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THE GIRLS' SCHOOL FESTIVAL.

The result of the Festival which was held in Freemasons' Tavern, on Wednesday evening, in behalf of the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls, will be received everywhere with a feeling of satisfaction for two special reasons. In the first place, a belief existed in well-informed quarters that though the Board of Stewards was above, rather than below the usual strength numerically, the average per list would be exceptionally, if not disastrously, low. This anticipation has not been realised. The average, though far from being what we have known it in ordinary years, compares favourably with that of last year at the Festival of the same Institution. In the second place, the result shows a very substantial improvement, the difference between the total announced on Wednesday and that of last year being very little short of £1400. But though on these grounds we are gratified beyond measure with the returns we publish in another column, we cannot shut our eyes to the fact that the Girls' School is not receiving that measure of support which it both deserves and needs. We can realise to a certain extent the difficulties under which the Girls' Festival Stewards laboured on this occasion. The usual sources of supply had been well nigh exhausted, firstly by the heavy demands made by the Boys' School in June, 1891, when nearly £30,000 was raised in order to place its fortunes on a sounder basis; and then by the still heavier demands of the Benevolent Jubilee in February, when a sum of donations and subscriptions amounting to about £67,000 was obtained. In the face of the drain caused by these demands, it was difficult, if not impossible, to secure the much-needed contributions, and as we pointed out a little while ago, in place of the 10, 20, and even 30 guinea—donations which are forthcoming in ordinary years—the Stewards for this Festival had to content themselves with the more modest annual or life subscription. However, we need not dwell on these matters, but rather let us congratulate the illustrious Chairman, the Stewards, the executive, and last but not least, the Institution itself on Wednesday's celebration. The sum of £9582, which Bro. HEDGES was able to announce—but which, before the speeches were over, was increased by the brethren on the dais to £10,002—is, as we have said, a substantial advance on last year's total. Moreover, in itself it is a large sum such as very few charitable institutions outside Masonry are able to obtain at their anniversary festivals, and it is only because we have become so accustomed to big Returns—ranging from £12,000 and £15,000 to £20,000 and upwards—that brethren seem inclined to regard it as small. However, we know that all who took part in the Festival exerted themselves to the utmost. We know they have done good service, because, in face of the unprecedented difficulties we have mentioned, they have obtained a sum so nearly approaching to what is ordinarily raised. In the name, therefore, of the Craft generally we offer them our hearty congratulations and thanks for their timely aid to this most deserving Charity.

THE FESTIVAL OF THE ROYAL MASONIC INSTITUTION FOR GIRLS.

On Wednesday evening the 104th Anniversary of the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls was celebrated by a Festival at Freemasons' Tavern, under the Chairmanship of his Royal Highness the Duke of Connaught and Strathearn, K.G., M.W.P.G.M., Prov. G.M. Sussex, District G.M. Bombay. His Royal Highness was supported by some 400 brethren, while a very large number of ladies also graced the occasion. The Royal Chairman had the Earl of Mount Edgcumbe on his right, and Sir E. A. H. Lechmere on his left.

Grace before dinner was rendered by Bro. the Rev. H. R. Cooper-Smith, G. Chaplain, and after dinner "For these and all Thy mercies given" was sung by the professional artistes.

The toasts were then proposed.

The Duke of CONNAUGHT, in proposing the first toast, said: Right Worshipful Deputy Grand Master and Brethren, I rise to propose "The Health of her Majesty the Queen, the Patroness of the Institution."

The toast, having been honoured, was followed by the singing of the National Anthem.

The Duke of CONNAUGHT next said: The toast I now give you is "The Health of H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, our Most Worshipful Grand Master, Grand Patron, and President of the Institution, the Princess of Wales, Grand Patroness of the Institution, and the other members of the Royal Family." Brethren, the first thought that comes into our minds is naturally one of the deepest regret for the sad event that has necessitated our Grand Master retiring into private life at the present time. Knowing as I do those feelings of warm affection and deep sympathy that have ever bound you to our Most Worshipful Grand Master, I know that on the present occasion, when I have the honour of presiding at a large Masonic festival, it would be out

of place if I did not refer to the sad loss our Fraternity has sustained in the death of the R.W. Grand Master of Berkshire. (Hear, hear.) The deep feeling shown throughout the country on that sad occasion was never shown anywhere more strongly than by the Masonic brethren; and I am certain that among the many expressions of sympathy and condolence the Prince has received, there is none that he has appreciated more fully than that general sympathy of all the Masonic brotherhood over whom he holds sway. (Hear, hear.) Both the Prince and the Princess are personally connected with this Institution as its Patron and Patroness, and it is not so long ago that the M.W.G.M. and the Princess opened the splendid Alexandra Hall of this Institution, which was an occasion of great importance, and marked an era in the history of the Institution for the benefit of which we are here assembled this evening. I will ask you, without further remarks, to join with me in drinking with every honour the health of the Prince of Wales, M.W.G.M., Grand Patron of the Institution, the Princess of Wales, Grand Patroness, and the other members of the Royal Family.

The toast having been duly honoured,

The Duke of CONNAUGHT said: I rise to propose a toast which I know will meet with a most cordial response from all the brethren here present—it is "The Health of the Right Hon. the Earl of Lathom, Pro G.M.; the Right Hon. the Earl of Mount Edgcumbe, Deputy G.M.; and the rest of the Grand Officers, Present and Past." We are very grateful to the Grand Officers for having attended here in such large numbers this evening. We know that their presence here is most acceptable to us, and we are very much indebted to them—for many of them have important engagements at this time of the year—for having come here in such force. I am desired by Lord Lathom to express his very great regret that a most important engagement which it was not possible to be changed forbade his being here; but we are very pleased to see among us the Earl of Mount Edgcumbe. (Cheers.) Our Grand Officers at all times have been ready to place themselves at the head of all the great movements for the benefit and promotion of Freemasonry, and we are always pleased, as we are on this occasion, to see them sitting at this table. I feel that on this the first occasion since a very distinguished brother has left us for a better world, you will not mind my referring to the great loss the Grand Lodge has sustained in the death of Bro. Col. Shadwell Clerke. (Hear, hear.) During the many years that he was Grand Secretary he worked with the greatest assiduity, with the greatest kindness, and with the greatest tact, and I know that our M.W.G.M. felt most deeply the death of one who had helped him so ably in his arduous duties as Most Worshipful Grand Master of England. We are, I am sure, well pleased at the excellent choice that H.R.H. has made in appointing our new Grand Secretary. (Loud applause.) I wish to couple with this toast the name of one of our best known and best respected and loved Grand Officers, Bro. Beach. (Applause.) It would ill become me to sing his praises before him, but I think you know how much he has worked not only in the Province of Hampshire but also throughout the Craft. It is not so many months ago that I was honoured by the Province of Hampshire to be their spokesman in presenting a very handsome and excellent picture of Bro. Beach as a mark of the esteem and appreciation of the brethren of the province of his services to that province and to the Craft in general.

Bro. W. W. B. BEACH, Prov. G.M. of Hants and the Isle of Wight, who was greeted with loud and general cheering on rising to reply, said: Your Royal Highness and Brethren,—In the presence of the Deputy Grand Master, who has another duty to perform, by command of the Chairman I respond for this toast. It is a great gratification to those who are charged with high duties in the Craft to endeavour to merit the confidence which has been reposed in them by every means within their power, and if they can, in their respective provinces and localities in which they may be president, promote, foster, and encourage the principles of Freemasonry, it will do much to justify the position which they hold. And probably they can do nothing more beneficial to the interests of the Craft than by encouraging these excellent Charitable Institutions which are the pride of our Order. When I was a young Mason, London Masons did the chief part in supporting the interests of these great Institutions, but since that time the merits of these Institutions, their needs and their wants, have been brought home to the knowledge of the brethren in all parts of the country, and now there is only a generous and healthy rivalry as to which can do the most to support those glorious Institutions. (Cheers.) Brethren, I thank you most heartily for the manner in which you have responded to the toast.

The Earl of MOUNT EDGUMBE, Deputy Grand Master: Your Royal Highness, who is about to give the next toast following after this one, would perhaps demur if I were to speak of this one as the toast of the evening; but at the same time I venture to say that the toast which I am going to propose will be second to none in the enthusiastic reception which it will have from all the brethren present. (Cheers.) For many generations the solidity of Masonry has been shown by the fact that those placed highest around the throne have joined in the ranks of Freemasonry, and while a bond of real brotherhood binds them to the humblest and poorest Mason of the most distant provinces, the dignity and the respect belonging to the high position they have holds no feather in all the traditions that the past generation have well maintained in our generation—especially in the person of the illustrious Duke who occupies the chair to-day; and though the thought of those who, within our memory, have dropped out of our ranks cannot but fill our minds with some deep sorrow, which will long remain cherished by Masons with the recollection of those who are gone, we rejoice when—

ever we have an opportunity of welcoming our Royal brothers among us; and these noble brethren do not hold their offices merely as a matter of honour; they do their duty fully in the offices which they hold. You all remember how the illustrious Duke, the Duke of Connaught, was initiated in Masonry in the year 1874, in the Prince of Wales's Lodge; how his first appearance at any large gathering of Masons was on the ever-memorable occasion when his Royal brother was installed at the great meeting at the Albert Hall as Grand Master of England. After that he filled the office of Senior Grand Warden of England, when one of those to whom I ventured to allude just now was acting as Junior Grand Warden at the time (the late Duke of Albany), and after that he went to a high command in India, and he did not leave his Masonry behind him, for he took the onerous duties there of the District Grand Master of Bombay, and took part in that great Dependency of her Majesty's Dominions. In my position of Deputy Grand Master, I have to sign warrants for new lodges, and during the last two years I have signed several warrants for lodges in India, which I have no doubt were originated in consequence of the movement given to Freemasonry in our great Empire by our Royal Chairman. On one occasion the influence of Masonry was most remarkably exhibited, when at a large dinner members of all religions—Mahomedans, Hindoos, Parsees, and Englishmen—all sat down for the first time in the history of the world, perhaps, at one table. (Cheers.) But his Royal Highness has especially associated himself with the great Charitable Institutions, one of which we are met together to support to-day. (Cheers.) You will remember that this is not the first time that his Royal Highness has presided at one of your Festivals, and he is not alone in his interest in this Institution. You will all have read with pleasure the account of the distribution of prizes on Monday last at our Girls' School, when the daughters of our brethren were made happy at receiving their prizes—prizes the value of which was doubled by being so received at the hands of the gracious lady who shares the Duke of Connaught's honours and his position in the regard of all his fellow countrymen. If there is one thing that I regret more than another it is that I was unable to be there. As his Royal Highness knows I was on duty elsewhere. Every one must regret that the illustrious Princess who was then at the Institution is not able to be present now, so that we who were not there to welcome her when she performed her gracious duty in presenting the prizes might give her a warm welcome. (Hear, hear.) But I am sure you will think of her when you drink this toast, and give it a double meed of cordiality while drinking "The Health of our Illustrious Chairman, the Duke of Connaught, Past Grand Master, Provincial Grand Master of Sussex, District Grand Master of Bombay, the Chairman of to-day."

The toast having been most heartily received,

The Duke of CONNAUGHT, replying, said: Brethren, I am deeply indebted to Bro. Lord Mount Edgcumbe for the kind and flattering terms in which he has proposed this toast. It is always a satisfaction to one holding high position to feel that on an occasion where he is able to appear in the chair on similar festive occasions he is met with such a kind and cordial reception as you are giving me this evening. Lord Mount Edgcumbe has only too kindly referred to my services to Freemasonry. It has been a great advantage to myself, having served in different offices in this country, that I was also able to extend those services to a country with which we are so closely united. (Hear, hear.) Brethren, I think that in the Province of Bombay we have a large field for Masonic enterprise, and I am happy to think that from the time I was appointed District Grand Master the work of Freemasonry has gone on extending surely and steadily. (Cheers.) As Provincial Grand Master of Sussex I am deeply indebted to the brethren of that province for the warm support they give me on every occasion, which is particularly evident this evening, as I see before me a large number of my brethren from Sussex, who have come here at great inconvenience to themselves to support my Chairmanship. I hope you will allow me, brethren of Sussex, to thank you most cordially for the manner you have responded to the requests made to support me this evening. The large attendance of brethren here to-night is a great satisfaction to myself as your Chairman, and I feel certain that throughout the Craft it will be gratefully felt that many brethren have come from distant provinces to support one who has the honour of being your Chairman to-night. Brethren, without taking up more of your time, I will thank you most cordially and most fraternally for the kind manner in which you have received me this evening. (Cheers.)

The Duke of CONNAUGHT next said: Brethren, I now give you the toast of the evening—"Success to the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls." (Cheers.) Brethren, this Institution, as you are many of you aware, was started some 104 years ago by the distinguished Brother Chevalier Bartholomew Ruspini, Surgeon Dentist to his Majesty George the Fourth, then Prince of Wales. It was in the year 1788 or 1789 that the Institution first took definite shape, and the first 20 girls were admitted to the Institution. Since that time the Masonic Institution for Girls has gone on increasing steadily, and we have now there the large number of 263 girls in the School. (Hear, hear.) Since its foundation no less than 1674 girls have been provided for. (Hear, hear.) Figures like these speak for themselves, and it must be a satisfaction to those who have subscribed so largely to and helped so generously this Institution to feel that our work is doing such a vast amount of good, and that we are able to help many of our poorer Masons in getting a most excellent and a most admirable education at the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls. (Cheers.) The Centenary of the Institution was celebrated in 1888, under the presidency of my brother, our Most Worshipful Grand Master. I, unfortunately, myself was not in England, otherwise I should certainly have been present; but the wonderful result of the great meeting no doubt will be remembered by many of you, and the large sum of £51,500 was subscribed on that occasion. (Hear, hear, and cheers.) It was one of the largest and most magnificent results of any festival ever held in this country. (Hear, hear.) I am aware that the Festival so recently held, namely, the Jubilee Festival of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution, under the presidency of Lord Mount Edgcumbe, exceeded this amount, but with this solitary exception, I believe it was the largest subscription ever obtained. (Hear, hear.) The buildings extending the School consequent on that large subscription are now completed, and perhaps many of you have seen that magnificent new hall—the Alexandra Hall. In appearance, in acoustic properties, in decoration, it is all that could be desired, and I am sure that your Institution should be proud of possessing so handsome a hall. (Hear, hear.) This hall was opened by H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, who was accompanied by her Royal Highness the Princess of Wales and the two Princesses, and I believe the occasion was one which will be long remembered by brethren who had the benefit of being present. (Cheers.) The girls after their election, as you are aware, are admitted to the lower school and then drafted to the

senior school, where they remain until they attain the age of 16. The education received by the girls is of a most practical and thorough character; and I would just mention one or two points to show you that not even the smallest detail that could hereafter be of use to these girls on leaving the Institution is neglected. The girls receive a thorough English education, including type-writing and shorthand are quite recent additions, but I am quite sure every one will recognise the wisdom of adding these to the curriculum. The girls are employed in turns in all the domestic duties of the house, and great pains are taken to render them skilful in plain needlework. The girls are instructed in plain cookery by a lady, an ex-pupil, holding a first class certificate from South Kensington. (Hear, hear.) Swimming is included in the course of instruction; calisthenic exercises are taught; so that you will see the mind and the body alike are carefully instructed and prepared. The result of the examination is as follows, and it so satisfactory a result that I claim your indulgence while I read it. At the Cambridge Local Examinations 1891-92 15 competed, 13 passed, four taking honours; seven distinguished in religious knowledge and one distinguished in music. At the College of Preceptors, 1891-92, 38 competed and 36 passed. (Applause.) In mathematics in 1891 27 competed and all passed. (Renewed applause.) Brethren, dry as these figures are in a dinner speech still they are so important and speak so thoroughly for themselves that I have risked boring you by mentioning them in their fullest detail. (Cheers.) Brethren, it is for an Institution of this kind, of which I have described to you its many advantages, that I am now appealing to you. I regret to have to announce that both last festivals did not produce the success that was expected; but let us hope that on this occasion we may be entirely satisfied with the results. I am aware that many of the brethren have supported the Benevolent Institution, which no doubt is a most admirable one, and well worthy of every support; but at the same time I hope that they have still got a little left for "Our Girls." (Cheers and hear, hear.) We all know how much in the future depends on the good and careful instruction of those who are going out into the world as teachers, as wives, and, we hope, as mothers. (Cheers.) Brethren, it is for them that I appeal to you, and I am aware that the great precept of our Craft—namely, Charity—is ever present to the mind of all Masons. I feel, therefore, that in appealing to you I shall not appeal to deaf ears, but that all in the very large assembly I see here to-night will each in their small way, and I trust many in their large way, assist this excellent Institution in the manner we all wish. It will be a satisfaction to myself, as your Chairman this evening, if I know that the result of my having taken the chair has been that a very large sum, or a very good sum, has been handed in. It is an Institution which I am sure you are all most proud of, and you have every reason to be so. I know if some of you were present with me on Monday at the distribution of prizes, and you heard the recitations and music by those charming girls, you would have indeed been satisfied, for it was excellent in every respect, and above all would you have been pleased with the very healthy and charming appearance they all exhibited. (Applause.) You may rest assured, brethren, that your efforts will be well supported, for you have a most excellent and careful staff. (Hear, hear.) From what I have seen, and from what I have heard, I cannot speak too highly of the Matron, and the different Instructresses, and the Secretary, and all those connected with this Institution. (Hear, hear.) Their duties are most arduous, but they appear to me to have carried them out to the full; and in giving "Success to this Institution" I would wish at the same time to record my expression of lively satisfaction with the admirable manner in which the Royal Masonic Institute for Girls is conducted. (Cheers.) Long may it prosper and flourish, and may its good work extend in the future as it has in the past. (Cheers.) In proposing this toast I have great pleasure in coupling with it the name of the Treasurer, Bro. Henry Smith, one of the Vice-Patrons, whom I will ask to respond.

Bro. HENRY SMITH, P.G.D., D.P.G.M. West Yorkshire, in response, said: My Lords and Brethren, I rise with very great pleasure to respond to the toast so ably put by our Royal Chairman. On no previous occasion have I heard the claims of the Institution more ably proposed than they have been this evening. (Hear, hear.) The few observations which I feel it my duty to make have been rather trenched upon by his Royal Highness, but at the same time I will not detain you more than a few minutes by expressing the many thanks we owe to the brethren for promoting the cause. Your Royal Highness and brethren, as Treasurer of this Institution it falls to my lot to say a few words. At our Centenary Festival in 1888 when his Royal Highness the Prince of Wales presided, the then unprecedented sum of £51,500 was announced. We could not expect otherwise than at one or two subsequent Festivals there would be a serious reduction. Well, in 1891 a great effort was made on behalf of the Boys' School, then in great need of funds, and we all rejoiced that a sum of nearly £30,000 was subscribed. That year our Festival was again disappointing, scarcely reaching £9,000, not sufficient to meet our current expenses. This year the Old People's Festival has indeed been a bumper—to date, I am told, £67,000 has been subscribed by the 1500 Stewards and friends. Notwithstanding all these wonderful subscriptions to the sister Institutions tending to diminish the flow of donations to the Girls' School, I venture to hope and sincerely trust that our Secretary has a cheering announcement to make to us as the result of the exertions of our 301 Stewards, to whom we are so deeply indebted, proving that our Girls' School has lost none of its popularity. We know well, brethren, that no words of mine are needed to enhance the feeling of your appreciation of this Institution. The work we had to do has been in fact already accomplished, but I trust that if it should happen we want more support, it will be forthcoming for the present year. I thank you most cordially for your kindness, and I hope our success may be continued. Our Secretary will now read the lists.

Bro. HEDGES, P.G.S.B., Sec., then read the following

STEWARDS' LISTS.

H.R.H. The Duke of Connaught and Strathearn, K.G., &c., Chairman	£26 5 0
The Right Hon. The Earl of Mount Edgcumbe	10 10 0
Sir Wm. Clarke	105 0 0
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HOUSE COMMITTEE.	
Bro. Ralph Clutton	63 5 0
" Thomas Fenn	36 15 0
" Robert Grey	101 17 0
" Charles Hammerton	126 0 0
" H. A. Hunt	73 10 0
" E. Letenworth	36 15 0
" P. de Lande Long	31 10 0
" J. H. Matthews	36 15 0
" Sir John B. Monckton	168 0 0
" James Moon	10 10 0
Bro. Colonel James Peters	136 10 0
" Frank Richardson	10 10 0
" Sir Joseph Savory, Bart.	10 10 0
" Henry Smith (see also W. Yorkshire)	10 10 0
Lodge	
1 Bro. John Dimsdale	36 15 0
2 " Fred. N. G. Probert	21 3 0
3 " Samuel Cochrane	58 5 0
4 " Albert J. Venn, M.D.	26 5 0
5 " Col. J. Copley Wray	28 7 0

Bro. Sir E. A. H. LECHMERE, Prov. G.M. for Worcestershire: May it please your Royal Highness, my Lords, and Brethren, - I have the pleasure of proposing the toast of "The other Masonic Charities, and success to them--the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys and the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution." I have been called upon to propose this toast in consequence of my seniority. I think it only right that I should explain this, because it is obvious that there are many brethren here who, by their popularity and the importance of the provinces over which they preside, and more especially by the contributions they bring on this occasion, would be more entitled to the honour of proposing the toast than myself. But I hope that my province, though a small one, has not been unmindful of its Masonic duties, and I hope it has given from year to year in proportion to its size. I must

tell you we wish all success to those great Charities. First, the Benevolent Institution for Old Folk. I think that has been very well served by the very magnificent total obtained at its Jubilee, and we hope and trust at the ensuing Festival of the Boys' School, under the auspices of Sir Michael Hicks-Beach, a very large contribution will be made. But, sir, I think we cannot sufficiently estimate the importance of these occasions, because they bring together the provincial and the Metropolitan Masons, who are thereby instructed and refreshed and stimulated by all they hear and see, and the provincial brethren go back to their respective provinces, where they in their turn try to stimulate others to renew their efforts for feeding this great fount of Charity. But there are brethren we always are delighted to see in our midst in the provinces, and they are the Secretaries of the great Masonic Charities, and I believe it is very much owing to the persuasive eloquence and the persevering diligence of those brethren that the large sums are sent up year by year. I am permitted to name in connection with this toast Bro. McLeod, Secretary of the Boys' School.

Bro. J. MORRISON McLEOD, in reply, said in rising to respond to the toast so very happily proposed by the distinguished brother, Sir Edmund Lechmere, he felt it a very great honour indeed to stand in that position—respondent for the Boys' and the Benevolent. His first duty was to congratulate the Board of Stewards on the handsome result of their labours. It must be very gratifying to them, and especially in view of the difficulties of the present year after the Festival of one Institution that looked after the aged Masons and their widows. As his Royal Highness since observed, there was very little left for the other Institutions, but he was sure the whole of the 301 Stewards must be gratified. For his own part, speaking on behalf of the Boys' Institution, they were trying to do all they possibly could in the way of attention to fitting out in life the boys for looking after the girls that were turned out by the Girls' School. (Laughter.) That being the case, the Stewards would in due course do the best they possibly could for the other Institutions, knowing the aim there was in view. He hoped under the able and popular Chairman they had on this occasion they would be able to announce on the 29th June an amount which would cover the ordinary expenses of the Boys' Institution. They were grateful indeed for the return which had been given to get them out of their financial difficulties; but there remained much to be done. The Boys' School had an invested capital of only £25,000, and the brethren could imagine what a small annual income that brought in. They were hoping to increase that capital, which they did not wish to decrease, and he hoped the brethren would give every assistance to increase it. No words were needed from him in the way of appeal for the Benevolent Institution; after the way it had been supported this year, that Institution's welfare must be in the heart of every Mason throughout the country. The work it was doing was a good, grand work, and his good friend and colleague Bro. Terry was a happy man to be able to announce the large sum of £67,000. He hoped it would be increased to £100,000, and after that there would be some little left for the other Institutions. He thanked the brethren for their generosity.

The Duke of CONNAUGHT: I have now to propose to you a toast which is a very comprehensive one. You have heard that the number of Stewards is 302. Their duties have been of a most important and onerous character, and I am certain that the brethren will all recognise the zeal with which they carry out these duties. I am happy to be able to announce to you that the amount of £10,000 has been completed. The House Committee of to-day have announced that they will give 50 guineas each. We are all aware that however anxious the different lodges are to subscribe to Institutions of this kind it requires great exertions by the Stewards to get up the lists, and we are greatly indebted to them for the admirable manner in which they have performed their duties. We have seen how the provinces have been represented, especially the Province of Sussex. I need hardly say that the aid they have given to myself, as their Provincial Grand Master, affords me extra satisfaction. I am pleased that the efforts of the Stewards of Sussex have produced so large an amount. Without taking up further of your time, I will ask you to drink "The Health of the Stewards of the day."

