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FESTIVAL OF THE ROYAL MASONIC INSTITUTION FOR BOYS.

Those who had the privilege of attending the 93rd Anniversary Festival of the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys in the Dome of the Royal Pavilion, Brighton, on Wednesday, must have been gratified by the manner in which the celebration was carried out as well as by the result—which certainly fell only a very little short of, if it did not quite equal, the total which the oversanguine friends of the School had set down as most probable; which surpassed by a substantial sum the amount which those who had the best means of judging considered very possible; and which unquestionably exceeds the total obtained at any ordinary Masonic or non-Masonic Festival. The circumstances under which the event was celebrated were most propitious as regards the weather, and there was a more than usually numerous attendance of Stewards and their friends, especially from West Lancashire and other Northern Provinces; while the enthusiasm which pervaded the company sufficiently indicated the belief that those who had been working so steadily and zealously were on the point of reaping a full reward for all their troubles and anxieties during the last 12 months. The principal toast of the evening experienced, as usual, a most hearty reception, and when the cheering which greeted Bro. MCLEOD on presenting himself to announce a summary of the Returns was over, and it became known that London with 205 Stewards had subscribed £8566, and the Provinces—including over £6000 from West Lancashire—£20,287 by the medium of 559 Stewards, there was no end to the applause with which this magnificent sum was hailed. A full report of the celebration, with the lists and the customary Analysis, follows, and therefore we shall do nothing further here than tender our most hearty congratulations to the Earl of LATHOM, the Stewards generally, and West Lancashire in particular, as well as to Bro. MCLEOD, the Secretary of the Institution, and the Institution itself, on the greatness of the success which has attended the recent celebration. It shows, at all events, that under the new administration the School has recovered most of its popularity with the Craft.

THE FESTIVAL

was held on Wednesday at the Royal Pavilion, Brighton, when about 1200 ladies and brethren sat down to dinner, presided over by the Right Hon. the Earl of Lathom, Pro Grand Master, and Prov. Grand Master of West Lancashire. His lordship was supported by a large number of distinguished brethren.

At the dinner table the West Lancashire brethren presented the Earl of Lathom with the beautiful and magnificent clothing of Pro Grand Master, which his lordship acknowledged in a few feeling words.

After dinner the toasts were proposed, and the toast of "The Queen, Grand Patroness of the Institution," was heartily responded to, as was also the toast of "The Prince of Wales, M.W.G.M.," who, the Chairman said, had the interests of Freemasonry thoroughly at heart, and it was the duty of the brethren to support and stand by him.

Bro. the Rev. C. J. MARTYN, P.G.C., D.P.G.M. Suffolk, proposed "The M.W. Pro G.M.," and said it was one of the most pleasing tasks of his Masonic life, and he asked the brethren to drink the toast with all heartiness and earnestness. In that magnificent gathering there was no single soul could stand up and propose the toast of the Earl of Lathom with more respect, reverence, admiration, and love. He had known the Earl of Lathom now for a great number of years; had known him well personally ever since he was initiated; he had watched him through the early years of his Masonic life; they had worked together for more years than he cared to remember. He had known him from year

to year, and the brethren would all admit they ought to respect and love him. There was not a more popular Provincial Grand Master in England, and if they wanted proof of that they had only to look at the large assemblage of brethren from his own province who were now gathered together. Through the whole length and breadth of England the Pro Grand Master was respected, and everyone endorsed the action of the M.W.G.M. when they heard he had appointed the Earl of Lathom Pro Grand Master in place of the deceased Earl of Carnarvon.

The Earl of LATHOM, in reply, said he thanked the brethren most heartily for drinking the toast so kindly proposed by Bro. Martyn, but it was nothing new to him. He had known Bro. Martyn now for 30 years, and he had always been kind; he was very kind to him (the Earl of Lathom) on his initiation, because he happened to be Inner Guard on that occasion. (Laughter.) They had always been the best friends. Among his old friends were those brethren from West Lancashire who had assembled in such enormous numbers that day, and he thanked them all heartily and sincerely for the way in which they had come forward to support him, and also for that beautiful presentation they had made him. He desired to say he should endeavour to follow in the footsteps of one who was esteemed among all Freemasons, the Earl of Carnarvon, his predecessor, who was a good Mason, a true man, and a great light in the Masonic world. He only hoped when his time came to leave this mortal scene he might have as good a record as the late Pro Grand Master.

The Earl of LATHOM next proposed "The D.G.M., the Earl of Mount Edgcumbe, and the rest of the Grand Officers, Present and Past." It was, he said, a very great pleasure to him when he heard the Grand Master offered to make the Earl of Mount Edgcumbe Deputy Grand Master. The Earl of Mount Edgcumbe

was a hard-working Mason in the far West. The brethren might not know as much of Freemasonry in the far West as they should know, but he had been there, and he knew the Earl of Mount Edgcumbe as a good Mason, and that he was prepared to do his work most thoroughly. As to the merits of the other Grand Officers he would say nothing. They were well known to all the brethren; they were chosen from among the general body of the Craft, and he only wished there were more of them. He would couple with the toast the name of Bro. George Everett, Grand Treasurer. The Grand Treasurer was the selection of the Craft at large according to the Book of Constitutions, and to his mind the Craft had always chosen the best man.

Bro. GEORGE EVERETT, Grand Treas., in reply, said he valued very highly indeed the honour and privilege on an occasion like the present of having to respond to so important a toast as that of the Grand Officers of England, Present and Past. The Past Grand Officers bore a very high repute for the manner in which they had upheld the principles of Freemasonry, and he thought he might say that the present Grand Officers were desirous to follow in their footsteps and emulate their good deeds in every possible way. He was quite sure they were willing, ready, and anxious on all occasions to promote the interests of the great brotherhood of which for the moment they were the head. He was further assured that they took a very lively interest in the noble Charities of the Order, which were the great backbone of Freemasonry. The manner in which this toast was always received showed that what the Grand Officers did always met with the high appreciation of the brethren.

The Earl of LATHOM, in proposing "The Royal Masonic Institution for Boys," said this Institution was now

rapidly approaching its hundredth year of existence. It was originally founded in 1798 by Bro. William Burwood, a brother of Lodge 30, then No. 3 on the roll of the Atholl Constitution. The number of children then educated by it was six. That number was increased from time to time till in 1810 the number was raised to 50 to commemorate the Jubilee of George the Third. In 1814 the benefits of the Institution were extended to the Modern and Ancient lodges, the union of the two Societies having been happily effected, and there being a United Lodge in the previous year. In 1817 a similar School, founded by the brethren of the Royal Naval Lodge, No. 7, was amalgamated with it, and in 1818 the number of children was 70. Subsequently reduced from want of funds, he presumed, but in 1842 restored to the same number—70. Unfortunately no data existed as to the Jubilee of this Institution in 1848. In 1852 the then Grand Master, Lord Zetland, sanctioned the raising of a fund for the erection of a schoolhouse, and accordingly, in 1856, Lordship House, Wood Green, was purchased, with about 20 acres of land, for £35,000, and in 1867 26 boys were admitted. In 1863 the first stone of the present School was laid by the late Bro. Algernon Perkins, then the Treasurer of the Institution and a Past Grand Warden. In the following year the number of boys was increased to 100, and at the present time there were 254 boys in the School, and 1955 boys had been admitted to the benefits of the Institution since its foundation in 1798. He hoped he was not wearying the brethren with this little history, but it might be interesting to the brethren to know the amounts of money received at some of the Festivals. In 1809 the sum of £112 was accomplished, and in 1847 £450. In 1880, when he had the honour of presiding, it was £14,002, of which he was proud to say West Lancashire, his own province, supplied £2665. (Applause.) In 1883, when double votes were accorded for contributions for the



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erection of a preparatory school to brethren who had already qualified themselves as Life Governors, and Lord Holmesdale, now Earl Amherst, was in the chair, and 402 Stewards acted, the amount raised was the magnificent sum of £23,029. (Applause.) Large amounts had been raised by various provinces at different times. He had not picked these amounts out himself; they had been handed to him. The brethren might think him egotistical, but he could not help saying that Lancashire was to the front in 1869. East Lancashire subscribed £3885; West Yorkshire in 1881 £3560; East Lancashire again in 1879 £3542; Kent, in February of the present year, £3483. (Applause.) These were very large sums, but it had been whispered to him that they might be surpassed that day, but he knew nothing about it himself, and he would not spoil the pleasure of the Secretary of the Institution, who would have to make the announcement of the lists. To his mind all this showed how thoroughly the great principle of the Masonic Order, Charity, was fixed in the minds of the brethren, and also that those who were admitted into Freemasonry were not only capable but willing to bear their share in the great work. Remember, this was not all that he had been telling the brethren, for in many provinces of England there were other large Charities, he might say worthy Charities, which were subscribed to locally by the brethren and the Provincial Grand Lodges, which were all doing good work, and were maintaining and educating those who were destitute and ignorant. For his own part, he wished to thank most heartily and from the very bottom of his heart all those brethren who had come forward that day to support him. Might their efforts never relax—(applause)—but might this great work of Charity in Masonry long continue to advance, and point out to the world that Masons were in earnest, that they were not merely a convivial and ornamental society, but that they kept in mind the principles of the Order, and meant to keep on with them. (Cheers.) On Tuesday he had the great pleasure of visiting the School, accompanied by Lady Lathom, who kindly consented to deliver the prizes. He and she were delighted with all they saw. They were there only a short time, and they were not able to go over the whole of the establishment, but he had been over it before, and was able to describe to her ladyship the dormitories. In the first place they found the boys well taught; the proficiency they showed in their studies was very remarkable, as was shown by the prizes which were given. But they were struck—and to a lady it was more striking than it was to a man's view—with the healthy look of the boys, and it was a fact that at this present moment there was not a single case of illness in the infirmary. He was sure all the parents of the boys and the supporters of the Institution would be delighted with that statement. From an historical point of view he could quite understand how very disappointing it must be to a head master and those who worked with him to find that their pupils were taken away from them or rather left them just at the age at which a boy was beginning to show his best ability. He wished it were possible to keep them at the School longer; if it were one year more it would be something; if it were two it would be better, for then these boys would be able to compete fairly and on a better basis than they were now able to compete for scholarships with other boys. Of course that was a matter for the Committee and he had no doubt they would give it their best consideration. If Masons paid a very high price for the education of these boys it must be surely worth while carrying that out thoroughly; carrying the education to its fullest extent, and fitting the boys for any walk in life they might have the opportunity of entering. He did not say that anything was left undone that ought to be done; but still, when they were doing a work it might perhaps be well to consider whether they could not do something more. He was now going to touch upon a point which would be perfectly new to many of the brethren, if not to all of them. Before very long it might have to be considered whether it would not be for the benefit of the School to remove a little further into the country. The present quarters, as the brethren knew, were located on a terribly sticky, clayey soil. Everyone knew a clay soil was not conducive to health. No one purchasing a place would choose a clay soil. There were plenty of sites with a gravel soil to be got, and what a pleasant thing it would be to visit the School if it was in the country on a gravel soil. Of course, it was a financial question and required very great care and thought. He mentioned the subject as a caution to those who wished to have more school buildings erected on the same site, because he could tell them it was a mere waste of money. If they went on building it would militate against the value of the site in the market. He did not know the value of the place, but he did know that if they covered it with buildings they would not realise what they would want for the site when they desired to get rid of it. There was another reason for his wishing that they should leave the present site, the appearance of the surroundings. It was surrounded now by very small tenements indeed. That was not what they should have around a great School like this; for this was a great School. He threw this out as a hint; it might not be acceptable to the Committee or the brethren, but he thought it was worth thinking over. He then proposed the toast.

Bro. GEORGE PLUCKNETT, P.G.D., Treasurer of the Institution, responded. He first thanked the Stewards for what they had done, and then all the ladies present, many of whom had come long distances to assist poor orphan boys. This was a very important day for the Boys' School. He had been connected with it for the last 23 years, and he had never seen so prosperous a day for it as that day. The noble lord had said he presided at a similar Festival 11 years ago, but his lordship did not tell the brethren that on that occasion the donations were larger than they had ever been before or since, except on the occasion when Lord Holmesdale presided. Therefore, he (Bro. Plucknett) mentioned the circumstance. Whenever the Earl of Lathom came forward to help an Institution they might be sure he would be well and generously supported.

Bro. McLEOD (Secretary) then read the following—

STEWARDS' LISTS.

LONDON.			Lodge		
Lodge	£	s. d.	£	s. d.	
Grand Stewards, Bro. F. T. Rushton	10	10 0	34 Bro. Walter H. Glazier...	73	0 0
1 Bro. John Dimsdale	49	7 0	45 " H. T. Nell...	42	0 0
2 " Major F. D. Tagart	33	12 0	46 " Edwd. J. Humphrey	64	1 0
4 " O. T. Hodges	23	2 0	55 " Edward H. Brown	39	18 0
5 " F. Pattison...	30	18 0	58 " T. G. Robinson	26	5 0
6 " Charles C. Seton	26	5 0	59 " R. H. Stimpson	69	6 0
7 " Edwin Gamman	23	2 0	59 " *A. S. Berenberg	—	—
8 " W. P. Fuller	23	2 0	60 " William Masters	36	15 0
10 " Samuel Green (see also R.A.C.)	42	0 0	91 " Edwin S. Lardner...	40	0 0
13 " John G. Milbourn...	200	0 0	92 " Gotthelf Greiner	10	10 0
14 " Chas. W. Stephens	—	—	95 " John M. Knight	—	—
21 " Joseph Savory (the Right Hon. the Lord Mayor), Hon. Pres.	37	16 0	142 " T. de Courcy Meade	75	12 0
21 " Richard S. Charles	36	15 0	143 " Herbert T. Steward	—	—
23 " E. M. Money	—	—	144 " Col. J. G. Unite	148	1 0
20 " F. T. H. Hastings	—	—	144 " Richard Barham	30	15 0
29 " Edward Terry (see also No. 2190)	—	—	145 " Charles A. Woods...	60	16 6
29 " Philip H. Waterlow	32	11 0	145 " Herbert Haynes	37	5 6
33 " Ernest Flint	39	18 0	165 " Richard A. Bush	22	1 0
34 " Arthur Dutton (see also No. 2395)	—	—	167 " Edwin Storr	84	0 0
			172 " Fred. Wm. Jordan	26	5 0
			177 " T. B. Goodfellow	85	0 0
			179 " W. Hopekirk (see also No. 1986)	—	—
			180 " John F. Sykes	42	0 0
			180 " Frederick J. Street...	36	15 0

Lodge			Lodge		
£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
197 Bro. W. Masterman (see also No. 1118)	113	8 0	2271 Bro. H. R. Graham	170	0 0
211 " W. J. Dyer	21	0 0	2348 " S. J. Attenborough	50	8 0
217 " Joseph Owen	79	16 0	2361 " James Willing, jun.	10	10 0
231 " Spencer W. Morris	54	12 0	2369 " N. J. West...	36	15 0
235 " Clarence Smith	15	15 0	2395 " Arthur Dutton (see also No. 34)	26	5 0
256 " C. W. Mapleton	36	15 0	2399 " Capt. G. Hearn	—	—
259 " Thomas Penn	195	6 0	Lodges of Instruction		
263 " Henry Pritchard (see also Middx.)	97	13 0	1298 Bro. Thomas Cull	115	10 0
263 " George W. Carter	10	10 0	2030 " Jas. Gibson	115	10 0
511 " James Wm. Cuff	26	8 6	Chapters		
534 " Jonah Nowa Kowski	37	16 0	8 Comp. Lennox Browne, F.R.C.S.	41	12 0
538 " John Skinner	68	5 0	10 " Sam. Green (see also Lodge No. 10)	—	—
548 " Fredk. W. Hancock	10	10 0	142 " John Glass	15	15 0
569 " F. G. Newton	70	7 0	1672 " W. D. E. B. Seagrave	10	10 0
657 " William Maple (see also Committee Dinner Club)	49	7 0	1706 " Richard Eve	15	15 0
704 " Hy. Ellis Coffin	37	0 0	COMMITTEE DINNER CLUB.		
720 " A. Charles Wood	50	0 0	Bro. W. Maple (see also No. 657)	28	7 0
733 " W. Drew	45	0 0	UNATTACHED.		
749 " Edward Triggs	56	7 6	Bro. J. Derby Allcroft	26	5 0
753 " W. J. Stratton	103	19 0	" William H. Bolt	10	10 0
834 " Frederick Craggs	73	10 0	" John Brown	37	16 0
860 " William H. Purkiss	40	0 0	" W. A. Brown	10	10 0
879 " Charles H. Freyer	36	15 0	" Frederick Browne	—	—
969 " Capt. G. Hearn (see also No. 2399)	47	5 0	" Major C. W. Carrell	10	10 0
1118 " W. Masterman (see also No. 197)	—	—	" W. J. Cattle	—	—
1185 " Francis Knight	52	10 0	" George Everett	26	5 0
1201 " Capt. R. H. Lyon	22	1 0	" George E. Fairchild	21	0 0
1227 " Samuel Toye	78	15 0	" Dr. S. Farmer	—	—
1261 " William Hicklin	—	—	" G. W. Fenn	10	10 0
1278 " Basil Stewart	45	0 0	" Peter Forge	21	0 0
1297 " Watson Osmond	46	14 6	" W. M. Foxcroft	—	—
1298 " Ernest E. Streat	34	13 0	" Fred. Glover	—	—
1321 " F. J. Potter	55	0 0	" Augustus G. Harris	10	10 0
1364 " Augustus F. Lay	90	6 0	" F. R. W. Hedges	10	10 0
1381 " J. E. La Eeuillade	78	15 0	" Frederick J. Horniman	10	10 0
1382 " R. J. Perry	52	10 0	" Thomas Hutchinson	10	10 0
1383 " Major-Gen. J. C. Hay	91	7 0	" F. G. Ivey	—	—
1397 " Henry J. Prangle	52	10 0	" Geo. Kenning	73	14 0
1446 " S. C. Potter	40	7 6	" Richard Kershaw	15	15 0
1475 " W. T. P. Montgomery	100	0 0	" Capt. C. J. Knightly	10	10 0
1491 " A. W. Orwin, M.D.	38	15 0	" H. B. Marshall, J.P.	15	15 0
1507 " W. F. Bates	73	10 0	" H. B. Marshall, B.A.	15	15 0
1537 " H. T. Steward (see also No. 143)	—	—	" J. M. McLeod (see also Derby and W. Lancs.)	36	15 0
1563 " L. Bladier	32	2 6	" Col. J. A. R. Mead	5	5 0
1572 " W. Wright	52	10 0	" D. D. Mercer	31	10 0
1591 " Lieut.-Col. A. B. Cook	435	15 0	" Gordon Miller	10	10 0
1612 " C. W. Cunningham	31	10 0	" Oscar Phillippe	10	10 0
1614 " Geo. H. Reynolds	43	16 6	" Belgrave Ninnis	21	0 0
1614 " A. Bush	—	—	" Major C. Probyn	—	—
1615 " W. B. Lethbridge	27	0 0	" Frank Richardson	94	10 0
1624 " E. G. Hooper	72	6 0	" G. Sales	—	—
1624 " J. E. Lockyer	10	10 0	" Maurice Spiegel	—	—
1642 " John R. Roberts	111	16 0	" James Stephens	21	0 0
1668 " Joseph Van Praagh	10	10 0	" Sir G. Goldie-Taubman	10	10 0
1671 " Josiah Russell	108	3 0	" James Terry	36	15 0
1681 " George Read	52	10 0	" R. Thompson	10	10 0
1687 " Walter Adams	64	1 0	" Col. J. Ward	105	0 0
1687 " *E. L. P. Valeriani	—	—	" William Webb	—	—
1693 " Thomas Casely	10	10 0	" W. Webber	—	—
1695 " B. J. W. Lone	21	0 0	" Dr. E. E. Wendt	10	10 0
1704 " J. B. Scriven	31	10 0	LEWIS.		
1707 " R. W. Chapman	40	0 0	A. L. Fit-Roy Cook	—	—
1708 " C. Woodrow	35	14 0	THE PROVINCES.		
1728 " Frederick Cleak	105	0 0	BEDFORDSHIRE.		
1728 " Geo. J. Garland	—	—	The Province—		
1743 " John State	25	0 0	Bro. C. E. Prior	109	4 0
1744 " W. A. Scurrah	63	0 0	Lodge		
1768 " *A. W. Duret	—	—	549 " S. L. Kilpin	30	0 0
1768 " W. G. Kentish	27	6 0	BERKSHIRE.		
1769 " H. F. Nash	52	10 0	Bro. Robt. Nicholson	42	0 0
1769 " F. Wright	—	—	945 " E. L. Shepherd	10	10 0
1769 " J. Odell	—	—	1101 " Joseph Greenaway	—	—
1789 " Major J. Ritchie	121	10 6	1770 " Geo. J. Dyke	39	7 6
1791 " J. J. Cantle	138	10 0	2228 " R. E. Goolden	11	11 0
1791 " Edwin Austin	26	5 0	BRISTOL.		
1804 " R. R. Green	94	10 0	The Province—		
1805 " B. Johnson	105	0 0	Bro. Pierrepont Harris	584	17 0
1816 " E. W. Clements	26	15 0	BUCKS.		
1827 " E. F. Fitch	27	6 0	*Bro. Geo. Gardner	—	—
1839 " C. H. Cox	61	13 6	Lodge		
1839 " F. J. Humphreys	21	0 0	840 " Rev. W. L. Harnett,	—	—
1900 " S. Brooks	31	10 0	840 " M.A., Rev. F. R. Harnett, M.A.	14	14 0
1922 " R. J. Taylor	21	10 0	948 " E. T. Mackrill	52	10 0
1928 " W. T. Perkins	12	15 0	948 " L. Phillips	20	0 0
1949 " Wm. Kirkland	43	0 6	1410 " T. Taylor (see also R.A.C. No. 840)	16	16 0
1962 " John Green	78	15 0	1894 " Wm. Woollett	20	0 0
1962 " *J. C. Tilt	—	—	2244 " Hy. G. Higswell	—	—
1962 " *H. H. Nuding	—	—	2309 " Skinner	—	—
1962 " *George Gregory	—	—	Chapter		
1963 " J. J. White	20	0 0	840 Comp. T. Taylor	27	6 0
1987 " W. M. Stiles (see also R.A.C. No. 1507)	127	1 0	CAMBRIDGESHIRE.		
1986 " W. Hopekirk (see also 179)	29	8 0	Lodge		
2000 " W. E. Stewart	30	18 6	809 Bro. George Carrick	102	19 0
2020 " G. Moore Sayle	36	15 0	859 " W. H. Francis	37	5 0
2032 " J. M. Marjason	—	—	CHESHIRE.		
2045 " David Stroud	38	14 6	Bro. Rev. C. W. Spencer, Stanhope	—	—
2060 " E. St. Clair	15	15 0	" J. T. Thompson	—	—
2068 " Francis S. Long	18	18 0	" John Woolley	—	—
2108 " Frank Jameson	18	18 0	" John Clayton	—	—
2128 " Rev. H. A. Hebb, M.A.	18	18 0	" Herbert Finch	—	—
2128 " J. S. Cumberland	10	10 0	" George Gaskell	—	—
2128 " Wm. Hy. Bullock	23	2 0	" C. A. Bradley	—	—
2128 " S. B. Bolas	42	0 0	" Edwin Crew	—	—
2150 " J. J. Thomas	106	11 6	" James Cookson	—	—
2168 " Joseph Corbett	117	17 0	" William Lancaster	—	—
2190 " E. Terry (see also No. 29)	—	—	" J. McClelland	—	—
2190 " Sir. J. R. S. Vine	24	3 0	" Thos. E. Rigby	—	—
2206 " George H. Lewis	55	2 6	" G. R. Brady	—	—
2233 " Thos. Wakley, jun.	58	10 6	" Edward Taylor	—	—
2242 " E. G. Lewis	42	0 0	" Jesse Tymn	—	—
2264 " C. Mussared	52	10 0			
2265 " E. J. Acworth	52	10 0			

