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OF MANY FOREIGN GRAND LODGES.

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## THE CRAFT IN THE PROVINCES.

The present is invariably a season of great activity among the brethren in the Provinces, a large proportion of which find it convenient to hold their Provincial Lodge meetings during the summer months. The arrangement is not without its advantages. There is no great reliance to be placed on the Clerk of the Weather. He may, or may not be in a comfortable frame of mind, but there is, at all events, a reasonable prospect that at this time of the year the brethren will stand a better chance of meeting under brilliant conditions as regards the weather, the principal drawback being that when we have a really fine summer, brethren feel more inclined to give themselves up to the pleasures of an inland or seaside trip than to concern themselves seriously about the affairs of Masonry. However, in the case of those Provincial Grand Lodges which have been held during the last few weeks, and of which we have been privileged to furnish reports of the proceedings, the accounts given have been generally satisfactory. There was not a very numerous attendance at the Provincial Grand Lodge of Hertfordshire, which was held at Broxbourne on the 7th instant—certainly not so numerous as it should have been—but this may in some measure have been accounted for by the necessity which arose almost at the last moment for altering the date of meeting. But if the attendance was only moderate, the particulars furnished by the executive officers were satisfactory, and it is clear that Freemasonry, under the auspices of Bro. T. F. HALSEY, M.P., P.G.M., is in a decidedly prosperous state. At the Provincial Grand Lodge of North and East Yorkshire, which was held at Beverley on the 5th inst., the attendance was so large that the Masonic Hall was found too small for the occasion and the meeting took place in the spacious Assembly Rooms. This is no doubt to be explained partly by the desire of the brethren to give a more than usual hearty welcome to their respected Prov. Grand Master, Bro. the Marquis of ZETLAND, who was present for the first time since he had laid aside the cares and responsibilities attaching to the office of Lord Lieutenant of Ireland. There was also another circumstance that must have exercised a certain amount of influence. The entertaining Lodge, the Constitutional, No. 294, has this year completed an existence of 100 years, having been founded by "the Moderns" in 1793, and the opportunity was afforded to the brethren of the other lodges in the Province to congratulate the Constitutional on the auspicious event. Again, there was the Royal marriage to take place the following day and the brethren—whether the proximity of the marriage day to the day of meeting was a mere coincidence or not is immaterial—were thus enabled at the suggestion of the Provincial Grand Master to vote an address of congratulation to his Royal Highness the M.W. Grand Master on the then imminent marriage of his son. At all events, the meeting was a very enthusiastic one, and marked by two circumstances which are not often to be found recorded in the proceedings of our Provincial Grand Lodges. In the first place, the Constitutional Lodge was the recipient of a handsome silver loving cup, weighing some 52 ounces, the gift from another Constitutional Lodge meeting in another town of Beverley, but in Massachusetts under the jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge of that State. In the second place, it was unanimously agreed, on the motion of Bro. T. B. WHYTEHEAD, P.G.S.B. Eng., to vote a grant of £40 towards the cost of reprinting the valuable constitutional rolls in the possession of the York Lodge, No. 236. Many of these documents are of immense value to Masonic students, and our North and East Yorkshire brethren deserve our warmest praise for sanctioning the issue of such a work. At the special meeting of the Provincial Grand Lodge of Leicestershire and Rutland, which was held prior to the day of the Royal Wedding, an address of congratulation on the event was voted to the Prince of WALES, M.W.G.M. Subsequently an address and testimonial were presented to Bro. the Rev. C. HENTON WOOD, M.A., in recognition of the valuable services he had rendered to the Province during the eight years he had held the important post of Prov. Grand Secretary, and as an expression of the regret which was felt everywhere throughout the Province at his retirement from office. Two other Provincial meetings were reported in our last week's issue, that of the Prov. Grand Lodge of Norfolk, which took place at Great Yarmouth on the 13th inst., and that of the Prov. Grand Lodge of Nottinghamshire, which was held the day previous at Mansfield under the presidency of Bro. the Duke of ST. ALBANS, Prov. Grand Master, who had been invited by the Trustees of certain local Charities to lay the foundation-stone of the new Technical Schools, which are about to be erected in the town of Mansfield. Here the proceedings were of a very imposing character, and were witnessed by crowds of spectators, the Mayor and Corporation likewise taking part in the procession. May the Provincial meetings which will be held during the remaining months of the year afford as satisfactory evidence of the general prosperity of the Craft in England as those to which we have specially referred above!

## SUPREME GRAND CHAPTER.

The following is the business to be transacted on Wednesday next :  
The minutes of the last Quarterly Convocation to be read for confirmation.

THE REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE OF GENERAL PURPOSES.  
To the Supreme Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of England.

The Committee of General Purposes beg to report that they have examined the accounts from the 19th April to the 18th July, 1893, both inclusive, which they find to be as follows :

To Balance, Grand Chapter	£462 11 0	By Disbursements during the	
" " Unappropriated		Quarter	£367 8 0
Account	188 15 10	" Balance	461 5 4
" Subsequent Receipts	364 16 10	" Unappropriated	
		Account	187 10 4
	£1016 3 8		£1016 3 8

which balances are in the Bank of England, Western Branch.

The Committee have also to report that they have received the following petitions :

1st. From Comps. James Fritz van Oppen, as Z.; Henry Sargent Chappell, as H.; Charles Musgrove Stetson, as J.; and six others for a chapter to be attached to the Light of the South Lodge, No. 1553, Rosario de Santa Fé, to be called the Rosario Chapter, and to meet at the Masonic Rooms, Rosario de Santa Fé, Argentine Republic.

2nd. From Comps. William Davidson, as Z.; John Watt, as H.; Thomas Appleby, as J.; and six others for a chapter to be attached to the D'Ogle Lodge, No. 636, Morpeth, to be called the Percy Chapter, and to meet at the Masonic Hall, Morpeth, Northumberland.

The foregoing petitions being in all respects regular, the Committee recommend that the prayers thereof be respectively granted.

1. The Committee have also received a memorial from the Perak Chapter, No. 2225, Taiping Perak, Malay Peninsula, for a charter, in lieu of that granted 1st February, 1893, with alteration in the proposed Principals, in consequence of companions named, having withdrawn before the receipt of the charter and consecration of the chapter. The officers now proposed being Comps. Francis St. George Caulleild, as Z.; Robert Douglas Hewett, as H.; Percival Moss, as J.; and eight other companions.

2. A memorial from the members of the Holy Mount Chapter, No. 121, Penzance, Cornwall, praying for a new charter to include three additional names of members, in lieu of the charter of confirmation granted on the 3rd February, 1892.

The Committee recommend that the prayers of the above memorials be respectively granted.

The Committee have likewise to report that—

The St. Marylebone Chapter, No. 1305, London, having, in compliance with the requirements of the Committee, explained fully the circumstances of the irregularity in exalting a candidate within the prescribed time, the Committee resolved that the chapter be required to re-obligate the companion; that the chapter be censured for the irregularity; and that the letter communicating the decision of the Committee be read in open chapter. The Committee consider that the companion responsible in the first instance for the error should be reprimanded.

The Constitutional Chapter, No. 55, London, having exalted a candidate within three weeks of the prescribed period, the Committee ordered that the companion be re-obligated, and that the chapter be reprimanded.

A memorial with extract of minutes has been received from the Wisdom Chapter, No. 283, Haslingden, through the Provincial Grand Scribe E., praying for permission to remove the chapter to the Queen's Arms Hotel, Rawtenstall.

The Committee being satisfied of the reasonableness of the above request, recommend that the removal of this chapter be sanctioned.

(Signed) ROBERT GREY, President.

Freemasons' Hall, London, W.C.

19th July, 1893.

## PROVINCIAL GRAND LODGE OF ESSEX.

The annual meeting of the above Provincial Grand Lodge was held at Southend on Tuesday, the 18th inst., and was one of the most successful in the annals of the Craft in the county. The arrangements for the meeting were made by the Priory Lodge, No. 1000, which meets at Southend, and the Committee appointed by the lodge—ably guided by the Secretary, Bro. A. Lucking—spared no pains to do fitting honour to the occasion. The Clarence Hall was arranged for the purposes of the business meeting, and very handsome the Assembly Room looked when set out for the lodge. The walls were hung round with the banners of the various lodges, supplemented by flags, while pot plants were disposed at various parts of the room and up the staircase.

Bro. Lord Brooke, P.G.M., accompanied by Bro. Fred. A. Philbrick, Q.C., G. Reg., D.P.G.M., reached Southend at about 1.45, and was met at the station by the W.M. of the Priory Lodge, Bro. Alfred Vandervord, and Bro. Thomas Hood, P.M. 1000, P.G.R., and his lordship at once proceeded to the Clarence Hall, where he was received with the honours due to his rank. The Prov. Grand Officers present were—

Bros. J. H. Vaux, P.S.G.W.; J. H. Salter, P.J.G.W.; Rev. J. P. Noyes, P.G. Chap.; T. Hood, P.G.R.; Thomas J. Ralling, P.G. Sec.; H. Gamble Hobson, P.S.G.D.; W. Ernest Dring, P.S.G.D.; A. J. Arthy, P.J.G.D.; A. Lucking, P.G.D.C.; J. Bruton, P.D.G.D.C.; F. H. Meggy, P.A.G.D.C.; M. T. Tuck, P.G. Std. Br.; J. F. Haskins, P.G. Org.; Sutton Abbott, P.A.G. Sec.; W. Cox, P.G. Purst.; and many Past Prov. Grand Officers and members of lodges in the province.

The visitors included—

Bros. Hamon Le Strange, D.P.G.M. Norfolk; Mathew Clark, P.D.P.G.M.; Lieut.-Col. George Lambert, P.G.S.B. England; G. Everett, P.G. Treas. England; A. C. Spaul, G. Std. Br. England; C. J. R. Tijou, A.G.P. England; and J. M. McLeod, P.P.S.G.W. Derbyshire, Sec. R.M.I.B.

The minutes of the last annual Provincial Grand Lodge (at Harwich) having been read and confirmed, the PROV. GRAND SECRETARY stated that letters expressing regret at their inability to attend had been received from Bros. Earl Amherst, Prov. G.M. Kent; Lord Henniker, Prov. G.M. Suffolk; Col. Noel Money, C.B., Prov. G.M. Surrey; Lord George Hamilton, M.P., Prov. G.M. Middx.; the Earl of Onslow, Lord Claude J. Hamilton, Major Rasch, M.P.; the Rev. C. J. Martyn, P.P.G.M. Suffolk; A. H. Moyes, D.P.G.M. Cambs.; Thos. Fenn, Pres. Board of Gen. Purps.; E. Letchworth, G. Sec.; Robert Grey, Pres. Board of Benevolence; J. S. Eastes, D.P.G.M. Kent; John E. Le Feuvre, D.P. G.M. Hants and the Isle of Wight; V. P. Freeman, Prov. G. Sec. Sussex; R. H. Thrupp, D.P.G.M. Middx.; A. Spencer, Prov. G. Sec. Kent; N. Tracey, Prov. G. Sec. Suffolk; G. W. G. Barnard, Prov. G. Sec. Norfolk; H. H. Room, Prov. G. Sec. Middx.; and others.

The roll of the lodges was called by the PROV. GRAND SECRETARY, and it was found that all were represented.

The PROV. GRAND MASTER then addressed the brethren. He assured them that it gave him very great pleasure to meet them once again—especially under circumstances which were in every way pleasant to all. The reading of the minutes had re-called to their minds the fact that at their meeting last year they were deprived of the presence of his esteemed Deputy under circumstances of great sadness. It was extremely gratifying to him to see Bro. Philbrick sitting on his right, and to feel that neither he (Bro. Philbrick) nor they as his brothers in Masonry had to mourn the loss which might have occurred under the circumstances amidst which the Provincial Grand Lodge last met. The first matter that occurred to him that he should like to mention that day was the most successful function they all had the other day at Brighton, when he had the honour of presiding at the annual Festival of the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys. The result of that Festival was eminently satisfactory, the subscriptions having totalled up to one of the largest amounts that had ever been recorded in the annals of the Boys' School. They amounted altogether to the handsome sum of £21,340 11s. 6d. That was the largest total but two which the Institution had ever received, and those two were subscribed, he believed, on special occasions. The Province of Essex was most generous in their support, the amount subscribed by the Essex Masons being the large one of £2235. He (Lord Brooke) heartily thanked them for it. It was all the more gratifying because, owing to the depression in agriculture, they had had difficult times in the province, which had not been altogether favoured with prosperity in late years. The only doubt he had when invited to accept the office of Chairman of the Brighton Festival was a knowledge of the unworthiness of himself—(loud cries of "No, no")—and a fear lest he should be putting a tax upon them which he could not well afford to bear in these times. The way, however, in which they rallied round him upon the occasion to which he had referred would last for ever in his memory, and he assured them that he would always be ready to assist in any movement that would be a credit to the province, and trusted that they would always be ready to give him their support. The province was in a most satisfactory condition—not only in regard to its finances, but in every way. They upheld to the fullest extent the great principles of their Order, and the most perfect harmony, goodwill, and brotherly feeling existed in and between the lodges. A proposal was to be submitted in favour of in future paying the expenses of the brethren who devoted a considerable portion of their time in representing them upon the Provincial Charity Committee; and he felt sure that the payment of those expenses would not be begrudged. Later in the day he (Lord Brooke) was to have the honour of making on their behalf a presentation to their Grand Director of Ceremonies, Bro. Lucking, as a testimony of their great regard for him, and as an acknowledgement of the great services he had rendered to the province. Those services could hardly be measured in any appreciable way by any presentation they could make to Bro. Lucking, but it would be given in a thoroughly Masonic spirit. It could only be appreciated by Bro. Lucking in a knowledge of the fact that what had been collected, and what was contributed by the province, was given in a thoroughly kind and unanimous spirit to an old and faithful servant. Not long ago he (Lord Brooke) had the pleasure of consecrating an important lodge in that locality, the Leigh Lodge, which was doing a good work for Masonry amongst them; and he now had very much pleasure in attending Provincial Grand Lodge in that particularly interesting and beautiful town. It was a recreative spot for many people from the great Metropolis; and it seemed to him that they could not have chosen a more suitable place for their annual meeting. While he wished to see Masonry increasing and flourishing in the province, he did not believe in creating new lodges unless they were necessary and really required. He trusted that he would shortly have the pleasure of consecrating a new lodge for the Wyvenhoe and Rowhedge district, and it was especially gratifying to him that its first Master was to be his friend, Bro. Claud Egerton-Green. A great yachting interest was centered in that district, and he believed that already there were 50 or 60 Masons resident there. He hoped, therefore, the brethren would think he had done right in recommending that a warrant should be granted for that lodge. He had come there fresh from that ever-to-be-remembered Festival of the Boys' Institution at Brighton, where he was so kindly and generously supported. He trusted they might always have as kindly a feeling of him, and that, as on that occasion, they would always do their best to support him and the province.

The report of the Board of General Purposes (which, having been sent in print to every member of the Provincial Grand Lodge, was taken as read) heartily congratulated the province upon the great success of the Festival of the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys. Essex was represented by 53 brethren and three lady Stewards, whose efforts resulted in the munificent contribution of £2235. The accounts of the province, after payment of all outstanding claims, showed a balance in hand of £191 17s. 7d. on the General Account, and of £46 19s. 1d. on the Charity Account. One new lodge, the St. Clement's, No. 2442, Leigh, had been added to the roll, and the present number of subscribing members to the lodges in the province was 1725, as against 1657 at this time last year. Several grants were recommended, amongst them being 20 guineas to the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys, 20 guineas to the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls, 20 guineas to the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution, five guineas to the Victoria Hospital, Southend, and 50 guineas to the fund being raised to present Bro. Albert Lucking, G.D.C., with a testimonial. The Board also

reported that they had had under their consideration the services rendered to Provincial Grand Lodge by the brethren who from year to year devote a large amount of time and labour at the elections to various Charities, and recommended that in future the expenses of the brethren elected by the Provincial Charity Committee to represent them, and who attend at the elections, be paid by the Provincial Grand Lodge.

The Deputy Provincial Grand Master, Bro. PHILBRICK, Q.C., G. Reg., in moving the adoption of the report, specially referred to the proposed donation of 50 guineas towards the testimonial to Bro. Lucking. When the movement was set on foot Bro. Lucking, with the true Masonic spirit which had always animated him, requested that the great bulk of this mark of respect and gratitude might find its way to the great cause of Masonic Charity, and asked that it might be devoted to the purposes of making him a Vice-Patron of the Boys' Institution, in order that that Charity might at once benefit by the services he had rendered and by their recognition of those services.

Bro. J. J. C. TURNER, P.P.S.G.W., seconded the resolution.

The recommendations were then put separately, and all of them were carried unanimously amidst applause. The recommendation concerning the testimonial to Bro. Lucking was passed amidst much enthusiasm, and there was another hearty demonstration when it was decided that next year's Masonic Calendar should contain Bro. Lucking's portrait.

Lord BROOKE, amidst loud applause, announced that Bro. Philbrick had consented to continue his valuable services as the Deputy Prov. G and Master.

