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THE BOYS' SCHOOL FESTIVAL.

We confess to being greatly disappointed at the result of Wednesday's Festival in aid of the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys. Seeing the Board of Stewards was of goodly proportions, and included several brethren of influence and energy, we felt justified in expressing a hope that the result would find itself between the £13,840 of the Benevolent Institution in February and the £11,000 of the Girls' School in May. However, the total, as will be seen from the Returns elsewhere, is very considerably less than the inferior of the two sums we have named, and we can only express regret that our estimate—which was by no means an extravagant one under ordinary circumstances—has not been realised. Had it been so the funds of the Boys' School would have been increased by some £2000.

THE LATE EARL OF CARNARVON.

It is full early yet to estimate the extent of the loss which English Freemasonry has sustained by the death of the Earl of CARNARVON, Pro Grand Master, and Provincial Grand Master of Somersetshire, but that his death is the greatest calamity which has befallen our Society during the last 15 years is beyond question. His lordship, as will be seen from the memoir we publish elsewhere, was a member of long, as well as of the highest, standing, having been initiated in the Westminster and Keystone Lodge in the early days of 1856. As a scholar and one given to inquire into the more abstruse mysteries of every branch of knowledge that came within his ken, he was better able than most men to appreciate at its true value the real meaning and intent of our Masonic system; while as one of the kindest and best of men, and possessing within himself the power of self-government, he was able to apply the principles inculcated by Freemasonry in all the many and various duties which devolved on him in the course of his career. He cared but little for the external splendours of the Order, but for its inner life, its history, and its unique methods of imparting knowledge he has himself told us he had the greatest admiration and respect. Of this, indeed, we had an exemplification in his treatment only two or three years since of the New South Wales question, the difficulties of which he had an opportunity of studying on the spot, when visiting our great Australasian Colonies. On that occasion, on landing at Sydney, he found the brethren under four different Constitutions in a state of violent dissension. In a short time, by his conciliatory disposition, his great tact, and ready knowledge of affairs, he succeeded in infusing a better spirit into the relations existing among the various Masonic bodies, and on his return to England, the plans he formulated for the removal of these disorders were unhesitatingly accepted by his Royal Highness the GRAND MASTER. The four dissentient bodies became one Grand Lodge, united in spirit as well as in government, and there is now no Colony of England in which the Masonic Fraternity is happier and more prosperous in itself, or better disposed towards the Grand Lodges of the Old Country than New South Wales. For this immediate and complete transformation from a state of chaos to a state of order we are mainly indebted to our late PRO GRAND MASTER, and had he never succeeded in any other purpose he set himself, this one achievement alone would entitle him to the respect of all Craftsmen both now and in the future. On the other hand, he could be firm as a rock in the maintenance of the great principles of our Society when anything happened which, in his opinion, was calculated to jeopardise the security of those principles. In 1877 the Grand Orient of France struck out of its Book of Constitutions the most important of all the Articles of our Masonic faith, namely, belief in the existence of a Supreme Being and a future state. On this his lordship took the earliest available opportunity of proposing from his place in Grand Lodge a severance of those friendly relations which had theretofore existed between the Masons

of France and of this country. This act also, though it may be said to have created disunion where none previously existed, will ensure that his memory is cherished and respected by all true Craftsmen. But we need not prolong these remarks. We have shown both here and elsewhere what manner of man he was whom death so unexpectedly removed from our midst on Saturday last. There is none who knew him personally or by repute who does not mourn his loss most deeply, and there is none who will not sacredly cherish the memory of the great services he rendered to his country both in public life and as a Freemason.

ROYAL MASONIC INSTITUTION FOR BOYS.

The Festival in celebration of the 92nd Anniversary of this Institution was held on Wednesday evening, at Freemasons' Tavern, the chair being occupied by Bro. Lord George Hamilton, M.P., P.S.G.W., and there were between 300 and 400 brethren present.

At the conclusion of the dinner grace was sung by the musical artistes, and the toasts were proposed.

The CHAIRMAN, in proposing "The Health of the Queen," said her Most Gracious Majesty had many claims on the gratitude of her subjects, as during her reign great prosperity had prevailed, and in her social and private life she had displayed those qualities on which Freemasonry was founded. On this occasion he asked the brethren to drink her Majesty's health as the grand and munificent Patroness of the Masonic Boys' School, in whose welfare she had always shown the deepest interest.

The CHAIRMAN, in proposing the toast of "His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales, M.W.G.M., the President of the Masonic Institution for Boys," said his Royal Highness had placed the Brotherhood under great obligations, as he had given a great impetus to Freemasonry in the United Kingdom by becoming Grand Master of the Order. All who had been in any way associated with him in the discharge of the duties connected with the office of Grand Master would say that he discharged his work in no perfunctory manner. His Royal Highness had presided at one of the Festivals of this Institution, and the same might be said of his Royal brother, the Duke of Connaught. On both of those occasions their Royal Highnesses' advocacy was attended by a very large amount of subscriptions. All the brethren of the Craft were thoroughly satisfied with the way in which their Royal Highnesses performed their duties, and he was sure that they thoroughly appreciated the duties of the high station in which God had placed them.

The CHAIRMAN, after the toast had been most cordially received, said that in the exercise of the discretion which was always vested in the Chairman he would interpolate a few words between the toast which he had just proposed and the toast he had next to propose. During the last few days England and Freemasonry had both experienced a great loss by the death of that distinguished Statesman and Freemason, the Earl of Carnarvon. As this was the last occasion on which any body of Freemasons were able to make any testimonial of respect to that distinguished man, who to-morrow morning would be laid in his last resting place, he would ask the brethren to drink to his memory in solemn silence. The Earl of Carnarvon was a singularly gifted man. His enthusiastic nature, his humanitarian impulses, his life in the past, his great antiquarian lore, the undying belief which he had in the necessity of every individual's contribution to the best of his ability towards alleviating the necessities and sorrows that mankind must ever be subject to, made him in every sense the beau ideal of a Freemason. In every capacity he was of the greatest service to the Craft, and when he was appointed Pro Grand Master by his Royal Highness the Prince of Wales, he brought his great knowledge of affairs and his diplomatic skill into play by bringing to a successful issue negotiations with regard to controversies which were in existence between the lodges in the colonies under the Grand Lodge of England and other Masonic bodies in those colonies. The Earl of Carnarvon's career was one of which every man might be proud, and everyone who followed him to his grave would feel that there might fitly be placed over him the memorial *Requiescat in Honore*. He (the Chairman), therefore, felt he might safely interrupt the flow of the brethren's festivity by asking them to show the last mark of respect which was possible in the great Masonic body to one whom whilst he was alive they honoured by their confidence, and whom now they revered by their respect.

The toast was drunk in silence.

The CHAIRMAN next said he had to ask the brethren to drink "The Health of the Earl of Lathom, Deputy Grand Master, the Prov. Grand Masters, and the Present and Past Grand Officers." It was a characteristic of a great corporation or Institution that it never died but lived on for ever, and if they were lamenting a few minutes ago the departure of a distinguished Freemason who had done good work, they were able to rejoice over having associated with them another admirable Freemason who had done excellent work in the Craft. Those annual gatherings brought home to them this fact, that so far as Freemasonry was concerned, the work went on though the workers changed. In the Earl of Lathom they had one who was an admirable example of a worker in the ceremonial and formalities connected with the Craft, and of one who, by his exhibition of dignity and composure, expressed the true position of a ruler in the Order. There was no living Freemason who could conduct himself with greater dignity or propriety during all the ceremonials than the Earl of Lathom, who set an example and standard which they would all do well to strive to imitate. He associated with the toast Bro. Horace Brooks Marshall, Past Grand Treasurer of England.

Bro. H. BROOKS MARSHALL, P.G. Treasurer, in reply, said he was only expressing a truism when he said that the Grand Officers were always most anxious and

desirous to discharge their respective duties. He could not boast of any service to the Craft at large in performing the ritual ceremonies, but he yielded to no one in earnestness of desire to serve as far as he was able the claims of the Institutions of which English Freemasonry was so justly proud. He hoped the Chairman and brethren would not think him boastful or egotistic when he said it had been the great privilege of his son and of himself to serve the office of Steward at each of the Institutions' Festivals every year since the date of their initiation—(cheers)—and, with the blessing of the Great Architect of the Universe, it was their intention to aspire to and hold the honourable office every year until they were summoned to the Grand Lodge above. (Applause.)

Bro. F. A. PHILBRICK, Q.C., Grand Registrar, proposed "The Chairman," and said a high honour had fallen to him that night to propose the health of that distinguished Mason, Lord George Hamilton, their brother in the chair. It had been said that the accident of birth was not always happy, but to be born to a name, not merely noble by the rank which distinguished it, but ennobled by the qualities of those who had borne the name in preceding generations, was not always an advantage to him who came in the present. The test of being worthy of distinguished ancestry and of shedding lustre on the historic name was one which had been amply fulfilled by the distinguished Chairman that evening—(hear, hear)—with whom they knew the honour of the country was secure. Notwithstanding the cares of office, he was able to come down and testify his warm interest in this great Institution, his participation and active concurrence in those feelings towards it which animated the great Masonic Craft. It was a great honour to the Institutions and peculiarly honourable to the Chairman. In the great County of Middlesex the seed had been sown; the Chairman was a Past Master of a lodge in that county. The seed had borne good fruit; and they had reason to be proud of Lord George Hamilton, Past Senior Grand Warden.

The CHAIRMAN, in replying, said he thanked the brethren for the honour they had been good enough to pay him, and for the more than kind manner in which Bro. Philbrick was pleased to speak about himself (the Chairman) and his family. It was quite true that he came, in a sense, from a good Masonic family, for his father had the honour for many years of his life of being Grand Master of the Craft in Ireland, and when he died the brethren were kind enough unanimously to elect his (the Chairman's) brother as his father's successor, and he believed such hereditary succession was somewhat rare in the annals of Freemasonry. He (the Chairman) had been unduly promoted in the ranks of Freemasonry. He spoke in the presence of many who had done much more than he had done. He was in one sense a Freemason of a good many years standing, for it was many years ago that he was initiated in a lodge in Ireland, and he then took his other Degrees in a small, humble, and poor lodge in the north of Ireland, and during the last two years, surrounded by all the paraphernalia and splendour of this English Grand Lodge, the great central administrative body of the United Kingdom, his thoughts had often gone back to the humble lodge and the home in which he learned what little he knew of Freemasonry. He was happy to say that in Ireland Freemasonry was carried on in a most fraternal spirit. His lordship then proceeded to propose the toast of the evening, "Prosperity to the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys." He had no doubt those of the brethren who took an interest in this Institution had both their hearts, their purses, and their glasses equally well charged. When he was asked to undertake the very high honour of presiding at this 92nd Anniversary of the Institution, he was quite aware that certain difficulties had, during the past 18 months, beset that Institution, and it was with the deliberate knowledge of those difficulties, and the manner in which those difficulties had been overcome, that he undertook the duty of Chairman. This great Masonic Institution of free education mainly depended for its continued existence upon the annual subscriptions and support which it got; it had little endowment. He would not go into its past history, because most likely the great majority of the brethren present were more acquainted with it than he was; but he would just lay before them a few facts. In 1865 the School building capable of holding 100 scholars was completed, and the annual income at that time was not in excess of £4500. At the present moment there were no less than 263 scholars associated with the Institution, and the income had correspondingly risen for the past 10 years to considerably over £12,000. If anybody would take the trouble of making a calculation they would find that whereas 23 years ago it cost about £45 per scholar to maintain that scholar for the year, that same rate of expenditure had practically continued up to the present day, and that the increased subscriptions and the increased income which the Institution during the past 10 years attained had not gone on extravagant management, but in maintaining an increased number of scholars in practically the same ratio. In any great school if the supervision was not exceedingly strict no doubt defects in the organisation and administration of that school might creep in. He did not wish to enlarge on that fact, but undoubtedly the Committee appointed last year made a most exhaustive examination into the management of the School; they made recommendations for adoption by the House Committee, and, therefore, he might say the School embodied all that was good in the past, but it had amalgamated with that the reform proposals for the management of the future. Therefore, he thought that every Freemason now present might be sure that if they would only give to the School in the future that support which they had already given, it would claim even a greater part among the Masonic Charities than it had yet taken. He rather laid stress upon that point. He had had a good deal to do in his life with institutions whose income depended on the annual benevolence of a particular body and of the public, and he was quite aware that wherever there was a good system of management, on any enquiry into it—whether that enquiry to a certain extent tended to shake the confidence in it or not—they could not after that enquiry get the same amount of contributions and subscriptions. But if this great educational Institute was to play the same part in the future as in the past, it was essential that they should all bestir themselves and take care that even if, as he feared that night, the subscriptions would fall short of the past year, he hoped that would only be an inducement to the brethren next year to bring them up to the old standard. What was the fact? This Institution of all the three Masonic Charities had the smallest sum invested. The income derived from that source did not exceed £700 a year, and there were 263 boys in the School, and those boys could not be educated, according to the report of the Committee which enquired into the matter, at a less sum than £43 per annum. Anyone who had had to do with first-class education would say that that was not an excessive sum for boys from 8 to 15. As Freemasons they would be ashamed of themselves if they attempted to stint the quality of the education they gave those boys, because, after all, what did this great Institution do? To his mind it was the most important of the three Institutions. In the competition of life, somebody must from time to time go to the wall, and every one of those now present knew that in every section of society in which they moved they found individuals and families fell from the high stations which they inherited. The only means of setting such a family on its legs again, and restore them to their lost status of comfort and opulence was to give the boys a thoroughly good education, with the knowledge that if they utilised the advantages and opportunities which, through kind friends, were thus afforded to them they might resuscitate the fortunes of their family, and once more place them in the position they formerly occupied. Therefore, in an Institution such as this, which dealt with the education of boys, no more important education could be given than one which would really benefit them most; because pure benevolence meant, after all, the making comfortable the lives of those who had been fairly comfortable. To give a good education to a sharp and aspiring boy meant giving

a chance to the rising generation to take advantage of those opportunities which might have been neglected. Therefore, if they wished to get at the sources of want they should direct their attention to the improvement of schools rather than give more money to mere charitable institutions. Every person who was charitably disposed should look after the money he gave as if he was investing it in his own interest. He was glad to find an almost unanimous feeling in this great gathering. Let them see what had been done to this School. In the first place he was bound to say that from what he could see, although he was going into controversial matter—although there had been faults in the past management of the School, there was a brother well known for his energy who had done much in the past to bring the School before them. (Cheers.) Let them, therefore, whilst freeing the management of the School from any defects and faults which by investigation had been proved to exist, place it on a more satisfactory footing in the future. The Committee had been successful in many things. They had secured the services of a most capable Head Master—(applause)—and he (the Chairman) had in his hand a little specimen of what well-applied tact and energy might do in a small and incidental matter. This specimen was the first number of the *Masonian*, which was printed at the School, and anybody who looked at it would see that this little periodical was got up in an admirable manner. It was very well printed, and every one would say it reflected the highest credit on the School, because many of the boys who were engaged in setting up the type were novices and under ten years of age. It might be some satisfaction to know that if an editor of one of the great dailies had a strike among his compositors the Masonic Boys' School would be able to come to his rescue. This was a little incident, but it was like a straw which showed which way the wind blew, because no school could have undertaken the printing of this periodical unless there was instilled into that school a feeling of *esprit de corps*, and he was highly glad to hear that there were indications in many directions that the boys' athletic tendencies were being cultivated, and that the boys were showing, as all English boys did, a partiality for kicks and hard knocks. (Laughter.) If he might make one more observation he would say that one of the games which he hoped would be encouraged in that School—though he did not in any way wish to disparage lawn tennis, which, however, was played with a hollow and soft ball—the game the boys played with was a hard and whole ball. If a boy had his eye on defending himself and got the onslaughts of a hard ball he would be able to get on with a soft ball. (Hear, hear.) He had now detained the brethren longer than he had intended, but he hoped the collection that night might be in excess of what was anticipated. If they would be kind enough to recollect that he undertook the duties of Chairman of this Festival in the belief that the subscriptions would be below those of the past, that he did so intending to appeal to them that in future they should bring up the subscriptions to their old standard. If they did he should feel that he had not spent his evening in vain among his Masonic brethren, and in that gathering his few words would have been successful in enabling this great Masonic Educational Institution for the future to enter upon a career of renovated activity upon an enlarged basis. He now asked them with all heartiness to drink "Prosperity to the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys."

The toast having been heartily drunk,

Bro. GEORGE PLUCKNETT, Treasurer of the Institution, in reply, said he thanked the brethren for the liberality and munificence with which all the Institutions were supported, and for the great services which were rendered by the brethren to Masonry. Most valuable time were given to make the Boys' School as perfect as it could be, and to carry out the great objects which the Craft had. The School was opened with 100 boys, and a few more were admitted every year. They were only admitted a few each year, but at last they were obliged to make a complete change and admit 200 boys. When an increase was once decided on, it necessarily followed that they must make more room. This was done, and then they had to provide for the pleasure of the boys, to make extra class-rooms, to give better ventilation, to enlarge the place, and so on. For many years the House Committee had felt that a swimming bath was absolutely necessary for the health of the boys, and for other purposes. The new hall and the new buildings for the junior boys had taken away much money, and not much was left to make a swimming bath. He hoped and trusted that the few words he had addressed to the brethren would encourage them to provide the requisite funds for its erection at no distant date. Until they had a swimming bath the Institution could not be complete. When they got it there would be no nobler institution than the Masonic Institution for Boys. Those who were not acquainted with it should go down to it, and see what the Provisional Committee had done, and he knew they would be delighted. He trusted it would not be allowed to languish for want of funds. He could assure them that any money subscribed would be well and properly spent.

Bro. BINCKES, who was received with enthusiastic cheers, rose to read the list of subscriptions, but commenced by saying that, while being called upon to discharge his ordinary duty, he should be undiminished of any feeling of gratitude that ought to actuate any brother placed in the position which he was in that evening if he did not acknowledge, in the first place, some complimentary allusions the Chairman had made to him, and the large assembly before him for the manner in which they had received his name as still the representative of the Institution. (Cheers.) In vacating the position he had occupied for 30 years he was delighted to find that on this his last representative occasion among the brethren they had done him the honour of having given him such an opinion as they had. It would ill become him to add any observations to those he had already, by the Chairman's permission, addressed to the brethren and he only wished with reference to the size of that evening's Festival, that more had had the opportunity of listening to the Chairman's very encouraging and delightful observations with regard to the merits of the Institution and the work it had to do. He did not think, nay, he might say he was sure, that of all the long list of Chairmen who had presided over their anniversary festivals, and he had listened to—and he should ask the brethren to endorse what he said—a more admirable and sympathetic speech, a more genial speech, a more encouraging speech, than they had heard that evening, they had never heard before. When he knew the difficulties in which the Institution was placed in obtaining a Chairman for this festival, they would be more grateful than he knew how to be of the consent of Lord George Hamilton to preside that evening. He hoped his lordship would never regret the honour he had done them in presiding and the hearty welcome he had received at the hands of the brethren. His (Bro. Binckes) only regret was—and it was a great and severe one—that in the face of hostile circumstances he should not be able to witness a more satisfactory result. He did not wish to be personal, but they had given him on the eve of his retirement a hearty welcome, and he should carry with him in his retirement the sympathy of a large number of good friends. He hoped there was a larger success in store for this glorious Institution in the future than it had had in the past. Bro. Binckes then read the following

STEWARDS' LISTS.

LONDON.		Lodge	£	s.	d.
The Chairman gave a donation of	£52	1 Bro. J. D. Langton	10	10	0
ros., which is included in the list of Bro.		2 " W. Harvey Rylands	52	5	0
G. Gardner, Steward for the George		4 " Rev. A. W. Oxford,			
Gardner Lodge, No. 2309 (see <i>Berks and</i>		M.A. M	15	15	0
<i>Bucks</i>).		5 " E. H. Hartopp	51	19	6
Lodge	£	6 " H. Dobree, jun.	21	0	0
G. Stewards Bro. Capt. Jonh P.	s.	8 " Edward Cooper	15	15	0
Probert	d.	9 " Edwin Waller	50	8	0
			22	1	0

Lodge	£	s.	d.
14 Bro. W. E. Sampson ...	27	0	6
21 " Charles Mansfield ...	25	4	0
26 " W. B. M. Bird ...	40	8	6
28 " E. F. Debenham ...	34	13	0
29 " George A. Pickering ...	40	8	6
55 " W. H. Dipstale ...	53	11	0
59 " P. F. Portway ...	15	15	0
60 " W. H. P. Balliston ...	34	13	0
91 " Henry J. Treadwell ...	27	6	0
101 " Frank Williams ...	132	6	0
177 " Nathan Salmon ...	189	0	0
183 " George R. Langley ...	8	0	0
188 " Israel Abrahams ...	68	5	0
197 " G. Lancelot Eyles ...	10	10	0
198 " Major G. Lambert, F.S.A. ...	26	5	0
206 " William H. Asher ...	40	19	0
255 " Louis H. Letord ...	23	2	0
435 " George B. Witt ...	26	5	0
534 " J. E. Currie Jackson ...	241	10	0
700 " John Warren ...	38	6	0
749 " Henry W. L. Hobbs ...	36	15	0
766 " Francis G. Barns ...	22	11	6
820 " R. Pye ...	27	6	0
822 " H. W. Chambers ...	46	4	0
834 " W. J. Copleston ...	48	6	0
857 " E. W. J. Crouch ...	45	0	0
890 " James T. Axford ...	27	6	0
902 " John Beddoes ...	42	0	0
969 " George D. Lister ...	103	19	0
1185 " Alfred H. Thompson ...	55	2	6
1329 " G. W. Marsden ...	63	0	0
1383 " T. C. Sandeman ...	50	18	6
1471 " Sidney Napper ...	26	5	0
1585 " Valentine Winn ...	37	16	0
1593 " G. W. Armstrong ...	36	4	6
1593 " Albert Escort ...	50	8	0
1613 " F. Stallard ...	26	5	0
1615 " E. B. I. Ansom ...	15	15	0
1622 " Isaac Dunn ...	31	0	0
1632 " Charles Fruen ...	63	0	0
1641 " G. M. E. Hamilton ...	31	0	0
1642 " John Woodmason ...	35	0	0
1671 " Henry White ...	70	0	0
1672 " W. de B. Seagrave ...	28	12	0
1693 " W. T. H. Mayer ...	35	14	0
1695 " Thos. G. Hodgson ...	30	0	0
1707 " Joseph G. Webb ...	31	2	0
1744 " William Jaques ...	5	5	0
1768 " James W. Gaze ...	21	0	0
1891 " Fred. Buxton ...	25	0	0
1928 " Herbert Wright ...	21	0	0
1974 " John C. Partridge ...	25	0	0
1987 " W. Madge ...	21	0	0
2060 " L. Clure ...	107	5	0
2128 " W. H. Bullock ...	10	10	0
2128 " J. S. Cumberland ...	26	15	6
2128 " W. E. Porter, M.B. ...	107	5	0
2128 " W. Masters ...	10	10	0
2190 " Sir Somers Vine ...	10	10	0
2243 " Gordon Smith ...	10	10	0
2240 " Henry Holmes ...	10	10	0
2264 " G. S. Miller ...	10	10	0
2265 " M. J. De Leeuw ...	10	10	0
2308 " H. Nelson Price ...	10	10	0
2348 " S. J. Attenborough ...	30	0	0
142 Comp. John Glass ...	26	5	0
1297 " Finch ...	10	10	0
1446 " G. M. E. Hamilton (see Lodge 1641) ...	10	10	0
1471 " W. Shurmur ...	21	0	0
Bro. J. Derby Alcroft ...	10	10	0
" J. H. Baxter ...	10	10	0
" W. Belchamber ...	10	10	0
" Lieut.-Col. F. E. Bennett ...	15	15	0
" F. Binckes ...	21	0	0
" James Blyth ...	52	10	0
" W. Body ...	10	10	0
" H. F. Bromhead ...	10	10	0
" Armand W. Duret ...	10	10	0
" Joseph Eisenmann ...	52	10	0
" George Everett ...	31	10	0
" A. Gregory ...	21	0	0
" Capt. C. J. Knightley ...	21	0	0
" H. B. Marshall, J.P. ...	10	10	0
" H. B. Marshall, jun., B.A. ...	42	0	0
" C. J. S. Meightley ...	10	10	0
" Charles J. Miller ...	25	4	0
" H. F. Nash ...	36	15	0
" F. A. Norton ...	15	15	0
" Francis F. W. Oldfield ...	26	5	0
" O. Philippe ...	10	10	0
" Frederick W. Prior ...	10	10	0
" George Rice ...	10	10	0
" Capt. B. H. Russell, J.P. ...	10	10	0
" Edward Terry ...	10	10	0
" E. E. Wendt ...	10	10	0
" T. Blanco White ...	10	10	0
" F. Wright ...	10	10	0

THE PROVINCES.

BERKS AND BUCKS.

