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THE MARK BENEVOLENT FUND FESTIVAL.

The ample report which appears in another part of our columns is proof indisputable that the Festivals of the Mark Benevolent Fund are an established success, and though at the close of our brief Analysis of the Returns we have tendered to Bro. Sir LIONEL E. DARELL, Bart., J.G. Warden, who presided as Chairman at this 21st Anniversary, and the Stewards, and Bro. C. F. MATIER, G. Secretary, who supported his advocacy to such excellent effect, our hearty congratulations on the result, we regard it as a duty to repeat those congratulations still more formally here. We do this with especial pleasure in the case of Bro. MATIER, who was invested as the new Mark Grand Secretary only a few hours before the Festival was held, and who thus made his *début* in his new capacity under circumstances which must have been particularly gratifying to him as well as to the Chairman and Stewards in whose behalf he has worked so zealously and indefatigably during the past twelve months. We trust that future anniversaries of this Fund may always prove as successful.

THE PROVINCE OF BERKS AND BUCKS.

Very general regret has been felt that Bro. Sir DANIEL GOOCH, Bart., was prevented by the state of his health from presiding at the recent meeting of his Prov. G. Lodge of Berks and Bucks, and everyone will join in the hope so well expressed by his Deputy, Bro. the Rev. J. S. BROWNRIGG, that our R.W. brother will be able to resume his position when the lodges and brethren under his authority again have occasion to meet for the transaction of their ordinary or some special business. The regret at his absence was the more keenly felt because the various reports that were rendered of the proceedings of the past year were of the most satisfactory character. A new lodge at Datchet had been added to the roll, and there had been an increase in the number of subscribing members to the extent of about 70 brethren, the report of the Prov. G. Secretary showing a total of 25 lodges and 899 members, or an average of 36 members per lodge. The report of the Prov. G. Treasurer was also favourable, while the Charity Committee were able to show that some excellent work had been done during the past year. Out of this latter report, however, a very important discussion arose as to the propriety of dividing the province into two, members of lodges both in Berks and Bucks appearing to be of the opinion that, considering the number and efficiency of the lodges, the time had arrived when each county might be constituted as a separate and distinct province. The suggestion is one that must be left to be dealt with by his Royal Highness the GRAND MASTER, to whom it belongs as a part of his prerogative to determine what counties or groups of counties shall be organised as Provinces, and under whose authority, when so organised, they shall be placed. His Royal Highness, however, has uniformly shown himself anxious to consult the wishes of the country lodges on this point, and if it can be made clear to him that Berks and Bucks are each of them strong enough to stand alone, and that it will be to the furtherance of Masonic interests that they should constitute two provinces instead of one, we have no doubt whatever that his Royal Highness will be pleased to direct that the necessary steps should be taken to give effect to the suggestion. There are already several provinces with fewer lodges than Berks or Bucks which are well organised as provinces, and do their appointed work excellently well, and it is quite certain that if the counties are separated as proposed any slight feeling of jealousy that may have heretofore existed between the two parts of the one community, and anything in the nature of friction that may have arisen at any time in consequence of such jealousy, will pass away, and in place of it we shall find an honourable rivalry between the two as to which of them can accomplish the most and the best work. We are very far from asserting that there has been jealousy or friction between the Berks and the Bucks brethren, but if at any time there has been a little soreness on the part of either at the manner in which provincial honours have been distributed, or because one has obtained a little more *kudos* than the other on some particular occasion, it would not

be so very wonderful. However, if, as we gather from the report of the recent meeting, the desire for a separation is exhibited mutually, we dare say the Grand Master will find a way of meeting their wishes, and then no doubt we shall hear of Berks and Bucks enjoying the same degree of prosperity as separate provinces which till now they have enjoyed as one province.

THE NEW ESSEX LODGE.

There can be no doubt as to the progress that has been made by the Province of Essex during the Provincial Grand Mastership of Bro. Lord BROOKE, M.P., who was installed early in 1883, as successor to the late Bro. Lord TENTERDEN, and who has, therefore, held office for six years. In this comparatively brief period there have been consecrated as many as nine lodges, the seniors of the nine being the Brooke, No. 2005, Chingford, and the Tilbury, No. 2006, Tilbury, which were consecrated in the year of Lord BROOKE'S accession to office. In 1884, the Lodge of St. Osyth's Priory, No. 2063, Clacton-on-Sea, and the Epping Lodge, No. 2077, were added to the roll, and in 1886, the Joshua Nunn Lodge, No. 2154, Halstead—so named in memory of the late President of the Board of Benevolence—and the Royal Victorian Jubilee Lodge, No. 2184, Chingford—or Tilbury, whichever version in the Calendars is correct. Last year, Chingford obtained a further accession to its strength in the shape of the Philbrick, No. 2255, so named in honour of the learned Deputy Provincial Grand Master, and the Warner, No. 2256, and on the 15th inst., as reported in our columns last week, was consecrated the Lennox Browne Lodge, No. 2318, in the new neighbourhood of Buckhurst Hill, the lodge being thus named after a most respected brother who has already done good service in connection with the Empire and Warner Lodges. This increases the roll of lodges in the province to 29, and is the ninth that has been warranted under the auspices of Bro. Lord BROOKE as P.G.M. Such an amount of activity, uniformly extended over the period of his presidency, speaks well for the zeal of the Craft in Essex—a zeal which will no doubt be still more conspicuously in evidence at the meeting of the Provincial Grand Lodge on Tuesday, the 6th prox.

BRIEF ESSAYS ON CURIOUS SUBJECTS.

I.—ST. GEORGE AND THE DRAGON.

The discontented hero of Tennyson's "Locksley Hall" proclaims himself the "heir of all the ages"—thereby announcing the fact that we are inheritors of the past and *Servants of the Dead*; a startling statement no doubt, but nevertheless true. The following remarks, which may be further supplemented in a later issue, will show the connection between current fables and ancient beliefs, not necessarily Masonic, but establishing the evidence of an unbroken chain linking us with the very night of time. Conceding this point, why, just as readily, may not our mysteries have descended through the ages to the revival of 1717-20? We know in various ways that the ancient wisdom and esoteric teachings veiled in the Kabbalah, Hermetic Philosophy, and the Vedas have filtered down to these days of hard-headed criticism, when many scholars take an apparent delight in dispelling our cherished ideas, and in their onward march remind us of a country devastated by a barbarian horde, intent on destruction only.

Let us examine the Jubilee sovereign—though many of our other coins would serve the same purpose—and we find on one side of it the familiar representation of St. George and the Dragon. The canonised butcher of Cappadocia typifies a principle in the continual struggle between the opposing forces of good and evil, the latter being portrayed as a reptile, and it is with this phase of one of the great Solar myths that we propose to deal very slightly. The dragon and the serpent are practically the malefic and benefic aspects of the same Deity, though not invariably so. The Apophis of Egypt is the equivalent of the dragon which the Chinese endeavour to banish, when at the time of an eclipse, he is supposed to be devouring the luminary whose light is obscured.

The Agatho-Dæmen of the Nile, the sacred Naga of Hindustan, and the Chnup Ris of the Gnostics, are protecting powers. Our coin sets forth the allegory narrated by Milton as the great fight in Heaven between the Archangel and Lucifer: "Lucifer! light bringer, the bright morning star, now used indifferently for the products of Bryant and May or for Satan, which again simply means "adversary." The Egyptians represented the resurrection or revivification of nature by "Nehebka" with a serpent's head, and the Gnostic gems abound with "Abraxas" and similar figures. The benevolent deity was usually pictured erect or with wings, in the land of Khem at any rate, while its opponent grovelled on the earth, as ordained in Genesis. We have Neith trampling on a crocodile, and, further East, Indra crushing the biting, crawling serpent Vritra, in corroboration of the biblical narrative, that the seed of the woman shall be avenged on her enemy. In the Mayan remains—according to Le Plongean—the story of the temptation is vividly presented, the serpent being twined round a tau-shaped tree. Our ophidian friend was frequently used as an emblem of wisdom—for example, when displayed on the phallic wand of Hermes, the Greek Mercury, and also as a symbol of the healing art, for it was an attribute of Esculapius; even now it is a common ornament in drug stores. The brazen serpent (on a tau cross) was raised in the wilderness by Moses, and preserved in the Temple until Hezekiah ordered its removal on account of the worship paid to this Nehustan by the idolatrous Israelites. From the fiery serpent of the Exodus, termed *Seraph*, we have our expression "Seraphic," while *Terah* (the father of Abram) means "maker of images." Our subject turns up also as one of the Zodiacal signs standing for the four elements, as well as for the four Evangelists, SS. Matthew, Mark, Luke, and John—the lion, bull, man, and eagle—the latter having been substituted for the original Scorpio. These four faces conjoined made up the head of each of the Cherubims overshadowing the Ark of the Covenant, and must be familiar to most of us on the seals of many Grand Lodges.

Ophite worship was not confined to the East: in Inverness-shire and near Stornoway still exist large serpent mounds, and a fine specimen in Ohio is well known.

It is a temptation to follow a celebrated Rosicrucian scholar in his inquiries as to the possible existence of the Basilisk in far-off epochs, and so endeavour to trace a connection with our present study, but it is probably more in accord with the views of the majority of our brethren to limit these notes to a more recent period.

May the great source of ALL GOOD, materialised here as St. George of Merry England, speedily overcome the "dragon" of our evil nature, so that, purified from the dross, we shall be known to the profane as perfect members of the Royal Art.

C. A. M.

PROVINCE OF SURREY.

PROVINCIAL GRAND LODGE.

The annual meeting of the Provincial Grand Lodge of Surrey was held at the Public Hall, Caterham, on the 18th inst., under the banner of the Caterham Lodge, No. 2095. There was a large attendance, only one lodge not being represented. At the appointed time, Bro. Frederick West, D.P.G.M., in charge of the province, opened the Provincial Grand Lodge. Among those present were—

Bros. D. P. Cama, P.S.G.W.; H. M. Hobbs, P.J.G.W.; George Price, P.G. Treas.; Charles Greenwood, P.G. Sec.; Alfred Bishop, Fountain Meen, F. T. Ridpath, C. H. Woodward, F. A. Guimaraens, Henry J. P. Dumas, H. G. Thompson, H. C. Leigh Bennett, G. T. Lister, A. T. Jeffery, Hugh D. Sandeman, H. E. Frances, J. E. Street, W. H. Hatton, T. F. Phillips, J. W. Jolly, F. Cambridge, C. Sheppard, W. J. Mason, T. Clark, W. D. Francis, E. C. Mulvey, R. C. H. Goffin, G. W. Filmer, R. T. Elsam, S. P. Catterson, W. Chapman, W. P. Catterson, C. T. Tyler, W. G. W. Bultz, T. G. A. Burns, R. E. Catterson, A. Wilson, A. Machell, S. Hewitt, J. Hill, W. F. Hawes, G. S. Horsnail, F. C. Walker, A. C. Storr, Ralph Neville, C. C. Greenwood, J. D. Langton, F. Carter, A. Lambert, T. Rhodin, J. O'Connell, F. S. Arnold, F. J. Hayward, M. Spiegel, A. Watson, J. W. Manby, T. L. Heward, A. Verdon, J. H. Jones, H. E. Vickers, Herbert E. Stenning, J. Edmonds, B. Cooke, F. P. Hill, M. W. Dodge, T. Jennings, S. Straker, Anthony Trevannon, T. Dayth, H. W. Humphreys, E. L. Caron, J. Easterbrook, T. F. Charlton, W. H. Gardener, W. H. Mayhead, J. Parry, J. T. Broderick, Thomas Johnson, W. M. S. Jackson, T. Mayhead, Dr. C. Gibbes, G. C. Burns, W. A. Larter, R. Williams, J. B. Tomkinson, J. Cater, G. S. Graham, J. List, G. E. Todd, G. F. Spencer, C. K. Heather, R. Killick, Hugh Dumas, A. Luntz, D. Hughes, J. Hughes, E. H. Gibson, W. E. Fenn, C. W. C. Webb, G. Balcombe, R. T. Haws, F. G. Smith, D. Hughes, F. Hughes, T. Pennington, J. H. Sumner, A. Laurence, H. H. S. Linley, the Rev. E. Houndle, F. W. Mansell, F. Neale Arnold, G. Mansell, the Rev. Lord Victor A. Seymour, W. W. Morgan, G. A. Eady, W. P. Morrison, G. Yaxley, H. Burgess, W. D. Young, Dr. H. J. Strong, W. Lane, S. H. Parkhouse, J. S. Fraser, W. J. Murlis, G. H. Martin, D. M. Corrie, H. M. Lemon, J. Sawyer, W. H. C. Cornhill, J. Manners, Joseph Latham, C. Hogg, J. J. Slade, W. Pile, G. Moorman, R. Piper, J. Churchill, A. F. Asher, F. Honeywell, A. F. King, J. T. Dodd, J. H. Thompson, H. J. Shelley, T. Weaver, G. H. Chapman, S. Ram, P. H. Ball, J. W. Thompson, Joseph Pollard, H. J. Dumas, C. A. Smith, Raymond H. Thrupp, D.P.G.M.-Middlesex; Magnus Ohren, P.A.G.D.C.; and others.

Bro. H. E. Frances, P.S.G.D., acted throughout as Director of Ceremonies.

The roll of lodges having been duly called,

Bro. George Price was re-elected Prov. Grand Treasurer for the 34th time, amidst applause.

The Audit Committee reported that the balance standing to the credit of Provincial Grand Lodge was £283 18s. 10d. From this sum 20 guineas were voted to the Boys' School, 10 guineas to the Girls' School, 10 guineas to the Benevolent Institution, and 10 guineas to the Widows' Fund. Ten guineas were also voted for local Charity, to be disbursed by the vicar of St. John's Church, Caterham Valley.

The Deputy Provincial Grand Master then invested his officers as follows:

Bro. J. E. Street	...	...	...	Prov. S.G.W.
" Dr. Gibbes	...	...	...	Prov. J.G.W.
" Rev. E. Chichester	...	...	...	} Prov. G. Chaps.
" Rev. W. W. Martin	...	...	...
" Geo. Price (re-elected)	...	...	...	Prov. G. Treas.
" J. K. R. Cama	...	...	...	Prov. G. Reg.
" Chas. Greenwood	...	...	...	Prov. G. Sec.
" Dr. F. Nicholls	...	...	...	} Prov. S.G.D's.
" R. Piper	...	...	...
" C. Smith	...	...	...	} Prov. J.G.D's.
" F. T. Ridpath	...	...	...
" J. K. Thompson	...	...	...	Prov. G.S. of W.
" A. Lamb	...	...	...	Prov. G.D. of C.
" J. Hughes	...	...	...	Prov. D.G.D. of C.
" Geo. Moss	...	...	...	Prov. A.G.D. of C.
" A. Tremearne	...	...	...	Prov. G. Swd. Br.
" T. T. Phillips	...	...	...	} Prov. G. Std. Br's.
" Jas. Hill	...	...	...
" J. O'Connell	...	...	...	Prov. G. Org.
" A. C. Greenwood	...	...	...	Prov. A.G. Sec.
" F. R. Croaker	...	...	...	Prov. G. Purst.
" R. Killick	...	...	...	Prov. A.G. Purst.
" G. Fox Spencer	...	...	...	} Prov. G. Stwds.
" F. Carter	...	...	...
" J. T. Broderick	...	...	...
" E. C. Mulvey	...	...	...
" W. H. Gardener	...	...	...
" C. E. Omerod	...	...	...	} Prov. G. Tyler.
" R. Potter	...	...	...

Bro. FREDERICK WEST, D.P.G.M., then addressed those present in the following terms:

Brethren,—It has been our custom to meet together once in every year, in different places, for the purpose of electing and appointing the Officers, and transacting the business of the Province. On these occasions we have taken a retrospect of what has happened in the past year of interest to the Province, and generally considered the position of Masonry in it. The first thought is a sad one, for as you are too well aware we have lost our Provincial Grand Master. Immediately I heard the sad news I, as the head of the Province, in your name, conveyed our sympathy with his family in the great loss they had sustained. We cannot, however, allow this opportunity to pass without testifying to the invaluable services of our late Provincial Grand Master in raising the Province to the position it now holds. When he was appointed, in 1871, there were 10 lodges and 5 chapters. Since then 24 new lodges and 7 new chapters have been consecrated, so that now we have no less than 34 lodges and 12 chapters. I am glad to say the name of our late chief has been perpetuated in the province, there being a lodge and a chapter named after him. The enthusiasm thrown by him into the work, and the encouragement given to deserving Masons, did much to enhance the success of his ruling over us. The brethren in the province, too, appreciated the high Masonic standard he fixed, and did their best to maintain it. Thus we find to-day that not only is the province flourishing, but there is good Masonic feeling throughout it. Our late Provincial Grand Master was a strict disciplinarian, but notwithstanding this, his kindness and geniality created an affection for him, which did much towards the success of his Masonic career in Surrey. But his work did not end here, he advocated strongly and carried into practice the great principles of our Order. Twice did he preside at the Festivals of our noble Institutions, and loyally did the province support him. You will remember when he took the chair at the Festival of the Girls' School in the year 1886, the liberal contributions of this province, amounting to no less a sum than £1300. I might also remind you of the interest he took in promoting the success of Surrey candidates for the benefits of the Institutions. He was always to be found presiding at the Charity Committee Meetings, when candidates were selected, and he encouraged us to work for their return, which he materially assisted by the large number of votes he could always control. Our late Prov. Grand Master was equally earnest in his other duties of life. Whether it was in the Playing Fields of Eton, in Canada, or the Crimea, John Studholme Brownrigg was equally successful. The early discipline he learnt at Eton, and the Public School spirit which he acquired there, were his best friends throughout life. He was an Englishman in every respect, and a true Mason. Well may those nearer and dearer to him mourn his loss, but we share it with them; and, brethren, if we desire to perpetuate in this province his valuable services to us, let us follow his example, and persuade others to do the same. It will be my duty, at the close of this address, to submit to you a resolution bearing on the subject of these remarks. I will now turn for a few minutes to the position of the province. Since we last met one of the best lodges in the province, *i.e.*, the East Surrey Lodge of Concord, has celebrated its Jubilee, and I was very pleased to have been present on the occasion, and take part in the installation of our Bro. George Price, Prov. G. Treas., who filled the office of W.M. in the same lodge 48 years ago, an event which, I believe, is almost, if not quite, unique in the history of Masonry. I think I am safe in saying that we all wish Bro. Price a very prosperous year of office. Brethren, I think we may fairly say we are in a flourishing condition; good work is being done, and there is an excellent Masonic feeling prevailing. Not only do the lodges carry out the ritual well in most cases, but I am glad to add that they assist materially to swell the funds of our Institutions. I think we ought to be thankful that both our Surrey candidates, one boy and one girl, have been elected, and now we have undertaken to procure the admission of a son of the late Bro. Samuel Andrews, P.M. of St. Andrew's Lodge, to the Boys' School. I ask for your united assistance for this object. It is the determination of the Committee to have only one candidate at a time, so that the full strength of the votes of the province may be given from all sources. It would materially strengthen the hands of the Committee, which is thoroughly representative of the province, if brethren would more loyally support them than heretofore. You will agree with me, brethren, I am sure, when I say that without loyalty to the cause continued action becomes useless. I must appeal to Secretaries of lodges, and more especially to Scribes of chapters, to assist the work of the province by conforming to the spirit of the rules of the province with respect to returns. Some are absolutely useless, and are hardly creditable to the experienced Masons who sent them in. Without proper information, the rulers of the province cannot succeed, and the want of it on the present occasion had been to the detriment of some brethren who would otherwise have been promoted. I am glad to find that several lodges have lodges of instruction attached, which are of great assistance to the proper working of the ceremonies. I must urge upon Masters of lodges the desirability of punctuality. There are some lodges in which this appears to be of no object, and the consequence is that the ceremonies suffer, and comfort of visitors at the subsequent banquet is impaired. I would urge lodges not to try and do too much on one evening, especially on installation nights, when, if the installation ceremony is fully and properly rendered, it is a good evening's work. Our muster roll is rapidly increasing, but from what I have seen during

the past year I must seriously call your attention once more to the fact, and remind you that, however zealous you may be to bring candidates forward, you are not promoting the best interests of the Craft by introducing those whose position in life does not warrant the necessary expenses of Masonry. Our noble Craft is not a benefit society, but it will soon become one unless a better discrimination is displayed in admitting members. I have to thank you for the kind support you have always loyally accorded me, and I can assure you it very much assists me in carrying out my somewhat arduous duties, especially under the present circumstances. I trust that, as long as I take any part in the ruling of this province, the same assistance will be extended to me. The resolution which I ask you to adopt, and allow to be entered on the minutes, and copy sent to Mrs. Brownrigg, is:

"That this assembly of the members of Provincial Grand Lodge and Provincial Grand Chapter, desire to express to Mrs. Brownrigg and her family their sympathy with them in the great loss they have sustained by the death of the late General Studholme Brownrigg, C.B., P.G.M., and G. Superintendent of this Province, and at the same time to testify to the great debt of gratitude this Province owes to him for his invaluable service to the cause of Masonry for a period of 18 years, during which time the lodges increased from 10 to 34, and the chapters from 5 to 12; and further, this assembly wish to mark their appreciation of his advocacy and encouragement of the principles of Masonry, and the valuable assistance he rendered as ruler of the Province to the great Masonic Institutions."

The motion was seconded by Bro. Dumas, acting Past P.G.M., and carried unanimously.

A letter from the Deputy P.G.M. of Berks, Bro. the Rev. J. Studholme Brownrigg, acknowledging the cordial sympathy of the Provincial Grand Lodge of Surrey, and regretting his inability to attend at Caterham that day.

Bro. DUMAS called attention to a letter that recently appeared in the *Freemason* pointing out that the Greenwood Fund, amounting to £103 15s., had been merged in the general funds of the Boys' School. Surely that was not the object for which the fund was intended. They wished it to be used for the establishment of a prize that would be a memorial for all time. He thought the Provincial Grand Secretary should see that this matter was put right.

Bro. PRICE, P.G. Treas., said he believed the money would eventually be invested with other similar funds, and that it had only been merged in the general funds of the School as a matter of temporary convenience.

The D.P.G.M. directed the Provincial Grand Secretary to communicate with Bro. Langton, who was acting as Secretary to the Boys' Special Committee, and to claim as a right that the money should be set aside for its special object.

The Provincial Grand Secretary, Bro. C. GREENWOOD, desired to thank the brethren for raising this memorial to his late father, who was held with great love and esteem in this province. It gave himself and his family the greatest possible gratification to receive so high a token of their esteem, and to be assured that their dear father's memory would be perpetuated not only in this province, but in the Craft for all time by an annual prize in one of the Institutions, in which he took so great an interest.

The Provincial Grand Lodge was shortly afterwards closed, and the brethren attended service in procession at St. John's Church, Caterham. An excellent sermon was preached by Bro. the Rev. E. CHICHESTER, Prov. G. Chap. Bro. John O'Connell, Prov. G. Org., presided at the organ.

The brethren subsequently adjourned to the Railway Hotel, where a substantial repast was provided by Bro. Preston.

The DEPUTY PROV. GRAND MASTER, in proposing "The Health of the Grand Officers," said they had several in the Province of Surrey, some of whom were present. On his right he had a most distinguished Mason in Bro. Hugh Sandeman, and there were also Bros. Cama and Ohren, while amongst the visitors present was Bro. Raymond H. Thrupp. To Bro. Sandeman they owed the success of the present meeting of the Provincial Grand Lodge.

Bro. SANDEMAN, in responding to the toast, said the success of their present gathering was due to the officers of the Caterham Lodge, and not to him. It gave him much pleasure to see several Parsee and Indian brethren present, representatives of a great and loyal race, and men who had risen to eminence by their merits. He concluded by proposing "The Health of Bro. West, the Deputy Prov. Grand Master."

The DEPUTY GRAND MASTER, in response, said he was deeply sensible of the kind words used by Bro. Sandeman, and of the great kindness he had received in the Province of Surrey. It was only the hearty co-operation of the brethren that had enabled him to carry out thoroughly the duties appertaining to his office. In accepting the office of D.P.G.M., he felt he was accepting a post which had many onerous duties attached to it, but he soon found that there was in the Province of Surrey a true brotherly affection towards the rulers of the province. He had not been appointed very long before their late G.M. failed in health, and about the same time they lost the father of their present Grand Secretary. However, with the assistance and co-operation of the province generally, they had managed to jog along pretty well. He was particularly pleased at their successful gathering that day, and he was sure that Bro. Sandeman must have taken a great deal of trouble for their comfort.