Bro. Sir W. T. MARRIOTT, O.C., M.P., Dep. Prov. G.M. of Sussex, responded, thanking the Duke of Connaught for having presided, and the brethren of Sussex for having subscribed one-tenth of the whole amount of the day's collection. The amount, no doubt, was collected on account of the interest of the Sussex brethren in the Institution, but above all through the great respect and affection every Mason of Sussex felt for his Royal Highness their Provincial Grand Master.

The Earl of EUSTON, P.G.M. for Norths and Hunts, proposed "The Ladies," to which Bro. Peter de Lande Long, P.G.D., responded.

The company then adjourned to the Temple, where a beautiful concert, under the direction of Bro. Frederick A. Jewson, organist and master of the music to Regent's Park Chapel, was given, the executants being Madame Amy Sherwin, Miss Giulia Warwick, Miss Meredyth Elliott, Miss Ethel Bevans, Bro. Charles Chille, Bro. Bainbridge Hardwicke, Mr. Barrington Foote, Mr. G. Fane; solo violin, Madame Dunbar Perkins (Gold Medallist London Academy of Music); solo organ, Bro. Frederick A. Jewson; solo pianoforte, Mr. Albert Fox; conductors, Mr. Albert Fox and Bro. Frederick A. Jewson. Messrs. Broadwood and Sons' concert grand pianos were used.

ANALYSIS OF THE RETURNS.

There is little need for any prefatory remarks on this occasion. The Returns tell their own tale, which, as we have pointed out elsewhere, is considerably more gratifying than the majority of the friends and supporters of the Institution had reason to hope. Both sections of the Board of Stewards, however, appear to have worked hard, and the fact that their labours have resulted in the compilation of upwards of £10,000, will, no doubt, make some amends for the increased severity of the duties they undertook to perform.

Taking the Board of Stewards as a whole, we find that it consisted of 302 brethren, the grand total of their lists being £10,002 10s. 6s. Of this

LONDON,

though it had the smaller number of Stewards—145—contributed the larger half, nearly £5472 15s. 6d. The House Committee, which, as usual, is grouped together, returned £406 7s. the principal lists being those of Bro. Sir John B. Monckton and C. Hammerton, of whom the former had the satisfaction of compiling £168—of which the £105 given by Bro. Sir W. J. Clarke, M.W.G.M. of Victoria, formed a part—and the latter £126. The remaining £5066 8s. 6d. was obtained by the representatives of 79 lodges, 5 Royal Arch chapters, and one Mark lodge—there being three lodges which sent up two Stewards, and two lodges represented by a single Steward—and 44 brethren and two ladies Unattached. The three-figure lists, in addition to the two we have already named,

were firstly, the £137 os. 6d. from Bro. Fred Kedge, of the Belgrave Lodge, No. 749, and then the list of Bro. C. H. Dancocks, of the Mizpah Lodge, who had the pleasure of compiling £127 1s. Bro. F. G. Coates, one of two brethren who did duty for the Marquess of Dalhousie Lodge, No. 1159, obtained the third place, and was closely followed by Bro. T. H. Roberts, St. Martin's-le-Grand Lodge, No. 1538, with £123 6s. 6d., and Bro. Edwin Venner, of the City of London Lodge, No. 901, with £121 16s. Next in order is Bro. Col. Ward, of the London Irish Rifles Lodge, No. 2312, of which his Royal Highness the Chairman is permanent W.M., whose list, including his personal donation of £105, amounted to £112 7s. Bro. the Rev. Richard Milner returned £103 4s., as Steward for the Friends in Council Lodge, No. 1383, the remaining lists in this category being each of them £105, and having been returned by Bro. W. L. Crow, Capper Lodge, No. 1076; Bro. John Larkin, representing the Aldersgate Lodge and Chapter, No. 1057; Bro. F. Purkiss, of the Crystal Palace Lodge, No. 742; and Bro. H. French Bromhead, Unattached.

As regards

THE PROVINCES,

there were 31 represented, the number of Stewards being 157, and the total of the sums they raised £4529 15s. The following 15 were absentees, namely: BRISTOL (9 lodges), which raised £595 7s. for the Boys' School in June, 1891, and will be represented at the Festival of the same Institution next month; CAMBRIDGESHIRE (6 lodges), which figured very successfully at the Jubilee Festival of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution in February for £302 18s., and contributed £141 4s. to the Boys' School in June last, as well as £85 16s. to this Institution the month preceding; CORNWALL (30 lodges), which loyally supported its chief in February to the extent of £776 15s., while last year it furnished £158 10s. for the Old People, and £131 5s. for the Boys' School. CUMBERLAND AND WESTMORLAND (20 lodges) gave £46 4s. to the Benevolent Institution in February, 1891, and £265 13s. to the Boys' School in the June following, while in February last Bro. G. J. McKay, Prov. Grand Secretary, gave his services as Steward, and as yet has handed in only a small instalment of the list which we believe he contemplates raising for the Old Folks' Jubilee. HEREFORDSHIRE (5 lodges) entered an appearance, but on a very modest scale, at the Jubilee of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution, and showed to greater advantage at the Boys' Festival in June, 1891, when its representative handed in a list of £32 6s. LEICESTERSHIRE AND RUTLAND (12 lodges) raised £388 10s. in February last, while in 1891 it gave £70 6s. 6d. to the Old People, and £178 10s. to this Institution; and one of its lodges will be represented next month at the Boys' Festival. LINCOLNSHIRE (24 lodges) has been working hard of late, having raised £42 13s. for the Old People in February, 1891, and £418 11s. 2d. for the Boys' School in the following June, while at the Jubilee in February last it contributed the very large sum of £660 5s. MONMOUTHSHIRE, as a province of modest dimensions with only 10 lodges on its roll, finds it most convenient to give its main support to each Institution in turn. Last year, the Benevolent was the favoured Institution, and received £325 1s.; in 1890 the Girls' School was supported to the extent of £257 9s., and this year the Boys' School will have its turn. NORFOLK (17 lodges) figured at the Boys' Festival in June last to the amount of £225 5s., and at the Jubilee in February to the still larger amount of £516 6s.; while NORTHUMBERLAND (23 lodges), which when it does appear in the Returns invariably makes a brave show, is, we believe, reserving itself for the Festival of next month. Its last successful appearance was at the Benevolent Festival in 1888, when it raised £1050 for that Charity, but it has contributed smaller sums at other Festivals since, and has been raising £1050, with which it has purchased a Perpetual Presentation to the Boys' School, so that its absence from this Anniversary is scarcely to be wondered at. NOTTINGHAMSHIRE (16 lodges) raised £37 16s. 6d. for the Girls' School, and £203 9s. for the sister Institution at Wood Green in 1891, and gave £157 10s. to the Jubilee in February last. SOUTH WALES (East Division), with its 17 lodges, and SOUTH WALES (West Division), with 10 lodges, were both absent on Wednesday, but both were represented at the Festival in February, the Eastern Division figuring for £180 and the Western for £32 11s. Last year the former raised £380 for the Benevolent Institution, £78 15s. for this Institution, and £21 for the Boys' School, or together £479 15s.; while its Eastern neighbour gave £248 to the Old People and £106 1s. to this School, or together £354 1s. The remaining absentees were the CHANNEL ISLANDS (5 lodges) and JERSEY (7 lodges), the former of which raised £241 10s., and the latter £63 for the Old People in February last, and have on different other occasions done equally good service. Here, then, we have Provinces which muster amongst them 211 lodges that had no part in Wednesday's Festival, but which, as the few details we have given show, have on other occasions done good service to our Central Charities. There are thus very excellent reasons for their absence from this particular Anniversary.

We must now give our attention to the Provinces which had a hand in amassing the total which was announced by the Secretary on Wednesday, the first in alphabetical order being that of

BEDFORDSHIRE,

which, with only six lodges, has been latterly playing a very successful part at sundry of our more recent anniversaries. In June of last year it contributed £138 12s. to the Boys' School by the medium of two Stewards, and in February three Stewards, of whom two were lodge representatives and the third Unattached, raised £126 for the Old People. On Wednesday two brethren—Bro. Fred. W. Webb, for No. 2343, and Bro. John Smith, Unattached—made up a total of £26 5s., this being Bro. Smith's second appearance during the current year. Thus, at the last three Festival gatherings, it has raised in all £290 17s., which, for a young and small Province, is a goodly total.

Last year the Province of

BERKSHIRE,

with its 13 lodges, distributed £385 1s. among the three Institutions, the Benevolent receiving £146 3s. 6d.; the Girls' School, £98 14s.; and the Boys' School, £140 3s. 6d.; and in February, when the Province generally, together with 10 lodges and a chapter, sent up 22 Stewards, the total of their lists reached the very handsome sum of £645 14s. 6d., the Ellington Lodge, No. 1566, being conspicuous with a total of £158, obtained by seven Stewards acting conjointly. On this occasion five lodges, of which two were unrepresented at the recent Jubilee, had the satisfaction of compiling £172 4s., the Ellington having three Stewards and contributing £63. As the Province will figure in the Boys' School Returns next month, there is no doubt that 1892 will be a red-letter year in the annals of Berkshire.

Its neighbour and quondam associate of

BUCKINGHAMSHIRE,

which musters 12 lodges, can also point with satisfaction to its performances in this field of Masonic work since it has been a separate Province. In 1891 it raised £36 15s. for the Old People, £300 for the Girls' School in May in support of its respected Prov. Grand Master's Chairmanship, and £174 6s. for the Boys' School, the aggregate of the three amounts being £511 1s. In February, eight lodges were represented, and the sum of the lists compiled by a majority of its 15 Stewards was £239 8s. On Wednesday there were only two Stewards, one being a lodge representative and the other Unattached, their lists together amounting to £36 15s.

Much could hardly be expected of

CHESHIRE,

though it has over 40 lodges on its roll, after its splendid performances in June last, when with a contingent of 51 Stewards it raised £1050 for the Boys' School,

and in February, when it compiled £1978 for the Jubilee of the Old People by the medium of 80 and odd brethren representing 28 of its lodges. Yet on Wednesday Lord Egerton of Tatton, with the representatives of three lodges and a brother Unattached raised among them £105 12s. As we shall hear of Cheshire next month, when the Boys' School celebrates its Anniversary, there is a dead certainty that the result of the year's labours in behalf of our Charities will be for all time a prominent feather in the cap of our Cheshire brethren.

DERBYSHIRE,

100, has been doing gloriously for some time past. It was unrepresented at the Benevolent Festival in 1891, but is raised £136 10s. for the Girls' School, the principal list being that of Bro. J. M. McLeod, the Secretary of the Boys' School, who was responsible for £105 of the total. In June its 26 Stewards raised £843 17s. In February the number of its Stewards was 50, more or less, and the total of their lists £1220 16s., this being the nearest approach to its great achievement in 1885, when its Provincial Grand Master, then Marquis of Hartington, presided as Chairman at the Boys' Festival, and the Province returned £1546 17s. On Wednesday the total obtained by the half-dozen Stewards was £131 5s., there being four representatives from Lodge 353, one from Chapter 681, and one brother Unattached.

DEVONSHIRE

(52 lodges) had three of them represented, Bro. John Taylor doing duty for Lodges 328 and 1402 and handing in a list of £10 10s., while Bro. Hubert V. Duncombe compiled one of £30 as Steward for Lodge 1486. In February the Province raised £713 8s. 6d. for the Benevolent Institution, the number of Stewards being eight, and the most noteworthy lists those of Bros. Dr. Lemon and J. Sampson for £266 3s. 6d. and £100 respectively. At the Boys' Festival in June, 1891, three brethren acting for four lodges returned £408 2s., the list of Bro. A. J. Truscott, of No. 1254, being for £253 15s., and that of Bro. John Taylor, of No. 1402, who was also a Steward in February as well as on Wednesday, for £105. In February, 1891, it raised £63 for the Old People, and in 1888 when Bro. Viscount Ebrington, M.P., P.G.M., was Chairman of the Boys' Festival it compiled £840.

A single brother Unattached did duty for the 13 lodges in

DORSETSHIRE

and his list amounted to £10 10s. But in February when the Province generally, and six of its lodges particularly sent up Stewards the Returns reached the large figure of £467 5s., the principal items being the lists of Bros. Z. Milledge and C. J. Freeman, the Provincial representatives, of whom the former compiled £183 15s. and the latter £63. In June, 1891, the total for the Boys' School was £248 17s., of which Bro. S. R. Baskett, for the Province, raised £105, and Bro. Z. Milledge, for Lodge No. 170, the same amount. The Old People received no support last year, but this Institution was benefited to the extent of £63, which Bro. C. J. Freeman had the satisfaction of raising.

In 1891 the Province of

DURHAM

which can now boast of 35 lodges on its roll, contributed per Bro. C. D. Hill Drury £168 to the Benevolent Institution; £193 4s., per Bros. W. Barnard and P. de Lande Long, to the Girls' School; and £127 10s., per Bro. J. Vickers, to the Boys' School, the total for the year being £488 14s. In February Bro. W. C. Barron bore the heat and burden of the day in upholding the prestige of his Province, his list amounting to £610, while three other Stewards, including Bro. and Mrs. C. S. Lane, raised the total to £652 10s. On Wednesday, Bro. C. H. Sharp, for the Province and Lodge No. 1650, raised £105, thus increasing the total for the year so far to £757 10s.

Considering how large was the contribution from

ESSEX

to the Jubilee Festival of the Benevolent Institution, it must be very satisfactory to find there are three out of its lodges which have come forward to support this Institution, and that the claims of the Boys' School will not be lost sight of next month. The three lodges which sent Stewards on Wednesday were the Lodge of Good Fellowship, No. 276, Chelmsford; the Bagshaw, No. 1457, Loughton; and the Lennox Browne, No. 2318, Buckhurst Hill; the sum of the four lists being £193 4s. Last year the Province raised £244 13s. 6d. for the Old People, £137 11s. for the Girls' School, and £1265 15s. 6d. for the Boys' School, making a total of £1648. In February the amount obtained by the 43 Stewards was £2296 12s., of which the William Shurmur Lodge, No. 2374, raised £756.

As for

GLOUCESTERSHIRE,

with its contingent of 15 lodges, we should not have been surprised if it had elected for once in the way to figure among the absentees. Its Prov. G.M. has kindly undertaken to preside at the Boys' School Festival, and the Province, therefore, is very naturally reserving itself for that event. However, Bro. Vassar-Smith and the representatives of two lodges raised £31 10s. at the Benevolent Jubilee, while on Wednesday the same brother and another raised £21.

The character of

HAMPSHIRE AND THE ISLE OF WIGHT

as a supporter of our Charities is well established. It has had many a field day, the last and most noteworthy being in 1887, when its Prov. Grand Master presided as Chairman at the Festival of the Benevolent Institution and the Province supported him to the extent of £1785 9s. 6d. Subsequently its contributions to the Central Charities declined considerably, because it set itself the task of establishing an Educational Institute of its own, and this it succeeded in doing very effectively. Last year, however, it raised £695 11s. 6d., each of the three Institutions receiving upwards of £200. In February its contribution to the Old People was more than double last year's total, amounting to £1375 9s., the number of brethren who assisted in raising this sum being 29, while the most formidable list was that of Bro. Le Feuvre, the worthy Deputy P.G.M., who represented the Province and raised £283 10s. On Wednesday last two of its 47 lodges sent up Stewards and their lists amounted to only £64 8s. 6d. But after such a performance as that in February last, even a large Province like this stands in need of rest.

HERTFORDSHIRE

(21 lodges) did a great thing in February, when its Prov. G.M. and 27 other Stewards raised the very large sum of £1872 16s. 6d. for the Old People's Jubilee, the principal contribution being that of Bro. C. E. Keyser, representing the Bushey Hall Lodge, No. 2323, for £628 19s. On Wednesday the Gresham and Bushey Hall Lodges, with Bro. Keyser Unattached, and a lady Steward, compiled what, under the circumstances, is the excellent total of £139 13s. Last year Hertfordshire distributed £811 19s. 6d., of which the Old People received £363 2s.; the Girls' School, £194 2s.; and the Boys' School, £254 14s. 6d. For a moderate-sized Province Herts must be assigned a first place among the more regular and liberal supporters of our Institutions.

Seven out of the 57 lodges in

KENT

were represented in Wednesday's list, the number of brethren who acted as Stewards being 10, and the sum of their contributions £329 13s. In 1891, however, it put forth its strength to good purpose, the total sum it raised for the three Charities being £4018 6s. Of this the Old People obtained decidedly and very properly the lion's share of £3483 14s. 6d. in support of Lord Amherst's Chairmanship, the remainder being pretty nearly equally divided between the two Schools. In February last the Old People again fared excellently well, the total

of the 38 Stewards' lists reaching £1645 10s., the sum contributed at these four Festivals amounting to the formidable figure of £5663 16s. Here again a rest would have been readily excused, but our Kentish brethren are earnest in their work, and the Schools are not lost sight of, even when the Benevolent celebrates a Jubilee.

LANCASHIRE (EAST DIVISION),

which, like its western neighbour, musters upwards of a century of lodges, had three of them represented on Wednesday, the amount raised by five out of the seven Stewards being £63, there being still two other lists to come. Last year it raised £126 for the Old People, £183 8s. 6d. for this Institution, and £968 12s. for the Boys' School, the brethren who acted as Stewards for the last-named Charity being 51 in number. In February, 54 brethren did duty as Stewards, the contingent being headed by the Prov. Grand Master, Bro. Col. Le Gendre N. Starkie, with a list of £336, the total from all sources being £2714 10s.

As for

LANCASHIRE (WEST DIVISION),

it is scarcely necessary to do more than point out that last year it subscribed in all the enormous sum of £6341 19s. 4d., of which no less than £6126 14s. 4d. was in support of Lord Lathom's Chairmanship at the Boys' School. Yet in February last the Province was again to the fore with 33 Stewards and a total of subscriptions amounting to £1139 4s. 6d., while on Wednesday there were 17 Stewards, representing 12 lodges and a chapter, and one brother Unattached, the amount they raised amongst them being £363 16s. 6d. The Province is also, we believe, entered for the Boys' Festival next month, so that our West Lancashire friends will have every reason to be proud of their more recent achievements.

We must likewise congratulate the Province of

MIDDLESEX

on the effective assistance it rendered on Wednesday. Only five of its 40 lodges and one chapter were represented, and there was one brother acting Unattached, but they contrived to raise amongst them a total of £249 2s., of which Bro. A. Stewart Brown, of the Carnarvon Lodge, No. 708, Hampton Court, is entered for £105. In 1888 the Province raised £1816 5s., of which two-thirds was in support of the Girls' School Centenary; in 1889 it returned between £593 and £594; and in 1890 £1337 15s. 6d., of which £1000 was raised for this Institution in support of Bro. Sir Francis Burdett's Chairmanship. Last year the total was £540 2s., of which the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution received £215 11s.; the Girls' School, £56 14s.; and the Boys' School, £277 17s.; and in February, at the recent Jubilee Festival of the Benevolent Institution the aggregate compiled by 34 brethren was £4401 11s. 6d.

One of the 18 lodges in

NORTH WALES

was represented on Wednesday for a modest amount, and Bro. C. K. Benson did duty as Unattached Steward, the two lists amounting together to £36 15s. In February the sum raised was £222 14s., the number of Stewards, of whom Bro. Benson was one, being seven. Last year the Boys' School was supported to the extent of £184 16s., the other two Institutions receiving £63 between them. But the great achievement of this Province belongs to the year 1888, when it subscribed no less than £675 for the Girls' Centenary.

One of the 12 lodges in

NORTHANTS AND HUNTS

was represented on Wednesday, while the Earl of Euston, P.G.M., and a brother Unattached also figured in the list, the three returning £23 2s. In February the sum compiled by the representatives of the Province was £255 8s., the brethren who acted as Stewards being eight, and Bro. Carman's list of £105 the most important. Last year the total raised was £267 5s., of which the Boys' School had the good fortune to secure £214 15s.

As we have again and again pointed out in these analytical articles,

OXFORDSHIRE,

with its roll of 12 lodges, is an invariable attendant at our Anniversary Celebrations. It maintains, too, a fair average of subscriptions, and on special occasions its totals are higher than in reason could be expected from a Province of such moderate strength. As a matter of course, it did admirably at the recent Jubilee Festival, the number of its Stewards being 13, and the aggregate of their lists a fraction over £380. On Wednesday, five lodges were entered in the Returns for a total of £99 2s. 6d. Last year it subscribed in all £414 2s., the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution receiving £69 12s., the Girls' School £98 1s., and the Boys' School, by the hands of 10 brethren, £246 9s. In 1890 the Returns reached £385 6s. 6d.; in 1889, £276; and in 1888, the year of the Girls' Centenary, £656 9s. 6d., of which the favoured Institution had the good fortune to obtain £568 12s.

There is no doubt

SHROPSHIRE

has prospered under the rule of Bro. Sir Osley Wakeman, if its ability to furnish forth a succession of generous gifts to our Institutions is any criterion of prosperity. In 1887, when its chief signalled his appointment to office by accepting the Chairmanship at the Girls' Festival, Shropshire made a brave show, with subscriptions amounting to £1022 17s. The following year it supported the same Institution at its Centenary to a lesser extent, but generously, with £770 15s.; while in 1891 it distributed £455 9s. 6d. among the three Charities, of which the Boys' School obtained £212 12s. 6d., or not far short of one half. In February last it compiled a total of £446 5s. for the Old People, the number of brethren who acted as Stewards being 12. On Wednesday its Deputy Provincial Grand Master and three other brethren returned together £105, of which £73 10s. stands to the credit of Bro. W. H. Spaul.

Passing on our way to

SOMERSETSHIRE,

which has 26 lodges, we find that though it raised £635 10s. a few months' since for the Benevolent Jubilee, Bro. S. Sellick, as Steward for the Province and the St. Kew Lodge, No. 1222, Weston-super-Mare, was able to raise £160, while the Prov. Grand Master—Viscount Dungarvan—and two other Stewards increased the total to £196 15s. In 1891, the Boys' School was benefited to the extent of £483 9s., while the Girls' School received £186 7s. 6d., and the Old People £92 12s. In 1890, the Boys' School and Benevolent Institution received between them £548 18s., the former obtaining about two-thirds and the latter one-third, while in 1888, the Girls' School at its Centenary was supported to the extent of £946 1s., of which £883 1s. was raised by the late Bro. Stothert, one of the Grand Standard Bearers of the year.

STAFFORDSHIRE

is unfortunately circumstanced just now, having lost its respected Prov. G.M., Bro. Col. Gough, early in the present year. Much, therefore, cannot be expected from a body whose organisation is incomplete. Yet a brace of Unattached Stewards did duty in its behalf on Wednesday, and between them returned £84. Of course, this is a small sum for a Province which musters nearly 30 lodges, but no one doubts the goodwill of Staffordshire towards our Charities, which, indeed has been exhibited times innumerable during the last 16 years, and was seen to very good purpose in February, when it raised £366 5s. for the Benevolent Institution, and that only a few weeks after the death of its popular chief. Last year it greatly distinguished itself by contributing £152 5s. to the Old People, £157 10s. to the Girls' School, and £452 0s. 6d. to the Boys' School, while in 1890 it distributed £599 amongst them.

SUFFOLK

(22 lodges) has been doing bravely during the last few years. In the year of the Queen's Jubilee, it paid away in subscriptions and donations £794 16s., of which the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution secured £418 19s., the Girls' School £219 9s., and the Boys' School £156 8s. In 1888 when the Institution for Girls' celebrated its Centenary, that Charity was favoured to the extent of £517 12s., while the amounts paid the other School and the Benevolent raised the total for the year to £1195 12s. In 1889, when Lord Henniker was Chairman at the Girls' Festival, the year's subscriptions reached £1048 17s. 6d. of which £571 13s. 6d. was raised in support of his lordship's Chairmanship, while in 1890 and 1891 its contributions were £619 13s. 6d. and £675 2s. 6d. respectively. In February at the Benevolent Jubilee its total was £1161 15s., the Stewards, among whom were Lord Henniker, P.G.M., and the Rev. C. J. Martyn, D.P.G.M., being 27 in number. On Wednesday, Bro. the Rev. C. J. Martyn, was the only representative of the Province and his list amounted to £42.

Bro. Col. Money, since his installation as Prov. Grand Master of

SURREY,

has set his Province an excellent example, though the Province had undergone a long course of training in the field of Charitable duty under his worthy predecessor, the late Bro. General Brownrigg. In February he headed in person the contingent of 37 Stewards, which did such important service to the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution at its Jubilee Festival by raising £2124 8s. 6d. On Wednesday, though the contingent was much smaller, Bro. Col. Money again placed himself at its head, he and the representatives of five out of the 35 lodges in the county together compiling £219, of which the chief's own list amounted to £84. Last year it raised £614 7s.; in 1890, £647 6s.; in 1889, £496 4s.; in 1888, £1298 14s., of which £1147 18s. was in respect of the Girls' Centenary; in 1887, £797 13s. 6d.; and in 1886, £1829, of which £1346 was raised in support of the late Bro. General Brownrigg's Chairmanship at the Girls' Festival.

