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ROYAL MASONIC INSTITUTION FOR BOYS.

94TH ANNIVERSARY FESTIVAL.

The 94th Anniversary Festival of this Institution was held on Wednesday at Freemasons' Tavern, Bro. Sir Michael E. Hicks-Beach, Prov. G.M. for Gloucestershire, in the chair.

Ladies sat down to dinner with the brethren.

At the conclusion of the dinner the usual toasts followed grace, which was sung by the professional artistes.

The CHAIRMAN, in giving the toast of "The Queen, the Grand Patroness of the Institution," said Masons drank that toast with reverence because in her Majesty they recognised one of the noblest of women, who through a long life in spite of domestic trouble had done her duty in a way which was an example to every one of her subjects; they drank it with loyalty because they recognised in her the head, not merely of this United Kingdom but of our own great British Empire, the representative of that crown which bound them altogether in bonds of friendly unity and concord, and without which he firmly believed the British Empire would be in danger of coming to an end.

In giving "The M.W.G.M., H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, and the rest of the Royal Family," the CHAIRMAN said for many years past they had recognised in his Royal Highness not merely the popular heir to the Throne, but the genial and able President of the Masonic Craft. They knew that in anything that was of interest to them they had his cordial sympathy and his best wishes for their welfare; but more recently they had been able unhappily to show their sympathy with him. A blow from Providence had fallen upon the Royal Family and upon the country. The whole country was grieved with them, but from no source had that grief come more sincerely, or, as he believed, had it been more thoroughly appreciated than from Masons. They felt an additional bond between them and their Royal Grand Master in this sympathy of grief. They hoped that time would bring some alleviation to his sorrow, and now that he had been able again to appear in public at Warwick at the Royal Agricultural Society's Show he would shortly resume that active part in public life which he so well performed. Of her Royal Highness the Princess of Wales he need say nothing. Her popularity with everybody in England was unbounded, and of the other members of the Royal Family he would only say that among them they saw the future heir to the Throne, who they believed, whenever the time came, would maintain to the full the dignity and honour of that Throne. Of all the members of the Royal House the whole nation was proud.

Bro. Capt. J. D. MURRAY, G. Treas., responded to the toast of "The Pro Grand Master, the Deputy Grand Master, and the rest of the Grand Officers, Present and Past," and said he felt more than honoured in having to do so, because he was indebted to the suffrages of his brethren throughout the length and breadth of the land for placing him in the position he now occupied in the Craft. Of the Earl of Lathom, who was his Provincial Grand Master, he could say there was no man more respected in West Lancashire. Wherever he chose to lead, the West Lancashire brethren were sure to follow.

The CHAIRMAN next gave the toast of the evening, "Success to the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys." He had heard it whispered since he came into the room that they had chosen a somewhat inconvenient moment for the Festival this year. He gathered from the ordinary sources of information that something was going on in the country which had no reference whatever to the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys, but which, unfortunately might have been responsible for the non-attendance of some brethren who would otherwise have been present. If that were so he was not sure that the Festival was really at an inconvenient time. He knew it was one of the first duties of a Mason to pour the healing balm of consolation into the bosom of the afflicted, and he could not help thinking that in a few days they might be engaged in that excellent work in the case of not a few unfortunate persons who had failed to secure successes. He knew it was their duty to drop the tear of sympathy over the failings of a brother, and on these occasions when their differences were apt to be marked, and perhaps somewhat strongly accentuated, it might be very agreeable to pour the tear of sympathy over the failings of those who were with them. But seriously speaking, this was not a bad time for a Masonic Festival. It ought to teach them that whatever their differences in politics and religion, Masonry brought them together. He did not doubt that there were many in that hall who had been taking during the last few days an active part on absolutely different sides, who had come up that day to take part in that joint Festival, and would go down again to-morrow to recommence their rivalry, and so one day of

rest, one day of brotherly sympathy, would do none of them any harm. It would teach them that there was something good in those who differed from them; it would teach them to look on the differences in a kindly and not in a hostile spirit—that beyond politics, beyond religious differences, they had a Masonic fraternal tie. He had to commend to them on this occasion the toast of almost the oldest of the Masonic Charities. The Boys' School was founded nearly a hundred years ago by a few brethren for half a dozen boys. At the time of the Jubilee of King George the Third fifty boys received the benefits of the Institution, and for years past, before 1852, the sons of indigent and deceased Freemasons were not only clothed and educated, but maintained in the Institution, which was an honour to the Craft. Those were days when new doctrines were beginning which objected to free education, to the clothing of children, and, much more, to their maintenance. In spite of them Freemasons did what they believed to be a charitable work, and they had lived long enough to see public opinion coming round to their views. They had lived long enough to see free education hailed by everybody as a boon which both parties had conferred upon the country; they had lived long enough to see free meals for children, and he had no doubt that as time went on the example of Freemasons would be followed by the most advanced spirits among our modern politicians. The brethren must be interested in this Institution, to his mind, from one point of view, even more than in the kindred Institutions. The Old People appealed to their best sympathies; they all thought, though they would not confess it, that they might be growing old themselves; the girls appealed to the brethren's chivalry, and to their admiration for the fair sex; but in the boys they saw those who some day might be engaged not merely in the most active work of life, but who might be Masons among them. The brethren knew as well as he could tell them that during the last few years the Boys' School had passed through an anxious crisis. He thought they were deeply indebted, more deeply than words could say, to those able brethren on the Board of Management who had voluntarily devoted so much of their time and trouble to re-organising this great Institution so that it might be a credit to Masonry. It was his lot on Tuesday to visit the Institution, and he was impressed with the excellence of the Head Master, with the great interest which he evidently felt in his work; he was impressed with the ability of the Matron; but above all he was impressed with the cheerful and healthy appearance of the boys. They had done well—the seniors among them in outside examinations from those Cambridge Universities at Kensington; but more than this, they had a splendid record in their games; they had defeated, he believed, every school they had competed with at cricket and football. Although these things took time the foundation at any rate had been laid on a pure and good moral tone such as all would wish to see. That was a good reason for the brethren's support of the Institution. But let him say something further. The Institution needed their support because, as they knew, it had no means of its own, and merely, to keep it going £11,500 was required in the year. Then £1000 a year was all that was derived from invested funds, and the Craft had to find £10,500 in order that the Institution might not collapse. There was a great collection on its behalf last year. The brethren responded to the noble work of the Board of Management. They responded marvellously in order to put the Institution on a sound footing. They would respond this year he had no doubt when they realised that an Institution of this kind wanted something more than its maintenance. He would mention one thing. In going round the Institution he asked to see the baths; it was a hot day, and it was a natural request. He was shown very small baths indeed, but good use was being made of them; but the boys in a school numbering 263 in all ought to have a swimming bath. He asked the brethren if they could not add something more to their donations in order that this might be provided. Then there was another thing. The boys at this School entered at seven and remained till 15. He was very much struck with the juvenile appearance of the senior boys, and he was told when he enquired into the matter that if there was one thing more than another that the masters desired, it was that the Board of Management should be able to give them some opportunity, not of keeping all boys to a greater age, but of keeping the most promising boys to a greater age than at present. He could not tell the brethren what chance that might give the son of one, perhaps, of an old friend, of starting himself in life in a position twice as high as that to which he could reasonably hope to attain if he had to go into life at the age of 15. And, lastly, there was a greater question still, the Institution was at Wood Green. He was expecting to find it in the country, but he found no Wood, and very little Green. They had a small property there in point of area, not nearly so large as was necessary for the healthy development of an important school; it was built round with dwellings, which no doubt might be excellent, but which were not architectural, and the Institution was absolutely precluded from extending its area. Then there naturally came the question, Might it not be well to remove? Well, there were many, all, he thought, in these days, who were connected with schools, who cast a longing glance at the Surrey hills. This was a most difficult and important question, but he was

WORCESTERSHIRE.			FOREIGN STATIONS.		
Lodge	Bro.	£ s. d.	Unattached	Bro.	£ s. d.
252	E. J. Chambers	89 5 0		C. G. L. Kipling	11 11 0
529	E. A. Hicks (see also No. 601, Shropshire)	11 11 0			
YORKSHIRE (WEST).					
139	John W. Shipman	105 0 0			
154	W. A. Slatter, M.D.				
289	W. H. Baxter				
1513	T. W. Embleton				
1513	C. W. Fincken				
2009	Robert Abbott				
2263	Dr. Oliver Barber				
SUMMARY OF THE PROVINCES.					
		£ s. d.			£ s. d.
Berkshire		110 18 0	North Wales		219 9 0
Bristol		316 11 0	Northants and Hunts		64 0 6
Buckinghamshire		369 15 0	Northumberland		1377 8 0
Cheshire		72 18 0	Nottinghamshire		48 6 0
Cornwall		36 15 0	Oxfordshire		85 9 0
Derbyshire		257 5 0	Shropshire		97 2 6
Devonshire		36 15 0	Somersetshire		31 10 0
Durham		220 10 0	South Wales (East Division)		315 0 0
Essex		82 15 0	South Wales (West Division)		150 0 0
Gloucestershire		1627 10 0	Staffordshire		280 7 0
Hampshire and Isle of Wight		225 15 0	Suffolk		110 10 0
Hertfordshire		107 2 0	Surrey		425 19 6
Kent		757 13 0	Sussex		31 10 0
Lancashire (East Division)		94 10 0	Warwickshire		63 0 0
" (West Division)		105 0 0	Wiltshire		36 15 0
Leicestershire and Rutland		48 6 0	Worcestershire		100 16 0
Middlesex		46 4 0	Yorkshire (West)		105 0 0
Monmouthshire		315 0 0	Foreign Stations		71 8 0
108 STEWARDS—LONDON		£3754 15 6			
198 STEWARDS—PROVINCES		£8469 14 6			
GRAND TOTAL		£12,224 10 0			

The CHAIRMAN, in responding to the toast of his health, which was proposed by Bro. the Rev. H. A. PICKARD, P.G.C., said he had now had the honour of presiding at all three of the Institutions. On the first occasion he was nobly supported by his Province of Gloucestershire, which was but a small one—about 15 lodges and 500 or 600 brethren. They enabled him to bring forward a list of more than £500. On the second occasion they increased that to £1000, and that night they had raised among them £1600. Individually in Gloucestershire they were little, but they thought they were good, and he could assure the company they were very proud of themselves, that they did their best to keep up the traditions and character of Masonry, and were very careful whom they allowed to join. But they recognised above all their duty to contribute to the Masonic Charities. He had been Provincial Grand Master some years, and he did not think they wanted to get rid of him yet. Their noble contributions that night were a great compliment to himself, and he returned them his hearty thanks.

Bro. J. G. REMINGTON, D.G.M. New South Wales, responded to the toast proposed in his honour by the Chairman.

Bro. C. E. KEYSER, G.D., proposed "The Sister Institutions," and Bro. TERRY returned thanks, and said the grand total to the three Institutions to the present time was £89,794.

Bro. VASSAR-SMITH responded to the toast of "The Stewards," which was proposed by Bro. Capt. HOMFRAY, and Bro. LETCHWORTH, G.S., proposed "The Ladies."

The company then adjourned to the Temple, where a most enjoyable concert was given, under the direction of Bro. E. P. Delevanti, in which Miss Kate Flinn, Mrs. Albert Barker, Madame Florence Winn, Miss Agnes Larkcom, Miss Emily Foxcroft, and Bros. Franklin Clive, Reginald Groomer, Signor Alespi, Arthur Thomas, and Mr. Albert Barker took part.

ANALYSIS OF THE RETURNS.

It does not frequently occur that the Returns from the two great sections into which the Board of Stewards naturally divides itself differ from each other so materially in amount as they did on Wednesday. The Board mustered in all 306 brethren, of whom 108 did duty for London and 198 for the Provinces, the total received from the former body, including the donation of £105 by Bro. Sir W. J. Clarke, Bart., M.W.G.M. of the United Grand Lodge of Victoria, amounting to £3752 15s. 6d., while the 198 Provincial Stewards obtained £8469 14s. 6d., the whole Board of 306 brethren raising the very fine total of £12,222 10s. If we consider that the total subscription at the Jubilee Festival of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution was in round figures, £67,500, and that in May a further £10,000 was contributed to the funds of the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls, we shall have every reason to believe that the brethren who gave such an excellent account of their Stewardship for the Boys' School must, in the first place, have had unprecedented difficulties to contend against in their canvass, and, in the next place, must have confronted those difficulties with more than ordinary courage and success. More has been raised for the Festivals of the Benevolent and Girls' Institutions this year than was subscribed to all three Charities in the year of the Girls' Centenary, and yet the labours of the Boys' School Stewards were carried out so successfully that the total obtained for the three Charities in 1892 will fall very little, if at all, short of £90,000. Undoubtedly this current year of grace and light will be a memorable one in the annals of English Freemasonry.

We have said that

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furnished 108 Stewards, who amongst them compiled a total of £3647 15s. 6d., to which has been added the handsome donation of £105 by Bro. Sir W. J. Clarke, Bart., making in all £3752 15s. 6d. Of the Stewards there were 71 who represented lodges, lodges of instruction, Royal Arch chapters, and the Committee Dinner Club, while the remaining 37—of whom two were ladies—were Unattached. The principal lists were those of Bro. Alfred Moore, of the Phoenix Lodge, No. 173, who secured for himself the place of honour with the very acceptable sum of £173 5s., the representative of the Anglo-American Lodge, No. 2191, coming in second with £161 3s. 6d. Temperance-in-the-East Lodge, No. 898, per Bro. J. C. Armstrong, stands third with £141 15s., Bros. S. G. Bonner, of the Corinthian Lodge, No. 1382, and the redoubtable Bro. James Willing, jun., of the Cricklewood Lodge, No. 2361, being bracketed fourth with £126. Bro. Edwin George, of the Marquess of Ripon Lodge, No. 1489, stood sixth with £118 2s. 6d., while the remaining three-figure lists were those of Bro. W. Bellingham, who represented to good purpose the Clerkenwell Lodge, No. 1964, and compiled the capital sum of £115 10s., and Bro. G. V. Wood, who, as Steward for the Kilburn Lodge, No. 1608, had the pleasure of compiling £113 8s. Bro. Major-General E. C. Sim, the worthy representative of the Friends in Council, No. 1383, was next in order with a total of £80 17s.

