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THE BOYS' SCHOOL FESTIVAL.

The third and last of the great Anniversary Festivals of the year was held at the Royal Pavilion, Brighton, on Wednesday, under the genial presidency of Bro. Lord BROOKE, Prov. G. Master of Essex. The result was far in excess of what even the most sanguine supporters of the Boys' School had anticipated, and in the case of ordinary Festivals—that is to say, Festivals in connection with which no special attraction is held out to Stewards or Donors and Subscribers—has only been surpassed by that of the Festival in 1891, in respect of the same Institution. The amount announced in the course of the evening—as will be seen from the Report and Returns which appear in another part of our columns—was considerably in excess of £21,000, the London Stewards, who were over 200 in number, being responsible for about £9300, while the 320 country Stewards raised some £12,000. We therefore gladly avail ourselves of the opportunity of congratulating in the first place the chief of Essex Freemasonry on a success to which there is no doubt his personal influence and popularity very largely contributed, as well as the Province which, by the loyal support they gave to his Lordship, furnished unmistakable proof of the respect and esteem they entertain for him. We further congratulate the Institution on a result which will not only suffice for the immediate necessities of the Institution, but will likewise enable the authorities to strengthen its permanent resources, and thereby enlarge its permanent income. And, lastly, we congratulate the Secretary, Bro. J. M. McLEOD, and his staff, on the day's proceedings. It is they who have done the lion's share of the work, which resulted in this large subscription. For the last twelve months they have been busily engaged in making the necessary arrangements for the Festival. Bro. McLEOD, during that period, has been traversing the country in all directions with a view to enlisting the sympathy and support of the brethren in England, and but for the preliminary work which he carried out so steadily, and with so little show, it is almost beyond all question, that the total announced would have been less than it actually was by several thousands of pounds. It is very desirable that this should be publicly recognised. The devotion of the brethren generally to all our Institutions is recognised as one of the important factors, of which account must be taken in reference to these gatherings, and the popularity of chiefs, and the loyalty of their Provinces are another. But there is still a third important factor which must not be left out of the consideration, that is to say, the unflagging energies of the Secretary, whose work knows no interruption, and who must keep on pegging away either to remedy a deficiency, if any particular Festival has proved a failure, or strengthen and confirm a triumph if, as in the case of Wednesday's proceedings, a more than usually brilliant success has been accomplished. But we need not dwell further on the matter. The Chairman, his Board of Stewards, and the Executive of the Institution have together scored a grand result, and we congratulate them one and all most cordially.

ANNIVERSARY FESTIVAL OF THE ROYAL MASONIC INSTITUTION FOR BOYS.

The 95th Anniversary Festival of the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys was held on Wednesday, at the Pavilion, Brighton, under the presidency of the Right Hon. Lord Brooke, Prov. Grand Master for Essex. About 600 ladies and brethren sat down to dinner. The President was supported by, among others, Bro. Col. Malet de Carteret, Prov. G.M. for Jersey.

Lord BROOKE, in proposing "The Queen," said the toast was always received with the greatest cordiality and enthusiasm amongst Masons throughout the country, and he had no reason to believe that it would meet with anything but the most loyal reception at that, one of the most important Masonic Festivals. It was unnecessary for him to dilate on the merits of our Most Gracious Queen. She had long been a pattern to all monarchs of the world, both in her public and in her private capacity, and she had earned the respect of all who had come in contact with her, and her name had gone out throughout the world. He trusted that she might long be spared to reign over them, and when the termination of her reign came it might be said of her that she was one of the most glorious monarchs who had sat on the throne of this country. One thing, as her loyal subjects, they had reason to be thankful for, that under her sway they had had peace, contentment, prosperity, and quiet.

In giving the toast of "The M.W.G.M., H.R.H. the Prince of Wales,

the Princess of Wales, and the other members of the Royal Family," Lord BROOKE said it would be odd if the company did not drink the health of those included in that toast with the greatest cordiality, because Masons had had almost from the beginning of the Craft the connection with it of some member of the Royal Family. The present Prince of Wales never spared himself in his public duties, and among those duties those which were most pleasant to him were in connection with the Craft. As for the Princess of Wales, from the moment she landed on our shores she was received with welcome and great honour by all those who in the future were to be her subjects. With regard to the other members of the Royal Family the thoughts of the people naturally turned to the time which was shortly coming when the Duke of York was to take as his wife an English princess. The Province of Sussex was also connected with the Royal Family through his Royal Highness the Duke of Connaught, who was installed as its Provincial Grand Master under the roof of the Pavilion at Brighton.

Lord BROOKE, in giving the toast of "The Pro Grand Master, the Earl of Lathom; the Deputy Grand Master, the Earl of Mount Edgcombe; and the rest of the Grand Officers, Present and Past," said that as long as he could remember Lord Lathom had taken the deepest interest in the Masonic Craft, and especially in the Institution they were met that day to do honour to. The brethren of Grand Lodge whom he saw around him deserved the deepest thanks of the Craft for their attendance; those



THE CHAIRMAN.

brethren were ever ready to do their duty to Masonry; and, as an instance, he might mention the Grand Master of Jersey, Col. Malet de Carteret, who was then present, and who the day before was at the presentation of prizes at the Boys' School. However, it was only what was to be expected of Freemasons.

Bro. Col. MALET DE CARTERET, P.G.M. Jersey, replied in a few words, expressing the great pleasure the Grand Officers always felt in doing anything they could for the good of the Craft.

Lord BROOKE next proposed "Success to the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys." His lordship said: Brethren and Ladies,—the toast which I have the honour to submit to you now is one which I think without contradiction I may call the toast of the day. It is "Success to the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys," and I shall couple with that toast the well-known name of Bro. Eve. I can only say, brethren, that in coming here to-day I feel most deeply the honour which you have conferred upon me and upon my province in giving this opportunity to me of testifying my great wish to assist Freemasonry in any way I can. I feel that the honour which you have conferred on me is one through me conferred on my province. Although it is not a very large one, yet still I think I may say to them without being contradicted that they are brethren who have the interests of Freemasonry most cordially at heart—(applause)—and it is this fact I am sure, and not through any merit of mine, that I have been to-day selected to hold this honourable post before you. Of course we know how easy it is in this country to collect a body of our country women and countrymen together for the purpose of recreation and refreshment; but at the same time there is something more than this on this occasion. This is, so to speak, different from most public

dinners, because it is the climax of unremitting and untiring efforts which have been going on for some time past throughout the country for the purpose of collecting the needful money and support for one of the most deserving Charities which ever could be put before us. (Applause.) And I can say from every Mason in this room that we fully appreciate the honour which has been done us by the ladies who countenance this our gathering, and stimulating if possible our efforts in this direction. (Cheers.) It is, perhaps, unknown to them, but it is an absolute fact, though one which is hardly credible, that we have for so many years 'been able to keep from them those much coveted secrets of our Craft; but still I am sure they will give us credit for it. I might mention the fact—I have not asked permission to do so, but I will tell you—that there exists among us one of the most esteemed brethren in my province who for 20 years, I think I understood him to say, if not longer, has kept till this day a box full of Masonic documents in his room without even having unlocked it, or examined the contents of it. So much for the reticence of Freemasons and the power of keeping a secret which we possess. I may tell you it was Bro. Salter who assisted just now in handing over to the Howard Lodge in this province some documents which had been left him by his grandfather, the Master of that lodge many, many years ago, on the understanding that he was not to open the box until he arrived at such a degree of Masonic perfection as would justify him in opening it and making use of its contents. (Cheers.) My brother has handed over, through me, that box to the lodge to-day, and I can assure you it was a most interesting ceremony. Well, I trust you will forgive me for diverging from my topic, but I thought this circumstance was sufficiently interesting to bring your attention to it. I am sure if you had been with me yesterday at the prize giving of the Boys' School, which we are met here to support to-day, you would have been extremely interested and gratified at the healthy appearance of the boys, and by the manner in which they showed their proficiency in the education which we give them. (Hear, hear.) I think it is a most interesting sight, because if all of us look back perhaps to our school-boy days, we shall find that they were certainly days not by any means the least interesting of our lives, for during our time at school I think the characters of many of us are formed and moulded; we have our little trials and our little triumphs to go through, and it seems to me that we have been made to smoothe somewhat the paths of these Masonic children in our public Masonic Institutions, and I sincerely hope in the future they will prove themselves worthy descendants of our Order. (Applause.) It seems to me, however, that one would like, if possible, to follow them a little longer in their lives, and if possible, if the chance comes to one, to prefer the children of one of the brother Masons in employment to others outside. (Hear, hear.) However, I am quite sure we do not wish that all interest with them should stop on their leaving School, many of them to higher walks in life. At the commencement of their career we have looked after their interests, and we have another most valuable Institution—the Benevolent Institution, which looks after Masons and their widows in their declining years, and smoothes them and makes them pleasant, and although that life which the boys and girls have gone through at School is such as to qualify and enable them to bear the hardships which are before them, yet still when they go out and face those hardships we may assure them of our cordial sympathy and support as far as we are able to give it. I do not know whether you will allow me, brethren, to detain you with a few words which I have extracted from an excellent book which we all have before us, which is a record of the work of our Institution, and which you may not all be aware of. The Institution was founded in 1798 by brethren of the "Ancient" or "Atholl" Society of Freemasons, among whom Bro. William Burwood and other members of the United Mariners Lodge—now ranking as No. 30 on the roll of Grand Lodge—were the most prominent. In 1801, the Duke of Atholl, who was Grand Master of the Society, became Patron of the Institution, and some four or five years later the Atholl Grand Lodge adopted the recognised Charity of that section of the English Craft. In 1810 the children were increased to 50 in commemoration of George III.'s Jubilee. In 1814, after the union of 'Ancients' and 'Moderns' had been effected, the benefits of the Schools were extended to the sons of all English Masons under United Grand Lodge. In 1818 the number of children was increased to 70, but subsequently owing to the more limited support they received, but more especially to the misconduct of one of their chief executive officers, the Committee found themselves unable to maintain so large a number, and it was not till the year 1841 that the establishment was restored to the footing of 1818. In the meantime, in 1838 the varying contributions which Grand Lodge, following the example of the 'Ancients,' had paid over to this and the Girls' School was commuted into a fixed annual grant of £150. In 1848 the Jubilee of the Charity was celebrated, but under whose auspices and with what result is not ascertainable from the minutes or other records. It must, however, have had the effect of drawing attention to the Charity, for in 1849 and again, in 1850, the scheme of education was extended, and the benefits conferred were enlarged. In 1852 it was determined to build or rent a Schoolhouse, and accordingly a building fund was started, with which the bulk of the present estate at Wood Green was purchased, and the mansion, then known as Lordship House, converted into a School. In 1857, 25 of the boys were admitted as an experiment, and this proved so successful that the Committee resolved on housing the whole establishment. In 1863 steps were taken to build a new and enlarged school, and two years later the main portion of the present building was inaugurated by the then Deputy Grand Master of England. Since then the Institution has been more than doubled, and at the present time there are 268 boys on the establishment, the great majority of whom are maintained, clothed, and educated at the Institution at Wood Green, while for the non-resident an annual grant of £20 is made to the parents or guardians of each child.

Such, briefly, is the history of our Masonic Institution for Boys, which, in 1798 started on its career by providing clothing and education of the simplest kind for six children, and which now maintains, clothes, and educates 268, the boys who have received its benefits from first to last being 2052. As for the character of the work done and the manner in which its government is administered, there is every reason to believe that since the present régime was inaugurated in 1889-90, the management has been generally successful. The tone of the School has been raised, the education made more practical, and the funds disbursed with a due regard to economy and efficiency combined. Unfortunately, the invested capital, which consists of only £31,000 stock, is small for so large an Institution, while the feeling is rapidly strengthening among the Craft, not only that it is very desirable the School should be removed to a healthier and less crowded neighbourhood, but that in the long run the removal would be of pecuniary advantage. But these matters may safely be left out of our consideration for the present. As for the character of the work done, speaking from personal experience, and from that of the brethren, I consider it to be first rate. There is only one point which struck us, the somewhat cramped nature of those buildings, which, although, undoubtedly suited to the times when they were erected, are almost inadequate to the present time, and will be quite inadequate to the number of boys to be admitted in the future. I trust to the benevolence of Freemasons to increase them. It is impossible to think of it now, but we shall, a few years hence, have to provide somewhere in the country schools suitable and more commodious for our boys. (Hear, hear.) Brethren, I must, in conclusion, say how deeply I feel honoured by the trust you have placed in me to-day by putting me in this chair. I must apologise to you for the very poor and inadequate manner in which I have placed before you the merits of this most deserving Institution. I know that you have been hard at work throughout the provinces of this country collecting money on behalf of the School, that I can only trust that I may have the honour of feeling that those exertions have been rewarded and crowned with the fullest success.

Bro. RICHARD EVE, P.G. Treas., who was called upon to acknowledge the toast, said: My Lord, Right Worshipful Chairman, Ladies, and Brethren,—I am sorry that we have not this evening with us our Grand Secretary, Bro. Letchworth. He is unable to attend, though he was set down to respond to this toast as the Treasurer of our Institution. But, as Chairman of the Board of Management, I am called upon by his lordship to respond on behalf of this toast. I can assure you that we of the Board of Management thank you very much for the kind way you have received the toast so ably proposed by his lordship. We, and I am sure you, have the greatest interest in our boys. I was going to say that the Board of Management, in common with all Masons, love our girls, and have the greatest affection for our boys, as we know the boys will take care of the girls. We thank you very much for the kind way in which you have received the toast of the Masonic Boys' Institution. We feel that the Institution for Boys stands now as well as ever it did before—I may say it stands better to-day than it has stood before; we have a larger number of boys; we have a larger number of healthy boys; and his lordship was quite right in saying that to look upon them as we did yesterday was a thing of pleasure and rejoicing. We are pleased to find that they are not as they were some seven years ago, but they are dressed as the sons of well-to-do men of the world. I can assure you the education given to those boys is an excellent education. We know that under the management of our Head Master they have the greatest attention paid to them, not only their intellectual education, but their moral education, and also their physical education and health are well attended to in that Institution. And I put it that any brother or any sister who will favour us by visiting the Institution, and if they happen to be acquainted with what it was some few years ago, I know if they will go there they will see that there is a marked improvement in the boys in the moral and in every respect. I do not wish to take up your time with a long speech, but I do feel that the interest you have felt in the Institution by attending here in such large numbers as you have to-day is a great feature, and the Board of Management feel the great sympathy you are exhibiting with the Institution; they feel that they owe some return for the exertions you make, and that the best way of doing so is to make the Institution worthy of the Masonic Fraternity of this country. I assure you there is no other like it. Its condition in the present has been contrasted with what it was in the past. It is true we are not educating so many boys as we ought. We ought to be able to support and educate more than 268 boys. Another five years will bring about the centenary of the Boys' School, and I want you all to make up your minds to keep up the present régime; I want you to strengthen your hearts; you have collected in one year over £69,000 for Aged Freemasons and their Widows; I want you to say that not less than £100,000 shall be collected for the centenary of the Boys' Institution; I want you to double the number of boys in the Institution, and to increase its usefulness. But I thank you for your kind sympathy already shown to-day, for the powerful expressions of the Chairman, and I appeal for your further services on behalf of the Institution. (Cheers.)

Bro. EVE then proposed "The Health of the Chairman," who had expressed his regret that on account of the heavy nature of the lists the Secretary had not completed a correct announcement of the result of the subscriptions. Bro. EVE said that it had fallen to his lot to speak to the company on the next toast. They had been told by the R.W. Chairman that the toast he last proposed was "the toast of the day." Well, if that was the toast of the day the toast he had to give now was the toast of the evening. He could assure them that he was sorry their V.W. Bro. the Grand Registrar, Bro. Philbrick, was not there to give them the toast with his

oratorical power. The Chairman was Grand Master of the province of which Bro. Philbrick was Deputy Grand Master. Although Bro. Philbrick would have proposed the toast with greater ability than he (Bro. Eve) he could not do it with greater pleasure. They were all delighted to have as their President that day the Right Hon. Lord Brooke, who not only took a deep interest in Masonry but a deep interest in the Masonic Institutions. Lord Brooke was the revered R.W. Prov. Grand Master of one of the largest and most influential provinces in our Kingdom—the Province of Essex. That evening the brethren of Essex had shown their devotion to him by coming to this Festival and supporting him in large numbers. Lord Brooke had most ably given the company a history of the Institution, and for that if for nothing further he was entitled to their deep thanks. Lord Brooke was not only pleased to be Chairman that day, but on the day previously he had attended with Lady Brooke at the Institution at Wood Green, and her ladyship had distributed the prizes. (Cheers.) The Board of Management felt that they owed a deep debt of gratitude to Lady Brooke for her kindness, and the graceful way in which she performed her task. To Lord Brooke the brethren and ladies must express their deep thanks. He had some notion of what would be announced with reference to the work of the Stewards headed by their R.W. Chairman. He was not surprised that the Secretary had had a difficulty in getting at the sum total, because it was an immense one. It might not be so large as it was when the Most Worshipful the Pro Grand Master on a special occasion presided, but he knew it had increased considerably over what it had sometimes been. There had been £13,600 subscribed when he (Bro. Eve) was chairman, but that would be now exceeded. The exertions of the R.W. brother in the chair had been productive of the greatest amount of interest in the Institution. He would have liked the announcement of the lists before proposing this toast, but he asked them to reserve a small corner in their hearts for thanks to Lord Brooke and Lady Brooke for what they had done for the Institution. Lord Brooke had made a splendid Chairman, and they were rejoiced to see him looking so well and healthy. They trusted he would on many future occasions be able to assist this Institution.

Lord BROOKE, in reply, said: Bro. Eve, Ladies, and Brethren,—I thank you most heartily and warmly for the very kind manner in which you have proposed and drunk my health. I could have wished, as Bro. Eve has said, that it had been possible to announce the subscription list before my health was given, because I feel, until that is done, you can have no idea whether I have done my duty, or whether I deserve what you have been good enough to drink just now. I can only say that Bro. Eve flatters my province when he calls it one of the largest and most powerful provinces in the kingdom. I cannot say it is a very large province; but during the time I have had the honour of presiding over it, I have seen the lodges springing up in numbers around me, not quite so numerous, perhaps, as those advertising boards, of a small cure, which we saw in the fields as we came down by the railway side, but, still, quite numerous enough, for the health of the province; and, also, I have felt, that with the help of my excellent brethren and the assistance of the Deputy Provincial Grand Master, whom I regret exceedingly not to see present, and who is engaged on important and urgent business, I hope we have been able from small and inadequate resources to contribute something towards this worthy Institution. The brethren must remember this—we are not like any other county; we have wheatfields where there is no wheat, and hayfields where there is no hay; and if we have sent up a small amount we have done our best, at any rate, and that is all a man can do. I remember some years ago being in this building when the M.W. Grand Master installed the Duke of Connaught as Provincial Grand Master for Sussex. The occasion was one of the most splendid I ever witnessed, and when I was called upon to speak I said it was a most interesting occasion, and I hoped to renew my acquaintance with the town of Brighton. (Hear, hear.) And now allow me to give you a toast, which I know will be received with cordiality, the toast of "The Visitors," coupled with the name of the Mayor of Brighton, who, a Mason himself, as evidenced by his Masonic costume, although his chain does not denote the official insignia which some of us bear, but still that chain is one of the most honourable chains a man can bear on his neck, because it denotes the appreciation of his value and worth by his fellow townsmen—has come here to honour us with his presence. I feel greatly, personally greatly, honoured by the presence of the Mayor of Brighton sitting here on my left hand, and I thank him most heartily for his kindness.