As for

SUSSEX,

the manner in which it fulfilled its part as "Chairman's Province" is beyond all praise. True its contributions on Wednesday fell short of what it raised in 1885, when the late Bro. Sir W. W. Burrell, Bart., M.P., presided at the Festival of this Institution, and its total reached £1850. But in June, 1891, when the Boys' School Festival was held at Brighton, Sussex was represented by 30 Stewards, and their lists amounted to £731 17s. 6d., while in February, having arranged to take a leading part in the Benevolent Jubilee before it was known that its illustrious chief would preside at this Festival, the sum raised by its 31 Stewards reached £1215 3s. Here, then, was close on £2000 of its spare moneys gone, a portion of which would no doubt have been reserved for the requirements of Wednesday, and in order to demonstrate the loyalty of the brethren towards their Prov. G.M. However, the Province, with its 27 lodges, was by no means disconcerted, and if a repetition of the 1885 achievement was not possible under the circumstances, it merits our warmest congratulations for the effective support it gave to his Royal Highness. The band of Stewards, headed by Bro. the Right Hon. Sir W. T. Marriott, Q.C., M.P., D.P.G.M., was 24 strong; 26 of its lodges were directly represented, and the remaining one made a contribution from its funds; the total raised, including H.R.H. the Chairman's personal donation of £26 5s., being £1038 7s. The principal items were £63 by Bro. Sir W. T. Marriott, who was Steward for the Earl of Sussex Lodge, No. 2201, Brighton; £83 10s. 6d. from Bro. W. H. Barrett, representing the Union Lodge, No. 38, Chichester; £52 10s. from Bro. Alfred King, Royal Clarence Lodge, No. 271, Brighton; £50 from the veteran Bro. Joseph Farncombe, South Saxon Lodge, No. 311, Lewes; £63 from Bro. V. P. Freeman, Prov. G. Sec., Royal Brunswick Lodge, No. 732, Brighton; £63 from Bro. A. J. Howard, Tyrian Lodge, No. 1110, Eastbourne; £15 15s. from Bro. Richard Clowes, Hova Ecclesia, No. 1466, together with £52 10s. in respect of the Earl of Sussex Lodge, No. 2201; and £89 5s. from Bro. A. J. Carpenter, of the Burrell Lodge, No. 1829, Brighton. For what it has done on this occasion, we consider that Sussex merits the hearty thanks of all well-wishers of our senior Charity.

WARWICKSHIRE

(31 lodges) has shown great activity for some years past. At the Girls' Centenary in 1888 its Prov. G. Master, Bro. Lord Leigh, was Hon. Treasurer of the Board of Stewards and the Province raised £1440 6s. 6d. In 1889 and 1890, the work was on a more modest scale, but last year its contributions reached £425 15s., out of which the Boys' School was fortunate enough to secure £326. In February last it raised £2018 for the Benevolent Festival, its previous highest contribution having been in 1876, when Lord Leigh was Chairman at the Boys' School Festival and the Stewards, to the number of 80 and upwards, raised £2000. On Wednesday five lodges were represented, the number of Stewards, including three Unattached, being nine, and the aggregate of their lists £150 14s.

One of the 11 lodges in

WILTSHIRE

was represented, its contribution being £10 10s., but this is not to be wondered at, seeing that in February it contributed £483 14s. to the Benevolent Institution, the number of brethren who acted as Stewards being 11, and the principal list that of Bro. Harry Bevir, Prov. G. Sec., who represented the Province generally and compiled the handsome total of £191 11s. In June, 1891, the funds of the Boys' School were enriched to the extent of £357 5s. 6d., the Province being represented by Bro. H. C. Tombs, whose list was £224 19s. 6d., and his daughter, while two lodges sent up separate Stewards.

Three of the 13 lodges in

WORCESTERSHIRE

were directly represented on Wednesday, and Bro. W. B. Williamson was Unattached, their lists amounting in all to £144 17s. In February the total raised for the Old People was £243 12s., the number of Stewards being seven, and the number of lodges represented five. In June, 1891, four lodges were represented by as many Stewards, whose lists totalled up £162 11s., while in February and May previous the Returns were £203 15s. 6d. and £41 19s. 6d. respectively, the whole amount raised during the year being £408 6s. In 1889 it was £365 16s., and in 1888 £848 3s., of which this Institution at its Centenary received £605 18s.

One brother—John Wilkinson—representing the Denison Lodge, No. 1248, Scarborough, did duty for the 31 lodges in the Province of

YORKSHIRE (NORTH AND EAST),

his list amounting to £21, but the sum raised at the Benevolent Festival in February was £695 9s., the joint list of Bros. the Hon. W. T. Orde-Powlett, D.P.G.M., and W. H. Cowper, amounting to £468 4s. In June of last year it contributed £189 to the Boys' School, and in the preceding February £274 4s. to the Old People. In 1888 the year's total was £832, and out of this £763 was raised for the Girls' Centenary.

As regards

YORKSHIRE (WEST).

there is little to be said. All the world knows how strenuously it supports all our Institutions, the most recent instances of its generosity being in February, when, with a band of 150 Stewards, it raised £3555 for the Old People, the price paid for the "Tew Perpetual Presentation" to the Male Fund being included in this sum. Last year, too, after contributing £400 to the Old People, and £315 to the Institution for Girls, it raised by the medium of 85 Stewards £1685 11s. for the

Boys' School. In 1888 it figured for £2700 at the Girls' Centenary, and in the year of the Queen's Jubilee, besides contributing £1700 at the Festivals of the three Institutions, it raised £2100 to purchase two Perpetual Presentations to the Widows' Fund of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution. On Wednesday, what for it was the small contingent of 12 Stewards handed in a total of £250.

It is greatly to the credit of

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that it should have been represented at our last three Charity Festivals. In June, 1891, it raised, per Bro. T. H. Nesbitt, D.P.G.M., £100 10s. for the Boys' School, and in February the same brother as Provincial representative compiled a list of £52 10s. for the Old People. On Wednesday the Province, which now has eight lodges on its roll, was represented by Bro. P. A. Killey, Comp. Chullender doing duty as Steward for Chapter 1004. Their lists amounted to £46 2s.

CONCLUDING REMARKS.

We have now completed our Analysis, and it only remains for us to repeat what we have said already, that considering the enormous sum raised for the Benevolent Jubilee a few months since, and the exceptional call made upon the Craft in June of last year, we consider the Festival of Wednesday has been, if not as productive as we should have liked to see it, at all events as productive as in reason could have been expected.

DISTRIBUTION OF PRIZES AT THE ROYAL MASONIC INSTITUTION FOR GIRLS.

Her Royal Highness the Duchess of Connaught on Monday distributed the prizes to the successful pupils of the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls. The Duke of Connaught, K.G., P.G.M., P.G.W., Prov. Grand Master for Sussex and District Grand Master of Bombay, the Chairman of this year's Festival; Colonel Egerton, and a company of some 600 or 700 Stewards and ladies attended.

Amongst the brethren present were Bros. the Earl of Euston, Sir John B. Monckton, Frank Richardson, Charles Hammerton, J. H. Matthews, E. Monteuis, W. M. Bywater, A. C. Spaul, H. A. Hunt, Ralph Clutton, J. H. Gardiner, Edward Terry, W. Roebuck, James Moon, Robert Grey, Edward I.etchworth, C. E. Keyser, D. P. Cama, F. M. Money, Col. Peters, Henry Smith, D. Prov. G.M. West Yorkshire; Dr. Lennox Browne, J. M. McLeod (Sec. R.M.I. for Boys), F. R. W. Hedges (Sec. of the Institution), and others.

On arriving at the building, the Duchess of Connaught, with Sir John B. Monckton (Chairman of the House Committee), and the Duke of Connaught with Lady Monckton, together with Colonel Egerton, proceeded to the Alexandra Hall, the whole of the company, both in the body of the hall and in the galleries, rising to receive them. The programme of the day immediately commenced, all the children singing "Now thank we all our God." This was succeeded by an excellent programme of music.

Her Royal Highness then delivered the prizes as follows:

PRESENTED BY THE INSTITUTION.

Gold Medal for Proficiency (with £5 by the late Bro. William Winn)—Bertha Dean. Silver Medal for Good Conduct (with £5 by the late Bro. William Winn)—Bessie Locke.

Cambridge Local Examinations (15 entered, 13 passed). Senior Examination. Class III. Honours.—Lucy Smith. Satisfied Examiners.—Amy Cutbush and Ettie Chapman. Junior Examination. Class I. Honours.—Bertha Dean. Class III. Honours.—Bessie Locke and Ethel Gillett. Satisfied Examiners.—Mary Nicholson, Evelyn Conti, Jessie Beilby, Nellie Grammer, Edith Tanner, Irene Gooch, and Mabel Wood.

College of Preceptors' Examination (38 entered, 36 passed). Prize Winners.—Florence Baxfield, Nellie Cooper, Hester Burt, and Helena Tims.

General Proficiency in Lower Classes.—3rd, Ethel Sanders; 4th, Grace Glenny; 5th, Olga Tetterborn; 6th, May Douthwaite.

Needlework.—Dora Gibson, May Fulford, Kate Adams, and Fanny Campbell.

Order and Attention (as proved by conduct marks throughout the year).—Laura Johnson and Elsie James.

PRESENTED BY FRIENDS OF THE INSTITUTION.

Religious Knowledge (as distinguished at Cambridge Examination) (Bro. Robert Grey)—Bertha Dean, Bessie Locke, Ethel Gillett, Mary Nicholson, Evelyn Conti, Jessie Beilby, and Nellie Grammer.

Arithmetic and Mathematics (Bro. Thomas Fenn)—Bertha Dean and Ethel Gillett. Music—First Prizes (Bro. J. H. Matthews)—Bertha Dean—Theory (as distinguished at Cambridge Examination); Mary Nicholson—Pianoforte; Lucy Smith—Singing. Second Prizes ("Wentworth Little" Memorial)—Edith Proudfoot, Hester Burt, and Winifred Turner. Third Prizes (Bro. and Mrs. Louis Hirsch)—Elsie Mackey and Nellie Cooper.

French (Bro. Eugène Monteuis)—Bessie Locke.

Drawing ("John Boyd" Memorial)—Grace Barnard, Elsie Matthews, and Edith Coxwell.

Elocution (Mrs. Sykes-Bailey)—Jessie Beilby and Anita Thorne.

Shorthand (Lady Monckton)—Kate Sharland and Maggie Addenbrooke.

The Best Prefect (Bro. Ralph Clutton)—Mary Nicholson.

Good Conduct—First Prize (The Supreme Council, 33°)—Lilian Stead. Second Prizes (Bro. Frank Richardson)—Mary Woodman and Lily Jensen.

Cookery—First Prizes (Bro. D. P. Cama)—Lilian Stead, Mary Woodman, and Flora Burkill. Second Prize (Bro. John Faulkner)—Gertrude Wardroper.

Usefulness in Domestic Duties ("Yates" Memorial, St. James's Lodge, No. 842)—Lily Jensen.

Calisthenics and Deportment (Bro. Col. James Peters)—Winifred Brooking, and Edith Betts.

Swimming (Miss Godson)—Leila Whitaker, Lilian Stead, and Grace Glenny.

Amiability (Selected by her Schoolfellows) (Bro. John Faulkner)—Jane Edmunds.

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General Proficiency (Bro. Frank Richardson)—Florence Gauntlett.

Arithmetic ("Henry Levander" Memorial)—Emily Martin.

Their Royal Highnesses having another engagement, had to leave after the first part of the entertainment, but before doing so, Bro. Sir JOHN MONCKTON announced the fact, and said that the Duke of Connaught would say a few words to the pupils before leaving.

The Duke of CONNAUGHT thereupon rose and said: My dear young ladies, in the name of the Duchess, I desire to express the very great pleasure it has given her to come here to-day to present you with your prizes. I do not think anybody could have listened to what we have already heard without feeling the greatest pleasure and satisfaction. You young ladies have acquitted yourselves in a most admirable manner, both in singing, in music, and in elocution, and I must say you do good credit to your instructors. (Applause.) I hope you will profit by your instruction. You have been well taught, and, judging from the prizes given for the different subjects, nothing that can be done to develop and improve both the mind and the body is forgotten in this School. The large attendance here to-day both of my brother Masons and ladies shows the great interest that we all take in the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls. (Cheers.) It is, I am sure, an Institution that we all support most cordially, and one we are all anxious should flourish in the manner I am certain it is doing at the present moment. (Hear, hear.) It is a great advantage for you young ladies to get such a good and practical education as you have in this School, and

I am sure that when you go out into different spheres of life you will ever be grateful and always have a kindly feeling for the home in which you were brought up, and for those kind ladies who had done so much in looking after your health, your education, and your amusement. (Cheers.) And I think I should be omitting one of the principal things I ought to say if I did not congratulate your Matron, Miss Buck, on the wonderful state of health in which I see you. I am sure that without good health, without good food, and without constant attention, you could not be able successfully to go through all the different educational tests you have to go through, and I must congratulate your Matron on the manner in which you have answered her expectations. (Cheers.) I should also like to thank Miss Davis, your Head Mistress, whose duties are of a very anxious and trying description. I am certain that what we have seen to-day shows us that her efforts have been crowned with the highest success. (Applause.) I can assure you how much we appreciate the excellent music we have heard. It shows that your new Singing Mistress, Mrs. Rowarth, has given a large amount of trouble and of time to this very difficult and charming work, and that you all appreciate what she teaches. (Applause.) I am certain that music is a great charm in life, and it helps us to get through many tedious and dreary hours, and often drives away time that would be otherwise tiresome. I feel that many of you who are standing here are loaded with prizes, and that you will be glad to sit down so that you may have a rest. I assure you again it has been a great pleasure to us to come amongst you to-day, and we shall not easily forget your one hundred and fourth anniversary. (Applause.)

The Royal party then left amidst cheers, and the Earl of Euston took the chair for the second part of the programme, which consisted of solos, part songs, recitations, &c.

The company afterwards partook of light refreshment and then inspected the buildings and grounds, and later in the evening there was the usual exhibition of calisthenics and drill, in which this School excels. Dancing helped to make up a very pleasant evening till half-past eight, when the visitors departed.

PROVINCIAL GRAND LODGE OF EAST LANCASHIRE.

The annual meeting of the above Provincial Grand Lodge was held in the Town Hall, Blackburn, on Thursday, the 12th inst. There was a large attendance of brethren. The whole of the 103 lodges in the province were represented, which evoked great applause at the conclusion of the roll call. Bro. Col. Le Gendre Nicholas Starkie, P.G.M., presided, supported by the Present and Past Prov. Grand Officers.

The minutes of the previous meeting, held on the 27th November last, were taken as read and confirmed.

The Prov. Grand Treasurer, Bro. J. H. GREENHALGH, next submitted his accounts, which, he said, were very much the same as last year. £150 had been given to the East Lancashire Systematic Institution, and £105 to the London Charities. He was thankful for the honour done him in electing him to the office of P.G.T. during his absence in America at the last annual meeting, and grateful to those brethren who proposed and supported his nomination. He was also greatly indebted to the Prov. Grand Secretary for his uniform courtesy and the valuable assistance he had rendered to him in the discharge of his duties.

The Auditors, Bros. JOHN BOOTH, P.M., and WALTER ALCOCK, P.M., testified to the accuracy of the accounts.

On the proposition of Bro. R. GORNALL, P.M., seconded by Bro. T. PRESTON, P.M., and supported by Bro. W. LAMB, P.M., P.P.G.O., Bro. J. Pollard, P.M., was unanimously elected Prov. Grand Treasurer for the ensuing year. There was no other nomination.

Bro. JOHN CHADWICK, P.G. Sec., read his annual report, which stated that the total number of lodges in the province was the same as last year, viz., 103, the subscribing brethren being 4455. There had been 85 deaths during the year. The proposition of candidates by letter was discouraged, and the Prov. Grand Master hoped it would cease altogether. Lodge funds and Charity funds should also be kept separate. On the 26th January, 1892, a Special Prov. Grand Lodge was held, at which the Prov. Grand Master proposed, and it was resolved, that a letter of condolence be sent to his Royal Highness the Prince of Wales, M.W.G.M. of England, on the loss of his son, the Duke of Clarence and Avondale. The letter was engrossed on vellum and bound. A letter of condolence had also been sent to the widow of the late Grand Secretary, Col. Shadwell H. Clerke. Suitable replies had been received.

The report was adopted, and the votes of condolence and the replies thereto were ordered to be recorded on the minutes.

The PROVINCIAL GRAND MASTER then addressed the brethren, complimenting the Prov. Grand Lodge on the large attendance, and alluding in touching terms to the loss the Order had sustained by the death of his Royal Highness the Duke of Clarence and Col. Shadwell Clerke. He said it was gratifying to find Masonry in the province so strong, but would urge the brethren not to admit any candidate into their lodges whose character was not assured. Their Craft was founded on the grandest and noblest principles of any institution in the world. What had been done for their Charities reflected the highest credit on the province, and he would especially urge them to give increased support to the Fund for Aged Freemasons. The East Lancashire province was the envy of the provinces of England. Their attendance there that day in such large numbers showed how much they had Masonry at heart.

The reports of the proceedings of the Charity Committee and the Election Committee were read and adopted.

On the proposition of Bro. E. G. HARWOOD, P.P.J.G.W., seconded by Bro. J. L. HINE, P.P.S.G.W., it was unanimously resolved to contribute £100 from the Prov. Grand Lodge fund in aid of the East Lancashire Systematic Masonic Educational and Benevolent Institution.

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

Bro. Fritz Reiss ...	...	...	Prov. S.G.W.
" A. H. Jefferis ...	...	...	Prov. J.G.W.
" Rev. R. W. Perry Circuit ...	...	...	Prov. G. Chaps.
" Rev. J. Jelly ...	...	...
" J. Pollard ...	...	...	Prov. G. Treas.
" F. N. Molesworth ...	...	...	Prov. G. Reg.
" John Chadwick ...	...	...	Prov. G. Sec.
" G. H. Holt ...	...	...	Prov. S.G.D.'s.
" Major J. Booth ...	...	...

Bro. R. W. Pickering ...	...	...	Prov. J.G.D.'s.
" T. Preston ...	...	...
" I. Davies ...	...	...
" W. H. Peak ...	...	...	Prov. G.S. of W.
" J. Hothersall ...	...	...	Prov. G.D. of C.
" W. B. Russell ...	...	...	Prov. D.G.D.C.
" W. H. Watson ...	...	...	Prov. A.G.D.C.
" J. Stewart ...	...	...	Prov. G.S.B.
" S. Dewhurst ...	...	...	Prov. G. Std. Brs.
" H. Stevens ...	...	...
" J. Newton ...	...	...	Prov. G. Org.
" J. Sandiford ...	...	...	Prov. A.G. Sec.
" G. A. Page ...	...	...	Prov. G. Purst.
" W. Stirrup ...	...	...	Prov. A.G. Purst.
" L. Eddleston ...	...	...	Prov. G. Stwds.
" E. Hilder ...	...	...
" E. Howard ...	...	...
" R. Duckworth ...	...	...
" C. Hindle ...	...	...	Prov. G. Tyler.
" T. Higson ...	...	...

The Provincial Grand Lodge was invited to hold its next meeting at Rochdale.

The Provincial Grand Lodge was then closed, and the customary banquet was held in the evening.

CONSECRATION OF THE ST. STEPHEN'S LODGE, No. 2424.

The consecration of this lodge, the latest addition to the roll of Grand Lodge of England, was performed on Monday, the 9th inst., at the Green Man Assembly Rooms, Dartmouth Row, Blackheath, and the ceremony was very numerously attended. It was the first Craft lodge which Bro. E. Letchworth, Grand Secretary, has consecrated since his appointment to the important office he now holds, and his performance of the ceremony was all that could be desired, and afforded evidence of the wisdom of the Grand Master's selection. All who had the pleasure of witnessing the ceremony experienced a great treat, as in addition to the fluency of the Grand Secretary's delivery, grace and quietness formed noticeable features of his execution of the work. The V.W. brother was assisted by Bros. Ralph Gooding, M.D., P.G.D., as S.W.; W. G. Lemon, P.A.G.D.C., as J.W.; Rev. J. S. Brownrigg, P.G. Chap., as Chap.; Frank Richardson, P.G.D., as D.C.; and C. E. Keyser, G.D., as I.G.; and H. Schartau, E. Dalzell, J. Brand, and C. T. Johnson, under the direction of Bro. Dr. Warwick Jordan, as choir.

After the formal opening of the lodge, Bro. E. LETCHWORTH, said: Brethren,—We are met here to-day on an occasion of great Masonic importance, viz., for the purpose of constituting and consecrating another lodge, and of adding one more to the very large number of lodges at present on the roll of Grand Lodge of England. There are not a few among those who take a great and lively interest in Masonry who consider that the great increase in the number of lodges which has taken place during the past 18 years might with advantage have been more extended. But I may say this, that H.R.H. our Grand Master entertains a very strong opinion that at the present moment it is not advisable to increase to any very great extent the number of lodges within what is known as the London district; and, therefore, it is a matter of congratulation to the founders of this lodge that his Royal Highness without any hesitation acceded to the petition for this lodge, and when we look at the names appended to the petition—names of Masons well-known and honoured throughout the Craft, I think we need not be surprised at the decision his Royal Highness arrived at. It now only remains to me to express my sincere and earnest hope and trust that this lodge we are about to consecrate to-day may have before it a very bright future, and that it may have a career of unchequered and unbroken prosperity. It will have the very great advantage of being ruled over by a brother who has already had great experience in the Craft, who has filled the chair for two successive years in another lodge, and who will be supported as Wardens by two other brethren in whom we have the greatest possible reliance.

Bro. Rev. J. S. BROWNRIGG, P.G.C., delivered the following oration:

The responsibility of founding a new lodge is great, for it is by the character and tone of a lodge that the outside world in each locality judges and either commends or condemns our Order. Each lodge has an attractive or a repellent power. The Craft before the world in this district will stand either the better or the worse in accordance with the course you take. It will be well, therefore, for a new lodge to pause on the threshold of its existence, and for each member to understand that he must bear his share in maintaining the reputation of the Craft before the world. The increasing prominence which we are assuming in this country is daily making men take a deeper interest in our doings. They have a right to ask, What are you and what are your ends and aims? To a certain extent we are a secret Society, but in our highest and best sense we are open to the criticism of all. In our highest sense we have nothing to hide. Our secrets are the mere outside shell—valuable and necessary—but they are the letter and not the spirit of our Institution. We are a human and not a Divine Institution. A religious Society but not a religion. It is important to remember this, because I know that much of the prejudice and opposition which has been shown to our Order in this country and elsewhere has been *not* wholly undeserved, but has been the result of ill-advised members of our Fraternity assuming for our Order a position which is false and untenable. Our doors are barred against the man who has no religion, but we supply no man with a religion. He must get that elsewhere. The brother who says (and I have heard it said) "Freemasonry is my religion" is uttering a sentiment wholly repugnant to the fundamental principles of the Order. It is this great principle which enables us to say to men of all creeds—Cherish and maintain with all the strength of your nature the doctrines you believe to be true. You will see nothing and hear nothing within our lodges which will offend your creed or diminish your liberty. All that we ask is the proof that your religious convictions do produce in you the fruit of a clean life and a charitable tongue. Granting every liberty to you, we expect you to accord the same to your brother who will differ *toto celo* from you in religion, politics, tastes, and occupation. We do not judge you—we allow you to judge none. So before the world we shall stand a body of men teaching the lesson which this century sadly needs, namely, that Charity and liberty do not mean the destruction of all social order, and the license to impute the vilest motives to the man who doubts our own infallibility. We shall attract into our Order men who without sacrificing their own principles will become more patient with others by being forced to leave outside the lodge door the bitterness and contention of the world's daily strife.

The ceremony of consecration was then proceeded with and completed, and Bro. Letchworth installed Bro. H. E. Joyce, P.M. 507, as W.M. The

following brethren were invested as officers: Bros. Gordon Miller, P.M. 257, J.W. 1910, S.W.; Charles Rawle, P.M. 1685, J.D. 2369, J.W.; R. Turtle Pigott, D.C.L., P.A.G.D.C., acting I.P.M.; J. C. Merryweather, 127, Treas.; H. F. Bing, P.M., Sec. 1597, P.M. 1962, P.P.G.D. Middx., Sec.; J. Harrison, 810, S.D.; A. R. Carter, P.M. 1728, Sec. 2347, J.D.; A. Harrison, 810, I.G.; C. F. Matier, P.G. Std. Br., D.C.; C. Warwick Jordan, Mus. Doc., 1314, Org.; and Ball, Tyler.

The Consecrating Officers were, on the motion of the W.M., seconded by Bro. Dr. TURTLE PIGOTT, unanimously elected honorary members of the lodge, and after names of joining members and intending initiates had been proposed and seconded, the lodge was closed, and adjourned till October.