Lodge	£	s.	d.	Lodge	£	s.	d.	Lodge	£	s.	d.	Lodge	£	s.	d.
361 Bro. T. E. Mason ...				2374 Bro. N. Fortescue ...	105	0	0	113 Bro. James Carter ...				2326 Bro. W. E. M. Tomlinson ...	10	10	0
425 " W. H. Finchett (see also No. 2386) ...				2374 " J. Wilson ...				113 " J. Morrison McLeod (see also London and Derbyshire) ...	105	0	0	2326 " T. R. Wilkinson ...			
425 " J. Salmon ...				1343 " James Godwin ...	10	10	0	113 " Thomas Nevett ...				2335 " Robert Foote ...	84	0	0
428 " H. Bratt ...				Chapter				148 " Wm. H. Robinson ...	63	0	0	2335 " R. R. Ellis ...	63	0	0
428 " Herbert Capes ...				2256 Comp. W. Shurmur (see also No. 2374) ...				155 " E. Pierpoint (see also No. 2129) ...	31	10	0	2349 " J. Bickerstaff ...			
477 " Thos. C. Thorburn ...				GLOUCESTERSHIRE.				178 " George Makinson ...	78	15	0	2349 " Rev. S. Y. B. Bradshaw ...	105	0	0
533 " T. G. Sheldon ...				Lodge				203 " " ...	10	10	0	2349 " W. H. Hampson ...			
537 " George H. Brown ...				Bro. R. V. Vassar-Smith ...	36	15	0	220 " " ...	10	10	0	2349 " Thomas Forrester ...			
537 " John E. Rayner ...				493 " R. J. Weston ...	10	10	0	249 " " ...	31	10	0	2349 " Buckley ...			
537 " William Robinson ...				493 " Thomas Robins ...	10	10	0	281 " Capt. C. H. Garnett (see also Nos. 1051 and 1353) ...	40	0	0	2350 " A. J. Cardwell ...			
605 " Peter Duff ...				592 " Clement Tudway ...	63	0	0	292 " Reginald Young ...	21	0	0	2350 " J. M. Ashurst ...	10	10	0
605 " T. E. Tomlinson ...				1067 " R. J. Kerr ...	48	16	0	314 " J. Clarke ...	10	10	0	2350 " F. Stretch ...			
941 " John T. Appleby ...	1050	0	0	HANTS AND THE ISLE OF WIGHT.				343 " Joseph Garner ...	25	0	0	2360 " Joseph Killey ...	31	10	0
1045 " Rev. C. Chetwynd Atkinson, M.A. ...				Lodge				343 " W. Troughton ...				2360 " James McKinnell ...			
1045 " Joel Joden ...				Bro. W. W. B. Beach ...	57	15	0	484 " John N. Patterson ...	52	10	0	Chapter			
1045 " F. R. B. Lindsell ...				" J. E. Le Feuvre ...	118	13	0	580 " James J. Marsh (see also No. 32) ...	31	10	0	113 Comp. J. Christian (see also Lodge 1032) ...	15	15	0
1045 " C. D. Lord, M.A. ...				76 " Wm. H. Jacob ...	36	15	0	594 " E. R. Latham ...	31	10	0	613 " " ...	10	10	0
1045 " R. Newhouse ...				359 " Lawrence Steele ...	36	15	0	613 " Thomas Adams ...	26	5	0	703 " John Wray ...	26	5	0
1045 " Dr. W. A. Renshaw ...				723 " A. Savill ...	10	10	0	680 " J. de Bels Adam (see also No. 2316) ...				1345 " C. E. Hindley ...			
1126 " Henry Howard ...				1884 " Alfred Greenham ...	21	0	0	730 " John Sharples ...	21	0	0	1730 " " ...	10	10	0
1166 " F. Broadsmith ...				2016 " Rev. A. C. Hervey ...	1	1	0	823 " Edward Sherwood ...	52	10	0	Mark Lodge			
1166 " R. Stephenson ...				HEREFORDSHIRE.				897 " Lieut.-Col. John S. White ...	85	0	0	359 Bro. " ...	31	10	0
1289 " Edward Friend ...				The Province—				950 " Capt. J. Robertson ...	21	0	0	393 " Ralph Betley ...	42	0	0
1357 " John S. Law ...				Bro. Rev. R. Evans ...	32	6	0	995 " Rev. F. G. McNally ...	105	0	0	LINCOLNSHIRE.			
1505 " J. H. Evans ...				HERTFORDSHIRE.				1013 " Thos. W. Edwardes ...	42	0	0	The Province—			
1505 " G. G. Kertin ...				Bro. F. S. Knyvett ...	21	0	0	1032 " Jno. Christian (see also No. 113) ...	120	15	0	Bro. Wilson Goodwin ...	233	3	0
1505 " J. Marsh ...				Lodge				1032 " J. B. Cardwell ...				Lodge			
1576 " John Morris ...				404 " Frederick Levick ...	33	12	0	1032 " F. J. Hubbard ...				362 Bro. E. T. Wigellworth ...	10	10	0
1257 " Henry Lomas ...				504 " Charles Bullock ...	53	11	0	1052 " Capt. Garnett (see also Nos. 281 & 1353) ...				422 " Roland G. Pearson ...	23	12	6
2368 " Hon. Alan de Tatton Egerton, M.P. ...				869 " Wm. Alfred Dingle ...	15	15	0	1061 " Rev. W. H. Baynes ...	21	0	0	426 " J. Jarvis Rainey ...	31	10	0
2368 " M. Aspdon ...				2323 " Charles E. Keyser ...	54	12	0	1070 " J. H. Barrow ...	105	0	0	792 " J. Reddish ...			
2368 " F. Baxter ...				2353 " E. C. Mulvey ...	43	0	0	1070 " Wm. Wilson ...	105	0	0	792 " C. Maddison ...			
2368 " R. L. Bourne ...				KENT.				1070 " James Andrew ...	21	0	0	1482 " J. Constable (see also West Yorks) ...			
2368 " A. Keymer ...				Bro. J. S. Eastes ...	136	10	0	1070 " Thomas Hunter ...	10	10	0	2078 " Rev. E. Mitford-Weigall ...	15	0	0
2368 " T. W. Markland ...				" Wm. Hollis ...	21	0	0	1070 " Dr. John Winn ...	52	10	0	2284 " Alfred Wykes ...	15	15	0
2368 " W. Ramsden ...				1208 " Christopher Sims ...	85	1	0	1070 " W. Longbottom ...	52	10	0	2351 " Capt. H. E. Cousins ...	88	4	0
2368 " H. G. Small ...				1414 " John Smith Lovett ...	26	5	0	1070 " Whittaker Bond ...	52	10	0	MIDDLESEX.			
2386 " W. H. Finchett (see also No. 425) ...				2147 " F. Stanger ...	11	3	0	1070 " C. Fothergill ...	52	10	0	Bro. Col. Sir F. Burdett, Bart. ...			
CORNWALL.				LANCASHIRE (EAST DIVISION).				1070 " P. J. Whitehead ...	52	10	0	" H. V. Clements ...	10	10	0
The Province—				Bro. George Mellor ...	105	0	0	1070 " John P. Ripley ...	52	10	0	382 " T. Aitken ...	18	10	0
G. B. Pearce ...	131	5	0	" A. H. Jefferis ...	26	5	0	1070 " J. H. Bradshaw ...	105	0	0	1227 " G. C. H. Jennings ...			
CUMBERLAND AND WESTMORLAND.				" Robert Williamson ...				1070 " A. R. Harvey ...	105	0	0	1310 " J. E. Greenway ...	63	0	0
The Province—				37 " James Newton ...	10	10	0	1070 " Capt. J. D. Murray ...	105	0	0	1326 " J. A. Wilson ...	10	10	0
Bro. G. Dalrymple ...	161	3	6	37 " Thomas Murphy ...	10	10	0	1070 " W. Johnson ...	63	0	0	1326 " D. S. Moss ...	21	0	0
" J. Paterson ...	105	0	0	37 " Thomas Barnes ...	10	10	0	1070 " Wm. Corner, jun. ...	63	0	0	1494 " E. A. Hughes ...	31	10	0
DERBYSHIRE.				37 " John Hardcastle ...	10	10	0	1070 " Capt. C. H. Garnett (see also Nos. 281, 1051, and 1561) ...				1507 " T. I. Bird ...	47	5	0
Bro. J. B. Coulson ...	10	10	0	37 " Major J. Booth (see also No. 2322) ...	21	0	0	1070 " Wm. Duncan, M.D. ...	31	10	0	1415 " H. Pritchard ...	17	17	0
" Hugh E. Diamond ...	10	10	0	37 " H. E. Mason ...	10	10	0	1070 " Henry Nall ...	90	0	0	1579 " J. H. Roach ...	31	10	9
" Geo. Fletcher ...	10	10	0	146 " Thomas Nightingale ...	10	10	0	1070 " G. D. Pochin ...	90	0	0	Chapter			
" Wm. H. Marsden ...	36	15	0	146 " Henry Walker ...	10	10	0	1070 " James T. Darby ...	25	0	0	1891 Comp. T. Blanco White ...			
" A. Woodiwiss, J.P. ...	10	10	0	221 " J. W. Draycott ...	10	10	0	1070 " W. J. Thomson ...	52	10	0	MONMOUTHSHIRE.			
Lodge				221 " W. Forrest ...	10	10	0	1070 " Wm. H. Milner ...	63	0	0	Lodge			
253 Bro. A. J. Flint ...				221 " Wm. Hy. Brown ...	10	10	0	1070 " Samuel Locke ...	63	0	0	2186 Bro. C. W. Whalley ...	25	10	0
353 " Edward Stockton ...	36	15	0	221 " Wm. Bryce ...	10	10	0	1070 " F. Renshaw ...	31	0	0	NORFOLK.			
506 " Dr. J. R. Fielding ...	37	5	0	221 " Richard Cuerden ...	10	10	0	1070 " W. C. Erwin ...	11	11	0	52 Bro. H. G. Barwell ...	78	15	0
681 " A. E. P. Voules, M.A. ...	52	10	0	221 " Thomas Greenhalgh ...	10	10	0	1070 " William J. Read ...	52	10	0	100 " Walter Diver ...	141	5	0
681 " Thos. Shipton ...				221 " William Hayes ...	10	10	0	1070 " Thomas Blane ...	52	10	0	NORTHANTS AND HUNTS.			
731 " Geo. Sutherland ...	76	10	0	269 " Wm. Hy. Cunliffe ...	84	0	0	1070 " Andrew Kirkpatrick ...	52	10	0	Bro. Rt. Hon. the Earl of Euston ...			
731 " John Walker ...	10	10	0	317 " V. M. Vultchoff ...	10	10	0	1070 " W. B. Sweetman ...	26	5	0	" G. Butcher ...	10	10	0
731 " *Dr. W. H. Wright ...				348 " W. J. Cunliffe ...	26	5	0	1070 " William Foulkes ...	21	0	0	" G. Ellard ...	10	10	0
787 " J. T. Lee ...	31	0	0	348 " William Greenwood ...	42	0	0	1070 " Capt. C. H. Garnett (see also Nos. 281, 1051, and 1561) ...				" F. B. Whitford ...	10	10	0
802 " Wm. L. Ball ...	33	15	0	348 " John Kenyon ...	10	10	0	1070 " W. McGauley ...	126	0	0	360 " Alfred Cockerill ...	115	0	0
850 " Geo. Morton Bond ...	25	4	0	348 " Israel Greenhalgh ...	10	10	0	1070 " Charles Cooper ...	35	0	0	442 " Richard Payling ...	10	10	0
884 " J. Morrison McLeod (see also London and W. Lancs.) ...	52	10	0	348 " Wm. Pollitt ...	10	10	0	1070 " William Savage ...	31	10	0	442 " Henry Carman ...	10	10	0
884 " J. McNaught Davis ...	36	15	0	350 " James H. Watson ...	10	10	0	1070 " T. H. W. Walker ...	42	0	0	1764 " T. P. Dorman ...	31	10	0
1028 " G. J. Wood ...				369 " William S. Weeks ...	21	0	0	1070 " W. J. Fleetwood ...	31	10	0	1764 " Harry Hodges ...	10	10	0
1085 " Arthur Nicholson ...	31	10	0	467 " Samuel Davies ...	32	0	0	1070 " Geo. A. Myers ...				NORTHUMBERLAND.			
1179 " G. Wilkinson ...	36	15	0	633 " W. Cartwright ...	38	17	0	1070 " John Slyman ...	150	0	0	393 Bro. Ralph Thompson ...			
1235 " Joseph Gladwin ...	52	10	0	645 " Carl Gotz ...	30	0	0	1070 " George Lloyd ...				1712 " A. F. Ericsson ...	10	10	0
1235 " J. E. Harrison (see also No. 1638) ...	38	17	0	1030 " Walter H. Vaughan ...	52	10	0	1070 " J. H. Marsh ...				2260 " Dr. J. Dixon ...			
1324 " Joseph Cook ...	36	15	0	1077 " Joseph Bridgford ...	21	0	0	1070 " Ed. Johnston ...	21	0	0	NOTTINGHAMSHIRE.			
1688 " J. E. Harrison (see also No. 1235) ...				1723 " John B. Goulburn ...	10	10	0	1070 " W. Smith, M.D. ...	36	15	0	47 Bro. S. G. Johnson ...	31	10	0
2129 " The Hon. Charles W. Trollope ...	22	1	0	1723 " J. H. Greenhalgh ...	10	10	0	1070 " R. Foote ...	10	10	0	1661 " Henry George ...	52	10	0
2355 " Thomas Cox ...	21	0	0	1723 " Alex. Cosgrave ...	10	10	0	1070 " Jas. H. Wells ...	42	0	0	1794 " Martin ...	10	10	0
Rose Croix Chapter				1723 " Thomas Naylor ...	10	10	0	1070 " J. M. Smythe ...	42	0	0	1909 " J. T. Spalding ...	89	5	0
63 Bro. Percy Wallis ...	63	0	0	1723 " Thomas E. Smith ...	10	10	0	1070 " Andrew ...	26	5	0	2017 " Richard Patchitt ...	37	11	0
DEVONSHIRE.				1723 " John Miles, J.P. ...	10	10	0	1070 " Henry Stones ...	42	0	0	NORTH WALES.			
Lodge				1723 " Ald. E. G. Harwood, J.P. ...	10	10	0	1070 " J. Houlding ...	31	10	0	1336 Bro. C. K. Benson ...	52	10	0
70 Bro. Francis B. Westlake ...	50	0	0	1723 " Alfred Taylor ...	10	10	0	1070 " Dr. John Utting ...	31	10	0	1336 " R. H. Done ...	10	10	0
328 " Jno. Taylor (see also No. 1402) ...				1723 " John Urmston ...	10	10	0	1070 " J. Chadderton ...	26	5	0	1369 " David Davies ...			
1254 " Arthur J. Truscott ...	250	0	0	1723 " Miles Settle ...	10	10	0	1070 " E. Pierpoint (see also No. 155) ...	10	10	0	1477 " James D. Bolton ...	89	5	0
1402 " Jno. Taylor (see also No. 328) ...	105	0	0	1723 " Henry Staveley ...	10	10	0	1070 " Charles Mackay ...	21	0	0	1674 " George Little ...	21	0	0
DORSETSHIRE.				1723 " Thomas Magee ...	10	10	0	1070 " J. H. Smith ...				1849 " Col. H. Platt ...			
The Province—				1723 " Henry Walsley ...	10	10	0	1070 " Thos. Milligan ...	26	5	0	OXFORDSHIRE.			
Lodge				1868 " C. V. Haworth ...	15	15	0	1070 " James Brindle ...				340 Bro. S. John Shipp ...	28	1	0
Bro. S. R. Baskett ...	105	0	0	2341 " Major J. Booth (see also No. 37) ...				1070 " John Christie ...	105	0	0	340 " Frederick Bacon ...			
170 " Zilwood Milledge ...	105	0	0	2322 " M. Thomas ...	77	17	0	1070 " Dr. T. Clarke ...	21	0	0	357 " P. Colville Smith ...	122	10	0
472 " Capt. Richd. G. W. Chaloner ...	23	0	0	LANCASHIRE (WEST DIVISION).				1070 " Eli Brooks ...	26	5	0	357 " *Rev. H. A. Pickard ...			
DURHAM.				Prov. G. Lodge, Earl of Lathom (CHAIRMAN) ...	577	10	0	1070 " John Sutton ...	42	0	0	357 " *H. Offley Wakeman ...			
The Province—				Unattached				1070 " John Hatch ...	42	0	0	357 " H. Startin ...	10	10	0
Lodge				Bro. Robert Wylie ...				1070 " Herbert Kidson ...	42	0	0	357 " W. R. Cooper ...	11	11	0

SOUTH WALES (EAST DIVISION).

Lodge £ s. d.
679 Bro. S. T. Jolliffe ... 20 0 0

STAFFORDSHIRE.

Bro. J. Bodenham (see also Shrops.) ...
418 „ E. V. Greatbach ... 414 15 0
418 „ Wm. Tunnicliff ...
418 „ J. T. Howson ...
624 „ G. L. Blackhall ...
624 „ J. G. Mallins ...
1060 „ R. H. Griffin ...
2064 „ W. H. Howson ...
2149 „ Thomas Taylor ...

SUFFOLK.

Bro. Rev. C. J. Martyn ... 36 15 0
81 „ R. J. Carthew ... 22 0 0
936 „ W. H. Hall ... 48 6 0
1224 „ Henry C. Pratt ... 78 15 0
1592 „ J. C. Smith ... 116 11 0

SURREY.

1046 Bro. W. H. Brodie ...
1149 „ H. E. Turner ... 26 14 0
1302 „ Fred. S. Sillitoe ... 22 1 0
1872 „ E. Stinwell ... 10 10 0
1892 „ Wm. Pile ...
1920 „ Alfred Crew ... 55 2 6
1982 „ E. H. Minns ... 75 12 0
2120 „ A. W. Crewdson ... 42 0 0
2222 „ Daniel Hughes ... 60 2 0

SUSSEX.

Bro. V. P. Freeman ... 10 10 0
„ Richard Clowes ... 15 15 0
„ C. W. Hudson ... 10 10 0
„ Walter Smith ...
„ S. H. Soper ... 5 5 0
„ Thomas Billing ...
„ W. Nell ...
„ S. R. Legg ...
„ W. Bennett ... 10 10 0
40 „ W. S. Allen ... 35 14 0
315 „ James Terry ... 23 2 0
732 „ James Bradford ... 131 5 0
732 „ W. Botting ... 10 10 0
851 „ T. H. Crouch ... 26 5 0
1110 „ W. E. Morrison (see also R.A.C.) ...
1110 „ C. H. Haine ... 10 10 0
1110 „ J. H. Wright ... 22 11 6
1303 „ Richard Weston ... 15 15 0
1405 „ C. B. Warre ... 26 5 0
1466 „ J. P. S. Roberts ... 66 3 0
1636 „ A. J. Crouch ... 10 10 0
1636 „ E. Mitchell ... 10 10 0
1636 „ J. Sayers ... 59 17 0
1726 „ A. Lloyd ... 63 0 0
1726 „ Dr. C. W. Blaker ... 10 10 0
1797 „ H. J. Pearce ... 17 17 0
1821 „ A. P. Dollman ... 21 0 0
2201 „ R. P. Clowes ... 105 0 0

Chapter 916 Bro. W. E. Morrison (see also No. 1110) ... 22 1 0

WARWICKSHIRE.

The Province—
Lodge Bro. George Beech ... 220 10 0
43 Bro. Samuel Gordon ... 10 10 0
473 „ Faithful ... 10 10 0
502 „ J. Herbert Simpson ... 15 15 0
925 „ Thos. R. Arter ... 26 5 0
1630 „ A. E. Friedlander ... 36 15 0

WILTSHIRE.

The Province—
Miss Florence M. Tombs
Lodge Bro. Henry C. Tombs ... 224 19 6
632 Bro. George L. Palmer ... 84 0 0
1271 „ Geo. J. Farrington ... 48 6 0

WORCESTERSHIRE.

280 Bro. J. Sharman Wood ... 95 11 0
377 „ G. W. Grosvenor ... 25 0 0
1204 „ Dr. Thos. Pike ... 15 15 0
2034 „ T. R. Arter ... 21 0 0

YORKSHIRE (NORTH AND EAST).

Lodge 236 Bro. Thos. S. Brogden ... 43 1 0
602 & 1843 Bro. W. H. Cowper ... 122 17 0
2328 Bro. T. B. Whytehead ... 11 11 0

YORKSHIRE (WEST).

Bro. T. W. Tew, J.P. ...
„ W. F. Smithson ...
139 Bro. G. W. Hawksley ...

SUMMARY OF THE PROVINCES.

	£	s.	d.		£	s.	d.
Bedfordshire ...	139	4	0	Monmouthshire ...	25	10	0
Berkshire ...	103	8	6	Norfolk ...	220	0	0
Bristol ...	584	17	0	North Wales ...	173	5	0
Buckinghamshire ...	151	6	0	Northants and Hunts ...	209	10	0
Cambridgeshire ...	140	4	0	Northumberland ...	21	0	0
Cheshire ...	1050	0	0	Nottinghamshire ...	221	6	0
Cornwall ...	131	5	0	Oxfordshire ...	259	8	0
Cumberland and Westmorland ...	266	3	6	Shropshire ...	210	0	0
Derbyshire ...	800	9	0	Somersetshire ...	493	7	0
Devonshire ...	405	0	0	South Wales (East Division) ...	20	0	0
Dorsetshire ...	233	0	0	Staffordshire ...	414	15	0
Durham ...	127	1	0	Suffolk ...	302	7	0
Essex ...	1196	14	0	Surrey ...	292	1	6
Gloucestershire ...	169	11	0	Sussex ...	740	15	6
Hants and Isle of Wight ...	282	9	0	Warwickshire ...	321	4	0
Herefordshire ...	32	6	0	Wiltshire ...	357	5	6
Hertfordshire ...	221	10	0	Worcestershire ...	156	6	0
Kent ...	279	19	0	Yorkshire (North and East) ...	177	9	0
Lancashire (East) ...	894	2	0	„ (West) ...	1650	0	0
„ (West) ...	6025	10	0	Isle of Man ...	90	0	0
Lincolnshire ...	417	14	6	Foreign Stations ...	52	10	0
Middlesex ...	251	12	0				

205 STEWARDS—LONDON ... £8566 3 0
559 STEWARDS—PROVINCES ... £20,287 4 6

GRAND TOTAL ... £28,853 7 6

* Included in Lodge or Provincial List.

Bro. RICHARD EVE, responding to the toast of "The Board of Management," which was proposed by Bro. Baron De Ferrieres, said it was deeply gratifying to all the members of that Board to hear such an announcement as had been made that evening. They were very pleased to find this Institution no longer under a cloud. It had begun to shine under the auspices of the Most Worshipful Chairman. He hoped the sun might continue to shine on it. They had been told that the Chairmanship of the Earl of Lathom in 1883 was productive of great results. The Earl of Lathom beat the record on that occasion, he had beaten the record on the present occasion. He had not only beaten the record, but he had doubled the record. Those splendid results arose from the exertions of the Board of Stewards, headed by the name of the Earl of Lathom. They were now educating 264 boys, but if they could get the Earl of Lathom on every Festival, instead of educating 264 they would be able to educate 500 boys. They were delighted with their Chairman and with the results of the Festival. They did not want to tell the brethren what they had done, but were quite satisfied with the brethren appreciating the Board's work, and that it had resulted in such success.

The other toasts were "The Companion Masonic Institutions," responded to by Bro. TERRY; "The Board of Stewards," acknowledged by Bro. Captain J. D. MURRAY, P.G.D.C. West Lancashire; and "The Ladies," replied to by Bro. W. A. SCURRAH, Vice-Patron; but during all this time so much noise was created by ladies and brethren leaving the Pavilion for the grounds, that anything like a connecting sentence could not be heard. Bro. Morley acted as Toastmaster.

The gold chain and full dress clothing presented to the Chairman was manufactured by Bro. George Kenning.

ANALYSIS OF THE RETURNS.

We shall enter at once upon our task of analysing the figures contained in the foregoing list. We divide the Returns, as usual, into two sections, one of which, comprising the Stewards who represented

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mustered altogether 205 brethren, and it is particularly satisfactory to remark that the number of lodges represented is in excess of the average one-third, there being no less than 139 which sent up Stewards, to say nothing of the two lodges of instruction, five Royal Arch chapters, and the Committee Dinner Club, the brethren who acted in behalf of these various bodies being 161, and the number of Unattached 44. The total raised by the exertions of these, or at least by the exertions of those who have sent in their lists, is £8566 3s., or on an average between £41 and £42 each. Bro. Lieut.-Col. A. B. Cook, hailing from the Studholme Lodge, No. 1591, had the satisfaction of distancing all his rivals and securing the first place in this section of the Returns with the very fine total of £435 15s., the next being Bro. J. G. Milbourn, who, as Steward for the Union Waterloo Lodge, No. 13, compiled a total of £200. Bro. T. Fenn, representing the Prince of Wales Lodge, No. 259, handed in a sum of £195 6s., and Bro. W. R. Graham, of the comparatively new St. Pancras Lodge, No. 2271, fourth, with £170. The fifth place belongs to Bro. H. T. Steward, of the Middlesex Lodge, No. 143, who compiled a total of £148 1s., Bro. J. J. Cantle, Creton Lodge, No. 1791, being next, with £138 10s. Bro. W. M. Stiles, for the Strand Lodge, No. 1987, did good work, and obtained a total of £127 1s., while Bro. Major J. Ritchie, of the Ubique Lodge, No. 1789, was not far behind with £121 10s. 6d. Bro. Josiah Corbett, representing the Derby Allcroft Lodge, No. 2168, enlarged the general total by £117 17s., which, curiously enough, the Stewards who acted for the Royal Standard and the Abbey Lodges of Instruction, Nos. 1298 and 2030 respectively—Bros. T. Cull for the former and J. Gibson for the latter—tied for next place with £115 10s. Bro. W. Masterman, who took upon himself to act for the Jerusalem Lodge, No. 197, and the University Lodge, No. 1118, raised a total of £113 8s., and Bro. John R. Roberts, of the Earl of Carnarvon Lodge, No. 1642, was close at hand with £111 6s. Then follows another group composed of Bro. W. J. Stratton, Steward for the Prince Frederick William, No. 753, with £109 4s.; Bro. Josiah Russell, Mizpah Lodge, No. 1671, with £108 3s.; and Bro. J. J. Thomas, Tivoli Lodge, No. 2150, £106 11s. 6d.; and then three bracketed together with £105 each, namely, Bro. B. Johnson, Bromley St. Leonard Lodge, No. 1805; Bro. Col. John Ward, Unattached; and Bro. F. Clark and Bro. G. J. Garland, who jointly took the interests of the Temple Bar Lodge under their care. Bro. W. T. P. Montgomery, of the Peckham Lodge, No. 1475, brings up the rear with a Return of £100. Other good lists were those of Bro. W. H. Glazier, Mount Moriah Lodge, No. 34, £73; Bro. T. De C. Meade, St. Thomas's, No. 142, £75 12s.; Bro. Edwin Storr, St. John's, No. 167, and Bro. T. B. Goodfellow, No. 177, with £84 and £85 to their credit respectively; Bro. H. Pritchard, No. 263, £97 13s.; Bro. F. G. Newton, No. 569, £70 7s.; Bro. F. Craggs, No. 834, and Bro. Samuel Toye, No. 1327, each with £78 15s.; Bro. A. F. Lay, Earl of Zetland, No. 1364, £90 6s.; Bro. Major-General Hay, Friends in Council, £91 7s.; Bro. W. F. Bates, No. 1507, £73 10s.; Bro. E. G. Hooper, No. 1624, £72 6s.; Bro. R. R. Green, No. 1804, £84; Bro. J. Green, No. 1962, £78 15s.; and Bro. George Kenning, Unattached, £73 14s. All these brethren have done good service, and have helped to place the average for the London Stewards so high.

We now give our attention to

THE PROVINCES.

At the Centenary Festival of the Girls' School in 1888, every one of these sent up Stewards, the larger Provinces being very numerous represented, and the totals of their respective contributions very considerable. It is, therefore, most gratifying to find that at what after all is no more than an ordinary Festival, with no special inducements held out either to brethren to contribute or to the Stewards to exert themselves more than usual, there should have been included in Wednesday's list of Returns representatives from as many as 42 out of the 46 Provinces into which Freemasonry outside the London district is parcelled out. The four absentees were LEICESTERSHIRE AND RUTLAND (12 lodges), which figured in the Returns of the Benevolent Festival in February and at that of the Girls' School last month; SOUTH WALES, WEST DIVISION (10 lodges), which was likewise represented to good purpose at the same two Festivals; and the CHANNEL ISLANDS (5 lodges), and JERSEY (7 lodges), which both entered an appearance at the Benevolent Festival of last year. Thus only a very small section of our country Freemasonry comprising 34 lodges found itself debarred, by previous engagements to support the other two Charities, or, for private reasons of their own, abstained, from contributing towards the success of Wednesday's meeting.

As regards the Provinces which did take part in the proceedings, and by the medium of 559 Stewards, raised the splendid sum of £20,287 4s. 6d., we note with pleasure that

BEDFORDSHIRE,

with its six lodges, had two Stewards, of whom Bro. C. E. Prior, M.D., Prov. G. Secretary, did duty for the whole Province, while Comp. S. L. Kilpin, of the Stuart Lodge, No. 540, Bedford, took its interest in an especial manner under his wing. The sum of their lists was £139 4s., of which £109 4s. was raised by the Province, and £30 by the lodge representative. At the Boys' Festival in 1889, one of the lodges—the St. Andrew's, No. 803, Biggleswade—sent up a list of £42, while at the Girls' Centenary the Bedfordshire Lodge of St. John the Baptist, No. 475, Luton, and No. 803 together raised a total of £98 14s.