Lodge	£	s.	d.
574 Bro. Reginald Maples ...	10	10	0
794 " J. Greenfield ...	25	4	0
840 " Rev. F. R. Harnett ...	30	0	0
945 " Rev. A. T. Morland ...	21	0	0
1410 " Charles W. Guille ...	18	12	0
2244 " Joseph Bliss ...	36	15	0
1501 " Major Luke Bishop ...	15	15	0
2228 " Geo. Gardner (including the Chairman's donation of £52 10s. 8d.) ...	80	6	0
2309 " Bro. Benjamin Chennell ...	206	12	0
Lodge	£	s.	d.
428 " W. Masters ...	10	10	0
The Province—	£	s.	d.
Bro. Major John J. Ross ...	137	10	0

CAMBRIDGESHIRE.

CHESTER.

CORNWALL.

Lodge	£	s.	d.
353 Bro. Jonathan Fisher ...	57	15	0
" Geo. Fletcher ...	10	10	0
" J. H. Lawson ...	105	0	0
" William H. Marsden ...	10	10	0
" Thomas Roe, M.P. ...	10	10	0
" Percy Wallis ...	15	15	0
" A. Woodiwiss, J.P. ...	26	5	0
The Province—	£	s.	d.
Bro. S. R. Baskett ...	181	13	0
DURHAM.	£	s.	d.
The Province—	£	s.	d.
Bro. C. D. Hill Drury ...	78	15	0
ESSEX.	£	s.	d.
Lodge	£	s.	d.
453 Bro. George Corble ...	13	13	0
697 " John T. Barley ...	26	5	0
1437 " Joseph S. Hammond ...	15	15	0
1457 " Wm. J. Shadrake ...	89	5	0
2154 " Z. Hunt ...	31	10	0
2255 " James Terry ...	10	10	0
2318 " T. S. Jackson, M.D. ...	120	15	0
GLOUCESTERSHIRE.	£	s.	d.
Bro. R. V. Vassar-Smith, D.P.G.M. ...	36	15	0
" Sir Lionel E. Darell, Bart. ...	10	10	0
82 " Joseph W. Drew ...	10	10	0
493 " Charles G. Clark ...	10	10	0
839 " J. Bryan ...	11	11	0
HANTS AND ISLE OF WIGHT.	£	s.	d.
Bro. J. E. Le Feuvre ...	36	15	0
Lodge	£	s.	d.
35 Bro. Asher Barfield ...	57	15	0
76 " Thomas Stopher ...	45	1	0
257 and 1834 Bro. A. Howell ...	63	0	0
309 Bro. William H. Hill ...	15	15	0
723 " Charles Bateman ...	26	5	0
785 " Charles W. Jellicoe ...	22	1	0
2016 " Rev. A. C. Hervey ...	24	3	0
403 Bro. Rev. W. Mills ...	37	16	0
404 " C. E. Keyser ...	33	12	0
409 " Thomas J. Mann ...	21	0	0
869 " P. Sharpe ...	50	8	0
1479 " Rev. F. Willcox ...	73	10	0
2278 " John Petch ...	105	0	0
The Province—	£	s.	d.
Bro. J. E. Eastes ...	75	0	6
Lodge	£	s.	d.
20 Bro. C. T. Smith ...	63	0	0
558 " W. Dunk ...	68	5	0
558 " G. L. Hart ...	42	0	0
1273 " William Roots ...	30	0	0
1314 " John H. Sanders ...	30	0	0
1414 " Rev. T. S. Curteis ...	10	10	0
1541 " William Hollis ...	30	0	0
2347 " Harlow ...	10	10	0
2147 " Sidney Mathew ...	35	12	6
191 Bro. S. Foster Butcher ...	10	10	0
221 " William Hayes ...	10	10	0
343 " John Kenyon ...	10	10	0
1723 " E. G. Harwood ...	10	10	0
" Charles Turner ...	10	10	0
LANCASHIRE (WEST DIVISION).	£	s.	d.
32 Bro. Robert M. Bourke ...	10	10	0
32 " E. H. Cookson ...	10	10	0
32 " L. S. Winsloe ...	10	10	0
155 and 2229 Bro. E. Pierpoint ...	10	10	0
179 " Robert Layland ...	10	10	0
680 and 2316 Bro. Jas. de B. Adam ...	31	5	0
1335 " J. D. Murray ...	210	0	0
2269 " J. H. Smith ...	10	10	0
2269 " Thomas Margeson ...	10	10	0
MIDDLESEX.	£	s.	d.
1309 " B. Dawson Crofts ...	10	10	0
1326 " W. Kate ...	30	0	0
1503 " William H. Saunders ...	10	10	0
" T. F. H. Woodward ...	26	5	0
313 " G. Harvey Harvey ...	10	10	0
NORTH WALES.	£	s.	d.
755 " A. Sumner ...	52	10	0
1336 " C. K. Benson ...	26	5	0
1477 " J. D. Bolton ...	30	19	6
1988 " Major Thos. W. Best ...	141	15	0
1988 " W. R. Davies ...	36	15	0
NOTTINGHAMSHIRE.	£	s.	d.
" J. Morrison McLeod ...	25	5	0
" Robt. Charles Wills ...	11	1	6
OXFORDSHIRE.	£	s.	d.
357 " G. Lennox Peareth ...	10	10	0
1703 " W. H. Tarrant, jun. ...	10	10	0
1895 " Thomas Riggs ...	60	18	0
SHROPSHIRE.	£	s.	d.
117 " V. C. L. Crump ...	21	0	0
2311 " Thomas Roberts ...	36	15	0
611 " W. L. Southwell ...	10	10	0
1621 " A. C. Spaul ...	31	10	0
" F. R. Spaul ...	10	10	0
" W. H. Spaul ...	10	10	0
" R. G. Venables ...	316	1	0
SOMERSETSHIRE.	£	s.	d.
The Province—	£	s.	d.
Bro. James S. Hadden ...	42	0	0
" Ashcroft ...	10	10	0

Lodge	£	s.	d.
290 Bro. Wm. P. Raynor ...	28	7	0
296 " Edward Atkinson ...	31	10	0
302 " Charles Brumm ...	10	10	0
302 " T. A. Williamson ...	10	10	0
306 " J. C. Malcolm ...	10	10	0
307 " Thos. Uttley ...	10	10	0
307 " W. Cockcroft ...	10	10	0
387 " William Oddy ...	10	10	0
401 " R. K. Shuttleworth ...	10	10	0
495 " B. F. Glover ...	10	10	0
750 " Rawson Kelley ...	10	10	0
904 " Frederick Cleaves ...	10	10	0
904 " George Foster ...	10	10	0
904 " T. W. Gillett ...	10	10	0
974 " E. H. Barraclough ...	10	10	0
974 " W. H. Benn ...	10	10	0
974 " A. N. Briggs ...	10	10	0
974 " H. A. Foster ...	10	10	0
974 " Thomas Ibbetson ...	10	10	0
974 " Frank Johnson ...	10	10	0
974 " W. C. Lupton ...	10	10	0
974 " A. P. Rendell ...	10	10	0
1019 " Dr. Adolph Hess ...	10	10	0
1019 " W. H. Haley ...	10	10	0
1042 " H. Cowbrough ...	10	10	0
1042 " W. M. Tyers ...	10	10	0
1102 " William Wilson ...	10	10	0
1108 " William Weegman ...	10	10	0
1108 " W. H. Dawson ...	10	10	0
1211 " J. W. Fourness ...	10	10	0
1211 " Name to follow ...	10	10	0
1513 " T. W. Embleton ...	10	10	0
1513 " C. W. Fincken ...	10	10	0
1514 " G. H. Holdroyd ...	10	10	0
2069 " Tudor Trevor ...	10	10	0
2069 " Robt. Abbott ...	10	10	0
2161 " Walker Dyson ...	10	10	0
2268 " J. N. Pickering ...	10	10	0
2321 " Alfred Stephenson ...	10	10	0
2321 " J. T. Last ...	10	10	0
FOREIGN STATIONS.	£	s.	d.
BENGAL.	£	s.	d.
Bro. W. Girling ...	21	0	0
MADRAS.	£	s.	d.
Lodge	£	s.	d.
150 Bro. Herbert Bradley ...	10	10	0
SOUTH WALES (WEST DIVISION).	£	s.	d.
The Province—	£	s.	d.
Bro. Aaron Stone ...	136	10	0
STAFFORDSHIRE.	£	s.	d.
Lodge	£	s.	d.
Bro. J. Bodenham ...	273	0	0
418 " James T. Hanson ...	31	10	0
418 " W. Tunnicliffe ...	31	10	0
637 and 2149 Bro. John B. Ashwell ...	31	10	0
624 " Blackball ...	31	10	0
624 " Thompson ...	31	10	0
SUFFOLK.	£	s.	d.
Bro. C. G. Hayward ...	10	10	0
" Rev. Richard Peek ...	42	0	0
225 " J. Napier ...	63	0	0
305 " A. R. Scott ...	90	6	0
1008 " R. J. Symonds ...	52	10	0
1224 " Charles W. Lord ...	28	7	0
889 and 1638 Bro. W. Drewett ...	31	10	0
1046 Bro. Ernest Crundwell ...	10	10	0
1872 " J. H. Crofts ...	10	10	0
1872 " Charles M. Hogg ...	14	3	6
2317 " Rev. J. Cates, M.A. ...	10	10	0
SUSSEX.	£	s.	d.
Bro. Chas. W. Hudson ...	63	0	0
732 " Richard Willard ...	63	0	0
1636 " W. Ballchin ...	63	0	0
1636 " W. B. Isworth ...	63	0	0
WARWICKSHIRE.	£	s.	d.
Bro. Joseph Baddington ...	78	15	0
739 " J. C. Stockhouse ...	42	10	0
WILTSHIRE.	£	s.	d.
Bro. Harry Bevir ...	78	15	0
WORCESTERSHIRE.	£	s.	d.
498 Bro. Abraham Green ...	51	0	0
YORKSHIRE (WEST).	£	s.	d.
Lodge	£	s.	d.
154 Bro. H. S. Childe ...	3385	10	6
154 " W. A. Statter ...	5867	11	6
275 " William Murphy ...	314	15	0
290 " John J. Brook ...	51	0	0
290 " William Harrop ...	314	15	0
SUMMARY OF THE PROVINCES.	£	s.	d.
Berks and Bucks ...	238	2	0
Cambridgeshire ...	206	12	0
Cheshire ...	10	10	0
Cornwall ...	137	10	0
Derbyshire ...	236	5	0
Devonshire ...	74	11	0
Dorsetshire ...	181	13	0
Durham ...	78	15	0
Essex ...	307	13	0
Gloucestershire ...	69	6	0

cial lists being firstly that of Bro. John Warren, P.M. and Sec., who represented the Nelson Lodge, No. 700, and takes the highest place among the Metropolitan Stewards, with the very handsome sum of £241 10s. Next to him we find Bro. G. R. Langley, P.M., who did duty for the Lodge of Unity, No. 183, and had the satisfaction of compiling £189. Bro. Nathan Salmon, W.M. of the Domatic Lodge, No. 177, stood third with £132 6s., and Bro. W. Madge, Steward for the Strand Lodge, No. 1987, fourth, with £126 5s., the other three figure lists being those of Bro. H. Nelson Price, Steward for the Viator Lodge, No. 2308, who obtained £107 5s., and Bro. T. C. Sandeman, who worthily represented the Friends in Council, No. 1383, and has standing to his credit the goodly sum of £103 19s. As they were only 69 lodges and four chapters represented, these half dozen lists constitute after all not so bad a proportion of the London Returns. The Unattached Stewards were 29 in number, the sum raised by them being about the usual character, that is to say, comprising for the most part personal donations of 10 guineas, with a small sprinkling of higher figures interspersed amongst them.

So much for the Metropolitan section of the Stewards' Returns. Turning our attention to

THE PROVINCES

we find that, though only two-thirds of them are represented, the array of Stewards is a strong one, and there can be no doubt they have worked both earnestly and successfully in order to supply the Institution with the needful ways and means for the current year. The following are the 14 absentees from the present Festival, namely, BEDFORDSHIRE (six lodges), which has taken no part in the Festival celebrations of this year, possibly because the office of Prov. G.M., which till lately was occupied by Bro. Col. W. Stuart, P.G.W., is vacant, and the Province therefore is unsettled. However, it was among the contributing Provinces at the Boys' Festival last year, and had a share in the Centenary of the Girls' School in 1888, BRISTOL (nine lodges) has also been an absentee from the Festivals of the current year, but it can give a very good account of itself in connection with those of previous years, and will doubtless figure again to good purpose when its time for so doing is ripe. CUMBERLAND AND WESTMORLAND (22 lodges) was represented on a modest scale at the Benevolent Festival in February, when it raised £73 10s. for that Institution, and it also subscribed £140 in 1889, of which the same Charity received over £100, and the Boys' School the remainder. In 1888 it figured for 1000 guineas (£1050) at the Festival of the Benevolent Institution, and £210 at the Girls' Centenary, while in 1886, when the Boys' Festival was held at Brighton, the total of its Returns was £500. HEREFORDSHIRE (five lodges) has had no part in any Festival since the Girls' Centenary, and though we are aware that it has its Charity Organisation, we think it would do well to enter an appearance in these Returns at shorter intervals. LEICESTERSHIRE AND RUTLAND (12 lodges) is one of those Provinces of medium strength which assist our Charities only now and again, and as it raised £189 for the Old Folks in February, its absence from the Girls' Festival in May, and on the present occasion need not excite any surprise. Nor, as regards LINCOLNSHIRE (23 lodges) can we wonder that it should have been unrepresented on Wednesday, seeing that it subscribed over £100 to the Benevolent Institution in February, and a fraction over £542 to the Girls' School in May. MONMOUTHSHIRE (10 lodges) was among the supporters of the Girls' School in May, when its half-dozen Stewards raised amongst them £247. Last year the Boys' Institution was aided to the extent of upwards of £300; in 1888 the Girls' School received the bulk of the £530 which its brethren raised; while in the year of the Queen's Jubilee the Old People were favoured to the extent of £300, and the Girls' School received £62 10s. The Province of NORTHANTS AND HUNTS (11 lodges) has been called upon pretty freely since Bro. the Earl of Euston was installed Prov. Grand Master, its principal effort having been made in behalf of the Benevolent Institution at its Festival last year, when his lordship occupied the chair, and the lodges under his obedience raised £914 10s. 6d. NORTHUMBERLAND (23 lodges) was moderately represented at the Girls' Centenary to the extent of 50 guineas (£52 10s.) and in the February preceding it contributed £900 to the R.M. Benevolent Institution. It has lain on its oars since then, but we have little doubt we shall hear of it in the early future as figuring among the contributing Provinces at one of these Festivals with a large amount to its credit. SOUTH WALES, EAST DIVISION (16 lodges), having raised £400 for the Girls' School Festival the other day, may justly claim a rest from labour, while NORTH AND EAST YORKSHIRE (30 lodges) has played a small part in the preceding Festivals of this year, and at the same time has raised a very considerable sum for its own Educational Institute, which was started last year, so that its absence may readily be accounted for on Wednesday. The other three absentees are the CHANNEL ISLANDS (five lodges), JERSEY (seven lodges), and ISLE OF MAN (eight lodges), which from time to time give evidence of the interest they take in our Institutions, and whose contributions are always welcome.

As regards the represented Provinces, we find that of

BERKS AND BUCKS

in its usual place, and, what is more to the point, in somewhat greater force than usual. The number of its Stewards on Wednesday was less than at the Benevolent Festival in February, when 13 brethren, representing seven lodges and a chapter, raised £435 13s. 6d., and also in May, when 10 brethren raised £142 17s. 6d. for the Girls' School. On this occasion nine lodges shared the good work amongst them, four of them belonging to the Berks section of the Province and five to the Bucks, while one brother did duty as Steward for two lodges. The total amount subscribed was £238 5s., which added to the contributions in February and May makes the aggregate for the year £814 16s. As this is the last time on which the two counties will act together as one Province, we seize the opportunity of congratulating the brethren on the success which has signalled their labours on behalf of our Charities during the current year and previously, nor have we any doubt that when the change in their organisation as separate Provinces has been completed, the two will be found as firm friends of our Institution as ever, only instead of working together as one body, they will exert themselves in friendly rivalry to achieve, as far as possible, the same beneficent object.

CAMBRIDGESHIRE,

which has but six lodges, figured in the Benevolent Returns in February for £52 10s., contributed by the hands of Bro. C. A. Vinter. It was not represented at the Girls' Festival in May, but on Wednesday its Steward, Bro. Benjamin Channell, Prov. S.G.W., compiled a list of £206 12s., which raises the total contributed during the current year to £259 2s. Last year it raised £315, all three Institutions obtaining a share, though more than half was handed to this Institution, and in 1888 it raised £362 5s. for the Girls' Centenary, the amounts it distributed among the three Charities in the previous two years being £537 11s. in 1887 and £547 5s. in 1886. These figures show what zeal, energy, and organisation on the part of even a small Province are capable of doing.

At the last moment,

CHESHIRE

was saved from being in the list of absentees by Bro. W. Masters, Sincerity Lodge, No. 428, Northwich, entering an appearance as Steward and handing a list of £10 10s. In February, it contributed £120 15s. to the funds of the Benevolent Institution, and in May close on £70 to those of the Girls' School, the aggregate for the three anniversaries being £201 5s. But as we have said in previous analytical articles, the Cheshire Educational Institute naturally has the first claim on the attention of the brethren, and therefore we cannot expect large contributions from this Province in aid of the central Charities.

CORNWALL,

with its 30 lodges, has figured at the Festivals of all three Institutions during this year. It raised £110 5s. by the hands of Bro. F. W. Thomas for the Old People in February. In May, with Bro. G. B. Pearce as representative, it gave £132 6s. to the Girls' School, and on Wednesday Bro. Major Ross raised £137 10s. for this Institution, the total for the whole year being £380 1s. Last year it distributed £362 5s. among the three Charities; in 1888, £465 5s., of which £372 15s. was raised for the Girls' Centenary, and in 1887, Bro. G. B. Pearce being the Steward at all three Festivals, £704 11s.

Only one of the 23 lodges in

DERBYSHIRE

was directly represented on Wednesday, but there were half-a-dozen brethren acting as Stewards Unattached, and among them will be found the names of such well known Masons as Bros. A. Woodiwiss, J.P., Percy Wallis, and George Fletcher. The total raised by the seven brethren was £236 5s., which, added to the £42 17s. contributed to the R.M.B.I. in February, and the £160 10s. to the Girls' School, increases the aggregate for the year to £444 12s. Last year its total was over £414, and the average per year for the previous four years was £810, caused principally by its large support to this Institution in 1885, when Bro. the Marquis of Hartington acted as Chairman, and its handsome contribution of £789 to the Girls' Centenary in 1888.

DEVONSHIRE

had two admirable representatives in Bro. Dr. Lemon—a veteran in this field of Masonic work, who acted independently—and Bro. the Rev. Harry A. Hebb, M.A., the new Head Master, who represented the Lodge of Union, No. 444, Starcross. Their lists together amounted to £74 11s., which, added to the £207 10s. raised by Bro. Lemon in February for the Benevolent Institution, and the £142 16s.—of which Bro. John Lane was responsible for all but £6 6s.—for the Girls' School in May, gives a total for the year of £424 18s. In 1889 the Province was included in the Returns for all three Festivals, but the sum contributed by Comp. Westlake, of Chapter No. 70, was not stated, and we are able to trace, therefore, only £94 10s., the personal donation of Bro. Lemon to the Girls' School in May, and £103 19s. raised for the Boys' School in June, £93 9s. of the latter sum being Bro. Lemon's share of the contribution, the total for the year so far as it is ascertainable being £198 9s. In 1888 it raised £1013 5s., of which the Boys' School, at whose Festival Bro. Viscount Ebrington, M.P., P.G.M., presided as Chairman, received £840, the Girls' School at its Centenary £126, and the R.M.B.I. £47 5s.

The last occasion on which the Province of

DORSETSHIRE

was represented was at the Festival of the Benevolent Institution in February, 1889, when it contributed £156 10s. Bro. Binckes, therefore, must have been well content to see it included in the list of Wednesday, when Bro. S. R. Baskett, who, by the way, is one of the prominent candidates for the vacant Secretaryship, raised a total of £181 13s. Bro. Baskett has acted in the same capacity on previous occasions, and obtained £100 out of the £156 10s. already mentioned as having been raised for the Old People in February, 1889, so that he deserves all the greater credit for his success on this occasion. In 1888 it returned £294 at the Girls' Centenary, and was more or less substantially represented at one or more of the Festivals held in each of the three preceding years.

Bro. C. D. Hill Drury acted as Steward on behalf of the Province of

DURHAM,

the amount of his list being £78 15s. In February, though no brother undertook the office of Steward, the Province figured in the list as contributing £78 15s., while in May Bro. John Sinclair, as the provincial representative, compiled a total of £105, so that Durham, with its complement of 30 lodges and upwards, has raised during the current year £262 10s. Last year its contributions to the three Charities reached a total of £354 18s., while in the year preceding it amounted to £751 3s., of which the R.M.B.I. received £122 15s., the Girls' School at its Centenary, £375 18s., and the Boys' School, £262 10s.

There are now upwards of 30 lodges on the roll of

ESSEX,

and though in 1889 it made a less successful display than in many preceding years, owing no doubt to its heavier work in connection with the Girls' Centenary in 1888, it has undoubtedly made amends for any such shortcoming during the present year. In February it sent up 11 Stewards, who raised amongst them £385 16s. 6d., and in May its five Stewards together returned £284 0s. 6d. On Wednesday seven of its lodges sent Stewards, among them being the Chigwell, No. 453, with Bro. George Corble as Steward; the United, No. 697, Colchester, with Bro. J. T. Bailey; the Philbrick, No. 2255, Chingford, with Bro. James Terry, Secretary of the R.M.B.I., as its representative; and the Lennox Browne, No. 2318, with Bro. Dr. Scoresby-Jackson for Steward. The total returned is £307 13s., so that the product for the whole year amounts to £977 10s., as against £646 5s. 6d. in 1889, £1297 3s. 6d. in 1888, and £873 4s. in the year of the Queen's Jubilee.

Three out of the 14 lodges in

GLOUCESTERSHIRE,

namely, Foundation, No. 82, Cheltenham, and Royal Lebanon, No. 493, Gloucester, and another, figure in the Returns as having been directly represented on this occasion, while Bros. R. V. Vassar-Smith, D.P.G.M., and Sir Lionel E. Darell, Bart., P.G.D., acted as Unattached Stewards. These raised amongst them a total of £69 6s., which, with the sum of £144 7s. compiled by six Stewards for the Benevolent Institution in February, and Bro. Drew's £21 for the Girls' School in May, makes the year's aggregate £234 13s. Last year it raised only £199 10s., but in 1888 it contributed the handsome total of £621 3s. 6d., of which the Girls' School received £520 18s. In 1887 the Province was comparatively quiet, giving only £221 11s., but during the three preceding years it averaged close on £747 per annum, so that its respected Prov. Grand Master, Bro. Sir M. Hicks-Beach, Bart., M.P., has good reason to be proud of the body he presides over so successfully.

We have before stated as a reason why

HANTS AND THE ISLE OF WIGHT,

though it has some 46 lodges on its roll, has not figured quite as conspicuously as in former years at our Festivals, that it has been raising from £1800 to £2000 for its Educational Institute. Hence, in February last it gave only £130 5s. 3d. to the Benevolent Institution, while in May its contribution to the Girls' School was still less, amounting only to £85 1s. Last year, too, it raised no more than £367 1s. 6d. for the three Charities. On Wednesday, however, eight of its lodges were represented, and the sum total of their lists reached £266 12s., making the aggregate for 1890 £481 18s. 3d. Still, these figures are much below those of 1888, when the Returns amounted to £1355 1s. 1d., of which the bulk was received by the Girls' Institution, as well as of those for 1887, when they were within sixpence of £1883, of which the Benevolent Institution received £1785 9s. 6d. in support of the Chairmanship of Bro. W. W. B. Beach, M.P., P.G.M. However, it so much is not forthcoming from the Province in aid of the Central Charities, it is gratifying to know that the money finds its way abundantly into the treasury of the local Institution. Even so strong and influential a Province as this cannot always be raising a large amount of supplies both for home and outside purposes, so that Hants and the Isle of Wight may well be congratulated on the success of its latest contribution.

HERTFORDSHIRE

had six out of its 20 lodges represented on this occasion, the total of their lists being £240 9s. Bro. the Rev. W. Mills, W.M. of the Hertford Lodge, No. 403, served his third consecutive Stewardship at this Festival, and so also did Bro. C. E. Keyser, who, however, has acted in the same capacity in many previous years, while during the current year he has divided his attention among the Watford Lodge, No. 404, for which he obtained a list of £37 16s. on Wednesday, the Lodge of Antiquity, No. 2, London, which he represented at the Girls' School Festival in May, and the new Bushey Hall Lodge, No. 2323, for which he raised £92 8s. at the Benevolent Institution in February. The total from Hertfordshire for the current year amounts to £667 8s., made up of £297 11s. in February, £129 8s. in May, and £240 9s. on Wednesday. Last year the total for the three Institutions was £371 7s. and in 1888 £796 14s. 6d., of which £649 19s. was raised for the Girls' Centenary, and £146 15s. 6d. for the Benevolent Institution.