The DEPUTY PROV. GRAND MASTER, having expressed the pleasure he felt that he had the confidence of Lord Brooke, as head of the province, and of the brethren generally, continued: If I may be forgiven for diverting for one moment from the business of the lodge, I should like to say how deeply at a period of great affliction I felt the kindness of my brethren in this province. In that time of distress I and my family turned for such consolation as we could find in the kindness and sympathy expressed by so many friends, and I can assure you that nothing was more grateful or more consoling to me than the feeling I met with, and the heartfelt expressions of sympathy I received, from my Masonic brethren. There will never be effaced from my memory a grateful sense of your unbounded kindness.

The next business was the election of four brethren to serve on the Provincial Board of General Purposes, and as only the requisite number had been nominated, they were declared by the P.G.M. duly elected as follows: Bros. Alfred Buck, P.M. 453, P.P.S.G.W.; Rev. Thomas Lloyd, P.M. 2342, P.P.G.C.; W. D. Merritt, P.M. 1000, P.P.S.G.W.; and John J. C. Turner, P.M. 51, P.P.S.G.W.

The only brother nominated for election as Prov. Grand Treasurer was Bro. James Pinder, Treas. 2318, P.M. 15, 1662, 1997, P.Z. 141; and he was declared duly elected.

The Provincial Grand Master then appointed and invested his officers as follows:

Bro. B. Hoddinott, I.P.M. 2005	...	...	Prov. S.G.W.
" Harris Hills, W.M. 2154	...	...	Prov. J.G.W.
" Rev. H. T. Armfield, Chap. 650	...	...	} Prov. G. Chaps.
" Rev. Thomas Varney, Chap. 1817	...	...	
" A. R. Chamberlayne, W.M. 2255	...	...	Prov. G. Reg.
" Thos. J. Ralling, P.A.G.D.C. Eng., P.M. and Sec. 51 (17th year)	...	...	Prov. G. Sec.
" B. Thomas, I.P.M. 1000	...	...	} Prov. S.G.Ds.
" James Boulton, W.M. 2422	...	...	
" J. H. Langdon, W.M. 1457	...	...	} Prov. J.G.Ds.
" James Speller, W.M. 2256	...	...	
" G. R. Cobham, P.M. and Sec. 1343	...	...	Prov. G.S. of W.
" A. Lucking, P.G.P. Eng., P.M. and Sec. 1000 (20th year)	...	...	Prov. G.D.C.
" W. E. Sutton, I.P.M. 1799	...	...	Prov. D.G.D.C.
" J. R. Butler, W.M. 2339	...	...	Prov. A.G.D.C.
" Joseph Wilson, P.M. 2374	...	...	Prov. G.S.B.
" James Bradbury, P.M. 1312	...	...	} Prov. G. Std. Brs.
" Walter Smith, W.M. 1817	...	...	
" C. F. Rush, Org. 1024	...	...	Prov. G. Org.
" Thomas Ringrose, W.M. 2184	...	...	Prov. A-st. G. Sec.
" W. F. Reed, I.P.M. 2063	...	...	Prov. G. Purs.
" E. Moat, P.M. 1734	...	...	Prov. A-st. G. Purs.
" A. Vandervord, W.M. 1000	...	...	} Prov. G. Stwd.
" Harold Francis, W.M. 51	...	...	
" F. A. Renshawe, I.P.M. 453	...	...	
" J. W. Tyler, I.P.M. 2077	...	...	
" J. L. Ogier, I.P.M. 2342	...	...	
" C. W. Barnard, S.W. 1000	...	...	} Prov. G. Tyler
" A. W. Martin	...	...	

On the motion of Bro. W. D. MERRITT, P.P.S.G.W., seconded by Bro. Dr. LENNOX BROWNE, P.P.S.G.W., Bro. B. Hoddinott, the new S.G.W., was elected to serve upon the Charity Committee in place of the brother who retired by rotation.

The Provincial Grand Master then proceeded to make the presentation to Bro. Albert Lucking, who, upon advancing to his lordship, was greeted with loud and prolonged applause.

Lord BROOKE said: Bro. Lucking, it is with very great pleasure that now I have to hand to you this testimonial—and a very handsome one I think it is—as a token of the very great regard we hold for you. I can only say for myself, and for the brethren of the province, that we value your services most deeply, and we sincerely trust that you may long be spared to continue them to us. It has been a great pleasure to all of us to have been allowed to contribute to this testimonial of our goodwill, and it is especially gratifying to me that I should be the instrument for conveying it to you. Bro. Philbrick has already spoken upon this matter in most apt and eloquent terms, and he has alluded to the fact that, with that strong feeling of Masonic Charity which you have always possessed, you have asked that the largest portion of the money should be applied for the benefit of one of our great Masonic Institutions. I refer to your wish that £105 should be given to constitute you a Vice-Patron of the Boys' School. This is only what one might have expected of you, but I feel sure the brethren would think me remiss if I did not call attention to such an act of liberality. I have also to ask your acceptance of the handsome present which lies before me. I can only again say that it gives me very great pleasure to make this presentation, and I congratulate you most heartily.

Bro. LUCKING was accorded another ovation upon acknowledging the presentation. Speaking with some emotion, he said: Right Worshipful Provincial Grand Master, Very Worshipful Bro. Philbrick, and Brethren,

I should like, if possible, to do some justice to my feelings, but I am so overcome that I am quite unable to give adequate expression to them in words. I assure you that this is one of the happiest moments of my life—to feel that I have so far succeeded in my humble efforts to do my duty as to gain the goodwill of my brethren. It was only a short time ago that I heard that something secret was going on; and I must say that those who had the matter in hand kept the secret very well. When I first heard of it I thought it was only a purely local affair, as I had told the brethren of the Priory Lodge that I intended to resign the office of Secretary. But I afterwards heard it was to be a provincial affair, and when I was told that there was likely to be a very large sum I could not understand it. I did not feel that I deserved such a recognition. It looked almost as if the brethren wanted to get rid of me, and that this was to be a sort of retiring allowance. When Bro. Ralling told me that I could choose what I like, my first thought was that as in 1877 I was made a Life Governor of the Boys' School, I should like to become a Vice-Patron of that Institution, and thus show my practical sympathy with Masonic Charity. Naturally, I thought of the Boys' School, not only because I knew that Bro. McLeod, the Secretary, would be glad of the money, but also because I knew that it would swell the list of Lord Brooke, who this year presided over its annual Festival. It is now a quarter-of-a-century since I entered Masonic life, and I need hardly say that I have never regretted it. I have always sincerely endeavoured to do my duty, and one of the highest honours I have had has been to accept office under three successive Prov. Grand Masters. I thank you very much indeed for this beautiful testimonial. I should like to express my thanks to each individual subscriber, and also to the Committee, amongst whom, I think, my good friend Bro. Ralling stands out conspicuously. I feel that I can never repay him for all he has done. I should like to say how much I owe to Bro. Ralling, who is at all times ready to give me his kindly advice and assistance. I shall value this testimonial for the remainder of my days, not only intrinsically, but as a reminder of the regard and good feeling which has been shown to me by my brethren of the Province of Essex. I am very grateful also to the Prov. Grand Master for making the presentation. I must apologise for having so imperfectly expressed my thanks—(cries of "No, no")—and in conclusion I can assure you that so long as I live I shall ever remember this occasion with the greatest pride and satisfaction.

On the motion of the Prov. GRAND MASTER a hearty vote of thanks was accorded to the brethren of the Priory Lodge for the great trouble they had taken to provide for the reception of Provincial Grand Lodge, and to the Great Eastern Railway Company for the special facilities they had afforded, and his lordship then announced that the meeting for next year would be held under the banner of the Easterford Lodge, No. 2342, Kelvedon.

Prov. Grand Lodge was then closed.

After the close of the lodge the brethren adjourned to the Old Ship Hotel, where between 150 and 160 sat down to an excellent banquet well served by the host.

Lord Brooke presided, and was supported on his right and left by the distinguished visitors already mentioned.

The proceedings were characterised throughout with great heartiness, and the brethren of the Priory Lodge were most assiduous in their attention to the comfort of their guests.

In the course of the evening's proceedings, Bro. McLeod, Secretary of the Boys' School, took occasion to very heartily thank the Province of Essex for the noble support they had given the School that year.

It should be mentioned that the presentation to Bro. Lucking consisted of a Vice-Patronship of the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys; a cabinet containing an assortment of all the necessary knives, forks, and spoons for the table (203 articles); and a specially handsome silver tea and coffee service and tankard. These last articles were engraved with Bro. Lucking's monogram, while a brass plate, surmounted with the arms of the county, was placed on the cabinet containing the cutlery, engraved as follows:

"Province of Essex. The Right Hon. the Lord Brooke, R.W.P.G.M. At the annual meeting of the Provincial Grand Lodge, held at Southend, July 18th, 1893, this cabinet, together with a Vice-Patronship of the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys, a silver tea and coffee service and tankard, were presented to W. Bro. Albert Lucking, P.M. 160, P.M. and Sec. 1000. P.G.P. Eng., and Prov. G.D.C. Essex, P.Z. and Treas. 1000, and P.A.G.D.C. Eng., in recognition of his eminent services to the Provincial Grand Lodge and Freemasonry generally in Essex during the past twenty-five years."

PROVINCIAL GRAND LODGE OF SURREY.

A meeting of the Prov. Grand Lodge of Surrey was held on Friday, the 21st instant, at St. Nicholas Parish Hall, Guildford, when there was a numerous attendance of brethren.

Bro. Col. Gerald Noel Money, C.B., Provincial Grand Master, was supported by—

Bros. Fred West, Dep. Prov. G.M.; the Rev. H. Houndle, Prov. G. Chap.; Dr. C. C. Gibbs, Prov. G. Treas.; Chas. Greenwood, Prov. G. Sec.; R. F. Gould, P.G.D.; C. F. Matier, P.G.S.B.; H. J. P. Dumas, P.G.D.; Dr. H. J. Strong, P.G.S.B.; S. G. Kirchoffer, D.G.D. of C.; Gordon Smith, P.G. Stwd.; J. D. Langton, P.P.J.G.W.; H. E. Frances, P.P.G.D.; F. A. Bowles, P.D.G.S.W. Punjab; W. H. Brereton, P.G.O.; Fountain Meed, P.P.G.O.; G. J. Barnett, W.M. 1929; the Rev. H. W. Turner, P.P.G. Chap.; C. Pulman, P.S.G.D. Northumberland; H. J. Thompson, P.P.S.G.W.; David Hughes, P.D.G.D. of C.; J. E. Street, P.S.G.W.; F. A. Guimaraens, P.S.G.W.; Jas. Nightingale, P.P.G. Reg.; H. C. S. Dumas, P.P.J.G.W.; H. Summers, P.P.G. S.B.; A. Wilson, P.P.A.G.D.C.; F. Flood, P.P.G.S. of W.; A. F. Asher, P.G.P.; H. M. Hobbs, P.P.J.G.W.; F. S. Smyth, P.D.G.D. of C.; and many others.

Prov. Grand Lodge was opened, the Prov. Grand Master saluted, and the minutes confirmed. On the roll of lodges being called over, every lodge in the province was found to be represented. The Report of the Finance and Audit Committee was received showing balances on the General and Charity Funds of £169 os. 9d. and £15 13s. respectively, and recommending that the sum of 10 guineas should be voted to each of the two funds in connection with the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution. The report was adopted, and ordered to be entered on the minutes.

The Prov. Grand Master appointed several brethren to serve on the Audit Committee for the ensuing year, and,

On the proposition of Bro. Dr. STRONG, the Committee were instructed to inquire into the method of keeping the accounts and report to the Prov. Grand Lodge.

The report of the Charity Committee was next read by the PROV. GRAND SECRETARY, showing that 27 out of 38 lodges had sent representatives.

The number of votes collected had been 2279 Girls, 303 Boys, 493 Widows, and 586 Male (R.M.B.I.).

The PROV. GRAND MASTER said it was a matter for sincere congratulation that they should be successful in their first cases for the Girls' School and Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution.

The report, on the motion of Bro. LANCASTER, was adopted.

A notice of motion by the PROV. GRAND SECRETARY was next considered and agreed to, referring to certain alterations in the Provincial By-laws with reference to the returns to be submitted to Prov. Grand Lodge.

Bro. Dr. C. C. Gibbs was unanimously re-elected Prov. Grand Treas., and the following Prov. Grand Officers were appointed and invested:

Bro. Major F. A. Bowles, 1395	...	Prov. S.G.W.
" T. T. Bucknill, O.C., M.P., 2422	...	Prov. J.G.W.
" Rev. Chichester A. W. Reade, 1920	...	} Prov. G. Chaps.
" Rev. H. Wilson, 370	...	
" Dr. C. C. Gibbs	...	Prov. G. Treas.
" F. C. Morrison, 416	...	Prov. G. Reg.
" Chas. Greenwood, 410	...	Prov. G. Sec.
" C. J. Barnett, 1929	...	} Prov. S.G.Ds.
" Dr. W. Haig Brodie, 1046	...	
" Geo. H. Chapman, 1556	...	} Prov. J.G.Ds.
" W. J. Mason, 2246	...	
" T. Aitken, 777	...	Prov. G.S. of W.
" H. J. Bidwell, 2120	...	Prov. G.D.C.
" Dr. F. Sydney Smyth, 1982	...	Prov. D.G.D.C.
" C. A. Hardwick, 1347	...	Prov. A.G.D.C.
" Major Geo. Collins, 2317	...	Prov. G.S.B.
" Geo. Wall, 2234	...	} Prov. G. Std. Brs.
" J. Hodgkin, 1872	...	
" A. Briscoe, 1929	...	Prov. G. Org.
" W. A. Latham, 410	...	Prov. A.G. Sec.
" T. Montague, 1638	...	Prov. G. Purst.
" B. Colbron, 889	...	Prov. A.G. Purst.
" Harold J. Levett, 452	...	} Prov. G. Stwds.
" Fredk. Jacob, 1851	...	
" H. D. Acllett, 1892	...	
" Percy H. Hall, 2095	...	
" Frank W. Leaver, 2096	...	} Prov. G. Tyler.
" Daniel Hughes, 2222	...	
" R. Potter	...	

Prov. Grand Lodge was then closed.

A banquet was afterwards held at the Constitutional Hall, High-street, the necessary arrangements having been undertaken by the Royal Alfred Lodge, No. 777, and Onslow Lodge, No. 2234. Special praise is due to Bro. Aitken, Prov. G.S. of W., for his exertions in securing the comfort of the brethren.

The usual loyal and Masonic toasts were subsequently honoured.

"The Queen and the Craft" having been given,

The PROV. GRAND MASTER proposed "H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, M.W.G.M.," and said he came there that day with the full intention of proposing in Provincial Grand Lodge that an address should be sent to his Royal Highness in connection with the late marriage. It was not, however, too late, for they wished with all their hearts to render all honour to the Prince of Wales, and wish him every happiness for his son and daughter-in-law. As the brethren were all with him on this subject, they would remedy the omission, and send their M.W.G.M. a congratulatory address on the marriage of his son. If they would leave in his hands the carrying out of the address, he should be happy to do what he was sure was the wish of every single Mason present.

In giving "The Grand Officers," the PROV. GRAND MASTER said he was sorry to say the Earl of Lathom had been very ill from influenza, but was now sufficiently recovered to go to sea for the benefit of his health. It was the hearty wish of all Freemasons that the Pro G.M. would return thoroughly restored in health. There had never been a Pro G.M. who had done more to deserve the gratitude and respect of every Freemason, and the same could be said of the Deputy G.M., who worked hard in the interest of Freemasonry. There was a very distinguished member of Grand Lodge with them on the present occasion—Bro. C. F. Matier, P.G.S.B.—whose name he would couple with the toast.

Bro. C. F. MATIER, P.G.S.B., said it gave him a large amount of pleasure to be called upon to respond for a body of brethren, among whom he thought they might fairly claim to reckon some of the hardest working brethren in the Craft. The Grand Officers were those who had been promoted to what had been called the House of Lords of Freemasonry. He was happy to say that those who were so promoted, did not retire upon their laurels, but still continued to do the best they could in the interests of the Order. Of this he was forcibly reminded that night. Some few years ago he had the pleasure of being present at the installation of their Prov. Grand Master, and the happy auguries of success and prosperity which were then indulged in had been amply fulfilled and more than fulfilled. He had to congratulate the Province of Surrey in being in possession of a most energetic, most hard working, and most popular Prov. Grand Master. In the name of all the Grand Officers, who were happy and who felt it an honour to number the Prov. Grand Master among their colleagues—he thanked them most heartily.

Bro. F. WEST, Dep. Prov. G.M., then said it was his duty and pleasure to propose a toast which he was sure would be received as it always had been in that province, with enthusiasm, and enthusiasm in this case which was certainly deserved. They had heard from Bro. Matier—and none knew better than he the value of a Mason—that the Prov. Grand Master was appreciated for the services he had rendered to the Craft. They, of course all remembered the time referred to by Bro. Matier, when they had the grand meeting at Croydon, and when Col. Money was introduced to the Province of Surrey by Lord Lathom. As they all knew, the Provincial Grand Master not only took a deep interest in the Craft at large, but he had taken a very active part in promoting the welfare of the great Charities of their Order. He was not out of place in telling them that Col. Money was about to take the chair at a Festival in a Degree of Masonry with which they were not actually connected, but with which they were in deep sympathy; and that showed them that his Masonic interest was not confined to the Craft over which he so excellently presided in Surrey. The present occasion was not one for making long speeches, and nothing he could say would add to the popularity of the toast, and he would, therefore, ask them to join him most heartily in wishing long life, happiness, and prosperity to their Provincial Grand Master, and might he live for many years to reign over the affections of a large and happy province.

