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The Jubilee
Meeting
at York.

THE long-anticipated meeting of the Provincial Grand Lodge of North and East Yorkshire took place at York on Thursday, the 14th instant, when, in addition to the usual proceedings at such annual assemblages, an address to her MAJESTY, on the completion of the Jubilee year of her reign, was unanimously voted, and other appropriate steps were taken in honour of the auspicious event. A full report appears in another part of our columns, and from this it will be seen that the brethren met in large numbers, about 1500—including the visitors from West Yorkshire, Durham, Lincolnshire—and elsewhere, being present. A special service was held in the Minster, which had been kindly placed at the disposal of the Craft for the occasion by Bro. the Very Rev. the Dean of YORK, Past Grand Chaplain of England, and in the evening there was a conversazione in the Exhibition building, every portion of the day's programme, thanks to the admirable arrangements by Bro. M. C. PECK, Prov. G. Sec. and the committee of the York Lodge, No. 236, being an unqualified success. In fact, this appears to have been the most important gathering of its kind in the provinces, and at the same time the most imposing and most successful. We are glad this has been the case. York, like London, is a centre of attraction to all Freemasons, and the brethren of England having had their Jubilee gathering in the latter, it was only reasonable and proper that those dwelling in the northern counties should have a corresponding meeting in the Masonic capital of the north, and we congratulate Bro. the Earl of Zeland, P.G.M. and his P.G. Officers and brethren on the brilliant result of their efforts to do honour to our gracious Sovereign.

Consecration of
the Earl of
Sussex Lodge,
No. 2201.

THERE is probably not a Province under the Grand Lodge of England which does not envy Sussex its good fortune in having H.R.H. the Duke of CONNAUGHT for its Prov. G. Master. True, the overwhelming number of engagements which are the inevitable lot of every Royal personage, and in the case of this particular member of the QUEEN's family, his military duties as well, render it impossible that he can often personally take part in the proceedings of the Province. But this disadvantage is more than counter-balanced by the pleasant influences he exercises whenever he finds it possible to attend his Masonic duties. Sussex, for instance, has seen nothing of its Prov. G. Master, the Duke of CONNAUGHT, since his brother the Prince of WALES, M.W.G.M., installed him in office at the Royal Pavilion, Brighton, last year, and this for the best of reasons, that his Royal Highness has been on military duty in India ever since. But all sense of regret at the year's absence was effaced on Friday of last week, when the Duke made a point of attending at Brighton and personally conducting the ceremony at the consecration of the Earl of Sussex Lodge. The brethren were delighted at again meeting their illustrious chief, who, as they were well aware, had been absent from necessity, not from choice. They noted with pleasure the able manner in which he fulfilled the part of Consecrating officer, and having seen and heard him in the lodge and at the banquet, they will now patiently await his return from a further spell of duty in India, with an abiding faith in his Royal Highness's personal interest in their success, and with the knowledge that when he does come back to England the Masonic Province of Sussex will have a full share of his Royal Highness's attention.

The Mark Ben-
evolent Fund
Festival.

It will be seen from the account we publish elsewhere of the 19th Anniversary Festival of the Mark Benevolent Fund that the celebration at the Holborn Restaurant on Wednesday passed off with unwonted splendour. Not only did the proprietors of the Restaurant provide generously for their guests, but the guests were in unusual force and spirit to appreciate the banquet. The occasion, too, and all its surroundings were calculated to ensure a sense of steady enthusiasm on the part of all present. There was a most genial Chairman in the person of Bro. EARL AMHERST, with a strong and influential Province in the shape of Kent to back him up. There was a strong array of distinguished Mark brethren, prominent amongst them being Bro. the Marquis of HERTFORD, D.G.M. of the Mark Grand Lodge, who has kindly consented to take the chair at the 20th Anniversary Festival in July, 1888; and there was a fair sprinkling of ladies to grace the festive board. Under these circumstances it is not so very surprising that the Secretary of the Fund should have been called upon to announce so large a total of subscriptions as £2260, or upwards of £500 in excess of the highest amount ever previously recorded. The result is one on which we congratulate all who took part in obtaining it, and we trust Bro. the Marquis of HERTFORD may be equally fortunate when he presides at the Festival of next year.

CONSECRATION OF THE EARL OF SUSSEX LODGE, No. 2201, BY H.R.H. THE DUKE OF CONNAUGHT.

On the 15th inst., at the Royal Pavilion at Brighton, there was a large assemblage of brethren, not only those of the Province of Sussex, but also including a large number who came from London and other parts, to witness the ceremony of the Consecration of a new lodge in the Province of Sussex, it having been announced that the ceremony of Consecration was to be performed by H.R.H. the Duke of Connaught, who some twelve months since was installed Grand Master of the province in the same place by his brother the Prince of Wales, Grand Master of English Freemasons. His Royal Highness, accompanied by his equerry, Col. Egerton, and Col. Shadwell H. Clerke, Grand Sec., travelled by train from Victoria, and was met at the Brighton Station by Bro. Gerard Ford, Deputy Provincial Grand Master of Sussex; and the Right Hon. W. T. Marriott, Q.C., M.P., who conducted him to the Pavilion.

A number of officers of the Grand Lodge of England arrived by the same train, including Bros. W. M. Bywater, G. Sword Bearer; C. F. Matier, P.G. Standard Bearer; W. C. Beaumont, P.G.A.D.C.; Rudolph G. Glover, P.G.D.C.; R. Furtle Pigott, P.A.G.D.C.; Thomas Fenn, President Board of General Purposes; James Willing, jun., P.G. Treasurer; and others. Bro. Sadler, the Grand Tyler, who was in charge of the consecrating vessels, arrived by an earlier train. It may here be mentioned that the Earl of Sussex Lodge has been founded by a number of local Freemasons, the names of those who signed the petition for its authorisation being Bros. Gerard Ford, D.P.G.M.; Lieut.-General C. W. Randolph, P.P.S.G.W.; the Right Hon. W. T. Marriott, Q.C., M.P., P.G.S.; Major Mortimer Hancock; Richd. Clowes, P.P.S.G.W. Essex; R. Pidcock, Prov. G. Reg.; Major-General B. Ford, P.G.D. Bengal; V. P. Freeman, Prov. G. Sec.; W. H. Hallett, P.P.S.G.W.; C. W. Hudson, P.P.S.G.W.; Capt. H. Kemball Cook, P.P.G.D.C.; A. King, P. Prov. G. Organist; Dr. H. G. Price, P.P.G.S.; C. B. Warre, P.P.G.W.; the Very Rev. E. Currie, Dean of Battle, P.P.G.C.; and the names of the Master and Wardens designated in the petition were: Bro. W. Gerard Ford, Deputy Prov. G.M. of Sussex, to be Master; Bro. the Right Hon. W. T. Marriott, Q.C., M.P., P.G. Steward, to be Senior Warden; and W. Bro. R. Clowes, P. Prov. S.G.W. Essex, to be Junior Warden.

The Deputy Prov. Grand Master, Bro. FORD, by command of the R.W. Prov. Grand Master opened the especial lodge at about 11.30, Bro. Smith occupying the chair of S.W., and Bro. Hudson that of J.W. The lodge having been opened in the Three Degrees, the whole assembly by command of the W.M. stood to order, and on the entrance of the Prov. Grand Master, the Duke of Connaught, accompanied by a Deputation which had been formed for the purpose, he was hailed by the brethren with the greatest enthusiasm. On the approach of his Royal Highness Bro. Ford vacated the chair, which was then taken by the Prov. Grand Master. After the brethren assembled had sung the hymn "Hail, Eternal, by whose aid," the R.W. PROVINCIAL GRAND MASTER rose and said: "Brethren, a year has now elapsed since your Most Worshipful Grand Master installed me as your Prov. Grand Master. I regret that since that time my absence upon duty in India has prevented me from coming among you, but I have now great pleasure in coming here for the purpose of inaugurating this new lodge. I am sure that under the able guidance of Bro. Gerard Ford all success will attend the new lodge. I selected Bro. Ford for the office to replace a much loved and deeply-lamented brother, Bro. John Henderson Scott, and I am sure that under Bro. Ford the lodge will rise to a position worthy of this place and province, and attain a high position among the lodges of this country.

The PROV. GRAND SECRETARY then addressed his Royal Highness, informing him that certain brethren had petitioned to be constituted into a Masonic lodge, whereupon the Presiding Officer directed that the brethren referred to should appear before him, and they were accordingly ranged in order in front of the pedestal. The Prov. G. Secretary then read the petition and also the warrant, which had in consequence been granted by the M.W. the G.M., stating the names of the Master and Wardens chosen for the first year. His Royal Highness inquired of the brethren before him whether they still approved of the appointment of the officers named in the warrant, and they having signified their assent in Masonic form, the Prince called upon the Prov. Grand Chaplain for an oration regarding the principles of Freemasonry.

The PROV. GRAND CHAPLAIN said that time would not permit him to enlarge upon the principles of Masonry, or on the import of Masonic words, but he might be allowed to congratulate the brethren of the lodge now being erected on the fact that it commenced its career in the Jubilee year of the reign of her Most Gracious Majesty Queen Victoria, and would be one of the Jubilee lodges of the Province of Sussex. It was also a subject of congratulation to-day that they had the advantage of the presence of the R.W. Prov. G.M., H.R.H. the Duke of Connaught, and he was quite sure that under the care and guidance of Bro. Ford the new lodge would enjoy a large measure of success. He would not dilate there on the principles of Freemasonry, which was familiar to all of those present, but the occasion would remind them of the day when they were brought up to the pedestal seeking and asking for light, and they should now ask themselves whether they had since that day acted up to the principles which were then imparted and explained to them. Those principles were embodied in the volume of the sacred law, and if Masons acted up to that law, no brother could possibly err. It was their duty to rejoice with them that rejoiced, and

to weep with them that wept. There was just one other thought, this happened to be St. Swithin's day. Their lodge had met in sunshine, and he prayed that the sun from Heaven might shine upon the lodge, and that the brethren constituting it might form a lodge abiding in prosperity and happiness.

The oration was succeeded by the singing of the anthem "Behold how good and joyful a thing it is for brethren to dwell together in unity." The more solemn part of the ceremony was then proceeded with by the Duke of Connaught, and it is not from any spirit of flattery, because the P.G.M. is an exalted personage, it is simply an honest admission of the truth to say that we never heard the dedication prayers or the invocation delivered in so devotional, heartfelt, and impressive manner as that in which they came from his Royal Highness's lips on this occasion; and from a reference to the ceremony which he made in a speech at a later period, it was plain that he was acutely alive to the solemnity of the occasion. It is sufficient to say that the whole ceremony was conducted to its close with the greatest earnestness and precision, and, after dedicating the lodge in ancient form, the Provincial Grand Master declared it to be duly constituted, and the ceremony was brought to a close by the singing of the hymn "Glory be to God on High."

By command of the R.W.P.G.M., the V.W. Bro. Col. Shadwell H. Clerke, G. Sec., assumed the Master's chair, and proceeded to install Bro. Gerard Ford, P.M. 271, P.G.D., and D.P.G.M., to be Master of the Earl of Sussex Lodge, a ceremony which, it is needless to say, he performed with his accustomed precision and dignity.

The newly-installed W.M. then proceeded to invest his officers as follows: Bros. Gen. Randolph, as I.P.M.; Right Hon. W. T. Marriott, Q.C., M.P., P.G. Steward, S.W.; R. Clowes, P.P.G.W. Essex, J.W.; V. P. Freeman, Sec.; W. H. Hallett, Treas.; Major-Gen. B. Ford, S.D.; Major Hancock, J.D.; H. Kemball Cook, D.C.; H. E. Price, I.G.; C. W. Hudson and C. B. Warre, Stewards; and Henry Hughes, Tyler.

The ceremony was brought to a close by the Grand Secretary reciting in a masterly manner the three orations to the Master, the Wardens, and the brethren of the lodge.

It was proposed by the S.W., and seconded by the W.M., that H.R.H. the Duke of Connaught and the V.W. Bro. Col. Shadwell H. Clerke be entered on the books as honorary members of the lodge, in recognition of the share they had taken in the ceremonies just brought to a close.

H.R.H. and the GRAND SECRETARY having acknowledged the compliment, the thanks of the brethren were tendered through Bro. Gen. Randolph to the W.M. for a very handsome banner which had been presented by him to the lodge, bearing the Royal Arms and the Coat and Shield of H.R.H. The Duke of Connaught and, in reply,

The WORSHIPFUL MASTER tendered Bro. Marriott and the other officers his thanks for their co-operation with him, and expressed a hope that this noble little army that had just been enrolled would march unbroken beneath that banner for many, many years to come.

The lodge was then closed, and the company adjourned to luncheon in the King's banqueting room. The musical arrangements were under the management of Bro. H. S. Gates, Prov. Grand Organist, whose band, stationed on the lawn, played a selection of music while the luncheon was in progress.

In proposing the first toast, "The Queen and the Craft," Bro. Ford said that it was the first time in his life that he had had the honour to propose her Majesty's health in the presence of one of her sons, often as that toast had been confided to him. Her Majesty was often styled the head and patroness of the order, and in effect, she was its head, and in her illustrious male relatives the Craft had, from time to time, enjoyed the privilege of Royal brotherhood. In this celebrated year it was a great happiness to him (the speaker) to welcome a new link between the Royal Family and Masonry in the Province of Sussex, and he called upon all those assembled on this auspicious occasion to drink with more than usual cordiality the health of "The Queen and the Craft." The toast was received with the utmost enthusiasm.

In proposing "The Health of the M.W.G.M., the Prince of Wales," the CHAIRMAN said it was unnecessary for him to expatiate on the G.M.'s Masonic excellences, as they were so well known to all the brethren, but he must inform them that the Duke of Connaught would make a point of informing the Prince of all that had taken place to-day. He was sure that the Prince would take great interest in hearing of their doings. The Prince of Wales, they would remember, came down to Brighton last year, when the brethren had the pleasure of seeing him install their Right W. Prov. G.M., but for which ceremony the Duke of Connaught would not have been before them now. He concluded by saying that he thought the Prince of Wales was the pride of Freemasons both here and throughout the world, and by his untiring devotion to duty illustrated how truly he was possessed of the real Masonic spirit.

The CHAIRMAN said he would now proceed to give them toast number three on the list, "The Most Worshipful Pro Grand Master, the Right Hon. the Earl of Carnarvon, the Right Worshipful Deputy Grand Master, the Right Hon. the Earl of Lathom, and officers of the Grand Lodge, Present and Past;" and this toast was one which was always honoured in Masonic meetings, where the services of the Earl of Carnarvon, the Earl of Lathom, and the other Grand Officers were always recognized as they fully deserved to be. He was sorry to see that the Earl of Carnarvon found it would be necessary for him to go to the antipodes on account of his health, but hoped he would soon be amongst them again, invigorated and refreshed by his voyage. As regarded the Grand Officers as a body, they knew that in the past, and they hoped that for the future, they would always have the right man in the right place. The Officers of the Grand Lodge were often among them at Brighton. By their presence, and their precept, and their example the brethren of the province benefited a great deal. They were glad to have their good advice, and glad also to follow it. He proposed their hearty good health.

Bro. FENN, Chairman of the Board of General Purposes, whose name the Chairman had associated with the toast, said that in obedience to the W.M. he rose to respond to the compliment which had been paid to the Grand Officers. He had hoped that the Chairman would have connected the name of Bro. Shadwell Clerke, the G.S., with that toast, because, after the prominent part he had taken in the proceedings of the day, he had much more claim to the honour. The Earl of Carnarvon and the Earl of Lathom must both regret their absence on this occasion, but on behalf of the Grand Officers, he was sure that he was speaking their sentiments in saying that they were extremely happy to have been present on an occasion which must be very dear to his Royal Highness. He would not, as

time was short, detain them by any lengthened remarks, but he was sure that all the Grand Officers, whether present or unavoidably absent, would watch the future progress of this lodge with the greatest interest.

The CHAIRMAN next rose to propose "The Health of the Right Worshipful Prov. Grand Master, H.R.H. the Duke of Connaught and Strathearn, &c." This province was honoured by having the Duke as its chief, and he ventured to think that his Royal Highness's gratification in being connected with the province of Sussex was second only to that of the brethren in having such a ruler. His Royal Highness was only in England for a short time; he was going back to the Indian clime, where they all hoped he would enjoy health and happiness. However, the Chairman said he trusted that he might soon again return to these shores, and that they might again have the pleasure of seeing him presiding over them. His Royal Highness had done the speaker the honour to depute him to act for him in his absence. He felt himself unworthy of the position, especially after having seen the Duke perform the work he had done that day, and he might add that the excellent manner in which that work had been performed led him to hope that for his own sake the R.W. Prov. G.M. would soon be enabled to resume his personal sway over them. He was only echoing the sentiments of the whole of the province when he said that the brethren bid his Royal Highness most loyal and fraternal welcome, and considered that whilst the Prince would doubtless hold it a matter of duty to preside if he could; yet, considering the ceaseless calls upon him whilst for a short term in England, it would not be denied that it is a great kindness on his part to find time to come among them. He would only add that they heartily, and sincerely, and Masonically wished the Right Worshipful Prov. Grand Master long life and happiness whether in India or in England.

In reply, the Duke of CONNAUGHT said: Worshipful Master and brethren, I find it difficult to find words in which sufficiently to express how very deeply I feel the very hearty manner in which you have received me here in this province. Having been away ever since the time when I was appointed Grand Master, you will naturally feel some disappointment at my not being among you, but the reception you have given me to-day has shown me how very kindly and how very warmly you look upon one who has the honour to stand at the head of this province. The ceremony of to-day has been one of the most interesting ceremonies I have ever witnessed, and the important part that your Provincial Grand Master was enabled to take in the ceremony has impressed him, and I hope it has impressed us all, with the deep solemnity of the ceremony we were then engaged in. Few things could be more striking than to see the whole of that ceremony. It was very gratifying to be able to come here to-day to show you how truly and thoroughly I have the interests of all Masons in the province at heart.

The Duke of CONNAUGHT again rose to propose the next toast. He said a most pleasing task had devolved upon him; it was that of proposing "The Health of the Worshipful Deputy Provincial Grand Master, Bro. Gerard Ford, P.G. Deacon, and also the Health of the officers of the Prov. Grand Lodge, Present and Past." He was very pleased to have been asked to propose this toast, and to be able to thank his Worshipful Brother, Bro. Ford, for having so ably carried out the business of the province in his (the Master's) absence. From Bro. Ford's and Bro. Ford's family connection with Masonry, he had every confidence in his tact, judgment, and loyalty, and that therefore it afforded him (the Prov. Grand Master) the very greatest pleasure to be able to give his health, more especially as he was also Master of the new Lodge, which they had that day inaugurated. He was sure that Bro. Ford was ready to promote anything that was for the good of the Craft, and he did not know anything that could give him greater pleasure than the prosperity of the lodge of which Bro. Ford was the first Master. His Royal Highness went on to say that he would now be allowed to congratulate Bro. Ford on the honour conferred upon him at the great meeting at the Albert Hall. It was an honour not only to himself, but it was an honour to the province. Time was short, and it would ill become him (the speaker), in the presence of the Master, to depart from his ruling, but he hoped that the brethren would all join him in most heartily drinking Bro. Ford's health, both as Deputy of the Province and Master of the Earl of Sussex Lodge, and the health also of the other officers of the province.

Bro. Ford said he hardly knew how to find words to express his sense of the great kindness that had been done him in the expression of confidence that had been made by the Prov. G.M. as to his ability to carry on the work of the province in the absence of the P.G.M. He ventured to assure his Royal Highness that he would endeavour to carry on the business in his absence as in his presence. No body of men could be more anxious to carry on their duties than the Masters of lodges and officers of the province; but with such a body of officers as they had, it was scarcely possible that things could go wrong. He respectfully thanked His Royal Highness for his gracious words.

The Right Hon. W. T. MARRIOTT, Q.C., S.W., proposed "The Health of the Visitors," associating with the toast the names of Bro. Puleston, M.P. for Devonport, and Bro. Farncombe, Mayor of Lewes, both of whom, he said, liked Brighton so well that one of them lived there altogether, and the other came as often as he could. It was the first time for years that they had a Mayor who was not a Mason, and he must say that the Mayor was very much concerned at being unable to take a greater part that day in welcoming his Royal Highness. He was pleased, however, to see that the son of the Mayor was present.

Bro. PULESTON, M.P., and Bro. FARNCOMBE having acknowledged the compliment, in very felicitous terms,

Bro. Dr. PIGOTT proposed "Success to the Earl of Sussex Lodge," coupled with the name of Bro. HALLETT, the Treasurer, who responded.

The WORSHIPFUL MASTER then proposed "Success to the Masonic Charities," and, as they were not otherwise represented, coupled the name of the Grand Secretary with the toast.

