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ANNIVERSARY FESTIVAL OF THE ROYAL MASONIC INSTITUTION FOR GIRLS.

The 106th Anniversary Festival of this Institution was held on Wednesday at Freemasons' Tavern, London. The Earl of Lathom, M.W. Pro G. Master, was to have presided, but, in consequence of the sudden death of his sister-in-law, the Countess of Clarendon, he was unable to attend. His place was taken by Lord Skelmersdale, J.G.W. England, who was supported by Bros. W. L. Jackson, M.P., Prov. G.M. West Yorks.; and Henry Smith, D.P.G.M. West Yorks Treasurer of the Institution.

The following letter to Bro. Sir John B. Monckton, from the Pro G.M. was read:

"41, Portland-place, W., May 9th, 1894.

DEAR SIR JOHN,—It was with the deepest regret that I sent you the telegram this morning announcing that owing to the death of my sister-in-law, Lady Clarendon, it would be impossible for me to attend the Festival to-night. I had been looking forward to once more meeting friends and supporters of the Institution and also to the opportunity of bearing my witness to the admirable way in which everything with the School is conducted. I should have liked to have publicly congratulated Miss Davis on the extraordinary success of her work and that of those under her as shown by the result of the various examinations the pupils have recently passed through; but this is not to be. I have asked my son, Lord Skelmersdale. He will be able to say how much pleased Lady Lathom was with all she saw on Monday. May I ask you, Sir John, to kindly express my regret to the brethren who have so kindly, and I am sure liberally, come forward to support me on this occasion.—Believe me, very fraternally, LATHOM."

After Grace had been sung the toasts were proposed.

In giving the toast of "The M.W.G.M.," Bro. Lord SKELMERSDALE read the following telegram from the Prince of Wales: "My fraternal greetings to you and the brethren, and I trust that the Festival in which I take so deep an interest may prove a great success. (Signed) ALBERT EDWARD, Grand Master." (Applause.) Lord Skelmersdale proceeded to say his Royal Highness never forgot what he was connected with in Freemasonry; his interest was always there—especially in the Girls' School. His beloved Princess opened the new large hall of the Institution, which she allowed to be called after her name.

Bro. Sir JOHN B. MONCKTON proposed "The Deputy Grand Master, and the rest of the Grand Officers, Present and Past," and in calling on the Right Hon. W. L. Jackson, M.P., to reply, said Bro. Jackson would take the chair at the next Festival of the Boys' School, when he hoped whatever success might attend the Festival of that evening, the Boys' Institution might have a better.

Bro. W. L. JACKSON, in reply, said there had been imposed upon him a very great responsibility. Lord Mount Edgcumbe was so well known to the Craft that it needed no words from him to respond on his behalf. In West Yorkshire the brethren had reason to be thankful and grateful to the Dep. G.M. for many kindnesses he had shown to that Province, and particularly one of comparatively recent date, when Lord Mount Edgcumbe undertook the important duties connected with laying the foundation-stone of a hospital at Halifax. On that occasion the Masons of West Yorkshire showed their appreciation of Lord Mount Edgcumbe's position in the Craft, and their affection for him as a brother Mason, by their enormous assembly. This, he believed, convinced Lord Mount Edgcumbe that in Yorkshire the Masons recognised their duties, and that when a distinguished nobleman went down there to perform an act of Charity and benevolence of that description, the whole population of the district warmly received him. But beyond the responsibility put upon him (Bro. Jackson) to respond on behalf of "The Deputy Grand Master and the Grand Officers, Present and Past," there had been imposed upon him another duty not less onerous—even still more difficult to discharge properly—to propose the toast of "The Pro Grand Master of England." It was to the brethren as to him—nay, he would go further and say that their disappointment was as nothing to the disappointment of the Pro Grand Master himself at being absent from that Festival. The Earl of Lathom had looked forward for months past with feelings of the greatest interest and hope to the result that would be realised on that occasion. The brethren sympathised with his Lordship in the cause of his absence, and their response to the toast would be not the less cordial and generous in his absence. But they were fortunate—as the Pro G.M. was fortunate—in having Lord Lathom's son—the worthy son of a worthy father—to preside over them. (Applause.) When that son conveyed to his father the information, not only of the cordiality with which the brethren received the Pro Grand Master's name, but also his son's name, he would feel deeply gratified. It would be impertinent in him (Bro. Jackson) to attempt to depict the virtues and qualities of the Pro G.M. Sufficient for him to say, that Lord Lathom's name and presence were loved, known, and respected through the length and breadth of the land; he was, indeed, one of those noblemen who had discharged the duties of their high position always with credit and distinction, and in the Masonic Craft they recognised his graceful presence and his perfect work on all occasions. To the Pro Grand Master he had every reason to be personally grateful for his kindness in installing him as Prov. G.M. of West Yorkshire. On that occasion the Masons of the province sent Lord Lathom home with a feeling of gratification and pride, that the neighbouring province to his own held such a high and proud position in the Craft. The Masons of West Yorkshire—of

whom a great many were now present—knew Lord Lathom well, and whatever it might be necessary to do in other cases, it was needless to say a single word in his praise. He had only one more word to say, and that was with regard to the Girls' Institution—happy girls—fortunate girls—to have as their own President the Pro Grand Master.