Turning now to

THE PROVINCES,

there can be no question they have done the lion's share of the work on this occasion. Representatives to the number of 198 are entered from 35 out of the 46 Provinces holding under the Grand Lodge of England, and the sum total raised by these brethren reaches £8469 14s. 6d. The following were the absentees, namely, BEDFORDSHIRE (6 lodges), which raised £138 12s. for this Institution last year, £126 for the Jubilee of the Old People in February last, and £26 5s. for the Girls' School in May; CAMBRIDGESHIRE (6 lodges), which contributed £85 16s. to the Girls' School in May, 1891, £141 4s. to the Boys' School the month following, and £302 18s. to the Benevolent Jubilee in February; and CUMBERLAND and WESTMORLAND (20 lodges), which was represented at the Benevolent Festivals in 1891 and February last, and to the extent of £265 13s. to this Institution in June, 1891. DORSETSHIRE (13 lodges) did excellent service for the Benevolent Jubilee in February by raising £467 5s., while one of its lodges figured for a small amount at the last Girls' Festival. HEREFORDSHIRE (5 lodges) sent up a solitary Steward for the Old People in February, but was seen to better advantage at last year's Festival of this Institution, while the absence of LINCOLNSHIRE (24 lodges) may justly be excused on the ground that the Province raised £418 for the Boys' School last year, and £660 for the Benevolent Jubilee. NORFOLK (17 lodges) raised £225 for "Our Boys" in June, 1891, and £516 for the Old People in February, and NORTH AND EAST YORKSHIRE subscribed £832 in 1888, of which £763 was raised at the Girls' Centenary; £274 4s. for the Old People, and £189 for this Institution in 1891, and not far short of £700 for the Benevolent Jubilee and a small amount to the Girls' School during the current year. The remaining absentees were the CHANNEL ISLANDS (5 lodges) and JERSEY (7 lodges), which were both included in the Benevolent Returns in February last, and the ISLE OF MAN (8 lodges), which gave £100 10s. to this Institution in June, 1891, £52 10s. to the Old People's Jubilee in February, and £46 2s. to the Girls' proceedings were 11 in number, and comprised in all 141 lodges. School a few weeks' since. Thus the Provinces which had no part in Wednesday's

Of the represented Provinces, the first in alphabetical order is

BERKSHIRE,

which with its compact roll of 13 lodges, has been greatly distinguishing itself during the present year of grace. In February it raised by the medium of 22 Stewards no less than £645 14s. 6d., and in May, with seven Stewards, it contributed £172 4s. to the Girls' School. On Wednesday its Stewards were five in number, of whom four represented by as many lodges, and the sum of their lists was £110 18s. This gives a total for the year of £928 16s. 6d., which, it is needless to say, compares most favourably with the £385 1s. which was distributed among our three Charities in 1891.

BRISTOL,

both last year and this, has devoted its attention wholly to this Institution, and there can be no gainsaying the fact that it has rendered it substantial service. In 1891 its contributions amounted to £595 7s., and on Wednesday to £316 11s., so that during these two years this Province, which has but nine lodges on its roll, has raised upwards of £910 for this School, or more than £100 per lodge. This is indeed a result for which Bristol deserves our warmest congratulations.

As for

BUCKINGHAMSHIRE,

like its near neighbour and old associate—Berkshire—it has been working hard for all three Institutions ever since it has enjoyed a separate organisation under Bro. Lord Carrington, and with a success of which it has good reason to be proud. Last year it commenced operations by contributing £36 15s. to the Old People. In May, when its Provincial Grand Master occupied the chair at the Girls' School Festival, it loyally supported him to the extent of £300, and in June it raised £174 6s. for this Institution, making the excellent total for the year of £511 1s. This year it has acquitted itself still better, though this perhaps is to be accounted for by the increase in the number of its lodges from 12 to 14. In February the Benevolent received support to the extent of £230 8s., while in May two Stewards raised £36 15s. for the Girls' School. On Wednesday there were in all nine Stewards, one of them doing duty for the Province as a whole, while the rest were the representatives of five lodges, of which two were the newly-warranted Ferdinand de Rothschild, No. 2420, and the Carrington, No. 2421. The total amounted to £369 15s., Bros. James Stephens and G. A. Sims, for No. 2420, making up a joint list of £105, while Bros. Price and Ferguson for No. 2421 together sent in £106 1s., Bro. Fendick, of the George Gardner Lodge, No. 2309, returning £60. This gives a grand total for 1892 amounting to £636 18s. After its great performances last June and at the Benevolent Jubilee in February,

CHESHIRE,

though it has upwards of 40 lodges on its roll, could hardly be expected to do anything great for either of the Schools. In June, 1891, it raised £1050 for this Institution, and in February, £1978 for the Old People, or, together, upwards of £3000. Yet in spite of these serious strains on its resources, it was able to find £105 12s. for the Girls' Institution in May, and £72 18s. for "Our Boys" on Wednesday, the total for 1892 being thus increased to £2156 10s. This comes of taking the excellent advice of its Prov. Grand Master, and we trust that faith in such wise and beneficial counsels will be again and again exhibited at future anniversaries.

CORNWALL

(30 lodges) figures for a modest but useful contribution of £36 15s., and, as in support of Bro. the Earl of Mount Edgcumbe, as Chairman at the Benevolent Jubilee, it raised £776 13s., the total for the current year amounts to £813 8s., which is a great advance on last year's figure of £289 15s., distributed between the Old Folks and this Institution. It has also done exceedingly well in previous years, thanks to the energy and determination exhibited by such zealous supporters of our Charities as Bros. G. B. Pearce, Major Ross, &c.

Last year the Province of

DERBYSHIRE

was among the principal supporters at the highly successful Festival held in behalf of this Institution in the month of June, the total compiled by its 26 Stewards being £843 17s., which, added to the £136 10s. raised this year for the sister School at Battersea Rise, gave a sum of £980 7s. for the whole year. At the Benevolent Jubilee in February its 50 representatives returned amongst them £1220 16s., while the Girls' School had the satisfaction of receiving £131 5s. by the hands of four Stewards in May. On Wednesday five out of its 24 lodges, one Royal Arch chapter, and a Rose Croix chapter were represented, the number of Stewards, including Bro. Hugh E. Diamond, Unattached, being nine, and the sum of their lists £257 5s., the principal item being the list of £105 compiled by Bro. Edgar Horne, of the Fairfield Lodge, No. 2224, Long Eaton. In 1885 when its Provincial Grand Master presided at the Festival of this Charity, it supported him by raising £1526 17s.

There were two representatives from

DEVONSHIRE,

one of them—Bro. F. B. Westlake—being Unattached, and the other—Bro. John Lane—representing the Jordan Lodge, No. 1402, Torquay. The list of the latter amounted to £36 15s., which, with the £40 10s. raised for the Girls' School in May, and the £713 8s. 6d. for the Benevolent Jubilee in February, gives a

total of £790 13s. for the current year. In 1891 it contributed £408 2s. to the funds of this Charity, and £63 to the Old People, while in 1888, when Bro. Viscount Ebrington, P.G.M., presided at the Boys' Festival, it raised in its behalf £840. These are praiseworthy figures even for a Province which reckons 52 lodges on its roll.

Tracing our steps northward, we find ourselves in

DURHAM,

which has now 35 lodges, and has been acquitting itself very handsomely during the present year. It started in February with £703 for the Old Folks' Jubilee, and following this up with a contribution of £105 to the Girls' School in May, has now completed its labours by subscribing £220 10s. to "Our Boys," the brother who had the satisfaction of compiling this list being Bro. F. H. Bennett. Thus the total for 1892 is over £1028, or considerably more than double the sum—£488 14s.—it raised for the three Institutions in 1891. Bravo, Durham!

Of the 32 lodges on the roll of

ESSEX,

there were four represented on Wednesday by as many brethren, while Bro. John Glass, of the Board of Management, was Unattached, the amount raised by four of the five Stewards being £82 15s. In May the Girls' School had the satisfaction of receiving a sum of £193 4s., and in February, when the Benevolent Institution celebrated its Jubilee, Essex played a leading part, its 43 Stewards together compiling the very handsome aggregate of £2296 12s., the product of the whole year being £2572 11s. Last year the Returns reached £1648, the Old People receiving £244 13s. 6d., the Girls' Institution £137 11s., and the Boys' School £1265 15s. 6d. In 1889 and 1890 the Returns were on a lower scale, but in the year of the Girls' Centenary, the Province, it will be readily imagined, did its duty right generously. Thus all three Institutions have had their share of the good things so freely dispensed by this influential section of the English Craft.

A rapid transition from East to West carries us into the Chairman's Province of

GLOUCESTERSHIRE,

from which undoubtedly great things were expected, but which it will be very generally allowed has acquitted itself even beyond the most sanguine expectations of its friends and members. Not only was every one of the 15 lodges, each of the three Royal Arch chapters, together with a Rose Croix chapter, a Templar preceptory, and the Provincial Grand Mark Lodge of the Province, represented in the Returns, but several of the lodges, notably Foundation, No. 82, and Royal Union, No. 246, of Cheltenham; and Royal Lebanon, No. 493, Royal Gloucestershire, No. 839, and Zetland, No. 1005, of the city of Gloucester, were represented by several of its members. Thus No. 82, which has seven Stewards, raised £173 5s.; No. 246, with five Stewards, £96 12s.; No. 493, with 10 Stewards, £203 14s.; No. 839, with five Stewards, £141 15s.; and No. 1005, with six Stewards, £119 15s. The Cotteswold, No. 592, Cirencester, with two Stewards, sent up £105 5s.; the Sherborne, No. 702, Stroud, four Stewards, £63; and St. John's Lodge, No. 761, Dursley, three Stewards, £85 1s.; and Zetland, No. 1005, Gloucester, six Stewards, £115 10s. The total number of brethren, including the Chairman, Bro. Sir M. E. Hicks-Beach, Bart., P.G.M., whose list was £157 10s., and Bro. Vassar-Smith, D.P.G.M., with £88 1s., was 57, and the amount of their contributions £1627 10s. Add to this the £52 10s. which was raised for the other two Institutions, and we have a grand total of £1680 from a Province which, as we have said, has only 15 lodges and three R.A. chapters on its roll, and cannot, therefore, be regarded as numerically strong. We most heartily congratulate the Prov. Grand Master, and the body of brethren over whom he so worthily presides, on this splendid result of their combined efforts. We judged from the manner in which they set about organising their contingent of representatives that our Gloucestershire brethren meant endeavouring to surpass all their previous efforts, and thanks to the advocacy of their leader, and the example he set them, as well as to Bro. Vassar-Smith, his able deputy, they have achieved a success which is most honourable.

Pass we now to the Province of

HAMPSHIRE AND THE ISLE OF WIGHT,

which is fortunate in having Bro. W. W. B. Beach—a cousin of Wednesday's Chairman—for its ruler. It is a regular, as well as a liberal, supporter of all our three Institutions, and of late years has performed some excellent work, its most notable exploits having been at the Festivals at which its respected chief has occupied the chair. On Wednesday its representatives were six in number, one—Bro. Asher Barfield, Past Grand Treasurer—being Unattached, while the other five were representatives of as many as five out of its 47 lodges. Their lists together amounted to £225 15s., which with the £1375 9s. raised at the Benevolent Jubilee in February, and £64 8s. 6d. for the Girls' School in May, gives a total for the year of £1665 12s. 6d. In 1891 it distributed £695 11s. 6d. in fairly equal proportions among the three Charities, and in 1887, the year of the Queen's Jubilee, when its Provincial Grand Master presided at the Benevolent Festival, it raised on that occasion alone £1785 9s. 6d. Be it added that latterly the Province has established an Educational Institution of its own, and it will be seen that Hampshire and the Isle of Wight enjoys a prestige which there is every reason to hope it will maintain for many a year to come.

HERTFORDSHIRE,

which, now that it musters 21 lodges, is no longer entitled to the appellation of "Little Herts," was represented on Wednesday by four Stewards, of whom one was a representative of the Watford Lodge, while the others—Bros. C. E. Keyser, J.G.D., and E. C. Mulvey, and Mrs. Keyser—were Unattached, their lists amounting to £107 2s. In February the Prov. Grand Master, Bro. T. F. Halsey, and 27 other Stewards had the great satisfaction of raising amongst them no less a sum than £1872 16s. 6d., the principal list being Bro. Keyser's for £628 19s. In May, two of its lodges, with Bro. Keyser and a lady Steward, Unattached, together raised £139 13s., the chief item being Bro. Keyser's list of £84, so that the total for the year reaches £2119 11s. 6d., or far and away the highest sum the Province has ever raised, the two previously most successful years having been 1891, when the contributions to the three Charities reached £811 19s. 6d., and 1888, when the total to the Benevolent Institution and the Girls' School Centenary fell only a few pounds short of £800. We heartily congratulate this home Province on the extent and regularity of the support it gives to our several Institutions, and we trust that for many years to come it will retain the foremost place it has secured for itself among the friends and supporters of those Charities.

There were 11 Stewards hailing from the Province of

KENT,

of whom Bro. H. Hollis was Unattached, while the other 10 acted in behalf of nine out of the 57 lodges on the roll. Bro. B. Snell representing the Invicta Lodge, No. 709, Ashford, compiled the goodly total of £131 5s., and Bro. T. H. Blamiers, Royal Military Lodge, No. 1449, Canterbury, figures for £109 4s.; Bro. W. O. Kennett, Corinthian Lodge, No. 1208, Dover, being responsible for £105; Bro. A. Clemow, Pegasus Lodge, No. 2205, Gravesend, £89 5s.; and Bro. W. T. Wiggins, of the Royal Kent Lodge of Antiquity, No. 20, Chatham, £78 15s. The total returned amounts to £778 13s., so that during the current year the land of hops, cherries, and other good things too numerous to specify, has contributed £2753 16s. to our Institutions, the Benevolent

Jubilee obtaining £1645 10s., and the Girls' School, £329 13s. Last year when Bro. Earl Amherst presided at the Festival of the R.M.B.I. the total for that anniversary was £3483 14s. 6d., and for all three Charities £4018 6s.

LANCASHIRE (EAST DIVISION)

has more than 100 lodges on its roll, but on this occasion its representatives were only five in number, and the aggregate of their lists £94 10s. Of course, such a Return as this from such a Province is hardly worth noticing, but, nevertheless, it has been doing admirable work, not only in the years gone by, but in 1891 and during the current year. In 1891 it raised £126 for the Old People, £183 8s. 6d. for the Girls' School, and £968 12s. for this Institution, or, together, £1278 0s. 6d. This year its total is £2872, of which the R.M.B.I. obtained £2714 10s., and the Girls' School £63.

Almost precisely the same remarks may be applied to its immediate neighbour,

LANCASHIRE (WEST DIVISION),

which, with upwards of 100 lodges under the control of its Provincial Grand Master, sent up only nine Stewards on Wednesday, who together compiled £105. In February it returned by the medium of 33 Stewards £1139 4s. 6d. to the Jubilee of the Benevolent Institution, and in May £363 16s. 6d. to the Girls' School, the total for 1892 being £1608 1s. Last year it raised the immense sum of £6341 19s. 4d., of which £6126 14s. 4d. was contributed in support of the Chairmanship of Bro. the Earl of Lathom, Pro Grand Master, and Provincial Grand Master.