Bro. EWART (Mayor of Brighton), in acknowledging the toast, said Brighton was a great Masonic centre. The energy of the Masons in that town, not only in adding to their numbers, but to their charitable contributions, was very remarkable. The Masons of Brighton welcomed all those present that day for their great efforts in support of the Institutions. He was delighted to hear from the lips of Bro. Eve of the great amount of good the Institution was doing, morally, physically, and educationally for the 268 boys who were being educated and brought up in it. He knew of no duty more incumbent on men than the moral and physical education of children, and, indeed, it would have been very peculiar if the children of Masons had not been adequately attended to in these respects. They were there that day in a building in which they Brightonians took a very great pride. The whole of the foundations of the Pavilion buildings were laid by an ancestor of the present Royal Family, and he (Bro. Ewart) thought he was a very good Mason. Again expressing his thanks for the toast, the worshipful brother hoped that this was not the last time he would have the pleasure and honour of being in a similar assembly for a like noble and good purpose. (Cheers.)

Bro. McLEOD then read the following

STEWARDS' LISTS.

Table with columns for Lodge, Chapter, Name, and Amount (£ s. d.). Includes lists for various lodges and chapters such as 1 Bro. Major-Gen. Fredk. Gadsden, 1538 Comp. G. Hatch, 1601 Comp. F. E. Lemon, etc.

COMMITTEE DINNER CLUB.

Bro. W. Maple ... 25 5 0

GAVEL CLUB.

Bro. Henry Pritchard ... 52 10 0

LOGIC CLUB.

Frederick Burgess ... 26 5 0

UNATTACHED.

Bro. *John G. Albert ... *Elijah Ashby ... *Stanley Attenborough ... Mrs. Byford ... Bro. Major C. W. Carrell ... Percy Collingwood ... Rev. H. R. Smith-Cooper ... *George Dale ... George Everett ... James Percy Fitzgerald ... John Godwin ... Edward Letchworth ... J. Morrison McLeod ... H. B. Marshall ... H. B. Marshall, jun. ... Master H. B. Marshall ... Bro. George Mash ... *Stanley Clifford Probyn ... W. A. Scurrah ... Alfred Cross Spaul ... *George Stagg ... Mrs. James Stephens ... Mrs. Edwin T. Taylor ...

Table listing names and financial contributions for various provinces including THE PROVINCES, BEDFORDSHIRE, BERKSHIRE, BUCKINGHAMSHIRE, CHESHIRE, CORNWALL, CUMBELAND AND WESTMORLAND, DERBYSHIRE, HANTS AND ISLE OF WIGHT, HERTFORDSHIRE, JERSEY, KENT, LANCASTERSHIRE (WEST), LEICESTERSHIRE AND RUTLAND, MIDDLESEX, NORTHANTS AND HUNTS, NORTH WALES, OXFORDSHIRE, SOMERSETSHIRE, SOUTH WALES (EAST DIVISION), STAFFORDSHIRE, SUFFOLK, and SUSSEX.

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ISLE OF MAN. £ s. d.		CYPRUS. £ s. d.	
Lodge 2050 and 2164 Bro. C. Morton Challenger ...	30 18 0	2277 „ Surgeon - Capt. W. Kiddle, M.S. ...	10 10 0
FOREIGN STATIONS.		EASTERN ARCHIPELAGO.	
MALTA.		BENGAL.	
349 Bro. *J. Kenyon (see also Jersey) ...	—	372 „ Sham Lal Mullick ...	—
Malta Masonic Charity Association Bro. W. E. Cook ...	94 10 0	WEST AFRICA.	
		1171 „ E. R. Davison ...	—

* Included in Lodge or Provincial list.

SUMMARY OF THE PROVINCES.

£ s. d.		£ s. d.	
Bedfordshire ...	50 0 0	Leicestershire and Rutland ...	367 10 0
Berkshire ...	214 5 6	Middlesex ...	412 7 6
Ruckinghamshire ...	170 2 0	Northants and Hunts ...	44 2 0
Cambridgeshire ...	63 0 0	North Wales ...	293 5 0
Cheshire ...	21 0 0	Oxfordshire ...	123 1 0
Cornwall ...	225 15 0	Shropshire ...	60 18 0
Cumberland and Westmorland ...	63 5 0	Somersetshire ...	174 6 0
Derbyshire ...	1000 0 0	South Wales (East Division)	—
Devonshire ...	179 11 0	Staffordshire ...	332 7 0
Dorsetshire ...	150 15 0	Suffolk ...	277 7 6
Durham ...	115 10 0	Surrey ...	630 16 6
Essex ...	2235 9 0	Sussex ...	943 0 6
Gloucestershire ...	84 0 0	Warwickshire ...	327 13 0
Hants and Isle of Wight ...	311 14 0	Wiltshire ...	102 5 6
Hertfordshire ...	378 19 0	Worcestershire ...	63 0 0
Jersey ...	263 0 0	Yorkshire (North and East)	323 0 0
Kent ...	1177 19 6	Yorkshire (West) ...	430 10 0
Lancashire (East Division) ...	146 11 0	Isle of Man ...	30 18 0
„ (West Division) ...	238 7 0	Foreign Stations ...	105 0 0
203 STEWARDS—LONDON ...	£ 9,292 2 6		
321 STEWARDS—PROVINCES ...	12,048 9 0		
GRAND TOTAL ...	£ 21,340 11 6		

Bro. McLEOD said this was the third largest list ever announced at a Festival of the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys. (Applause.)

Bro. HENRY SMITH, P.G.D., Dep. Prov. G.M. of West Yorkshire, in proposing "The Other Masonic Charities, and Success to them," said he could scarcely expect the brethren and ladies to attend to the few feeble words he was about to utter after the extraordinary figures which had been announced by the Secretary. All he could say was as Treasurer of the Girls' School he trusted that they would never lose sight of the girls or of the old men and widows. He hoped their interest in those other Institutions would never wane; he hoped, rather, it would increase from year to year. As Bro. Terry had often said, boys and girls would become old people, but old people had nothing to look forward to.

Bro. JAMES TERRY, in reply, congratulated his excellent friend and colleague, Bro. McLeod, on his enormous success, thanked the brethren for their efforts on behalf of the other Institutions, and hoped Lord Brooke, who had now presided over the Boys' and the Girls' Festivals, would honour the Benevolent Institution by presiding for it. It had been said that night, that with respect to the Educational Institutions of Freemasonry, the boys would protect the girls and take care of themselves afterwards. Might he ask, where would have been the boys and the girls if it had not been for the men and the women? They were the primary cause of these Institutions. He hoped everyone who had attended that day had been amply rewarded by the success of the present Festival.

Bro. GEORGE E. FAIRCILD responded to the toast of "The Stewards," and Bro. Col. PERKINS to that of "The Ladies."

The company afterwards enjoyed a concert given under the direction of Bro. Maldwyn Humphreys, A.R.A.M. The performers were Bros. May, Humphreys, Grice, and Lindon, and Miss Maggie Davies, and Miss Edith Hands. Bro. Walter Hedgcock was accompanist.

ANALYSIS OF THE RETURNS.

What in the way of hearty congratulation we have found it our duty to offer in connection with the anniversary meeting on Wednesday will be found in another part of our columns. But it is scarcely possible for us to enter upon the task of analysing the Returns without expressing the pleasure we feel at a result, in which both London and the Provinces have taken an almost equally successful part. London, with the less numerous section of the Board of Stewards, has a smaller share in the success that was then achieved, while the Country, with the more numerous contingent and a larger constituency to appeal to, had contributed the more largely. However, in these analytical articles we carefully avoid everything in the nature of invidious comparisons, and though we may notice that London—or the Provinces as the case may be—has been more or less numerously represented, and has, in consequence, borne a larger or smaller share in the general result, we never experience or give expression to the slightest doubt that both have worked with the utmost goodwill, and have done what lay in their power towards ensuring a well-equipped treasury for the current financial year. Thus of the total raised in aid of the Masonic Institution for Boys at its 95th Anniversary, London, with 203 Stewards, raised £9292 2s. 6d., while the Provinces, with 321 Stewards, obtained £12,048 9s.; the general or grand total contributed by the whole Craft being £21,340 11s. 6d., the total number of Stewards being 524.

Taking

LONDON

first, we find the place of honour was secured by Bro. Oscar Philippe, the representative of the Montague Guest Lodge, No. 1900, who had the satisfaction of compiling the very large list of £671 5s., which included a personal donation of 150 guineas, completing qualification as Patron of the Institution. There are very few brethren who have raised lists of such formidable dimensions, and therefore the honour attached to Bro. Philippe for his achievement on Wednesday is the greater. Next to him, but *longo intervallo*, comes Bro. T. W. Perryman, of the Clarence and Avondale, No. 2411,

Leytonstone, who raised the very considerable sum of £324 9s. It is just possible that as Bro. Perryman's lodge, though included in the Metropolitan district, is located in the county of Essex, he may have used extra exertion as a Steward, because it was the Provincial Grand Master of Essex who was to be the Chairman of the day, but whether this influenced him or not, he must have laboured hard, and, as it has proved, very successfully to have amassed so large a total. The third place was secured by Bro. A. G. Duck and other members of Lodge Temperance-in-the-East, No. 898, who raised £230, while Bro. R. J. Tucker, of the Woodgrange Lodge, No. 2409, and Bro. E. C. Talbot, of the Lodge of Prosperity, No. 65, were close at the heels of No. 898, the former having £214 14s. 6d. to his credit and the latter £210. Bro. Harold Harper, of the Southwark Lodge, No. 879, compiled £157 10s., Bro. A. Williams, of the Ranelagh and Hammersmith Lodges, Nos. 834 and 2090 respectively, having £142 16s. standing to his credit, and Bro. T. H. H. Hobbs, of the Viator Lodge, No. 2308, £141 15s. Bro. C. Filhon, one of the brethren who looked after the credit of the City of Westminster Lodge, and at the same time worked for the Boys' School, stood next with £138 1s. 6d., while Bro. F. W. Rose, of the Lodge of Loyalty, No. 1607, was only a short distance behind, with £121. Then came the redoubtable Bro. James Willing, jun., of the Strand Lodge, No. 1987, who has taken part in a struggle to build up large lists for this or the other Institutions, and who, on this occasion contrived to bring together £116 os. 6d. The representative of the Prince of Wales Lodge, No. 259—Bro. Gerald S. Hanson—handed in a list of £115 10s., and then, well together, Bro. A. Piper, of the Domestic Lodge, No. 177, with £114 18s., and Bro. John Kay, of the Crystal Palace Lodge, No. 742, with £113 8s. Bro. H. F. G. Weber, of St. John's Lodge, No. 90, was next in order, with £106 1s., and then bracketed together Bro. Sir John B. Monckton, representing the Buckingham and Chandos Lodge, No. 1158, and the Alliance, No. 1827, and Bro. Carl T. Fleck, of the Old Concord Lodge, No. 172, who each of them obtained £105, and Bro. W. D. Turnpenny, Lodge No. 749, £100. Two other Stewards raised upwards of £100, namely, Bro. R. Wake, of the Pimlico Lodge, No. 1772, who is entered for £102 18s., and Bro. J. Fielder Haden, of the William Preston Lodge, No. 766, who scored a total of £101 17s. Among other strong lists may be mentioned those of Bro. Wellcome (No. 3), for £87 2s.; Bro. W. H. Holroyd (No. 9), for £75; Bro. J. W. Roy (No. 12), for £81 18s.; Bro. W. H. Dallimore (No. 87), for £79 17s.; Bro. Horace Cheston (No. 79), for £85 1s.; Bro. John E. Fells (No. 193), £87 3s.; Bro. E. Styles (No. 704), for £78 15s.; Bro. F. Voller (No. 754), for £84 10s.; Bro. A. Toley (No. 1178), for £73 10s.; Bro. W. S. Emden (No. 1228), for £71 8s.; Bro. G. C. Blanchard (No. 1275), for £75; Bro. Rev. R. Milner (No. 1383), for £85 1s.; Bro. W. Bellamy (No. 1627), for £92 16s.; Bro. J. Conning (No. 1687), for £80 17s.; Bro. G. R. Bolton (No. 1732), for £80 17s. 6d.; Bro. H. W. Davie (No. 2150), for £79 16s.; Bro. J. B. S. Lancaster (No. 2304), for £73 10s., and Bro. T. Eccleston Gibb (No. 2427), for £82.

We now pass to

THE PROVINCES,

which have done their part so bravely at this very successful meeting. Out of the 46 groups, including that of the Channel Islands, which has no Provincial organisation, into which our home Freemasonry is sub-divided, no less than 37 were represented, the number of brethren and ladies who acted as Stewards on their behalf being 321, and the amount they accumulated £12,048 9s. There were thus only nine which had no share in Wednesday's triumph, and in the case of a majority of these nine their absence may easily be explained or will be readily condoned. Thus BRISTOL (nine lodges), though it has been an absentee from all three Festivals of the current year, raised upwards of £900 for this Institution last year and the year before, namely £595 in 1891, and £316 in 1892. HEREFORDSHIRE (five lodges), was represented at the Benevolent Festival in February last, while LINCOLNSHIRE (24 lodges), was represented on a small scale at the Girls' School Festival last month, and very prominently at the Jubilee of the Benevolent Institution in February, 1892. MONMOUTHSHIRE (10 lodges) raised £272 for the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution in February, and £317 for this Institution in June, 1892. NORFOLK (17 lodges) raised £78 15s. for the Girls' School in May, and £516 10s. for the Jubilee Festival of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution in 1892, and NORTHUMBERLAND (23 lodges) gave £94 10s. to the latter Charity in February last, and £134 to this Institution in June, 1892, while NOTTINGHAMSHIRE (16 lodges) raised close on £200 for the "Old People"—which received the bulk of the money—and this Institution in 1892, and over £120 for the Girls' School last month. SOUTH WALES, WEST DIVISION (10 lodges), figured in last month's Returns to the Girls' School for £150, and for upwards of £160 in those of the Boys' School, as well as for £32 11s. in those of the Benevolent Jubilee in 1892; and the CHANNEL ISLANDS raised upwards of £240 for the Benevolent Jubilee last year, and nearly £90 for the Benevolent and Girls' School celebrations of the current year. These nine Provinces together contain 119 lodges, which, in estimating the value of the Provincial total on Wednesday, must be omitted from the calculation.

Of the represented Provinces,

BEDFORDSHIRE,

which has but six lodges all told, was represented at the Old People's Festival in February by its D.P.G.M.—Bro. Prior—whose list was £47 5s., and by Bro. Lord Amptill, P.G.M., at the Girls' School celebration last month, when the total returned was £63 7s. On Wednesday his lordship again acted as Steward for the Province, and handed in a list of £50, which raises the total of this year's contributions to £160 5s. Last year it contributed £152 5s. to the Benevolent Institution and Girls' School, the former obtaining out of it £126, while in 1891 it raised £138 12s., of which Bro. Prior's list for £109 4s. was the principal item.

Five out of the 14 lodges on the roll of

BERKSHIRE

sent Stewards on Wednesday, the Abbey Lodge, No. 945, Abingdon, having two representatives, and the sum total of their lists was £214 5s. 6d., an amount which is all the more creditable, as in February the Province raised £203 5s. for the Benevolent Institution and £325 11s. 6d. for the Girls' School last month. Thus the total of contributions for the current year is £743 2s., which compares very favourably with the £954 1s. 6d.—of which the Old People received £661 9s. 6d.—distributed among the Institutions in 1892, and still more favourably with the £385 1s. which constituted the amount distributed in 1891. Berkshire, indeed, has done exceptionally well since it was constituted as a Province separate and distinct from its neighbour and old associate,

BUCKINGHAMSHIRE,

which, in the matter of lodges, is stronger than Berkshire, and has similarly distinguished itself by the support it has given to our Institutions. In February, 1891, it raised £36 15s. for the Old People, while in the May following, when Bro. Lord Carrington, its Prov. G. Master, presided at the Girls' School, it returned £300 in support of his lordship's chairmanship, winding up the year with £174 6s. to this Institution; the whole year's Returns reaching the very commendable figure of £511 1s. Last year it began operations by presenting £291 18s. to the Jubilee Festival of the Old People. In May it was content with a return of £35 15s. to the Girls' School, but in June it once again put forth its

strength and compiled the very handsome amount of £377 2s. Thus the total for 1892 reached £704 15s. During the present year its Returns have been as follows: to the R.M.B.I. in February, £81 18s.; to the Girls' School last month, £206 16s.; and to this Institution on Wednesday, £170 2s. Thus during the three years in which Buckinghamshire has stood alone, it has distributed £1674 12s. among our Charities. This is an excellent record for a Province of such limited numbers.

The six lodges in

CAMBRIDGESHIRE

taken collectively, and the Lodge of the Three Grand Principles, No. 441, Cambridge, particularly had a most worthy representative in the person of Bro. S. H. Sharman, who has undertaken the duties of Steward on previous occasions, and has generally succeeded in rendering an excellent account of his Stewardship. On this occasion the amount of his list was £63, which, after the contribution of £26 5s. by Bro. F. Osmond Carr, of No. 859, to the Old People in February, and that of £203 14s. by Bro. B. Chennell, as the Provincial representative at the Girls' School Festival in May, brings the total for the current year to £292 19s. These figures speak well for the zeal of this Province, especially when it is borne in mind that this is far from being an isolated case. Last year Cambridgeshire raised £326 8s. for the Benevolent Jubilee. In 1891 it gave £85 16s. to the Girls' School, and £141 4s. to this Institution, while in 1890 it apportioned £259 2s. between the Benevolent and Boys' Institutions, £315 among the three Charities in 1889, and gave £362 5s. to the Girls' School at its Centenary Festival in 1888.