The PROV. GRAND MASTER returned thanks for the extremely kind and flattering terms in which his health had been proposed and received. It was a very easy task to preside over a province like Surrey, when one was assisted by a Deputy Provincial Grand Master like Bro. West, and supported by brethren like the members of the lodges in Surrey. He thought that Surrey was really an exceptional province, and was sure that no province in England could show a better roll of lodges, more imbued with a thoroughly Masonic spirit, or a spirit of greater loyalty to those who presided over them. He was certain there was no province in which the brethren were more ready to respond to every reasonable suggestion thrown out in Provincial Grand Lodge. Whatever was proposed for the good of Freemasonry in Surrey was sure to meet with a most hearty response. He could not offer a greater instance than the Institution of a Provincial Charity Committee. There were a few lodges that had not yet joined, but he felt it unnecessary to say anything of that, for in a few months they would be drawn into the vortex, not caused by exhaustion, but the true Masonic feeling and a desire to promote the first principles of Freemasonry—that of Charity. Having thanked them for the extremely kind way in which they had drunk his health, he had to propose another toast—"The Deputy Prov. Grand Master and the Prov. Grand Officers." Bro. West was well known to them, having been in charge of the province during a long interregnum by which the interests of the province in no way suffered. He knew what the opinion of the late lamented Bro. General Brownrigg was respecting Bro. West, and he concurred in the opinion that the Deputy Prov. Grand Master was one they thoroughly valued and appreciated. They had been fortunate in Surrey in those enlisted as Provincial Grand Officers for they would deserve the confidence of all Masons in the province.

Bro. F. WEST, D. p. Prov. G. M., said he was only echoing the sentiments of the large array of Provincial Grand Officers present in expressing sincere thanks for the kind words spoken of them. He could only hope that a small portion of that praise was deserved. Personally he had been actuated with but one desire since he became responsible to a certain degree for the work and the continuance of the work of the province and that was to promote its welfare, to uphold the principles of Masonry, and to endeavour, as far as in him lay, to increase the Masonic feeling to the Province of Surrey. He was glad to hear that that desire had been successful, and that the Prov. Grand Master took over the reins and was able to say he found the province in a good state of repair. The Prov. Grand Officers joined him in promoting the welfare of the province, and if they did not succeed it would not be their fault. He hoped the Prov. Grand Master on similar occasions would never have before him a less loyal or a less determined body of Prov. G. Officers.

Bro. T. T. Bucknill, Q. C., M. P., Prov. J. G. W., gave "The Visitors," which he said was never absent from any Masonic gathering. As far back as 1868 he was a Mason, and in 1873 was the Master of his lodge, but in Masonry one always felt young. How was it? Because in Masonry one was able to cast away the cares and sorrows of life and meet upon a common platform, to go from labour to refreshment and refreshment to labour, each one feeling he was a brother of all in the room, anxious to make life a little less burdensome and sad. Whatever their duties in outside life might be, in Masonry they met upon one common platform, having all one common object. They were all pleased to see the visitors that day, and would be pleased to visit other provinces when asked, where he was sure they would find the same hospitality as he hoped the visiting brethren had found on the present occasion.

Bro. ERIC WILLIAMS briefly replied, after which the Tyler's toast closed the proceedings.

To say that the musical arrangements were in the hands of Bro. H. Schartau, is to indicate that a very charming and excellent entertainment was the result. In addition to the Schartau Part Singers, Bros. W. H. Brereton, Eric Williams, and Arthur Briscoe, Prov. G. Org., rendered valuable assistance.

### PROVINCIAL GRAND CHAPTER OF DURHAM.

The annual meeting of the Provincial Grand Chapter of Durham was held on Tuesday, the 18th inst., at the Masonic Hall, Old Elvet, under the presidency of Comp. Sir Hedworth Williamson, Bart., the Prov. Grand Superintendent, assisted by the following officers of Provincial Grand Chapter:

Comps. C. D. Hill Drury, Prov. G. H.; William Logan, Prov. G. J.; R. Hudson, Past G. S. B. Eng., Prov. G. S. E.; G. W. Bain, Prov. G. S. N.; F. H. Bennett, acting Prov. G. Treas.; C. F. Sutcliffe, Prov. G. Reg.; R. W. Whitfield, Prov. G. P. S.; J. J. Wilson, Prov. A. G. S.; R. Todd, acting Prov. A. G. S.; J. N. Taylor, Prov. G. S. B.; T. Atkinson, Prov. G. D. of C.; J. Scarborough, Prov. A. G. D. of C.; T. E. Biddlecombe, Prov. G. Org.; J. Robson Pattison, Prov. A. G. S. E.; and Thomas Grieve, Prov. G. Janitor. There were present, in addition to the above-named: Comps. the Rev. Canon Tristram, D. D., P. P. G. H.; H. J. Turnbull, P. P. G. H.; Thos. Coulson, P. P. G. H.; J. S. Wilson, P. P. G. J.; Rev. R. H. Yeld, P. P. G. J.; Thomas Bell, P. P. G. R.; J. C. Moor, P. P. G. R.; Wm. Davidson, P. P. G. Std. Br.; Thos. Henderson, P. P. G. S. B.; A. T. Munro, P. P. G. S. B.; J. Mitchinson, P. P. G. P. S.; J. G. Kirtley, P. P. G. P. S.; Robt. Singleton, P. P. G. Treas.; R. W. Halfnight, P. P. G. Treas.; C. Spencer, P. P. A. G. S.; R. Whitfield, P. P. G. P. S.; George Wilson, P. P. G. O.; M. A. Lax, P. P. G. Std. Br.; E. Nixey, P. Z. 531; H. Hauxwell, J. 124; J. W. H. Swan, I. P. Z. 94; W. Watson, S. N. 94; J. Scarborough, P. Z. 94; G. F. Allan, M. E. Z. 509; W. Thorman, H. 509; F. S. Cowper, H. 97; H. Lamb, M. E. Z. 764; H. Polsover, H. 124; Lionel Booth, 124; Rev. H. Coulton, J. 111; W. C. Barrow, S. E. 111; T. G. Garrick, P. Z. 94; J. Sedcole, P. Z. 240; J. A. Witter, P. Z. 1119; J. Robinson, M. E. Z. 1119; W. Richardson, H. 48; H. Soderberg, I. P. Z. 1119; Grant, 124; and others.

The ACTING P. G. TREASURER, in the unavoidable absence of Comp. E. Hudson, having submitted a statement of his accounts, which showed that after dispensing the sum of £26 to the Masonic Charities, a substantial balance was left at the bank.

Comp. C. D. HILL DRURY, H., proposed that the following donations be given, viz.: 10 guineas be given to the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution, 10 guineas to the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls, and the fees of honour—about seven guineas—to the Durham Masonic Education Fund.

The members unanimously adopted the proposition.

In accordance with the usual custom the roll of chapters was called over, showing a very satisfactory condition of affairs in the chapters of the province, and a substantial increase in the membership, i. e., 465, as against 422 last year.

Comp. J. E. Nelson was unanimously elected P. G. Treasurer on the motion of Comp. the Rev. R. H. YELD, P. P. G. J., seconded by Comp. H. J. TURNBULL, P. P. G. H.

The Grand Superintendent appointed and invested the following companions as his officers for the ensuing year:

Comp. J. Robson Pattison, 97	...	...	Prov. G. H.
" John T. Wilson, 240...	...	...	Prov. G. J.
" R. Hudson	...	...	Prov. G. S. E.
" E. Nixey, 531	...	...	Prov. G. S. N.
" W. E. Moffett, 240	...	...	Prov. G. Reg.
" J. E. Nelson, 80	...	...	Prov. G. Treas.
" G. F. Allan, 509	...	...	Prov. G. P. S.
" H. Lamb, 764	...	...	Prov. 1st A. G. S.
" John Todd, 124	...	...	Prov. 2nd A. G. S.
" A. Gray, 97	...	...	Prov. G. S. B.
" W. Bunn, 48	...	...	Prov. G. Std. Br.
" H. Soderberg, 1119	...	...	Prov. G. D. C.
" T. G. Garrick, 94	...	...	Prov. A. G. D. C.
" W. Thorman, 509	...	...	Prov. G. Org.
" T. Dunn, 124	...	...	Prov. A. G. S. E.
" T. Grieve...	...	...	Prov. G. Janitor.

Comp. SIR HEDWORTH WILLIAMSON, Bart., Prov. G. Z., said he was glad to meet them again that day to hold their annual Grand Chapter. He thought he might congratulate them upon the great probability of their escaping in that county from the very serious results of what might happen from what was going on in Lancashire, Yorkshire, and other coal mining districts. He thought it a matter of congratulation that in the grand old county of Durham; at all events, they seemed destined to be spared from so calamitous a struggle as seemed to be pending in other places. Last year he congratulated them on the satisfactory accounts they had given of their respective chapters, and it gave him much pleasure to be again in a position to announce that there was a further increase to report upon last year. There were now 462 members, as against 405 last year. He was sure they all deplored the loss they had sustained in the decease of his old friend, Dr. Potts, of Sunderland. He was a most charming, cheery old gentleman, and a good Mason, and wherever he went his genial presence did a great deal to help the unanimity and pleasure of the proceedings. He was sure they would all rejoice and congratulate his excellent companion, the Third Principal, Comp. Logan, on having recovered from his very dangerous illness. During the past year there had been 41 exaltations, which was a very satisfactory progressive increase. He thanked them for their attendance that day because it showed their great interest in the benefit of Royal Arch Masonry in the Province of Durham. In investing Comp. J. R. Pattison as H. for the ensuing year, the Grand Superintendent expressed the great pleasure it gave him to recognise his many services to the Provincial Grand Chapter, and how deserving Comp. Pattison was of the highest honour it was in his power to bestow.

### PROVINCIAL GRAND CHAPTER OF KENT.

The Right Hon. the Earl Amherst, Grand Supt., selected Tunbridge Wells as the place for holding the Provincial Grand Chapter of Kent for this year. Held under the banner of the Holmesdale Chapter, No. 874, it is needless to say the members made every effort to give their companions a cordial greeting. The meeting was held on Wednesday, the 19th inst., at the Masonic Rooms, The Pump Room, the general arrangements being left in the able hands of the Scribe E., Comp. J. S. Fletcher, and a committee, Comps. W. T. Hammond and A. H. Tester giving special assistance. Unfortunately, the First Principal was unable to attend through illness, and Past Principal Tom Ryder from the same cause, general regret being expressed at their non-attendance. Comp. J. Abrey was, however, to welcome the members of the Royal Arch Chapter, who included the following:

Comps. Lord Amherst, Prov. Grand Supt.; J. Smith Eastes, Prov. Grand H.; W. Russell, Prov. Grand Treas.; T. S. Warne, Prov. G. Scribe E.; R. Corwood, Prov. G. P. Soj.; H. M. Maughan, Prov. G. Reg.; T. H. Blamiers, Prov. G. Std. Br.; R. Morley, Prov. A. G. D. of C.; H. L. Bernays, Prov. A. G. S.; H. Ward, G. Std. Br. Eng., P. G. J.; T. Hughes Hallett, P. P. G. S. N.; Silus Wagon, P. G. S. B.; H. Mason, P. G. P. S.; E. Denton, P. P. G. P. S.; John S. Lovett, P. P. G. J.; Charles Graham, P. G. R.; the Rev. T. S. Curteis, P. P. G. J.; Alfred C. Spaul, P. G. Director of Cers.; T. W. Whitmarsh, P. A. G. D. C.; W. J. Collins, P. P. S. G. W.; J. W. F. Chapman, P. P. G. S.; A. W. Duret, P. P. G. J. Middx.; G. B. Chapman, P. Z. 1837; A. H. Tester, 1st A. S. 874; G. Grover, 874; J. T. Reeves, P. Z. 31; Bruce Lightfoot, 133; A. W. Southwill, 2096; Henry Esling, P. Z. 77; G. F. Baker, H. 503; H. E. Austen, P. Z. 709; E. Morris, H. 913; C. W. Blaxland, M. E. Z. 709; H. J. Sturgeon, M. E. Z. 429; C. W. Bevan, A. S. 1414; Josiah Willmot, 874; W. G. Bell, 20; W. T. Hammond, 874; D. T. J. Lyle, 503; T. W. A. Neech, 503; E. Weller, 503; W. B. Hughes, P. Z. 874; W. Drew Myall, 1414; G. L. Hart, P. Z. 558; N. J. Merriman, 429; M. A. H. Edwardes, 873; A. T. Simpson, 874; W. D. Goddard, Treas. 558; G. Briggs, H. 2147; A. Clive, P. Z. 558; E. G. Walthew, J. 31; S. Cronk, J. 1414; G. Harlow, P. Z. 2147; A. Ronaldson, S. E. 829; W. Francis, P. Z. 558; F. Holl, 558; R. J. Langley, 40; C. Holcroft, 1414; S. Saunders, P. Z. 31; H. D. Stock, S. E. 558; A. Penfold, Treas. 913, P. P. A. G. S.; A. Piper, 2nd A. S. 913; E. Martin, 1414; G. Whitehill, M. E. Z. 829; D. Hoadley, 874; J. A. Ancombe, 874; J. Boulter, 874; J. Cooke, 709; J. S. Fletcher, S. E. 874; G. Glanville, 874; and J. Abrey, S. N. 874.

The business of the chapter commenced at four o'clock, and included the reading and confirmation of minutes, the calling over of the roll of chapters in the province, the reception of the report of the Audit Committee, and the investiture of Provincial Grand Officers as follows:

Comp. J. Smith Eastes, P. Z. 503, 709 (re-appointed)	...	...	Prov. G. H.
" F. F. Giraud	...	...	Prov. G. J.
" Thos. S. Warne, P. Z. 20 (re-appointed)	...	...	Prov. G. S. E.
" Charles Holcroft, P. Z. 1414	...	...	Prov. G. S. N.
" W. Russell	...	...	Prov. G. Treas.
" Robert Jewel Cook, P. Z. 913	...	...	Prov. G. Reg.
" George Lainson Hart, P. Z. 558	...	...	Prov. G. P. S.
" Tom Ryder, P. Z. 874	...	...	Prov. 1st A. G. S.
" George B. Chapman, P. Z. 1837	...	...	Prov. 2nd A. G. S.
" Lieut. Francis Powell, P. Z. 1174	...	...	Prov. G. S. B.
" Edward Austen, P. Z. 709	...	...	} Prov. G. Std. Br.
" George Harlow, P. Z. 2147	...	...	
" R. Cobham, P. Z. 20	...	...	
" George William Mitchell, Z. 829	...	...	Prov. G. D. C.
" Henry George Sturgeon, P. Z. 429	...	...	} Prov. A. G. D. Cs.
" Thomas William A. Neech, P. Z. 503	...	...	
" Henry Esling, P. Z. 77	...	...	Prov. G. Org.
" John Thomas Reeves, P. Z. 31	...	...	Prov. A. G. S. E.
" John Cook, 709 (re-appointed)	...	...	Prov. G. Janitor.

The companions afterwards sat down to a banquet, provided by Messrs Parker, Dartnall, and Co., in the Pump Room, the Right Hon. Earl Amherst presiding. Comp. Ancombe had very nicely decorated the room, and the arrangements were very complete.

The usual loyal toasts having been duly honoured, including that of "The Most Excellent the Grand First Principal, H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, the Second and Third Grand Principals, and the other Officers of Supreme Grand Chapter, Present and Past," coupled with the names of Comps. WARD, G. Std. Br., and SPAULL, G.D.C., each of whom responded,

Bro. SMITH EASTES rose and said he had the greatest possible pleasure in proposing a toast, for the special reason that he knew in every body of Masons in the Province of Kent it would be well received, for there was no toast ever received so heartily as that of the Grand Superintendent of Kent, the Most Excellent Companion the Earl Amherst. He knew that to be no idle sentiment; it was the true feeling of their hearts. It was 16 years ago yesterday, said the speaker, when Earl Amherst was called to the chair as Grand Superintendent of Kent, and he was sure all were delighted to see him still occupying that position in robust health. That was a toast which needed no comment, therefore he gave "The Health of the Earl Amherst," wishing him long life, health, and happiness.

Lord AMHERST, in response, said he thanked them very heartily for their kind recognition. It was very pleasant indeed for him it should be so. These meetings came in what he might call the autumnal period of Masonry; that was to say, after the hard work was done and the harvest had been gathered in. At these meetings their work was comparatively small, but at the same time they were the most enjoyable. Of course, they could not expect that at these meetings of the Royal Arch the same large attendance as at meetings of the Craft, but at the same time he should like to see them a little stronger. They were, he was pleased to say, going on happily and prosperously in the province, and he hoped they would long continue to do so. The Royal Arch was, as they knew, the last Degree in Freemasonry, and he did not see why they should not ask their brethren whether they were inclined to go with them behind the veil. He did not think there was absolutely anything he need comment upon.