The usual consecration banquet followed, with the customary toasts and programme of music.

After "The Queen and the Craft" had been honoured,

The WORSHIPFUL MASTER, in proposing "The M.W.G.M.," said the feeling that was uppermost in the breasts of Masons was that of thankfulness that the Prince of Wales's visit, like the visit of her Majesty to the continent, had resulted in his return to this country in improved health. If anything could show the admiration not only of this country, but of the whole world, of the Prince of Wales, it was the wonderful evidence of the sympathy which he had received in the great trouble through which he had lately passed. Those connected with the Craft, and consequently more closely associated with him, and having opportunities of seeing him and knowing all his good qualities, were able to appreciate and sympathise with him perhaps more than any other class. There were those among Masons who had had to lose their first-born, but he doubted whether any of them had had a worse experience than the Grand Master, but they fully sympathised with him, and were grateful to the Great Architect for having restored him to health. They hoped to see him among them soon in full vigour. All Masons in every part of the globe trusted that the Almighty would give him health and strength to support himself, to bear his heavy burden, and to cast off his grief.

Bro. Sir JOHN B. MONCKTON, P.G.W., responded to the toast of "The Pro Grand Master, the Deputy Grand Master, and the rest of the Grand Officers, Present and Past," and prefaced his remarks by observing how gratified he was personally and Masonically to be present that evening. A new Masonic baby had been brought into the world, not by an old and experienced midwife, but by a young and promising one, so promising, indeed, that they might look forward to many such babies in the future being safely launched on their Masonic existence. He most heartily congratulated the St. Stephen's Lodge on being the first to test the quality of the new Grand Secretary. He saw him consecrate a new Royal Arch chapter in Camberwell not long ago, and admirably he did it. Old Masons knew it to be the fact, and young ones might take it from them, that no man of business was of any good unless he did a little bit of business when he could. On that occasion he (Sir J. Monckton) threw out a feeler, and he would throw out another this evening. The most graceful act the St. Stephen's Lodge could perform would be to send up a Steward to the Girls' Festival: the babies here might help the babies elsewhere. He could assure them the money would be well taken care of, and not as had happened at Cambridge recently, where after Lord Lathom had laid the first stone of a Masonic Hall, it was proved they had not bottled up the coins properly, and someone had taken them afterwards.

Bro. LETCHWORTH said he felt that an apology was due from him to the brethren for again venturing to inflict his words upon them after having said so much in lodge; but he felt sure that when he revealed the object of his rising, they would forgive him. He rose to ask the brethren to drink the toast of the evening—"The Health of the W.M.," whom he recently had the great pleasure of installing in the chair of the St. Stephen's Lodge. He thought that those brethren who signed the petition for the lodge exercised a very wise discretion when they selected as their first Master the brother who now filled the chair. He did not know whether there were present any members of the United Pilgrims Lodge, but if there were they could tell the brethren that at the time when the United Pilgrims Lodge was—not to speak disrespectfully of it—at somewhat low water, Bro. Joyce was induced to take the chair, and so well did he discharge the duties of his office that at the end of his year of office he was invited to take the chair for a second year. He did so, and at the end of his second year not only had he restored to the lodge that prestige which it formerly had and so well deserved, but he placed the Charity Fund on a sound and satisfactory basis, and in addition he initiated during the time he was W.M. no less than 29 candidates. This was pretty good evidence of the manner in which the W.M. was able to manage a lodge, and the founders of the St. Stephen's Lodge were to be most heartily congratulated on having at their head so able a brother. He asked the brethren with every feeling and sentiment of cordiality to join with him in drinking the health of the W.M.

The WORSHIPFUL MASTER, in reply, said he might take it from what Bro. Letchworth had said with reference to him that at least it was believed that during his Masonic career he had attempted to do the best he could for the Craft in general and everybody in particular. He was very much struck by a paper he held in his hand which contained a record of his installation in 1883 in the United Pilgrims Lodge, when he was scarcely a three-year-old Mason. He was first in the chair, and on that occasion four brethren were present who were present that night—Bros. Lemon, Bing, Stevens, and Peters. He was very proud to think those brethren were now present. He could never hope to have another such occasion as this, and he should be quite content to retire on his laurels. With regard to the remarks of the Grand Secretary, he could only say that it would be his endeavour in the future as it had been in the past to do the best he could with regard to Freemasonry. Bro. Lemon said at his (Bro. Joyce's) first installation that he thought he (Bro. Joyce) was a very good Mason—that he was omnivorous. He should continue to be omnivorous. Bro. Monckton had made an appeal to him and his friends in the lodge with regard to the Charities of Masonry. He was proud to think that that was the thing he had been working for all these years. He had on his breast a jewel he prized more than his Past Master's jewel or P.Z.'s jewel, the jewel which showed he had served the Stewardship of the three great Charities, and more than that, he would tell them he did not confine it to himself, he tried to induce his brother Masons to go into it. Sir J. Monckton had been appealing to young members. There was one present, and when he induced him to go up for the Benevolent he was not content with that, but was going up for the Girls. They were doing a great deal in that line. With regard to that which was the ambition of his life, to do all he could for Charity, there was one of his own lodges to whom he owed a great deal. The Secretary, Bro. Bing, was one who prompted him in the cause of Charity, and by his help he adopted a

system which had been a great assistance to the cause of Charity. He hoped to see the same system carried out in the St. Stephen's Lodge; from every subscription they appropriated half a guinea to Charity. That was the conception of Bro. Bing, and the result was that they had contributed a large amount. He hoped to put that upon their rules. They were going to work heartily and unanimously, and secure the peace, prosperity, and happiness of the St. Stephen's Lodge, and of the Craft generally.

The other toasts were given at a very late hour.

THE CENTENARY OF THE FEMALE ORPHAN SCHOOL AT DUBLIN.

The bazaar at Ball's Bridge, in aid of the Masonic Female Orphan School, was opened with much pomp and circumstance on Tuesday afternoon, the 17th inst., by his Grace the Duke of Abercorn, the Grand Master of Ireland, and in the presence of a vast concourse of distinguished persons from all parts of Ireland—many, indeed, came over from England, and even beyond that—the occasion being considered so interesting, so important, and one that will not occur again in the lifetime of any living person. It is quite certain that no bazaar has ever been held in Dublin on a scale at once so extensive and so magnificent, and it is doubtful whether any *fête* of a similar description has ever taken place in England or elsewhere. There is some evidence to support this—what might be called a rash statement. Messrs. Womersley and Co., of Leeds, who erected Old Dublin and the 17th century English city for this bazaar, state that it is certainly the largest contract of this nature which they have ever undertaken. Before three o'clock in the afternoon the throng was so great that it was deemed wise to admit the people, who quickly filled the Main Hall in anticipation of the opening ceremony. The galleries were packed, and the pressure was so great that it was surprising the towers and gables of the old city did not topple down on the heads of the dense crowd below, where there was scarcely room to move. All the reserved seats were occupied; the platform was fully occupied also, with the exception of that portion set apart for the brethren taking part in the procession. Away towards the back of the platform was posted the band of the Gloster Regiment, who from time to time rendered a selection of music, which relieved the tedium of waiting. A few minutes after the hands of the great clock had pointed to 3.30 the band struck up a slow march, and from the other end of the arena there entered in stately procession, to the impressive music, the brethren in their full regalia, the lesser lights leading the van, and the Right Worshipful Masters, the Provincial Grand Secretaries—visions of blue and gold—the Past Masters, the Knights Templars, and the Knights of the other Orders attired in their white robes, and bearing swords and halberds. In the close of the procession there were the M.W. Grand Master of Ireland, his Grace the Duke of Abercorn, and the R.W. Deputy Grand Master, Bro. R. W. Shekleton, Q.C., attended by the Chaplains, and it must have been interesting to those not connected with the brotherhood to notice that in this procession there were the most distinguished of their countrymen. When the knights arrived at the foot of the platform they halted and formed an avenue; they then crossed their swords, and through this arch of steel passed the Grand Master and Deputy Grand Master, and the distinguished officers accompanying them. All then filed in to their places. The spectacle was then of a truly brilliant character.

The platform was ablaze with colour; for besides the brethren in their attractive regalia, there were some hundreds of the lady stall-holders and assistants in their bright-hued fancy costumes, and the bandmen in their military uniforms; then the windows of the old houses in the city walls were filled with eager, interested faces, the avenues were densely crowded with smartly-dressed people, and the gay drapery of the stalls blended into the bewildering display of flags and bunting hung overhead.

Bro. W. CHETWODE CRAWLEY, I.L.D., G.D. of C., came forward and announced that the Deputy Grand Master would mark the time for the customary salute to the Grand Master.

The National Anthem having been rendered by the band of the Gloster Regiment,

The Duke of ABERCORN, M.W.G.M., arose and was greeted with loud applause. He said the duty devolved upon him of declaring open this bazaar, which was one of a description that had never before been held in Dublin, and would probably never be held again during their lifetime. There were three objects always in view in holding bazaars. The first was to extract as much money out of the pockets of those persons who attended bazaars as was possible, and that in the most pleasant manner. The second object was that of flirting, and he hoped that in years to come many young couples would look back with pleasure to the pleasant memories of this bazaar. The third object was to collect as many pounds as possible for whatever object the promoters might have in view, whether of Charity or of any other kind. They were all aware of the reasons for which this bazaar was being held. The object was to increase the funds of the two Masonic Schools, and especially the Girls' School. It was not intended to add to any great extent to the buildings of those two Schools, but they were anxious to increase as far as possible the opportunities for the further education of the elder girls who were able for it. He wished to convey all thanks to those who had aided in the success of this great bazaar. An assistance had been rendered in every town all over the country which was deserving of the highest praise; and it was only another proof of that warm sympathetic nature which characterised the Irish race. The warmest thanks were due also to those ladies who had aided the good work by their untiring efforts, and who had been the means of providing those beautiful stalls and all the beautiful articles glittering therein. Thanks were also due to the Masonic body throughout Ireland; to the Masonic lodges who had been of the very greatest assistance by means of their local organisations, which enabled them to hold bazaars and entertainments in aid of this great bazaar. To the Dublin and Irish provincial press their warmest thanks were due for their friendly criticism and notices of the bazaar. The Irish press had been of incalculable benefit to this movement. The previous night had witnessed a beautiful and successful scene, owing to the grand organisation which the Masonic brethren were able to bring into play, but that afternoon they had a still more wonderful exhibition with a vast attendance of the public. He could only hope that the success of the previous night would be magnified in the success of the coming week, and that when the exhibition closed they would find that the pecuniary result had far exceeded their expectations, and that in the years to come this great exhibition would always remain in the minds of Irish Masons as a memento of what Irishmen were able to undertake and successfully perform. He then declared the bazaar open.

PRESENTATION TO BRO. FREDERICK WEST,
P.G.D., D.P.G.M. SURREY.

A representative meeting of Masons connected with the Province of Surrey took place at Freemasons' Tavern, Great Queen-street, W.C., on the 5th instant, the occasion being the presentation of a testimonial to Bro. Frederick West, P.G.D., to mark the respect and esteem in which he is held and in recognition of his services as Deputy Provincial Grand Master, more especially during the time he was in charge of the province. The presentation took the form of a very handsome silver tea and coffee service, together with a bound volume containing the following inscription and the names of the lodges, chapters, and brethren who had subscribed: "This album, together with a service of silver plate, was presented to W. Bro. Frederick West, Deputy Provincial Grand Master of Surrey, Past Grand Deacon, on the 5th May, 1892, by the lodges, chapters, and brethren of the province, whose names are herein inscribed, in grateful recognition of the services rendered to the province by Brother West, and especially to mark their high appreciation of the manner in which he performed his important and onerous duties as Deputy Provincial Grand Master for the period of over three years during which the province was under his control."

The chair was taken by Bro. H. G. Thompson, P.P.G.W., and amongst those present were Bros. H. M. Hobbs, P.P.G.W., and S. J. Attenborough, P.M., Treasurers, and Bro. J. D. Langton, Secretary of the Committee, who carried out the necessary arrangements, and the following: Bros. Col. G. Noel Money, C.B., Prov. G.M.; C. Belton, P.D.G.D.C.; W. Thomas, P.M. 2045, W.M. elect 2222; A. Tolmeane, P.P.G.S.B.; J. R. Mosse, J.W. 463; A. Adams, P.A.G.S. Surrey; W. H. Brodie, P.M.; A. Lambert, P.P.S.G.D. G. A. King, H. G. Thompson, P.P.S.G.W.; Gordon Smith, P.G. Stwd.; A. Tipson, W. H. Gates, H. Taylor, F. Cambridge, P.P.G.O.; Rev. H. W. Turner, P.P.G.C.; A. R. Jackson, W. J. Nicholls, P.P.G.D.C.; R. W. Price, P.P.G.S. of W.; G. A. King, F. C. Morrison, W.M. elect 416; J. H. Price, P.M. 1321, W.M. 2096; W. Pile, P.M. 1892; D. Hughes, W.M. 2222; W. Stevenson Hoyte, P.P.G. Org.; G. C. Burr, P.P.G.O.; C. M. Gray, P.P.G.O.; T. Clark, W.M. 2246; J. Easterbrook, P.M. 1920; H. W. Willis, W.M. 1638; F. Montague, I.P.M. 1638; Capt. T. C. Walls, P.P.G.W.; W. Stainer, P.P.G.C.; R. E. H. Goffin, P.M. 1572, P.P.G.D.C.; S. Lambert, P.P.G.R.; B. A. Williams, W.M. 463; W. J. Mason, P.M. 2246; H. Schartau, and W. W. Lee, S.W. 2381.

After banquet, "The Queen and the Craft" and "H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, M.W.G.M.," were heartily honoured.

Bro. Col. NOEL MONEY, C.B., P.G.M. Surrey, replying for "The Grand Officers," said the Chairman had paid him a compliment by saying he would succeed in equalling those who had gone before him, and he should be satisfied if he could attain that object. He would not detain them from the real business, but only thank the brethren for the extremely kind way in which the toast of his health had been received.

The CHAIRMAN then said the next toast was that of "The Health of Bro. F. West, D.P.G.M. Surrey, P.G.D." As they were all aware Bro. West had occupied the position of Deputy Prov. Grand Master of Surrey for some years, and they knew and felt he had performed those duties with very great efficiency. They also had to remember that during the time he was Deputy Prov. Grand Master, the angel of death took away their head. According to the laws of Freemasonry, when the head of a province falls the duties fall upon the Deputy Prov. Grand Master. Fortunately in their case they had a Deputy Prov. Grand Master who was able to conduct the duties with a firm hand, a steady head, and with great ability. They also remembered that during the time he acted as Prov. Grand Master, H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, M.W.G.M., honoured him with promotion in the Grand Lodge, and they knew his services were appreciated by the province at large, culminating in the testimonial then before them. The subscriptions had ranged from small to much larger sums, showing the brotherly love existing towards Bro. West. It would be unbecoming to him (the Chairman), and Bro. West would feel it so, if he were in any fulsome way to speak his praise, therefore in as short a way as possible he would, in their name and in their behalf, have great pleasure in presenting Bro. West with the testimonial, consisting of a silver service and an album containing the names of the members and lodges. They hoped and trusted as time went on, and Bro. West looked at the gift, he would remember this happy occasion, and that in future ages when he would be gathered to the dust of his forefathers and have ascended to the Grand Lodge above, his children's children would celebrate with joy and rejoicing this auspicious occasion.

Bro. F. WEST, P.G.D., D.P.G.M., said that on this occasion he admitted he could not find any words which would adequately express the thanks due to them for the kind way in which his health had been proposed and received, and furthermore he was deeply at a loss to thank them sufficiently for the magnificent testimonial which they, through their Chairman, had been good enough to present him with. He would ask them to excuse him and bear with him if he should not in sufficiently elegant style express his appreciation of the great honour done him that evening, or entertain them with anything like an historical or Masonic research. They would probably believe him—having been brother Masons together for many years—when

he expressed from the bottom of his heart his great gratitude to them all for recognising his efforts in the province in such a substantial way. He did not know anything more gratifying to one who had, at any rate, endeavoured to please those whom he was bound to rule than to find a very large number from all sections of life joining together to promote one result, and that the magnificent result he saw before him. It was now looking back a good many years since he first had the distinguished privilege of seeing the light of Masonry, but in 1878 he had the privilege of becoming an officer of high rank in the province. When that excellent Mason who presided over it with such success for so many years found he was compelled to appoint a Deputy to fill the place of two brethren who had done good suit and service for many years, he was good enough to place the confidence which had been so well placed for a great number of years in those who had gone before into the hands of one who was unknown to him. He must say it was a matter of very great thought to him whether he was justified in accepting the appointment. He did so, and was gratified on the very earliest occasion to find a lodge which for many years was under the guidance of their President that evening, which was good enough to extend the right hand of fellowship, and he should never forget the kindness he received on that occasion. That was only the first instance out of very many when he received encouragement and support from the Masons of the province at large. Without that support it would have been absolutely impossible for him to have carried out the duties which fell to his lot. When he was appointed, with the exception of his own Masonic circle, he knew very little of the province. He had by experience learnt something of the inside of Masonry in the province, and on looking through his book before coming that evening he found that during the time he was Provincial Grand Master in charge, he visited lodges officially upwards of 100 times, and every one of those meetings carried away a pleasing recollection. He had seen how Masonry was conducted in the province and how the various lodges were carried on. Some he had been able entirely to agree with, with others he had had a difference of opinion, but when he had gone again on a future occasion he found they had taken to heart what he had said. He believed that the great success in governing such a large province as Surrey materially depended upon the tact shown in carrying out the important trusts to be fulfilled, for there was a great deal to be done by human nature. He had endeavoured whilst holding the reins of office to make all feel they had but one aim in view, that of uniting in the grand design of being happy and of communicating happiness. If this were carried into effect they would find that large provinces such as theirs were carried on successfully. He had found that Masons were not above taking a hint, and that by a little genial conversation what he required had been done. If all Masons could believe that the rulers over them were actuated by one desire and that a desire to promote the general welfare of the Craft at large, he did not think they could find a body in the whole world more ready to come forward and help than the body of Masons. He was certain if the M.W.G.M. was asked who were the most loyal body of men surrounding him in the great kingdom which they hoped he would preside over, he would say the body of Freemasons. If he wanted any evidence of his ruling or its success he had only to look round that gathering, which he said was representative of the province, and cast his eye on the grand testimonial before him, which was the practical result of the appreciation of the services he had rendered. It looked almost when one had a testimonial given him in Masonry that there was to be a severance in the Masonic relations, but he hoped they would be together for many years to support their Provincial Grand Master in the office to which he had been appointed, and he felt that Colonel Money's reign over them would be marked with a considerable amount of success. He felt that the expression of gratitude which the brethren had put forward on the present occasion had reference more particularly to his rule over them in almost he might say an unique position, because he did not think many were called upon to carry out for so many years as he had done the position of temporary ruler over such a large province. When at their Grand meeting in July last he transferred to the present Provincial Grand Master's keeping the province which had been under his rule for some three years, he felt that the charge was passed on in the same way in which he had received it—at least, he hoped so. He trusted they would pardon him if he gave expression as to what should actuate the brethren of the province. Theirs was a province bordering on London, and therefore it was far more difficult to work than the provinces away from the large City centres. It therefore required a great deal of work on the part of the head to make the Masons appreciate that they looked upon themselves not as London Masons but as Masons of the province. They did not want too many men to come down and swamp the members of the province, but at the same time they were glad to see illustrious members of the London district become members of the province and give the advantage of their Masonic knowledge and experience, and so promote a happy Masonic feeling. He should like to see it far more difficult to get into the chair than at present. A lodge became very popular, and a large number joined, so that it became too large, with the result that they might get some hard working Masons wishing to work in a more extended manner, and they started a new lodge. He should like to see a rule that

Masons could not occupy the chair until they had been some years in Masonry, for he did not see how a Mason could learn sufficient to occupy the chair unless he had been a sufficient number of years in the Craft. It was not merely taking up the ritual, and speaking it like a parrot—that did not make a good Mason or a good Master—but he should be one who could not only perform the ceremonies well, but have sufficient tact about him and ability to deal with the different affairs of life, a sufficient knowledge of life to be able to conduct the affairs in such a way as would conduce to the general happiness of the members. The province was represented in a magnificent way at the late Festival for the Old People, and that was not brought about by young Masons who had only been in the Order a year or two. He had perhaps digressed more than he ought to have done in his remarks, but he was only expressing the principles upon which he acted. If there was any part of his work which appeared worthy of recognition, they could support him by helping their Provincial Grand Master, and he was sure they would all rally round him and assist in carrying into effect the principles of Masonry. He should always look back upon this auspicious occasion with a very considerable amount of pride and pleasure—pride because it must be a gratification to anybody to meet so many of his fellow workers as he had on the present occasion, and to know from the album which he held that a very great number of Masons in the province had assisted in the splendid testimonial. He hoped they might one and all feel he recognised their kindness, and that he had in some small measure deserved their good wishes. He thanked the President, Treasurer, and Secretary of the Committee who organised this matter, and every subscriber who name was in the album, and he trusted to look back for many years with pleasant recollections of his official connection with the Province of Surrey. He hoped he might live to learn that those who joined together in expressing their appreciation of his services were actuated by a genuine desire to show that their ruler was not altogether unworthy of the trust reposed in him.

"The Chairman and the Committee" was given in cordial terms by Bro. Col. NOEL MONEY, Prov. Grand Master, and responded to by Bros. H. G. THOMPSON, P.P.G.W., and J. D. LANGTON, after which the proceedings terminated.

PRESENTATION TO BRO. T. HICKS.

An interesting ceremony, in connection with the monthly meeting of the Duke of Cornwall Lodge, No. 1529, St. Columb, took place on Wednesday, 11th inst., when Bro. Thomas Hicks, P.M., P.P.J.G.W., was presented with a solid gold jewel.

The presentation was most impressively made by Bro. E. Forbes Whitley, P.M., who spoke in feeling terms of the close connection which had always existed between Bro. Hicks and the past and present members of the lodge, and the interest which he, as a founder of the lodge, had always taken in its working and welfare.

The jewel, which is richly embossed, and attached to which is a miniature jewel of the brother's provincial rank, bears on the reverse side the following inscription: "Presented to W. Bro. Thomas Hicks, P.M. 1529, P.P.G.J.W., as a sincere token of gratitude and esteem, by the members of Lodge No. 1529, May, 1892."

Later in the evening the usual quarterly supper, provided by Bro. C. Brewer, J.W., was held at the Red Lion Hotel, Bro. E. W. Carus-Wilson, W.M., occupying the chair, and was largely attended to by both brethren and visitors.

Bro. Hicks, in responding to the toast of his health, again expressed his appreciation of the gift, which it is the earnest desire of all the brethren he may long be spared to wear.

Several songs were sung during the evening by Bros. Bullen, P.M. 131, and F. J. Mountford, 331, and thus a pleasant and eventful meeting was brought to a close.

The jewel was manufactured by Bro. George Kenning.

PRESENTATION TO BRO. LIEUT.-COL. GEORGE
LAMBERT, P.G.S.B.

A numerous company of ladies and gentlemen were entertained at dinner at the Criterion, Piccadilly, on Friday, the 13th inst., by the St. James's Union Club. Mr. George Boulton in the chair. The meeting was made the occasion to present their President, Bro. Lieut.-Col. Geo. Lambert, P.G.S.B., with his portrait.

The presentation was made, on behalf of the Club, by Mr. WINNETT, a Past Chairman, who, in very feeling and eloquent terms, alluded to their President's benevolence of heart and the many good qualities which endear him to a wide circle of friends.

Interesting speeches were made by the Rev. Mr. KEMPE, Rector of St. James's, and other gentlemen present.

The portrait, which very faithfully records the features of our well-known brother, was painted by Miss Katharine D. M. Bywater, and is destined to be hung with others which already adorn the club walls.

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To Correspondents.

In consequence of the great pressure on our space this week, we are compelled to omit several important communications, amongst them being the following reports of meetings, &c.:

CRAFT LODGES.—Polish National, No. 534; United, No. 697; Temperance in the East, No. 898; Zetland, No. 1005; Grosvenor, No. 1257; Chorlton, No. 1387; Paxton, No. 1686; Ubique, No. 1789; Prudence and Industry, No. 1953; John Carpenter, No. 1997; Tilbury, No. 2006; Prudence, No. 2069; St. Lawrence, No. 2078; Hendon, No. 2206; Kingswood, No. 2278; Doric, No. 2359; and Ordinance, No. 2399.

LODGES OF INSTRUCTION.—Vectis, No. 175; Ranelagh, No. 834; Rose of Denmark, No. 975; Brownrigg, No. 1638; and Kensington, No. 1767.

ROYAL ARCH CHAPTER.—Concord, No. 37.

MARK LODGE.—Kintore, No. 333.

RED CROSS CONCLAVE.—Saye and Sele, No. 122.

OBITUARY.—Bro. George Johnson Wilson, P. J. G. W., &c.