LEICESTERSHIRE AND RUTLAND

has but 12 lodges within its borders, and, as we have several times pointed out, is in the habit of confining its attentions each year to a single Institution, so that it may make an effective show. Occasionally, however, it supplements this contribution with a smaller one, as during the present year, its main subscription of £388 10s. having been raised for the Benevolent Jubilee in February, while on Wednesday Bro. the Hon. Pauly Hastings, W.M. of the Ferrers and Ivanhoe Lodge, No. 779, Ashby-de-la-Zouch, raised £48 6s. for "Our Boys," the total for the year being £436 16s. In 1891 the Girls' School received £178 10s., and the Old People £70 6s. 6d., the sum total being £248 16s. 6d.

MIDDLESEX,

which can boast of 40 lodges, apart from the fact that it has been raising considerable sums during the last few years, has sustained a grievous loss by the death of its beloved Prov. Grand Master, Bro. Col. Sir Francis Burdett, Bart., and may be looked upon as being for the present, at all events, *hors de combat*. Nevertheless, on Wednesday the Stewards for one of its lodges and one of its Royal Arch chapters between them compiled a useful £46 4s. The sum subscribed to the Benevolent Jubilee in February was £1401 11s. 6d., and to the Girls' School in May, £249 2s., so that the total for 1892 is £1696 17s. 6d. Last year it was only £540 2s., but in 1890, when its late chief presided at the Girls' School Anniversary, it was £1337 15s. 6d., while in 1888, the year of the Girls' Centenary, it reached the very high figure of £1816 5s.

MONMOUTHSHIRE,

with a muster roll of only 10 lodges, nevertheless does yeoman service every year, but after the manner already spoken of in the case of Leicestershire and Rutland. Thus in 1890 it supported the Girls' School to the extent of £257 9s., and in 1891 it contributed £325 1s. to the Benevolent Institution. On Wednesday it sent up a contingent of eight Stewards, of whom Bro. Capt. S. G. Homfray, D.P.G.M., and another did duty for the Province as a whole, while the other six acted for five of the lodges. The amount they had the gratification of raising reached £315, and as there was a small contribution of £21 to the Benevolent Jubilee in February, the year's total is £336.

Three out of the 18 lodges in

NORTH WALES

sent up representatives on Wednesday, while the veteran Festival Steward, Bro. C. K. Benson, who makes a point of figuring in each successive series of Returns, acted independently. The amount thus raised amongst them was £219 9s., of which Bro. W. Llewelyn Davies, Segontium Lodge, No. 606, Caernarvon, compiled £74 11s., Bro. J. G. Tuxford, Madoc Lodge, No. 1509, Portmadoc, £71 8s., and Bro. Benson, £57 15s. In May, Bro. Benson and another handed in £36 15s., while at the Benevolent Jubilee in February the total was £222 14s., the year's contributions being £478 18s. In 1891 it reached £247 16s., and 1888 it subscribed £675 to the Girls' Centenary.

Under the auspices of Bro. the Earl of Euston as P.G.M.,

NORTHANTS AND HUNTS

has been doing some highly creditable work. In 1889, when his lordship presided at the Benevolent Festival, it raised upwards of £900. Last year the total obtained was £267 5s., of which this Institution had the good fortune to receive £214 15s. In February the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution was benefited to the extent of £255 8s., and last month the Girls' School received £23 2s. On Wednesday there were four of its members acting as Stewards, among them being Bros. the Earl of Euston, G. Ellard, and H. Carman, Unattached, and Bro. Whited, of St. Peter's Lodge, No. 442, Peterborough, their combined Returns amounting to £64 0s. 6d. and increasing the year's total to £322 10s. 6d. Next year we may expect still greater things, as the Provincial Grand Master has been invited to preside at the Girls' School Festival.

NORTHUMBERLAND

is unquestionably a strong Province, but it is one of those which elect to appear from time to time only, and when they do to very good purpose. Thus to give an example: In 1888 it figured among the contributing Provinces for £1050, while on Wednesday it returned £1377 8s. by the hands of Bro. John Strachan, Provincial Grand Secretary. In this sum is included the £1030 paid for a Perpetual Presentation, the balance being donations and subscriptions, which entitle those who make them to the customary votes.

Of the 16 lodges in the Province of

NOTTINGHAMSHIRE,

sent up two representatives, the sum of their lists, however, amounting to no more than £48 6s. But in February it raised £157 10s. for the Old People's Jubilee, and at the Festival of this Institution in 1891 it was represented to very good purpose. In this instance, also, the Province adopts the plan of supporting each Institution in turn, with an occasional supplementary contribution to one of the other two.

There is, perhaps, no Province which has figured so regularly at these meetings as

OXFORDSHIRE.

It musters only 12 lodges, yet it shows to advantage always, while on special occasions it rivals in its performances other Provinces which are numerically its superior. On Wednesday, its four representatives, of whom two were members of Apollo University Lodge, No. 357, Oxford, compiled a total of £85 9s. Last month it raised £99 2s. 6d. for the Girls' School, and in February, by the hands of 13 Stewards, a fraction over £380, the grand total for the year being in round figures about £565. In 1891 its total was £414 2s., of which this Institution had the good fortune to secure £246 9s. In 1890, it was £385 6s. 6d.; in 1889,

£276; and in the year preceding, when the Girls' School celebrated its Centenary, it amounted to £656 9s. 6d., of which "Our Girls'" received £568 12s. The Province that next claims our attention is

SHROPSHIRE.

It comprises exactly a dozen lodges, or two more than in 1885, when it was constituted a Province separate and distinct from North Wales. But though small numerically, it has greatly distinguished itself as a supporter of our Institutions. In 1887 its chief, Bro. Sir O. Wakeman, Bart., presided as Chairman at the Girls' Festival, and his lodges backed him up right well with £1022 17s. The next year it figured among the contributing Provinces at the Centenary Festival of the same Institution, its subscriptions amounting to £770 15s. In 1891 this Institution received £212 12s. 6d. out of the £455 9s. 6d. raised during the year, and in February it raised £446 5s. for the Old People. In May the Girls' School was presented with £105, and on Wednesday two of the Brothers Spaul, acting Unattached, and two lodge representatives, made up a total of £97 2s. 6d., which increased the full Return for the year to £648 7s. 6d.

The credit of

SOMERSETSHIRE

and its 25 lodges could not have been in better keeping than that of Bro. Viscount Dungarvan, P.G.M., and Bro. Lieut.-Col. A. Thrale Perkins, the former of whose lists totalled up to £31 10s. Last month four Stewards, including the P.G.M., together returned £196 15s., and in February, its total reached £635 10s., making in all £864 15s. during the current year. In 1891, the Old People received £92 12s., the Girls' School, £186 7s. 6d., and this Institution £483 9s., the three Returns reaching £762 8s. 6d. In 1890 the sum of £548 18s. was apportioned between the Old People and the Boys' School, and in 1888, at the Girls' Centenary, the Returns amounted to £946 1s., out of which the late Bro. Stothert had the pleasure of compiling £883 1s. These are most creditable figures, and show unmistakably that under its present chief, as under the late lamented Bro. the Earl of Carnarvon, the Province is a staunch supporter of our Institutions.

There are now 18 lodges on the roll of

SOUTH WALES (EAST DIVISION),

and these had a most worthy representative in Bro. Dr. H. N. Davies, J.P., who must have worked hard and very successfully to have been able to compile a list of £315. There were also two other Stewards, one of them being Bro. Sir George Elliot, Bart., the respected Prov. Grand Master, but their contributions have not yet been received. In February it gave £180 to the Benevolent Institution, so that the whole amount for the current year is £495, which compares very favourably with the £479 15s. subscribed in 1891, and of which the R.M.B.I. had the satisfaction of receiving £380.

Its neighbour,

SOUTH WALES (WESTERN DIVISION),

with a smaller array of ten lodges, was represented by Bros. W. B. Roderick and J. Bourne, whose joint list amounted to £150, the total for the year, including £32 11s. subscribed to the Benevolent Jubilee, being £182 11s. Last year the Old People and "Our Boys" were the recipients of the kind support of the Province to the extent of £354 1s., of which the former Institution received £248, and the latter £106 1s.

STAFFORDSHIRE

is in the same unfortunate position as Berkshire and Middlesex—that is to say, it has lost its popular chief. Yet it has contrived to raise the very considerable sum of £280 7s., of which Bro. T. J. Barnett, as Steward for the St. Peter's Lodge, No. 419, Wolverhampton, has the satisfaction of being entered for £136 10s., while his co-Steward, Bro. Frank Thompson, representing the Abbey Lodge, No. 624, Burton-on-Trent, obtained the balance of £143 17s. In May its two Stewards raised £84 for the Girls' School, and in February, it contributed £366 5s. to the Benevolent Jubilee, so that the product of the whole year has been £730 12s. which is not far short of the £761 15s. 6d. which it subscribed in 1891, and of which this Institution secured a fraction over £452. These are gratifying evidences that the Province, which comprises 30 lodges, is actuated by a large amount of goodwill towards our Charities.

For the third time during this present year of grace the Province of

SUFFOLK

has figured in the Returns. In February, it gave by the hands of 27 Stewards what for a county which has 22 lodges and is mainly agricultural must be regarded as the very handsome sum of £1161 15s. In May, its respected D.P.G.M., Bro. the Rev. C. J. Martyn, P.G. Chap., was its solitary representative and his list was £42; and on Wednesday, Bro. C. J. N. Row, for the Province and the Stour Valley Lodge, No. 1224, Sudbury, handed in the sum of £110 10s.—the total for the year being £1314 5s. In 1890 and 1891 its contributions reached £619 13s. 6d. in the former and £675 2s. 6d. in the latter, but in 1889, when Bro. Lord Henniker, P.G.M., was Chairman for the Girls' School, it raised £1048 17s. 6d., of which the favoured Institution was benefited to the extent of £571 13s. 6d., while in 1888 the Girls' School at its Centenary celebration received £517 12s., the amounts contributed to the other Charities enlarging the year's subscription to £1195 12s. In the year of the Queen's Jubilee the total raised was £794 16s., of which the Old People obtained £418 19s.

Six out of the 35 lodges on the roll of

SURREY

were represented in Wednesday's lists, and there were three brethren, including Bro. Col. Money, C.B., P.G.M., Unattached, the aggregate returned by them being £425 19s. 6d. The highest list was that of Bro. W. J. Mason, Cyclist Lodge, No. 2246, East Molesey, who compiled a sum of £147, Bro. Col. Money handing in £73 10s., and Bro. W. Pile, Wallington Lodge, No. 1892, Carshalton, £66 17s. 6d. In February the Province contributed £2124 8s. 6d. to the Benevolent Institution and in May £219 to the Girls' School, the three amounts reaching £2769 8s. In the preceding three years the total distributed among the Charities ranged from about £500 in 1889, to some £650 in 1890, but in 1888 it stood at £1298 14s., of which £1147 18s. was received by the Girls' School; in 1887 it was slightly short of £800; while in 1886, when the late Bro. General Brownrigg presided at the Girls' Festival it amounted to £1829, of which £1346 was in support of the General's Chairmanship.

After three such achievements as the Province of

SUSSEX

can point to with legitimate pride as the subscription of £731 17s. 6d. to this Institution in June, 1891; of £1215 3s. to the Benevolent Jubilee in February; and of £1038 7s. in support of the Chairmanship of H.R.H. the Duke of Connaught, P.G.M., at the Girls' School Festival in May, it is not surprising that only a wee contribution amounting to £31 10s. was forthcoming on Wednesday. However, Bros. Richard Clowes, Unattached, and A. F. Lamette, as Steward for the Stanford Lodge, No. 1947, Hove, deserve kudos for having kept the Province out of the list of absentees, and for having helped to swell the year's aggregate to £2285. In 1885, when the late Bro. Sir W. W. Burrell, Bart., M.P., was Chairman at the Girls' Festival, his Province supported him to the extent of £1850.

Five out of the 31 lodges in

WARWICKSHIRE

appear in the Returns of Wednesday, their lists together amounting to £63. In May the figure reached £150 14s., there being the same number of lodges represented, but the Stewards, including three Unattached, were nine. In February, however, the Province made a very successful appearance—the most successful, indeed, of which we have any knowledge—at the Benevolent Jubilee, when, with quite a small array of Stewards, it subscribed £2018, the total for the whole year being, therefore, £2231 14s. The nearest approach to the February performance was in 1876, when Bro. Lord Leigh, Prov. G.M., presided at the Boys' School Festival, and some 80 and odd brethren amongst them raised £2000.

WILTSHIRE,

as our readers are aware, is one of our smaller Provinces, the number of its lodges being only 11. It is, therefore, greatly to its credit that, after subscribing £483 14s. to the Jubilee of the Old Folk in February, it should have been represented, albeit on a very moderate scale, at the Festivals of the two Schools, the amount received by the Girls' Institution in May being £10 10s., and that contributed for the benefit of "Our Boys" on Wednesday, £36 15s. This gives an aggregate of £530 19s. for 1892. In June, 1891, the Province raised £357 5s. 6d. for this Institution.

Two out of the 13 lodges on the roll of

WORCESTERSHIRE

will be found in Wednesday's lists, the brethren who represented them being Bros. Chambers and Hicks, the latter being included in the Shropshire list as well. The amount they raised was £100 16s., of which Bro. Chambers was responsible for £89 5s., the other Returns during the year being £243 12s. in February, and £144 17s. in May, the sum total for 1892 being £489 5s. Last year the total was £408 6s., while in 1888, the year of the Girls' Centenary, it was £848 3s., of which the favoured Institution secured £605 18s.

We have been so accustomed to associate big Returns with the large and influential Province of

WEST YORKSHIRE,

that many will wonder its contribution on Wednesday, by the hands of only seven Stewards, should not have exceeded £105. But in May the Girls' Institution received only £250, the Schools faring thus indifferently, not because the Province is indifferent to their claims on its support, but because the Jubilee of the Benevolent Institution in February had absorbed £3555 of its moneys. Moreover, the authorities of the Boys' School must have been prepared for—at all events, they will not be disappointed by—the modesty of the present subvention, knowing, as they do, that West Yorkshire raised £1685 11s. for it in June, 1891, after giving £400 to the Old People in the previous February, and £315 to the Girls' School in the month of May.

The amounts received from

FOREIGN STATIONS

reached £71 8s., which is a welcome contribution from any source, but all the more welcome when those who furnish it hail from a distance. The names of two out of the five Stewards who had a hand in raising it—Bros. John Kenyon and Surgeon Capt. Kiddle—must be familiar to our readers.

CONCLUDING REMARKS.

We shall content ourselves with adding—what, indeed, we have stated elsewhere—that, considering how splendid a response was made to the appeals of the Secretary and Committee of Management of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution for support at the Jubilee of its establishment, and that the Girls' School Festival in May was by no means the least successful of its anniversary celebration, the friends as well as the authorities of the Boys' School have every reason to be gratified by the generous amount of support vouchsafed to it on this occasion.