Lord SKELMERSDALE acknowledging the toast, said the brethren had heard the letter from his father which was read just now, and he would add to that that Lord Lathom had himself expressed to him that afternoon his deep regret at not being able to be present. The brethren all sympathised with him in the sorrow which had come so suddenly upon them. He would not dilate upon it any further than to say it was a very real sorrow. Bro. Jackson had reminded the brethren that Lord Lathom had the pleasure—he would say, and the honour—of installing him as Prov. Grand Master of West Yorkshire last autumn, of the pleasure it gave the brethren of West Yorkshire. He (Lord Skelmersdale) heard from his father immediately after he had performed the ceremony, of the great pleasure it gave him to do it, and to see such a splendid and admirable gathering to witness it. On behalf of his father, he thanked the brethren most cordially for their reception of that toast. He would now turn to the toast of the evening, "Success to the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls." He was not going to bother them with figures, but would like to remind them that this Institution was opened 106 years ago with 15 girls; it had now 263 receiving its benefits. The brethren had seen the sort of education the girls received—an excellent, sound, English education—one that in his opinion was calculated—in the opinion of all present that was calculated to fit the girls for the duties of life when they grew older and left the Institution. They were not only instructed in these things, but in music and singing. Their physical training was also well cared for; they had a swimming bath. They had been successful in their examinations. During nine years 99 had entered for the Cambridge examinations, and 88 had passed—a large proportion with honours and distinction. For the College of Preceptors' examinations 198 had gone up in five years and 188 had passed. Only 12 girls had failed out of a total of 288. In addition to that, nine went in last year for the School Examination of the Associated Board of the Royal College and the Royal Academy of Music, and all passed. He ventured to say there was no school in the United Kingdom or in the world which could show such results. Further, the brethren had one great pride in the School, with the honourable exception of Miss Davis, the Head Governess, that all the resident staff were ex-pupils of the Institution; and in addition ex-pupils held high positions in other Institutions. One of these, who was present at that Festival, was the Head Governess of the Masonic Girls' School, Dublin. Some of the brethren had the pleasure of being at the School on Monday and seeing the prizes given. It was not for him to say how the prizes were given—(applause)—though, personally, he was very proud of the way in which his mother gave the prizes. They were all very much impressed and perhaps touched by the sight of the girls. For his own part it almost brought tears into his eyes to see those daughters of Masons sitting down with such happy, contented, and healthy faces. The Masonic brethren did their best to contribute towards the monetary part of the Institution, but they owed a very great debt of gratitude to Miss Davis and her able staff for looking after those girls and keeping them so healthy and happy. It was the first time he had been there; he was sure it would not be the last. He was very much impressed with the charming manner of the pupils, and by their admirable drill and calisthenics. Last year the School was visited with scarlet fever, but there were no fatal results. There was extra and extraordinary expenditure on account of the visitation; additions had to be made to the infirmary, and a thorough investigation was made of the system of drainage. In this way there was an excess of the normal disbursements to the amount of £2200. That no doubt would be met that evening. He must remind the brethren of one fact—that the pupils were not derived only from England; they came from all parts of the world where the Grand Lodge of England held sway. There were now in the School 13 girls from foreign stations—from Australia to New Zealand, from Shanghai to Antigua. The subscribers to this School did not lose sight of it; they showed their interest in it by being present at the prize-giving. He was told there was an old pupils' day at the School, when old pupils came from all parts of England to renew their acquaintance with it, and who were proud to be able to testify in their own persons to the benefits they had derived from it. The subject of the Girls' School he felt very strongly upon, young Mason though he was. Of all the jewels Masons hung upon their breasts the jewel of Charity was the one that shone brightest. His lordship concluded by formally proposing "Success to the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls."

Bro. HENRY SMITH, P.G.D., Dep. Prov. G.M. for West Yorkshire, Treasurer of the Institution, in acknowledging the toast, said: My Lord, Ladies, and Brethren—As Treasurer it becomes my duty to respond to the toast of "Success to the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls," so kindly proposed by our noble chairman, in the unfortunate absence of the Most Worshipful Pro Grand Master. The claims of the Institution have been so fully laid before you, that it is only necessary that I should allude to the present peculiar circumstances of our financial position. The unexpected demand upon our resources, caused by the outbreak of scarlet fever in the spring of last year, necessitated an expenditure of nearly £1500. A thorough examination of the system of drainage at the junior school revealed defects necessitating an outlay of £400. The enlargement of the infirmary caused an expenditure of £600, making a total of £2500. Happily, by careful

management, we have been enabled, up to the present, to avoid drawing upon our invested funds, and now we are relying upon the result of to-day's proceedings to render unnecessary trenching upon our investments; and we await with confidence the announcement which our Secretary is about to make, which, I venture to hope, will be of a very satisfactory character, and will place us under deep obligation to the Board of upwards of 400 Stewards. In the name of the Institution I now desire to thank you for so cordially drinking the toast.

Bro. HEDGES then read the following

STEWARDS' LISTS.