The DEP. PROV. GRAND MASTER, in proposing "The Provincial Grand Officers, Present and Past," said they had with them their old friend Bro. George Price, who had now entered upon his 35th year of office as Prov. G. Treasurer, and they had also younger men who were doing good suit and service. The Prov. Grand Officers were not selected by any system of favouritism, but they were those who were worthy of the important duties committed to them. It was a most difficult part of his work to select those who should be rewarded. It was difficult to bestow rewards on all those who were pushing on for promotion, and he had to use discretion. He tried his very best, as far as possible, to be fair. A Mason who desired Prov. Grand office could acquire a collar if he worked for it and had patience to wait; but those who would not work, and had not patience to wait, would not get promotion. He asked them to drink to the health of those appointed that day, and those who had completed their year of office.

Bro. STREET, Prov. S.G. Warden, acknowledged the toast.

The DEPUTY PROV. G. MASTER next gave "The Visitors." He was delighted to find that they had visitors of distinction, and he was especially pleased to see amongst them Bro. Thrupp, the D.P.G. Master of Middlesex. He was also much pleased to extend the right hand of fellowship, in the name of the province, to their Indian visitors, who had come to see the son of their much-respected Bro. Cama invested with the important collar of Grand Registrar.

Bro. THRUPP briefly responded.

Dr. REISNON, an Indian brother, also acknowledged the toast. He said they would convey back to India the recollection of the kind reception, and especially their brotherly treatment that day in the Prov. Grand Lodge of Surrey.

The DEPUTY PROV. G.M. next proposed "The Entertaining Lodge," for which Bro. Guimaraens, the W.M. of the Caterham Lodge, responded.

After some further toasts, the proceedings terminated.

PROVINCIAL GRAND CHAPTER.

The Prov. Grand Chapter was held previously to the Prov. Grand Lodge, Comp. Frederick West, Grand Superintendent in charge, presiding, assisted by Comps. Langton and Hobbs, as Prov. Grand J. and N. respectively.

The roll of the chapters in the province was called, and they were found to be all represented.

Comp. George Price was re-elected Prov. Grand Treasurer, and the Grand Superintendent appointed and invested the following Prov. Grand Officers. (The appointed Prov. Grand N. was unavoidably absent, and the collar was reserved).

Comp. Dr. Thompson	...	...	...	...	Prov. G.J.
" George Price	...	...	...	...	Prov. G. Treas.
" J. D. Langton	...	...	...	...	Prov. G. Reg.
" Chas. Greenwood	...	...	...	...	Prov. G.S.E.
" J. D. Lister	...	...	...	...	Prov. G.S.N.
" Dr. W. H. M. Smith	...	...	...	...	} Prov. G. Sojs.
" F. Honeywell	...	...	...	...
" F. T. Mullett	...	...	...	...
" E. Bird	...	...	...	...	Prov. G.S.B.
" T. T. Phillips	...	...	...	...	Prov. G. Std. Br.
" Thos. Weaver	...	...	...	...	Prov. G.D.C.
" E. N. Pockin	...	...	...	...	Prov. A.G.D.C.
" John O'Connell	...	...	...	...	Prov. G. Org.
" R. Potter	...	...	...	...	Prov. G. Janitor.

The G. SUPERINTENDENT briefly addressed the companions, and said that while the chapters in the province had increased during the last 18 years from 5 to 12, still the proportion of 12 chapters to 34 lodges was small, and did not show much activity amongst the companions. Without unduly pressing the matter he would urge the companions to consider the matter.

Prov. Grand Chapter was then closed.

SPECIAL GRAND MARK LODGE.

A Special Grand Lodge of Mark Master Masons of England and Wales and the Colonies and Dependencies of the British Crown was held on Wednesday, at No. 8A, Red Lion-square. Lord Egerton of Tatton, M.W. Pro G.M., presided, and the other brethren who were present were—Bros. W. J. HUGHAN, P.G.W., acting as S.G. Warden; Sir Lionel Darell, J.G.W.; W. G. Lemon, S.G.O.; H. Kynaston, G. Chap.; Frank Richardson, G. Reg.; Frank Sumner Knyvett, S.G.D.; H. E. Cousans, J.G.D.; Robert Berridge, G.D.C.; J. B. Bridgeman, A.G.D.C.; J. H. Matthews, A.G.D.C.; T. B. Purchas, G.S.B.; J. Mainwaring, G.I.G.; J. W. H. Thompson, S. Knight, and J. M. Collins, G. Stwds.; Baron de Ferrieres, P.G.M. Gloucestershire and Herefordshire; J. H. Wynne, P.G.I.G.; C. F. Woodall, P.S.G.D.; J. L. Murray, P.G. Std. Br.; N. T. West, P.G.O.; Alfred Williams, P.G.M.O.; Walter Adlard, P.G.M.O.; Geo. Allen, P.G.O.; Geo. Graveley, P.G.S.B.; John A. Lloyd, P.G.C.; John Ramsey, P.A.G.D.C.; Driver, P.G. Std. Br.; R. I. Emmens, P.G.M.O.; B. R. Bryant, P.G. Std. Br.; T. Cubitt, P.S.G.O.; E. T. Hoare, P.G. Org.; J. S. Cumberland, P.J.G.O.; G. Powell, P.G.S.; James Stevens, P.G.J.O.; Geo. Mickley, P.G.D.; Jabez Church, P.G.S.; A. B. Cook, P.G.M.O.; Chas. H. Driver, P.G.M.O.; Lord Euston, P.S.G.W., P.G.B.; Thos. J. Ralling, P.G.D.; Edwin M. Lott, P.G. Org.; W. H. Kempster, M.D., P.G. Stwd.; R. Loveland Loveland, D.P.G.M.M. Hants; and others.

Grand Lodge having been formally opened, and the notice summoning the brethren read by the A.G. Sec., Bro. C. F. MATIER,

Lord EGERTON of TATTON said: Brethren, you have heard the notice just read convening this meeting, the object of which is to receive a special communication from his Royal Highness the M.W.G.M. I have received a letter from Sir Francis Knollys, in which it is stated that his Royal Highness entirely approves of the recommendations of the General Board, which are—first, that a Special Grand Mark Lodge be held to invest a new Grand Secretary in the place of Bro. Binckes, who has resigned, and his Royal Highness has also signified his approval of the recommendation that a sum of £125 be given to Bro. Binckes as a retiring allowance. I have now, therefore, to signify his Royal Highness's approval of the appointment of Bro. Matier, Assistant Grand Secretary, as Grand Secretary—(applause)—and I have his Royal Highness's command to invest him, in lieu of Bro. Binckes, as Grand Secretary.

Bro. PERCY WALLIS, Derby: I presume, M.W. Pro Grand Master, that this retiring allowance is an annual allowance.

Lord EGERTON of TATTON: Yes, it is.

The Earl of EUSTON: I rise for the purpose of moving that a retiring allowance of £125 a year be granted to Bro. Binckes. We like to do that which is right and just to a man who has served Mark Masonry so well and so long. At the General Board, when Bro. Binckes signified his intention to retire, we thoroughly investigated the matter, and we unanimously recommended to his Royal Highness the M.W.G.M., that this allowance should be awarded to Bro. Binckes in consideration of his past services to the Order of Mark Masons. I have the greatest pleasure in moving, now, that that retiring allowance of £125 be voted by Grand Mark Lodge—that the sum of £125 a year be given to him from the Funds of Grand Mark Lodge. I may also state to you, brethren, that Bro. Binckes sent the resignation by me to his Royal Highness, and I conveyed it to his Royal Highness. His Royal Highness accepted it, and he confirmed the recommendation of the General Board, that Bro. Matier should be appointed Grand Secretary in Bro. Binckes's place. (Applause.)

Bro. FRANK RICHARDSON, Grand Registrar, as President of the General Board: I have much pleasure in seconding this resolution, because I consider it is only just and proper that Bro. Binckes, who has served Mark Masonry well and truly, should receive some recognition of our appreciation of his services. It is better for us to say something of the circumstances which have led to the resignation, but only to say something of the services Bro. Binckes has rendered. I have, therefore, much pleasure in seconding the motion. The motion was then put and carried unanimously.

Bro. BERRIDGE, G.D. of C., then presented Bro. C. F. Matier to the Pro Grand Master, Bro. J. H. Matthews advancing on the left of Bro. Matier with the collar and jewel of Grand Secretary on a cushion. Lord Egerton of Tatton having invested Bro. Matier, shook hands with him and congratulated him amidst loud applause, and Bro. Matier took his seat at the Grand Secretary's table.

Bro. W. J. HUGHAN, who was acting as Senior Grand Warden, said: Most Worshipful Pro Grand Master, will you allow me, as the representative of the Grand Chapter of Pennsylvania in Grand Mark Lodge of England, to present "Hearty good wishes" of that Grand Chapter to this Grand Lodge. It is the first Grand Chapter that recognised this Grand Lodge. I am sorry that one of the brethren from the United States is not here. He left this country this morning, and he very much regrets not being able to be present. He represents 150,000 Mark Masons of the United States and Canada, and I think such good wishes are worth having. I am happy also to say that he heartily congratulates this Grand Lodge on the appointment of Bro. Matier as Grand Secretary.

Bro. Matier was then, by the direction of Bro. BERRIDGE, saluted in ancient form.

Lord EGERTON of TATTON: Brethren, there is no other business on the paper, but there is one event which is about to happen which I think, although there is no previous notice of it, I should be justified, standing in the position I do, in bringing before you, and I shall ask you to give it your favourable reception. I allude to the approaching marriage of the eldest daughter of our Grand Master, the Princess Louise, with the Earl of Fife. I am sure that an event like that which affects so closely the welfare of our Royal Family and the welfare and happiness of His Royal Highness, the Most Worshipful Grand Master, must be recognised by all Mark Masons, will give every satisfaction to you, and I am sure Mark Masons would also like to testify their loyalty and affection to their Grand Master on such an occasion as this. I think, therefore, that it would not be inappropriate, without giving notice, that I should on this occasion move that an humble address be presented to his Royal Highness the Most Worshipful Grand Master, congratulating his Royal Highness on the

auspicious event of the marriage of his eldest daughter, the Princess Louise, with the Earl of Fife. I am sure you will all agree with me that we should not allow this opportunity to pass by without expressing our great joy and sympathy with his Royal Highness on such an interesting occasion. We know also that her Royal Highness, like all the members of the Royal Family, has been well known to Masons on various public occasions, and has shown her interest in all Masonic events. We also know that Lord Fife has taken a prominent part in Scotland in Masonry, as Provincial Grand Master of Banffshire, and he is also known as a Royal Arch Mason in the Scottish Order. We have therefore every reason also to greatly congratulate ourselves as Masons that the eldest daughter of our Grand Master is about to ally herself to a distinguished Mason. I have much pleasure in moving this resolution, and I trust it will be received as cordially by Grand Lodge as I move it. The resolution was as follows: "That a congratulatory address be presented to H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, Grand Mark Master, on the auspicious marriage of H.R.H. the Princess Louise of Wales with Bro. the Earl of Fife, P.G.M. of Banffshire."

The Earl of EUSTON: I beg to second the motion. I think that no words are needed from me after what the Most Worshipful Pro Grand Master has said to you. I have the greatest pleasure in seconding the motion. We are all loyal, and we wish every happiness to our Grand Master and his family.

The motion was carried unanimously, and amidst loud applause.

Bro. TOMLIN, No. 147 (Victoria): M.W. Pro Grand Master, on behalf of the Mark lodges in Victoria, I beg to tender to you and to Bro. Matier, through you, their congratulations on the appointment of Bro. Matier as Grand Secretary. I can assure you it will give great satisfaction to the lodges in Victoria, for Bro. Matier is as well known there in name as any Mason. (Cheers.)

Bro. CUMBERLAND wished to bring to the notice of Grand Lodge, for the purpose of alteration, the name adopted by the Grand Mark Lodge as its telegraphic address—"Adoniram, London."

Lord EGERTON of TATTON said that at a Special Grand Lodge, the matter not being on the agenda, it could not be brought forward. It was one, however, which ought to be referred to the General Board.

Grand Lodge was then closed.

The following brethren sent apologies for not being present: Bros. Lord Henniker, P.G.M.; Marquis of Hertford, D.G.M.; Lord Arthur Hill, M.P.; C. L. Mason, Lord Cremorne, Lord Saltoun, R. V. Vassar Smith, C. Belton, J. S. Eastes, Rev. H. R. Cooper Smith, S. G. Kirchhoffer, Butler Wilkins, G. King Patten, Lieut. Col. F. R. Sewell, Capt. Williams Freeman, G.M. North Africa, W. Goodacre, H. Stocker, C. W. Duke, F. Crouch, W. Watson, A. R. Carter, A. Middleton, E. C. Patchett, W. Vincent, J. Unwin, jun., W. R. Felton, Newington Bridges, Herbert Ellis, and H. S. Holdsworth.

ANNUAL FESTIVAL OF THE MARK BENEVOLENT FUND.

The annual Festival of the Benevolent Fund, which is attached to the Grand Lodge of Mark Master Masons, was held on Wednesday, at Freemasons' Tavern, when a large company of ladies and brethren, presided over by Sir Lionel Darell, Junior Grand Warden, attended to do honour to the occasion. Among those present were Bros. Sir Lionel Darell, Bart., J.G.W., Lady Darell, and Miss Darell; Right Hon. the Earl of Euston, President Gen. Board; Col. Shadwell H. Clerke, P.S.G.W.; Major A. B. Cook, P.G.M.O., and Mrs. Cook; Seva Ram and Mrs. Ram, of Lahore; E. X. Leon, P.G.D., P.G. Sec., Jamaica; Frank Richardson, G. Reg., Vice-President Gen. Board; C. F. Matier, P.G.W., G. Sec., Sec. M.B.F.; James Moon, P.G. Treas.; Thos. Fenn, P.G.W.; Geo. Mickley, P.G.D.; J. D. Murray, P.G.D.; G. W. Marsden, Dr. Zacharie, G.S.R. Secret Monitor; Alfred Williams, P.G. Overseer; Col. Marmaduke Ramsey, D.G.M. Mediterranean; A. F. Godson, P.G.M. Worcestershire; Baron de Ferrieres, P.G.M. Gloucestershire and Herefordshire; Robert Berridge, G.D. of C.; Dr. Purchas, G. Sd. Br.; R. J. Emmerson, P.G.O.; Rev. H. R. Cooper-Smith, P.G.O.; Horatio Ward, P.G.D.; Percy Wallis, P.G.D.; A. Woodiwiss, Mayor of Derby; C. H. Driver, P.G.M.O.; Geo. Cooper, P.G.O.; and James Terry, P.A.G.D.C.

At the conclusion of the repast, which was both plentifully and tastefully supplied by Messrs. Spiers and Pond, grace was sung by the professional ladies and gentlemen, and the usual toasts were proposed.

After the toast of "The Queen and Mark Masonry" had been proposed and honoured.

The CHAIRMAN, in proposing "The Health of the M.W.G.M.M.M., H.R.H. the Prince of Wales," after alluding to the services he rendered to the Order, said that whenever the Prince of Wales could, and when he had the opportunity for so doing, he came among Masons, and did everything he could to promote the best and highest interests of Freemasonry. The G.M. had many onerous and arduous duties to perform, and the brethren all knew how faithfully and strictly he performed them. He might say without fear of contradiction that there was no man in the world who performed the duties of his high station with a greater sense of responsibility than did the Grand Mark Master. This might also be said with regard to the rest of the Royal Family. On the present occasion, especially as the festive board was graced with the presence of ladies, he must allude to the happy event which was about to take place in the family of the Grand Master, viz., the marriage of his eldest daughter, the Princess Louise, with the Earl of Fife. They were assured by their Grand Master that this marriage was one of love and affection. Lord Fife was a Mason; he was a Provincial Grand Master of Banffshire; he was also a Mark Mason. On the present occasion, in drinking the health of the Grand Master, he must couple the Princess of Wales and the Princess Louise and Lord Fife, the bride and bridegroom, wishing them long life, health, happiness, prosperity, and God speed. (Applause.)

The toast was drunk with enthusiasm.

The CHAIRMAN next proposed "The Pro Grand Master, the Right Hon. the Lord Egerton of Tatton, and the Past Grand Officers, the Right Hon. Lord Leigh, the Right Hon. the Earl of Carnarvon, the Right Hon. the Earl Amherst, W. W. B. Beach, Esq., M.P., the Right Hon. the Earl Percy, M.P., the Right Hon. the Earl of Limerick, the Right Hon. the Earl of Lathom, the Right Hon. the Lord Henniker, and the Right Hon. the Earl of Kintore." He said: Lord Egerton of Tatton was very sorry he was not able to be present amongst us this evening. We all know full well the good work that these Past Grand Masters have done, and we are quite sure that they will always do what they can to promote the best interests of Freemasonry. I, therefore, ask you to join with me in drinking their health.

The CHAIRMAN, in giving the toast of "The R.W. Bro. the Most Hon. the Marquis of Hertford, Deputy Grand Master, Prov. G.M. Warwickshire, and that of the Grand Officers, Present and Past," said: It is fresh in the memories of most of us how well and ably the Marquis of Hertford filled the chair at this Festival last year. We are always glad on these occasions to welcome Grand Officers, and we are glad to see them present this evening. In asking you to drink their health, I shall couple the toast with the name of Bro. the Rev. T. Robinson, Provincial Grand Master of Kent.

Bro. Rev. T. ROBINSON acknowledged the toast, and said: I thank you for coupling my name with the toast to which you have just so warmly responded. On behalf of my brother officers, whether noblemen or commoners, whether present or past, whether belonging to the Metropolis or to the provinces, I return you my sincere thanks

for the way in which you have received this toast. Every Master of a lodge must have his officers; every Grand Officer must have his officers; and I am quite sure other officers will endorse what I am going to say—that we are all sensible of the honour which the Grand Master has given us in promoting us to high office; and during our year of office we have done our best in performing the duties of the office to which we have been elected. On behalf of the Past Officers, I believe I may say if, in case of death or sickness, or the pressure of secular avocations, a Present Officer is prevented from doing his work, there are others always ready to step forward, out of loyalty to their chief, to take his place. (Hear, hear.)

The Earl of EUSTON next said he was quite sure that the toast he was about to submit to the notice of the brethren was one that they would all drink with enthusiasm, as it gave him the most hearty pleasure to propose it, because the Chairman of the evening was a great personal friend of his own. Those who did not know the Chairman so well as he did, he could only assure that he was a thorough good Mason from the crown of his head to the sole of his foot; his heart was with them, and his interest and influence had been brought to bear in every shape and form to make this Festival of the Mark Benevolent Fund a success. He would ask them to drink most heartily this toast, wishing him good luck in the future, and that he might live long among them to help them by the earnest way in which he always took up whatever work he put his hand to. Whether in the old Craft, Mark Masonry, or Knight Templars, he did it thoroughly and well, and that stamped the man as a man and a Mason. He asked them to drink "The Health of Sir Lionel Darell, J.G.W., the Chairman of the evening," and when they heard the lists read they would find they were only second in amount to the highest yet announced at these Festivals.

The toast having been enthusiastically drunk,

The CHAIRMAN said he was much obliged to their good brother for the far too flattering manner in which he had mentioned his name, and to the ladies and brethren for the way in which they had received that toast. He could assure them that he really had the greatest appreciation of Masonry. The word "Mason" always to him had a good metallic ring about it. It was now his pleasure to propose the toast of the evening—viz., "Prosperity to the Mark Benevolent Fund." When he was asked to take the chair on this occasion he did so with some diffidence, not for fear of the present, for their good Bro. Matier would shortly announce the Stewards' lists, which he hoped would be a fine record with those of former years; but it was for the future of the Mark Benevolent Fund that he appealed that evening. This Fund was founded some 21 years ago. It differed from other Masonic Institutions in that it had no houses to keep up and was at very little expense; in fact, with the exception of printing and postage and a grant to the Secretary of £50 a year, all the money that was subscribed to the Mark Benevolent Fund went for actual benevolence. (Applause.) It was divided into three branches, the benevolent, the educational, and the annuity. Sums for the benevolent were given in relief every month by the General Board, and since the year 1869 these sums amounted to considerably over £2000. The educational branch was established only in 1879, and since that time 40 children had been educated at their own homes under the care of their parents and guardians, and in the year 1886 it was resolved that £5 be annually given to each pupil for clothes. This required a yearly expenditure of something like £450. The annuity branch was founded in the year 1885 by the liberality of Lord Egerton of Tatton, who as a nucleus to the Fund gave a sum of £105. The Fund now gave to five old brethren £26 a year each, and £5 extra was given at Christmas. There were three candidates now seeking relief, but it would depend on the liberality of the Stewards to extend those benefits. He might say that at the first Festival the Benevolent Fund realised a sum of only £50, and in the year 1887 it reached the substantial sum of £220. The brethren would see from this the excellent work this Mark Benevolent Fund was doing, and he called upon the company one and all to do everything in their power to increase and augment that Fund. It was that night celebrating its majority—its 21st year. They looked upon a man as not having come to full age till he had become 21 years old; then as a general rule he grew in strength and generally in size. So he trusted it would be with this Fund. He hoped that Mark Masonry would grow in strength by the increase of its members, and that it would increase in size by reason of the increase in its funds. He really did not think he need say anything further about this most excellent Fund, which commended itself most heartily and cordially to each and every one of them. He now had the pleasure of making the announcement, which he was sure would be a most popular one. Most of them were aware that Bro. Binckes had resigned the office of Grand Secretary, and it had been the pleasure of the Grand Master to confer that office on their good and worthy Bro. Matier. (Applause.) Some of the brethren had that afternoon had the opportunity of seeing that brother invested with the collar of the office by Lord Egerton of Tatton. It would be invidious on his part, in his presence, to speak of what Bro. Matier had done for the Mark Benevolent Fund, because they all knew his good works as well as he (the Chairman) did. He should therefore content himself with asking the company to drink the future prosperity of the Mark Benevolent Fund. With that toast he should couple the name of their Grand Secretary, Bro. Matier—(applause)—who, for the first time that night, appeared in that capacity before them. He should ask them to drink his very good health, long life and happiness to him, and to congratulate him on the honour which had been conferred upon him, an honour which he so richly deserved. (Cheers.)

Bro. MATIER, the Grand Secretary, who was received with loud cheers, said: Before I read the results of the list of Stewards who have so heartily worked for the success of to-night's proceedings, permit me to express to you how much I feel, and how deeply I appreciate, the kindly sentiments with which you have mentioned my name. Believe me, right worshipful brother Chairman, it shall be my aim that everything in my power shall be done to promote the prosperity of the Order, and certainly the extension of the Mark Benevolent Fund. (Cheers.) Although I cannot congratulate you on this occasion on breaking the record, I can congratulate you right worshipful sir, on being the Chairman of the second most successful gathering that has taken place in the annals of the Mark Benevolent Fund. (Cheers.) We have one Steward to-night who has brought up from the Rose and Thistle Lodge of Wigan, in Lancashire, the large sum, the totally unprecedented amount, of 200 guineas. (Cheers.) Bro. Matier then announced the

STEWARDS' LISTS.

GENERAL BOARD.		Lodge	
£	s. d.	£	s. d.
Bro. the Earl of Euston	31 10 0	Bon Accord Bro. Magnus Ohren	10 10 0
Frank Richardson	31 10 0	Old Kent " E. M. Money	21 0 0
R. Berridge	10 10 0	1 Bro. George Kenning	5 5 0
G. Cooper	5 5 0	1 " J. J. Thomas	26 5 0
Rev. H. Cummings	5 5 0	1 " Castello	5 5 0
C. H. Driver	15 15 0	22 " G. W. Marsden, jun.	52 10 0
A. F. Godson, M.P. (see Worcestershire)		363 " J. H. Matthews	10 10 0
R. Loveland Loveland (see Hants & I. of W.)		UNATTACHED.	
G. Mickley, M.A., M.B.	5 5 0	Bro. Lord Cremorne	10 10 0
James Moon	5 5 0	Lord Saltoun	5 5 0
A. Williams	5 5 0	J. Lewis Thomas	5 5 0
LONDON.		Jabez Church	5 5 0
Lodge		Charles Belton	5 5 0
Grand Masters' Bro. the Marquis of Hertford	35 14 0	Augustus Harris	5 5 0
Grand Stewards' Bro. F. W. Driver	10 10 0	C. F. Matier	73 10 0
		W. Tomson	10 10 0
		J. Manwaring	5 5 0
		H. Massey	5 5 0
		W. T. Christian	5 5 0
		Dr. T. B. Purchas	5 5 0

versary celebration must be judged not so much by the fluctuations which, indeed, are inevitable in the returns, as by their even tenour. In other words, a falling off to the extent of two or three hundreds of pounds must not discourage us into the belief that there is necessarily a corresponding diminution in the success of a Festival, neither should an unexpected increase of a similar amount incline us to an exaggerated belief in the opposite direction. It is a sufficient guide for us when we find that where a certain standard of success has been reached, it is on the whole, after making due allowance for passing influences, fairly well maintained. This has been certainly the case with the Mark Benevolent Fund Festivals during the past five years. In 1885, the total receipt was close on £1722; in 1886, it fell to £1534; in 1887, it rose to £2207; and last year it again showed a diminution, the Returns being stated at £1818. On Wednesday, the figures were £2086 18s. 6d., which, if not so considerable as in the year of the Queen's Jubilee, shows an appreciable advance on 1888. We are, therefore, justified in the conclusion that, in spite of fluctuations which, as we have said, are inevitable, the success of this annual fixture is assured.