KENT,

which now has close upon 60 lodges on its roll, had just seven of them represented, Bro. Eastes, D.P.G.M., acting for the Province, when the sum total contributed was £379 0s. 6d. In February a contingent of 11 Stewards raised £744 15s. for the Old People, and in May three Stewards returned £213 9s. 6d. The total, therefore, for the whole year amounts to £1337 5s., as against £1460 16s. 6d., of which the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution was fortunate enough to receive £821 17s. 6d. in 1889. In 1888 it raised £374 8s. for the Benevolent, £3059 9s. 6d. for the Girls' Centenary, and £254 13s. 6d. for this Institution, making the total for the year £3688 11s. In the year of the jubilee the total was £1920 16s. 6d., and as Earl Amherst, the Provincial Grand Master, has undertaken to preside at the R.M.B.I. Festival in February next, we may expect to find this generous Province more generously represented than usual.

LANCASHIRE (EAST DIVISION),

though it has over 100 lodges, contributes only a small total of £67 2s., by the Stewards for four of its lodges, Bro. J. Kenyon, whose name is frequently returned in these lists, being one of them. In May four Stewards for as many lodges gave £52 10s., while in February 10 Stewards acting for eight lodges raised the more impressive total of £238 17s., the year's aggregate being £358 9s. Of course, this is far below what so large a province is capable of doing, and has done on special occasions, but, though we certainly think its contributions to the Central Institutions might with advantage be enlarged, we bear in mind that it has its own Educational and Benevolent Institute to maintain, and it is only recently we pointed out how liberally it contributes to its home requirements.

LANCASHIRE (WEST DIVISION),

also, has upwards of £100 lodges on its roll, and not one but three Charitable Institutes of its own to support. We do not, therefore, expect such great things from it as we should in ordinary circumstances. Nevertheless, it has done exceedingly well this year. In February it raised £372 14s. for the Old People; in May, £570 14s. for the Girls' School; and on Wednesday, £314 15s. for the Boys' School, the total for 1890 being £1258 3s. In 1889, it amounted to no more than £324 9s., but in 1888 it reached the high figure of £2576 12s., of which the Girls' Centenary engrossed £2440 2s.

Notwithstanding that

MIDDLESEX

played the important part of "Chairman's Province" at the Girls' School Festival in May, when the sum of its contributions was £1001 3s., three of its 39 lodges sent Stewards on this occasion, whose lists together amounted to £51. In February it raised £285 12s. 6d. for the Benevolent Institution, so that the year's total amounts to the goodly sum of £1337 15s. 6d. This a great advance on 1889, when the contributions from this province to all three Charities only reached £593 14s. 6d. But 1889 was comparatively a year of rest after the heavy calls of the previous year in behalf of the Girls' Centenary, when Middlesex raised in all £1816 5s., of which nearly two-thirds was absorbed by the Girls' School. In 1887 the total for the three was £1265 7s., and in 1886 it stood at £1034 19s., so that Bro. Col. Sir Francis Burdett's Province is able to give a very good account of itself on most occasions when there is a demand for its services.

At the Benevolent Festival in February the Province of

NORFOLK

had three of its lodges represented, the total of the three lists amounting to £229 7s. 6d., and on Wednesday, United Friends, No. 313, Great Yarmouth, contributed by the hands of Bro. G. Harvey Harvey, P.M., Sec., P. Prov. J.G.W., the sum of £26 5s., making the total for the year £255 12s. 6d. In 1889 it figured at the Boys' Festival for £101 11s., and in 1888 at those of the Benevolent and Girls' School, for £63 in the former case, and £214 4s. in the latter, or together for £277 4s. In 1886, when Bro. Lord Suffield, Prov. G.M., presided at the Boys' Festival, its Returns reached £420. For an agricultural county these figures are commendable.

Five brethren, including Bro. C. K. Benson, acted as Stewards for four out of the 18 lodges in

NORTH WALES,

and amongst them completed a total of £120 4s. 6d., the most noteworthy list being that of Bro. Benson, who had the satisfaction of raising £52 10s. In May, three Stewards, of whom Bro. Benson was one, made up a total of £68 5s., the product of the year being £188 9s. 6d. In 1889 it was represented at the School Festivals, and in 1888 at those of the three Institutions, the Returns in respect of the Girls' Centenary amounting to the handsome sum of £674.

NOTTINGHAMSHIRE,

which had no part in either of the preceding Festivals of the year, sent two Stewards on Wednesday, Bros. R. C. Wills and J. M. McLeod, the latter of whom is one of the more prominent candidates for the post of Secretary to this Institution. Their lists amounted together to £178 10s.. This is the first time the Province has done anything since the Benevolent Festival of 1889, when it contributed the modest sum of £57 15s. In 1888 it raised £52 10s. for the R.M.B.I., and £190 1s. for the Girls' Centenary, the total for the year being £242 11s. In 1887 it gave £275 4s. 6d., of which £231 10s. 6d. was raised for the Boys' School, while in 1886 it had £279 0s. 6d., the Benevolent receiving £176 18s. 6d., and the Boys' School the remainder, and in 1885 the sum distributed among the three Charities amounted to £547 8s. On this occasion the total was £178 10s., of which sum Bro. McLeod raised £141 15s.

The Province of

OXFORDSHIRE

sent up three Stewards, one being a representative of the Apollo University Lodge, No. 357, and the other two of the Windrush and Thames Lodges, Nos. 1703 and 1895 respectively. The sum of their lists is £46 16s. 6d., which, added to the £246 2s. raised for the R.M.B.I. in February and the £92 8s. for the Girls' School in May, makes the total for the year £385 6s. 6d. Last year, the total was £276 15s. 6d., while in 1888 it reached the splendid sum of £656 9s. 6d., the major portion of which found its way into the treasury of the Institution for Girls.

Four of the 11 lodges in

SHROPSHIRE

had Stewards to represent them on this occasion, and in addition there were the three Brothers Spaul and Bro. R. G. Venables, D.P.G.M., to assist as Unattached

Stewards, the total of their Returns amounting to £181 13s. In February, two Stewards raised between them £96 12s., so that the aggregate for the present year is £278 5s. Last year the Province raised £361 1s., of which the R.M.B.I. received £210 18s., while the year previous its aggregate amounted to £807 10s., and in 1887 to £1022 17s., this latter sum having been raised for the Girls' School on the occasion of Bro. Sir O. Wakeman, Bart., P.G.M., acting as Chairman. Such figures as these need no embellishing at our hands.

The Province of

SOMERSETSHIRE

had an excellent representative in the person of Bro. James S. Hadden, W.M. of the Lodge of Fidelity and Sincerity, No. 1966, Wellington, whose list amounted to £316 1s., while Bro. Ashcroft raised £42, and so increased the total to £358 1s. It had no Steward at the Girls' School Festival in May, but in February Bro. G. H. Perrett, who acted on behalf of the Province generally, compiled a list of £190 17s., so that the year's Returns amounted to £548 18s. This is a great advance on 1889, when its contributions to the R.M.B.I. and Boys' School only amounted to £162 5s., the smallness of the sum being, however, explained by its heavy contribution of £946 1s. to the Girls' Centenary in 1888.

SOUTH WALES (WEST DIVISION)

had Stewards at the Benevolent and Girls' School Festivals in February and May, but no Return was made in the former case, while in the latter the amount compiled by Bro. F. E. Remfry was £68 5s. On Wednesday Bro. Aaron Stone, acted as Provincial Steward and handed in a list of £136 10s., the total for the year being £204 15s. At the Boys' School Festival for last year its brace of Stewards together raised £204 8s., and for the preceding February a brother Unattached gave in a list of £52 10s. In 1888 the Benevolent and Girls' School received £108 10s. and £105 respectively, so that the total for the three years is £675 3s.

STAFFORDSHIRE

had six Stewards, two of them, Bros. Tunnicliffe and Houson, representing the Menturia Lodge, No. 418, Hanley, while Bro. John B. Ashwell did duty for the Portland Lodge, No. 637, Stoke-upon-Trent, and the Gordon Lodge, No. 2149, Hanley. The amount raised by these was £304 10s., and as the Province gave by the hands of Bro. M. Barker £200 to the Old People in February, and £94 10s., per Bro. Ryder, to the Girls' School in May, the present year's total reaches the capital sum of £599. In 1889 it amounted to £498 15s., of which the Benevolent Institution received £210, the Boys' School £199 10s., and the Girls' School £89 5s.; while in 1888 the sum of £617 17s. was shared between the Schools, the Girls' Institution being benefited to the extent of £365 7s., and the Wood Green Institution by £262 10s. Here, again, we have every reason to be gratified with the amounts contributed.

Four of the 21 lodges in

SUFFOLK

figured in the Returns on Wednesday, and there were also two brethren acting as Unattached Stewards, the total compiled by the six brethren being £258 6s. Bro. R. J. Symonds representing Royal St. Edmunds Lodge, No. 1008, Bury St. Edmunds, compiled a list of £90 6s., and Bro. A. R. Scott one of £63. In February, four Stewards raised amongst them £211 15s., nor were the claims of the Girls' School in May overlooked, the sum raised by two Stewards—of whom Bro. Chas. W. Lord, acting for the Stour Valley Lodge, No. 1224, and included in Wednesday's list, was one—being £149 12s. 6d. Thus the sum raised by Suffolk this year is £619 13s. 6d., which must be considered a very handsome figure after the £1048 17s. 6d. contributed last year, the £1105 12s. in 1888, and the £794 16s. in the year of the Queen's Jubilee.

SURREY

had a small contingent of half-a-dozen Stewards, who represented amongst them five out of its 30 and odd lodges, and the total they succeeded in obtaining was £95 0s. 6d. In May there was the same number of Stewards, one being Unattached and the others representing four lodges and a chapter, while the amount obtained by them was £277 9s. In February 11 Stewards, of whom two were Unattached, raised £274 16s. 6d. for the Old People, so that the result of Surrey's endeavours in aid of our Charities during the present year appears in the form of a total sum of £647 6s. This is a substantial advance on last year, when its total for the three Festivals was only £406 4s.; but in 1888 it gave £1298 14s., of which the Girls' Centenary obtained £1147 18s.; in 1887, £797 13s. 6d.; and in 1886, when the late Bro. General Brownrigg, Prov. Grand Master, presided at the Girls' Festival, £1829, of which the Institution for Girls received £1346.

Two out of the 27 lodges in

SUSSEX,

the Royal Brunswick, No. 732, and the St. Cecilia, No. 1636, both of Brighton, figure in these Returns, the latter with two Stewards to represent its interests, while Bro. Charles Hudson acted as Steward Unattached. Their lists amounted to £199 10s., which, added to £278 5s. raised by three Stewards for the Girls' School in May, and £247 6s. by half-a-dozen Stewards in February for the Old People, makes the year's aggregate for the three Anniversaries £725 1s. Last year the Benevolent and Boys' School were supported to the extent of £620 8s., the former obtaining £229 10s. 6d., and the latter £390 17s. 6d., while in 1888 the total was £946 13s., of which £884 9s. was raised at the Girls' Centenary, and the rest was about equally divided between the other Institutions. Its most successful venture was in 1885, when the late Bro. Sir W. W. Burrell, Bart., presided as Chairman at the Girls' Festival, and the Province raised in all £1923 10s., of which the most favoured Charity received £1850.

Two brethren did duty for

WARWICKSHIRE,

of whom Bro. J. C. Stackhouse, as Steward for the Temperance, No. 739, Birmingham, gave in a list of £78 15s. In February, three members of the Athol Lodge, No. 74, Birmingham, entered an appearance on behalf of the Province at the last moment, the donations from two of them amounting to £21, while in May the Province was unrepresented, so that the total for the year is only £99 15s. In February, 1889, 14 members of the Athol Lodge, No. 74, compiled £147, and in 1888 the Province generally took part in the Girls' Centenary, its contributions, including a list of £315 made up by 30 brethren of the Athol Lodge, amounting to the large sum of £1440 6s. 6d.

After the very successful appearance of the small Province of

WILTSHIRE

at the Girls' Festival in May, when Bro. H. Kemble, as Provincial representative, took up the admirable list of £335 14s., we confess we hardly expected to see it again represented at so early a date. However, Bro. Harry Bevir, Prov. Grand Secretary, and a member of the Provisional Management Committee, seems to have considered this no obstacle to his appearing in the list of Wednesday, and accordingly we find him entered with the modest sum of £42 10s. to his name. This makes the total of Wiltshire for the whole year £378 4s. In 1889 it supported the Benevolent Institution with £168, in 1888 the Girls' Institution with £340 8s. 6d., and in 1887 the Boys' Institution with £234 3s., so that, though a small Province, it does each of our Charities a good turn periodically.

One of the dozen lodges in

WORCESTERSHIRE,

The Royal Standard, No. 498, Dudley, upheld the credit of the Province, the Steward, Bro. Abraham Green, taking up a list of £78 15s., and as Bro. F. R. Arter acted as Steward at the Festivals in February and May, contributing

£10 10s. to the Old People in the former case, and handing in a list of £47 5s., mostly his own personal donation, in the latter, the total for the year is £136 10s. In 1889 its Returns amounted to the higher sum of £365 16s., all three Institutions sharing in the amount, but the Boys' School to the extent of £252. In 1888 it raised £848 3s., of which £695 18s. was obtained by the Girls' Institution at its Centenary celebration, so that the more moderate aggregate of the present year is not surprising after the weightier figures of those preceding it.

WEST YORKSHIRE,

as usual, had a long array of representatives—some 45 in number, and hailing from upwards of 20 lodges—while the total raised was in proportion large, and amounted to £800. In February it contributed £525 to the R.M.B.I., and in May £350 to the Girls' School, so that the total for the year, albeit it amounts to £1675, is below rather than above the average of the last 16 or 17 years. This, however, as we remarked in our analysis of the Benevolent Festival Returns in February, is not to be wondered at, seeing that in 1888 it raised £3362 8s., including £2702 8s. for the Girls' Centenary, and £3800, including £2100, the purchase money for two Perpetual Presentations to the Benevolent Institution (Widows' Fund) in the year of the Queen's Jubilee.

FOREIGN STATIONS.

Under this are included two Stewards—Bro. W. Girling, P. Dist. G.D. Bengal, and Bro. Herbert Bradley, W.M. Lodge of Perfect Unanimity, No. 150, Madras—whose lists amount to £21 and £10 10s. respectively.

CONCLUDING REMARKS.

Having gone carefully through the list, we have only one duty to fulfil, that of expressing our satisfaction that the Returns are not less unfavourable, as they certainly would have been but for the great efforts made by the Provinces which, by the support they have given to Bro. Binckes on this occasion, have shown that they fully recognise the value of the crusade he preached amongst them at the outset of his secretarial career in aid of this important Institution.

PROVINCIAL GRAND MARK LODGE OF MIDDLESEX AND SURREY.

The most numerous and the most successful meeting in all respects of this Prov. Grand Mark Lodge took place at Mark Masons' Hall, Great Queen-street, on Tuesday, the 24th ult. The Prov. Grand Master, Bro. Colonel Sir Francis Burdett, Bart., was supported by a large number of brethren.

Provincial Grand Mark Lodge was opened, the Provincial Grand Master formally saluted, and the minutes read and approved.

The report of the Committee of General Purposes, which was subsequently unanimously adopted, was read by the Prov. Grand Secretary, and proved satisfactory in all respects. The number of lodges in the province had been increased during the past year by two, making a total of 37 lodges, and the number of members showed an increase of 41, there being 719 in 1888-9, and 760 in 1889-90.

The Treasurer's account, showing satisfactory balances on the General and Benevolent accounts, was received and adopted.

On the proposition of the PROV. GRAND SECRETARY, seconded by the PROV. GRAND TREASURER, 10 guineas was voted to the Mark Benevolent Fund, and the Deputy Prov. Grand Master was nominated and elected to represent the Prov. Grand Lodge as Steward at the next Festival.

The roll of lodges was called over, when it was found that all were represented with the exception of one holding its installation meeting on the same day.

Several minor alterations in the Provincial By-laws, rendered necessary to bring them in conformity with the Grand Lodge Constitutions, were agreed to, and the By-laws were ordered to be printed as altered.

On the motion of Bro. C. F. MATIER, G. Sec., seconded by Bro. SCURRAH, Bro. L. G. Gordon Robbins was unanimously re-elected P.G. Treas., and a vote of thanks was accorded him for his services during the past year.

The following Provincial Grand Officers were appointed and invested by the Prov. G.M.:

Bro. C. Hammerton, 144...	...	...	D. Prov. G.M.
Col. A. H. Bircham, 361	...	...	Prov. S.G.W.
J. C. Collier, 114	...	...	Prov. J.G.W.
Rev. J. Cater, M.A., 407	...	...	Prov. G. Chap.
Rev. H. F. Collier, 107	...	...	Prov. G. Chap.
L. G. Gordon Robbins, 361	...	...	Prov. G. Treas.
J. T. Briggs, 181	...	...	Prov. G. Reg.
W. G. Brighten, 4	...	...	Prov. G. Sec.
J. Barnett, jun., 315	...	...	Prov. G.M.O.
Capt. C. J. Knightley, 284 and 355	...	...	Prov. S.G.O.
A. H. Bowles, 361	...	...	Prov. J.G.O.
H. Tipper, 385	...	...	Prov. S.G.D.
H. Burgess, 198	...	...	Prov. J.G.D.
J. T. N. Callaway, 333	...	...	Prov. G.I. of W.
T. C. Edmonds, 139	...	...	Prov. G.D.C.
J. Byford, 350	...	...	Prov. A.G.D.C.
F. Mead, 399	...	...	Prov. G.S.B.
W. Clowes, 357	...	...	Prov. G. Std. Br.
Edwin Wildings, 244	...	...	Prov. G. Org.
T. Hood, 331	...	...	Prov. G.I.G.
L. P. Coubro, 236	...	...	Prov. G. Stwds.
J. T. Skinner, 211	...	...
A. J. Hone-Goldney, 230	...	...
J. T. R. Cresswell, 224	...	...
J. B. L. Lancaster, 407	...	...

The names of the four lodges selected by rotation by the Committee of General Purposes to nominate a Grand Steward each, were approved, viz., Chiswick Lodge, Onslow Lodge, King Solomon Lodge, and Sir Francis Burdett Lodge.

Bros. Hy. Lovegrove, Newington Bridges, W. A. Scurrah, and W. M. Stiles were elected to serve on the Committee of General Purposes for the ensuing year.

Bro. C. F. HOGARD said it would be in the recollection of every brother that, at the last meeting of Grand Lodge, it was resolved to perpetuate the memory of the late Bro. Canon Portal, P.G.M., by the erection of an organ in the Grand Hall. He, therefore, moved that the sum of 10 guineas be voted toward the fund for this purpose.

The motion was seconded by the PROV. G. TREASURER, and unanimously agreed to, the amount being immediately increased by a donation of five guineas from a brother of the Kintore Lodge.

The Provincial Grand Lodge was closed, and the brethren adjourned to the Holborn Restaurant, where an excellent banquet was served.

"The Queen and Mark Masonry" and "H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, M.W.G.M.," having been heartily honoured, the Prov. Grand Master, in proposing "The Grand Officers," said they performed their duties to the satisfaction of all Mark Masons. The Grand Officers had, for some considerable time, been their governors, and they had had the greatest pleasure in supporting them. That was

a very extensive toast, and he might, therefore, go on for a considerable time expounding the virtues of the Grand Officers, and particularly those Past Grand Officers who had so efficiently performed their duties, and these distinguished officers had been followed by others who take an example from them and perform their duties quite as satisfactorily as their predecessors.

Bro. C. F. HOGARD, P.G. Std. Br., said he had been called upon to reply at a moment's notice, but if he said that the Grand Officers returned their sincere and hearty thanks for the way the toast of their healths had been received the brethren would be satisfied and take it as coming from their hearts.

Bro. C. HAMMERTON, D.P.G.M., then gave "The Prov. G.M., Bro. Col. Sir Francis Burdett, Bart.," and said that being in possession of the gavel the brethren would know he was about to propose that toast, which he was sure would be heartily received. It was needless for him to advance much in favour of the toast, for the brethren had for so many years met their Prov. Grand Master in various lodges in this and other Degrees, and there was therefore no necessity to expatiate upon his virtues and his great interest in Masonry in every way. Many of them had met their Prov. Grand Master more frequently than he (the D.P.G.M.), but had not known him so long, and he had therefore great pleasure in taking his present office under Sir Francis Burdett's banner. He would not say more than that he hoped their Prov. Grand Master would be spared for many years to preside over them.

Bro. Col. Sir FRANCIS BURDETT, Bart., Prov. G.M., assured them it was with great gratification that he rose to thank the D.P.G.M. for the kind manner in which he had proposed the toast, and the brethren for the manner in which it had been received. He had often done so, and always with the greatest pleasure, but it gave him particular gratification on the present occasion, because he saw a much larger assembly of Mark Masons of the province than he had ever seen before. He had always had the greatest interest in the Province of Middlesex and Surrey, and that interest had increased as he found Mark Masonry making such rapid strides. It would be bad taste on his part if he did not take every means to advance the interest of Mark Masonry, the brethren, and the lodges in the province. He had now presided for a great many years with the greatest pleasure and happiness, but he was certain he could not have performed the duties without the assistance of his Prov. G. Officers, who had performed their duties ably, assisted him in every way, and relieved him from responsibility and difficulty. As long as he was supported by the Prov. Grand Officers as he had been in the past, he thought the province must continue to flourish in the manner that few flourish. He had been fortunate in having a good Prov. G. Secretary, and good Prov. Grand Treasurers during the last few years, to whom he was grateful for their assistance. He again thanked them most heartily and sincerely, and hoped to live to meet them for many years.

The PROV. GRAND MASTER next gave "The D.P.G.M., the Prov. G. Treas., and the Prov. G. Sec.," and observed that he had been ably supported by his officers, as he had previously said, but he should be neglecting his duty if he did not say that those officers had performed their duties, not only to his satisfaction, but to the satisfaction of the whole of the province. He would especially mention the D.P.G.M., Bro. Hammerton, and also the Prov. Grand Treasurer, Bro. Gordon Robbins, who had so satisfactorily shown he had performed his duties well, and given them a balance on the right side, which he hoped would be the case for a great many years. There was no brother who had more efficiently performed his duties than the Prov. Grand Secretary, Bro. Brighten. None knew better than he (the Prov. Grand Master) the duties the Prov. Grand Secretary had had to perform, and he had performed them in a most agreeable, affable, and kind manner. He was happy to find that the lodges had responded to all Bro. Brighten's applications in a most kind manner, for the Prov. Grand Secretary had told him that all had sent in returns, and he had not one single word of complaint to make or one single fault to find. The Prov. Grand Secretary's duties were onerous, and very material to the good of the province, but he had performed them to the satisfaction of all.

Bro. C. HAMMERTON, D.P.G.M., said it gave him great satisfaction to be present to see so many brethren from all the lodges in the province with the exception of one, which was holding its installation meeting. Thus practically every lodge was represented, and he thought he might say that was the first time he had known it. He thought that was due in a great measure to the Prov. Grand Master, and the happy way he had of conducting his duties. He might speak with regard to the happy feeling he thought was pervading that Prov. Grand Lodge, because he looked back to the time when there were many lodges in the province which tried to exempt themselves from the ruling of Prov. Grand Lodge, and he was happy to find those lodges had all joined under their banner. He had that evening seen a little incident of that good feeling which he would not allude to, but which showed there was unanimity and good feeling pervading the whole of the lodges. He thanked them most heartily for the kind manner in which they had received the toast.

Bro. L. G. GORDON ROBBINS, Prov. G. Treas., in response, said a wise Archbishop once remarked, when some complaint was made against one of the clergy, that he deserved to be preached to death by wild curates. He (Bro. Robbins) thought it would be a bad return for their kindness that they should be talked to death by Prov. Grand Officers. He would, therefore, only thank them and assure them it had been the greatest possible pleasure to place his services at their disposal.

Bro. W. G. BRIGHTEN, Prov. G. Sec., said he had to thank them very much, not only for the kind reception of his name, but for the increasing and growing and almost perfect manner in which they seemed to understand each other. He could assure them that his work during the last two years had not only been increasing, but was less in reality than it would appear, owing to the enormous amount of pleasure he gathered from the conduct of business. There was one matter to which he must allude if they would allow him. In times past when their P.G.M. took every pains to please the members every possible place for meeting was selected where they could get the greatest pleasure, and what was the result? They would have a large meeting of Provincial Grand Lodge, and then some would support the Prov. G.M. at the banquet table and some would go away. Happily those days were past, but he hoped the respected and worshipful brother who had received office that evening, and who was left alone by the members of his lodge who had gone downstairs to have a grill, would mention what was the feeling of all present. In the first place a certain number had to be guaranteed in order to secure the room, and had those five brethren been good enough to attend, there would have been no loss on the dinner. When they remembered that this glorious Provincial Grand Lodge was opened with the largest number which had had the pleasure of greeting the Prov. G.M. together, and that the banquet was one of the most handsome, he hoped they would make up their minds to support Sir Francis in large numbers, and if possible with greater enthusiasm.

"The Officers and Brethren of the Onslow Lodge" was given by the PROV. GRAND SECRETARY, and acknowledged by Bro. G. GORDON ROBBINS, P.M.

The Prov. G.M. at this point being obliged to leave, the D.P.G.M., Bro. C. Hammerton, assumed the chair, and the following toasts were given: "The Prov. G. Officers," responded to by Bros. J. BARNETT, jun., P.G.M.O., and J. C. COLLIER, P.J.G.W., and "The Visitors," for which Bro. Col. VANSITTART, Excelsior Lodge, returned thanks.