LONDON.		Lodge		£ s. d.	
HOUSE COMMITTEE.		1615 Bro. Sir W. G. Pearce,		23 2 0	
		Bart. ...			
		Chapter			
		1622 Comp. F. W. Williams			
		(see also Lodge			
		No. 101)			
		1642 „ John French		31 10 0	
		Lodge			
		1662 Bro. H. French Bromhead			
		(see also Lodge			
		No. 2501, Essex)			
		1672 „ James Perkins		57 8 0	
		1687 „ Walter Adams		45 13 6	
		1694 „ R. J. C. Davis			
		1694 „ J. H. Usmar		59 17 0	
		1695 „ Robert Colsell		43 1 0	
		1704 „ Albert Smith		47 5 0	
		1706 „ F. Bevan		40 0 0	
		1718 „ Maj. W. R. Bagalley		23 0 0	
		1719 „ Saml. Spencer		45 0 0	
		1728 „ W. Hawkins		36 15 0	
		1743 „ John Stait		30 0 0	
		1768 „ W. G. Kentish (see			
		also General Com-			
		mittee Club, and			
		Emulation Lodge			
		of Improvement)			
		1804 „ James Taylor		73 10 0	
		1804 „ Chas. J. R. Tijou			
		1891 „ W. Hoggins		140 0 0	
		1900 „ Oscar Philippe		1050 0 0	
		1901 „ J. Lightfoot			
		1901 „ H. R. Hobbs		205 16 0	
		1910 „ J. Kenyon		10 10 0	
		1924 „ W. Morley		105 0 0	
		1924 „ H. H. Nuding			
		1963 „ W. H. Jeffries		54 17 0	
		2021 „ Charles Kempton		115 10 0	
		2021 „ W. J. Rowe			
		2033 „ H. W. Kialmark		22 1 0	
		2060 „ Henri Testard		29 2 6	
		2127 „ J. H. Matthews (see			
		also H.C.)		27 6 0	
		2190 „ John Northcott		31 10 0	
		2233 „ W. E. M. Tomlinson,			
		M.P.		21 0 0	
		2243 „ H. H. Woodroffe		10 10 0	
		2265 „ I. B. Joel		52 10 0	
		2291 „ Ald. Geo. W. Kidd		111 0 6	
		2348 „ H. T. Tilling		68 5 0	
		2362 „ Geo. E. Grimes		105 0 0	
		2395 „ Arthur Dutton (see			
		also Lodge No. 34)		89 5 0	
		2396 „ H. J. Tibbatts		53 11 0	
		2398 „ Chas. O. Burgess		60 0 0	
		2409 „ A. J. Hardwick		78 14 6	
		2411 „ H. B. Holliday			
		2456 „ W. B. Colman		26 5 0	
		2470 „ T. A. Bullock		213 3 0	
		2484 „ Capt. R. G. Hall		10 10 0	
		2488 „ W. E. Chapman (see			
		also Lodge No.			
		2430, Bucks)		100 0 0	
		2500 „ Chas. Mussared		31 10 0	
		Lodge of Instruction			
		Emulation } Bro. W. G. Kentish			
		Lodge of } (see Gen. Com.			
		Instruction } Club) ...			
		Mark Lodge			
		363 Bro. A. C. Spaul (see also			
		H.C. Gen. Com.			
		Dinner Club)			
		Gen. Com. Dinner Club			
		Bro. W. G. Kentish (see			
		also Lodge No. 1768			
		and Emulation Lodge			
		of Improvement)		100 0 0	
		UNATTACHED.			
		Bro. A. E. Albert		10 10 0	
		E. Ashby		23 2 0	
		Stanley J. Attenborough		10 10 0	
		*Frank Bailey			
		Charles Belton		21 0 0	
		Lt.-Col. F. E. Bennett		10 10 0	
		Arthur Betts		10 10 0	
		S. B. Bolas		10 10 0	
		John Bott		12 1 0	
		*Dr. Stuart Brown		15 15 0	
		W. L. Crow			
		*George Dale			
		John Dimsdale		10 10 0	
		A. W. Duret		31 10 0	
		*Chas. R. J. Evans			
		George E. Fairchild		10 10 0	
		W. B. Fendick		10 10 0	
		*F. H. Gardiner			
		Thomas Glass		15 15 0	
		Clement Gosdon, M.D.			
		E. F. Harley			
		Sir Geo. D. Harris		10 10 0	
		*W. Harwood			
		Wharton P. Hood, M.D.		10 10 0	
		*F. Hutchinson			
		Frank R. Kenning		15 15 0	
		C. H. Knuth		10 10 0	
		Lieut.-Col. G. Lambert		73 10 0	
		H. B. Marshall, J.P.		15 15 0	
		H. B. Marshall, jun.,			
		M.A.		10 10 0	
		C. F. Matier		10 10 0	
		Eric S. Matthews		10 10 0	

£ s. d.	
Bro. *Henry Morris	10 10 0
„ Spencer W. Morris	10 10 0
„ *H. F. Nash	10 10 0
„ *J. Odell	10 10 0
„ Henry Poston	10 10 0
„ Major Clifford Probyn	5 5 0
„ Thomas G. Robinson	10 10 0
„ *W. Rolt	10 10 0
„ G. H. Scrutton	10 10 0
„ W. Smethett	42 0 0
„ James Speller	10 10 0
„ *George Staggs	10 10 0
„ James Stephens	10 10 0
„ Herbert Trott	20 0 0
„ William Vincent	16 16 0
„ *O. Viola	21 0 0
„ E. L. Waterlow	21 0 0
„ *James Willing, jun.	—
„ J. H. Whadcoat, F.S.S.	—
„ Fred. Wright	—
„ Hugh Wyatt	36 15 0
Mrs. David Ososki	—
„ James Stephens	26 5 0
„ Edwin Stiles	26 5 0

THE PROVINCES.

BEDFORDSHIRE.	
Lodge	
803 Bro. Jas. H. Kemm	43 1 0
BERKSHIRE.	
414 Bro. Rev. Canon N. T.	
Garry	26 15 6
Chapter	
414 Comp. W. Ravenscroft	26 5 0
Lodge	
574 Bro. J. Newbery (see also	
Lodge No. 1829, Sussex)	—
945 „ A. E. Preston	45 0 0
1101 „ R. E. Hodder	52 3 6
1881 „ Rev. A. W. N. Deacon	31 10 0
2437 „ Henry Baker	15 4 6

BRISTOL.