For the third time during the year

BERKSHIRE

has justified our anticipations that as a separate Province, though with only 13 lodges on its roll, it would fulfil its part at these celebrations as regularly and generously as when under the rule of the late Bro. Sir Daniel Gooch, Bart., it formed the larger half of the more imposing Province of Berks and Bucks. In February its four Stewards, representing four lodges and a chapter, compiled a total of £146 3s. 6d. Last month its three Stewards raised £98 14s., and on Wednesday five brethren, of whom four acted in behalf of as many lodges and one independently, together contributed £103 8s. 6d., there being still one list outstanding. This raises the total for the year to £348 6s. and may be certainly regarded as an auspicious commencement under the new régime.

BRISTOL,

which now has nine lodges on its roll, made its first appearance this year at the Girls' School Festival on the 12th May, when Bro. Pierrepont Harris represented the Province, and handed in a list of £141 15s. On Wednesday the same brother, in the same official capacity, had the gratification of amassing a far more imposing list amounting to £584 17s., so that the Province, under the auspices of this energetic brother, has acquitted itself most creditably during the current year, albeit it had no part in the Benevolent Festival in February. During the previous two years Bristol has only figured at one Festival, that of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution in February, 1889, when the late Bro. W. Purnell acted as Steward and gave in a list of £52 5s., but we believe this unusual absence may be accounted for by the brethren being engaged in organising a Provincial Charity of their own. At all events a reference to the Festival Returns prior to 1889 will show that Bristol, in proportion to its strength, has done its part bravely in supporting our central Institutions.

Bro. Lord Carrington will have every reason to be proud of his Province of

BUCKINGHAMSHIRE,

which, like its former partner Berks, has done admirably during its first year as a separate organisation. In February, Bro. Joseph Bliss, as Steward for the Wycombe Lodge, No. 1501, High Wycombe, raised a list of £36 15s. Last month the Province most generously supported its Prov. Grand Master as Chairman of the Girls' Festival, the total of its contributions, by the hands of 11 Stewards—of whom Bro. Bliss was one—being £300. On Wednesday, six of its 12 lodges sent up 8 Stewards, and one of its chapters was represented by Comp. Taylor, while Bro. George Gardner acted as Steward Unattached. The total raised by the 9 Stewards reached £151 6s., the chief item being Bro. Mackrill's £52 10s. for Lodge No. 948. Thus during its opening year it has subscribed what for a Province of only 12 lodges is the very considerable sum of £488 1s.

CAMBRIDGESHIRE,

six lodges, had two of them represented on Wednesday, namely, the Lodge of United Good Fellowship, No. 809, Wisbech, per Bro. Geo. Carrick, and the Isaac Newton University Lodge, No. 859, Cambridge, by its W.M., Bro. W. H. Francis, the result of the labours of these two brethren being set down as amounting to £140 4s. Last month Bro. S. H. Sharman, as Steward for the whole Province and Lodge No. 441, had the satisfaction of obtaining £85 16s. for the Girls' School, so that as the Province took no part in the Benevolent Festival in February, the total of the year's contributions amounts to £226. This compares fairly well with last year's total of £259 2s. for the Benevolent and Boys' Festivals, and with that of £315 in 1889, when all three Charities were supported. In 1888 the Province raised £362 5s. for "Our Girls," while in the two preceding years its subscriptions reached £1084 16s.

We are very pleased to find that the lodges and brethren in

CHESHIRE

have taken so kindly to heart the advice tendered them some while since by their respected Provincial Grand Master, Bro. Lord Egerton of Tatton, never to lose sight of the claims on their support of our principal Masonic Charities. Indeed, a glance at the long list of Stewards from this Province might almost incline people to believe that Lord Egerton had undertaken to preside, in conjunction with Lord Lathom and Bro. Tew, Provincial Grand Master of West Yorkshire—which is also strongly represented—the three forming a kind of triune Chairman of the day. At all events, out of the 44 lodges on the roll of this Province no less than 25 are represented, the number of brethren acting as Stewards in their behalf, together with the three brethren Unattached, being 53; St. John's Lodge, No. 104, Stockport, and the Lodge of Unity, No. 267, Macclesfield, each sending two Stewards; the Lodge of Unanimity, No. 287, Stockport, four Stewards; the Cestrian Lodge, No. 425, Chester, and the Lodge of Sincerity, No. 428, Northwich, two Stewards each; the Zetland, No. 537, Birkenhead, three Stewards; the Combermere, No. 605, Birkenhead, two Stewards; the Stamford Lodge, No. 1045, Altrincham, six Stewards; the Clarendon Lodge, No. 1166, Hyde, two Stewards; the Earl of Chester, No. 1565, Lymm, three Stewards; and the Alan Lodge, No. 2368, Alderley Edge, eight Stewards, including Bro. the Hon. Alan de Tatton Egerton, M.P., W.M. The Returns from these brethren represent a total of £1050, the principal individual or conjoint lists being those of Cestrian Lodge, No. 425, £100; the Stamford Lodge, No. 1045, £100 5s. 6d.; and the Alan Lodge, No. 2368, £110. The Province was an absentee from the Benevolent Festival in February, but last month it raised by the hands of six Stewards £134 10s., so that the total for the whole year reaches £1156 19s. This is by far the largest sum ever contributed by this Province at any of our Festival gatherings, the sum obtained at the Girls' Centenary three years since having been £459 1s. At the Boys' School Festival in 1884 it figured for £498 6s., but as we have again and again pointed out in these Analyses there is the Cheshire Educational Institute which receives the first care of the lodges and brethren, and hence, until this Festival, the Province has really never given us an idea of what it was capable of doing. It is also most probable that neighbourly feeling as well as brotherly love has had much to do in producing so admirable a result, the Provinces of Cheshire and West Lancashire being contiguous. However, the reasons why need not concern us materially; it is enough that Cheshire having put forth its strength on this particular occasion has come off with flying colours, and we trust it will not be long before it will be again our privilege to congratulate it on a further and still more signal success.

CORNWALL

(30 lodges) did well to entrust its interests to Bro. Gilbert B. Pearce, who has given us a taste of his quality as a Provincial representative on several occasions, and who, on Wednesday, compiled the handsome list of £131 5s. In February the Province was represented by Bro. Major Ross, whose list amounted to £158 10s., the total for the current year thus reaching £289 15s. Last year Bros. Major Ross, G. B. Pearce, and F. W. Thomas acted as Stewards respectively for the three Charities, and raised amongst them £380 1s. In 1889, the amount distributed amongst them was £362 5s. and in 1883, £465 5s., of which the Girls' School received £372 15s., while in 1887 Bro. Pearce was sole representative of the Province at each of the three Festivals, and had the satisfaction of obtaining lists which together amounted to £704 11s.

The interests of the 20 lodges in

CUMBERLAND AND WESTMORLAND

were placed in safe hands when they were entrusted to Bros. George Dalrymple, Prov. A.G. Sec., and John Paterson, who between them had the satisfaction of compiling a total of £266 3s. 6d. In February it gave, per Bro. P. de E. Collin,

£46 4s. to the Benevolent, the total for the current year being £312 7s. 6d. In 1888 it raised £1050 for the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution, and £210 for the Girls' Centenary, and in 1886 £500, and in 1883 £1050 for the Boys' School. These are capital figures.

DERBYSHIRE

furnished a contingent of 25 Stewards, exclusive of Bro. J. M. McLeod, who did duty in London and West Lancashire likewise, there being five brethren Unattached, 20 representing 17 out of the 24 lodges in the Province, and one the St. Mary Rose Croix Chapter, No. 63, Derby. This is more than appeared at the Girls' Centenary in 1888, or the Boys' Festival in 1885, when Bro. the Marquis of Hartington, Prov. G.M., occupied the chair, but the total obtained on this occasion, though very considerable, is naturally less than was compiled in 1885. However, without attempting to be too minute in our comparisons, we may state that the sum of £800 9s. was obtained from this Province on Wednesday, the most notable lists being those of Bro. G. Sutherland, No. 731, £76 10s.; Bro. Percy Wallis, Rose Croix Chapter, £63; Bros. A. E. Voules, No. 681; J. M. McLeod, No. 884; and J. Gladwin, No. 1235, for £52 10s. each. It was not represented at the Benevolent Festival in February, but sent up two Stewards for as many lodges—of whom Bro. James Morrison McLeod was one, and a brother Unattached, made up a sum of £136 10s., making the total for this year £936 19s. In 1890 and 1889 Derbyshire distributed £444 and £414 respectively among our Institutions, while in 1888 it raised a fraction over £891, of which £789 3s. 6d. was raised for the Girls' School Centenary. In 1885, when its Prov. Grand Master occupied the chair at the Festival of this Institution, it supported him most loyally to the extent of £1546 17s.

Four of the 52 lodges in

DEVONSHIRE

had Stewards acting in their behalf on Wednesday, whose lists totalled up the excellent sum of £405. Bro. A. J. Truscott, No. 1224, compiling a list of £250, and Bro. J. Taylor, Nos. 328 and 1402, £105. This, added to the £63 obtained by Bro. the Rev. Dr. Lemon for the Benevolent Institution in February, gives a total for this year of £468. This is, perhaps, not a high figure for a Province which has so many lodges on its roll, but last year it distributed £424 18s. among the Institutions, of which the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution had the good fortune, thanks to Bro. Dr. Lemon's services, to receive £207 10s., and in 1889 it placed £198 9s. at the disposal of the Schools in nearly equal proportions. In 1888, when Bro. Viscount Ebrington, M.P., was Chairman of the Boys' School Festival, it raised £840 for that Institution, and during the whole year £1013 5s.

DORSETSHIRE

was not among the contributors to the Benevolent Festival in February, but one of its 13 lodges (the Portland, No. 1037) sent up a list, per Bro. C. J. Freeman, of £63 in May. On Wednesday Bro. S. R. Baskett, as he has done on more than one previous occasion, acted as Steward for the Province generally, and compiled the excellent list of £105, while All Souls' Lodge, No. 170, Weymouth, by the hands of the veteran Bro. Zillwood Milledge, with £105, and the Lodge of Friendship and Sincerity, No. 472, Shaftesbury, raised the total to £223, making the whole amount contributed this year £296. Last year Bro. Baskett for the whole Province raised £181 13s. for this Institution, while in 1889 the same brother acting as Provincial representative, and Bro. Sir R. N. Howard, as Steward for the Portland Lodge, between them compiled a total of £156 10s. In 1888 the five brethren who acted as Stewards at the Girls' Centenary raised £294, while the Benevolent Institution obtained support to the extent of £113 3s.

The lodges in

DURHAM,

some 32 in number, have taken part in all the three Festivals of the year. In February Bro. C. D. Hill-Drury, as sole Steward for the Province, took up a list of £168, and last month Bro. W. C. Barrow for the Province, raised £183 12s., and Bro. A. de Lande Long, Unattached, increased this to £191 2s. On Wednesday Bro. J. Vickers, W.M. of St. Helen's Lodge, No. 531, Hartlepool, as the Provincial representative, compiled a total of £127 1s., the full amount thus contributed in 1891 being £486 3s. This is very largely in excess of the sum distributed among the three Institutions in 1890, when the R.M.B.I. received 75 guineas (£78 15s.), the Girls' School 100 guineas (£105), and the Boys' School 75 guineas (£78 15s.). In 1889 the amount apportioned amongst the three was £354 18s., and in 1888 it was £761 3s., of which the Benevolent Institution received £122 15s., the Girls' School £375 18s., and the Boys' School £262 10s. In 1881, when the late Bro. the Marquis of Londonderry was Chairman at the Boys' Festival, it contributed the sum of £1024 to the Charities, the Boys' School being naturally the favoured Institution.

Of the 32 lodges in the home Province of

ESSEX,

11 sent up 17 Stewards, and one of these did duty for a Royal Arch chapter also, the Prov. G. Secretary, Bro. F. T. Ralling, Past G.A.D.C. England, and Bro. Geo. Harrison, Past Prov. S.G.W., being Unattached. The total subscribed by the medium of these brethren amounted to £1196 14s., the principal items being £525 by Bro. W. Shurmur, No. 2374, and £105 each by Bro. Andrew R. Motion, No. 453, and Bro. N. Fortescue, No. 2374. In February the six brethren who acted as Stewards figured for a total of £244 13s. 6d., while in May three brethren amongst them enriched the funds of the Girls' School to the extent of £137 11s. In 1890 the contributions from this Province to the three Charities amounted to £977 10s.; in 1889, to £646 5s. 6d.; and in 1888, to £1297 3s. 6d. Thus the total for the present year is the largest received since 1884, when its total subscription to the three Institutions was in excess of £1546, of which £1000 was raised in support of the Chairmanship of Bro. Lord Brooke, P.G.M., at the Girls' Festival.

Three of the 14 lodges in

GLOUCESTERSHIRE

were directly represented on this occasion, and Bro. R. V. Vassar-Smith, D.P. G.M., acted independently, the full number of Stewards being five and the sum of their lists £169 11s. The Province was not included in the list of contributors at the Benevolent Festival in February, but last month two lodges sent three Stewards, whose lists reached £63. Last year, Gloucestershire raised £234 13s.; in 1889, £199 10s.; in 1888, £621 3s. 6d., of which the Girls' School at its Centenary received £520 18s.; and in 1887 £221 11s. The annual average during the years 1884, 1885, and 1886 was £747, which may be accounted for chiefly by the Province raising £1210 13s. 6d. in support of the Benevolent Institution in 1885, when Bro. Sir M. E. Hicks-Beach, Bart., M.P., acted as Chairman at the Festival of that Charity.

Though only five out of the 47 lodges in

HAMPSHIRE AND THE ISLE OF WIGHT

sent Stewards to this Festival, the Province had the honour of being represented likewise by its respected Prov. G. Master, Bro. W. W. B. Beach, M.P., who is a Trustee of the Institution, his worthy Deputy, Bro. J. E. Le Feuvre, Past G.D. of England, who is a member of the Board of Management, and Bro. A. Barfield. These seven brethren amongst them compiled the sum of £282 9s., of which £57 15s. stands to the credit of the P.G.M., and £118 13s. to his Deputy's. In February four brethren as Stewards for six lodges obtained £204 15s., and in May five Stewards raised £218 17s. 6d. for the Girls' School, the total for the whole year being £706 1s. 6d. In 1890 it gave £130 5s. to the Royal Masonic

Benevolent Institution, £85 1s. to the Girls' School, and £266 12s. to the Boys' School, or together £481 18s. In 1889 it figured for still less, its contributions to the three Charities only reaching £367 1s. 6d., but during these years and previously it was engaged in establishing its local Charitable Institution on a sound basis. In 1888 it contributed £1355 1s., of which £1149 13s. 6d. was in respect of the Girls' Centenary, and in the year of the Queen's Jubilee, when Bro. W. W. B. Beach occupied the chair at the Benevolent Festival, it raised within six pence of £1883, of which £1785 9s. 6d. was in support of its P.G.M.'s Chairmanship.

We heartily welcome the re-appearance in these Returns of

HEREFORDSHIRE.

It is a small Province, with only five lodges on its roll, but we have more than once remarked that we see no just cause or impediment why it shall not occasionally take part in these celebrations. We do not suppose our Herefordshire brethren are less able or less willing than others to bear their share in supporting our Institutions, and the presence in the lists of Wednesday of Bro. the Rev. R. Evans, Past D.P.G.M., with a sum raised from the Province of £32 6s. to his credit is a good omen for the future. The last occasion on which Herefordshire took part in one of these meetings was the Girls' Centenary in 1888, when Bro. Sir Joseph Bailey, Bart., M.P., Prov. G.M., took up a list of £68 5s.

HERTFORDSHIRE,

with its roll of 21 lodges, has done admirably during the present year. At the Benevolent Festival in February six of its lodges together contributed £363 3s. Last month five lodges—of which only one took part in the earlier Festival—with a brother Unattached, raised £194 2s., while on Wednesday five lodges, of which one was represented at the two preceding Festivals, together with one Steward Unattached, compiled amongst them the very satisfactory sum of £221 10s. These furnish a total for the year of £778 15s., 14 out of the 21 lodges and two Unattached brethren having had a hand in compiling it. Last year £667 8s. was apportioned amongst the three Charities, and in 1889 £371 7s., but in 1888 the total was £796 14s. 6d., of which £649 19s. fell to the share of the Girls' School on the occasion of its Centenary, and the balance of £146 15s. 6d. to the Benevolent Institution.

As we remarked in our Analysis of the Girls' School lists, it would not have surprised us if

KENT,

after its magnificent effort in behalf of the Benevolent Institution in February, when Bro. Earl Amherst, its Provincial Grand Master, acted as Chairman of the day, had resolved on taking things quietly during the rest of the present year. There are 57 lodges on its roll, but the amount its 62 Stewards, headed by Bro. J. S. Eastes, its worthy Deputy Provincial Grand Master, with the glorious list of £628 15s. 6d., raised in February was £3483 14s. 6d. However, in May five lodges, with an Unattached Steward, put their shoulders to the wheel and raised £265 2s. 6d., and on Wednesday the Dep. P.G.M. and Bro. W. Hollis, Unattached, with the brethren representing three lodges, supplemented the previous subscriptions with the very useful total of £279 19s., Bro. Eastes's list amounting to £136 10s. Thus the total for 1891 reaches £4028 16s., or an average of about £70 per lodge. It is hardly necessary, after exhibiting such Returns as these, that we should cite the performances of preceding years in order to demonstrate the truism that Kent stands foremost among the regular and most generous supporters of our three Central Charities.

We are pleased, if we are not surprised, that

LANCASHIRE (EAST)

should have taken so conspicuous a part in the celebration of Wednesday. The number of Stewards hailing from this large and important Province was 48, of whom three were Unattached, and 45 acted on behalf of sundry of the lodges, there being 17 out of the 100 and odd lodges on the roll which took part in the proceedings. Of these Lodge Anchor and Hope, No. 37, Bolton, by the hands of Bro. James Newton, Prov. A.G. Sec., and five other members, raised £73 10s.; Antiquity, No. 146, located in the same town, by two Stewards, £21; St. John's, No. 221, also of Bolton, by the medium of seven Stewards, £63; Fidelity, No. 269, Blackburn, per Bro. W. H. Cunliffe, £84; Affability, No. 317, Manchester, by Bro. W. J. Cunliffe and another, £36 15s.; St. John's, No. 348, Bolton, by Bro. John Kenyon and four of his colleagues, £84, and St. George's, No. 1723, Bolton, which was represented by Bro. Alderman Harwood and 12 other members, £136 10s. The total from all sources, including £105 from P.G. Lodge, reached £894 2s., which, with the £126 raised by seven Stewards in February for the Benevolent Institution and the £183 8s. 6d. by 10 (out of 11) Stewards last month for the Girls' School, places the contributions from East Lancashire for the current year at £1183 10s. 6d. In 1888 the total from this Province was £4350 13s., composed of £2873 11s. 6d. received by the Benevolent Institution, £1350 16s. 6d. by the Girls' School, and £126 5s. by the Boys' School. To this Province also belongs the honour of having raised what till Wednesday was the highest amount contributed by a single Province at any of our Festivals, namely, £3885 at the Boys' School Festival of 1869.

The next Province is that of

LANCASHIRE (WEST),

the "Chairman's Province," which has not only surpassed itself on this occasion but has likewise outdone all the other Provinces in England. It has some 104 lodges on its roll, and is therefore the strongest of the 46 into which the country is divided. The number of Stewards, including Bro. Earl of Lathom, Prov. G.M., the Chairman of the day; Bro. R. Wylie, P.G.D. England; Bro. W. Goodacre, P.G.S.B. England, Prov. G. Sec.; Bro. R. Armitage, P.P.A.G. Sec.; and a lady, was 134, of whom several represented more than one lodge or a lodge and chapter, and the amount which they had the gratification of obtaining was £6025 10s. To give full details of this splendid total is more than the narrow limits of our space will permit. Suffice it, therefore, to say that the noble Chairman heads the array with £577 10s., of which £525 was contributed by the Prov. Grand Lodge, while the rest was his own personal donation. The St. George's Lodge of Harmony, No. 32, Liverpool, the senior lodge in West Lancashire, had 17 Stewards, and the total they succeeded in raising was £746 6s., which, as far as our memory serves us, is the largest amount ever raised by a single lodge. Princes Lodge, No. 2316, with five Stewards, gave £294; Urmston Lodge, No. 1730, Urmston (five Stewards), £150; Prince Arthur, No. 1570, Liverpool (two Stewards), £126; Townley Parker Lodge, No. 1032, Chorley (two Stewards), £136 10s.; and Unanimity, No. 113, Preston (three Stewards) £105; Furness, No. 995, Ulverston, £109 9s.; Ashton, No. 1140, Heaton Moor, £107 2s.; Stanley, No. 1325, Liverpool (three Stewards), £105; Lindsay, No. 1335, Wigan (two Stewards) £120 15s.; Blundellsands, No. 2289, Great Crosby; Cycling and Athletic, No. 2335, Wavertree (two Stewards); and Rose of Lancaster, No. 2325, £105 each; and West Lancashire Century, No. 2349, Blackburn (five Stewards); gave £137 11s. Architect, No. 1375, Withington, £128 2s.; Loyalty, No. 897, St. Helens, £125 4s. 6d.; and Antiquity, No. 178, Wigan, with £78 15s. Indeed, if we consider that no less than 93 out of the 104 lodges were directly represented by one or more Stewards, and that six R.A. chapters, one Rose Croix chapter, and two Mark lodges had a share in this fine piece of work, it is difficult to find words which will sufficiently express the gratitude of the Craft at large, and especially of those who are anxious to see our Boys' School well started on its way again, after the dis-

turbed condition of its affairs, to West Lancashire, its noble Provincial Grand Master, the lodges, and their members for the success of their latest effort in behalf of our Central Charities. Be it added that in February the Province raised £99 15s. for the Benevolent Institution and £115 10s. for the Girls' School in May, so that the total of the West Lancashire contributions during the year 1891 is £6240 15s. And all this while, it generously supports an Educational Institution and two Annuity Funds—the Hamer, for old men, and the Alpass, for widows. Bravo, Bravissimo, West Lancashire!

LINCOLNSHIRE

had an efficient Provincial representative in Bro. Wilson Goodwin, while eight of its 24 lodges had nine Stewards acting in their behalf, Bro. H. E. Cousans, as Steward for the Ermine Lodge, No. 2351, Lincoln, being one of them. The sum total of their lists was £417 14s. 6d., Bro. Goodwin's list for the Province reaching £233 3s., and that of Bro. Cousans for No. 2351, £88 4s., which, added to the £42 13s. raised by the latter for the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution in February, places the contributions from this Province in 1891 at £460 7s. 6d. Last year it subscribed £542 to the Girls' School, and £100 to the Benevolent Institution, while in 1889 the latter was benefited to the extent of £448 14s., while the Boys' School received £69 6s., the total for the three years being £1816 5s., of which some two-thirds was subscribed for the Girls' Centenary.

Eight out of the 40 lodges in

MIDDLESEX

and one of its Royal Arch chapters were represented on Wednesday, the number of its Stewards, including its respected P.G.M., Bro. Col. Sir Francis Burdett, Bart., and Bro. H. V. Clements, Unattached, being 12. These amongst them compiled a sum of £251 12s., the total for the whole year, including £215 11s. for the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution in February, and £56 14s. for the Girls' School last month, being £523 17s. In 1890, when Bro. Sir Francis Burdett, Bart., acted as Chairman at the Girls' Festival and the Province raised over £1000, the total was £1337 15s. 6d.; in 1889 it was between £593 and £594; and in 1888 £1816 5s., of which some two-thirds was subscribed for the Girls' Centenary.

Being but a small Province of 10 lodges,

MONMOUTHSHIRE

adopts the plan of supporting each Institution in turn, though there have been years in which it has supplemented its principal contribution by a second and smaller one. In February one brother, representing the Province generally, and six other brethren acting for as many lodges, compiled the large total of £325. On Wednesday one of these six lodges sent up a Steward in the person of its W.M., Bro. C. W. Whalley, whose list amounted to £25 10s., raising the total for the year to £350 10s. In May, 1890, the Girls' School received support to the extent of £247; in 1889 the Boys' School £300; and in 1888 £438 3s. was subscribed to the Benevolent Institution and £94 10s. to the Girls' Centenary.

Two good men—Bros. H. G. Barwell, P.P.S.G.W., and W. Diver, P.P.J.G.W.—acted on behalf of two of the senior lodges in the Province of

NORFOLK,

the former being Steward for the Union Lodge, No. 52, Norwich, and the latter for the Lodge of Friendship, No. 100, Great Yarmouth, their lists together amounting to £220. This is the first and only appearance during the year of this Province, which, though it musters 17 lodges, is chiefly agricultural, and therefore by no means wealthy. But in 1890 it subscribed over £229 to the Benevolent Institution, and £26 5s. to the Boys' School; in 1889, £101 11s. to the latter Charity, and in 1888, £63 to the Benevolent, and £214 4s. to the Girls' School. In 1886, when its Prov. G.M., Bro. Lord Suffield presided as Chairman at the Boys' Festival, his Province most loyally supported him to the extent of £420.

Five out of the 18 lodges in

NORTH WALES

took part in the celebration of Wednesday, Bro. C. K. Benson, a Steward of established experience, and a member of the Board of Management, doing duty with another brother for the Square and Compass Lodge, No. 1336, Wrexham, while Bro. Col. H. Platt, P.G.D. of England, and D.P.G.M., took the Royal Leek Lodge, No. 1849, Bangor, under his especial charge. The total obtained by the efforts of five of the six Stewards reached £173 5s., the principal list being that for £89 5s. raised by Bro. J. D. Bolton, No. 1477, Bro. Platt's list being still outstanding. The Province took part in the preceding Festivals of the year, Bro. Benson, acting for the same lodge, taking up £26 5s. for the Benevolent Institution in February, and Bro. D. Davies, No. 1369, who was also a Steward on Wednesday, with Bro. Benson, Unattached, £36 15s. for the Girls' School in May. Last year North Wales raised £120 4s. 6d. for the Boys' School, and £68 5s. for the Girls' School, the same Institutions receiving a certain measure of support in 1889; while in 1888 all three Charities were benefited, though the efforts of the Province were employed chiefly in behalf of the Girls' Institution, which received £675 on the occasion of its Centenary Festival.

Under the able and popular rule of Bro. the Earl of Euston, the Province of

NORTHANTS AND HUNTS,

has been most active in its support of our Charities, and though at sundry of the Festivals in which it takes part its Returns are small, still the Province on the whole has made a goodly show under the auspices of its present chief. On Wednesday, nine of its brethren, including Lord Euston, who was Chairman of the late Provisional Management Committee, George Ellard, a member of the Board of Management, and two other brethren Unattached, and the representatives—five in number—of three of its 12 lodges had the good fortune to amass the very creditable sum of £209 10s. In February, Bro. Carman, who has served as Steward at all the Festivals of this year, took up a list of £31 10s., and in May Lord Euston and Bro. Carman together supplemented this with £21, so that the aggregate for the year reaches £263. In 1890 the Benevolent and Girls' Institutions received, the former £42 and the latter £26 5s.; and in 1889, when Lord Euston presided as Chairman for the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution it raised £914 10s. 6d. in support of his lordship, and a further £26 5s. for the Girls' School in the following May, or in all, £940 15s. 6d.