Bro. Dr. LAWRENCE gave "The Mark Benevolent Fund," which was responded to by the D.P.G.M., Steward for the year.

The Tyler's toast closed a very successful meeting, the success of which was due in a great measure to the excellent arrangements made by Bro. Brighten, P.G. Secretary.

The Earl of Carnarvon, Pro Grand Master.

For a long time past the health of our respected Pro Grand Master has been a cause of the most serious anxiety to his family and friends, and the more so, as it was well known that his constitution, never at any time a very strong one, had been greatly enfeebled by successive attacks of illness. But the relapse, which came upon him so suddenly last week proved fatal in so short a time that we are hardly as yet able to realise that the distinguished brother who, during a course of more than 30 years, had proved himself so great a scholar, so elegant a writer, such an able Statesman and administrator, and so learned a member of our ancient Fraternity, is no longer amongst us. His lordship, who was born on the 24th June, 1831, and had, therefore, only just completed his 59th year, had been lying ill for some time at his residence in Portman-square, and hopes were entertained of his recovery; but on Thursday, the 26th ult., the relapse took place, the excruciating pains from which he had been suffering returned with greater force than ever, and on Saturday last, in spite of the efforts of his able medical advisers, he passed quietly away to his eternal rest.

His lordship was initiated into Freemasonry in the Westminster and Keystone Lodge, No. 10, in February, 1856, not

very long after that ancient and distinguished lodge had been revived by Bros. W. W. B. Beach, M.P., the late Rev. Canon Portal, Wyndham S. Portal, P.G.W., and other leading members of the Apollo University Lodge, their chief object being to make it chiefly a kind of London home for Oxford University Masons. Having taken the further Degrees, he was at the installation in the May following appointed by the new W.M., Bro. Wyndham Portal, as his S.W. In May, 1857, he was installed in the chair of K.S. in the presence of Bros. the Earl of Zetland, M.W.G.M., Lord Panmure—afterwards Earl of Dalhousie—Deputy Grand Master, very many Grand Officers and Prov. Grand Masters, and other leading Masons of the time, those present at this brilliant gathering being about 200 in number. The ceremony was performed by the retiring Master, Bro. W. S. Portal, and at the banquet which followed, the noble Earl, who presided, in the course of an eloquent reply to the toast of his health, said: "Each fresh step I take in the study of our great science, each fresh line I find in the pages of our history, convinces me still further of its incalculable ramifications, and makes me gaze with wonder and with awe on the boundless origin of its influence."

Later on, in the same speech, he remarked, with reference no doubt to the somewhat warm discussions which were at that time frequent in Grand Lodge, and in which his lordship frequently took a leading part: "We have met sometimes to agree, and perhaps sometimes to differ; but let me assure you that whenever we do meet, nothing can be more pleasant or more congenial than the thought that, when we do differ, it is only from a sense of duty—from a conviction of principle. That difference of principle, therefore, need not imply any diminution of the respect and regard which is due from Mason to Mason." These words made a deep impression on the brethren who heard them, and their value will be appreciated the more at this moment from the knowledge that in the course of the 33 years which followed their utterance his lordship was never once known to deviate from the principle he then so strictly defined. The occasions on which he differed from other leading brethren in Grand Lodge were many, but on no single occasion did he allow such differences "to imply any diminution of the respect and regard which is due from Mason to Mason."

In the course of this year (1857) he became a joining member of the Apollo University Lodge, while in the year that followed the members of the Westminster and Keystone Lodge re-elected him their Master for a second year. In 1868, on the resignation of the late Bro. Colonel W. A. Adair, the late Earl of Zetland

appointed his lordship Prov. Grand Master of Somersetshire, and in 1870 the Marquis of Ripon, on the occasion of his installation as M.W. Grand Master, selected the Earl of Carnarvon for the post of Deputy Grand Master, a selection which it is needless to say was received with pleasure throughout the whole English Craft. In April, 1875, at the ever-memorable meeting in the Royal Albert Hall, South Kensington, his lordship had the great honour of installing his Royal Highness the Prince of Wales as M.W. Grand Master, and at the conclusion of the ceremony was at once appointed Pro Grand Master, an office which is only sanctioned when the chair of Grand Lodge is occupied by a Prince of the Blood, and which entitles the holder to precisely the same honours as are accorded to the Grand Master himself. A few days later, on the installation of the Prince as Grand Z. of Supreme Grand Chapter, his lordship was honoured with the appointment of Pro Grand Z., and these exalted offices, as well as that of Prov. Grand Master of Somersetshire, the noble Earl filled at the time of his death, his influence and authority having become more and more firmly established year by year, while the respect and regard in which he was held personally were such that any further increase of either feeling was hardly possible. The various duties which had devolved upon or been undertaken by him had been performed in a manner which, if it could not well add lustre to a

name already so distinguished, at least had the merit of conferring additional honour on Freemasonry in the eyes of the world at large, who recognised at once that our Craft must exercise an influence for good, when they found that among its chiefest rulers was the noble Earl whose death we are now lamenting.

There were two other branches or systems of Masonry with which the late Earl was connected, and in which he had attained to equal eminence. These were Mark Masonry and the Ancient and Accepted Rite. In the former, after acting as Deputy to Lord Leigh, the first Grand Master of the Mark Grand Lodge from 1857 to 1860, he was elected his successor in the chair of A., while from 1858 to 1879 he was Prov. Grand Mark Master of Somersetshire. In the Ancient and Accepted Rite he was a Past Sovereign Grand Commander of the Supreme Council, 33°, and when occupying that office, had the honour of assisting to confer the 33° on the Prince of Wales when his Royal Highness was pleased to become the Patron of the Rite.

The occasions on which the late Pro Grand Master played the chief part in some important functions are too numerous for all of them to be included in this memoir. He

occupied the chair at the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution in 1869—the year following his elevation to the post of Prov. Grand Master of Somersetshire; in 1875 he performed a like graceful duty in aid of the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys; and in 1878 he was Chairman at the Girls' School Festival. We have already mentioned that he installed the Prince of Wales as Grand Master in 1875, while in 1884 he acted in behalf of his Royal Highness—who was obliged, by the death of his brother, the Duke of Albany, to delegate the office to another—at the ceremony of laying the chief corner-stone of the new Central Tower of Peterborough Cathedral. He also occupied the throne in Grand Lodge when, in a most eloquent speech, he moved certain resolutions in favour of the withdrawal of our Grand Lodge from its previous friendly relations with the Grand Orient of France, in consequence of the latter having eliminated from its Book of Constitutions the necessary declaration of its faith in a Supreme Being and a future state. Latterly, in consequence of his health, he had not been so frequent a visitor at Grand Lodge, but whenever he did take his appointed place, the reception accorded to him was most enthusiastic. Nor, in the case of so distinguished a nobleman, can we entirely overlook the public claims he had on the respect of Englishmen generally. That he was a scholar of no ordinary attainments is shown by his graduating with first-class honours in



literis humanioribus at Oxford in 1852. That he was a skilled orator and a pleasing one, we have in his behalf the testimony of the late Earl of Derby, himself one of the most brilliant orators of our time; while as regards his skill in Statecraft, it is enough to mention that it was during his tenure of office as Secretary of State for the Colonies that the policy which has knit together the various Provinces of British North America and formed them into one vast confederacy of States under the British Crown, was devised by him and carried out successfully, and had his life been prolonged, it is more than probable he would have assisted in developing those schemes, which are already being considered in all parts of our Empire, and which are intended to strengthen still further the bonds which unite our Colonies and possessions abroad with the old country. Still his influence, and the success of his policy in North America, cannot fail to have weight with those who come after him, and though he has not lived to see the good work he began carried out in all parts of our Empire, he must have felt some satisfaction at the self-consciousness that he had helped to inaugurate a policy which is certain to prove beneficial to every part of the Queen's dominions. In short, it may be said of him, without flattery, but in a larger and more varied sense, what Dr. Johnson said of Goldsmith—"Nihil tetigit quod non ornavit." In fact, it is hardly possible, as we have said, to realise as yet the extent of the loss which the country has sustained through the death of the Earl of Carnarvon, the *alter ego* in Freemasonry of his Royal Highness the Prince of Wales.

THE KNIGHTS TEMPLARS OF CANADA.

There is no brother who is doing so important a work for Canada in relation to the description and presentation of its Masonic records as my esteemed friend and brother, J. Ross Robertson, D.G.M. Already this most industrious student and indomitable "seeker after light" has produced an excellent history of the "Cryptic Rite" for all America, with special reference to the Dominion, and now he has ready an exhaustive "History of the Knights Templars of Canada" from 1800 to 1890, making a very interesting volume of 400 pages. A third book is in preparation on "Capitular Masonry" from 1797 to the present time, including full particulars of Royal Arch Masonry from late last century in all the provinces of the Dominion, and I understand the quartette is to be completed ere long by the publication of another volume dealing with Craft Masonry from the earliest known date to the present era.

All I must venture to say at present is that if Bro. Robertson succeeds in writing the Craft and Royal Arch histories as thoroughly and accurately as he has those of the Cryptic and Chivalric Degrees, Canada will have had its Masonic past done such justice to as to put its historian in the front rank of Masonic students, and place the Grand Lodges of the Dominion under a lasting obligation to our able and gifted collaborator.

The present volume (adorned with a portrait of Col. Moore, G.C.T.), being the second of the series, is dedicated to Bro. Daniel Spry, Past Grand Master, by "the friend of a life-time," who has thus tangibly expressed his warm appreciation of the services rendered the Craft by the well-known Grand Chancellor of the Great Priory of Canada.

Naturally Bro. Robertson quotes very extensively from the various addresses and articles by the revered veteran, Colonel W. J. MacLeod Moore, who is, beyond question, one of the best informed Knights Templars in relation to chivalric Freemasonry in the world, and has produced from time to time a number of valuable papers on the past and present history of Masonic Knighthood, which are the best extant, all of which come with official power and influence from the beloved Grand Master of that Great Priory.

Passing over the capital introductory portion we come to the chapters treating of the Knights Templars in Canada. The author says that "the first records so far known of the Templar Degrees in Nova Scotia (believed to be the first in Canada) are dated September 20th, 1782, 13 years prior to the earliest known on this continent." I take it that Bro. Robertson means 13 years subsequent to the records of Knights Templars at Boston, U.S.A., as described by Bro. A. F. Chapman in his ably written and beautifully got up history of St. Andrew's Royal Arch Chapter, the records of which begin in 1769 for both the Royal Arch and the Knights Templar.*

However, the entry of 20th September, 1782, at Nova Scotia, is an exceptionally early one, and of especial value, proving as it does that a Royal Arch chapter assembled at that date under the wing of the "Ancient" Lodge, No. 211, as duly authorised by the Constitutions; and moreover that the members also worked

—evidently not officially authorised—an encampment of Knights Templars during the same evening. There are nine other minutes of the same decade in the volume which was discovered by Bro. W. F. Bunting, of St. John, New Brunswick.

"The warrant constituting the first encampment is unique in style," so Bro. Robertson tells us, and bears date 31st October, 1800, the meetings being held in Kingston, in Upper Canada. The authority which issued this document is declared to have been held "under the sanction of Lodge No. 6, of Kingston," which possibly means, simply that the charter of the lodge was lent to the knights to be kept in the room whilst the meetings were being held, until this warrant rendered the brethren independent of such aid.

The next Encampment appears to have been started at Kingston in 1823-4, but the actual originator of the present preceptories seems to have been the one authorised by Col. Tynte, as G.M. of the English Templars in 1854, with my dear old friend Col. Moore as first Commander, and the same zealous knight was also created the first Prov. Grand Commander. Permission was subsequently granted to antedate this "Hugh de Payens" Encampment to that of the one agreed to in 1824 by Y. M. Phillips, Grand Supt. of the Royal Arch (England), for Upper Canada. In the same year another subordinate was started in Toronto, with Bro. S. B. Harman as first E.C., and a third at Quebec, in 1855, Bro. T. D. Harrington being the premier E.C. The first and second are now Nos. 1 and 2 respectively of the present Sovereign Great Priory, and the three named met and opened the Provincial Grand Conclave 7th October, 1855.

Of the career of this active organisation from then to now, Bro. J. Ross Robertson gives abundant evidence in hundreds of closely printed pages, all of which are interestingly written and most carefully treated. I cannot attempt to furnish even a sketch of such a weighty and important mass of matter, so can only say, with all my heart, well done, Bro. Robertson!

W. J. HUGHAN.

CONSECRATION OF THE BISLEY MARK LODGE, No. 407.

The consecration of the Bisley Mark Lodge, No. 407, took place in the school-room, Bisley Green, Surrey, on Friday, the 27th ult. There were present Bros. Col. Sir Francis Burdett, Bart., Prov. G.M.M. of Middlesex and Surrey; Charles Fitzgerald Matier, P.G.W., G. Sec.; Robert Berridge, P.G.W., G.D.C.; William Vincent, P.G.I.G., P. Prov. G.O.; Hugh M. Hobbs, G. Stwd.; John Barnett, Prov. G.M.O.; T. C. Edmonds, Prov. G.D.C.; J. B. Lancaster, Prov. G. Stwd.; John Grist, S.W. 139; F. Laurence, P.M. 13; C. H. Phillips, P.M. 139; Major George Collins, J. H. Askam, Charles Cheel, R. W. Goddard, and other brethren.

The brethren assembled after driving over the ground of the New Wimbledon and a lodge was opened. Bro. C. Pulman, P.M. 139, acting as W.M.

The ballot was taken on behalf of Bros. J. H. Littleboy, D. Sparnell, D. G. Norman, and G. Mason, and proving unanimous in their favour, they were advanced to the honourable Degree of Mark Master Masons.

Bros. Col. Sir Francis Burdett, Bart., C. F. Matier, R. Berridge, W. G. Brighten, Rev. J. Cater, and other P.G. and Prov. G. brethren were admitted and saluted. The Prov. Grand Master having taken the chair, solicited the Grand Secretary, Bro. C. F. Matier, to consecrate the lodge.

The ceremony was performed in an admirable and impressive manner. Bro. Rev. Cater, who was recently re-appointed Prov. G. Chaplain, was installed as first W.M. of the new lodge. The following brethren were then invested as officers: Bros. Major G. Collins, S.W.; J. B. Lancaster, J.W.; C. F. Passmore, M.O.; Cyril B. Tubbs, S.O.; J. H. Littleboy, J.O.; C. Pulman, Sec.; D. Sparnell, S.D.; D. G. Norman, J.D.; J. H. Askam, I.G.; John Hoey, D.C.; and G. Mason, Tyler.

The brethren sat down to a cold collation provided by Bro. Mason, when the customary toasts were ably given and cordially responded to.

The musical arrangements were under the direction of Bro. C. F. Passmore, Mus. Bac., and were admirably carried out.

THE LECTURE.—The Lectures of Freemasonry form a most important feature in ceremonial instruction, and are very interesting to all Freemasons who wish to be "bright," or seek to rise in the Lodge. There are Lectures peculiar to each Degree, and they are orally delivered. Their history is both interesting and curious, both to the Masonic student and the Masonic archaeologist. It is very difficult to say what was the exact form of Lecture in use when Désaguliers and Anderson are stated by Oliver to have revised them. The so-called Lecture of the reign of Henry VI., and of Sir Christopher Wren's time, which Oliver fancied he had verified, turn out to be clearly only portions of the Sloane MS. 3329, of the Grand Mystery, or of Essex's MS. If, indeed, the actual antiquity of the Sloane MS. be ascertained, which Mr. Wallbran fixed, from internal evidence and verbiage, at about 1640, though its date of transcription is early 18th, we have probably the Lectures in use in the 17th century; though if the date cannot be carried beyond early 18th, we still have in the Sloane MS. probably the earliest form of Masonic catechetical instruction. Of 15th century or 16th century we need hardly add that so far there is no question, as no such theory can be maintained. Martin Clare is said to have revised the Lectures again in 1732. In 1770, or thereabouts, Dunckerley again remodelled Clare's system, and about 1775 Preston improved on his predecessors, and some say incorporated in his Prestonian Lectures the views and even verbiage of William Hutchinson. In 1813, at the Union, Dr. Hemmings was entrusted with the duty of revising the Lectures once more, for the purpose of uniting the ancient and the modern teaching—though the essential differences do not appear to be great—which was subsequently perfected by Bro. Williams, and is the recognised working of the "Emulation Lodge of Improvement." There are some Masons who have always preferred the older working, and the Prestonian system has always had a large number of advocates. The American system, which is founded mainly on Webb's, is no doubt, to a great extent, Prestonian. It has been said that Dermott established a system of lectures of his own, but we are not aware of any actual authority for the statement.—*Kenning's Cyclopædia of Freemasonry.*

* No. 223, Washington-street, Boston, U.S.A. Price 3 dollars.

Order of the Secret Monitor.

GRAND FESTIVAL.

A meeting of the Grand Conclave of the Order of the Secret Monitor was held at Mark Masons' Hall, Great Queen-street, on Wednesday, the 18th ult., when there was a good attendance of members of the Order. The Grand Supreme Ruler, Bro. Issachar Zacharie, M.D., presided, and was supported by the following:—Bros. Theodore H. Tilton, P.G.S.R.; W. J. Spratling, G. Rec.; H. H. Shirley, G.V.; J. Lewis Thomas, P.G.S.R.; Baron de Ferrieres, P.G.S.B.; J. Read, P.G.C.; J. J. Pakes, P.G.G.; R. Eve, P.G.G.; J. Bastowe; F. West, I.G.C.; W. G. Lemon, Gr.; Rev. J. Studholme Brownrigg; Col. Shadwell H. Clerke, P.G.S.R.; C. F. Matier, Dep. G.S.R.; F. A. Philbrick, P.G.S.R.; J. J. Thomas, 13; R. J. Stringer, S.R. 11; A. Brokenshire, 11; W. Martin, 11; A. F. Lamette, S.R. 9; W. Thomas, 9; T. Wright, 9; W. C. Canton, 9; E. Tebbs, 9; Hugh M. Gordon, T. 8; J. J. Thomas, 8; W. R. Shull, 8; G. Ellard, S.R. 7; P.G.S.; E. Manfield, C. 9; H. Hodges, 7; A. Clark, 6; J. B. Cumming, 6; E. Jessum, 6; W. W. Dilks, 6; C. O. Burgess, 6; J. A. Alsop, 6; W. Hancock, G.D. 6; J. Rowe, 6; F. Wiss, P.S.R.; W. E. J. Weiss; E. Storr, P.G. Stwd.; S. E. Nash, 5; C. E. Keyser, 5; J. Castello, 5; W. J. Mason, 5; J. Lichtenfeld, 5; W. B. Williams, 4; E. Letchworth, 4; B. R. Bryant, 4; F. E. Lemon, Sec. 2; H. Juler, 2; G. Harley Thomas, P.G.S.B.; and W. W. Lee.

The Grand Officers entered in procession, and Grand Conclave was duly opened, after which the roll of conclaves was called, and all responded to, with the exception of a few situated abroad.

Bro. Dr. I. Zacharie was again re-installed, and proclaimed as Grand Supreme Ruler, and thanked the brethren for the compliment paid him in re-electing him for the fourth time. During his term of office 19 new conclaves had been consecrated, the debts of Grand Conclave had been paid, and they had now a balance at the bank. Those facts spoke for themselves as to the prosperity of the Order. He again thanked them for the honour paid him, and assured them that nothing would be wanting on his part to promote the benefit of the Order.

The Grand Officers for the year were appointed as follows, those present being invested:

Bro. F. A. Philbrick, Q.C., G.R.,	P.G.C.	...	G.P.S.R.
„ Frank Richardson, P.G.G....			G.P.S.R.
„ Lord Brooke, M.P., P.G. Cn.			G.D.R.O.
„ Baron Halsbury (Lord Chancellor of England) ...			G. Chancellor.
„ W. G. Lemon, LL.B., L.C.C.			G. Treasurer.
„ The Earl of Euston, P.G.G.			G. Chamberlain.
„ R. I. Finnemore, J.P., P.G.C.			G. Guide.
„ W. J. Spratling, B.Sc., P.P.G.			
„ Treas. ...			G. Recorder.
„ Robt. Berridge, P.G.C.			G. Visitor.
„ Edward Letchworth...			G. Visitor.
„ Felix Hy. Gottlieb, J.P., Dist.			
„ S.G.R. Straits Settlements			G.P. Visitor.
„ William Thomas Newitt ...			G.P. Visitor.
„ George Ellard, P.G. Std. ...			G. Std. Br.
„ Adolphus Clark, P.G. Std.			G. Bow Br.
„ Col. Hugh M. Gordon, J.P.,			
„ P.G. Std....			G. Gdr.
„ Chas. B. Cooper, P.G. Std.			
„ C. M. Jessop, M.D., P.G. Std.			
„ Alphonso F. Lamette ...			G. Councillor.
„ Jas. Geo. Thomas, P.G. Std.			
„ Geo. W. Rowe ...			G. Sentinel.

The names of the Grand Stewards for 1890-1 were announced, viz.:—Bros. Captain T. C. Walls and R. W. Brown, No. 1; Henry Edward Juler, F.R.C.S., No. 2; George S. H. Gottlieb, No. 3; B. R. Bryant, No. 4; Willoughby Gaspard Weiss and Felix Weiss, No. 5; J. B. Cumming and W. Hancock, No. 6; Harry Manfield and John Hart, No. 7; John Tattersall, No. 8; William Thomas, No. 9; William Wright, No. 10; Richard Henry Stringer, No. 11; C. P. Bellerby, No. 12; J. J. Thomas, No. 13; Joseph Steavenson, B.A., No. 14; Julius Schulz, M.D., No. 15; His Highness the Maharajah of Cooch Behar and A. B. Westerhout, No. 16; and N. Brokenshire, No. 17.

In the absence of Bro. Baron Halsbury, G. Chancellor, Bro. Colonel SHADWELL H. CLERKE, P.G.S.B., moved "That the Constitutions for the Government of District and Prov. Grand Conclaves now submitted to Grand Conclave be adopted as Constitutions of the Order," observing that he believed they had been drawn up with care, and would thoroughly meet the case.

Bro. W. G. LEMON, G. Treas., seconded the motion, which was carried *nem. con.*

On the proposition of the G.S.R., seconded by Bro. J. LEWIS THOMAS, P.G.S.R., the best thanks of Grand Conclave were given to Bro. Belgrave Ninnis, M.D., R.N., for his gift of a handsome sword for use in Grand Conclave.

Bro. C. F. MATIER, P.G.S.R., on behalf of Bro. F. A. Philbrick, Q.C., P.G.S.R., who did not arrive until a later period, moved "That Constitution No. 24 be altered so that the words 'as the third Wednesday in June' may read 'in the second or third week in June.'" Bro. RICHARD EVE seconded the proposition, which was carried unanimously.

Letters of regret for non-attendance were announced from several distinguished brethren, and Grand Conclave was duly closed.

A banquet was then held at Freemasons' Tavern, after which the usual toasts received due recognition. "The Queen and the Order of the Secret Monitor" was first honoured, and the G.S.R. then gave "H.R.H.

the Prince of Wales," and said it was unfortunate for them that they had not already had the pleasure of inducting H.R.H. into the Order, but he hoped the day was not far distant when they should have that honour.

Bro. F. A. PHILBRICK, Q.C., P.G.S.R., said the brethren would easily define from the emblem of authority entrusted to him what toast he was about to propose. He supposed that all those who had watched the development of biological science had turned their attention to what must have been the primary condition of man, but no doubt it marked a stage in development when the primary protoplasm had got as far as a head, and no doubt it marked a stage in any development of mankind when the head was elected or chosen for qualities which commended themselves to those who submit to his authority, and he was thus placed in the position of authority and privileged to administer to the wants and see to the affairs of all those who submit to his sway. Happy had they been in that Order which had been brought to their knowledge within late years in this country, for they could well congratulate themselves upon what had been done for them by their esteemed G.S.R., whose health he would now propose. They had had no divided counsels, but with a clear, steady perception of the end in view, and a resolute will which characterised him, their G.S.R. had resolved from the first that this Order should be a success amongst Masonic bodies, and how far his resolution had been realised, the present position of the Order was an answer, and a favourable one. They had met that night under Bro. Zacharie's genial presence, and he could not in proposing the toast but call to mind the earlier days of the Order, and they would agree that its development was in no slight degree due to the head they had had to preside over them. Nineteen conclaves ranking under the G.S.R. showed that the Order had a great hold upon the hearts and a great attraction for Masons, and the present gathering, which numbered so many well known and holding high positions in Masonic rank in other Degrees, showed the Order was one which commended itself to the Craft, which had attraction they all recognised, and which required but to be known to ensure a great and lasting increase in their numbers. How far that was due to their present G.S.R. he thought they must all gratefully acknowledge, and he was quite sure he carried all present with him in asking them to drink with all honour to their respected and beloved head, to wish him in the high position—a unique position in this close of the 19th century, in founding a new Order—to wish him and the Order prosperity, success, and happiness.