On this occasion the Stewards were 159 in number, and the 37 brethren who did duty as the LONDON contingent succeeded in raising amongst them £491 19s., the General Board, to the number of 11, with Bros. the Earl of Euston and Frank Richardson at their head as President and Vice-President respectively, contributing £115 10s.; the nine representatives of lodges, £179 8s. 6d.; and the 17 Stewards Unattached, £197 8s. 6d., the highest individual lists being those of Bro. C. F. Matier, the new Grand Secretary and Honorary Secretary of the Board of Stewards, for £73 10s.; of Bro. G. W. Marsden, jun., of the Southwark Lodge, No. 22, for £52 10s.; of the Marquis of Hertford, D.G.M. and P.G.M. Warwickshire, representing the Grand Master's Lodge, for £35 14s.; and of the Earl of Euston and Bro. Frank Richardson, G. Reg., who each of them figured for £31 10s.; while St. Mark's Lodge, No. 1, which sent up three Stewards, acquitted itself well to the extent of £30 17s.

The Provincial Stewards mustered 122, and the sum total of their lists was £1594 19s. 6d. BERKS and OXON sent up four Stewards, of whom one acted for the Province generally, and three for as many lodges, the total of their lists being £65 19s. 6d. Bro. Cope-Proctor, representing BRISTOL generally, and the Baldwin Lodge, No. 183, handed in £57 4s. 6d., while Bro. the Rev. C. W. Spencer-Stanhope, Deputy Prov. Grand Master of Cheshire, contributed £5 5s. CORNWALL sent two Stewards, namely, Bro. C. Truscott, for the Province, with £21, and Bro. N. West, for the Cornubian Lodge, No. 87, with £5 5s.; total, £26 5s. EAST ANGLIA had six representatives, two being unattached, Bro. the Rev. C. J. Martyn, D.P.G.M., the Steward for the Province, and the remaining three the representatives of as many lodges, the aggregate of their lists being £83 11s. 6d. GLOUCESTERSHIRE and HEREFORDSHIRE also had six Stewards, who raised amongst them £30 17s. HAMPSHIRE and the ISLE of WIGHT, with eight Stewards, contributed £70 15s. 6d., of which Bro. R. Loveland Loveland, as the Provincial representative, obtained £14 14s., and Bro. O. C. H. Curtis, of Lodges Nos. 125 and 381, £16 4s. HERTFORDSHIRE, nine Stewards, compiled a total of £68 5s.; Bro. F. S. Knyvett, Prov. G. Sec., heading the array with £26 5s.; while KENT, with eight Stewards, gave £115 8s., the highest individual lists being those of Bro. Thos. Ovenden, W.M. Excelsior Lodge, No. 226, for £31 19s., and Bro. F. W. Wright, I.P.M. Robinson Lodge, No. 255, £21. The Return of Bro. H. Ward, one of the eight, is entered under ROYAL AND SELECT MASTERS. LANCASHIRE, with 15 Stewards, takes the second place among the Provinces with the handsome total of £356 10s., of which £210 is the personal donation of Bro. J. D. Murray, of the Rose and Thistle Lodge, No. 158, while the Liverpool Lodge, No. 393, with three Stewards, gave £31 10s. The group of counties which acknowledge the rule of the veteran Bro. W. Kelly, of Leicester, compiled a total of £68 14s. 6d., Bro. A. Woodiwiss, as Steward for the Province generally, being responsible for £33 12s. LINCOLNSHIRE had two Stewards, namely, Bros. Jack Sutcliffe, P.G.M., and H. E. Cousins, who has been distinguishing himself so greatly at the Festivals of the general Charities, the total of the latter's list being £28 3s. MIDDLESEX and SURREY, with its formidable array of 35 Stewards, made up the excellent total of £411 3s., which included £58 5s. 6d. from the three Stewards of the Davison Lodge, No. 331, Bro. Lloyd-Wise being responsible for the lion's share of £42 10s. 6d., and £37 5s. 6d. from the recently consecrated Euston Lodge, No. 399, for which Bros. Sir Lionel E. Darell, Bart., the CHAIRMAN of the day, the Earl of Euston, President of the General Board, and Major A. B. Cook acted as Stewards, Lord Euston's total being included, however, in the London Returns. Bro. A. J. Hone Goldney, of the Royal Naval Lodge, No. 239, contributed a list amounting to £25 4s.; Bro. L. G. Gordon-Robbins, of the Onslow Lodge, No. 361, one of £22 1s.; Bro. W. H. Bale, of the Macdonald Lodge, No. 104, one of £22 11s. 6d.; Bro. J. W. Hobbs, of the Clapton Lodge, No. 236, one of £21 15s.; Bro. J. T. Norman Callaway, £21 14s.; and Bro. G. J. Dunkley, representing the Province, £22 1s. The Province of the MEDITERRANEAN, which was represented by its G. Master, Bro. Colonel Marmaduke Ramsay, contributed £17 17s., and that of MONMOUTHSHIRE, by the hands of its Prov. G. Treasurer, who acted as Steward, £30. Bro. C. S. Lane, for NORTHUMBERLAND and DURHAM, contributed £5 5s., and Bro. E. M. Kidd, for the Province of NOTTINGHAMSHIRE, £19 19s. SOMERSETSHIRE was represented by Bro. Surgeon-General T. Ringer, whose list amounted to £11 11s.; and SUSSEX, by Bro. J. C. Buckwell, who has not yet made a return. WARWICKSHIRE had two representatives—the Marquis of Hertford, its P.G.M., whose list is entered under LONDON, and Bro. T. R. Arter, of the Bedford Lodge, No. 115, but at present no return has been made. WEST YORKSHIRE had seven Stewards, including Bro. C. L. Mason, the Prov. G.M.; the joint list of Bros. H. S. Holdsworth and R. Hodgson amounting to £26 5s.; while Bro. Cleaves, of the Britannia Lodge, No. 53, figures for £20 9s. 6d. Three brethren of the Swindon Keystone Lodge, No. 401, did duty for WILTSHIRE by raising £15 15s.; and Bros. A. F. Godson, M.P., P.G.M., and W. B. Williamson for WORCESTERSHIRE, contributed together £10 10s. The ROYAL AND SELECT MASTERS were represented by Comps. H. C. Heard and H. Ward, the total of their contributions being £15 15s.; the ALLIED MASONIC DEGREES by Bro. C. H. Driver, whose list of £5 5s. is exclusive of his London list; and the Order of the SECRET MONITOR by its Grand Supreme Ruler, who figures for £5 5s. od.

The result, as we have described it in detail, is most satisfactory, and we have much pleasure in congratulating the Chairman, the Board of Stewards, and Bro. C. F. Matier, the honorary Secretary, on a success which reflects so much credit on them both collectively and individually.

PROVINCIAL GRAND MARK LODGE OF CUMBERLAND AND WESTMORLAND.

After a period of eight years, the annual Grand Lodge of this province was held at the Freemasons' Hall, Frizington, on Wednesday, the 17th inst., under the banner of the Henry Lodge, No. 216. Previous to opening Prov. Grand Lodge, Bro. B. Craig, W.M., P.G.M.O., opened his lodge, supported by his officers, members, and many visitors from the various lodges of the province, when the minutes were read and confirmed, and Bro. William Heathcote was balloted for, and accepted, and advanced to the Honourable Degree of M.M.M. in an able and impressive manner by the W.M., and in the presence of the D.P.G.M., Bro. Colonel Sewell, and the Present and Past Grand Officers of the province, it having been suggested by the D.P.G.M. that when there is a candidate the Degree be worked at the annual meeting as an evidence of the proficiency of the officers of the lodge visited.

The lodge was subsequently called from labour to refreshment for a short time, and on the return of the brethren, Bro. Col. F. R. Sewell, D.P.G.M., with his Provincial Officers, were reported, and admitted, and saluted according to their rank—Bros. P. de E. Collin, P.M. 151, P.G.D. of England, as D.P.G.M.; Jas. Gardiner, P.M. 151, as P.S.G.W.; and Jas. Harper, P.M. 216, as P.J.G.W.

Provincial Grand Lodge was opened, and the roll of lodges and Provincial Grand Officers called. The former was well represented, only No. 195 absent. A few of the officers had tendered their apology for absence.

The minutes of the last annual meeting held at Maryport were read and confirmed.

Bro. GARDINER, P.G. Treas., read a statement of account for the province for the current year, which showed that after 20 guineas had been voted to two Institutions, and various other items paid, there was a balance to provincial credit of £22 9s. 6d. The accounts were unanimously passed as read, and on the motion of the D.P.G.M., seconded by Bro. W. CARLYLE, Bro. Gardiner was for the eighth time unanimously elected P.G. Treasurer.

The following brethren were nominated and invested as Prov. Grand Officers for the year, viz.:

Bro. John Paterson, P.M. 282	...	...	...	Prov. S.G.W.
" Rev. James Anderson, W.M. 213	...	...	...	Prov. J.G.W.
" Dr. Jas. I. Lacey, P.M. 216	...	...	...	Prov. G.M.O.
" Thos. Brakenridge, P.M. 213	...	...	...	Prov. S.G.O.
" Wm. Walker, P.M. 216	...	...	...	Prov. J.G.O.
" Rev. G. B. Armes, 216	...	...	...	Prov. G. Chap.
" James Gardiner, P.M. 151 (re-elected)	...	...	...	Prov. G. Treas.
" Thos. A. Argles, 195...	...	...	...	Prov. G.R. of M.
" Geo. Dalrymple, P.M. 216 (re-appointed)	...	...	...	Prov. G. Sec.
" E. G. Mitchell, W.M. 151	...	...	...	Prov. S.G.D.
" W. D. P. Field, S.W. 213	...	...	...	Prov. J.G.D.
" Henry Hartley, S.W. 216	...	...	...	Prov. G.I. of W
" Jas. Copland, 195	...	...	...	Prov. G.D.C.
" Robt. Leach, S.W. 151	...	...	...	Prov. A.G.D.C.
" Isaac Dickinson, W.M. elect, 282	...	...	...	Prov. G. Swd. Br.
" Thos. Atkinson, S.W. 229	...	...	...	Prov. G. Std. Br.
" D. H. Cook, Org. 213	...	...	...	Prov. G. Org.
" James Black, P.M. 229	...	...	...	Prov. A.G. Sec.
" Alex. Cross, M.O. 216	...	...	...	Prov. G.I.G.
" W. H. Bewlay, Sec. 213	...	...	...	} Prov. G. Stwds.
" J. Wakefield, S.O. 216	...	...	...
" A. Ashmore, M.O. 282	...	...	...
" G. B. McKay, Sec. 282	...	...	...	} Prov. G. Tyler.
" Jos. Dickson, 216	...	...	...

The following brethren were by a unanimous vote elected to serve on the Committee of General Purposes for the ensuing year, viz.: Bros. Jos. Nicholson, P.M. 151, P.G.D. of England; P. de E. Collin, P.M. 151, P.G.D. of England; Jas. Harper, P.M. 216, P.P.J.G.W.; and B. Craig, W.M. 216, P.P.G.M.O.

The Past Prov. Grand Officers for 1887-8 were presented with their Prov. Grand Lodge certificates, which had received the seal and signature of the P.G.M.

Bro. Rev. Jas. ANDERSON, W.M. 213, P.J.G.W., moved as a recommendation to the P.G.M., for the next annual meeting to be held at Whitehaven, under the banner of Fletcher Lodge, No. 213, and said that if it was not opposed to the Constitutions of Mark Masonry, taking into consideration the position this province held and the progress this degree was making, he would further suggest that next year, after the usual business of the province had got completed, that the P.G.D.C. form the brethren into processional order and march to Holy Trinity Church, where a sermon would be preached.

Bro. Col. SEWELL, D.P.G.M., said he heartily concurred in the suggestion just made by Bro. Anderson, and, if it was constitutional, he did not see why the P.P.G. Chaplain's recommendation could not be complied with.

Bro. COLLIN then called the brethren's attention to a circular that had been sent to the P.G. Secretary from Peterborough anent the erection of stalls in the Cathedral. The corner-stone was laid by the P.G.M., with Masonic honours, and this province was invited to vote a small sum. If some brother would move it, he would be glad to give it his support.

Bro. Rev. Jas. ANDERSON moved that the sum of two guineas be voted, and it was supported by Bro. COLLIN, and carried.

The following brethren were also present: Wm. Robinson, J.O. 216; Thos. Pickering, I.G. 216; J. Dickson, P.W. 216; F. T. Allatt, P.P.G.I.G. 216; J. Gordon Tyler, P.P.G. Tyler; James Stout, S.D. 216; Wm. Walker, P.M. 216, P.P.S.G.D.; Wm. Carlyle, 282; J. Dickinson, W.M. elect 282; G. B. McKay, Sec. 282; J. Abbott, P.M. 151, P.P.J.G.O.; J. Richardson, I.G. 60; Thos. Mitchell, I.G. 213; Thos. Richardson, Tyler 213, P.P.G. Tyler; D. Cook, Org. 213, P.P.G. Org.; J. Paterson, P.M. 282, P.P.G.M.O.; W. H. Bewlay, Sec. 213, and others.

Letters and wires of apology for absence were read from the following, viz.: Bros. G. J. McKay, P.M. 195, P.G.D. Eng.; Rev. E. M. Rice, W.M. 282, P.S.G.W.; James Dickinson, P.M. 151, P.J.G.W.; Geo. Ryrrie, P.M. 213, P.P.S.G.W.; Jos Eden, P.M. 282, P.S.G.O.; Quarter-master-Sergeant Wright, 60, P.G. Stwd.; Chas. J. Nauson, Sec. 60, P.P.G.S.B.; J. Jenkinson, S.W. 282, P.G. Std. Br.; E. G. Mitchell, W.M. 151, P.P.G.S.B.; Thos. Atkinson, P.M. 213, P.P.J.G.W.; Dr. Jas. F. Muir, 213, and others.

The D.P.G.M. then briefly reviewed the position of the province, and said it now ranked as a Vice-Patron in Mark Masonry, and he hoped that still further progress would be made in time to come.

Provincial Grand Lodge was then closed, and the brethren adjourned to the banquet hall, where a cold collation was prepared, which in this mountainous region of the province was highly acceptable.

The usual loyal and Masonic toasts were duly honoured. The toast of "The P.G.M., Bro. the Right Hon. Earl of Bective, M.P.," was proposed by Bro. Col. SEWELL, D.P.G.M., and heartily responded to by the brethren.

Bro. Rev. G. B. ARMES, P.G.C., gave, with Masonic Mark honours, "The D.P.G.M., Bro. Col. Sewell," and spoke at length to the very able and energetic way the Deputy Provincial Grand Master always presided in the absence of the Provincial Grand Master.

Bro. Col. SEWELL replied, and said when he saw the progress Mark Masonry was making in the province, and the good fraternal feeling that existed amongst the various lodges and members of Cumberland and Westmorland, he felt delighted to be amongst them, and he hoped the province would go on and prosper.

With other harmony, a most successful meeting came to a close with the Tyler's toast.

HOPE MANUSCRIPT.—This is a copy of the Old Constitutions, which is preserved among the papers of the well-known Lodge of "Hope" at Bradford, West Yorkshire. A certified copy was lent to Bro. W. J. Hughan by Bro. Woodford (Masonic student), for his valuable work, "Old Charges," &c., which was kindly made for him (Bro. Woodford) by consent of the W.M. and brethren of that distinguished lodge. It is a very valuable document. It is written on parchment, is six feet long and six inches wide, but is defaced and worn away towards the end of the "Apprentice Charge." Be it noted this "Apprentice Charge" is only found in three known MSS., though one somewhat similar is found in the minute book of the Old Lodge at Swalwell.—*Kenning's Cyclopædia of Freemasonry.*

PROVINCIAL GRAND MARK LODGE OF GLOUCESTERSHIRE & HEREFORDSHIRE.

The annual meeting of the Provincial Grand Mark Lodge of Gloucestershire and Herefordshire was held on Tuesday, the 16th inst., at the Green Dragon Hotel, Hereford, under the banner of the St. Ethelbert Lodge, No. 243. There was a large attendance, the meeting being one of the most successful yet held in the province. It may be remembered that the union of Hereford with Gloucestershire took place two years ago, during the term of office of the late Bro. J. Walker, M.A., as Prov. Grand Master, and that on his retirement from office last year, Bro. the Baron de Ferrieres, a Past Officer of Grand Lodge, was appointed, under patent of H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, the Grand Master, to succeed him.

The installation of the Baron de Ferrieres in July last by the Marquess of Hertford, Deputy Grand Master of England, was the occasion of a meeting of the Mark Grand Lodge at Cheltenham, the distinguished visitors being entertained with much éclat by the new Prov. G. Master.

During the year that has since elapsed the province has had to deplore the loss of its former head, Bro. Walker, and of the brother who then accepted the post of D.P.G.M., the late Bro. Henry Jeffs, of Gloucester. Bro. Jeffs's place was filled at a special meeting of Prov. Grand Lodge, at Cheltenham, in December last, by the appointment of Bro. O. Shellard, ex-Mayor of Hereford, in some measure as a compliment to the Hereford lodge; and the meeting on Tuesday was the first held in the Hereford section of the Province.

The St. Ethelbert Lodge having been opened, Provincial Grand Lodge was received and duly constituted, those present being—Bro. the Baron de Ferrieres, P.G.M.O., Prov. G.M., and Bro. O. Shellard, D.P.G.M.; Bro. R. V. Vassar-Smith, G.M.O.; Bro. Forth, P.D.P.G.M.; Bros. J. Balcomb, Prov. J.G.W.; W. R. Porcher, M.A., Prov. G.M.O.; J. Marchant, Prov. S.G.O.; Dr. E. Gregory, Prov. J.G.O.; J. Davies, Prov. G. Reg.; G. Norman, P.G.D., Prov. G. Sec.; G. C. Caldwell, Prov. S.G.D.; E. Lea, Prov. J.G.D.; W. C. Ferris, Prov. G.D.C.; W. C. Heane, P.P.J.G.W.; W. R. Felton, G. Stwd. England, Prov. G. Stwd.; T. Blinkhorn, P.P.J.G.D.; H. Clark, P.P.J.G.D.; T. Milligan, P.P.S.G.D.; J. Naysmith, P.P.G.M.O.; C. Caldecot, W.M. 243; E. Stephens, I.P.M. 243; E. George, S.O. 243; J. Barnes, P.M. 243; C. Roberts, J.W. 340; and others.

The business of Provincial Grand Lodge included the election of a Treasurer in succession to Bro. Bain, who had occupied the office since the formation of the province, but was now compelled by ill-health to resign. Bro. Balcomb, Prov. J.G.W., was unanimously elected to succeed him, and a cordial vote of thanks to Bro. Bain was passed.

The nomination and investiture of officers were then made as follows:—

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| Bro. M. F. Carter, W.M. 340 | ... | ... | ... | Prov. S.G.W. |
| " J. Naysmith, P.M. 218 | ... | ... | ... | Prov. J.G.W. |
| " W. R. Porcher, M.A., S.W. 10 | ... | ... | ... | Prov. G.M.O. |
| " H. Clark, P.M. 340 | ... | ... | ... | Prov. S.G.O. |
| " R. T. Hughes, P.M. 218 | ... | ... | ... | Prov. J.G.O. |
| " Rev. Dr. Lynes, P.M. 340 | ... | ... | ... | Prov. G. Chap. |
| " J. Balcomb, P.M. 10... | ... | ... | ... | Prov. G. Treas. |
| " G. Norman, P.G.D., P.M. 10 | ... | ... | ... | Prov. G.R. & Sec. |
| " J. Owner, W.M. 218... | ... | ... | ... | Prov. S.G.D. |
| " J. Barnes, P.M. 243 | ... | ... | ... | Prov. J.G.D. |
| " W. R. Felton, G. Stwd., P.M. 10 | ... | ... | ... | Prov. G.D. of C. |
| " W. C. Ferris, P.M. 218 | ... | ... | ... | Prov. A.G.D.C. |
| " J. Davies, P.M. 243 | ... | ... | ... | Prov. G. Swd. Br. |
| " C. Roberts, 218 | ... | ... | ... | Prov. G. Std. Br. |
| " C. Caldicott, 243 | ... | ... | ... | Prov. G. Org. |
| " E. George, 243 | ... | ... | ... | Prov. G. Stwd. |
| " T. G. Chance, 243 | ... | ... | ... | Prov. G. Purst. |
| " Henry Phillips | ... | ... | ... | Prov. G. Tyler. |

After lodge, the brethren dined together at the Green Dragon, the chair being filled by the Prov. G. Master, the Baron de Ferrieres.

The toast list was necessarily a brief one.

In proposing the toast of "The Grand Mark Lodge of England," the PROV. G. MASTER referred to the fact that of the members who took part in his installation last year three had since died, including Canon Portal, whose death was a heavy blow to the Order. He also spoke of the especial recognition the Province of Gloucestershire and Herefordshire had received in the appointment of officers of Grand Lodge this year. Three members of the Cheltenham and Keystone Lodge had received office in Grand Lodge, viz.: Bros. R. Vassar-Smith, as G.M.O.; the Rev. Dr. Kynaston, as Grand Chaplain; and W. R. Felton, as one of the Grand Stewards. Last year Bro. Norman, a member of the same lodge, was one of the Grand Deacons.

The toast of "Grand Lodge" was responded to by Bro. VASSAR-SMITH.

During the proceedings, the Hereford brethren were especially thanked by the PROV. G. MASTER for the excellent arrangements made for the reception of the Provincial Grand Lodge.

PROVINCIAL GRAND MARK LODGE OF HANTS AND ISLE OF WIGHT.

INSTALLATION OF THE M.W. BRO. W. W. B. BEACH, M.P., PAST GRAND MARK MASTER.

Provincial Grand Lodge was held on Friday, the 19th inst., at the Masonic Hall, Commercial-road, Portsmouth. Bro. R. Loveland Loveland, D.P.G.M. (in charge), entered, accompanied by the Prov. Grand Officers, the march being played on the organ (during the temporary absence of the Prov. Grand Organist) by Bro. H. Pigeon, jun., P.P.G. Org. The D.P.G.M. then proceeded to open the Provincial Grand Lodge, after which the ordinary business of the province was transacted.

Information having been given that Bro. the Most Hon. the Marquess of Hertford was without desiring admission, a deputation, consisting of Prov. Grand Officers, was at once appointed to receive the Dep. G.M. and the Officers of Grand Lodge. The Dep. G.M., accompanied by Bros. C. F. Matier, P.G.W. (G. Sec. designate); Robert Berridge, P.G.M.O., G.D.C.; J. E. Le Feuvre, P.G.M.O.; the Rev. J. N. Palmer, P.G. Chap.; F. Newman, P.A.G.D.C.; G. J. Tilling, P.G.S.; and others, entered the lodge.

The D.P.G.M. presented the Dep. G.M. with the emblem of office, whereupon he assumed the throne, and was saluted. Report was then received that the Prov. G.M. designate, Bro. W. W. B. Beach, M.P., was without, and requested to be installed, direction having been given that he should also be received in proper form. The P.G.D.C., with the Grand and Provincial Grand Officers, left the lodge, and shortly returned in procession, accompanied by the P.G.M. designate.

The G.D.C., Bro. BERRIDGE, then read the memorial from the brethren of the province and the Grand Master's assent thereto.

After a prayer from the Chaplain, an ode, played by the Prov. G. Organist, and due presentation by the D.P.G. Master, the Dep. G. Master obligated, invested,

and inducted Bro. Beach into the chair, whereupon Bro. Berridge, G.D.C., proclaimed him as follows: "Be it known to all that the Most Worshipful William Wither Bramstone Beach, Member of Parliament, Past Grand Mark Master of England, Prov. Grand Master, Superintendent, and Prior of Hants and the Isle of Wight, Justice of the Peace for the County of Southampton, &c., &c., &c., has been installed Right Worshipful P.G.M.M. of the Province of Hampshire and the Isle of Wight, for the next three years, &c., &c.," and he was saluted accordingly, and addressed the brethren, thanking them for having recommended him to the Grand Master to be appointed as P.G.M.M.