The CHAIRMAN next proposed "The Second and Third Principals of the Prov. Grand Chapter of Kent and the Officers of the Prov. Grand Chapter, Present and Past," and in doing so said he was pleased to find in attendance Comp. Smith Eastes, whose services rendered to Masonry were well-known. His name was a household word in every chapter; in fact he did not know what the province would do without him. Personally, he should feel particularly uncomfortable without him, besides which he was such a genial man in addition to his administrative services that he was always glad to meet him at the social board. Looking around at the seniors of those who had passed the chair, his eye fell upon Comp. Curteis, who was also a good Mason, and he should, therefore, couple both their names with that toast, and call upon them to respond.

Comp. EASTES said he had very great gratification in responding to that toast. He felt that the words uttered by his lordship were genuine and hearty, and the work he did as a sort of lieutenant to their Grand Superintendent, gave him very great pleasure. The companions might rest assured that the Principals in their several capacities would endeavour to do their duty as he hoped they had done in the past, and the appointments made that day would, he felt certain, be found to be most suitable, the companions feeling a special honour had been conferred upon them. He could assure them that as long as he had health and strength and their Grand Superintendent maintained his confidence in him he should continue and strive to merit that confidence. There were, he could assure them, many difficulties and many stumbling blocks.

Comp. CURTEIS said they might judge of his feelings of surprise at having his name mentioned and referred to as the senior Past Grand Officer of the Provincial Grand Chapter when he saw so many who were more entitled to the appellation than himself. His lordship had been singularly merciful on the elderly members who were Past Grand Officers. His own connection was not unlike that of the individual who paid a visit to the country, and, getting into conversation with a farmer, asked him what certain animals were. The farmer, with surprise, explained they were cows, and, in reply to a further question as to what some green stuff was, replied it was wheat. The individual explained he did not know much about the country, as his profession nearly always called him to London, upon which the farmer asked what his profession was. He was told that he was the editor of an agricultural paper. He (the speaker) said his ignorance of the affairs of the Provincial Grand Chapter was somewhat like that of the agricultural editor. They had, however, the satisfaction of knowing that the duties they had performed so efficiently in the past would be continued by even more efficient officers in the future in the person of their successors. He believed they all had their hearts in the right place, and he sincerely wished success to the Provincial Grand Chapter, and especially their Grand Superintendent.

The CHAIRMAN said the chapter under whose banner they met was always a toast well received. The companions must be very much pleased with the arrangements made for their comfort. He thought the Holmesdale Chapter should be congratulated on having such a good set of rooms at their disposal, while at the same time they would not have been so comfortable unless the companions had taken some trouble to make them so. They had found everything they wanted—the only thing they could have done with better was the weather, and that he feared was beyond even the reach of Royal Arch Masonry. Not even Comp. Abrey could rule that eccentric individual, the Clerk of the Weather. They had received that day a most hearty welcome. He regretted very much that Comp. Tom Ryder, P.Z., was not able to be present to respond to that toast, and receive his collar in the Provincial Grand Chapter. He was sorry also that Comp. Rufus Stevenson, M.E.Z., was also unable to attend. He hoped both would speedily recover from their illnesses. He now called upon the companions to drink to the toast of "The Principals, Past Principals, and Companions of the Holmesdale Chapter, No. 874," to which toast he should call upon an old Grand Officer to respond. He referred to Comp. Abrey.

Comp. ABREY, in response, regretted the unavoidable absence of the Principals Present and Past, and especially the cause—illness. In the case of Comp. Ryder, that illness had been of a serious nature. He had been a most zealous worker in the chapter, and was glad to find that Comp. Ryder's services had been recognised. The chapter was very pleased to welcome the Grand Superintendent to Tunbridge Wells, and they were highly delighted to hear that he was satisfied with the entertainment provided. The chapter was in a fairly flourishing condition, both as regards members and finances. He said he had just received a letter from Comp.

Stevenson regretting his inability to be present in consequence of a swollen face, which was very painful, and was in fact altogether unrepresentable.

The CHAIRMAN next gave "The Visiting Companions," which concluded the toast list.

During the dinner some capital music, which was very much appreciated, was given under the direction of Comp. Fred. Bevan, the artists including Mdlle. Isabel George, Miss Lizzie Jones, Comp. Bevan, and Bro. Edward Dalzell.

Comp. Josiah Wilmot ably officiated as Steward, and Comp. J. Boulter, the Janitor of the Holmesdale Chapter was complimented on the way in which he carried out his duties.

PROVINCIAL GRAND CHAPTER OF SURREY.

The Provincial Grand Chapter of Surrey was held at St. Nicholas Parish Hall, Guildford, on Friday, the 21st inst. Comp. Col. G. Noel Money, C.B., G. Supt., presided, and was supported by—

Comps. H. J. P. Dumas; Dr. H. J. Strong, P.G.S.B.; C. Greenwood, Prov. G. S.E.; Dr. C. C. Gibbs, Prov. G. Treas.; H. M. Hobbs; Abel Laurence, P.Z. T. Pennington, J. F. Sumner, T. H. R. Beck, F.A.S., J. Edgell, W. Lane, T. Montague, and John Mayo, of 889; W. A. Schofield, 410; S. Hewett, 1614; R. Piper, 643; A. F. Asher; A. H. Salter, B. Baverstock, C. Cheel, T. Aitken, J. M. Dodge, and F. Dowse, of 777; E. S. Deild, 907; T. W. Richardson, M.E.Z. 1929; H. G. Crowdy, 370; E. F. Passmore, C. Pulman, and W. H. Brodie, of 2317; C. R. Ellis, 1851; F. S. Smyth, M.E.Z. 1339; D. A. Power, 259; G. Glanfield, 1149; H. Holmes; H. D. Aslett, 1891; G. S. Horsnail, 2096; G. H. Chapman, 1556; and many others.

Provincial Grand Chapter was opened, and the minutes confirmed. The roll of chapters was called, and all were found to be represented.

The report of the Audit Committee, showing a balance in hand of £77 15s. 2d., was unanimously adopted, on the motion of Comp. Dr. STRONG.

Comp. Dr. C. C. Gibbs was unanimously re-elected Provincial Grand Treasurer, and briefly returned thanks for the renewal of confidence.

The following Prov. Grand Officers were appointed and invested:

Comp. Fred. West	...	...	Prov. G.H.
" Major F. A. Bowles, 1395	...	...	Prov. G.J.
" C. Greenwood, 410	...	...	Prov. G.S.E.
" A. C. De Chapeaurouge, 410	...	...	Prov. G.S.N.
" W. P. Morrison, 1149	...	...	Prov. G. Reg.
" Dr. C. Gibbs (re-elected)	...	...	Prov. G. Treas.
" C. Pulman, 2317	...	...	Prov. P.G.S.
" G. H. Chapman, 1556	...	...	Prov. 1st A.G.S.
" T. Aitken, 777	...	...	Prov. 2nd A.G.S.
" C. Rowland Ellis, 1851	...	...	Prov. G.S.B.
" H. Holmes, 2246	...	...	...
" J. B. S. Lancaster, 2317	...	...	Prov. G. Std. Brs.
" J. H. Crofts, 1395	...	...	...
" H. Summers, 1149	...	...	Prov. G.D.C.
" W. Lane, 889	...	...	Prov. A.G.D.C.
" J. O'Connell, 1851	...	...	Prov. G. Org.
" Robt. Potter	...	...	Prov. G. Janitor.

Provincial Grand Chapter was then closed.

ANNUAL FESTIVAL OF THE MARK BENEVOLENT FUND.

The 25th annual Festival of the Benevolent Fund attached to the Grand Lodge of Mark Master Masons was held on Wednesday evening, at Freemasons' Tavern, when Bro. Col. Gerard Noel Money, C.B., Prov. G.M. for Surrey, presided. A company of some 140 brethren and ladies attended, and the Chairman was supported by Bros. the Earl of Yarborough, the Earl of Euston, Dr. R. Turtle Pigott, Major C. W. Carrell, Gordon Miller, A. R. Carter, Alfred Williams, Richard Clowes, Frederick Mead, W. J. Spratling, Samuel Green, Percy Clowes, P. Saillard, C. F. Hogard, W. F. Lamonby, W. Maple, Dr. J. Balfour Cockburn, C. F. Matier, G. Secretary, and others.

The dinner was of a choice description and was admirably served.

At its conclusion the toasts were rapidly disposed of to make room for the concert, for which the following professionals were engaged: Miss Ethel Winn, Miss Dews, Bros. Harper Kearton, Frederick Bevan, and Turle Lee.

Bro. Col. MONEY, in giving the toast of "The Queen and Mark Masonry," said it was not permitted to the subject to canvass the character of the monarch, but he was sure he should not be transgressing the bounds of propriety when he said that history failed to afford us a parallel of a sovereign who had so many years reigned over such a vast territory, and who had while reigning established herself in the hearts and affections of her loving subjects.

Bro. Col. MONEY, in giving "The M.W.G.M.," said the Prince of Wales was not by any means only an ornamental head of the Mark Degree. His care, judgment, and discretion showed themselves continually, and Masons felt he was their Grand Master not only in name, but also in deed.

Bro. Col. MONEY proposed "The M.W. Pro Grand Master, the Right Hon. the Earl of Euston, and the Past Grand Masters, the Right Hon. Lord Leigh, the Right Hon. the Earl Amherst, W. W. B. Beach, Esq., M.P., the Right Hon. the Earl Percy, M.P., the Right Hon. the Earl of Limerick, the Right Hon. the Earl of Lathom, the Right Hon. the Lord Henniker, the Right Hon. the Earl of Kintore, the Right Hon. the Lord Egerton of Tatton, Most Hon. the Marquess of Hertford; the Deputy Grand Master, the Right Hon. the Viscount Dungarvan; and the Grand Officers, Present and Past." The M.W. Pro Grand Master, the Earl of Euston, was one who had made his mark not only in Mark Masonry, but in every Degree of the Order. He was one who, whatever he took in hand,

did it thoroughly and with all his might, and the fact of his interesting himself in any Degree in Freemasonry as in any other business in his career was a sufficient guarantee that the work would be thoroughly well done.

The Earl of Euston, in acknowledging the toast, which was most enthusiastically received, said if what little he had been able to do had met with the approbation of the brethren and had been of advantage to any Degree in Masonry he was amply repaid for any trouble he had been put to. But he miscalled it trouble, because it was not trouble to do anything for the good of a large and unbeaten Charitable Order which helped those who were in difficulties. That was the great point of Masonry, and he could assure the company that whenever the assistance of the Grand Officers was wanted in such a cause if it was in the bounds of possibility they would render it. While he was standing he would propose "The Chairman," who had made his mark in Masonry in every Degree to which he belonged. Col. Money did not belong to quite so many Degrees as he (the Earl of Euston) did, who had joined all he had been asked to join. However, they had got on very well together. Whenever he had met Col. Money he had found there was no better or sounder Mason in England, and he wished him hearty success in the future, and also success to that Festival.

Bro. Col. MONEY, in reply, thanked the Earl of Euston for the very flattering terms he had used respecting him, and then proceeded to propose "Prosperity to the Mark Benevolent Fund." That was the first occasion on which he had officiated as Chairman at any festival of the kind. It was not for him to press upon the ladies and brethren the advantages and claims of that Institution, because the presence of the ladies and brethren showed the great and active interest they had taken in it. The Mark Benevolent Institution has now been running for a quarter of a century; it had worked its way gradually to the front, beginning only with the relief of distress, and then going on to provide for the education of the children of Mark Masons, and also for the support of aged Mark Masons and their widows. It had gone on year by year gradually increasing, and he was sure its progress would be commensurate with the progress of Mark Masonry, about which there could be no doubt whatever. Various circumstances had tended during the last year and a half to call forth the Charity of the people of England, and also to circumscribe the means of Charity, he was sorry to say. There had been very many and severe losses; there had also been the extraordinary effort made by that marvellous and grand Charity—the Masonic Benevolent Institution for Old People—that produced the largest charitable effort ever made in such a direction in England. Upon that they only congratulated them, and only hoped that that occasion might at some future time fall to the lot of the Mark Benevolent Fund. In this year we had just had that fearful national calamity in the loss of H.M.S. Victoria, which had called upon the charitable, and to which they had most liberally responded. All these causes, even though, slightly, most affect in a measure a Charitable Institution of that kind. He could speak with greater advantage if he knew what the total amount collected that night was, but he was speaking in ignorance, and he could only share in the hope expressed by the Earl of Euston about beating the record. He was afraid he could hardly look for that, but that it might be an improvement on late years, and that it might be proved that the Mark Benevolent Institution was deeply rooted in the hearts of the Freemasons of England, and that they would bear its interests in their hearts and do all they could in that and in future years for its welfare. He hoped when the figures were announced they would give solid encouragement for the future.

Bro. C. F. MATIER, G. Sec., then read the following lists and said it would be gratifying to the company to know that the result was highly satisfactory:

STEWARDS' LIST.

Table with columns for names, titles, and amounts in £ s. d. format. Includes sections for LADY STEWARDS, GENERAL BOARD, LONDON, and various provinces like BEDFORDSHIRE, BERKS AND OXON, CHANNEL ISLANDS, CUMBERLAND & WESTMORLAND, DEVONSHIRE, DORSETSHIRE, etc.

Table listing lodges and provinces with names and amounts in £ s. d. format. Includes sections for EAST ANGLIA, GLOUCESTERSHIRE AND HEREFORDSHIRE, HAMPSHIRE AND ISLE OF WIGHT, HERTFORDSHIRE, KENT, LANCASHIRE, LEICESTERSHIRE, NORTHAMPTONSHIRE, DERBYSHIRE, AND RUTLANDSHIRE, LINCOLNSHIRE, MIDDLESEX, NORTHUMBERLAND AND DURHAM, NORTH WALES, NOTTINGHAMSHIRE, SHROPSHIRE, SOMERSETSHIRE, SURREY, SUSSEX, WARWICKSHIRE, WEST YORKSHIRE, and WILTSHIRE.

SUMMARY OF THE PROVINCES, &c.

Summary table showing totals for various provinces and London, with columns for names and amounts in £ s. d. format. Includes a GRAND TOTAL at the bottom.

He had the pleasure of saying that that total had been only beaten on two occasions.

The Earl of YARBOROUGH, S.G.W., Prov. G.M. Lincolnshire, in proposing "The Ladies," said the brethren welcomed the ladies very warmly. No people knew better than Masons how much the good work carried on in this country were indebted to the ladies for their support; nobody knew better than they how ready the ladies were in supporting on any occasion anything that had to do with Charity. That had been evinced that evening. Twelve lady Stewards brought up £30 towards this fund. He could only say that the success of the evening had been very much enhanced by the presence of the ladies. Every brother would wish that they would continue in supporting this interesting Festival, and help the brethren to increase the funds very materially.

Bro. Dr. BALFOUR COCKBURN, in acknowledging the toast, said he was too old and too good a Mason to refuse to comply with the request that he should respond for the ladies, especially when it emanated from a Chairman so distinguished as Col. Money, whom he was proud to consider a personal friend. The toast really carried its own response. The smiles and charms with which the ladies responded were quite a sufficient reply. When he looked back two years he found they must have had nearly 30 lady Stewards. There was an improvement on last year, and he hoped they would go on increasing, because no one knew how greatly the presence of ladies influenced that Charity.

Bro. Col. MONEY proposed "The Board of Stewards," those who had taken an infinity of time and trouble not only as regarded the subscriptions;

but also in looking after the comfort of the company. The figures which the Grand Secretary had lately announced were a proof of the trouble the Board of Stewards had taken. The extremely pleasant evening they had passed at that social board was also an evidence of the trouble taken by the Stewards.

Bro. Major CARRELL, replying, said the Stewards were very much indebted to the Chairman for his kind expression of opinion of the efforts made for the success of the Festival. The Stewards had been actuated by the same feeling as previous Boards—to do the best for the Institution. All the Stewards had great regard for the welfare of the Mark Benevolent Fund. They believed very strongly in its administration, and were always willing to do their utmost for its success. He was very pleased to be on a Board which had brought up such a very good list, and he congratulated the Chairman on having such a result. He hoped the undertaking would advance and prosper. There might be great claims on it in the future, and he hoped that other Stewards who came on afterwards would have an equally good result.

The Earl of EUSTON proposed "The Visitors," but previously heartily congratulated the Chairman on the success of the evening. Mark Masons were always pleased to have visitors, whether they came from near or afar. They had one that night from New South Wales, where he (Lord Euston) spent many happy years of his life, a country which had proved it would come forward and help old England when she was in trouble. He hoped Bro. Spiers would go back to the land of his adoption and of his birth and say he received a right royal welcome from the Masons of England.

Bro. SPIERS responded, and the company then adjourned to the concert.

ANALYSIS OF THE RETURNS.

It must be extremely gratifying to the Stewards at the Mark Benevolent Fund Festival on Wednesday to realise that by the efforts they put forth on this occasion the downward tendency which we noticed last year in connection with this annual gathering has at length been arrested. In 1890, when the present Pro Grand Mark Master, Bro. the Earl of Euston, presided as Chairman, the Board of Stewards was 179 in number, and the Returns amounted to £2354 1s. In 1891 Bro. Viscount Dungarvan was the President of the day, and the Returns compiled by a Board of 149 Stewards fell to £1858 3s. Last year, the chair was taken by Bro. Sir Reginald Hanson, Bart., M.P., and the result obtained by the still smaller Board of 130 Stewards reached £1636 10s. 6d. On Wednesday the Stewards numbered 150, and the total sum realised was £2166 19s. 6d. And what enhances the pleasure we must all derive from this result is the fact that the recovery is a fairly substantial one—not merely a few pounds, but an increase of quite £530. We are thus in the fortunate position of being able to congratulate Bro. Col. Money and the lodges and brethren who co-operated with him on a success which is the more to be appreciated because there were few, if any, who anticipated it.