Consecration of the Gloucester Mark Lodge.

Provincial Grand Chapter of West Yorkshire.

Presentation to Bro. G. W. Castle, Asst. Secretary Brixton Lodge of Instruction.

Annual Festival of the Woking Lodge of Instruction.



SATURDAY, MAY 21, 1892.

Masonic Notes.

A Life Governor of the Girls' School, who "qualified" in Australia, writes: "Will you kindly permit me, through your columns, to convey to the House Committee, Festival Stewards, Bro. Hedges (Secretary), Miss Davis, and her courteous and ubiquitous staff of teachers the most grateful thanks of my daughter and myself for the privilege of being enabled to spend the enjoyable afternoon we assuredly did last Monday? The scene in the really magnificent Alexandra Hall, during the presentation of the prizes by H.R.H. the Duchess of Connaught, and later, when the young ladies were going through their calisthenic and marching exercises, will be engraven on our memories for many years to come. It was at once a marvellous commentary on what can be achieved by kindly discipline and hearty sympathetic interest on the part of all concerned in the internal management of even so large an Institution; indeed, the smiling, healthy faces, military smartness—if I may be allowed to apply the term to young ladies—with not the least suspicion of a martinet's restraint, speak volumes. The School curriculum, too, is of a most liberal character, and the work accomplished is illustrated by the yearly Cambridge Local and College of Preceptors' Examination results. Truly the Freemasons of England may, without exaggeration, claim the possession of the noblest Institution of its kind in the world."

At the recent levee held on behalf of the Queen by the Duke of Connaught, the House Committee of the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls evidenced their appreciation of the services rendered to the Institution by his Royal Highness and the Duchess of Connaught by attending in considerable force to pay their respects. Bro. Robert Grey was presented by H.R.H. the Duke of Cambridge, and Bro. J. H. Matthews by Bro. Captain N. G. Philips, other members present being Bros. Sir John B. Monckton, Thomas Fenn, Frank Richardson, and Edward Letchworth, the Grand Secretary.

The Executive Committee appointed to make arrangements for the Festival of the Boys' School, have decided that 100 ladies shall dine with the brethren on the 29th of June next.

The names of Bros. Horace Brooks Marshall and George Everett, P.G. Treasurers, should have been added to the list of Honorary Vice-Presidents of the Board of Stewards for the Boys' Festival.

We hope in our next issue to give particulars of the arrangements made for the Sports of the Boys' School, Kempton Park, on June 25th.

Our Irish brethren appear to be in a fair way to achieve a great success with their Bazaar and Fancy Fair in the grounds of the Royal Dublin Society, Balls Bridge, in behalf of the Centenary of their Masonic Female Orphan School. As will be seen elsewhere, the Bazaar was very successfully opened by his Grace the Duke of Abercorn, M.W.G.M. of Ireland. There was a very large attendance of brethren and ladies, plenty of good music, and the stalls were elegantly furnished with every variety of goods and chattels which could possibly prove either useful or ornamental. We trust we shall be able to find space next week for fuller details of this great event, and that the Bazaar itself will be as successful as was the opening ceremony.

Will any brother who was present at the ceremony at Cambridge last Friday week kindly examine his case and see if he has accidentally taken possession of a collarette of tri-coloured ribbon with a Charity jewel appended, which does not belong to him? A brother who took a leading part in the ceremony has missed his, and it has no doubt been inadvertently misplaced. The publisher of the *Freemason* will be pleased to take charge of the article in question and return it to its rightful owner.

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.]

THE ROYAL MASONIC INSTITUTION FOR GIRLS.

To the Editor of the "*Freemason*."

Dear Sir and Brother,

I was one of the several hundreds of visitors at our Girls' School last Monday, being the occasion of the annual Stewards' visit. The day's proceedings, which no doubt will be reported in your columns, were of the most highly satisfactory character in every respect, and in the opinion, freely expressed, of all present reflected the highest credit on not only the Head Governess and Matron and their respective staffs, but also on our very zealous House Committee, who I believe to be unremitting in the attention they give to the affairs and the interests of the School. This led many of us to express deep surprise at the opposition that is so suddenly raised in a certain quarter to their re-election. I could find no reason for it, but a remarkably good reason against it, namely, that the brethren who are nominated in opposition are already active members of the governing body of the Boys' School. There let them remain; to attend properly to the two is, I am confident, an impossibility. As an old Governor and now a Vice-President of the Girls' School, I beg my brother Governors to take a little trouble in this matter, and by attending at 5 p.m. on Thursday, the 26th instant, at Freemasons' Hall, to show by their votes their confidence in and their gratitude to the present House Committee, and thus to enter an effectual protest against the expense to the Institution and the worry to the Governors needlessly caused by this uncalled-for opposition.—I am, yours very fraternally,

EUGENE MONTEUUIS,

May 18th.

P.G.S.B., Vice-Pres.

A REMARKABLE INSTALLATION.

To the Editor of the "*Freemason*."

Dear Sir and Brother,

The last installation meeting of the Rose of Raby Lodge, Staindrop, held on the 26th ult., a report of which appeared in the *Freemason* of the 7th inst., was an interesting one, from the fact that Bro. T. K. Wilkes was installed into the chair of K.S. by his two sons, Bro. J. J. Wilkes and Bro. R. M. Wilkes, both of whom are Past Masters of the Restoration Lodge, No. 111, Darlington. Can any other brother mention another instance of a father being installed by two of his sons? Yours fraternally,

C. D. HILL DRURY, M.D.

Bondgate, Darlington, May 14th.

THE JUBILEE FESTIVAL.

To the Editor of the "*Freemason*."

Dear Sir and Brother,

Will you kindly allow me to suggest to the Committee of Management that it would be a most graceful and charitable action, and one that would cheer the heart of many an aged Freemason, and mark their appreciation of the unprecedented success of the Jubilee Festival, if they voted, say, £10 to each old brother Mason who is unsuccessful at the election to-day (Friday). The amount would not be more than £350, and the good it would do them is incalculable. This is very much better than funding the whole of that vast amount.—I am, Sir, yours fraternally,

A P.M.

By the kind permission of the Duke of Westminster, the 11th annual meeting of the Church of England Central Society for providing Homes for Waifs and Strays was held at Grosvenor House on Tuesday.



Craft Masonry.

METROPOLITAN MEETINGS.

Fidelity Lodge (No. 3).—A regular meeting of this ancient lodge was held at Freemasons' Hall, Great Queen-street, W.C., on Wednesday, the 11th inst. There was a large attendance of visiting brethren, who were rewarded by witnessing an excellent performance of work in the lodge, and by partaking of that profuse hospitality for which this old lodge is known. Bro. Henry S. Wellcome, W.M., was supported by Bros. Dr. S. R. Lovett, I.P.M.; Dr. A. G. Sandberg, S.W.; E. F. Fox, J.W.; G. Low, P.M.; Treas.; J. Cooper, J.D.; F. Feller, I.G.; S. Cochrane, P.M.; D.C.; R. Sebastian Hart, Org.; J. M. Squire, P.M.; A. W. G. Weeks, P.M.; W. C. Clark, P.M.; J. Larkin, P.M.; H. Phillips, P.M.; and others. Visitors: Bros. Edward Letchworth, G. Sec.; J. Lewis Thomas, P.A.G.D.C.; R. Clay Sudlow, P.G. Std. Br.; Walter E. Sampson, W.M. 14, P.G. Std.; F. W. Levander, P.M., P.P.S.G.D.; Frank Lincoln, Kane Lodge, New York; W. H. Kirby, W.M. 1905; Ernest St. Clair, P.M. 14; W. E. Chapman, I.P.M.; J. Henniker Heaton, M.P.; F. H. Cheesewright, and E. G. Ravenstein, of 2190; Thos. Archer, P.M.; Dr. J. J. Wedgwood, P.M. 2397; G. L. Kennaby, P.M. 263; G. G. Macpherson, P.M. 109, New York; Dr. E. Scott, I.P.M. St. George's Lodge, Western Australia; W. I. Towner, P.M.; John Hodgkin, P.M. 2394; Charles Manners, 2127; L. A. Pearce, 1185; R. Greig, 2219; F. Joseph, J.D. 1415; F. S. Wade, S.W. 1177; J. W. Burgess, 1325, P.P.G.S.B.; S. Earl, J.D. 186; S. Skelton, W.M. 1996; W. Martin, P.M. 879; E. C. Mulvey, P.P.G.S.B.; and W. W. Lee, S.W. 2381.

The lodge was opened, and the minutes confirmed, Messrs. Morris and Dixon were then initiated into Freemasonry and the ancient charge delivered to them. Bro. Wightwick was then raised to the Degree of Master Mason, the W.M. being reluctantly compelled to defer the rendering of the traditional history on account of failing voice and the lateness of the hour. The ceremonies were rendered by Bro. Wellcome, W.M., assisted by his officers, with an impressiveness and earnestness that fully justified the subsequent remarks of the visitors that the display had afforded them an intellectual treat rarely enjoyed. The sum of 10 guineas was voted to the R.M.I. for Girls, to be placed on the list of Bro. S. Cochrane, P.M., and a sum of 20 guineas was voted to the widow of a Past Master. It was decided to hold a summer festival, and a resignation having been accepted with regret, the lodge was closed.

A banquet was held at Freemasons' Tavern, and the usual toasts followed.

Bro. J. Lewis Thomas, P.A.G.D.C., replied for "The Grand Officers," and said the recent addition to their ranks did honour to the Craft and to the discretion of H.R.H. the M.W.G.M. There was little new to say in response to this toast, and he would only remark that he appreciated the compliment paid to Grand Lodge by this old, ancient, and distinguished lodge.

Bro. Dr. S. R. Lovett, I.P.M., proposed "The Health of the W.M.," and said he was quite sure that every brother, whether a visitor or a member, would say he had been much impressed with the excellent work conducted by the W.M. In the interval between this meeting and October, they wished the W.M. good health to enable him to preside again and do the work, if possible, better than he had that evening.

Bro. Henry S. Wellcome, W.M., in response, said he was sure the kind words of the I.P.M. with regard to the ceremonies were hardly merited by him. He did not conceal the fact that he had made great efforts to do justice to the work, and he felt how important and great the ritual was, and how much study was really needed to make one's self proficient. He felt his weakness in the presence of such great critics as were present, because they included some of the most distinguished workers in the world, who knew what the purity of the ritual was, and what a perfect rendering was. He felt that with peculiar significance, and would illustrate it by an old story they had heard before. It was one of Bill Nye's, and related that out West a card was placed above the pianist with the following inscription: "Don't shoot the pianist, he is doing his best."

In giving "The Initiates," the W.M. said that he hoped the brethren initiated that evening would go through life with the same feeling of earnestness in the work they had shown that evening. There were many beautiful passages in the ceremony that touched real humanity, and he hoped the lessons contained in them would make a deep impression on their hearts.

Bros. Dixon and Morris replied, and thanked the W.M. and brethren for the honour conferred upon them that evening.

Bro. R. Clay Sudlow, P.G.S.B., on behalf of "The Visitors," said that inasmuch as the W.M. had decided that the speeches must be extremely short, he could not help expressing his surprise that he should have been selected to respond. He was called upon to respond on behalf of a very large number of visitors, and he believed that one feeling was prominent in the heart of everyone, which he as the first spokesman would give expression to. It was the intense delight they had all experienced in the admirable work seen in the lodge room that day. There were many amongst them who saw these ceremonies and heard them very frequently, but he ventured to assert they had all learnt something that evening. The ceremonies had been not only perfectly, but most impressively performed, and he had to express his thanks and the thanks of those visitors who did not have an opportunity of speaking, for the great intellectual treat given to them by the Worshipful Master and officers of the Fidelity Lodge. He did not think he was exposing any secret if he said he knew the Worshipful Master and officers had worked very hard indeed to carry out the beautiful and impressive ceremonies in a way that would reflect honour upon them individually, and in a way that would reflect honour upon the splendid traditions of that old lodge. He and all the visitors considered themselves very fortunate in being present upon that very important occasion. He would not say anything of the hospitality given to the visitors, for in that lodge

hospitality went without saying, but in every respect, in the work in the lodge and in the splendid banquet, he could only say they had been splendidly entertained.

Bros. W. E. Sampson, P.G. Stwd., and F. W. Levander, P.P.G.D., having briefly replied, Bro. T. Archer, P.M., responded, and said there was indeed something to learn in that sympathy which belonged to universal brotherhood that Freemasonry was intended to express. It was the sympathetic manner in which the ceremonies were conducted and brought out their best sympathies towards Charity which most impressed him and that had been supplemented by sending round the Charity box on behalf of a most deserving case. They would carry away from that old lodge something which would give them some idea of what Freemasonry meant, and he hoped those who became Masons would try to learn what a true Mason was and what true Masonry meant.

Bro. Dr. J. J. Wedgwood, P.M., briefly replied, after which "The Past Masters" and "The Officers" were given, and the Tyler's toast then concluded the proceedings.

During the evening several brethren delighted the members with musical selections, including Bros. Charles Manners and Cheesewright, and Bro. Sebastian Hart, Org., presided at the pianoforte. Bro. Frank Lincoln afforded considerable amusement by his inimitable display of American humour.

City of Westminster Lodge (No. 1563).

The usual meeting of this lodge was held on Thursday, the 28th ult., at the Café Royal, Regent-street, when there were present Bros. Charles Filhon, W.M.; Bolt, S.W.; Louis Marks, J.W.; J. E. Shand, P.M., Sec.; Cottebrune, P.G.P. (Hon. Mem.); Beach, S.D.; H. Fonseca, J.D.; Martell, I.G.; A. H. Marks, D.C.; Ménager, Stwd.; Potter, Tyler; Brander, P.M.; Hill, P.M.; Reuben Goldstein, Walter Goldstein, Baret, Bladier, Georgel, Rose, Railton, Culliford, E. T. Ginder, and others. Visitors: Bros. E. Valeriani, P.M. 1687; Curson, W.M. 1681; A. Cassignal, C. Chapman, 186; and others.

The lodge was opened, and after the preliminary business, the ballot was cast for five candidates for initiation, viz.: Messrs. C. S. Culliford, A. T. Winkler, A. A. Deschamp, A. Hockart, and Silvian Lamothe, all of whom were elected unanimously, and were impressively initiated into Freemasonry. Bro. Cecil Ball was passed, and Bro. Simon Fonseca raised. Bro. E. B. Cox, P.M. 1563, was re-elected a joining member of the lodge, and several propositions were made for initiation in September.

Lodge was afterwards closed, and the brethren adjourned to the banquet, where the W.M., Bro. Filhon, presided, and submitted the usual loyal and Masonic toasts in his genial and facetious way, and we are bound to say his work of the Three Degrees in lodge entitles him to credit for the rendering.

Barnato Lodge (No. 2265).

A regular meeting of this lodge was held at the Masonic Rooms, Café Monico, Regent-street, on the 16th inst., when the lodge was opened by the W.M., Bro. M. J. de Leeuw, who was supported by Bros. I. B. Joel, S.W.; I. H. Gluckstein, J.W.; J. Joel, Treas.; Tom Honey, P.M. 1017, Sec.; E. J. Acworth, P.M.; M. J. Jessop, P.M.; C. F. Hogard, P.M., P.G. Std. Br.; H. I. Barnato, Woolf Joel, M. Bash, H. Warner, M. de Frece, J. Somers, G. Harwood, W. Wright, Hon. Org., and others. Among the visitors were Bros. G. Everett, P.G. Treas., and R. Eve, P.G. Treas.

Bros. Beard and Baker having been balloted for, were introduced and initiated into the First Degree. The election for officers resulted in the unanimous choice of Bros. Tom Honey as W.M.; Joel Joel, Treas.; and Walkley, Tyler. Bro. H. I. Barnato was elected as President, and Bro. E. J. Acworth as Vice-President of the Benevolent Fund. A Past Master's jewel was voted to the outgoing Master.

At the banquet which followed, after "The Queen" and "The M.W. Grand Master" had been toasted, the toast of "The Pro Grand Master, the Deputy Grand Master, and the rest of the Grand Officers, Present and Past," was responded to by Bro. G. Everett, P.G. Treas., and

Bro. C. F. Hogard, P.G. Std. Br., who in acknowledging the toast, stated that Bro. George Everett had proved himself an excellent Mason in many ways, one of his last acts of kindness being to invite all the boys at the Royal Masonic Institution to visit Kempton Park on the last Saturday in June, when the Athletic Sports would be held, and he hoped there would be a large muster of the friends of the Institution, and he appealed to the members present to assist him by giving some prizes to be contended for, which appeal was very generously responded to, nearly 20 guineas being promised either in prizes or money.

The other toasts being disposed of, a very excellent and amusing concert was held, many well-known artists kindly giving their services through the instrumentality of Bro. M. J. de Frece, the genial manager of Bro. Richard Warner, both of whom are members of the lodge.

PROVINCIAL MEETINGS.

CROWLE.

Isle of Axholme Lodge (No. 1482).

The monthly meeting of this lodge was held on the 10th inst. at the Masonic Hall, when there were present Bros. J. M. Behrendt, W.M.; J. Constable, I.P.M.; R. N. Brunyee, S.W.; C. Fox, J.W.; R. Wood, Sec.; J. F. Watson, Treas.; I. Faulkner, S.D.; H. L. Burtonshaw, Org.; W. S. Scholey, I.G.; J. Turner, Stwd.; G. Naylor, Tyler; T. C. Horobin, P.M.; W. Burtonshaw, P.M.; C. Cundull, J. Dowson, and others. Bro. A. Goodhind, J.D. 2259, was a visitor.

The Secretary announced that Prov. Grand Lodge would be held at Grantham on June 9th, and the W.M. hoped, as it was the centenary of the province, that the Isle of Axholme Lodge would be well represented.

After the lodge was closed refreshment was served by Bro. C. Cundull, when the usual Masonic toasts were given, interspersed with song, story, and recitation.

Bro. Constable, in addition to the usual toasts, gave, as he said, one that was very seldom given, but which he thought ought not to be omitted from any toast list. The brother who bore the burden and heat of the day was very seldom honoured. He would, however, inaugurate it on that occasion by giving "The Health of the Secretary, Bro. R. Wood."

This was received with great élan, and the Secretary suitably responded. The brethren afterwards separated, having spent a most enjoyable social hour.

DONCASTER.

St. George's Lodge (No. 242).—The annual installation meeting of this lodge took place on Friday, the 6th inst., at the Masonic Rooms, Nether Hall-road, when a large muster of the Craft took place to honour Bro. Webb's installation. Among those present were the following, while the letters of apology were numerous: Bros. G. Brooke, P.P.G.W.; Walker, P.P.G.D.; F. Rand, P.P.G.D.; A. Parkin, P.P.G.D.; G. W. Wilkie, P.M.; Fretwell, P.M.; Goldthorpe, P.M.; Forth, I.P.M.; Fitzgerald, W.M.; Webb, S.W.; Newsum, J.W.; Hartley, P.P.G.W., Treas.; Rayner, Sec.; Hanson, J.D.; T. Foster, I.G.; Woodhouse, Org.; J. Hirst, Tyler; W. Mason, Asst. Tyler; Axe, Peacock, Teasdel, Goodair, Hinchcliffe, Pawson, G. T. Smith, H. C. White, Lester, Blake, Smith, Buckland, Turner, Allott, and Gibson. Visitors: Bros. Maskill, W.M., Constable, S.W., Rev. Littlewood, Chap., A. L. Peace, Treas., Dr. Martin, S.D., Barber, I.G., and Dr. Fenton, of 2259; George, P.P.G.W. Notts; Morley and Simpson, of 810; Thomas and Pegler, of 1110; S. M. Peace, S.W. 2078; Tasker, P.G. Stwd.; R. N. Brunyee, S.W., and J. Constable, I.P.M., of 1482; J. Jenner, Lees, Nicholson, and Crawshaw.

The lodge having been duly opened, Bro. F. D. Walker, P.P.S.G.D., undertook the duties of Installing Master, and called upon the following Past Masters to assist him: Bros. George, as S.W.; Fretwell, as J.W.; A. L. Peace, as S.D.; Constable, as J.D.; Goldthorpe, as I.G.; and Rev. Littlewood, as Chaplain. Bro. Walker impressively performed the ceremony throughout. Bro. Lees sang the solo "Be thou faithful" with great effect. After being duly obligated, Bros. Rand and Brooke gave the working tools, and Bro. Forth the charge to the officers. The newly-installed W.M. then invested his officers as follows: Bros. J. Fitzgerald, I.P.M.; G. Newsum, S.W.; J. Black, J.W.; C. Hartley, Treas.; Forth, Sec.; C. Woodhouse, S.D.; T. Foster, J.D.; G. White, Org.; T. Buckland, I.G.; J. T. Turner and S. Lester, Stewards; J. Hirst, Tyler; and W. Mason, Asst. Tyler.

The lodge having been duly closed, an excellent banquet was served in the ante-room, when about 50 of the brethren sat down. After a splendid repast, the usual Masonic toasts were gone through, enlivened by songs from Bros. Lees, Foster, Rand, White, and others.

EAST MOLESEY.

Frederick West Lodge (No. 2222).—At the installation meeting, on the 10th instant, at the Castle Hotel, a record as to attendance was established, the assembly being but three short of 70, and that, taken in conjunction with the perfect way in which the working was done, must have been most gratifying to the worthy D.P. G.M. of Surrey, whose name the lodge bears. The occasion was of special interest, as being that on which the last of a trio of brothers by blood went out of the office which he had filled in succession to his elder brothers, as they also did in the City of London Lodge, No. 901. During their tenure of the chair the work has been done splendidly, but the tradition of No. 2222 will not suffer in the least now that the Brothers Hughes are succeeded by Bro. W. Thomas, P.M. 2005, J.W. 2168, P.Z. 177, whose zeal for Charity is as great as his love of correct ritual, as shown by his list of £280 (less 3s. 6d.) at the recent Festival of the R.M.B.I.

Bro. Daniel Hughes, W.M., having opened the lodge and disposed of routine business, at once went on with the installation, Bro. David Hughes, I.P.M., acting as D.C. most efficiently. This ceremony, though abbreviated by the fact of the new W.M. being a P.M. in the Craft, was very impressively performed, as was also the delivery of the charges later on. Better working would not be witnessed anywhere. In due course the W.M. appointed his officers, viz.: Bros. Daniel Hughes, I.P.M.; R. Kerr, S.W.; Ellinger, J.W.; Pritchard, Treas.; Weaver, P.M. 889, Sec.; J. H. Mayo, S.D.; F. Lockett, J.D.; Parrott, I.G.; Joseph Mayo, Stwd.; and W. Lane, Tyler. After a perfect volley of "Hearty good wishes" the W.M. closed the lodge, but not before he had gracefully presented to his predecessor the handsome jewel voted him by the lodge.

Banquet followed, and renowned as Bro. Mayo is for his catering and wine cellar, he quite excelled himself, and a few days later received a very warm letter of acknowledgment from the W.M., who thanked him for enabling the lodge to display such hospitality to their visitors.

The customary toasts followed, but as the W.M. had provided some excellent music, contributed by Bros. Bartlett, F. Czerns, G. Bowles, and A. South (director), speeches were brief.

The chief guest of the evening was Bro. Col. G. Noel Money, C.B., Prov. G.M., whose first visit this was to the lodge, and who took advantage of replying to his toast to say how delighted he was with all he had seen and heard, and to find that the lodge was foremost in keeping up the high reputation of Surrey for work.

Most cordial greetings were given to the toasts with which the names of Bros. John, David, and Daniel Hughes were associated, and to that of the new W.M., for all four have done very much to advance the status and the welfare of the lodge.

It was a most enjoyable gathering, and will rank as a red-letter day in the annals of the lodge.

Among the visitors present were Bros. F. West, P.G.D., D.P.G.M.; G. Everett, P.G. Treas.; J. D. Langton, P.P.G.W.; H. Kempton, P.G. Std. Br.; W. Drewett, P.M. 889 and 1638, P.P.G. Std. Br.; C. Beaumont, P.P.A.G.D.C. Essex; J. Lewis Thomas, P.A.G.D.C.; T. E. Fenn, P.M. 778, P.P.G.D. Middx.; Geo. Gardner, P.P.G.S.B. Bucks; J. B. Lancaster, W.M. 2317; A. H. Gollin, P.P.G.D.C.; H. Harbord, P.M. 901; A. Ginger, P.M. 901; Rubardt, I.P.M. 901; R. Cummings, P.M. 2068; G. E. Fairchild, P.M. 1196; C. M. Bond, P.M. 1425; A. R. Simmonds, P.M. 1793; and many others.

HAMPTON COURT.