Bro. Col. SHADWELL H. CLERKE responded, and said that he hoped in a day or two to hand a cheque for about £2100 to each of the three Charities as the outcome of the great gathering in the Albert Hall. (Great applause.)

The Tyler's toast was then given, and his Royal Highness left amidst enthusiastic cheering, when after being driven along the sea front for awhile he returned to London in a saloon attached to the 5 o'clock train, being escorted throughout by the D.P.G.M.

The following were among the provincial officers present: Bros. Edwd. Broadbridge, P.J.G.D.; W. A. Tooth, P.P.G. Chaplain; W. R. Wood, P.P.J.G.W.; A. W. Lambert, P.P.G. Organist; Geo. F. Lewis, P.P.G.S.B.; John Anderson, P.P.G.P.; John Hallett, P.G.S., W.M. 5; W. H. Russell, P.G.S. Sussex; Edwd. Collings, P.G.S.B.; A. T. Long, P.A.G.D. of C.; Richard Pidcott, P.G. Reg.; G. A. Wallis, P.M. 916; T. C. Woodman, P.G. Stew. of Sussex; Thos. Trollope, P.G.D. Sussex; B. Sargent, P.G. Asst. Purst. Sussex; G. T. Hard-

man, P.G.J.W. East Lancashire; W. Turner, P.P.G.S.B. Sussex; E. R. P. Francis, P.P.G.O. Herts.; C. Bamfylde Warre, P.G.S.; H. W. Charrington, P.P.J.G.W., &c.; H. S. Gates, P.G.O.; Edward Walker, P.P.G.C.; E. R. Currie, P.P.G.C.; Chas. H. Haine, P.A.G.D.C.; W. L. Thomas, P.P.G. Std. Br.; Herbert Woodhams, Prov. G. Swd. Br.; A. Binfield, Prov. Asst. G.S.; J. Puttick, Prov. G. Chaplain; R. Crosskey, Pr. v. G. Treas.; George Molesworth, P.P.G.D.; H. M. Dowell, P.P.G.D.; E. F. C. Brown Cave, M.A., P.P.G. Chaplain; S. H. Soper, Prov. G. Stwd.; Geo. Smith, Prov. G.S.W.; W. H. Hallett, P.P.S.G.W.; E. W. J. Hannah, P.P.G.D.C.; Chas. J. Smith, P.P.G.W.; Walter Smith, P.P.G.S.B.; Jas. W. Stride, P.P.J.G.W.; Chas. C. Cook, P.P.G. Supt. of Wks.; G. C. Albiac, P.P.G.W.; S. H. Crouch, P.P.J.G.D.; James Evaralls, P.P.G. Purst.; J. H. Owen, P.P.G.S.B.; H. T. Davey, P.P.J.G.W.; L. D. Dowdall, Prov. G. Chaplain; Charles Briscoe, P.P.A.G.P.; S. Peters, P.G. Purst.; Alf. King, P.P.G.O.; Benjamin Bennett, P.P.A.G.D.; T. W. Wilkinson, P. Prov. G. Purst.; W. Ardley, P.P.G.O.; Major Gen. Barnett Ford, P.G.D. Bengal; J. D. McCarogher, P.P.G.C.; R. F. Davies, P.P.G.C.; H. T. Abbey, P.P.G.D.; W. H. Gibson, P.P.G.W.; J. M. Reeds, P.P.G.W.; G. R. Lockyer, P.G.S. of Wks.; W. Roe, P.P.G.P.; R. A. Ellman, P.P.A.G.P.; A. Hawkes, P.P.G.S.B.; R. Clowes, Prov. S.G.W. Essex; S. Robert Legg, P.P.G.S.B.; Jos. Farncombe, P.P.G.J.D., Mayor of Lewes.

Among the visitors, who numbered about 130, were:

Bros. Hotham, 1184; Davison, 1184; Hickey, 935; Carpenter, 1829; Macfarlane, 1829; Ashdowne, 315; Peters, 311; Hart, 1821; Henderson, 1141; Beaumont, 315; Skinner, 40; Partridge, 732; Stone, 311; Snelgrove, 1303; Honeywood, 1141; Winkworth, 1947; Bennett, 811; W. D. Stone, 311; Bolcam, 271; Carter, 315; Landfield, 1821; Wormald, 1821; Gray, 1636; Barrett, 38; Hamlin, 1821; Coode, 1821; Rubie, 40; Bullman, 40; Caffyn, 1110; Deighton, 1110; Wilkins, 827; Mackey, 860; Ford, 271; Bioletti, 315; Campbell, 271; Beck, 40; Chapman, 1821; Abell, 315; Smith, 1821; Miller, 1829; Lamette, 271; C. W. Lemett, 851; Gill, 1829; Giles, 1829; Santon, 1679; Padham, 1829; New, 1829; Hughes, 1184; Foster, 1181; Miles, 1821; Downard, 315; Dawny, 315; Burrell, 1829; Stace, 1622; Warman, 1821; Brazier, 1829; Howell, 1829; Tebb, 1821; West, 2187; Crosskey, 1829; Easter, 1110; Berry, 1821; Hill, 2187; Swales, 1829; Festa, 1900; Shaw, 1821; Parsons, 1829; Crell, 1264; Sturgeon, 1829; Strong, 1821; Brown, 1829; Belcher, 315; Willard, 732; Goode, 1799; Payne, Bacon, 271; Hughes, 1948; Word, 315; P. Hogarth, 1609; Kirkham, 315; Dlassington, 1947; Paige, 315; Cooke, 1842; Downard, 315; Tillstone, 732; Field, 732; Thatcher, 341; Pollard, 1797; Greebe, 1426; E. Histed, 732; Cully, 847; Wells, 315; Burthenshaw, 1465; Sandeman, 315; Masters, 1797; Addis, 58; Whitaker, 1790; Roberts, 1466; King, 271; Hurst-Wright, 1461; Garnett, 1141; Welling, 2187; D. Harding, 2187; Martin, 2187; Reeves, 732; Balchin, jun., 1636; Truman, 311; Goss, 56; Pratt, 1797; Peters, 311; Ward, 49; Townner, 311; Capt. Nicolls, 1545; Mitchell, 1619; Betchley, 1619; Boys, 1821; D. Albiac, 1466; Breach, 38; Wright, 311; Every, 311; Newton, 1254; Lloyd, 311; Hallett, 811; Moore, 38; Inkpen, 38; Barber, 1821; Billingshurst, 1821; Davis, 1821; Tod, 271; Langman, Morris, 1636; Cross, 811; Cole, 1636; Hutchinson, 812; Major Edwards, 1466; Shaft, 811; Whittle, 811; and many others.

The whole proceedings were of an enthusiastic character, and H.R.H. the Duke of Connaught repeatedly expressed his satisfaction with the arrangements, and his pleasure in being able to devote a few hours to the work in which he had taken part.

The catering was attended to by Mr. Mutton, of King's Road, and the brethren expressed much satisfaction with it.

The later musical arrangements, under the Organist of the Earl of Sussex Lodge, Bro. Alfred King, Mus. Bac., Oxon., and which included some charming singing by Miss Freeman and Miss Ada Moore, were very effective and pleasurable.

The gathering was photographed by Messrs. Russell and Sons, of Brighton.

PROVINCIAL GRAND LODGE OF NORTH AND EAST YORKSHIRE.

On the 14th instant the Right Hon. the Earl of Zetland, Right Worshipful Prov. Grand Master of the North and East Ridings of Yorkshire, on the invitation of the York Lodge, No. 236, held a Provincial Grand Lodge and General Communication of Masons of the province in the Exhibition-building. As a preface to the special form of service issued by the Dean the following interesting extract from Preston's Illustrations of Freemasonry is given:—"The Masons remained without any nominal patron till the reign of Elizabeth, when Sir Thomas Sackville accepted the office of Grand Master. Lodges were held during this period in different parts of England; but the General or Grand Lodge assembled in York, where the Fraternity were numerous and respectable." "The following circumstance is recorded of Elizabeth: Hearing that the Masons were in possession of secrets which they would not reveal, and being jealous of all secret assemblies, she sent an armed force to York with intent to break up their Annual Grand Lodge. This design, however, was happily frustrated by the interposition of Sir Thomas Sackville, who took care to initiate some of the chief officers which she had sent on this duty. They joined in communication with the Masons and made so favourable a report to the Queen on their return, that she countermanded her orders, and never afterwards attempted to disturb the meetings of the Fraternity." If anything were required in the present day to show the popularity of the Order it was given on Thursday in that ancient city, when there was an exceptionally brilliant gathering of members of the Craft, numbering upwards for 1500, from the North and East Ridings, West Riding, and Durham Provinces. Among those present were the Prov. Grand Master for West Yorkshire, Bro. W. Tew; the Prov. Grand Master for Durham, Bro. Sir Hedworth Williamson, Bart.; and the Prov. Grand Master for Lincolnshire; the Deputy Prov. Grand Master for North and East Yorkshire, the Hon. W. T. Orde-Powlett; the Very Rev. the Dean of York, Past Grand Chap. of England; the Lord Mayor of York, Bro. Sir Joseph Terry; J. W. Woodall, Mayor of Scarborough, Past Grand Treas. of England; and others.

The brethren having assembled in the great hall of the Exhibition, stood to receive the Earl of Zetland and the Provincial Grand Officers; and the Prov. Grand Lodge having been opened in due form, the P.G.M. of the West Riding, Bro. Tew, and his officers were received. Salutations having been given, the P.G.M., Lord Zetland, welcomed the visitors, and proceeded to move the following address to the Queen:—

To the Queen's Most Excellent Majesty.

The humble, loyal, and dutiful address of the Ancient Free and Accepted Masons of the County of York.

May it please your Majesty, we, your Majesty's faithful and loyal subjects, humbly beg to express to your Majesty our sincere sentiments of thankfulness and rejoicing on the auspicious completion of the 50th year of your Majesty's glorious reign. We beg to acknowledge with grateful pride and satisfaction the past and present obligations which our Order owes to your Majesty's Royal House, and for the high and distinguished honour conferred upon the Craft by the gracious rule of our Most Worshipful Grand Master, H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, and for the generous support which your Majesty and the other members of the Royal Family have been graciously pleased to afford to our Charitable Institutions. We humbly pray that your Majesty's valuable life may be long preserved to extend to your Majesty's loving subjects the blessings of peace and good government, and that the nations of your Majesty's vast empire may continue to

be guided by those beneficent principles which have ever marked your Majesty's happy reign.

Signed at the annual meeting of the Provincial Grand Lodge of the North and East Ridings of York, held in the city of York, 14th July, 1887.

ZETLAND, P.G.M.

Hon. W. T. ORDE-POWLETT, D.P.G.M.

M. C. PECK, P.G. Sec.

T. W. TEW, P.G.M. West Yorks.

H. SMITH, D.P.G.M. West Yorks.

H. G. E. GREEN, P.G. Sec. West Yorks.

The GRAND MASTER said that during the 13 years in which he had had the honour of occupying the very high position of Provincial Grand Master of the North and East Ridings of Yorkshire, he had never had the happiness of presiding over so large and important an assemblage of Freemasons as that then assembled in the ancient city of York. (Applause.) He was well aware that all there on that occasion were not brethren belonging to the province over which he presided. He saw there the Right Worshipful the Provincial Grand Master of the West Riding, and a number of brethren belonging to that province. (Applause.) He looked upon that as a token of the extreme good feeling and cordiality which existed, and which he hoped might continue for many generations between the two great provinces of the county. He also saw there that day the Right Worshipful Provincial Grand Master of the county of Durham (Sir Hedworth Williamson), and the Grand Master of Lincolnshire, and many other distinguished brethren. (Applause.) The first and most important business with which he had to deal was to move the adoption of an address of congratulation to her most gracious Majesty the Queen—(applause)—on having reigned over the country for fifty years. (Loud applause.) The cheers with which that address had been received proved to him that it was already passed with acclamation. (Applause.) Fifty years was a long period in a life time. There were but three Sovereigns before our present Queen who had reigned over the country for fifty years, viz., Edward III., Henry III., and George III. Each of those reigns was eventful, but if they considered their history they would be unable to find a more eventful epoch than the past half century. Science had advanced with gigantic strides, trade and commerce had been fully developed, and many vast changes had been brought about for the benefit and happiness of the people of the British Empire. During the last few weeks he had had the pleasure of attending many ceremonials in connection with the celebration of her Majesty's Jubilee year. He had had the extreme pleasure of witnessing such manifestations of loyalty from the people of this country as, he was sure, no country in the world could boast of under any circumstances. (Applause.) He had had the honour of attending an assembly in the Albert Hall of 6000 Freemasons, under the presidency of H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, and noted the enthusiasm with which his Royal Highness was received on that occasion. He observed that with whatever affection and loyalty her Majesty's name was received in all parts of the dominions, there was no more loyal or true body of men than the Freemasons of England. (Applause.) The assembly that day was an additional proof, if it were necessary, that law and order were the pillars of our Constitution; that fellowship, charity, and loyalty, were the most marked features of their ancient Fraternity. Having referred to the interest which the Queen took in charitable Institutions, he concluded by moving the adoption of the address.

Bro. Tew, P.G.M. of the West Riding, seconded the adoption of the address, which was agreed to with acclamation.

The brethren having sung the National Anthem in the lodge, assembled on the lawn for the purpose of forming the procession to the Minster. Preceded by the band of the 9th Lancers, they marched through the Museum grounds and by Lendal and Duncombe-place to the Minster.

At half-past two o'clock the brethren marched in procession from the Fine Art Institution to the Minster, where a special service was held in the nave. That portion of the building to the west of the pulpit was reserved for the brethren of the Craft, the seats at the east end being set apart for the ladies, who were admitted by ticket, and during the service the interior of the Minster presented a very picturesque appearance. As there is a legendary connection between Queen Elizabeth and the Masonic Fraternity of York, it was thought that it might be acceptable to the brethren on the present occasion to take part in a service as similar as possible to that used by Queen Elizabeth when, like Queen Victoria, she went to Westminster Abbey to ask God's blessing on herself and country during an epoch of national history almost as brilliant as the past fifty years. The service was adapted by Bro. the Very Rev. the Dean of York from the original, as recorded in "Queen Elizabeth's Progresses," by John Nicholls, and had the approval of the R.W.P.G.M. The music was selected from composers of the reigns of Queen Elizabeth and Queen Victoria, with the exception of the Coronation Anthem, "Zadok the Priest" (Handel), which was sung at the Coronation of the Queen in celebration of whose Jubilee the service was held. When the P.G.M. and brethren had taken their seats the choir entered, singing as a processional Psalm xxi. from the Prayer Book version and Coverdale's Bible (translated 1540), the music being by Farrant.

The clergy present were the Dean of York, P.G.C. of England, who wore the regalia of the Craft; the Rev. Canon Lord Forester (canon in residence); the Rev. Canon Camidge (the new Bishop of Bathurst); the Rev. Canon Kemp, P.G.C. North and East Ridings; Rev. Canon Randolph, Rev. Canon Fausset, Rev. Canon Barnes Laurence, Rev. J. A. R. Ramsay L'Amy, and the Rev. A. H. B. Lees. Dr. Naylor, the able Organist of the Minster, presided at the organ throughout the service. At the conclusion of the processional the choir sung the Te Deum to music by Henry Smart. This was followed by the Litany, which was intoned by the Rev. J. A. R. Ramsay L'Amy, the music of the responses having been harmonised by F. Tallis, Organist to Queen Elizabeth. The Lord's Prayer and the Prayer of St. Chrysostom having been said, the sermon followed; after which the choir sang a "solemn song," composed by Orlando Gibbons, in the time of Elizabeth, and which was as follows:—

Great God of Kings, whose gracious hand hath led
Our sacred Sovereign's head,
Unto this time whereby such bliss is shed.

O! send thine angels to her blessed side,
And bid them there abide,
To be at once her guardians and her guide.

Dear be her life, all glorious be her days,
And prospering all her ways;
Late add Thy last crown to her peace and praise.

And when she hath outlived the world's long date,
Let Thy last change translate
Her living flesh to Thy celestial state.

The verses were sung in excellent style by Messrs. Watson, Acott, and Dawson. A collect was then said for the Queen, after which the choir rendered in an admirable manner the anthem by Handel, which was sung at her Majesty's Coronation in 1838, the words of which are, "Zadok the priest, and Nathan the prophet, anointed Solomon King, and all the people rejoiced, and said God save the King, long live the King, may the King live for ever, amen." A collection was then made in aid of the educational fund of the Province, after which God save the Queen was sung by the vast congregation. The Dean then pronounced the blessing, and the service being ended, the choir retired singing Psalm xli. to music composed by Thos. Tallis.

The Dean of YORK took for his text, Matthew xxiii. 8, "All ye are brethren," and in his introductory remarks referred to the centrifugal centripetal forces, two seemingly antagonistic forces, which had been striving against each other from the beginning both in the physical and social world. He was not a physical scientist, neither was he there to speak of physical force, but he thought it right to speak of social force, for he was present for that purpose, and he was addressing those who claimed to be, and to have been, a social force of no mean influence, and they were assembled in a building dedicated to the worship of Him by whose spirit alone the equilibrium of social force could be maintained. He asked the brethren of the Craft if he was not right in saying that Freemasonry claimed to be a centripetal force in drawing men together. The fundamental history of their order, if their history might be trusted, was simply a struggle of those who were seeking, under the mystery of that centripetal force, for something to hold them together—some principle worthy and enduring in which, while the natural impulse of self should be recognised, it should be assisted with, tempered, and hallowed by the same Christian regard for others. He believed that Freemasonry represented the almost primeval craving for relief from that which human selfishness had made intolerable—a desire to draw man back to man, heart to heart, for mutual sympathy and mutual friendship; in a word, brotherhood, so that each should look at his fellow not as his enemy or his rival, but as his brother, with whom he had one common interest, one common aim, in the mutual protection and advancement of which the individual welfare of each was the best promoted and secured. Ancient history and traditions showed that the object of their Order was to create a feeling of brotherhood, without which life would be intolerable. The Order was not established in obedience to an injunction from without, but to a spontaneous effort from within. It was a free endeavour to give existence, form, and solidarity, to that which man craved for as essential to his peace. The ancient Freemasons' dream was the creation of an universal brotherhood, and what they had freely tried to establish had now been accomplished. Christ had said, "All ye are brethren," but it did not follow that because Christianity had supplied the ideal therefore the Freemasons' Craft was at an end. They as Freemasons neither intended to regard Freemasonry in that regard to Christianity, nor to allow their Freemasonry to be obliterated thereby. Freemasonry pledged its members not merely to the recognition or approval of but to the active promotion of the great principle of brotherhood. After comparing the operative and the speculative Mason, he said the brethren of the Craft were pledged by their Order to promote brotherhood, and he told them that active efforts in its behalf were as much needed now as ever they were, and that in their wide-spread comprehension of all orders and degrees of men, God had given them special opportunities for using the emblems which had been committed to their hands. That Jubilee was a crowning evidence, as well as a cordial commemoration, of the beneficent and glorious reign of 50 years which had given them a blessed taste of real brotherhood and unanimity not easily exaggerated or forgotten. It was refreshing to all Englishmen to know how the Queen was respected by men of all nations of the world, and no Englishman could have witnessed the kindly spirit of order and unselfishness which had prevailed lately, and the consideration for others and the liberality which had marked the celebration of the Jubilee from beginning to end, without feeling proud of his country. The accounts from all parts of the country told the same story of "Peace on earth, and goodwill towards men." They must all desire that the temper which animated all classes now would be maintained always. How easily then could measures for the welfare of all classes be discussed and decided, and how truly would the interests of all the community be stimulated and advanced. Who could consider the position of the nation without feeling that it was of the highest importance that it should be so; for there were questions gravely affecting our national stability, the peaceful and satisfactory solution of which depended in a great measure not upon politics or policies to be propounded, but upon the temper in which they were entertained. He again urged them to manifest the spirit of brotherhood, and remarked that the Craft included all classes of men, from the Heir Apparent to the throne down to the humblest in the land, and added that if they maintained a brotherly temper throughout the country it would tend greatly to its welfare. Whatever their own religious opinions might be, and doubtless they were diverse, he asked them not to allow anything to mar the spirit of brotherhood. It could not be a subject of indifference to them when the Senate House of this nation had got to be a bear garden, and the imperial interests of the land were discussed in language utterly inconsistent with the customs and traditions which, even in the most excited debates on popular questions, had earned for that House the character of an assembly of the most thorough gentlemen in the world. Refinement might not always mean sincerity and loyalty, but it was a novel doctrine in the hands of Englishmen that the opposite was a sign thereof. There were many of their brethren in that honourable House, and their brethren looked to them to exercise that brotherly influence as in the lodges of their own community, where differences of opinion were never allowed to disturb the harmony of the brotherhood. He then referred to the influence of the press, which he said was even greater than that of the pulpit, and impressed upon every brother of the Craft connected with the press to see to it that they exercised their influence in such a manner as would tend to promote the welfare of the country. Never did England stand higher in the estimation of the civilised world than she did to-day, yet if they all lived not in word or in tongue, but in deed, and in truth lived, acted, and spoke as brethren, though he could not forecast the result, yet he did not hesitate to predict a more glorious future for the country.