Bro. Dr. I. ZACHARIE, G.S.R., said that after listening to the eloquent and flattering remarks which had been made by their worthy brother, he acknowledged that he did not feel adequate to the task before him, nevertheless, he thanked Bro. Philbrick for proposing the toast, and the brethren for the kind manner in which they had received it. It afforded him an opportunity of thanking them for the confidence placed in him by electing him for the fourth time as G.S.R. of the Order—an honour which he acknowledged he felt very proud of, for it showed they appreciated what little service he had rendered to their ancient and honourable Order. It was true he had not paid that attention during the last year he could have wished, but, as they knew, his health had been such that it was impossible to be with them as often as he liked. However, he promised them that should the S.R. of the Universe spare him, he would pay more attention to their wishes. It was a great satisfaction to him, and no doubt to them, to know their Order was progressing, and that the affairs of their Institution were in the hands of such good men as he had had the good fortune to appoint as his officers. He could not refrain from complimenting the members of the different conclaves upon the interest taken by them in the Order. He wished to particularly impress upon them that they required good Masons in their Order, and he would ask them to be careful whom they proposed as members, as it was very easy for a man to become a member of almost any Order, but it was very hard to get him out. It was quality they required not quantity. He asked them to be true to themselves, as he knew they would, and to remember that the day was not far distant when their Order would spread from north to south, and from east to west, and in each quarter they would find those glad to grasp their hands in good fellowship. He again thanked them for the honour conferred upon him, and assured them that nothing should be wanting on his part to promote the interests of the Order.

Bro. Lord Brooke, M.P., Deputy Ruler of the Order, was next submitted by the G.S.R., who regretted the absence of Bro. Lord Brooke, and referred to the interest taken by him in the Order.

Bro. J. LEWIS THOMAS, P.G.S.R., replied to the toast, and said they were proud of the position held by Lord Brooke, who had the prosperity of the Order at heart. They could not by any possibility have a better Deputy Ruler, and he (Bro. Thomas) hoped at some future time to see him in some higher office, for no man was more worthy.

The G.S.R., in giving "Bro. Lord Halsbury, Grand Chancellor, and the Grand Officers," said he was satisfied that a Cabinet meeting alone had kept Lord Halsbury from that meeting. He might flatter himself that he knew their Grand Chancellor intimately, and had heard him speak in private of their Order in the highest terms. They would remember that some three years ago Lord Halsbury was inducted into the Order at the Hotel Victoria, when he expressed his delight at joining.

Bro. Col. SHADWELL H. CLERKE, P.G.S.R., in response, said he had had a great many experiences in

this life, but he confessed that never in his most sanguine moments had he expected to be the understudy of the Lord Chancellor. As the humble mouthpiece of Lord Halsbury, whose absence they all regretted, he would say that their illustrious and noble brother was very interested in the Order, as they had witnessed on a former occasion. It was an honour to the Order to have such an illustrious nobleman in the position of Grand Chancellor, and on behalf of that distinguished brother he thanked them all for the way they had received the toast. He was proud that his humble name had been connected with the toast, and although he had done little he had been a member of the Order for 33 years, and the G.S.R. had conferred upon him a past title. He felt he could not take that active position he could wish, but he admired the Degree as one whose principles and teachings were excellent and one he trusted would long continue to prosper amongst the various Degrees.

Bro. W. G. LEMON, G. Treas., said he should have felt great difficulty in replying for "The Past Grand Officers" had it not been for the kindly manner in which Bro. Col. Clerke had spoken. That brother had regretted he had not the silver tongue of the Lord Chancellor, but he (Bro. Lemon) could only regret he had not the golden mouth of Bro. Col. Clerke, who always spoke with knowledge and with evident sympathy with all Masonic work. The Order had been three years in existence in England, and whilst they could regard themselves as growing, they were conscious of that fire of life and that feeling of early vitality which showed that the Order would do a great deal more than it had yet done. They looked to those around them for support, and as Grand Officers they looked upon the Order as being founded upon one of the principles necessary to the growth of all institutions—he meant friendship. If he knew anything of their principles it was that whilst they supported a brother in all his laudable undertakings they would draw the veil of kindly sympathy over all his failings. They were united in a higher bond than that of Craft Masonry, and under the distinguished guidance they had, and which they hoped might be continued for many years, the Order would prosper, and the Grand Officers were determined to keep up the high prestige it had attained.

Bro. J. J. THOMAS returned thanks for "The Grand Stewards," and said their only idea had been to make the meeting a success, and he was glad to find their efforts had been so heartily appreciated.

Bro. WILLIAMSON, P.G. Stwd., also replied.

Bro. Rev. J. STUDHOLME BROWNRIFF acknowledged the toast of "The Visitors," and the kindly reception accorded them.

The Sentinel's toast closed the proceedings.

The excellent musical arrangements were under the direction of Bro. John Read, P.G.C., assisted by Miss Annie Matthews, Miss Annie Wilson, Mrs. Read, and Bro. H. Cross.

Zacharie Conclave (No. 9).—A meeting was held on the 20th ult., at the Holborn Restaurant, when there were present Bros. H. W. Kiallmark, P.G.S.B., S.R.; C. M. Jessop, G.C., C.; W. C. Canton, Stwd.; W. Ashton Ellis, Org.; T. Stretch Down, M.D., D.C.; Geo. Danford Thomas, M.D., Guarder; W. Amor, Sentinel; W. J. Spratling, P.S.R., G.R., Hon. Mem.; and Thos. Wright, Visitors: Bros. F. Ernest Pocock, P.G.C., P.S.R.; H. H. Shirley, P.S.R.; and J. J. Wedgwood, M.D., P.G.C.

Bros. T. Wright, G. Danford Thomas, M.D., and Wm. Amor, were admitted Princes of the Order by Bro. W. J. Spratling, G.R. Bro. C. M. Jessop, G.C., was unanimously elected S.R. for the ensuing year. Bros. H. W. Kiallmark was elected Treasurer, and Wm. Amor, Sentinel. Bros. M. A. Troughton and Thos. Stretch Down, M.D., were nominated Auditors. Some additions to the by-laws were approved to be made.

The brethren dined together afterwards; the usual toasts were proposed and honoured, and a pleasant evening was passed.

ANNUAL OUTING OF THE ROSE OF DENMARK LODGE OF INSTRUCTION, No. 975.

On the 25th ult. the members of the above lodge of instruction, under the presidency of their Treasurer, Bro. Higgs, P.M., and Bro. Lindley, P.M., Assistant Preceptor, spent a most enjoyable day together.

They left Waterloo by the 6.45 p.m. train for Portsmouth, where they partook of breakfast at the New Speedwell Hotel, after which they boarded the L. and S.W. Ry. Co's. ss. Duchess of Albany, and sailed round the Isle of Wight, returning to Portsmouth in time for *dinner* at the above-named hotel, and from thence to London per the 7 p.m. train.

Votes of thanks were given to the Committee for the excellent arrangements made for the day, also to Bro. Grigsley, manager of the Speedwell Hotel, for the manner in which he catered for the party.

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The will of Bro. Deputy Edward Dresser-Rogers formerly of Ferndell, Hanover Park, Peckham, and late of Rockley, 4, Champion Park, Denmark Hill, who died on the 7th ult., was proved on the 24th ult. by Mr. Edward Phippard George Rogers, the son, one of the executors, the value of the personal estate amounting to upwards of £22,000. The testator gives all his property to trustees upon trust to pay £200 per annum to his wife, and the remainder of the net income to his children in equal proportions.

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ROYAL MASONIC INSTITUTION FOR BOYS.

TO THE PATRONS, VICE-PATRONS, VICE-PRESIDENTS,
AND LIFE-GOVERNORS OF THE ROYAL MASONIC
INSTITUTION FOR BOYS.

Evershot, Dorchester,
24th June, 1890.

MY LORDS, LADIES, AND BRETHREN,

I regret to inform you that, although the Provisional Management Committee stated to me that my "qualifications were so strong that they could not well be strengthened," yet a majority of that Committee did not see their way to recommend me to your suffrages.

This places me at a great disadvantage, but supported as I am by such a numerous and distinguished body of influential Brethren, both in London and the Provinces, including amongst others the Provincial Grand Masters and other heads of the Provinces of Cambridge, Cornwall, Cumberland and Westmorland, Dorset, Durham, Hants and the Isle of Wight, Jersey, Norfolk, Oxford, Suffolk, North and East Yorkshire, North Wales, and South Wales (West), I cannot but feel that it is due to my supporters, no less than to myself, that I should proceed with my candidature, and at once announce my firm intention of going to the Poll.

While it is not for me to judge of the reasons which actuated the ultimate decision arrived at by a majority of the Provisional Management Committee, yet my Committee feel most strongly that a Candidate who has the active support of so many Patrons, Vice-Patrons, Vice-Presidents, and Life-Governors of the Institution, including no less than 13 Provincial Grand Masters, should at least have been allowed to go to the Poll as eligible without being handicapped for want of a certificate of eligibility accorded to four other Candidates.

I feel I can rely on the large number of votes already promised, and I trust that the Voters as yet unpledged, especially in those Provinces whose rulers have accorded me their support, will evince their approval of the course which I have felt bound to adopt, by recording their votes in my favour.

I have the honour to be,

Your obedient servant,

S. R. BASKETT.

The Voting will be by proxy on Ballot Papers (which each voter will shortly receive), and they should be immediately signed and forwarded to the Honorary Secretary of my Committee, Bro. W. D. DUGDALE, Evershot, Dorchester.

ROYAL MASONIC INSTITUTION FOR BOYS.

TO THE PATRONS, VICE-PATRONS, VICE-PRESIDENTS,
AND LIFE-GOVERNORS OF THE ROYAL MASONIC
INSTITUTION FOR BOYS.

ELECTION OF SECRETARY.

The Favour of your Vote and Support on behalf of
BRO. EDWIN STORR, P.M., P.Z., &C.,
(Whose Candidature has been Specially approved by the Provisional Management Committee of the Institution, is earnestly requested and will be gratefully appreciated. Proxies should be sent to the Honorary Secretary,

Bro. W. M. STYLES,
(Committee Rooms) Anderton's Hotel,
Fleet Street, London, E.C.

Chairman of Bro. EDWIN STORR's Election Committee,
R.W. BRO. SIR ROBERT N. FOWLER, BART., M.P.,
Past Grand Warden of England.

N.B.—No 26 ON THE VOTING PAPER.

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P.Z. Belgrave Chapter, No. 749; Founder and P.Z. Camden Chapter, No. 704.

P.M. Mark Degree and Past Grand Steward.

W.C.N. Ark Mariners Degree.

Member of Rose Croix; Red Cross Rome and Constantine; Royal and Select Masters; and P.S.R. of the Secret Monitor Degree.

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ROYAL MASONIC INSTITUTION FOR BOYS.

TO THE PATRONS, VICE-PATRONS, VICE-PRESIDENTS,
AND LIFE-GOVERNORS OF THE ROYAL MASONIC
INSTITUTION FOR BOYS.

Brethren desirous of assisting and supporting BRO. GORDON SMITH (M.A.), P.G.S. Eng., P.M. 14 and 2041, Member of the Board of General Purposes, &c., &c., in his Candidature for the Secretaryship of the Institution, are requested to kindly send their names to BRO. EUGENE MONTEUUIS, P.M. 14, 2060, 2243, P.G.S., G. Swd. B. Eng., &c., &c., Hon. Sec. to the Committee,

2, Paper Buildings, Temple, E.C.

11th April, 1890.

ROYAL MASONIC INSTITUTION FOR BOYS.

ELECTION OF SECRETARY.

TO THE PATRONS, VICE-PATRONS, VICE-PRESIDENTS,
AND LIFE-GOVERNORS OF THE INSTITUTION.

Ivy House,
Collingham, nr. Newark,
July 1st, 1890.

MY LORDS, LADIES, AND BRETHREN,

I beg to thank you most sincerely for the hearty support you have accorded to my Candidature.

The Provisional Management Committee having unanimously recommended me as one of the selected Candidates, I feel it is unnecessary to add one word more to the address I have already forwarded to the general body of the electors.

The election is fixed for July 12th, and I shall feel greatly obliged if those voters who have not yet forwarded to me their proxies, will do so by an early post.

After July 9th all communications may be addressed to the

INNS OF COURT HOTEL,
HOLBORN, LONDON, W.C.

I am, my Lords, Ladies, and Brethren,

Your obedient servant,

J. M. McLEOD.

N.B.—No. 19 on the Ballot Paper. First on the list of recommended candidates.

MASONIC QUALIFICATIONS.

CRAFT—Initiated, March, 1877, in the Unanimity Lodge, No. 113, held at Preston, Province of West Lancashire; P.M. and S.W. Derwent Lodge, No. 884, Derbyshire; P.P.G. St. Br. Derbyshire; P.M. in the Newton Lodge, No. 1661, Notts.

ROYAL ARCH—Exalted in 1878, in the Unanimity Chapter, No. 113, held at Preston, Province of West Lancashire; Founder, P.Z., and Scribe E. of the Alexander Chapter, No. 1661, Province of Notts; P.P.G.S.B. Notts.

MARK—Advanced in 1878, in the Preston Lodge, No. 143, Lancashire; Joined 1878, Remigius Lodge, No. 117, Lincolnshire; P.M. of the Fleming Lodge, No. 265, Notts; P.P.J.G.W. Notts; and P.P.J.G.O. Lincolnshire.

ARK MARINERS—Elevated in Dewar Lodge, No. 237, Kent; Founder and P.C.N. Byron Lodge, T.I., Notts; Founder and P.C.N. Trent Lodge, No. 265, Notts.

ORDER OF THE TEMPLE—P.E.C. of the Prince of Peace Preceptory, Lancashire; Knight of Malta Prince of Peace Priory, Lancashire.

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The Knights Companions will meet in Council at the VICTORIA HOTEL, Victoria-street, Manchester, on FRIDAY, the 11th JULY, 1890, at FOUR o'clock precisely.

The R.W. Provincial Grand Master requests the attendance of all duly qualified Brethren, as he will on this occasion be honoured by the presence of several members of Grand Lodge from Edinburgh.

By order.

JOHN CHADWICK,
2, Cooper-street, Manchester, Prov. G. Sec.
25th June, 1890.

PROVINCE OF KENT.

THE
ANNUAL PROVINCIAL GRAND LODGE OF KENT
Will be held at the
ASSEMBLY ROOMS, ASHFORD,

On Thursday, 10th JULY, at One o'clock precisely, when and where the Provincial Grand Officers, and Past Officers, with the Worshipful Masters, Past Masters, and Wardens of the Lodges in the Province, are convoked to attend.

By Order of the R.W. Prov. G.M., EARL AMHERST.
ALFRED SPENCER,
Prov. G. Sec.

Maidstone, 16th June, 1890.

The arrangements of the Committee, at Ashford, for the Festival, are:—

LODGE at the Assembly Rooms, 1 p.m.
SERVICE at the Parish Church, by kind permission of the Rev. P. F. Tindall, Vicar, 2.30 p.m.

BANQUET at the Corn Exchange, 4 p.m.
The S.E.R. and L.C. & D. Railways will grant Single Tickets for the Return Journey on production of Summons to Meeting from Stations 10 miles distant from Ashford.

Tickets for BANQUET, 12s. 6d. inclusive, to be obtained at the Lodge Room.

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GRAND PATRONESS:

HER ROYAL HIGHNESS THE PRINCESS OF WALES.

In accordance with a resolution of the General Committee, a SPECIAL GENERAL COURT of the Governors and Subscribers of this Institution will be held at FREEMASONS' HALL, Great Queen-street, Lincoln's Inn Fields, London, on FRIDAY, 11th JULY, 1890, at FOUR o'clock precisely, to consider Notices of Motion as under:—

By Bro. THOMAS FENN, Pres. Board General Purposes, Vice-Patron, upon recommendation of the House Committee:—

1. "That a sum not exceeding Fifteen Hundred Pounds be expended by the House Committee in laying Fire Mains, fixing Hydrants, and carrying out other necessary works for the protection of the children from the risk of Fire, in accordance with the recommendations of the Authorities of the Metropolitan Fire Brigade."

2. "That Sub-section 6 of Law LIV. be amended to read as follows:—

'A Certificate of Health by the Candidate's usual Medical Attendant or by some duly qualified Practitioner, and also a Certificate by the Parent or Guardian giving replies to questions as to the health of the Candidate and other matters necessary for the information of the Medical Officer of the Institution.'

F. R. W. HEDGES, Secretary.

5, Freemasons' Hall, Great Queen-street, W.C.,
July 4th, 1890.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE "FREEMASON."

Dear Sir and Brother,

HAXELL'S HOTELS, LONDON AND BRIGHTON.

Permit me to draw the attention of the Craft to the fact that in the alterations and additions to my Hotels I have made provision for the reception of Masonic Lodges. I courteously ask for an inspection, and am

Dear Sir and Brother,

Yours fraternally,

EDWARD NELSON HAXELL, P.M.

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To Correspondents.

"PEACE."—Unsuitable for our columns. We never trench on the domains of politics or religion.—ED. F.M.

Several communications unavoidably stand over.



SATURDAY, JULY 5, 1890.

Masonic Notes.

The members of the Empire Lodge, in the formation of which Lord Carnarvon took great interest, it being established especially with a view to strengthening the Masonic bond of our colonial brethren, sent a handsome offering in the shape of a double triangle of cornflowers and scarlet flowers, surrounded by a wreath of choice white roses and exotics, with a sprig of acacia attached.

The Provincial Grand Lodge of Hertfordshire will assemble at Berkhamstead on the 25th inst., under the banner of the Berkhamstead Lodge, No. 504.

The presentation and banquet to Bro. Sudlow came off on Wednesday. There was a large gathering of appreciative and admiring friends, excellent speeches were made by the President of the Board of General Purposes and others, and the proceedings were altogether satisfactory to the recipient and to those who met to do him honour. We reserve a full report for next week.

We regret that the pressure on our space necessitates our still holding over the report of the very important and successful meeting of the Provincial Grand Lodge

of Nottinghamshire and the consecration of the Southwell Lodge. The sermon by the Dean of York at the Cathedral, and the address by the Deputy Grand Master, Bro. the Rev. F. Vernon Bussell, were listened to with wrapt attention, and are distinct additions to the many valued contributions from the same brethren in praise of the Craft universal.

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A complimentary banquet to the retiring W.M. has become an institution in the Aldersgate Lodge, and the entertainment to Bro. Alderman Renals on the 25th ultimo proved to be one of the most pleasant of the series. Saloon carriages from Paddington took the party to Taplow, whence they proceeded to the Ray Mead Hotel to luncheon. A trip in the electric steam launch "Ray Mead" to Henley was the next item on the programme, followed by dinner at the Red Lion Hotel at five, and then home—altogether a most enjoyable day. About fifty ladies and gentlemen were present, and the W.M., Bro. Hudson, presided.

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At the Quarterly Communication of Grand Lodge on the 4th ult., and more recently at the Anglo-American Lodge, the brethren had the pleasure of greeting the M.W. Grand Master of Canada, Bro. Richard Walkem, Q.C., who was also subsequently a welcome guest at the Consecration of the Cornish Lodge, and now, as we intimated some time ago, we are to be honoured with a visit from the Grand Master of Pennsylvania, Bro. Clifford McCalla, who intends to visit London on September 2nd with the object of being present at the Grand Lodge of September 3rd, and afterwards making a tour on the Continent as far as the Holy Land. Our worthy brother is an enthusiastic Mason, and is well known personally to many of our English brethren, and by reputation to many more.

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The M.W. Grand Master of the State of New York, Bro. the Hon. W. Vrooman, left New York by the steamer of the 26th ult., and is expected to reach London this week. He will be accompanied by the R.W. Bros. Edward B. Harper and Frederick A. Burnham, both prominent members of the Grand Lodge of New York.

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Our informant is Bro. Brackstone Baker, P.G.D., the representative in London of the Grand Lodges of Pennsylvania and New York, who has received official intimation of the intended visits. We feel confident these distinguished brethren will receive a hearty and fraternal welcome from whatever private lodges they may be able to visit during their brief stay in London. The Grand Master of New York will reside at the Hotel Victoria while in London.

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The special Provincial Grand Lodge of North Connaught (I.C.), called for the purpose of welcoming Bro. Surgeon Parke, on his safe return from Central Africa, was held at Carrick-on-Shannon, on Tuesday last, and was a most interesting and enthusiastic one. It was a happy thought on the part of our brethren of North Connaught to do honour to their distinguished brother, and to fix the place of meeting amidst his home surroundings. Next to Mr. Stanley, Surgeon Parke is certainly the hero of the expedition, and as Masons we are proud of having on our roll of members a brother who has proved himself in every respect worthy of the honours that have been heaped upon him.

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Bro. Capt. Murrell, of the s.s. Missouri, the hero of the Danmark rescue, was married on Tuesday last, in Baltimore, to Miss McCormick, of that city. Several of our English brethren received invitations to be present, and many more will wish him and his bride years of happiness and prosperity. We understand Bro. Murrell and his wife will be "At Home" about the end of the month, at Cardiff.

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The *Sind Gazette*, of the 6th June, says: "We are heartily glad to welcome Mr. Jehangir Kothari on his return to Karachi after his second completed voyage round the world. We have already drawn attention to points of interest in this enterprising traveller's wide wanderings, and some of the letters describing them have already appeared in these columns. Amongst other good tidings which Mr. Kothari brings with him is the news of the sentiments expressed in England in regard to our lateral communications and direct route to Delhi." Many of our readers will remember Bro. Kothari's visit to London and to London lodges some time since, and will be glad to hear of his safe arrival after his second "grand tour."

Correspondence.

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

MASONIC MUSIC AT DARLINGTON.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,

As I am personally responsible for the music which was recently used at the Marquess of Ripon Lodge, No. 1379, will you permit me to reply to Bro. Dr. Spark's letter.

Dr. Spark complains that in the list of music the name of the author is given in every instance but two, and in these two instances he assumes that because he has written music to the well-known Masonic hymns, "Hail Eternal!" by whose aid" and "Now the evening shadows closing," that his music was used without acknowledgment. This is not so. The tunes used were two given to me by the late Bro. Brittain, P.P.G. Org. Norfolk, and are those frequently used at the Norfolk Provincial Grand Lodge meetings. I have never heard them elsewhere, and I do not know who is the author, or you may be sure his name would have been given on the official programme. I had not seen Bro. Spark's "Freemasons' Liber Musicus" when his letter appeared in your paper, but I at once obtained the loan of a copy from a much respected Masonic brother, and I have carefully gone through every piece.

Dr. Spark's tunes are both very good, but I hope he will not feel offended when I say I like mine better, or rather I should say mine are better adapted for general use in the lodge. Dr. Spark's tunes will not be easily acquired by those who form the majority of lodge members, viz., those who are not skilled musicians, and I doubt if he will often find in a lodge many brethren who can easily take so high a note as F sharp, which occurs in each verse of the tune set to "Hail, Eternal! by whose aid." I also think it a mistake to divide the second verse into two parts, adding two of its lines to the first verse and two to the third. By so doing he breaks the continuity of the second verse, leaves his first verse incomplete, and begins his second verse abruptly. He has made the same mistake in the hymn "Now the evenings shadows closing." Dr. Spark is, I understand, an enthusiast for music in lodges, and I am glad he is so, for nothing so much adds to the beauty of our solemn ceremonies as music, and no one could better foster its more general adoption than the worthy Organist of the Leeds Town Hall.

I hear that he is likely to give us a new edition of his work; will he allow me, a great lover of music, but not a musician in any sense, to offer him a suggestion or two? In order to encourage music in our lodges the singing must be as congregational as possible; the tunes ought to be simple and as easy to acquire as is compatible with beauty and harmony, remembering that few lodges contain skilled musicians or brethren trained vocalists. The voluntaries, marches, &c., ought to be simple and within the capabilities of amateur players. Beethoven's "Marcia Funèbre," in seven flats, and Mozart's Masonic funeral march, which Dr. Spark introduces into his work, are not within the powers of an ordinary lodge organist.

May I also suggest that if possible the price should be lowered to 5s., and then probably a lodge would take three or four copies. In conclusion, I hope Bro. Spark will not consider that I am in any way finding fault with his exceedingly beautiful and generally well-arranged work, which does infinite credit to his well known musical genius. I only wish to point out that it is above the capabilities of the rank and file (amongst whom I class myself) of ordinary Masonic lodges, and this forbids its use on any but extraordinary occasions.—Yours fraternally,

C. D. HILL DRURY, M.D., W.M. Marquess of Ripon Lodge, Darlington, P.M. 85, P.P.G. Reg. Norfolk.

TORONTO BOARD OF RELIEF.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Sir,

In your issue of 10th May you publish an extract from the *Craftsman* of Toronto, reflecting upon the management of the Masonic Benevolent Board of this city, and, as Chairman of the Board, I feel constrained to reply, and to ask you to publish the same.

I refrain from going into a detailed statement of the matter, and must rest satisfied with stating that the writer of the article (the Editor) has allowed personal and private dislike for an individual member of the Board to run away with his prudence and attachment to truth, and his article in the *Craftsman* of April, 1890, is simply a tissue of fabrications. In his issue of this month he has made a sort of explanation, which he expects will be received as an apology, and the mere fact of his having gone so far shows how much farther he would have gone, and proves that his attack is groundless and unfair.