NORTHUMBERLAND

figures among the contributing Provinces only occasionally; but when it does take part in any of our Festivals it never fails to leave its mark. At the memorable Boys' School in 1883 Bro. B. J. Thompson, the then Prov. G. Secretary, handed in a list of £1222 13s. Three years later the same brother was Steward for the whole Province at the Girls' Festival, and compiled a total of £906. In 1888 Bro. Thompson did duty for the third time as Steward, and took up a list which was announced as £900, but which was subsequently increased to £1050, while a sum of £52 10s. was dropped incidentally into the coffers of the Girls' School at its Centenary in the month of June following. Since then the Province has been an absentee, but on Wednesday two out of its 23 lodges, represented by Bros. A. F. Ericsson and Bro. Dr. J. D. Dixon respectively, and Bro. R. Thompson, Unattached, put together the sum of £21, one list being outstanding.

Since the consecration of the St. Mary's Lodge, No. 2302, Southwell, in 1889, there have been 15 lodges on the roll of

NOTTINGHAMSHIRE,

and five of these sent Stewards to the Festival on Wednesday. The Returns from these amounted to £221 6s., and included £89 5s. from Bro. Spalding, No. 1909,

and £37 11s. from Bro. R. Patchitt. The Province was unrepresented in February, but Bro. Robt. Patchitt as Steward for the Portland Lodge, No. 2017, Nottingham—who was one of the five on this occasion—compiled a useful £37 16s. 6d. for the Girls' School last month, while in 1890 the Province raised £178 10s. for this Institution.

There is no more regular contributor to our Charities than

OXFORDSHIRE,

though, as it can boast of only 11 lodges, its Returns, except on very special occasions, are for the most part on a modest scale. On Wednesday the Alfred Lodge, No. 340, Oxford, and the Cherwell, No. 599, Banbury, had two Stewards, the Apollo University, No. 357, Oxford, four Stewards, and the Thames, No. 1895, Henley, one, while the Alfred and Marlborough Chapters, Nos. 340 and 1399, were likewise represented. The aggregate of the Returns from these 11 brethren reached £259 18s., which, added to the £69 12s. subscribed to the Benevolent Institution in February and the £98 1s. to the Girls' School last month, gives a total for the year of £327 11s. In 1890 the Returns to the three Festivals reached £385 6s. 6d.; in 1889 £276; and in 1888 £656 9s. 6d., of which £568 12s. was in respect of the Girls' Centenary.

SHROPSHIRE

has taken part in nearly all the Festivals that have been held since its organisation as a separate Province, its most successful achievements having been at the Girls' Festival in 1887, when Bro. Sir Offley Wakeman, Bart., Prov. G.M., presided as Chairman, and the Returns reached £1022 17s., and the Centenary of the same Institution, when the total was £770 15s. In February it raised £97 17s. for the Benevolent Institution, and £145 for the Girls' School last month. On Wednesday, its contingent of six Stewards included Bro. John Bodenham, P.A.G.D. of C. England, who is a member of the Board of Management; Bro. R. G. Venables, P.A.G.D. of C. England, D.P.G.M., as Steward for the Lodge of the Marches, No. 611, Ludlow; and Bro. W. L. Southwell, acting for the Castle Lodge, No. 1621, Bridgnorth, the aggregate for the Returns being £210. Thus the total for the current year stands at £452 17s.

Bro. Viscount Dungarvan, Prov. Grand Master, Unattached, heads the list of six Stewards from

SOMERSETSHIRE,

the Province generally having been taken in charge by Bro. James S. Haddon, while five of the 25 lodges were directly represented by as many brethren, including Bro. S. R. Baskett, who likewise figures in the Returns from Dorsetshire. The total raised by these was £493 7s., and as the Benevolent Institution received £92 12s., per Bro. W. J. Nosworthy, in February, and the Girls' School £186 7s. 6d., per Bro. F. T. Elworthy, in May, the present year's aggregate stands at the very respectable figure of £772 6s. 6d. In 1890 the total was £548 18s., of which £358 1s. was subscribed to the Boys' School and £190 17s. to the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution. At the Girls' Centenary in 1888 the late Bro. Stothert's list amounted to £883 1s., the total, including other contributions from the Province, being £946 1s.

It is unusual—but none the less satisfactory to note—for the Province of

SOUTH WALES (EASTERN DIVISION)

to be found taking part in all three Festivals of the year. Yet, in February, with Bro. J. R. Davies as sole Steward, the Province subscribed £380 to the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution. In May, one of its lodges, per Bro. John Munday, raised £78 15s., and on Wednesday another lodge—the number on the roll being 18 lodges—was represented by Bro. S. T. Jolliffe, whose list amounted to £20, the total for 1891 being £478 15s. In 1890 the Province, per Bro. J. R. Davies, subscribed £400 to the Girls' School, and in 1889, per Bro. John Munday, £323 13s. 6d. to the Boys' School, while in 1888, when Bro. Sir George Elliot, Bart., M.P., P.G.M., was Chairman at the Benevolent Festival, it raised £865 for that Institution, with a small supplementary £26 5s. at the Girls' Centenary. It is evident, therefore, that South Wales East makes a practice of giving its chief, if not its entire, support to each Institution in turn.

Five out of the 29 lodges in

STAFFORDSHIRE

were represented by seven Stewards, and Bro. John Bodenham, who figures under Shropshire likewise, acted independently. The total reached £414 15s., of which, so far as we know at present, Bro. Bodenham raised £157 10s. and Bros. George L. Blackhall and J. G. Mallins, for the Abbey Lodge, No. 624, Burton-on-Trent, £97 5s. 6d. At the Benevolent Festival in February Bros. J. F. Pepper and W. H. Bailey together compiled £152 5s., while last month Bro. Thaddeus Ryder raised £157 10s. for the Girls' School, so that the aggregate for 1891 reaches £724 10s. In 1890 the amount subscribed for the three Charities was £599, of which the Old People received £200, the Boys' School £304, and the Girls' School the remainder. In 1889 it was slightly within £500, but in the preceding year the Girls' Institution was favoured to the extent of £355 7s. and the Boys' School to that of £262 10s., the amount raised for the Old People not being ascertainable, though the Province sent up a Steward.

Bro. Lord Henniker has great reason to be proud of his Province of

SUFFOLK.

It has 22 lodges on its roll, but, like its neighbour of Norfolk, its people are mostly engaged in agricultural pursuits. Yet thanks to the influence exerted by his lordship and his worthy Deputy, Bro. the Rev. C. J. Martyn, it is among the staunchest supporters of our Institutions. This year, for instance, it raised £160 12s. 6d. for the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution in February, and £243 12s. for "Our Girls" in May, and on Wednesday, four of its lodges, with Bro. the Rev. C. J. Martyn, Unattached, amassed a total of £302 7s., the list of Bro. J. C. Smith, as Steward for the Abbey Lodge, No. 1592, Bury St. Edmunds, amounting to £116 11s., and that of Bro. Pratt, No. 1224, to £78 15s. The total, therefore, for the current year is £706 11s. 6d., as compared with £619 13s. 6d. apportioned among the three Institutions in 1890; £1048 17s. 6d. in 1889, of which £571 13s. 6d. was paid over to the Girls' School in support of Lord Henniker's Chairmanship; £1195 12s. in 1885—of which £517 12s. was raised for the Girls' Centenary; and £794 16s. in the year of the Queen's Jubilee, of which the Old People received £418 19s., the Girls' School £219 6s., and the Boys' School £156 8s. These constitute a splendid record for a Province of such moderate strength.

Not since the Centenary Festival of the Girls' School in 1888 have we seen

SURREY

represented to such advantage as on Wednesday, when nine of its 35 lodges sent up Stewards, and the aggregate of their lists reached £292 1s. 6d., the principal items being the £75 12s. of Bro. G. H. Minns, No. 1982; £60 2s. of Bro. D. Hughes, No. 2222; and £55 2s. 6d. of Bro. A. Crew, No. 1920. In February four Stewards raised £115 19s. for the Old People, while four compiled £195 6s. for the Girls' School last month. Hence the total for this year is £603 6s. 6d., as against £647 6s. in 1890, and £496 4s. in 1889, but in 1888 its aggregate reached £1298 14s., of which the Girls' School at its Centenary obtained £1147 18s.; in 1887 it was £797 13s. 6d., and in 1886, when the late Bro. General Brownrigg presided for the Girls' School, it amounted to the handsome sum of £1829, of which the favoured Charity received £1346.

We fully anticipated that

SUSSEX

would appear in very considerable force at this Festival as it has at those which have been held in Brighton in previous years, and our expectations have been amply fulfilled. As many as 14 out of the 27 lodges comprised within its limits and the chapter attached to a fifteenth are entered in the list, the number of brethren acting in their behalf as Stewards being 20, the Tyrian Lodge, No. 1110, Eastbourne, and the St. Cecilia, No. 1636, Brighton, being represented each of them by three, and the Royal York, No. 315, and Royal Brunswick, No. 732, both of Brighton, with the Gordon Lodge, No. 1726, Bognor, by two each. In addition there were nine Stewards Unattached, including Bros. V. P. Freeman, P.G.D. of England, Prov. G. Sec.; Richard Clowes, G. Std. Br., P.P.S.G.W., a member of the Board of Management; L. W. Hudson, P.P.J.G.W.; and S. H. Soper (Mayor of Brighton), P.P.J.G.D. The sum raised by these 29 brethren is set down as amounting to £740 15s. 6d., the principal lists being those of Bros. Bradford, No. 732, £131 5s.; and R. P. Clowes, No. 2201, £105. In February, the Province contributed £291 6s. to the Festival for the Old People, and in May £323 18s. 6d. to the Girls' School, the latter being the highest Return from any single Province. Thus the sum subscribed by Sussex during the present year reaches £1356. Last year it raised £725 1s., each of the three Institutions receiving part of the proceeds; while in 1889 the R.M.B.I. and this Institution obtained together £620 8s. In 1888 the Girls' School at its Centenary was benefited to the extent of £884 9s., while the small contributions to the other Charities increased the year's total to £946 13s. In 1885, when its late Prov. Grand Master, Bro. Sir W. W. Burrell, Bart., presided at the Girls' Festival, it raised £1850 for that Institution, and £1923 10s. during the year. Excellently well done, Sussex!

WARWICKSHIRE

was entered at the Festivals in February and May, but only for comparatively small amounts, three out of its 31 lodges together compiling £42 for the former, and two lodges, with Bro. T. R. Arter, Unattached, £57 15s. for the latter. On Wednesday five of its lodges were represented by as many brethren, of whom Bro. Arter was one, while Bro. George Beech, Past G. Std. Br. of England, Prov. G. Secretary, had charge of the Province generally, and raised a sum of £220, the total from the five Stewards being £321 4s., and increasing the year's aggregate to £420 19s. Last year it raised £99 15s. for the Royal Masonic Benevolent and Boys' Institutions, and in 1889 £147—the contributions of 14 Stewards from the Athol Lodge, No. 74, Birmingham—for the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution. At the Girls' Centenary, when Bro. Lord Leigh, Prov. G.M., was Honorary Treasurer of the Board of Stewards, Warwickshire was returned as contributed £1440 6s. 6d.

WILTSHIRE,

which, by the way, has just had the misfortune to lose by resignation the services of its respected Prov. G.M., Bro. Lord Methuen, is one of the several Provinces which give each Institution its turn of support, and only occasionally take part in the Festivals of the other two. This rule it has followed during the present year, and having been an absentee from the February and May gatherings, it sent up four Stewards on Wednesday, of whom Bro. H. C. Tombs, Past Grand Deacon of England and P.P.G. Sec., and Miss Florence M. Tombs did duty for the Province, while Bros. George L. Palmer and George Farrington represented respectively the Lodge of Concord, No. 632, Trowbridge, and the Lodge of Friendship and Unity, No. 1271, Bradford-on-Avon. The sum of their lists was £357 5s. 6d., which compares well with the £378 4s. subscribed in 1890 to the two Schools, the Girls' receiving out of it £335 14s.; the £168 to the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution in 1889, and the £340 8s. 6d. to the Girls in 1888.

The Province of

WORCESTERSHIRE

has been a constant contributor at all our Anniversary Festivals for several years past, though, as it can boast of only 12 lodges, it will readily be understood that its subscriptions, except on special occasions, are on a moderate scale. In February a Steward for the whole Province and the representatives of two lodges together handed in lists amounting to £203 15s. 6d., and in May the representative of one lodge was entered for £41 19s. On this occasion four lodges had Stewards the sum of their lists being £157 6s., and raising the year's aggregate to £403 0s. 6d. Last year the three Charities received amongst them only £136 10s., but in 1889 the total was £365 16s., of which this Institution had the satisfaction of securing £252, while in 1888 it reached the commendable sum of £848 3s., of which £605 18s. was subscribed at the Girls' Centenary. It should be noted that Bro. T. R. Arter has served as Steward at the three Festivals of this year as well as on sundry previous occasions.

We have more than once pointed out in our more recent Analyses that

YORKSHIRE (NORTH AND EAST)

has been latterly engaged in establishing an Educational Institute, the first festival in aid of which realised over £1000. It is not surprising, therefore, that the contributions to the Central Charities should have been smaller in amount. However, if we take this local demand into account, we shall have every reason to be satisfied with the work done by our North and East Yorkshire brethren, especially during the present year, which will compare by no means unfavourably with the best among former years. In February the Old People were favoured £274 4s., while in May the Humber Lodge, No. 57, Hull, sent up a Steward, but to the extent of his list did not appear in the Returns. On Wednesday four of its lodges were represented, two of them by one and the same brother, and the three raised amongst them £177 9s.; the total for the whole year being £451 13s. Last year the Girls' and Benevolent Institutions between them received £113 8s., and the year previous the same Charities obtained £150, while in 1888 the year's total was £832, out of which the Girls' Centenary had the satisfaction of receiving £763. During the preceding five years the contributions from North and East Yorkshire averaged £532 per year.

We were fully prepared to find

YORKSHIRE (WEST)

taking a prominent part in the Boys' Festival this year. It has had a good deal to do with pressing forward the reorganisation of this Institution, and would naturally lend all its energies in assisting it at the first Festival held under the new régime. Moreover, it contented itself with giving only small contributions to the other Charities at their anniversaries, £400 being the sum of its subscription to the Old People in February, and £315 the amount raised for the Girls' School last month. Therefore we are not surprised at finding its contingent of Stewards 85 strong, and the total of their lists a round £1650. This gives £2365 for the year, which is greatly in excess of its contributions in 1890 and 1889, but in 1888 and the year of the Queen's Jubilee it subscribed very largely, the Girls' School receiving £2700 at its Centenary Festival, while in 1887, the Province, besides raising £750 for the Old People, £350 for the Girls' School, and £600 in support of Bro. Tew's Chairmanship of the Boys' Festival, purchased for £2100 two Perpetual Presentations to the Widows' Fund of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution.

THE ISLE OF MAN,

which now musters eight lodges, had one of them represented at the Girls' Festival last month, but the Stewards' Return does not appear in the list of contributions. On Wednesday, Bro. T. H. Nesbitt, D.P.G.M., acted as representative of the Province, and had the pleasure of handing in £90. These moderate amounts from so remote a Province are very welcome.

FOREIGN STATIONS.

Five brethren, hailing from distant parts, complete the list, the sum of their lists being £52 10s. It is worthy of remark that Bro. Surgeon Kiddle, of Cyprus, has taken part in all three Festivals of this year. These subscriptions are likewise a most welcome addition to the home total.

CONCLUDING REMARKS.

We have now traversed the whole field of contribution, and though it is quite possible we may have passed unnoticed some lists which might have been specified, we have endeavoured to describe the Returns as fully and as accurately as the limits of our space will allow. We have also striven, and we trust not unsuccessfully, to avoid saying aught that might be calculated to give offence. We complete our task by congratulating the School, the Chairman, the Stewards, and the Craft generally on the success of the Festival.

DISTRIBUTION OF PRIZES AT THE ROYAL MASONIC INSTITUTION FOR BOYS.

On Tuesday last, the eve of the 98th Anniversary Festival of the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys, the Countess of Lathom attended at the School, Wood Green, to present the prizes to the successful pupils during the last year. Her ladyship was accompanied by her husband, the Right Hon. the Earl of Lathom, Pro Grand Master, and Prov. Grand Master for West Lancashire. About 400 brethren and ladies were present on the occasion, among them being Bros. Richard Eve, Past Grand Treasurer, Chairman of the Board of Management; John Glass, George Corble, W. Goodacre, Provincial Grand Secretary West Lancashire; Henry Smith, Deputy Prov. Grand Master West Yorkshire; W. F. Smithson, P.G.D.; Stanley J. Attenborough (who was a most efficient and courteous Director of Ceremonies); W. Masters, Nash, A. C. Spaul, John Bodenham, Alderman E. G. Harwood, Diamond, Henry Pritchard, Robert Martin, W. A. Scurrah, R. J. Taylor, Triggs, R. J. Embleton, the Bursar of Lincoln College, Oxford, the Bursar of Rossall School, all the Committee of Management, and a very large number of Stewards.

The distinguished party arrived at three p.m., and were received at the main entrance of the building by Bro. Richard Eve and the Board of Management. The Earl of Lathom then introduced the Head Master, Bro. the Rev. Harry Hebbs, M.A., to the Countess of Lathom, and a beautiful bouquet was handed to her ladyship by the Head Master's youngest daughter. Her ladyship was next received by the Ladies' Reception Committee and members of the Board in the Board Room, where the Secretary, Bro. J. Morrison McLeod, was introduced to her. A procession was thereafter formed, which conducted the Earl and Countess to the large hall, which was filled with a large number of brethren, the place being elegantly decorated. Here on the dais, the Earl and Countess, the Ladies' Reception Committee, the Chairman of the Board of Management, and the Head Master, took their places, and the Countess of Lathom distributed the following prizes:

FORM PRIZES.

- First Form—Leeming, Jarman, and Chinneck.
- Second Form—Mundle and Hayes.
- Third Form—S. J. Mitchell and A. Williams.
- Fourth Form—Coupland and Green.
- Fifth Form—R. D. Williams and Lewis.
- Cambridge Local—Churchill, Gay, and Crompton.

PREPARATORY SCHOOL.

- First Form—Spain.
- Second Form—Swornsbourne, W. J. Williams, and Kemp.
- Third Form—Carr and Moreton.
- Writing—Cooper, Somers, and Pinder.

SPECIAL SUBJECTS.

- Mathematics—Higginson, R. D. Williams, Crompton, and P. H. Matthews.
- French and German or Latin—Haines and Crompton.
- Physiography—Haines and Noorcroft (equal).
- Sound, Light, and Heat—Harvey and Bingham.
- Drawing—Moorcroft, Steward, and Stephenson.
- Writing—Pronger and Court.
- Singing—Melhuish, Waspe, and Jarman.
- Pianoforte—Higginson, H. M. Harrison, and Clarke.
- Smartness (Presented by Bro. Bolas)—Podmore.
- Gardening—Broadbent.
- Carpentry—Cable.
- Printing—France.
- Mrs. D. P. Cama Memorial Prizes for Mental Arithmetic, Bookkeeping, Shorthand, and Drill—Churchill, Groves, Harris, Fawcett, Turner, Warren, Coupland, S. J. Mitchell, Mundle, Patience, Leeming, and Clarke.
- The Wynn Prizes for boys who have gained certificates in the Cambridge Local Examination—Honours: France, Haines, Churchill, Foord, Manning, and Saville.—Passes: Angier, Brister, D'Oyly, Figgess, Fearon, Gay, Harvey, Higginson, Huggett, Kent, Lewis, Leaman, Matthews, Moorcroft, Robey, Shorrocks, and Williams.
- Canonbury Gold Medal—for the most popular boy (selected by his comrades)—Fearon.
- Greenwood Memorial Prize—for good conduct during the whole of his school career—Haines.
- Watch and Chain—presented by the Supreme Council for good conduct—France.
- Institution Silver Medal—for the highest aggregate of marks in the examination—Haines.
- Shorthand Prizes presented by Bro. W. F. Smithson and friends: (1) Harvey, (2) D'Oyly, (3) Neville. Williams, Lewis, Brister, Hayward, Aspinall, Pope, Lane, Moss, Oacroft, Harrison, France, Scholes, Haines, Tibbs, Churchill, Gay, Shorrocks, and Oakes.

These boys were examined by the Pitman Society and were awarded certificates, Harvey gaining the certificate of membership.

Bro. RICHARD EVE afterwards addressed the boys and the company. He congratulated the boys who had won prizes and encouraged those who had not. Although the prizes were given as a mark of the proficiency of the winners, yet they were intended also as an incentive to further work and industry. He trusted that that was the effect, that they would be a stimulus to those who had obtained them to use still greater exertions, and also incite those who were not so fortunate to endeavour to merit on future occasions such marks of distinction. He then dwelt on the healthy tone of the boys, and said he was pleased to inform her ladyship that physically they were healthy too, for there was not one boy in the infirmary. He trusted that that state of things would long continue. Although the boys were efficient in their knowledge, as was shown by their examinations, the Committee had not lost sight of the absolute desirability that physical education should not be neglected while mental and moral education were proceeding. He was pleased to find that the boys had in football and cricket distinguished themselves, and that they had succeeded in thrashing some competitors in schools larger than theirs, and who were much older. He was very pleased to think they could hold their own under any circumstances. He thanked Lord and Lady Lathom for their attendance, and especially thanked the Countess for distributing the prizes. It might be useful to know that music and drawing were taught to all the boys in the School instead of only a section of them. The shorthand class had been very successful, and he was pleased to find so many pupils had distinguished themselves in that branch of education and had obtained

certificates. Prizes were given for this branch of study, which was one that would be very useful, as a knowledge of and dexterity in shorthand were the means of obtaining an excellent situation. Bro. Smithson gave a prize for shorthand, and he thanked him for it. He wished her ladyship to understand distinctly that the boys who had attained proficiency in phonography worked up in their playtime, which showed that they took an interest in it, as they were depriving themselves of pleasure and relaxation by so doing.

The Countess of LATHOM, who on rising was loudly cheered, in a short address stated that she had had great pleasure in attending that ceremony. She was delighted with everything she had seen of the appearance and condition of the boys. She was quite satisfied that the Institution was doing a great and good work. She wished it success in the future, and promised that she would do all she could to lend it a helping hand at all times.

A choice programme of music was then performed by the boys in admirable style, but the "Toy Symphony" was generally admitted to be the most effectively rendered.

Refreshments were afterwards served, and the proceedings closed shortly after five o'clock. On the whole it was one of the most successful gatherings on prize day that the Institution has ever had.

PROVINCIAL GRAND LODGE OF LINCOLNSHIRE.

ANNUAL MEETING AT BARTON.

The annual meeting of the above Provincial Grand Lodge was held on the 12th inst., at Barton, under the banner of the St. Matthew Lodge, No. 1447, and under the presidency of Bro. W. H. Smyth, J.P., D.L., assisted by Bro. J. Fowler (Mayor of Louth), D.P.G.M., and by other Provincial Grand Officers. No less than 161 brethren were present from all parts of the county.

Provincial Grand Lodge having been opened, the rolls were called, minutes read, and returns and reports received.

A vote of thanks was passed to Bro. the Rev. J. G. Bayles for presentation of Prov. Grand Chaplain's jewel—a timely gift.

It was decided that 30 guineas be granted to the Prov. Grand Charity Stewards—Bros. C. E. Ward and W. Goodwin—as a contribution for this year to the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys.

The P.G.M. made the following appointments and investments of the Provincial Grand Officers for the ensuing year:

Bro. F. D. Davy, 1447	...	...	...	...	Prov. S.G.W.
" W. T. Sharpe, 1304	...	...	...	...	Prov. J.G.W.
" Rev. Thos. Gregory, 2351	...	...	...	...	Prov. G. Chap.
" C. M. Nesbit, 712	...	...	...	...	Prov. G. Treas.
" Hy. Watson, 297	...	...	...	...	Prov. G. Reg.
" B. Vickers, 297	...	...	...	...	Prov. G. Sec.
" T. Mountain, 1294	...	...	...	...	Prov. S.G.D.
" C. P. Morton, 272	...	...	...	...	Prov. J.G.D.
" W. Langbridge, 2078	...	...	...	...	Prov. G.S. of W.
" W. H. Roberts, 792	...	...	...	...	Prov. G.D.C.
" G. Todd, 1282	...	...	...	...	Prov. A.G.D.C.
" C. F. Bedford, 588	...	...	...	...	Prov. G.S.B.
" G. Middleton, 792	...	...	...	...	Prov. G. Std. Brs.
" M. Enderby, 1893	...	...	...	...
" H. L. Burtonshaw, 1482	...	...	...	...	Prov. G. Org.
" H. W. Meggitt, 1447	...	...	...	...	Prov. A.G. Sec.
" F. G. Shilcock, 1232	...	...	...	...	Prov. G. Purst.
" A. Wykes, 2284	...	...	...	...	Prov. A.G. Purst.
" D. Stephenson, 272	...	...	...	...	Prov. G. Stwds.
" S. Thurlby, 297	...	...	...	...
" J. Clare, 588	...	...	...	...
" Mark Smith, 712	...	...	...	...
" J. Reddish, 792	...	...	...	...	Prov. G. Tyler.
" J. Norfolk, 2351	...	...	...	...
" W. Donner, 1447	...	...	...	...

It was decided to hold the Prov. Grand Lodge next year at Grantham, on June 21st. The PROVINCIAL GRAND MASTER remarked that at one time there were only four lodges in the province, whereas now there are 24, with 1067 members, so there was every reason for satisfaction with the way the province was going on. He had had three other applications to hold the Provincial Grand Lodge, but they had to be put off.

A banquet afterwards took place at the Oddfellows' Hall, The Prov. G.M., Bro. Hy. Smith, presided, and he was supported by the D.P.G.M., Bro. James Fowler, and most of the P.G. Officers. About 80 sat down.

After the toasts of "The Queen and the Craft," and "The M.W.G.M. and Grand Officers, Present and Past," had been duly honoured,

Bro. LAWTON gave "The Prov. Grand Master, the Deputy Prov. Grand Master, and the rest of the Prov. Grand Officers, Present and Past." He observed that before a man could take a leading part in Masonry he must be a thoroughly genial man, he must be a business man, and he must have a love of Masonry at heart. The Prov. Grand Master of Lincolnshire possesses every one of these qualities. As to the Deputy Prov. Grand Master, he had the pleasure of meeting him some years ago in restoring a church. Time had passed since then, and they both had become grey-headed. But one thing he (Bro. Lawton) was proud of was that he saw on that platform two of their members in the oldest Prov. Grand Officers—Bros. Meggitt and Davy.