The Prov. G.M.M. then appointed Bro. R. Loveland Loveland his Deputy, who, after being duly obligated, invested, and inducted into his seat, was proclaimed by the G.D. of C., as follows: "Be it known to all that Bro. Richard Loveland Loveland, P.P.S.G. Warden, P. Prov. 3rd Principal and Sub-Prior for Hampshire and the Isle of Wight, Justice of the peace for the Counties of London and Middlesex, &c., &c., &c., has been appointed and invested as Dep. Prov. Grand Mark Master for the Province of Hants and the Isle of Wight, for the year ensuing, &c.," and the customary salute was duly given.

The Prov. Grand Treasurer, Bro. R. J. Hooper Rastrick, having sent in his resignation, Bro. T. W. Faulkner, No. 140, P.G. Swd. Br. Eng., was duly elected in his stead.

The Prov. Grand Master then appointed and invested the following as his Officers:

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| Bro. R. J. Turney, 2 | ... | ... | ... | Prov. S.G.W. |
| " F. Rutland, 140 | ... | ... | ... | Prov. J.G.W. |
| " J. A. Nethercote, 125 | ... | ... | ... | Prov. G.M.O. |
| " J. T. Thackara, 17 | ... | ... | ... | Prov. S.G.O. |
| " Dr. J. G. Harwood, 349 | ... | ... | ... | Prov. J.G.O. |
| " Rev. A. M. Walker, 63 | ... | ... | ... | } Prov. G. Chaps. |
| " Rev. J. H. Chadwick, 37 | ... | ... | ... | |
| " N. Solomon, 54 | ... | ... | ... | Prov. G.R. of M. |
| " C. W. A. Jellicoe, 63 | ... | ... | ... | Prov. G. Sec. |
| " J. Jenkins, 62 | ... | ... | ... | Prov. S.G.D. |
| " W. H. Jacob, 52 | ... | ... | ... | Prov. J.G.D. |
| " F. D. Miller, 37 | ... | ... | ... | Prov. G.I. of W. |
| " A. J. Blackman, 63 | ... | ... | ... | Prov. G.D.C. |
| " W. Farrance, 381 | ... | ... | ... | Prov. A.G.D.C. |
| " W. H. Humphry, 125 | ... | ... | ... | Prov. G.S.B. |
| " W. Beuttell, 2 | ... | ... | ... | Prov. G. Std. Br. |
| " W. Townsend, 125 | ... | ... | ... | Prov. G. Org. |
| " J. Richardson, 54 | ... | ... | ... | Prov. G.I.G. |
| " H. T. Holmes, 62 | ... | ... | ... | } Prov. G. Stwds. |
| " C. H. O. Curtis, 381 | ... | ... | ... | |
| " F. P. Anslie, 320 | ... | ... | ... | } Prov. G. Tyler. |
| " J. Exell | ... | ... | ... | |

Letters of apology regretting unavoidable absence were reported as having been received from Bros. the Right Hon. the Earl of Euston, P.S.G.W.; the Right Hon. Viscount Valentia, Right Hon. Lord Cremorne, Alfred Williams, Past G.M.O.; C. H. Driver, Past G.M.O.; G. Cooper, Past J.G.O.; Frank Richardson, Past Grand Reg.; Gordon Miller, Past G. Stwd.; and numerous other Grand and Prov. Grand Officers.

On the proposition of the DEPUTY PROV. GRAND MASTER, a donation of ten guineas was voted to the Mark Benevolent Fund.

The PROV. GRAND MASTER then proposed a hearty vote of thanks to the Deputy Grand Master for his kindness in coming to Portsmouth to install him, which was seconded by the DEPUTY PROV. GRAND MASTER, and carried with acclamation.

The Most Hon. the Marquess of HERTFORD, in returning thanks for the cordial way in which the proposition had been received, alluded to the pleasure it had afforded him to have been present and taken part in such an interesting ceremony. He spoke at some length on the valuable services which had been rendered to Freemasonry in all its branches by the P.G.M. (Bro. Beach), and concluded by expressing a fervent hope that he might long be spared to rule over the province to which the Grand Mark Master had appointed him, and to assume that throne into which he had that day had the pleasure and privilege of installing him.

A hearty vote of thanks was then proposed to Bros. C. F. Matier and Robert Berridge for their kindness in coming from London to assist at the ceremony.

Bro. MATIER returned thanks for himself and Bro. Berridge in suitable terms.

Prov. Grand Lodge was then closed, and the brethren adjourned to the banquet hall, where the P.G.M., Bro. Beach, presided, and was supported by the Most Hon. the Marquess of Hertford, the Deputy Prov. Grand Master, the Grand Officers, Prov. Grand Officers, and representatives of every lodge in the province.

The usual loyal and Masonic toasts were given and responded to, and the brethren dispersed.

HURE.—Said to be an English hotel-keeper, at whose house, in 1725, in the Rue des Boucheries, the first assemblies of the Freemasons in Paris were held; but, as we have before said, the early history of Freemasonry in Paris is involved in much obscurity, and the "textus receptus" of the French Masonic annals will have, we think, to be yet much altered. We do not at all feel satisfied with the evidence as regards Lord Derwentwater and Lord Harnouester or the French account generally of the early state of Freemasonry at Paris. Bro. W. J. Hughan, in his indefatigable industry, has disinterred from the dusty pages of the "St. James's Evening Post," where they have long lain unnoticed and unknown, because forgotten, the following passages, which throw quite a new light on the French Masonic chronicles. "St. James' Evening Post," September 7, 1734—"We hear from Paris that a Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons was lately held there at her Grace the Duchess of Portsmouth's house, where his Grace the Duke of Richmond, assisted by another English nobleman of distinction there, President Montesquieu, Brigadier Churchill, Ed. Yonge, Esq., Registrar of the most honourable Order of the Bath, and Walter Strickland, Esq., admitted several persons of distinction into that most ancient and honourable society." September 20, 1735—"They write from Paris that his Grace the Duke of Richmond and Dr. Désaguliers, formerly Grand Master of the ancient and honourable Society of Free and Accepted Masons, and now authorised by the Grand Master (under his hand and seal and the seal of the Order), having called a Lodge at the Hotel Bussy, in the Rue Bussy, his Excellency the Earl of Waldegrave, his Majesty's Ambassador to the French King; the Right Hon. the President Montesquieu, the Marquis de Lomuren, Lord Dursley, son to the Earl of Berkley; the Hon. Mr. FitzWilliams, Messieurs Knight, father and son; Dr. Hickman, and several other persons, both French and English, were present; and the following noblemen and gentlemen were admitted to the Order: namely, his Grace the Duke of Kingston, the Hon. the Count de St. Florentin, Secretary of State to his most Christian Majesty; the Right Hon. the Lord Chewton, son to Lord Waldegrave; Mr. Pelham, Mr. Armiger, Mr. Colton and Mr. Clement; after which the new brethren gave a handsome entertainment to all the company." All this is quite new to Masonic students.—*Kenning's Cyclopaedia of Freemasonry.*

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8.10 a.m. for Gloucester, Cheltenham, &c., to return same day or on August 5 or 8.

MONDAY, AUGUST 5.

6.15 a.m. for Oxford, Leamington, Birmingham, Wolverhampton, &c., to return same day or on August 8.

6.40 a.m. for Bath, Bristol, &c., to return same day or on August 6 or 10; also for Gloucester, Cheltenham, &c., to return same day or on August 8.

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- ROYAL ARCH—Pattison Chapter, No. 913.
- RED CROSS—Grand Conclave of Kent. Summer Outing of Quatuor Coronati Lodge, No. 2076. Provincial Grand Chapter of Durham.

BOOKS, &c., RECEIVED.

"The Tyler," "Liberal Freemason," "Canadian Craftsman," "Die Bauhutte," "Victorian Freemason," "Keystone," "New Zealand Masonic Journal," "International Masonic Review," "South African Freemason," "The Freemason" (Toronto), and "La Revista Masonica."



SATURDAY, JULY 27TH, 1889.

Masonic Notes.

The Old Masonians have just issued their third annual report, which is a very satisfactory one. Nothing could be better than the spirit shown by the "Old Boys" in keeping green in their memories their "Alma Mater." Surely the system that has turned out so many good men, who one and all are desirous of showing their love and gratitude for the old School, could not have been such an utterly bad one as some would have us believe. We wish the Association all success, and have no doubt it will gain a yearly accession to its ranks of those who are at present receiving the benefits of the Institution.

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H.R.H. the Prince of Wales has been pleased to accept the dedication of a March Nuptial, composed and to be performed by Bro. Jekyll, P.G. Org., at the forthcoming Royal Wedding. The march is published by Metzler and Co., Great Marlborough-street, and in all probability it will be heard next Sunday in most of the churches throughout the United Kingdom.

The *Glasgow Evening News* has the following note with regard to spurious Masonic lodges which appear to crop up in Scotland from time to time:—"The keynote of alarm has been sounded in Masonic circles, but there is nothing really to scare. 'He that entereth not by the door' has little to gain, and much to lose that he would have gained had he not 'climbed up some other way.' The cause of alarm dates from the assumption of a body at Melrose, some fifteen years ago, to grant charters for conferring degrees, which, however perfect, were for practical purposes *nil*. At that time those who became acquainted with the Order in this way soon found their mistake, and were glad to pay for their error and become associated with the Grand Lodge of Scotland. The same kind of spurious lodges have kept cropping up from time to time, and the result has always been the same. Thus the chief harm done is to those who are being initiated, and it is my intention, in giving publicity to the system, to warn the unwary from becoming identified with an association which does not possess a power which one ignorant of the facts might suppose."

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It will interest our readers to learn that Bro. Dr. Kynaston has been appointed by the Bishop of Durham to succeed the late Canon Evans in the Greek Professorship at Durham University, to which a canonry is attached. The new canon will find a D.P.G.M. in one of his brother canons, Bro. Canon Tristram.

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Bro. Capt. Murrell's honours are still falling thickly about him, and for certain in his case "there cannot be too much of a good thing," as, like an experienced sailor (as he is), he preserves his equilibrium, even under the most pleasantly "trying" circumstances. The latest arrangements for his benefit are made by his "Mother Lodge," No. 289, Leeds, for the 1st of August, when our brave brother is to be "passed," he being as yet but an Apprentice in our Masonic mysteries, his advancement having been delayed by many months through untoward circumstances, Masonically speaking. After the captain of the "Missouri" has taken the Second Degree, the esteemed Prov. G.M. of West Yorkshire, Bro. T. W. Tew, will present Bro. Murrell with an illuminated address on behalf of the "Fidelity" Lodge. Of course, there will be a large attendance, and a most enjoyable meeting is thus in store for the West Yorkshire Craftsmen.

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The Deputy Grand Master, the Earl of Lathom, is the subject of a pictorial page in "Moonshine" this week. As Lord Chamberlain, he has been very busy this season. He is depicted as playing the leading rôle in several State functions, as well as "a good and earnest Mason." If on no other ground than the latter, we join with the artist in hoping that his lordship will thoroughly enjoy, at the end of the season, his well-deserved holiday.

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Bro. John Fenwick, District Grand Secretary of Queensland, who is now on a visit to this country, addressed a circular letter to the members of lodges in Queensland before leaving, which we have much pleasure in re-producing in extenso in another column. We commend his argumentative and well-written communication to the serious attention of those who are in too great a hurry to "cut the painter." He does not deprecate the establishment of independent Grand Lodges in the colonies, when opinion is fully ripe for the change, but he does condemn the unwise action of those whose only desire appears to be to follow in the wake of other bodies, whether there is a sufficient reason for it or not.

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Bro. C. L. Mason is mistaken in assuming that our article of last week was "written by authority," or that a single idea or even word in it was "inspired" by any one in authority. It was a criticism for which not only are we responsible, but no one outside the editorial sanctum could have known that we intended publishing such an article.

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To-morrow (Saturday) will be an eventful day in the family annals of his Royal Highness the Grand Master, who will give the hand of his eldest daughter in marriage to Bro. the Earl of Fife, Prov. Grand Master of Banffshire. This is the first member of the Royal Family in the direct line of succession who has entered into the holy bonds of matrimony, both Prince Albert Victor and Prince George, who are senior in point of age to their eldest sister, being still single men, though

they both have passed the age at which their father contracted a matrimonial alliance with the Princess of Wales. The occasion, therefore, will be one of unusual rejoicing to the Grand Master and his gracious Consort, as well as to the Queen, and we, in common with all the rest of her Majesty's loyal subjects, take the opportunity of proffering our respectful congratulations as well to the Queen and Royal Family generally as to the principals in the solemn ceremony of to-morrow. We trust the years of their wedded life may be many, and that they may enjoy all the happiness which themselves and their nearest and dearest friends can desire.

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We have much pleasure in announcing that the Earl of Euston, Past S.G.W., and President of the General Board of the Mark Grand Lodge, has consented to preside at the 22nd Anniversary Festival of the Mark Benevolent in the month of July, 1890, and that already some 24 or 25 brethren have volunteered their services as Stewards.

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The Freemasons of Friedland have been much pleased by a present from the Emperor William, consisting of a valuable engraving of Frederick the Great as Grand Master of the lodge. The portrait represents the King in his insignia, and bears the underline, "Frederick the Great as Freemason in 1740." This does not bear out the rumour current some time ago that the present Emperor entertained feelings of antagonism to Freemasonry, and we are glad to see any indication that such rumours were false.

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The *Masonic World* published in Boston, Mass., reprints in full, our lengthy report of the meeting of the Anglo-American Lodge, on the 18th ult., adding: "The Anglo-American Lodge is a lodge of great importance, as it is composed of very prominent men, both of England and America. It is, undoubtedly, one of the best, if not the best in England." We do not demur to this estimate of its position in English Freemasonry in the least, but, perhaps, our Anglo-American brethren may modestly consider the latter part of the statement a little "tall."

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We are pleased to see that a movement is on foot in Kentucky, U.S.A., to perpetuate the memory of Bro. Rob Morris, the "Poet Laureate" of Freemasonry in America. As a Masonic writer, his reputation was world wide, his verses are familiar, and his songs are sung by Masons everywhere, having been translated into many tongues. He was, moreover, a good man and true, generous to a fault, impoverishing himself by his too liberal use of his own means. His widow, after obtaining the amount due on his life policy, ordered that a part of it be expended in the erection of a monument to mark his last resting place. So many Masons have expressed a desire to contribute something for this object and to show their brotherly love for the deceased, and their appreciation of his labours and admiration for his genius, that Mrs. Morris has been induced to wait until the Craft could be heard from. We trust the response will be worthy of the Craft and of our departed brother.

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The Grand Master, H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, has appointed Viscount Valentia, Grand Master of the Provincial Grand Lodge of Mark Master Masons of Berks and Oxon, in the room of the Earl of Jersey, who recently resigned the office. Viscount Valentia will be installed by the Earl of Jersey at the Provincial Grand Lodge to be held a short time hence at Oxford, when an address will be presented by the Mark brethren to Lord Jersey on his retirement.

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We are pleased to note the name of Bro. J. K. R. Cama amongst those appointed to office at the last meeting of the Prov. Grand Lodge of Surrey. Bro. Cama is following the example of his distinguished relative, Bro. D. P. Cama, Past Grand Treasurer, and has steadily pursued his career in the Craft. We look forward to seeing him occupy an important position in English Freemasonry ere long.

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The entertainment of Bro. Meyer and his friends by the Anglo-American Lodge at the Criterion, on Tuesday evening, was in every respect worthy of the lodge and its guests. Excellent speeches were made, and the visitors departed with the warmest feelings of esteem and regard for their hosts. We reserve the report of the proceedings for our next issue.

Correspondence.

ROYAL MASONIC INSTITUTION FOR BOYS.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,

In your issue of the 20th inst. appears a reply to mine of the 13th inst., signed "V.P. and Steward," in which he fully establishes my statement that the 1888 accounts reveal some extraordinary book-keeping and amateur auditing; inasmuch as he had to go to the office before *even he* could tell what the accounts meant. He now shows that the £70 was in the hands of the Steward and Matron on the 1st January, 1888, and consequently ought to have appeared on the debit side as being "cash in hand" on that date, and a similar entry on the credit side under date December 31st, 1888.

"V.P. and Steward" now tells the subscribers that the petty expenditure was £213 19s. 9d., instead of £205 5s., as entered in the books of the accounts. If the amount had been correctly shown, and a balance of £8 14s. 9d. as due to the Secretary on the other side, the transaction would have been apparent to any one, and the absurdity of a foot-note would have been avoided. "V.P. and Steward" also discloses the fact that £5 5s. was paid to a professional accountant for something, but does not say what, and certainly the accounts do not bear any evidence of the handiwork of a professional accountant.

"V.P. and Steward" is silent, even after his visit to the office, as to why the garden produce and repairs and renewals were omitted from the analysis. He is equally reticent why the "Charles Greenwood Memorial Prize Fund" was allowed to be absorbed into the general funds of the Institution, and not separately invested as it ought to have been. All this points to the desirability of having professional auditors of repute, who will see that the accounts are correct in detail, and draw attention to irregularities, if any are found to exist, either in the application of funds or investment of monies given for a specific purpose.

I observe from the public prints that the Benevolent Institution and the Girls' School are putting their accounts into professional hands, and it is to be hoped that each of the three Institutions will select *separate* and *distinct* accountants, so that there may be no more running in grooves, but each and all may have the benefit of a separate system.—Yours faithfully and fraternally,

STEWART.

OUR BENEVOLENT INSTITUTIONS.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,

I gather from the information contained in your article that it has been written by authority, and therefore may be taken as an official reply to my letter of the 21st June last.

I was particular not to mention names, and I am sorry that in your Editorial capacity you have allowed them to be introduced.

In reply to your article, the dual set of accounts is in accordance with Article 47, but the sooner that law is amended the better, as the way the accounts are published is liable to the charge that they are intended to mystify and to prevent the actual amount of expenditure being properly understood.

The Collector's charges may be, and no doubt are, in accordance with the "terms and conditions" on which the Collector was appointed. That does not prevent the amount being excessive. In the event of it becoming necessary at some time to largely increase and perhaps double the amount of subscriptions and donations, will the Collector still be paid on the same terms and conditions? If so, what about the Secretary's remuneration? During the year ending March, 1888, the Collector received £639 15s. 9d., an amount not far short of the Secretary's salary. With these figures before them, I am surprised that the Committee offered the Collector his "travelling expenses." I think the Collector showed his wisdom in declining the offer. I should strongly recommend the Committee at the next vacancy to abolish the appointment of Collector and let the work be done in the Secretary's office. I do not see any charge for Collector in the Girls' School accounts. If it is urged that there are more subscriptions to collect on the Benevolent Institution, I observe that last year these amounted to, for both Male and Widows, £1629 3s. Surely £512 19s. is a large sum for collecting such an amount. The Benevolent Institution commands the sympathy of all Masons quite as strongly, if not more strongly, than the other two Charities, and I cannot see the utility of a well-paid official, in addition to the Secretary, for the purpose of visiting "freely among the lodges and chapters in town and country," and of assisting in "obtaining the services of brethren as Stewards." If, however, it is necessary, which is doubtful, let him have a fixed salary.

Your criticism on the word "generally," as used by me, I consider beneath the dignity of the leading Masonic journal in England, and so pass it by, merely noting that your argument could have been carried further—viz., one fifth in every seven years or two-fifths in every ten years.

Printing and postages £850 16s. 2d. In the Girls' School the amount is £663 14s., nearly £200 less.

Votes of thanks to Stewards. I have always understood that the Stewards' fee of £2 2s. was intended to cover all expenses of dinner, &c. The question, I

maintain, is one of "principle," and not whether the "vote of thanks" cost a trumpery eighteen pence or two shillings. If the Stewards' fee is insufficient, and certain expenses must come out of the General Fund, then let all pass through the General Fund; but if the fee is deemed sufficient and kept separate so that the amount raised at the Festival can be handed over clear, then adopt the old adage, "cut your coat according to your cloth," and let the fees bear all costs. It is trifling with the question talking about a paltry 16s. for every £100. The Stewards get a very handsome acknowledgment in the additional votes they receive without an illuminated vote of thanks. Why not enter a charge for the badges—they are also presented? I notice the charge for vote of thanks did not appear in the accounts for the year ending March, 1888.

Lastly, the question is, What are the costs for working the Institutions as they stand? I repeat, £3329 16s. Now, this divided amongst the annuitants is £8 2s. 10d. each. It does not matter how it is spent, and what the percentage is, 'this way or that; there are the figures, and they cannot be contradicted. Is it a reasonable cost or is it an excessive one?

You mention some of the charges this year as exceptional, and refer to the purchase of land, &c. The charges for the year ending March, 1888, were £3677 17s. 7d., the number of annuitants then being 405. Anyone can reckon that out at more than £9 each annuitant.

Are you serious in calling attention to the cost of investing £5325? At a quarter per cent. commission, at which rate any respectable broker will be glad to invest money, it amounts to £136 3s. I never referred to the Secretary at all. He is an old and faithful friend and servant, and I do not in the least grudge him the salary he receives.

In conclusion, if blame is attached to anyone, on this matter being discussed, the Committee must take it on themselves.

When the Committee openly make a challenge in print, and speak of it as being "no idle boast," they must expect even a Vice-President, who knows a good deal, and, perhaps, has worked as hard as any to promote the welfare of the Institution, to criticise their balance sheet.

I accept the challenge of the Committee, and have now done. If the Committee are wise they will watch the expenditure, as nothing creeps up so insidiously as expenses; and, if not, well, they cannot complain that their attention has not been called to the matter.—Faithfully yours,

C. LETCH MASON.

July 22.

STEWARDS' FEES.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,

I should be obliged if you would kindly allow me to enquire, through the medium of your valuable columns, whether it be the wish of the majority of the Stewards for this year's Festival of the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys, that some £120 of the surplus amount of the Stewards' Fund of this year should be voted to the Secretary of the Institution?

I attended to-day at the final meeting of the Stewards for the Boys' Institution (at which there were not 20 Stewards present), and learnt that there is a balance from the Stewards' Fund of more than £200. After voting sums for the clerks in the Secretary's office, for the Band of the Boys' School, for the Hon. Treasurer to subscribe to the Institution, and for the expenses of the Stewards' visit to Wood Green—in all about £100—there remained as above stated a balance of over £120. It was proposed that this balance should be granted to the Secretary, and to this proposition there were but three dissentients, of whom I had the honour to be one.

I think that it is right that the large number of Stewards who were unable to be present at to-day's meeting should know what was done there, especially as I learn that no balance-sheet is ever published of the Stewards' Fund, even though so considerable a balance as that of this year may remain to be distributed.

At the general meeting of the subscribers to the Institution, a few weeks ago, the consensus of opinion was certainly not in favour of voting extra pay to the Secretary for the discharge of his regular duties.

Furthermore, there has been made this year a very urgent appeal for funds for the Institution. Why then was not this balance applied for its benefit?—Yours fraternally,

HERBERT W. SEAGER, M.B.

July 24th.

THE PROPOSED GRAND LODGE OF NEW ZEALAND.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,

From a paragraph in the English correspondence of an Auckland journal, I learn that you have noticed and have impugned the correctness of a statement recently made by me at a meeting of Past Masters here, that there is under present circumstances nothing to prevent any foreign Grand Lodge granting charters in this colony. I regret that the issue of your paper containing the article in question has not yet reached us, but I understand you wish to know by what authority I spoke. As I have only just seen the allusion to

your article, and the mail closes in a few hours, I have not time to enter into any elaborate discussion, or to quote authorities; but I will submit a few points, which I think will probably cause you to modify your views as to the soundness of the opinion I enunciated. Masonry was established in the colony almost simultaneously by the Grand Lodges of England and Ireland, without any agreement or consultation between them, the Irish Lodge Ara, in Auckland, and the English Lodge N.Z. Pacific, in Wellington, being established so closely in point of time that it is yet a matter of dispute as to which is the senior. It was, I think, nearly 20 years afterwards before the Grand Lodge of Scotland established its first lodge—the Otago Kilwinning, Dunedin—in this colony. I am not aware that the Grand Lodge of Scotland sought, or obtained, permission from either the Grand Lodges of England or of Ireland for thus invading the Masonic territory they had previously occupied. Still less am I aware of, nor do I think you can point out any Masonic law or precedent which gives any of the three Grand Lodges of the United Kingdom power to interfere with each other, or in any colony possessing self-government a monopoly of the right to exercise jurisdiction or grant charters, which does not also appertain to and vest in every other duly established Grand Lodge in the world. I know of no law or regulation which allows the three Grand Lodges of the United Kingdom to exercise concurrent, but entirely separate, jurisdiction in any country, and yet forbid any other Grand Lodge from entering into competition where no one supreme Masonic authority has been established.