We have said the Board of Stewards was 150 strong. Of these 11 were ladies and 139 brethren. The extra-Provincial section of the Board comprised the 11 ladies, 15 members of the General Board, 22 brethren representing 22 London lodges, and 13 Unattached, the total, after allowing for one or two brethren who are entered in two of the sub-sections, being 58. The sums returned by these several classes were £36 15s. by the ladies; £105 by the General Board; £442 by the representatives of lodges; and £105 by the Unattached; the most important lists being those of Bro. P. Saillard, the Steward for La France Lodge, No. 459, for £85 1s.; of Bro. J. C. Collier, Grafton Lodge, No. 415, for £69 6s.; of Bro. C. F. Matier for £52 10s.; Bro. C. H. Driver for £36 15s.; of Bro. W. H. Glazier, Mount Moriah Lodge, No. 251, for £29 18s. 6d., and Bro. S. Green, Onslow Lodge, No. 361, for £29 7s. Thus London, with its 58 Stewards, contributes £688 15s. towards the general result; while last year there were 37 Stewards with a total of £431 8s.; in 1891, 42 Stewards with £545 3s. 6d.; and in 1890, 56 Stewards with a total of £600 4s. 6d. In making these comparisons, however, we must take into account the increase in the number of London lodges resulting from the break up of the old Province of Middlesex and Surrey.

THE PROVINCES

were represented by 92 brethren whose lists amounted in the aggregate to £1478 4s. 6d. Last year this section of the Board numbered 95 brethren, and the sum total of their Returns was £1205 2s. 6d., while in the two previous years they were as follow: in 1891, 107 brethren and £1312 19s. 6d., and in 1890, 121 brethren and £1744 14s. 6d. The following are the leading details of this section of the Board.

Bro. John Smith, representing the Stuart Lodge, No. 434, BEDFORDSHIRE, is entered for £25 13s. 6d. The BERKS AND OXON Stewards were three in number, of whom Bro. R. Maples acted for the Province and Bros. G. H. Morland and C. Slaughter for Lodges No. 225 and 235 respectively, the total from the three being £28 7s. Bro. J. B. Cockburn, Sarnian Lodge, No. 425, CHANNEL ISLANDS, returned £5 5s., and Bro. Spencer Broadbent, representing the Province of CUMBERLAND AND WESTMORLAND, £30 19s.

As regards the Province of

DEVONSHIRE.

the Stewards were three in number, Bro. the Hon. H. V. Duncombe, with £26 5s., being Unattached, while Bro. G. S. S. Lowe, as Steward for the Province, handed in the sum of £55 14s. 6d., and Bro. John Taylor, Jordan Lodge, No. 319, £16 16s., the sum total being £98 15s. 6d. Bro. Major W. Watts, of St. Cuthberta Lodge, No. 99, did duty for DORSETSHIRE, his list amounting to £20. EAST ANGLIA, by the hands of Bro. H. J. Sparks and H. P. Hay, representing the Walpole Lodge, No. 92, and the Chelmer Lodge, No. 342, respectively, returned £31 10s.; GLOUCESTERSHIRE AND HEREFORDSHIRE, with Bro. R. V. Vassar-Smith, its Prov. Grand Master, £5 5s.; HAMPSHIRE AND THE ISLE OF WIGHT, with three Stewards representing as many of its lodges, £33 12s.; and HERTFORDSHIRE, with Bro. Charles E. Keyser, Unattached, and the representatives of the Rose and Lily and Hertford Lodges, Nos. 354 and 366 respectively, £22 15s. 6d. Last year EAST ANGLIA and the two that follow it in alphabetical order returned about the same amounts, but HERTFORDSHIRE, with five Stewards, compiled a total of £63, and in 1891, when there were only four lodges, the total was £36 15s. In this case, therefore, there is a decided falling off, which we have no doubt will be made good at some future Anniversary.

Turn we now to the Province of

KENT,

which is next in order of alphabetical sequence. Six out of its 18 lodges were represented by as many brethren, and there was one Steward Unattached, the sum total of their lists being £84 3s. Last year five lodge representatives and a brother Unattached compiled £69 6s., the principal item being the £21 of Bro. the Rev. H. Cummings (Unattached). Here again, but to a far more serious extent, there is a falling off to be regretted, not so much between 1892 and the present year, as between these two periods and the year 1891 and 1890. In 1891 the Province sent up nine Stewards, of which eight, including Bro. the Rev. H.

Cummings, who raised £94 10s. from the Province generally, compiled the excellent total of £178 3s., while in 1890 there were 11 Stewards, and the sum they raised was £117 1s.

LANCASHIRE,

which since the break up of Middlesex and Surrey is far and away the strongest of the Mark Provinces, is entered in the Returns for £152 5s. Only two out of its 30 lodges sent Stewards, the St. John's (T.L.), and the Clarence, No. 447, the former by the hands of Bros. John Kenyon and W. Hayes being responsible for £15 15s., while the list of Bro. James de Bels Adam, W.M. of the latter, amounted to £136 10s., in which were included the contributions of Bro. Lord Skelmersdale, the W.M. elect, and the 13 other brethren, who gave their services on the occasion. This is just double the amount raised in 1892, when the Stewards were eight in number, one half being Unattached while the other half, including Bros. Kenyon and Adam, were lodge representatives, Bro. Adam being responsible for £36 15s. out of a total of £73 10s. In 1891 the Province raised only £57 15s., but it showed to greater advantage in the preceding year, when its representatives totalled up the handsome figure of £195 5s.

The Province of

LEICESTERSHIRE, DERBYSHIRE, &c., &c.,

which is in charge of the veteran Bro. W. Kelly, the Senior Prov. Grand Mark Master of England, invariably shows up well. There are only nine lodges on its roll, but four of these took part in the Festival, and compiled an aggregate of £87 3s., the principal item being the list for £42 of Bro. J. Herbert Marshall, Steward for the Fowke Lodge, No. 19, Leicester. There were also four brethren Unattached whose contributions swelled the total to £102 18s., which compares favourably with the preceding three years—£115 10s. in 1890, £86 15s. in 1891, and £82 9s. last year.

As for

LINCOLNSHIRE,

it has began well under its new chief, Bro. the Earl of Yarborough, who was in, stilled P.G.M. last year, and who was Steward for No. 117, Bro. W. R. F. Morton, representing the Province generally, while Bros. E. M. Weigall and J. G. Clarke did duty for the St. Oswald and Nene Lodges, Nos. 387 and 427 respectively. The total from all sources reached £85 8s., the most important list being that of Bro. Morton for £53 18s. Last year Bro. Jack Sutcliffe, Bro. the Earl of Yarborough's predecessor in office, acting as Steward for the Province, returned £50, while in the two preceding years the totals were £26 5s. and £43 1s. respectively.

Till as recently as last year's Festival the old Province of Middlesex and Surrey might always be relied upon as a principal supporter of the Mark Benevolent Fund. Thus in 1889, its 30 Stewards compiled an aggregate of £411 3s., while in 1890, the success was still more conspicuous, the Stewards being 41 in number and the sum of their lists £593 3s. 6d. In 1891, there was a tremendous falling off, the amount compiled by 25 Stewards being £328 5s. 6d., while last year with 24 Stewards the total was further reduced to £229 1s. On the lamented death of Bro. Col. Sir Francis Burdett, new arrangements were made by which certain of the 38 lodges in the old Province became included in the London district, while the rest were constituted into the separate Provinces of Middlesex under Bro. Col. A. B. Cook, as P.G.M.M., and Surrey under Bro. Col. Money. This then is the first appearance of

MIDDLESEX,

in its new character of a separate Province, and as the lodges on its roll are but few in number, it is not surprising, that the total should be limited to £83 3s. 6d., the sum total of the lists compiled by Bro. A. S. Brown, Prov. Grand Secretary, representing the Province generally, and the representative of four lodges; the principal return being the £27 10s. 6d. of Bro. W. Thomas, Sir Francis Burdett Lodge, No. 181, who is thus worthily assisting in perpetuating the fame of the late respected chief of Middlesex and Surrey.

Last year the Province of

NORTHUMBERLAND AND DURHAM

raised by the medium of three Stewards—of whom Bro. Hans B. Olsen was one—the sum of £114 5s. On Wednesday, the same Bro. Olsen, as sole representative of the Province, returned the far smaller total of £84. NORTH WALES, with Bro. G. G. Warren as Provincial Representative, and Bro. T. H. Summerhill, Steward for the Hunter Lodge, No. 324, compiled a total of £31 10s.; NOTTINGHAMSHIRE, per Bro. W. Percy Payne, is entered for £21 5s.; SHROPSHIRE, per Bro. Rowland G. Venables, W.M. of the Shropshire Lodge, No. 444, for £5 5s.; and SOMERSETSHIRE, per Bro. B. H. Watts, Royal Sussex Lodge, No. 177, for £31 10s. This last contributed £63 10s. last year by the hands of Bros. Arthur Duckett and A. G. Hayman, while in 1881, when Bro. Viscount Dungarvan, the Craft P.G.M. for Somersetshire, presided as Chairman of the Mark Benevolent Festival, the amount raised was £164 7s.

We now come to the Chairman's Province of

SURREY,

which has undoubtedly acquitted itself well. As regards past years, what we have said in connection with the new Province of Middlesex is applicable here. Comparisons, therefore, are out of the question, and the one duty we have devolving upon us is to congratulate the newly-organised Province of Surrey on having made so successful a start under its new chief, Bro. Col. Money, C.B., who, moreover, was the Chairman of the day. The number of brethren acting as Stewards was 13, including Col. Money himself. Bro. A. H. Bowles, Prov. G. Sec., was Steward for the whole Province, compiling a total of £42, while the remaining 11 brethren who acted as representatives of eight lodges had the satisfaction of raising by their conjoint efforts £152 18s. 6d., the total from all sources, and including Bro. Col. Money's own list of £52 10s., being £247 8s. 6d. The principal lodge list was that of Bro. John Barnett, representing the Crystal Palace Lodge, No. 450, who is entered for £42; Hiram Lodge, No. 13, contributing by the hands of two Stewards £26 5s.; and the Craydon Lodge, No. 198, with three Stewards, £27 6s. With such a result, Surrey must need be proud of its day's work.

Bro. A. F. Lamette, doing duty for SUSSEX, contributed £5 5s., while in the case of WARWICKSHIRE the total was £48 6s., the Province being represented by Bro. the Rev. W. T. Perkins, and three of the six lodges by as many brethren, Bro. T. Rowbotham of Charity Lodge, No. 430, being responsible for £22 1s. out of the amount raised by the whole Province.

Four out of the 11 lodges on the roll of

WEST YORKSHIRE

sent Stewards, the aggregate of whose lists reached £73 10s., Bros. H. S. Holdsworth and R. Hodgson of the Fearnley Lodge, No. 58, together raising £15 15s., Bro. G. H. Parke, Integrity, No. 110, being entered for £31 10s., and Bros. A. E. Smithies and T. G. Howell, of Truth, No. 137, for £15 15s. The result is a decided improvement on 1892, when the total from the Province was only £39 18s. WILTSHIRE, by the hands of Bro. the Earl of Radnor, P.G.M., figures for £5 5s., and WORCESTERSHIRE, per Bro. Murray Haynes, for £15 15s., while the Degree of Royal Ark Mariners, per Bro. E. Mallard, and Constantine Council, No. 2, of R. and S.M., per Comp. Robert J. Voisey, figure for £84 and £7 7s. respectively.

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To EDINBURGH & GLASGOW, returning Saturday, August 12th.

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FRED. HARRISON, General Manager.

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**To Correspondents,**

The following communications, amongst others, unavoidably stand over:

- CRAFT LODGE.—Carrington, No. 2421.
- ROYAL ARCH CHAPTER.—Pattison, No. 913.
- LODGES OF INSTRUCTION.—Robert Burns, No. 25; La Tolerance, No. 538; and Kensington, No. 1767.
- ALLIED MASONIC DEGREES.—Metropolitan Council (T.I.).
- NOTES AND QUERIES.—Marcus Manus, Namas Graecus.
- Consecration of a New Lodge at West Hartlepool.



SATURDAY, JULY 29, 1893.

**Masonic Notes.**

The final meeting of the Board of Stewards for the recent Festival of the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys was held at Freemasons' Hall on Friday, the 21st inst. Bro. George A. Fairfield, Hon. Treasurer of the Board, was in the chair, and there was a very full attendance of members. The audited statement of account was submitted and approved, and the usual accounts ordered to be paid forthwith. Of the balance remaining in hand, the sum of £40 was voted to the staff for the extra labours which the Festival had entailed upon them; £30 for the purchase of books to the library at Wood Green, to be given in the name of the Board; and, at the special request of the Secretary, £26 5s. to the School Sports' Fund. What remained after these had been granted was, with the unanimous thanks of the Board, voted to the Secretary in recognition of his great labours to ensure the success of the gathering.

The 25th Anniversary Festival in aid of the Mark Benevolent Fund was held at Freemasons' Tavern on Wednesday. Bro. Col. G. Noel Money, C.B., Prov. G.M.M. of Surrey, occupied the chair, and there was a goodly muster of ladies and brethren present on the occasion. Everything passed off admirably, and in the course of the evening Bro. C. F. Matier, Grand Secretary, and Secretary of the Fund, had the very great pleasure of announcing donations and subscriptions to the amount of £2106 19s. 6d.

This is, indeed, a subject of congratulation, showing as it does that the downward tendency which has characterised the results of the last three years has at length been arrested, and that too by a very substantial recovery. The Chairman and his Board of Stewards must have been highly gratified by so successful a result, and well deserve the thanks of all friends and supporters of this useful Charity, which, as a consequence, will now be in a position to still further strengthen its permanent resources. We, too, are pleased with the result, as it shows that the appeal we have made to our Mark readers to use their best endeavours to turn the tide of fortune in the direction it has now taken has not been without its influence.

According to the statistics furnished at the annual communication of the Grand Lodge of Indiana which was held in Indianapolis in the month of May, there are 473 lodges on the roll, while the aggregate membership is 26,266, being a net increase on the preceding year of 890. The subjects dealt with by the Grand Master in his address appear to have been of local interest; but we gather from an excerpt in the *Voice of Masonry* from Bro. Thomas B. Long's Report on Correspondence that that brother is in favour of "dramatic display" in carrying out the ceremonies of Masonry.

Bro. Long considers it "should unquestionably be the duty as well as pride, of lodges that are possessed of the proper facilities, to see that nothing is left undone in presenting the sublime mysteries of Masonry, in the fullest, most attractive, and most solemn and impressive forms. By such methods they should consider themselves and become the best conservators of the noble ceremonies of our time-honoured Institution."

If Bro. Long means by this that Masters of lodges and those officers who are called upon to assist him, should confer the several Degrees impressively, with a clear enunciation, and such elocutionary skill as they are able to command, we agree with him most fully. But if, as seems most likely, he inclines to regard the ceremonies of the Three Degrees in the light of theatrical representations, and that those who take part in conferring them are acting as in a stage-play, then the sooner he gives up lecturing a Grand Lecturer who is desirous of checking "dramatic displays," the better it will be for Masonry in the jurisdiction in which he is able to exercise influence.

A suggestion more detrimental to the true spirit of Masonry has never been made, than that Masters,

Wardens, and the officers of lodges should rig themselves up in robes and tinsel when they are conferring the Third or any other Degree. "Simplex munditiis" is, or should be, the device followed by all who are required to take part in our ritual.

The Right Hon. the Earl of Mount Edgumbe, Deputy Grand Master, as Prov. Grand Master, has decided to hold the Provincial Grand Lodge of Cornwall at Wadebridge, on Tuesday, the 15th prox. The entertaining lodge is the "Molesworth," No. 1954, which was started in the year 1882, and as it will be the first time for such a meeting to be held in that town, there will, no doubt, be great anxiety on the part of the W.M. and Officers, to render the gathering as pleasant as possible to the Provincial Grand Lodge.

### 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.]

#### PROVINCIAL GRAND OFFICERS.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,

In answer to "Plumb Rule's" questions I do not think there should be any diversity of opinion.

1. A Provincial Grand Officer has the same right as every other Mason has of visiting any lodge in his province or elsewhere without an invitation, but he has no greater right. Whether it is desirable for him to claim admission into a lodge that does not wish to receive uninvited visitors is a matter for his own good taste to decide. Personally, I have never come across such a lodge.

2. Unless he is the P.G.M. or D.P.G.M., and actually assumes the chair, he has no more power or authority than any other visitor. His purple is merely an emblem of rank within his province.

I assume, of course, that Bro. "Plumb Rule" speaks of a general rule, not of a particular case of a brother sent by the P.G.M. to visit a lodge on a specific night for a specific purpose, nor of an officer specially appointed under Provincial By-laws or resolution of Prov. Grand Lodge, as I believe is sometimes done. I merely speak as to the general law, and I should much like to know from Bro. "Plumb Rule" on what authority he bases his opinion.

