The Army, Navy, and Reserve Forces." The amount of subscriptions announced including the Chairman's list of over £2000, amounted to £5800.

The Boscastle estate, Cornwall, has been sold for £35,000. This interesting property, with a history dating back to the wars of the Britons and Saxons, consists of about 1000 acres of land, with 50 houses and cottages, the harbour with its dues, the manor of Bottreux Castle, with its rights, and the slates and minerals, the gross income being estimated at about £1862 per annum.

Following our remarks of last week, we are now able in another part of our columns to give full particulars of the proposed Chapter of Instruction for South London, which is to be opened at the Prince Regent, Dulwich-road, Herne Hill, S.E., on Saturday, 10th inst., at 7.30 p.m. precisely. Comp. Watts, P.Z. 720, Preceptor, will occupy the Principal chair, and the ceremony of exaltation will be rehearsed.

The Prince and Princess of Wales, Prince Albert and the three Princesses, his sisters, with the Duke and Duchess of Connaught, visited the Crystal Palace on Saturday last, when a grand concert was given, and after the Royal party had dined, a grand display of fireworks was made, and the whole of the grounds and building were brilliantly illuminated. Their Royal Highnesses left about 10 p.m.

The members of the Falcon Lodge, No. 1416, Thirsk, held their annual excursion on Wednesday, the 23rd ult., the places selected for their visit on this occasion being Middleton-in-Teesdale and High Force. Leaving Thirsk Station at 9.35, the party arrived at Middleton, and thence drove to High Force Hotel. After luncheon Force Falls and other interesting spots were visited. Returning to Darlington, tea was provided at the North-Eastern Hotel, and the party reached Thirsk about nine.

Bro. General Lord Wolsley presided at the 62nd annual meeting of the Royal Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals, Lady Wolsley, the Baroness Burdett-Coutts, and a numerous fashionable assemblage being present. Later in the day Princess Henry of Battenberg, accompanied by her husband, distributed the prizes awarded by the Society to the successful pupils of our public and private schools who had distinguished themselves by their essays on the treatment of animals.

Bro. G. P. Festa was on Thursday evening last the guest of a party of private friends at the Criterion, Piccadilly, who had invited him to a choice banquet in celebration of his 50th birthday. The chair was occupied by the Italian Vice-Consul, who, in eloquent terms and in excellent idiomatic English, proposed "The Health of their Guest." At the close of his speech he presented, in the name of himself and those present, a beautifully illuminated address of congratulation. Bro. Festa replied in feeling terms, expressing his gratitude for the good feeling shown him. Bro. Bertini, who was one of the party, surpassed himself in providing the entertainment, and after many congratulatory speeches and expressions of friendship and regard for their guest, he departed with a bouquet of Broddingnagian dimensions for Madame Festa, and with best wishes for himself from all present.

METROPOLITAN MASONIC MEETINGS.
For the week ending Saturday, July 10, 1886.

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

SATURDAY, JULY 3.

- Royal Order of Scotland, 33, Golden-square, at 2.30.
- General Committee Boys' School, at 4.
- Lodge 1494, Felix, Mitre Hot., Hampton Court.
- " 1507, Elliott, Railway Hot., Feltham.
- " 1929, Mozart, Greyhound, Croydon.
- Chap. 1326, Lebanon, Red Lion Hot., Hampton.

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, JULY 5.

- Lodge 16, Royal Alpha, Willis's Rooms, St. James's.
- " 1319, Asaph, Freemasons' Hall.
- " 1924, Wickham, St. Peter's Hall, Wickham Park, Brockley.
- " 1996, Priory of Acton, Royal Assembly Rooms, Acton.
- " 2024, Raymond Thrupp, Hampton Court, Middx.
- Chap. 28, Old King's Arms, Freemasons' Tav.
- " 91, Regularity, Freemasons' Hall.
- " 1196, Urban, Freemasons' Hall.
- K.T. 127, Bard of Avon, 33, Golden-sq., W.