If you can point out any such law, I shall, of course, cheerfully accept the correction. The paragraph from which I derive my information as to your article states that you quote the cases of Gibraltar and the Canadian attempt to establish a R.A. chapter in Victoria as cases in point and precedents adverse to my contention. I venture to think that the case of Gibraltar does not apply. As I understand it, the G.L. of England claimed and was exercising exclusive and sole jurisdiction there. No such claim exists or could be maintained here. I may also point out that in any case Gibraltar could not be regarded as a country entitled to claim Masonic autonomy. It is not, I think, a free, self-governing State, as New Zealand is. With reference to the case of the Canadian Royal Arch invasion of Victoria, it was certainly resented, but rather on the ground of expediency and good feeling than on that of illegality. In fact, so far as I know, the absolute legal right was very generally conceded, although its exercise was strongly deprecated. It may interest you to know that in contemplating the possibility of other Grand Lodges granting charters in this colony it was not dealing with a mere possibility. There are in this part of New Zealand several Scandinavian special settlements, and it was within my knowledge that the prosperous settlers in these were discussing the propriety of applying to the Grand Lodge of Sweden for a charter for a lodge of their own. Before the present movement in favour of a United Grand Lodge for New Zealand was instituted, my attention was drawn to this matter, and after full consideration, I arrived at the conclusion that there was nothing to prevent such a charter being granted.

In the course of my enquiries on the subject, I ascertained a fact which you have apparently overlooked—that in the Cape Colony we have an instance of a foreign Grand Lodge exercising jurisdiction in a British Colony possessing the right of self-government, and occupying a position analagous to that of New Zealand, the Continental Grand Lodge carrying on its work side by side with the English Grand Lodge.

Why should what is permissible in the Cape, and has long existed there, be impossible and improper in New Zealand?

I venture to think this is a precedent more in point than those on which you rely. With reference to the Grand Lodge movement which was commenced by my speech on February 1st, to which you have in some points taken exception, I am glad to tell you that it is progressing most satisfactory. Up to date 57 lodges have voted in its favour, and in a month from date we are confident of having a decisive majority of the lodges of the Colony declared in its favour.

The convention of delegates to form the Grand Lodge will probably be held in September.—Yours, &c.,

E. T. GILLON, P.M. 463, S.C., 18°.

Wellington, New Zealand,

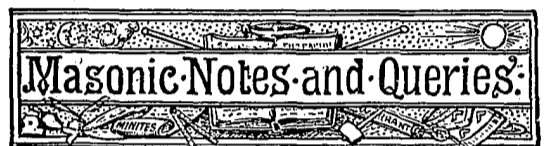
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Reviews.

THE INDIAN FREEMASONS' ALMANAC AND DIARY, FOR 1889.

The above is before the Craft once more. The last issue was in 1885, "but for want of support, did not pay for the cost of its publication." We hope, this time, that the indefatigable editor, Bro. P. C. Dutt, of Calcutta, will be more fortunate, as the compilation is worthy of a very extended circulation. It is the largest book of the kind issued under the English Constitution, and unless the Craft in India is wholly invulnerable to a taste for good things, the response to Bro. Dutt's appeal for fraternal aid in making this compendious Calendar will be prompt and hearty. Bro. Dutt makes the same error as many other editors by adding 4004 to the Christian era, whereas, if he will look at his certificate from the G.L. of England, he will find that

A.L. or A.M. is obtained by the addition of 4000. Full particulars are given of the London Masonic Charities, as well as those in India, of which there are several doing an excellent work as supplementary to the first mentioned. Much of the space is necessarily devoted to complete Registers of the several District Grand Lodges in India under the E.C. and also of the "Grand Lodge of all Scottish Freemasonry in India," and cannot fail to prove exceedingly useful to our brethren in that country. All other Degrees are also represented, with the officers and Provincial authorities, so that the labour of the compilation has been considerable, some 200 pages of 12 mo. size being devoted to the object for which the editor has laboured so assiduously. One department interests us much, entitled, "Masonic Notabilia in Bengal," running from the year 1728 to 1888, extending to some ten pages, and being an abridged History of the Craft for that Dependency. The editor has not noted that one lodge was erased in 1887 (though he has omitted it from the list at p. iv.), and that the warrant granted in 1874, at Dehree-on-Soane, is numbered 1484. Particulars being given of 108 lodges and 13 chapters in India and Burma, under the English Constitution, with the 29 chartered by the G. L. of Scotland, as also numerous details of all the other Degrees, recognised and unrecognised, it will be imagined that the production of this most useful Calendar has meant a deal of work for our Bro. Dutt, who has earned the thanks of the Indian Craft for his kind response to their wants.



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LOGE FRANCAISE ET L'AMITIE REUNIES.

A brother, an Englishman, who was initiated in Loge Française et l'Amitié Réunies, Fondée en 1740, Bordeaux, has sent me a copy of its last summons. In the Ordre du jour, it is proposed to celebrate the 150th anniversary of the founding of the lodge. In Bro. Lane's "Masonic Records" I find the following: "English lodge at Bordeaux, France. Have met since the year 1732, Eng. Lists. Lodge was erected 27th April, 1732, but was not warranted until 1766, when it first appears in the list. Its last payment was in 1788, and joined the Grand Orient of France in 1803, but was retained in English Register until 1813. It still preserves as part of its title its last English number—204." It is a good thing that lasts 150 years, and as this lodge was of English origin, I think the announcement of it being about to celebrate its 150th anniversary will be interesting to your readers. My friend and brother tells me that the first Master and for several years after the Masters were all Englishmen, their names being carved on oak panels on the walls of the entrance to the lodge.

P.A.G.S.



Craft Masonry.

Provincial Meetings.

BECCLES.

Apollo Lodge (No. 305).—The anniversary and installation meeting of the above lodge was held at the Town Hall, Gate-street, on Thursday, the 11th instant, when Bro. A. R. Scott, P.G. Stwd., was installed W.M. Among the visiting brethren were Bros. Thwaites, P.M., P.D.J. G.W. Bombay; J. B. Fraser, P.M., P.P.S.G.D.; A. Smith, P.M., P.P.J.G.D.; F. A. Mann, P.M., P.P.G. Org.; H. A. Blagg, W.M. 100; J. Tolver Waters, W.M. 313; R. H. Johnson, W.M. 929; J. F. W. Bray, W.M. 1631; A. R. Clatworthy, and J. P. Walton. The following brethren were appointed and invested as officers for the year: Bros. C. Buckland, I.P.M.; F. J. Allen, S.W.; Capt. Blake, J.W.; J. T. Ecclestone, P.M., P.P.G. Std. Br., Treas.; F. G. Crane, P.M., P.P.J. G.W., P.P.G.R., Sec.; C. Geer, S.D.; N. W. Pells, I.G.; G. Lane, I.G.; W. H. Cutting, Stwd.; and R. S. Norman, Tyler.

The installation banquet was afterwards held at the King's Head Hotel, which was well attended, and gave general satisfaction, and at which the usual loyal and Masonic toasts were given and responded to.

CHORLEY.

Ellesmere Lodge (No. 730).—The annual installation of the above lodge took place on Wednesday, the 17th inst., at the Town Hall. The lodge was opened by the W.M., Bro. George Tootell, assisted by Bros. Thos. Forrester, P.M., P.G. Std. Br.; P. Yates, P.M.; H. Tattersall, P.M.; S. Farmer, S.W.; J. Monks, J.W.; L. Eccles, P.M., Treas.; C. A. Richmond, Sec.; S. Widdows, S.D.; J. Sharples, I.G.; E. Smith, Steward; P. G. Anderson, T. Heath, J. Willis, Rev. A. W. Gross, J. B. Wittnell; and J. Jolly, Tyler. Visitors: Bros. W. Goodacre, P.G.S.B., P.G. Sec.; John Slyman, P.M. 1730, P.S.G.D.; J. C. Robinson, P.M. 249, 2294, P.G. Stwd.; J. G. Christian, W.M. 1032; S. Goldstone, P.M. 345; J. Rogers, P.M. 1219; Ralph Betley, P.M. 1335; and T. Fletcher, 2136.

After the minutes of the previous meeting had been read and passed, Bro. Rev. A. W. Gross was passed to the F.C. Degree by the W.M. in an efficient manner. The chair was then taken by Bro. Goodacre, P.G.S.B.; P.G.S., when

the W.M. elect, Bro. S. Farmer, was presented for installation by Bro. T. Forrester, P.G.S.B. Bro. Farmer, after being placed in the chair, proceeded to appoint his officers as follows: Bros. G. Tootell, I.P.M.; John Monks, S.W.; C. A. Richmond, J.W.; L. Eccles, P.M., Treas.; S. Widows, Sec.; Rev. A. W. Gross, Chap.; J. B. Withnell, P.M., D.C.; J. Sharples, S.D.; T. F. Brace, Org.; and J. Jolly, Tyler. The address to the officers was delivered by Bro. J. Slyman, P.S.G.D., and the ceremony was concluded by Bro. W. Goodacre, in his usual effective manner. The W.M. then presented the I.P.M. with a splendid gold P.M.'s jewel, on behalf of the members of the lodge.

After the transaction of the usual routine business, the lodge was closed, and the brethren adjourned to the Imperial Hotel for the banquet.

Upon the removal of the cloth, the usual loyal and Masonic toasts were duly proposed and responded to.

The brethren separated at an early hour, after spending a most enjoyable evening.

The jewel was manufactured by Bro. George Kenning.

EAST STONEHOUSE.

West District United Service Lodge (No. 2258).—This lodge held its first annual meeting on Wednesday, the 17th inst., at the Masonic Rooms, Caroline-place. Bro. Major W. Tracy, R.A., P.S.G.W., W.M., presided. The W.M. elect, Bro. Col. Joseph Philips, C.B., R.M.L.I., was installed. Bros. Major Tracy, S. Jew, P.P.G.T.; Captain G. S. Strode Lowe, W.M. 1855; and Superintending Clerk W. Powell, R.M.L.I., were the Installing Officers. The Board of Installed Masters included Bros. Rev. T. W. Lemon, M.A., 189, P.J.G.W.; Staff-Sergeant D. Cross, R.M.L.I., P.P.G.T.; H. S. Best, W. Kennedy, C. H. Cooper, 105, P.P.J.G.D.; E. Aitken-Davies, 1099, P.P.G.S. of Wks.; T. Gibbons, 1205, P.P.G.O.; R. Dickson, 1205; W. Bartram, 215 (I.C.), and 1331; R. Selmon, 159; E. Binding, 202; W. Allsford, 202; A. Trout, W.M.; H. E. Sitters, I.P.M.; R. C. Wyatt, W.M. 1247; S. J. Daniel, W.M. 1255; and W. H. Lister, 1855. The officers invested were: Bros. Major Tracy, I.P.M.; Sergeant-Major A. Revill, R.M.L.I., S.W.; Major N. Page, R.M.L.I., J.W.; Rev. Jas. Black, M.A., R.N., Chap.; Staff-Sergeant D. Cross, R.M.L.I., Treas.; Supt. Clerk W. Powell, R.M.L.I., Sec.; Major C. B. G. Dick, R.M.L.I., S.D.; Lieut.-Quartermaster W. E. Donohue, R.A., J.D.; Quartermaster-Sergeant A. Jones, R.M.L.I., D.C.; Captain and Adjutant J. H. Swanton, R.M.L.I., A.D.C.; Bandmaster C. F. H. Froehner, R.M.L.I., Org.; Lieut. H. Bowman, R.A., I.G.; Lieut.-Quartermaster T. Reynolds, Lieut. H. M. C. W. Graham, R.M.L.I., and Lieut. J. H. E. Allen, R.N., Stwds.; and J. Gidley, Tyler. Bro. S. Jew was elected representative at the Committee of Petitions.

In the evening the annual banquet was held at Bro. Routly's, Farley Hotel.

HAMPTON COURT.

Hemming Lodge (No. 1512).—An emergency meeting of this lodge was held at the Greyhound Hotel, on the 27th ult. Among those present were Bros. G. Ranford, W.M.; Clark, S.W.; Scholding, J.W.; Jessett, P.M., P.P.G.S.B., Treas.; Bushell, J.D.; Smith, I.G.; W. Sparring, P.M.; H. Wheatley, P.M.; R. Eales, P.M.; Humphries, Foes, Trotter, C. Wheatley, Cornay, Meacock, and Sanders. Among the visitors were Bros. F. Chandler, P.M. 1656, P.A.G.P.; Hemming, Broom, Gammon, and Bridge.

The W.M. having read the letters from the brethren requesting that a meeting might be convened to initiate Messrs. Gammon, Hill, and Cornell, the ballot was taken for those three gentlemen, who were subsequently initiated into Craft mysteries by the W.M. Bro. Capt. T. C. Walls, P.M. and Sec., sent an apology for non-attendance.

The lodge was then closed, and the brethren adjourned to refreshment.

A few toasts were given, and a most agreeable evening spent, thanks to the vocal abilities of several of the brethren.

HAMPTON COURT.

Cama Lodge (No. 2105).—A meeting was held on Monday, the 22nd inst., at the Mitre Hotel. Present: Bros. John Read, P.P.G. Org., W.M.; N. D. Fracis, S.W.; S. Hague, M.D., J.W.; W. R. Palmer, P.M., Treas.; Thos. Poore, P.M., Sec.; Manlove, as I.G.; Harrison, Tyler; Postans, P.M., P.Z., &c.; Norrington, Cole, Peck, Quicke, and Granville.

The usual routine business was gone through, after which Bro. N. D. Fracis, S.W., was presented by the I.P.M., and regularly installed by Bro. John Read into the chair of K.S. This installation should have taken place at the December meeting of last year, but consequent upon the absence of Bro. Fracis, who was in India at that time, it was necessarily deferred until his return. The addresses having been given, the W.M. appointed Bros. S. Hague, M.D., as S.W.; Quicke, J.W.; and invested Bros. H. Palmer, P.M., as Treas.; Thos. Poore, P.M., as Sec.; Granville, S.D.; Postans, Stwd.; and Harrison, Tyler. A discussion to determine the dates for future meetings was gone into, after which a warm and cordial vote of thanks was proposed by the W.M., seconded by the S.W., and given to the I.P.M., Bro. John Read, for the able and satisfactory manner he had performed the duties of Installing Master on the present occasion, also during the 19 months he has occupied the chair as W.M.; this being carried. Bro. Read, in returning thanks, congratulated the W.M. on his safe return from India, and the great pleasure it afforded him and all the members of the lodge that Bro. Fracis was now installed as W.M. of the Cama Lodge. Bro. Read concluded by sincerely wishing him and the lodge every success during his tenure of office, and warmly thanked the W.M., S.W., and brethren for the vote so kindly put and heartily carried.

HANLEY.

Menturia Lodge (No. 418).—The usual monthly meeting of this lodge was held on Tuesday, the 16th inst., the W.M., Bro. H. Windle, in the chair, and for a summer meeting there was a good attendance of the members, between 30 and 40 being present. The lodge was honoured with a visit from the Prov. G. Master of the province, Col. Foster Gough, LL.D., P.G.S.B. On entering the lodge attended by Present and Past Provincial Officers, the P.G.M. took the chair, whilst the circular and minutes were read and confirmed, after which he requested the W.M. to resume the gavel, and proceed with the further business.

Bros. Forester and Rushforth were passed to the Second Degree by the W.M., the charge being delivered by the S.W., Bro. T. Robinson.

After fraternal greetings from the visiting brethren, a resolution was proposed by Bro. E. V. Greatbatch, P.M., P.P.G. Supt. Wks., and seconded by Bro. Tunncliff, I.P.M., that the sum of 50 guineas be subscribed to the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys out of the proceeds of the conversation held in February last. The proposer and seconder referred to the fact that they had taken an active part in assisting to bring about, and producing evidence before, the recent Committee of Inquiry into the management of the Boys' School, and they hoped and believed that nothing but good to the Institution would result from that Inquiry. They had now the greatest possible pleasure in asking the lodge to strengthen the hands of the Provisional Committee by a handsome subscription to the funds.

Some discussion took place as to the desirability of increasing the amount to such a sum as would constitute the lodge a Vice-Patron, but ultimately the resolution was carried, the hope being held out that at an early date funds would be forthcoming to enrol the lodge amongst the list of Vice-Patrons.

The P.G.M. then complimented the W.M. and officers upon the excellent manner in which, not only the two passings, but the entire business of the lodge had been conducted. It left little, very little, indeed, further to be desired. He had found every officer at his post, and well up in his duties, which gave him very great pleasure. He also expressed his gratification at seeing the resolution carried with respect to the grant to the Boys' School, showing as it did the truly Masonic spirit of the brethren. Some, possibly most, of the members of the lodge thought that some improvement might be made in the management of the Institution; but, at the same time, they were not withholding their pecuniary aid. They recognised the fact that the boys were there, and must be provided for. He was truly glad that a Staffordshire lodge was acting so nobly in the matter, and he doubted not that the action of the Menturia Lodge would carry influence even beyond the borders of his own province. Col. Gough then referred in eulogistic terms to a paper on voting in lodges (as to candidates), which was read by Bro. Greatbatch before the members of the lodge recently, a printed copy of which he had received. He thoroughly endorsed the principles suggested in the paper, and he thought it a most useful and commendable contribution. He apologised for having to leave the lodge before it was closed, but was compelled to do so in order to catch a train.

After the departure of the P.G.M., the lodge was closed, and the brethren adjourned to light refreshment in the ante-room.

KINGSTON-ON-THAMES.

Brownrigg Lodge (No. 1638).—On Wednesday, the 17th inst., the W.M., Bro. H. W. Humphreys, opened the lodge without the aid of his principal officers, and with but one of his assistant officers. Such a state of affairs is without precedent in the annals of the Brownrigg Lodge, and on this occasion was brought about only by unforeseen and equally uncontrollable circumstances. It speaks well, however, for the future of the lodge, to be able to say that with the I.P.M., Bro. Geo. Moorman, in the S.W.'s chair, and Bros. Butz, Pennington, and J. H. Sumner in the offices next below in order, the ceremony of the Third Degree was admirably performed, and at that period the S.W., Bro. W. Drevett, arrived, and took his own place. The Sublime Degree was conferred upon Bros. Massey and Band in a very impressive manner, and then the W.M. passed Bros. Wittaker and Fortescue to the F.C. Degree. The ballot was then resorted to, and Bro. J. E. Swanson, S.W. 700, was elected a joining member by an unanimous vote, and in like manner it was decreed that Messrs. Mann and Heaton were fit and proper persons to be admitted into the Craft. The ceremony of initiation was also correctly gone through, and the W.M. and brethren adjourned to refreshment.

LIVERPOOL.

Everton Lodge (No. 823).—This influential lodge, which at one time held its meetings in Everton itself, assembled on the 17th inst. in very strong force at the Masonic Hall, Hope-street, to instal the W.M. elect, Bro. R. S. Milne, S.W. The lodge has become a very strong one during the past 12 or 14 years, and many well-known local men of standing still keep up their connection with it, the annual assembly being always looked forward to with interest by Masons in the city. The chair was taken by Bro. W. Maddox, W.M., supported by Bros. R. W. Gow, I.P.M.; John Galley, P.M.; Jos. Boyle, P.M.; H. Molyneux, P.P.G.D.C.; Councillor John Houlding, P.M., P.P.G.R.; R. S. Milne, S.W., W.M. elect; R. T. Britten, P.M. 1756; John Beesley, P.P.J.G.D.; Councillor W. J. Lunt, P.P.G.T., Treas.; J. Mantle, Sec.; E. Kite, S.D.; W. J. Guilbert, J.D., and others.

Among the numerous visitors who accepted the hospitality of the lodge were Bros. W. Jones, W.M. 1264; G. R. Aston, I.P.M. 203; T. H. W. Walker, P.G.T.; W. Fish, P.M. 1264; W. Marwood, W.M. 786; D. Davies, P.M. 724; W. Pyc, W.M. 1094; John Brotherton, P.M. 241; H. J. Nicholls, W.M. 2042; H. Ronad, W.M. 1009; G. E. R. Latham, W.M. 594; W. Lewis, S.W. 2042; J. R. Hankey, W.M. 1393; A. Morris, Sec. 1582; F. Evans, W.M. 1013; and C. Johnson, J.W. 1756.

The W.M. elect was presented by Bros. Councillors John Houlding, P.P.G.R., and W. J. Lunt, P.P.G.T.; and when the ceremony was completed, the following officers were invested: Bros. William Maddox, I.P.M.; R. T. Britten, S.W.; John Mantle, J.W.; Councillor W. J. Lunt, P.P.G.T., Treas. (re-elected); Edwin Kite, Sec.; W. J. Guilbert, S.D.; T. W. King, J.D.; W. Spencer, I.G.; F. Turner, T. C. Millington, Jabez Oates, and Joseph Bennett, Stwds.; R. W. Gow, P.M., D.C.; and W. H. Ball, Tyler.

Before the lodge closed, a handsome Past Treasurer's jewel, in recognition of his 21 years' service, was presented to Bro. Councillor W. J. Lunt, P.M., P.P.G.T., and suitably acknowledged. Bro. Casey catered admirably for the brethren, and during the evening a valuable P.M.'s jewel was presented to the I.P.M. on behalf of the lodge, and it was accompanied by a full suit of regalia. A well-executed musical programme conducted to the enjoyment of the brethren.

MILFORD HAVEN.

St. David's Lodge (No. 366).—A special meeting of the above lodge was held on Tuesday, the 16th inst., to receive the D.P.G.M., Bro. the Rev. J. W. Lyte Stradling. After the lodge was opened, the Prov. Grand

Officers, Present and Past, retired for the purpose of conducting the D.P.G.M. into the lodge room, and, after some formal business was gone through, he assumed the chair, and delivered an excellent address to the assembled brethren, dwelling strongly on the importance of care and wisdom in the admission of candidates, pointing out that a large number of members is not to be considered the chief desideratum, but the character of every applicant. The W.M. having resumed the chair, the lodge was closed.

The brethren then adjourned to the Lord Nelson Hotel, where they entertained the D.P.G.M. at supper. Amongst those present to meet him were Bros. J. Williams, W.M.; Forster, S.W.; J. Boaden, P.P.G.C., Chap.; J. Perkins, I.P.M.; W. H. Bamkins, S.D.; J. Gaskell, J.D.; J. Eynor, Sec.; S. Martin, I.G.; G. Griffith, P.M., P.P.S. G.W.; J. I. Davies, P.M., P.P.J.G.W.; J. Jones, P.M., P.P.S.G.D.; Days, P.M., P.P.G.D.; W. R. Roberts, P.M., P.P.G.D.; A. E. Baldwin, P.M., P.P.G.D.; Thomas, P.M., P.P.G.D.C.; Dr. Lane, A. H. Moxon, and Elford. Visitor: Bro. Lieut.-Col. C. A. Cooper, 587, P.M. 2098.

After the usual loyal and Masonic toasts, "The Health of the D.P.G.M." was most cordially and affectionately received.

The D.P.G.M. returned thanks in his usual genial and thoroughly fraternal manner, speaking of the pleasure it gave him to be thus complimented by his own lodge—the premier lodge of the province.

The toasts of "The W.M.," "The Officers," and "The Visitors" having been done full justice to, Bro. Cooper was permitted by the W.M. to propose "The Health and Prosperity of St. David's Lodge," coupling with the toast the name of Bro. Dr. G. Griffith, P.P.S.G.W., the father of the lodge, its senior member and senior P.M.

It would be impossible to over-estimate the value to the lodge, the province, and, indeed, the Order generally, of a re-union such as this. Bro. Stradling has endeared himself to the brethren over whom he is second in command, and the province is, indeed, fortunate to have a brother as D.P.G.M. who so thoroughly identifies himself with the welfare of each lodge and, we may say, of each individual Mason in his district, setting them himself an excellent example as a true Mason.

MILLBROOK.

Meridian Lodge (No. 893).—The members of this lodge held their annual meeting on the 8th inst. The W.M. elect, Bro. W. E. Marchant, was installed by Bro. J. Duckett, the retiring W.M., assisted by Bros. W. J. Harris, E. J. Worth, W. H. Bickford, W. Cawse, W. R. Evans, J. H. Hosken, J. Price, J. Pearn, and H. Baxter, 1247. The officers invested were Bros. J. Duckett, I.P.M.; E. Price, S.W.; G. B. Nicholl, J.W.; Rev. R. F. F. Frizell, Chap.; J. A. Bersey, Treas.; W. H. Bickford, Sec.; S. B. Stanton, S.D.; W. R. Wilton, J.D.; J. Price, D. of C.; Veale, Org.; Cowling, I.G.; Ewens and Morey, Stewards; and Fisher, Tyler. A gold Past Master's jewel was presented to Bro. J. Duckett on behalf of the lodge, and a handsome pair of Deacons' silver-crested wands were presented to the lodge by Bro. Duckett.