After the service the brethren returned to the Exhibition, where the business of the Prov. Grand Lodge was resumed.

The Prov. Grand Master appointed and invested the following officers for the ensuing year:—

Bro. Rev. Hy. Greaves, M.A., P.P.G.C., St. Germain Lodge	...	Prov. S.G.W.
„ Denis J. O'Donoghue, W.M. Humber Lodge	...	Prov. J.G.W.
„ Rev. J. W. Torbett, M.A., Lennox Lodge	...	Prov. G. Chaps.
„ Rev. Ernest J. Barry, M.A., Constitutional Lodge	...	Prov. G. Reg.
„ H. A. W. Ion, Old Globe Lodge	...	Prov. G. Sec.
„ M. C. Peck, Sykes Lodge	...	Prov. S.G.D.
„ T. Gerard Hodgson, P.M. York Lodge	...	Prov. J.G.D.
„ Matthew Millington, P.M. Eboracum Lodge	...	Prov. G.S. of W.
„ Geo. Taylor, P.M. Handyside Lodge	...	Prov. G.D. of C.
„ W. F. Greathead, P.M. Lennox Lodge	...	Prov. A.G.D.C.
„ J. Knaggs, P.M. Leopold Lodge	...	Prov. G. Swd. Br.
„ T. M. Goldie, P.M. Camalodunum Lodge	...	Prov. G. Std. Br.
„ T. T. Davis, P.M. Wilbertorce Lodge	...	Prov. G. Std. Br.
„ H. Holgreaves, P.M. Sykes Lodge	...	Prov. G. Org.
„ J. F. Stewart, North York Lodge	...	Prov. Asst. G. Sec.
„ T. Oates, P.P.G.O., Minerva Lodge	...	Prov. G. Purst.
„ J. Heslop, P.M. Alexandra Lodge	...	Prov. A.G. Purst.
„ J. Walton, P.M. Falcon Lodge	...	Prov. G. Tyler
„ F. J. Lambert, Kingston Lodge	...	

The remaining business of the Provincial Grand Lodge was then transacted.

The PROV. GRAND MASTER remarked upon the fact that the M.W. the Prince of Wales had recognised the great services of their D.P.G.M., and had thus conferred an honour upon the province. He was sure they all felt most grateful for the manner in which they had been received that day. Their best thanks were due to the Committee who had superintended the

arrangements, and to the W.M. and members of the York Lodge. (Applause.) Their thanks were due to them for their kindness and hospitality, and for the great energy they had displayed in making the events of the day pass off so successfully as they had done. He concluded by moving a vote of thanks to the Dean of York for so kindly assisting them by placing the Minister at their disposal, and to the W.M. of the York Lodge for the courtesy that had been shown to them.

Bros. the Very Rev. the DEAN and T. G. HODGSON, W.M. York Lodge, replied, after which

The PROV. GRAND MASTER said he had accepted an invitation from the Lennox Lodge, No. 123, Richmond, for the holding of the next annual Provincial Grand Lodge.

The Masonic anthem, "Hail Masonry divine," having been sung by Bro. J. Todd, P.M., P.P.G.R., the Grand Lodge was closed in due form, and the Prov. Grand Masters and officers retired in procession.

The preliminary arrangements for the event had been made by Bro. M. C. Peck, the Prov. Grand Secretary, who was well assisted by the Committee of the York Lodge, and the ceremonies throughout were efficiently carried out by Bro. G. Kirby, P.M., Prov. G.D. of C., and his assistant, Bro. Major McGachen, P.M. The Prov. Grand Org., Bro. Sample, presided at the organ.

In the evening a Conversazione was held in the Exhibition building, at which there was a large attendance of Masons and lady friends. By permission of Col. the Hon. H. Legge, the band of the 9th Lancers, under Mr. Winter, occupied the orchestra, and performed the following programme of music: Processional March, "Silver Trumpets," Viviani; overture, "Si j'étais Roi," Adam; valse, "Rosen aus dem Suden," Strauss; selection, "The Bohemian Girl," Balfe; Styrian melodies, "Aelplers Lust," Keler Bèla; overture, "The Crown Diamonds," Auber; valse, "Songs of the Wood," Tinney; cavatina, "Belisario," Donizetti; Reminiscences of Meyerbeer, arranged by Godfrey; galop, "Lustige Brüder," Faust; "God Save the Queen."

While the music was being performed in the Great Hall, the Saloon was occupied by a large audience, who greatly appreciated the entertainment given by Bro. M. B. Spurr, whose versatility is not only well-known but deservedly popular. In addition to Bro. Spurr's entertainment a concert was given, of which the following is a programme: Pianoforte duett, Grand Sonata in A (Weber), Miss Ethel L. Watson and Bro. A. Sample; song, "The Ralt" (Pinsuti), Bro. W. Riley; song, "Love's old sweet song" (Molloy), Mrs. G. J. Russell; recitation, "Barbara Fritchie" (Whittier), Bro. P. T. Marshall (Gold Medallist); song, "Madeline," Bro. J. E. Wilkinson; song, "So, Sir Page" (Mozart), Bro. Riley; song, "Alice, where art thou?" (Ascher), Mrs. G. J. Russell; song, "From rock to rock" (Sir A. Sullivan), Bro. A. Sample. Accompanist, Bro. A. Sample, P.G.O.

An exceedingly pleasant evening was spent by the brethren and their lady friends, and altogether the gathering was regarded as being an unqualified success in all respects.

ANNUAL FESTIVAL OF THE MARK BENEVOLENT FUND.

The 19th Anniversary Festival of the Benevolent Fund attached to the Grand Lodge of Mark Master Masons of England and Wales and the Colonies and Dependencies of the British Crown was held on Wednesday evening, at the Holborn Restaurant. Bro. Earl Amherst, M.W. Past Grand Mark Master, presided, supported on his right by the Marquess of Hertford, R.W. Dep. Grand Master, and on his left by Bro. A. F. Godson, M.P., Grand Mark Master of Worcestershire.

The company numbered nearly 200 ladies and brethren.

The dinner was partaken of in the Venetian Salon, and, thanks to the Stewards and Bro. Hamp, the manager of the Restaurant, was of a most recherché description. It was thoroughly enjoyed by the company and elicited warm expressions of approval. At its conclusion the musical artistes, Miss Madeline Hardy, Miss Meredyth Elliott, Bro. Arthur Thompson, and Bro. Franklin Clive, under the direction of Bro. Edwin Lot, Mus. Doc., Past G. Org., sang grace, and the toasts were briefly proposed and responded to.

"The Queen and Mark Masonry" was the first toast; then came "The M.W.G.M., H.R.H. the Prince of Wales;" then "The Pro Grand Master, Lord Egerton of Tatton, and the Past Grand Masters, and Deputy Grand Master, the Marquess of Hertford, and the rest of the Grand Officers"—a list which the noble CHAIRMAN said was a long one. All these brethren, he added, performed such services in assisting the Grand Master as commended them to the good opinion of the Order.

The Marquis of HERTFORD, in reply, said it was with a feeling of the due sense of the responsibility attached to the high office that he accepted the Deputy Grand Mastership when it was offered to him by the Grand Master; but he knew that, whatever his faults might be, in Mark Masonry he should be well supported not only by all the Grand Officers, but by all the brethren, who would enable him, to the best of their power, to do his duty. Mark Masonry would not have attained its present high position and popularity if it had not been for the great exertions of, and the work done by, the past Grand Officers. He thought he might speak for the present Grand Officers, and assure the brethren that they were trying to do their best to keep Mark Masonry in the high state to which it had been raised by their predecessors. He had no doubt that they would be followed by others equally desirous to do their duty, and he felt certain that Mark Masonry, which was progressing day by day and year by year, not only in the metropolis, but all over the country, would continue to do so by this means.



THE CHAIRMAN.
BRO. EARL AMHERST.

Bro. A. F. Godson proposed "The Health of the Chairman," and, referring first to his own Chairmanship of the Festival of 1886, said he did on that occasion the best he could, although he was called upon almost at the last moment to fill the chair. It was, however, a great pleasure to him to do so. But there was another great pleasure for him now, to propose the health of Earl Amherst. It was not an unknown man he brought before them, but a man who, like his collar, had seen good service—(laughter)—not only in the Craft and in the Mark, but in the outside world. He had made for himself a name which was well known and respected. He had sat in the same House where he (Bro. Godson) now sat. But he had gone to a higher sphere, and now enjoyed a quiet and peaceful throne, where the members sat sometimes from four in the afternoon till seven in the evening, which was dinner time. That was different from the assembly in whose deliberations he (Bro. Godson) took a small part. What Earl Amherst was in the outer world he was in the Craft, and also in Arch and Mark Masonry. Wherever good work was to be done Earl Amherst was there, and whenever he came to the front the brethren were always found to support him. In times gone by he presided at a Festival of the Craft—the Festival of the Boys' School—at which his Province of Kent he knew could be relied upon for subscriptions, the total of which was that year larger than had been ever before known. In a smaller degree he had expected a large attendance and a large subscription that night, but, on the other hand, the Mark Benevolent Fund had not such large and heavy demands upon it as the Craft had. The Mark was quite content to go on in a small way, but still in a way that increased year by year. He hoped that that night would tell an increasing and a flattering tale. Earl Amherst had done so well in the past, and his Province of Kent had also done so well, that he hoped they would set as glorious and noble example as they had set before.

Earl AMHERST, in reply, said that the days since he had left the Lower for the Upper House had not been the halcyon days that he enjoyed when he sat for such long hours. In the Upper House there was not so much amusement as in the Lower. At the same time, he confessed there was something pleasant in it. Bro. Godson had been pleased to allude to the well-worn collar he had on, but he might say he considered it quite good enough for him to wear, and he was proud of it, for it was good enough to wear at a time when the Mark Degree was trying to make its way, and he certainly should not be ashamed of it now. (Hear, hear.) As regarded the business of the evening, he was heartily glad to have done anything to forward the

deserving cases; but it was not like the Oddfellows' or Foresters', which had grown up alongside, and on which members had a legal claim. The virtue of thrift was one well deserving of encouragement, and he wished all the brethren to observe it. Masonry had its objects—objects which were known to every brother present. Every brother agreed in those objects, and he asked them to support them. He called upon Bro. Berridge, who had performed long and faithful service to the Order, to respond to the toast.

Bro. ROBERT BERRIDGE said he had not had an opportunity of preparing a reply; but still, for the Board of Stewards, he thanked the Chairman for the toast, and he hoped that the announcement of the lists would be the largest which this Fund had yet had. This little Benevolent Fund was one that had sprung up by degrees. From small beginnings it had gone on to a large fund. With the Old People, the Boys' and the Girls', they formed a broad platform; but it had been left to the Mark Benevolent Fund to put the arch, or keystone, to it, and so form the whole structure, which, he was sure, would last. He called on Bro. C. F. Matier to read the lists.

Bro. MATIER then read the following lists, and remarked that, as the Chairmanship of Earl Amherst brought the largest annual subscription to the Boys' School, so his Chairmanship of the Mark Benevolent Fund brought the largest amount to this Fund.

STEWARDS' LISTS.

GENERAL BOARD.

	£	s.	d.
Bro. Frank Richardson	10	10	0
George Cooper	5	5	0
Robert Berridge	15	15	0
Alfred Williams	5	5	0
John E. Dawson (see Herts).	5	5	0
Rev. Hayman Cummings (see Kent)			
Chas. H. Driver	5	5	0
James Moon	5	5	0
John L. Mather	5	5	0
A. F. Godson (see Worcester)			
Frederic Davison (in Bro. Staley's list)			

LONDON.

Lodge			
Grand Masters, Col. Shadwell			
H. Clerke	31	10	0
Grand Stewards, W. E. Stewart	11	11	0
Bon Accord (T.I.), W. G. Lemon	17	17	0
Old Kent (T.I.), C. E. Soppet	31	10	0
Bro. George Powell	29	7	6
George Kenning	5	5	0
John J. Pakes	10	10	0
George Coe			
Henry Von Joel	10	10	0
Thos. Palmer	5	5	0

UNATTACHED.

Bro. C. F. Matier	35	7	6
Do. Bro. the Marquis of Hertford,			
per	25	0	0
Dr. Geo. Mickley	5	5	0
Rev. Rd. Morris, LL.D.	5	5	0
C. S. Lane	10	10	0
Col. Patrick Spalding	10	10	0
G. W. Marsden, jun.	5	5	0
Major Lambert	5	5	0
G. P. Festa			
Edgar Bowyer	5	5	0
Charles Belton	10	10	0
Jabez Church	5	5	0
Henry Massey	5	5	0
J. E. Anderson	5	5	0
T. J. Hamp	5	5	0
Jas. Boulton	5	5	0
Col. A. W. O. Saunders	5	5	0
Alfred Tisley	5	5	0

PROVINCES.

BARBADOS, W.I.			
212 Bro. Col. John Elliott			
BENGAL.			
Bro. Capt Robt. F. Castellari	5	5	0
BERKS AND OXON.			
Bro. R. Glasspool	5	5	0
225 Bro. Chancellor, jun.	7	7	0
235 " Wm. W. Ridley	21	0	0
247 " A. Rowley	37	5	6
257 " Capt. G. P. Airey	7	14	0
CHESHIRE.			
Bro. E. Friend	10	10	0
11 Bro. Wm. Köhn	5	5	0
CORNWALL.			
Bro. Wm. Lake	15	15	0
CUMBERLAND & WESTMORLAND.			
Bro. George Ryrie	68	8	0
DEVONSHIRE.			
Bro. F. Crouch	26	5	0
DORSETSHIRE.			
Bro. C. H. W. Parkinson	20	0	0
EAST ANGLIA.			
Bro. Fredk. Hallows	17	6	6
112 Bro. G. B. Courtney	53	18	0
334 " Edward Hills	26	5	0
377 " F. A. Philbrick	10	10	0
EASTERN ARCHIPELAGO.			
Bro. Felix H. Gottlieb	10	10	0
GLOUCESTERSHIRE.			
Bro. Baron de Ferrieres	5	5	0
340 Bro. M. F. Carter			
HAMPSHIRE.			
Bro. Henry Stone	10	10	0
54 " Richard Eve	10	10	0
62 " R. J. Rastrick	5	5	0
305 " Wm. Green	6	7	0
ISLE OF MAN.			
323 Bro. C. M. Challender			
HERTFORDSHIRE.			
Bro. Felix S. Knyvett	10	10	0
Geo. E. Lake	5	5	0
Bro. John E. Dawson	10	10	0
241 Bro. Fredk. Levick	21	0	0
354 " Arthur R. Carter	5	5	0
354 " James U. Spence			
366 " T. S. Carter	8	7	0
367 " Jas. Terry	5	5	0
367 " John Brittain	7	10	6

KENT.

Bro. the Earl Amherst (see Bro. Eastes's list)	£	s.	d.
John Aillud	5	5	0
Rev. H. Cummings	42	0	0
C. Vincent Cottrell	109	18	0
W. A. Weston	10	10	0
Willoughby G. Weiss	5	5	0
Eugene Sweny	10	10	0
T. S. Warne	2	2	0
44 Bro. Everett Denton	35	3	6
69 " Samuel Varren	15	15	0
129 " Rev. J. B. Harrison	22	0	0
129 " R. J. Emmerson	10	10	0
152 " J. D. Terson	5	5	0
226 " Abel Penfold	42	0	0
237 " Thos. Watson	10	10	0
255 " Rev. T. Robinson	10	10	0
202 " Horatio Ward	40	8	6
266 " J. Kennett	10	10	0
267 " W. H. Hodgkin	13	15	0
294 " Frank Hugh Miller	13	13	0
309 " A. H. Bateman	11	0	0
322 " J. C. Weddell	5	5	0
332 " H. W. Partridge	5	5	0
364 " Fredk. Mitchell	10	10	0
378 " Jas. Smith Eastes	52	10	0

LANCASHIRE.

Bro. H. M. Ormsby	30	5	0
Lodge.			
Bro. E. G. Harwood	5	5	0
St. John's " John Kenyon	5	5	0
" John Barrett	5	5	0
Lebanon Bro. W. J. Thomsen	15	15	0
32 Bro. Reginald Young	10	10	0
34 " James Wilson	10	10	0
34 " Col. H. L. Rocca	17	6	6
146 " C. H. Garnett	13	10	0
156 " W. J. Cunliffe	10	10	0
158 " A. H. Crossley	5	5	0

LEICESTERSHIRE, NORTHAMPTONSHIRE, DERBYSHIRE, AND

RUTLANDSHIRE.			
Bro. A. Woodiwiss	5	5	0
Geo. Fletcher	5	5	0
Percy Wallis	10	10	0
Bro. Thos. Cox	15	15	0
246 Bro. E. C. Milligan	26	0	0
302 " W. Silver Hall	39	7	6

LINCOLNSHIRE.

Bro. Jack Sutcliffe	5	5	0
MIDDLESEX AND SURREY.			
Bro. H. S. Goodall	17	17	0
3 Bro. Wyndham Hart	11	11	0
4 " Geo. Edwards	26	5	0
5 " H. C. Jepps	18	7	0
5 " E. M. Lott			
7 " Rev. T. Cochrane	40	0	0
13 " D. P. Cama	15	15	0
104 " J. Manwaring	12	1	6
144 " H. Fajia	57	15	0
173 " Wm. March	5	5	0
181 " Henry Higgins	10	15	0
211 " F. C. Frye	12	12	0
224 " H. S. Clutton			
238 " T. R. Richnell			
239 " W. Winnett, jun.	18	2	0
251 " W. O. Lyon	13	2	6
315 " J. H. Lane			
331 " T. P. Staley	25	4	0
350 " Geo. Graveley	12	12	0
355 " W. M. Stiles	22	1	0
361 " L. G. Gordon-Robbins	24	3	0

MONMOUTHSHIRE.

Bro. Saml. Davies	21	0	0
NEW ZEALAND.			
Bro. John Grey Trevor	5	5	0
NORTH AFRICA.			
Bro. Capt. Williams-Freeman	31	0	0
NORTHUMBRIA AND DURHAM.			
Bro. T. Y. Strachan	36	15	0
346 Bro. Col. Addison Potter	36	15	0
NORTH AND EAST YORKSHIRE.			
Bro. T. B. Whytehead	10	10	0

NORTH WALES.

Bro. Sir Love Jones-Parry,			
Bart.	5	5	0
361 Bro. Owen Thomas			
NOTTINGHAMSHIRE.			
Bro. E. C. Patchitt	22	11	6
344 Bro. J. Topliss	5	5	0

SOUTH WALES.

Bro. W. C. Huxley	14	0	0
SUSSEX.			
Bro. C. W. Duke	15	0	0
164 Bro. H. W. G. Abell	10	10	0

WARWICKSHIRE.

Howe, Bro. G. King Patten	15	15	0
WEST YORKSHIRE.			
374 Bro. Rev. Dr. Thomas Cartwright Smyth	5	5	0



THE PRESIDENT OF THE BOARD OF STEWARDS.
BRO. ROBERT BERRIDGE.



THE SECRETARY.
BRO. C. F. MATIER.

interests of Mark Masonry and of the Benevolent Fund. That was what they were gathered together for, and that led him up to the next toast, "Success to the Mark Benevolent Fund," which they now intended to promote. He could not help reflecting on what small beginnings they had sprung from and proceeded to the present state of prosperity. When they celebrated the first Festival of the Fund it was a new thing, and they realised under £100. It had been less subsequently, but it had gone on increasing as the Mark Degree had gone on increasing, until now they felt they had enough to satisfy the demands upon them, and he trusted, left something to be laid by. That, he thought, was a thoroughly wholesome position for any body, whether Craft or Mark, because they all knew there might at any time come an occasional gust of ill-fortune, when subscriptions might fall off and the receipts not be so large. If they had a reserve fund to fall back upon, their status was more assured. Since 1869 they had expended £1730 in various modes of relief: 36 children had reaped the benefit of the Educational Fund. At the last meeting of Grand Mark Lodge it was decided to have more. These were good figures; but there was one thing he wished them all to lay to heart, and he was glad there were ladies present, who were always glad to assist, and who were not members of the Order. Masonry never was, and never was intended to be, a Benefit Society. (Hear, hear.) No doubt in a large Society like Masonry many who had joined it joined it in prosperous circumstances, and they might have subsequently fallen through no fault of their own, and might have wanted relief. Whenever such an event occurred it was the desire of Masons to help these cases. Any one who joined Masonry thinking that certain funds fell to his share made a great mistake. Masonry, as they knew, was a system of morality, veiled in allegory and illustrated by symbols. Charity was one of its great objects, and Masons endeavoured to carry it out by helping those who, since they joined it, had fallen from their high estate, and appealed to the benevolence of their more prosperous brethren. He confidently felt that those who were present would assist the fund to the utmost of their ability; but, at the same time, he wished it to be seriously understood by those outside the ranks of Masonry that brethren had not a vested interest in the large sums which might be collected, and that becoming a Mason entitled a man, or his widow or children, whom he had made no effort to provide for, to a portion of the funds. Masonry gave relief to

WORCESTERSHIRE.			ALLIED MASONIC DEGREES.		
Bro. A. F. Godson	...	5 5 0	Matier (T.I.), Bro. A. H. Jefferis	...	...
59 Bro. W. R. Williamson	...	5 5 0	Metropolitan (T.I.), Bro. H. Venn	...	10 10 0
YORKSHIRE (TOWN OF HULL).			15 Bro. H. C. Heard	...	10 10 0
Bro. Thos. Thompson, Un-	...	...	15 .. F. T. Bennett	...	15 15 0
attached	...	...	RED CROSS OF CONSTANTINE.		
DEGREE OF ROYAL ARK MARINER.			Bro. T. Lamb Smith	...	7 7 0
265 Bro. J. M. McLeod	...	15 0 0	ROSE CROIX, 18°.		
ROYAL AND SELECT MASTERS.			97 Bro. Geo. Gregory	...	21 0 0
Bro. Thos. Clark	...	33 12 0			

SUMMARY OF THE PROVINCES.