Bro. Lieut.-Colonel J. R.	
Bramble	10 10 0
Province	
Bro. E. T. Collins	430 10 0

BUCKINGHAMSHIRE.

Lodge	
1894 Bro. W. Woollett	15 15 0
2430 „ W. E. Chapman (see	
also No. 2488,	
London)	—
2458 „ A. H. Bevan	52 10 0
2492 „ J. W. Burgess (see	
also No. 1325, West	
Lancs.)	66 11 0

CAMBRIDGESHIRE.

Chapter	
441 Comp. P. H. Young	15 15 0

CHESHIRE.

Lodge	
321 & 1045 Bro. Rev. Chet-	
wynd Atkinson, M.A.	10 10 0

CORNWALL.

Province	
Bro. Wm. Lake	131 5 0

CUMBERLAND & WESTMORLAND.

Province	
Bro. Thos. A. Argles	178 10 0

DERBYSHIRE.

Lodge	
1324 Bro. Joseph Cook	45 15 0

DEVONSHIRE.

DORSETSHIRE.	
Lodge	
1866 Bro. Major W. Watts	25 0 0

Lodge	£	s.	d.
2316 Bro. G. A. Harradon	36	15	0
2316 " Brown, W. H.	10	10	0
2316 " Jas. Tarbuck	36	15	0
2324 " W. M. Varley	18	0	0
2325 " Walter Connard	24	0	0
2326 " Thompson, W. J.	42	0	0
2349 " Thos. Forrester	169	1	6
2359 " Geo. A. Myers	36	15	0
2359 " Edgar Towell	10	10	0
2360 " Joseph Sykes	21	0	0
2463 " C. Fothergill	26	5	0
2495 " John Fletcher	63	0	0
Mark Lodge			
268 Bro. Maxwell H. Boyd	21	0	0
Unattached			
Bro. Joseph Chadderton	10	10	0
" W. Simpson			
Miss Margaret Marsh	7	7	0
*Mrs. G. A. Myers			

LEICESTERSHIRE AND RUTLAND.

Province	£	s.	d.
Bro. John Harrison	320	0	0
Lodge			
2458 Bro. R. Porter-Keats	10	10	0
Unattached			
Bro. *John Hassell			

MIDDLESEX.

Lodge	£	s.	d.
382 Bro. W. H. Reid	53	11	0
1326 " W. Kite	35	0	0
1415 " A. W. Gerrard	42	0	0
1512 " J. W. Clarke	89	13	0
1579 " J. H. Roach	21	0	0
2024 " Walter Haddon	26	5	0
2163 " W. Freemantle	32	2	1
2163 " W. A. Cocks	10	10	0
2163 " A. A. Hardy	26	5	0
2183 " J. E. Lane, F.R.C.S.	26	5	0
2381 " Arthur Blenkarn	115	10	0
Unattached			
Bro. Col. H. M. Gordon	10	10	0

MONMOUTHSHIRE.

Province	£	s.	d.
Bro. R. A. Forsyth	73	10	0
Lodge			
458 Bro. Capt. C. G. Powell	21	0	0
683 " A. H. Oliver	60	0	0
318 " Thomas Harry	26	5	0
1258 " Hartley Feather	20	0	0
1420 " Walter J. Dix	37	2	0
2226 " Louis L. Fine	21	14	6

NORTH WALES.

Unattached	£	s.	d.
Bro. C. K. Benson	52	10	0
" E. Blane	21	0	0

NORTHANTS AND HUNTS.

Unattached	£	s.	d.
Bro. The Earl of Euston	26	5	0

OXFORDSHIRE.

Lodge	£	s.	d.
357 Bro. Harry Collinson	13	12	0
589 " Mark Nathan	12	1	6
1036 " W. N. Rowell	7	6	6
1515 " W. H. Wright	21	0	0
1703 " Henry C. Habgood	15	6	0
1895 " W. D. Mackenzie	10	10	0
2414 " Thos. Broughton	12	2	6

SHROPSHIRE.

Province	£	s.	d.
Bro. V. C. L. Crump	34	13	0

STAFFORDSHIRE.

Lodge	£	s.	d.
98 Bro. Arthur Boulton	52	10	0
539 " Alfred Dewsbury	121	0	0

SUFFOLK.

Unattached	£	s.	d.
Bro. the Rev. C. J. Martyn	21	0	0
Province and Lodge	£	s.	d.
1224 Bro. C. J. N. Row	90	0	0
114 " C. E. Tempest	105	10	6
114 " Frank Ashwin			
376 " T. Thwaites	73	10	0
376 " F. W. Long			
1224 " G. F. Hawkins	10	10	0

SURREY.

Lodge	£	s.	d.
416 Bro. Ernest H. Morrison	23	2	0
463 " George A. King	29	8	0
1346 " J. M. Kempster	24	3	0

* Included in Lodge or Provincial List.

SUMMARY OF THE PROVINCES.