In the evening the members' annual banquet was held at Bro. Bickford's Commercial Hotel. The catering gave every satisfaction, and a very pleasant evening was spent. Among the visitors were Bros. N. Radmore, 159; J. Leonard, 202; A. H. Whidden, 1212; and Penberthy.

A concert was improvised by the brethren, Bros. H. Barter, J. Price, J. Leonard, A. H. Whidden, A. Sawdy, Penberthy, and others contributing to the entertainment.

PARKGATE.

Dee Lodge (No. 1576).—The installation meeting of the above lodge was held on Thursday, the 11th inst. By the kindness of the Rev. W. F. Barratt, the lodge was held in the school-room of Mostyn House. There was a large attendance of members of the lodge and visiting brethren, amongst the visitors being Bros. R. White, P.M. 241; J. Jennings, 241; Samuel Jones, P.M. 477; Peter Duff, W.M. 605; J. Clarke, P.M. 605; John Fraser, 605; H. Humphreys, W.M. 721; W. H. Davies, 721; E. Robinson, 721; R. Cariss, 721; E. Griffiths, 724; W. Maddox, W.M. 823; J. H. Sims, 823; R. Jones, P.M. 1276; R. Parry, S.W. 1276; R. T. Brittain, P.M. 1756; C. S. Dean, P.M. 1289 and 2132; and others.

The lodge was opened, and the W.M. elect, Bro. Joseph Clarke, having been presented by Bros. the Hon. H. Holbrook, P.M., and J. Morris, P.M., he was duly installed as W.M. by the retiring W.M., Bro. G. B. Richmond; the charges to the officers on their investiture being delivered by Bro. S. W. Ramsden, P.M. The installation ceremony having been completed, the newly-installed W.M. proceeded to invest his officers as follows: Bros. George B. Richmond, I.P.M.; R. G. Hawkins, S.W.; J. W. Shaw, J.W.; John Morris, P.M., Treas.; W. Taylor, P.M., Sec.; G. Forrester, Asst. Sec.; J. W. Evans, S.D.; J. M. Gibbs, J.D.; John Mayers, I.G.; W. Jones, P.M., D.C.; John J. White, F. V. Fearn, and J. Gerrish, Stewards.

At the close of the lodge proceedings, the brethren adjourned to the lodge room at the Union Hotel, where a banquet was served in Mrs. Acton's best style. On the removal of the cloth, the loyal and Masonic toasts were duly proposed from the chair.

The I.P.M. proposed "The Cheshire Masonic Educational and all other Masonic Charities," to which the Treasurer, Bro. J. Morris, ably responded.

The Installing Master also proposed "The Health of the Worshipful Master," and, in doing so, referred to the fact that Bro. Clarke was the son of a Past Master of the Combermere Lodge, and that the fact of the Worshipful Master being the son of a Past Master was in itself a claim to their confidence and regard. He felt sure that their newly-installed Master would prove a successful Master of the lodge, particularly if he received, as he (the Installing Master) knew he would receive, the cordial co-operation and loyal support of the brethren of the lodge.

The Worshipful Master suitably responded. "The Health of the Installing Master" was proposed by Bro. S. W. Ramsden, P.M., and duly responded to. The other toasts were "The Visiting Brethren," "The Past Masters," and "The Officers of the Lodge."

A most successful meeting and most enjoyable evening was then brought to a close.

RUNCORN.

Ellesmere Lodge (No. 758).—The Festival of St. John was celebrated by the above lodge on Thursday, the 18th inst., at the Masonic Rooms. Bro. Newhouse con-

gratulated Bro. Summerfield on the efficient way in which the business of the lodge had been conducted. Bro. Summerfield then initiated Mr. Arthur Linaker into the mysteries of the Order, and the installation of Bro. T. H. Annett, S.W., as W.M. then took place. The newly-elected W.M. afterwards invested the following officers: Bros. G. Summerfield, I.P.M.; J. Cooper, S.W.; J. Littler, J.W.; C. W. Phillips, S.D.; T. S. Burgess, J.D.; W. Hankinson, J.G.; W. R. Wass, P.M., Treas.; T. Sharrock, Sec.; W. E. Lancaster, Org.; J. Le Conteur, Almoner; and G. Hayes, Tyler.

At the close of the lodge the brethren adjourned for a banquet, when the usual Masonic toasts were duly honoured, and subsequently a Past Master's jewel was presented to Bro. George Summerfield for his services during his term of office, and also a Life-Governorship on the Cheshire Masonic Education Institution.

SOUTHAMPTON.

Peace and Harmony Lodge (No. 359).—

This lodge was honoured at the regular meeting on Monday, the 15th inst., by a visit from the Prov. Grand Master, Bro. W. B. Beach, M.P., accompanied by the following Officers of the Prov. Grand Lodge of Hampshire and the Isle of Wight: Bros. J. E. Le Feuvre, 130, P.G.D., D.P.G.M.; J. W. Gieve, 309, P.G. Treas.; J. Patstone, P.S.G.D.; A. W. Ward, 132, P.S.G.D.; J. Marks, 76, P.J.G.D.; J. C. Burbage, 319, P.G. Std. Br.; Rev. A. A. Headley, 309, P.A.G. Sec.; J. Webber, 132, W. C. Webb, 1705, and J. S. Gardner, 1834, P.G. Stwds.; and R. Eames, 309, P.A.G. Tyler. The W.M., Bro. A. J. Blackman, presided, and amongst those assembled to greet the visitors were Bros. T. P. Payne, P.M. 130, P.P.G.R.; J. R. Weston, P.M., P.P.G.R.; M. Emanuel, P.M. P.P.G.R.; C. W. A. Jellicoe, P.M. 130, P.P.J.G.D.; J. Adams, P.M., P.P.G.D.C., Sec.; H. Dusautoy, P.M., P.P.G.D.C.; T. Lashmore, P.M., P.P.G.D.C.; H. P. Arthur, P.M., P.P.D.G.D.C.; G. Cross, P.M., P.P.G. Std. Br.; D. O. Hobbs, P.M. 146r, P.G. Std. Br.; E. O. Longland, P.M.; J. E. Aldis, P.M.; J. Fewings, W.M. 130; C. J. Appleford, W.M. 394; W. Foster, W.M. 1780; J. H. Martin, J.D. 130; Rev. F. J. Ashmall, 309; F. Dacombe, S.W. 394; A. Hewett, S.D. 394; and W. Hussey, J.D. 1780.

The W.M.'s and Wardens of the Clausentum and Shirley Lodges were unavoidably absent and sent apologies. There was a very large attendance of the brethren of the lodge.

During the evening a handsome P.M.'s jewel was presented to Bro. Dusautoy, I.P.M., who in turn presented the lodge with a seal impress.

After the business had been transacted, the brethren sat down to an admirably served banquet, and a very pleasant evening, and one long to be remembered in the history of the lodge, was spent.

The usual loyal and Masonic toasts were duly honoured, "The Health of the R.W. Prov. Grand Master, his Deputy, and P.G. Officers," being also drunk.

The P.G.M., in responding, referred in commendatory terms to the manner in which the business of the lodge was conducted, and congratulated the brethren upon the very influential and prosperous condition of the lodge.

STONEHOUSE.

Sincerity Lodge (No. 189).—

The members of the above lodge held their annual meeting on Monday, the 8th inst., at St. George's Hall, the W.M. elect, Bro. J. B. Moulder, being installed. The Installing Officers were Bros. F. R. Thomas, the retiring W.M.; the Rev. T. W. Lemon, M.A., P.P.G.C., P.J.G.W.; and C. Croydon, P.P.S.G.D. The Board of Installed Masters also included Bros. G. Jackson, A. S. Hendry, G. Hawken, S. Jew, 105, 2258, P.P.G.T.; J. Bray, 1212; C. G. Withell, 2025; F. Crouch, 2025; W. H. Williams, 1847; A. Trout, 1205; W. R. Rawling, 1071; J. Wallis, 1255; and J. Gidley, 2025.

The officers invested were Bros. F. R. Thomas, I.P.M.; Dr. J. Harrison, S.W.; C. Stawell, J.W.; Rev. T. W. Lemon, Chap.; G. Hawken, Treas.; A. S. Hendry, Sec.; S. Graves, S.D.; G. Dunsterville, J.D.; C. F. Dunsterville, D.C.; F. E. Sach, A.D.C.; W. Blight, I.G.; J. Parker, H. Foden, C. Massey, and T. Pearn, Stewards; and J. Gidley, Tyler.

In the evening the members partook of supper served by Bro. R. Dickson.

STOURBRIDGE.

Royal Standard Lodge (No. 498).—

The annual festival of this lodge was held on Wednesday, the 10th inst., at the Dudley Arms Hotel. Bro. Dr. J. Bellingham was installed W.M. for the year, the installation being performed by Bro. W. J. Gilliver, P.M. The newly-installed Master afterwards invested the following brethren as officers: Bros. J. W. Roberts, S.W.; F. G. Thompson, J.W.; H. H. Hughes, S.D.; W. Richardson, J.D.; W. B. Palethorpe, Org.; W. Shepley, Sec.; A. Green, P.M., P.G. Treas.; Treasurer; M. Robinson and Prichard, Stwds.; King, I.G.; Rev. J. W. Willshaw, P.P.A.G. Chap.; J. Fisher, P.M., P.A.G.D.C., D.C.; and Timmins, Tyler.

There was a large number of visiting brethren, and the ceremony was followed by a banquet.

THORNE.

St. Nicholas Lodge (No. 2259).—

On Wednesday, the 17th inst., this lodge celebrated its first anniversary and the festival of St. John, at the Peace Hall, when Bro. Alfred Lindley Peace, S.W., was installed W.M. for the ensuing year. There were a large number of visitors present, including the Prov. Grand Master, Bro. T. W. Tew, J.P., and Bros. E. T. Clark, P.P.G.R.; W. Staniland, P.P.G.S.B. North and East Yorkshire; Rev. E. M. Weigall, P.P.G.C. Lincolnshire; F. D. Walker, P.P.G.D.; T. Stanforth, P.P.G.P.; Ald. Horobin, P.P.G.D.; Councillor Hemingbrough, P.P.G.S.B.; Rev. J. Le Gassick, P.G.C.; A. W. Fretwell, W.M. St. George's Lodge; W. Chamberlain, I.P.M. Isle of Axholme Lodge; J. Reed, W.M. St. Lawrence Lodge; and others. The lodges represented were those at Goole, Hull, Doncaster, Crowle, Scunthorpe, Selby, Pontefract, and others.

The lodge having been opened by Bro. Capt. Dove, J.P., Bro. Tew was saluted, and then the work of installing Bro. Peace as W.M. for the ensuing year was performed by Bro. Gardiner, P.M. 458, P.P.A.G.D.C., parts of the ceremony being taken by Bros. F. D. Walker, P.P.G.D., and T. Stanforth, P.P.G.P. Lincolnshire. "Be thou faithful unto death" was very well rendered by Bro. Webbe. The

P.G.M. himself invested Bro. Peace with the collar worn by his (Bro. Peace's) father while W.M. of 275, and expressed the pleasure he had in being present at his installation. The new W.M. then invested his officers as follows: Bros. Capt. Dove, I.P.M.; J. H. Bletcher, S.W.; S. H. C. Ashlin, J.W.; F. J. Forth, Treas.; J. Constable, Sec.; Rev. J. J. Littlewood, Chap.; W. G. Winter, P.M., S.D.; G. Kenyon, J.D.; T. Livingstone, Almoner; A. Goodhind, Org.; W. Delaney, P.P.G.D., D.C.; W. Martin, I.G.; and W. Pickering, Stwd. Bro. Constable was unanimously elected Charity Steward for the ensuing year. An address of an interesting character was delivered by the Prov. Grand Master, who expressed the satisfaction he experienced at finding the lodge in so satisfactory a state at the end of its first year's working, and at the fact that the initiates of the year included the vicar of Thorne.

After the lodge was closed, the brethren sat down to a sumptuous banquet provided in the Town Hall by Mrs. A. Maskill, the newly-installed W.M. presiding.

After the dinner the usual loyal and Masonic toasts were received with enthusiasm.

"The Health of the P.G.M. of W. Yorkshire" was received with great enthusiasm, and was eloquently replied to. Bro. Clarke, P.P.G.R., responded on behalf of the Provincial Grand Lodge.

Bro. Staniland proposed "The Health of the new W.M.," and referred to the fact that he and the W.M. had been brought up in the same office at Thorne, and had been firm friends during life. If the new W.M. threw into his Masonic work as much energy as he did into his professional duties, the interests of the Thorne lodge were safe.

Bro. Peace, W.M., suitably and feelingly replied. They had formed the Lodge of St. Nicholas at Thorne in no spirit of rivalry to their neighbours, but simply because they felt that it was very inconvenient at all times of the year to have to drive a considerable distance to attend to lodge duties. Peace, goodwill, and harmony had reigned supreme in their lodge at Thorne during its first year, and he hoped this state of things would continue.

Bro. Kenyon, J.D., proposed "The I.P.M., Bro. Capt. Dove," and the toast was briefly replied to.

To "The Health of the Installing Master," given from the chair, Bro. Gardiner replied.

"The Wardens and other Officers" was given by Bro. J. Hemingbrough, P.P.G. Std. Br., and replied to by several of the brethren, including Bros. J. H. Bletcher, S.W.; Ashlin, J.W.; and G. Winter, P.M., S.D.

Bro. J. Constable, Sec., gave "The Visiting Brethren," and the toast was received with enthusiasm, and responded to by representatives of all the lodges present.

The other toasts included "The Masonic Charities," given by Bro. the Rev. J. Le Gassick, and "Prosperity to Sister Lodges."

In the course of the afternoon, the brethren present adjourned to a neighbouring garden, where they were formed into a well-arranged group and photographed.

Royal Arch.

Metropolitan Meetings.

Henry Levander Chapter (No. 2048).—

A meeting was held on Saturday, the 20th inst., at the Railway Hotel, Harrow Station. Present: Comps. W. A. Scurrah, P.P.A.G.S., as M.E.Z.; C. J. Axford, H.; W. M. Stiles, P.Z., P.P.G.P.S., as J.; H. Dickey, S.E.; F. W. Levander, P.Z., S.N.; Walker, P.S.; Wace, 1st Asst. Soj.; A. H. Scurrah, 2nd Asst. Soj.; J. W. Berglemyer, D.C.; W. T. Baker, Steward; and R. Whiting, Janitor. Visitors: Comps. W. Lee, P.Z., Prov. G.S.E.; John Read, P.Z., Z. 449; and T. C. Edmonds, Z. elect 1507.

The chapter was opened, and the minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed. A Board of Installed Principals was formed by Comps. Scurrah, Stiles, and Read. Comp. C. J. Axford was regularly installed as Z. by Comp. W. A. Scurrah, the H. not being present. Comp. F. W. Levander, P.Z., was inducted into the J.'s chair. The Board of Installed Principals was then closed. The M.E.Z. invested the officers for the ensuing year. The chapter was then closed.

Provincial Meetings.

HERNE BAY.

St. George's Chapter (No. 2099).—

The regular meeting of this chapter was held at the Masonic Rooms, on Thursday, the 18th instant. The following companions were present: Comps. H. Ward, Z.; F. C. Tenouliet, H.; H. E. Jones, J.; Barnwell, S.E.; W. D. Young, S.N.; S. Saunders, P.S.; Westwood, 1st A.S.; Mercer, 2nd A.S.; Wallace, D.C.; Blake, Janitor; Barton, Benton, White, and Southwell. Visitors: Comps. Reeves, J.; Rev. Maughan, S.N.; and Driffield, of 31; and Ramsey.

The minutes of the previous chapter having been read and confirmed, the ballot was then taken for Bro. Edward Ayre, P.M. 2099, P.P.G.P. Kent, for exaltation, which proved unanimous in his favour. Bro. Ayre was duly exalted to the Degree of a Royal Arch Mason by Comp. H. Ward, Z., in a most impressive manner. The mystical and symbolical lectures were given by the M.E.Z., and the historical by the J.

After the usual routine business, the chapter was closed, and the companions adjourned to the New Dolphin Hotel, when a very enjoyable evening was spent, under the presidency of the M.E.Z.

STOKE.

Huyshe Chapter (No. 1099).—

The members of this chapter held their annual meeting at their chapter room, Home Park, on the 3rd inst. The Principals for the year are Comps. H. Rogers, Z.; J. Allen, H.; and S. Panter, J. The officers appointed were Comps. T. May, I.P.Z.; W. H. Gillman, S.E.; S. J. Page, S.N.; W. J. Stanbury, Treas.; W. H. Dillon, P.S.; J. Foster, 1st A.S.; W. H. Pengeley, 2nd A.S.; A. Staton, Org.; S. Yeoman, D. of C.; J. Stevens, A.D.C.; C. H. Olver, Steward; and J. Rashbrook, Janitor.

TWICKENHAM.

Era Chapter (No. 1423).—This chapter met at the Albany Hotel on the 15th inst. Among those present were Comps. C. Stevens, P.G. Org., M.E.Z.; W. H. Matthews, H.; W. H. Lee, P.G.S.E., J.; T. C. Walls, S.E.; H. Higgins, S.N.; W. Fisher, 1st Asst. Soj.; W. T. Peat, 2nd Asst. Soj.; E. H. Thiellay, P.Z., P.P.G.D.C., Treas.; J. Faulkner, P.Z., P.P.G.S.B.; G. Moss, and others.

The minutes of the previous convocation were read and confirmed. Comp. W. H. Lee installed Comp. Matthews as Z., and Comp. Walls inducted Comps. W. H. Lee and H. Higgins into the respective chairs of H. and J. The following investments then took place: Comps. Walls, S.E.; C. H. Köhler, S.N. (by deputy); W. Fisher, P.S.; Thiellay, Treas.; Peat, 1st Asst. Soj.; Moss, 2nd Asst. Soj.; and Gilbert, Janitor. A vote of sympathy was passed to Comp. Köhler, who was absent through a domestic trouble. Apologies for non-attendance were received from Comps. Wingate, P.Z.; G. Elliott, P.Z.; Köhler, P.Z.; and others.

The chapter was then closed, and the companions adjourned to the banquet. A few toasts followed.

Ancient and Accepted Rite.

Metropolitan Meetings.

Mount Calvary Chapter (No. 3).—

This old chapter met at 33, Golden-square, on the 12th inst. Among those in attendance were Bros. G. A. Berkeley, M.W.S.; Capt. J. E. Anderson, 30°, Prelate; G. Graveley, 30°, 1st Gen.; Steele, acting 2nd Gen.; W. Paas, 30°, P.M.W.S., Treas.; Capt. T. C. Walls, P.M.W.S., Recorder; H. J. Lardner, 30°, G.M.; Pigache, C. of Gds.; Capt. W. B. Williamson, J.P. 30°, A.A.D.; F. Curler, 30°, P.M.W.S.; C. Tayleur, P.M.W.S.; Dr. Coffin, M.D., 30°, P.M.W.S.; and Hale-Hilton. Among the visitors were Bros. H. H. Shurley, M.W.S. 107; E. Anderson, 11; and Molesworth, 20. The minutes of the previous meeting having been read and confirmed, Bro. Lardner impressively installed Bro. Capt. J. E. Anderson as M.W.S. The following investments then took place: Bros. G. Graveley, Prelate; Brown Kidder, 1st Gen.; H. J. Lardner, 2nd Gen.; W. Paas, Treas.; Capt. Walls, Recorder; Capt. F. J. Stöhwasser, G.M.; Pigache, R.; Grimwood, C. of Gds.; Capt. Williamson, Herald; Dr. Lott, Org.; Charles Belton, D.C.; Hawkins, A.D.C.; and Austin, Equerry. Past Sovereign's jewels were then presented to Bros. Berkeley and Tayleur. A vote of thanks was passed to the Installing Officer. The resignation of Ill. Bro. Lieut.-Col. Gardiner, 30°, was received with regret. The report of the Audit Committee was received and adopted. Apologies for non-attendance were read from Bros. Col. S. H. Clerke, 33°; F. Binckes, 30°, P.M.W.S.; F. W. Driver, M.A., P.M.W.S.; C. Belton, 30°; Grimwood; Hawkins; Capt. Stöhwasser, 30°; Hayworth, W. Fisher, N. Prower, M.A., and others. The chapter was then closed, and the brethren adjourned to the Café Royal, Regent-street, where an excellent banquet was provided. The customary toasts followed, and received full justice.

Provincial Meetings.

SHEFFIELD.

Talbot Chapter (No. 16).—

This chapter was opened by the M.W.S., Ill. Bro. John Shaw, 30°, assisted by his officers, at the Freemasons' Hall, Surrey-street, on Friday, the 19th inst. Ill. Bro. Charles James Banister, S.G.I.G., 33°, Inspector-General of the district, was received under an arch of steel, and saluted. The minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. Bro. V. G. S. Dearden received the Degree. The M.W.S. elect, Ill. Bro. Jack Sutcliffe, was installed M.W.S. by Ill. Bro. Banister, and appointed the following officers: E. and P. Bros. F. Tasker, H.P.; W. Colver, 1st Gen.; J. Robinson, 2nd Gen.; A. J. Binney, R.; Roper, Recorder; Middleton, C. of G.; West, Chamberlain; and Marshall, Org.

Business of the chapter being over, it was closed, and the brethren assembled in the dining hall for the banquet, under the presidency of the M.W.S., Ill. Bro. Jack Sutcliffe, 30°, having on his right Ill. Bros. Banister, W. H. Brittain, 32°, Robt. Arnison, 30°, S. Kelley, 30°, and others; and on his left E. and P. Bro. W. Fisher Tasker, Ill. Bros. Roddewig, 30°, Gilbert Wilkinson, 30°, Fredk. Cleaves, 30°, J. Shaw, 30°, E. and P. Bro. John Wordsworth, and others. Bro. W. Colver occupied the vice-chair.

The M.W.S. proposed "The Health of H.M.G.M. the Queen, H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, and other members of the Royal Family," and "The Supreme Council."

Ill. Bro. Banister responded for both, and proposed "The Health of the M.W.S.," who, after responding, proposed "The Health of the I.P.M.W.S., Ill. Bro. J. Shaw, and the P.M.W.S.'s of the Chapter."

Bro. Tasker proposed "The Health of the Members of the 32°, 31°, and 30°," which was responded to by Ill. Bro. Brittain for the 32°, and Ill. Bros. Wilkinson, Arnison, Kelley, Cleaves, and Roper for the 30°.

The candidate responded to his health in suitable terms. Bro. Colver responded for "The Officers," and the last toast, being proposed by the M.W.S., brought a very happy evening, with songs and recitations from Bros. Cleaves, Tasker, Middleton, and others, to a close.

Order of the Secret Monitor.

George Andrews Conclave (No. 11).—

A meeting of the above conclave was held on Thursday, the 18th inst., at the White Swan Hotel, Deptford, when there were present Bros. J. G. Thomas, S.R.; W. Martin, C.; A. Dandridge, G.; John J. Pakes, P.G. Gdr., Sec.; A. Dealer, Stwd.; J. G. Vohman, D.C.; W. Wright, Guarder; and several brethren.

Bro. R. T. Stringer was unanimously elected S.R., and Bro. W. Andrews unanimously re-elected Treasurer.

Lodges and Chapters of Instruction.

RANELAGH LODGE (No. 834).—A meeting was held on Friday, the 19th inst., at the Six Bells Hotel, Queen-street, Hammersmith. Present: Bros. T. Jobson, W.M.; J. Davis, S.W.; G. Bottrill, J.W.; J. Sims, P.M., Preceptor; D. S. Long, Sec.; A. Williams, S.D.; F. Craggs, J.D.; Gracie, I.G.; R. H. Williams, P.M.; W. J. Coplestone, and W. W. Williams.

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, and resumed to the Second Degree. Bro. Craggs having given proof of his proficiency, was entrusted. The lodge was resumed to the Third Degree, and the ceremony rehearsed. The lodge was resumed to the First Degree. The W.M. having risen, Bro. Davis was unanimously elected W.M. for the next meeting. A cordial vote of thanks was given, and recorded on the minutes, to the W.M. for the very able manner in which he had performed the duties of the chair for the first time in this lodge of instruction. The lodge was then closed.