Oliver's statement, "Indeed, the privileges of a Provincial Grand Officer are almost wholly restricted to the purple and gold" ("Oliver's Mas. Jur.," Ed. 1874. Chap. 11, s. 117), seems to me a fairly accurate statement of the case. A Provincial Grand Officer, or even Grand Officer, has no more authority in a lodge he is visiting than any other visitor, except such as will be gladly accorded, not as a right, but out of respect to his rank and experience.

I think if Bro. "Plumb Rule" carefully considers the various Articles of the Constitutions as to Provincial Grand Lodges and as to visiting under the head of private lodges, he will agree with me.—Yours fraternally,

LEX SCRIPTA.

July 22nd.

### Masonic Notes and Queries.

#### 1034. CURIOUS JEWEL.

I have just had sent me for identification a solid silver medal, size of half-a-crown, having on the obverse the well-known "double triangle" engraved, with the "cross-bones" at the head, and on either side A.L. 5823 and A.D. 1819, with "P. R." at foot. The initials doubtless refer to those of the owner. The reverse has engraved the triple tau, and the motto *Nisi Clavis*, with the four letters "S W S S." I do not know what these four letters refer to, and having met with them several times, I shall be glad if any one can enlighten me. I have only seen them in connection with this particular kind of decoration, Bro. Couch, of Penzance, having one of a similar kind.

W. J. HUGHAN.

### Reviews.

CATALOGUE OF A COLLECTION OF PRIVATELY PRINTED BOOKS. Compiled and Annotated by BERTRAM DOBELL (54, Charing Cross-road, London, W.C.)

Part III. is now ready of this truly wonderful compilation, and may be had for one shilling. The previous parts may also be had at one shilling each, or the complete work for five shillings, when completed, the parts being forwarded as published. The whole of these privately printed books, thus catalogued, are in the library of Mr. Dobell, and are priced most moderately, so that the extraordinary compilation answers the two purposes of sale and description. This part is not illustrative of Freemasonry, but includes several histories of Companies and other "out of the way" publications of rarity and value; the bibliographical notes being of a most interesting character. Not a few are curious as well as scarce, and the catalogue is assuredly one as creditable to the editor, as it is from a collector's point of view. We hope that several of our readers will procure copies and judge for themselves.



### Cratt Masonry.

#### METROPOLITAN MEETINGS.

Nelson Lodge (No. 700).—The installation meeting of this lodge took place at Freemasons' Hall, Mount Pleasant, Plumstead, on Wednesday, the 10th inst., when Bro. William Lawson, S.W., W.M. elect, was installed in the chair.

Bro. G. F. Taylor, W.M., opened the lodge, and Bro. J. Simpson, 77 and 483, was accepted as a joining member. Bro. Lawson was then presented to the W.M., and was installed and saluted. He appointed his officers as follows: Bros. G. F. Taylor, I.P.M.; H. Tufnell, S.W.; G. R. Nichols, J.W.; J. H. Roberts, P.M., Treas.; John Warren, P.M., Sec.; W. Webber, P.M., D. of C.; S. E. Southgate, P.M., Long, and Harris, Stwds.; Geo. Porter, S.D.; H. Pamment, J.D.; T. S. Smith, I.G.; W. G. Bidgood, Org.; H. J. Roberts, Asst. Org.; G. Campbell, 1st A.D.C.; and W. Chambers, 2nd A.D.C. Bro. Taylor then concluded the ceremony, and was congratulated on all sides for his fine and impressive work. He was accorded a hearty vote of thanks, and was presented with a handsome and valuable Past Master's jewel, of the value of 10 guineas, as a token of the esteem of the brethren, and for services rendered the lodge during his year of office.

The banquet was partaken of at the new Falcon Hotel, Gravesend—Bro. Simpson's handsome and commodious establishment—and was an exquisite evidence of what our esteemed brother can and does do for his myriad guests.

Among the other brethren present were Bros. G. Crawford, P.M.; T. Butt, P.M.; C. Sweeting, P.M.; J. W. Woodley, P.M.; J. Sanderson, P.M.; J. Miller, P.M.; J. McCullough, P.M.; H. King, P.M., P.G.P. Kent; C. Jolly, P.M.; G. H. Davies, P.M.; G. W. Tapp, T. West, G. Brown, J. Brown, J. H. Lloyd, Silverstone, W. Reynolds, G. Butt, C. Sharman, A. J. Walklin, E. Tappenden, P. Head, J. Plume, J. Knowles, W. Goochman, J. Bull, E. J. Vallon, H. Palmer, C. Sutton, C. Perry, A. Saunders, S. Punter, H. Carter, T. Keene, J. Trodd, S. Johnson, W. Wright, J. A. Walter, J. K. Price, H. Dudman, E. W. Benstead, A. J. Abbey, H. Garland, A. M. Blest, Capt. W. Ward, A. J. Stewart, A. Webb, P. Auld, F. Hepton, J. Chennells, G. W. Weaver, T. Warey, Capt. W. Weston, P.M., P.P.S.G.D. Kent; C. H. Canning, P.M., Treas. 1472, P.P.J.G.D. Essex; J. J. Cantle, P.M. 1791; W. Hewett, P.M. 957; G. Bird, P.M. 879; A. G. Duck, P.M. 898; A. Banister, P.M. 1032; H. S. Syer, P.M., Treas. 13; A. T. Ives, P.M. 1472; A. Knight, P.M. 1472; J. P. Moore, P.M. 13, 77; B. C. Curtis, W.M. 1472; J. Bilton, W.M. 2399; C. Clapham, W.M. 913; W. Sayle-Edwards, W.M. 1536; A. Deans, W.M. 13; C. Goodwin, W.M. 615; J. Farrier, W.M. 829; C. Raymond, W.M. 1716; S. Horton, S.W. 706; B. A. Moore, S.W. 1719; W. Anson, S.W. 13; J. Spencer, J.W. 1437; J. Lawson, 1789; J. Newsham, 2346; D. C. Capon, 13; J. Palmer, 1472; R. T. Price, 13; W. Bull, 829; T. Arnold, 913; G. Bull, 1536; W. Baker, 1472; A. Eton, 913; C. Bone, 2332; B. Littlewood, 913; G. Easton, 13; T. Noakes, 861; A. Lane, 871; S. Sudworth, 871; W. Turvey, S.D. 1472; B. A. Moore, S.D. 1716; J. Mosey, 1716; W. G. Abbey, 13; F. Onslow, 1000; F. W. Peck, 2272; W. Haley, 1789; J. Noakes, 247; T. Hudson, 957; and T. Moore, 13.

The usual loyal and Grand Lodge toasts having been honoured,

The I.P.M. proposed the toast of "The W.M." He said they all knew what he was about to do, and that was to propose the health of their esteemed W.M., than whom he felt sure no better Master had filled the chair of the lodge. Bro. Lawson was a worker, and had shown his proficiency for the important position he then held by his constant attendance at and good work done in the lodge in the various offices he had held in it. He had personally every confidence, and they might depend upon it that under the rule of Bro. Lawson the lodge would continue in its upward and onward path.

Bro. Lawson thanked the I.P.M. and the brethren, the first for the flattering manner in which he had spoken of him, and the latter for their enthusiastic reception of it. He could not conscientiously say that he deserved the eulogiums passed upon him by Bro. Taylor, but he could conscientiously say that he would try to deserve them. He trusted during the ensuing year the lodge would prosper, and that progress would be the order of the day. He had reached that which he respectfully conceived to be the height of his Masonic ambition, and thanked them for placing him on that height, a height he should never have reached without their assistance.

The toast of "The Initiate followed," and that was followed by "The Visitors," the W.M. saying that there were no less than 60 brethren present, and were too numerous to mention.

Bros. Deans, Clapham, Cantle, Bilton, Edwards, Woolley, and Curtis severally responded.

Bro. Crawford, in responding for "The Past Masters," expressed his pleasure at seeing the excellent work done in the lodge, especially the ceremony that day. He was pleased to see so many visitors present, for it was a sure criterion of good working and good fellowship when a lodge saw around it such an array of visitors as they had that day. He wished the W.M. and brethren many happy returns of the day, and that every succeeding year would bring prosperity to the lodge.

Bro. Hobson said he had watched the career of the W.M. with much pleasure, and now that he had accomplished the desire of his heart and achieved the pinnacle of his ambition, he wished him every success, and assured him of the hearty success of the Past Masters.

Several other toasts were honoured, and some excellent music, instrumental and vocal, added a rare charm to the proceedings.

#### West Kent Volunteer Lodge (No. 2041).

—The installation meeting of this lodge took place on Saturday, the 15th instant, at the Masonic Hall, Plumstead, and we are glad to say proved a most successful and enjoyable finish to the year's work. The lodge was consecrated at the Masonic Hall, Wilmington, near Dartford, but owing to its members (mostly officers in the 2nd Vol. Battalion of the Queen's Own Royal West Kent Regiment) residing chiefly in the locality of Blackheath, it was deemed advisable to remove the *locale* nearer to head quarters. At the meeting the following officers and members were present: Bros. Capt. Percy Shove, W.M.; A. J. Heath, S.W., W.M. elect; C. O. Pook, J.D. 171, J.W.; Rev. R. Jamblin, M.A., P.P.G.C., Chap.; Col. H. M. Gordon, V.D., P.M., P.P.G.D. Middx., Treas.; Lieut.-Col. F. W. Frigout, V.D., P.M., P.M. 171, Sec.; J. La Feuillade, P.M. 1381, J.D.; Sergeant-Major Parsons, I.G.; Colour-Sergeant Albion G. Collins, D.C.; Lieut. A. A. Frigout, P.M. 171, Steward; Lieut. C. E. Fenner, P.M., P.G. Organist Japan; Staff-Sergeant B. C. Bird, Hospital Sergeant J. Ward, Sergeant H. C. Loney, Capt. E. J. Heward, Sergt. T. Bradbeer, Hospital-Corpl. E. J. Jarratt, Oscar W. Graves, Bombardier C. J. Parsons, and E. H. Abbott. Visitors: Bros. W. J. Dyer, S.W. 211; W. H. Elphinstone Stone, 2087; Arthur E. Kipps, 1275; Sergt.-Major J. V. Lee, J.W. 2399; S. W. Gummer, 1155; W. A. Anson, J.W. 13; Chas. N. Syder, P.M. 79; A. W. Graves, 171; W. Lawson, S.W. 700; J. Belton, W.M. 2379; G. F. Taylor, W.M. 700; Major H. C. Lambert, V.D., 2021, P.G.W. Herts; J. Van Essen, 2005, P.G.D. Essex; W. G. Simmons, J.W. 1155; A. Deans, W.M. 13; Henry Tufnell, J.W. 700; D. Dennis, 171; and Chas. Ellison, S.D. 871.

The first ceremony of the evening was the passing of Bros. Bombardier C. J. Parsons and E. H. Abbott, and was immediately followed by the raising of Bros. Captain E. J. Heward, Sergt. T. Bradbeer, Hospital-Corpl. E. J. Jarratt, and O. W. Graves, both of these Degrees being worked in a most able and impressive manner by the W.M., Bro. Capt. Percy Shove. The W.M. next vacated the chair in favour of Bro. A. A. Frigout, P.M., P.M. 171, who installed the W.M. elect, Bro. A. J. Heath, S.W. The newly-installed W.M. appointed and invested his officers as follows: Bros. Capt. Percy Shove, I.P.M.; C. O. Pook, J.D. 171, S.W.; J. La Feuillade, P.M. 1381, J.W.; R. Jamblin, M.A., P.P.G.C. Kent, Chap.; Col. H. M. Gordon, V.D., P.M., P.P.G.D. Middx., Treas.; Lieut.-Col. F. W. Frigout, V.D., P.M., P.M. 171, Sec.; Sergt.-Major Parsons, S.D.; Colour-Sergt. A. G. Collins, J.D.; Staff-Sergt. B. C. Bird, I.G.; Hospital-Sergt. J. Ward, D.C.; A. A. Frigout, P.M., P.M. 171, Stwd.; C. Warren, 1536, Tyler.

At the banquet which followed the usual toasts were duly honoured, and in response to that of "The Visitors," the following brethren spoke: Bros. Jacob Van Essen, P.M. 2005, P.P.G.W. Essex; Major Lambert, V.D., P.M. 2005, 2021, P.P.G.W. Herts; A. Deans, W.M. 13; G. F. Taylor, W.M. 700; and J. Belton, W.M. 2399.

The musical portion of the programme was of exceptional excellence, and the lodge is to be complimented and the W.M. congratulated on having been supported by such a phalanx of cultured musicians. Amongst the items contributed were: A violin solo by Bro. Van Essen, P.M. 171 and 2005, P.P.G.D. Essex; The Drinking Song from "Cavalleria Rusticana" (by permission of Messrs. Ascherburg), by Bro. C. Ellison, J.D. 871, of the Crystal Palace Concerts and Covent Garden Promenade Concerts; solo euphonium, by Bro. C. J. Parsons; song, "The Vagabond," by Bro. E. H. Abbott; song, "Good Company," by Bro. C. Ellison, J.D. 871; all of which were so excellently rendered as to call for encores, the accompaniments being played by Bro. A. E. Kipps, 1275.

This meeting proved undoubtedly one of the most successful the lodge has ever held, and from the interest taken in the work by the whole of the executive, the lodge promises to be an example in its internal working as well as an ornament to the great Constitution of which it forms a factor.

#### Runnymede Lodge (No. 2430).

—The installation meeting of this young lodge was made the occasion of a very enjoyable trip on the Thames on Monday week. The W.M., Bro. Will E. Chapman, had so completely organised the arrangements to the smallest detail that nothing was left to mar the enjoyment of the day. His thoughtfulness even extended to the weather, and it was found in the morning that the young lady in the *Daily Graphic* had obligingly removed the mask from her face and was doing her best to inspire confidence by a trustful smile, which was fully justified by a day of perfect summer weather.

The lodge met at 11 at the Anglers' Rest, and the ceremony of installation was very promptly commenced and carried through by the W.M. in probably the shortest time on record, but without sacrificing in any respect the beauty and impressiveness of the ritual. On Bro. Ebbetts being placed in the chair, he appointed his officers as follows: Bros. R. B. Sharpe, LL.D., S.W.; F. G. Mellows, J.W.; J. Holgate, Treas.; Will E. Chapman, Sec.; P. S. Abraham, S.D.; Oliver A. Fry, J.D.; N. Devereux, I.G.; Eugene Barnett, Org.; Charles Chubb, D.C.; and H. T. Walker and H. Percy Dunn, Stewards. A Past Master's jewel of special design, embodying a reference to the historic name and locality of the lodge, was presented to the retiring W.M., Bro. Chapman, and the lodge was closed.

At 12 the party, which included several ladies, started from Wraysbury in a well-appointed launch, and spent the time up to seven o'clock in the enjoyment of the surpassing beauties of the river scenery, Cookham having been reached before the return was made.

Dinner afterwards took place at the Angler's Rest. Short speeches, interspersed with songs from Bros. Franklin Clive, Reginald Groome, and others, finished a most enjoyable day.

#### PROVINCIAL MEETINGS.

##### EAST STONEHOUSE.

Western District United Service Lodge (No. 2258).—This lodge held its annual meeting on Wednesday, the 19th inst., at the Masonic Hall, when Bro. Col. Lieut.-Col. G. Vernon, Bedford Regiment, was installed as W.M. Bros. Col. John Elliott, C.B.,

R.M.L.I., Dist. G.M. Barbadoes; Lieutenant and Quartermaster W. Powell, P.P.G.T.; and S. Jew, P.P.G.T., were the Installing Officers; and the Board of Installed Masters also included Bros. D. Cross, P.P.G.T.; H. S. Best, E. Binding, P.P.G.O.; Major Dick, 2258; E. Aitken-Davies, P.P.G.S. of W.; G. H. Olver, 1099; T. Gibbons, P.P.G.O.; R. Dickson, P.P.G.D.C., A. Trout, P. J. Dunn, J. J. Facey, and G. Perring, of 1205; H. Roberts and N. Radmore, of 159; G. Dunsterville, 189; J. Hicks, 70; W. Bartram, 215; W. J. Pengelly, 2025 and 189; J. Black, 1136; and G. Millford, 1847. The officers invested were Bros. Surgeon-Major W. Allan May, A.M.S., I.P.M.; J. Davison, S.W.; W. J. Fry, J.W.; S. Jew, P.P.G.T., Chap.; H. S. Best, Treas.; W. Powell, Sec.; H. Dooley, S.D.; C. Taylor, J.D.; D. M. Brehner, D.C.; J. D. Hall, I.G.; Dr. Weightman, R.N., M. Brehner, A.S.C., and Major Grey Skipworth, R.N., Stwds.; and J. Gidley, Tyler. Bro. S. Jew was elected the Representative to the Committee of Petitions. Bros. Major Dick and T. Taylor were appointed the Audit Committee. Thanks were voted with honours to Bro. Col. Elliott for attending the meeting. Bro. Elliott said it had long been his desire to establish service lodges, having experienced their want abroad. With that object he established the Metham Lodge 27 years since. The rise of the Western District United Service Lodge he had watched with interest, and was much pleased to note its progress.