Though the Province of

CHESHIRE

has 45 lodges on its roll, it has been exerting itself on so generous a scale and to such good purpose during the last three years, that little heed will be taken of the modesty of its contributions in 1893. In 1891 it raised £134 10s. for the Girls' School, and £1050, by the hands of 51 Stewards, to this Institution. In 1892, with 75 brethren doing duty as Stewards, it raised £1988 10s. for the Benevolent Jubilee, £117 12s., by the hands of five Stewards, for the Girls' School, and £62 8s. for this Institution, the number of Stewards being four. These returns give a grand total for the year of £2168 10s. In February it rested for a while, and last month it figured for only £13 13s., while on Wednesday the representatives of two of its lodges returned £21, so that the present year, as regards our Central Charities, has been unproductive. But for more than 30 years it has done good service by maintaining an Educational Institute of its own, while it has for some time past been engaged in organising a Benevolent Institute which shall do for Cheshire what the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution does for the whole English Craft. In order to accomplish this end it has raised about £3000, so that if it has figured only to a small extent, or not at all, in connection with the Central Charities, it has been well occupied in making suitable provision for its own aged and indigent brethren and their widows.

It has been the good fortune at several previous Festivals, of the 30 lodges on the roll of

CORNWALL,

to have had Bro. Gilbert B. Pearce as their representative, and on Wednesday the sum raised by that energetic brother was returned as £225 15s., this being the first and only occasion on which the Province has taken part in the year's Festivals. But in 1892, when Bro. the Earl of Mount Edgumbe, its Prov. G. Master, and Deputy G. Master of England, presided at the Jubilee of the Benevolent Institution, the Stewards acting on its behalf—of whom, by the way, Bro. G. B. Pearce was one—compiled the very handsome total of £776 15s. In 1891, it raised, by the hands of Bro. Major J. Ross, £158 10s. for the Old People, and per Bro. G. B. Pearce, £131 5s. for the Boys' School. In 1890 it raised £380 1s., of which £137 10s. was handed over per Bro. Major Ross to the Boys' School, £132 6s., per Bro. G. B. Pearce, to the Girls' School, and £110 5s., per Bro. F. W. Thomas, to the Old People. In 1887, Bro. Pearce was sole Steward at all three Festivals, and the amounts he raised totalled up to £704 11s.

It is not the first time we have had the pleasure of noting the name of our respected Bro. W. F. Lamonby among the Stewards for one or other of our Charities—he was indeed a Steward, hailing from the District of Victoria, at the Girls' Centenary in 1888—but, we believe, this is his first occasion since his return home that he has taken upon himself to represent the Province of

CUMBERLAND AND WESTMORELAND,

with its roll of 20 lodges. For this reason both he and his list of £63 5s. are very welcome, and we trust we shall have the pleasure of recording many other successes of a similar character at future Anniversaries. This is the first and only Festival in 1893 at which this Province has been represented, but last year it did good service at the Benevolent Jubilee by contributing by the hands of Bro. G. J. McKay, now the D.P.G.M., the considerable sum of £420, while in 1891 it raised £46 4s. for the Old People and £265 13s. for Our Boys. In 1886 it raised £500 for the Boys' School and in 1888 £1050 for the Old People and £210 for the Girls' Centenary.

It would seem as if

DERBYSHIRE

had been reserving itself for this particular Festival. At all events, it took no part in that of the Old People and figured for only £10 18s. in the Girls' School Returns last month. But on Wednesday, of the 25 lodges on its roll no less than 14 sent Stewards, the Royal Sussex, 353, Winshall, furnishing as many as eight Stewards, while Bro. Percy Wallis, in addition to representing the St. Oswald Lodge, No. 850, Ashbourne, did duty for the whole Province. A Royal Arch Chapter and a Rose Croix Chapter were also entered, and in addition there were seven brethren Unattached, the total number of representatives being 29. Of these Bro. Wallis handed in £141 15s., Bro. Sir John Smith (Unattached) £105, Bro. G. Tarver, of the Royal Sussex, No. 353, £178 10s.; Bro. John Jones, of Arboretum, No. 731, £102 18s.; the total from all sources reaching the substantial sum of £1000. In 1892 the Province was very successfully represented at the Benevolent Jubilee, its 47 Stewards compiling the excellent total of £1362 16s., while for the Girls' and Boys' School Festivals it raised £126 and £249 18s. respectively, making the grand total for the year £1738 14s. In 1891 it was unrepresented at the Old People's Anniversary but it subsequently contributed £136 10s. to that of the Girls' School, and £843 17s. to that of the sister School at Wood Green, the total of the two contributions being £980 7s. These are undoubtedly figures of which our Derbyshire friends have good reason to be proud.

DEVONSHIRE

was represented by Bro. F. Luget, whose list amounted to £179 11s. In February, Bro. John Chapman, representing the St. John's Lodge, No. 328, Torquay, handed in a list of £26 15s., and as the Province took no part in the Girls' School Festival last month, the total for the current year is only £206 6s. However, in 1892 it raised £807 18s. 6d. for the Jubilee of the R.M.B.I., £68 5s. for the Girls' School Festival, and £47 5s. for that of the Boys' School, or together £923 8s. 6d., while in 1891 it returned £63 to the R.M.B.I., and £408 2s. to the Boys' School, the two together amounting to £471 2s. In the year 1888 it raised £1013 5s., of which the Boys' School, at whose Festival Bro. Viscount Ebrington, its P.G. Master, presided, received £840, the Girls' School at its Centenary, £126, and the Old People the small balance of £47 5s.

Of the 13 lodges in

DORSETSHIRE,

one the Lodge of Amity, No. 137, Poole, sent up a Steward, whose list amounted to £15 15s., but Bro. Major William Watts, as an Unattached Steward, had the satisfaction of compiling a total of £135, the whole Return from this district being £150 15s. In May, two Stewards, of whom the same Bro. Major Watts was one, compiled £82 5s., the total for the year being thus £233. Last year the Province contributed £500 6s. at the Benevolent Jubilee and £10 10s. for each of the School Festivals, giving a total of £521 5s., and in 1891 it raised £63 for the Girls' School and £248 17s. for "Our Boys," or together £311 17s. In 1888, the Province figured for £294 at the Girls' Centenary and for £113 3s. at the Festival of the Old People, the two contributions reaching a total of £407 3s.

DURHAM,

with its array of 35 lodges, has taken part in all three Festivals, Bro. F. H. Bennett, its representative at that of the R.M.B.I. in February, having handed in a list of £115 10s., while Bro. Robert Hudson, its Prov. G. Secretary, did duty as Steward at the two School Festivals, his list for the Girls being £107 2s. and for the Boys £115 10s., and the year's total £338 2s. In 1892 it raised £720 5s. for the Benevolent Jubilee, the principal item being the £610 on Bro. Charles Barron's list; £105 for the Girls' School, and £209 per Bro. F. H. Bennett for the Boys' School, making a total for the year of £1034 5s. In the preceding year it raised £488 5s., of which the Old People received £168, the Girls' School £193 4s., and the Boys' School £127 1s.

The Province which next claims our attention is that of

ESSEX,

which has prospered so abundantly under the presidency of Bro. Lord Brooke, the Chairman, and which, on so many occasions, has manifested the esteem and respect in which it holds his lordship. Thus in 1884, when this distinguished brother acted as Chairman at the Girls' School Festival, the Province supported him by raising £1000, the total of its contributions to the three Charities being £1546. In the year of the Queen's Jubilee they amounted to £873 4s., and in that of the Girls' Centenary to £1297 3s. 6d., of which the favoured Institution received £874 6s. In 1890 the total distributed amongst the three was £977 10s. In 1891 it raised in all £1648, the R.M.B.I. receiving £244 13s. 6d., the Girls' School £137 11s., and the Boys' School £1265 15s. 6d. Last year even these tall figures were surpassed, the amount raised for the Jubilee of the Benevolent Institution being £2318 2s. 6d., while the Girls' and Boys' Schools received £193 4s. and £96 18s. 6d. respectively, the aggregate of the three sums being £2608 5s., which for a Province of 33 lodges is little short of wonderful. After such labours as these, however, we cannot be surprised at the Province having taken a short respite, and that at the Festivals of the Old People and Girls' School it should have contented itself with such minor contributions as £81 17s. 6d. to the former and £21 to the latter. It is, indeed, highly probable that the very large sum raised in 1892 has to some extent unfavourably affected the total returned on Wednesday. At the Benevolent Jubilee the number of its Stewards was 44, so that the average per list was not very far short of £53. On this occasion 27 lodges, a lodge of instruction, and three Royal Arch chapters were represented, while the number of brethren who acted as Stewards was 51, of whom the D.P.G.M., Bro. F. A. Philbrick, Q.C., and the Prov. Grand Secretary, Bro. T. Ralling, may be taken to have represented the Province generally, and six brethren and three ladies were Unattached, the remaining 40 doing duty for the lodges and chapters aforesaid. The total obtained by the combined efforts of these brethren, together with the Chairman's donation, reached the handsome sum of £2235 9s., the principal items being as follows, namely: £52 10s., the personal donation of the Chairman; £189 from Bro. T. Ralling, P.G. Sec.; £105 from Bro. J. J. Knight, of the Brooke Lodge, No. 2005; £117 12s. from Bro. Hunter, Epping Lodge, No. 2077; £170 from Bro. Jas. Speller, Warner Lodge, No. 2256; £164 18s. from Bro. Bromhead, and £157 10s. from Comp. Shurmur, of the William Shurmur Lodge and Chapter respectively.

As regards the Province of

GLOUCESTERSHIRE,

bearing in mind, as we do, that it has only 15 lodges on its roll, and that at last year's Festival of this Institution it bore the burden and heat of the day, it is not surprising that its contributions on this occasion, and indeed during the year generally, should have been on a more limited scale than usual, the sum it contributed to the Old People in February having amounted to only £58 3s. 6d., and to the Girls' School in May to £147, while on Wednesday it reached £84, making the total for 1893 £289 3s. 6d. In 1892 it raised £1739 11s., of which the Old People received £63, the Girls' School £21, and the Boys' School, for which the Prov. Grand Master, Bro. Sir M. E. Hicks-Beach, Bart., M.P., acted as Chairman, £1645 11s. As these figures give an average for the year of about £115 per lodge, we have good reason for congratulating the Province on what it has done, albeit on a modest scale, during the present year.

There were in all seven Stewards hailing from

HAMPSHIRE AND THE ISLE OF WIGHT,

of whom Bro. Le Feuvre, D.G.D., D.P.G.M., was Unattached, while the rest represented six out of the 47 lodges on the roll of the Province. The total of their lists was £311 14s., and included such items as £77 13s. from the D.P.G.M., and £52 10s. from Bro. E. W. Ward, of the Economy Lodge, No. 76, Winchester. Last month, four Stewards, representing six lodges, compiled the excellent sum of £294 1s. 6d., and in February, with as many brethren acting for as many lodges, the total was £72 3s. 6d., the product of the year's work being £678 2s. In 1892 the Province raised £1650 17s. 6d., of which the Benevolent Jubilee absorbed £1345 19s. 7d., while in 1891 the amount was £695 11s. 6d. In 1888, the year of the Girls' Centenary, and in 1887, the year of the Queen's Jubilee, when Bro. W. W. B. Beach, M.P., P.G.M., was Chairman at the Benevolent Festival, the returns were on a large scale, the total for the latter year being £1785 9s. 6d. Add to this, that during the last four or five years the Province has been busily engaged in organising an Educational Institution of its own, which is in fairly prosperous circumstances, and it will be allowed that this Province knows well how to discharge this class of duties successfully.

As for the Province of

HERTFORDSHIRE,

which, till recently, was playfully described as "Little Herts," the work it does is admirable. In February, when Bro. C. E. Keyser, one of its most prominent members, undertook at the last moment to preside as Chairman, the Province, though there had been a very heavy strain on its resources last year, pulled itself together, and with Bro. Keyser's very material help had the satisfaction of compiling the very large total of £1444 13s. 6d. In May, it raised £215 5s. for the Girls' School, and on Wednesday, the further sum of £378 19s. 6d., Bro. Keyser on both occasions compiling the biggest individual items. This places the total for the whole year at £2038 18s., and as there are but 21 lodges on the roll, the amount of *kudos* due to the brethren is beyond all praise, especially if we take into account that these tall figures follow upon a still more successful year—that of 1892—in which, in addition to £1883 6s. 6d. raised for the Benevolent Jubilee, these subscriptions returned to the School Festivals, which placed the total for the year at £2135 6s. 6d. Comment on such splendid work is needless.

The Province of

JERSEY

has only seven lodges on its roll, but it is presided over by a thorough Mason, who is justly respected.—Bro. Col. de Carteret—and it has, moreover, some very good men in its rank, and a very sensible idea of what a subscription should be. It is a frequent, though not a regular contributor—its distance from head-quarters is ample apology for its occasional absence—but its total is always worthy of its fame, and Wednesday's result, when its P.G. Master returned a list of £263, was very far from being an exception. Last year it figured at the Benevolent Jubilee as the donor of £63, and it has been represented for still larger amounts on previous occasions. If, however, we remember rightly, this is about the largest Return it has made at any Festival of recent years.

It rarely happens that

KENT

makes an indifferent show at their anniversary gatherings. Now and then, it is true, the subscriptions are on the wrong side of £400, but the occasions are so rare, and, moreover, they are thrown into the shade so completely by the larger totals which the Province so generally compiles that it would be difficult to specify the smaller occasions offhand. Well, there are 59 lodges on its roll, it has an excellent Provincial Charitable organisation, and, above all, it has been presided over for upwards of 30 years by one of the most genial and popular of Masons, so that its big subscriptions, though worthy of all admiration, need not excite much surprise. On Wednesday it sent up a contingent of 15 Stewards, of whom Bro. J. S. Eastes, P.G.D., D.P.G.M., and three others were Unattached, while the remaining did duty as representatives of 11 lodges. The result is shown in a total of £1177 19s. 6d., the principal items included in which were £600, per Bro. Eastes; £115 10s., per Bro. W. Russell, Prov. G. Treasurer, representing the Erasmus Wilson Lodge, No. 1464, Gravesend; £75, per Bro. A. Ronaldson, of the Lodge of Sympathy, No. 483, Gravesend; and £73 12s. 6d., per Bro. S. Saunders, of the Graystone Lodge, No. 1915, Whitstable. In May last it raised £427 12s. for the Girls' School, and in February £426 12s. for the Old People, the result for the whole year amounting to £2032 3s. 6d. In 1892 it raised £1868 15s. 6d. for the Benevolent Jubilee; £361 2s. for the Girls' School; and £770 16s. for this Institution; the year's aggregate being £3003 13s. 6d. In 1891 the Returns were on a still larger scale, owing to the fact that Bro. Earl Amherst, P.G.M., was the Chairman at the Old People's Anniversary, the returns being Benevolent Institution £3483 14s. 6d., the Girls' School £265 2s. 6d., the Boys' School £269 9s.; or together, £4018 6s.

Our readers are well aware that the Lancashires are the largest of our Provincial Organisations,

LANCASHIRE—EAST

having 105 lodges on its roll. They are also familiar with the fact that both of them have Charitable Institutions of their own, which are well administered, and do a vast amount of good locally; while, at the same time, when special circumstances arise, they may be relied upon to compile a heavy total. This happened when Bro. Col. Starkie, P.G.M., presided some years since at the Benevolent Festival, in the year of the Queen's Jubilee, at the Girls' Centenary, at the Boys' School Festival in 1891, and at the Benevolent Jubilee, on all which occasions East Lancashire figured in the Returns prominently, and in a manner worthy of its position. At other Festivals its Returns are limited, as was the case on Wednesday, when 10 brethren acted as Stewards for eight of its lodges, and a non-mason was Unattached, the sum of their lists being £146 11s. In May the Girls' School received £149 9s., and in February the contribution was on a still smaller scale, and reached only £42, the aggregate for the whole year being £338.

The same remarks apply with equal force to

LANCASHIRE—WEST,

which likewise has 105 lodges on its roll. It has figured on special occasions to excellent purpose, its greatest achievement having been in 1891, when the Earl of Lathom, its P.G.M., took the chair, and a special effort was made to rehabilitate this Institution in the good graces of the Craft, the total compiled by this Province being £6126 14s. 4d. On Wednesday 11 lodges were represented by 13 Stewards, and there were, in addition, six ladies and brethren Unattached, the total raised by these 17 brethren and two ladies being £238 7s. In February there was raised for the Old People £216 10s., and last month for the Girls' School £264 6s., so that that the year's total stands at the comfortable figure of £719 12s. This is the first appearance of

LEICESTERSHIRE AND RUTLAND

at the Festival gatherings of the present year, and it must be allowed that it has done its work admirably, as usual. Bro. J. W. Thompson acted as Steward for the whole Province, and there were Unattached one lady and three brethren, one of the latter being also among the Derbyshire Stewards, while two out of the 14 lodges had representatives of their own, the aggregate of the various lists reaching £207 10s. Last year £388 10s. was raised for the Benevolent Jubilee, and £48 6s. for this Institution; and in 1891 the Girls' School was supported to the extent of £178 10s., and the Old People to that of £70 6s. 6d. In 1888 the Province raised the very considerable amount of £648 10s. for the Girls' Centenary.

MIDDLESEX,

as the Metropolitan county, invariably takes a prominent part in these festive gatherings, not altogether without reason. In the first place it has close upon 40 lodges on its roll, and secondly, the late Bro. Wentworth Little, Secretary of the Girls' School, had no difficulty in imbuing the lodges and chapters within its borders, with a hearty goodwill towards our Institutions generally. On Wednesday this goodwill was very manifest. Ten of its lodges represented by a dozen Stewards, two Royal Arch chapters, and a brother Unattached compiled amongst them £412 7s. 6d., the chief figures being the £106 1s. of Bro. W. W. Lee, as Steward for the Bushey Hall Lodge, No. 2381, and the £63 11s. 6d. of Bro. W. A. Cocks, as representing the Jersey Lodge, No. 2163, Southall. In May, five of its lodges compiled a total of £188 9s. for the Girls' School, and in February, two Stewards raised £24 15s. 6d., making a total in all of £685 12s. Last year the Province raised £1610 15s. 6d., of which the Benevolent Jubilee secured £1315 9s. 6d., the Girls' School £249 2s., and the Boys' School the modest balance of £46 4s. In 1891 it was content with a moderate distribution, but in the year preceding it raised £1337 15s. of which just a trifle over £1000 was in support of the late Bro. Sir Francis Burdett's Chairmanship at the Girls' School Festival. In 1888, the aggregate of its donations, &c., was £1816 5s., of which the Girls' School, at its Centenary, obtained £1107 14s. 6d.