Burdett Lodge (No. 1293).—A meeting of this lodge was held at the Mitre Hotel on the 23rd ult., when there was a good attendance of members and visitors. Amongst the former were Bros. Edward Swain, W.M.; B. Jacob, S.W.; Vivian Orchard, J.W.; Col. H. M. Gordon, P.P.G.D., Treas.; D. W. Pearce, P.M., P.P.G. Reg., Sec.; F. Pfister, S.D.; W. G. Kentish, P.M., Prov. G.D., as J.D.; J. D. E. Tarr, P.M., P.P.G.D.; Howard H. Room, Prov. G. Sec.; Dr. H. W. Roberts, P.M., P.P.G.D.; W. Maple, P.M., P.P.G.D.; S. Richardson, P.M.; J. E. Harling, I.G.; and H. Wilson. Visitors:

Bros. R. C. Sudlow, P.G. Std. Br.; C. P. Harker, P.M. 732; M. Brown, P.M. 1597; H. Tapley, P.M. 1076; A. T. Trehearne, P.M. 657; Hewitt Stephens, P.M. 206; W. H. Jordan, 140; I. P. Fisher, 38; E. Hobbs, J.W. 453; F. V. Catt, I.P.M. 1558; J. C. Cooke, 1347; W. W. Lee, S.W. 2381; and others.

Lodge was opened, and the minutes confirmed, after which Messrs. P. Ravenscroft, H. Harrison, and J. J. Chapman were initiated. Bro. B. J. Jacob was next presented as W.M. elect, and was duly installed into the chair by Bro. E. Swain. The following officers were invested: Bros. Vivian Orchard, S.W.; P. Pfister, J.W.; H. M. Gordon, P.P.G.D., Treas.; D. W. Pearce, P.P.G. Reg., Sec.; J. B. Seale, S.D.; F. Orr, J.D.; E. A. Thorne, I.G.; J. E. Harling, D.C.; W. Maple, P.M., Prov. G.D., Steward; and J. Gilbert, Tyler. A notice of motion was moved by Bro. Kentish, Prov. G.D., and carried unanimously, altering the election and installation meetings to January and April respectively.

Lodge was closed, and after a *recherché* repast the usual toasts were honoured.

Bro. R. C. Sudlow, P.G. Std. Br., replying for "The Grand Officers," said it was the second time he had had the pleasure of visiting this lodge. The former occasion was when his good friend and colleague, Bro. Kentish, was installed, and on the present occasion a co-worker and colleague—the I.P.M., Bro. Swain—had passed to the ranks of the Past Masters. His experience of the lodge was a very pleasant one when he attended before, and he need hardly say that the kindly welcome received at his second visit had been equally so.

Bro. H. H. Room, Prov. G. Sec., acknowledged the toast of "The Prov. Grand Officers," and said the Burdett Lodge possessed some excellent examples of that body in its own ranks. As an executive officer he had found, wherever he went in the province, that the Prov. Grand Officers were good and worthy officers, and were not content with having won their spurs, but continued to do their best to merit the distinction conferred upon them.

Bro. E. Swain, I.P.M., proposed "The W.M.," and said that although they had not yet had an opportunity of seeing that brother's working, they looked forward with satisfaction to the next meeting. Bro. Jacob, W.M., was held in high esteem, and there was no doubt he would do his best for the interests of the lodge. In his presence he would say nothing more of the W.M., but would ask the brethren to heartily drink the toast.

Bro. B. J. Jacob, W.M., said his most difficult duty that evening was to return thanks for the kind and hearty manner in which the toast had been given and received. It seemed somewhat strange that only four years ago he was initiated, and that he should so rapidly attain the chair, but during that period he had received nothing but the greatest kindness from the members. He hoped they would have reason to be proud of him, and if he could only be as worthy of their esteem as those who had gone before he should indeed be gratified. It would be his chief aim to add lustre to the lodge if possible, and to study to refrain from diminishing in any way its high reputation.

"The Initiate," was next duly honoured, after which Bros. Harker, Trehearne, and others acknowledged the kind hospitality they had received in the lodge in their replies to "The Visitors."

The Worshipful Master in proposing "The Installing Master," said Bro. Swain, I.P.M., had done his duty to the satisfaction of every brother present.

Bro. E. Swain, I.P.M., sincerely thanked the W.M. and brethren. It was the first time he had had an opportunity of performing the installation ceremony, and he was pleased to know that to some extent it had given them satisfaction. It was now 10 years since he was initiated in the lodge, and one circumstance which gave him great satisfaction was the fact that Bro. Kentish was the W.M. on that occasion and made an impression on his mind which had never left it. Another circumstance which gave him pleasure was doing some part of the work in the presence of Bro. Sudlow, who was one of the best workers in the country, and he hoped that distinguished brother would look with some amount of consideration on an old pupil of many years ago. He had pleasure in installing the W.M., for they had grown together in Masonry and had worked together. He hoped in conjunction with the other Past Masters to give every assistance to the W.M., and he could assure him it would be readily accorded.

"The Past Masters" and "The Officers" were cordially given, after which the Tyler's toast closed an enjoyable evening.

JERSEY.

Prince of Wales's Lodge (No. 1003).

Bro. Dr. John Le Cronier, Dep. P.G.M., and the Grand Officers visited the above lodge on Wednesday evening, the 11th inst., at the Masonic Temple, Stoford-road, when about 100 brethren were present. Messrs. Wiseman and Fox were initiated, the ceremony being performed by the W.M., Bro. George Coutache, with great accuracy and precision, and he was most ably supported by his officers, the S.W. and J.W., Bros. Newman and Broadhurst, being specially congratulated. The D.P.G.M. was then asked to present a Masonic jewel to Bro. Dodman, I.P.M., as a recognition of the efficiency of the work he had performed whilst presiding over the lodge, and in a short but eloquent address Bro. Dr. Le Cronier congratulated the recipient on the respect and esteem with which he was surrounded during his term of office. Bro. Dodman, who was most cordially received, briefly expressed his thanks.

The brethren then withdrew to the refreshment room, where about 80 sat down to an excellent supper, served by Bro. G. Rogers in his usual style.

The toasts of "The W.M." and "The Visitors" were received with special cordiality.

Several brethren belonging to lodges in the mother country expressed their surprise at the great prosperity of Freemasonry in Jersey, and in the able manner in which the work was performed in the lodge.

In the course of the evening the Secretary, Bro. E. Oldridge, P.M., made a statement showing that the finances of the lodge, and also the local Benevolent Fund, were in a very prosperous condition. The latter he hoped would soon reach 100 guineas.

The Tyler's toast having been enthusiastically drunk, the brethren separated, after spending a very pleasant and enjoyable evening.

MANCHESTER.

Wolseley Lodge (No. 1993).—The installation meeting of this prosperous lodge was held at the Masonic Hall, Cooper-street, whither the lodge has recently taken up its quarters, on Saturday, the 30th ult., a large number of provincial brethren being present, amongst whom we noticed Bros. Jno. Williams, W.M. 1011; Harland and Warburton, of 226; Hale, W.M. 24; Meikle and H. Butterworth, of 226; and others.

The lodge having been duly opened by the W.M., Bro. Macallum, Bro. Lord was passed to the Second Degree. Bro. N. T. Holyoake, the W.M. elect, was then presented, and installed into the chair of K.S. in a most impressive manner by the retiring Master, assisted by Bro. Harris, P.M. The W.M. then invested the following officers for the ensuing year, delivering a few eloquent words of congratulation and counsel to each: Bros. Dr. Harrison, S.W.; W. W. Siddell, J.W.; R. Beresford, P.M., Treas.; J. Hatton, P.M., Sec.; J. Dean, S.D.; W. Sharpe, J.D.; W. Taylor, I.G.; W. Harris, P.M., D.C., Charity Representative; W. Collins, Org.; A. Thompson, and W. Hodges, Stwds.; and N. Jones, Tyler.

"Hearty good wishes" having been expressed, the lodge was closed, and the brethren adjourned to the banquet chamber, where a sumptuous repast had been prepared, and under the genial chairmanship of Bro. Holyoake, the usual loyal and Masonic toasts were given and responded to with heartiness and enthusiasm, and with music and song, a most enjoyable evening was spent.

PLUMSTEAD.

Pattison Lodge (No. 913).—There was a large and representative muster of the brethren of this and surrounding lodges at the usual monthly meeting on Thursday, the 5th inst., at the Freemasons' Hall, Mount Pleasant, attracted not only by the fame of the excellent working of the esteemed Master, Bro. Walter Busbridge, and his officers, and the fine singing of the choir of the lodge, but by the prospect of hearing a lecture by Bro. G. W. Speth, P.M. 183, Sec. 2076, on "Some Lapsed Masonic Symbols." The lodge was opened by Bro. Busbridge, and two candidates, Messrs. T. Turton and Jas. Ross, having been approved, were duly initiated, and Bros. E. Lonerger and G. Standing were raised. Bro. Speth then commenced his most interesting lecture, showing how many of the ancient signs, words, and tokens were lost, and also how many of those at present in use were evidently the offspring, altered and even polished perhaps, but evidently sprung from signs and symbols in use among the early "Speculative" and earlier "Operative" Masons. Bro. Speth was awarded a cordial vote of thanks, for which he responded, offering to visit the lodge on some future occasion, and extending his lecture with other Masonic lore and issues.

The lodge was then closed, and the brethren banqueted, after which the usual loyal, Grand Lodge, Provincial, and general lodge toasts were proposed and acknowledged, some grand instrumental and vocal music adding warmth and colour to the proceedings.

Among the other brethren present were Bros. A. Penfold, P.M., P.P.G.D.; F. Barry, P.M.; C. Jolly, P.M. (Hon.); W. C. Taylor, S.W.; E. Bryceson, J.W.; C. Coupland, P.M., P.P.J.G.W., Treas.; E. Denton, P.M., P.P.S.G.D., Sec.; W. Horsley, Chap.; J. Clapham, S.D.; J. J. Collins, J.D.; D. Summers, I.G.; R. F. Tyler, Org.; J. H. Bull, Asst. Org.; J. Farrier, Stwd.; W. Sallenger, E. Morris, W. Webber, E. Lonerger, G. W. Standing, W. Freeman, W. Sanders, H. G. Baker, W. Wren, A. Eton, J. O. Cook, J. Turton, O. G. Jelley, B. Littlewood, R. B. Saunders, A. Moore, R. Ginnam, W. Fenn, E. M. Taylor, A. D. Capon, T. E. Quick, J. Frankling, C. H. Stone, L. Mills, J. Griffiths, J. C. Mitchell, W. Lock, W. J. Young, J. Roberts, W. H. Cleaney, B. Hammond, J. W. Dickinson, T. J. Nell, J. W. Tucker, J. O. Widger, E. G. Denton, J. Rose, T. Turton, W. Buckley, H. H. Grafton, J. Messent, Sidney Horton, H. Tooms, R. E. Williams, and W. Hoare. Visitors: Bros. J. Lee, 2399; J. Bagshawe, 2074; W. R. Smith, 1024; G. W. Speth, P.M., Sec. 2076; C. Parke, 1082; J. Wallingford, 903; W. Webber, P.M., J. Sanderson, P.M., G. J. Taylor, S.W., and T. Punter, of 700; A. Deans, J.W. 13; R. Johnson, 2391; J. Macgregor, 548; J. Newsom, and J. Lawson.

SEVENOAKS.

Amherst Lodge (No. 1223).—The installation meeting of this lodge was held on Saturday, the 7th inst., at the Parochial School Room, kindly lent by the Rev. Born Murdoch, when Bro. Charles Hooker was duly installed as W.M. for the ensuing year. The following were present: Bros. F. Kite, W.M. 503; W. Bushbridge, W.M. 913; R. Howard, W.M. 2305; J. Lloyd, W.M. 125; J. Parker, W.M. 1414; N. Grunwell, W.M. 2200; W. Moulds, P.M. 1536, P.G.S.B.; G. F. Carnell, P.M. 1414, P.P.J.G.D.; J. G. Calway, P.M. 1619, P.P.G.P. Sussex; C. W. Peters, P.M. 507; A. A. Richards, P.M. 8; T. S. Warne, P.M. 20, P.P.S.G.W.; W. Drewett, P.M. 889, P.P.G.S.B. Surrey; F. D. Vine, P.M. 173; R. Stevenson, P.M., and T. Ryder, P.M., of 2200; E. J. Dodd, P.M., P.P.G.O.; A. W. Duret, P.M., P.P.S.G.D.; C. E. Birch, P.M., P.P.J.G.D.; A. H. Lee, P.M.; W. South, 350; H. Harris, 874; Boulter, 2200; J. C. Osterstock, J.W. 1185; J. C. Colls, 2200; A. H. Tester, 874; J. S. Fletcher, 2200; J. J. Embury, 2200; G. Spenden, 152; C. M. Bevan, 1414; T. E. Hewitt, 749; C. E. Saxon, 20; H. Crane, 1223; Hamlin, 1223; W. Wriking, 1414; E. Martin, 1414; J. Waller, A. W. Lloyd, C. Barringer, C. Leinay, R. W. Redman, and C. M. Bevan.

After the lodge had been opened, and the Auditors, Bros. R. Stevenson and C. Bevan, had reported a most satisfactory state of finances, the W.M., Bro. F. P. Lee, most ably and impressively performed the ceremony of installing his successor, who afterwards appointed and invested the following as his officers: Bros. Wm. Burfoot, S.W.; H. W. Dodd, J.W.; R. Durnell, P.M., P.P.G.S. of W., Treas.; J. H. Jewell, P.M., P.P.G.R., Sec.; L. G. Smith, S.D.; C. H. Whitcombe, J.D.; E. C. Horton, D.C.; J. Willmot, A.D.C.; E. Evenden, I.G.; and W. Mist and Knight, Stwds. Bro. Duret acted as D. of C. A sum of £10 was voted to the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls. A jewel was unanimously voted to the retiring W.M., and Bro. Birch re-elected Charity Representative. The lodge being closed, the brethren adjourned to the banquetting room, when Bro. Waller catered in his usual satisfactory manner. The usual toasts were admirably given by the W.M., and a most enjoyable meeting then terminated.

SHEERNESS.

Adam's Lodge (No. 158).—The installation meeting of this old and flourishing lodge was held at the Corporation Hall, on Tuesday, the 3rd inst., under a dispensation from the D.P.G.M., Bro. Smith Eastes. The lodge was opened by the W.M., Bro. J. B. Elstone, and amongst the brethren present were Bros. A. Spears, P.P.S.G.D.; J. R. Brett, P.P.G.R.; W. Pannell, P.P.G.R.; G. T. Green, P.P.A.G.D.C.; J. Bagshaw, P.P.G.O.; W. T. Carpenter, P.P.G.P.; J. Solomon, W.M. 77; C. F. Ashton, W.M. 1050; A. A. Palmer, W.M. 1089; C. T. Bradley, W.M. 1273; J. P. Watts, P.M.; J. Auty, P.M.; A. Seymour Baskett, P.M.; E. Stutely, P.M.; J. H. Lee, P.M.; T. J. Firminger, P.M.; W. Norrington, P.M. 1089; J. Tower, P.M. 1089; L. Seager, P.M. 1273; D. W. Griffith, S.W.; W. G. Cole, V. H. Stallon, J. F. Cork, F. Bower, J. M. Easton, E. T. Hughes, G. Crowe, W. Sams, J. Sams, 558; J. Auty, 177; T. H. Lait, 1472; W. Allen, 1424; A. Williams, and several others.

After the usual formalities, the W.M. elect, Bro. D. W. Griffith, was duly installed in the chair by Bro. J. B. Elstone, Bro. A. Spears officiating as D.C. The following brethren were invested as the officers for the ensuing year: Bros. J. B. Elstone, I.P.M.; W. G. Cole, S.W.; V. H. Stallon, J.W.; E. Stutely, Treas.; R. Derry, Sec.; C. M. Glaysher, S.D.; W. Sams, J.D.; J. H. McLachlan, D.C.; F. Bower, I.G.; J. Auty, P.M., and G. Guyer, Stwds.; and J. Akhurst, Tyler. Bro. D. W. Griffith, on presenting the retiring Master, Bro. J. B. Elstone, with a Past Master's jewel on behalf of the lodge, alluded to the able and efficient manner in which he had discharged the duties of the chair, not only at the installation ceremony but also throughout the year of his office, for his working had been most instructive and enjoyable to the members. Bro. Elstone having suitably responded, Bro. R. Derry was re-elected Charity representative, and the business terminated.

The brethren subsequently banqueted together at the Britannia Hotel, when the tables were laid in a most charming and luxurious manner, and great credit is due to Bro. G. T. Green for his excellent catering, and also for the perfect way in which the banquet was served.

The loyal and Masonic toasts were duly honoured, and, in responding for "The Masonic Charities," Bros. Derry and Pannell made an earnest appeal on behalf of the claims of the Institution.

Bro. D. W. Griffith was warmly congratulated on the happy and pleasant manner in which he had discharged his duties.

The musical arrangements were under the able and skilful management of Messrs. Fitzgerald and Collins, and their efforts to please were thoroughly appreciated.

SOUTHEND.

Priory Lodge (No. 1000).—A meeting of this lodge was held on Thursday, the 5th inst., at the Middleton Hotel, when there were present Bros. B. Thomas, W.M.; A. Vandervord, S.W.; C. W. Barnard, J.W.; Rev. T. W. Herbert, P.P.G.C., Chap.; F. Wood, P.M., P.P.S.G.W., Treas.; A. Lucking, P.M., P.G.P., Sec.; F. J. Cumine, S.D.; E. J. Bowmaker, J.D.; G. R. Dawson, P.M., P.P.S.G.D., D.C.; R. J. Smith, I.G.; B. Pearnside, Org.; J. A. Hobday, J.W. 160, Stwd.; A. W. Martin, Prov. G.T.; Tyler; G. Berry, P.M.; G. J. Glascock, P.M., P.P.G.S.B.; W. E. Bridgland, P.M., P.P.G.S.B.; W. Elam, E. H. Taylor, C. H. Bowmaker, G. Reed, W. Trigg, E. G. Fletcher, L. Warren, W. T. Darke, and J. Pritchard. Visitors: Bros. F. J. Wood, P.M., and G. P. Minett, of 1672; W. J. Short, 1662; G. Palmer, P.M. 781; H. Brewer, 1817; and R. Bourne, 160.

The lodge was opened, and the minutes of last meeting were read and confirmed. Messrs. T. A. Browning and F. J. Wood were balloted for, and being unanimously elected, were duly initiated. A joining member having been proposed, the lodge was closed, and the brethren adjourned to refreshment.

STAFFORD.

Staffordshire Knot Lodge (No. 726).—On Wednesday, the 20th ult., at the annual Festival of St. John, at the Swan Hotel, Bro. W. G. Taylor was installed as W.M., in the presence of a large number of visiting brethren and members. The ceremony was performed by Bro. Dr. E. W. Taylor, P.P.G. Org., I.P.M. The following lodge officers for the ensuing year were invested by the new W.M.: Bros. Dr. E. W. Taylor, P.P.G.O., I.P.M.; C. J. Nevitt, S.W.; Geo. Wormal, J.W.; the Rev. S. Wickham Jones, Chap.; J. Mottram, P.M., P.P.A.G.P., Treas.; J. E. Evans, Sec.; J. T. Marson, S.D.; W. Hall, J.D.; H. Thorn, D.C.; J. Jackson, Org.; P. H. Harston, I.G.; H. Riley and F. Amies, Stwds.; and G. Hebbert, Tyler.

At the conclusion of the business, the brethren sat down to an excellent banquet, when the following toasts were duly honoured: "The Queen and the Craft," proposed by the W.M.; "The Prince of Wales, M.W.G.M.," "The Pro Grand Master, the Deputy Grand Master, and the Officers of Grand Lodge Present and Past," proposed by the W.M.

The next toast, that of "The Deputy Prov. Grand Master, Bro. Lieut.-Col. Bindley, and the Officers of Prov. Grand Lodge, Present and Past," was proposed by the W.M., and responded to by Bro. Buttery.

Bro. Mottram then proposed "The Health of the Newly-installed Worshipful Master," wishing him a prosperous year of office, and the W.M. suitably responded.

The following toasts were also drunk: "The Visitors," proposed by Bro. Wormal, and responded to by Bro. Buttery and others; "The Installing Master," "The Past Masters," and "The Masonic Charities," proposed by Bro. the Rev. S. Wickham Jones, and responded to by Bro. M. Barker, Treasurer to the Staffordshire Masonic Charitable Association.

Several other toasts were honoured, and songs and recitations were given by Bros. W. E. Allen and Dunbar Steen.

WALTON-ON-AZE.

Arnold Lodge (No. 1799).—The installation meeting of the above lodge was held on Tuesday, the 10th inst., at the Clifton Hotel, when there were present Bros. J. M. Scarlett, P.M., as W.M.; W. E. Sutton, S.W.; R. Loomes, J.W.; R. H. Scott, P.M., P.P.A.G. Sec.; T. H. Harman, S.D.; A. Purvis, I.G.; R. Pollard, Stwd.; H. Cutter, Tyler; Finer, P.M.; Wilkinson, P.M.;

Dorling, P.M.; Daniel, Randall, Schofield, Kimbell, Griffith, and others. Visitors: Bros. Rev. Thomas Lloyd, P.M. 2342, P.G. Chap.; Dr. J. F. Haskins, 1362; W. F. Reed, W.M. 2063; G. H. Grimwood, P.M. 1224; C. F. Burnham, P.M. 754; Alf. Buck, P.M. 453, P.P.S.G.W.; F. T. Nunn, I.P.M. 2063, P.A.G. Sec.; C. Harman, 2063; T. R. Perks, 2063; T. Webb, 1745; T. H. Brinjes, 209; F. Harris, 209; W. Bowman, 441; and W. R. Bloom, 697. In the unavoidable absence of the W.M., the chair was taken by Bro. J. M. Scarlett, P.P.J.G.W.

Lodge having been opened, and the minutes read and confirmed, the Auditors' Report was received and adopted. Bro. Walter Sutton, S.W., W.M. elect, was presented to the Installing Master, Bro. J. M. Scarlett, P.M., P.P.J.G.W., by Bro. R. H. Scott, P.M., P.P.A.G. Sec., and a Board of Installed Masters being formed, Bro. W. E. Sutton was inducted into the chair of K.S. The W.M. then invested his officers as follows: Bros. E. Gircocock, I.P.M.; T. H. Harman, S.W.; Alfred Purvis, J.W.; E. Osmond, Treas.; R. H. Scott, P.M., P.P.A.G. Sec., Sec.; R. Scarlett, Org.; C. W. Randall, S.D.; A. R. Chamberlayne, J.D.; J. M. Scarlett, P.M., P.P.J.G.W., D.C.; Schofield, I.G.; and H. Cutter, Tyler. Bro. J. M. Scarlett was elected Charity representative. The W.M. having stated he was going up as Steward to the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution on behalf of the lodge, a substantial sum was voted to his list. A joining member having been proposed, a vote of thanks was accorded to Bro. J. M. Scarlett (who acted as Installing Master in the absence of Bro. J. L. Mather, P.A.G.D.C. England) for his very able rendering of the installation ceremony.

The labours of the day being ended, the brethren adjourned to banquet provided by the host, Bro. Taylor.

Royal Arch.

Fidelity Chapter (No. 3).—This old and distinguished chapter met at Freemasons' Hall, Great Queen-street, on the 6th inst. Amongst those present were Comps. Weeks, P.Z., acting M.E.Z.; Birch, H.; H. J. Lardner, P.Z. 907, P.P.G. Std. Br., acting J.; W. J. Collens, P.Z., P.P.G.S.N., S.E.; Stevens, S.N.; J. Heming, P.Z., Treas.; Samuel Cochrane, 1st Asst. S.; Capt. T. C. Walls, P.Z. 185, P.P.G.P. Soj., 2nd Asst. S.; F. Graves, P.Z.; Kinsey, Heming, Birch, Pratt, and Goddard, P.Z., Janitor.

The minutes of the previous convocation having been read and confirmed, a sum of money was voted to the three Masonic Institutions, per Comp. S. Cochrane. Apologies for non-attendance were received from Comps. W. Williams, M.E.Z.; Radcliffe, J.; Larcomb, P.S.; F. McDougall, P.Z.; and others. A vote of congratulation was passed and ordered to be forwarded to Comp. Radcliffe on his recovery from illness. The chapter was then closed and the companions adjourned to the banquet. The Acting First Principal presided most ably.

Comp. Heming, P.Z., proposed in fluent and happy terms "The Health of the M.E.Z.," and his *locum tenens* that evening.

Comp. Weeks having responded, gave "The Second and Third Principals," coupled with the name of Comp. Birch, who made a humorous speech in reply.

"The Past Principals, the Scribe E., and the Treasurer" followed, and gave Comps. F. Graves, J. Heming, and W. J. Collens opportunities of paying a very high compliment to the M.E.Z. and his officers, and of passing congratulatory remarks on the financial prosperity of No. 3.

In giving "The Officers," the M.E.Z. in the chair mentioned the candidature of Comp. S. Cochrane as Grand Treasurer for 1893. He said that their genial companion had been a member of the Craft over 20 years and was highly respected in his lodges. He sincerely trusted that his efforts would be crowned with success, as he (the speaker), firmly believed that Comp. Cochrane was in every respect qualified to discharge the duties of Grand Treasurer of England.