	£	s.	d.		£	s.	d.		
Barbados, W.I.	...	...	...	Middlesex and Surrey	343	8	0		
Beneal	...	5	5	0	Monmouthshire	...	21	0	0
Berks and Oxon	...	78	11	6	New Zealand	...	5	5	0
Cheshire	...	15	15	0	North Africa	...	31	0	0
Cornwall	...	15	15	0	Northumberland and Durham	73	10	0	0
Cumberland and Westmorland	...	68	8	0	North and East Yorkshire	...	10	10	0
Devonshire	...	26	5	0	North Wales	...	5	5	0
Dorsetshire	...	20	0	0	Nottinghamshire	...	25	16	6
East Anglia	...	107	19	6	South Wales	...	14	0	0
Eastern Archipelago	...	10	10	0	Sussex	...	25	10	0
Gloucestershire	...	5	5	0	Warwickshire	...	15	15	0
Hampshire	...	32	12	0	West Yorkshire	...	5	5	0
Isle of Man	Worcestershire	...	10	10	0
Hertfordshire	...	73	18	6	Yorkshire (Town of Hull)	...	...	...	...
Kent	...	500	0	0	Royal Ark Mariners	...	15	0	0
Lancashire	...	129	6	6	Royal and Select Masters	...	33	12	0
Leicestershire, Northants,	Allied Masonic Degrees	...	36	15	0
Derbyshire, and Rutland	...	102	2	6	Red Cross of Constantine	...	7	7	0
Lincolnshire	...	5	5	0	Rose Croix, 18°	...	21	0	0
LONDON—35 STEWARDS	£360	13	0			
PROVINCES—125 STEWARDS	£1899	7	0			
GRAND TOTAL	£2260	0	0			

EARL AMHERST then proposed "The Stewards."

Bro. DAWSON, in reply, said he had been exercising his mind to find out the reason of his being selected as Treasurer of the Fund. It had occurred to him that it was in order that he should have the honour and privilege of returning thanks for this toast. The Stewards had done all the work, and he had done nothing, and therefore he was sure he would be acquitted of egotism when he said the Stewards had done nobly on the present occasion, and had performed an inestimable service to the Mark Degree. The Chairman had performed a most graceful act in proposing the vote of thanks to the Stewards, but he could not help saying they deserved those thanks.

Bro. R. P. SPICE proposed "The Ladies."

Bro. FRANK RICHARDSON, in acknowledging the toast, said, that as a single man it was very difficult thoroughly to appreciate the feelings of the ladies, but he thought he was at liberty to say they reciprocated all Bro. Spice's kindness. No doubt the ladies were the fountain of Charity, and without them Charity would come off badly. The ladies had not many opportunities of joining in Masonic festivities, but they, like Freemasons, enjoyed gaiety and a little banquet now and then, and they looked forward to these entertainments of Mark Masons with very pleasurable feelings. He trusted this would not be the last muster, but that they might meet the brethren for many, many years to come.

Bro. MCKAY, of the Canongate Kilwinning Lodge, No. 2 (S.C.), replied to the toast of "The Visitors," and said the Chairman had done him an enormous amount of honour by including him in this toast, which was always considered the principal toast, although slightly vicarious, in every Masonic lodge in this Kingdom. They had heard words from various brethren on the present occasion, who had talked about brethren unrepresented and misrepresented, and so on; and he thought a Scotch brother should have more to say on that subject than other people who had not so much to say. The Scotch Masons were supposed to be not so ritualistic or so clever as the majority of the brethren who lived further south—(No, no)—and he could assure the brethren that with regard to the Canongate Kilwinning, No. 2, they endeavoured to keep up those traditions of which they had an archaeological framework in their own lodge. As far as another observation was concerned about federation, he thought there was nothing finer. It was a pleasant idea in a country where they paid taxes, the dog tax for instance, in a country on whose dominions the sun never set, to think federation, and if they could manage that Masonically, colonially, it would be not only magnificent for their fellow countrymen generally, but for Masons in particular.

The toast of "Our Next Merry Meeting," given by Earl AMHERST, concluded the proceedings, which were altogether of a most satisfactory character.

RESULT OF THE FESTIVAL.

The most gratifying feature about the result of the Mark Benevolent Fund Festival is the undoubted evidence it affords of its steady increase in popular favour. In 1885, the total announced was in excess of £1720; last year, though there was certainly a falling off, the sum was close on £1530; and on Wednesday it reached £2260. A passing fit of enthusiasm on the part of a particular Chairman or of sundry members of a particular Board of Stewards might have produced any one of these results; but a succession of large totals such as we have enumerated is a sure sign that the Fund has established itself firmly in the good graces of the Mark Degree, and may reckon always upon receiving from the members a generous measure of support such as its increasing usefulness demands. Nor are the totals realised the only evidence of this steadiness of improvement. In 1885, the Board of Stewards mustered 88 brethren; last year there were 114 who gave their services; while on Wednesday it was 160, the bulk of these hailing from the Provinces, which were far more numerously represented on this occasion than either last year or the year before. This gives one the idea that the Festival having made a name for itself in the Metropolis and Home Provinces, is now slowly, but surely, obtaining the support of the more remote, but equally loyal, Mark Provinces; and if this surmise is correct, we may look for a continuity of these large returns almost as a matter of course. But, leaving surmises alone, we have in the total announced on Wednesday by Bro. C. F. Matier the strongest evidence we can desire of the sterling merits of the Mark organisation; and though as year succeeds year we shall expect to meet with fluctuations in the Returns which will not be always in the right direction, we have no misgivings as to the future of the Mark Fund. We recognise that its position is now assured, and that it will always be able to cope with the demands that may be made upon its resources.

As regards the composition of the Returns, we find that London sent up 35 Stewards, as against 26 last year, while the total of their lists was £360 13s. as compared with the £363 5s. of 1886. Of the 35 Stewards, 10 acted as representatives of seven lodges, St. Mark's, No. 1, having three Stewards, and Thistle, No. 8, two. The remaining 25 were "General Board" and "Unattached."

We have said that more Mark Provinces were represented than last year, the 125 Provincial Stewards compiling amongst them the eminently satisfactory total of £1899 7s. BERKS and OXON sent half-a-dozen Stewards, of whom one seems to have worked on his own account, and the other five for four lodges, the result being a total of £78 11s. 6d. CHESHIRE had a couple of Stewards, one (Bro. Friend) acting for the Province, and the other (Bro. Köhn) for Lodge No. 11. They raised together £15 15s., which is precisely the amount raised by Bro. Lake as Steward for the Province of Cornwall. Bro. G. Ryrie represented the Province of CUMBERLAND and WESTMORLAND to excellent purpose, seeing that his list reached the handsome total of £68 8s.; while Bro. Crouch, as Steward for DEVONSHIRE, with a list of £26 5s., and Bro. C. H. W. Parkinson for the St. Cuthberga Lodge, No. 99, DORSETSHIRE, with £20, did excellent service for the Fund and brought *kudos* to the bodies they represented.

The Province of EAST ANGLIA, which, like that of Cumberland and Westmoreland, has the honour of being governed by a Past G.M.M.M., makes an excellent show with a total of £107 19s. 6d., being the sum of four lists, one being for the Province as a whole, the other three for as many lodges. Bro. G. B. Courtney's list of £53 18s., as Steward for the Isaac Newton University Mark Lodge, No. 112, Cambridge, was the most important item. GLOUCESTERSHIRE sent up two Stewards, and HAMPSHIRE AND THE ISLE OF WIGHT four, the returns from the latter amounting to £32 12s. Eight out of the nine Stewards acting for HERTFORDSHIRE raised amongst them £73 18s. 6d., the chief amount being £21 from Bro. F. Levick, as Steward for the Watford Lodge, No. 241.

The Chairman's Province of KENT, with its contingent of 25 Stewards, of whom eight acted independently, and the remainder on behalf of 16 lodges, entered a splendid appearance, its total being £500., Bro. C. V. Cottrell, P.J.G.W., leading the way with £109 18s.; Bro. J. S. Eastes, P.S.G.W. as Steward for the Invicta Lodge, No. 378, standing next with £52 10s., and Bro. the Rev. Hayman Cummings, P.G. Chap., D.P.G.M., and Bro. Abel Penfold, of Excelsior Lodge, No. 226, third with £42 each; Bro. Horatio Ward, St. Martin, No. 262, sending in £40 8s. 6d. Bro. E. Denton, of the Florence Nightingale Lodge, No. 44, raised £35 3s. 6d., and Bros. Rev. J. B. Harrison and R. T. Emmerson as Stewards of the Holmesdale Lodge, No. 129, gave, the former, £22, and the latter £10 10s.; or, together, £32 10s. Such an evidence of zeal on the part of the Province for the Fund and such loyalty to Bro. Earl Amherst, a Past G.M.M.M. and the respected Craft G.M. of the Province, are to be greatly commended; and though all may not be equally strong, we trust that the provinces of successive Chairmen in future years will be able to point to an equal measure of success such as Kent has achieved on this occasion.

LANCASHIRE had 11 representatives, one for the Province and ten for seven of its lodges, St. John's Lodge sending three Stewards, and St. Andrew's, No. 34, two. The total of the returns is £129 6s. 6d., the principal item being that of Bro. H. M. Ormsby, Steward for the whole Province, whose list was £30 5s. LEICESTERSHIRE, NORTHANTS, DERBYSHIRE, and RUTLAND raised £102 2s. 6d., the sum of half-a-dozen Stewards' lists, of whom three served independently, and one for the Province, the other two, who acted for lodges No. 246 and 302 respectively, making by far the best returns, Bro. W. S. Hall's list (No. 302), amounting to £39 7s. 6d., and Bro. E. C. Milligan's (No. 246), to £26. MIDDLESEX AND SURREY sent up as many as 21 Stewards, of whom Bro. H. S. Goodall acted for the Province, and the other 20 for 19 lodges. The highest individual list is Bro. Faija's (the Grosvenor Lodge, No. 144), amounting to £57 15s., while Bro. the Rev. T. Cochrane, for the Carnarvon, No. 7, contributed £40. Several of the remaining lists appear for substantial sums, the total being £343 8s. which, like the still higher £500 of the Chairman's Province, would not very many years since have been looked upon as a very satisfactory return for a whole Festival. Were we to carry our investigations further, we should find that the two great Mark Metropolitan Provinces, adding Wednesday's figures to those of the Central Charities for the year, have done a very large amount of Festival work in 1887.

The Province of MONMOUTHSHIRE, per Bro. Samuel Davies, Prov. G. Treasurer, contributed £21, and NORTH AFRICA, as represented by Bro. Capt. Williams-Freeman, £31. NORTHUMBERLAND AND DURHAM sent two Stewards, both of whom have the same amount—£36 15s.—standing to their credit, making the total £73 10s., Bro. T. Y. Strachan, D.P.G.M., doing duty for the Province, and Bro. Col. Addison Potter, C.B., for the Tristram Lodge, No. 346. NOTTINGHAMSHIRE figures for £27 16s. 6d., Bro. E. C. Patchitt, as the representative of the Province, having handed in £22 11s. 6d., and worthy Bro. J. Toplis, of the St. Alban's Lodge, the balance of five guineas. SUSSEX also had two Stewards, the list of Bro. C. W. Duke for the Province (£15) and that of Bro. H. W. G. Abell, for the Southdown Lodge, No. 164 (£10 10s.), making together £25 10s. Bro. G. King Patten, of the Howe (T.I.) Lodge, of Birmingham, worthily upheld the fame of WARWICKSHIRE with a contribution of £15 15s., and Bro. J. M. McLeod, the representative of Royal Ark Mariners, was almost as successful with a list of £15. The Royal and Select Masters were fortunate in their champion—Comp. T. Clark, of the Grand Master's Council, No. 1—whose total of subscriptions was £33 12s.; while the Allied Masonic Degrees, with their four Stewards, are entered for £36 15s. The Rose and Lily Chapter of Rose Croix, 18°, with Bro. G. Gregory for Steward, worthily concludes the list with a sum of £21, the subscriptions from the Provinces and Degrees amounting to £1899 7s., which, without the assistance of the London contributions, is very considerably in excess of the result of 1885—the highest ever previously realised.

It would seem churlish if we concluded these few remarks without tendering our hearty congratulations to the respected Chairman, Bro. Earl Amherst, the Board of Stewards, and its officers, and in particular to Bro. C. F. Matier, who, as Secretary to the Fund, very naturally charged himself with the duties of Honorary Secretary to the Board, and upon whom, therefore, devolved the more arduous of the duties of preparation and organisation. There can be little doubt about the zeal with which Bro. Matier has pressed the claims of the Mark Benevolent Fund on the notice of the lodges and members of that Degree, and, with the results which have attended its later Festivals before us, still less as to the success of his efforts. We are persuaded every one will rejoice with him in the hour of his greatest

triumph, for every one knows with what persistency he has laboured to secure it. It must also be a source of gratification to Bro. Lord Amherst to know that he has been Chairman at the most successful Festivals held under the respective banners of Craft and Mark Masonry. So exceptional an honour could not possibly have devolved on a brother more worthy of it than his lordship.

PROVINCIAL GRAND MARK LODGE OF BERKS AND OXON.

The Provincial Grand Lodge of Mark Master Masons of the Province of Berks and Oxon was opened in the Town Hall, Maidenhead, at high noon on Thursday, the 14th inst., by the Right Worshipful Bro. the Right Hon. the Earl of Jersey, P.G.W., Prov. Grand Mark Master Mason, assisted by the Worshipful Bro. Charles Stephens, Deputy Prov. Grand Mark Master Mason; Bro. Stephen Knight, Prov. Senior Grand Warden, and the remainder of the Prov. Grand Officers. There was good attendance, and among the Past and Present Prov. Grand Officers and brethren present we noticed: Bros. the Rev. H. Jukes, Rev. J. Atkins, Rev. H. Lewis, T. Tomkins, J. T. Pulley, W. W. Ridley, H. D'Almaine, H. J. Mount, Shrewsbury, M. Wheeler, Geo. J. Cosburn, C. Tubbs, Arrowsmith, Bennett, James, Stransom, Ravenscroft, J. Miller, Shepherd, Farr, Margrett, Nicholson, Rutland, L. Miéville, W. Hemmings, and others.

The Earl of Jersey and Bro. Stephens having been saluted with the honours due to their Masonic rank, the usual business was proceeded with, and on the roll of lodges in the province being called over, it appeared that the whole of them were represented.

Bro. T. J. PULLEY, P.G. Sec., reported that the affairs of the province had proceeded satisfactorily during the past year, and that there had been a steady increase in the number of advancements. He had had the pleasure of visiting most of the lodges in the province, and found the work of each being carried on in a gratifying manner. The Prov. G. Secretary further reported that the General Purposes Committee had met earlier in the day, and audited the accounts and transacted other business.

The accounts of the Prov. G. Treas., Bro. Tomkins, were submitted and passed, on the proposal of Bro. COSBURN, seconded by Bro. SHEPHERD.

The DEPUTY PROV. GRAND MASTER expressed the pleasure it afforded him in proposing the re-election of Bro. Tomkins as Prov. Grand Treas., which was seconded by the PROV. SENIOR GRAND WARDEN, and carried unanimously.

Bro. TOMPKINS replied that he was glad to find the brethren approved of the manner in which he had discharged the duties of Treasurer, and it would give him much pleasure to accept the office for another year.

The DEPUTY PROV. GRAND MASTER proposed, and Bro. MARGRETT seconded, that the sum of £5 5s. be voted out of the Provincial Grand Lodge Fund to the Mark Benevolent Fund, the amount to be added to the list of Bro. Glasspool, who would represent this province at the forthcoming Festival in aid of that Institution. The motion was unanimously agreed to.

Bro. W. W. RIDLEY, on behalf of the Leopold Lodge, invited the Provincial Grand Lodge to assemble at Reading next year, and Lord JERSEY thanked Bro. Ridley for the invitation, remarking that he might safely accept it on behalf of the Provincial Grand Lodge, as they had all pleasant recollections of previous meetings under the banner of the Leopold Lodge.

The PROV. GRAND MASTER expressed his thanks to the Deputy P.G. Master for his services in the past, and hoped he would again take the office, which Bro. STEPHENS consented to do, and said he felt he was underserving of the kind words Lord Jersey had used respecting him.

The PROV. GRAND MASTER then proceeded to appoint and invest the Provincial Grand Officers for the ensuing year, as follows:—

Bro. Charles Stephens, 235	...	...	Dep. Prov. G.M.
" W. W. Ridley, 235	...	...	Prov. S.G.W.
" H. J. Mount, 257	...	...	Prov. J.G.W.
" M. Palmer, 27	...	...	Prov. G.M.O.
" A. H. Jessel, 55	...	...	Prov. S.G.O.
" B. Chaloner, Jun., 225	...	...	Prov. J.G.O.
" Rev. H. Jukes, 55 and 247	...	...	Prov. G. Chap.
" John Tomkins, 225	...	...	Prov. G. Treas.
" H. O. Crane, 247	...	...	Prov. G.R. of M.
" T. J. Pulley, 235	...	...	Prov. G. Sec.
" J. W. Lindars, 235	...	...	Prov. Asst. G. Sec.
" Louis Miéville, 55	...	...	Prov. S.G.D.
" C. A. Pardy, 257	...	...	Prov. J.G.D.
" J. Newbery, 27	...	...	Prov. G.D. of C.
" B. W. Bennett, 235	...	...	Prov. A.G.D. of C.
" F. J. Harrold, 27	...	...	Prov. G.I. of W.
" Capt. G. P. Airey, 247	...	...	Prov. G. Swd. Br.
" W. Blowfield, 257	...	...	Prov. G. Std. Br.
" F. G. Sherwin, 235	...	...	Prov. G. Org.
" Charles Phillips, 247	...	...	Prov. G.I.G.
" W. H. Bretnell, 257	...	...	...
" J. Miller, 235	...	...	...
" G. S. Smallwood, 235	...	...	...
" W. Hemmings, 235	...	...	Prov. G. Tyler.
" W. Norwood, 55	...	...	Prov. G. Tyler.

The remaining business having been gone through, Provincial Grand Lodge was closed, and the brethren subsequently availed themselves of the opportunity of a drive to view the beautiful scenery of Dropmore and the far-famed Burnham Beeches.

Returning to Maidenhead between five and six o'clock, they partook of a banquet, at which the usual Mark Masons' toasts were proposed and responded to.

PROVINCIAL GRAND MARK LODGE OF CUMBERLAND AND WESTMORLAND.