It was hardly to be expected that, after supporting the arduous part of "Chairman's Province" at the Girls' School Festival, in May, with very great credit,

NORTHANTS AND HUNTS,

would be able to render material help to this Institution. Yet it sent up a contingent of five Stewards, of whom three represented lodges and the others, of whom Bro. the Earl of Euston, P.G.M., was one, were Unattached, the total they raised being £44 2s. In February one of its lodges sent up a list of £13 13s., while in May, when Lord Euston acted as Chairman at the Girls' Institution, the sum obtained was £1050, giving a total for the year of £1107 15s. Last year the Province took part in all three Festivals, the Benevolent receiving the greater part of its contributions, which amounted in all to £360 10s. Its best

piece of work prior to May last was its support of its P.G.M. at the Benevolent Institution in 1889, when it raised upwards of £900 for that Institution. This is a good record for a Province which even now can boast of only 13 lodges.

Out of the 19 lodges in

NORTH WALES

six were represented by Stewards, the Sir Watkin Lodge, No. 1477, Mold, having two representatives, while Bro. C. K. Benson was Unattached, and doubtless did what he could in the outlying districts to help the Boys' School. The amount obtained by those eight brethren was £298 5s., of which Bro. R. J. Fanning, Segontium Lodge; No. 606, Carnarvon, obtained £105, and Bro. Benson £78 15s. The Province took no part in the Benevolent Festival in February, but it gave substantial help in May last at the Girls' Festival, when five of its lodges and Bro. Benson and another as Unattached Stewards amongst them raised £180 12s. This gives a total of £473 17s. for 1893, as compared with the £493 12s., of which the Old People secured £222 14s., the Girls' School £36 15s., and this Institution £234 3s. In 1888 it subscribed £675 to the Centenary Festival of the Girls' School.

Though

OXFORDSHIRE

is one of our smaller Provinces, it makes a point of being represented regularly at all our Festivals, the average sum raised in their behalf yearly being upwards of £300. Thus in February it helped the Benevolent Institution to the extent of £175 13s. 6d., and in May the Girls' School received £124 7s. 6d., while on Wednesday these amounts were supplemented with £123 1s., making the 1893 total £423 2s. In 1892 it compiled £428 7s. for the Benevolent Jubilee, £101 7s. 6d. for the Girls' School, and £102 5s. for this Institution; total for the year, £631 19s. 6d. In 1891 the Returns were for Old People £69 12s., Girls' School £98 1s., and Boys' School £246 9s.; or, together, £414 2s. In 1890, 1889, and 1888 the yearly totals were £385 6s. 6d., £276, and £656 9s. 6d. respectively.

The Province of

SHROPSHIRE

has had a year of comparative rest. It took no part in the Benevolent Festival in February but contributed £105 to the Girls' School Festival in May, while on Wednesday two lodge representatives and two Unattached Stewards—of whom Bro. J. Bodenham was one—compiled £60 18s. But in 1892 it raised in all £615 16s. 6d., of which the Benevolent Jubilee had the good fortune to receive £456 1s., while in 1891 its aggregate reached £455 9s. 6d. In 1888 it raised £770 15s. in support of the Girls' School Centenary, and in 1887 £1022 7s. in behalf of the same Institution, when Bro. Sir O. Wakeman, Bart., presided as Chairman.

One of the 26 lodges in

SOMERSETSHIRE,

—the Royal Clarence, No. 976, Bruton—had its own Steward in the person of Bro. Jonathan Cruse, while the Province as a whole was in the charge of Bro. S. Sellick, with Bros. Lieut.-Col. A. Thrale Perkins and H. Amos, Unattached. The total sum obtained was £174 6s., of which Bro. Sellick's list contained £132 6s., and that of Bro. Cruse the remainder. In May Bro. F. T. Elworthy acted as Provincial representative and the Prov. Grand Master as Unattached, the lists of the two amounting to £132 6s., of which all but 10 guineas was obtained by the latter. In February the Prov. Grand Master stood alone and returned £31 10s., so that the total for the year is £338 2s. Last year, the figures were—Benevolent Jubilee, £613 10s.; Girls' School, £196 15s.; Boys' School, £31 10s.; or together £831 7s. 6d. The total in 1891 was £762 8s. 6d., of which this Institution had the satisfaction of obtaining £483 9s., while in 1888 £946 1s. was subscribed for the Girls' Centenary.

SOUTH WALES (EASTERN DIVISION),

with its 19 lodges, was, as usual, represented by a single Steward, Bro. A. H. Roberts, whose list has not yet been returned. Bro. Dr. H. N. Davies collected £315 for the Girls' School Anniversary in May. Last year the Province raised per Bro. W. C. Peace £180 for the Benevolent Jubilee and £321 15s. 6d. by the same Bro. Dr. Davis for this Institution, making a total for the year of £501 15s. 6d. In 1891 Bro. Davies, acting for the whole Province, returned £380, while Bro. John Munday, as Steward for No. 671, raised £78 15s. for the Girls' School, and Bro. S. T. Jolliffe, of No. 679, £21 for the Boys' School making a total for the whole period of £479 15s.

STAFFORDSHIRE,

with 29 lodges, had three of them represented, and Bro. Bodenham figured in the Returns as Unattached as well as under Shropshire. The total reached £334 12s. In May the Girls' School received £88 13s. 6d., and, as the Province had no part in the Benevolent Festival in February, the year's total stands at £423 5s. In 1892 the Province raised £762 2s., namely, £392 10s. for the Benevolent Jubilee, £84 for the Girls' School, and £285 12s. for this Institution; while in 1891 very nearly the same amount was raised, that is to say £761 15s. 6d., of which the R.M.B.I. received £152 5s., the Girls' School £157 10s., and the Boys' School £452 0s. 6d. Unfortunately, the Province is without a Prov. Grand Master, the vacancy caused by the lamented death early last year of Bro. Col. A. C. Foster Gough, not having yet been filled up, and this will in some measure, no doubt, account for the falling off in the Returns from a Province which has generally evinced the kindest of feelings towards our Institutions.

Of the 22 lodges in

SUFFOLK,

only four were represented, but the total of the seven brethren who acted as Stewards reached the goodly sum of £277 7s. 6d., of which British Union Lodge, No. 114, Ipswich, contributed by Bro. Casley and another, £42; Perfect Friendship, No. 376, Ipswich, per Bros. Thwaites and Turner, 78 15s.; Prince of Wales, No. 959, Ipswich, per Bro. A. Trew, £70; and Stour Valley Lodge, No. 1224, Sudbury, per Bros. Jos. George and S. Carlton, £86 12s. 6d. In May, the Province raised £187 1s. for the Girls' School, the number of represented lodges being five, and that of the Stewards four; and in February, £69 6s. per Bro. George, of No. 1224, for the Old People, making the total for the year £533 14s. This is certainly a considerable sum after the heavy work of last year, when the amount raised was £1449 4s., of which £1291 14s. was in respect of the Old People's Jubilee; £42 for the Girls' School; and £115 10s. for this Institution. In 1891 the total was £675 2s. 6d., and in 1890, £619 13s. 6d., while in 1889 it reached £1048 17s. 6d., of which £571 13s. 6d. was in support of Lord Henniker's Chairmanship, at the Anniversary of the Girls' School.

There were as many as 16 Stewards, of whom two were ladies, who did duty for

SURREY,

the ladies and one brother being Unattached, and 13 were lodge representatives, one of these latter—Bro. Leaver—representing the George Price Lodge and Chapter, No. 2096. The total obtained by these brethren reached the exceedingly handsome total of £630 16s. 6d., Bro. F. W. Leaver, Lodge and Chapter No. 2096, being responsible for £179 11s.; Bro. F. S. Smith, Greenwood Lodge, No. 1932, for £113 8s.; and Bro. F. Flood, Dorking Lodge, No. 1149, for £97 2s. 6d. In February, four brethren, representing as many lodges, compiled £131 14s., and in May another four Stewards, representing four lodges and the chapter attached to one of them, raised £121 15s., the total for the whole year being £884 5s. 6d. In 1892 the amount raised was very formidable—£2817 19s. 6d.—of which £2148 0s. 6d. was in respect of the Benevolent Jubilee,

£219 for the Girls' School, and £450 19s. for this Institution. In 1888 the total stood at £1298 14s., of which £1147 18s. was in behalf of the Girls' Centenary; and in 1886 it was £1829, of which £1346 was contributed to the Girls' School, at whose Festival the late Bro. General Brownrigg presided as Chairman.

SUSSEX

invariably does well when Brighton is the scene of a Festival gathering, and Wednesday proved no exception to the rule, notwithstanding the heavy calls made upon its resources last year and at the Boys' Festival in 1891. The Province itself was in charge of Bros. J. M. Reed, Prov. Grand Treasurer, and V. P. Freeman, Prov. Grand Secretary, but the chief work appears to have been done by the former, whose list amounted to £315, Bro. Freeman handing in a personal donation of £10s. 10s. There were also one brother and two ladies Unattached, and 15 lodge representatives, who represented 12 lodges. The total from all sources reached £943 os. 6d., of which £325 10s. has already been assigned, while Bro. Charles Hudson, of the Royal York and Earl of Sussex Lodges, Nos. 315 and 2201 respectively, is entered for a solid £105, and Bros. Tanner and W. Wright, of the Pelham Lodge, No. 1303, Lewes, for £94 10s. and £115 10s. respectively, or together £210. In February six of the 29 lodges compiled £180 14s., and last month three Stewards sent up £93 19s., the sum total for 1893 being £1217 13s. 6d. In 1892 the Province contributed £1156 6s. to the Benevolent Jubilee, £1038 7s. to the Girls' School in support of the Duke of Connaught's Chairmanship, and £32 11s. to this Institution; or in all, £2226 4s. In 1891 the total was £1347 2s., namely, £291 6s. for the Old People, £323 18s. 6d. for the Girls' School, and to this Institution £731 17s. 6d. We do not need to go further back than this for evidences of the goodwill shown by Sussex to our several Institutions.

There was quite a strong contingent of 17 Stewards from

WARWICKSHIRE,

who represented amongst them seven of the 31 lodges on the roll, that of Athol, No. 74, Birmingham, being responsible for 10 of the number. The total raised was £327 13s., the principal amounts being £102 18s., constituting the joint lists of Bros. J. W. Margetts and Ryland Smith, Shakespeare Lodge, No. 284, Warwick, and £149 3s. from the Athol brethren. In February, the sum contributed by six Stewards was £63, and in May, by eight Stewards, £141 17s. 6d., making the total for the year £532 10s. 6d. In 1892, the amount was £2410 4s., of which £2186 was in respect of the Benevolent Jubilee. In 1891, the year's aggregate was £425 15s., of which £326 was raised for this Institution. At the Girls' Centenary, when Lord Leigh, P.G.M., was Honorary Treasurer of the Board of Stewards for the Girls' School Centenary, the Province raised £1440 6s. 6d. for that Institution. The highest amount contributed by Warwickshire at any previous Festival was on the occasion of the Boys' School Festival in 1876, when Lord Leigh was in the chair, and upwards of 80 Stewards amongst them raised £2000.

Though

WILTSHIRE

has only 11 lodges on its roll, it is a staunch supporter of our Institutions, its rule being to give its aid to each one in turn. This year it figured at the Girls' School Festival for £185 17s., the Steward who represented it being Bro. James Sparks. On Wednesday, Bro. W. T. Briscoe for the Province and Lodge No. 626, returned £102 5s. 6d., thereby placing the year's total at £288 2s. 6d. In 1892 the Province devoted its chief attention to the Old People, to whose Jubilee it contributed £483 14s., the Returns to the Girls' and Boys' Schools being £10 10s. and £36 15s. respectively, and the total for the year, £530 10s. In the preceding year it gave its entire support to this Institution, in behalf of which it raised £357 5s. 6d., while at the Girls' Centenary in 1888 it figured for £345 8s. 6d. Thus, though the figures are somewhat lower, the Province has well maintained its prestige during the present year.

Two of the 13 lodges in

WORCESTERSHIRE

sent up contributions amounting to £63, Bro. R. Westwood's list for the Worcester Lodge, No. 239, being £52 10s. It took no part in the Old People's Anniversary, in February, but it made a goodly show in May when it raised £245 3s. for Our Girls, the list of Bro. W. T. Page, of Lodge Semper Fidelis, No. 529, Worcester, amounting to £180 1s. Thus the amount obtained this year is £308 3s. This falls short of the 1892 total, which reached £489 5s., composed of £243 12s. to the Old People, £144 17s. to the Girls' School, and £100 16s. to this School. In 1891, the aggregate stood at £408 6s., and in 1888, at £848 3s., the Girls' Centenary receiving £605 18s.

Of the 31 lodges in

NORTH AND EAST YORKSHIRE,

four were directly represented, while the Province as a whole was looked after by Bros. Lieut.-Col. the Hon. W. T. Orde-Powlett, D.P.G.M., and W. H. Cowper, who have before charged themselves with this duty and fulfilled it successfully. The efforts of the eight Stewards resulted in a contribution of £323 8s., of which £127 1s., being the joint list of Bros. Orde-Powlett and Cowper, was the principal item. This raises the year's total to £413 14s., the Province having contributed £90 6s. to the Girls' School in May. In 1892 the sum raised for the Jubilee of the R.M.B.I. was £717 9s., of which £468 4s. constituted the joint list of Bros. Orde-Powlett and Cowper, while the total for the year was £733 4s. In 1891 the Benevolent Institution received £274 4s., and this Institution £189, the year's total being £463 4s.

There were 26 Stewards from

WEST YORKSHIRE,

the subscriptions and donations they raised being returned in one sum of £430 10s. In February the Province subscribed £455 13s. to the Benevolent Institution, and in May, £1425 to "Our Girls," the sum total for the year being £2311 3s. Last year it stood at £3907 18s., while in 1891 it was £2400 11s., the Benevolent at its Jubilee receiving £3555 in the former year, and this Institution £1685 11s. in the latter. These are very formidable figures, and certainly stand in no need of commendation.

THE ISLE OF MAN

was represented at the Girls' School, in May, to the small extent of £13 12s. 6d., and on Wednesday, to that of £30 18s., giving a total of £44 10s. 6d. Last year it raised £52 10s. for the Old People's Jubilee, £46 2s. for the Girls' School, or in all £98 12s., while in 1891 it sent a Steward to each of the School Festivals, the support to the Boys' School reaching £100 10s. These are small figures, but then the Isle of Man is a small Province.

There were five

FOREIGN STATIONS

who shared in the work of Wednesday, namely, Malta, Cyprus, the Eastern Archipelago, Bengal, and West Africa, the sums raised thus far amounting to £105, of which Bro. W. E. Cook's list, as representative of the Malta Masonic Charity Association, for £94 10s. was the most considerable item. Bro. Surgeon-Capt. Kiddle, whose name is becoming very familiar in connection with our Festivals, was Steward for the Lodge of St. Paul's, No. 2277, Limassol, Cyprus, and has £10 10s. to his credit.

CONCLUDING REMARKS.

We need say little further. The task of analysing the figures has been a formidable one, but the Returns all round are so generally satisfactory that we should gladly have discharged it had it been twice or even thrice as exacting.

DISTRIBUTION OF PRIZES AT THE BOYS' SCHOOL.

On Tuesday afternoon Lady Brooke distributed the prizes to the successful competitors of the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys, at the School-house, Wood Green. Her Ladyship was accompanied by Lord Brooke, Prov. Grand Master for Essex, and a numerous company assembled to do honour to the occasion. Bro. Richard Eve, P.G. Treas., was called on to preside.

Bro. RICHARD EVE opened the proceedings with a lucid statement of the position of the Institution and the good it was doing, and the claims it had on the liberality of the Craft.

The Rev. H. A. HEBB, M.A., the Head Master of the School, then made a statement, in which he said that although they had had an anxious winter, owing to an epidemic of scarlet fever in Wood Green, yet the School itself had escaped. Two isolated cases of scarlet fever had been promptly removed to the new Sanatorium, and no spread of the disease had taken place. The bill of health for the year was a very clean one, thanks to the care and skill of the medical officer, and the excellent sanitary condition of the place. But the extra month's holiday given at Christmas on account of the prevalence of fever in the neighbourhood had damaged the South Kensington work irretrievably, and that in a year, when the standard had been raised enormously, he felt, however, the poor results he had apprehended were no one's fault; boys and members had done their best. He then read the successes for the past year in public examinations as a proof that the work had been done well:

Department of Science and Art, South Kensington.—Mathematics—First Stage—4 in the First Class, 19 in the Second Class; Second Stage—1 in the First Class, 4 in the Second Class; Sound, Light, and Heat—Stage E.—8 in the First Class, 11 in the Second Class; Physiology—4 in the Second Class; Freehand Drawing—8 in the Second Class.

Cambridge Local Examinations.—First Class—with Distinction in Religious Knowledge—1; Second Class—with Distinction in Mathematics and Arithmetic—4; Third Class—1; Passes—19.

Pitman's Shorthand.—Elementary Certificates—18; Membership—2.

These were results that all could judge of, but there were results which only those could rightly estimate who were in touch with the daily and hourly life of the School. He could assure them that there was growing up a keener sense of duty and responsibility, greater teachableness, and a better



THE LADY BROOKE.

appreciation of the right relations between boys and masters. This was largely due to the excellent influence of those boys who had received an extension of school life under the new scheme, by which the Board allow boys distinguished both in public examinations and for their good conduct and influence in the School, to stay on at School beyond the age of 15. He pointed out that this was not simply an individual benefit to clever boys here and there, but a great moral gain to the whole School, for these boys not only raised the standard of the work, but were an example and a restraint to the younger, and a link connecting the boys with their teachers. Passing to the games, he said that the success in cricket and football had been excellent in spite first of the deplorable condition of the ground, which, however, the Board had now taken in hand, and secondly of the insufficiency of the playing fields owing to the growing energy of the boys and their enthusiasm for games, making him long for the time when Lord Lathom's plan to remove the School into the country would be carried out. The new Reading Room had proved a great success, and the boys appreciated enormously the freedom they enjoyed there. It was their own apartment and home. They managed it entirely themselves; they kept their own order, with the result that everything was done in the most careful way, and the quietness was almost that of a club reading room. He especially thanked Bro. Masters for his present of beautiful pictures and valuable books, and Bro. Duret for the really noble gift of 102 volumes of the Chandos Classics. After expressing his grateful thanks to the Board for all they had done during the past year for the improvement of the School, and for their personal kindness to him, he took that public opportunity of thanking from the bottom of his heart his staff of assistant masters, who were men who had distinguished themselves at Oxford and Cambridge, and to whose loyal co-operation and devotion the progress of the School and the improvement of the moral tone of the boys was so largely due.