Province	£	s.	d.
Berkshire	43	1	0
Birmingham	196	13	6
Bristol	441	0	0
Buckinghamshire	122	4	0
Cambridgeshire	15	15	0
Cheshire	10	10	0
Cornwall	131	5	0
Cumberland and Westmorland	178	10	0
Derbyshire	47	15	0
Devonshire	109	7	0
Dorsetshire	35	0	0
Durham	215	0	0
Essex	815	13	6
Gloucestershire	249	16	6
Hampshire and Isle of Wight	448	6	0
Hertfordshire	216	19	0
Kent	239	16	6
Lancashire (East Division)	292	19	0
" (West Division)	2500	0	0
Leicestershire and Rutland	330	10	0
Middlesex	456	9	0
Monmouthshire	257	0	0
North Wales	73	10	0
Northants and Hunts	26	5	0
Oxfordshire	91	18	6
Shropshire	34	13	0
Staffordshire	173	10	0
Suffolk	300	10	6
Surrey	76	2	6
Sussex	531	16	0
Warwickshire	192	1	0
Worcestershire	10	10	0
Yorkshire (North and East)	106	4	0
Yorkshire (West)	300	0	0
Channel Islands	10	10	0
Isle of Man	46	4	0
Africa (South)	10	10	0
Malta	63	0	0
Cyprus	39	0	0
Bengal	21	0	0
The Punjab	124	17	0
Scotland	15	7	6

GENERAL SUMMARY

193 STEWARDS—LONDON	£8100	15	0
257 STEWARDS—PROVINCES	£9631	4	6
GRAND TOTAL	£17732	0	6

Lodge	£	s.	d.
311 Bro. J. Adams	48	6	0
315 " T. H. Challis	42	0	0
811 " E. Erwin Scott	39	9	6
Chapter			
916 Comp. J. H. Wright	26	5	0
Lodge			
1110 Bro. C. H. Haine	63	0	0
1110 " J. A. Skinner	10	10	0
1110 " A. J. Skinner			
1141 " G. B. Simpson	42	0	0
1303 " W. Wright	88	4	0
1466 " H. D. Willock	21	10	6
1636 " John Sayers	31	10	0
1636 " Alfred Upton	10	10	0
1829 " J. Newberry	26	5	0
1947 " A. F. Lamette	31	10	0
2187 " Charles Nye	36	15	0
Unattached			
Bro. Richard Clowes	26	5	0

WARWICKSHIRE.

Lodge	£	s.	d.
468 Bro. John W. Rodgers	21	0	0
468 " A. L. Bayley			
587 " F. Dudley Docker			
587 " R. J. R. Mackenzie	65	0	0
587 " W. A. Bindley			
587 " J. H. Dent			
587 " Joseph W. Martin			
887 " Howard J. Collins	64	1	0
1474 " S. Lyon	31	10	0
Unattached			
Bro. Thos. Rowbotham	10	10	0

WORCESTERSHIRE.

Province	£	s.	d.
Bro. Thos. R. Arter	10	10	0

YORKSHIRE (N. & E.)

Lodge	£	s.	d.
Bro. W. H. Cowper	58	16	0
Lodge			
511 Bro. W. Thirsk	36	18	0
Unattached			
Bro. Thos. S. Brogden	10	10	0

YORKSHIRE (W.)

Province	£	s.	d.
Bro. W. L. Jackson, M.P., P.G.M.			
" Henry Smith (see also H.C.)			
Lodge			
154 Bro. Major George Bolton			
153 " George H. Parke			
425 " Thomas Hargreaves			
810 " Joseph Harrison	300	0	0
904 " Geo. A. Illston			
974 " Claude Taylor			
974 " E. H. Barraclough			
1019 " H. G. E. Green			
1019 " Frank Massie			
1102 " John France			
1239 " Charles Stokes			
2069 " B. Sykes Bailey			

CHANNEL ISLANDS.

Province	£	s.	d.
GUERNSEY AND ALDERNEY.			
Bro. J. Balfour Cockburn	10	10	0

ISLE OF MAN.

Province	£	s.	d.
Bro. T. H. Nesbitt	26	5	0

Lodge	£	s.	d.
2050 Bro. C. M. Challender	19	19	0

FOREIGN.

Unattached	£	s.	d.
Bro. J. E. Green	10	10	0

Malta Masonic Charitable Association—Bro. Captain R. J. Wishart	£	s.	d.
	63	0	0

Lodge 2402 { Bro. F. O. Harvey } Chap. 2277	£	s.	d.
	39	0	0

BENGAL.

Lodge	£	s.	d.
1160 Bro. W. Girling	10	10	0
1160 " W. Franks	10	10	0

PUNJAB.

Lodge	£	s.	d.
1960 Bro. Capt. A. E. Sandbach, R.E.	104	17	0

SCOTLAND.

Lodge	£	s.	d.
3 Bro. W. Fine	15	7	6

The Rev. H. R. COOPER-SMITH, D.D., P.G. Chap., proposed "The other Masonic Institutions," and urged upon the brethren the duty of supporting them. He made a strong appeal on behalf of the Boys' School, the festival of which would take place on June 27th, under the presidency of Bro. W. L. Jackson.

Bro. J. M. McLEOD, in responding, expressed on behalf of the other two Institutions their hearty congratulations on the great success achieved, and the hope that such success would continue for all future time. He felt personally much gratified at the result of the exertions of his brethren from West Lancashire, and it had been a pleasure to him to participate by acting as a Steward for his mother lodge in that Province. No words were needed from him to appeal for their sympathies for the Benevolent Institution, the objects and aims of which were such as commanded the first care of every Mason, and he would not detain them at length with his appeal for support to the Boys' School, as he felt sure all were desirous of reaching the Temple to enjoy the charming music and still more charming company awaiting them. The Boys' School was fortunate in having an eloquent Chairman to preside over its Festival in June, and the popular chief of the generous Province of West Yorkshire would be very liberally supported by his brethren. But he must remind those present that West Yorkshire was always to the fore at these Festivals—its efforts on behalf of the three Institutions were continuous and not spasmodic—and therefore he confidently appealed to one and all to assist the management which had proved to be efficient, economical, and excellent in the work on which it was engaged. Whilst he could not expect to reach the handsome sum of that evening, he was full of hope that it would be his privilege and pride to make an announcement on the 27th of June which would be gratifying to the Craft at large.