The annual Grand Mark Lodge of this province was held on Wednesday, the 13th instant, under the banner of the Derwent Lodge, No. 282, in the Assembly Rooms, Portland-square, Workington. There was a good muster of the Past and Present Provincial Grand Officers as well as members of private lodges; with one exception, all the lodges were represented, viz., 195, which being at the extreme end of the province rendered it very inconvenient. In the absence of the R.W.P.G.M.M., Bro. Col. F. R. Sewell, J.P., W.D.P.G. Mark Master, presided, supported as follows, viz.:

Bros. P. de E. Collin, P.M. 151, P.G.D. of England, as W.D.P.G.M.M.; J. Nicholson, P.M. 151, as S.G.W.; Thos. Atkinson, P.M. 213, P.J.G.W.; Jas. Harper, P.M. 216, P.G.M.O.; J. Paterson, P.M. 282, P.S.G.O.; B. Craig, P.M. 216, P.J.G.O.; Rev. Jas. Anderson, Chap. 213, P.G. Chap.; J. Gardiner, P.M. 151, P.G. Treas.; J. C. Thompson, W.M. 282, P.G.R. of M.; Geo. Dalrymple, P.A.G.D.C. of England, P.G. Sec.; Jas. Dickinson, P.M., 151, P.S.G.D.; J. Eden, W.M. elect 282, P.G.I. of Wks.; Geo. Ryrie, W.M. 213, P.G.D.C.; Chas. Gowan, W.M. 216, P.G. Std. Br.; H. D. Cook, Org. 213, P.G. Org.; Thos. Brakenridge, S.W. 213, P.G.I.G.; E. B. Penrice, W.M. 151, P.G. Stwd.; J. O. Scott, S.W. 151, P.G. Stwd.; Sergt.-Major S. Lockyer, 60, P.G. Stwd.; P. Podmore, Tyler 282, P.G. Tyler; Sergt.-Major Albert Bunyan, W.M. 60, P.P.G. Swd. Br.; H. Court, S.W. 60; Sergt. S. Wright, M.O. 60; Robt. Leech, J.W. 151; J. R. Robinson, P.M. 151, P.P.J.G.O.; W. P. Moordaff, 151; E. Tyson, P.M. 213, P.G. Stwd. of England; G. W. Roll, 213; Rev. E. M. Rice, P.M. 282, P.P.G. Chap.; Dr. Jas. I. Lace, S.W. 216; J. Routledge, J.W. 216; J. Hewson, Tyler 229, P.P.G. Tyler; J. Jenkinson, J.W. 282; G. H. S. Smith, M.O. 282; Isaac Dickinson, Sec. 282; G. H. Anyon, J.O.; Wm. Carlyle, G. F. Saunders; Wm. Whitehead, Tyler 282; J. Taylor, J. Harding, Jas. Fletcher, J. S. Howison, and others.

The Derwent Lodge, No. 282, was opened by Bro. J. C. Thompson, W.M., P.G. Reg. of Marks, and Bro. Geo. Ryrie, P.G.D.C., reported the W.D.P.G.M. and his Grand Officers, who were admitted, and greeted according to rank. Provincial Grand Lodge was then opened in due form, and the roll of lodges and provincial officers was called.

The minutes of the last Provincial Grand Lodge held at Cockermouth were read and confirmed. The PROV. GRAND TREASURER read the statement of accounts for the current year up to 31st December, 1886, which showed a very satisfactory balance to the credit of the province; and on the motion of Bro. COLLIN, seconded by Bro. ATKINSON, the accounts were passed as read; and on the motion of Bro. COLLIN, seconded by Bro. TYSON, Bro. Jas. Gardiner was by a unanimous vote elected Grand Treasurer.

The W.D.P.G.M. then appointed and invested the following brethren as the Prov. Grand Officers for the ensuing year:—

Bro. George Ryrie, W.M. 213...	...	...	Prov. S.G.W.
" James Harper, P.M. 216	...	...	Prov. J.G.W.
" John Paterson, P.M. 282...	...	...	Prov. G.M.O.
" J. C. Thompson, W.M. 282	...	...	Prov. S.G.O.
" Jas. Dickinson, P.M. 151	...	...	Prov. J.G.O.
" Rev. Jas. Anderson, Chap. 213 (re-appointed)	...	...	Prov. G. Chap.
" Jas. Gardiner, P.M. 151 (re-elected)...	...	...	Prov. G. Treas.
" Joseph Eden, W.M. elect 282	...	...	Prov. G.R. of M.
" Geo. Dalrymple, P.M. 216 (re-appointed)	...	...	Prov. G. Sec.
" Geo. Taylor, W.M. 195	...	...	Prov. S.G.D.
" Dr. J. I. Lace, S.W. 216...	...	...	Prov. J.G.D.
" J. O. Scott, S.W. 151	...	...	Prov. G.I. of W.
" E. B. Penrice, W.M. 151...	...	...	Prov. G.D.C.
" John Mills, 213	...	...	Prov. A.G.D.C.
" James Routledge, 216	...	...	Prov. G. Swd. B.
" J. H. Braithwaite, S.W. 195	...	...	Prov. G. Std. Br.
" H. D. Cook, Org. 213	...	...	Prov. G. Org.
" Thos. H. Nesbitt, 213	...	...	Prov. G.I.G.
Bros. Wm. Carlyle, 282; John Jenkinson, 282; H. Court, 60; and R. Leech, 151	...	...	Prov. G. Stwds.
Bro. Wm. Whitehead, Tyler 282	...	...	Prov. G. Tyler.

It being the turn of the province to nominate a brother to the M.W.G. Master for the appointment of Grand Steward, Bro. COLLIN moved, as a recommendation, and Bro. THOMPSON seconded, that Bro. Jas. Gardiner, P.M. 151, P.P.S.G.W., and Prov. Grand Treasurer, be the brother submitted for the honour, which was unanimously approved of. The faithful Treasurer of the Province of Cumberland and Westmorland is highly deserving of the Grand office.

Bro. PATERSON moved, and Bro. PENRICE seconded, that the following brethren be elected to serve on the Committee of General Purposes for the ensuing year, viz.: Bros. Nicholson, Collin, Atkinson, and Craig; and it received a unanimous vote.

Bro. G. RYRIE then moved, in eloquent terms, that the sum of 20 guineas be voted on behalf of his Stewardship to the Grand Mark Benevolent Fund.

Bro. ED. TYSON, P.G. Steward, seconded the motion, and it was ably supported by several brethren with the powerful argument that the Northern province had not only to "toe" the "line" of the front rank, but, it being the Jubilee year, it had to send a Steward with a sum worthy of reference in years to come as an incentive to others.

Bro. NICHOLSON moved, as an amendment, that the province vote 10 guineas in place of 20.

Bro. J. C. THOMPSON seconded the amendment, which, when submitted from the chair, the motion was carried by three votes to one.

Bro. E. B. PENRICE, W.M., P.G.D.C., moved, and Bro. W. CARLYLE supported the recommendation to the R.W.P.G.M.M., to hold the next annual Provincial Grand Lodge at Maryport, under the banner of the Whitwell Lodge, No. 151.

Bro. COLLIN moved, and Bro. J. C. THOMPSON seconded, the following brethren be a Committee appointed to draw up an address of congratulation to her Most Gracious Majesty the Queen, viz., the W.D.P.G.M., and Bros. Collin, Ryrie, and Harper, which was unanimously approved of.

The WORSHIPFUL DEPUTY PROV. GRAND MASTER then called the attention of the brethren present to the desirability of holding fast to the Constitutions and by-laws of the Order, as several cases had recently been reported where fines had been inflicted for unconstitutional acts.

Letters and telegrams were read from the following brethren conveying "Heartly good wishes"—Bros. Geo. J. McKay, P.M. 195, P.G.D. of England; T. B. Whytehead, P.M., P.G.O. of England; N. Fracy, P.M., P.G.D. of England; T. H. Nesbit, P.G. Secretary Isle of Man; W. Bewlay, P.G.M.O.; T. E. Braithwaite, 213; and Geo. Taylor, W.M. 195.

The Provincial Grand Lodge was then closed in due form, and the brethren adjourned to the Green Dragon Hotel, where a very excellent banquet was served, presided over by Bro. F. R. Col. Sewell, supported by his Grand Officers.

The usual loyal and Masonic toasts were proposed and responded to in a way worthy of Mark Masonry, and reflected great credit upon Bro. Thompson, W.M., and the members of Derwent Lodge for their capital arrangements made to entertain Provincial Grand Lodge.

Bro. Sidney Wynn Graystone, S.W., P. Prov. G. Steward Cambridge, has been elected Worshipful Master of the Graystone Lodge, No. 1915, for the ensuing year. Bro. Graystone is the popular lord of the manor of Tankerton, Whitstable. The Installation will take place on Thursday, 8th September next.

THE HISTORY OF THE ROYAL MASONIC INSTITUTION FOR GIRLS FROM ITS ORIGIN TO ITS CENTENARY, 1888.

More than 90 years ago, a writer in the *Freemasons' Magazine* of that day, in describing the purpose and character of our Institution for Girls, then designated "The Royal Cumberland Freemasons' School," was pleased to observe that "an Institution, so noble in itself and so honourable to the Fraternity, can never be too well understood or too strongly recommended." This is truer now, when the School is on the eve of completing the 100th year of its existence, than it was in 1793, when the above utterance was made. We may be sure that nothing in the way of help from the Masonic and general public came amiss to Bro. the Chevalier Ruspini and his benevolent coadjutors in their efforts to establish on an enduring basis an Institution so calculated to confer lustre on the Masonic Fraternity, and prove serviceable to the cause of humanity generally; nor, as we are well informed, were they allowed to pursue their noble efforts without receiving every possible encouragement from members of the Royal Family, from the rulers and general body of the Craft, and from Society at large. The patronage of the Duchess of Cumberland, consort of our illustrious Grand Master, and the interest she personally exhibited in the conduct of the Charity were especially valuable to Bro. Ruspini and his friends, who, without her constant support, might not have found their efforts so successful, or successful at so early a period. But if it was essential that the loyal co-operation of Royal and distinguished personages, of the Craft of Masonry, and the public should be forthcoming in order to place the infant Institution on a firm footing; if it was necessary that the same loyal co-operation should be continued in order that the Institution, as it grew in numbers and importance, should retain the position which the humanity and zeal of the founder, seconded, as he had been, so nobly, by the patronage of Royalty and the benefactions of the Craft, had secured for it; still more necessary is it that the same encouragement from our Royal and distinguished brethren, from the Masonic body as a whole, and from their friends outside the pale of Masonry, should be forthcoming now that the Institution has attained to such proportions and acquired such fame as to rank among the foremost educational Institutions for female children in the United Kingdom. It was an arduous undertaking to found such a School; it has seriously taxed the resources of Masonry to continue, and, at the same time, keep on enlarging it; but the heaviest duty of all remains—to wit, the duty of preserving intact what has been so laboriously established during the past hundred years, so that the Masonic Society in England may never be without the means of providing effectually for the female offspring of its deceased and indigent members, and bestowing upon them the advantages of such an education as will enable them, when grown to womanhood, not only to fulfil their duties in, but likewise to adorn, whatever station of life it may please the Great Architect of all things to assign to them. It is in the hope that the story of the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls, its foundation, and progress, may be of some slight service in encouraging the brethren to carry still further the labours begun so auspiciously by Bro. Ruspini, and continued so vigorously by his successors, that this slight memorial of the Centenary of our oldest Institution has been compiled.

It is satisfactory to find that the records of the School, from the very beginning, have been religiously preserved, and that it is possible to write a complete history based on the minute books and other official archives of the Institution from its foundation till the present time: this was not the case with the Boys' School, established by the "Ancient" or "Athol" Masons, the records of which for the first fourteen years of its existence appear to have shared the fate of so many other important Masonic records, and been mislaid or lost. Equally satisfactory is it to know that the leading facts of its establishment, the purpose for which it was founded and by whom, have never been in dispute as with the sister Institution for Boys, and that the original plans of the founder have been scrupulously followed, subject, of course, to such immaterial changes and modifications as time and opportunity, and the influx of additional funds may have permitted or justified. The Institution has been enlarged to a degree that would have been considered impossible by its founder and first patrons; and as additional experience was gained by the presiding authorities in satisfying the ever-growing requirements of female education, the system of training and the interior arrangements of the household have been improved and made more perfect, so that, as we have already hinted, it will be difficult to find a better organised, better managed girls' school anywhere throughout the United Kingdom. Yet "the purpose of the Institution" remains, as it was described in the article already referred to, in the *Freemasons' Magazine* of 1793, "to preserve the female offspring of indigent Freemasons from the dangers and misfortunes to which a distressed situation might expose them." The majority of the children now annually received into the School are the daughters of deceased Freemasons, but those of indigent brethren are likewise eligible. We imagine also that we have advanced somewhat further as regards the ulterior object of the School, which the writer in the *Freemasons' Magazine* refers to as "to qualify a number of girls to occupy an useful, though not a menial station in life, to furnish respectable families with servants whose talents and virtuous dispositions may entitle them to that confidence which can rarely be bestowed with safety on those whose birth and education have been among the lowest orders of society." But one great reason, perhaps, why we have thus advanced beyond this

object is that, while at the time the School was founded, the opportunities for employing young women were limited, the employments now open to them are many and various and, in the case of some, very remunerative. The children are accordingly trained to undertake the more responsible duties for which young women are now eligible, and it is greatly to the credit of the educational staff of the School and to the girls themselves, that, so far as it has been possible to trace them in their after career, they have fulfilled with signal success the duties to which they have been appointed. In short, your Girls' Institution effectually discharges the two-fold object of its founder. "It preserves the female offspring of indigent Freemasons from the dangers and misfortunes to which 'a distressed situation might expose them,' and it 'qualifies' them to occupy an useful, though not a menial station in life."

Having described the purposes of the Institution and pointed out how closely they have been followed by its governing powers, it may be as well if, before entering upon the narrative of its progress, we furnish some brief particulars of the career of Bro. the Chevalier Ruspini, the benevolent founder of this our senior Charity. A counterfeited presentment of the distinguished brother has been happily handed down to us, and visitors to the School at Battersea Rise, therefore, are able to judge what manner of man he was outwardly to whom the Craft is so deeply indebted. But Freemasons, as a rule, are not over-curious about the achievements of their past worthies. Had the Chevalier Ruspini been a lady Freemason, there would have been—at all events, till quite recently—a dozen inquiries annually as to his career, the circumstances of his initiation, and the regalia that he wore. But he happens to have been only the humane founder of one of the grandest Institutions of modern times, and as a portrait of him has been preserved, the Craft generally has not concerned itself over-much about his doings, either professional or Masonic. And yet, to judge from the memoir published of him in 1793, he seems to have been remarkable above the average of men both in the branch of the healing art to which he chiefly devoted himself, and as a member of the Masonic Fraternity. According to this account, Bro. Bartholomew Ruspini, who was descended of an ancient and honourable family, was born at Romacoto, near Bergamo, in Italy, about the year 1730. In early life he studied surgery at the great hospital in Bergamo, and in the diploma granted to him on passing his examination in 1748, very honourable mention was made of his attention, abilities, and knowledge. The youthful Ruspini, however, was ambitious as well as capable, and, considering that fame and fortune would be more easily attainable if he directed his energies to one branch only of his profession, he resolved on devoting himself entirely to the art of dentistry, and indeed was the first who gave respectability to the occupation of a dentist. With this object in view, he went to Paris, and there placed himself under the tuition of the celebrated M. Capran, who at the time was dentist to the King of France. Having perfected himself to the utmost of his ability under that eminent professor, Mr. Ruspini betook himself to England about the year 1750, practising with great success, and occasionally visiting Scotland and Ireland, whither his fame had preceded him. In 1766 he fixed his residence in London, under the patronage of the Princess Dowager of Wales—mother of George III.—and several of the most distinguished personages in the country; and in a very short time, by his skill as a dentist and by his general knowledge of surgery, as shown by his invention of a famous "balsamic styptic" for arresting both internal and external hæmorrhage, he won the respect of his brother professionals and the support of the public. Nor does he appear to have been wholly indebted for his success in life to his professional ability. His naturally humane disposition brought him hosts of friends. His many acts of benevolence confirmed him in the good opinion of the world, while his especial attention and hospitality to foreigners at length attracted the notice of the Pope, who, without solicitation from any quarter, conferred on him the Order of the Golden Spur, with the title of Chevalier.

As a Mason Bro. Ruspini was equally successful in making his mark. He served as a Grand Steward in 1772, was W.M. of the Royal Lodge in 1778, was a founder and early Master of the Lodge of the Nine Muses—now No. 235—and Master and member of several other lodges. He was also a Royal Arch Mason, having served the principal offices in that Degree, and in 1792, at the installation of George Prince of Wales as G. Master in succession to the Duke of Cumberland, Bro. Ruspini was appointed and invested as Grand Sword Bearer. To this last office he was annually re-appointed till the year after the Union, when the weight of years compelled him to decline a position which, by the express command of the Prince of Wales, had been assigned to him so long as he was willing to accept it. A few years later the Chevalier died full of years and honours, and enjoying to the very last the love and respect of his brother Masons, by many of whom, as well as by the inmates of the School he had founded, his remains were sorrowfully attended to their last resting place. But of this event we shall speak at greater length in its proper place in this history.

Bro. Ruspini married, about the time of his settling in London, the eldest daughter of Mr. Thomas Orde, of Langridge Hall, near Berwick-upon-Tweed. By her he had a numerous family of children, many of whom survived him; and it is worthy of mention, as showing the advantages of our Girls' Institution, that two of Bro. Ruspini's grandchildren—daughters of Bro. James Bladen Ruspini, whose name so often figures side by side with that of the Chevalier in the early annals of the School—were subsequently admitted as recipients of its benefits.

(To be continued).

ANNUAL PICNIC OF THE LODGE OF AFFABILITY, No. 317.

This lodge held its annual picnic on Thursday, the 14th inst., at Worksop. The brethren and ladies amongst whom were Bro. John Garside, W.M.; Bro. W. B. Akerman, S.W., and Mrs. Akerman; Bro. J. Robinson, J.W., and Mrs. Robinson; Bro. E. Wormleighton, Sec.; Bro. C. Daber, I.G.; Bro. J. Rennie, Stwd., and Mrs. Rennie; Bro. W. J. Cunliffe, P.M., P.P.S.G.D. and Mrs. Cunliffe; Bro. J. Dawson, P.M., and Mrs. Dawson; Bro. J. Wilson, P.M.; Bro. William Garside and Mrs. Garside; Mrs. Campbell; Miss Edwards, and other visitors assembled at the London Road Station, Manchester, where they left by the 8.30 a.m. train in a saloon carriage for Worksop, arriving there about 10.15.

An adjournment was made to the Royal Hotel where lunch had been provided. Having refreshed the inner man a start was made for a drive through the famous Dukeries and Sherwood Forest, which all thoroughly enjoyed, with the exception of a heavy storm which somewhat damped the spirits of the brethren, one excellent P.M. coming in for more than his share of the much needed rain. Returning to Worksop about 5.30, the brethren sat down to a substantial dinner, which all did justice to, and after the W.M.'s health had been proposed by Bro. J. Wilson, P.M., and responded to, and that of the ladies by Bro. W. B. Akerman, S.W., and replied to by Bro. C. Daber, I.G., a move was made for home, where all arrived safely about 10 o'clock, after having spent a very pleasant day.

ANNUAL PICNIC OF THE GALLERY LODGE, No. 1928.

The annual picnic of the Gallery Lodge was held last Saturday under the most favourable circumstances of weather and arrangements. As in 1885, it was made an affair of the lodge, it being held on the regular day of meeting of the lodge and chapter, and the banquet taking the place of the usual lodge refreshment. The scheme was found to work exceedingly well two years ago, a much larger number of members of the lodge being present than on the occasions when the excursion was made independent of the lodge. In the present instance also, the event being Masonic, all the gentlemen who attended, even though they were visitors, were Masons, but Masonic ceremonial being omitted the brethren had the highly prized privilege of introducing ladies. The chapter and lodge were first held at Brixton Hall, and these meetings being completed the brethren met the ladies and took train at Waterloo, Vauxhall, and Clapham Junction for Epsom. The arrangements made by the London and South Western Railway Company were admirable, for although they dispatched 36 special trains from Waterloo for the Aldershot Volunteer Review by the Queen they found ample accommodation for the party of nearly 100 ladies and brethren for the Gallery Lodge excursion.

The programme for the day had been settled by a Sub-Committee of members of the lodge, consisting of the energetic Secretary, Bros. R. J. Albery, J. C. Duckworth, S.W.; Herbert Wright, S.D.; and W. T. Perkins, J.D.; who during the previous fortnight had provided for vehicles from Epsom, for Ashted Park, the seat of Bro. Sir Thomas Lucas, Bart., and thence to Boxhill, for a view of the orchids of Sir Trevor Lawrence, M.P., and Leatherhead, where at Miss Moore's, "The Swan," the party were to dine. At Epsom the drags were waiting, and after a short stay the company proceeded in them to Ashted Park, where Sir Thomas Lucas had invited the visitors to lunch with him. On their arrival at the Hall, they were met by Sir Thomas and Lady Lucas and family, and individually and collectively most cordially greeted and welcomed. They were then conducted over the hall and through the various rooms and galleries, and shown the beautiful collection of pictures and articles of vertu. At half-past two they sat down to a lunch provided in princely style in an elegant marquee, Sir Thomas Lucas presiding, and having Lady Lucas on his right, and Mrs. Pattison, wife of Bro. Pattison, of the Gallery Lodge, on his left. The members of Sir Thomas and Lady Lucas's family sat down among the guests, whom they did their best to entertain.