Lady Brooke then delivered the prizes as follows:

FORM PRIZES.

Form IB.—Pattison, 1; Foster, 2. Form IA.—Hills, 1; Harris, 2. Form IIb.—W. L. Kemp, 1; Richardson, 2. Form IIA.—Gilbee, 1; Pinder, 2. Form III.—Metcalfe, 1; Long, 2. Form IVN.—Cable, 1; Mitchell, 2. Form IV.—Jewitt, 1; Binks, 2. Form VB.—Broad, 1; Groombridge, 2.

SPECIAL SUBJECTS.

Writing.—IA.B., Callander; IIA.B. Lister; III. IV., Thompson.
 Latin and French.—IV., Harrison, A.; VB. Broad, Groombridge.
 Mathematics.—VB., Broad.
 Natural Science.—VB., Broad.
 Singing.—Moreton.
 Pianoforte.—W. E. J. Watson, 1; Chinneck, 2.
 Drawing.—Binks, 1; Ravenscroft, 2; W. J. Harrison, 3.
 Bowyer Memorial Prize for Shorthand.—Mitchell.
 Cama Memorial Prize for Mental Arithmetic, Book-keeping, Shorthand, and Drill.—Cable.
 Cama Memorial Prize for the youngest boy who passed the Cambridge Local Examination.—Groombridge.
 Escott Memorial Prize for Mathematics.—Higgison.
 Raymond Thrupp Prize for History.—Fortune.
 Wynn Prizes for boys who have gained Certificates in the Cambridge Local Examinations.—Honours: Coupland, Higgison, Matthews, Bingham, Crompton, and Fortune.—Passes: Broad, Brewer, Davis, Doughty, Green, Groombridge, Jarmain, Jewitt, Johnson, C. T. Marsden, Melhuish, Murless, Scarfe, Staden, Stephenson, and Stoward.
 Canonbury Gold Medal—for the most popular boy (elected by his comrades)—Stoward.
 Greenwood Memorial Prize—for good conduct—Coupland.
 Supreme Council's Prize—for good conduct—Fortune.
 Institution Silver Medal—for highest aggregate of marks in the Examination—Higgison.

Bro. RICHARD EVE, at the close of the presentation, moved a vote of thanks to Lady Brooke. He said they congratulated those boys who had won prizes, and trusted that the obtaining of prizes would stimulate the boys to still greater exertions in the future. It was very gratifying to find that some boys had won several prizes. Now, the boys who had not taken prizes must not be discouraged; on the contrary, they must endeavour to put their hands to the plough for future examination. They had seen that day what some boys had done; what some boys had done nearly all the remaining boys could do, and so get a prize. But what he wanted to impress upon the younger boys was that when an example was set them by the boys who got prizes, to be persevering and diligent, to attend to their masters, to work with all their heart and soul, so that an effect might be produced to the end of time. They had only to stick to work diligently, and they would obtain the reward of merit. The Board of Management were much pleased that the boys had received prizes. They were sincerely glad to have the presence of Lady Brooke, and her assistance that day. They hoped to have the sympathy of the ladies. They were working very hard to make that School one of the best in the country. They were indebted to Lady Brooke for coming there and showing her sympathy with the work, and he was sure when he looked upon Lady Brooke he could see it was a sincere pleasure to her to be there. They were delighted that she was accompanied by Lord Brooke to assist them in that gathering. They trusted that that might not be the last occasion that Lady Brooke would be among them and express the same amount of sympathy, and delight them with the same amount of grace and kindness as she had that day.

The vote of thanks having been unanimously carried,

Lord BROOKE, in acknowledgment, assured the company on Lady Brooke's behalf that he returned her most sincere thanks for the kindly manner in which that vote of thanks had been moved and received. It was a very great pleasure both to him and Lady Brooke to be there that day. That was not the proper occasion for entering on a long speech giving the details of the School and its able management. That subject had been somewhat gone into by the Head Master. But it was satisfactory to feel that the School was in such a flourishing condition. To those who, like himself, had the good of Freemasonry primarily at heart and who had not often the opportunity of coming to such an Institution as the Boys' School, it was extremely gratifying to feel that some of the efforts and exertions which they had expended down in their provinces among the brethren for the support of the great Masonic Charities had been crowned with success, and to those ladies who were present that day he would say—those who had not been initiated into the mysteries of Masonry—he trusted they would realise the fact that there was some good in Masonry, even if the only result was to produce such a satisfactory School as they then saw. He feared it would be taxing his memory somewhat, and the company's patience excessively, if he was to recall the events of his school days, but he felt sure that all of them looked back to those days, to the little disappointments and triumphs, and he would say to the boys before him that at any rate they should devote themselves to trying to become good members of the community when they left School. It was not always possible for one to be successful in these times when the struggle was so hard; but anyhow, they could try to do their best, and if he was a boy in that School he should especially be proud to be the boy whose school-fellows elected him to be the best conducted boy in the school. He thought he might hold forth the hope of his friends that day that that year the brethren would not be behind hand with their subscriptions to the great Masonic Institution. He assured the company that he felt deeply the honour which had been done to him, and his wife also felt the honour done to her by being privileged to present the prizes. He would say to the boys in conclusion, let them try to excel in whatever they undertook, and always try to bear in mind that whatever position in life they might be in, England expected them to do their duty. Let him remind the boys of an incident which had just taken place—it was a sad, but noble story—the sad accident to one of the finest ships of our fleet. We should hear further details of it shortly, but he expected we should hear when the news came to us of great sacrifice, courage, and heroism shown on that occasion. To his mind the picture of the Admiral on the bridge going

down in his sinking ship was one of the finest exhibitions in the annals of our English naval history. (Hear, hear.) Bear him in mind, boys, and try to follow his example. (Applause.)

Bro. McLEOD announced that, as an encouragement to the boys with shorthand, Bro. Smithson and his West Yorkshire friends would give prizes next year for the higher work of shorthand.

The company then partook of refreshment, and afterwards enjoyed musical and other entertainments which were given during the evening.

PROVINCIAL GRAND MARK LODGE OF EAST ANGLIA.

The annual meeting of the above Provincial Grand Mark Lodge (which comprises the counties of Essex, Suffolk, Norfolk, and Cambridge-shire), was held in the Masonic Rooms, Norwich, on Wednesday, the 14th ult., under the presidency of Bro. Lord Henniker, Prov. G.M.M., who was supported by a goodly number of brethren.

After the confirmation of the minutes of the last annual meeting, Bro. Lord Henniker alluded to the forthcoming marriage of the Duke of York and the Princess May and proposed that an address of congratulation be drafted by the Provincial Grand Secretary, and forwarded to her Majesty the Queen, their Royal Highnesses the Prince and Princess of Wales, and the Duke of York and Princess May.

The motion was seconded by Bro. N. TRACY, Prov. S.G.W., and carried unanimously.

The roll of lodges was then called over, and it appearing that two or three were neither represented nor had sent any explanation for their absence, Bro. RALLING, P.G.D., drew attention to the by-law inflicting a fine for non-representation, and proposed that it be enforced.

Bro. the Rev. H. T. ARMPFIELD, Prov. G. Chap., seconded.

Lord HENNIKER, in putting the motion, said he quite agreed that their by-laws should be carried out or they were of no value.

The motion was carried unanimously.

The report of the Board of General Purposes was read by the PROV. G. SEC., and showed the province to be in a satisfactory condition. Their funds showed a good balance in hand, and there had been 50 advancements during the year as against 18 the year previous. The Board congratulated the province upon the addition of a new lodge, the George Graveley, No. 461, which had just been consecrated and which promised to prove a great accession to the province.

The report was adopted, and ordered to be entered on the minutes.

Bro. N. TRACY, Prov. S.G.W., proposed the election of Bro. G. Baxter, W.M. No. 92, as Provincial Grand Treasurer for the ensuing year, which was seconded by Bro. GEORGE GRAVELEY, W.M. 461, and unanimously carried.

Lord HENNIKER having announced, amidst much applause, that he had re-appointed Bro. Rev. C. J. Martyn as D.P.G.M., expressed regret that owing to an important engagement he had been unable to be amongst them that day.

The officers for the year were appointed as under:

Bro. Sir Francis Boileau, Bart.	...	...	Prov. S.G.W.
" George Graveley	...	...	Prov. J.G.W.
" G. F. Rogers	...	...	Prov. G.M.O.
" W. Shurmur	...	...	Prov. G.S.O.
" Edward Sparke	...	...	Prov. G.J.O.
" Ven. Archdeacon Dunbar, D.D.	...	...	} Prov. G. Chaps.
" H. C. Casson	...	...
" H. P. Hay	...	...	Prov. G. Reg. of M.
" J. M. Harvey	...	...	Prov. G. Sec.
" Lieut. W. R. Arnold	...	...	Prov. S.G.D.
" E. C. Wills	...	...	Prov. J.G.D.
" W. Purchas	...	...	Prov. G.I. of W.
" J. C. Yates	...	...	Prov. G.D. of C.
" S. D. C. Ablitt	...	...	Prov. A.G.D.C.
" Cecil Stein	...	...	Prov. G.S.B.
" F. C. Atkinson	...	...	Prov. G. Std. Br.
" G. H. L. Blake	...	...	Prov. G. Org.
" E. Hills	...	...	Prov. A.G. Sec.
" G. T. Heisdon	...	...	Prov. G.I.G.
" Chas. Thorn	...	...	} Prov. G. Stwds.
" W. T. Stratford	...	...

Bro. the Rev. H. T. ARMPFIELD drew attention to the absence of several of the brethren appointed by the P.G.M. to office that day, and asked whether in view of the resolution already carried as to the non-represented lodges, if brethren who had failed to attend for investment ought not to be fined under the same by-law.

Several brethren expressed concurrence in this, and it was agreed to add a rider to the original resolution.

It was also decided that some by-law should be drafted by the Board of General Purposes which should ensure the return of the Provincial Grand Lodge clothing and jewels.

Before closing Prov. Grand Lodge, Lord HENNIKER addressed the brethren, congratulating them on the steady progress the province was making.

The brethren afterwards dined together, under the presidency of Lord Henniker, everything that was possible for their comfort being done by the brethren of the Walpole Lodge.

GRAND FESTIVAL OF THE ORDER OF THE SECRET MONITOR.

A meeting of the Grand Conclave was held at Mark Masons' Hall, Great Queen-street, W.C., on Wednesday, the 21st ultimo, under the presidency of Bro. I. Zacharie, M.D., Grand Supreme Ruler. Amongst those present were

Bros. W. G. Lemon, G. Treas.; C. F. Matier, P.G.S.R.; C. E. Keyser, E. Jessurun, Col. Gordon, J. J. Thomas, H. Tipper, Lieut.-Col. George Lambert, F.S.A., J. Tickle, W. J. Sprathing, Grand Recorder; the Rev. A. W. Oxford, M.A.; A. F. Lamette, E. J. Khory, J. J. Hart, F. E. Lemon, M.A., J. A. Thilthorpe, and others.

Grand Conclave was opened, the roll of conclaves called, and the minutes confirmed.

Bro. C. F. MATIER, P.G.S.R., said it would be a source of great pleasure to the brethren to learn that Bro. Dr. Zacharie had consented to accept the office of G. Supreme Ruler for another year. They would all feel gratified that the kindly supervision exercised over the Order for so many years would be continued, for it would be an unfortunate day were they to be deprived of the services of the present G. Supreme Ruler.

Bro. Dr. ZACHARIE, having been proclaimed G.S.R. for the seventh year, thanked the brethren for the honour conferred upon him, and assured them that nothing should be wanted on his part to render all the service he could to the Order.

The G.S.R. appointed the following Grand Officers:

Bro. Lord Brooke, M.P., P.G.C.	...	D.R.O.
" Baron Halsbury	...	G. Chancellor.
" Lieut.-Col. Geo. Lambert, F.S.A., P.G.G.	...	G. Treas.
" the Earl of Euston, P.G.G.	...	G. Chamberlain.
" Japheth Tickle, C.C., P.G.B.B.	...	G. Guide.
" W. J. Spratling, B.Sc., P.P.G. Treas. Middx.	...	G. Recorder.
" Rev. A. W. Oxford, M.A., Pres. Bd. G. Stwds.	}	G. Visitors.
" Alphonse F. Lamette, P.G.C.		
" S. P. Sarbadhicary, P.S.R., P.G. Stwd.	...	G. Std. Br.
" E. J. Khory, P.S.R.	...	G. Bow Br.
" John J. Hart, P.S.R., P.G. Stwd.	...	G. Gdr.
" Frank E. Lemon, M.A., P.G. Stwd.	}	G. Councillors.
" J. B. M. Lecch, P.S.R.		
" W. N. Pogson, P.S.R.		
" J. A. Thilthorpe, P.G. Stwd., S.R.		
" E. J. Mills	...	G. Sentinel.

The following Grand Stewards were appointed: Bros. Dr. H. W. Roberts, P.G. Stwd.; T. E. Worledge, James Tovey Rowe, Thomas Cohu; J. F. Saunders, H. L'Estrange Saunders, G. F. Mugliston, M.D., Edward Mitchell, Alfred Thomas Dealer, Col. R. R. E. Drake-Brockman, R.E., J. H. Lowe, and John Richards Marples.

Letters of regret for enforced absence were announced from Bros. Baron Halsbury, Baron de Ferrieres, E. Letchworth, J. Lewis Thomas, Rev. J. S. Brownrigg, and others, and Grand Conclave was closed.

A banquet was afterwards held at Freemasons' Tavern, at which the G.S.R. presided.

"The Queen and the Order of the Secret Monitor" and "H.R.H. the Prince of Wales" were the first toasts honoured.

Bro. C. F. MATIER, P.G.S.R., proposed "The Health of the Grand Supreme Ruler," and said he was convinced from the manner in which the announcement of the toast was received that the brethren were thoroughly aware of every good quality the G.S.R. possessed, and satisfied with everything he had done for the Order. It scarcely seemed seven years ago since he (Bro. Matier) Bros. Zacharie, Col. Clerke, and J. Lewis Thomas put their heads together and involved the idea of reviving that Order in England. The survival of the fittest had taken place, and they still had Bro. Dr. Zacharie as G.S.R., and hoped to be honoured with his genial presence and good judgment for many years to come.

Bro. Dr. I. ZACHARIE, G.S.R., thanked Bro. Matier and the brethren for the kind proposition and reception of the toast. They knew it was a great pleasure for him to be with them, and to do all he could for the Order. He did not intend to accept the office of Grand Supreme Ruler that year, but was in hopes that a more worthy and influential brother would have been brought forward. It was only at the last moment that he consented to accept the honour which had been conferred upon him for the seventh time. They must not for one moment think he did not wish to serve them, but he was sure a brother could be found who would give more *éclat* and whose influence would be more advantageous to the Order. He trusted they would consider the subject carefully during the coming year, and he hoped they would be successful in finding the right man. They had conferred all the honours they could upon him, and he felt it was his duty to give others a chance. He again thanked them and assured them of his intention of promoting the interest of their ancient and honourable Order.

Bro. Lieut.-Col. GEO. LAMBERT, G. Treas., replying for "The Grand Officers," expressed his regret that Bro. Lemon was leaving the office of G. Treas. through ill-health. During his term of office he would do the best he could for the Order.

The G.S.R. then proposed "The Health of Bro. W. G. Lemon," and said that words could not express the feelings that every brother of the Order had for Bro. Lemon, for the manner in which he had performed the duties of Grand Treasurer for the last six years. He had not only done his duty as a man and a Mason but had been one of the kindest men in Masonry. A few of Bro. Lemon's friends had thought fit to present him on this occasion with a service of silver, which he now asked him to accept. They did not ask its acceptance for its intrinsic value, but from the hearts of men who loved him. When Bro. Lemon looked upon these few articles he would know they came from true and genuine friends who hoped that he and his family would live many years.

The presentation consisted of a handsome silver tea and coffee service which bears the following inscription: "Presented to Bro. W. G. Lemon, J.P., L.C.C., the first Grand Treasurer of the Order of the Secret Monitor, by his brethren as a mark of affection and esteem, 21st June, 1893."

Bro. W. G. LEMON, P.G. Treas., in response, said there were moments in a man's life, when, however fluent he might be, words were wanting, more especially when the matter came as a surprise. He had no idea he was expected to be present to receive from them this very kind present until a very short time ago. He was then told his attendance was necessary and he felt bound to come, but he had not the slightest idea what it was for. He had to thank the G.S.R. and brethren who had subscribed to this present for their kind thoughtfulness, and elegant present. He did not know who was responsible for it, but nothing could be more pleasing and elegant than that they had selected, and it would give great pleasure to himself, his wife, and the other members of his family to use their present. It had always been his endeavour to strive to do his duty in any position in which he was placed, not aiming at distinction, but at thoroughness in what he had to do. Whilst their kindness overwhelmed him, it made him feel there was something worth living for, that man was not all selfishness, and that they recognised the small honest unaffected work of brethren labouring with them in any good cause. It was a matter of great satisfaction that a Mason so distinguished as Bro. Lieut.-Col. Lambert should consent to occupy the position which he had occupied since that order was established in this country. There would be little to do in some respects, for the G. Recorder did a great deal of the work, but he felt that the time had come when they would not wish to over-tax the strength of a willing servant, for his strength

was not equal to the work. His enjoyment was enhanced by meeting friends, and in knowing he was looked upon as a brother, and welcomed as a friend. He thanked them all for their personal kindness, and trusted they would all live long to enjoy each others society, and find the benefit of true friendship.

"The Grand Stewards" having been honoured, the proceedings terminated.

A charming selection of music was performed under the direction of Bro. H. Tipper, P.G.C., assisted by Bro. Harry Tipper's Part Singers, Miss Bessie Pool, R.A.M.; Miss Maggie Purvis, R.C.M.; and Bro. Alsepti.

THE "QUATUOR CORONATI LIBRARY."

The timely, and therefore welcome, "CLASSIFIED INDEX OF THE CATALOGUE SLIPS," issued from January, 1888, to November, 1892, of the "Quatuor Coronati" Lodge, No. 2076, London, gives a practical notion of the character and value of the library of this important and popular organisation.

The numbers of the numerous articles, books, MSS., certificates, warrants, engravings, medals, &c., run from 1 to 2247, and being thus arranged identification is easy, as the numbers on the catalogue slips are utilised for the index and classification adopted by Bro. G. W. Speth, the zealous Secretary and able Editor.