The CHAIRMAN, in replying, said he had been connected with that province 25 years. During that time he had lost many old friends and found new ones. He thanked the brethren for the enthusiasm and kindness they had always shown towards him. With regard to the Prov. Grand Officers he had been particularly fortunate. The Duke of St. Albans was often in London, and a great deal devolved upon him (the speaker), and he was very much indebted to the officers. He had as good officers as any province ever possessed—especially in Bros. Lucas and Marsden and their present Secretary (Bro. Vickers). Bro. Greenwood, too, had worked hard; he it was who framed the by-laws, and they had heard that during the year he journeyed 700 miles to solicit contributions. Bro. Fowler had visited the lodges and been of great service. Indeed, he might say the same of all the Past Grand Officers.

The Dep. P.G.M., Bro. FOWLER, proposed a toast which he said every brother present would be deeply interested in, as it was "The Health of the Worshipful Master and Officers of St. Matthew Lodge." They were assembled under their banner, and their best thanks were due for the way in which they had received them. The reception was such as had seldom been given to Provincial Grand Lodge wherever it has gone. There had been a better amount of taste displayed in the lodge by members of the St. Matthew's Lodge, aided, he had no doubt, by some other and more delicate fingers than their own. They wished every prosperity to St. Matthew's Lodge. It was not a very old one, but they could see from the officers who had been promoted that day that they had efficient brethren among them. The way in which the lodge put those members forward for office showed that it ranked as one of the leading lodges in the province. In conclusion he said they most heartily wished the Master and the lodge every prosperity.

Bro. FULLARD responded. He said he was proud to reply to the toast of St. Matthew's Lodge. For two years they had been looking forward to entertaining the Prov. Grand Lodge. More than 100 years ago there was a St. Matthew's Lodge in Barton. They were very pleased to have received them that day, and they hoped to entertain them on a future occasion. They would look back to that day with feelings of pride. They hoped that in future years they would have others coming forward to get positions on the Prov G. Lodge of equal attainments to the present.

Bro. VICKERS, Prov. Grand Secretary, in submitting "The Masonic Charities," said the remarks made by the Worshipful Master were far more forcible than any which he could make in commending the Charities to the consideration of the brethren of the province. He was very glad to hear from Bro. Goodwin such a good report; and since coming into the room he had heard that it would have been still better but for pressing local claims. So that was a good reason for certain lodges not responding this time to the calls of the Provincial Charity Stewards. Some years ago when he went up to London they said to him, "What are you Lincolnshire people doing? You never send us anything." They put their shoulder to the wheel, and when he subsequently went up they were second of all in the provinces! That shows what can be done in a poor, thinly-populated county like Lincolnshire. Being lately addressed on the subject by an officer in London, he told him they had raised 1000 guineas in the last few years. The rejoinder was, "You ought to give us £500" He (Bro. Vickers) informed the brethren they would raise about £350 this year. In conclusion, he said he need scarcely remind them that these Charities have carried joy and gladness into many hearts.

Bro. GOODWIN was loudly cheered on rising to respond. He said it was his pleasing duty to visit 15 lodges; it was a labour of love. He met with the right hand of fellowship, and he was sure he was proud of being a Mason of Lincolnshire and of coming there that day on behalf of the Charities of the county.

Bro. MEGGITT gave "The Visiting Brethren." He remarked that the toast endorsed that welcome which they extended with the hand of fellowship to every Mason they met in order that whenever he came amongst them as a stranger he might feel he was at home, that he was welcome, and that he was seated amongst his brethren. The lodge he represented heartily rejoiced to see visiting brethren present there that day, and to extend to them that feeling of brotherhood and welcome which every brother should ever try to offer to another.

Bro. G. H. BURTON, who by geographical exigencies belongs to the Province of Northamptonshire and Huntingdonshire, acknowledged the warm-hearted greeting ever to be found among the people of North Lincolnshire.

The Tyler's toast was duly honoured, and the company separated.

PROVINCIAL GRAND CHAPTER OF BUCKINGHAMSHIRE.

The first meeting of the new Provincial Grand Chapter of Bucks was held in the Masonic Hall, Aylesbury, on Thursday, the 11th inst. Comp. the Rev. John Studholme Brownrigg, M.A., who had been appointed as Grand Superintendent by H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, was accompanied by Comps. Col. Shadwell H. Clerke, G.S.E., Frank Richardson, and other companions from Grand Chapter and the province.

The ceremony of installation was ably performed by Comp. Col. Shadwell H. Clerke and Comp. F. Richardson, who acted as D.C. Comp. Rev. J. Grace, G.P.S., was appointed Prov. G.H., and Comp. Thos. Taylor, P.Z. 840, was appointed Prov. G.J. Comp. Thomas Horwood, P.Z. 591, was elected Treasurer, and Comp. J. Williams, P.Z. 591, was continued in office as Prov. G.S.E.

The other offices were distributed amongst the members of various chapters in the province, as follows:

Comp. Bernard T. Fountaine, P.Z. 948	...	...	Prov. G.S.N.
" John Hattersley, H. 2262	...	...	Prov. G.P.S.
" L. N. Simms, H. 591	...	...	Prov. 1st A.G.S.
" Nathaniel Goodchild, Z. 948	...	...	Prov. 2nd A.G.S.
" J. R. Slator, P.Z. 840	...	...	Prov. G. Reg.
" E. T. Mackrill, 591	...	...	Prov. G.S.B.
" W. H. Sherman, 591	...	...	Prov. G. Std. Br.
" Henry King, Z. 840	...	...	Prov. G.D.C.
" Charles R. Williams, J. 2262	...	...	Prov. A.G.D.C.
" Frederick Johncock, 591	...	...	Prov. G. Org.
" Henry Ellis Coffin, H. 948	...	...	} Prov. G. Stwds.
" W. H. Rowe, 591	...	...
" F. Payne, Janitor 591	...	...	Prov. G. Janitor.

At the completion of the ceremony the companions adjourned to the Bull's Head Hotel, where a very excellent repast was provided by Comp. Simms. The Grand Superintendent presided, and gave the usual loyal and Masonic toasts.

The party broke up about eight o'clock to enable the companions living at a distance to return by the last train.

This is the beginning of a new epoch in Royal Arch Masonry in Bucks, and it is understood that two other chapters will shortly be formed in the province.

AN EXTRAORDINARY RECORD.

Bro. S. J. Quinn, P.M., has kindly forwarded to me a copy of his historical sketch of the famous Lodge No. 4, Fredericksburg, Virginia, in which the great George Washington was initiated.

I was very surprised to find in this most readable and carefully written brochure an extract from the first minute book, dated December 22nd, 1753, of a meeting held for the conferring of the Royal Arch Degree.

This is the most important record of its kind in the world, as it refers to an assembly of Royal Arch Masons convened for the purpose of "raising" three brethren "to the Degree of Royal Arch Masons" in 1753, being nine years earlier than the first of the meetings held at York (England), and 12 years before the first recorded minutes of the Degree in London. The Royal Arch is mentioned in the "Atholl" Grand Lodge Minute Book in 1752, but no actual records until now have been traced of a date prior to 1762.

I have written to Bro. Quinn to make doubly sure of this most extraordinary entry.

W. J. HUGHAN.

HISTORY OF FREEMASONRY AND CONCORDANT ORDERS.

There is much in this handsome volume which will render it of permanent value, especially the (necessarily) brief histories of the Grand Lodges in North America, all written by authors who have had access to the best sources. There is also much, especially in connection with the history of the Craft before 1717, with which I cannot agree, but as these are matters of personal opinion, it is clear that the authors in this case have as much right to their own views as I have to mine, and it must be left to the reader to take sides with the view which seems to him the more reasonable. At some future time I may, perhaps, enter into these matters at more length, but my object to-day is to call particular attention to one chapter in especial, viz., the one devoted to a review of the old Manuscript Constitutions of the Freemasons, by Bro. H. L. Stillson. As there are some 50 of these, and the chapter is limited to 40 pages, it will be evident that condensation has had to be resorted to in a very marked manner, but Bro. Stillson has yet managed to give a very good and clear idea of the whole subject. I am also glad to see that he has not failed to acknowledge the great debt he owes, in the execution of his project, to the previous exertions and publications of Bros. Gould, Hughan, Woodford, and the Quatuor Coronati Lodge. After a preliminary review of the general field, Bro. Stillson reprints the various tables of the "Old Charges" given by Bro. Gould in Vol. I. of "Quatuor Coronatorum Antigrapha," inserting, however, in their places those copies of these documents which have been unearthed since the original tables were compiled, inasmuch that even the latest discovered—the William Watson MS.—finds a record. I am informed that the stereos of this chapter were altered no less than three times in order to bring it up to date.

We have next a disquisition on the Regius Poem, the major portion of which is composed of judicious quotations from the work of Bro. Gould upon the same subject, and we have moreover the first 86 lines of the poem itself in facsimile. It is, however, not lithographed, but struck from process blocks, with the perhaps unavoidable consequence that here and there a letter or two has not been properly impressed. I likewise miss the red initial letters of the original as also the other rubrications of the poem. These are slight defects which so far militate from the perfection of the reproduction, but on the whole a very fair idea of the aspect of the original MS. is conveyed. Below this is a transcript of the passages facsimiled, and in order to avoid the necessity of a glossary some of the words have been modernised. Here again it is possible to find fault, as the editor has not always employed the best word available. I will only mention one example. *Desese*, in line 10, should be translated as *dis-ease*, want of ease, trouble; but the author has rendered it as *disease*, which is manifestly wrong. The remainder of the poem is given in a condensed form, and with copious notes, full advantage being taken of the latest light thrown on the subject by Bro. Gould.

We are next presented with the whole of the Matthew Cooke MS. in the free rendering of it, which was given in Vol. II. of Quatuor Coronati Reprints, the editor having further done me the honour to adopt my remark in my commentary on the MS. Having thus furnished us with the earliest two forms of the Craft Legends, Bro. Stillson has reprinted the "Grand Lodge Roll" as a fair sample of the remainder of these documents, calling attention in foot notes to the main differences between it and certain others of different families. The result is that a fairly accurate idea of the whole subject is attained without distracting the reader by a multiplicity of types. The New Articles and the Apprentice Charge, so distinctive of certain copies, are then given, and thus the whole range of these documents is brought to the comprehension of the reader. For the purpose of the ordinary student, bent upon gaining a general idea without entering into too many details, no plan could be more satisfactory, and I can strongly recommend this chapter for this especial purpose. The really earnest student of this branch of Masonic literature will, of course, require much more than this, but for the generality of readers I conceive all has been said that could profitably have been introduced. I have called attention to some few defects, as in duty bound, because if we are only to speak of a book in terms of praise, and omit all reference to matters that might be improved, it would be better to remain silent; our praise would be discounted in advance, and soon no man would pay the least attention to a criticism appearing in any paper. But taken as a whole the chapter under review is a very readable one, and a good guide to a rather abstruse although highly interesting study.

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The banquet and the refreshment arrangements generally were in the capable hands of Bro. Sayer, of Brighton, and all who have had experience of his ability in this department need not be told that like everything else connected with the Festival the catering was a decided success.

We must, however, make one small exception. We like organ music in a church and at oratorios, but if it is considered necessary to play the king of instruments during the dinner hour at such gatherings, would it not be possible to cause it to "roar more gently," and give the dinner conversation a chance.

It is worthy of remark that out of the 48 brethren who acted as Stewards for the Province of East Lancashire, no less than 33 hailed from the five Bolton Lodges, while out of the total obtained from all sources amounting to £894 2s., these brethren raised £388 10s. Provincial Grand Lodge contributed £185, and the remaining lodges the balance.

We have not as yet received full particulars as to the precise distribution of the sum raised by Staffordshire. We know that it reached £414 15s., and that in this was included a special donation of £52 10s. by Bro. Col. Foster Gough, P.G.M. We know also that Bro. Bodenham, Unattached, did admirable service, but we are unable to allocate to each Steward his due share of the Provincial Association money without further particulars, which have been promised us.

We are glad to see that the Isle of Man figures in the Returns as contributing, per Bro. Nesbitt, D.P.G.M., the sum of £90, which is a considerable sum for so small and recently organised a Province. We trust that in future years the efforts of our Manx brethren in behalf of our Institutions will be as successfully repeated.

We have so often remarked on the smallness of the amounts returned by Cheshire, that a word of commendation is due to it for its admirable work in behalf of our Boys' School at this Festival. Of the 44 lodges, some 26 were represented, while we believe that very nearly all of them contributed to swell the total, which amounted to £1050. We trust the Province will exhibit similar zeal and energy at future Festivals.

To-morrow (Saturday) is Pupils' Day at the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls, and all old pupils who are near enough to avail themselves of the invitation will be gladly welcomed in the afternoon at the Institution.

Our good friend the *Philadelphia Keystone* is not often disturbed by fears on our account that we shall "make innovation in the body of Masonry," but a harmless paragraph with the equally harmless heading "A Pleasing Innovation," which appeared in the *Freemason* a few weeks since, seems to have given our contemporary some little concern. We do not think there was any reason for it. The reception of ladies in the drawing room, and a musical entertainment after the work was over and the lodge closed, was somewhat of an innovation on the habits and customs of English Masons, but no landmarks were removed or in danger, and we can assure the *Keystone* that there was no "public installation."

One of the two Royal Arch chapters in Victoria, holding warrants from the Supreme Grand Chapter of Canada, and which refused to become amalgamated with the Supreme Grand Chapter of Victoria on the formation of the latter body, over two years ago, has been warranted under the Colonial Constitution. The other, it is expected, will soon follow suit, and thus the last element of disunion and discord in Victoria, so far as Craft Masonry is concerned, will have been removed. The next movement will be the formation of a Grand Lodge of Mark Master Masons for Victoria. The Mark Master Masons Degree is included in Craft Masonry in that colony.

The Quarterly Communication of the Supreme Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Scotland was held in the Freemasons' Hall, Edinburgh, on the 17th inst. There was a large attendance. A charter was granted to a chapter at Quetta, Beloochistan; and a series of amendments on the laws of the Supreme Grand Chapter was confirmed. The annual report showed that upwards of 700 members had been added to the Order during the past year, and that the funds had increased by £376.

Correspondence.

[We do not hold ourselves responsible for 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.]

P.S.G.W. OR P.G.S.W.?

To the Editor of the "*Freemason*."

Dear Sir and Brother,

While far from an "expert brother" I have, like "A. H. No. 39," discussed with my Masonic friends the point as to whether it is P.S.G.W. or P.G.S.W., and I must say I consider the latter more correct. My reasons are—(1). The office is that of S.W. in a Provincial Grand Lodge not a G.S.W. in a "Provincial" Lodge, to my mind two very different things, or rather they would be if the latter office existed. (2). In the former P.S.G.W. the adjective senior qualifies the compound noun Grand Warden, and thereby indicates that the brother bearing the title is senior to *all* Grand Wardens in the province.—Yours fraternally,

J. M. J., 341.

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944] BY-LAWS, 1788.

Bro. W. Watson, the Honorary Librarian of West Yorkshire Collection of Masonic Books, Curios, &c., has just had the following wee book presented to the Museum, viz., "By-Laws of the Newtonian Lodge, No. 499, Knaresborough, Printed in the year of our Lord 1788 and in the year of Masonry, 5788." There are XXVI in all, signed by W.M., Wardens, &c., and are well compiled for the period. No. VII. provides that "Every Brother shall be as careful as possible not to soil or damage his clothing and jewels," the former being required to be folded "neatly up," when done with. No. XXIII. respecting refreshment fixes suppers at *sixpence* each for members and visitors, so that the fare must surely have been of a meagre character compared with present day banquets. No. XXV. reads "Ordered that as soon as conveniently can be after any brother is passed the Third Degree of Masonry he shall *pass the chair* in order to qualify him (if he chooses) to be initiated into the sublime mysteries of a Royal Arch." This was a "Modern" lodge, so that the Grand Lodge which warranted it in 1785 did not recognise the Royal Arch Degree, hence such a clause is a curious regulation under the circumstances, and proves how considerable was the latitude allowed to lodges late last century. No. 62, "Holy Cross" Royal Arch Chapter, was granted in 1788 for Knaresborough under the wing of the "Moderns," though, of course, not officially. The non-recognition of the Degree, in fact, was a very thin line drawn so as scarcely to be seen, and certainly not acted upon in ordinary usage at that period.

W. J. HUGHAN.



Craft Masonry.

METROPOLITAN MEETINGS.

Ranelagh Lodge (No. 834).—A meeting of this lodge was held on Tuesday, the 9th inst., at the Criterion, Piccadilly Circus, when there were present Bros. Fred. Craggs, W.M.; H. F. Williams, S.W.; A. Williams, J.W.; W. J. Coplestone, Sec.; H. Shaw, P.M., acting S.D.; H. Purdue, P.M., acting J.D.; H. Hewitt, D.C.; H. Scharien, I.G.; J. Banks, Stwd.; A. Walkley, P.M., Tyler; C. Barker, P.M.; F. J. Oliver, P.M.; J. G. Doncaster, P.M.; G. E. White, R. Phillips, H. Pinn, C. J. Chambers, T. Blanch, J. C. Morgan, A. Buck, C. Heinemann, A. M. Segar, W. Icton, H. S. May, W. Pullan, and W. Hardwick. Visitors: Bros. H. Wake, P.M. 720; and S. Page, 2182.

The lodge was opened, and the minutes were read and confirmed. The by-laws were read, and Bros. Buck and Blanch were raised. The W.M. then presented a Past Secretary's jewel to Bro. H. Purdue, P.M., for acting as Secretary during the past four years. Bro. Purdue, P.M., thanked the W.M. and the brethren for the handsome recognition of his services, and assured them he should prize it very much. The duties had been a work of pleasure to him, and he would not have resigned only that his own business took up so much of his time he felt he could not do justice to the Secretaryship. Apologies were read from Bros. W. W. Williams, S.D., and E. Newland, J.D. There being no further Masonic business, the lodge was closed.

Blackheath Lodge (No. 1320).—The installation meeting of this lodge was held at the Bridge House Hotel, London Bridge, on Thursday, the 18th inst., when a large attendance of members and visitors assembled. The lodge was until a year ago held at the Trafalgar, Greenwich, when a dispensation was granted for its removal, and since then its members have rapidly increased.

The lodge was opened under the presidency of Bro. A. Lister, W.M., and the minutes of the last regular meeting were read and confirmed. Bro. T. G. Hobley was raised to the Degree of a M.M., and Mr. Arthur Smith, who had been previously balloted for, having proved unanimous in his favour, was initiated. The W.M. then asked Bro. H. A. Stunt, P.M., Sec., to act as Installing Master, and vacated the chair in his favour. Bro. John Hooper, J.W., the W.M. elect, was presented, and a Board of Installed

Masters was formed, and the W.M. elect was duly installed in the chair of K.S., the ceremony being very ably performed. The following officers were appointed for the ensuing year: Bros. A. Lister, I.P.M.; H. T. Raw, S.W.; W. S. M. Raw, J.W.; W. H. Morson, P.M., Treas.; H. A. Stunt, P.M., Sec.; H. Neville, S.D.; T. R. Cass, J.D.; E. Morson, I.G.; A. Le Cren, D.C.; E. Salter, Stwd.; and G. Harris, Tyler. Bro. H. A. Stunt, P.M., then impressively delivered the addresses to the W.M. and the officers. A very handsome jewel was then presented to Bro. A. Lister for his able services in the chair during the past year, and a Past Master's collar jewel was also presented to Bro. W. H. Morson, P.M., for his services in connection with the removal of the lodge last year.

The lodge was then closed, and the brethren adjourned to a banquet, at which about 40 brethren were present.

After the usual loyal and Masonic toasts, which were received with the enthusiasm and respect usually accorded by Freemasons, Bro. A. Lister, I.P.M., next proposed the toast of "The W.M.," and in doing so congratulated the members on their having so excellent a W.M., who had always taken a great interest in the Craft, and he hoped he would have as large an amount of work to do as he had had. He also congratulated them on their steady increase since the removal of the lodge, and, in conclusion, thanked the brethren for the handsome jewel they had presented him.

The W.M., in reply, thanked Bro. A. Lister for his kind words in proposing the toast and the brethren for the hearty way in which they had received it, and assured the brethren that he would do his utmost to carry out his duties to their satisfaction and for the good of the lodge.

The toast of "The Initiate" was next given, and in doing so the W.M. referred to the great interest he took in the ceremony, and he was sure he would prove an earnest brother and an acquisition to the lodge.

Bro. A. Smith replied in very able and feeling terms, and thanked the brethren, and expressed his intention to do his utmost to prove himself earnest and true.

The toast of "The Visitors" followed, which was responded to by Bro. F. Hilton, P.M. 1475.

Then followed the toast of "The Installing Master," which was duly responded to by Bro. Stunt, P.M.

After the toasts of "The Treasurer, Secretary, and Past Masters," and "Officers," responded to in due course by each, a very pleasant evening was brought to a close by the Tyler's toast.

Besides the officers named above, the following were among the brethren present: Bros. A. J. Martin, P.M.; J. M. Buckley, P.M.; F. M. Hale, T. W. Spencer, F. W. Pearce, W. F. Temple, Miles Thompson, W. Wright, G. C. Pike, E. A. Rice, and W. Orton. The visitors were Bros. C. F. Luckhurst, P.M. 1604; J. Spicer, P.M. 1269; J. A. Smith, P.M. 1269; E. H. Cary, W.M. 1625; F. Hilton, P.M. 1475; J. Loader, P.M. and Sec. 1475; J. Dunn, P.M. 1475; H. Martin, S.W. 1475 (W.M. elect); C. M. Orhen, P.M. 452; R. Seker, P.M. 435; J. Jenkins, S.W. 1269; R. J. Radford, 1158; J. H. Paswin, 2205; Thos. Parker, 2271; and R. Odell, 2077.

The Worshipful Master had provided an excellent concert, in which Miss Annie Swinfen, Miss Florence Venning, and Bros. Henry Yates and Rushton Odell took part, and some excellent quartettes and songs were given. Bro. Stunt, P.M., assisting in the humorous element. Bro. Rushton Odell acted as musical director in his usual able manner.

All Saints Lodge (No. 1716).—A regular meeting of this lodge was held at the offices of the Poplar Board of Works on Thursday, the 18th inst., under the presidency of Bro. E. C. Knowles, W.M., assisted by Bros. W. H. Harland, I.P.M.; J. K. Coleman, P.M.; and others. The following officers were present: Bros. S. Kirk, S.W.; C. W. Raymond, J.W.; W. J. Rundell, Sec.; A. Moore, J.D.; C. R. Allen, D.C.; F. J. Waterson, I.G.; Josh. Rundell, Stwd.; and Grout, Org. Among the members were Bros. E. S. Ladbrook, F. W. Whitlock, J. North, R. Varton, W. Gibbs, A. James, A. Slade, J. Leslie de Vine, M. Lexton, W. Damant, W. Bland, N. Hamblin, jun., H. Jungblut, W. Andrews, W. J. Bush, E. Jones, G. Kendall, J. C. Carpenter, J. Smith, A. A. Merrell, and E. Tidman. Visitors: Bros. G. Parrett, W.M. 1259; A. Arrowsmith, 733; W. H. Pettitt, 225; E. Manguerel, 1805; and J. Mills, 1765.

The lodge was opened, and the minutes being read and confirmed, Bro. Harris and two other brethren were, after satisfactorily replying to the customary questions, passed to the Second Degree.

Other Masonic business having been disposed of, the lodge was then closed, and the brethren adjourned to refreshment.

The loyal toasts and that of "The Grand Officers" were then proposed in fitting terms by the W.M., and were enthusiastically received by the brethren.

Bro. Harland, I.P.M., in a neat little speech, next proposed "The W.M.," who briefly responded, and afterwards proposed "The Past Masters."

To this Bro. Harland briefly replied, and

Bro. Coleman referred to his long connection with the lodge as one of its founders. He was always ready to respond to the call of duty, and would on all occasions whenever in his power give assistance in imparting knowledge to the brethren. All Saints Lodge held the first place in his heart, and could always command his attendance.

Among those responding for "The Officers," Bro. W. J. Rundell spoke to some length, and expressed the feelings of his heart when he appealed to all his brother officers to do their best to assist the W.M. in his onerous duties. To support the well-earned character of the lodge implied no light task, and the W.M. had hitherto worthily sustained its reputation.

Other toasts were proposed, and duly honoured, and the Tyler's toast closed the proceedings of the evening.

Anglo-American Lodge (No. 2191).—The installation meeting of this lodge was held at the Criterion Restaurant, Piccadilly, on Tuesday, the 16th inst., when a large number of brethren attended to witness the installation of Bro. James J. Woolley as W.M. The members present included Bros. Theodore H. Tilton, W.M.; James J. Woolley, S.W., W.M. elect; W. Hancock, J.W.; J. B. Cumming, Treas.; George Reynolds, Sec.; Rev. J. S. Brownrigg, P.G.C., Chap.; G. H. Reynolds, S.D.; J. Skinner, J.D.; A. Harris, I.G.; Herbert W. Schartau, P.P.G. Org. Middx., Org.; F. Jackson, J. Rowe, C. O. Burgess, Dr. I. Zacharie, Brackstone Baker, P.M., P.G.D.; and many others. The following visitors were present: Bro.

D. J. J. Lyle, I.P.M. 1063; G. S. Bigley, P.M. 1298; S. E. Southgate, W.M. 700; Walter Webber, I.P.M. 700; A. R. Trew, P.M. 959; J. Cox, P.M. 190; F. Herald, P.M. 1056; C. M. Coxon, S.W. 2278; E. J. Towers, P.M. 153; Edwd. Stimson, P.M. 15; H. G. Danby, S.W. 1056; G. Foan, S.W. 1614; G. Stacy, P.M. 1614; E. Smith, S.D. 1141; C. Rawles, P.M. 1685; E. Shrimpton, P.M. 1658; E. H. Buckeridge, W.M. 15; G. E. Edwards, P.M. 907; W. Haynes Dunn, W.M. 1298; J. W. Halliday, P.M. 1305; W. Urwin, J.W. 1614; C. R. Ellis, P.M. 1982; A. W. Bush, J.D. 165; H. W. G. Abell, S.W. 1797; W. Crawford, P.M. 127; A. Hamilton, P.M. 917; J. H. Guyton, P.G.D.C. Norfolk; A. Smith, W.M. 93; C. Grassi, P.M.; J. W. Belsham, I.G. 1614; J. Wise, P.M. 1614; Dr. J. J. Wedgwood, P.M.; D. James, P.M. 969; T. Adams, P.M. 181; A. L. Bullen, S.D. 1614; W. H. Winter, S.D. 1178; Dr. A. Orwin, W.M. 1491; Kofi Asaam, Gold Coast, 773; W. Lee, S.W. 2381; R. Dawson, 73 (I.C.); and many others, making over 120 brethren present.