The W.M., Bro. W. O. Goldsmith, and the other officers of the lodge were among the guests, all of whom admitted that this was the most successful of all the Gallery picnics.

It had been arranged that if any speeches were delivered they should be very brief, and after the conclusion of the glorious repast,

Sir THOMAS LUCAS proposed "The Queen," but the company could not leave the table without a compliment to Sir Thomas and Lady Lucas and family in acknowledgement of the magnificent hospitality they had extended to their visitors. Sir Thomas is an old member of No. 7 Lodge, and forty-five years he has seen of Masonry and of some of the oldest members of the Craft who have done much to make Masonry what it is. In his reply to the toast, which of course was most warmly by all the ladies and brethren, Sir Thomas reminded the brethren of his old position in the order, and confessed he was proud to belong to it, and to have been acquainted with such a distinguished Mason as the late Bro. John Hervey. As to the entertainment the company had had it was indeed quite as great a treat to him, Lady Lucas, and family to receive the members of the Gallery Lodge as it could be to those brethren and their ladies. He was only sorry they were not going to finish the day at Ashted Park, but he hoped that on a future occasion they would not forget that an invitation was open to them. The company afterwards were entertained to coffee and cigars, wanderings over the park, lawn tennis, and the cheerful company of the host and hostess and their family, and at nearly five o'clock regretfully parted with their entertainers for the completion of the day's programme. A ride to Box Hill, for a walk over the hill brought them to Sir Trevor Lawrence's, where the inspection of orchids was made; and a further ride took them to the Swan at Leatherhead. Here the party sat down to a nice banquet at nearly eight o'clock under the presidency of Bro. Goldsmith, W.M., supported on his right by Past Master Bro. W. M. Duckworth and Mrs. Duckworth, and on his left by Past Master Bro. H. E. Bussey and Mrs. H. E. Bussey. Bro. Goldsmith made an admirable president, making his toasts very short, and his injunctions that the company should thoroughly enjoy themselves very strong.

Music was therefore the order of the evening, and some capitalsing was given by Bro. Geo. S. Graham (who also

gave his whistling performance at Sir Thomas Lucas's to the great amusement of the company, Bro. Ward, Mrs. Tarran, the wife of Bro. George Tarran, and Mrs. Husk, wife of Bro. Percy Husk, both brethren of the Gallery Lodge.

Bro. BUSSEY, P.M., proposed "The Health of the W.M.," and gracefully and tenderly expressed the anxiety and sympathy of the brethren during Bro. Goldsmith's recent long illness.

The party were brought back to town by the South Western Railway from Leatherhead by the last train, and were universal in their encomiums of the day's entertainment and of those who had arranged and carried it out.

Order of the Secret Monitor.

ALFRED MEADOWS CONCLAVE. — A meeting of this convocation was held at the Victoria Hotel, Northumberland-avenue, on Friday, the 15th inst. During the few weeks that have elapsed since the formation of this convocation, the progress has been remarkable, and the brethren who are strenuously promoting the foundation of this Order in London have every reason to be gratified with their success. The meetings have hitherto been held at the house of the Supreme Ruler, Bro. Issacher Zacharie, M.D., at whose hands the members have received the most profuse hospitality. Under these circumstances, the gathering under notice may fairly be considered the inaugural meeting for the establishment of the Order of the "Secret Monitor" in the United Kingdom, and from the large number of eminent Grand Officers who have given it their cordial support, it would be safe to predict that the Order will play an important part in the Masonic history of the future.

Bro. I. Zacharie, M.D., S.R., presided, and was supported by the following members: Bros. J. Lewis Thomas, P.A.G.D.C., C.; J. Perry Godfrey, G.; W. G. Lemon, T.; W. J. Spratling, Sec.; Magnus Ohren, P.A.G.D.C., 32°; V.D.; Lennox Browne, M.D., V.D.; T. Vincent; T. J. Hanley, 18°; J. M. Collins, 30°; J. M. Bastone, 18°; A. Gammon, 18°; R. Gresley Hall, 18°; H. G. Hobson; H. Mackintosh, M.D.; Webster Glynes, 30°; T. H. Tilton, P.G.M. New York, 33°; and F. H. Gottlieb, 32° P.D.D.G.M.E.A. Visitors: Bros. J. L. Nissen and W. W. Lee.

The convocation having been formally opened, and the by-laws adopted, the following brethren were inducted into the Order: Bros. the Right Hon. the Lord Chancellor, W. Crocroft Fooks, B.A.; Sir Bruce M. Seton, S.G.D.; Baron de Ferrieres, P.G.D.; J. Barker, 30°; E. E. Cousans, 30°; A. J. R. Trendall, C.M.G.; I. C. Walls, W. R. Woodman, M.D., P.G.S.B.; A. H. Brown, Nelson Prower, J. W. Howard Thompson, J. Tickle, C. G. Scott, Major Hamilton Geary, R.A., F. E. Pocock, M.D., A. E. Sansom, M.D., Sir Love Jones-Parry, C. Gross, M.D., A. M. Kavanagh, D. P. Cama, P.G. Treas.; H. W. Kiallmark, M.D., Rev. G. W. Weldon, G. Chap.; Rev. A. W. Oxford, M.A., E. E. Behnke, Augustus Harris, and W. W. Aldridge.

The convocation having been closed, the brethren adjourned to an excellent banquet, at the conclusion of which the appropriate toasts were duly honoured.

"The Queen and the Order of Secret Monitor" and "The Prince of Wales, M.W.G.M. of Masons," having been given,

Bro. Lewis Thomas proposed "The Health of the Supreme Grand Ruler of the Order, R.W. Bro. Dr. Zacharie." He was sure all present would heartily receive the toast, for Bro. Dr. Zacharie was the founder of the Order in this country. It was owing to the exertions of that distinguished brother, and through the great hospitality and kindness he had shown in holding the previous meetings at his house, that such an excellent start had been made. They had already admitted a large number of members, but it would be kept very exclusive, only the best men being permitted to enter. The great success achieved was a marvel, considering it was but a few weeks since the first meeting was held. The present occasion was the first public evening in which the Order had been brought forward, and he considered the gathering reflected credit on Bro. Dr. Zacharie, for it was the result of the hospitality shown by him at the previous meetings. He might say that that hospitality was second to none, and was certainly the best he had ever received. The health of Bro. Dr. Zacharie therefore deserved to be warmly received, and he had great pleasure in asking them to drink the toast of the Supreme Grand Ruler and success to the Order.

Bro. Dr. Zacharie said that as several distinguished brethren were obliged to leave shortly, he would defer his reply, and briefly propose the toast of "The Newly-Inducted Brethren."

Bro. the Right Hon. the Lord Chancellor, in reply, said he was very sorry indeed that he was obliged to leave. He had been 11 hours in another place, and the brethren present could not understand so well as he did that making and listening to speeches was not a luxury. As he was compelled to be elsewhere in a few moments, he would briefly say that he felt proud at being accepted as a member of their Order. He recognised the fraternal feeling that pervaded Masonry, and it was with pride and pleasure that he saw a new Order attain such proportions in so short a time. He was anxious to say as shortly as he could how deeply he honoured the Degree they had conferred upon him. He trusted he should always remember that one of the principles of Masonry that ought to pervade every heart was the universal fraternisation of mankind one with another. They were together as men united with a new tie, for they were brothers in a new sense, and it might be truly said that they recognised the great fraternal principle—that once a man became a Mason he looked upon his brethren as those whom he was bound to aid and assist. Recognising that principle, he was sure that when he told them he was obliged to leave, they would allow him to retire, first thanking them for the honour they had conferred upon him.

Bros. Baron de Ferrieres and Augustus Harris also briefly replied.

Bro. Dr. Zacharie, S.R., then replied for the toast of his health, which had been previously proposed by Bro. Lewis Thomas. He assured the brethren that he felt honoured at being permitted to preside over the convocation. They would no doubt make allowances for a man who had but recently entered into Masonry from the other side of the Atlantic, and he was sure they would join with him in hoping that the day was not far distant when they should

have a convention that would ensure the uniformity of working. On arriving in this country, after giving the matter his mature consideration, he had determined not to take an active part in Masonry, but he had not kept his resolution. When he met a few Secret Monitors he could not rest until he had formed a convocation, and how far he had been successful was for them to say. He resembled the war horse that had been placed in the luxury and retirement of the pasture land, but who was aroused at the first trumpet call to battle. His motto through life had been action, not words. He would therefore thank them for their kindness, and assured them that nothing should be wanting on his part to make theirs one of the most popular Orders in the United Kingdom.

Bro. Rev. J. W. Weldon, G. Chap., replied for "The Visitors," and expressed the pleasure it afforded him to respond for the toast, although he considered they were initiates as well as visitors. They had been struck with what he might call a new departure. He had been thinking that if the principles were carried out they could have secret counsel with a man when he was making a fool of himself. They should then have a paradise on earth. Of all the advantages which society failed to realise, it was to have a kindly hint, kindly conveyed at the proper moment. He had often said that to do a courteous thing in a courteous way could never be an offence, but to do an uncourteous thing in an uncourteous way must always be more or less an offence. It they carried out the Secret Monitor principles they would have in society a power which, together with the Craft Masonry they could not fail to realise the benefit of. If they could do this in these days of utilitarianism, they would have revolutionised selfishness, and have introduced a system which he trusted would claim that feeling which could care for nothing but the desire to do good.

Bro. Lemon, Treas., responded for "The Officers," and thanked Bro. Zacharie for the kindness extended to them.

Bro. Spratling, Sec., also replied, and said it had been his lot during the last few weeks to be harder worked than almost any man in London. He had had a very large amount of work to do, but he thought that the success of that evening would repay him for all he had done. They had admitted amongst them those who were distinguished in life, and it was a treat to him to be able to meet such brethren. He considered it an honour that the S.R. should have asked him to undertake the Secretarial duties. He was proud of the name of their convocation, for he loved the late Bro. Alfred Meadows, and would do everything in his power to perpetuate his memory. It would have been impossible to have started an Order under better auspices, and the success they had achieved was shown by the number of distinguished brethren who had joined them. He wished to impress upon the brethren that there should be officers who would look after, search out, and visit any brother who was in need of sympathy, for there were times when a kindly word was more especially appreciated, and when a hearty "cheer up" was often the turning point in the tide of misfortune. He regretted the absence of Bro. Matter, and again thanked the S.R. for the confidence he had placed in him. The Sentinel's toast brought a successful meeting to a close.

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MOUNT CALVARY CHAPTER (No. 3).

—This old and distinguished chapter met at the Masonic Hall, Golden-square, on the 8th instant. Among those present were Ill. Bros. H. J. Lardner, P.M.W.S., acting M.W.S.; Lieut.-Col. E. J. Gardiner, Prelate; Capt. J. E. Anderson, 2nd General; W. Paas, Treas.; Ex. Bro. I. C. Walls, Recorder; Ill. Bro. G. Graveley, G.M.; Ex. Bros. W. B. Kidder, R.; N. Prower, W. Maple, G. H. Grimwood, W. W. Codd; Ill. Bros. T. W. Collin, P.M.W.S.; C. Belton, and others. The minutes of the previous meeting having been read and confirmed, Ill. Bro. Lieut.-Col. Gardiner was installed in the chair by Ex. Bro. Walls. The following appointments were made: Bros. Berkeley, Prelate; Capt. Anderson, 1st General; G. Graveley, 2nd General; W. Paas, Treas.; T. C. Walls, Recorder; B. Kidder, G.M.; Lardner, R.; Capt. Stohwasser, C. of G.; J. L. Mather, D.C.; Pigache, Herald; Lott, Mus. Doc.; Org.; and Austin, O.G. The ballot was then taken on behalf of Bro. J. W. H. Thompson, J.W. 165, and it proving to be unanimous, he was ably perfected by Ill. Bro. Lieut.-Col. Gardiner. Letters pleading inability to attend were received from Ill. Bro. Col. S. H. Clerke, 33°; and Ex. Bros. F. W. Driver, P.M.W.S.; C. Tyleur, P.M.W.S.; Capt. W. B. Williamson, J.P.; Capt. Stohwasser, Dr. Lott, Hawkins, and others.

The chapter was then closed, and the members adjourned to the Café Royal, where an excellent banquet was provided. In addition to the above members there were present at the convivial board, Ill. Bros. Nicols, P.M.W.S.; Curlier, P.M.W.S.; and Ex. Bro. Berkeley. The proceedings were throughout most successful.

In the church of St. Mark's, Deptford, a beginning has been made, as a jubilee offering, in the stained glass of the east windows, with a work from the studio of Mr. Taylor, of Berners-street. The subject is "Christ disputing with the Doctors," forming one of a series to be eventually carried out.

Bro. Lieut. T. C. Walls, at the Harrow Rifle Ranges on the 4th inst., won the handsome and costly gold jewel presented to the officers of the 7th V.B. King's Royal Rifle Corps by Mrs. Penton, the wife of Captain Penton, M.P., honorary colonel of the regiment. Lieut. Stockall won the silver jewel, and Captain Messenger the bronze jewel.

The Covent Garden Lodge of Instruction, No. 1614, will hold their second annual summer festival at the Clarendon Hotel, Gravesend, on Thursday, the 28th inst. Bro. T. A. Dickson, W.M. of the parent lodge, will preside, and will be supported by Bro. Harry W. Kedgley, I.P.M., and a strong force of active and energetic brethren, with Bro. G. Reynolds, Secretary of the Lodge of Instruction, as Secretary. Tickets, inclusive of return railway journey, excursion in brakes to Cobham, banquet with wine, &c., price 21s. each, to be had of Bro. T. A. Dickson, Bro. H. W. Kedgley, the Stewards, or Bro. G. Reynolds, Sec., 3, St. James's-square, Pall Mall, S.W.

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SATURDAY, JULY 23, 1887.

Original Correspondence.

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

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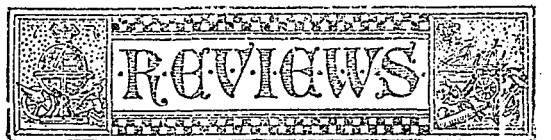
To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,

Bro. Chetwode Crawley, whose letter appears in your last issue, may probably like to know that the subject of "Ancients" and "Moderns" occupies a considerable portion of "Masonic Facts and Fictions," now in the press, and that Bro. Oldham, D.G. Secretary of Ireland has kindly consented to receive names of subscribers for the work.

If Bro. Crawley will forward his address I shall have much pleasure in sending him a prospectus.—Yours fraternally,

H. SADLER,
Freemasons' Hall, London, W.C.



SUPPLEMENT TO "MASONIC RECORDS 1717-1886."

Bro. John Lane, F.C.A., of Torquay, has issued a supplement to his noble volume—"Masonic Records 1717-1886"—which is of great interest and value. This later publication has added considerably to the debt we owe to the painstaking and accurate author, especially when it is remembered that the original work was published at a financial loss to himself, and this most useful addition is presented to all the subscribers, "With the Author's Fraterna Compliments." Copies of the "Masonic Records" may still be had from the Publisher, with the supplement included. The sheet should be inserted between pages 4 and 5 of the original work, and consists of an exact reproduction, save that the "signs" are described, of (a) Bowen's engraved list of 1723-4 (b) the MS list in Grand Lodge of 1723-4, &c. (which contains a lodge held at Richmond, which is not in the former) (c) and (d) Pine's Lists of 1725, in the two editions, the second having eight more lodges than the first, (e) the MS. List in Grand Lodge for 1725, &c. (which has eight lodges, not in the second edition being later additions), (f) "Pine's Engraved List of 1729," the first with numbers and arranged according to seniority, (g) Prichard's List of 1730, and (h) the MS. List in Grand Lodge, 1731-2. These reproductions therefore cover the period from 1723 to 1732, during which as yet no minutes of London lodges have been made known. Of course, it will readily be understood that to carefully copy these Lists, preserving all their orthographical peculiarities, in order that they may be veritable *verbatim et literatim* productions, involved no little labour; but when to such exact transcripts there are added most interesting notes, and, above all, the numbers are appended to the 1723-5 Lists of all lodges which appear in the noted 1729 Register—now traced for the first time—we feel bound to express our very hearty thanks and most lively gratitude to Bro. John Lane for this invaluable compilation, which makes an excellent supplement to his "Masonic Records," a most welcome addition to our knowledge of facts relating to those old lodges, and renders the grand work itself more than ever "a monument of

perseverance, research, and fidelity," as Bro. Hughan aptly describes it in his introduction to that remarkable volume. Bro. Lane, in the *Freemason* for March 19, 1887, favoured the Craft with "Notes on the Early Minute Book of the Premier Grand Lodge of England," which should be consulted to obtain a correct notion of the character and dates of the Lists in question. It seems quite certain that the engraved List in Grand Lodge, known as Bowen's, of 1723, is not the first issued by authority of the Grand Lodge, because it contains, as Bro. Lane points out a lodge of 1724, but be that as it may, it is the earliest known, and Masonically speaking, is of priceless value. None of these wee Registers had any distinguishing numbers affixed to the lodges, neither were they arranged in order of seniority, until 1728-9, when the engraved List by Pine appeared. The difficulty has been to trace the lodges to 1729, so as to know for a certainty those which were continued down to this Register of 1729 (which only came into the hands of the Grand Lodge of late years through the most opportune gift of the R.W. Bro. E. T. Leith, P. Prov. G.M. of Bombay). No Lists are known of 1726-8, though we presume they must have been duly published by the Grand Lodge. Bro. Gould in his "Four Old Lodges," succeeded in identifying a few of these lodges by an examination of the Registers of members preserved in Grand Lodge, but Bro. Lane has managed apparently to trace all in the 179 List which appear in the earlier issues; hence he has been able to add the numbers allotted in 1728-9, to his transcripts of the 1723-5 Lists. This is a great boon for all Masonic students, and what has never been achieved hitherto by any brother who has made the Lists a special study. The numbers place us in touch with the old lodges right back to 1723. For example, No. 20, Chatham, is 13 in 1729 List and was then held at the "Anchor, Dutchy-lane, Strand," London, and met at the same place back to 1723. The "Emulation," No. 21, is traced in like manner, as also the existing older lodges, Nos. 2, 4, 6, 8, 10, 12, 14, 16, and 18. The Globe Lodge, No. 23, had the same number, strange to say, on the 1729 Register, and was then domiciled at the Half Moon, Cheapside, where it was in 1723, but in 1725, in the three Lists given, it was located at the "Sun, Southside of St. Paul's." There are, in fact, several new places of meeting fixed in consequence of these old lodges being traced. All such points are curious, of interest and importance, and all the more so because they refer to very old lodges, which have not their original warrants now, nor their early records, hence the particulars will prove of great interest to their members especially. Prichard's List is in all probability a copy of an engraved Register now missing, and gives 67 lodges in all, the numbers, however, being wrong from 29, owing to a vacancy being filled in, and a similar blank was filled up at No. 51. The MS. Roll of 1731-2 is of great utility for students of old Registers, there being no engraved Lists for the years 1730 to 1733, though there is a Register of Rawlinson's for 1733, which virtually closes up one of the gaps. We hope soon that all the Lists from 1733 to 1740 will be reproduced of all kinds. We again express our great indebtedness to Bro. Lane for this most opportune supplement which is not only ably compiled, but printed in excellent style, and has added to his already well earned laurels.



Craft Masonry.

RICHMOND-ON-THAMES.—Lily of Richmond Lodge (No. 820).—A meeting of this lodge was held on Wednesday, the 13th inst., at the Masonic Hall, the Greyhound Hotel, which is an admirable assembling place in such hot weather as has prevailed of late, being lofty and well ventilated. The W.M., Bro. R. Pye, opened the lodge, supported by all his officers—Bros. H. Seymour Clarke, S.W.; C. Robson, J.W.; C. Hubbard, P.M.; Treas.; J. Heath, Sec.; A. Coombes, S.D.; Geo. Cooke, J.D.; S. Wootton, acting as I.G.; and J. Gilbert, Tyler. The other officers, whose aid was also valuable in their respective spheres, were present, viz.: Bros. W. F. Reynolds, P.M., Stwd.; G. C. Young, P.M., Org.; A. Oliver, D.C.; and A. Copping, Asst. Stwd. The Past Masters of the lodge were represented by Bros. Gifford T. Salmon, I.P.M., W. H. Myers, F. W. Koch, C. Phillips, and F. C. Moutlet. There was not a large attendance of members beyond those named, but the presence of 14 visitors gave to the hall a well furnished appearance. These latter included Bros. A. Campbell, W.M. 720; C. Hunter, W.M. 1668; W. Chapman, W.M. 889; J. Bruce, W.M. 1421; and W. Drewett, S.W. 889.

After formal business, Bro. Sibley was passed to the Degree of F.C. by Bro. Myers with marked ability. We must say a word as to the work devolving on the S.D., which was carried in faultlessly correct "Emulation" style. Bro. Coombes set a bright example to all present who aspire to office, and he was warmly congratulated subsequently by his seniors in the Craft who have watched the ritual for years.