THE SPORTS AT KEMPTON PARK.

Kempton Park, with its lovely surroundings, was at its best on Saturday last, when "Our Boys," accompanied by nearly a thousand ladies and brethren, assembled together in response to the kind invitation of Bro. G. Everett, P.G. Treasurer, for the purpose of celebrating their annual athletic sports. The guests on their arrival were received by Bro. Everett, and after ample justice had been done to a most excellent lunch, the proceedings of the day commenced to the delightful strains of the band of the T Division of Police.

Under the able management of the Committee, Stewards, and Judges, the sports were carried out in a most satisfactory manner, not a single hitch occurring during the day. Appended will be found the results:

- Bowling at the Wicket—G. P. Johnstone, 1; Rushworth, 2; Brewer, 3. 13 entered.
- 100 Yards' Race. Preparatory School—Dickinson, 1; Metcalfe, 2; Spain, 3. 17 ran. Won by a foot.
- 440 Yards' Handicap. Upper School—Stoward (scratch), 1; Collinson (10 yards start), 2; Groombridge (40) and Leeming (40), a dead heat for third place. 36 entered.
- 220 Yards' Handicap. Lower School—Fry (20 yards), 1; Blyther (20), 2; Chinneck (25), 3. Won by a yard. 31 entered.
- High Jump. Upper School—Collinson, 4ft. 1in.
- High Jump. Lower School—Atkinson, 4ft.
- High Jump. Preparatory School—Spain, 3ft. 7in.
- Cross Country Race—Fursey, 1; Stoward, 2; Watkins, 3.
- 440 Yards' Handicap. Lower School—Chinneck (50 yards), 1; Coulthurst (40), 2; Atkinson (scratch), 3. Won by a yard.
- 100 Yards' Race. Upper School—Final heat: Stoward, 1; Lester, 2; A. Harrison, 3. Won by a foot, six inches between second and third. 32 ran in three trial heats.
- 300 Yards' Race. Stoward, 1; Giblett, 2; Bird, 3. Won easily. 30 entered.
- 100 Yards' Race. Lower School—Lofthouse, 1; Mossop, 2; Fursey, 3. Won by a foot. 28 ran.
- 1000 Yards' Handicap—Bedford (150 yards), 1; Jennings (70), 2; Fursey (35), 3. 51 entered.
- 300 Yards' Race. Preparatory School—Spain, 1; Chadwick, 2; Dickinson, 3. Won easily. 14 ran.
- Throwing the Cricket Ball—Thomas, 64 yards, 1; Stevenson, 60 yards, 2. Eight competed.
- 220 Yards' Handicap. Upper School—A. Harrison (10 yards), 1; Leeming (25), 2; Coupland (10), 3. Won by three yards. 36 entered.
- 100 Yards' Race (under 13)—Mossop, 1; Dobby, 2; Blyther, 3. 27 entered. A close race.

Not the least amusing occurrence of the day was an impromptu race got up between the members of the Board of Management and the officers of the Institution, which resulted in an easy win for the Head Master, who was

very favourably handicapped, and showed himself an old hand at starting, the portly figure of Bro. John Glass bringing up the rear amidst the cheers of the boys and the spectators. No doubt the Secretary would have shown to better advantage than the fourth place had he not been so hard at work of late getting the funds up.

An Old Masonians' Race, Tug of War, and Consolation Sack Race concluded the sports.

At the conclusion of the sports the boys partook of a substantial tea in the Grand Pavilion, provided for them by Bro. Everett, and on leaving were each presented with a Bath bun and packet of sweets by Messrs. Bertram and Co., the Kempton Park caterers.

The prizes were then presented by Miss Everett, to whom a hearty vote of thanks was accorded, as well as to Bro. Geo. Everett and his co-directors of Kempton Park, and the Boys then returned at 7.30 by special train direct to Wood Green, having enjoyed themselves to their heart's content.

A ball then took place, which was kept merrily going until 9 o'clock, when the party returned by special to Waterloo, all being profuse in the expression of their delight at the beauties of the place, and the happy day that had been spent.

Among those present were Bros. Sir John B. Monckton, P.G.W.; G. Plucknett, P.G.D.; J. H. Matthews, P.D.G.D.C.; J. Terry, P.G.S.B.; C. F. Hogard, P.G. Std. Br.; J. L. Mather, P.A.G.D.C.; Geo. E. Fairchild, P.M.; John Glass, P.M.; J. J. Thomas, P.M.; H. Pritchard, P.M.; G. Gardner, P.M.; J. M. McLeod, Rev. H. A. Hebb, Head Master, and nine Assistant Masters; Diamond J. Dennis, W.M. 1381; J. W. Folkard, W.M. 2345; W. J. Innes, R. Topping, J. Wardley, H. Barnato, Joel, Valeriani, and others.

DISTRIBUTION OF PRIZES.

The distribution of prizes to the successful scholars took place at Wood Green on Tuesday last. The prizes were distributed by Lady Lucy Hicks-Beach, who was accompanied by her husband, Bro. Sir Michael Hicks-Beach, Prov. Grand Master of Gloucestershire. Lady Hicks-Beach was received on arrival by Bro. Vassar-Smith, D.P.G.M. Gloucestershire, the Acting Chairman of the day, the Secretary, and the Head Master.

After a few introductory words from the CHAIRMAN,

The Head Master, Bro. the Rev. H. A. HEBB, M.A., addressed the meeting upon the advance made by the School during the past year, and said that they had clear evidence that much honest work had been done during the period. They might think that this was the day of small things, but they must remember that as regarded the Cambridge Local Examination the School was at a great disadvantage, inasmuch as all their boys left the School at the age of 15, and were really competing with other Schools which had the advantage of a whole year in the age of the scholars. The next point he would refer to was one that would be apparent to all who attended their Sunday services, how much musical power there was in the School. Last year they sent two boys to the examination at Trinity College, London, and both passed, getting junior certificates. These boys they sent again at the next examination, when both obtained senior certificates, one of them getting honours. The work in the class-rooms was only part of the work of the School, and he was pleased to say that there was a great improvement in the tone of the School, which was even now a very different School from what it was two years ago. He wished to add that the boys had now liberty to write home, and were allowed to say whatever they liked, without their letters being inspected before they were dispatched. Bro. Hebb went on to say that when his brief day was over he should like to be remembered as one who discouraged what schoolboys in their vigorous language called going to the "tuck" shop. He had no wish to discourage friends from the very proper habit of "tipping" boys, but he would go the length of asking them to entrust him with the money, and he would see that it was properly dispensed in weekly allowances. He instanced the case of a little fellow of nine returning from a visit to his friends with as much as twenty-three shillings, which was far too much for so small a boy to have under his control at one time. Referring to the letter-writing he asked the boys' friends to help him by inquiring of the boys from time to time how they stood in their classes, as such inquiries might encourage the boys to strive to do well. In conclusion he disclaimed the whole merit of the advance the School was making, which was due in a great measure to the masters who had the care of the boys in the class-rooms.

The successful boys were then called up in due order and received their rewards from the hands of Lady Lucy Hicks-Beach, and at the conclusion of this part of the function, Bro. VASSAR-SMITH proposed a vote of thanks to her ladyship, which was carried by acclamation.

Sir MICHAEL HICKS-BEACH, addressing the meeting in reply, said that he supposed the time would come when the ladies would respond for votes of thanks passed to the gentlemen, but pending the arrival of that happy time, his wife had asked him to return her most grateful thanks for the vote they had awarded her. She had long known the interest he took in Freemasonry. Like all ladies she had felt curious, but like all good wives she had never attempted to penetrate the secret. It was, therefore, with the greater pleasure that she had availed herself of the opportunity of coming there and seeing something, at any rate, of what Freemasons could do. He thought he might congratulate them upon that day's proceedings, when they had seen something of the appearance and doings of the boys now in the School, which was very satisfactory. They had also heard something from their excellent Head Master of the work done by the boys, which, he thought, would give great pleasure to all those who were subscribers to the School, but most to those who were connected with the boys themselves, to know what good work was being done there. They had the evidence of a number of certificates that had been gained at the Cambridge Local Examination and at the South Kensington Examination. But these things were only part of the work of a school. To his mind it was something unpleasant in a school to see boys who took an interest in nothing—boys who had not the energy to get into mischief, or to get out of it. This School, he was glad to hear, could claim but few of such boys, for they had not only done well in their work, but also in their play, and he could say to the boys who were there that day that valuable as it must be to them to have the education, there was something better even than that in a

school of this kind. It was what was expressed in the old text, "Whatsoever thy hand findeth to do, do it with thy might." If a boy had once learned that great secret, whether it had been learned in school work, mathematics, French or Latin, cricket or football, if he had learned that great thing—to devote his whole attention to that one thing he had on hand, so as not to allow his attention to be distracted by anything else—he might depend upon it that he had learned something that would be of value to him all his life, and enable him to achieve success in any occupation he might engage in. One thing more. He must congratulate them upon what had been described as the improved tone of the School. That was, perhaps, the most important thing of all. Boys ought not to suppose that they are doing anything manly in imitating the vices of those who are older than themselves. They ought to have this firmly impressed on their minds, not merely by the teaching and supervision of the masters, to allow nothing that is untrue, nothing that is mean, nothing that is impure to be among them if they can help it, and that they will put an end, as something cowardly, to what might be called bullying, in the School. And—this might be valuable to them—they should remember that they were all of them sons of Freemasons, and that they had learned from their fathers that the great teaching of Freemasonry was morality, mercy, and rectitude, and that it was their bounden duty to be charitable and sympathetic to the weak and distressed. These were characteristics which he thought might be fairly said to belong to this School and which he hoped, with every year that passed, would increase until they became even more really the boast of the School than they were at present. Sir Michael concluded by again thanking the audience for their vote of thanks, expressing his and his wife's pleasure at being there on that occasion, and wishing prosperity to the Boys' School.

The other items on the programme were an exhibition of the boys' skill at bayonet exercise, and physical drill under Sergt. Thomas and Colour-Sergt. Evans; and the performance of an operetta entitled "Sally in our Alley," the libretto of which was written by Mr. H. V. Crane, one of the masters, and the music by another, Mr. F. B. Wood, and which was performed by boys and masters combined; so that the whole was the production of those connected with the School. Both performances appeared to give the greatest satisfaction to the company assembled.

The following is a list of the prize winners:

FORM PRIZES.

Form I. B—Bennett and B. H. Green.

Form I. A—Metcalf and Long.

Form II. B—Binks and Rangley.

Form II. A—Woodhams and Dickins.

Form III. B—Adkin, Chinneck, and Bartholomew.

Form III. A—Nicholson and Haxthausen.

Form IV.—Groombridge and Humphries.

Form V.—C. W. Green and Coupland.

SPECIAL SUBJECTS.

Writing—Metcalf, Binks, and Ravenscroft.

French and German—S. J. Mitchell and Crompton.

English—Davis.

Mathematics—W. J. Richards and Crompton.

Natural Science—Biggs, Matthews, and Angier.

Drawing—Higgison and Foote.

Singing—Spain and Chinneck.

Pianoforte—Bordeaux and Foote.

Trinity College, London, Music Examination—Coupland and Higgison.

Railway Prizes, presented by Bro. Masters—Watkins and Crompton.

Bowyer Memorial Prize for Shorthand—Matthews.

Mrs. D. P. Cama Memorial Prize for Mental Arithmetic, Bookkeeping, Shorthand, and Drill—Land.

The Wynn Prizes for boys who have gained Certificates in the Cambridge Local Examination—Honours: Haines, France, Gay, Higgison, Moorcroft, Angier, Bingham, Churchill, Fortune, and Harvey.—Passes: Boulter, Cole, Coupland, Crompton, Davis, Fearon, Horder, Matthews, Murless, Scarfe, and Shorrock.

Canonbury Gold Medal—for the most popular boy (elected by his comrades)—Shorrock.

Greenwood Memorial Prize—for good conduct during the whole of his school career—Fortune.

Supreme Council's Prize—for good conduct—Higgison.

Institution Silver Medal—for highest aggregate of marks—Higgison.

ROYAL ORDER OF SCOTLAND.

The annual meeting of the Provincial Grand Lodge and Provincial Grand Chapter of London and Metropolitan Counties was held at 33, Golden-square, on the 22nd ult. There were present: R.W. Bros. Capt. N. G. Philips, D.P.G.T.R.S.T.A.; F. S. Knyvett, as P.S.G. Guarder; R. Gooding, P.J.G. Guarder; Frank Richardson, P.G. Sec.; C. Belton, P.G. Treas.; C. F. Matier, P.G. Marshal; J. H. Matthews, as P.G. E. and I.; Gen. J. C. Hay, P.G.S.B.; R. Berridge, P.G.B.B.; H. Ward, P.G. Guarder; and Dr. E. M. Lott, as P.G. Org. Visitors: W. Bros. Gen. J. C. Smith, P.G.L. of U.S.A., and W. J. Hughan, P.G.L. of Glasgow, &c. M.W. Bro. the Earl of Haddington, Deputy G.M. and Governor; R.W. Bro. L. Mackersy, Dep. G. Governor; D. Murray Lyon, G. Sec.; Lord Saltoun, and others, attended as a deputation from the Grand Lodge of the Order.

The Provincial Grand Chapter was opened in due form, and the minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. Bro. Charles Belton was re-elected Prov. Grand Treasurer for the ensuing year.

The chapter was then adjourned and the Provincial Grand Lodge was opened.

The M.W. Deputy Grand Master was then announced and a deputation retired to conduct him into Provincial Grand Lodge.

The throne was then assumed by the Earl of HADDINGTON, who briefly explained the objects of the meeting, and the Earl of Euston was installed in the chair of Prov. Grand Master.

Provincial Grand Lodge was then adjourned, and the Provincial Grand Chapter resumed, the chair being taken by R.W. Bro. the Earl of Euston, and several candidates were admitted and advanced.

The R.W. Provincial Grand Master appointed and invested the following Provincial Grand Officers for the year:

Bro. Frank Richardson	...	...	Deputy Governor.
Col. Noel Money, C.B.	...	...	S.G.W.
Sir Geo. Harris	...	...	J.G.W.
C. F. Matier	...	...	G. Sec.
Charles Belton	...	...	G. Treas.
Sir Reginald Hanson, Bart.	...	...	G.S.B.
Sir Lionel Darell, Bart.	...	...	G. Std. Br.
Col. Malet de Carteret	...	...	G. Marshal.
Col. A. B. Cook	...	...	Dep. G. Marshal.
Frederick Mead	...	...	G. Steward.
Dr. Belgrave Ninnis	...	...	G. Guarder.
Dr. Lott	...	...	G. Organist.