The Board is composed of a representative from each of the subscribing lodges, and is bound in its actions by a code of by-laws (a copy of which I enclose), approved by each of the lodges so represented, and no deviation from what is there laid down is desirable or possible. The affairs of the Board are managed by intelligent men of business, who give their services for nought, and from quite disinterested motives, their one desire being to act for the good of the Craft

and for the assistance of the needy. The fullest information of the doings of the Board can always be obtained from the representative of the lodge at its monthly meeting, or from the Secretary of the Board at his office.

The annual statement, of which I send you a copy, seems intelligible enough for the meanest comprehension, and is as simple as it can be, seeing that the Secretary and Treasurer are separate and distinct offices, held by two brethren, who, while acting in unison, have separate books.—I am, Sir, yours fraternally,

COLIN W. POSTLETHWAITE,
Chairman Toronto Ben. Board.

Toronto, June 13.

CONVENT GENERAL.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,

In looking through my *Freemason* of Saturday last I read your notice of the "Convent General" of K.T. in Glasgow; to one unacquainted with Templar Masonry in Scotland, your notice would convey the idea that the "Convent General" was the ancient and only governing body of Templars in that country, whereas the parent body from which the "Convent General" sprung is still in active existence, as the enclosed cutting from to-day's *Glasgow Herald* will show you.—Yours fraternally,

M. M'B. THOMSON.

July 1st.

KNIGHT TEMPLARS.—An event of considerable importance among the Masonic elite took place in Ayr on Saturday last, when the Ayr Encampment of Masonic Knight Templars welcomed within its assilium in the Masonic Hall, 20, New Bridge-street, Ayr, the Early Grand Encampment of the Temple and Malta in and for the Kingdom of Scotland at its regular Quarterly Communication. The history of the Knight Templars is not without interest to the general student, but to the Masonic student it is peculiarly so, as in the esoteric teaching of his Order, he is shown that inner history of the Templars subsequent to the martyrdom of their Grand Master, Jacques de Molay, and the dispersion of the knights to their ultimate absorption by the Masonic Society. The Scottish branch of the Templar Order, at present owning as its Grand Master Major John Crombie, of Aberdeen, is one of the oldest at present existing in the world and claims to show "an apolistic succession" from the ancient Order. It has at present 15 subordinate encampments on its roll and has numbered amongst its members at home and abroad some of the best known members of the Masonic fraternity. At the quarterly meeting of Grand Encampment, held on Saturday, in the absence of the Grand Master, Grand Encampment was opened by Matthew M'B. Thomson, P.G.M., assisted by William Young, Marshal; Thomas Y. Leitch, C.G.; and the office-bearers of Grand Encampment. Letters of apology were read from the Grand Master and various Knights Grand Cross. Reports of different Committees were given in, and arrangements made for strengthening the Benevolent and Propagation Funds. By unanimous vote of Grand Encampment, W. J. Hughan, Torquay, and Maj. Irwin, Bristol, were elected honorary members and invested with the dignity of Knights Grand Cross in recognition of Masonic services. After other routine business, the Grand Encampment was closed.

MASONIC PILGRIMAGE TO PALESTINE.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,

I have received letters from members of our Fraternity in England who have learned of our proposed Masonic pilgrimage to Palestine from a kind notice in your paper, enquiring whether the way was open for English Masons to join the party in England or on the Continent.

It will add to the pleasure of our tour to receive any brethren in good standing in the Order who care to join us. We have contracted with the well-known firm of Henry Gaze and Son, 142, Strand, London, to carry out European and Eastern portion of the pilgrimage. Bro. Gaze will answer all questions as to cost, &c., from any point en route to the East.

May I ask you to say this much to your readers. It will save some correspondence, and will be greatly appreciated by yours fraternally,

C. F. THOMAS.

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ATHOL WARRANT, No. 217, PROVINCIAL GRAND LODGE WARRANT FOR YORK CHESTER, AND LANCASTER.

A copy of this warrant was published many years ago by Bro. S. B. Ellis, of Sheffield, in the "Masonic Magazine" for August, 1876 (Vol. 4, p. 84), who added "The fact of this warrant being printed suggests that if others were not actually issued they were contemplated." No other provincial warrant was ever issued by the Athol Grand Lodge for any part of England, but many were sent abroad, and it is a singular fact that on the very day (5th September, 1781), on which this Sheffield warrant, No. 217, was dated, two other provincial warrants were granted, namely, No. 218, Provincial Grand Lodge, Fort St. George, Asia, and No. 219, Provincial Grand Lodge, New York. They were evidently identical in substance and phraseology. A copy of the latter was published in the "Freemasons'

Chronicle" of 2nd September, 1876. Bro. Riley says that at the date of the above warrant, No. 217, of 5th September, 1781, "the Britannia was known as Tontine, a name (it may be stated) which the members gave it after the Warrant of 1765 was signed." This lodge—No. 340, of 19th April, 1765—was originally known as "Rose and Crown Lodge" from its first place of meeting. It went to the Old King's Head, Change Alley, in 1777, returning to the Rose and Crown in 1784. In 1785 or 1786 it moved to the Tontine Hotel, from which date it appears to have been known as the "Tontine Lodge," and so continued until 1795 only, when it again changed its name for its present title of "The Britannia Lodge."

JNO. LANE.



Craft Masonry.

METROPOLITAN MEETINGS.

Merchant Navy Lodge (No. 781).—On Wednesday, the 25th ult., an emergency meeting of this large and ever growing lodge was held at the Silver Tavern, Burdett-road, under the presidency of the W.M., Bro. Somerset W. Timson, assisted by the following brethren as officers: Bros. A. H. Shepherd, P.M.; S. Hayward, S.W.; R. C. Pasfield, J.W.; J. Daniell, Treas.; E. Breden, Sec.; G. H. Seage, S.D.; F. R. Gooch, J.D.; and S. W. Bull, I.G. There were over 50 brethren present, among whom were the following: Bros. F. Robinson, J. M. Pringle, A. Scheerboom, H. Barrett, P.M.; A. Vinler, P.M.; J. Lancett, P.M.; J. B. Rugg, P.M.; A. Bebrouth, P.M.; C. T. Graham, P.M.; F. D. Burgess, P.M.; F. Peters, P.M.; A. H. Gray, P.M.; G. Wiseman, P.M.; J. Gabrouth, P.M. 55; A. Turbefeild, 1227; John Wiseman, 1716; Hugh Cotter, P.M. 554; John Holbrook, 1345; E. Downer, 871; and other visitors. The agenda was a heavy one, comprising two raisings, four passages, two initiations, and other business.

The lodge being duly opened, and the minutes of the last meeting read and confirmed, Bro. Ives was raised to the Degree of M.M., Bros. Truscott and Rugg passed to the Second Degree, and Messrs. C. W. Shipley and T. M. Walsh initiated.

The business of the evening being over, lodge was closed, and the brethren adjourned for refreshment.

The loyal toast of "The Queen and the Craft" having been received with the usual Masonic honours, the remaining toasts were limited to "The W.M.," "The Initiates," and "The Visitors."

For the latter Bro. Hugh Cotter, P.M., in replying, referred to the pleasure he had felt that day when on visiting the Institution of the Old People at Croydon, he had shaken hands with an old brother who had for 11 years received the benefit of that noble Charity, and who recognised with gratitude the work done by the Merchant Navy Lodge to secure his election.

The W.M., in his reply, referred to the way in which he had been supported that evening, and hoped his officers would endeavour not only to do as well, but even to surpass themselves in their work as his year of office progressed.

The musical honours of the evening were well maintained by Bros. Shepherd, Wiseman, J. Wiseman, Graham, Walsh, Gooch, Burgess, and H. Cotter.

It speaks well for the discipline of the lodge and the Masonic spirit of its members when nearly 50 muster to an emergency meeting.

The annual outing of the lodge of instruction will take place on Wednesday next. The train (saloon carriages) leaves Fenchurch-street at 9.20 for Southend. The banquet takes place at the London Hotel, Southend, at two o'clock.

Quatuor Coronati Lodge (No. 2076).

This lodge met for the St. John's Festival at Freemasons' Hall, on Tuesday, the 24th ult. The following members were present: Bros. R. F. Gould, P.G.D., in the chair; W. M. Bywater, P.G.S.B., S.W.; Professor T. Hayter Lewis, J.W.; G. W. Speth, Sec.; Dr. W. W. Westcott, S.D.; W. M. Williams, Steward; W. H. Rylands, P.G.D.; S. T. Klein, J. Finlay Finlayson, and Dr. B. W. Richardson. Correspondence Members: Bros. H. Chintamon, E. W. Carus-Wilson, Colonel M. Petrie, Colonel M. Ramsay, Dist. G.M. Malta; Z. Milledge, R. P. Couch, Col. J. Mead, B. Lightfoot, S. R. Baskett, H. M. Hobbs, C. W. Mapleton, R. Greenwood, and R. A. Gowan. Visitor: Bro. J. W. Clapp, P.M. 412, Pennsylvania.

One District Grand Lodge, seven lodges, and 46 brethren were admitted to the membership of the Correspondence Circle, as follows: The District Grand Lodge of Burma; Star of Burmah Lodge, No. 614, Rangoon Lodge, No. 1268, and Victoria in Burmah Lodge, No. 832, all of Rangoon; Star of the South Lodge, No. 1025, Buenos Ayres; Acacia Lodge, No. 876, Montevideo; Combermere Lodge, No. 752, Victoria; and Balduin zur Linde Loge, Leipsic; Bros. Rev. J. Fairclough, Dist. G.M. Burma, C. Preston, Dist. G. Sec. Burma, A. S. Ally Akbar, P.M. 614, and Nasarwanji N. Parakh, W.M. 614, all of Rangoon; Capt. D. Mackenzie, 1043, Sunger Ujong, Straits Settlement; A. Levyno, J. W. Cooper, 1574, Capt. A. B. Hay, 359, J. Fairbairn, 762 (S.C.), Dr. T. P. O. Mathew, P.M. 989, C. M. de Wet, 608, W. J. Blake, P.M. 918, J. Ratzer, 744 (S.C.), H. F. Head, 1824, and D. Finestone, 744 (S.C.), all of Johannesburg, Transvaal; H. P. Browne, 1477, Barkley West, Cape Colony; W. Bromehead, W.M. 2220, Dist. G.D., and J. Roberts, 2220, of Cape Town; J. Lercher, 2232, Tanugs, Br. Bechuanaland; T. H. Chaffey, Ridgway, Pennsylvania; W. Falconer, 69 (S.C.); D. R. Clark, o, Pollockshields; T. S. Brogden, 236; Hamon Le Strange, 10, Prov. G. Treas. Norfolk; G. W. G. Barnard, Prov. G. Sec. Norfolk; C. Schuster, 357; J. Bruton, P.M. 839; Rev. E. G. Austen, P.M. 976, Prov. G. Chap. Dorset; G. C. Foot, 2189; W. S. Gates, 13; R. T. Webster, 1608; W. H. Vint, 140; A. Escott, P.M. 1593; C. W. Mapleton, 256; R. W. Bourne, W.M. 32;

G. P. Gilbert, P.M. 257; Col. Martin Petrie, P.M. 844; J. R. Reep, 1260; R. Greenwood, 2369; and C. P. Dyke, P.M. 605, P.P.G.D. Dorset. This raises the number of intrants to 956. In the unavoidable absence of Bro. W. Simpson, his paper on "Brahminical Initiation" was read by the Secretary, and discussed by Bros. Westcott, Speth, Rylands, Finlayson, and Chintamon. It is needless to state that it was intensely interesting, and threw a new light on a well known Masonic symbol.

PROVINCIAL MEETINGS.

CHISLEHURST.

Chislehurst Lodge (No. 1531).—A meeting of this lodge took place on Saturday, the 28th ult., at the Bull's Head Hotel, when the following were present: Bros. Hollis, W.M.; C. F. Quicke, S.W. and W.M. elect; T. Brailey, J.W.; W. Kippis, P.P.G.O., Treas.; E. J. Goodale, Sec.; C. Dettmer, S.D.; J. Marshall, J.D.; W. Gleaves, I.G.; T. C. Nunn, P.M.; R. Nevill, P.M.; J. Behenna, P.M., P.P.G.O.; W. T. Hunt, P.M.; E. Kippis, P.M., P.P.G.O.; G. Dowsett, T. Smith, A. J. Perriam, G. Proctor, J. Drinkwater, G. Whomes, A. Muir, A. Tuck, and G. Williams. Visitors: Bros. Jas. Stevens, P.M., P.Z. 1216; Roberts, P.M. 65; Muir Smith, P.M. 788; G. Bundy, P.M. 902; W. London, P.M. 2077; R. Cummings, P.M. 2168; Dodson, P.M. 862; R. Homan, P.M. 1602; J. Lord, S.D. 2168; Bishop, S.W. 180; T. Squire, 1663; A. Cocks, 174; Carew, 2021; Norris, 174; Pickett, 1602; Callaghan, 1278; Gardner, 1348; and Nathan Robinson, L.C.C., 2168.

The ballot for Mr. John Storey being unanimous, that gentleman was initiated, and Bro. Andrew Muir was passed to the Second Degree, both ceremonies being well carried out by the W.M. Other necessary business being got through, Bro. Chas. Quicke, S.W., W.M. elect, was installed into the chair of K.S. by the W.M. in an impressive manner in the presence of the goodly array of P.M.'s mentioned. Bro. Quicke then appointed and invested the following brethren in their respective offices. This he did in the fullest possible manner. Bro. Nunn was appointed S.W.; J. Marshall, J.W.; E. Goodale, Sec.; W. Gleaves, S.D.; C. A. Dettmer, J.D.; T. Smith, I.G.; G. Proctor, D.C.; and A. J. Perriam and Drinkwater, Stewards. The W.M. then in appropriate terms presented the I.P.M., Bro. Hollis, with the P.M.'s jewel, and Bro. Hollis suitably responded. The latter was again elected unanimously Charity Representative for the ensuing year. Lodge was then closed, and the company adjourned to partake of a substantial banquet.

The usual loyal toasts were proposed and drunk, and the W.M. spoke in terms of sorrow of the serious illness of the Pro Grand Master.

Some capital harmony was rendered by Bros. Tom Squire, Dowsett, Nathan Robinson, and Bro. Jas. Stevens, P.M., gave a most impressive Masonic recitation.

Excellent speeches were made by brethren responding to the toasts, and the hearty and genuine good wishes expressed to the W.M. by all leaves no doubt as to the success of his year of office. This installation meeting is a red-letter day in the history of the Chislehurst Lodge.

CORSHAM.

Lodge of Rectitude (No. 335).—The installation of W.M. for the ensuing year of this, the senior lodge in the Province of Wiltshire, took place at the Methuen Arms Hotel, on Tuesday, the 24th ult., when a large assemblage of its members and visitors met to welcome the incoming Master, Bro. Geo. Wm. Keeling, P.M. 1067, P.P.J.G.D. Gloucestershire, who was initiated in that lodge in 1870, and passed the chair in 1876. Amongst those present there were 24 Past Masters, of whom 13 had passed the chair in this lodge. On the present occasion the brethren had the pleasure of welcoming their two oldest Past Masters—Bro. G. B. Keeling, father of the W.M. (who had himself held this office in 1836, and had remained a member of the lodge ever since, and when able attended its meetings), and Bro. Edmund White, P.P.G.D.C., P.P.S.G.W. Somerset, who occupied the same honourable position in 1858, having joined the lodge in 1836, and is also still a member of the lodge.

The installation ceremony was most ably performed by Bro. J. A. Timmins, the outgoing W.M., and the charge to the officers and brethren effectively given by Bro. Jas. Robinson, P.M. The following brethren were appointed by the W.M. as officers: Bros. H. A. Fry, S.W.; T. E. Wilton, P.M. 41, J.W.; Rev. E. Anderson, Chap.; B. H. Watts, P.M. 53, Treas.; E. Nokes, P.M. 335, Sec.; T. Ames, P.M. 41, S.D.; A. C. Cuffe-Adams, J.D.; W. S. Brymer, I.G.; and S. Bigwood, Tyler.

At the conclusion of the proceedings the brethren adjourned to a banquet provided by Host Smith, to which adequate justice was rendered, presided over by Bro. Keeling, and subsequently the brethren returned home to Bath, where most of them reside, by road, having spent a very enjoyable day, and, to quote the concluding remark of the last minute of the installation meeting in 1837, "looking forward with great pleasure to their next meeting."

DATCHET.

George Gardner Lodge (No. 2309).—A meeting of the above lodge took place on Saturday, the 28th ult., at the Village Hall, when there were present Bros. Fendick, W.M.; A. Skinner, S.W.; R. P. Laundry, J.W.; G. Gardner, I.P.M., Asst. Sec.; J. Stanley-Mansfield, S.D.; H. Hanam, J.D.; J. Corpe, I.G.; J. E. Broderick, D.C.; Louis Lee, Org.; S. F. Kemp, Steward; H. R. Pullman, R. Dennis, E. Sourel, W. Clowes, and J. Pritchard. Visitors: Geo. Everett, P.M. 2012; W. Chapman, W.M. 2190; B. Kenyon, D.C. 2012; J. Greenaway, S.W. 1310; W. J. Harris, S.D. 1321; J. H. Price, W.M. 1321; R. G. Cooper, P.M., Sec. 1321; and S. Ellis, Tyler.

The lodge was opened, and minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. Ballot taken for candidate being unanimous, the business, consisting of passing and initiation, was performed in an able manner by the W.M. and officers, after which the brethren, accompanied by the wives of several members, adjourned to the Manor Hotel, and partook of a liberal banquet supplied by Host Druce. The toasts, &c., being suspended, a brilliant array of artists assisted to pass a pleasant evening in song and recitation. Several brethren remained to pass the next day with Bro. Gardner, to be driven home, with the ladies, by him, and so ended another joyful meeting of this young lodge.

HULL.

Minerva Lodge (No. 250).—Tuesday, the 24th ult., being the feast of St. John the Baptist, the installation of the W.M. elect and officers of the above lodge took place at the Masonic Hall, Dagger-lane. There was a large assembly of Past Masters and leading members of the Fraternity belonging to the town and neighbouring districts, and Bro. L. E. Stephenson was duly installed into the chair of K.S., the ceremony being most impressively performed by several of the Past Masters of the lodge. Subsequently the newly-installed W.M. appointed his officers for the ensuing year as follow: Bros. J. W. Burton, I.P.M.; J. T. Towler, S.W.; J. M. Bell, J.W.; R. R. Hawley, P.M., Chap.; H. Haigh, P.M., P.P.G.D., L.M.; M. C. Peck, P.M., P.G. Std. Br. England, Treas.; W. Reynolds, P.M., P.G. Treas., Treas. Benevolent Fund; J. Holder, P.M., P.P.G.S. of W., Treas. Building Fund; J. J. Adamson, Sec.; J. A. Brown, S.D.; W. Thirk, J.D.; G. Smith, D.C.; W. D. Keyworth, P.M., P.P.G.S. of W., Almoner; J. McDonald, W. H. Templeman, F. C. Manley, H. Colbeck, and W. J. Harrison, Stewards; V. King, Org.; Wm. Fillingham, I.G.; and W. Clayton, Tyler.

The customary banquet took place afterwards, when the usual loyal and Masonic toasts were honoured.

During the evening the retiring W.M., on behalf of the subscribers, presented to the lodge a large portrait of Bro. M. C. Peck, Past G. Std. Br. England, Prov. G. Sec. of North and East Yorks, who, having served the office of Secretary to the lodge for about 25 years, is now its Treasurer.

The painting is by Bro. B. Hudson, and is considered one of the best portraits that has issued from his studio. It represents the subject as an officer of the Grand Lodge of England, and not only is the portrait life-like in its resemblance, but the pose is admirable, and the minute details of jewels and clothing are most elaborately painted. Altogether the picture is a great ornament to the spacious dining hall of the lodge, which contains many other fine portraits of distinguished brethren.

ILFRACOMBE.

Concord Lodge (No. 1135).—The annual installation meeting of this lodge was held at the Masonic Hall, on Tuesday, the 25th ult., when Bro. W. Walters, S.W., W.M. elect, was installed into the chair. A large number of brethren were present, including Bros. S. Jones, P.P.J.G.W.; H. R. Grover, W.M.; W. Walters, S.W.; B. P. Willis, P.M., J.W. (*pro tem*); J. S. Catford, P.M., Treas.; W. H. Ivimy, P.J.G.W., Sec.; J. Western, S.D.; W. Day, J.D.; E. J. Tamlyn, D.C.; J. T. Gardner, Org.; D. Guiding, I.G.; M. W. Tattam, and J. Yeardye, Stwds.; J. Blackford, Tyler; J. Gadon, P.M.; C. G. Barnett, P.P.G. Reg.; J. Page Phillips, P.P.G.D.C.; W. A. Roberts, P.M.; J. H. Seldon, P.M.; C. E. Clemow, P.M.; W. H. French, F. H. Colwill, G. Adams, C. W. E. Toller, J. Tucker, A. Sme, J. C. Clarke, R. W. Probert, W. L. Jones, G. Summerville, H. L. Harding, R. M. Rowe, J. Kelly, and J. Parrett. Visitors: Bros. H. Ascott, P.M. 489; W. C. Coles, W.M. 489; W. L. Jones, W.M. 112; G. F. Grover, 1714; and T. P. Martin, 1573. Letters of regret were received from many members for being unable to attend.

The lodge was duly opened, when, after the minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed, the W.M. vacated the chair in favour of Bro. S. Jones, P.P.J.G.W., the installing Master. Bro. W. Walters was then presented as the W.M. elect, and after being obligated, a Board of Installed Masters was formed, in whose presence Bro. Walters was regularly installed in the chair. The W.M. invested the following as his officers for the ensuing year: Bros. H. R. Grover, I.P.M.; F. Brede, S.W.; J. Western, J.W.; J. S. Catford, P.M., Treas.; W. H. Ivimy, P.J.G.W., Sec.; W. Day, S.D.; D. Guiding, J.D.; M. W. Tattam, D.C.; J. T. Gardner, Org.; E. J. Tamlyn, I.G.; J. Yeardye and J. C. Clarke, Stewards; and J. Blackford, Tyler. The installing Master then delivered the customary addresses in a most effective and impressive manner, and no further business offering, after "Hearty good wishes" from the visiting brethren, the lodge was closed.

The brethren then adjourned to the Royal Clarence Hotel, where the banquet took place. An elegant and *recherché* repast was served, after which the usual loyal and Masonic toasts were duly honoured.

A choice selection of vocal music was performed during and after dinner by "The Lyric Orpheus Quartette" party, which added much to the enjoyment of the evening.

LIVERPOOL.

Merchants' Lodge (No. 241).—At the Masonic Hall, Hope-street, Bro. Joseph Cornish was on the 24th ult. duly installed W.M. of the above lodge for the ensuing year. The lodge is one of the oldest in the West Lancashire province, and obtained its centenary charter in 1880. Bro. W. M'Lachlan, the retiring W.M., performed the installation ceremony, and Bro. Cornish invested his officers as follows: Bros. W. M'Lachlan, I.P.M.; R. Pruddah, S.W.; Joseph West, J.W.; Ralph Capper, Sec.; Ralph Robinson, Treas.; F. Norris, S.D.; B. P. Philpot, J.D.; A. E. Povey, I.G.; R. White, D.C.; W. Amos, T. D. Alderson, and S. J. Hughes, Stewards; A. B. Ewart, Org.; and Peter Ball, Tyler. After the business of the lodge the brethren proceeded by special train from the Central Station to Birkdale, where the Festival of St. John was celebrated by a banquet at the Palace Hotel, attended by about 100 brethren, including many visitors. Herr De Mersy's band played on the lawn during dinner, and afterwards, when the usual loyal and Masonic toasts were honoured, the following musical brethren sang solos and duets: Bros. R. N. Hobart, Eaton Batty, W. Sweetman, Webster Williams, and J. West. Bro. A. B. Ewart acting as conductor and accompanist. The retiring W.M. (Bro. M'Lachlan) was presented with a P.M.'s jewel, a case of silver fish eaters and carvers, a diamond ring for Mrs. M'Lachlan being added.

Downshire Lodge (No. 594).—On the 26th ult., at the Masonic Hall, Hope-street, Bro. H. D. Dunkel was duly installed W.M. of this lodge, this being the 39th annual meeting. There was a large attendance of members of the lodge and visiting brethren. Among the members of the lodge present were Bros. E. R. Latham, W.M.; D. Dunkel, S.W.; Burton Allenby, J.W.; J. Phelan, Sec.; J. Edwards, S.D.; Wm. Hudson, Org.; E. Smart, H.

Cowell, and E. Jeffery, Stewards; Roberts, P.M.; A. Pedersen, P.M.; W. H. Veevers, P.M.; E. Dow, P.M.; Isaac Turner, P.M., P.P.G. Std. Br.; J. L. Houghton, P.M.; T. Boswell, P.M.; and W. Blunsum, P.M. The visitors present included Bros. R. S. Cullen, W.M. 1339; Peter Larsen, P.M. 594; J. Sharples, P.M. 724; Wm. Pye, I.P.M. 1094; W. Stephenson, P.M. 724; William M'Lachlan, I.P.M. 241; George A. Harradon, I.P.M. 2316; John J. Tiller, W.M. 1375; J. B. Mackenzie, P.P.G.D.; M. Alexander, P.M. 1094; S. G. Parkes, Sec. 2335; Joseph Shield, P.M. and D.C. 2335; and John Humphreys, P.M. 724.