Business being ended, the brethren adjourned to the banquet which awaited them, and which was served in an excellent manner. The well-known hospitality of the Lily was well sustained, and from the inexhaustible supply of a splendid old vintage of Dry Monopole, it would seem as if the lodge had monopolised the whole of that year's product. It was really and truly a "grande vin."

The toasts were few, but the visitors were entertained with a musical treat entirely sustained by members of the lodge, assisted by one of the most accomplished lady pianists who ever sat down to accompany a singer. If a brother had no music with him, he was accompanied with such care and accuracy as astounded those who had not heard this lady's talent displayed before—notably in the case of "Drinking," a song by no means easy to accompany without a note, which was sung in splendid voice by Bro. Marsden. The capable S.D. proved himself equally efficient as a vocalist, and not one of the company caught the early train as he intended. The fact was he could not get away so long as Bro. Coombes was ready to oblige. Bro. Osman was also very "fetching," and the sitting was prolonged later than usual in order to hear the grand music.

BROMLEY.—Acacia Lodge (No. 1314).—The installation meeting of this lodge was held on Tuesday last, at the Bell Hotel. The lodge was opened in due form, and Bro. W. Seaman, P.M., P.P.G.D.C., presented Bro. Thos. Finch to receive the benefits of installation, which ceremony was rendered by Bro. Bolton, W.M., in a most perfect and impressive manner, seldom heard and never surpassed, Bro. Dilly presiding at the organ accompanying the Masonic anthems.

The lodge being closed, the brethren adjourned to the banquet, which was of a most recherché character, the newly-elected W.M. presiding, and grace having been sung by Bro. Cater and the vicars choral of St. Paul's, the W.M. gave the usual loyal and Masonic toasts.

In proposing "The health of the I.P.M., Bro. Bolton," the W.M. said it was a great pleasure, not only in proposing his health, but also in presenting him with a P.M.'s jewel which he had so deservedly earned, also to present him with a silver inkstand, subscribed by the officers and a few brethren of the lodge, as a slight token of esteem and regard, and in appreciation of the great services he had rendered to this lodge and the Craft generally.

The toast of "The Masonic Charities" was responded to in suitable terms by Bro. Coste, P.M. The Tyler's toast brought a most successful and enjoyable meeting to a close.

FELTHAM.—Lebanon Lodge (No. 1326).—The installation meeting of this lodge was held at the Railway Hotel on Saturday, the 16th inst. Amongst the large number of members present were Bros. W. R. Vassila, P.P.G. Std. Br., W.M.; J. J. Marsh, P.P.G. Std. Br., P.M.; Jas. Laurence, S.W., W.M. elect; E. A. Smith, J.W.; S. Page, Treas.; J. W. Baldwin, P.P.G.D., P.M., Sec.; C. W. Baker, S.D.; Wm. Walters, J.D.; W. H. Walters, I.G.; J. A. Wilson, D.C.; S. Wheeler and F. Dunstan, Stewards; and W. H. Lee, Prov. A.G. Sec. Middx. Visitors: Bros. F. T. C. Keeble, P.M. 1426; C. J. Fox, S.D. 1743; J. H. Mayes, 1897; J. Brand, 1884; Egbert Roberts, 1623; H. Dehane, P.M. 1543; P.P.G.D. Essex; J. Sims, P.M. 834; H. W. Mayes, P.M. 1897, P.P.G.P.; and W. W. Lee, 1897.

Lodge having been opened in due form, the minutes of the last regular meeting were read and confirmed. The report of the Audit Committee, showing the funds in a satisfactory condition, was received and adopted, and Bro. L. Schofield and Bro. J. H. Mayes, of 1897, were raised to the Sublime Degree of M.M. The installation ceremony was next proceeded with, and Bro. Jas. Laurence, S.W., having been presented, was duly installed into the chair according to ancient custom. The following officers were appointed and invested: Bros. E. A. Smith, S.W.; C. W. Baker, J.W.; S. Page, Treas.; J. W. Baldwin, P.P.G.D., Sec.; Wm. Walters, S.D.; W. H. Walters, J.D.; J. A. Wilson, I.G.; J. C. Goslin, D.C.; S. Wheeler, A.D.C.; F. Dunstan, Org.; G. H. Eaton, A. Lawton, J. R. Cox, and E. J. Wheeler, Stewards; and J. Gilbert, Tyler. The usual addresses were effectively rendered by the Installing Master, Bro. W. R. Vassila, I.P.M. The W.M. said he had a pleasing duty to perform in presenting the I.P.M. with a token of the approbation of the lodge at his efficient services during the past year. Bro. Vassila had ably discharged his duty both in and out of the lodge, and it was only right that he should be voted a handsome jewel in consideration of his services. He, as the mouthpiece of the brethren, had great pleasure in making the presentation to Bro. Vassila, and he asked that brother to accept the jewel as a token of respect and appreciation from the lodge. There was another duty he was requested to discharge, which was on behalf of several members of the lodge to ask Bro. Vassila to accept a P.M.'s collar and jewel. He hoped their I.P.M. would be spared for many years to be with them and wear the collar and jewel.

Bro. Vassila, P.M., briefly expressed his gratitude, thanking the brethren for the handsome jewel and P.M.'s collar, and expressed the hope that he might be permitted to be among them for many years to come.

Several letters of regret for non-attendance having been read, and a petition recommended to the Board of Benevolence, the lodge was closed in due form and adjourned. The brethren subsequently partook of a sumptuous banquet, that reflected the highest credit on the worthy host. The usual list of loyal and Masonic toasts were afterwards duly honoured, and received in the customary hearty manner.

In giving the toast of "The R.W. the Prov. G. Master, and the rest of the Prov. Grand Officers," the W.M. said there were many present that evening who would remember that Sir Francis Burdett was often with them in days gone by. The extra cares of life, and the increased number of lodges in the province, now made it impossible for him to attend as many meetings as he would wish. He had, however, done the best thing he could by appointing a Deputy Prov. Grand Master, Bro. Raymond Thrupp, of whom they could all speak with admiration. He was a Deputy Prov. Grand Master who ably performed the duties that fell to him, and who speedily corrected them if they did wrong. He regretted that the two distinguished brethren he had mentioned were unable to be present; but there were several Provincial Grand Officers present at the table who would no doubt respond.

Bro. W. H. Lee, Prov. Asst. G. Sec. Middx., in reply, said the toast with which his name had been coupled was a very comprehensive one, for it was that of the Prov. G.M. and the rest of the Prov. G. Officers. It was a matter of regret that both the Prov. G.M. and the Deputy Prov. G.M. were unable to be present, for he thought it had been usual for some years past for one or the other to be present. He assured the brethren that it was always a source of pleasure to visit the lodges in the province, but there was no lodge where the Prov. Grand Officers met with a more cordial welcome than in the Lebanon Lodge. He was convinced that if the Prov. G.M. or Deputy Prov. G.M. had been present they would have joined with him in congratulating the I.P.M. on the excellent manner in which he had carried out the installation ceremony. The admirable working of that ceremony must have afforded sincere gratification to the members. It was always a pleasure to see a brother instal his successor, for it was not given to every brother to have the time necessary to master the ritual, but when a brother had the time and succeeded in rendering the ceremony in an effective manner, it reflected credit on the member and on the lodge. He begged to be allowed to thank them for the kind manner in which the toast had been received, and assure them on his own behalf

that his visit had afforded him sincere satisfaction, and that he looked forward to an opportunity in the future of again visiting them.

Bro. Vassila, I.P.M., in giving the next toast, said it was the first time he had had the opportunity of proposing "The Health of the W.M." He was sure that in electing Bro. Laurence to the chair they could not have elected a brother who would carry out the duties in a more successful manner. There was not a brother in the lodge who was more proficient in the ceremonies, or who had a better acquaintance with the Book of Constitutions, than their present W.M. He was undoubtedly the right man in the right place, and the brethren were one and all pleased to see him attain the dignity of the chair. He wished Bro. Laurence, W.M., a successful year of office, and trusted that all the brethren present would be spared to see him instal his successor.

Bro. Jas. Laurence, W.M., in response, thanked the brethren for the kind manner in which they had received the toast of his health. He had been many years a member of the lodge, and was pleased to have at last reached the chair. The I.P.M. had made some very kind remarks, but all he could say was that he hoped at the conclusion of his year of office the brethren would say that they were not altogether disappointed in him.

"The Health of the I.P.M." was then proposed by the W.M., who remarked that Bro. Vassila had done his work well, and the members had acknowledged and shown their appreciation of that work by the handsome jewel they had that day presented to him. Several of the members had also thought fit to present him with a Past Master's collar, and he (the W.M.) could assure them that the I.P.M. was more worthy of their "Hearty good wishes" than the incoming W.M. Bro. Vassila had nobly done his work in the lodge, and what was more to his credit, outside the lodge also; and it was by examples of this sort that good service might be done to the Craft. He could not find words sufficiently strong enough to impress upon them the good deeds of their I.P.M. Suffice it to say that his merits had been recognised by his appointment as Prov. G. Std. Br. before he reached the chair of the lodge. His selection to fill that office proved that his good work had been appreciated. He (the W.M.) felt strong in his position, knowing he would have near him one who would ably assist him, would lead him in the paths of rectitude, and would aid him in doing that which was right. Bro. Vassila was deserving of their best wishes, and he would therefore ask them to drink with all heartiness to the prosperity and long life of their I.P.M.

Bro. W. R. Vassila, P.P.G. Std. Br., I.P.M., after thanking the brethren for their reception of the toast, observed that in anything he had done for the lodge, he had but been performing the work he undertook to do when he assumed the position of the chair. With respect to the Installation Ceremony, he regarded it as the duty of the I.P.M. to instal his successor. The W.M. had been pleased to refer to his work outside the lodge, but he hoped that every member would assist the Charities as far as he possibly could. The Province of Middlesex had, during the past year, sent up about £1200 to the Charities, out of which their lodge had contributed £200, or one-sixth of the total. Those figures spoke well for their lodge, and he earnestly hoped the W.M. would also have a successful year as far as the Charities were concerned. He again thanked the lodge for the jewel presented to him and those brethren who had so generously given him the P.M.'s collar.

"The Charities" having been given in appropriate terms and cordially received by the brethren, the W.M. gave "The Visitors," to whom he offered a hearty and cordial welcome.

Bro. H. Dehane, P.P.G.D. Essex, on behalf of the visiting brethren, returned thanks for the kind welcome and profuse hospitality shown them. He had known the W.M. for a number of years, and he had never known ill of him. Bro. Lawrence, W.M. has been a member of a benevolent association for six years, which was of itself a good example to the brethren. In fact, the W.M. was thoroughly qualified in every respect for his important position, and he was pleased to be present to testify to his capabilities. The figures quoted by the I.P.M. were a credit to the lodge, and he hoped that as the W.M. was going up as Steward for one of the Institutions the members would heartily support him and enable him to take up a good list.

"The Past Masters" and "The Officers" having been given, the Tyler's toast brought the proceedings to a close.

INSTRUCTION.

JUSTICE LODGE (No. 147).—A meeting was held on Thursday, the 14th inst., at the Brown Bear, High-street, Deptford, when there were present Bros. Faulkner, W.M.; Dandridge, S.W.; Vatsky, J.W.; S. R. Speight, P.M., Sec.; Penrose, S.D.; Turpin, J.D.; Priest, I.G.; Hutchings, P.M., Preceptor; Hick, Baldson, Wright, and Emblin.

The lodge was opened in the First Degree, and the minutes of the previous meeting having been read and confirmed, the ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, Bro. Hick personating the candidate. The lodge was called off, and on resuming, the usual questions were answered by Bro. Baldson. The lodge was opened in the Second Degree, and the ceremony of passing was rehearsed, after which the lodge was resumed to the First Degree. Bro. Wright, 87, was elected a member, and Bro. Dandridge, S.W., was elected W.M. for the ensuing week, and appointed the officers in rotation. All business being ended, the lodge was closed.

HIGHGATE LODGE (No. 1366).—A meeting was held at the Bull and Gate, Kentish Town, on Thursday, the 14th inst., when the following brethren were present: Bros. Quicke, W.M.; Nash, S.W.; Hahn, J.W.; Hill, S.D.; Homan, J.D.; Bongers, I.G.; Frost, P.M., Preceptor; Scattergood, Sec.; Giddings, Mulvey, and Garratt.

The lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. The ceremony of initiation was most ably rehearsed, Bro. Mulvey candidate. Bro. Garratt, having offered himself as candidate for passing, answered the usual questions. Lodge opened in the Second Degree, and the ceremony of passing ably rehearsed. Lodge resumed to the First Degree, and it was proposed, seconded, and carried unanimously that the S.W. be W.M. for the ensuing week. All Masonic business being ended, the lodge was closed.

HYDE PARK LODGE (No. 1425).—A meeting was held on Monday, the 18th inst., at the Porchester Hotel, Leinster-place, Cleveland-square, Porchester-terrace, Paddington, W. Present: Bros. C. S. Mote, W.M.; O. W. Battley, S.W.; W. J. Mason, J.W.; H. Dehane, P.M. 1543, Sec.; W. Death, S.D.; F. F. Vowler, P.M. 1603, J.D.; J. Smith, I.G.; W. T. Potts, Stwd.; W. H. Chalfont, P.M. 1425; M. Rosenberg, W. Chapple, and Jos. Bailey.

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. Chapple being candidate. After the usual preliminaries, the ceremony of passing was rehearsed, Bro. Vowler being candidate. Bro. Battley was elected W.M. for the next meeting, and appointed the officers in rotation. A vote expressing regret was passed at the accident met with by Bro. J. Stephens, P.M. 1425, and also a vote of condolence with Bro. Belcham on the sudden death of his daughter, aged 18. Communications were read from Bros. Mulvey and Capt. A. Nicols. After "Hearty good wishes," the lodge was closed.

CHAUCER LODGE (No. 1540).—This lodge held its usual weekly meeting at the Old White Hart Hotel, Borough, on Tuesday, 19th inst., when there were present Bros. W. T. Wigglesworth, W.M.; Austin, S.W.; Ladd, J.W.; Walter Wingham, Preceptor; F. H. Williams, Hon. Sec.; G. Wigglesworth, S.D.; W. Roots, J.D.; S. Renaut, I.G.; Stamp, Fullick, Belchamber, and Arrowsmith.

The lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. The lodge was opened in the Second and Third Degrees. The W.M. vacated the chair in favour of Bro. F. H. Williams. The lodge was resumed to the Second Degree. Bro. Wigglesworth, having answered the usual questions, was entrusted. The lodge was resumed to the Third Degree, and the ceremony of raising was rehearsed, Bro. Wigglesworth candidate. Bro. F. H. Williams vacated the chair in favour of Bro. Wigglesworth, and the lodge was resumed to the First Degree. The ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, with Bro. Fullick as candidate. The W.M. rose for the first time, and the dues were collected. The W.M. rose for the second time, when it was proposed by Bro. Wingham, Preceptor, and seconded by the J.W., that the S.W. be W.M. for the ensuing week—carried unanimously. The S.W. returned thanks, and appointed the officers. The W.M. rose for the third time, when it was proposed by Bro. Wingham, Preceptor, and seconded by Bro. Arrowsmith, that a vote of thanks be recorded on the minutes to Bro. W. T. Wigglesworth for his able working as W.M. for the first time in this lodge—carried unanimously. Bro. Wigglesworth returned thanks, and 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 14th inst., when there were present Bros. G. F. Swan, W.M.; W. Hancock, S.W.; A. Bullen, J.W.; G. H. Reynolds, S.D.; James Rowe, I.G.; W. C. Smith, Preceptor; G. H. Reynolds, acting Sec.; T. E. Weeks, Tyler; J. S. Henry, E. Arbit, E. Nice, Angelico Cogliati, H. J. Weise, A. Clark, S. Moss, F. Dusterwald, and C. Corby.

The lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. Bro. A. Bullen worked the 1st Section of the First Lecture. Lodge opened in the Second Degree. Bro. C. Corby worked the 1st Section of the Second Lecture. Lodge resumed to the First Degree. Bro. C. Corby having offered himself as a candidate for initiation, the W.M. was pleased to rehearse the ceremony. On rising for the second time, Bro. W. C. Smith proposed that Bro. W. Hancock, 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, nothing further offering for the good of Freemasonry, the lodge was closed.

CREATON LODGE (No. 1791).—A meeting was held on Thursday, the 14th inst., at the Wheatheaf Hotel, Goldhawk-road, Shepherd's Bush, W. Present: Bros. C. R. Cross, W.M.; E. Austin, S.W.; G. Higginson, J.W.; W. H. Chalfout, P.M.; Sec.; A. Hardy, S.D.; F. Craggs, J.D.; L. Cox, I.G.; Woodard, W.S.; Wiles, Marsh, Hagan, Coombs, Head, Sansom, Benton, Cavers, P. J. Davies, T. C. Edmonds, P.M.; Purdue, P.M.; Child, P.M.; and John Davies, P.M., Preceptor.

The lodge was opened, and the minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. The 1st and 3rd Sections of the First Lecture were worked by Bro. John Davies, assisted by the brethren. The ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, Bro. Edmonds, P.M., candidate. Bro. Coombs, S.W. 780, was elected a joining member.

LOUGHBOROUGH LODGE.—A meeting of this lodge was held at the Gauden Hotel, Clapham-road Station (L.C. & D.R.), on Monday, the 18th inst. Present: Bros. Harvey, W.M.; Beavan, S.W.; Esling, J.W.; Kerry, S.D.; Heathcote, J.D.; Gibbs, I.G.; W. W. Westley, Treas.; J. Andrews, Sec.; Walker, Lissimore, Oates, Burnett, Noble, Pugh, Russell, and Folkard.

The lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. The ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, with Bro. Burnett as candidate. Bro. Harvey vacated the chair in favour of Bro. Kerry, and lodge was opened in the Second Degree. Bro. Burnett answered the usual questions leading to the Third Degree, and was entrusted. Lodge was opened in the Third Degree, and the ceremony of raising rehearsed by the W.M., Bro. Kerry, with Bro. Burnett as candidate. Lodge was resumed to the First Degree, and the W.M. rose for the first time, and dues were collected. Bro. Chas. Pugh, 1624, was unanimously elected a joining member. The W.M. rose for the second time, and Bro. Beavan, S.W., was elected W.M. for the ensuing week. Bro. Beavan thanked the brethren, and appointed the officers in rotation. The W.M. rose for the third time, and received the "Hearty good wishes" of the brethren, and the lodge was closed.

Royal Arch.

ALDERSGATE CHAPTER (No. 1657).—The July convocation of the above chapter was held on Monday last, at the Albion Tavern, Aldersgate-street. There were present Comps. A. Brookman, M.E.Z.; F. Crockford, H.; E. Y. Jolliffe, J.; H. B. Marshall, P.G. Treas., S.E.; A. B. Hudson, 1st Asst. Soj.; G. Rawlinson, 2nd Asst. Soj.; George Kenning, Treas.; J. D. Allcroft, P.G. Treas., P.Z.; Sir J. Staples, K.C.M.G., P.Z.; P. F. R. Saillard, E. W. Stillwell, J. Shoter, and Dr. GreatRex. Visitors: Comps. Watson, Rev. Wakefield, and Riechelmann.

The minutes of the last convocation were read and confirmed. The report of the Audit Committee was read and confirmed. The principals were installed for the ensuing year by Comp. Watson as follows: Comps. F. Crockford, M.E.Z.; E. Y. Jolliffe, H.; H. B. Marshall, P.G. Treas., J. The M.E.Z. invested Comps. P. F. R. Saillard, S.E.; M. R. Webb, S.N.; George Kenning, Treas.; J. Larkin, P.S.; A. B. Hudson, 1st Asst. Soj.; G. Rawlinson, 2nd Asst. Soj.; and J. Parkinson, Janitor. A valuable gold jewel was presented to Comp. A. Brookman in recognition of his valuable services as M.E.Z. for the past year, after which a banquet was held.

The musical arrangements under the direction of Comp. Riechelmann, who acted as accompanist, gave every satisfaction, Madame Riechelmann winning loud applause by her singing of the "Letter Song," and "Caller Herrin."

HARROW.—Henry Levander Chapter (No. 2048).—The second installation convocation of this chapter was held on Saturday last, at the Station Hotel, when there were present the following: Comps. W. M. Stiles, M.E.Z.; W. A. Scurrah, H.; H. Dickey, S.E.; George Gregory, P.S.; F. W. Levander, 2nd A.S.; A. W. Wace, A. H. Scurrah, John Jones, T. E. Edmonds, Walter Merrett, Robert W. Walker, C. P. McKay, F. W. Beeglemeyer, and James Izant. Visitors: Comps. J. C. Smith, Z. elect 1507; F. Dimsdale, D.C. 1507; H. Stiles, P.Z. 1507; H. Massey, P.Z. 619 and 1928; F. Izant, 975

J. Ray, 975; J. F. Briggs, 1326, P.G.P.S.; Geo. Read, P.Z. 19; F. Venables, P.Z. 1385, Prov. G.J. Herts; and Emblin, 1507.