The brethren afterwards dined together at the Café Royal, and the following were present :

Bros. Earl of Euston, Earl of Haddington, L. Mackersy, Sir R. Hanson, Bart., Sir J. Buchanan, Bart., General Crossland Hay, Capt. N. G. Phillips, Lord Saltoun, Col. Malet de Carteret, A. Mitchell, Col. Ramsay, D. Murray Lyon, Baron de Ferrieres, J. E. Le Feuvre, C. Pelham Burn, Dr. Stewart, G. Christie, Dr. Micklethay, Major Probyn, A. R. Carter, H. P. Hay, Horatio Ward, Major Carrell, Col. Noel Money, R. J. Jamieson, C. Belton, Major Allan, J. B. Cockburn, Dr. Mackintosh, R. Shaw Stewart, J. M. Martin, Dr. Lott, H. Baxter, Harris Hills, T. C. Walls, James Moon, Jabez Church, C. H. Driver, R. Berridge, C. F. Matier, H. Massey, F. S. Knyvett, Dr. Lawrance, F. Mead, Rudolph Glover, Frank Richardson, and Sir George D. Harris.

The brethren afterwards adjourned to a charming banquet, which was presided over by the Earl of Euston, who had the Earl of Haddington on his right, and Capt. Phillips on his left. At the conclusion of the banquet after grace, the Earl of EUSTON gave the time-honoured toast, "The Immortal Memory of King Robert the Bruce." Subsequently the toast, "Her Most Gracious Majesty the Queen and Empress, long may she reign over us; as she has in the past, so may she in the future, ever conduce to our welfare, happiness, and prosperity," was given by the Earl of Euston.

Bro. the Earl of EUSTON next gave "The Health of our Deputy Grand Master, and Governor of the Order, the R.W. Bro. the Earl of Haddington," and asked the brethren to treat the toast with enthusiasm. The brethren from Scotland would naturally do so, and the brethren under his rule in England would give him a hearty welcome and their best thanks for coming down from Scotland to perform the ceremony of the day. He (the Earl of Euston) tendered him his personal thanks for coming, and his wish was that whenever he came he would receive the same hearty welcome in London as he received in Scotland. They all knew what Lord Haddington had done in the way of Masonry; whatever he took up he did thoroughly, and whatever position he filled he occupied with honour.

Bro. the Earl of HADDINGTON, in reply, said he could not but feel that the way in which the brethren had received the toast was due to no merits of his own but to something higher, to those principles which guided and guarded Freemasons' actions. Although he came almost as a stranger from the other side of the border he, with all Scotchmen, recognised the fact that whether English or Scotch they were all of one brotherhood. It was not the first time he had had the honour of performing a Masonic function, but on no occasion had it given him greater pleasure or had he felt it a greater honour to himself than it had been that evening to install Lord Euston as Provincial Grand Master of London. He felt he was doing a good work not only for this Provincial Grand Lodge, but, remembering how great and how earnest had been Lord Euston's work in promoting Freemasonry in all the various Degrees, he felt he was conferring a benefit in advancing Lord Euston another stage on the ladder of Freemasonry in general. But though this was his first personal visit to any English lodge, it was not the first time by any means that the Grand Lodge of Scotland had appeared in London. In the year 1872 a large and important influential deputation from Scotland inaugurated this Provincial Grand Lodge, and installed Dr. Hamilton. Among the Grand Officers present at that time one at least was present from Scotland now—Bro. Mitchell, J.G.W. Of the candidates present in July, 1872, one at least—Captain Phillips—was now with them. Though 1872 was the date of what he might call the resuscitation of this Provincial Grand Lodge, they must remember that the original date of its inauguration was almost unknown, but it was known that it existed at least 150 years ago. He had almost forgotten to mention that before 1872—perhaps Bro. Murray Lyon could tell him the time—there had been an unsuccessful effort to re-establish the Provincial Grand Lodge of London and the Metropolitan Counties, but for 150 years at least London had not only been one of the quarters in which the Royal Order of Scotland had a footing, but it was absolutely almost the head-quarters, and he was informed by one most worthy of credence, their worthy Secretary, that some of the most important documents and most valuable papers they had received had been received from the old lodge, the original Royal Order Lodge in London. It might not, perhaps, be known to everyone how very widely spread this Royal Order was. It existed in many, many countries of the Continent. It was only recently that in the Netherlands and in France, where during the last century there were many lodges in active operation, it had been abandoned. In Canada, in the United States, in India, in China, and in other countries there were at the present moment Prov. Grand Lodges, whilst in England they had in the great cities, such as York and Manchester, and Glasgow in Scotland, lodges where the Royal Order flourished and the principle was carried out. Whilst sincerely congratulating the brethren upon what he believed to be an auspicious occasion for this Prov. Grand Lodge in the installation of Lord Euston, he could not help referring to a well known fact which must have caused a pang of regret to all acquainted with one whom he did not personally know, but who was well known as a high charactered Freemason—Colonel Shadwell H. Clerke. It was a loss to Freemasonry, not only in this, but in all its branches. Not only was Col. Shadwell Clerke a man of world-wide fame, but he was one who had achieved his fame not from words, not from talking, not from being at the head of anything, but from real, sheer, downright work in the

interest of the Craft. His death must be deplored by those who took an interest in the Craft in any of its Degrees. Before concluding, he wished to express his personal thanks, and the thanks of those who were there to do honour to the newly-installed Prov. Grand Master. He was afraid he had brought rather a large contingent with him, but that was only a proof of the interest which Scotchmen felt in the beautiful Order of the Royal Order of Scotland, and in the prosperity of English lodges. In Scotland they had recently had a visit from the Supreme Council of England, who saw the working of many of the higher Degrees, and he believed Capt. Phillips would tell the brethren that he and others who accompanied him expressed themselves as more than satisfied—as gratified—with the working of the various Degrees in Scotland. He and his Grand Officers had come up that day to do honour to one whom they thought worthy of the brethren's honour; they had come to support an Order which they considered worthy of their support, and which they could not do too much to support, and he could not help thinking that if these reunions of brethren on both sides of the border were a little more frequent than they had been—if they were annual—not only would this tend to an extension of that good feeling that ought to exist between brethren on both sides of the border, but to increase and improve the spirit of Masonic fraternity and brotherhood.

Bro. the Earl of EUSTON proposed "The Deputy Governor, Bro. Mackersy, and the rest of the Grand Officers of Scotland," and thanked them for the trouble they had taken in coming from Scotland on that occasion. He hoped they had enjoyed themselves, and that they would pay this Provincial Grand Lodge another visit.

Bro. MACKERSY, in acknowledging the toast, said he flattered himself that he was no stranger among the brethren in London. Not many months since he was with them in two different Degrees, and on both those occasions he had to reply. The pleasure he had then only enhanced the pleasure he had in coming again. He was speaking the sentiments of all his brethren from Scotland when he said he was much pleased in being present, and that it would give them pleasure to come in future. There was an old Scotch saying that "gif. gaf. makes good friends," and, therefore, they hoped that all the pleasure was not to be confined to the Scotch side of the border, and that they would have the pleasure of seeing many members of the London Order among them in Scotland. They were going to meet on July 4th—not because that date was connected with America, but (perhaps he ought not to mention it in London) because it was connected with Bannockburn. That was an old story now, and they had forgotten all about it, but they would be delighted to see the English brethren there. He agreed with a great deal that had been said by the Earl of Haddington; he believed that nothing could tend more to promote the interest of the Royal Order and all the Degrees of Freemasonry than a cordial interchange of visits between the brethren of the two countries, which were geographically the same; it would tend to sweeten the affairs of Masonry in the two countries. They, perhaps, did not know much of each other's working before, but they were getting a glimmer of it now. There was no reason why if Scotchmen saw in London any great improvement in the working they should not carry it back—he did not think the English brethren would grudge them that; and if the English brethren should happen to see on the Scotch side of the border something good, the Scotch brethren would not be in the least jealous if they carried it to England. He agreed with the noble Chairman that they had come to show how greatly they appreciated the occasion on which they were asked to visit the brethren in England.

Bro. the Earl of HADDINGTON proposed "The Newly-installed Provincial Grand Master." He had already spoken of Lord Euston as one he believed to be in every sense of the word admirably fitted for his office. He was one of those who would not seek office for the prestige or honour of attaching to it, but from an earnest desire to fulfil the obligations connected with it, and to discharge to the very best of his ability every duty of it. Lord Euston was known to them all as a Freemason in the fullest acceptance of the word—one who was actuated by the true spirit of fraternity and goodwill and all that constituted model Masons; one who had given up his time to Masonry and had shown his interest not in one Degree only but in all the Degrees of the Craft. In Scotland when they drank a health they did it with musical honours and sang "For he's a jolly good fellow." Jolly and good were two attributes almost essential to the character of a Freemason in the position of Lord Euston, but, mark, let the good come first and the jolly afterwards. A good man might be good natured, a bad man could not be, and a good Freemason could not be a bad man and a bad citizen. Therefore the good should come first, and when all the good and jollity that could be instilled into a man, then they had a jolly good Mason. Such a man was Lord Euston.

Bro. the Earl EUSTON, in reply, after thanking the Earl of Haddington for his flattering remarks, said of course there were Masons who were satisfied with attending lodges and banquets, but did not also take part in the real work of Masonry—Charity. Others threw themselves solidly into it, and he hoped he was one of these. He hoped he had been able to prove that whatever work he undertook to do he did to the best of his ability. He was very proud that he had been honoured by the presence of Lord Haddington along with his Grand Officers to install him. He assured the Scotch brethren that they would always be welcome in the Provincial Grand Lodge of London.

Bro. FRANK RICHARDSON, Deputy Provincial Grand Master, and Bro. C. F. MATIER, Grand Secretary, replied to the toast specially proposed in their honour by Bro. the Earl of EUSTON.

Bro. Capt. PHILLIPS responded to a toast proposed specially in his honour by Bro. the Earl of HADDINGTON. In his reply he referred to his having attended every meeting of the Order since he was initiated in it 20 years ago. He afterwards thanked the Scotch brethren for the warm welcome he and others received on their visit to Scotland.

Bro. Major ALLAN responded to the toast of "The Visitors," and Bro. Sir REGINALD HANSON to that of "The Initiates," and the meeting shortly afterwards closed.

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A GENERAL COURT of the Governors and Subscribers of this Institution will be held at FREEMASONS' HALL, Great Queen-street, Lincoln's Inn Fields, London, on THURSDAY, JULY 7th, 1892, at TWELVE o'clock precisely, on the General Business of the Institution, to place candidates on the list for the Election in October next, to declare the number of Girls then to be Elected, and to consider Notice of Motion as under:—

NOTICE OF MOTION.

By Bro. PETER DE LANDE LONG, P.G.D., Vice-Patron:—

"That Grand Lodge be asked to rescind its resolution of the 7th September, 1842, and to give permission for the £500 therein referred to to be merged into the General Funds for the purposes of the Institution, and that, subject to such request being complied with, Law 7 be, and is hereby rescinded and the Sustentation Fund abolished; also that in Law 6 after the word 'four' the words 'or more' be added, and that the parenthetical words 'except the Sustentation Fund' in the same Law be omitted."

F. R. W. HEDGES,

No. 5, Freemasons' Hall, Great Queen-street, W.C.,
June 30th, 1892. Secretary.

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A QUARTERLY COURT of the Governors and Subscribers will be held at FREEMASONS' HALL, Great Queen-street, Lincoln's Inn Fields, London, on FRIDAY, the 8th day of JULY, 1892, for the transaction of the ordinary business of the Institution.

To consider the following Notice of Motion:—

By V. Wor. Bro. GEORGE EVERETT, P.G. Treas., President:—

"That the Board of Management be authorised to fill up additional vacancies that have occurred in the School by admitting Two of the Unsuccessful Candidates at the Election of Friday, 8th April last, who may be next on the Poll."

To consider and, if approved, to adopt a recommendation from the Council as to the number of Boys to be elected at the Quarterly Court on Friday, 14th October, 1892, and to determine the List of Candidates.

The Chair will be taken at FOUR o'clock in the afternoon precisely.

By Order,

J. M. McLEOD,
London, June 27th, 1892. Secretary.

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The EARL OF EUSTON will preside at the BANQUET, which will be held at Freemasons' Tavern at Seven o'clock. Tickets (One Guinea) must be applied for before the 7th inst.

By Order.

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Cheques to be sent to the Treasurer, Bro. ROBERT GREY, Freemasons' Hall, Great Queen-street, W.C.

The next meeting of the Committee will be held here on MONDAY, 4th July, at FIVE o'clock, of which this is to be taken as notice.

FRANK RICHARDSON,

Freemasons' Hall, Secretary.
3rd May, 1892.

PROVINCIAL GRAND LODGE OF SURREY.

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R.W. PROVINCIAL GRAND MASTER.

June, 1892.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a Provincial Grand Lodge will be held at THE ASSEMBLY ROOMS, SURBITON, on THURSDAY, the 14th day of JULY, 1892, at FOUR o'clock in the afternoon precisely.

By command.

CHARLES GREENWOOD, P.M., P.P.G.R.,
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BUSINESS BEFORE PROVINCIAL GRAND LODGE.

To call over Roll of Lodges in the Province.
To read the Minutes of the last P.G. Lodge.
To receive the Report of the Finance and Audit Committee.

To elect a Provincial Grand Treasurer.
The appointment of Provincial Grand Officers.
Notice of Motion by W. Bro. J. D. Langton, P.M., Sec. 2096.

General Business.

Banquet at Six o'clock punctually.

The entertainment of Provincial Grand Lodge has been entrusted to the Lodges meeting in Surbiton.

N.B.—Banquet will be provided for those only who have taken Tickets.

PROVINCIAL GRAND CHAPTER OF SURREY.

The M.E. Comp. Col. GERARD NOEL MONEY, C.B.,
Grand Superintendent.

June, 1892.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a Provincial Grand Chapter will be held at THE ASSEMBLY ROOMS, SURBITON, in the County of Surrey, on THURSDAY, the 14th day of JULY, 1892, at THREE o'clock in the afternoon precisely.

By command.

CHARLES GREENWOOD, P.Z.,
Provincial Grand Scribe E.

N.B.—Morning Dress.

12, Serjeant's Inn, Temple, E.C.

BUSINESS BEFORE PROVINCIAL GRAND CHAPTER.

To call over the Chapters in the Province.
To receive the Report of the Finance and Audit Committee.

To elect a Provincial Grand Treasurer.
The appointment of Provincial Grand Officers.
General Business.

Banquet at Six o'clock punctually.

N.B.—Banquet will be provided for those only who have taken Tickets. The Companions will banquet with the Provincial Grand Lodge.

representatives in compiling such a sum is the greater, and entitles them the more to the thanks of the School authorities, as well as of the friends and well-wishers of the Institution.

We remind our readers that the Quarterly Courts of the two Schools will be held in Freemasons' Hall next week, that of the Girls' School on Thursday, the 7th instant, and that of the Boys' School on the following day. The chief business in each case will be to determine the vacancies and settle the lists of candidates for the October elections.