The presentation of Bro. H. D. Dunkel for installation was made by Bros. J. L. Houghton, P.M., and I. Turner, P.P.G. Std. Br., Treas., the installation being performed in a most effective manner by Bro. E. R. Latham, W.M., to whom a cordial vote of thanks was subsequently given. The following officers were afterwards invested: Bros. E. R. Latham, I.P.M.; B. Allenby, S.W.; J. Phelan, J.W.; I. Turner, P.G. Std. Br., Treas.; J. Edwards, Sec.; E. Smart, S.D.; H. P. Cowell, J.D.; J. Bellingham, I.G.; W. Hudson, Org.; J. Howley, E. Jeffery, C. Trense, F. Wilkinson, W. H. Parkinson, and J. T. Buck, Stewards; John L. Houghton, P.M., D.C.; A. Pedersen, P.M., C.R.; and Thomas Malcolm, Tyler. Before the business of the lodge was concluded, the I.P.M., Bro. Latham, was presented with a valuable jewel in recognition of his services; also a gold watch was presented to him as a present for his wife.

The Masonic toasts were given, and an excellent programme was furnished by Bros. Humphreys, Eaton Batty, Ward, Cowell, Carally, Latham, Clarke, and Smart.

Royal Arch.

CAMBRIDGE.

Pythagoras Chapter (No. 88).—A regular convocation of this chapter was held at the Lion Hotel, on Wednesday evening, the 25th ult. There were present Comps. W. Ingram Pashler, Z.; Thomas Nichols, H.; Oliver Papworth, J.; G. McCallum, Treasurer; A. H. Moyes, P.Z., P.P.G.H., Scribe E.; Frank Piggott, Scribe N.; W. Purchas, P.S.; C. F. Charlton, 1st A.S.; J. V. Pryor, 2nd A.S.; J. R. Ling, P.Z., Organist; T. Hunnybun, Steward; B. Chennell, P.Z.; E. H. Jennings, P.Z. 441; W. Jarrold, T. Jennings, jun., G. R. Barnes, 441; W. Davison, A. J. Moyes, J. H. Moyes, W. P. Spalding, A. E. Chaplin, W. H. Apthorpe, J. Wood, and R. Hills.

The minutes of the last chapter having been read and confirmed, Bro. Chas. W. Redin, 88, was unanimously elected and exalted, after which the work of the Principal Sojourner was ably performed by Comp. Purchas, and the lectures from the three Principals' chairs followed. Comp. A. H. Moyes also gave a description of the pedestal. It was subsequently agreed to vote a donation of five guineas to the R.M.I. for Boys, to be placed on Comp. Chennell's list for the year. The election of Principals and officers for the ensuing year was then proceeded with, the results being as follows: Comps. T. Nichols, Z.; O. Papworth, H.; J. V. Pryor, J.; A. H. Moyes, P.Z., Scribe E.; F. Piggott, Scribe N.; G. McCallum, Treas.; W. P. Spalding, P.S.; A. E. Chaplain, 1st A.S.; J. H. Moyes, 2nd A.S.; T. Hunnybun, Stwd.; W. Purchas, Org.; and C. H. Ellis, Janitor. The Auditors elected were Comps. W. Jarrold and C. F. Charlton. The resignation of Comp. T. Collier, the venerable Janitor, was received with expressions of sincere regret.

The chapter having been closed, the companions adjourned to banquet.

Mark Masonry.

COCKERMOUTH.

Faithful Lodge (No. 229).—The members of this lodge held a pleasant and successful meeting on Wednesday evening, the 25th ult., at the Masonic Rooms, Globe Hotel, when there were present, among others, Bros. T. Atkinson, P.G. Std. Br., W.M.; R. Robinson, P.M., P.P. J.G.W., S.W.; F. R. Sewell, P.M., D.P.G.M., J.W.; J. Black, P.M., P.A.G. Sec., Treas. and M.O.; H. Peacock, P.M., P.P.S.G.W., Sec.; J. Gardiner, P.G. Treas., P.G. Steward of England; J. Abbott, P.M. 151, P.P.J.G.O. as S.O.; J. O. Scott, Sec. 181, P.P.G.I. of W. as J.O.; J. Hewson, Tyler.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed. The ballot was taken, and proving unanimous, Bro. William A. Johnston was advanced to the honourable Degree of M.M.M. by Bro. Atkinson, W.M., in a very able manner. Bro. J. Gardiner, P.M. 151, also taking part in the ceremony.

The lodge having been closed, the brethren adjourned for refreshments, and spent a very pleasant evening.

CROWLE.

St. Oswald Lodge (No. 387).—On Thursday, the 26th ult., the members of the above lodge held their festival. Several members of Prov. G. Lodge were present, including the Prov. G. Sec., Bro. Morton, Bro. Goodwin, W.M. Sutcliffe Lodge, Bro. Wilkin, and others. The festival was made the occasion of the installation of Bro. R. Wood, P.G.S.B., to the W.M.'s chair. The ceremony of installation was performed by Bro. Staniforth, P.S.G.W., in a manner which reflected the highest praise on him. The investiture by the W.M. took place after the installation, and the following are the officers for the ensuing year:—Bros. Staniforth, I.P.M.; Winter, S.W.; Horobin, J.W. and Treasurer; the Rev. W. M. Weigall, Chap.; Pickering, Sec.; Behrendt, R. of M.; Fox, M.O.; Ashlin, S.O.; Chamberlain, J.O.; Robinson, S.D.; Cheeseman, J.D.; Brunyee, D. of C.; Peace, Org.; Drury, Std. Br.; Peace and Petch, I.G.'s; Slater and Mason, Stewards; and Naylor, Tyler.

After lodge business, the brethren adjourned to the banqueting room, where a dinner awaited them, provided by Mrs. and the Misses Chafer.

After the banquet, the W.M. proposed "The Health of Her Most Gracious Majesty the Queen and Mark Masonry."

"God save the Queen," led by Bro. Fox, was heartily sung by the brethren.

"H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, the M.W.G.M., the Pro

Grand Master, and the D.G.M., and the rest of the Officers of Grand Officers, Present and Past," was given by Bro. Wood.

"God bless the Prince of Wales" was given by the brethren.

The W.M. next gave "Bro. Jack Sutcliffe, P.G.M.; Bro. Anderson Bales, D.P.G.M.; and the rest of the Prov. Grand Lodge, Present and Past."

The Prov. G. Sec., Bro. Morton, responded very ably to the toast.

Bro. Wood sang "He's a fine old English gentleman." Bro. Morton proposed "The W.M. of St. Oswald Lodge."

The W.M. responded very neatly, and Bro. Peace, the Organist, gave "Simon, the cellarer."

"The Installing Master" was proposed by Bro. Goodwin in very eulogistic terms.

Bro. Staniforth appropriately replied, and Bro. Fox sang the "Village Blacksmith."

"The Visiting Brethren" was proposed by Bro. A. L. Peace.

Bros. Morton, Goodwin, and Wilkin responded, followed by "Hearts of Oak" being vocally rendered by the W.M.

The next toast was "The Officers of the Lodge," and Bro. Swaby handled the proposition very ably.

It was responded to by Bros. Winter and Horobin; and Bro. Wilkins sang, "Rock me to Sleep, Mother."

"The Charities" was placed in able hands to propose, and Bro. Horobin introduced it very feelingly.

This was responded to by two Stewards, Bros. Goodwin and Staniforth.

Bro. Fox sang "Monarch of the Wood" very ably.

Bro. Morton also spoke in support of the Charities.

"The Ladies" was handsomely proposed by Bro. Mason, and responded to by Bro. Winter, followed by the brethren singing heartily, "Here's a health to all good lasses."

The proceedings finished by Bro. Naylor giving the Tyler's toast.

The programme was gone through smartly, under the D.C.'s, Bros. Brunyee and Staniforth. Happy meetings like the above have a great tendency to advance the brotherhood and extension of this charitable Order. The progress of this lodge has been remarkable, and there is every sign of its continued advancement under its present Master and his excellent staff of officers.

MANCHESTER.

St. Andrew's Lodge (No. 34).—The regular meeting of this lodge was held at Freemasons' Hall, Cooper-street, on Thursday, the 26th ult., when there were present Bros. S. Kelly, G.S., W.M.; E. L. Little, P.G.S., J.W.; C. E. Towell, M.O.; G. S. Smith, S.O.; J. M. Sinclair, P.M., P.P.G.M.O., Treas.; J. T. Richardson, P.M., P.P.S.G.W., Sec.; W. R. Lowler, P.M., P.P.G. M.O.; H. L. Rocca, P.M., P.P.G.M.O.; Geo. Langley, I.G.; and George Hunt, I.P.M.

PLUMSTEAD.

Excelsior Lodge (No. 226).—The installation meeting of the above lodge took place on Friday, the 20th ult., at the Masonic Hall, Mount Pleasant, and was well attended. The lodge was opened by the W.M., Bro. T. Ovenden, P.P.J.G.D., and the minutes of the previous meeting having been confirmed, the ballot was taken for Bros. A. Fenn, 913; J. Stratton, 913; and J. G. Deeves, 956, Natal, and proving unanimous, Bros. Fenn and Deeves, being present, were admitted and duly advanced to the Degree of M.M. The ceremony was, by special permission of the W.M., performed by Bro. Capt. D. Deeves, A.S.C., P.M. 226 and 252, and P.D.G.M.O. Natal, father of one of the candidates, who did it without a hitch or falter, and in excellent style. Bro. A. Penfold, P.M., P.P.G.M.O., then, by special request, assumed the chair as Installing officer, and in his own inimitable manner installed the W.M. elect, Bro. G. Kennedy, P.P.G.R. of M., into the chair of A., in which he was duly saluted. He invested his officers as follows: Bros. J. Whiteheart, S.W.; C. Jolly, P.P.G.O., J.W.; C. Coupland, P.M., P.P.G. S.W., Treas.; J. Farrier, Sec.; Capt. D. Deeves, P.M. and M.O.; E. West, P.M., P.P.G.D.C., S.O.; W. J. Akers, J.O.; J. Warren, R. of M.; F. Reed, S.D.; Col. C. E. Vansittart, J.D.; E. B. Hobson, I.G.; G. H. Porter, D.C.; and C. H. Canning, Stwd. Bro. Penfold then gave the addresses splendidly, and so concluded a perfectly rendered ceremony, for which he was awarded a hearty vote of thanks, the same to be inscribed on the minutes of the lodge, and for which he returned thanks. A handsome and valuable Past Master's jewel was then presented to Bro. Ovenden for his valuable services to the lodge during his year of office, for which he returned thanks, and then the lodge was closed.

The banquet was served in the hall by Bro. West, and it was well served. Among the other brethren present were Bros. Captain G. Spinks, P.M., P.P.A.G.D.C.; T. D. Hayes, P.M., P.P.G.S.B.; D. C. Capon, P.P.G. Std. Br.; H. Towns; J. Hully, of the lodge; E. Denton, P.M. 44, P.P.S.G.D.; H. Mason, W.M. 44; J. H. Roberts, S.W. 44; Moulds, P.M., P.P.G.I.G.; and others.

The usual loyal and Grand Mark Lodge toasts having been honoured, that of "Bro. Rev. T. Robinson, M.A., P.G.M.," was drunk in bumpers. Then came that of "Bro. Rev. H. Cummings, M.A., P.G. Chap. Eng., D.P.G.M.," and the rest of the Prov. Grand Officers Present and Past."

Bro. Reed, in response, regretted that the responsibility for such an important toast had not fallen into the hands of some one more capable of doing justice to it than himself, and who had had an opportunity of making a closer acquaintance with the Prov. Grand Officers than he had. From what he had seen of their Prov. Grand and Deputy Prov. Grand Masters, he felt deeply impressed with their vast Masonic knowledge and the genial manner in which they conducted the important duties entrusted to them. On behalf of the Prov. Grand Officers he thanked them heartily.

The I.P.M., Bro. Ovenden, then proposed the toast of "The Worshipful Master," and said that most of them had known Bro. Kennedy for a great number of years, and knew what an able and excellent Mason he was. He and Bro. Kennedy both landed themselves in Woolwich in the year 1846, and had been knocking about together most of the time since, and sometimes in their career, both military and Masonic, he had followed Bro. Kennedy, and sometimes, as in the present case, Bro. Kennedy followed him. They had, however, always worked together in harmony, and he and they were proud of seeing such a good and excellent Mason in the chair of the Excelsior Lodge.

Bro. Kennedy, in response, said he thanked them much for their gratifying reception of the toast. He could assure them that it would afford him great gratification to follow in the footsteps of his predecessors, and maintain for the lodge its present proud position among the Mark lodges of the Province of Kent. He felt proud to be supported by such a body of Past Masters as their lodge had, and was sure that every member present must have been impressed with the admirable manner in which Bro. Deeves had that day initiated the candidates, among whom was his own son, into the mysteries of Mark Masonry. Bro. Deeves was equally efficient both in the Craft and Royal Arch. He trusted to have the opportunity soon of showing them that he had prepared himself to follow in the footsteps of those excellent Masons who had preceded him, and should so carry out the duties of his office that at the end of his year they would say that their confidence had not been misplaced, and that he had not been found an unworthy servant.

The Worshipful Master then proposed the toast of "The Past Masters," and in so doing spoke of the vicissitudes of the lodge, and of the low ebb at which it at one time stood, until the grand and good Mason who had that day installed him came to its aid with both money and time, and placed it upon its present firm and flourishing foundation. He spoke highly of the eminent services of all the Past Masters, and asked the brethren to drink the toast in bumpers.

Bro. Coupland, in response, said some of the Past Masters were deserving of every praise, and among them he must mention Bro. Penfold, and could corroborate every word said by the Worshipful Master as to the great services rendered the lodge by that brother, and he not only attended their meetings regularly, but installed the Masters in succession whenever he was called upon to do so. He was sorry to say that in some lodges directly some of the Past Masters got their collars they were more conspicuous by their absence than their presence; that, however, was not the case in that lodge, and, on behalf of the Past Masters, he thanked them for the toast.

The Worshipful Master then proposed the toast of "The Installing Officer," and in eloquent terms eulogised the effective manner in which Bro. Penfold had carried out the duty that day; he was entitled to their lasting gratitude, not only for working the ceremony of installation, but for many services rendered the lodge since its consecration.

Bro. Penfold, who was loudly cheered on rising to respond, said the W.M. had called the toast he had just so feelingly given "the toast of the evening." Now, he (Bro. Penfold) thought the toast of the evening was the toast of "The W.M." He looked upon it as such, and hoped it would always remain so. The W.M. also said they could not do without an Installing Officer; well, he had done the work on many occasions, but it had also been done by Bros. Matier and Cummings, and he should have been pleased to have seen either or both of those distinguished brethren present, and one of them undertake the office of Installing Master; but as Bro. Kennedy particularly wished him to install him (Bro. Kennedy) into the chair of A, he did it with a great deal of pleasure, because there was an affinity between himself and Bro. Kennedy in Masonry that made them work together in perfect harmony, because he felt sure the lodge would under Bro. Kennedy's rule prosper, because all Bro. Kennedy did he did well and with justice. The prestige of the lodge would not suffer at his hands, and he hoped Bro. Kennedy might live as long again as between 40 and 90; the time spoken of by the I.P.M. as that during which he had known Bro. Kennedy. He asked them all to assist the W.M., and then he felt sure that his year of office would be a prosperous one, and the lodge increase its power and its popularity in proportion.

The other toasts were "The Visitors," responded to by Bros. Mason and Roberts. "The Advancers," "The Officers," and the Tyler's toast.

Some good singing enlivened the proceedings.

Lodges and Chapters of Instruction.

CLARENCE LODGE (No. 263).—The usual weekly meeting was held on the 26th ult. at Tupp's Restaurant, 8, Tottenham Court-road. There were present Bros. J. Russell, W.M.; D. G. Imlay, S.W.; W. Baker, J.W.; W. H. Kirby, Preceptor; A. E. Barrett, S.D.; C. W. Mapleton, J.D.; C. Hurst, I.G.; R. Horne, T. Stallabrass, J. W. Harvey, J. B. Corp, J. W. Cooper, and C. F. Cox.

The lodge having been opened, the minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. The lodge was opened in the Second Degree. Bro. J. W. Cooper volunteered his services as candidate, and was therefore examined and entrusted, and the lodge was opened in the Third Degree, when the W.M., Bro. Russell, rehearsed the ceremony of raising in an able manner, after which the lodge was closed in the Third and Second Degrees. The W.M. rose for the first time, when Bro. Kirby expressed the great pleasure he felt at being privileged to propose as joining members of this lodge of instruction Bros. J. W. Cooper, C. W. Mapleton, and C. F. Cox. These three nominations were duly seconded by Bro. Baker, the W.M. announcing the election would be confirmed by ballot at the next meeting. Bro. H. H. Nuding was elected W.M. for the ensuing meeting, when the first ceremony will be rehearsed and the charge after initiation given. The officers were appointed in rotation, and all Masonic business being ended, the lodge was closed.

CAMDEN LODGE (No. 704).—The usual weekly meeting of this lodge was held at the Lewisham Masonic Rooms, adjoining the White Hart Hotel, 116, High-street, Lewisham, on Thursday, the 26th ult. The Preceptor, Bro. James Stevens, P.M., P.Z., occupied the chair as W.M., and the following brethren officiated: Bros. H. R. Trant, S.W.; R. W. Cartwright, J.W.; Walter Robin, Sec.; R. Tilling, S.D.; S. Lancaster, J.D.; and C. Robson, P.M., I.G.. Among the brethren present were Bros. A. Wimbush, F. F. Catt, E. Webb, T. Athey, and others. The usual preliminaries having received attention, the first ceremony was worked in detail, and the several portions of the work and most important points were explained, to the expressed satisfaction of all present. This lodge has become an annual subscriber to the *Freemason*, and has arranged with the proprietor of the Masonic Rooms that current numbers may be seen for reference by any local resident members of the Craft on application at any reasonable time at the rooms or adjoining hotel.

HYDE PARK LODGE (No. 1425).—A meeting was held on Monday, the 30th ult., at the Porchester Hotel, Leinster-place, Cleveland-square, Paddington, W., when there were present Bros. J. Cruttenden, W.M.; D. Gellion, P.M. 1425, S.W.; W. Hillier, J.W.; W. H. Chalfont, P.M. 1425, Deputy Preceptor; Geo. Read, P.M. 511, Treas.; H. Dehane, P.M. 1543, Sec.; W. Sims, P.M. 834, S.D.; John Davies, W.M. 169, J.D.; James Chaundler, I.G.; James Stratton, Stwd.; J. R. Allman, P.M. 1425; C. S. Mote, P.M. 1732; H. Campbell, J. C. Conway, John Smith, and O. W. Battley.

The lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. The ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, Bro. Stratton being candidate. Bro. Allman worked the 3rd Section of the Lecture, Bro. Read the 4th, assisted by the brethren. Bro. Gellion was elected W.M. for the next meeting—the officers to be in rotation. A vote of condolence with Lady Carnarvon and family was passed, also to Mr. Herbert, the proprietor of the Porchester Hotel. The proxy belonging to the lodge of instruction for the election of Secretary of the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys was unanimously voted to Bro. Edwin Storr. After "Hearty good wishes," the lodge was closed.

LEOPOLD LODGE (No. 1571).—This lodge held its usual meeting at the City Arms Tavern, St. Mary Axe, on Thursday, the 26th ult., when the following were present: Bros. Minett, W.M.; Gaskell, P.M., S.W.; Morgan, J.W.; Pitt, P.M., Preceptor (*pro tem.*); Colley, Hon. Sec.; Antonovich, S.D.; Miller, J.D.; Williams, I.G.; F. T. Wood, Harris, Graham, Langford, Meadows, Vale, D. Smith, and others.

The lodge having been opened, the minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. The lodge was opened in the Second Degree, and Bro. Gaskell, P.M., was duly presented for installation. The lodge was opened in the Third Degree, and Bro. Gaskell, P.M., was duly installed by the W.M., Bro. Minett, who gave the addresses, &c., in an able and efficient manner. The various officers of the lodge were invested by the newly-installed W.M., who then vacated the chair in favour of Bro. Pitt, P.M.

The lodge was resumed to the Second Degree, and Bro. Vale having answered the usual questions leading to the Third Degree, was entrusted and retired. The lodge was resumed to the Third Degree, and the ceremony of raising rehearsed, Bro. Vale candidate. The lodge was resumed to the First Degree, and on the W.M. rising for the first time, Bro. S. Vale, 861, was unanimously elected a joining member, and returned thanks. The dues having been collected, the W.M. rose for the second time, and Bro. Morgan was unanimously elected W.M. for the ensuing week, and returned thanks. The officers having been appointed in rotation, the W.M. rose for the third time, and a hearty and unanimous vote of thanks was accorded to Bro. Minett for his able working of the installation ceremony. Bro. Minett having expressed his acknowledgment, nothing further offering for the good of Freemasonry, the lodge was closed.

COVENT GARDEN LODGE (No. 1614).—The usual meeting of this lodge was held at the Criterion, Piccadilly, S.W., on the 26th ult., when there were present Bros. H. Evenden, W.M.; R. E. Cursons, S.W.; W. Hoggins, J.W.; W. Brindley, Preceptor; J. Greenway, Deputy Preceptor; G. Reynolds, Treas. and Sec.; F. Cracknell, S.D.; F. W. Buxton, J.D.; J. Thrussell, Org.; E. J. D. Rymer, I.G.; T. E. Weeks, Tyler; W. Hancock, R. Kirk, and W. Williams.

The lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. The Preceptor worked the 2nd Section of the First Lecture. The lodge was opened in the Second Degree. Bro. W. Hancock having offered himself as a candidate to be raised to the Third Degree, was duly examined, entrusted, and retired. The lodge was opened in the Third Degree. The W.M. rehearsed the Degree of F.C. The lodge was resumed to the First Degree. On rising for the second time, Bro. R. E. Cursons, S.W., was unanimously elected W.M. for the ensuing week. The W.M. elect appointed his officers in rotation, and announced his intention of working the third ceremony. On rising for the third time, the Preceptor proposed that a cordial vote of thanks be recorded on the minutes of this lodge of instruction to Bro. H. Evenden, W.M., for the able manner in which he had carried out the duties of the chair for the first time in this lodge of instruction, and also for the very able manner in which he had rehearsed the Third Degree. Seconded by the J.W., and carried unanimously. To which the W.M. made a suitable reply, assuring the brethren that he felt that a vote of thanks to a W.M. who had occupied the chair for the first time was a great compliment not to be forgotten. Nothing further offering for the good of Freemasonry, the lodge was closed.

KENSINGTON LODGE (No. 1767).—A meeting was held on Tuesday, the 1st inst., at the Scarsdale Arms Hotel, Edwardes-square, Kensington, W. Present: Bros. G. A. Knight, W.M.; J. H. Neville, S.W.; W. G. Danby, J.W.; George Read, P.M., Preceptor; R. H. Williams, P.M.; P.P.J.G.D. Middx., Treas.; F. Craggs, Sec.; W. Hillier, S.D.; C. G. Hatt, J.D.; J. R. Hubbard, I.G.; C. Woods, W. G. Coleman, James Sims, P.M.; and J. J. Moore.

The lodge was opened in due form, and the ceremony of initiation was rehearsed in a perfect manner. Bro. Coleman offered himself as a candidate for passing and was examined and entrusted. The lodge was opened in the Second Degree, and the ceremony rehearsed. Bro. Williams delivered the lecture on the tracing board, and the lodge was closed in the Second Degree. Bro. Moore was elected a joining member, and Bro. Neville was elected W.M. for the next meeting. A vote of respectful sympathy and condolence with the family of the late Pro Grand Master, Bro. the Earl of Carnarvon, having been passed, the lodge was closed.

CREATON LODGE (No. 1791).—A meeting was held on Thursday, the 26th ult., at the Wheatsheaf Hotel, Goldhawk-road, Shepherd's Bush, W. Present: Bros. G. E. Higginson, W.M.; F. Woodard, S.W.; F. Craggs, J.W.; E. Austin, P.M., Treas.; W. H. Chalfont, P.M., Sec.; W. Hillier, S.D.; C. J. C. Walker, J.D.; W. Stevens, I.G.; E. Childs, P.M.; R. H. Rogers, P.M.; L. Cox, T. J. Head, and F. West.

The lodge was opened, and the minutes of last meeting read and confirmed. The lodge was opened in the Second Degree. The 1st Section of the Lecture was worked by the W.M., assisted by the brethren. Bro. Head having

offered himself as a candidate, was examined and entrusted. The lodge was opened in the Third Degree, and the ceremony of raising rehearsed. The lodge resumed to the First Degree. Bro. Woodard was elected W.M. for the next meeting, and the lodge was closed.

CHISWICK LODGE (No. 2012).—A meeting was held on Saturday, the 28th ult., at the Windsor Castle Hotel, Hammersmith. Present: Bros. H. Bright, W.M.; T. W. Biggs, S.W.; J. H. Cummings, P.M., J.W.; James Sims, P.M., Deputy Preceptor; F. Craggs, Sec. (*pro tem.*); W. Pine, S.D.; J. Cox, J.D.; J. N. Baxter, I.G.; W. Hillier, Steward; M. Spiegel, P.M.; and W. S. Whiteley.