HYDE PARK LODGE (No. 1425).—A meeting was held on Monday, the 22nd inst., at the Porchester Hotel, Leinster-place, Cleveland-square, Paddington, W. Present: Bros. W. J. Hakim, W.M. 141, W.M.; A. Cadbury-Jones, S.W.; C. G. Wetzlar, J.W.; W. H. Chalfont, P.M. 1425, Asst. Preceptor; H. Dehane, P.M. 1543, Sec.; M. T. Tuck, S.D.; J. Cruttenden, J.D.; J. R. Allman, I.G.; E. F. Ferris, I.P.M. 1543, Stwd.; W. Death, P.M. 511; D. Stroud, P.M. 2045; Major Ferris, O. W. Battley, J. V. Woodman, and J. H. Taylor. Bros. W. W. Jones and G. E. Cockman, of 1543, were visitors.

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. After the usual preliminaries, the ceremonies of raising and initiation were rehearsed, Bros. Death and Jones being candidates. Bro. Jones was examined as to his proficiency in the Second Degree. Bro. Cadbury-Jones was elected W.M. for the next meeting—the officers to be in rotation. After "Hearty good wishes," the lodge was closed.

CREATON LODGE (No. 1791).—A meeting was held on Thursday, the 18th inst., at the Wheatsheaf Hotel, Goldhawk-road, Shepherd's Bush, W. Present: Bros. B. Browne, W.M.; Jobson, S.W.; Lathbury, P.M., J.W.; J. Davies, Preceptor; J. Sims, P.M., Deputy Preceptor; E. Austin, P.M., Treas.; W. H. Chalfont, P.M., Sec.; F. Craggs, S.D.; D. Stroud, P.M., J.D.; W. Jennings, I.G.; E. Child, P.M.; Arnott, and Sansom.

The lodge was opened, and the minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed. The lodge was opened in the Second Degree. The 1st Section was worked by Bro. J. Davies, assisted by the brethren. The lodge was resumed to the First Degree. The ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, Bro. Arnott candidate. The 1st Section was worked. Bro. Jobson was elected W.M. for the next meeting, and the lodge was closed.

LOUGHBOROUGH LODGE.—The usual weekly meeting of this lodge was held on Monday, the 22nd inst., at the Gauden Hotel, Clapham-road Station (I.C. and D.R.), when there were present Bros. G. E. King, W.M.; Steele, S.W.; Poole, J.W.; Langdon, S.D.; Evans, J.D.; Smith, I.G.; Westley, Preceptor; J. Andrews, Sec.; S. Cochrane, Calk, J. Mitchell, W. Hill, Coleman, Williams, Russell, Cowland, Folkard, J. Wright, and Weeks, Tyler.

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. Colman as candidate. The 1st and 2nd Section of the Lecture was worked by Bro. Westley, assisted by the brethren. Bro. King vacated the chair in favour of Bro. Cochrane, who appointed and invested his officers. The lodge was opened in the Second and Third Degrees. The lodge was closed in the Third and Second Degrees, Bro. King resumed the chair and rose for the first time, and dues were collected. The W.M. rose for the second time, and Bro. Steele was elected W.M. for the second Monday in August, next Monday being Preceptor's night, when a large attendance is anticipated, to benefit by the evening's work of so able a P.M. The W.M. rose for the third time, and the lodge was closed.

HORNSEY CHAPTER (No. 890).—A meeting was held on Friday, the 19th inst., at the Porchester Hotel, Leinster-place, Cleveland-square, Paddington, W. Present: Comps. W. H. Chalfont, S.N. 975, M.E.Z.; W. C. Williams, H. 733, H.; G. March, J. 733, J.; H. Dehane, P.Z. 890, S.N. 862, S.E.; E. Child, P.Z. 538, S.N.; J. Cruttenden, 779, P.S.; J. R. Allman, 890; W. R. Hatton, P.S. 1642; and J. B. Cumming, H. 890 (visitor).

The chapter was opened, and the minutes of the last convocation were read and confirmed. It being officers' night, the companions of the Hornsey Chapter were called upon to take the respective offices held by them. The ceremony of exaltation was rehearsed, Comp. Allman being candidate. Comp. J. B. Cumming was elected a member. After "Hearty good wishes," the chapter was closed.

Scotland.

Knights Templar.

AYR.

Ayr Encampment (No. 7).—The 84th anniversary of this encampment was held in the Masonic Hall, 20, New Bridge-street, on Saturday, the 20th inst., when Sir Knight Matthew M. B. Thomson, E.G.M. of the Temple, installed the following office bearers, viz.: Sir Knights John Murray, P.M. 125, E.C.; Alex. Martin, P.M. 135, D.F.C.; Thomas Y. Leitch, M.; Philip Murray, C.G.; Charles McAndrew, C.C.; Robert McKelvie, Recorder; William Kay, Chancellor; J. McClure, C. of 1st V.; A. McClelland, C. of 2nd V.; J. Hill, C. of 3rd V.; Robert Crockett, S.B.; Gilbert Sinclair, Std. Br.; William Watson, Conductor; David Kay, Receiver; James Rae, Usher; William Kay, Herald; and James Hall, S.

New Zealand.

THE PROPOSED GRAND LODGE OF NEW ZEALAND.

The *New Zealand Herald*, published in Auckland, has the following: At a meeting of the Ponsonby Lodge, No. 708 (S.C.), held on Tuesday, May 7th, at which there was a good attendance of the brethren and visitors, a unanimous vote was passed in favour of the formation of the proposed Grand Lodge. The voting so far in this district for and against the movement is as follows:

For:—Lodge Eden, 1530, E.C.; Franklin, 2138, E.C.; Coromandel, 456, I.C.; St. Andrews, 418, S.C.; Sir Walter Scott, 533, S.C.; Manukau, 586, S.C.; Te Aroha, 697, S.C.; Wairoa, 709, S.C.; Star in the Far South, 717, S.C.; Star of the North, 1647, E.C.; Ara, 348, I.C.; and Ponsonby, 708, S.C.

Against:—Lodge Waitemata, 689, E.C.; Prince of Wales, 1338, E.C.; Corinthian, 1655, E.C.; Remuera, 1710, E.C.; and Harmony, 2180, E.C.

As it is expected that the rest of the lodges who have yet to record their votes will be practically in the same ratio, it may be assumed that the Auckland district is largely in favour of the movement, and as it is meeting with large support in the other districts of the colony, the ultimate success of the movement seems assured.

Lodge Hiram, E.C., has passed a unanimous resolution in favour of a United Grand Lodge for New Zealand, and appointed delegates to attend the meeting in Wellington.

A correspondent thus writes in the same paper to the editor:

"Permit me to trouble you for the second and last time with regard to this question. The meeting to which Brother Cooper refers was, as he well knows, neither large nor enthusiastic, so far as members of the English Constitution were concerned. Few of any standing attended, still fewer spoke, none voted, knowing that the matter was practically settled. Brother Cooper knows, or might know, that all three Grand Masters have declared most emphatically against the proposal; neither they nor their Grand Officers are working against the scheme—it is unnecessary. The statement that the charters will not be relinquished is no threat, it is simply a declaration of unswerving loyalty to the mother Grand Lodge, which quality Brother Cooper somewhat extraordinarily professes to mistake for factious opposition. So far as the English Constitution is concerned, it will be many a long year before there is a United Grand Lodge of New Zealand. My name, Masonic age, and experience are of no concern to the general public; to Brother Cooper the latter two are known, and the first can be scarcely a matter of doubt.—I am, &c.

"M."

NEW MASONIC ASYLUM HOME.

The "New York Sunday Times and Messenger" has the following in regard to the Masonic Asylum Home about to be erected:

"A great and important work is now before the Fraternity of this state, a task by far greater than the building of the hall, greater even than the paying of the debt. It is the founding of an asylum; no, not an asylum, but a home, and it may be a home in purpose and in function. Let Grand Officers and those who will have charge of this new enterprise, be guarded in all their doings, make haste slowly, consider well, and select carefully.

"It is fortunate that we have at the head of the Craft the brethren recently elected—M.W. Bro. Vrooman, a man of great experience in public life and well calculated to point out the right road; R.W. Bro. William Sherer, to whose honest hands millions have been confided, and who is now at the head of one of the largest moneyed institutions in the world; and by the side of these we have a Ten Eyck and John Hodge, whose very name is a household word in Lockport, the city of his home. Above all it must be a Masonic home—non-sectarian as is Masonry Charitable as is Masonry—a home indeed as well as in name, and more than all this, eliminate from our home the feeling so oppressive in most public institutions.

"Who has not entered an orphan asylum and 'felt sorry' for the 'poor things?' Who has not gone through a public home and felt the oppression of a prison come upon them when looking at the inmates? Will the Fraternity be able to eliminate this feeling and make the inmates feel at home? Give to it and to the inmates an individuality, so they may not be like so many numbers or ciphers; that the widow and the orphan, the aged and the indigent may feel its beneficent influence without being humbled by accepting a place therein. Money cannot buy this, wealth cannot procure it. Fact alone, guided by a true Masonic spirit, will accomplish it. Who will be the genius to direct the Masonic home in the true and Masonic spirit? It will take experience, the best of all teachers, to accomplish much of this; but an earnest desire, an honest Masonic spirit, must be the guide first, last, and always."

CENTENARY FESTIVAL OF THE LODGE OF TRANQUILLITY, No. 274, NEWCHURCH.

The beautifully situated village of Newchurch, in Rossendale, was all astir on Wednesday, the 17th inst., the occasion being the celebration of the centenary festival of the Lodge of Tranquillity, No. 274. The warrant of the lodge is dated 17th July, 1789, and the first meeting seems to have been held on that day, and as the regular meeting in July this year fell on the 17th, by a happy coincidence, the lodge celebrated its centenary on the very same day of the month as its first meeting 100 years ago.

The records of the lodge are, fortunately, all extant from its commencement, and H.R.H. the Grand Master having graciously granted a centenary warrant on the application of the brethren, Bro. E. G. Harwood, 37, 1723, P.P.J.G.W., and Chairman of the East Lancashire Charity Committee, kindly undertook the duty of handing over such warrant to the lodge.

The meeting was held in the lodge room at the Boar's Head Inn, and the members present were Bros. John Ashworth, W.M.; J. Bowness, P.M. 1697, S.W.; J. Pickup, J.W.; John Nuttall, P.M., Treas.; Jas. Ingham, P.M.,

Sec.; H. Howorth, S.D.; Geo. Hardman, I.G.; J. R. Ashworth, Tyler; Ashworth Law, P.G. Steward, I.P.M.; R. H. Hardman, P.M., P.P.S.G.W.; Edwin Hardman, P.M., P.S.G.D.; G. Pilling, P.M., P.P.A.G.P.; J. H. Edmondson, P.M., P.G. Steward; J. Taylor, P.M., P.G. Steward; J. S. Halstead, P.M.; J. Ramsbottom, P.M.; J. Hargreaves, P.M.; Kester A. Ashworth, P.M.; J. B. Peacock, P.M.; Richard Whittaker, P.M.; J. H. Brown, P.M.; P. Barnes, P.M.; H. W. Clegg, G. Ashworth, Albert Holt, J. Marshall, Moses Brown, M. J. Lonsdale, W. H. Buckley, J. H. Lord, E. Crossley, J. C. Cunliffe, and A. J. Tattersall.

The visitors present were Bros. E. G. Harwood, 37, 1723, P.P.J.G.W.; James Newton, 37, P.P.S.G.D., P.A.G. Sec.; J. Harling, 1948, P.P.G.D.; J. W. Kenyon, 42, 191, P.P.G.S. of W.; J. W. Abbott, 1030, P.P.G.D. of C.; John Taylor, 286, P.P.G.P.; Jas. Berry, W.M. 283; Wm. Halstead, P.M. 1948; Jno. W. Taylor, P.M. 1697; Hy. Pickup, S.W. 1697; Frank Hodson, Org. 286; F. J. K. Dearden, I.G. 1697; John Royston, P.M. 1145; John Seddon, 221; H. M. Staveley, 1723; John McLachlan, 1697; J. Harling, jun., 1948; and J. D. Wrigglesworth, 2035.

The lodge being opened, the minutes of the previous regular meeting were read and confirmed.

The chair of K.S. was then assumed by Bro. J. Taylor, P.M., Prov. G. Steward, who proceeded to pass Bro. A. J. Tattersall to the Second Degree, after which the W.M. resumed his chair, and Bro. Jas. Ingham, P.M., Sec., on behalf of the lodge addressed a few words of welcome to the visiting brethren on the interesting occasion, particularly to Bros. E. G. Harwood, 37, 1723, P.P.J.G.W., and James Newton, 37, P.P.S.G.D., Prov. A.G. Sec.

Bro. HARWOOD, in an excellent speech, presented the lodge with the centenary warrant of the lodge, and invested the W.M. with a gold centenary jewel which was intended to be worn by the W.M. for the time being.

Bro. NEWTON delivered an address to the brethren on the various changes in the locale of the lodge during the past 100 years. In the course of his address he explained that the original warrant was granted on 17th July, 1789, by Bro. John Allen, of Clement's Inn, London, the fourth Provincial Grand Master of Lancashire, under the "Moderns" Grand Lodge. He referred to the origin of that Grand Lodge in 1717, and the formation of the "Ancients" Grand Lodge in 1751, and to the subsequent union of these two Grand Lodges in 1813. During its existence the Lodge of Tranquillity seemed to have held its meetings at the following places:

Three Tuns Tavern, Smithy door, Manchester	1789
Britannia Inn	1792
Old Boar's Head Inn, Hyde Cross,	1796
Dog and Partridge Inn, Deansgate,	1800
Pack Horse Inn, in the Apple Market,	1804
Cross Keys Inn, Newchurch in Rossendale	1809
Black Dog Inn,	1810
Dolphin Inn,	1829
Black Dog Inn,	1837
Boar's Head Inn	1843

at which latter place, the Boar's Head Inn, Newchurch, the lodge had continued to meet from 1843 to the present time, a fact which spoke well for the various hosts during that period. The lodge had evidently been better supported during its 50 years' existence at Newchurch than during the previous 20 years in Manchester, which evidenced the perseverance and zeal of the Rossendale brethren. At the present time, he believed the number of members exceeded 50, and the lodge was in an exceedingly flourishing condition, which he trusted might long continue. The various numbers which the lodge had borne were as follows:

Original number	549
1792	458
1814	515
1832	341
1862	274

Bro. Newton said he understood that the lodge intended to publish its history, and promised his assistance in the compilation by furnishing what information he might possess for the purpose. After thanking the brethren for their invitation to be present, and for their courteous and kind attention to his remarks, Bro. Newton resumed his seat amidst the applause of the brethren.

The centenary warrant having been read by Bro. JAS. INGHAM, P.M., Sec., the W.M. appropriately acknowledged receipt of the same and the centenary jewel.

A cordial vote of thanks was passed to Bros. Harwood and Newton for the part they had taken in the proceedings, which having been suitably acknowledged,

Bro. HARWOOD, as Chairman of the East Lancashire Systematic Masonic Educational and Benevolent Institution, in a few pithy remarks, drew attention to the claims of the Institution upon the consideration of the brethren.

All business being concluded, the lodge was closed, and the brethren adjourned to the banquet room, where an excellent dinner was provided.

The W.M. presided over the subsequent proceedings, when the usual loyal and Masonic toasts were given and heartily received, and an enjoyable evening ensued.

The lodge possesses several curious relics of the Craft, amongst which is a mallet, bearing the following inscription on a silver plate: "This mallet was used in laying the first stone of St. Stephen's Church, in Salford, the 25th day of April, 1793, and presented to the Lodge of Tranquillity, No. 458, by Bro. Thomas Hardman, the 24th day of June, 1793." Also a trowel bearing the following inscription: "This trowel was used in laying the first stone of St. Stephen's Church, in Salford, and presented to the Lodge of Tranquillity by Bro. Thomas Hardman, 24th June, 1793." The old chairs for the W.M., S.W., and J.W. are also very curious, the W.M.'s chair being surmounted by a canopy. An old gilt figure of King Solomon in his robes and wearing a crown is also very interesting. The old silver jewels for the officers are also exceedingly curious, the Deacons' jewels bearing the figure of Mercury.

The senior member of the lodge is Bro. John Hargreaves, P.M., who completed his 60th year of membership this month, he having been initiated 22nd July, 1829. He was present at the festival looking quite hale and hearty, and evidently enjoyed the day's proceedings.

His Royal Highness the Crown Prince of Denmark left Copenhagen at 8 p.m. on Tuesday evening for London, in order to be present at the marriage of his niece, the Princess Louise of Wales.

THE RECENT FESTIVAL OF THE R.M.I. FOR BOYS.

The following additional sums have been received on account of the recent Festival of the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys since our last issue was published:

LONDON.		£	s.	d.
Lodge 26 Bro. M. A. Morris	...	10	10	0
256 " G. T. Barham	...	22	1	0
933 " W. Smith, additional	...	2	2	0
(raising his list to £55 2s. 6d.)				
205 " C. F. Hogard, additional	...	26	5	0
(raising his list to £90 8s.)				
1044 " A. C. Higerty, additional	...	2	1	0
(raising his list to £76 12s.)				
1056 " A. A. Pendlebury, additional	...	1	1	0
(raising his list to £114 14s. 6d.)				
1608 " T. H. Johnson, additional	...	2	2	0
(raising his list to £92 17s. 6d.)				
1820 " E. Abram, additional	...	1	1	0
(raising his list to £27 6s.)				
Unattached—Bro. A. Williams	...	5	5	0
PROVINCES.				
OXFORDSHIRE.				
Lodge 340 Bro. J. W. Messenger	...	38	17	0
340 " Captain Airey	...			
STAFFORDSHIRE.				
418 Bro. W. Tunnicliffe, additional	...	52	10	0
(raising his list to £105.)				
SUSSEX.				
315 Bro. H. Beaumont, additional	...	0	10	6
(raising his list to £45 2s. 6d.)				
The following must be deducted:		164	5	6
MIDDLESEX.				
2183 Bro. H. W. Seager	...	£2	2	0
(reducing his list to £30 9s.)				
SHROPSHIRE.				
Province—Bro. J. Bodenham	...	5	5	0
(reducing his list to £36 15s.)				
		7	7	0
Net addition		£156	18	6
Additions brought forward		£194	2	0
Total addition to amount announced		£351	0	6

THE PROPOSED GRAND LODGE OF QUEENSLAND.

The District Grand Secretary, Bro. Fenwick, has addressed the following letter to the members of lodges in Queensland, under the Grand Lodge of England:

Worshipful Brethren and Brethren,—
You are earnestly invited to take into your serious consideration the following:

A meeting of Freemasons was held in Brisbane on the 7th March, as stated: "To discuss a subject of the greatest importance concerning the progress of Freemasonry in Queensland." The advertisement calling the meeting was signed by three Past Masters of the E.C., viz., Bros. J. R. Dickson, John Thomson, and W. F. Taylor; three of the S.C., viz., Right Worshipful Bro. J. G. W. Barnes, acting District Grand Master; Bros. Peter Brown and George Sweatman; and three of the I.C., viz., Right Worshipful Bro. Th. Unmack, Provincial Grand Master; Very Worshipful Bro. E. Macdonnell, Deputy P.G.M.; and Bro. G. S. Hutton, Prov. Grand Sec. All these brethren, however, signed themselves as Past Masters only.

The following resolutions were carried by a majority of those present. (It is, however, to be remarked that the English Masons as a body purposely absented themselves from the meeting, on principle.) The few present did not, therefore, by any means represent English Masonry.

1st.—"That in the opinion of this meeting it is desirable that a Grand Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons of Queensland be formed, and that immediate steps be taken to that end."

2nd.—"That the brethren present undertake to use their best efforts to carry out the 1st resolution, and form themselves into a Masonic union for that purpose."

3rd.—"That an Executive Committee, consisting of six brethren from each Constitution, be appointed, &c."

In the several speeches delivered at the meeting there was not a single reason worthy of the name adduced for so momentous a change, there were no complaints made of any existing grievances, nor was it shown to the meeting what advantages, if any, were to be gained by the proposed change.

One speaker dwelt on the fact that as South Australia, New South Wales, and Victoria, had each a Grand Lodge of its own, therefore Queensland should follow suit. Another affirmed, on the authority of a member of the Grand Lodge of Ireland, that for the Irish lodges here to "cut the painter" was the best thing they could do, and he further stated that large sums of money were remitted home which could be expended here, while another pointed out that instead of our District and Provincial Grand Masters being appointed at home, we should appoint them here. This brother evidently overlooked the fact that the brethren holding these high positions were, *de facto*, elected by the brethren here, and that the election was simply confirmed by the Grand Masters of the several Constitutions at home.

A great point seemed to be made of a ruling by Dr. Mackay (who is, however, only an *American* authority on Masonry), "that any three Craft Lodges can form a Grand Lodge."

Now according to this ruling we might have a Grand Lodge of Brisbane, a Grand Lodge of Ipswich, a Grand Lodge of Mackay, and soon *ad infinitum*, &c., &c. The ruling, therefore, carries its absurdity on the face of it; besides which, Dr. Mackay is not an authority on British Masonry, and his ruling is, therefore, no guide for us. It would, however, be quite correct and perfectly applicable in a case where the territory was not already occupied by any Grand Lodge, say, for instance, New Guinea. The first three Craft lodges formed there may, if they please, form themselves into a Grand Lodge of New Guinea. Another argument was that, Queensland having no Grand Lodge, any other Constitution could form lodges, say Italy, Germany, &c. This argument, however, carries no weight, for if there were a Grand Lodge to-morrow, we could not prevent any other lodges being established; we could not take any legal steps to stop it, and, in proof of this, it has been actually done in Melbourne, where Canadian Masonry was

established in spite of there being a Grand Lodge of Victoria, an institution which had been in existence for some eight years, and was recognised by several of the American Grand Lodges, and possibly even by the Canadian Grand Lodge itself. We have also examples here in Queensland to show the absurdity of the application of Dr. Mackay's argument. It is, of course, well known that the District Grand Lodge under the Grand Lodge of England was established early in 1862, and yet the Scottish and Irish Constitutions both ignored Dr. Mackay, and subsequently established themselves notwithstanding. The argument, therefore, that the existence of a Grand Lodge of Queensland will prevent the introduction of lodges under other Constitutions can have no weight, and may be dismissed.

The United Grand Lodge of New South Wales lately formed was only recognised as a matter of necessity, and not from any desire on the part of the British Grand Lodges to do so. When circumstances caused it to be so recognised it was, of course, heartily welcomed, notwithstanding that previously the Grand Lodges of England, Scotland, and Ireland had persistently refused their sanction. The newly opened Grand Lodge of Victoria will, there is no doubt, be welcomed and acknowledged in the same way and for the same reasons, viz., that of expediency, as was that of South Australia previously. The circumstances and position Masonically of all these other colonies being quite different from ours, the arguments as to the recognition of their Grand Lodges do not at present apply to us. The state of Masonry in New South Wales and Victoria, owing to their having established Grand Lodges by minorities, was a scandal to the Craft, and hence the expediency of their recognition. So South Australia was unanimous for a change, but this was only after considerable difficulty had arisen between it and the Grand Lodges at home, the causes of which need not be gone into. But Queensland is very far from being unanimous; possibly most of the Irish lodges, and some (but not all) of the Scotch, will favour the movement; but so far as can be ascertained there is not a single English lodge in Queensland will do so, and very few English Masons, will throw off their allegiance to the Grand Lodge of England, and the same may be said of many Scotch Masons, who will remain true to the Grand Lodge of Scotland.

It was also said at the meeting that large sums of money are annually sent to the Old Country, and that if we had a Grand Lodge this money would be retained in the Colony, and we should be able to have Charitable and Benevolent Institutions almost rivalling those of England. Now, as to these large sums sent home, and speaking for the English Constitution alone—here they are! For a warrant or charter for a new lodge, £5 5s.; for each initiate, 7s. 6d.—for this small sum of 7s. 6d. he (the initiate) is registered in the Grand Lodge of England, and receives a parchment Grand Lodge certificate; this certificate, be it known, is acknowledged and received by every Grand Lodge in the world, in Europe, Asia, Africa, or America—2s. 6d. for registering a joining member. These are all! and it must not be overlooked that these are *one single payment* in each case. There are no annual dues or payments whatever. The 7s. 6d. charged for the initiate serves for his whole lifetime. It may, perhaps, not be generally known by the parties who held the meeting that every Mason subscribing to any English lodge, in the Colonies or elsewhere, is eligible, and is as much entitled to claim the benefits of any of our noble English Institutions as if he were actually a member of a lodge in London, whether it be the Aged Masons and Widows' Institution, the Masonic Boys' School, the Masonic Girls' School, or the Benevolent Fund; and there is hardly a month in which grants are not made to such outside Masons. The income of these Institutions for last year (1888) amounted to something over £80,000!