Owing to the pressure caused upon our space by the report of Wednesday's Festival, the usual Analysis of the Returns, and the reports of the distribution of prizes on Wednesday and of the sports at Kempton Park on Saturday, we find ourselves compelled to hold over the very ample and interesting account of the recent meeting of the Scots Lodge, No. 2319, when a hearty welcome was extended to Bro. the Earl of Haddington, Grand Master Mason of Scotland, and several of his Grand Officers, on the occasion of their visit to London in connection with another Masonic function. We trust our brethren of the lodge will accept our sincere regret at the delay in publishing this account.

Bro. W. J. Hughan, who has been on a visit to London for the past few weeks, returned to Torquay on Wednesday last much benefited by the change. It has been a source of much gratification to his London brethren to observe the marked improvement which has taken place in his health since his last visit to town about two years since, and all will join us in hoping that he will long be spared to continue his valuable labours in connection with the Craft.

Another distinguished visitor has been making a short stay amongst us in the person of the Past Grand Master of Illinois, General J. C. Smith. The few Masonic lodges in London which are fixed to meet at this season have been fortunate in the opportunity of receiving and extending a hearty welcome and fraternal greetings to one whose name in his own jurisdiction is a household word in connection with Masonic hospitality and genial fellowship.



988] THE "UNION" OF 1813.

Bro. H. J. Whympers, C.I.E. (of India), has done good service by having the enclosed reprinted relating to the "Atholl Masons" and the Union of December, 1813. The letter which precedes the Report was written by Bro. Thomas Harper, one of the most influential members of that organisation.

W. J. HUGHAN.

LETTER FROM BRO. HARPER.

"DEAR SIR AND COM

"I received your favour of the 18th and inclose you the one certificate that is regular but the others not having been registered in the Grand Lodge books twelve months they should not have been exalted. Have also inclosed 100 summonses. You will see by this letter what has been done relative to the Union. My son is at present out of town. I do not know whither [sic] the summonses sent are the same you had before as we have three sorts. Beg you will give my best respects to all the brethren [sic] &

"I remain Dear Sir and Bro

"Yours sincerely

"THOS HARPER"

REPORT OF PROCEEDINGS.

"(Extract from Proceedings of the) Grand Lodge of the Most Ancient and Honourable Fraternity of Free and Accepted Masons of England, According to the Old Constitutions.

"Crown and Anchor Tavern, Strand, London, June 6, 1810.

"GRAND LODGE, 6th JUNE, 1810.

"The Committee to whom it was referred by the Grand Lodge, to take into consideration the propriety and practicability of accomplishing an Union with the Society of Masons under His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales, having made a Report thereon to the Grand Lodge—the same was confirmed; and it was accordingly unanimously resolved that the three following Resolutions be submitted to the Committee appointed by the Grand Lodge under His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales, as an indispensable preliminary to any negotiation for an Union of the two Societies.

"First—That as the Grand Lodges of the United Kingdom, viz. the Grand Lodge of England under the

Most Noble the Duke of Atholl, the Grand Lodge of Scotland, and the Grand Lodge of Ireland, are all bound by the same obligations, and all work by uniform rule, it is necessary, in the first instance, to be informed whether the Grand Lodge under His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales, in order to a perfect Union, will consent to the same obligations under which the other three Grand Lodges are bound, and that they will consent to work in the same forms.

"Secondly—That it is essential to the preservation of the true and ancient landmarks that the Grand Lodge shall be a true and perfect representation of all the Lodges, and that, to this end, it shall be composed of the present and past Grand Officers, the Master and Wardens of each Lodge, with the Past Masters of all the Lodges. That the Grand Lodge under His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales shall agree, that, upon the Union, the Grand Lodge of England, in all time to come, be composed of the present and past Grand Officers, the Masters, Wardens, and past Masters of the regular Lodges under the two Constitutions; the Lodges to sit under their respective banners, according to seniority of numbers; every Brother to speak and vote: and that the Grand Lodge shall be convened and held quarterly, on a given day in each quarter, for communication with the Craft, besides the anniversary meetings of St. John the Evangelist and St. John the Baptist.

"Thirdly—That the masonic benevolence shall be distributed monthly by a Lodge specially constituted and summoned for that purpose, consisting, as it now is, of a deputation from the resident Lodges in and adjacent to London and Westminster."

989] THE "HUGHAN MS."

The "Hughan MS." is of the *Dowland Branch* of the Grand Lodge Family, partaking of some particularities of the Dowland MS. itself, as well as of the Clerke, Philipps, No. 3, and Papworth MSS., that are of the same Branch. There are a few peculiarities in the Hughan MS., for instance in the Hiram legend: "A man named also *Hiram*," which was intended to be "also *Hiram*" (p. 11 of the reprint), besides "he greatly practised Geometry" (p. 12), where the other MSS. of the Family have "a great practiser of Geometry"; and "that ye be no Thieves nor Thieves' fellows" (p. 13); and a few omissions. But what Bro. W. Watson points out to be a peculiarity, namely, the reading "true Liegemen to y^e King of England," is none, the bulk of the Grand Lodge Family having the same words that are missing only in a few MSS. of this Family, and the whole Sloane Family, as far as I can overlook them at this moment. I do not think it possible to consider all MSS. that have the words "of England" to be transcripts of Scottish originals. The opening lines of the Hughan MS. are almost the same as in the Spencer Family, the *Spencer MS.* of 1726 itself reading: "The Beginning and first Foundation of the most worthy Craft of Masonry with the charges thereunto belonging"; the Cole and Dodd prints offer quite the same reading. The "Hughan MS." adds the "oath" and ends "belonging to y^e same," the rest being identical with the Spencer Family. This is a new corroboration of my leading back the Spencer Family to the Grand Lodge Family, the latter being much more original than the former, which was not compiled before 1725, the Inigo Jones MS. being a falsification fabricated after the Spencer MS. There cannot be any doubt that the Hughan MS. has been transcribed from an older copy that was rather illegible in some passages, so that the scribe misread some words, "rough" for "wrought" (p. 10), "Tubalkaine" for "Tubalcain" (p. 10), "alone" for "anone" (p. 11), "Him" for "Hiram" (p. 11), "madstanding" for "understanding" (p. 12-13). There is an omission after the word "Geometry" (p. 9, seventh line from beneath), caused by the same word at the end of the next phrase of the presumed original, the eye of the scribe running from the first "Geometry" to the second, and thus omitting the passage. On the whole the Hughan MS. is more correct than most of the other MSS.

W. BEGEMANN.

[We have much pleasure in inserting this important communication on the "Hughan MS.," sent to Bro. Hughan by Dr. Begemann, dated 5th June, 1892.—Ed. FM.]

Reviews.

DIRECTORY FOR THE PROVINCIAL GRAND LODGE OF CORNWALL, 1892.

This very useful Annual is now in its twenty-first year of issue, having been projected by Bro. Hughan in 1870, when it at once obtained the authority of the Prov. Grand Master and Prov. Grand Lodge as an official publication. From 1891 Bro. Thomas Gill, of Penryn, has been the co-Editor, and on him from that year the labour has chiefly fallen. Its appearance this year is rather late, but not through Bro. Gill's fault; and even now the list of votes for the Masonic Charities has not been received in time. This is much to be regretted, as all the responsible brethren should be prompt in supplying the needful information in all the departments. There are 30 lodges, returning 1621 members, which is believed to be the largest total yet obtained, and it is gratifying to find that the "Cornwall Masonic Annuity and Benevolent Fund" (with 10 annuitants and nine educational grants) is still to the fore and continuing its beneficent work. So also the "Cornwall Masonic Charity Association," which has done, and is doing, good service. The Cornish Lodge, No. 2369, London, has a page to itself, and is rapidly becoming a capital centre for Cornish Masons in the Metropolis.



Craft Masonry.

METROPOLITAN MEETINGS.

Shadwell Clerke Lodge (No. 1910).—The regular meeting of this lodge was held at Mark Masons' Hall, on Monday, the 27th ult. The chair was occupied by Bro. Gilles, with Bro. Geo. J. Reed as S.W.; Bro. Gordon Miller as J.W.; and Bro. Lord Euston as I.P.M.

After the minutes of the former meeting had been confirmed, Bro. Gilles requested Bro. Matier to occupy the chair and to pass Bro. Wm. Hy. Clifton to the Second Degree. This was accordingly done. The motion that £10 ros. should be voted to "The Shadwell Clerke Trust," proposed by the Treasurer, and seconded by the Secretary, was now put to the lodge and carried. This being the meeting fixed by the by-laws for the election of W.M., Treasurer, and Tyler, voting papers were passed round, with the result that the Senior Warden, Bro. Geo. J. Reed, was elected W.M. for the ensuing year, and Bro. Charles Belton was unanimously re-elected to the office of Treasurer, which he has held so long and with such advantage to the lodge. The Tyler was also re-elected.

The lodge being closed, an adjournment was made to the Holborn Restaurant, where the following brethren: Bro. Lord Euston, Gilles, Geo. J. Reed, Gordon Miller, Mather, Balfour Cockburn, Professor Green, and several visiting brethren, spent a very charming evening, under the genial presidency of Bro. C. Fitzgerald Matier.

Quatuor Coronati Lodge (No. 2076).

This lodge met for the Festival of St. John at Freemasons' Hall on Friday, the 24th ult. There were present Bros. W. H. Rylands, P.G. Stwd., W.M.; W. M. Bywater, P.G.S.B., I.P.M.; Dr. W. W. Westcott, S.W.; Rev. C. J. Ball, J.W.; G. W. Speth, Sec.; W. Mattieu Williams, J.D.; C. Kupferschmidt, I.G.; and W. J. Hughan, P.G.D.; also the following members of the Correspondence Circle: Bros. E. Haward, Rev. C. H. Malden, Local Sec. for South India; Gen. J. J. Boswell, R. Palmer Thomas, Gen. J. C. Smith, P.G.M. Illinois; Rev. H. Carmichael, C. Lazenby, C. B. Barnes, Col. M. Ramsey, Dist. G.M. Malta; Dr. E. H. Ezard, Dr. J. Balfour Cockburn, Local Sec. Channel Islands; R. A. Gowan, F. W. Levander, Local Sec. Middx.; Rev. H. Thomas, J. Robbins, Col. J. Mead, J. Sykes Rymer, T. Cohu, H. B. Chamberlin, J. H. Davis, B. G. L. Bremner, N. French Bromhead, G. Gregson, Dr. C. Lloyd Tuckey, J. Bodenham, P.A.G.D.C., Local Sec. Staffordshire and Salop; C. Fruen, J. S. Cumberland, W. F. Vernon, Local Sec. South Scotland; and J. B. Mackey. Visitors: Bros. Dr. H. Putsche, Lodge Charlotte zu den drei Nelken, Meiningen, and T. Hunter Boyd, 28 (S.C.).

The lodge having been opened, Bro. Gen. J. C. Smith, P.G.M. of Illinois, was greeted in the manner appropriate to his rank. Gen. Smith addressed the lodge at some length in reply, and was glad to know that he had at length been enabled to meet in the flesh those brethren of the lodge with whom he had been so long connected as a member of the Correspondence Circle, and with many of whom he had corresponded for years. He also presented the lodge as a souvenir of his visit with a neat little model in metal of the celebrated hall of the Grand Lodge at Chicago, the highest building in the world, consisting of no less than 21 floors. At a later period of the evening it was decided to have the model suitably engraved and devoted to the purpose of a lodge snuff-box. Two lodges, one literary society, and 44 brethren were then elected to the membership of the Correspondence Circle as follows:

Comet Lodge, No. 1680, Barcardine, Queensland; El Dorado Lodge, No. 2314, Zeerust, Transvaal; Masonic Historical Society, Duluth, Minnesota, U.S.A.; Bros. Rev. E. Rodda, P.S.G.W. Vic., Fitzroy, F. Snowball, 752 (E.C.), Auburn, A. Thomson, P.M. 752 (E.C.), Middle Brighton, O. R. Snowball, P.M., and H. M. Knight, 125, both of Melbourne, all in the Colony of Victoria; J. H. Reid, Beltona, and F. H. Snow, 38, Adelaide, both in South Australia; J. Tuffley, 1372, Killarney, J. Blanchard, P.M. 292 (I.C.), Maryborough, F. Garner, 455 (S.C.), Brisbane, T. Bennion, 768 (S.C.), Croydon, and W. C. Robinson, 775 (S.C.), Toowoomba, all in the Colony of Queensland; G. B. Stern, 2089, Otoshoop, South African Republic; P. W. Keytel, P.M. Goede Trouw Lodge, and J. H. Hofmeyr, Deputy Grand Master South Africa, Grand Lodge of the Netherlands, both of Cape Town, and A. Reiss, 2252, Barkley East, in the Cape Colony; J. L. Brown, 96, and W. A. Love, D.G.H.P., both of Atlanta, Georgia; W. H. Pleasants, Grand Master, Roanoke, J. C. Robinson, W.M. 5, Hampton, and W. E. Turner, P.M. 9, Richmond, all of Virginia; A. S. Harrison, P.M. 62, Dumfries; J. R. Gray, 2197; W. Cooper, 1342, P.P.G.D.; F. Turnbull, 481; T. Pickering, 24; E. T. Dodds, 1679; J. T. Darby, 1380; C. J. Hogg, W.M. 1939; W. B. Marshall, 938, P.P.G.R.; E. H. Buck, 2153; F. J. Stringfellow, 814, P.P.G. Std. Br.; A. E. Weightman, 2195; E. G. Walthew, P.M. 1915; W. E. Cook, P.D.G.D., and Surgeon-Major F. M. Baker, 349, both of Malta; J. H. Davis, P.M. 33; Dr. A. Miller, W.M. 2408; T. C. Lazenby, 297, P.P.A.G.D.C.; P. R. Preston, 357; A. J. Potter, 357; C. A. Ferrier, 2029; A. W. Humphreys, 933; and J. L. Barrett, P.M. 1201.