**Royal Arch.**

**Lion and Lamb Chapter (No. 192).**—A meeting was held on Wednesday, the 19th inst., at the City Terminus Hotel, Cannon-street. Present: Comps. Dr. W. A. Dingle, M.E.Z.; Hawes, H.; Dixon, P.Z.; George Kenning, P.Z., Treas.; C. Arkell, P.Z., S.E.; Taylor, P.Z., S.N.; H. Birdseye, P.Z., P.S.; F. D. R. Copestick, P.Z.; Dunn, and Grant. Visitor: Comp. J. M. Knight, M.E.Z. 134.

The minutes of the last convocation were read and confirmed. Two brethren were balloted for and approved. The companions dined together under the gavel of Comp. Dr. W. A. Dingle, M.E.Z.

**HYDE.**

**Industry Chapter (No. 361).**—The installation meeting of this chapter was held on Wednesday, the 19th inst., at the Norfolk Arms Hotel. The chapter was opened by Comp. Dutton, P.Z., in the absence of Comp. Hervey Smith, M.E.Z. The minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed. The Auditors' Report was adopted and passed. The Acting P.Z. then asked Comp. F. Broadsmith, P.Z., P.P.A.G.S., to occupy the chair to install Comp. J. E. Steward, P.Z., P.P.G. 2nd A.S., as M.E.Z., which he did in a most excellent and impressive manner. Comp. Steward then installed Comps. Matthew Bailey as H., and Geo. W. Sidebotham, P.A.G.D.C., as J. The Principals were ably addressed by Comp. Fred. Broadsmith. The officers were invested and addressed by the M.E.Z. in the following order: Comps. Jonathan Bailey, as H.; George W. Sidebotham, P.A.G.D.C., as J.; Mark Billinge, P.Z., as S.E.; Charles Swainson, as S.N.; George Brooks, as P.S.; Wm. Twidale, as 1st A.S.; Martin Middleton, as 2nd A.S.; Wm. Smith, Treas.; and Jos. Wild, Org. Comp. J. E. Steward also addressed the companions generally. "Hearty good wishes" were expressed by many visitors present, and the chapter was closed.

The following companions were present: Comps. J. E. Steward, P.P.G. 2nd A.S., H.; Jonathan Bailey, J.; G. W. Sidebotham, P.S.; Wm. Smith, Treas.; Mark Billinge, S.E.; J. Wilde, Org.; J. Roberts; R. B. Dutton, P.Z.; F. Broadsmith, P.P.G. 1st A.S.; Capt. E. G. Lingard, P.P.G.T.; Mark Stafford, P.Z.; Thos. E. Mason, P.Z.; George Brooks, Martin Middleton, W. Twidale, and R. T. Bowden. Visitors: Comps. Thos. D. Foreman, M.E.Z., P.G.D.C.; W. Dunville, P.Z., P.P.G. Org.; and G. S. Smith, P.Z., P.P.G. Org.

**SOUTH SHIELDS.**

**St. Hilda Chapter (No. 240).**—On Wednesday, the 19th inst., the annual convocation was held in Freemasons' Hall, Ingham-street, Comp. W. E. Moffett, M.E.Z., presiding, supported by Comps. W. Davidson, P.P.G. Std. Br., H., and James Sedcole, J. There were also present Comps. R. Hudson, P.G.S.E.; J. Robson Pattison, P.G.H.; J. T. Wilson, P.G.J.; T. Coulson, P.P.G.H.; J. S. Wilson, P.P.G.J.; Witter, P.P.G.P.S.; Todd, P.P.A.G.S.; and others.

After the ordinary business of the chapter had been transacted, the installation took place, when the following officers were appointed and invested: Comps. Moffett, P.G.R., M.E.Z.; Sedcole, H.; G. Harland, J.; J. Hunter, S.E.; T. D. Marshall, S.N.; S. W. Linsley, P.S.; T. Grimes, 1st A.S.; G. P. Robson, 2nd A.S.; T. Coulson, P.P.G.H., D.C.; G. Wilson, Org.; and T. Potter, Janitor. The chapter decided to contribute five guineas towards the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys. The congratulations of the chapter were accorded to Comps. J. T. Wilson and W. E. Moffett on having received Provincial Grand honours.

Subsequently the annual banquet was held in the hall, Comp. Moffett presiding.

**TWICKENHAM.**

**Era Chapter (No. 1423).**—This flourishing chapter held its installation meeting on the 8th inst., at the Albany Hotel. Among those in attendance were Comps. C. H. Köhler, P.Z. 1381, P.P.G.S.B., M.E.Z.; William Fisher, P.G.P. Soj., M.E.Z. elect, H.; H. Higgins, P.Z. 1381, P.P.A.G.S., acting J.; Capt. T. C. Walls, P.Z., P.P.G.P. Soj., S.E.; R. Poore, S.N.; E. Thiellay, P.Z., P.P.G.D.C., Treas.; G. L. Wingate, P.Z., P.P.A.G.S.; W. H. Matthews, P.Z., P.P.A.G.S.; and W. H. Lee, P.Z., P.G.S.E.

The minutes of the previous convocation having been read and confirmed, Comp. Henry Higgins, P.Z., installed Comp. W. Fisher, as M.E.Z., and Bro. R. Poore, as J., ably assisted by Comp. W. H. Lee. The installation of H., Comp. G. Moss, through his absence of indisposition, was necessarily postponed. Comp. Capt. Walls was invested as S.E., Comp. E. H. Thiellay, as Treas., and Comp. J. Gilbert as Janitor. The other investitures were postponed. The excellent report of the Audit Committee was received

and adopted. A vote of thanks was passed to the Installing Officer. Comps. J. B. Ryley, M.D., P.Z., P.P.G.J., Kirkland, and Robinson sent apologies for non-attendance.

The chapter was then closed and adjourned, and the companions partook of one of those cosy, pleasant little dinners for which the host (Mr. Green) and his chef are famous.

Comp. W. Fisher, M.E.Z., presided in a very unassuming, genial way, and endeavoured to make the proceedings pass off satisfactorily, notwithstanding the tropical heat of the weather, which rendered confinement indoors somewhat irksome and uncomfortable.

Comp. W. H. Lee, in replying to the toast of "The Prov. Grand Officers," gave a very glowing account of the Prov. Grand Chapter.

Comp. C. H. Köhler, I.P.Z., in response to his health, made a breezy little speech, overflowing with the milk of human kindness and goodwill.

The M.E.Z. called upon Comp. Higgins to reply to the toast of "The Past Principals," which he did in a neat speech.

The M.E.Z. then said that he felt sure that the companions would not like to separate without drinking "The Health of the Father and Treasurer of the Chapter, Comp. Thiellay," who, not being well, had returned to town. He said that the chapter owed a great debt of gratitude to that companion.

This toast having been honoured, the proceedings terminated.

**ANNUAL BANQUET OF THE ST. JOHN'S LODGE OF INSTRUCTION, No. 167.**

The annual banquet of this remarkably successful lodge of instruction was held at the Court House, Harlesden, on the 13th inst., Bro. W. Hillier (W.M. elect of Highgate Lodge, No. 1366), who is the able Preceptor, in the chair, and in a few well chosen words referred to the success of this lodge since its resuscitation and transference to Harlesden, just 12 months since. The lodge had now nearly 100 members, with an average attendance of 20 brethren every Thursday evening throughout the year.

Previous to the banquet, the lodge opened at six o'clock, and the ceremony of installation was most ably and efficiently rendered by Bro. John Davies, P.M. 169, assisted by Bros. F. Craggs, P.M. 834, and Dowssett-Smith, P.M. 2045, who gave the addresses respectively.

Amongst the brethren present to support Bro. Hillier were the following: Bros. Lovegrove, P.M. 1295, 1988, P.P.G.S. of W., Salop; Dehane, P.M. 1543, P.P.S.G.D. Essex; Williams, P.M. 2090; Bailey, P.M. 1805; Toley, W.M. 1178; Bartlett, P.M. 1637; Galer, P.M. 1366; Reed, P.M. 1287, 2098; Featherstone, Hussey, Priest, Haley, Knight, Williams, Armfield, Battram, Cohen, Hagen, Jones, Rae, Chapman, Borquin, Fripp, Firth, Cross, Thomas, Leaman, Gollin, C. Penny, Treasurer; and W. R. Plaford, Secretary.

**Ancient and Accepted Rite.**

**Mount Calvary Chapter (No. 3).**—A meeting of this distinguished chapter was held at the Masonic Hall, 33, Golden-square, on the 14th inst., when there were present, among others, Ill. Bro. H. J. Lardner, 30°, P.M.W.S., in the chair; Ex. Bro. G. Pigache, Prelate, M.W.S. elect; Ill. Bro. Major W. B. Williamson, J.P., 2nd Gen.; W. Paas, 30°, P.M.W.S., Treas.; Ex. Bro. Capt. T. C. Walls, P.M.W.S., Recorder; Ill. Bro. N. Prower, M.A., G.M.; Ex. Bros. L. Steele, Rapl.; W. Maple, C. of G.; Egbert Roberts, Asst. Org.; Dr. V. Jagielski, D.C.; Ill. Bros. T. W. Coffin, M.D., P.M.W.S.; Challenger, 30°; and Ex. Bros. Capt. Baldwin and A. Humphreys. Ill. Bro. A. R. Carter, 31°, and Ex. Bro. Major Clifford Probyn were visitors.

The minutes of the previous meeting having been duly confirmed, Ill. Bro. H. J. Lardner installed Ex. Bro. G. Pigache as Most Wise, the ceremony being carried out in a manner that left but little to be desired. Among the officers appointed were Bros. G. Grimwood, J.P., Prelate; Major W. B. Williamson, 30°, 1st Gen.; N. Prower, 30°, 2nd Gen.; W. Paas, 30°, Treas.; Capt. Walls, Recorder; L. Steele, G.M.; W. Maple, Rapl.; Corrie Jackson, F.R.C.S., C. of G.; V. Jagielski, M.D., Herald; E. M. Lott, 31°, Org.; and C. Roberts, Asst. Org. A vote of thanks was passed to the Installing Officer. The presentation of a Past Sovereign's jewel to Ill. Bro. Major F. J. Stohwasser, 30°, I.P.M.W.S., was proposed.

Among those sending apologies for absence were Bros. Major Stohwasser, G. Graveley, 30°, P.M.W.S.; G. Grimwood, Prelate; Dr. Lott, 31°; W. Fisher, T. E. Bibblecombe, and H. J. Adams.

The report of the Audit Committee—a highly satisfactory one—having been received and adopted, the chapter was closed, and the brethren adjourned to the Café Royal to banquet, where they were joined by Ill. Bros. D. Nicol, 30°, P.M.W.S.; F. Curlier, 30°, P.M.W.S.; G. A. Berkley, P.M.W.S.; and others.

Upon the removal of the cloth, the long list of toasts were duly honoured.

"The Health of the M.W." was proposed in happy terms by Ill. Bro. Dr. Coffin.

The M.W. having responded, gave "The Visitors." Ill. Bro. A. R. Carter, 31°, in reply, expressed the great pleasure it had afforded him at being present to witness the installation ceremony, which had been so ably carried out by Bro. Lardner, who, by the way, was a member of the chapter of which he (Bro. Carter) had the honour of being a Past Sovereign. He was also pleased at being able to renew acquaintance with several old Masonic friends. In conclusion he thanked the M.W. for the kindness and courtesy extended to him, and for the musical treat he and his co-visitor had so thoroughly enjoyed.

Bro. Major Probyn, in the course of his response, said that Bro. Carter had the advantage of him, because he had seen the working of the chapter, which he (Bro. Probyn) had not. However, he had witnessed the efforts of the Installing Officer before in his own chapter, the Rose and Lily. Bro. Lardner was not only a good worker, but a good fellow in the bargain. He had to thank his old

friend, Bro. Berkley, for having afforded him the opportunity of partaking of the hospitality of the old Mount Calvary Chapter, and of listening to many charming musical selections. So highly had he enjoyed his visit that if invited again he should most eagerly avail himself of the opportunity.

"The Health of the Past Sovereigns" was coupled with the names of Bros. Coffin, Nicol, Curlier, Berkley, and Lardner, all of whom said a few words in reply.

Bros. Wilkinson, N. Prower, W. Maple, and V. Jagielski responded on behalf of "The Officers," the speech of the first named being full of point and humour.

In consequence of indisposition the worthy and veteran Treasurer, Bro. Paas, was compelled to leave early, but his health, in his absence, was given very kindly by the Most Wise, and drunk cordially and enthusiastically by the brethren.

The proceedings were rendered most enjoyable by the instrumental and vocal efforts of Bro. Egbert Roberts and an efficient staff of artists. The Most Wise contributed a vocal selection of great excellence, and Bro. Major Williamson recited "The Slave's Dream," by Longfellow, with expression and pathos. Bro. Pigache is to be complimented upon the unqualified success that attended his *debut* as a ruler in the Ancient and Accepted Rite.

**ROYAL MASONIC INSTITUTION FOR BOYS.**

At the recent examination at Trinity College, London, in the Theory of Music, Boote, Broad, and Watson obtained Honours, while Chinneck and Leeming gained Certificates. Considering that this is a new departure at the School, and that the average age of the candidates was under 13 (the examination being open to candidates of any age) the School has done well to pass 50 per cent. of its candidates.

**CENTENARY OF THE ROYAL BRUNSWICK LODGE, No. 296, AT SHEFFIELD.**

In the year 1793 14 worthy brethren, all of whom were then subscribing members of Lodge, No. 72 (which had met for many years at the Royal Oak, King-street, Sheffield, but which lapsed very soon afterwards), petitioned Grand Lodge for a new warrant. Their petition was favourably received, and a warrant was on the 8th day of July, 1793, granted by Richard Slater Milnes, Esq., M.P., the Prov. Grand Master for the County of York, acting under the authority of the Grand Lodge of England, H.R.H. George Augustus Prince of Wales, Grand Master, to James Woolen, Joseph Hudson, Richard Jessop, James Richardson, John Law, John Northall, and Ebenezer Hancock (all old Sheffield families) to form and hold a lodge to be called the Royal Brunswick Lodge, to meet at the Royal Oak, King-street, Sheffield; the first three petitioners being appointed respectively, the first Worshipful Master, and Senior and Junior Wardens. Unfortunately the minutes of the lodge from its commencement to the year 1810 are lost, but the Treasurer's cash book from the beginning is still in existence. From it we find that the lodge was exceedingly prosperous for many years, and during the first five years considerably over 100 Masons were "made." The father of the lodge, Bro. James Woolen, was a bookseller, and the keeper of the British Circulating Library. He resided at No. 32, High-street, and filled the chair of the lodge for no less than 13 years. He died in May, 1814, and was buried with full Masonic honours at Ecclesall. One of the founders, John Northall, was the editor and publisher of the *Sheffield Courant* newspaper. It is interesting to learn that a son of one of the founders is still living, and resident at Sheffield—Dr. Joseph Law, son of the above-named John Law.

The lodge, perhaps, stands unique in having no less than 28 Past Masters, still living, all having been Masters of the Royal Brunswick Lodge. The lodge was first held at the Royal Oak, in King-street, and subsequently at the Crown and Shakespeare, Sycamore-street; the Ball Inn, Campo-lane; Angel Inn, Angel-street; Freemasons' Tavern, Queen-street; George Inn, Market-place; Black Rock, Castle-street; Falstaff Inn, Wicker; Music Hall, Surrey-street; and the present Masonic Hall, Surrey-street. It has borne the following numbers: from 1793 to 1813, No. 527; from 1813 to 1831, No. 556; from 1831 to 1862, No. 373; and from 1862, No. 296.

The centenary meeting of the lodge took place on Monday, the 10th inst., the W.M., Bro. Charles Pawson, in the chair. After the ordinary business of the meeting had been transacted,

Bro. W. H. Stacky, P.M., mentioned that Bro. W. Longden, P.M., P.P.G.D., would early next year, if spared, celebrate his jubilee as a Past Master of the lodge, he having been installed as W.M. for the first time in the year 1841, and proposed a resolution acknowledging the many services which Bro. Longden had rendered to the lodge in years past.

At the after meeting, Bro. Stacky gave the brethren a short *resumé* of the history of early Freemasonry in Sheffield, and of the Royal Brunswick Lodge, which he is now preparing.

A further celebration of the centenary took place on Wednesday, the 12th inst., when about 60 of the members of the lodge, together with the Worshipful Masters of the sister lodges in Sheffield and other visitors, dined together at Haddon Hall, a place eminently appropriate and adapted for such an occasion.

Bro. Henry Smith, D.P.G.M., proposed the toast of the day—"Success to the Royal Brunswick Lodge." After expressing the regret of himself and all the

brethren of the province at the continued indisposition of Bro. T. W. Tew, P.G.D., which had compelled him to resign the office of Prov. Grand Master of West Yorkshire, Bro. Smith stated that the Royal Brunswick Lodge was the 11th lodge in the Province of West Yorkshire which had the proud distinction of proving a continued existence for 100 years and thereby becoming the possessor of a centenary warrant. He expressed the pleasure it had always been to him to visit the lodge and his gratification at its increasing prosperity. He earnestly hoped that this success would be continued throughout a second and a third century, and he called upon the brethren to join him in honouring the toast.