Bro. Sir JOHN B. MONCKTON responded to the toast of "The Stewards," after which the company adjourned to Freemasons' Hall, where a concert was given, under the direction of Bro. Frederick A. Jewson. The performers were Miss Elsie Mackenzie, Miss Mildred Shoubridge, Miss Frances Hipwell, Bro. Charles Chille, the Meister Glee Singers (Bros. William Sexton, Gregory Hast, William Forington, and Webster Norcross), solo violin, Madame Dunbar Perkins; solo viola, Miss Edith Drake; solo pianoforte, Bro. Alfred Izard. The conductors were Bros. Alfred Izard and Frederick A. Jewson. Messrs. Brinsmead and Sons' concert grand piano was used.

The Stewards' jewel was silver gilt hall-marked, the centre being a plate of octagon shape, on which were placed the arms, crests, and motto of the noble Chairman, richly enamelled in correct heraldic colours and in relief, the whole being surrounded by eight ornamental leaves of alternate burnished and dead gold, and surmounted by an earl's coronet. The jewel was suspended from a white watered silk ribbon, on which was a dark blue enamelled scroll, bearing the name of the Institution and date of Stewardship, and hanging from a top bar formed of the letter L reversed, joined by pierced-out, fancy scroll work, in centre of which appeared a band enamelled with the word Steward.

The above was specially designed and manufactured by Bro. George Kenning, London.

ANALYSIS OF THE RETURNS.

It is hardly necessary to say that the duty upon which we now enter of analysing the Returns at this Festival is one we shall perform with peculiar pleasure. Previous Anniversaries have been attended with beneficial results, but with the exception of the Centenary in 1888, there has been no occasion in the annals of this Institution on which the Returns have reached so high a figure, and at the same time so closely realised the hopes and expectations of its friends and supporters. When the announcement was made that the chair would be taken by the ever-popular Pro Grand Master and Provincial Grand Master of West Lancashire, the opinion was very generally expressed that the success of the Anniversary might be looked upon as certain, and that opinion has been borne out by the circumstances, the Stewards who took part in the celebration, and to whose exertions its success is due, having wisely determined to leave no stone unturned to realise the prophecy in which they and others had permitted themselves to indulge. Be it our present task to show how and to what extent their efforts have been crowned with success.

The total number of Stewards was 450, and the amount they raised £17,732 0s. 6d., London being represented by 197 brethren and ladies, and returning £8100 16s., while the Provinces and Foreign Stations sent up 257 Stewards by whom the sum of £9631 4s. 6d. was accumulated. But without disturbing these totals for the present—indeed the time is too short to allow of this being done—we are in a position to state that the additions already received have increased the grand total to upwards of £18,000. The particulars of these additions and the alterations they involve both in the principal and subordinate totals will be published at an early date.

Taking

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first, we find that the place of honour was secured by Bro. Oscar Philippe, representing the Montague Guest Lodge, No. 1900, who, albeit he has done great things in the past, has never achieved so brilliant a success as he did on this occasion, when the amount of his list was returned at £1050. Indeed, as Bro. Hedges was careful to point out in his summary at the meeting, no one who has undertaken the duties of Steward for the Girls' School has ever been able to compile so large a sum, and we feel that we should be wanting in our duty if we omitted to add our congratulations to those so cordially offered on Wednesday to Bro. Philippe, on a success so unprecedented. Next in order, but at a very wide interval, we have Bro. T. A. Bullock, of the Telegraph Cable Lodge, No. 2470, whose list amounted to £213 3s., the third and fourth places being secured by the joint list of Bros. J. Lightfoot and H. R. Hobbs, Selwyn Lodge, No. 1901, for £205 16s., and Bro. A. J. Cave, jun., Sir Hugh Myddelton Lodge, No. 1602, for £194 5s. respectively. Bro. W. Hoggins, St. Ambrose Lodge, No. 1891, came next in order with £140, and Bro. Charles Hammerton, of the House Committee, next with £138, the seventh place being obtained by Bro. F. C. Ward, of the Capper