Lodge was formally opened, the minutes confirmed, and letters of regret for non-attendance announced from Bros. Lord Folkestone, Sir Polydore De Keyser, General Laurie, Justice Way, Major Tennent, and others. Bro. F. Kedge, P.M., then assumed the chair, and installed Bro. J. J. Woolley as W.M. in a very able and impressive manner. The following appointments were made: Bros. Theodore H. Tilton, I.P.M.; Walter Hancock, S.W.; G. Herbert Reynolds, J.W.; Rev. John S. Brownrigg, P.G. Chap., Chap.; John B. Cumming, Treas.; George Reynolds, Sec.; John Skinner, S.D.; Arthur Harris, J.D.; Fredk. Jackson, I.G.; John B. Grieve, D.C.; Herbert W. Schartau, P.G.O. Middx., Org.; James Rowe, Charles O. Burgess, and Gustave A. Bergholz, Stwds.; and Robt. F. Potter, Tyler. The addresses were effectively rendered by the Installing Master, Bro. F. Kedge, P.M., to whom a hearty vote of thanks was accorded for his performance of the ceremony. A Past Master's jewel was presented to Bro. Tilton, I.P.M., and duly acknowledged. The lodge having received one of five jewels sent to London as souvenirs of the visit of Bro. Vrooman, G.M. New York, U.S.A., and other American Masons to London, the W.M. presented it to Bro. Geo. Reynolds, Secretary, as the most suitable recipient for it, and as the one most entitled to wear it on behalf of the lodge. The Secretary read a letter received from Bro. C. P. McCalla, P.G.M. Philadelphia, U.S.A., thanking the lodge for the vote of condolence and sympathy in his late bereavement.

Lodge was closed, and a banquet enjoyed in the Victoria Hall, under the personal superintendence of Bro. G. P. Bertini, the respected manager, after which the usual toasts were given.

Previous to proposing the first toast, the W.M. remarked that, as there was a good entertainment in store for the brethren, his remarks throughout the evening would be as brief as possible, and his example was followed by subsequent speakers. Under the direction of Bro. H. Schartau, Org., a choice programme of music had been arranged, and was carried out in its entirety in a manner that charmed and delighted all present. Bro. Schartau was assisted by the Meister Glee Singers and Master Steward.

Bro. Rev. J. S. Brownrigg, P.G. Chap., having replied in the briefest manner possible for "The Grand Officers," the W.M. gave "The Sister Grand Lodges of the United States and Canada."

Bro. Theodore H. Tilton, P.G.M. 8th Division New York City, in response, said he could only repeat what he had said on former occasions. There were at present on the other side 51 or 52 Grand Lodges and nearly 700,000 Freemasons. The corner-stone of the Asylum for Children and Aged People was laid on the 21st May by Bro. Vrooman, the initiative in the matter being taken by New York, and Bro. Hayes being the Chairman of the Building Committee. The American brethren who recently visited England had the pleasure of going over the three Masonic Institutions here and made a minute examination, and if anything could be done in America to improve on them it would be done. He thanked the W.M. for the kind manner in which the toast had been proposed and received by the brethren.

Bro. T. H. Tilton, I.P.M., then proceeded to propose "The Health of the W.M.," who had been installed that evening. This much he could say of Bro. Woolley, W.M.—that he was one of the first founders of the lodge, and had been steadfast in his purpose and steadfast in his adherence to it. The W.M. had worked his way up steadily from J.D., and now occupied the chair of the lodge, and one and all present felt a sense of pleasure at seeing him occupy that position. Bro. Woolley was a Mason of considerable prominence in England, and had done much for Freemasonry and for Charity, and now came forward as the W.M. of the Anglo-American Lodge. Without further preface he asked the brethren to drink to the health of their W.M.

Bro. J. J. Woolley, W.M., having returned thanks, said it was his firm intention, and had been from the moment he signed the petition, and he thought his name was first on the list, to take an interest in the lodge. He had had that lodge at heart in conjunction with Bro. Reynolds, and together they had worked, and it was the fault of neither if the lodge had not prospered. He was only too pleased to work if the members brought good and true men into it. He thanked them again for the kindly manner in which the toast had been proposed and received.

The Worshipful Master then gave "The Installing Master," and said that those who saw the work could not go away without being affected by the efficient manner in which it was performed. Bro. Kedge, P.M., was a young man, and it therefore redounded to his credit to have so soon mastered the ceremony, and to have performed it for two successive years to the satisfaction of all the members.

Bro. F. Kedge, P.M., responded, and said the I.P.M. told him it was impossible he could undertake the work, having regard to the fact that the English working was so different from the American. He therefore considered it was only his duty and privilege to step into the breach and perform the ceremony. He felt that many of the W.M.'s observations were scarcely deserved, but he could say that he endeavoured to work the ceremony to the best of his ability, and if it had afforded them gratification he was perfectly satisfied.

Bro. Theodore H. Tilton, I.P.M., replying for "The I.P.M. and Past Masters," expressed his regret that their first distinguished Past Master, Bro. Brackstone Baker, P.G.D., was not present to speak for himself. They all knew the dignity and *clad* that brother gave to the inauguration and

institution of the lodge, being as he was the representative of so many Grand Lodges in the United States. Following him they had other Masters, and then Bro. Kedge, P.M., who performed not only the ceremonies of the different Degrees but also the installation in a very able manner. Speaking for himself he had but little to say. He had endeavoured during the past year to perform his duties to the best of his ability, but being an American Mason it was very difficult to forget what he had learned and take up English Masonry. While he had installed about 50 Masters in America, it would be difficult to install one here. He thanked them on behalf of the Past Masters for the cordiality with which the toast had been received.

Bro. E. Stimson, P.M. 15, responded for "The Visitors," and said that as a member of No. 15 Lodge he was pleased to see Bro. Woolley in the proud position of W.M. of this lodge, knowing he had worked hard in Masonry. The visitors had thoroughly enjoyed their visit, having had a perfect Masonic treat in the lodge in witnessing the installation ceremony.

Bro. Kofi Asaam, 773, Gold Coast, said that as a rule brethren over here were very curious when they came into contact with brethren from the far country—the Dark Continent. There was no doubt about it, it was a dark continent, but thanks to exploration it was becoming a light country. He was pleased to attend that night through the kindness of the J.W., whom he met during his Easter vacation. He had no idea there was such a grand lodge as he had seen that evening. In his lodge they initiated according to the American initiation, although they were working under the Grand Lodge of England. When he returned home after his course of studies he should inform his brethren that he was at a meeting where both sides were represented. He was glad to have the opportunity of saying that he hoped Englishmen and Americans would make the best of the results of the expeditions sent to Africa to open the country, for Africa would never come up to anything good unless they came into contact with a civilised country. He hoped the W.M. would have a good year of office as W.M.

The Worshipful Master in submitting "The Treasurer and Secretary," said that Bro. G. Reynolds, Sec., had been the most hard working Mason in the lodge from its conception, and no one had done more for it. Bro. Cumming, the Treasurer, had also rendered good valuable service to the lodge.

Bro. Cumming, Treas., having replied, Bro. G. Reynolds, Sec., thanked the W.M. most sincerely for the kind and flattering terms used in investing him that evening, and he would endeavour to serve him truly and faithfully during his year. Anything he could do for the prosperity of the lodge, of which he claimed, he might say, to be the originator, he would do to the best of his ability. Few knew the amount of correspondence taking place between this and other lodges on the other side of the Atlantic. The lodge was formed to cement that good fellowship which should exist between England and America, and there was no greater proof of its success than the jewel which had been sent from the Grand Master of New York and presented to him in the lodge that night. He appreciated the W.M.'s remarks, and it was a great delight to know they had had a successful evening. The W.M. and he had worked together to bring the meeting to a successful issue, and he felt every brother had enjoyed himself both in the lodge and at the banquet table. He would do his best with his whole heart to make the lodge a success, not only during the coming year, but he hoped, for many years, and he wished the W.M. a happy year of office, and the Anglo-American Lodge every prosperity.

"The Officers" toast having been given, the Tyler's toast closed the proceedings, and the brethren on parting expressed themselves as having had a most enjoyable time.

PROVINCIAL MEETINGS.

BATTLE.

Abbey Lodge (No. 1184).—The installation meeting of this flourishing little lodge was held on Thursday, the 18th instant, at the Masonic Hall, when there were present Bros. W. Augustus Raper, W.M.; J. B. Foster, S.W.; W. Lamborn, as J.W.; H. G. F. Wells, P.M., P.P.G.P., Treas.; R. Hughes, P.M., P.P.G. Std. Br., Sec.; Jesse Chance, as S.D.; T. W. Avis, J.D.; J. Fielding, Organist; W. T. Jordan, P.M., D. of C.; George Smith, as I.G.; W. J. Newman, Tyler; James Hodson, C. J. Honisett, L. F. St. John, F. E. Towner, S. E. McMillen, H. J. Noakes, and others. Visitors: Bros. W. Wright, W.M. 311, Provincial Grand Steward; F. C. Edwards, W.M. 40; W. J. Palmer, W.M. 341; L. W. Paynter, W.M. 851; R. Weston, W.M. 1303; Geo. Masters, W.M. 1797; W. S. Allen, I.P.M. 40; J. M. Jenkins, P.M. 341; Rev. R. W. Loosemore, P.M. 974, P.P.G. Chap. Yorks; J. Tidmarsh, W.M. 2163; C. Loud, P.M. 709; C. E. Botley, P.M. 1996, 40; John Parker, S.W. 414; J. B. Guy, G. W. Veness, F. G. Tyrrell, A. G. Hickman, T. T. Horton, and H. Dunk, all of 40; and others.

The minutes of last regular meeting and of a subsequent emergency meeting were read and confirmed, and letters were read from Bros. Sir W. T. Marriott, O.C., M.P., D.P.G.M.; Col. Shadwell H. Clerke, Grand Sec.; V. P. Freeman, P.G. Sec.; Dr. Trollope, P.G.W.; Col. A. M. Brookfield, I.P.M. 341, and many others, regretting their inability to attend, and offering their congratulations to the W.M. elect. The W.M., Bro. Raper, having passed Bro. H. J. Noakes to the Second Degree, Bro. Jordan, P.M., D.C., presented Bro. John Belcher Foster, S.W., to the W.M. for the benefit of installation, and the ceremony was then duly performed by the W.M., who received the assistance of Bros. Lamborn and Jordan, the former veteran delivering the address to the W.M. in a most eloquent manner, which was listened to most attentively and highly appreciated, and the latter, a younger but very able P.M., delivered the addresses to the officers and brethren. The installation ceremony was very ably and impressively performed by Bro. Raper, who thus put the finishing touches to the very excellent work he has performed during his year of office, which has been one of the most prosperous in the history of the lodge. The officers appointed and invested by the W.M. were Bros. W. A. Raper, I.P.M.; J. W. Pepper, S.W.; T. W. Avis, J.W.; H. G. F. Wells, P.M., P.P.G.P., Treas. (21st time); R. Hughes, P.M., P.P.G. Standard Bearer; Sec.; F. W. Hotham, S.D.; F. G. Ticehurst, J.D.;

W. T. Jordan, P.M., D.C.; J. Fielding, Org.; Jesse Chance, I.G.; and W. J. Newman, Tyler. Bro. H. G. F. Wells was also appointed to represent the lodge on the Provincial Charities Committee. The W.M. next proceeded to invest the I.P.M., Bro. Raper, with a beautiful Past Master's jewel, which had been voted to him at the last meeting of the lodge. In doing so, he very gracefully alluded to the excellent and genial manner in which Bro. Raper had presided over the lodge and the "Outside Degree," and to the impressive and able way in which he had carried out the ceremonies, and he wished Bro. Raper a long life to enjoy the distinction of wearing the jewel. Bro. Raper expressed his acknowledgment of the kindness of the brethren, and although modestly deprecating his being entitled to that kindness through his own worthiness, he should always look upon the jewel with pride, and he trusted that the lodge would see fit to invest future Past Masters with similar tokens of their appreciation.

The lodge was then closed, and the brethren adjourned to the Star Hotel, where they sat down to a banquet, which was placed upon the table in a manner which gave great satisfaction to all, and added to the reputation of Host Holt. The brethren present numbered about 40, and included some who were unable to attend the lodge. The W.M., Bro. Foster, presided, and very felicitously proposed the various toasts, and the speeches throughout were of a very high order, that of Bro. Jenkins, P.M. 341, on behalf of "The Charities," being especially distinguished by its eloquence, and receiving much applause.

The musical arrangements were very efficiently carried out by Bro. J. Baker Guy, S.M.T.C., London Medallist, who contributed some of his best songs in splendid style. Four members of his glee party assisted with some pleasing quartettes very beautifully rendered, and several of the brethren also contributed to the harmony of the evening.

The W.M. is to be congratulated on having thus entered on his year of office under most favourable and happy auspices, the only drawbacks to the entire happiness of the occasion being the absence of some of the officers of the lodge from unavoidable circumstances, especially that of Bro. R. T. Davison, M.D., P.M., who is still detained in the North of England through a broken leg, and with whom much sympathy was expressed.

The jewel was manufactured by Bro. George Kenning.

BURSLEM.

St. Martin's Lodge (No. 98).—The brethren of this lodge met in good force on Thursday, the 18th inst., at the Town Hall, when the business in hand was an initiation and a raising, both of which ceremonies were performed in a most impressive and effective manner by the W.M., Bro. W. Garner, who was well supported by his officers, every one, from S.W. downward, being in his place. The total signing the Tyler's book was about 46, which included a fair representation of the purple and a number of visitors. After lodge the brethren adjourned to the Leopard Hotel for the quarterly supper, and a very pleasant evening was spent.

COOKHAM.

Dene Lodge (No. 228).—The installation meeting of this riverside lodge was held on Saturday, the 20th inst., in private rooms attached to the boat-house of Bro. Charles Belton, adjoining the far-famed Quarry Woods. There were two candidates for initiation on this occasion, both being near relatives of members of the lodge, the ceremony being performed by Bro. Charles Belton, P.D. G.D.C., the first Master of the lodge. The installation of the W.M., Bro. J. Badger Clark, one of the founders of the lodge, was afterwards ably performed by Bro. R. E. Goolden, the I.P.M., the Wardens' chairs being filled by Bros. Richard Eve, P.G. Treas., and W. Boutcher, Prov. G. Reg., both of whom are founders of the lodge. On the appointment of officers of the lodge for the ensuing year the very exceptional circumstance occurred of three brothers—Bros. J. Badger Clark, Harry Clark, and G. Clark, jun. (all of whom are founders of the lodge)—occupying the chairs of W.M., S.W., and J.W. On the motion of the Treasurer, Bro. Charles Belton, the sum of five guineas was voted to the R.M.I.B., Bro. R. E. Goolden having agreed to represent the lodge as a Steward at the ensuing Festival. A similar sum was voted last year when Bro. Major Bishop represented the lodge. It was then announced by the Treasurer that Bro. J. Badger Clark, the W.M., had presented the lodge with a very handsome banner with the arms of the lodge emblazoned thereon to commemorate his year of office. A cordial vote of thanks was passed to the W.M. for his beautiful present. The officers appointed were as follows: Bros. Harry Clark, P.M., S.W.; Geo. Clark, jun., P.M., J.W.; Charles Belton, P.D.G.D.C., Treas.; J. W. Howard Thompson, P.M., Sec.; Major Luke Bishop, S.D.; A. G. Boutcher, J.D.; and Captain W. Nicholls.

Among the visitors present was Bro. Morland, D.P.G.M., who announced that it was the intention of his Royal Highness the P.G.M. to confer on Bro. Goolden, I.P.M., the office of J.G.W. of the province at the ensuing Provincial Grand Lodge. Bro. Martin, P.G. Sec., was also present.

A delightful evening was afterwards spent in the rooms overlooking the Thames, a very charming musical entertainment being provided by the members of the lodge.

The banner and the Past Master's jewel presented to the I.P.M. were both manufactured by Bro. George Kenning.

CROWLE.

Isle of Axholme Lodge (No. 1482).—The usual monthly meeting of this lodge was held on Tuesday, the 16th inst., at the Masonic Hall, when there were present Bros. J. Constable, W.M.; J. M. Behrendt, S.W.; R. N. Brunye, J.W.; J. F. Watson, Treas.; R. Wood, P.P.G.S.B., Sec.; T. Staniforth, P.P.G.P., Chap.; W. Burtonshaw, I.P.M.; H. L. Burtonshaw, P.G.O., Org.; C. Fox, S.D.; W. S. Scholey, acting I.D.; W. Pickering, I.G.; G. Naylor, Tyler; J. Drury, W. Chamberlain, P.M.; J. Wressell, R. Oates, J. Furner, R. Meadley, R. Ashmell, and others.

Bro. Behrendt was unanimously elected W.M. for the ensuing year, and Bro. J. F. Watson, J.P., was elected Treasurer, and Bro. G. Naylor, Tyler. Bro. Meadley was raised to the Sublime Degree of M.M. The W. Master announced that the next Prov. Grand Lodge was to be held at Grantham, and he hoped that in the following year it would be held at Crowle. Auditors were appointed, and the lodge was closed.

EAST MOLESEY.

Cyclist Lodge (No. 2246).—A meeting of this lodge was held at the Castle Hotel on Saturday, the 13th inst., when there were present Bros. C. A. Ifter, W.M.; Thos. Clark, S.W.; H. F. Bangs, J.W.; C. Sheppard, P.M., Sec.; J. Powell, acting S.D.; H. Gardener, J.D.; W. R. Hatton, acting I.G.; D. P. Cama, D.C.; A. Lyons, Stwd.; C. R. Sheppard, Tyler; E. C. Mulvey, P.M.; H. Holmes, P.M.; W. A. Armfield, O. W. Battley, L. Westwood, J. Lewis, A. Powell, and S. Brim. Visitors: Bros. G. Hayford, I.G. 2045; J. Pointer, J.D. 2202; B. Lyons, P.M. 1227; R. Hart, P.M. 2146, P.P. S.G.D.; and R. D. Mehta, Past S.G.D. Bengal.

The lodge was opened, and the minutes were confirmed. The ballot being unanimous in favour of Messrs. A. Powell and S. Brim, they were initiated, and Bro. John Lewis was passed to the Degree of F.C. A letter was read from the Grand Secretary, Bro. Col. Shadwell H. Clerke, saying the Most Worshipful Grand Master had been pleased to appoint Colonel Gerard Noel Money, C.B., Prov. Grand Master for Surrey, which was ordered to be entered on the minutes. The W.M., Wardens, and Past Masters were elected as a Committee to settle and arrange the summer outing in July next, and Bros. D. P. Cama, P.G. Treas.; E. C. Mulvey, P.M.; H. Holmes, P.M.; and the W.M., the Committee to assist in the proposed testimonial to the D.P.G.M. for Surrey, Bro. West. Bro. R. D. Mehta was welcomed and saluted by the brethren in ancient form, and the lodge was closed.

HAMPTON COURT.

Wolsey Lodge (No. 1656).—This prosperous provincial lodge met at the Greyhound Hotel on the 8th inst. Among those in attendance were Bros. E. Dare, P.M. 2032, W.M.; H. Sapsworth, P.M. 2032, S.W. and W.M. elect; T. Grant, J.W.; J. Featherstone, P.M., P.P.G.P., Treas.; W. T. Peat, Sec.; H. Bond, S.D.; J. Spooner, J.D.; F. Figg, Org.; J. J. Smith, D.C.; R. W. Rice and R. W. Simpson, Stewards; R. Drummond, P.A.G.P., I.P.M.; T. Ockenden, P.M., P.P.G.D.; F. Chandler, P.M., P.P.G.P.; Capt. Walls, P.M., P.P.G.W.; Suggitt, Flack, and others. Among the numerous visitors were Bros. T. Skewes-Cox, P.G.S.; R. W. Forge, P.P. G.D.C.; F. Crew, W.M. 2032; W. J. Mason, P.M. 2246; Garland, S.W. 795; Levy, S.W. 889; J. Edgell, J.W. 889; Willis, J.W. 2201; Abell, J.W. 2032; Shore, Rowland, Leaver, Penbelow, English, Fied, Ablett, F. R. Robinson, H. Herbert, and others.

The minutes of the previous meeting having been read and confirmed, the W.M. raised Bro. H. C. Crozier and passed Bros. Symon, Cheeseman, Ross, and Jehu, the ceremonies being well performed. Bro. J. H. Gaunt, late of 1656, was re-elected as a joining member. The W.M. then impressively installed Bro. H. Sapsworth as W.M., assisted by Bros. Chandler, as S.W.; T. W. Ockenden, J.W.; Capt. Walls, D.C.; and Drummond, I.G. Among the officers appointed and invested were Bros. Grant, S.W.; Bond, J.W.; Featherstone, Treas.; Capt. Walls, Sec.; Spooner, S.D.; Peat, J.D.; Figg, Org.; Simpson, Stwd.; and Gilbert, Tyler. A vote of thanks was passed to the Installing Officer, and he was presented with a Past Master's jewel. It was unanimously resolved that, in consideration of Bro. W. T. Peat's five years' services as Secretary, he be presented with a gold breast jewel emblematic of that office. Bro. Peat was then decorated with the jewel. The report of the Audit Committee was received and adopted. The P.G.M., D.P.G.M., and P.G. Sec. being unable to attend, in consequence of a prior engagement at the Mitre Tavern, Hampton Court Bridge, a resolution conveying hearty greetings was despatched to them, and was subsequently heartily reciprocated by those distinguished brethren.

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

The customary toasts received full justice.

During the evening an excellent programme of music was presented by Bros. Figg, W. T. Peat, D. T. Grant, and others.

The W.M. and I.P.M. are to be congratulated upon the excellent manner in which the whole proceedings passed off. The latter brother during his year was favoured with many initiates, and the success in other respects that attended his tenure of the chair of No. 1656 will not soon be forgotten.

MANCHESTER.

Minnehaha Minstrel Lodge (No. 2363).—The regular meeting of this lodge was held on Monday, the 22nd inst., at the Victoria Hotel. The following brethren were present: Bros. M. Thomas, W.M.; John Wood, I.P.M.; Seth Wrigley, S.W.; F. W. Woolaston, J.W.; Chas. Harrop, Treas.; F. Hilton, Sec.; W. A. Brabner, S.D.; C. H. Beever, J.D.; E. R. Ward, I.G.; Henry Nall, D.C.; Edwin T. Smith, Org.; C. Mercer, Stwd.; J. B. Kirk, Tyler; F. Watson, A. B. Barlow, H. C. Lilly, T. Heywood Waddington, and J. W. Lloyd. Visitors: Bros. R. V. Critchley, 1440; S. Mills, J.W. 1077; and R. Hilton, W.M. 78.

PENDLETON.

Albert Victor Lodge (No. 1773).—The regular meeting of this lodge was held on Friday, the 19th inst., at the Town Hall, when there were present Bros. E. Holland, W.M.; F. Iowson, I.P.M.; J. L. Smith, S.W.; T. Threlfall, J.W.; R. H. Berry, Treas.; T. T. Sefton, Sec.; W. Mosley, J.D.; W. Hardcastle, P.M., D.C.; J. Clarkson, Org.; J. Clough, I.G.; T. M. Brown and Wm. Lambert, Stwds.; J. B. Kirk, Tyler; T. Kay, P.M.; T. A. Smith, E. Hewitt, R. Topham, W. Bransby, and Wm. Johnson. Visitor: Bro. E. F. Openshaw, 935.

PLUMSTEAD.

Nelson Lodge (No. 700).—A rare muster of brethren of the above lodge, and no less than 23 visitors from far and near, assembled at the Masonic Hall, Mount Pleasant, on the 17th inst., to congratulate the esteemed W.M., Bro. S. E. Southgate, on the completion of his year of office, which has been both a successful and harmonious one. The lodge was opened by the W.M., and among the other brethren present were Bros. W. Webber, I.P.M.; J. H. Roberts, P.M., Treas.; J. Warren, P.M., Sec.; R. Naylor, P.M.; H. King, P.M.; C. Jolly, P.M. (Hon.); J. McCullough, S.W. and W.M. elect; G. F. Taylor, J.W.; W. Lawson, S.D.; H. Tufnell, J.D.; G. Nichols, I.G.; W. Bidgood, Org.; G. H. Porter, A.D.C.; H. Pamant, Stwd.; R. Hanson, P.M. 829; A. Cleal, P.M. 13;

J. P. Moore, P.M. 13; W. Sanders, J.W. 913; Capt. Hearn, S.W. 969 and Sec. 2399; W. Davis, 13; T. Thomas, 13; W. Vallon, 13; Rev. W. Horsley, 913; J. Mitchell, 913; G. Tucker, 913; B. Hammond, 913; W. A. Blest, 913; W. Ross, 901; T. W. Geller, 483; W. Chick, 849; H. Barbour, 116 (S.C.); W. Turvey, D.C. 1472; A. H. Jones, 1472; H. Golding, 1472; and others.

The minutes of the previous meeting having been confirmed, the ballot was taken for Messrs. J. H. Lloyd and H. S. Dudman, and proving unanimous, they were duly initiated into Masonry. Bro. Ross was then raised, and the lodge was closed.

The dinner having been discussed, the usual loyal and Grand Lodge toasts were honoured, and then

Bro. Webber said that for the last time the W.M. had placed the gavel in his hands for a purpose with which they were all acquainted. In proposing to them the toast of their esteemed W.M., he must ask them to remember his excellent working, and earnest desire to provide for the comfort of the brethren during his year of office, now fast drawing to a close, and when they considered that he, Bro. Southgate, was hard at work learning the installation ceremony, they would look over any delinquencies that night. He had worked the ceremonies throughout the year in a most masterly manner, and he asked them to show their appreciation of him by drinking his health for the last time with enthusiasm.

Bro. Southgate would admit that his working that night was not exactly up to the Nelson standard, but there were three causes for it, the first was, as Bro. Webber had said, he was working up for the installation ceremony, the second was that he had the previous night attended at the installation of an old friend at the Anglo-American Lodge, and the third was that he had not attended the lodge of instruction at its last meeting, for he could assure them that unless a constant attention to the ritual was kept up there was sure to come a time when the want of that attention would be in evidence. However, he thanked them one and all for their great kindness to him during his year of office, and should ever remember it with gratification and pride.

Bro. McCollough, in responding to a hearty reception of the toast of "The W.M. elect," said that when years ago both Bro. Hobson, P.M., and Bro. Butt, P.M., offered him office he declined it because he felt that he could not spare the necessary time to attend to it, nevertheless he could assure them that he always loved Masonry, and had it at heart, and when Bro. Sanderson, P.M., offered him office he accepted it, because he felt that the time had come when he could without detriment to himself or connections undertake the duties and responsibilities of office. He especially wished to thank Bro. Warren, P.M., for the instruction he had given him, and the brethren for their kindness in electing him as their Master. As the immortal had said—"There is a flood in the affairs of man," &c. Well, he had taken the tide of his Masonic career at the flood, and nothing should be wanting on his part to ensure that it led on that good fortune which was expressed by them to every Master of the lodge who did his duty. He thanked them.

Bros. Moore, Sanders, Capt. Hearn, Turvey, and Horsley responded for "The Visitors."

"The Candidates," "The Past Masters," and the Tyler's toast were also honoured, and then the brethren dispersed, after a happy and memorable meeting.

WOLVERHAMPTON.