LODGES AND CHAPTERS OF INSTRUCTION.

- Brownrigg, Alexandra Hotel, Kingston Hill, at 8.
- Coborn, Eagle Hot., Snaresbrook, 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 7.
- 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, JULY 6.

- Colonial Board, at 4.
 - Lodge 171, Amity, Ship Hot., Greenwich.
 - " 2032, Richmond, Richmond, Surrey.
 - " 2054, Wilson Iles, Four Swans, Waltham Cross, Herts.
 - Chap. 1538, St. Martin's-le-Grand, Guildhall Tav., Gresham-st.
 - Mark 197, Studholme, 33, Golden-sq., W.
- 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, Canning 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 Edgcumbe, 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, JULY 7.

- Provincial Grand Lodge of Surrey, Greyhound Hotel, Richmond, at 2 p.m.
- Lodge 1549, Abercorn, Abercorn Hot., Great Stanmore.
- " 1827, Alliance, Guildhall Tav., Gresham-st.
- " 2076, Quatuor Coronati, Freemasons' Hall.
- Chap. 55, Constitutional, Private Room, Red Lion, Leytonstone.
- " 89s, Temperance-in-the-East, Assembly Rooms, 6, Newby-place, Poplar.
- " 1328, Granite, Freemasons' Hall.
- Mark Grand Masters, M.H., 8A, Red Lion-sq., W.C.
- K.T. 129, Holy Palestine, M.H., 33, Golden-sq., W.

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.
- Kavensbourne, George Inn, Catford, 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, JULY 8.

- Lodge 1624, Earl of Carnarvon, Ladbroke Hall, Ladbroke-grove-road, Notting-hill.
 - " 2047, Beckenham, Public Hall, Beckenham.
 - Chap. 554, Yarborough, Green Dragon, Stepney.
 - " 619, Beadon, M.H., Masons' Avenue, Basinghall-street.
 - " 813, New Concord, Guildhall Tav., Gresham-street.
 - " 860, Dalhousie, Anderton's Hot., Fleet-street.
- LODGES AND CHAPTERS OF INSTRUCTION.**
- Burdett Courts, 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, Bull and Gate, Highgate-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-vale, 7.30.

FRIDAY, JULY 9.

- Lodge 1536, United Military, Lord Raglan, Plumstead.
- Chap. 33, Britannic, Freemasons' Hall.
- " 569, Fitzroy, Head-quarters Hon. Artillery Company, City-rd.

LODGES AND CHAPTERS OF INSTRUCTION.

- 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.
- Emulation Lodge of Improvement (for M.Ms.), F.M.H., at 6.
- 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.
- 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.
- 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

SATURDAY, JULY 10.

- Quarterly General Court Girls' School, at 12.
- Lodge 869, Gresham, Cheshunt Great House, Cheshunt Park.
- " 1415, Campbell, Mitre Hot., Hampton Court.
- " 1685, Guelph, Town Hall, Leyton.
- " 1687, Paxton, Surrey M.H., Camberwell.
- " 1928, Gallery, Brixton Hall, Acre-lane, Brixton.
- Chap. 1423, Era, Albany Hot., Twickenham.
- " 1928, Gallery, Brixton Hall, Acre-lane, Brixton.
- Mark 234, Brixton, Anderton's Hot., Fleet-st.

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"Jan. 2, 1885.

"Your medicine must be the most wonderful discovery, for during my experience of more than twenty years, I never knew any proprietary or patent medicine in such universal favour and demand. It is simply extraordinary, and if I were to send you an account of every statement made to me in its favour, you would have to publish a separate book to contain my testimonials alone.
"(Signed) THOMAS J. PERKINS."

THE EFFECT WAS MARVELLOUS.

"Medical Hall, Bangor,
"Jan. 5, 1885.

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"(Signed) H. LLOYD-JONES."

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