Lodge, No. 1076, and Bros. C. Kempton and W. J. Rowe, the joint representatives of the Queen's Westminster Lodge, No. 2021, with £115 10s. Bro. W. H. Bolt, City of Westminster Lodge, No. 1563, had the satisfaction of compiling, and in a few days, the goodly list of £112 5s., and Bro. Alderman G. W. Kidd, West Ham Abbey Lodge, No. 2291, one of £111, while Bro. R. J. Campbell, Marquess of Ripon Lodge, No. 1489, and Bro. Benj. C. Carter, Henley Lodge, No. 1472, were close up, the former with £110 15s. 6d., and the latter with £110 5s. Comp. G. E. B. Blanchard, Southwark Chapter, No. 879, and Bro. W. Morley, Wickham Lodge, No. 1924, stand bracketed together, with £105 to their respective credits, while Bro. A. C. Spaul, as a member of the House Committee and Steward for Mark Lodge No. 363, returns a list of £101 6s. 6d. The following five lists realised £100 each, namely, those of Bro. A. Barrett, Southwark Lodge, No. 879; Bros. H. D. Kemp and W. S. Emden, the joint representatives of the Beacontree Lodge, No. 1228; Bro. J. N. Hearn, Kennington Lodge, No. 1381; Bro. W. E. Chapman, who did duty for the Eccentric Lodge, No. 2488, and the Runnymede Lodge, No. 2439. Bucks, but whose list is entered in the London section of the Returns; and Bro. W. G. Kentish, representing the Emulation Lodge of Improvement and the General Committee Dinner Club. Among other lists, which, though falling short of £100, are nevertheless worthy of being specified, will be found those of Bro. Alfred Saunders, St. Luke's Lodge, No. 144, for £74 11s.; Bro. J. A. Farnfield, Royal Albert Lodge, No. 907, for £85 11s. 6d.; Bro. W. Hillier, Highgate Lodge, No. 1366, for £74 10s.; Bro. Maj.-Gen. John C. Hay, Friends-in-Council Lodge, No. 1383, for £87 3s.; Bros. James Taylor and C. J. R. Tijou, who jointly represented the Coborn Lodge, for £73 10s.; Bro. Arthur Dutton, who did duty for Mount Moriah Lodge, No. 34, and the Avondale Lodge, No. 2395, for £89 5s.; Bro. A. J. Hardwick, Woodgrange Lodge, No. 2409, for £78 14s. 6d.; and Bro. Lt.-Col. George Lambert, P.G.S.B., Unattached, for £73 10s.

THE PROVINCES.

represented by 257 Stewards, returned the very handsome sum of £9631 4s. 6d., there being, however, the following 10 which bore no part in the contribution. **HEREFORDSHIRE**, though it musters only five lodges, might perhaps enter an appearance more frequently, but its Charitable Association is the means by which it seems to prefer sending its contributions. **LINCOLNSHIRE** (24 lodges) has done nothing of importance since 1892, when it raised, by the medium of 13 Stewards, the very considerable amount of £660 5s. for the Benevolent Jubilee, having in the preceding June contributed £481 to the funds of the Boys' School. **NORFOLK** (17 lodges) has done nothing since May of last year, when the Steward of one of its senior lodges raised £78 15s. for this Institution, but in 1892 it took an active part in the Jubilee of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution, the total of its subscriptions being £406 5s. **NORTHUMBERLAND** (23 lodges) figured in the Returns of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution, both in 1893 and 1892, the sum it raised in the former being £94 10s. and in the latter £105, while, in 1892, the Boys' School received support to the extent of £1364 4s. **NOTTINGHAMSHIRE** (16 lodges) has also been an absentee, thus far during the previous year, its last appearance being at the Festival of this Institution in 1893, when it raised £131 5s., and in 1892, when it contributed £157 10s. to the Benevolent Jubilee, and £34 13s. to the Boys' School. **SOMERSETSHIRE** (26 lodges) is, in all probability, reserving itself for next year, when its Prov. Grand Master, Bro. Viscount Dungarvan, has undertaken to preside as Chairman at the Old People's Anniversary, but it has done excellent work in the past, having raised £338 2s. in 1893; £841 15s.—of which £613 10s. was in behalf of the Benevolent Jubilee—in 1892; and £762 8s. 6d.—of which £483 9s. was contributed to the Boys' School—in 1891. **SOUTH WALES (E.D.)**, with a muster roll of 19 lodges has done nothing this year, but as it contributes to all three Charities in turn, we shall, perhaps, hear of it at the Boys' School Festival next month. In 1893 it raised £315 for this Institution; in 1892 it gave £180 to the Benevolent Jubilee, and £321 15s. 6d. to the Boys' School Festival, or together £501 15s. 6d.; and in 1891 the Old People received £380 out of a total of £479 15s. The adjoining Province of **SOUTH WALES (W.D.)**, with its smaller array of 10 lodges, was present at the Benevolent Festival in February, when Bro. the Rev. W. J. L. S. Stradling, D.P.G.M., handed in a list of £154 12s. In 1893 this Institution was favoured to the extent of £177 19s., while in 1892 the Boys' School obtained the lion's share of support in the shape of £161 1s. 6d., a supplementary sum of £32 11s. being handed in at the Old People's Jubilee. **WILTSHIRE** (11 lodges) figured in the Benevolent Returns in February last for £175 14s. 6d. Last year, this Institution was supported to the extent of £185 17s., the Boys' School receiving £102 5s. 6d., while in 1892 the amount raised was £530 19s., of which £483 14s. fell to the lot of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution at its Jubilee Anniversary. The Province of **JERSEY**, with its seven lodges, which did good service last year by raising £263 for the Boys' School, completes the list of absentee provinces, their lodges, numbering 159, having had no part in Wednesday's proceedings, though it will be seen from the particulars we have been at the pains of compiling, that on other occasions they have done their full share in supporting our several Masonic Charities.

The first in order of the represented Provinces is that of

BEDFORDSHIRE,

which, albeit the number of its lodges is for the present restricted to six, will be found elsewhere as a contributor of £43 1s., this being the amount raised by Bro. J. H. Kemm, as Steward for the St. Andrew's Lodge, No. 803, Biggleswade. In February the senior lodge, that of Bedfordshire of St. John the Baptist, No. 475, Luton, contributed, per Bro. F. J. Coleman, £102 10s. to the Old People. Last year it raised in all £183 17s. 6d., of which Bro. Prior, D.P.G.M., as Steward for the R.M.B.I., was responsible for £47 5s., and Bro. Lord Amptill, as Steward at both the School Festivals, for £62 13s. 6d. for "Our Girls," and £73 12s. 6d. for "Our Boys." In 1892 it subscribed £152 5s., of which £126 was in behalf of the Old People's Jubilee, and in 1891 £138 12s. for "Our Boys."