The lodge being opened in due form, the ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, Bro. Whiteley as candidate. The lodge was opened in the Second and Third Degrees, and resumed to the First. The 1st and 2nd Sections of the First Lecture were worked by the Deputy Preceptor, assisted by the brethren. Bro. Biggs was elected W.M. for the next meeting, and the lodge was closed.

WARNER LODGE (No. 2256).—The regular weekly meeting of this exemplary and vigorous lodge was held at Hoe-street Chambers, Walthamstow, on Monday, the 30th ult., when there were present Bros. Bromhead, W.M.; W. Shurmur, P.M., Preceptor; T. E. Horley, S.W.; Richard Kershaw, J.W.; Jno. Ives, P.M., S.D.; George Long, J.D.; Walter Goulding, I.G.; W. P. Allen, Sec.; Wm. Blenkinsop, Stwd.; E. Brooshooft, Christian Horst, T. Scoresby-Jackson, P.M.; E. Gray, jun., Nathaniel Fortescue, W. W. Cook, Ben. Nicholson, R. Smith, Chas. Bestow, R. Sandall, and J. Speller.

The lodge was opened in the Three Degrees, and the ceremony of raising rehearsed, Bro. C. Horst being the candidate. The installation ceremony was then rehearsed in a highly impressive and commendable manner, Bro. Scoresby-Jackson acting as Installing Master. Bro. T. E. Horley was unanimously elected W.M., and appointed his officers in rotation. Bro. Shurmur then moved that a sincere and cordial vote of thanks be entered on the minutes to Bro. Blenkinsop for his unvarying courtesy whilst acting as honorary Steward; this was seconded by Bro. R. Kershaw, supported by Bro. W. P. Allen, and carried unanimously. Nothing further offering, the lodge was closed.

ST. ANDREW CHAPTER (No. 834).—A meeting of this chapter was held on Wednesday, the 25th ult., at the Windsor Castle Hotel, King-street, Hammersmith. Present Comps. James Sims, M.E.Z.; John Cruttenden, H.; W. J. Coplestone, J.; J. H. Cummings, S.E.; W. Hillier, P.S.; and T. W. Biggs, S.N.

The convocation having been declared opened, the ceremony of exaltation was rehearsed in an excellent manner by all concerned. Comp. Cruttenden was elected a joining member. Votes of thanks were passed to the H. and P.S. for their good working. Comp. Cruttenden was elected M.E.Z. for July, and after "Hearty good wishes" the meeting was adjourned until the 9th inst.

Ancient and Accepted Rite.

TAUNTON.

Royal Alfred Chapter (No. 13).—The ceremony of installation in connection with this chapter was performed at the Masonic Hall, on Thursday, the 26th ult., when Bro. T. H. Chaffin, of Lodge No. 261, was duly installed M.W.S. for the ensuing year by Bro. T. G. Williams, the retiring M.W.S. Bro. Chaffin afterwards appointed and invested the following officers: Bros. Rev. H. S. Hume, Prelate; C. H. Samson, 1st General; J. Lewis, 2nd General; J. G. Vile, G.M.; T. G. Williams, R.; J. Gill, Herald; T. A. Hussey, C. of S.; Rev. R. Bailey, Recorder; F. T. Elworthy, Treas.; H. Read, Org.; and H. Powell, D.C.

The brethren afterwards sat down to a banquet, presided over by the newly-installed M.W.S., and the usual Masonic toasts were proposed.

PRINCESS BEATRICE AT WANSTEAD.

Princess Beatrice, who was accompanied by Prince Henry of Battenberg, Colonel J. Clerk, and Miss M. Cochrane, distributed the prizes to the inmates of the Infant Orphan Asylum, Wanstead, on Saturday, the 28th ult. Among those present were the Bishop of Colchester, Mr. J. Theobald, M.P., Sir J. Goode, Captain McLaughlin, Colonel Dorninor, the Rev. Prebendary Whittington, Colonel Channer, and many others. Her Royal Highness, who was received by the Committee and Stewards on arriving, was conducted to the girls' play-room, where the boys of the school went through a programme consisting of recitations, pianoforte solos, musical drill, songs, marching, skipping, and Japanese drill, &c.

A novel feature in the afternoon's programme was the farewell address delivered by Master W. O. A. Perkins, a pupil. In the course of his remarks he said there were 600 children in the school besides an adequate staff of officers and teachers. The home was a refuge for those who had been bereaved of their parents. Some of the past inmates of the school had been successful, and those who remained looked forward to a like result.

The Bishop of COLCHESTER, in proposing a vote of thanks to the Princess for presiding, said that on several occasions they had been honoured by visits from the members of the Royal family.

The motion having been carried, the PRINCESS said: It has given me very great pleasure to be present to-day at one of your anniversaries, and at the same time to have had the opportunity of seeing this well-known and excellent institution, in which I know my dear father took the greatest interest. I thank you all very much for the kind reception you have given us, and I wish most heartily every success to your institution.

Her Royal Highness then left. The visitors afterwards inspected the chapel, nurseries, dormitories, and schoolrooms, and then proceeded to the dining hall, where a lunch was provided.

Sir J. GOODE, who presided, in proposing prosperity

to the institution, said he was quite certain that it was worthy of support. It was of great value, not only to the locality, but to the country at large. The good that the charity was doing was simply incalculable. He spoke of the admirable manner in which the children were trained and the discipline that was exercised in the school, and stated that the training they received was of the soundest and highest kind. Their bodily, mental, and spiritual wants were thoroughly cared for, and he had no hesitation in wishing it success.

The toast was drunk with enthusiasm.

The Bishop of COLCHESTER, in proposing the health of the Chairman, also spoke of the good work the institution was doing.

The proceedings then terminated.

THE LATE EARL OF CARNARVON.

The following order has been issued by the Grand Secretary:

"UNITED GRAND LODGE OF ANCIENT FREE AND ACCEPTED MASONS OF ENGLAND.

"HIS ROYAL HIGHNESS ALBERT EDWARD, PRINCE OF WALES, K.G., &c., &c., &c., M.W.G.M.

"In consequence of the much lamented death of the Right Honourable the Earl of Carnarvon, M.W. Pro Grand Master and Provincial Grand Master for Somerset, an event which has filled the breast of every Mason with the most poignant grief, it is ordered that the Grand Lodge and all subordinate Lodges be placed in Masonic Mourning for the space of Six Months from this date.

"The Mourning to be worn by Brethren individually to be as follows: Grand Officers, Present and Past—Three Rosettes of Black Crape on the Badges and one at the point of the Chain or Collar just above the Jewel. Masters, Past Masters, and Master Masons—Three Black Crape Rosettes on Badge. Fellow Crafts and Entered Apprentices—Two Black Crape Rosettes at the lower part of the Badge. White Gloves.

"By Command of the M.W. Grand Master.

"SHADWELL H. CLERKE, G.S.

"Freemasons' Hall, London, W.C.,
1st July, 1890."

The Grand Scribe E. has also issued the following:

"SUPREME GRAND CHAPTER OF ROYAL ARCH MASONS OF ENGLAND.

"HIS ROYAL HIGHNESS ALBERT EDWARD, PRINCE OF WALES, K.G., &c., &c., &c., M.E.Z.

"In consequence of the much lamented death of the Right Honourable the Earl of Carnarvon, M.E. Pro Grand Z., an event which has filled the breast of every R.A. Mason with grief, it is ordered that the Grand Chapter and all subordinate Chapters be placed in Masonic Mourning for the space of Six Months from this date.

"The Mourning to be worn by Companions individually to be as follows: Grand Officers, Present and Past—Three Rosettes of Black Crape on the Aprons and one at the point of the Collar, just above the Jewel. Principals, Past Principals, and Companions—Three Black Crape Rosettes on the Apron. White Gloves.

"By Command of the M.E.Z.,

"SHADWELL H. CLERKE, G.S.E.

"Freemasons' Hall, London, W.C.,
1st July, 1890."

The following on the same subject has been issued by the authorities of the Mark Degree:—

"GRAND LODGE OF MARK MASTER MASONS.

"DEATH OF THE EARL OF CARNARVON,

"M.W. PAST GRAND MASTER.

"ORDER FOR MOURNING.—Lodges.—Pedestals and Candlesticks to be draped in Black Crape or Cloth. Individual Brethren.—Grand Officers and Provincial Grand Officers, Present and Past—Masters and Past Masters—Three Rosettes of Black Crape on the Badge and one at the upper point of the Collar. Brethren, not included in the above, Three Black Crape Rosettes on the Badge. White Gloves.

"By command of H.R.H. THE PRINCE OF WALES, K.G., M.W.G.M.

C. FITZGERALD MATIER, P.G.W.,
Grand Secretary."

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The General Committee of the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys will hold their regular monthly meeting at Freemasons' Hall, to-morrow (Saturday), at the usual hour of 4 p.m.

The Committee of Management of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution will hold their regular monthly meeting at Freemasons' Hall, on Wednesday next, the 9th instant.

By command of the Provincial Grand Master of Cumberland and Westmorland, the annual Provincial Grand Mark Lodge will be held at Whitehaven, under the banner of the Fletcher Mark Lodge, No. 213, on the 16th inst.

The distribution of prizes at the Warehousemen, Clerks, and Drapers' Schools will take place to-morrow (Saturday). Mr. B. S. Olding, Deputy Chairman of the Board of Management, will preside, and Mrs. Olding has consented to distribute the prizes.

The Duke of Fife is one of the largest owners of founders' shares in London, and is intimately associated with the Trustees' and Executors' Insurance Company, whose founders' shares, originally sold for £30 each, are now worth £9000 each.

To a crowded and enthusiastic audience at Exeter Hall, on Friday, the 27th ult., Mr. Stanley gave a graphic lecture on the Emin Pasha Expedition. The company present included the Baroness and Bro. Burdett-Coutts (the latter of whom occupied the chair), Mr. George Williams, and Lord Kinnaird.

Bro. Alderman Sir R. N. Fowler, Bart., M.P., presided at the Annual Public Examination of the children of the senior branch of the Orphan Working School, Maitland Park, Haverstock Hill, on the 26th ult. The prizes were afterwards distributed, and in the afternoon there was a display of calisthenics and swimming by the children.

The British Archaeological Association will next week hold their 47th annual congress at Oxford, meetings being held each evening, from Tuesday till Saturday, at the schools. The proceedings will be opened by the Earl of Winchelsea, who has taken the place that was to have been filled by the late Earl of Carnarvon.

The Empress Frederick of Germany on Wednesday afternoon paid a visit to the Bond-street Gallery, where Mr. Burne Jones's picture of the Briar Rose is on view. She also visited Messrs. William Doig and Co.'s galleries in Waterloo House, Pall Mall, to view the picture of "The Jubilee Celebration in Westminster Abbey, painted by W. E. Lockhart, R.S.A.

A meeting of Old Haileyburians will take place on Monday, the 7th inst., at five p.m., in the Church House, Dean's-yard, Westminster, to welcome the Hon. and Rev. E. Lyttelton, lately appointed Head Master. A proposition will be made, by the express desire of Mr. Lyttelton, that a union of Old Haileyburians be formed for the purpose of affording lay help to clergy in our big cities. All Old Haileyburians are earnestly invited to be present.

Bro. Augustus Harris, Grand Treasurer, was, as we anticipated, elected as one of the Sheriffs of London on Tuesday. The liveliest interest was manifested in the proceedings, and the supporters of the rival candidates were most enthusiastic in their advocacy of their claims on the livery. The total number of votes recorded was 3,446, and they were distributed as follows:—Mr. Farmer, 1,309; Bro. Augustus Harris 1,139; and Capt. Roper Parkington, 926. The two first-named were elected.

The Princess Christian presided at a numerously attended meeting held at Devonshire House, Piccadilly, on the 26th ult., in aid of the Convalescent and Holiday Fund for Nurses, the Duchess of Abercorn and Bro. the Bishop of Peterborough being among those present. It is in contemplation to purchase a Home at Brighton for the purpose, but it is said a sum of £15,000 will be required to buy, furnish, and endow. A vote of thanks to her Royal Highness for presiding was passed by acclamation.

The remains of Lord Magheramorne, who died on Friday, the 27th ult., were interred at Brompton Cemetery on Thursday. The Bishop of Truro, assisted by the Rev. J. Storrs, of St. Peter's, Eaton-square, officiated, and the choir of that church sang several hymns. Many distinguished persons were present at the grave, among whom were Viscount Cranbrook, Lord Trevor, Lord Penrhyn, and Lord Sudeley. The coffin was covered with wreaths, and the grave was lined with moss and white flowers.

A new lodge of Royal Ark Mariners, attached to the Furness Lodge of Mark Masters, No. 36, was constituted at Barrow on Saturday, the 21st ult. Bro. J. D. Murray, in the absence of Bro. Col. Le Gendre Starkie, performed the ceremony, naming the Lodge the Mount Sinai. Bro. W. Harry Gordon Smith, W.M. of the Jubilee Mark Lodge, No. 375, was installed W.M. He appointed his officers as follows: Bros. Dr. P. L. Booth, S.W.; Dr. J. Murray, J.W.; E. Hinks, Treas.; C. P. Richards, Scribe; B. Willans, S.D.; C. W. Hunter, J.D.; Dr. Settle, D.C.; W. Turvey, Guardian; H. F. Wright, jun., Steward; and Jas. Artis, Warden.

Greenhouses, not many years ago, were considered quite expensive luxuries; even many of the well-to-do suburban residents in villas or good houses were fain to be content without them, but now those of very modest means and living in the ordinary terraces or cottages, to be found round all large towns, can boast of "my little greenhouse." We were at the works of Messrs. Overend and Co., of West Green, Tottenham, and saw some excellent specimens of their work, especially constructed for portability and transit by rail or otherwise. They make every style and at every price, from the simple cottagers' to those suited for the lordly mansion. We saw a pretty little one prepared in the rough wood one morning, and on the second day after it was put together, painted, taken apart again, and all packed ready for delivery. We inspected a file of testimonials from all parts, speaking very highly of the goods supplied, and we feel great confidence in recommending this firm.

The annual distribution of prizes and visit of Festival Stewards to the Boys' School at Wood Green took place on Tuesday last, and proved a successful and pleasant gathering. We shall give a report next week.

Mr. Edward Marston, the close and intimate friend of Mr. Stanley, has written for the August number of *Scribner's Magazine* an article on "How Stanley Wrote His Book."

Sir Edwin Arnold, who has been spending many months in Japan, and is at present keeping house with his daughter in Tokyo, has promised to write for *Scribner's Magazine* three articles upon Japan and Japanese life.

Bro. W. Burdett-Coutts, M.P., presided at a meeting at Westminster on Wednesday evening on behalf of the Westminster Spiritual Aid Fund, and was supported by Mr. J. G. Talbot, M.P., Mr. G. A. Spottiswoode, and others.

The annual soiree of the Royal Academy of Arts took place on Wednesday evening, and was attended by a very large and distinguished company. The guests were received by the President, Sir Frederick Leighton.

The Royal Botanic Society on Wednesday night gave the annual summer evening fête, which was very numerously attended. Prince and Princess Henry of Battenberg, the Duke and Duchess of Teck, and Princess Victoria were among the visitors.

"The Art of Silhouetting" is the subject of a very interesting article that Mr. A. W. Tuer, of Leadenhall-street, publishes in the current part of the *English Illustrated Magazine*. In the article he gives brief sketches of the careers of several of the pioneers of the art.

A large contingent of the London County Council inspected, on Saturday, the area proposed for the extension of Peckham Rye. The site is to cost £51,000, and the local vestry have resolved to contribute £20,000, the Charity Commissioners £12,000, and the County Council are asked to make up the balance.

On Wednesday, the 25th ult., the annual picnic in connection with the Falcon Lodge, No. 1416, was held, when a goodly number of members and friends visited the Hambleton range of hills, and spent an enjoyable day, starting at 9.30 from Thirsk. Breakfast was partaken of at Brook House, Sutton, the residence of the W.M., Bro. F. R. Hansell, after which the party journeyed in waggons to Rievaulx, had dinner at Hawley, and returned to Thirsk via Arden and Kewick.

On Wednesday, 25th ult., the members of Lodge No. 178, of which Bro. Rowland Savage is the popular W.M., together with a number of their friends, proceeded to Crawfordsburn. After spending some time in the beautiful grounds, the party sat down in the hotel to an excellent dinner. The cloth having been removed, sentiments were given, and these elicited interesting speeches. The day was spent in the pleasantest manner, and the excursionists returned home in good time, nothing having occurred to mar one of the most enjoyable days on record.

We regret to record the death, quite suddenly, on Monday last, of Bro. W. Crawford, M.P. for Mid-Durham. He had been ailing for some time, but was able to attend to his duties as Secretary of the Durham Miners' Association and the Miners' National Union, and on Monday was present at a meeting of the joint Committee at Newcastle. Besides his long-continued and prominent connection with the Miners' Union, the deceased was an Alderman of the Durham County Council, and a prominent Freemason. He was 57 years of age, was twice married, and leaves a widow and three sons and one daughter.

In a paper read before the Royal Society of Edinburgh, Dr. H. R. Mill has called attention to some interesting facts regarding the ocean depths. If you take a globe and draw lines on it to mark where the sea is 1700 fathoms deep, these lines divide the whole surface of the world into two equal areas, one half being above that line and the other below. Moreover, the hollows are just equal to the protuberances, the land masses projecting above that depth being just of sufficient bulk to fill up the ocean abysses below. It thus appears that if the surface of the solid earth were regular it would be covered with an ocean just about two miles deep.

Miss Claire Ivanowa had among her audience at the Strand, on Tuesday, the 1st inst., Mr. Hermann Vezin, Mr. George Alexander, Miss Kate Terry, and Miss Wallis (Mrs. Lancaster), of whom the last named has herself played Bianca in the provinces. It would seem that prior to Tuesday, "Fazio" had not been played in London since 1877, when Miss Bateman revived it at the Lyceum. It was performed at the Adelphi in 1865, at the Lyceum (with Ristori as Bianca) in 1857, and at Sadler Wells (with Laura Addison as the heroine) in 1847. That Miss Cushman made her English debut as Bianca is familiarly known. Miss Mary Anderson revived the play at Liverpool three years ago, but not with very encouraging results.

The Prince of Wales visited Aldershot on Friday, the 27th ult., for the purpose of inspecting the 11th Hussars, which is under orders to relieve the 6th Inniskillen Dragoons, in South Africa. The Prince was met at Waterloo Station by Bro. Sir D. C. Drury Lowe, Inspector General of Cavalry, and at Aldershot by Bro. Sir Evelyn Wood, commanding the camp. His Royal Highness also inspected the 16th Lancers, which is under orders for foreign service, and expressed himself well pleased with the appearance of both regiments. After luncheon with the officers, the Prince returned to town. In the evening, with the Princess of Wales, he honoured the Earl and Countess of Brownlow with his presence at dinner. Among the guests invited to meet their Royal Highnesses being the Duke and Duchess of Portland, Bro. the Marquis of Hartington, Bro. the Earl and Countess of Airlie, Bro. Baron Ferdinand de Rothschild, M.P., and Bro. Sir Frederick Leighton, P.R.A. Afterwards the Countess of Brownlow held a reception, which was very numerously attended.

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.

Mrs Langtry is progressing most favourably after her severe illness, and was able to leave her bed for the first time on Monday.

Bro. Alderman Sir Francis W. Truscott and Lady Truscott left Oakleigh, East Grinstead, at the end of last week for Carlsbad, where they intend staying for some time.

Bro. Alderman Sir J. Whittaker Ellis, Bart., M.P., has declined nomination as first Mayor of Richmond, but has kindly promised to give a gold chain and badge for the holder of the office.

Camden Place and Park, Chislehurst, the late residence of the Empress Eugénie, has been purchased by Mr. W. Willett, the well-known builder of London and Brighton, who proposes to develop it as a building estate.

The Countess of Rosebery will distribute the prizes at the annual meeting of the Association for the Oral Instruction of the Deaf and Dumb at Steinway Hall, Lower Seymour-street, on the 15th inst. The chair will be taken by Bro. Earl Granville, K.G.

The annual flower show of the Surrey Floricultural Society will be held in the grounds of Casino House, Herne Hill, by the kind permission of Bro. W. S. Gover, C.C., on Wednesday and Thursday, 23rd and 24th inst. Mrs. Gover has consented to open the exhibition.

Bro. Charles F. Quicke, works manager of the establishment of Messrs. Immisch, electrical engineers, of Kentish Town, was installed Worshipful Master of the Chislehurst Lodge, No. 1531, at Chislehurst, on Saturday last, in the presence of a large number of metropolitan brethren.

Batley Masonic Hall, registered February 5th, 1890. Capital, £1000, in £5 shares. Statutory return registered June 24th, 1890. Number of members, twenty-two. Shares taken up, eighty-eight. Calls, £2 per share. Amount of calls received, £168. Calls unpaid, £8. Registered offices, 8, Commercial-street, Batley.—*Citizen*.

"Your Wife" is drawing good houses at the St. James's, and is received nightly with roars of laughter; but Mr. Bourchier has not yet decided whether to prolong its run through the autumn. Mrs. Langtry is so much better in health that she contemplates appearing at the St. James's in October, prior to her Continental tour; and, that being so, Mr. Bourchier has to consider whether it would be worth while to transfer "Your Wife" to another theatre.

The Queen, accompanied by Princess Beatrice, left Windsor Castle on Friday, the 27th ult., for the purpose of visiting the tomb of the late Marchioness of Ely, in Kensal Green Cemetery, for the purpose of placing wreaths and a bouquet upon it. Having fulfilled this object, the Queen returned to Windsor, while the Princess Beatrice joined her husband, Prince Henry of Battenberg, at Buckingham Palace.

Every year, by invitation of the Civil Lord of the Admiralty, a party proceeds by special steamer from the House of Commons stairs to Greenwich, for the annual inspection of the Royal Hospital School and the distribution of prizes to the boys. This year the ceremony, always interesting and attractive, will be honoured by the presence of the Prince and Princess of Wales. The steamer leaves for Greenwich at half-past eleven in the morning, returning at five p.m. Luncheon will be served in the Painted Hall of the Royal Hospital at half-past one, and the inspection of boys and the distribution of prizes takes place an hour later.

At the Duke and Duchess of Rutland's garden party on Wednesday, at Bute House, Campden-hill, the Princess Louise (Marchioness of Lorne) and Prince and Princess Henry of Battenberg were present. Among the company were also Prince and Princess Camille de Polignac, Princess Malcom Khan and Princess Sultané Malcom, the Italian Ambassador and Countess Tornielli and Mlle. Lazzari, the Belgian Minister, the Duchess of Cleveland, the Marchioness of Bristol and Lady Mary Hervey, Countess Granville and Lady V. Leveson Gower, Viscount Cross, Viscount and Viscountess Cranbrook, Lord Rowton, Lord and Lady Eustace Cecil, Lady Lucy Hicks-Beach, the Right Hon. Sir Clare Ford, Mrs. W. H. Smith and Miss Smith, and Mr. and Mrs. Disraeli.

Playgoers will be interested to hear that Miss Lilian Hingston, who made so great a success last week in Mr. Calmoun's "Cyrene," is a daughter of the late Mr. E. P. Hingston, so well known at one time in connection with Artemus Ward and the "Wizard of the North," and afterwards as a theatrical lessee and manager. Miss Hingston is now "under-studying" at the Avenue. She has had a very varied and useful experience, having, young though she is, played many parts in town and country—parts ranging from Lydia Languish to Claire Ffolliott, from Pauline Deschanelles to Esther Eccles, from Mrs. Singleton Bliss in "Cyril's Success" to Lilian in "The Old Love and the New." She had only two rehearsals in "Cyrene," and yet was letter-perfect at performance.

The arrangements are now complete for the visit of their Royal Highnesses the Prince and Princess of Wales and Duke of Cambridge to the Paddington Recreation Ground to-morrow (Saturday). Great preparations are being made, and the occasion is likely to be a memorable one, as an address is to be presented by Lord R. Churchill, setting forth the scheme for acquiring the ground, and it has been intimated that H.R.H. will graciously reply to it from a raised dais, about being constructed. The scheme is to acquire the ground, which has been laid out at a very great expense as a recreation ground, by Mr. Melvill Beachcroft, L.C.C., on the security of a mere yearly tenancy, terminable this year, and seeing the vast use to which the ground is put, it would be little short of a disaster if it were not secured as a permanent possession of the Metropolis, and yet this is what may happen, and the ground itself be closed and built on, if the final effort to be made on Saturday fail.

HOLLOWAY'S OINTMENT.—Sores, wounds, ulcerations, and other diseases affecting the skin are capable of speedy amendment by this cooling and healing Ointment, which has called forth the loudest praise from persons who had suffered for years from bad legs, bad breasts, piles, abscesses, and chronic ulcers. None but those who have experienced the soothing effect of it can form an idea of the comfort it bestows by restraining inflammation and allaying pain. Whenever Holloway's Ointment has been once used it has established its own worth, and again been eagerly sought for as the easiest and safest remedy for all such complaints. In neuralgia, rheumatism, and gout the same application, properly used, gives wonderful relief.