First of all, the names of the authors, editors, &c., are given in alphabetical order, and run to exactly 33 pages. This is a most useful index of itself, though there is a "Guide" of three pages, also alphabetical, which describes all the groups or classes under which the books, &c., are to be found, the arrangement happily according with the plan followed by the editor. In other words, the method of the compilation consecutively agrees with the alphabetical arrangement of the titles of the classification.

One great advantage of this index is, that under each name are to be found all the works by that author, which are necessarily distributed throughout the various groups, when there are many, and thus enable one to judge of the extent of the publications by each brother, and how many are to be found in the collection. For instance, the first name that occurs is Bro. G. B. Abbott's, who is represented by seven separate works and pamphlets, which complete the set of that brother's books, save the "History of Freemasonry in Hertfordshire," 1893, now issued, which will doubtless be in another and later volume of the catalogue. Eleven titles follow the name of our Bro. R. F. Gould, which, I believe, include all published to November, 1892. At least, it is hoped so, for, if not, they will not be easy to procure now, though only a few months have passed since the last came from the press. So also with Bro. John Lane's publications, Bro. W. H. Rylands, Bro. G. W. Speth, Bro. William Watson, Dr. W. W. Westcott, Bro. Henry J. Whympier, Bro. T. B. Whythead, and other well-known Masonic writers.

To recite the titles of these, and others that should be enumerated, if any are, would fill many pages of the *Freemason*, so must not be attempted, interesting as such a list would be. There is one gratifying fact, however, and that is the catalogue, as well as the index, may be had complete in one volume, from the Secretary, for the sum of one guinea, or the index only, half-a-guinea, post free. I hope that its circulation will be such as to encourage the editor, and induce him to prepare by degrees, as the works come in, for a second volume of a similar character, when 2000 more have been obtained. It is one of the most valuable, accurate, and complete biographical works—so far as it goes—that has ever been published, and though there are not many copies printed, I trust that there will be no Masonic library, at home or abroad, but what is supplied. To ensure such application should be made at once.

Then, again, the Classified Index and Catalogue are indispensable for those brethren of the lodge and Correspondence Circle who desire to consult some of the books. The conditions under which this is possible are most fair for borrowers, and it appears to me that the Secretary has wisely made arrangements for the loan of most of our treasures under reasonable safeguards.

In order to indicate the Classes, or Groups, into which the books, &c. have been placed, I append those in chief, by which it will be seen that what with this arrangement and the alphabetical index, together with the Catalogue itself, nothing more is needed to inform the student and brother as to the contents of our Library and Museum.

Archæology (British, European, American, &c., also Guilds, Secret Societies, &c.); Architectural, Bibliographic, Biographic, Catalogues (Lodge and Private Libraries, Masonic Exhibitions, &c.); Dictionaries and Encyclopædias, Didactic (Sermons, Lectures, Orations, and Addresses), General Masonic (Dutch, English, French, German, &c., also "Quatuor Coronati Papers." The latter should have been a separate class entirely). Historical (many sub-classes, including the Reports and Proceedings of various Grand Lodges, beginning with those of England from 1775 and down to 1880. An invaluable series). Jurisprudence, Legislative (Constitutions, &c. An extraordinary number, not a few being practically unobtainable at the present time); Numismatic (Bro. Marvin's "Masonic Medals" badly wanted in this Section); Occultism, Periodicals, Poetry and Music, Polemic, Religion and Freemasonry, Ritual (over three pages of curious and important works from an historical standpoint); Statistical (Calendars, &c., England begins 1781, Provinces fairly represented, Most useful for reference); Various. Museum (Certificates, Diplomas, Warrants, Petitions, Summonses, Engravings, Photographs, Portraits, Medals, Jewels, and Curios).

This must suffice for the time, though it has only touched the fringe of the subject. I am very pleased with Bro. Speth's labours as a Masonic bibliographer, and feel assured my warm appreciation of this "Classified Index" and carefully prepared catalogue will be shared by all who become subscribers, or have occasion to consult the well printed and ably compiled volume.

W. J. HUGHAN.

SUMMER OUTING OF QUATUOR CORONATI LODGE, No. 2076.

The annual excursion of the above lodge took place on Saturday, the 24th ult., and, like all its forerunners, was most successful and pleasant.

The following members assembled at Holborn Viaduct Station: Bros. C. Purdon Clarke, Dr. W. J. Chetwode Crawley (Dublin), S.G.D. Ireland; J. Lane (Torquay); G. W. Speth, Sec.; J. J. Pakes, C. B. Barnes, Stephen Richardson, G. Greiner, C. F. Silberbauer (Cape Town), T. J. Ralling (Colchester), H. Poston, W. F. Lamony, the Rev. J. H. Scott, T. Charters White, A. Digby Green, J. Robbins, J. Newton, J. Binney (Sheffield), G. Powell (Brighton), G. Carsberg, J. A. Randall, W. G. Boswell, J. H. Davis, C. Fruen, G. Gregson, F. A. Powell, Thomas Cohu, E. H. Bramsley, and W. Shurmur, and, in a saloon carriage, which had been reserved for the party, left for Canterbury by the 9.55 train. At the only stoppage on the road, Chatham, they were joined by Bro. G. R. Cobham (Gravesend), and, arriving in good time—11.35—at Canterbury, were met on the platform by two Canterbury brothers—Bro. Horatio Ward, Dep. G.S.B., and Bro. A. H. Pilcher—besides Col. Sir Norman Pringle, Bart., J. Molyneux Jenkins and T. Bushby (Rye), G. Stevens (Woolwich), and R. Webster (Margate), who had made their way to the rendezvous independently.

Waggonettes were in attendance, which conveyed the party for a little tour round the town, affording a glance at the old Castle, whose venerable walls are desecrated by being made the depot for the coals of the municipal gas-works, the remains of the Black-frairs in Stour-street, the West-gate, and the old houses in the High-street. At the Fountain the brethren left their wraps, and proceeded to the Cathedral, where they were met by Bro. Rev. H. M. Maughan, of Whitstable, and Rev. Minor Canon Foxall, M.A., who had kindly undertaken to conduct them over the sacred edifice. A large amount of the success of the day must be attributed to the excellent ciceronage of this gentleman, whose intimate acquaintance with the history of every part of the structure was so freely and eloquently placed at the service of the brethren. After a short examination of the nave, Mr. Foxall showed the way to the Cathedral library, where a rich treat was in store for the party, for here they were met by Bro. Dr. Sheppard, to whom every book and manuscript is a familiar and dear friend, and Bro. Rodes, who ably assisted him. Bro. Shepherd had left a sick room, though far from strong, to afford satisfaction to his fellow Craftsmen, and with loving care and gentle hands opened drawer after drawer and exhibited to the brethren the wonderful old books, deeds, charters, and seals whose ordering and arrangement have been the great pleasure of his life for years past, whilst at another table Bro. Rodes presided over old Bibles, picture-books, and other treasures. Here the time passed far too quickly, and barely sufficed to whet the appetite for more, and to allow the brethren to guess at the many priceless treasures which remained untold, so that it was almost with reluctance that the party thanked their kind friends and once more committed themselves to the guidance of the Rev. Mr. Foxall. Under his care the choir, the various chapels, the place of the ancient shrine, and the old stone throne of the Archbishop under Beckett's Crown were inspected, after which a tour was made through the cloisters and the splendid Chapter House, and a descent into the magnificent Crypt. Finally, a stroll was taken through the old ruins of the former Monastery and the precincts, and the brethren adjourned to the Fountain Hotel.

At the Fountain the brethren found themselves the guests of Bro. Ward, who had invited them to partake of a splendid lunch, far beyond the usual modest meal provided on these occasions. Bro. Ward naturally headed his own table placing Bro. Speth, as the senior officer present, on his left. The vice-chair was occupied by Bro. Pilcher as a Canterbury brother representing one of the other local Lodges, St. Augustine, No. 972, Bro. Ward being himself a member of the oldest local Lodge, United Industrious, No. 31. An hour was well employed in partaking of the excellent fare provided, during which Bro. WARD rose to address a few words to his guests, bidding them welcome to Canterbury on behalf of the brethren of that ancient city. He expressed himself delighted to receive under his roof so many of the brethren of the Quatuor Coronati Lodge, a lodge which he held in such high esteem and with which he had himself affiliated as soon as he knew that it was in his power to do so. He trusted they would spend a pleasant day and carry away happy memories of their excursion (a wish which will certainly be fulfilled), but he omitted to state that it would be greatly owing to the excellent arrangements which he had made for them at the request of the Secretary that this success would be due.

After lunch, during the few moments which the brethren were enabled to devote to the consumption of the soothing Indian weed, Bro. SPETH addressed the brethren. He pointed out that on these occasions post-prandial discourses were not desirable, but that it was always a duty as well as a sincere pleasure to express to the local brethren and friends who had been of such

kind and valued assistance to them, their own satisfaction at the treat provided, and their deep gratitude for all the trouble they had taken. He regretted that this duty should have fallen to such incompetent hands, through the lamented absence of his seniors, especially of their Worshipful Master, Professor T. Hayter Lewis, who, although in poor health, would yet have made an attempt to join them from Walmer, where he was at present trying to recruit his strength, had not he (the Secretary) dissuaded him from risking the experiment. Their thanks were on this occasion due to several gentlemen, of whom he would mention four. Bro. Dr. Sheppard, who had shown them the treasures of the Cathedral library, but whose health did not permit him to join them at lunch. Bro. Rodes who had so kindly assisted him, but whose duties kept him away, although he trusted to join them later on at tea, and to these brethren he would take care to communicate their thanks by letter. Bro. Ward, the next to whom he should refer, was also entitled to their heartiest gratitude. He would not say much about his generous invitation to lunch, of that they must be themselves good judges, but he begged to assure them that for days past Bro. Ward had been active in making preparations and organising the proceedings of that day. There had been many difficulties to overcome, and at one time he (the Secretary) feared that all might not turn out so satisfactorily as he now felt it would, but from the moment Bro. Ward agreed to arrange matters for him, he felt that he could rely upon complete success. Bro. Ward was the most active member of the Fraternity in East Kent, and perhaps the most universally known; moreover wherever he was known he was loved. At the last Grand Festival the M.W.G.M. has been pleased to confer upon him the office of Deputy Grand Sword Bearer, and so highly was this action endorsed by his brothers, that only a few days ago the lodges of Canterbury had united in a lodge of emergency to present to Bro. Ward the handsome address which was now before them on the side-board and a full set of Grand Lodge clothing. Bro. Ward was the life and soul of Masonry in that part of the country, and he (the Secretary) personally felt that, however much Bro. Ward might feel honoured by receiving them that day, they themselves were more honoured in being received as the guests of such a brother. Lastly, he would speak of the gentleman on his left—Minor Canon Foxall. No words could be too eloquent to express the deep feeling of gratitude which he was sure they all felt for the kindness of the reverend gentleman in devoting the morning to their service, and so ably explaining to them the history and architecture of the noble and sacred pile in which he was privileged to officiate. Canterbury Cathedral must at all times impress even the most ignorant spectator. It was one of the most glorious works of their own predecessors, but to fully understand it, to properly appreciate it, weeks of study would not be too much. Under such circumstances they were indeed fortunate in securing the services of a gentleman who had spent years of his life beneath its shadow, and could compress for their benefit into the short space of a couple of hours the results of years of study. On their behalf he would beg to convey to Bro. Ward and to the Rev. Mr. Foxall the sincere thanks and gratitude of the brethren, and he only wished he had been enabled to accomplish his welcome task in a more efficient manner, and to address his friend on the left as brother, instead of the more formal Mr.

Bro. WARD replied in a few well-chosen and feeling words, and

Mr. FOXALL also thanked the brethren, his humorous remarks being greeted with much amusement. He incidentally remarked that this was his first acquaintance with Freemasons, but since he had entered that room Bro. Ward had inadvertently addressed him as "brother," and ever since he had felt quite fraternally towards them. He was glad that his acquaintance with the Fraternity had commenced under such happy auspices.

By this time it was half-past three, and the traps being in waiting, the brethren were driven to St. Augustine's Monastery, much of which still remains intact, especially the fine old refectory, still used as a banqueting hall, though not so long ago that part of the buildings had been converted into a brewery and public house, and the room itself into a dancing room attached to the premises. All this is now altered, the old buildings have been dedicated to the appropriate task of a training institution for missionaries, and the necessary new buildings have been erected in a style resembling the old, and of which they need not be ashamed. The party was shown over the establishment by Bro. Ewell, the Manciple. Here the rain, which had been threatening off and on, finally made up its mind to come down, and for a quarter of an hour or so descended in torrents. But the brethren were partly under cover, and those who did not care to enter the buildings found equal shelter under the glorious spreading trees in the grounds. Bro. Ewell then conducted the brethren through the grounds to the ruins of St. Pancras, situated in a field behind the County Hospital, and, finally, to the carriages awaiting them at the hospital gates. A short drive brought the party to the celebrated church dedicated to St. Martin, alleged to be the oldest church in Britain. Whether this be so or not, it is quite certain that some portions of it are of Roman construction, and equally certain that when St. Augustine landed in Thanet to convert the men of Kent, he found there this very church, then used as the private oratory of Queen Bertha and her attendant,

Bishop Luidard, she being a Christian, and that Christian worship has been uninterruptedly carried on in this edifice ever since. The stone font, remarkable for its ornamentation and for being built up instead of made out of one stone, is undoubtedly the oldest in England, and, in spite of Norman work on the upper tier of stones—probably added later—is considered by archaeologists to be in the main of indisputably Saxon workmanship.

The last visit of a day crowded to repletion with interesting sights was made to the Masonic Temple, near the West Gate, at the other end of the city. The brethren were here received by Bros. Ward, Pilcher, and Blake, the resident Tyler. The fame of this Temple of the Royal Art is wide spread, and its beauty can not be excelled in any building of its size. It is owned by the three local lodges, and rented to the other Masonic bodies, chapters, encampments, &c., of the city.

The labours of the day being now concluded, the brethren adjourned once more to the Fountain, where, at six o'clock, a substantial "High Tea" was served up, and heartily paraken of. Here the brethren were glad to greet Bro. Rodes, who had joined them for a quiet hour, previous to their return home. They were also gratified to find that Bro. Sir Benjamin Ward Richardson, M.D., F.R.S., &c., who, having suffered an injury to his leg, was resting at Margate, had managed, by the aid of a stick and his son, Mr. Bertran Richardson, to join them. As he himself said, he had found it impossible to stay away all day from his brethren of the Quatuor Coronati, and he crawled over somehow.

Bro. SPETH called the attention of the members to the fact that this was the first appearance of their eminent brother among them since her Majesty the Queen had been graciously pleased to confer upon him the distinguished honour of knighthood, and on their behalf he took upon himself to congratulate their brother and assure him of the deep love of all his brethren.

Bro. RICHARDSON, who was received with prolonged applause, responded in the graceful manner to which we are all accustomed.

Bro. Sir NORMAN PRINGLE then asked the brethren to join him in thanking their Secretary for the happy and successful outing which he had so ably organised for them, a day which from first to last had passed without a hitch of any kind, and would endure in their memories. More he said which would ill become the writer to repeat, and his remarks were received with that generosity which has always distinguished the Lodge Quatuor Coronati.

Bro. SPETH briefly returned thanks.

At half-past seven a move was made, and the brethren sauntered through Dane John, the beautiful little park beneath the old city walls, which here are perfectly preserved, together with the external ditch or moat, and so on to the railway station, where they boarded the 7.54 train to London. And thus concluded one of the most successful of the lodge outings.

The day had been splendid for the purpose; a chequered sky, throwing picturesque light and shade over the beautiful county of Kent, while yet mitigating the summer heat; a harmonious and happy family of brethren; a perfect organisation; monuments of hour antiquity, the beginnings almost of English history; scenes of ever varying interest, had all combined to render the occasion perfect in all in its parts—a memory to be cherished hereafter.

ANNUAL DINNER OF THE HOLMESDALE LODGE OF INSTRUCTION, No. 874.

On Monday, the 26th ult., the members of the Holmesdale Lodge of Instruction and a number of visiting brethren had their annual dinner at the Pump Room, Tunbridge Wells. Bro. J. G. Calway, P.P.A.G.P. Sussex, occupied the chair, and amongst those present were Bros. Tom Ryder, P.M., P.Z., Preceptor, in the vice-chair; W. C. Cripps, P.M., P.S.G.W.; Ragan Martin, P.M.; B. Rix, P.M.; J. Burton, P.M.; Wellesley, T. Hammond, P.M.; N. Grunwell, P.M.; A. H. Tester, Sec.; and others.

The usual loyal toasts having been heartily drunk, "The Holmesdale Lodge of Instruction" was proposed from the chair, coupled with the name of Bro. Ryder, the Preceptor, and Bro. A. H. Tester, the Secretary, both of whom suitably responded, the former remarking on the increase of numbers, the zeal shown by the brethren in their attendance and working, and the result of the work done during the past session.

The WORSHIPFUL MASTER, in a brief, but pertinent speech, then presented to Bro. Tester a very beautiful platinum portrait of the Secretary, in full Masonic regalia, in neat oak frame, a silver plate at the bottom recording the fact that it was presented to Bro. A. H. Tester by the brethren of the Holmesdale Lodge of Instruction in recognition of his valuable services as Secretary.

Bro. TESTER acknowledged the presentation in a neat speech, in the course of which he commented upon the good feeling and brotherly love that had always been evinced by the brethren towards him, of his interest in the lodge, and his willingness at all times to do his utmost for its furtherance.

Bro. SIDNEY WILMOT proposed the toast of "The Visitors" in one of his masterly orations, and several other complimentary toasts followed.

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 Annual Supper of the Star Chapter of Instruction.
 Presentation of Ancient Documents to Poward Lodge of Brotherly Love, No. 56, at Brighton.
 Laying Foundation-stone of a New Masonic Hall at Stokesley.



SATURDAY, JULY 1, 1893.

Masonic Notes.

We are now enabled to state, subject to such slight alterations as may be made in the course of the next week or two, the result of the Festival campaign of the present year. In February the 51st Anniversary of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution, under Bro. C. E. Keyser, P.G.D., yielded £8856; in May the 105th Anniversary of the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls, under the Earl of Euston, P.G.M. Northants and Hunts, resulted in a total of subscriptions and donations amounting to £14,011; and on Wednesday the 95th Boys' School Festival gave a total of £21,340. Thus in the course of this year the sum voluntarily subscribed by the English Craft towards their three Central Charities amounts to £44,207. This is certainly equal to, if not in excess of the average, and is all the more creditable to our Society, when it is remembered that last year the total contributed to the three Institutions reached the phenomenal sum of £91,642.