Do these would-be secessionists believe, or think they can induce others to believe, that the mere fact of having a Grand Lodge of Queensland would at once produce charitable organisations anything like that? And yet their arguments go to show that they do! Why, these Institutions are not supported by lodge dues alone, but by the large and generous gifts of many wealthy brethren, and by contributions from lodges which vie with each other in making the most munificent donations to the Charities.

The expenses of a local Grand Lodge would be much greater, and involve the brethren in heavier charges than our present payments, and therefore reduce the amounts now available for Masonic purposes, and defer for many years the establishment of any effective Charitable Institutions.

Has it ever been shown that worthy Masons or their widows have been unable to obtain substantial help when required? There is no record of any such case, and as for the schools, the magnificent educational system of the Queensland Government renders the establishment of schools, as at home, quite unnecessary. Still, one of our great principles, Charity, is not lost sight of, and some institution of a benevolent character will be formulated as soon as funds have sufficiently accumulated to make a beginning.

The influence and prestige attached to an English Mason, no matter whether Past Master or only Master Mason, in any part of the world, is well known to those who have travelled and experienced it, but it is, of course, not so well known, if known at all, to members of other Constitutions, and certainly not to those brethren who have not, as *Masons*, been out of the Colonies, and who thus have no idea of the distinguished position held by an English Mason. This is an advantage of too palpable a nature to be sacrificed for the very shadowy one of being able to hail from either of Queensland or any other Grand Lodge, colonial or otherwise.

Nor must it be overlooked that at present all Masters, Past Masters, and Wardens are actually members of the Grand Lodge of England, a privilege and an honour which they would lose by any such change as proposed.

There are 31 English lodges in Queensland, against 28 of Scotch and Irish together—quite too great a majority in opposition to admit of any possibility of the recognition of a Queensland Grand Lodge for some years to come. It will, no doubt, come in due time, but not until the Colony is ripe for it.

Any discussion in open lodge as to secession, as urged by the Committee, would be highly irregular, as would also be the solicitation of the votes of the brethren upon any question, more especially one subversive of the continuance of the English Constitution. Whatever number, however, may retire from the lodge, the warrant will continue with those who may remain.

It is earnestly hoped that brethren of the Craft, no matter

to which Constitution they belong, will earnestly consider before in any way pledging themselves to this new movement—a movement which will tend to create discord in every lodge in Queensland, break up the friendship of many brethren, and for what? There has been no reason given worthy of the name in favour of the movement, and there are many urgent reasons against it. The alleged ill feeling between the different Constitutions, said to have existed for years, is untrue, or, if true, exists only in the minds of those who make the assertion. There has always been friendly rivalry, of course—but no ill feeling!

This circular is issued by the authority of the R.W. the D.G.M. of Queensland for general information, and as a partial refutation of the plausible arguments of the comparative few Masons who want a change for no reason but to follow the lead of New South Wales, Victoria, and South Australia. Brethren, Queensland does *not follow*; she takes her own course, and will exercise her independent action in Masonry, as in other matters, in her own way and at her own time.

The attempts to break up the Craft, under the name of "Uniting" it, have not succeeded in New Zealand nor Tasmania, nor will there be any Grand Lodge in Queensland, under this present agitation, be it United or dis-United.

I am, brethren, yours fraternally,
JOHN FENWICK, D.G. Sec.

GREAT NORTHERN RAILWAY HOLIDAY ARRANGEMENTS.

The Great Northern Railway Company announce that in addition to the ordinary service of express trains from London (King's Cross) to Scotland, arrangements have been made for the 10.40 p.m. express from King's Cross to be run through to Edinburgh, on the nights of 3rd and 10th August. On Saturday, the 10th August, the 7.45 p.m. and the 8.0 p.m. express trains from King's Cross, will be run to Edinburgh, Glasgow, and the North of Scotland. On Saturday, 3rd August, cheap six days' excursion trains will be run from London (King's-cross) to Doncaster, Wakefield, Leeds, Bradford, Keighley, Halifax, York, Scarborough, Darlington, Durham, Newcastle, Nottingham, Derby, Yarmouth, Norwich, Lynn, St. Ives, Huntingdon, Lincoln, Spalding, Wisbech, Sheffield, Manchester, &c., &c. On Saturday, 3rd, Monday, 5th, and Tuesday, 6th August, cheap day excursions will be run from Moorgate-street, Aldersgate-street, Farringdon-street, King's-cross, Holloway, &c., to Skegness. On Saturday, 3rd, and Monday, 5th August, cheap day excursions will also be run from Moorgate-street, Aldersgate-street, Farringdon-street, King's Cross, Holloway, &c., to Sutton-on-Sea and Mablethorpe. Three or four days' tickets will be issued by the excursion to Skegness, Sutton-on-Sea, and Mablethorpe, on Saturday available for return on Monday or Tuesday. On Monday, 5th August, cheap day excursions will be run from Victoria (L.C. and D.R.), Moorgate-street, King's Cross, Finsbury Park, &c., to St. Albans, Harpenden, Luton, Dunstable, and Cambridge. Cheap return tickets will also be issued from London to Biggleswade on Monday, August 5th. Alexandra Palace. A frequent service of special and ordinary trains will run between Moorgate-street, Broad-street, King's Cross, and the Alexandra Palace (High Level Station), and Wood Green Station. To prevent inconvenience from overcrowding at the Company's principal terminal station, King's Cross, arrangements have been made for the issue of passenger tickets, dated in advance, at the following offices: Royal Oak Office, 6, Porchester-road, Westbourne Grove; Albert Gate Office, William-street, Lowndes-square; 285, Oxford-street; 262, High Holborn; 90, Tottenham Court-road; 111, Strand; 3, King-Edward-street, Newgate-street; 43 and 44, Crutched Friars; 16, Fish-street Hill; 80, Bishopsgate-street Without; 44, Bread-street, Cannon-street; 1, Whittington-avenue, Leadenhall-street; Charles-street, Farringdon-street; Bee Hive, Whitecross-street; Moorgate-street Station; 95, High-street, Boru'; 190A, Westminster Bridge-road; Star Office, 138, Victoria-street, Pimlico; Victoria Station (L.C. and D.); and at the offices of Messrs. Swan and Leach, 3, Charing Cross, and 32, Piccadilly Circus.

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 Office, viz.: 103 and 407, Oxford-street; 23, New Oxford-street; 209, Strand; Holborn Circus; 29, Charing Cross; 26, Regent-street; 5, Arthur-street East, London Bridge; 82, Queen Victoria-st.; 43 & 33, Crutched-friars; 67, Gresham-st.; and 4, Cheapside. The Booking Offices at the Paddington Station will be open all day on Wednesday, Thursday, Friday, and Saturday, and passengers can obtain tickets at any hour for use on either day. To meet the expected additional traffic by the ordinary Trains on Saturday, August 3rd, the Company will run in duplicate, the 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 and 5.45 p.m. trains to Weymouth, Hereford, and South Wales. The first portion of the 5.0 p.m. train will leave Paddington at 4.55 p.m., 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 Thursday, August 1st, 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. Fast excursion trains for the West of England will leave Paddington at 8.5 a.m. and 3.5 p.m. on Saturday, August 3rd, reaching Exeter in 5½ hours and Plymouth in 7½ 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. Cheap tickets are issued daily from Paddington, and from most of the stations on the Metropolitan, District, and North London Railways, to Windsor, Taplow, Bourne End, Cookham, Henley, and other riverside resorts. A service of omnibuses has recently been established between Slough and Burnham Beeches and cheap through tickets are issued daily by certain trains from Paddington.



The usual summer entertainment to the residents of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution took place yesterday (Thursday). We shall give a report next week.

At a meeting of the Graystone Lodge, No. 1915, held at the Foresters' Hall, on Thursday, the 18th inst., Bro. T. W. Porter, S.W., was unanimously elected Worshipful Master for the ensuing year.

The annual meeting of the Provincial Grand Lodge of Monmouthshire will be held under the banner of the Loyal Monmouthshire Lodge, No. 457, on Thursday, 1st August, at the Masonic Hall, Monmouth.

Bro. J. A. Berther, manager of Cannon Street Hotel, and formerly of Freemasons' Tavern, has purchased the Marlboro' Restaurant, 97 and 98, Bishopgate-street Within. We wish him success in his new venture.

On Saturday last, Lady George Hamilton presented the prizes to the successful members of the Lawn Tennis Club at Chiswick, and afterwards drove over to Ealing, where Bro. Lord George Hamilton and her ladyship opened a new political club.

Bro. Lord Mayor Whitehead and Mrs. Bevan placed memorial stones in the entrance hall of the new mission premises facing Billingsgate Market, his lordship and Mrs. Bevan being presented with silver trowels for the occasion and being accorded a vote of thanks for their presence.

The Princess Louise, Marchioness of Lorne, accompanied by the Marquis of Lorne, visited Greenwich on Saturday last for the purpose of presenting the prizes to the successful pupils of the Royal Hospital School, by whom her Royal Highness was most enthusiastically greeted.

In our notice of the photograph taken at the consecration of the Lennox Browne Lodge last week, we made a slight error in the name of the photographer—it should have been Bro. C. G. Cutchey, whose studio is at High-road, Buckhurst-hill.

The installation of Bro. A. L. Peace as Worshipful Master of the St. Nicholas Lodge, No. 2259, at Thorne, took place on Wednesday, the 17th inst. The installation ceremony was performed by Bro. Gardner, P.P.G.D.C. Afterwards the members dined together at the Town Hall, Bro. A. L. Peace, the newly-installed Master, presiding, and Bro. Bletcher in the vice-chair.

Two Masonic choral hymns—"Hail, Eternal," and "Now the evening shadows"—by Bro. H. Wilcox Lawrence, have just been published. The melody is tuneful, and the hymns will form a valuable addition to the musical repertoire of a Craft lodge. Bro. Lawrence is the Organist of St. Pancras Lodge, and the composition is dedicated to R. W. Bro. Sir R. M. Fowler, P.G.W., W.M., and the St. Pancras Lodge, No. 2271.

The brethren of the Heaton Chapel Lodge had a summer's afternoon outing on Saturday, the 13th inst., when they betook themselves by train to Ashbourne, in Derbyshire. Including the wives and friends of the members of the Craft, the party numbered between 60 and 70. From Ashbourne they were conveyed in wagonettes to the delightful vicinity of the Peak, a substantial tea being served at the Zsaak Walton Hotel. A very happy time was spent, home being reached in safety at a late hour in the evening.

On Wednesday, the 17th inst., the members of the Liverpool Lodge, No. 1547, had an excursion to Chester, Hawarden, and Eaton Hall. The excursionists reached the city by an early train, and were conveyed by the tramway company's vehicles to Hawarden and Eaton Hall. The party included Bros. H. Isaac, W.M.; J. Jessop, I.P.M.; W. Montgomery, J.W.; W. Ladyman, P.M.; J. C. McGuire, P.M., D.C.; W. H. Hignett, P.M.; P. Warren, P.M.; G. Perry, P.M.; and R. H. Leake, Sec. The weather was very fine for the trip, and the visitors thoroughly enjoyed their visit to Chester and its vicinity.

The members of the Burgoyne Lodge, No. 902, had a most enjoyable outing on Tuesday, the 16th inst. Nearly all the Committee of the lodge hail from the neighbourhood of Clapham Junction, so Battersea was well represented in the pleasant little party which went down to Windsor by saloon carriage, had a drive to Virginia Water, and afterwards dined at the Castle Inn. Bro. John Cross, W.M., presided, Bro. Smith being in the vice-chair. A number of ladies were present, and the toast of "The Ladies," given by the W.M., was well received. Bros. Mark Gill, Rashleigh, Norrington, Harvey, Price, Sadler, White, Prince, Gabb, and other well-known brethren took part in the proceedings. The genial Bro. George acted as Steward, and contributed a good deal to the success of the day.

On Tuesday, the 16th inst., 100 of the members and friends of the Athol Lodge, No. 74, Birmingham, with the Worshipful Master, Bro. Surman, paid a visit to Oxford. They were met on arrival by Bro. W. R. Bowden, who took charge of the arrangements here, and Bros. Rev. H. Sayers, H. J. Plumridge, Knowles, and Turner, who had kindly undertaken the duties of guides. After the assembly in the Alfred Lodge, the party proceeded to the Cathedral, where Bro. the Rev. H. Sayers pointed out the principal objects of interest, and Bro. C. H. Lloyd gave a short organ recital. Merton, Oriel, Queen's All Souls', Wadham, Keble, Worcester, and Trinity were likewise visited, as well as other places, and at half-past one all assembled at the Clarendon for dinner. In the afternoon an excursion was made to Nuneham, and on returning Bro. Dr. Roberts gave a recital on the organ at Magdalen Chapel. The return journey was commenced at 8.55, and the visitors left expressing delight at the pleasant trip afforded.

THE UNEMPLOYED IN EAST LONDON.—At a time when much thought is being given to this matter, a practical suggestion may be of service. Last year more than £300,000 worth of foreign matches were purchased by inconsiderate consumers in this country, to the great injury of our own working people, so true is it that "evil is wrought by want of thought, as well as want of heart." If all consumers would purchase Bryant and May's Matches, that firm would be enabled to pay £1000 a week more in wages.—ADVT.

The Queen held a Council at Osborne on Tuesday, at which were present Viscount Cranbrook, Lord President, Bros. Lord George Hamilton and the Earl of Limerick, Sir Henry Ponsonby, and Sir John Cowell.

Bro. Earl Cowper, who has been suffering for some time with gout in the throat, has gone abroad with Lady Cowper for some weeks, their intention being to visit Gastein, in order to try the effect of high mountain air.

The half-yearly meeting of the Annuity Fund Board of Grand Lodge of Scotland was held on the 18th inst., Bro. Elliot of Wolfelee presiding. Petitions were read from 41 applicants for election as annuitants. After carefully going over the list, 15 were elected—12 of £10 each, two of £15 each, and one of £20.

We regret to find that we omitted from the list of candidates for the two Degrees of the Royal Order of Scotland last week, at Golden-square, the name of Bro. the Rev. Richard Peck, M.A., P.P.G. Chap. Suffolk. Few brethren have taken a deeper interest in Masonry in the province than Bro. Peck, and the accidental omission of his name is therefore the more regrettable.

The marriage of Mr. Geoffrey Carr Glyn with the Hon. W. Harbord, eldest daughter of Bro. Lord Suffield, P.G.M. Norfolk, was solemnised at St. Mark's Church, North Audley-street, on Saturday afternoon last. The ceremony was performed by the Hon. and Rev. E. Carr Glyn, Vicar of Kennington, and Chaplain-in-Ordinary to the Queen, and Bro. Lord Suffield gave his daughter away. There was a numerous and fashionable congregation.

The Queen, accompanied by the Princess Beatrice and her children, left Windsor for Osborne, on Thursday, the 18th instant, arriving at the latter in the course of the afternoon. To-day (Friday), her Majesty will arrive at Buckingham Palace in order to be present to-morrow at the marriage of her granddaughter, Princess Louise of Wales with Bro. the Earl of Fife, on whom it is said to be her Majesty's intention to confer the honour of a dukedom.

Among those present at the distribution of prizes to the Royal Hospital School, Greenwich, by the Princess Louise on Saturday last, were Bros. Sir John E. Gorst, Q.C., M.P., Lord Brassey, the Earl of Mount Edgcumbe, and Lord Claud Hamilton; the Baroness Burdett-Coutts and Bro. W. Burdett-Coutts, M.P.; and Bros. G. Whitmore, M.P., the Hon. G. Allsopp, M.P., Viscount Weymouth, M.P., Lord Robert Montagu, and G. A. Sala.

Bro. the Rev. T. W. Lemon, M.A., P.J.G.W. Devon, P.S.G.W. of Prov. Grand Mark Lodge of Devon, and Prov. Prior of the Knights Templar of Devon, presented a donation on Friday, the 19th inst., of one hundred guineas to the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys, and completed his gift of one hundred guineas to the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution for Aged Freemasons and Widows of Freemasons. He had previously constituted himself a Vice Patron of the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls, and by his donations on Friday he is now Vice Patron of all three of the London great Masonic Charities.

The Crystal Palace Company's School of Art, Science, and Literature, Ladies' Division, has just issued its syllabus for the 30th session. It includes almost every conceivable subject, and students have not only the advantage of the best tuition from university professors, but the unique privilege of utilising the valuable courts and collections of the Crystal Palace; this, with the valuable concessions in the matter of admission to the Palace, and the company's library, &c., should make this School one of the most popular and useful in the country.

Bro. Lord Mayor Whitehead has issued his invitation for the usual ministerial banquet, which will be held at the Mansion House on Wednesday next, the 31st inst. Among the ministers who have accepted are the Prime Minister, the First Lord of the Treasury, the Lord Chancellor (Bro. Lord Halsbury), the Lord Chancellor of Ireland (Bro. Lord Ashbourne), the Chancellor of the Exchequer, the Lord President, the Home Secretary, the First Lord of the Admiralty (Bro. Lord George Hamilton), the President of the Local Board, the President of the Board of Trade (Bro. Sir M. E. Hicks-Beach, Bart., M.P.), and the Irish Secretary.

The Shah has been enjoying his visit to Scotland immensely, and besides Glasgow, has visited Aberdeen, her Majesty's Highland Home of Balmoral Castle, Edinburgh, and above all—for it is more than probable that his Persian Majesty has never witnessed such a sight before—the enormous iron bridge which is in course of erection over the Forth. Everywhere he has been received with enthusiasm, and on visiting or passing through the chief places, addresses of welcome, artistically illuminated, and in some cases included in gold caskets, were presented. On returning south, his Majesty stopped at Starcastle, and visited the immense factories of Lord Armstrong, whose guest he was at Elswick. To-day (Friday), unless any unforeseen change is made, his Majesty will visit Brighton, remaining for the night as the guest of Sir Albert Sassoon, and tomorrow being entertained by the Mayor and Corporation at the Royal Pavilion. On Monday he visits the Queen, at Cowes, and then leaves for Paris.

The late Bro. Hy. Needham Martin was buried at Shepton Mallet, on the 18th inst., with Masonic honours. He had for the last seven years been relieving officer of the first district of the Shepton Mallet Union, and previously had served 21 years in the army. For 17 years he belonged to the 5th Royal Irish Lancers, the greater part of his time filling the rank of troop-sergt.-major. His last four years' service was with the North Somerset Yeomanry Cavalry, being sergt.-major of the Wells Troop. The cause of his death on Sunday, the 14th inst., at the age of 46, was jaundice, from which he had been suffering for the last two years, his serious illness being of three months' duration. In addition to the Freemasons, most of the poor law officers and several of the tradesmen of the town followed the remains to their last resting place in the Waterloo-road cemetery. He leaves a widow and nine children.

SCIENCE (EXTRAORDINARY).—TERRY'S "HOUSEHOLD PURIFIER" (Registered) for Universal Purposes.—Acts like magic. A strong and pleasant Disinfecting Fluid for Sanitary Use. Treble the Disinfecting Strength of Carbolic. A new and valuable Discovery has been made in the manufacture of this Fluid, there being no Sediment. Dissolves at once in Water, making a Milky appearance. Where this is used all Infectious Diseases are kept away. Sold by Chemists, Stores, Grocers, Oilmen, &c., in 6d. and 1s. bottles, or in gallons 4s., delivered free. 1s. charged for cans (returnable).—TERRY BROS., 55, Chester-street, Kennington.—ADVT.

Bro. Charles A. Itter, J.W. Cyclist Lodge, 2246, was married on Thursday last, at St. Thomas Church, Camden Town, to Miss Horton. Several brethren witnessed the ceremony.

The Victoria Steamboat Association are taking advantage of their opportunities on London's great river highway in a very spirited and enterprising manner. The latest addition to their fleet is the new saloon boat, Cardinal Wolsey. Drawing only 16 inches of water, she is constructed to carry a large number of passengers, and for the route to Hampton Court, she will, without doubt, form a very acceptable and pleasant means of transit.

When Lady Rosebery pulled the cord and dropped the veil from the Dibdin Memorial, the band struck up. Two young men were standing around at the moment—one of the young men of the *Daily News*, the other the *Daily Telegraph's* young man. To the ear of one the band played "The Jolly Young Waterman," to the ear of the other it struck up "Hearts of Oak." We are a musical nation, we are, we are, we are.—*Globe*.

The Prince of Wales, who was accompanied by the Duke of Cambridge, presented new colours to the 48th or Northamptonshire Regiment on the Tower parade ground on Tuesday, the old colours which they replace having been presented to the regiment 51 years ago at Gibraltar by the late Sir Alexander Woodford. The 48th fought at Quebec under General Wolfe in 1759, at most of the great battles in the Peninsular War, and in the Crimea. When the imposing ceremony was over, the Prince and Duke lunched with the officers.

The Prince of Wales presided at the annual meeting of the Royal College of Music, held at Marlborough House, on the 18th inst., when the medals and certificates were awarded to the successful competitors. A vote of thanks was accorded to his Royal Highness for presiding and allowing the meeting to be held at his residence. In the afternoon the Prince and Princess were visited by Mr. Harrison, President of the United States, who was presented by the American Minister.

A marriage has been arranged between Capt. the Hon. J. McGarel Hogg, 1st Life Guards, eldest son of Bro. Lord and Lady Magheramorne, and the Lady Evelyn Ashley, the eldest unmarried daughter of the late Earl of Shaftesbury.

Prince Albert Victor of Wales visited Colchester on Wednesday, for the purpose of opening a military bazaar in aid of the Church of England Soldiers' Institute. The visit was made the occasion of a grand military and civil pageant, the day having been chosen to commemorate the 700th anniversary of the confirmation by Richard I. of the charter granted to the corporation of the town. Among the stallholders were the Marchioness of Stafford, Lady Brooke, Lady Randolph Churchill, and Lady Algernon Lennox.

Shirley poppies have attained to a high degree of popularity, and their exceeding beauty carries them into places where, usually, poppies are not allowed to go. But we consider it a matter of importance to note that their beauty does not absolve them from the charge of being offensive in apartments, and therefore unfit for table decorations, and indeed for decorations generally. In the garden they are delightful; in the house unpleasant companions. This is a point of importance in judging decorations, for these beauties must share in the ban pronounced against poppies in general save and except the comparatively innocent Iceland poppy, Papaver nudicaule.—*The Gardeners' Magazine*.

The annual pic-nic of the Everton Lodge, No. 823, was held on the 18th inst., at the Blue Cap Hotel, Sandiway, Cheshire. The brethren and lady friends, numbering upwards of 140, assembled at the Central Station at 9.20 a.m. First-class saloon carriages were provided for the party, and wagonettes were in attendance to convey the party to the hotel at Sandiway. In accordance with the established custom of the Everton brethren, Divine service was held on the lawn near the hotel. After partaking of a sumptuous dinner, served in a large tent erected for the occasion, the party drove to several places of interest. The return journey to the hotel by way of Delamere New Park was greatly enjoyed. After tea, dancing, sports, &c., became the order of the day, and were ably conducted by the Worshipful Master (Bro. R. S. Milne), assisted by Bros. Kite and Millington. The party was photographed by Messrs. Brown, Barnes, and Co. All arrived safe in Liverpool at 10.10 p.m., after having enjoyed one of the most successful pic-nics ever held in connection with the lodge.

Easterns generally do their dancing by deputy, but the effect of the bagpipes on the Shah appears to have been so electrifying that his Imperial Majesty, during his recent visit to Scotland, attempted to dance a Highland fling. But the Imperial legs did not adapt themselves to such rapid movements, and his Majesty gave up the attempt as a failure.

Grand preparations are being made for the review of the Fleet by the Emperor of Germany on Saturday, the 3rd prox. His Imperial Majesty will arrive on board his yacht, the Hohenzollern, escorted by a squadron of German ships of war, off the Nab Lightship, at 4 p.m., the previous day, and will be received by the Prince of Wales, representing her Majesty the Queen, on board the Royal yacht Osborne. His Imperial Majesty, after having been visited by the Prince of Wales, will land at Trinity Pier. On the day of the review, the Prince of Wales, with the Emperor and other members of the Royal and Imperial Families, will be on board the Queen's yacht, Victoria and Albert, which will proceed between the lines of the fleet, accompanied by a number of yachts having the Admiralty and Trinity House officials, the House of Lords and the Corps Diplomatique, the House of Commons, and the Lord Mayor and Corporation of London. On Sunday, the Emperor will visit several of the ships, and the squadron will leave Spithead on Monday at 10.30 a.m.

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