This toast having been responded to, the proceedings terminated. During the evening Comps. Weeks, Collens, Pratt, and Lardner entertained the companions by dramatic and vocal selections.

BEAMINSTER.

St. Mary's Chapter (No. 707).—The annual installation meeting of this chapter was held on Tuesday, the 3rd inst., at the White Hart Hotel. After the usual preliminary business, Comp. Toleman was installed in the First Principal's chair by Comp. J. S. Webb. Comp. S. R. Baskett performed a similar office by installing Comp. S. Lawrence as H., while Comp. J. Andrews was installed in the Third Principal's chair by the newly-installed M.E.Z. Comp. Toleman then invested his officers as follows: Comps. C. G. Purkis, S.E.; Rev. E. G. Austen, S.N.; J. S. Webb, Treas.; C. Toleman, P.S.; A. Hart, 1st A.S.; G. Parry, 2nd A.S.; S. R. Baskett, D.C.; and J. Keech, Janitor.

The usual banquet was held after the chapter had been duly closed.

CHINGFORD.

Brooke Chapter (No. 2005).—The installation meeting of this chapter was held at the Royal Forest Hotel on Friday, the 13th inst., when Comps. G. F. Smith, Wm. Hebbage, and the Rev. T. S. Raffles were respectively installed as Principals, the ceremony being most ably performed by the outgoing First Principal, Comp. Dr. Cock, P.P.G.S.N. The other officers appointed were Comps. G. H. Finch, P.Z., P.P.G.J., S.E.; W. T. Warner, S.N.; Rowland Plumble, Prov. G.H., Treas.; A. G. Hayman, P.S.; Rev. T. Lloyd, 1st A.S.; T. Piper, 2nd A.S.; and J. Very, Janitor. Two brethren were exalted, Comp. Dr. Cock acting as Z., and Comps. G. F. Smith and Wm. Hebbage as H. and J. respectively.

The companions afterwards dined together, the visitors including Comps. V. Freeman, Prov. G.S.E. Sussex, and T. J. Ralling, Prov. G.S.E.

Among the guests at the dinner party given by the Austro-Hungarian Ambassador and the Countess Deym at the Embassy, Belgrave-square, on Tuesday, were the Marquis and Marchioness of Salisbury, the Italian Ambassador and Countess Tornelli, Bro. the Earl and Countess of Eversham, Earl Cairns, Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Chamberlain, and Count Mersdorff.

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DERBY.

Derby Lodge (No. 302).—The regular monthly meeting of this lodge was held at the Masonic Hall, Gower-street, on Monday, the 9th inst., when there were present Bros. John Walker, W.M.; W. J. Piper, S.W.; Chas. D. Hart, M.O.; T. E. Yeoman, J.O.; J. O. Manton, P.M.; Treas.; E. J. H. Hoskyns, R. of M.; E. Home, P.M.; Org.; W. H. Wheeldon, J.D.; W. Stone, Tyler. Thos. Cox, P.M.; D.P.G.M.; Percy Wallis, P.M.; P.P. S.G.W.; P.G.D. Englard; J. Bland, P.M.; P.P.S.G.D.; A. Woodiwiiss, P.M.; P.P.S.G.W.; Past G.M.O. England; C. Webster, P.M.; P.P.G.D.; W. L. Dodd, T. Shipton, A. E. P. Vowles, W. H. Wright, R. Slater, H. Slater, L. Tinkler, J. Jones, H. Carr, and others. Visitors: Bros. J. Fisher, W.M. 339; D. W. Bardill, M.O. 339; and F. Stone, J.O. 353.

The minutes of the last meeting having been read and confirmed, Bro. W. J. Piper, S.W., was elected W.M. for the ensuing year, and suitably thanked the brethren for the honour done him. Bro. J. O. Manton, P.M., was re-elected Treasurer, and Bro. W. Stone, Tyler. The following brethren were then admitted and advanced by the W.M., assisted by Bro. T. Cox, P.M., and Bro. P. Wallis, P.M.: Bros. A. Nicholson, of No. 1085 (Craft), and Draper Ottewell and J. A. Arnold, of No. 731 (Craft). The lodge having been closed, the brethren adjourned to the Lower Hall for refreshment.

After the usual loyal and Masonic toasts had been given by the W.M., Bro. Thos. Cox, D.P.G.M., in responding for "Provincial Grand Lodge," took the opportunity of informing the brethren that if the health of the Prov. Grand Master, Bro. W. Kelly," was maintained (as he hoped might be the case), he would hold his Provincial Grand Lodge at Derby, under the banner of Lodge No. 302, on the second Monday in July.

The toast of "The Visitors" was given by Bro. J. Bland, P.M., and ably responded to by Bro. F. Stone, J.O. 353, who cordially invited as many of the brethren as could attend to the installation festival of the Dove Valley Lodge, Ashbourne.

"The Health of the Worshipful Master, Bro. J. Walker," was proposed by the S.W., Bro. W. J. Piper, and very heartily received, reference being made to the great increase in members during his year.

The other toasts were "The Newly-advanced Brethren," responded to by Bros. Ottewell and Arnold, who remarked, as a curious coincidence, that they were initiated into Craft Masonry together.

"The Worshipful Master Elect" and "The Officers" having been honoured, the Tyler's toast at a late hour brought a most enjoyable meeting to a close.

READING.

Leopold Lodge (No. 235).—The installation meeting of this lodge was held at the Masonic Hall on Monday, the 25th ult., when Bro. W. Hickie, P.S.G.D., was installed W.M. with the usual ceremony, the work being performed by Bro. Tench, I.P.M. After the W.M. had been installed, he proceeded to invest the following brethren to fill the various offices: Bros. C. Slaughter, S.W.; J. Wheeler, J.W.; I. T. Stransom, Treas.; W. W. Ridley, Reg. of Mks.; B. W. Bennett, M.O.; J. Miller, S.O.; C. E. Hewett, J.O.; W. Bonny, S.D.; W. B. Reed, J.D.; W. H. Kiggell, I.G.; W. Ravenscroft, D.C.; and W. J. Stapley, Stwd. The Prov. G.M., Bro. the Right Hon. Lord Valentia, then presented Bro. Tench, I.P.M., with a Past Master's jewel, and in a few well-chosen words, congratulated him upon being the first Master of the lodge who had occupied the chair for two years in succession. Bro. Tench thanked the P.G.M. for his kind expressions and the brethren for having voted him the jewel, and wished them all prosperity for the future.

After the lodge was closed, the brethren adjourned to the Great Western Hotel, where a banquet was provided by Bro. W. G. Flanagan, when a good number of the brethren sat down, and the usual loyal and Masonic toasts were honoured.

SWINDON.

Swindon Keystone Lodge (No. 401).—The installation meeting of this lodge was held at the Masonic Hall, Victoria-street, on the 11th instant, and almost every member of the lodge attended. The ceremony was very ably performed by Bro. J. Campbell Maclean, I.P.M., who referred to the pleasure with which the brethren met together to place in the chair Bro. Harry Bevir, Prov. G. Sec. (Craft). The W.M. invested the following officers: Bros. W. S. Bambridge, Mus. Bac., S.W.; H. Kemble, J.W. and Treas.; A. Plummer, M.O.; R. W. Merriman, S.O.; E. Jones, J.O.; A. Barnes, Sec. and R. of M.; W. E. Nicolson Browne, S.D.; T. O. Hogarth, J.D.; John H. Chandler, P.M., D.C.; and F. E. Streeter, I.G. The brethren dined in the evening at the Goddard Arms Hotel, under the presidency of the W.M., and a pleasant evening was spent, the speeches being few, and the songs many.

Lodges and Chapters of Instruction.

CLARENCE LODGE (No. 263).—This popular lodge held its usual weekly meeting on Thursday, the 5th inst., at 1A, Fitzroy-square, when the following brethren were present: Bros. Dr. W. H. Bourke, W.M.; J. Hart, S.W.; C. F. Cox, J.W.; W. H. Kirby, Preceptor; Jas. Corp, Act. Sec.; D. D. West, S.D.; H. Neville, J.D.; B. Morris-Evans, I.G.; F. Mecey, F. W. Crohn, W. Passmore, and Bro. W. J. Kennahy, P.M. 1420 (visitor).

The lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed. The ballot was taken for Bro. H. R. Diver, 1708, and proved unanimous in his favour as a joining member. The lodge was opened in the Second and Third Degrees, and resumed in the First. Bro. Mecey offering to be candidate, the W.M. rehearsed the ceremony of passing. Bro. Mecey next occupied the chair, and rehearsed the ceremony of installation, Bro. Kirby acting as Master elect, and afterwards deliverin the addresses to the officers upon their investiture. The lodge was closed in the Third and Second Degrees. It was proposed and duly carried that the members give a hearty vote

of thanks to Bros. W. H. Bourke and F. Mecey, on this the first occasion of their working a ceremony in the Clarence Lodge, and that the same be noted upon the minutes of the meeting. Bros. Bourke and Mecey responded. Bro. D. D. West was elected W.M. for the next meeting, and appointed his officers, and announced that the work would be the ceremony of raising, and the 5th Section of the Second Lecture. The Lodge was then closed.

BLACKHEATH LODGE (No. 1320).—The usual weekly meeting was held at the Milkwood Tavern, Milkwood-road, Loughborough Junction, on Monday, the 9th instant, when there were present Bros. T. R. Cass, W.M.; Clarke, S.W.; Turner, J.W.; H. G. Martin, Preceptor; Cass, Treas.; C. H. Stone, Sec.; Rice, Asst. Sec.; Barr, S.D.; Bate, J.D.; S. Fisher, I.G.; Lake, Tyler; Orton, B. T. Kimpton, Hood, Smith, Sparks, Cooke, Mattock, Hooper, H. Baldwin, H. Sercombe, Hill, and Pullen.

The lodge was opened, and the minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed. Bro. Rice offered himself as a candidate, and, having answered usual questions, retired. The lodge was opened in the Second Degree, and Bro. Rice was passed to the Degree of F.C. The lodge was resumed in the First Degree. Bro. Cass vacated the chair in favour of Bro. Hooper, who rehearsed the ceremony of initiation, Bro. Sparks being candidate. Bros. H. Baldwin, P.M. 1632, and S. Fisher, 217, were elected joining members. Bro. Clarke was elected W.M. for the next meeting. A letter of sympathy was resolved to be sent to Bro. F. Hilton, Preceptor, in his great bereavement.

HYDE PARK LODGE (No. 1425).—A meeting was held on Monday, the 16th instant, at the Prince of Wales Hotel, corner of Eastbourne-terrace and Bishop's-road, Paddington, W., when there were present Bros. C. Godfrey, W.M.; W. Edlestein, S.W.; H. Campbell, J.W.; G. Read, P.M. 511, Treas.; H. Dehane, P.M. 1543, Sec.; J. C. Conway, S.D.; W. Hillier, J.D.; T. M. Lamble, I.G.; J. Powell, Stwd.; J. Sims, P.M. 834; S. Cochrane, P.M. 3; W. J. Ferguson, P.M. 177; C. G. Wetzlar, W.M. 141; W. J. Mason, P.M. 1328; J. J. Thomas, P.M. 753; W. Death, P.M. 511; Major E. J. Reed, M. Rosenberg, E. T. Ginder, W. R. Hatton, and T. S. Franklin.

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. After the usual preliminaries, the lodge was opened in the Third Degree, and the ceremony of raising was rehearsed, Bro. Hatton being the candidate. The lodge was closed in the Third, and resumed to the First Degree. Bro. Edlestein was elected W.M. for next meeting—officers to be in rotation. Attention was called to the presence of several members of the Board of General Purposes, all of whom addressed the brethren. Bro. Mason's candidature elicited considerable applause and promise of support—in conjunction with Bros. Read, Cochrane, and Thomas. £10 10s. was voted to the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution to make the lodge of instruction Vice-President of both Funds—Men and Women. The W.M. rose the usual number of times, and after "Hearty good wishes" the lodge was closed.

COVENT GARDEN LODGE (No. 1614).—The usual weekly meeting of this lodge was held at the Criterion, Piccadilly, S.W., on Thursday, the 5th inst., when there were present Bros. H. J. Keen, W.M.; F. D. Rymer, S.W.; E. J. D. Bromley, J.W.; G. H. Foan, Asst. Preceptor; G. Reynolds, Treas. and Sec.; W. Hoggins, S.D.; R. W. Jones, J.D.; R. Sandland, I.G.; I. C. Seary, Org.; T. E. Weeks, Tyler; R. Kirk, G. H. Reynolds, G. Sherwood, J. Lawrence, W. Downs, J. Wise, A. Cogliati, D. Samuels, T. W. Hambly, F. W. Buxton, and C. O. Burgess.

The lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. Bro. A. Cogliati having offered himself as a candidate for initiation, the W.M. rehearsed the ceremony. The W.M. vacated the chair in favour of Bro. G. H. Foan, Asst. Preceptor. The lodge was opened in the Second Degree. Bro. T. W. Hambly having offered himself as a candidate to be raised to the Third Degree, answered the usual questions satisfactorily, and was entrusted, and retired. The lodge was opened in the Third Degree. The W.M. rehearsed the Degree of M.M. The lodge was resumed to the First Degree. Bro. H. J. Keen resumed the chair of K.S. On rising for the second time, Bro. E. J. D. Rymer, S.W., was unanimously elected W.M. for the ensuing week, and appointed his officers in rotation. On rising for the third time, nothing further offering for the good of Freemasonry, the lodge was closed.

Previous to the meeting, the Committee met *re* the Covent Garden Lodge of Instruction supper, and, after a quiet and harmonious discussion, it was decided that Bro. J. Terry, Sec. R.M.B.I., be asked to work the ceremony of consecration, and, subject to his decision, the supper be held on that evening.

ALL SAINTS LODGE (No. 1716).—The usual weekly meeting of this lodge was held at the Town Hall, Poplar, on Friday, the 6th inst., under the presidency of Bro. Raymond, W.M., and officers—Bros. Whitlock, S.W.; Zanne, 1765, J.W.; F. J. Waterson, S.D.; Arrowsmith, 733, J.D.; E. H. Waterson, I.G.; Allen, Hon. Sec. and Asst. Preceptor; also Bros. Kirk, Carpenter, P.M.; Timson, 781; and Burgess, 781.

The lodge having been opened, the Ceremony of Initiation was very well rehearsed, Bro. Kirk acting as candidate. Bro. Timson, P.M., then occupied the chair. The lodge was opened in the Second Degree. Bro. Kirk having volunteered his services as candidate for raising, was examined, entrusted, and retired. The lodge was opened in the Third Degree, and the ceremony of raising to the Sublime Degree of a M.M. was ably rendered by the W.M., who also gave the traditional history. Bro. Burgess having been elected a member of this lodge, it was adjourned to this (Friday) evening, when Bro. Whitlock will take the chair.

CHISWICK LODGE (No. 2012).—A meeting was held on Saturday, the 7th inst., at the Windsor Castle Hotel, King-street, Hammersmith, W., when there were present Bros. W. Hillier, W.M.; R. Reid, S.W.; J. H. Cummings, P.M.; J. W.; J. Sims, P.M., acting Preceptor; A. Williams, P.M., acting Sec.; J. Dehane, P.M., S.D.; W. Hide, J.D.; P. J. Davies, W. Lees, and J. Cox.

The lodge was opened in the First Degree, and the minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. The

1st Section of the Lecture was then worked by the brethren, under the direction of Bro. J. Sims. The 2nd Section was also worked, under the direction of Bro. W. Hillier. The lodge was opened in the Second Degree, and Bro. P. J. Davies offering himself as a candidate for raising, was examined and entrusted. The lodge was opened in the Third Degree, and the ceremony of raising rehearsed. The lodge was resumed to the First Degree, and Bro. R. Reid being elected W.M. for the next meeting, the lodge was closed.

HORNSEY CHAPTER (No. 890).—A meeting was held on the 6th inst., at the Prince of Wales Hotel, corner of Eastbourne-terrace and Bishop's-road, Paddington, W., when there were present Comps. C. G. Wetzlar, M.E.Z. 1604, M.E.Z.; W. Hillier, 834, H.; J. Cruttenden, 779, J.; H. Dehane, P.Z. 890, S.E.; R. D. Poppleton, H. 51, S.N.; J. C. Tilt, P.S. 862, P.S.; A. J. Turner, 1st A.S. 1196; and R. Larchin, S.N. 862.

The chapter was opened, and the minutes of the last convocation were read and confirmed. The ceremony of exaltation was rehearsed, Comp. Turner being the candidate. Comp. Hillier was elected M.E.Z. for the ensuing two weeks. After the usual number of risings "Hearty good wishes" were accorded, and the chapter was closed.

STAR CHAPTER (No. 1275).—The usual weekly meeting was held at the Stirling Castle Hotel, Church-street, Camberwell, on Friday, the 6th inst., when there were present Comps. G. L. Moore, M.E.Z.; T. Grumman, H.; J. Hill, J.; F. Hilton, P.Z., Preceptor; C. H. Stone, S.E.; J. Addington, S.N.; Stone, P.S.; Mayo, Rymer, Loader, Lazenby, Ravaisson, and Oldfield.

The chapter was opened, and the minutes of the last convocation read and confirmed. The ceremony of exaltation was rehearsed, Comp. Loader personating candidate. The M.E.Z. rose the usual number of times. Comp. W. Ravaisson, 172, was elected a joining member. Comp. Grumman was elected M.E.Z. for next meeting. It was decided that the chapter be placed at the disposal of Comp. Hilton, M.E.Z. 1622, on the 27th inst., when the three installations will be rehearsed, commencing at seven p.m.

BOARD OF BENEVOLENCE.

The monthly meeting of the Board of Benevolence was held on Wednesday evening, at Freemasons' Hall. Bro. Robert Grey, President, Bro. James Brett, Senior Vice-President, and Bro. C. A. Cottebrune, Junior Vice-President, were in their respective chairs at the opening, and Grand Secretary's office was represented by Bros. A. A. Pendlebury, Assistant Grand Secretary, W. Dodd, and W. H. Lee.

The Board of Masters was first held, and the programme for next Grand Lodge submitted. After the Board of Benevolence had been opened, the President announced that he was obliged to leave for the purpose of receiving the Duke of Connaught, who was going to take the chair at the Festival of the Girls' School. Bro. Brett then took the President's chair, Bro. Cottebrune the Senior Vice-President's, and Bro. W. P. Brown the Junior Vice-President's.

The Board first confirmed recommendations to the Grand Master made at the April meeting to the amount of £330, and then took up the list of new cases, of which there were 53. These were qualified through lodges in the London district and at Riverhead, Gloucester, Alford, Bridgewater, Windsor, Stourbridge, Radcliffe, Birmingham, Jarrow, Hampton Court, Derby, Keighley, Openshaw, Whitehaven, Berkeley, Newcastle-on-Tyne, Ipswich, Berkhamstead, Wimborne, Sunderland, Alderney, Leigh, Kingsbridge, Pendleton, Calcutta, Ilminster, Brighton, and Plumstead.

In the course of the sitting seven of these were deferred, and six dismissed. In one case the petitioner had died. The remainder were awarded a total of £950. Three were recommended to Grand Lodge for £50 each, five to the Grand Master for £40 each, 10 for £30 each, and one for £25. There were eight grants of £20 each, two of £15 each, and 11 of £10 each.

THE LEOPOLD LODGE OF INSTRUCTION, No. 1571.

Bro. J. Terry, P.M., P.G.S.B., and Sec. R.M.B.I., having consecrated the Leopold Lodge, No. 1571, the lodge of instruction holding its warrant from that lodge has for the past two or three years been endeavouring to secure Bro. Terry's services to rehearse the ceremonies of consecration and installation for the benefit of the many brethren who never see the first-named ceremony. After various attempts, owing to the numerous and heavy duties of Bro. Terry, Bro. Colley, the Hon. Secretary of the lodge of instruction, at last succeeded in arranging the event, and the attendance on Thursday, the 12th instant, at the lodge rooms, the City Arms Restaurant, St. Mary Axe, E.C., not only proved the popularity of our worthy brother, but also that the Leopold Lodge of Instruction is doing good work.

The following brethren took part in and witnessed the ceremonies so ably performed, as they always are, by Bro. Terry, the W.M. and Consecrating Officer: Bros. Morgan, W.M. 1571, S.W.; Dormer, P.M. 1571, J.W.; Dulfield, P.M. 1571, Preceptor and D.C.; Pitt, P.M. 463, Asst. Preceptor; Colley, S.W. 1571, Hon. Treas. and Sec.; Williams, 228, Assistant Sec.; Watts, S.D. 1571, S.D.; J. W. Miller, 1491, J.D.; Emden, 1228, Inner Guard; Stribbling, Organist; Meadows, 1571, Steward; and W. Smith, Tyler; Gaskell, P.M.; Ives, P.M.; Loftus, P.M.; W. Smith, P.M.; Large, P.M.; Quartly, P.M.; Stamp, P.M.; Nichols, P.M.; Austin, Abrahams, Appleyard, Barrett, Bradley, Booth, Bull, A. Brown, J. Botibol, Brown, Carlton, Coak, Colsell, Clark, R. Carey, Rev. T. W.

Dunscombe, Diver, Davy, Duncan, Duxbury, Elliott, Eades, Ellis, Fisher, Farmer, Freeman, Gregory, Giller, Gaywood, Griffiths, Horwill, Hunt, Hill, Hole, Holland, Hampson, G. Hall, A. Hall, Jardine, Ingletton, Johns, Jelley, Jones, Knight, Larter, Lemon, Lambert, Low, Leach, Langford, Lee, Maud, Marshall, Moss, Neale, Oldham, Stafford, Seagrave, Stocker, Saunton, R. D. Smith, Stewart, Sarson, Stenner, Tannahill, Taylor, Tagg, Todd, Vale, Vinen, Weare, Wilkinson, Ward, and others.

The ceremony of consecration having been performed, Bro. E. J. Morgan, W.M. of the mother lodge, was duly installed as W.M., and he having appointed and invested the officers, the lodge was resumed.

Several brethren having joined the lodge, a hearty vote of thanks was unanimously accorded to Bro. Terry for his able working, and he was elected an honorary member of the lodge.

Bro. TERRY having returned thanks, votes of thanks were accorded Bro. Colley, Hon. Sec.; Bro. Williams, Leader of the choir; the choir; and Bro. Stribbling, Org., for their services, and these having been suitably acknowledged, the lodge was closed and adjourned.

A supper was afterwards held, to which upwards of 50 of the brethren sat down, under the presidency of Bro. Morgan, supported by Bro. Terry, P.M.

The usual loyal and Masonic toasts having been duly honoured,

Bro. MORGAN proposed "The Health of the Masonic Charities," coupling with it the name of the guest of the evening, Bro. Terry.

In his reply Bro. TERRY, in an interesting speech, acknowledged the assistance given the Charities by the associations connected with lodges of instruction, and he announced the figures of the subscription to the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution for this year as amounting to nearly £67,000. He also gave some statistics as to the many times he had performed and rehearsed the ceremonies witnessed that evening, expressing his willingness to do all he could to forward Freemasonry, and he wished the Leopold Lodge of Instruction every success in the good work it was carrying out.

The toasts of "The W.M.," "The Preceptor, Bro. Duffield, P.M.," "The Hon. Sec., Bro. Colley," "Bro. Williams," and "The Visitors" (replied to by Bros. LARGE and WARD), brought a pleasant evening to a close.

During the evening an efficient choir, under the leadership of Bro. Williams, performed the music incidental to the ceremony, and at the supper table songs and recitations were given by Bros. Large, Ward, Johns (S.W. of the mother lodge), and others.

SUPPER OF THE ST. GEORGE'S LODGE OF INSTRUCTION.

On Tuesday evening, the 10th inst. (the meetings held at the New Cross Hall having finished for the season on the 3rd inst.) some of the members met at supper at the Portland Hotel, Greenwich. Bro. John Shepherd, W.M. of the St. George's Lodge, No. 140, presided, and those present were Bros. George Brown, Preceptor; H. Nuding, Treasurer; J. Burton, Chapman, sen., Chapman, jun., W. F. Card, H. Cole, A. Clark, G. C. Fox, Fluid, Dr. Alex. Forsyth, P. F. Holmden, J. J. Jenkins, H. K. Lewis, J. G. Loughborough, G. Morrison, Edgar Martin, H. H. Nuding, R. H. Perryman, G. Pooley, Dr. Parke, Robin, H. Richardson, W. Shepherd, W. R. Smith, and W. Turner.

A pleasant social and musical evening was spent, the toast "Success to St. George's Lodge of Instruction," coupled with the name of the Preceptor, Bro. George Brown, being received with special enthusiasm.

ADDRESS BY BRO. E. T. FULFORD, P.M. 1254.