The largeness of the total, though the most important feature in connection with the Festival of Wednesday, was by no means the only one which gladdened the hearts of the Stewards and their numerous guests. The clerk of the weather was in a more than usually happy form of mind, the consequence being that there was plenty of sunshine with a deliciously cool breeze blowing throughout the day, which enabled the visitors to Brighton to thoroughly enjoy their trip. It was, indeed, what is proverbially known as “Queen's weather,” and very properly so, the Queen having selected the day to unveil the statue of herself by her daughter the Princess Louise, Marchioness of Lorne, which now stands in Kensington Gardens. And if London-on-Thames put on its brightest aspect in honour of the Queen and her daughter, London-on-Sea could not well be otherwise than bright and cheerful in honour of the Society of which her Majesty is the Patron, and her Majesty's eldest son the M.W. Grand Master.

During Wednesday evening Lord Brooke telegraphed the M.W. Grand Master, sending hearty greetings to him as President of the Institution for Boys, and informing him of the announcement. The following reply was received next morning: “Many thanks for greeting. Delighted at success of Festival and large sum obtained. Albert Edward.”

An interesting ceremony, of which we shall give a full report next week, took place at Brighton on the 28th ult. Advantage was taken of the fact that the Prov. Grand Master of Essex was presiding at the Festival of the Boys' School to restore to the Howard Lodge of Brotherly Love, No. 56 (Sussex), some documents which had accidentally come into the possession of Bro. J. H. Salter, Kelvedon, Essex. They relate to the early history of the lodge as far back as 1777, and include minute books, &c., from that period to a very recent date. Bro. Lord Brooke gracefully performed the little ceremony, and we need hardly say the gift, for such it was, was highly appreciated by the Howard Lodge of Brotherly Love.

It is very rarely that our ancient Craft becomes the subject of inquiry or discussion in Parliament, and all good Masons will be ready to exclaim “so much the better for the Order,” for even such a non-political and unsectarian body as we know our institution to be,

suffers injury when it becomes the subject of controversy in the heated political atmosphere of the House of Commons.

If in the controversy that has raged around the unfortunate references to our Order in the great debate which is now proceeding in Parliament, there appear to be indications of an astounding ignorance of the constitution and the power and influence of the Fraternity on the one hand, there are not wanting signs on the other that party leaders are somewhat unfairly attaching an importance to certain utterances which are not warranted.

After the experience of a quarter of a century in the conduct of this paper, we feel more strongly than ever that the golden rule to be observed in Masonic journalism is to strictly avoid the pitfalls into which the discussion of political or religious questions, be they ever so pressing, would precipitate us. If anything more were needed to confirm us in that resolve, the manner in which the incident which occurred in the House of Commons last week has been dealt with by party writers on both sides, is absolutely confirmatory.

For ourselves we have too much faith in the principles of toleration to doubt that whatever may be the result of the present legislation, an attempt to circumscribe the liberties of such an organisation as Freemasonry would be the death-warrant of any existing government, either supreme or subordinate.

Correspondence.

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

SOME HINTS FOR THE COLONIAL BOARD.

To the Editor of the “Freemason.”

Dear Sir and Brother,

The recent discussions, in Grand Lodge and elsewhere, on the Cambrian Lodge, No. 656, Sydney, have induced some reflections that the Colonial Board is not, but ought to be, the Institution it is described to be in the Book of Constitutions.

Brought into existence about the year 1857, when the Canadian troubles were agitating the Grand Lodge of England, the functions of the new Board were then laid down, and are detailed at the present day, to be: “The Board shall have similar powers, as regards the Colonies and foreign parts, to those exercised by the Board of General Purposes.” All this is very plain, but unfortunately, so far as my limited experience goes, the Colonial Board literally does nothing else than meet once a month to listen to the reading of financial returns from abroad.

My present purpose is to endeavour to show that the Colonial Board might make the reason for its establishment more apparent, were the members to look carefully through the Book of Constitutions, and resolutely determine to discard the old humdrum order of things. Take Article 95 for instance, where it is laid down most emphatically that a District Grand Master shall correspond with the Grand Lodge, and transmit to the Grand Secretary, once a year, a report of his proceedings, “and of the state of Masonry within his province or district,” also “he is to forward, or cause to be forwarded, to the Grand Master, a summary of the minutes of every District Grand Lodge, &c.” Now, during the year I was a member of the Colonial Board—and with, perhaps, two exceptions, I was present at every meeting—I never heard a single one of these reports read, or saw one produced.

Again, Art. 111 enacts that private lodges in foreign parts “may make their returns and payments to the District Grand Master, or such brother as he may direct, but for the due remittance of which to the Grand Lodge, the District Grand Master shall personally be responsible.” And then follows the power to issue Grand Lodge certificates, such certificates being sent out from England, in blank. The consideration—a grave consideration—consequently here is, that in the event of neglect on the part of District authorities, members of subordinate lodges find themselves in the unenviable position of being made scapegoats for the laches of their superiors, in other words—they are shut out from English Masonry. This has happened, and may happen again under the present lax system.

Another illustration will serve to point the moral that our Colonial Board does not conduct its business on systematic lines, or that it is not by any means in touch with lodges in foreign parts. I am now referring to the late District Grand Lodge of Victoria. For years there were included amongst the lodges of that colony, in our Grand Lodge “Calendar,” several lodges that had been extinct for years, and one of which the then District Grand Secretary assured me he had never heard of during his 20 odd years tenure of office. Yet the whole of these lodges appeared in the Grand Lodge “Calendar,” as having formed the new Grand Lodge of Victoria! Goodness knows how many others are in a like category, as regards South Australia, New South Wales, and Tasmania.

In conclusion, I submit the irregularities, omissions, aye, and the injustices I have indicated would be rendered impossible were the Colonial Board to insist on the strict observance of Article 95. There are altogether only some 27 districts to look after, and as to the lodges where there are no districts an occasional circular would wake them up to their duties and responsibilities. In a sentence, the Colonial Board possesses ample opportunities and powers towards proving the necessity for its existence, at all events, it can endeavour to show that it is something more than the ornamental inanity it is popularly supposed to be.—Fraternally yours,

W. F. LAMONBY.

June 21st.

Reviews.

MADRAS MASONIC CALENDAR AND DIRECTORY FOR 1893-4.

This most useful guide, printed by Messrs. Addison and Co., Mount-road, Madras, who are the publishers of the "Indian Masonic Review," in which the lamented Bro. H. J. Whymper took great interest. The calendar portion cannot fail to be very useful, and the particulars concerning the 23 lodges, 9 Royal Arch chapters, and 10 Mark lodges, with additional Degrees, are numerous and carefully described. The "fees and subscription" noted under each lodge, chapter, &c., are not all necessary in such a publication, or even desirable, for they do not concern any but the members. Instead thereof the number of subscribing members might be inserted, as well as an analytical table at the end of each provincial body, so as to exhibit the statistical position from year to year. A little more space might well be permitted, so as to keep the various details as distinct as possible, the information as to No. 150 following on, as if a part of the Provincial Grand Lodge, and so with other lodges. More space and larger type for titles or names of the lodges would assist much as facilities for reference. In saying this much we readily acknowledge the labour of the compilation, and consider the editor has done his part well. The recommendation is based on an intimate knowledge of all the calendars published in England, and the alterations suggested would not increase the bulk, or add much to the duties of the zealous editor.

THE NORTH LONDON PULPIT, No. 4. THE LOSS OF H.M.S. VICTORIA.

This is a sermon preached at the North London Synagogue, on June 24th ("Sabbath 5653-1893"), by the Chief Rabbi, and printed for the Wardens of that place of worship for private circulation. It is a very reverent and tender composition, most suitable to the sad occasion, and withal, composing and confident in character. Dr. Adler, as the mouthpiece of many minds, asks numerous questions which naturally arise, in view of this terrible calamity, most of which he prefers to pass over because better left untouched. "Let us forbear—short-sighted, purblind creatures as we are—from charging the God of supreme love with cruelty if we cannot at once discern the design of the Deity in all the occurrences of earth, if we are unable at once to unravel the tangled skein of heaven's designs." The learned Chief Rabbi also observes that "God has so made the world that it shall work according to definite and ascertainable laws, and it is absolutely necessary for ourselves that it should be so. . . . Granted the assumption of fixed and certain laws we have at once the possibilities of disaster. The same law of gravitation which hurls the over-weighted warship into the deep, keeps our earth and the whole solar system whirling in space with unerring accuracy." Dr. Adler laments that "mankind, at the dawn of the twentieth century, should still have recourse to the savage arbitrament of war," and concludes with a prayer to God "for heavenly aid, that when He layest His chastening hand upon us we may not murmur against His decree, that our heart may not break, nor our soul faint within us." The sermon is brief, but eloquent.

THE TOWER OF LONDON. By T. C. WALLS.

This very striking poem by our well known brother, T. C. Walls, will not have astonished those who have read his pretty eley on the late Poet Laureate. It is written, like that elegy, in the Alexandrine blank verse, a metre to which we are not yet so well accustomed as we shall probably be in the near future. The poet has conceived himself as standing near to that massive pile, the Tower, while through his mind, as he gazes, there float the memories naturally called up in the brain of an historical student by the contemplation of the Conqueror's famous fortress. To give an idea of the author's standpoint, we print the first stanza in full:

"In the moon's sheen I gazed upon the towers grey, Picturing in memory's mirror stories gay and sad Of London's fortress old. Methought the clash of arms, The charger's neigh, and trumpet's note rung in mine ear, Recalling scenes of daily life in Norman days. Lapping sweetly, Tamesa silvern kissed thy walls, Guileless of aught but regal state and knightly deeds, But soon thy turrets peaceful sent forth sounds of woe.

The poet then, in striking lines which we wish we had space to quote, gives us a résumé, with remarkable accuracy, yet with a graphic touch, of all the leading events of the undeniably sombre history of the Tower. We think his description of the murder of the two Princes to be one of the most characteristic features of this very original tour de force. The elder of the two hapless children is represented as calling his brother's attention to a "radiant moth," which, as they sit in misery in their dungeon, "sails gaily in." The boy, who is sufficiently older than the other to be able to explain so small yet so portentous a circumstance, wishes that he too might escape "on golden wings, like yonder insect bright." Bro. Walls then passes on to describe how Nature herself seems to feel some sympathy with the awful murder that is about to take place. He tells us how the river, losing its mid-day smile, presents "an angry sullen roaring." Then, when the feelings of the reader are becoming almost overwrought,

"Hideous murder stalks and enters; Innocence moans, dies, and to heaven is wafted."

We will not attempt an elaborate criticism of the thorough historical knowledge evinced by Bro. Walls in the too few stanzas of this most original poem. To use a colloquial phrase, "it speaks for itself." We will make a few remarks on the concluding stanza, which we quote at length, as being, in our opinion, the best and most characteristic of all—

"Luna in the sky is paling. The city great awakes. The rosy dawn salutes thee, O Tower of old days; My dream of fancy with its glamour slowly fades. Modern life confronts me with its hum prosaic; But for ages may thy Time-defying towers stand To tell the citizens of far-famed London town How sweet freedom thrived since first thy walls were reared, Romance, adieu! Grim relic of the past, farewell!"

We think that the reader who once peruses these lines will wish to read them again. The slow fading of the writer's gleam of fancy, as the sun arouses the business world to its duties, is at once sad and touching. Modern life, with all its common place, all its work and all its play, greets him with its "hum prosaic." Ah, how much is contained in this pregnant phrase! We here below cannot feed on fancy alone. Taking this short, but epigrammatic, poem on the whole, we feel that the notes of sadness and of hope are not unfairly balanced in Bro. Walls' mind, and that it is with confidence in the future, as well as regret for the past that he writes his concluding line—

"Romance, adieu! Grim relic of the past, farewell!"



Craft Masonry.

METROPOLITAN MEETINGS.

Blackheath Lodge (No. 1320).—The installation meeting of this very flourishing and highly successful lodge was held at the Bridge House Hotel, on Thursday, the 15th ult. Present: Bros. John Hooper, I.P.M., as W.M. (a telegram was received from the W.M., Bro. Dr. W. St. Michael Raw, who was ill); T. R. Cass, Acting S.W.; A. W. Le Cren, Acting J.W.; W. D. Morson, P.M., Treas.; H. A. Stunt, P.M., Sec.; E. A. Rice, Acting S.D.; G. Morson, Acting J.D.; W. Salter, Acting I.G.; T. G. Hobley, Org.; G. Harrison, Tyler; J. M. Buckley, P.M.; A. J. Martin, P.M.; Thomas Tucker, T. W. Spencer, J. Piper, E. R. Mainwaring, A. Squire, Wm. Wright, Jas. Merrett, Wal. King, Wm. Orton, and H. C. Macmillan. The visitors were Bros. A. C. Wood, P.M. 1586; F. Hilton, P.M. 1622; G. W. Niblett, 1622; Wm. Hill, 1512; E. Chamberlain, P.M. 87; A. F. Casperd, P.M. 1663; R. W. Philpott, P.M. 1208; C. H. Stone, W.M. 507; W. H. Dallimore, W.M. 87; E. D. E. Rymer, J.W. 1891; J. Loader, P.M. 1622; J. A. Smith, P.M. 1269; S. J. Derham, W.M. elect 1622; F. E. Choveaux, Org. 1622; F. W. Williams, P.M. 101; Rushton Odell, 2077; R. J. Heston, 2077; and W. Camden, Stwd. 2365.

The minutes of the last regular meeting and emergency meeting were read and confirmed. Bro. John Hooper, I.P.M. and W.M. elect, vacated the chair and was presented by Bro. A. J. Martin, P.M., to receive at his hands the benefit of installation, which was most efficiently performed in a full Board of Installed Masters. Bro. J. Hooper, the new W.M., appointed and invested his officers as follows: Bros. T. R. Cass, S.W.; A. W. Le Cren, J.W.; W. H. Morson, P.M., Treas.; Hy. A. Stunt, P.M., Sec.; E. A. Rice, S.D.; Edward Salter, J.D.; Wm. Wright, I.G.; G. C. Pike, D.C. (deferred); William Orton, Steward; T. G. Hobley, Organist; and G. Harrison, Tyler. The three addresses were most ably given by Bro. H. A. Stunt, the worthy Secretary, and in a very impressive manner. The Auditors' report was presented, received, and adopted, showing a substantial balance in the hands of the Treasurer. Letters of apology for non-attendance were read and wishing the W.M. a happy and successful year of office.

The business of the lodge ended, the brethren adjourned to a *recherché* banquet, superintended by Bro. Peace, the proprietor, which gave great satisfaction.

The cloth removed, the loyal and Masonic toasts were given and right royally received.

That of "The Pro Grand Master, Deputy Grand Master, and the rest of the Grand Officers, Present and Past," was, as the W.M. remarked, a most important toast, and he was sure it would meet at the hands of the brethren a reception which was worthy of them.

The I.P.M., Bro. Dr. Raw, next gave the toast of "The W.M.," which he was sure would be received with acclamation. They all knew his worth, and the excellent manner he carried out the duties of the chair, and the brethren, to show their high appreciation, had a second time so soon elected him again. They all welcomed him upon his proud position, and hoped he would have a most successful year of office. He asked the brethren to receive the toast as it deserved, which was done most enthusiastically.

In reply, Bro. Hooper, W.M., said such a reception almost overcame him, and was more than he felt he deserved. However, he would thank the brethren, and promise to perform the duties to the very utmost of his ability. He would remark that they all deplored the loss of their esteemed Bro. Neville, J.W., by death, thereby causing a break in the election for W.M., but he (Bro. Hooper) had been again honoured by the brethren in electing him to the chair, and he would promise that his talents would be given to and for the benefit of the Blackheath Lodge. He had every confidence in his officers that they would rally round and maintain its prestige. He most heartily thanked all for such a greeting.

The W.M., in proposing the next toast, said it was a very important one—that of "The Installing Master, Bro. H. A. Stunt, P.M."—who had performed the ceremony for some years past, but had excelled himself upon the present occasion. They all knew his sterling worth in his Secretarial duties and as the Installing Master; in fact, whatever he was asked to do he was always most willing and competent. He thanked him personally and on behalf of the lodge for his able services rendered that evening.

Bro. Stunt, in reply, said he was deeply pleased with such

a cordial reception. Certainly he had performed the ceremony on several previous occasions, but never more willingly than the present. He had hoped the I.P.M., Bro. Raw, would have installed his successor, but through illness and his professional duties he was unable, therefore he had asked him. It gave him great satisfaction to know his endeavours were appreciated, and his services were always at the command of the brethren who desired assistance. He thought it should be the aim of every Master to perform the installation ceremony on leaving the chair. He very heartily thanked the brethren for such kind expressions.

Bro. Hooper, W.M., next presented the most important toast of "The Visitors." The Blackheath Lodge always gave a most cordial greeting to them. He noticed several were introduced by Bros. Cass, S.W., and Rice, S.D., and among them were some of the very best workers and most enthusiastic Masons in South London. He could not refrain from remarking upon the excellent services rendered to the brethren of the Blackheath Lodge by Bros. F. Hilton, P.M., Preceptor, and C. H. Stone, Secretary, of the Blackheath Lodge of Instruction, which had enabled him and the officers he had selected to serve for the present year to perform their respective duties so efficiently, for which the brethren tendered their hearty thanks.

The toast was received with enthusiasm.

Bro. C. H. Stone, W.M. 507, in reply, said it was most unexpected to be called upon first, but he felt thereby greatly honoured for more than one reason. Since his installation it was the first response he had made, and he could assure the brethren he hoped he had learned much from the Installing Master that evening. It also gave him intense pleasure to be present and witness the investiture of officers, and see some of the most worthy and enthusiastic brethren invested who were most capable. The W.M. was fully justified in his selection, for they had proved themselves worthy of their position by dint of hard work and most careful and regular attendance at the lodge of instruction, which he most strongly recommended to the younger brethren to enable them to carry out their duties when they should be called upon for office. He was deeply sensible of the honour done to the visitors.

Bro. Dallimore, W.M. 87, said he was present at the invitation of his dear old friend, Bro. Cass, S.W., whom he had known long before he was a Mason, and whom he always highly respected. Now he had seen him invested with that collar, he congratulated him, and trusted he would be spared to succeed to the chair of W.M. in due course. He must say it was but a very few weeks since he was installed as W.M., and it was a proud position indeed, and which should be every Mason's ambition. He hoped he might be present at the next installation to witness such excellent work and support his very dear friend.