Honour Lodge (No. 526).—A meeting of this lodge was held on Friday, the 12th inst., at the Star and Garter Hotel, when there were present Bros. A. McBean, W.M.; J. D. Steen, S.W.; Rev. Jas. Seddon, Chap.; C. A. Newnam, Treas.; John J. Smith, Sec.; J. Roper, S.D.; W. H. Hewitt, J.D.; T. J. Barnett, D.C.; B. Baker, I.G.; J. E. Morris, Stwd.; T. P. Price, Tyler; W. Twist, P.M.; Col. A. C. Foster Gough, P.G.M.; John Clark, F. G. Tidington, S. W. Page, H. C. Owen, Rev. Charles Lee, J. Dally, C. W. Graham, E. H. Thorne, W. Baker, T. P. Price, W. Davis, John Marston, Thos. McBean, H. Harley, J. T. Gibbons, H. E. Proctor, W. H. Bestock, A. T. Molineaux, T. H. Hickman, J. Parkes, A. W. Sims, Rev. S. C. Adam, J. Evans, and J. Darby. Visitors: Bros. F. W. Smyth, 539; J. Bates, 419; F. Nokes, 1838; J. Page, T. E. Bennett, 1838; J. Bradney, 419; T. Skelt, 419; W. Bywater, 419; T. Wilson, 1520; C. Mathews, H. P. Smith, 1838; W. G. Allen, 1838; and R. A. Willcock, 419.

The lodge was opened, and the minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. A ballot was then taken for the following gentlemen as candidates for initiation, viz., Rev. S. C. Adam, Mr. John Darby, and Mr. Joseph Evans, which proved unanimous in their favour, and they were afterwards initiated, the ceremony being performed by the W.M.

Royal Arch.

CROYDON.

George Price Chapter (No. 2096).—A convocation of this chapter was held at the Greyhound Hotel, on Saturday, the 20th inst., and was honoured by the presence of Comp. Col. G. Noel Money, C.B., the newly-appointed Grand Superintendent of Surrey. The chapter was opened by Comp. A. S. Brown, P.G.S.N., M.E.Z., assisted by the Principals, and the minutes of the last convocation having been read and confirmed, the Auditors' accounts, showing a satisfactory position, were adopted. The installation of Principals followed, Comp. F. Cambridge, P.P.G. Org., being installed as Z.; Comp. Arthur Adams, H.; and Comp. Gordon Smith, J. Comp. H. M. Hobbs, P.P.G.J., was invested S.E.; Comp. J. S. Fraser, P.P.A.G.S., Treasurer; and Comp. G. S. Horsnail, Steward.

There were also present Comps. H. E. Francis, P.P. G.D.C.; Pearson, Hayward, Sherry, and W. Lane, Janitor. Visitors: Comps. J. H. Price, M.E.Z. 1321, and R. Main, J. 294, the former being proposed as a joining member.

Comp. Col. Money, Grand Superintendent, was elected by acclamation an honorary member of the chapter, and in accepting the compliment expressed the pleasure he felt in being present, as it was the first time he had visited a lodge or chapter meeting in Croydon since his appointments as P.G.M. and G. Superintendent of Surrey.

Other business having been transacted, the chapter was closed, and after dinner the usual toasts followed, and a P.Z.'s jewel was presented to the I.P.Z., the companions departing early after a very enjoyable meeting.

Mozart Chapter (No. 1929).—This chapter met at the Greyhound Hotel on the 15th inst., when there were present Comps. C. J. Hoare, M.E.Z.; H. H. Shirley, M.A., P.Z.; P.P.A.G.S., H.; F. Weiss, J.; Capt. T. C. Walls, P.Z.; P.P.G.P. Soj. Middx., S.E.; Castello, S.N.; H. J. Lardner, P.Z.; P.P.G. Std. Br., Treas.; Alliston, P.S.; and Capt. T. W. Richardson, A.S. Comp. N. Prower, M.A., S.N. 1745, was a visitor.

The minutes of the previous convocation were read and confirmed. The M.E.Z. installed Comp. Shirley as First Principal, and the latter inducted Comps. F. Weiss as H., and Castello as J., the ceremonies being well performed. The following were then invested as officers for the year ensuing: Comps. T. C. Walls, S.E.; Alliston, S.N.; H. J. Lardner, Treas.; Capt. T. W. Richardson, P.S.; and Lane, Janitor. A vote of thanks was passed to the Installing Officer. The report of the Audit Committee was received and adopted. The I.P.Z. was presented with a handsome P.Z.'s jewel (manufactured by Comp. George Kenning). Comp. E. M. Lott, Mus. Doc., P.G. Org., P.Z. 1929, &c., sent an apology for enforced absence.

The chapter was then closed. The M.E.Z. presided most ably at the banquet. The proceedings, which were throughout of a most enjoyable nature, terminated at an early hour.

TWICKENHAM.

Sir Francis Burdett Chapter (No. 1503).—This chapter met at the Albany Hotel on the 17th inst. Among those present were Comps. Dunkley, P.P.G. Org., M.E.Z.; W. Taylor, P.Z., P.P.G.J., Treas., acting H.; Rev. S. T. H. Saunders, P.Z., P.P.G.J., acting J.; Captain Walls, P.Z., P.P.G.P. Soj., S.E.; A. Toulmin, jun., S.N.; and Austin, acting Janitor.

The minutes of the previous convocation having been read and confirmed, apologies for non-attendance were received from Comps. A. H. Gurney, E. W. Jenkins, H. Jenkins, W. H. Saunders, P.Z., and others. Comp. Colonel Sir F. Burdett, Bart., Grand Superintendent, had intended honouring the chapter with his presence, but at the last moment was prevented from so doing.

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

During the proceedings Comp. Dunkley instrumentally and vocally entertained the companions.

Mark Masonry.

MARYPORT.

Whitwell Lodge (No. 151).—The installation of the W.M. of this lodge took place on Thursday, the 18th inst., at the Freemasons' Hall. The following brethren were present: Bros. Jos. Nicholson, P.M., P.P.S.G.W., P.G.D. England, Treas.; P. de Collin, P.M., Prov. G. Treas., P.G.D. England; George Dalrymple, P.M., P.P.G. Sec., P.A.G.D.C. England; Jas. Gardiner, P.M., Prov. G. Sec., P.G.S. England; Thos. Mandle, P.M., P.P.S.G.W.; E. B. Penrice, P.M., P.P.G.R. of M.; Jos. Abbott, P.M., P.P.J.G.O.; Thos. Swainson, J.W.; Jos. O. Scott, Sec., W.M. elect; John Smith, Org.; J. Messenger, Tyler; and others.

The chair was taken by Bro. Jos. Abbott, P.M., P.P.J.G.O., in the unavoidable absence of Bro. Jas. Dickenson, P.P.J.G.W., W.M., who opened the lodge, and the minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. Bro. Jas. Gardiner, P.M., Past G. Stwd. England, Prov. G. Sec., at the invitation of the acting W.M., assumed the chair as Installing Master, when Bro. Jos. O. Scott, Sec., P.P.G.I. of W., W.M. elect, was duly invested and installed in the chair of A. The W.M. then appointed and invested the following officers: Bros. Jas. Dickenson, I.P.M.; Thos. Swainson, S.W.; J. Abbott, J.W.; J. Nicholson, P.M., Treas., for the 17th year; P. de E. Collin, R. of M.; Jas. Gardiner, P.M., Sec.; E. B. Penrice, P.M., D. of C.; J. Reed, M.O.; T. Anison, S.O.; T. Mandle, P.M., J.O.; E. G. Aitchell, P.M., S.D.; R. Leach, J.D.; J. Smith, Org.; J. Gibson, I.G.; Geo. Scott and J. Kendall, Stwds.; and J. Messenger, Tyler. Bro. Geo. Dalrymple, P.M., P.A.G.D.C. England, P.P.G. Sec., then delivered the several addresses splendidly, and concluded a most impressive ceremony, for which he received the thanks of the brethren; one candidate was proposed for advancement, and with "Hearty good wishes" and several letters of regret for non-attendance, the lodge was closed.

At the invitation of the W.M. the brethren adjourned to the ante-room, where refreshments were provided, and the loyal and Masonic toasts were given and responded to, and a very pleasant evening was spent.

PLUMSTEAD.

Excelsior Lodge (No. 226).—The installation meeting of this flourishing lodge took place on Friday, the 19th inst., at the Masonic Hall, Mount Pleasant, when Bro. J. Whiteheart, P.G.S.B., S.W., W.M., was (by dispensation of Grand Mark Lodge, he not having passed through the chair of a Craft lodge) placed in the chair of A., and saluted in due form. The lodge was opened by the W.M., Bro. G. Kennedy, P.P.A.G. Sec., and the minutes of the previous meeting having been confirmed, the ballot was taken for Bros. W. A. Betts, 700, and D. Jenkins, 212, and proving unanimous those brethren were advanced to the Degree of a M.M. Bro. A. Penfold, P.M., P.P.G.M.O., then, by request, assumed the chair as Installing Officer, and in his usual careful and perfect manner carried out the important trust placed in his hands. The new W.M. invested his officers as follows: Bros. C. Jolly, P.G.O., S.W.; Col. C. E. Vansittart, J.W.; C. Coupland, P.M., P.P.S.G.W., Grand Stwd. England, Treas.; G. Kennedy, I.P.M., Sec.; W. J. Akers, M.O.; J. Warren, S.O.; F. Reed, P.P.J.G.O.; J. Farrier, R. of M.; E. B. Hobson, S.D.; G. H. Porter, J.D.; C. H. Canning, I.G.; W. J. Crowdy, D. of C.; F. Hully and A. Fenn, Stwds.; and C. Warren, Tyler.

Bro. Penfold then proceeded with the addresses, and concluded a ceremony at once perfect and impressive, for which he was voted a cordial vote of thanks, the same to be inscribed on the minutes of the lodge. Our distinguished brother having returned thanks, the W.M. presented Bro. Kennedy with a Past Mark Master's jewel, as a mark of the esteem of the brethren, and as some recognition of the service rendered by him to the lodge during his year of office, for which Bro. Kennedy suitably returned thanks. Bro. Col. Vansittart having consented to stand Steward for the lodge at the forthcoming Mark Benevolent Festival five

guineas were voted to his list from the funds of the lodge, and then the lodge was closed, and the brethren sat down to a *recherché* banquet, served in the hall by Bro. Rimer, and which gave every satisfaction.

Among the other brethren present were Bros. Major Eugene Sweny, P.M. (Hon.), 44, P.P.J.G.W.; W. Moulds, P.M., P.P.G.I.G.; T. Ovenden, P.M., P.P.J.G.D.; Capt. D. Deeves, P.M., P.D.G. Std. Br. Natal; G. Nichols, D. Capon, and W. Ray, of the lodge; J. H. Roberts, W.M. 44; E. Morris, J.W. 44; Captain G. Hearn, J.W. 411; and W. Shackleton, 411.

The usual loyal and Grand Lodge toasts having been honoured, that of "Bro. the Rev. T. Robinson, M.A., P.G.M.," was drunk heartily.

The toast of "Bro. the Rev. Hayman Cummings, M.A., P.P.G.C., P.P.G. Chaplain England, and the rest of the Prov. Grand Officers, Present and Past," followed, and was coupled with the name of Bro. Sweny, who, in response, said he looked upon it as a high honour to have his name coupled with so important a toast. So far as they in that part of the province were concerned they had no cause of complaint as to the number of offices distributed amongst them, for both in the Excelsior and in the Florence Nightingale Lodges there were a goodly array of wearers of the purple. He then gave some excellent advice as to the proper working of the ritual, and concluded by congratulating the W.M. upon obtaining his high position, and assured him that the Prov. Grand Officers, both present and past, would not only support him, but be delighted to hear of his success and the prosperity of the lodge.

The I.P.M. then proposed the toast of "The W.M.," and observed that although Bro. Whiteheart had not gone through the chair of a regular lodge, yet during the ten years he had been a member of that lodge he had been such a constant attendant, and had so worthily worked through every office up to that of S.W., that the brethren thought it only right that his industry and perseverance should be rewarded by being placed in the chair of A. in his mother lodge, and he felt sure they would never regret their choice.

Bro. Whiteheart, in reply, said he had got from the bottom to the top of the lodge, and no brother could do that unless he worked hard for it. From the time of his initiation, as Bro. Kennedy had told them, ten years ago, he had never been absent from its meetings but once, and then through illness. He trusted to be enabled so to do his duty that they would never regret having reposed their trust in him.

The Worshipful Master, in proposing the toast of "The Past Masters," spoke highly of their services to the lodge, and regretted the enforced absence of Bro. Capt. G. Spinks through illness.

Bro. Kennedy, in responding, spoke of the time when the lodge was in difficulties, and of the valuable aid given by Bro. Penfold, P.M., at that critical period of its existence, and who he trusted might long be spared to be a grace and strength to the Excelsior Lodge. For himself and the Past Masters he thanked them for their hearty reception of the toast.

Bro. Penfold, in responding to a most enthusiastic reception of the toast of "The Installing Officer," said he did not wish the brethren to think that he held the office of Installing Master in that lodge as a freehold, although he had had the honour of filling it for several years. Bro. Matier, the esteemed Grand Secretary, and Bro. Cummings, the D.P.G.M., and others, had at times performed the ceremony, and he should have not the least objection to see one of the other Past Masters undertake the office, for he found it a very pleasant thing at times to have a change in the programme, it varied it, and gave, as it were, a new charm, and would, moreover, be the means of communicating to one another new and, perhaps, better styles for working. Bro. Kennedy had spoken of the vicissitudes the lodge had experienced. It had, and so had most young lodges, but if they came out of their difficulties stronger and more reliant, all the better for those difficulties, so much better were they to appreciate their present prosperity and shield themselves from difficulties in the future. He was pleased to see they were determined to maintain the traditions of the lodge, and send up a Steward to the Mark Benevolent Institution. He trusted Bro. Vansittart would be well supported and take up a sum worthy of the lodge. So far as his personal services that day were concerned, he could only say that it afforded him a very great deal of pleasure to be of any service he could be to the lodge, and he felt rewarded to the full by the kindly manner in which they had drunk the toast.

"The Initiates" followed, and then "The Visitors," for whom Bros. Roberts, Morris, Hearn, and Shackleton returned thanks.

"The Officers" and Tyler's toast concluded the proceedings, which were enlivened by some good singing and reciting.

Lodges and Chapters of Instruction.

NEPTUNE LODGE (No. 22).—A meeting was held on Monday, the 22nd inst., at the Gauden Hotel, Clapham, when there were present Bros. Russell, W.M.; Laker, S.W.; Windsor, J.W.; Westley, Preceptor and Treasurer; Poole, acting as Sec.; G. Lavington, S.D.; Evans, J.D.; Reeves, I.G.; Weeks, Tyler; Geo. Everett, G. Treas.; Steele, Cochrane, Balcombe, Ellison, King, Stock, Gilbert, and Rashleigh.

The lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of the last meeting read and confirmed. The ceremony of initiation being announced, and Bro. Steele having offered himself as a candidate, was initiated. The lodge was opened in the Second Degree, and the ceremony of raising being announced, and Bro. Gilbert having offered himself as a candidate, and having answered the usual questions, was entrusted. The lodge was opened in the Third Degree, and Bro. Gilbert duly raised to the Degree of M.M. The lodge was resumed to the First Degree, and dues were collected. The W.M. rose for the second time, and Bro. Laker was elected W.M. for Monday, the 2nd prox. Bro. Laker returned thanks, and appointed officers in rotation. The W.M. rose for the third time, and the lodge was closed.

ST. LUKE'S LODGE (No. 144).—A meeting was held on Monday, the 22nd inst., at the Somerset Arms, Fulham-road, when there were present Bros. Ingram, W.M.; Ollive, S.W.; Tucker, J.W.; Carlstrom, Preceptor; E.

Witts, acting Sec.; Morrish, J.D.; Thomas, I.G.; Knapp, Metherell, and Ambler.

The lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed. The ceremony of initiation was then rehearsed, Bro. Morrish being the candidate. The lodge was opened in the Second Degree, and the ceremony of passing was rehearsed, Bro. Knapp being the candidate. The lodge was resumed to the First Degree. The 1st and 2nd Sections of this Lecture were worked by Bro. Carlstrom, assisted by the brethren. The W.M. rose for the first, second, and third times, and the lodge was closed.

CLARENCE LODGE (No. 263).—The usual meeting of this lodge was held on Thursday, the 18th inst., at Tupp's Restaurant, 8, Tottenham Court-road. There were present Bros. W. H. Kirby, W.M.; J. W. Drysdale, S.W.; C. F. Cox, J.W.; Henry Sadler, G. Tyler, Preceptor; W. Baker, Sec.; Morriss Evans, S.D.; Jas. Corpe, J.D.; W. R. Bennett, I.G.; and D. G. Imlay, Bro. J. Purkess, 2222, was a visitor.

The lodge being opened in due form, the minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed. A ballot was taken for Bros. W. R. Bennett and John Rutgers, of 1965, and Bro. H. L. Pridmore, 2148, which proved unanimous in their favour, and they were accordingly heartily welcomed as joining members. Bro. Imlay, volunteering to act as candidate, was examined, entrusted, and conducted from the lodge, which was then opened in the Second Degree, the candidate re-admitted, and the ceremony of passing rehearsed. The W.M. also gave the explanation of the tracing board. Bros. Hy. Sadler, Grand Tyler, &c., and W. H. Kirby then jointly worked the 2nd and 5th Sections of the Second Lecture. The lodge was closed in the Second Degree. On the W.M. rising for the first time, Bro. J. Purkess, 2222, was proposed and seconded as a joining member. Bro. Hy. Sadler was elected W.M. for the next meeting, and appointed his officers, and announced that the work would be the third ceremony, and the 1st and 4th Sections of the First Lecture. The Committee intend continuing the meetings throughout the summer months, having every reason to believe that the pronounced success enjoyed last summer will be more than maintained during the present. All business having been completed, the lodge was closed.

HYDE PARK LODGE (No. 1425).—A meeting was held on Monday, the 22nd inst., at the Prince of Wales Hotel, corner of Eastbourne-terrace and Harrow-road, Paddington, W., when there were present Bros. John Davies, P.M. 169, W.M.; James Sims, P.M. 834, S.W.; D. Gellion, P.M. 1425, J.W.; W. H. Chalfont, P.M. 1425, Deputy Preceptor; G. Read, P.M. 511, Treas.; H. Dehane, P.M. 1543, Sec.; J. C. Tilt, P.M. 1962, S.D.; W. R. Hatton, J.D.; C. Godfrey, I.G.; J. V. Woodman, Stwd.; S. Smout, P.M. 1642; W. Death, P.M. 511; W. J. Mason, P.M. 1328; E. S. Reed, W. Jackman, W. Middleweek, G. Campbell, A. Crossingham, T. M. Lamble, A. N. Challacombe, J. C. Conway, M. T. Tuck, A. Clark, R. T. Godfrey, and T. Barnett. Visitors: Bros. R. Andrews, 35, and J. Mason, 2206.

The lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed. The ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, Bro. Barrow being the candidate. The lodge was opened in the Second Degree, and after the usual preliminaries, the ceremony of passing was rehearsed, Bro. Conway being the candidate. The lodge was closed in the Second Degree. Bro. Read, assisted by the brethren, worked the 2nd Section of the Lecture. Bro. Geo. Read, Preceptor, was unanimously elected W.M. for the next meeting—the officers to be in rotation. A vote of thanks to Bros. Davies, Sims, and Gellion was unanimously carried, and duly acknowledged by each brother. After "Hearty good wishes," the lodge was closed.

LEOPOLD LODGE (No. 1571).—At the usual meeting of this lodge, held at the City Arms Restaurant, St. Mary Axe, E.C., on Thursday, the 18th inst., there were present Bros. Morgan, W.M.; Miller, S.W.; Dormer, J.W.; Duffield, P.M., Preceptor; Colley, Hon. Treas. and Sec.; Williams, Asst. Sec.; Mansfield, S.D.; Emden, J.D.; Ives, P.M., I.G.; W. Smith, Tyler; Pitt, P.M.; Marshall, Carlton, Wildbore, and others.

The lodge having been opened, the minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. The ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, Bro. Marshall personating the candidate. Bro. Williams having answered the usual questions leading to the Second Degree, was entrusted and retired. The lodge was opened in the Second Degree, and Bro. Williams was passed to the Degree of F.C. Bro. Marshall then answered the usual questions leading to the Third Degree, and was entrusted and retired. The lodge having been opened in the Third Degree, Bro. Marshall was raised to the Degree of M.M. The lodge was resumed to the First Degree, and the W.M. rising for the first time, the dues were collected. The W.M. having risen for the second time, Bro. Miller was unanimously elected W.M. for the ensuing week, and returned thanks, and appointed officers in rotation. The W.M. rose for the third time, and nothing further offering for the good of Freemasonry, the lodge was closed.

KENSINGTON LODGE (No. 1767).—A meeting was held on Tuesday, the 23rd inst., at the Scarsdale Arms Hotel, Edwardes-square, Kensington, W. Present: Bros. J. Wiggins, W.M.; W. G. Danby, S.W.; J. Cox, J.W.; G. Read, P.M., Preceptor; R. H. Williams, P.M., P.P.J.G.D. Middx., Treas.; F. Craggs, W.M. 834, Sec.; G. A. Knight, S.D.; J. R. Hubbard, W.M. 463, J.D.; W. Hillier, I.G.; James Sims, P.M.; G. Swann, P.M.; W. H. Dresden, and A. J. Turner.

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. Williams acting as candidate. Bro. Turner gave the charge at its conclusion. Bro. Turner offered himself as a candidate for passing, when he was examined and entrusted. The lodge was opened in the Second Degree, and the ceremony rehearsed. Bro. Dresden answered the questions leading to the Third Degree, and was entrusted. The lodge was opened in the Third Degree, and resumed to the First. The 1st Section of the Lecture was worked by the Preceptor, assisted by the brethren. Bro. Danby was elected W.M. for the next meeting, and the lodge was then closed.

ST. AMBROSE LODGE (No. 1891).—A meeting was held on Monday, the 22nd inst., at the Scarsdale Arms Hotel, Edwardes-square, Kensington, when there were present Bros. Joseph Cox, W.M.; C. C. Barber, S.W.;

C. E. Everett, J.W.; Jesse Collings, P.M., Preceptor; F. Craggs, W.M. 834, Sec.; C. G. Hatt, S.D.; C. E. Betts, J.D.; W. G. Foster, I.G.; G. Swann, P.M.; J. R. Hubbard, W.M. 463; and T. C. Dyer.

The lodge having been opened in due form, and the minutes of the previous meeting read and confirmed, Bro. Dyer offered himself as a candidate for passing, and he was examined and entrusted. The lodge was opened in the Second Degree, and the ceremony rehearsed. The 1st and 2nd Sections of the Second Lecture was worked by the Preceptor, assisted by the brethren. The lodge was resumed to the First Degree. The lodge was closed after "Hearty good wishes." The next meeting will be Preceptor's night.

CHISWICK LODGE (No. 1012).—A meeting was held on Saturday, the 20th inst., at the Windsor Castle Hotel, King-street, Hammersmith, W., when there were present Bros. M. Spiegel, P.M., W.M.; J. Davies, P.M., S.W.; T. W. Biggs, J.W.; J. Sims, P.M., Deputy Preceptor; A. Williams, P.M., acting Sec.; Whitely, S.D.; Powell, J.D.; W. G. Foster, I.G.; W. Hillier, R. Wimpey, and J. Brown, W.M. 1012.

The lodge was duly opened, and the minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. Bro. W. Hillier offering himself as a candidate for initiation, that ceremony was rehearsed by the W.M., who afterwards delivered the lecture on the tracing board in the First Degree. The lodge was closed. The Fifteen Sections will be worked on the 11th prox.

THE ABBEY (WESTMINSTER) LODGE (No. 2030).—A meeting of this lodge was held on Friday, the 20th inst., at the Town Hall, Westminster, when there were present Bros. Bonwick, W.M.; K. White, S.W.; Piper, J.W.; Gibson, P.M., Preceptor; Budd, Sec.; Barber, S.D.; Hobbs, J.D.; Hayler, I.G.; Coughlan, P.M.; Stutfield, Badderley, Bristow, Fernands, and Power.

The lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. The lodge was opened in the Second Degree, and Bro. Hobbs, a candidate to be raised to the Third Degree, answered the usual questions, and was entrusted. The lodge was opened in the Third Degree, and the ceremony of raising was rehearsed, Bro. Hobbs being the candidate. The lodge was closed down. Bro. Fernands was unanimously elected a joining member of this lodge of instruction. Bro. K. White was unanimously elected W.M. for the ensuing fortnight. Nothing further offering, the lodge was closed.

WARNER LODGE (No. 2192).—The usual weekly meeting of this lodge was held on the 15th inst., at Bridge Chambers, Hoe-street, Walthamstow, when there were present Bros. G. J. Westfield, W.M.; P. Trickett, S.W.; J. J. Briginshaw, J.W.; Wm. Shurmur, Prov. G. Treas., Preceptor; N. Fortescue, Treas.; W. P. Allen, Sec.; W. W. Cooke, S.D.; C. H. Bestow, J.D.; J. Clark, I.G.; J. Collett, Stwd.; C. Spurgeon, Org.; W. Smith, J. Ives, P.M.; W. Baillie, G. Wilson, T. Maynard, P. D. Parsons, S. Casey, T. Howe, H. G. Brasted, C. Horst, T. W. Stacey, J. King, J. Kempthorne, W. Alcock, T. J. Day, E. Gray, jun., W. J. Short, and others.

The lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. The lodge was opened in the Second Degree, and Bros. Howe and Baillie were passed to the Degree of F.C. Bros. Clark, Howe, and Baillie answered the questions leading from the Second to the Third Degree. Bro. Ives having offered himself as candidate, was entrusted. The lodge was opened in the Third Degree, and Bro. Ives was raised to the Degree of M.M. Bro. Trickett was unanimously elected to occupy the chair at the ensuing meeting, and appointed his officers in rotation. It was unanimously resolved that the sum of one guinea be given from the funds of the lodge to the widow of a deceased brother who is in needy circumstances as temporary relief. Nothing further offering for the good of Freemasonry, after "Hearty good wishes" the lodge was closed.

HORNSEY CHAPTER (No. 890).—A meeting was held on the 19th inst., at the Prince of Wales Hotel, corner of Eastbourne-terrace and Harrow-road, Paddington, W., when there were present Comps. G. March, M.E.Z. 733, M.E.Z.; T. Jobson, 733, H.; J. C. Tilt, 1st A.S. 862, J.; John Davies, 733, Treas.; H. Dehane, P.Z. 890, S.E.; W. H. Chalfont, H. 975, S.N.; J. Davies, H. 733, P.S.; H. F. Williams, 834, 1st A.S.; W. Chapple, 753; W. Hillier, 834; M. Spiegel, 834; and W. W. Williams, 834.