Before the installation ceremony, Bro. James Hunt, of the Henry Levander Lodge, was exalted, the work being beautifully executed. Comp. W. M. Stiles, M.E.Z., then installed Comp. W. A. Scurrah, H., in the chair of M.E.Z., and Comps. James Willing and C. J. Axford, who had been elected to the chairs of H. and J. respectively, being unavoidably absent on business, this was the only installation. The companions elected to the other offices and invested were Comps. Dickey, P.Z. S.E.; Gregory, P.Z., S.N.; F. Levander, P.Z., P.S.; C. P. McKay, 1st A.S.; John Jones, 2nd A.S.; A. W. Wace, D.C.; A. Scurrah, A.D.C.; F. W. Beeglemeyer, W.S.; and R. Whiting, Janitor.

A very handsome P.Z.'s jewel was presented to Comp. W. M. Stiles, P.Z., accompanied by an agreeable little speech, by the M.E.Z., in which he informed the companions of the great services rendered by Comp. Stiles to the chapter as its first Z.

Comp. Stiles made a suitable reply, the principal feature of which was that he had endeavoured to do his duty to the chapter, that duty being to advance its best interests, and that, he assured them, would always be his aim.

This concluded the labours of the evening, and the companions then partook of a choice banquet.

The usual toasts followed. "The Queen," "The Prince of Wales," "The Earl of Carnarvon and Grand Officers," and "Col. Sir Francis Burdett and Comp. R. H. Thrupp," to which last toast Comps. Stiles, I.P.Z., Prov. G.S., and Briggs, P. Prov. G.S. Middx., were called upon to respond.

Comp. Stiles, in the course of his reply, said he was comparatively a young provincial officer, and for fear of having applied to him the line "fools rush in where angels fear to tread," left to Comp. Briggs as a much elder officer the pleasure of acknowledging the compliment of the M.E.Z.

Comp. Briggs, in his reply, claimed the character of a modest Grand Officer who had much pleasure in giving expression to his feelings by responding to the toast, and after apologising for the absence of Sir F. Burdett, who was at Court, and Comp. Thrupp, who was at the Lodge of Harmony, said he had looked for the last twelve months at the growing progress of the Henry Levander Chapter. He remembered Sir F. Burdett, at the consecration of the chapter, remarked on the prospect of such progress, which must be satisfactory to Sir Francis. The Grand Superintendent said he looked forward to this chapter being the head chapter of the province, and the Grand Officers of the province looked forward with the same view, as it was under such excellent guidance as that of Comp. Scurrah. Knowing personally the founders to be admirable working Masons, he felt quite sure it would be one of the best worked and most prosperous chapters that they could have in the province. They did not look for provincial members; they brought members from London who were good members of the Craft. Referring to the toast he could only say that what the Grand Officers had done they would continue to do, and would follow in the footsteps of those who had preceded them, and he was quite sure their successors would do the same.

Comp. W. M. Stiles, for the first time in this chapter, proposed "The M.E.Z.," but for whose modesty he (Comp. Stiles) would not now be the P.Z. of this chapter. Comp. Scurrah had been asked to be the first M.E.Z. of the Henry Levander Chapter but he refused, and insisted that he (Comp. Stiles) should take the position. It had been a great pleasure to him to instal Comp. Scurrah that day. The companions who belonged to the Henry Levander Craft Lodge knew what Comp. Scurrah had done for it, and they knew what he had done for the chapter. They knew his position in the Craft. He was a hearty honest companion who would do his best for any lodge or society he was connected with, they could get no one more able to do his duty than Comp. Scurrah, and every one knew he had made the most of his time since he had been in Freemasonry. The chapter had much to be thankful for, seeing what Comp. Scurrah had done for it. If he felt compensated for what he had done by being placed in the chair that night, the companions of the chapter felt more than compensated for what they had done, by having him associated with them.

The M.E.Z. replied, and said he certainly might claim the privilege and honour of first founding the Henry Levander Chapter. It first entered his head that such a thing might be done, and having taken a great interest in the Henry Levander Lodge he saw no reason why there should not be a Chapter attached to it. When he mentioned it to Comp. Stiles he heartily entered into the project, and suggested that, as he (Comp. Scurrah) was not a Past Principal it would be better for him (Comp. Stiles) to take the first chair. He (Comp. Scurrah) cordially agreed, and the consequence was that they had a chapter such as they now saw. During the twelve months it had been a success, not so much by its numbers as in a Craft lodge, as by the quality of its members. Those who had been exalted in the chapter were good men, brethren whom they all knew and esteemed, who came with good recommendations and credentials. From past experience of them in lodge they knew they were men whom they could with confidence introduce into the chapter, and say they had introduced good men. That alone was conducive to the success of a chapter at its institution. If they had not exalted a large number they had exalted those who were esteemed everywhere. With regard to himself every one present knew him pretty well. They might know many things to his disadvantage but they knew one or two things to his credit. One thing was that he was a very zealous and determined man, and when he once put his hand to anything he made up his mind that it should be successful. He did not hesitate at all at anything that ought to be done to insure its success, and he trusted they would find in the future that he would throw his energies into the Henry Levander Chapter, and in the coming year make it the first chapter in the province. He certainly thought the Grand Superintendent and the Grand H. had sufficient confidence in him and in his I.P.Z. to know that the chapter would go on successfully and flourish.

Comp. Stiles, I.P.Z., replied for the absent H., and Comp. Gregory for the J., stating how happy he was to have had the opportunity of assisting in the work of the evening.

The toast of "The Visitors" was responded to by Comp. Venables, who as an old and experienced Mason never saw work better done than it had been done that

evening. The reception also of the visitors had been most cordial.

Comp. George Read and Comp. H. Stiles also replied. Comp. Hunt replied to the toast of "The Exalte," and the Janitor's toast closed a most delightful evening.

INSTRUCTION.

HORNSEY CHAPTER OF IMPROVEMENT (No. 890).—A convocation was held on Friday, the 15th inst., at the Porchester Hotel, Leinster-place, Cleveland-square, Paddington, W., when there were present Comps. T. C. Edmonds, 890, S.N. 1507, Z.; Jas. Sims, 834, H.; W. H. Chalfout, P.S. 975, J.; H. E. Dehane, H. 890, 1st A.S. 862, S.E.; M. Spiegel, 834, S.N.; C. R. Wickens, P.S. 975, P.S.; and John Davies, 733.

The chapter was declared open, and the minutes of the last convocation were read and confirmed. The ceremony of exaltation was rehearsed, Comp. J. Davies candidate. A vote expressing regret at the accident met with by Comp. J. Stephens was passed. After "Hearty good wishes" the chapter was closed.



Bro. Marsh O. Perkins, P.G.M., has been elected Grand High Priest of the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Vermont.

The Grand Lodge of Vermont has voted 100 dollars for the purpose of erecting a monument over the grave at Milton, Vt., of Bro. Noah Smith, its first Grand Master.

The installation meeting of the Henry Levander Lodge will be held on Saturday, the 23rd inst., at the Railway Hotel, Harrow Station, when Bro. C. P. McKay will be installed W.M.

We have received copy of the Annual Report of the "Old Masonians" for 1886-7, and shall notice it in due course next week.

We regret that we are again compelled, by stress of space, to hold over our report of the Masonic Jubilee Celebration at Lancaster, on the 29th ult.]

The usual summer entertainment to the residents of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution will take place at the Institution at Croyden, on Thursday next, the 28th inst.

We are requested to state that the meetings of the Royal Jubilee Lodge of Instruction, No. 72, held on Wednesday evenings at the Mitre, Chancery Lane, are adjourned until the third Wednesday in September next.

The usual Summer Festival of the Domestic Lodge, No. 177, was held at Kempton Park on Tuesday last, and was an unqualified success. Press of matter compels us to hold over our report until next week.

The Hendon Lodge will be consecrated on Saturday, the 30th inst., by V.W. Bro. Col. Shadwell H. Clerke, P.G.D., Grand Sec., assisted by several Grand Officers. Bro. W. A. Scurrah, P.M. 2048, P.G.S. of Wks. Middlesex, is the W.M. designate, and Bros. Thom and Fraser the S. and J. Wardens designate.

The Brethren of the Royal Somerset Lodge, 973, Frome, commemorated the Jubilee of the Accession of her Most Gracious Majesty, by attending Divine service at the Frome Parish Church, on the morning of Sunday, the 10th of July, when the Vicar, the Hon. Rev. A. Hanbury-Tracy preached a very able and appropriate sermon. The brethren assembled at the Masonic Hall, and proceeded to church in procession. Among those present being Bro. S. Spill, W.M., the Past Masters, Officers, members, and a number of visitors.

BANK HOLIDAY RAILWAY FACILITIES.

In accordance with their usual custom, the Great Western Railway Company have made arrangements for the issue of Tickets during the week preceding the August Bank Holiday, at their City and West End Offices, viz.: 193 and 407, Oxford-street, 23, New Oxford-street, Holborn Circus, 29, Charing-cross, 26, Regent-street, 5, Arthur-street, London-bridge, 82, Queen Victoria-street, 43, Crutchedfriars, 67, Gresham-street, and 4, Cheapside. The booking offices at the Paddington Station will be open all day on Wednesday, Thursday, Friday, and Saturday, when passengers can obtain tickets at any time for use on either day. To meet the expected additional traffic by the ordinary trains on Saturday, July 30, the Company will run in duplicate, the 9.0, 11.45 a.m., 3.0, 5.0 and 9.0 p.m. trains from London to the West of England; and the 12.0 noon train to Weymouth, Hereford, and South Wales. The first portions of the 9.0 a.m. and 5.0 p.m. trains will leave Paddington at 8.55 a.m. and 4.55 p.m. respectively, but the first parts of the other trains will leave at the advertised times, and the second a few minutes afterwards, the long distance passengers being as far as possible taken in the first portion, but with a few exceptions both trains will stop at the advertised stations to take up and set down passengers. On Friday, July 29th, an excursion train will leave Paddington at 8.5 a.m. for Gloucester, Cardiff, Newport, Swansea, New Milford, &c.; passengers will also be booked at excursion fares to certain stations in the South of Ireland. A fast excursion train for the West of England will leave Paddington at 8.5 a.m. on Saturday, July 30th, reaching Exeter in five-and-quarter hours and Plymouth in seven-and-half hours; and excursions will also be run on the same day to Bath, Bristol, Dorchester, Weymouth (for the Channel Islands), Cheltenham, Worcester, Malvern, Hereford, Birmingham, Wolverhampton, Shrewsbury, Chester, Liverpool, Manchester, and other stations on the Great Western system.

HOLLOWAY'S PILLS are strongly recommended to all persons who are much reduced in power and condition, whose stomachs are weak, and whose nerves are shattered. The beneficial effects of these Pills will be perceptible after a few days' trial, though a more extended course may be required to re-establish perfect health. Holloway's medicine acts on the organs of digestion, and induces complete regularity in the stomach, liver, pancreas, and kidneys. This treatment is both safe and certain in result, and is thoroughly consistent with observation, experience, and common sense. The purification of the blood, the removal of all noxious matter from the secretions, and the excitement of gentle action in the bowels are the sources of the curative powers of Holloway's Pills. [Advrt.]

METROPOLITAN MASONIC MEETINGS.

For the week ending Saturday, July 30, 1887.

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

SATURDAY, JULY 23.

Lodge 1293, Burdett, Mitre Hotel, Hampton Court.
 „ 1297, West Kent, Crystal Palace, Sydenham.
 „ 1541, Alexandra Palace, Imperial Hotel, Holborn-viaduct.
 „ 1679, Henry Muggeridge, M.H., Masons Avenue.
 „ 1777, Royal Hanover, Town Hall, Twickenham.
 „ 2048, Henry Lavender, Harrow Station, Wealdstone.
 Chap. 1777, Royal Hanover, Town Hall, Twickenham.

LODGES AND CHAPTERS 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.
 Finsbury Park, Cock Tav., Highbury, at 8.
 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. [S.E., 7.30.
 'Industry Chapter, Prince Regent, Dulwich-rd., Herne-hill,

MONDAY, JULY 25.

Lodge 1745, Farringdon Without, Holborn Viaduct Hotel.
 LODGES AND CHAPTERS OF INSTRUCTION.
 Coborn, Eagle Hot., Snaresbrook, at 8.
 Eleanor, Seven Sisters Hot., Page Green, Tottenham, at 8.
 Hyde Park, Porchester Hot., Leinster-place, Cleveland-sq.,
 Porchester-terr., Paddington, at 8.
 Kingsland, Cock Tav., Highbury, N., at 8.30.
 Loughborough, Gauden Hot., Clapham, S.W., 7.30.
 Marquis of Ripon, Queen's Hot., Victoria-park-rd., E.
 Metropolitan, Moorgate Tav., 15, Finsbury Pavement, 7.30.
 Perfect Ashlar, Jamaica Tav., Southwark Park-rd., at 8.
 Prince Leopold, Printing Works, 202, Whitechapel-road, 7.
 Queen's Westminster and St. Marylebone, The Criterion,
 Piccadilly, W., 8.
 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, Barons' Court Hot., W. Kensington, at 7.45.
 St. James's Union, Union Tav., Air-st., Regent-st., at 8.
 St. Mark's, Surrey M.H., Camberwell New-rd., [E.C., 7.
 Strong Man, Bull and Bell, Ropemaker-st., Moorgate-st.,
 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.
 Zetland, York and Albany, Park-st., Regent's Park, at 8.
 Deric Chapter, Duke's Head, 79, Whitechapel-rd., at 6.

TUESDAY, JULY 26.

Audit Committee Girls' School, at 4.
 Lodge 788, Crescent, Mitre Hot., Hampton Court
 „ 1580, Cranbourne, Red Lion, Hatfield.
 A.M.D. 16, Steward, 8A, Red Lion-sq., W.C.
 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 Blds., at 7.
 Chaucer, The Old White Hart, High-st., Borough, at 8.
 Corinthian, George Hot., Cubitt Town, Poplar, at 8.
 Dalhousie, The Sisters' Tav., Pownall-rd., Dalston, E., at 8.
 Domatic, Surrey M.H., Camberwell New-rd., at 8.
 Duke of Albany, Rock Tav., Battersdale-park-rd., at 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 6.30.
 Joppa, Champion Hot., Aldersgate-st., at 7.
 Kennington, Giraffe Tav., Newington Crescent, Newington
 Butts, S.E., at 7.30.
 Kensington, Scarsdale Arms, Edward-sq., Kensington, 8.
 Lily, Greyhound, Richmond, at 8.
 Mount Edgumbe, 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.
 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.
 Metropolitan Chapter, White Hart, Abchurch-lane, 6.30.

WEDNESDAY, JULY 27.

Prov. Grand Lodge of Surrey, Greyhound Hotel,
 Croydon.
 Prov. Grand Chapter of Surrey, Greyhound Hotel,
 Croydon.
 Lodge 753, Prince Frederick William, Lord's Hot., St.
 John's Wood.
 „ 754, High Cross, Seven Sisters Tav., Tottenham.
 „ 898, Temperance-in-the-East, 6, Newby-pl., Poplar.
 Chap. 13, Union Waterloo, M.H., William-st., Woolwich.
 LODGES AND CHAPTERS OF INSTRUCTION.
 Burgoyne, Goose and Gridiron, St. Paul's Churchyard, at 7.
 Confidence, Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall-st., 7 till 9.
 Crays Valley, National Schoolroom, St. Mary Gray, S.
 Duke of Connaught, Kyl. Rd. Hot., Mare-st., Hackney, &
 Earl of Lathom, Station Hot., Camberwell New-rd., at 8.
 Fidelity, Alfred Hot., Roman-rd., Barnsbury, at 8.
 Langthorne, Swan Hot., Stratford, at 8.
 La Tolerance, Portland Arms, Gt. Portland-st., W., at 8.
 Lonsborough, Berkeley Arms, John-st., Mayfair, at 8.
 Merchant Navy, Silver Tav., Burdett-rd., Limehouse, 7.30.
 Mount Lebanon, George Inn, High-st., Boro'. 7.30.
 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.
 Ravensbourne, George Inn, Catford, at 8.
 St. Leonard, Prince of Wales Hotel, Bishop's-road, Vic-
 toria Park, at 8.
 Stockwell, Masons' Hall Tav., Masons'-avenue, E.C., 6.
 Temperance in the East, Greenwich Pensioner, Bow-lane,
 Poplar, 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.
 Domatic Chapter, Union Tav., Air-st., W., at 8.

THURSDAY, JULY 28.

General Committee Girls' School, at 4.
 Lodge 192, Lion and Lamb, Cannon-st. Hot.
 „ 858, South Middlesex, Beaufort Hot., North End,
 Fulham.
 Chap. 704, Camden, Anderton's Hot., Fleet-st.
 Mark 13, Hiram, Greyhound Hot., Richmond.
 „ 332, Boro' of Greenwich, William the Fourth,
 Trafalgar-rd., Greenwich.

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Brownrigg, Alexandra Hotel, Kingston Hill, at 8.
 Burdett Coutts, Swan Tav., New Bethnal Green-road, at 8.
 Camden, Lincoln's Inn Restaurant, 305, High Holborn, at 7.
 City of London, Tiptree Tavern, 6, Leadenhall-st., at 6.
 Covent Garden, The Criterion, Piccadilly, at 8.
 Creaton, Wheatheaf Hotel, Goldhawk-rd., Shepherd's
 Bush, W., at 8.
 Crusaders, Old Jerusalem Tav., St. John's-gate, Clerken-
 well, at 9.
 Duke of Edinburgh, Cape of Good Hope Tav. (opposite
 Limehouse Church, E.), at 7.
 Ebury, 12, Ponsonby-st., Millbank, at 8.
 Egyptian, Hercules Tav., Leadenhall-st., 7.30.
 Elliot, Railway Hotel, Fenchurch.
 Guelph, Town Hall, Leyton, 8.
 Highgate, Bull and Gate, Highgate-road, N., at 8.
 High Cross, Coach and Horses, High-road, Tottenham, at 8.
 Ivy, Railway Tav., Battersea Rise, S.W., at 8.
 Justice, Brown Bear, High-st., Deptford, 8 to 10.
 Langton, White Hart, Cannon-st., at 5.30.
 Leopold, Austin's Hotel, 7, London-st., Fenchurch-st.,
 City, E.C., 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-road, Chelsea, at 8.
 Sir Hugh Myddelton, White Horse Tav., Liverpool-rd., 8.
 Southwark, Sir Garnet Wolseley, Rotherhithe New-rd., 8.
 Southern Star, Sir Sydney Smith, Chester-st., Kennington.
 The Great City, M.H., Mason's avenue, E.C., 6.30.
 Tredegar, Wellington Arms, Wellington-rd., Bow-rd., 7.30.
 Union Waterloo, Earl of Chatham, Thomas-st., Woolwich.
 Victoria Park, George Tavern, Broadway, Stratford, at 8.
 West Middlesex, Bell Hot., Ealing, at 7.30.
 Eccles on Chapter, Crown and Anchor, 79, Ebury-st., 7.30.
 North London Chapter, Alwyne Castle Tavern, St. Paul's-
 rd., Canonbury, at 8.
 Prince Frederick William Chapter, Eagle Tav., Clifton-
 rd., Maida-vale, 7.30.

FRIDAY, JULY 29.

Chap. 134, Caledonian, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall-st.
 K.T. 74, Harcourt, Greyhound Inn, Richmond.
 LODGES AND CHAPTERS OF INSTRUCTION.
 Albion, The Mitre, 125, Chancery Lane, 7.30.
 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. 7.
 Great Northern, Berwick Arms, Berners-st., Oxford-st.
 Henley, Three Crowns, North Woolwich, at 8.
 Loyalty, Private Rooms, 206, Mare-st., Hackney, at 8.
 Metropolitan (Victoria), Portugal Hot., Fleet-st., at 7.
 Ranelagh, Six Bells, Queen-st., Hammersmith W., at 8.
 Robert Burns, Portland Arms, Great Portland-st., W.
 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, York and Albany Ho., Regent's Park, N.W. 8
 Stability, Mason's Hall Tav., Mason's Avenue, at 6.
 Temperance, Duke of York Tav., Evelyn-st., Deptford, 8.
 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.
 Hornsey Chapter, Porchester Hot., Leinster-pl., Cleveland-
 sq., Paddington, at 8.
 Lily of Richmond Chapter, Greyhound Hot., Richmond, 8.
 Pythagorean Chapter, Portland Hot., London-st., Greenwich

SATURDAY, JULY 30.

(No Meetings.)

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