Bro. Rev. C. J. Ball read a paper entitled "The proper names of Masonic tradition—a philological study." It being absolutely impossible even to give a resumé of the paper here, it must suffice to say that Bro. Ball took up one after another the names connected with our traditions, explaining their meanings, and philologically tracing them to their source, and accounting for the corruptions and variants in use at one time or another. One of his conclusions is interesting in the highest degree, as he is convinced that whoever invented the ceremonies must have been either a Jew or assisted by Jews, and that this must have taken place before the modern revival of learning, i.e. in mediæval times. We shall look forward to the opportunity of carefully studying the lecture in the printed "Transactions" of the lodge, and trust some means may be devised by which a great part of it may be published. Some of it, we fear, and that the most interesting, may be

found totally impossible to publish with any regard to our O.B. The paper was discussed by Bros. Speth, Hughan, Williams, and the W.M., and a hearty vote of thanks was tendered to the lecturer. Bro. J. Balfour Cockburn exhibited a large oil painting, which had been lent him by a friend for the purpose. It consisted of an archway at the head of a flight of steps, under which stood a W.M., and on each side of him, at a lower level, a Warden, all three clothed in blue aprons and red collars. The owner, a collector and connoisseur, believes from peculiarities of treatment that the picture is a Gainsborough, and the Warden to the right of the spectator is Gainsborough himself. Should this suggestion prove correct it will be very interesting, as it has never yet been even hinted that the celebrated painter of last century was a Freemason. It is hoped that the owner will allow the picture to be reproduced in the "Transactions" of the lodge. At the request of Bro. Steer, the Secretary exhibited a handsome jewel, in order to determine its origin. It was, however, immediately recognised as a Past Master's jewel of the Free Gardeners, and therefore not Masonic, though evidently an imitation (with a very curious addition of an open pruning knife) of the S. and C. resting on the V.O.T.S.L. A letter from the M.W.G.M., the Prince of Wales, thanking the lodge for the last volumes of their publications, was read, as was also one from the son of the late Bro. MacCalla, in reply to the condolences of the lodge. The Tyler, Bro. Freeman, presented the lodge with a rough and smooth ashlar and tripod, made by him out of materials of historic interest, and the thanks of the lodge were heartily accorded him. Bro. Cumberland promised to supply the lodge with a cushion which it still needed, and desired to suggest that, in the interest of City members, the lodge might meet half an hour later, which the W.M. promised should be taken into consideration.

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

PROVINCIAL MEETINGS.

BELVEDERE.

Saye and Sele Lodge (No. 1973).—An emergency meeting of this lodge was held at the Masonic Rooms on the 27th ult., when the accounts of the past year were considered and approved, and other formal business transacted, to clear the way for the installation meeting on the 18th inst., at which the W.M. elect, Bro. Thos. Heaps, will be installed in the chair of the lodge. Bro. Heaps has proved a n enthusiastic and able Secretary for many years, and it has been almost unwillingly he has yielded to the unanimous wish of his brethren and served a Wardenship to qualify himself for the highest position. With so popular a head this lodge should prosper in its new year. A worthy P.M., Bro. Dr. Elliot, was appointed one of the Prov. Grand Stewards at the recent P.G. Lodge meeting at Ramsgate.

GODALMING.

Bramston Beach Lodge (No. 2101).—The installation meeting of this lodge was held at the Masonic Hall, on Thursday, the 23rd ult., when Bro. M. W. Dodge, J.W., was duly installed as W.M. for the ensuing year, Bro. Gibbs, P.M., acting as Installing Master. The following brethren were invested as officers: Bros. John Agate, I.P.M.; J. Debenham, S.W.; W. J. Pitchers, J.W.; G. Jones, Treas.; F. M. Hayden, Sec.; Brunson, S.D.; J. J. Taylor, J.D.; L. H. Luck, I.G.; Chilman, D.C.; Rothwell, Stwd.; and Bedford, Tyler.

After the installation the brethren retired to the banqueting hall, where a sumptuous repast was provided by the able and energetic proprietor of the Angel Hotel, Bro. Taylor.

The usual Masonic toasts, interspersed with some excellent harmony by Bros. Gaines, Gilmour, and Rothwell, and several other brethren, contributed largely towards the success of a very pleasant evening.

Among the visitors present were Bros. Baverstock, W.M., and Cheel, S.W., of 777; Durant, J.D. 1298; Hardy, J.W. 1460; Broderick, P.M. 1564; Gilmour, J.D. 1950; Miles, P.M. 2234; and other brethren.

RUGELEY.

St. Augustine's Lodge (No. 1941).—The ordinary meeting of this lodge was held at the Shrewsbury Arms Hotel, on the 21st ult., when the following members were present: Bros. John Hackett, W.M.; G. Buttery, C.S., P.P.G.S.B., I.P.M.; W. Foggo, P.M.; G. Gee, P.M.; C. W. Bullivant, S.W.; Walter Webster, J.W.; J. Robinson, Treas.; W. Fairley, Sec.; W. Coultman, J.D.; W. E. Marples, W.M. 2263, D.C.; E. Banks, E. Clark, E. W. Johns, and Thos. Turner. Bro. J. D. Murray, P.M. Lindsay Lodge, Grand Treas. of England, was present as a visitor.

The ceremony of initiation was gone through, Bro. Elias Clark taking the place of the candidate. After various communications had been made, Bro. Buttery, I.P.M., proposed, and Bro. Hackett, W.M., seconded, "That the best congratulations of the lodge be given to Bro. Murray, Grand Treasurer of England, for the honour he has given to the members in visiting them," which was carried unanimously, and to which Bro. Murray made a suitable reply.

YORK.

Albert Victor Lodge (No. 2328).—A somewhat unusual and interesting event in connection with this lodge took place on Friday last (Midsummer St. John's Day), at Freemasons' Hall, St. Saviourgate, when Bro. T. B. Whythead, P.G.S.B., initiated into Freemasonry his eldest son (Mr. William Wastell Drought Whythead) who on that day attained his 21st year of age. There was a good attendance of brethren, and Bro. Whythead entertained as his guests at dinner several representative members of other lodges. Amongst the members present were Bros. H. L. Swift, W.M.; C. E. L. Wright, S.W.; J. E. Jones, J.W.; Wm. Lawton, P.M., P.P.G. Reg., Treas.; Chas. Turner, Sec.; F. Shaun, S.D.; Col. Russell, J.D.; C. G. Padel, P.M., P.P.G.O., D.C.; and J. P. Carr, Organist. Apologies for absence were received from the other members. The ceremony was worked by the candidate's father, and the charge was given by the Worshipful Master.

Royal Arch.

CAMBRIDGE.

Pythagoras Chapter (No. 88).—The half-yearly convocation of this chapter was held at the Lion

Hotel, on Wednesday, the 22nd ult., when upwards of 30 companions attended, including four visitors. The Principals' chairs were occupied by Comps. B. Chennell, P.Z.; J. V. Pryor, H.; and W. Purchas, J.; whilst the work of the Principal Sojourner was ably performed by Comp. W. P. Spalding. Comp. Oliver Papworth, Z., was unable to be present. Bros. J. Gordon Chennell, W. James, and J. Bester were exalted, Comps. Chennell and A. H. Moyes, P.Z., S.E., assisting in the ceremony. The following Principals and officers were elected for the ensuing year: Comps. J. V. Pryor, Z.; W. Purchas, H.; Frank Piggott, J.; A. H. Moyes, P.Z., S.E.; W. P. Spalding, S.N.; T. Hunnybun, Treas.; W. Hutchinson, P.S.; C. W. Redin, 1st A.S.; H. S. Davison, 2nd A.S.; Rev. L. R. Tuttiett, Org.; T. Nicholls, P.Z., Stwd.; C. H. Ellis, Janitor; and C. F. Charlton and J. H. Moyes, Auditors.

At the subsequent banquet Comp. E. M. Money said he was well acquainted with the work of London chapters, but he must say they had something to learn, as he had never seen work like that which had been so ably done in this old country chapter.

Red Cross of Rome and Constantine.

INSTALLATION OF INTENDANT GENERAL OF KENT.

A meeting of the Saye and Sele Conclave, No. 122, was held in the Masonic Rooms, Belvedere, Kent, on the 17th ult., at which the M.P.S., Sir Knight Fletcher, presided, assisted by his officers. Bros. Richard Clowes and Chris. G. Cuthey were duly installed knights of the Order by the M.P.S., after which the throne was assumed by Sir Knight Bateman, P.S., Divisional Recorder of Kent and G.O. England, and Sir Knight Willoughby G. Weiss, V.E. and M.P.S. elect, was presented and enthroned in the chair. Having appointed and invested the officers for the ensuing year, the M.P.S. presented a Past Sovereign's jewel to Sir Knight Fletcher, congratulating him on the manner in which he had worked the ceremonies during his year of office.

The DIVISIONAL RECORDER then announced that the new Intendant General of Kent, Sir Knight the Rev. Hayman Cummings, P.S., D.G.H.P. Kent, and P.G. H.P. England, was without, and demanded admission that he might be installed into his office.

The arch of steel having been formed, Ill. Sir Knight C. F. Matier, Grand Recorder of England, Intendant General for Lancashire, accompanied by Sir Knight Robert Berridge, Grand Marshal, entered, and Sir Knight Matier assumed the throne.

Sir Knight BERRIDGE, acting as D.C., then presented Sir Knight Cummings, and read the patent of appointment to the vacant post of Intendant General of Kent, issued by the Most Illustrious Grand Sovereign, Sir Francis Burdett.

Sir Knight MATIER having referred to the distinguished services to the Order, especially in Kent, conferred by the late Intendant General, Sir Knight Frederic Wood, who had recently resigned his appointment, congratulated the division on the appointment of so distinguished a successor, and proceeded to obligate and invest Sir Knight Cummings, and having placed him on the throne, the D.C. called upon the sir knights to salute their new chief.

Sir Knight CUMMINGS expressed his thanks to Sir Knights Matier and Berridge for coming down to install him in his new office, and addressed the members of the Order present, urging them to remember and act up to their watchwords, "Faith, Unity, and Zeal," and impressed upon them that such action on their part would ensure a successful work in the future far surpassing anything that had been hitherto achieved, and promised for his part to do all in his power to justify the confidence now reposed in him.

The INTENDANT GENERAL then announced that the Annual Divisional Conclave would be held at Chatham at an early date, and the Saye and Sele Conclave was closed.

A banquet was subsequently held, presided over by the M.P.S., at which the toasts usual to Christian Masonry were duly honoured.

Sir Knights MATIER and BERRIDGE responded for "The Grand Officers," both again congratulating the Division of Kent on their new head.

Amongst those present were Sir Knights Jolly, P.S., Penfold, P.S., and Robinson, P.S., of 122; Cobham, P.S., and Brice, P.S., of 147; and Holmes, V.E., and Dr. Burney, P.G. Treas. of 148.

A MASONIC GARDEN PARTY.

Bro. Col. and ex-Sheriff and Mrs. Thomas Clarke gave a charming garden party on Wednesday afternoon, the 22nd ult., at their residence, "The Gables," in Upper Hamilton-terrace, to the Worshipful Master and brethren of the Alliance Lodge, No. 1827. The afternoon was fine, and the terrace and spacious lawn presented a very animated and pretty appearance. The Right Hon. the Lord Mayor was expected, but at the last moment found himself unable to attend; however, the Lady Mayoress came and stayed some time. The company numbered about 250, a large proportion of the gentlemen present being members of the Craft. Amongst others we noticed Bro. Sir J. B. Monckton, P.G.W.; Col. T. Davies Sewell, P.M. 1827, P.G.S., and the Misses Sewell; Bro. G. A. Pickering, 29, G.S.; Captain E. Pugh, 1827, and Miss Pugh; Bros. James Curtis, A. Smythson, 1067; ex-Under Sheriff Thos. Beard, 101; Orton Cooper, W.M. 211; Admiral Sir E. A. Inglefield, K.C.B.,

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During the entertainment, which lasted from 4 to 7 p.m., Bro. Dan Godfrey's orchestral band performed an excellent selection of music, while the services of Mr. Ben Nathan, Bro. Charles Bertram, and Mr. Albert Reakes were requisitioned as entertainers, and were each exceedingly good in their way. The usual menu on such occasions was discussed, and in addition to the ever welcome strawberries and cream, ices, and iced drinks of all kinds, a speciality was the American buffet supplied by Messrs. Spiers and Pond, who dispensed a great variety of Yankee beverages. The garden party was unanimously voted a great success, and was liberally and admirably carried through by our worthy Bro. Colonel Clarke and his charming wife, who were most persistent in their attentions to their guests.

THE LATE DUKE OF CLARENCE.

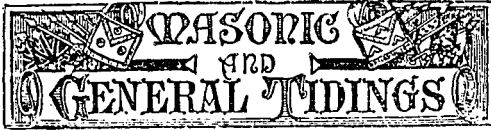
MASONIC VISIT TO ST. GEORGE'S CHAPEL.

By special permission of the Queen, graciously granted through the intervention of the M.W.G.M., H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, the officers and brethren of the Province of Berkshire were enabled on Tuesday afternoon, the 28th ult., to pay a tribute of respect to the memory of their late Provincial Grand Master, the Duke of Clarence and Avondale, by visiting the Memorial Chapel at Windsor, in which rest the remains of the young Prince. The Berkshire brethren had, at an earlier period of the afternoon, assembled in Provincial Grand Lodge, held at the Guildhall, under the presidency of the Deputy Provincial Grand Master, Bro. John Thornhill Morland, who, barely 18 months ago, was installed in office by the late Duke. At the conclusion of the lodge business all the brethren, representing the thirteen lodges in the royal county, proceeded to the Memorial Chapel, and walked round the remains of their late Provincial Grand Master, some of them depositing sprigs of acacia, according to Masonic custom. The coffin is still enveloped in the silken flag, and covered and encircled by floral tributes from the members of the Royal Family and others. The privilege of entering the chapel was strictly confined to the brethren. The Provincial Grand Secretary, Bro. Martin, was requested to convey the thanks of the brethren to the Queen and Prince of Wales for the special permission to visit the church.

Obituary.

BRO. JOHN BOOTH.

We have to record the death, at the age of 76, of Bro. John Booth, of Heckmondwike, which took place on Monday, the 27th ult. Bro. John Booth was initiated in Lodge No. 322—now 258—on 23rd January, 1850, and was W.M. in 1853 and 1864, and an active member all his life, having served every office in the lodge. He was exalted in Chapter No. 322—now 258—on November 13th, 1851, was Z. in 1855, and a subscribing member till his death. He was always ready to give assistance to lodges and chapters, and of late years particularly to Royal Arch chapters. He was made a Prov. Grand Warden in 1874 and Prov. G.J. in 1877. His genial face will be missed by numerous friends, and by none more than the Freemasons of West Yorkshire.



The annual meeting of the Provincial Grand Lodge of Buckinghamshire was to be held at Aylesbury, on Thursday, the 30th ult., when no doubt a very considerable muster of brethren will be found to have been present.

The Freemasons of Cornwall presented a silver salver, teapot and stand to Lady Edith Edgcombe, daughter of the Earl of Mount Edgcombe, on the occasion of her marriage with Major the Hon. John St. Aubyn on Thursday, the 23rd ult.

Bro. Earl Cowper presided at a meeting on Wednesday of the Royal Commission inquiring into the new charter for the Gresham University, at which Professor Karl Pearson, of University College, London, was examined at length as to the reasons why the granting of Degrees should be withheld from the new Teaching University.

Prince and Princess Henry of Battenberg paid a visit on Tuesday to Tonbridge, where her Royal Highness presided at the opening of a fête in aid of the funds for repairing the parish church. They were received at the station by Earl Stanhope, Lord-Lieutenant of Kent, the Marquis of Abergavenny, the Bishop of Dover, and the Rev. T. H. Gill, the vicar.