The chapter was opened, and the minutes of the last convocation were read and confirmed. The ceremony of exaltation was rehearsed, Comp. Williams being the candidate. A vote of thanks was unanimously accorded to Comp. Jobson for the able manner he had rehearsed the duties of H. for the first time, which compliment was suitably acknowledged. After "Hearty good wishes," the chapter was closed.

Red Cross of Rome and Constantine.

Premier Conclave.—This old conclave met at Mark Masons' Hall, Great Queen-street, on the 1st inst. Among those present were Sir Knights H. C. Heard, M.P.S.; N. Prower, M.A., V.E., M.P.S. elect; C. Keyser, S.G.; Purrot, J.G.; T. Cubitt, P.G. Gen., Treas.; John Mason, P.G. Gen., Recorder; H. H. Shirley, M.A., P.M.P.S.; Capt. T. C. Walls, P.G. Gen., P.M.P.S.; Dr. Mickleby, P.M.P.S.; H. J. Lardner, P.M.P.S.; C. F. Matier, G.R.; Pakes, W. A. Scurrah, and others. Sir Knight F. W. Driver, M.A., was a visitor. The minutes of the previous conclave were read and confirmed. Bro. F. E. Remfry, W.M. 1529, P.P.G.P. South Wales, &c., being in attendance, was ably installed as a member of the Order. Sir Knight H. H. Shirley then impressively inducted Sir Knight N. Prower as M.P.S., and Sir Knight C. Keyser as V.E. Among those appointed to office and invested were Sir Knights Purrot, Pakes, Cubitt, J. Mason, Robinson, Scurrah, Graveley, and Cooper. Apologies for non-attendance were received from Sir Knights C. F. Hogard, G. Treas.; W. Lake, P.M.P.S.; G. Graveley, and others. Before the conclave was closed, Sir Knight H. C. Heard stated that it was his intention to present the Premier Conclave with an engraved die, bearing a coat of arms to be used on the summonses.

The banquet was held at the Freemasons' Tavern. Sir Knight Prower presided most ably, and his speeches were far above the ordinary type of after-dinner oratory.

Sir Knight C. F. Matier responded in fluent terms on behalf of "The Grand Officers."

The newly-installed sir knight, in replying to the toast of his health, spoke in high commendation of the ceremony, and the excellent principles its ritual inculcated.

Sir Knight F. W. Driver acknowledged the toast of "The Visitors" in a few terse but pertinent sentences.

The toast of "The Officers," coupled with the names of Sir Knights Cubitt, Mason, and Scurrah, terminated the proceedings.

Ancient and Accepted Rite.

Cœur de Lion Chapter (No. 105).—The installation meeting was held at Mark Masons' Hall on Wednesday, the 17th inst. Amongst those present were the Right Hon. the Earl of Euston, 32°, and C. F. Matier, 32°.

The chapter being opened, and the minutes read, the installation of E. and P. Bro. Willoughby Weiss as M.W.S. for the ensuing year was proceeded with. The installing M.W. being E. and P. Bro. C. V. Cotterell. On the completion of the ceremony the M.W.S. appointed and invested his officers as follows: E. and P. Bros. A. H. Bateman, Prelate; J. Call-Weddell, M.D., 1st General; E. Sweny, 2nd General; Rev. H. Cummings, M.A., Treas.; W. Tomlinson, M.A., Recorder; Sidney Clarke, G. Marshal; G. R. Cobham, Raphael; F. Beach, M.D., D.C.; E. W. White, M.D., H.; R. W. White, C. of G.; H. H. Wells, Org.; and E. Mills, Equerry. A hearty vote of thanks was then accorded to the Installing M.W. The Right Hon. the Earl of Euston, 32°, was then elected an hon. member by acclamation, and E. and P. Bro. Richard Clowes, 43, was balloted for and admitted as a joining member. The chapter was then closed.

The brethren dined at Freemasons' Tavern, the Earl of Euston and C. F. Matier being present, the former returning thanks in a very humorous speech in response to the toast of those Degrees above the 18°.

Royal Ark Mariners.

MARYPORT.

Collin Lodge (No. 151).—The quarterly meeting of this lodge was held on Thursday, the 18th inst., in the Freemasons' Hall. W. Bro. P. de E. Collin, P.W.C.N. 3 and 213, W.C.N., in the chair, supported by his officers—Bro. J. Gardiner as J., and Bro. E. B. Penrice as S.

The lodge was opened, and the minutes of last meeting read and confirmed. One candidate was proposed for elevation, and after the usual routine of business, the lodge was adjourned till Wednesday, 15th of July, that date being the annual meeting of the Provincial Grand Mark Lodge of Cumberland and Westmorland, which will be held at Maryport, under the banner of the Whitwell Mark Lodge, No. 151, to which lodge the Collin Lodge is attached, when it is expected that several accepted candidates will be present for elevation to the Degree of Royal Ark Mariners.

The following brethren were also present: Bros. Jos. Nicholson, P.W.C.N.; Jas. Gardiner, Treas.; J. O. Scott, Scribe; Jos. Abbott, D.C.; E. B. Penrice, Jno. Smith, Org.; Jno. Messenger, Warder; T. Swainson, Stwd.; Geo. Dalrymple, P.W.C.N. 213; and others.

MRS. BASKCOMB'S MATINEE.

Mrs. Baskcomb, whose popularity in the musical world was strongly exemplified by the abnormally large gathering of talent at her matinee on Thursday last, and who was equally successful in gathering together a crowded audience, is to be congratulated on achieving so much under the combined disadvantages of a hot June afternoon and the rivalry of many similar entertainments, but Mrs. Baskcomb has so many pupils in high places, who appear to be only too pleased to show their appreciation of their talented teacher when the opportunity occurs, that it is not so much a matter of surprise after all. Our space will not admit of even noticing a few of the many good things in the long programme, but we may say that it was one of the most varied and charming entertainments it has been our good fortune to record. Bro. Baskcomb acted in the somewhat subordinate but useful capacity of a Steward, but he had the valuable support of General Roddy, Lieut.-Col. Henry Toms, Bro. Sydney Brough, Mr. St. John Shadwell Clerke, son of the Grand Secretary, who was also present, and many others. Among those present were the Misses Adrian Hupes, neices of the Duke of Fife and former pupils of Mrs. Baskcomb.

FUNERAL OF THE LATE BRO. AND MRS. F. DERRY.

The funeral of Bro. and Mrs. Frederick Derry took place on the 22nd inst. The preliminary part of the service was held at the Baptist Church, Hamstead-road, Birmingham, of which Bro. Derry was a deacon, and the second part at the General Cemetery, where the interment took place in the presence of a very large number of friends, the Rev. Henry Bonner officiating. The coffins were covered with wreaths. The Craft was represented by Bros. Col. Foster Gough, LL.D., P.G.M. Staffordshire; and Stocker, W.M. 482 (of which deceased had been a member for about 30 years), and the following brethren: Bros. W. J. Whittall, P.M.; J. Jacobs, P.M.; J. F. Pepper, P.M.; J. Deeley, P.M.; E. R. Kimpton, P.M.; J. Warrillow, P.M.; Henry Payton, P.M.; S. Jenkins, P.M.; G. J. Payton, F. W. Payton, G. Shread, J. Viguars, J. Candulent,

W.M. 318; W. Lister, H. Loveridge, J. J. James, B. Clarke, S. Wood, T. E. Shaw, G. A. Thomason, F. H. Pepper, and others. The Liberal Unionist Association was represented by W. Farrow (Assistant Secretary); the Forward Club by G. Hanson, C. Jennings, and T. R. Edwards; the Liberal Unionist Club by S. Jenkins; the Western Divisional Council (of which deceased was a Vice-President) by E. J. Smith (Chairman), G. Titterton (Chairman of St. Paul's Ward Association), Councillor Bradley, Hy. Payton, C. Caldecott, T. Mackenzie, S. Sargent, T. E. Smith, J. Linegar, W. H. Hemming, Stephen Whitehouse, A. Bartholomew, W. Cooke, T. Burton, and others. Councillor Bradley also represented the Midland Baptist Association.

At the conclusion of the service at the grave an address was delivered by Bro. Col. FOSTER GOUGH, P.G.M., referring to the long connection of Bro. Derry with the Craft.

He said: As Provincial Grand Master of Staffordshire, or, as I prefer the description, as a Mason amongst Masons, standing beside the grave of a brother, I have been somewhat unexpectedly requested to address you. A serious and solemn event, in fact two serious and solemn events have caused our Masonic assembly here to-day. Personally I feel a melancholy pleasure in being with you in this hour of trial and bereavement to assist in paying an abundantly well merited tribute of respect to departed worth. I do not deem that we have ground for sadness save on account of our own loss, and therein we may well feel sad. Neither do I deem the death of our sister as a cause for sorrow. "All that live must die, passing through nature to eternity," and to my mind there is in our sister's death something beautifully in accord with the deepest and dearest sentiment of the human heart; something which almost inspires a feeling of thankfulness in our Masonic hearts that those who have so long lived and loved together upon earth have not been separated even by the grave. In our Bro. Derry Freemasonry has lost one of its most valuable and esteemed officers helpers, and exemplars, as is plainly indicated by the fact that brethren of the Craft, companions of the Royal Arch, and brethren of the Mark Degrees were here assembled to lament their loss in presence of the certainty that his place, his many places in the sphere of Masonic usefulness will know him no more, whilst for myself, I sincerely assure you that I deeply feel the loss of one of the most loyal, useful, and valued of my colleagues in the government of my province. One of the grand features of our late brother's long Masonic career was a steady, earnest, honest perseverance in well-doing. He was not a spasmodic worker. He was always in earnest, always ready to support the strong, yet always ready to defend and sustain the weak. His honesty and integrity of purpose were far above suspicion, whilst his persevering industry has enabled him to leave a work, a long series of works, which will ever be gratefully associated with his name—I mean, of course, our Staffordshire Masonic Calendar. A word more as to one of the bright examples our late brother has afforded us. It is one each of us may well lay to heart. *He was not spoiled by success.* High, if not the highest honours were conferred upon him by the provincial rulers of the Craft, the Royal Arch, and the Mark Degrees, but instead of accepting those honours, as is too often the case, as a receipt in full of all demands, an excuse for retirement or apathy, he loyally and nobly accepted them in the true spirit in which they were offered, namely, for the sole purpose of stimulating his zeal, increasing his opportunities, and encouraging his industry in the subsequent performances of his Masonic work. This is a legacy our brother has bequeathed to ourselves, and to all who shall come after us, and no words of mine can possibly enhance its value or import. It is not necessary or fitting I should here say more as well I might, respecting our brother's Masonic work or worth, and in the spirit of the sublime burial service which has been so eloquently and touchingly rendered, I will only add our brother has but gone before us. We shall soon follow after him, and which of us has now the better part God alone can tell. In the meantime, in humble hope and dependence upon the will of the Great Architect of the Universe, we feel that it is not our part to stand idly gazing after him who has been taken from our midst, and that it is the duty of each one of us to apply to himself the words, "Look not mournfully on the past, it comes not back again. Wisely improve the present, it is thine. Go forth to meet the shadowy future without fear and with a manly heart. Thus ends our present duty."

Death.

MOON.—On Monday, the 22nd inst., at South Tottenham, Bro. John Moon, for many years the respected Overseer of the Printing department of the *Freemason*, aged 43.

Bro. Lord Halsbury had the honorary degree of D.C.L. conferred upon him at Oxford University on Wednesday, the 17th inst. (Commemoration Day).

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Bro. the Earl and Countess of Yarborough entertained a party of guests at dinner on the evening of Thursday, the 18th inst., and afterwards the Countess had a concert.

The Duchess of Fife has so completely recovered that her Royal Highness, with the Duke of Fife and their infant daughter, have left East Sheen Lodge for Brighton.

The Prince of Wales will, by command of the Queen, hold a levee at St. James's Palace on her Majesty's behalf to-morrow (Saturday), when presentations to his Royal Highness will be considered equivalent to presentations to the Queen.

The Prince and Princess of Wales have appointed Tuesday, the 21st July, as the date on which they will visit Birmingham for the purpose of opening the Victoria Law Courts, the foundation-stone of which was laid by her Majesty the Queen in 1837.

The Prince of Wales has arranged to lay the foundation-stone of the Polytechnic Institute for South-West London on Thursday, the 23rd prox., at 3.30 p.m. His Royal Highness will be accompanied on the occasion by the Princess of Wales.

Bro. James Weaver has composed a dance which bids fair to rival the popular *Pas de quatre* of "Faust Up to Date" fame by Bro. Meyer Lutz. It is a brilliant bit of dance music, and fully sustains the reputation of Bro. Weaver in this branch of composition.

Saturday last was the 54th anniversary of her Majesty's accession to the throne, which took place on the 20th June, 1837. As the Queen was crowned at Westminster Abbey on the 28th June, 1838, Sunday next will be the 53rd anniversary of her coronation.

To-morrow (Saturday) the Home Secretary will distribute the prizes and certificates to the children of the Metropolitan and City Police Orphanage, Strawberry Hill. There are at present in the Orphanage 150 boys and 104 girls, and in addition 800 children outside the charity receive 2s. 6d. each per week.

A special service was held in St. Paul's Cathedral on the morning of the 18th inst. in aid of the Girls' Friendly Society, which numbers some 120,000 members and 30,000 lady associates. A very eloquent sermon was preached by the Bishop of St. Asaph in behalf of this highly deserving institution.

The Committee on Group B ("transport") of the Royal Commission held sittings at Westminster Hall on the 18th and 19th inst., when the Earl of Derby presided, and among those present were Bros. the Marquis of Hartington, Sir M. E. Hicks-Beach, Bart., M.P., and Sir John E. Gorst, Q.C., M.P.

A conference of Service Members of the House of Commons was held on Thursday, the 18th inst., which Sir W. Barttelot and Bro. Sir E. Hamley were prevented by indisposition from attending, but at which Bros. Sir W. Crossman and General Crossman were present. It was resolved to press the Government to appoint either a Royal Commission or a Parliamentary Inquiry.

The marriage of Viscount Melville with the Hon. Violet Cochrane-Baillie, youngest daughter of Lord Lamington, was solemnised in St. Paul's Church, Knightsbridge, on the 18th instant. The wedding party included the Countess of Zetland and the Lady Hilda Dundas, the Duke and Duchess of Buccleugh, the Countess of Grosvenor, and many others.

The Turkish Ambassador, and the Netherlands, Belgian, Greek, and Brazilian Ministers, with Bro. the Earl and Countess of Limerick, Bro. Sir Michael and Lady Lucy Hicks-Beach, Lady Eustace Cecil, and Bro. Lord Mayor Savory and the Lady Mayoress dined with the Prime Ministers and the Marchioness of Salisbury on the 19th instant.

"A Chinese Masonic Funeral" at Baltimore on June 1st inst., has been widely described in the daily press. Of course it was not Masonic. Every secret society is not Masonic—thank heaven. Yet some people assume to think so. In truth they only say so—they don't think at all. If these people were to think, they would be silent, and that would kill them. Alas! none die.—*Keystone*.

The Queen, with Prince and Princess Henry of Battenberg and other members of her family, and attended by the ladies and gentlemen of her Court, left Balmoral on the afternoon of Friday, the 19th inst., and reached Windsor on the following morning. A stoppage was made en route at Edinburgh, when the Lord Provost presented an address, which her Majesty was graciously pleased to acknowledge. The Royal reception was most enthusiastic.

The Princess of Wales and her daughters, the Princesses Victoria and Maud, were present at the French Embassy on the 19th instant and witnessed the performance of a two-act comedy, entitled "La Reine des Fées." Among the other guests were the Russian Ambassador and Madame de Staal, the Turkish Ambassador, the Austro-Hungarian Ambassador and the Countess Deym, the Italian Ambassador and the Countess Torielli, and other members of the diplomatic corps as well as other notable personages.

Since our last visit to Messrs. G. and H. Gilliam, of 446, Oxford-street, we have noticed, in overlooking the stock, some rare old silver articles, black jacks, and candlesticks, temp. Charles II.; the old leather pilgrim bottle and silver copies of it. Cromwell chalice-knife and fork, temp. Henry VIII. Queen Anne's spring forks, rat-tail spoons, and scimitar knives with pistol handles, fitted in shagreen cases, showing undoubtedly age, combined with great artistic merit. They would indeed give great pleasure to any connoisseur, or to those who take pride in the beautiful and the rare. To this is added a splendid collection of modern silver and gold articles. No silversmith and goldsmith are showing, so far as we can see, such as are now seen at this charming establishment, and Messrs. Gilliam deserve every success in their endeavours to place before the general public that which really is the true artistic work of the past ages, combined with all the modern work of this exquisite handicraft.

We recently announced that the Provincial Grand Lodge of Suffolk was fixed for the 31st prox. We now learn on authority it will take place on the 17th of August.

Bro. Jas. Barlow Ramsay, glass manufacturer, of Faringdon-street, has been admitted to the freedom of the Spectacle-makers' Company.

Alderman Evans has become a vice-president of the Bethnal Green Free Library, in the place of the late Alderman Sir R. N. Fowler, Bart., M.P.

Messrs. C. T. Brock and Co., the Crystal Palace Pyrotechnists, have been commissioned by the City of Amsterdam to give a grand firework display on the 2nd prox. before his Majesty the German Emperor, on the occasion of his visit to that town during his journey to England.

Bro. Lennox Browne, whose election as Vice-President of the Board of General Purposes we announced last week, was later in the week elected President of the British Laryngological and Rhinological Association—or, in other words, the society of specialists devoted to the study of diseases of the throat and nose.

The 450th anniversary of the foundation of Eton College was celebrated on Wednesday by the holding of a special open-air thanksgiving service. The Bishops of Oxford and Chichester officiated, after which the dedication of a new chapel was performed by the Bishop of Oxford. The students were given a whole holiday.

His Royal Highness the Duke of Clarence and Avondale was present last week at the Hôtel Métropole, at an emergency meeting of the Studholme Lodge, of which he is a member, to witness the initiation into Freemasonry of the Earl of Yarborough, the Hon. Edward George V. Stanley, and Capt. Holford (Equerry to his Royal Highness).

On Thursday, the 18th inst., the Court of Common Council considered and adopted the terms of the address of welcome which will be presented to his Majesty the Emperor of Germany on the occasion of his visit next month to the Guildhall. The Library Committee have also obtained permission to have executed a marble bust of the late Bro. Alderman Sir R. N. Fowler, Bart., M.P.

Bros. Salmon, C.C., and Pannell, C.C., are the Hon. Secretaries; Bro. Altman, C.C., Treas.; and Bro. Alderman Green the Chairman of the Committee, which has been formed to present Mrs. Augustus Harris with a souvenir of her husband's year of office to mark the appreciation in which the worthy Sheriff is held by his numerous City friends. Already the Committee have received many offers of support.

We are requested to state that the Mr. James Best, chemist and druggist, against whom an action was brought by Messrs. Holloway, proprietors of Holloway's Pills and Ointment, as reported in our last week's issue, is not Mr. James Best, chemist and druggist, of 41, Moorgate-street, and the denial is more necessary as Mr. Best is the only chemist and druggist of that name in the London Post Office Directory.

A curious fact is brought out by the Scotch census. The majority of the female part of the population over the male part has been reduced during the last ten years. In 1881 there were 1,936,098 females and 1,799,475 males. The females were thus in a majority of 136,623. On the 5th of April last there were in Scotland 2,081,642 females and 1,951,461 males. The females were thus in a majority of 130,181. In round numbers their majority has decreased by 6500.

The Rev. Mr. Haskett Smith will soon appear in the character of a mystic novelist, or novelist of mysticism. His "Romance of Mount Carmel," as the tale is called, will be published by Messrs. Blackwood and Sons. The romance will contain, among other things, a picture of the life of the late Mr. Laurence Oliphant's sect at Haifa in the Lebanon. Mr. Smith was one of Laurence Oliphant's converts, and now, it appears, he is at the head of the Haifa community.

In the table of statistics, prepared by R. E. Nicholas R. Ruckle, in his last excellent report on Correspondence, we find that the total membership of Knights Templar in the United States is \$5,005, being a gain of 3396 in one year. The following figures are also given: Knighted, 6289; affiliated, 1048; re-instated, 104; dimitted, 1638; suspended, 639; expelled, 55; died, 1088. It will be observed that the loss by dimitt exceeds the gain by affiliation 590, and the army of non-contributing sir knights is thus increased to that extent.—*Masonic Advocate*.

The arrangements for the Royal visit to Birmingham on the 21st prox. are now completed. On their arrival at New-street Station the Prince and Princess of Wales will be met by the Mayor and Reception Committee, and escorted by a troop of cavalry to the Victoria Law Courts. Addresses will be presented to their Royal Highnesses from the Town Council by Mr. Stratford Dugdale, Q.C., M.P., from the Provincial Grand Lodge of Warwickshire by Bro. Lord Leigh, and from the Birmingham legal profession by Sir Thomas Martineau. Luncheon will be served at the Council House to their Royal Highnesses, who will return to London early in the afternoon.

In a circular addressed to the 400 lodges of the Masonic Fraternity in this province Bro. J. Ross Robertson suggested the advisability of the Festival of St. John the Baptist, 24th inst., being observed as an annual "Decoration Day" for the Craft. He likewise expressed a desire that on the Sunday following the festival the brethren should attend Divine service in a body, the collections at these services to be devoted to charitable objects. Acting on the above, a meeting of the Masters of the city lodges was held on Friday evening, when it was decided to attend service (at St. James's Cathedral, if procurable) on the afternoon of the 23th, the proceeds of the offertory to go to the Lakeside Home for Little Children, an Institution which has special claims on the Craft.—*Toronto Mail*.

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Bro. the Earl of Zetland left town on Wednesday for Ireland.

The Commercial Travellers' Benevolent Institution benefited to the extent of £1755 by the recent "Benevolent Day" collections.

A casket containing photographic views and addresses from Cardiff was presented on Wednesday to the Marquis of Bute, Mayor of the town.

The Goldsmiths' Company's Technical and Recreative Institute at New Cross will be formally opened by the Prince and Princess of Wales on Wednesday, the 22nd prox., at four o'clock.

The Committee of the Royal British Nurses' Association have chosen a diamond sun star, a copy from the antique, as a Silver Wedding gift from the Association to its President, Princess Christian.

Lady George Hamilton has consented to distribute the prizes at the 11th annual flower show of the Chiswick Horticultural Society in the Royal Horticultural Gardens on Thursday, July 2nd.

At a cost of nearly £3000 the Corporation of Croydon contemplate erecting a Polytechnic Institution in the Scarbrook-road. Mr. G. Trisch, of 64, Cannon-street, has designed the building that is to be put up.

Prince and Princess Christian will give a garden party to celebrate their Silver Wedding at Cumberland Lodge, Windsor Great Park, on Wednesday, July 8th, at which the Queen, the German Emperor and Empress, the Grand Duke of Hesse, and other members of the Royal Family are to be present.

Eminently successful, socially and financially, was the Royal Caledonian Ball, which was given at the Whitehall Rooms, Hôtel Métropole, on Monday, for the benefit of the Royal Caledonian Asylum and the Royal Scottish Hospital. It is hoped that as the result of the effort both of these deserving Charities will benefit very considerably.

At Messrs. Christie and Manson's two works by Watteau have been sold for high prices. One, "L'Occupation selon l'Age," measuring only 14 inches by 16 inches, realised 3200 guineas, and the other, "L'Accord Parafait," was sold for 3500 guineas.

The annual meeting of the Society of Arts was held on Thursday at the Society's House, in the Adelphi, Sir Frederick Bramwell in the chair. It was stated that financially the year had been very prosperous, the total revenue being £10,225, and the funded property amounting to over £13,000.

In our issue of last Friday we believe we recorded the names of all the donors of prizes at the annual sports of the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys with the exception of the "Old Masonians' Association." Of course, this was an oversight on our part. The prizes were as follows: 1000 yards open to both Schools—1st, 2nd, and 3rd prizes: 1, a Gladstone bag; 2, a silver chain; 3, a cricket bat.

The monument erected by the Craft in the United States in memory of Bro. Rob Morris, at Lagrange, Kentucky, was unveiled by the Grand Lodge of Kentucky, May 29th, the Grand Commandery acting as escort. Aside from the address of Past Grand Master Fitch, most of the programme of exercises was made up from writings of Bro. Morris appropriate to the occasion.

The 18th annual conversazione of the Royal Colonial Institute was held on Wednesday night in the Natural History Museum, Cromwell-road. The guests were received by Sir Frederick Young and other members of the council. Bro. the Lord Mayor and Lady Mayoress, the Earl and Countess Cadogan, Bro. the Earl of Mount Edgcombe, and Lord Wodehouse were among those present.

It was with much regret we saw in the obituary notices of the *Daily Telegraph* last week the name of Bro. John Cory Havers, who died at Joyce Grove, Nettlebad, aged 47. He was a P.M. of the St. George and Corner Stone Lodge, No. 5, and P.Z. of the St. George's R.A. Chapter, No. 5. Bro. Havers was the son of the late Bro. John Havers, who occupied such a prominent position in Masonry some years ago.

We are making Masons very fast in this age and generation. It looks like quantity, not quality, was the one absorbing idea. Life is short, time is fleeting, and we must all be Masons at once, or may be we will not get a chance to have our blind eyes opened. There is danger here of not exercising the proper care in the selection of the material. A life insurance company that does not scrutinise every risk will sooner or later come to grief. There is a moral risk that we take in the admission of candidates that ought to be most carefully guarded.—*New York Dispatch*.

Under the will of the late Miss A. E. Jarman, Slough, legacies as under are received by the following Charities, viz.: Royal National Lifeboat Institution, £500; the Hospital for Consumption (Brompton), Charing Cross Hospital, and the Cancer Hospital, £200 each; the Sisterhood of Nazareth, Hammersmith; the Convent New Hall, Essex; Miss Meredith's Home, Chertsey; the Aged Governesses' Asylum, Old Kent-road, and the Home of Hope, Regent's-square, £100 each; the Royal Albert Orphan Asylum, Bagshot, the British Orphan Asylum, Slough, and the Benevolent Institution, Soho-square, £50 each.

Bro. George W. Childs, Philadelphia's well-known philanthropist, had the 62nd anniversary of his birth fittingly commemorated on Tuesday last, May 12th inst. There was no formal celebration by himself but his world-wide circle of friends remembered him by forwarding to him numerous tokens of their regard. All day long his office in the *Public Ledger* building was thronged with callers, who stopped to pay their regard and wish him long life and continued prosperity. No citizen of Philadelphia is so widely known as Bro. George W. Childs, whose gifts extend, like Freemasonry, around the globe. The memorial window erected by him in Westminster Abbey to the memory of the poets Herbert and Cowper, and the Shakespeare fountain at Stratford-on-Avon, are two of his generous and artistic gifts across the water, which have been enjoyed by a host of those who have never seen our distinguished brother, as well as by many of his own countrymen who, as tourists, have viewed them. No one more faithfully than he fulfils the divine command—"To do good and distribute forget not," and the world is glad to acknowledge itself his debtor.—*Keystone*.