The W.M., Bro. CHARLES PAWSON, suitably replied, after which the historic rooms of the old hall were inspected, and the brethren having partaken of tea, proceeded homewards. Notwithstanding the unfavourable weather the celebration was an unqualified success.

#### SUMMER OUTING OF THE WOODGRANGE LODGE, No. 2409.

This lodge held its second summer outing on Thursday, the 20th inst., the places visited being Ipswich and Harwich. The train left Stratford Station at 10 o'clock a.m., and conveyed between 50 and 60 ladies, together with brethren of the lodge and their friends. Amongst the number were Bro. R. J. Tucker, W.M.; Bro. A. R. Trew, Treas., and Mrs. Trew; Bros. James. H. Brown, J.W.; Henry Wm. Clarke, Sec.; Bro. Wm. Wilkinson, Org., and Mrs. Wilkinson; Bros. G. H. Scrutton, H. Johnson, H. F. Wells, W. E. Hutchinson, F. Smith, R. Box, C. Slater, J. M. Taylor, Bro. Robt. and Mrs. Ayton, Bro. Henry and Mrs. Poston, Bro. W. and Mrs. Land, Bro. A. and Mrs. Robertson, Bro. H. and Mrs. Chown, Bro. R. T. W. and Miss Tucker, Bro. James and Mrs. Boulton, Bro. H. W. and Mrs. Turner, Bro. W. and Mrs. Fisher, Mr. and Mrs. Knowler, Mr. W. Warburton, Mrs. Trew, jun., Mrs. and Miss Stevens, Mr. and Mrs. S. Wayland, and others.

On the arrival at Ipswich a substantial luncheon was served in the large waiting room, and that being concluded, a visit was made to the various places of interest in and around the town. At three o'clock a start was made for the boat, and a very enjoyable trip was made down the river Orwell to Harwich. Upon arrival at the hotel, a splendid banquet was served by the Great Eastern Railway Company, which was much enjoyed.

After the banquet the usual loyal toasts were proposed and duly honoured, as is always the case amongst Freemasons.

Bro. TREW proposed "The Health of the W.M.," and alluded to the very prosperous year that had just passed under his guidance, which was very enthusiastically drunk.

The next toast proposed was that of "The Treasurer" by the W.M. in most eulogistic terms, for it was stated that Bro. Trew being the first W.M. of the lodge, had worked most arduously, it was to him practically that that lodge had attained its present position.

Bro. TREW, in reply, said that whatever he had done gave him much pleasure, and he hoped to be spared to see the lodge grow to still larger proportions and become more useful. Since its formation it had not only paid the large amount which a new lodge necessitated, but was now entirely out of debt, and would carry forward a very substantial balance for the incoming Master to commence his year of office; but with all that it had not forgotten the Masonic Charities, for during the two years of its existence it had sent up by its Stewards nearly £400.

The toast of "The Visitors" was proposed by the W.M., which was responded to by Bros. J. BOULTON, P.M. 2291, P.S.G. Deacon Essex; HENR, and several others. The next toast was "The Ladies."

The W.M. said it was only upon very special occasions that they could be present, and it gave him very great pleasure to drink their health upon that occasion.

Bro. J. M. TAYLOR having responded, this concluded the list.

After a most enjoyable day, spent in a manner with nothing to interrupt its enjoyment, all were safely brought to Stratford, with sincere hopes of its being repeated next year. It is but fair to state that all the arrangements of the day were successfully carried out by the Secretary, Bro. H. W. Clarke.

#### BANK HOLIDAY RAILWAY FACILITIES. GREAT WESTERN RAILWAY.

The Great Western Railway Company issue ordinary as well as excursion tickets at their principal City and West-end Offices, and this arrangement is probably never so much appreciated as during the week preceding the Bank Holiday, when large numbers of people avail themselves of the opportunity thus afforded for obtaining tickets at their own time and without the crowding and worry inseparable from a large railway station at holiday season. The fares charged are the same as at Paddington, and the tickets are available for use under precisely the same conditions as those issued at that station. The following are the offices at which tickets are issued, viz.: 103 and 407, Oxford-street; 23, New Oxford-street; 209, Strand; Holborn Circus; 29, Charing Cross; Cambridge Circus, Shaftesbury Avenue; The Piazza, Covent Garden; 26, Regent-street; 5, Arthur-street East, London Bridge; 82, Queen Victoria-street; 43 and 44, Crutchedfriars; 67, Gresham-street; 4, Cheapside; 17, Brompton-road; and the L.B. & S.C. Company's Office, under the Grand Hotel, Trafalgar Square. The booking offices at Paddington Station will be open for the issue of tickets all day on Wednesday, Thursday, Friday, and Saturday, August 2nd, 3rd, 4th, and 5th, and the tickets issued (except those for specified excursion trains) will be available for use on any of those days. To

meet the expected additional traffic by the ordinary trains on Saturday, August 5th, the Company will run in duplicate the 5.0 and 9.0 p.m. trains to the West of England, and the 12.0 noon and 3.15 p.m. trains to Weymouth, Hereford, and South Wales respectively. The first portion of the 5.0 and 9.0 p.m. trains will leave Paddington at 4.55 and 8.55 p.m. respectively, but the first portions of the other trains will leave at the advertised times, and the second a few minutes afterwards, the long distance passengers being as far as possible taken in the first portion, but with a few exceptions both trains will stop at the advertised stations to take up and set down passengers. On Wednesday, August 2nd, an excursion train will leave Paddington at 7.55 a.m. for Gloucester, Cardiff, Newport, Swansea, New Milford, &c.; passengers will also be booked at excursion fares to certain stations in the South of Ireland. Fast excursion trains for the West of England will leave Paddington at 10.10 p.m. on Friday, August 4th, and at 7.30 a.m. and 1.55 p.m. on Saturday, August 5th, reaching Exeter in 5½ hours and Plymouth 7½ hours. Excursions will also be run on Saturday to Bath, Bristol, Dorchester, Weymouth (for the Channel Islands), Cheltenham, Worcester, Malvern, Hereford, Birmingham, Wolverhampton, Shrewsbury, Chester, Liverpool, Manchester, and other stations on the Great Western system. On Sunday, August 6th, excursions will be run to Cirencester, Stroud, Gloucester, Cheltenham, &c., and at 12.15 midnight an excursion for one or four days will leave Paddington for Oxford, Leamington, Birmingham, Wolverhampton, &c. On Monday cheap trains will be run to Bath, Bristol, Stroud, Gloucester, Cheltenham, Reading, Pangbourne, Goring, Wallingford, &c. Cheap third-class excursion tickets are issued daily by specified trains from Paddington, Kensington (A. dison-road), Hammersmith, and certain stations on the Metropolitan, Metropolitan District and North London Railways, to Staines, Windsor, Taplow, Maidenhead, Henley, and other popular riverside resorts.

#### LONDON AND NORTH-WESTERN RAILWAY.

The London and North-Western Company announce that on Thursday, August 3rd, and Friday, August 4th, the 2.0 p.m. train from London (Euston) will convey passengers to Carnforth and North thereof only. Special trains will leave Euston at 6.25 p.m. for Holyhead and Ireland. On Friday, August 4th, the 12.0 midnight train from Euston will be run via Blisworth. A train in connection will leave Northampton at 1.34 a.m. on Saturday morning, August 5th, and return from Blisworth 1.53 a.m., arriving at Northampton 2.3 a.m. On Saturday, August 5th, the 2.0 p.m. train from London (Euston), will convey passengers to Carnforth and North thereof only. A special train will leave Willesden Junction at 2.57 for Northampton, Rugby, Trent Valley Stations, and Stafford. Special trains will leave Euston at 4.25 p.m. for Coventry and Birmingham, arriving at 6.21 p.m. and 6.50 p.m. respectively; and at 6.55 p.m., calling at Willesden, Rugby, and Coventry, and reaching Birmingham at 9.35 p.m. The 7.0 p.m. express from Birmingham to London will travel via Northampton, thus affording an additional service from Birmingham to Northampton, and Northampton to London. The train will arrive at Northampton at 8.20 p.m., depart 8.23, arrive Bletchley 8.50, depart 8.52, arrive Willesden 9.47 p.m., and London (Euston) at 10.0 p.m. On Bank Holiday, Monday, August 7th, the following trains will not be run: 11.0 a.m. Birmingham to Crewe, &c., 3.0 p.m. and 9.5 p.m., Euston to Bletchley. The 4.30 p.m. train from Euston will not run. Passengers for the Birmingham District will travel by the 5.0 p.m., and those for stations between Northampton and Rugby, Northampton and Peterboro', and Northampton and Nottingham, must leave London (Euston) at 3.15 p.m. The 7.0 p.m. express from Birmingham to London will travel via Northampton, thus affording an additional service from Birmingham to Northampton and Northampton to London. The train will arrive at Northampton at 8.20 p.m., depart 8.23 p.m., arrive Bletchley 8.50 p.m., depart 8.52 p.m., arrive Willesden 9.47 p.m., and London (Euston) at 10.0 p.m. Many of the residential trains run in the Suburbs of London, Birmingham, Liverpool, and Manchester, will not be run on Bank Holiday, Monday, August 7th, particulars of which will be advertised locally. The up and down dining saloons between London, Liverpool, Manchester, and Glasgow will be run as usual. Cheap Excursions will be run by this Company from London to Birmingham, Coventry, Leamington, Kenilworth, Dudley, Walsall, Wednesbury, Wolverhampton, Leicester, Liverpool, Manchester, Huddersfield, Bradford, Shrewsbury, Hereford, Aberystwyth, Borth, Abergavenny, South and Central Wales, Chester, North Wales, Bolton, Blackburn, Southport, Morecambe, Blackpool, Carlisle, the English Lake District, Scotland, and to various other places on the Company's system. Similar trains will be run from many of the districts named to London, including bookings to Brighton, Hastings, St. Leonards, Portsmouth, Southampton, &c.; and also to Paris and the Continent. Bills and full particulars can be obtained on application at the railway station and at the Company's offices.

#### MIDLAND RAILWAY.

For the convenience of the public, the Midland Railway Company have arranged that the booking offices of St. Pancras and Moorgate-street Stations shall be open for the issue of tickets all day on Friday and Saturday, August 4th and 5th. Tickets to all principal stations on the Midland Railway will also be obtainable beforehand at their City and suburban offices, and the offices of Messrs. Thos. Cook and Son, a full list of which will be found in the Midland time tables and other announcements. The tickets obtained at these offices will be available from St. Pancras Station, and will be issued at the same fares as charged at that station, and dated to suit the convenience of passengers. Cheap excursion trains will be run from London to Leicester, Nottingham, Melton, Birmingham, Walsall, Wolverhampton, Burton, Derby, Manchester, Liverpool, Blackburn, Bolton, Rochdale, Oldham, Bury, the Furness District, Carlisle, &c., &c., on Saturday, August 5th, returning the following Thursday; and to Edinburgh and Glasgow, returning the following Saturday; and tickets for these trains for starting from St. Pancras Station can be obtained on the two days previous to the running of the trains at the above-named offices. Cheap excursion trains for six days will also be run to London from Carlisle, Liverpool, Manchester, Blackburn, Bolton, Burnley, Bury, Rochdale, Burton, Derby, Nottingham, Birmingham, Walsall, Wolverhampton, Leicester, &c., on Saturday, August 5th. Passengers will be booked by these trains at cheap fares to

Brighton and other South Coast stations for 5, 8, 10, or 15 days, to Paris and other places on the Continent, having the privilege of returning within 16 days. On Monday, August 7th, cheap day trips will also be run from Derby, Nottingham, Leicester, Birmingham, Northampton, Bedford, &c., to London; and from London (St. Pancras) to St. Albans, Harpenden, Luton, Bedford, Leicester, and Birmingham, and a two days' excursion to Manchester.

#### GREAT NORTHERN RAILWAY.

The Great Northern Railway Company announce that in addition to the ordinary service of express trains from London (King's Cross) to Scotland, arrangements have been made for the 8.0 p.m. express train from King's Cross to Edinburgh, Glasgow and the north of Scotland to be run specially on the nights of Saturday, 5th, and Sunday, 6th August. On Friday night, August 4th, cheap 5 or 11 days' excursions will be run from London to Stirling, Perth, Dundee, Aberdeen, Inverness, &c. On Saturday, August 5th, cheap 6 days' excursion trains will be run from London (King's Cross station) to Cambridge, Wisbech, Lynn, Cromer, Norwich, Yarmouth, Lincoln, Leicester, Nottingham, Derby, Burton, Stoke, Newark, Sheffield, Barnsley, Huddersfield, Manchester, Stockport, Warrington, Liverpool, Wakefield, Leeds, Bradford, Keighley, Halifax, Hull, York, Scarborough, Whitby, Bridlington, Darlington, Newcastle, &c. On Saturday night, August 5th, a special excursion for eight days will be run from London to Darlington, Newcastle, Berwick, Edinburgh, Glasgow, &c. On Saturday, 5th, and Monday, 7th August, cheap day excursions will be run from Moorgate, Aldersgate, Farringdon, King's Cross (G.N.), Holloway, &c., to Skegness, Sutton-on-Sea, and Mablethorpe. Three or four days' tickets will be issued by the excursion on Saturday, available for return by the excursion on Monday, or by any ordinary train on Tuesday. On Sunday night, August 6th, a fast excursion for two days will be run from London (King's Cross, &c.) to Manchester. On Monday, August 7th, cheap day excursions will be run from Victoria (L.C. & D.), Moorgate, King's Cross, Finsbury Park, &c., to St. Albans, Wheathampstead, Harpenden, Luton, Dunstable, Hitchin, Royston, and Cambridge. Cheap return tickets will also be issued from London to Biggleswade on Monday, August 7th. On Tuesday, August 8th, a cheap day trip will be run from London to Skegness. To prevent inconvenience from crowding at the Company's principal terminal station, King's Cross, tickets, dated in advance, will be issued at King's Cross (G.N.R.), Victoria (L.C. and D.), Ludgate Hill, Moorgate, Aldersgate, Farringdon, and Finsbury Park Stations, and at the following ticket offices: 1, Whittington-avenue, Leadenhall-street; 44, Bread-street, Cannon-street; 22, Wood-street, F.C.; 43 and 44, Crutched Friars; 16, Fish-street Hill; Farringdon-street, next Metropolitan Railway; 217, Old-street, F.C.; 230, Essex-road, Islington, N.; 90, Tottenham Court-road; Cambridge-circus, Shaftesbury-avenue, W.; 264, High Holborn; 328, Strand; 29, Bow-street, Covent Garden; 285, Oxford-street; 169, Edgware-road, W.; Albert Gate Office, 1, William-street, Lowndes-square; 139 and 141, Brompton-road, S.W.; "Star" Office, 138, Victoria-street, Pimlico; "Bee Hive," Whitecross-street; 80, Bishopsgate-street Without, E.C.; 3, King Edward-street, Newgate-street; Royal Oak Office, 6, Porchester-road, Westbourne-grove; George Inn, Borough; 230, High-street, Borough; 190A, Westminster Bridge-road; Royal Albert and Victoria Docks (G.N.R. Offices); 7, Beresford-square, South Woolwich; at the offices of Messrs. Swan and Leach, 3, Charing Cross, and 32, Piccadilly-circus; the Army and Navy Stores, 105, Victoria-street, S.W.; and at William Whiteley's, 151, Queen's-road, Bayswater, W.

#### Obituary.

##### BRO. JOHN CANHAM, P.M., P.Z.

Another Masonic veteran has passed away in the person of Bro. John Canham, who died on the 15th inst. at his residence, 64, Hackford-road, Brixton, in his 90th year, and in his 69th year as a Mason. We learn from Sadler's "Notes on the Ceremony of Installation" that this truly venerable brother was initiated in the Lodge of Honour and Generosity as far back as 1825, and that in 1827 he attended, as Master of his mother lodge, the meetings of the Board of Installation, appointed by the Duke of Sussex for the purpose of rehearsing and promulgating the ceremony of installation of Master as sanctioned by his Royal Highness in his capacity as Most Worshipful Grand Master. Bro. Canham was exalted in the Mount Zion Chapter in 1827, and in 1830 he joined the Fidelity Chapter, No. 3. In the latter chapter he filled several of the principal offices, including that of Z. in 1834, being followed step by step by the late Dr. Crucefix, the principal founder of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution. Until prevented by bodily infirmities, Bro. Canham was a regular attendant at both Grand Lodge and Grand Chapter. We fully appreciate the remarks of Bro. Sadler in the little book referred to, wherein he expresses his "extreme gratification in being able to hold converse with a brother who was a personal friend of Gilkes, Broadfoot, Thomson, Crucefix, and a host of other celebrities, whom hitherto I had only read about, who frequently attended Grand Lodge when it was presided over by the Duke of Sussex, and who could remember the various peculiarities of most of these eminent personages, and relate amusing anecdotes of many of them." The remains of our worthy brother were interred at Norwood Cemetery on the 21st inst., in a manner quite in accord with the simplicity of his life and the modesty of his disposition, but owing to his advanced age and his compulsory cessation from any active part in Masonry for so long a period most of his old Masonic friends had either "gone before" or had forgotten his existence. A somewhat unusual circumstance in connection with the funeral was that a female relative of Bro. Canham's died only a few hours after he did and was buried at the same time, in the same grave, and that their united ages reached close upon 171 years.