The following address was delivered by Bro. Fulford on the occasion of dedication of the New Masonic Hall at Budleigh, Salterton: We have been informed that Masonry is a progressive science. Progress, brethren, is an essential contingent to the healthy life of every institution. In the absence of progress, retrogression and decay speedily ensue. We rejoice in the progress of Freemasonry. We note with satisfaction the increased usefulness of the Order, the improved tone and spirit that prevails in it even since we have known it. This work being carried on by our great Masonic Charities, not more than the determination manifested throughout the Order to promote its genuine tenets, proclaim that our Institution contains the necessary element of progress. To-day, brethren, we mark progress of a very interesting nature. When a few short months ago we stood on this spot surrounded for the most part by rude and unshapen materials, we indulged in the language of hope and expectation. To-day, thanks to the skill of the architect and the labour of the builder, our hopes are realised, our expectations gratified; the rude and unshapen materials have been wrought into due shape and form, and we see order and beauty and symmetry have supplanted chaos. We now employ, and justly employ, the language of congratulation. We congratulate the labourers on the success of their efforts, and long after they shall have been called to the Grand Lodge above we trust this building shall remain as a memorial of their skillful labour. We congratulate the lodge on having acquired so commodious and convenient and pretty a temple. May every present member who has contributed in

any manner, whether directly or indirectly to accomplish this object, long live to enjoy the pleasures and privileges of Freemasonry within these sacred walls. And the Order of which this lodge forms part may well be congratulated on this addition to the edifices set apart for the purposes of the Craft. Lastly, we think the pretty town in which we are assembled may be congratulated on this interesting increase to the number of its ornamental buildings. The sacred shrines and altars of the heathen idolators, the temples of the Jews, the mosques of the Mahomedan, and the churches of the Christian have ever been sources of pride to the respective worshippers therein, and shall not we, brethren, who are disciples of a religion of morality, which, although not confined to creed, or country, or clime, but based on the one foundation on which all worshippers of the Great Architect of the Universe, again rejoice in the success of undertakings such as this? Doubtless this will long be marked as a red-letter day in the annals of No. 372. Affording as it does a convenient opportunity to rest a moment, as it were, on this milestone on the journey of the life of the lodge, let us reflect on the interesting past, and the work accomplished during the past 70 years; on the long list of worthy brethren that have passed through it; on some of the illustrious names that have been recorded on its roll, and the happy hours that many of you now present have enjoyed under its banner. Resolve in the living present that the honour, dignity, and usefulness of the lodge shall be upheld in a manner worthy its past history, and of this new departure; and in contemplating the future may we suggest that it is not improbable that the greater prominence in which Freemasonry will be brought by the erection of this building, some there will be who from worthy and honourable motives will seek to join you, while it is quite possible others from mere idle curiosity or other unworthy motives will endeavour to obtain admission. Let us then remind you that the successful and satisfactory erection of this building depended on the careful selection of suitable material for its various parts, be it yours to imitate that example and see to it that the material out of which the Freemasons of the future are formed is such that it will ultimately reflect honour on your choice. Additions of numbers are not always synonymous with progress. Again having made careful selection of material both as to character and quality after having been duly shaped and formed, equal care was necessary to fix them on their proper basis, and by mortar or cement or other suitable means connect the various parts so as to procure one harmonious whole. See to it, brethren, that the conduct of business in your lodge be such as to produce brotherly love. Emulates each other in your individual capacity to increase each the other's happiness, and the success in the highest and best sense of your lodge. Emulation not jealousy! Self-abnegation not self-glorification be your motto! So shall your name supply the definition of your conduct, and so avoid even the semblance of a discordant note in lodge harmony. Brethren, if these be the principles on which you act, then shall Freemasonry be a blessing to you and you ornaments to Freemasonry, then shall you conduce to make the ceremonies of this auspicious occasion a source of joy and rejoicing, to yourselves, to your children, and your children's children; cause your Freemasonry to be respected in the world, do good to your fellow man, and bring Glory to God.

HELSTON FLORA-DAY MASONIC BALL.

A Masonic dance, the first of the kind ever carried out in Helston, was held in the Godolphin Hall in the New Public Buildings, on the evening of Flora-day, the 11th inst. The hall is a very fine one and suitable for the purpose, it was beautifully decorated and furnished. The floor was in first class condition for dancing, and Wick's band rendered thoroughly good music to the satisfaction of all. The ball was opened by Dr. Wearne and Mrs. Walker Tyacke.

Amongst those present were Mrs. Walker Tyacke, Mrs. Wearne, Miss Pollard, Miss Kerby, Miss Bullmore, Mrs. Montague Rogers, Miss Nora Rogers, Miss Keene, Mrs. T. B. James, Mrs. and Miss Dungey, Mrs. Dunstan, Miss Cade, Mrs. and Miss Vos, Miss Mathieson, Mrs. Stangbye, Mrs. and Miss Eva, Miss Maggie Williams, Miss Fry, Miss Bennetts, Miss Bessie Williams, Miss M. Richards, Miss S. Richards, Miss Oppenheim, Miss Dymont, Miss Reed, Mrs. S. Roberts, Mrs. J. Roberts, Major Ross, Dr. Wearne, Messrs. Walker Tyacke, J. Jeffery, R. H. Cade, T. Taylor, A. S. Ratcliffe, J. M. Richards, Stangbye, F. V. Hill, E. P. Kendall, H. M. Rogers, J. O. Eva, J. James, J. H. Genn, C. T. Hill, John Tyacke, jun., J. M. Stephens, T. B. James, Marshall, S. Geach, H. T. Moore, W. Penrose, jun., E. Dunstan, Trezise, J. Roberts, C. F. Rogers, Barbis, Blamey, Knowles, S. Roberts, Keene, and S. Hart.

The ball was a gratifying success and dancing was kept up until three o'clock in the morning.

INCORPORATED TRADES, EDINBURGH.

The rise, progress, and present condition of the ancient Incorporated Trades of Edinburgh are but little known, and hence as little studied and thought about by "brethren of the mystic tie," even in the far North. What a pity this is so, and how great is the loss, are ably illustrated and emphasised by Bro. James Colston (of the firm of Messrs. Colston and Co., Printers,

Edinburgh), who has lately issued from the press a handsome work on the subject, written by him, as the result of an intimate knowledge of these venerable trade organisations, and based upon official documents.

The beautiful volume is published by subscription of one guinea per copy, the edition being limited to 300, and already considerably more than half that number has been applied for, though apparently no effort has been made to make it known.

The introductory chapter on "The Rise and Progress of Municipal Government in Scotland" is an able treatise of a very suggestive character, and though far from brief, its perusal leaves one lamenting it is no longer.

Bro. Colston is quite at home on the subject of Guilds, and is fully alive to their distinguishing characteristics of "Peace, Goodwill, and Fairplay" (for their own members), but at the same time has a clear conception of the need there was for the institution of *Craft*, as distinguished from *Merchant* Guilds. Combination was the only means the actual operatives had to resist the oppression of capitalists, and thus gradually they became almost a kind of middle-class between Patricians and Plebeians.

English, Scottish, and Continental Guilds, or Gilds, all come in for a share of consideration, but Bro. Colston ought really to write an independent work on the subject of these Guilds, viewed from a British standpoint, and based upon their own records.

This he has done most interestingly for Edinburgh, and given numerous extracts from old documents of great importance, dating from the 15th century. The constant recurrence of *freeman* and *unfreeman*, to my mind, is a strong proof of the use of the term *free-Mason* during the last four or five centuries to describe Masonic Craftsmen who were free of their Guilds, lodges or companies, and thus exercised their privileges accordingly.

The roll of Deacon-conveners from 1578 to 1890 is very interesting, and begins with a hammerman, followed by a surgeon in 1579, the first of the Masons to secure that honourable position being John Milne, in 1653, who was Deacon and Warden of the celebrated Lodge of Edinburgh (*Mary's Chapel*) in 1636. My dear friend Lyon (Grand Secretary of Scotland) has much to say about this old worthy in his grand history of No. 1, Scotland.

The chapter on "The incorporation of Mary's Chapel," by Bro. Colston, is a most pleasing and instructive one, its "Seal of Cause" being one of the oldest, dating so far back as October 15th, 1475; the Coopers being added to the "Wrights and Masons" in 1489. Other additions were subsequently made so as to include all trades engaged in rearing or "making beautiful an edifice." As the late Poet Laureate of this incorporation used to sing from one of his original compositions:

"What are the uses,
Building our houses."

I am glad to note this incorporation is at the present time "the strongest, most important, and most flourishing of all the civic organisations of former days" in Edinburgh. There are, however, now "only representations of the Mason and Wright (carpenters) fraternities, all the others having died."

The cuts of the Arms of the Companies being a finale to each Chapter, are most useful illustrations and valuable withal, and the frontispiece, of course, is devoted to the historic "*Blew Blanket*," referred to by King James VI. (The first of England) in instructions to his son, the Prince of Wales.

Particulars of the Royal Burghs and Conveners Court, with much else, I must pass over; and rest contented with the declaration that the volume is good and reliable from beginning to end, and happily contains a complete reproduction of Alexander Pennecuik's historical account of the "*Blue Blanket*" of 1722, which is now so rarely seen or heard of.

W. J. HUGHAN.

Obituary.

BRO. JAS. SCOTT WILSON.

On Wednesday, 4th inst., Bro. James Scott Wilson died at his residence, Albion-street, Driffield, at an advanced age, after very long and painful suffering. He was interred in the cemetery, the funeral being attended by many members of his lodge. Our deceased brother was W.M. of the Sykes Lodge, No. 1040, in 1881, being appointed Prov. Grand Pursuivant in the following year. He filled the chair of First Principal in the Londesborough Chapter, No. 734, in 1883, and again in 1886, and was Prov. Grand Director of Ceremonies of North and East Yorkshire. Bro. Wilson was an ardent and earnest Freemason, a cordial companion, and a worthy man. When the local Rifle Corps was established, some 25 years ago, he became one of its earliest officers. He was a skillful horticulturist, being especially successful in the cultivation of roses; he also took great interest in medical science and photography.

H.R.H. the Duke of Cambridge, Commander-in-Chief, dined with Bro. Captain the Earl of Yarborough and the Honourable Corps of Gentlemen-at-Arms at their mess in St. James's Palace on Monday evening.

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Bro. Sir Francis Burdett, Bart., P.G.M. Middx., has now arrived at Ancaster House, Richmond Hill, Surrey, from his seat, Foremark Hall, Derbyshire.

We are pleased to hear that Bro. Sir Jacob Wilson, Land Director to the Board of Agriculture, is progressing favourably towards recovery.

Bro. Earl Cowper has returned to town from Spain, and will at once meet his colleagues on the Royal Commission on the proposed Gresham University.

The Queen has granted the use of a suite of apartments at Hampton Court Palace to Lady Napier, widow of Field-Marshal Lord Napier of Magdala.

It is stated that a schism is impending in the Grand Orient of France, one party being desirous of divesting Masonry of its political and anti-clerical aspects.

A concert in aid of the Gordon Boys' Home will be given at St. James's Hall on Monday next, the 23rd inst., when the Duke and Duchess of Connaught will be present.

It is injurious to be in a hurry, and delay is often equally so; he is wise who does everything in proper time. Tardiness and precipitation are extremes equally to be avoided.

Bro. Alderman Sir James Whitehead presided on Tuesday at the annual dinner of the Gardeners' Orphan Fund, held at the Hôtel Métropole, the subscriptions announced exceeding £1000.

Her Majesty's Judges will attend Divine service at St. Paul's Cathedral on Hospital Sunday, the 19th June, and will dine with Bro. Lord Mayor Evans and the Lady Mayoress at the Mansion House on the 22nd June.

The Queen, accompanied by the Prince and Princess Henry of Battenberg, will leave Windsor Castle for her Highland residence this (Friday) evening, and is expected to return south after about a month's residence at Balmoral.

Mr. Charles Gibson Miller, of Melbourne, a member of the Royal Yacht Squadron, and owner of the steam-yacht Saide, has expressed a wish to present an annual prize of £50 to be sailed for at this regatta, and the offer has been accepted.

Brethren possessing votes for the Royal Hospital for Incurables are reminded that the election takes place at the Cannon-street Hotel on Friday, the 27th inst., from 12 till two o'clock, and their attention is called to the case of Bro. J. H. Gaball, particulars of which appear in our advertisement columns.

Bro. Walter Hancock, S.W., was, on Tuesday last, unanimously elected W.M. of the Anglo-American Lodge, No. 2191, and Bro. John B. Cumming, Treasurer. Bro. W. Hancock is the much respected Preceptor of the Islington Lodge of Instruction. The installation meeting will take place at the Criterion, Piccadilly-circus, S.W., on Tuesday, June 21st.

The Princess Louise, Marchioness of Lorne, accompanied by the Marquis of Lorne, distributed certificates of the St. John's Ambulance Association to sundry skippers and mates of vessels of the Medical Mission connected with that to the Deep Sea Fishermen at Exeter Hall on Monday. A telegram of sympathy with the Deep Sea Fishermen was received from her Majesty while the meeting was in progress.

The 41st annual General Court of the Governors and Subscribers to the Royal Cambridge Asylum for Soldiers' Widows, was held at the Royal United Service Institution, Whitehall, on Monday afternoon, under the presidency of the Duke of Cambridge. Among those present being Prince Edward of Saxe-Weimar, Bro. General Sir H. C. B. Daberry, General Sir E. A. Holdeh, Bro. Major-General E. C. Sim, and General H. L. Gardner.

Bro. Sir Augustus Harris's operatic season at Covent Garden opened at the Theatre Royal, Covent Garden, on Monday, among those present being the Duchess of St. Albans, the Duke and Duchess of Westminster, Louise, Duchess of Manchester, Bro. the Earl of Lathom, Lord and Lady Alington, Lord and Lady Brougham, Sir Francis and Lady Grenfell, the Earl and Countess of Pembroke, Earl and Countess de Grey, Lord and Lady Ashburton, and others.

Princess Christian held the second Drawing Room of the season on Wednesday, at Buckingham Palace, when she was supported by the Duke of Edinburgh, the Duke and Duchess of Connaught, Prince and Princess Henry of Battenberg, and the Duke of Cambridge. The ceremony, although accompanied by the usual state magnificence, was not so well attended as the one on Monday, and there were not so many presentations.

The annual festival dinner of the News-vendors' Benevolent and Provident Institution will take place at the Hôtel Métropole, to-morrow (Saturday), Sir Algernon Borthwick in the chair. All interested in the welfare of the Press would assist a good cause by sending subscriptions to the Chairman on the day of the dinner, even if they cannot be present to support him in person. All such contributions would be gratefully acknowledged, and when it is considered what hard and industrious lives those spend who are engaged in the work of distributing newspapers, and how they contribute to the pleasures of our existence, there ought to be many kind sympathisers ready to help in a substantial manner such an essential, deserving charity as that for which Sir Algernon Borthwick makes a most earnest appeal.

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About £500 has been subscribed towards the fund for the erection of a memorial window to the late Mr. W. H. Smith in St. Margaret's, Westminster, and to-day (Friday) the Committee will finally decide upon the design for the work.

According to annual usage the Lord Provost of Edinburgh presented the keys of the city on Wednesday to the Marquess of Tweeddale, her Majesty's High Commissioner. In the evening the Marquess and Marchioness entertained a large company in the Picture Gallery of Holyrood Palace.

The Duke of Edinburgh has signified to the Mayor and Corporation of Preston, through Lord Lathom, that he will open the Prince Albert Dock, in that town, on Saturday, the 25th June. His Royal Highness will be the guest of the Mayor, Councillor Humber, during his stay in Preston.

Ernest Atkinson, a fourth-class fireman in the Metropolitan Brigade, who was reported as having saved four lives at a fire which occurred at No. 313, Kennington-road, will probably be rewarded by a medal of the kind usually bestowed by the London County Council on men who thus distinguish themselves. His bravery has already been brought under the attention of the authorities.

The Duke of Connaught has arranged to lay the memorial-stone of the new parish church of St. John, Forton, Gosport, on Monday, June 27th. The church is being built from designs by Sir A. Blomfield and Sons, to provide for the increased population of the parish, which has grown from under 2000 to over 7000. Towards its erection Mr. A. Nichols, of London, has given £2000.

By a curious coincidence the arrival of the King of Sweden in the South of France has occurred at the very time fixed for the sale of the house in which his grandfather, Marshal Bernadotte, the founder of the dynasty, was born. It is a one-storied building, with three windows looking on the street—at Pau—and above the door is a marble tablet thus inscribed: "Charles Jean Bernadotte, King of Sweden—called to the throne by the unanimous voice of the Swedes—was born in this house on the 26th of January, 1763."

The Archbishop of Canterbury and Mrs. Benson entertained at dinner, at Lambeth Palace, on Wednesday evening, the Turkish Ambassador, the Marquess of Lothian and Lady Margaret Kerr, Viscount Cranbrook and Hon. Miss E. Gathorne-Hardy, Lord and Lady Knutsford, Eleonora, Lady Trevelyan, Sir Charles Bowen, Sir William and Lady Emily Hart-Dyke, Sir Frederic Leighton, P.R.A., the Dean of St. Paul's and Mrs. Gregory, Miss Peel, the Rev. John and Mrs. Storrs, Mr. and Mrs. Anderson, Mr. and Mrs. Lathbury, Mrs. Bishop, and Mr. Marshall.

A meeting of brethren interested in the propagation of Masonic light was held on Friday, the 29th ult., at the office of the Grand Master of Masons of Maryland, at Baltimore, to devise ways that upon re-occupancy of the new temple, a museum for the collection and deposit of articles of antiquity, rarity and merit (Masonic and otherwise) be established. The Committee appointed for the purpose have been in consultation with the Grand Master upon the subject, and have concluded to form an association specially for the purpose as set forth above.

It is the intention of the Prince and Princess of Wales, at the earnest desire of the King and Queen of Denmark, to proceed to Copenhagen, accompanied by Prince George and the Princesses Victoria and Maud, to be present at the "golden wedding" of their Majesties on the 26th instant. Owing to their deep mourning, their Royal Highnesses will be unable, however, to take part in any of the fêtes and festivities which may be given on that occasion.

Wednesday being "Grand-day" of Easter Term at the Middle Temple, the Treasurer, Lord Justice Lindley, and the Benchers entertained the following guests at dinner in the Middle Temple Hall, viz., the American Minister, Lord Watson, Mr. Justice Denman, Sir James Paget, the Attorney-General (Sir R. Webster, Q.C.), Sir James Crichton-Browne, Sir John Bridge, Bishop Barry, Judge Bacon, Mr. J. Hannay, the Rev. Canon Ainger, the President of the Royal College of Surgeons (Mr. J. E. Erichsen), Mr. W. H. Horwood, and the Under Treasurer, Mr. Waldron.

La Paz is the finest little city along the Mexican coast, and has long been noted for its pearl fisheries. The pearls of La Paz far exceed those of India in lustre and in price, and are eagerly sought for by the belles of all lands. Yet a person buying pearl there must be somewhat of an expert or he will get swindled, as there is a fine imitation made from the pearl shell that almost defies detection. La Paz, with its hundred windmills, its shaded avenues, beautiful gardens in terraces, and its white houses, of which one catches a glimpse beneath the date and cocoa palms reaching down to the sea, contrasting so beautifully with the nut-brown hill as a background, forms a lovely picture.

In aid of the Masonic Charities of Devonshire, and under the direction of Bro. W. Hearder, P.P.G.O., two dramatic performances were given at Freemasons' Hall, Plymouth, on Wednesday, the 11th inst., and Thursday, the 12th inst. The piece selected for performance on each evening was Fred W. Broughton's one-act comedieta "Withered Leaves," followed on Wednesday by the comedieta "Sunset," and on Thursday by "Sugar and Cream." On each evening also Bro. Lavers, P.M. 1255, recited "An Appeal," written by Mr. Neville Lynn, F.L.S.A., and on Thursday night, after the dramatic performance, there was an additional attraction in the shape of a dance. A previous dramatic performance on behalf of the Masonic Charities had a most satisfactory result, and it is hoped that the present effort will be no less successful.

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The American Bible Society will make an exhibit at the Chicago World's Fair, in which will appear copies of Bibles in more than 200 different languages.

The death is announced of a former serf named Kostromskoy, who saved the life of the late Czar on the occasion of the attempt to assassinate him in 1866. For this act he was granted a patent of nobility.

The Masons of St. Louis, Mo., having been notified by the owners of the property to leave their Masonic Temple, are actively considering the erection of a new Temple, which, we hope, may be in every way an improvement on the old.

Under the presidency of their genial and popular Chairman, Mr. G. E. Wood, the members of the Epping Forest Committee dined together at the Albion, on Monday evening, when he was presented with a handsome gold watch as a memento of his year of office.

Marked earthquake shocks have been felt at Singapore, Penang, and Johore. It is 31 years ago since similar shocks were experienced. The *Times* Correspondent at Singapore also wires that a telegram from Sumatra states that a sharp earthquake shock was felt there Tuesday night, travelling from east to west.

The celebration of the Centenary of the Masonic Female Orphan Schools, which promises to be very successful, practically commenced on Monday at Dublin with the distribution of prizes to the girls in the Leinster Hall. There were present a large number of Masons of all grades.

The 50th meeting of the National Thrift Society (1892 series) was held at St. Peter's-park Schools, Elgin-avenue, on Wednesday evening. The Rev. J. Mitchell Cox presided, and an address was given by Bro. T. Bowden Green, Secretary of the National Thrift Society.

The Ainos of Japan burn their dead and place the ashes in a prayer house next to their dwelling. This prayer house is made of deals, and is generally more than two feet high, and in it the ancestral tablet is placed. This tablet consists of a long upright plank, cut slantingly at the upper end, and tied round with six loops. At the foot lies a fish and two tobacco leaves.

Bro. the Lord Mayor has told the London bankers that in 1890 there was "cleared" in the City, for London alone, no less a sum than £7,801,048,000; that there was deposited in all the banks in the United Kingdom an estimated sum of £850,000,000, and that there was in the Savings Banks a further sum of £114,000,000, making a total of nearly £1,000,000,000.

The 26th anniversary of Dr. Barnardo's Homes will be held at the Royal Albert Hall, on Wednesday evening, June 22nd. Lord Kinnaird will preside, and will be supported by Lord Aberdeen, the Rev. Canon Wilberforce, Sir Henry Selwin-Ibbetson, M.P., Colonel C. E. Howard Vincent, M.P., and others. There will be a long and interesting programme.

Messrs. Cassell and Company will hold their 10th annual Black and White Exhibition, at the Cutlers' Hall, from May 25th to June 10th. The exhibition will be the most important and interesting they have yet held. The drawings will include those made by Sir James Linton for "Henry VIII.," by Mr. Frank Dicksee for "Othello," and by Mr. W. L. Wyllie for "The Tidal Thames."

Bro. G. Manners, F.S.A., F.L.S., was on Monday last the recipient of a testimonial from the Library Committee of the Corporation of London in recognition of the services rendered to the library during the past year. Mr. Deputy Horn presided, and he was supported by the Lord Mayor and Sheriffs. The presentation consisted of a handsome picture of "A Roman Lady," by Hanson Walker, and Racinet's six-volume work entitled "Costume Historique." The book, which was bound in full morocco, is beautifully illustrated, and is undoubtedly the best authority on the subject of the costumes of all ages and all countries.

The seaside camp for London working boys, which, under the management of the Diocesan Council for the Welfare of Young Men, has for the last three years afforded a summer holiday to no fewer than 2839 boys from all parts of London, has been compelled to leave its original site on the Deal sandhills to make room for golfers. Another place has, however, been found at Pagham, near Bognor, where the first batch of campers out will be received by Colonel Farquharson, the commandant, on Saturday, June 11. The applications for a week's sojourn by the sea promise to be this year more numerous than before, which mean increased subscriptions and donations will be needed.

How often are "brethren of the Craft" assailed with the question, "Why can't a woman be a Mason," and how meanly they usually take advantage of the opportunity to enlarge upon woman's curiosity and fondness for talking. General Sherman once devoted himself to quite a serious discussion of the inquiry, and it was upon the conduct of Eve, the first Junior Warden in the Lodge of Paradise, that he based the rejection of the fair sex since that time from all Master Mason lodges. Eve neglected her duties, and seriously broke her obligations by letting in an expelled Mason, who posed as a grand lecturer and enlightened her upon the want of proper regalia both for Adam, the Senior Warden, and herself. This brought them into trouble with the Grand Master, and "finding" that Eve was no longer trustworthy, that she had caused Adam to neglect his duty, and had let one in whom he expelled, the Grand Master closed the lodge, turned them out, and set a faithful Tyler to watch the door with a flaming sword. Adam, repenting of his folly, went to work like a man and a good Mason in order to get reinstated again. Not so with Eve. She got angry about it, and commenced raising Cain. Adam, on account of his reformation, was permitted to establish lodges and work in the Degrees, and while Eve was allowed to join him in acts of Charity outside, she was never again admitted to assist in the regular lodge work of the Craft. Hence the reason why a woman cannot become an inside Mason.—*Family Circle*.

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