Bro. F. Hilton, P.M., said as it was the hope of reward that at all times sweetens labour. On behalf of himself and the brother on his right, Bro. Stone, they were there at the kind invitation of the lodge, for which they were very grateful, and stated the pleasure it gave them at all times to serve the lodge. It was most gratifying to them to see the very capable manner that the officers had performed their respective duties, and could testify to the zeal shown by them in the lodge of instruction. In fact they were all capable of performing much higher duties than they had been called upon to do. He was likewise very pleased at the excellent manner Bro. Stunt had installed the Master that evening, and had adopted the modern form of working the ceremony. He congratulated the W.M. upon the great honour done him, which did not often fall to the lot of a brother, that of election to the chair in so short a time, but the lodge had done well in that selection, for the W.M. was one who performed his duties so ably, without any hope of reward. He was most earnest, hard working, and rendered valuable service to the brethren in the Blackheath Lodge of Instruction. The officers whom he had appointed would most faithfully support him, he believed, and was confident at the end of the year the brethren would say—"Well done, good and faithful servant."

The toast of "The Treasurer and Secretary" was ably given by the Worshipful Master, stating no two better officers could be; and this was responded to by Bro. Morson, Treas., most suitably.

The toast of the Past Masters" was given in terms of high appreciation, the Worshipful Master commenting upon the excellent services they had rendered the lodge. He had great pleasure in pinning to the breast of Bro. Dr. Raw, the I.P.M., the splendid jewel voted him from the lodge, hoping he might be spared many years with health and strength to grace the Blackheath Lodge with his presence.

Bros. Raw and Buckley most suitably acknowledged the compliment paid them.

The toast of "The Officers" was next given by the W.M., who congratulated himself and the lodge upon such an excellent array. He was confident no better could have been appointed.

Bro. Cass, S.W., in excellent terms, said it was not the first time he had responded in that capacity, but never with greater pleasure than on the present occasion. He accepted the position of S.W. without the slightest fear or trembling, having been so well drilled in his various duties. He trusted that he should be enabled to carry them out to the honour and credit of the lodge.

Bros. Le Cren, J.W.; Rice, S.D.; Salter, J.D.; and Wright, I.G., also suitably replied, pledging to do their best for the lodge.

The Tyler's toast closed one of the most eventful meetings in the annals of the lodge.

An excellent programme of music was arranged by Bro. Rushton Odell, most efficiently assisted by Miss Rosabelle Beste, Miss Annie Wilson, and Bros. H. Yates and I. G. Hobley, Org.

Shadwell Clerke Lodge (No. 1910).—The regular meeting was held on Monday, the 26th ult., at Mark Masons' Hall, with Bro. G. J. Reed, P.M. 1288, in the chair, and Bros. Gordon Miller and Balfour Cockburn as Senior and Junior Wardens respectively. Mr. Joseph Vernon Whitaker, having been duly elected, was initiated in a very admirable manner by the W.M. The annual election then took place, with the result that Bro. Gordon Miller was declared W.M. elect, and the present very popular Treasurer, Bro. Charles Belton, was re-elected. Two Auditors were then appointed, and Bro. Mills was re-elected Tyler.

Bros. K. Eve, P.M., P.G. Treas.; Mather, P.M.; and Gilles, P.M., supported the W.M. during the lodge work and at the usual banquet, which took place at Freemasons' Tavern.

Comp. W. Beasley, I.P.Z., proposed "The Health of the M.E.Z.," whom he referred to as one of the most active Masons of the time. They heartily greeted Comp. Hodges some years ago, had been proud of his association since, and were certain he would conduct affairs as the M.E.Z. with great credit to the chapter and satisfaction to the members.

Comp. T. Hodges, M.E.Z., expressed his indebtedness for the kind proposition and reception of the toast. It gave him great pleasure to be in the position of M.E.Z. that night. As they knew, he had taken a very great amount of interest in every office he had held, and in every part of the work. He took just as much interest now in Masonry as when he had the proud privilege of being W.M. in the Craft. The opportunities of displaying the work of Royal Arch Masonry were few, but as far as they could see, there would be an opportunity in October when two or more candidates for exaltation were anticipated. In conjunction with the H. and J. he would then have an opportunity of showing he could carry on the good old traditions of Royal Arch Freemasonry in a manner not only worthy of this chapter but also worthy of the Order. He had, therefore, much pleasure in proposing "The Health of the H. and J."

Comps. W. Simpson, H., and W. W. Lee, J., replied.

The M.E.Z. then gave "The I.P.Z.," and said he knew what a zealous and good hearted fellow Comp. Beasley was. He was one of those whom they were pleased to meet, and anxious to meet as often as possible, and one whom they esteemed very much. He (the M.E.Z.) asked the I.P.Z. to allow him to pin on his breast a P.Z.'s jewel in recognition of the respect and esteem evinced for him by every member of the chapter. They asked that it should be accepted in the spirit in which it was given and hoped that Comp. Beasley would be spared for many years to meet them in the chapter.

Comp. W. Beasley, I.P.Z., in response, said he felt their kindness so keenly that he was reminded of his exaltation 14 years ago. His associations with the chapter since that time had been of a most pleasing character. He was exalted on the first night after the consecration, and he believed there only two founders remaining in the chapter. He hoped to be long associated with the chapter and prove his gratitude to the companions for their kindness.

"The Visitors" having been cordially given and responded to,

The M.E.Z. proposed "The P.Z.'s." As Treasurer, Comp. Lee, P.Z., looked after the chapter admirably, and kept the finances in excellent order. Comps. Payne, P.Z., Funstan, P.Z., and Hoyt, P.Z., were always ready to come forward and assist if necessary, and thus evince the interest they had always shown in the chapter.

Comp. W. H. Lee, P.Z., Treas., returned thanks, and expressed his satisfaction at the very happy manner in which the chapter was being conducted at the present time. Speaking more particularly as Treasurer, he could say the funds were in a most prosperous condition, and, in fact, the chapter was never in a better state.

"The Officers" was given, and the Janitor's toast terminated a very pleasant and enjoyable evening.

Ancient and Accepted Rite.

Rose and Lily Chapter (No. 79).—The meeting for the annual election of the M.W.S. and Treasurer took place on the 22nd ult., at 33, Golden-square, when there was a goodly attendance of members, and precisely at the hour named Ill. Bro. the Viscount Molesworth, 30°, M.W.S., opened the chapter, with Ill. Bro. Scurrah, as Prelate, and Ill. Bros. Balfour Cockburn, 32°, and A. R. Carter, 31°, as 1st and 2nd Generals respectively. The Recorder, Ill. Bro. C. Fitzgerald Matier, 32°, having read the minutes of the previous meeting and the same having been confirmed, the members proceeded to the election, when Ill. Bro. Scurrah was declared M.W.S. elect, and Ill. Bro. C. H. Driver was again elected to the post of Treasurer.

After some business of minor importance had been transacted, the chapter was duly closed, the usual banquet taking place at the Café Royal. Amongst the brethren present we noticed Ill. Bros. Lardner, Main, Carman, Harry Nicholls, Lamette Pocock, Barrett, and others, and several visitors.

SUMMER OUTING OF THE BISHOPSGATE LODGE, No. 2306.

At the invitation of Bro. Lieut.-Col. and Alderman H. D. Davies, I.P.M., the members of the above lodge were, on Wednesday, the 21st ult., privileged to enjoy what one and all the company declared to be the most pleasant outing of its kind known to any of its members (many of whom are not unused to well-arranged excursions in their corporate capacity). The Alderman, who is always anxious to impart happiness to others when he can, invited all the members of the lodge to his country seat at Watringbury in Kent, and made the most perfect arrangements to secure a pleasant day to all.

The brethren assembled at Cannon-street Station in the morning, and three special saloon carriages being provided, they proceeded to Tonbridge, where carriages were in waiting, when the party were driven through about nine miles of the "Garden of Kent" to Watringbury Place, the winding roads opening up in its course various aspects of undulating country scenery, passing through many hop gardens and several places of interest, not the least of which to be noted is Hadlow Castle, near the Bourne, the seat of Sir Francis Geary, Bart., the Lord of the Manor, a handsome Gothic building in a park of 250 acres, with a peculiarly printed tower running 170 feet high.

On arrival at Watringbury shortly after 1 p.m. the guests were received by Bro. Alderman and Mrs. Davies, and a delicious luncheon was provided. After luncheon, the party were escorted in different directions by the Alderman, Mrs. Davies, and Mr. Gordon Davies over the beautiful grounds and house. The estate is a very old one, and gives evidence of having been well preserved. The extensive park has a soil of rich loam on a subsoil of rock, and exhibits some long lines and forests of prettily grouped

trees, near the terrace being some handsome avenues of conical yew trees leading on to a well laid out rosary and chalybeate spring. The lakes, connected by waterfalls, afforded amusement to the angling portion of the party. Whilst visits to the stables, farm, and conservatories were occupying the attention of others, Conversation and tea, *al fresco*, on the terrace (in which the Misses Davies joined) afforded a congenial diversion, after which a tour through the handsome pillared rooms and halls, and inspection of the pictures, articles of virtue, and collection of curiosities, was found to be a source of very great interest. Another interesting diversion was a visit to the ancient Church of St. John the Baptist, adjoining the grounds. The register of the church dates from 1705. It is built in the Early English and Rectangular style, with a western tower of Early English date, a low shingled spire, and six bells, the churchyard being shaded with some fine old yew trees. A relic of peculiar interest to municipal men, preserved in the vestry, is a staff called a "Bolsover," is about three feet long, tapering to the foot, where is fixed an iron spike and shoulder, which it is said used to be fixed in the ground, and whilst thus fixed, asserted the lawful authority of the Sheriff. It is believed that there is only one other of these in existence.

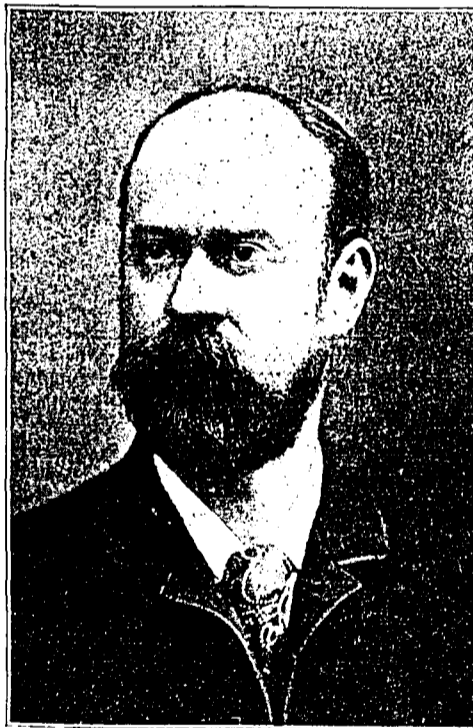
The *al fresco* enjoyments were at a quarter to six curtailed by the sound of the dinner gong, and the brethren sat down to an exceedingly choice banquet, the following members of the lodge being present: Bros. Sir John B. Monckton, P.G.W.; C. F. Hogard, P.G.S.B.; Henry Clarke, P.M.; H. J. Tibbatts, W.M.; A. J. Hollington, P.G.S.; S.W.; S. Jacobs, P.P.G.P. Herts, J.W.; Frederick Dadswell, Treasurer; Milton Smith, Secretary; D. A. Romain, S.D.; C. J. Thomas, J.D.; W. Newman, I.G.; Dr. Haskins, P.G. Org. Essex, Org.; H. Mead, P.P.G.D.C. Middx., D.C.; A. Wagstaff, F. M. Mercer, A. P. Little, E. F. Fitch, W. Jacob, J. A. Berther, E. H. Mead, G. E. Mead, Thos. Robinson, Dan Greenaway, Chas. Jarrett, T. J. Sturgeon, and A. J. Skipper.

Dinner being ended and "The Health of the Queen" drank,

Bro. HENRY CLARKE, P.M., proposed "The Health of the Host," conveying expressions of thanks for the immense enjoyment the brethren had derived from the generous hospitality of Bro. Alderman and Mrs. Davies.

At 8 p.m. the brethren took their seats in the carriages on the homeward drive to Tonbridge, and spent a merry hour in the saloon carriages to Cannon-street, where they arrived towards 11 p.m., thus ending a long day's enjoyment, the longest day (21st) not being long enough to exhaust the pleasure afforded, and one which will long be remembered by the Bishopsgate Lodge.

Our Portrait Gallery of Worshipful Masters.



BRO. GEORGE ALFRED MYERS,

P.M., W.M. of the Doric Lodge, No. 2359, was initiated in 1878 in the Urmston Lodge, No. 1730, served through every office, and was installed W.M. in 1889. He was exalted to the Royal Arch Degree in 1884, served in every office, and was installed M.E.Z. in 1892. He is Senior Warden of the St. Andrew's Mark Lodge, No. 34, holds office in the Royal Ark Mariners, Allied Degrees, the Holy Order of High Priest, a prominent Knights Templar and Knight of Malta of the St. Joseph Preceptory, Manchester, and a member of the Crawford Chapter Rose Croix of H.R.D.M., Wigan. Bro. Myers is also a Life Governor of the following Institutions: Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution for Aged Freemasons and Widows of Freemasons, Royal Masonic Institution for Girls, and the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys. He is a Life Governor of the Alps Benevolent Institution, West Lancashire, and a subscriber to the rest of the local charities. He was a founder of the Doric Lodge, No. 2359, being the first Senior Deacon; also a founder of the Palatine Lodge, No. 2447, being the first Junior Deacon.

[Through a little mishap at the last moment, the portrait of Bro. Myers only appeared in a portion of our issue last week. This accounts for our reproducing it in the whole of our impressions this week].

SUMMER OUTING OF THE METROPOLITAN LODGE, No. 1507.

On Thursday, the 22nd ult., the members, accompanied by their ladies, spent a pleasant day on the Upper Thames, starting from Maidenhead by the steam launch "Queen of the Thames" at 11 a.m. They went as far as Henley and back, arriving about 8 p.m. at Maidenhead. The day was most enjoyable, not too hot, and, having about 50 on board, not too crowded.

The company were composed of the W.M. of the lodge, Bro. R. W. Fraser and Mrs. Fraser; Bro. McEwan, W.M. elect; Bro. James Willing, jun., P.M., Mrs. Willing, and Misses Willing; Bro. G. Clarke, P.M., and Mrs. Clarke; Bro. G. W. Knight, P.M., and Mrs. Knight; Bro. Davey, P.M.; Bro. Bates, P.M., and Miss Bates; Bro. Perks, P.M., Sec., and Mrs. Perks; Bro. Hallaway; Bro. Mogridge and Mrs. Mogridge; Bro. Barry and Mrs. Barry; Bro. Brown and Mrs. Brown; Bro. Killingback and Mrs. Killingback; Bro. Payne and Mrs. Payne; Bro. Fay and Mrs. Fay; Bro. Pearson and Mrs. Pearson; Bro. Cherry and Mrs. Cherry; Bros. Hawkins, Flint, and Mitchell; Bro. Bradley and Miss Lavatte; Bro. Hart and Mrs. Hart; Bro. Hatch and Mrs. Hatch; Bros. O'Conner and Kipps, Org.; Bro. Sporton and Mrs. Sporton; and Bros. Evans, Spurr, and Trongi.

There was a cold collation served in the saloon by Bro. Trongi, which was enjoyed by everyone, and having a piano on board, dancing commenced after tea. Bro. Kipps was kept busy, and several of the brethren sang some capital songs.

A vote of thanks was proposed in the saloon carriage on the return journey to Paddington by Bro. DAVEY to Bro. Perks, Sec., which was carried unanimously, for the excellent way he had arranged the entertainment, and the enjoyment he had afforded the brethren and their ladies.

NEW FIRST AND THIRD CLASS DINING CARRIAGES ON THE MIDLAND RAILWAY.

The Midland Railway Company, which was the first to allow third class passengers to travel by all trains, is just about to make further provision for their convenience and comfort. Commencing on Monday, July 3rd, the Midland Company, in conjunction with the Glasgow and South Western Company, will place on the Scotch service additional afternoon expresses, which will run between London (St. Pancras) and Glasgow (St. Enoch), starting from each end at 1.30 p.m., and serving Leicester, Nottingham, Sheffield, Leeds, and other towns *en route*, and giving connections with some of the principal centres in the West of England, Lancashire, &c. To these trains will be attached specially-constructed dining carriages, one of which will be for the use of first class, and the other for third class passengers. Luncheons, dinners, teas, and other refreshments will be served *en route* in the best style at moderate charges, as will be seen from the tariff published in our advertising columns.

The carriages, which have two six-wheel bogies, are constructed with steel under frames, oak body frames, and panelling of Honduras mahogany. They are 60 feet long, 8 feet wide, and 6 feet high at the doorway, and have a clerestory roof throughout, 8 feet 6 inches high, with lights and ventilators at each side. Each carriage weighs 33 tons. Communication is established between the first and third class carriages by means of a flexible gangway for the use of the attendants only. The first class carriage contains a general saloon with 12 seats, a smoking saloon with nine seats, two lavatories, a luggage compartment, pantry, and kitchen. The interior of the saloon is finished with American walnut, and the ceilings are richly painted and decorated. The seats are upholstered with crimson morocco leather; they are arranged transversely at either side of a central gangway, so that there is a separate seat for each person. The tables are removable, and can be readily fixed between each pair of seats before the dinner is served. Electric bells are so arranged near the tables that passengers may call the attendants without rising from their seats. The pantry is fitted up with cupboards for glass, table linen, provisions, wines, &c., and also contains a sink with hot and cold water for washing crockery and glass. In the kitchen (which serves both carriages) is a large cooking range and boiler, heated by gas, a refrigerator, and carving table. Cooking can be done in the kitchen for 60 persons at one time. The third class carriage is of the same size and construction as the first class, but the dining saloon will hold 30 and the smoking compartment 13 persons. (The interior is upholstered with crimson plush rep.) It also has two separate lavatories, luggage compartment, attendant's room and pantry. The gangway in this saloon is a little out of the centre to admit of double seats on one side and single seats on the other. In the pantry and attendant's compartment of the third class carriage are more cupboards for crockery, provisions, &c., a boiler, hot plate for keeping dishes warm, a grill for chops and steaks, and another refrigerator. The carriages are lighted by compressed oil gas, heated with hot water pipes, and fitted with the Automatic Vacuum Brake. The increased comforts which the Midland Company have once more placed at the disposal of the third class passenger should result in a large increase of the traffic over that line. To pleasure travellers and tourists between Scotland and England the prospect of these new privileges will surely be hailed with satisfaction, whilst to the commercial man whose business engagements often deny him an opportunity of taking his lunch before the trains leave, the fact that he can eat his meal at leisure and in comfort *en route* will be an immense boon.

The Duke of York returned to town on Thursday afternoon from Sandringham. His Royal Highness was looking remarkably well.

The Princess of Wales and Princesses Victoria and Maud visited the Queen at Windsor Castle on Thursday, and remained to luncheon. Their Royal Highnesses returned to Marlborough House in the afternoon.