Bro. Joseph Joyce, Detective-Sergeant, who was killed on the 20th ult., was initiated in the Royal Oak Lodge, 871, Deptford, on 27th November, 1884. At the time of his death he held the office of Inner Guard. He was highly esteemed by all the brethren, and his loss will be keenly felt by the W.M. and officers of the lodge, whom he supported as loyally as he did the service in whose cause he so bravely met his death.

Commander his Royal Highness the Duke of York has commissioned his ship, the *Melampus*, second-class twin-screw cruiser, at Portsmouth. The pennant was run up a few minutes before nine o'clock on Thursday morning, and the vessel thus formally added to the effective strength of the Royal Navy. The *Melampus* will proceed to Cowes in the course of a few days, and remain there during her Majesty's stay at Osborne, after which she will go on a cruise to Norway.

A pleasant day's racing took place at the Island Sailing Club, Cowes, on Wednesday. In the 2½-raters' match Cockatoo and Papoose had a hard fight for first place, the former eventually winning, whilst Molly took third. The Nansheen was leading the one-raters when, unfortunately, her mast was carried away, and the first prize went to Mr. Langrishe's Argula, Cariad being second, and Oretta third. The race for halves fell to Mr. Quilter's Bairn. Flags of all craft belonging to the Royal Yacht Squadron are flying half-mast in consequence of the death of the Marquis of Drogheda, who was a member of the Sailing Committee of the club.

The County Council have resolved once more to light the Victoria Embankment with electricity. It has been proposed by the Highways Committee to place lamps of 1000 to 1200 candle-power at intervals of about 50 yards, the current being supplied by an installation on the Council's own land. This recommendation has been adopted, with the proviso that if plant on a sufficient scale can be established, Westminster and Waterloo Bridges and the Embankment-gardens are to be lighted from the same source. The initial cost is not to exceed £10,000, while the annual outlay, it is calculated, will not be more than £2000.

To-day (Friday) Bro. Lord Mayor Evans (who is a native of Wales) and the Lady Mayoress, attended by the Sword and Mace Bearers and the City Marshal, will leave London on a visit to South Wales. They will be received at Cardiff by the Mayor and Corporation of the town, and by the Marquis and Marchioness of Bute, whose guests they will be at Cardiff Castle. In the evening his lordship will be presented with the freedom of the borough of Cardiff in a gold casket, and entertained at a banquet in the Park Hall. A series of other public functions follow at Cardiff, Bridgend, Llantrissant, Pontypridd, and Brecon.

Bro. Robert Paget, vestry clerk of Clerkenwell, was killed at the Farringdon Station of the Underground Railway on Tuesday evening. It appears that in trying to enter the carriage while in motion he missed his footing, and was crushed to death between the train and the platform. Bro. Paget, who had attained the age of 75, had held the appointment of vestry clerk to the parish of Clerkenwell since the passing of Sir Benjamin Hall's Act constituting vesteries. Only 12 months ago Bro. Paget lost a daughter through the capsizing of a boat off Hayling Island. At the weekly meeting of the Holborn Board of Guardians held on Wednesday night a vote of condolence was passed with his widow and family in their bereavement.

Under the patronage of the Duke of Connaught, and for the benefit of the Gordon Boys' Home, of which the Queen is Patron, and the Prince of Wales President, a charming representation of Gluck's "Orfeo," in Italian, with full orchestra, chorus, and ballet, was given on Tuesday evening in the great gallery of the Grosvenor Club. The performance was under the control of Signor Arditi. The cast was very strong, and entirely foreign. Miss Meisslinger, from the Imperial Opera House, Vienna, and now of Covent Garden, impersonated Orfeo with dramatic effect and thrilling vocalisation; Miss Gherlsen, a Belgian lady, was a dainty and sweet-singing Eurydice; and Miss Pauline Jan, from America, filled the audience with surprise and admiration by her rendering of Amore. In no London theatre could the opera have been better rendered or placed upon the stage, and every credit is due not only to the performers, but also to Captain Cleather-Gordon, who was responsible for the management. A very fashionable audience completely filled the auditorium, and as the opera was to be repeated last night, there can be little doubt the Gordon Boys will reap material advantage from this delightful departure from the usual methods of combining charity with pleasure.

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The Princess of Wales, who, with Princess Victoria and Princess Maud of Wales, is still at Bernstorff, Denmark, will return to England at the end of next week.

Bro. F. A. Jewson was on Tuesday last installed as W.M. of the Keystone Mark Lodge at the Ship and Turtle Tavern, Leadenhall-street. A very enjoyable concert was afterwards provided by Bro. Jewson, to which ladies were also invited. We hope to give a report of both in our next.

The London and North-Western Railway Company announce that they will commence their conducted tours in Shakespeare's Country (including rail, coach, dinner, tea, sightseeing, and waiters' fees), on July 2nd and 4th, leaving London at 9.30 a.m., and returning same evening. The tours will be on Saturdays to Stratford-on-Avon, and on Mondays to Stratford-on-Avon and Warwick.

The Divisional Conclave of Kent of the Order of the Red Cross of Rome and Constantine had been fixed to be held at the Sun Hotel, Chatham, on Monday, the 4th instant, under the banner of the Pentangle Conclave, but at the last moment (after issue of summonses) a postponement to Tuesday, the 5th instant, has been rendered necessary owing to the Parliamentary election at Chatham being appointed for the 4th.

A new Rosicrucian chapter was added to the roll of chapters of the Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite by the consecration of the Belgrave, No. 121, at 33, Golden-square, on Monday last. Bro. Belgrave Ninnis, P.G. Std. Br., was installed as first M.W. Sovereign, and the proceedings passed off most pleasantly. We shall hope to give a fuller report in our next issue.

A special Masonic service will be held at St. Chad's Church, Romiley, on Sunday, the 17th instant, in aid of the Aged Freemasons. The sermon will be preached by Bro. the Rev. J. Grant Bird, M.A., P.P.G. Chaplain Cheshire, and Bro. Robert W. Baker, P.M., P.P.G. Org., will act as Organist. The service will be held under the banner of the Oakwood Lodge, No. 1126, of which Bro. the Rev. Henry Leathley, P.M., is the W.M.

Accompanied by Bro. the Duke of Fife, the Princess Louise visited the Infant Orphan Asylum at Wanstead, and, in presence of a large and distinguished company, distributed the prizes to those of the 561 inmates of the institution who had distinguished themselves during the past year. The regularity and grace of the musical drill, and the wonderful activity and ingenuity shown by a dozen of the elder girls in a skipping-rope exercise were loudly cheered. One of the elder boys—Master S. F. M. Cumming—delivered an address of welcome to the Princess, which was alike admirable in composition and delivery; and at a later stage, when the company sat down to luncheon, Bro. the Duke of Fife expressed the pleasure with which the Princess and himself had listened to it. The burden of the speeches was that the amount of annual subscriptions had not during recent years increased.

Eighteen members of the Coaching Club assembled at the Magazine in Hyde Park on Wednesday morning. The gathering of spectators was not very large, owing no doubt to the weather, but the display of teams was eminently good. Major Shuttleworth, who led the parade, drove three browns and a "jubilee" grey; Baron Deichmann, with whom were Lord and Lady Lawrence, an entirely new and fine-stepping team of browns; Col. Somerset, two picabalds, a skewbald, and a brown; while bays were before the Hon. Albert V. Bingham, Major Turnour, Mr. Budgett, Mr. Forbes Leith, Mr. Gerwyn Jones, Bro. Albert Brassey, Mr. F. Cook, Mr. Hope-Morley, and Captain T. Roche. Chestnuts found favour with Captain Guinness, Mr. Chas. Hanbury, Mr. F. G. Banbury, and Prince Hans Henry of Pless, with whom was the Princess. Mr. J. Hargreaves handled crossed bays and browns. The second meet of the Four-in-Hand Club will be held on the Horse Guards Parade on Thursday evening, the 14th inst.

The festival of the London Sunday School Choirs at the Crystal Palace on Wednesday was a most successful gathering, except for the lamentable balloon accident which occurred during the evening. Some 9000 members participated, and the morning and afternoon choral performances attracted large audiences, and elicited warm approval. The earlier performance consisted of a concert of 5000 treble and alto voices, conducted by Mr. J. Rowley, and accompanied on the organ by Mr. H. G. Holmes. A song with illustrative action was encored rapturously. For the second and more pretentious concert adult aid was called in, and the 4000 selected voices were accompanied both by the Crystal Palace and the London Sunday School orchestras, under the direction of Mr. Carl Jung. With Mr. D. Davies at the organ, and conducted for the 20th time by Mr. Luther Hinton, the choir acquitted itself with great credit.

We regret to have to announce the sudden death of the Marquis of Drogheda, which took place early on Wednesday morning, at his London residence, in St. James's-square. The Marquis arrived from his club shortly after midnight, and retired, apparently in good health, giving orders to be called at seven o'clock, as he had intended to leave town with the Marchioness for the Continent. His valet, on going to his lordship's room at the appointed time, found him lying on the floor fully dressed, and subsequent examination showed that death was due to apoplexy. Henry Francis Seymour Moore, third Marquis of Drogheda, was born at Bath in 1825, and succeeded his uncle in the marquise when only twelve years old. He married, in 1847, the Hon. Mary Caroline Stuart-Wortley, eldest daughter of the second Lord Wharfedale. There is no issue of the marriage, and the marquise becomes extinct, but the titles Earl of Drogheda, Viscount Moore, and Baron Moore of Mellefont, together with the English barony of Moore, Kent, descend to the cousin of the deceased, Mr. Punsoby William Moore, a grandson of the fifth Earl of Drogheda, and nephew of the first Marquis.

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The Oxford City Council on Wednesday decided, after a debate lasting four hours, to proceed to the erection of new municipal buildings, at an estimated cost of £50,000.

Field-Marshal his Royal Highness the Duke of Cambridge is expected to visit Aldershot to-day (Friday), for the purpose of inspecting the battalions of militia now undergoing a course of training at the camp.

The Accident Insurance Company, Limited, St. Swithin's House, give notice that interim interest on the paid capital of the company, at the rate of 5 per cent. per annum, for the half year ending the 30th of June, 1892, is now payable.

According to the report of the Select Committee in whom is vested the control of the kitchen and refreshment rooms of the House of Commons, 5946 luncheons and 7985 dinners were served in the dining room, 1437 luncheons and 680 dinners in the strangers' room, and 119 luncheons and 796 dinners in the terrace dining room during the session just ended. Needless to say, all the arrangements were satisfactorily carried out by Mr. W. C. Saunders, the superintendent, with his wonted skill.

Mr. D'Oyly Carte's opera house is to be turned into a theatre of varieties; at least, an attempt is being made in that direction. It is proposed to start a company for its purchase under the title of "The Palace Theatre." The capital will be £200,000, £170,000 of which will be devoted to the purchase of the freehold and the theatre. The necessary musical-hall licence will be applied for in due course, and in the meantime the project will go forward with the Lord Chamberlain's licence, and a programme embracing drama, variety, and ballet. Sir Augustus Harris is the managing director of the "Palace Theatre."

According to a writer in the *Atlantic Monthly*, the Chicago Public Library, supported by general taxation, has accumulated 175,000 volumes, increases at the rate of 20,000 annually, has a general circulation of twelve hundred thousand, and is the seventh in size in America. The new Chicago University Library takes rank in a single day as the third of the United States great libraries by the purchase of 300,000 volumes at Berlin. The Newbery Library has 80,000 books and an endowment fund of \$3,000,000; while another, the Crerar Library, is about to be established with a like endowment.

The directors of the Empire Palace, Limited, have declared the second interim dividend for the present year at the following rates: 1s. 6d. on each share of £1 on which 10s. has been paid; 2s. 6d. on each share of £1 on which 15s. has been paid. The said interim dividend to be payable on the 11th day of July next. The transfer books of the company will be closed from the 4th July to the 11th July, both days inclusive.

His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales presided at a meeting of the Governors of Wellington College on Wednesday, the other Governors present being Colonel Talbot, Vice-President, the Archbishop of Canterbury, the Duke of Richmond and Gordon, the Duke of Wellington, Viscount Cranbrook, the Bishop of Rochester, Sir Henry Ponsonby, Sir George Russell, Sir Lintorn Simmons, Sir Dighton Probyn, Mr. J. Walter, and Mr. J. F. Chance, Secretary.

Princess Beatrice, who was accompanied by Prince Henry of Battenberg, visited the Albert Hall on the occasion of the annual competitions in military drill and physical exercises of scholars in London public elementary schools on Wednesday. Merely regarded as a spectacle, the sight in the area of the Albert Hall was exceedingly attractive, the picked detachments from the selected schools going through evolutions and simple drill with a precision which in more than one instance came pretty near perfection. The challenge banner for the competition in military drill was awarded by the judges to Bellenden-road School, with 97 marks out of a possible 100. In physical exercises Eltringham-street School carried off the boys' banner, also with 97 marks, and the "Dulwich Hamlet" was similarly successful with 96 marks in the girls' competition. On the awards being announced, her Royal Highness Princess Beatrice presented the banners to the several victors.

The King of Roumania and the Prince of Hohenzollern-Sigmaringen visited the Prince of Wales at Marlborough House on Tuesday, and in the evening his Royal Highness gave a dinner to his Majesty. The Duke and Duchess of Edinburgh and the Princesses Marie and Victoria Melita, Princess Louise Duchess of Fife, the Duke of Fife, the Duke of Aosta, the Prince of Hohenzollern-Sigmaringen, Prince Ferdinand of Roumania, Prince and Princess Edward of Saxe-Weimar, and Count Albert Mendorf were among the guests. On Wednesday the King paid a visit to the Queen at Windsor Castle, a suite of rooms overlooking the Home Park having been prepared for his Majesty's reception. The King will probably return to Buckingham Palace to-day (Friday), and leave again for the Continent to-morrow (Saturday). It was for this reason that his Majesty was unable, to his great regret, to accept the invitation of Bro. Lord Mayor Evans to visit the City during his stay.

Prize-day at the London School of Medicine for Women brought a large muster of lady medicos on Tuesday to Handel-street, Brunswick-square, where thrives the institution established in connection with the Royal Free Hospital. The report of the dean, Mrs. Garrett-Anderson, M.D., was encouraging, as it announced that there are now 133 students attending the school and hospital. Among the ladies who had won honours during the year were Miss Pace, who obtained the second gold medal in obstetrics at the London University; and Miss M. Sturge, who took the Helen Prideaux prize of £50. Thanks to a gift of £1000 from a "generous friend," the council were enabled to wipe off their deficit. The awards were distributed by the Duchess of Bedford, one of the vice-presidents, who congratulated the students on the noble choice of a profession they had made, and referred to the increasing number of appointments held by graduates of the school, at home and abroad, as indicating that the services of medical women are now appreciated.

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