BERKSHIRE,

with its roll of 15 lodges is clearly bent on maintaining the reputation it has won for itself during its existence as a separate Province. It started well in 1891 by distributing £385 1s. among the three Institutions. The following year it made a considerable advance by raising in all £954 1s. 6d., of which the Benevolent Jubilee absorbed £661 9s. 6d., while last year, without any special inducement to exert itself, it subscribed £203 5s. to the Benevolent Institution; £325 6s. 6d. to the Girls' School; and £214 5s. 6d. to the Boys' School, making in all £742 17s. This year there appears to be every reason to anticipate a repetition of these tall figures, the Benevolent Institution having been the recipient of £247 13s., while on Wednesday, the representatives of six lodges and one chapter compiled amongst them the excellent total of £196 18s. 6d., the principal item being the list of Bro. R. E. Hodder, representing the Grey Friars' Lodge, No. 1101, Reading, for £52 3s. 6d.

The re-appearance of

BRISTOL,

with its nine lodges, which was foreshadowed in our analysis of the Benevolent Returns in February, is very welcome, and we heartily congratulate it upon the support it has contributed on this occasion. Bro. E. T. Collins, who figures in the

list as the representative of the whole Province, handed in the very satisfactory sum of £430 10s., while Bro. Lieut.-Col. J. R. Bramble, D.P.G.M., who was an Unattached Steward, gave a donation, which swelled the total to £441. The most recent Festivals at which Bristol has attended are those of the Boys' School in 1891 and 1892, the amount it raised at the former being £595, and at the latter £316. It has also been engaged during the last few years in organising a Masonic Charitable Association of its own, so that its non-appearance at other Festivals during 1891-94 is fully explained.

BUCKINGHAMSHIRE,

like its old associate, Berkshire, has been a most consistent supporter of all our Charities ever since it was constituted as a separate Province under Bro. Lord Carrington. Thus in 1891, a short time prior to his lordship's installation, it raised £300 in support of his chairmanship at the Festival of this Institution, and £174 6s. at that of the Boys' School the month following, its minor contribution of £36 15s. to the Old People, which inaugurated the year's work, making the total for the three anniversaries £511 1s. In 1892 it raised for the three Institutions £705 15s., and last year £478 4s. 6d., while in February it gave £26 5s. to the Old People. On Wednesday its four Stewards raised £122 4s., of which rather more than half was on the list of Bro. J. W. Burgess, Concordia Lodge, No. 2492, Wendover.

As in February, so on Wednesday, the Province of

CAMBRIDGESHIRE

at the last moment escaped being included among the absentees by the act of Bro. P. H. Young, No. 441, Cambridge, but with this difference—In February he figured as a brother, representing the Lodge of the Three Grand Principles, while on Wednesday he appeared as a companion, on behalf of the Chapter of Fidelity, which is attached to it. On this occasion the sum of £15 15s. constituted his list. However, if Cambridgeshire was modestly represented at these Festivals, it has done good work in the past, as is shown by the totals it raised for one or more of our Institutions in the years 1893, 1892, and 1891 of £290 17s., £326 8s., and £227 respectively. These are goodly Returns for a Province of only six lodges.

For the Province of

CHESHIRE,

Bro. the Rev. C. Chetwynd Atkinson representing two of its 45 lodges, returned the sum of 10 guineas; but here likewise, though the Return is a small one, the Province has furnished ample evidence of its goodwill towards our Institutions at many previous Festivals, but notably in 1891, when it subscribed £1050 to the Boys' School, and in 1892, when its contributions to the Benevolent Jubilee were £1988 10s.; to say nothing of the local Educational Charity it has maintained for the last 30 years and the Benevolent Charity it has just established with a capital of about £3000.

The Province of

CORNWALL

and its lodges stands credited in the Returns elsewhere with the useful list of £131 5s., and is represented by Bro. William Lake as Steward. In 1893, the Province contributed £225 15s., per Bro. Gilbert B. Pearce, to the Boys' School Festival, while in 1892, it supported the Chairmanship of its Prov. Grand Master, Bro. the Earl of Mount Edgumbe, D.G.M., at the Benevolent Jubilee, by raising the sum of £776 15s. In 1891, it subscribed, per Bro. Major J. Ross, £158 10s. to the Old People, and £131 5s., per Bro. G. B. Pearce, to the Boys' School.

At the last moment

CUMBERLAND AND WESTMORLAND,

whose absence from the Benevolent Anniversary in February, may be accounted for by the then recent death of its respected Prov. G.M., Bro. the Earl of Bective, was worthily represented on Wednesday by Bro. T. A. Argles, who, taking upon himself the responsibility of canvassing the whole of the 20 lodges in the Province, had the pleasure of compiling a total of £178 10s. Last year it appeared in the Boys' School returns for £63 8s., and in 1892, at the Benevolent Jubilee, when its Steward—Bro. McKay, D.P.G.M., returned £420, while in 1891 it raised £265 13s. for the Boys' School, and £46 4s. for the Benevolent Institution.

Such excellent work has been done by the

DERBYSHIRE

lodges in the past, but more particularly since the beginning of 1891, that its non-appearance in the February Returns, and its comparatively small contribution on Wednesday, are not to be wondered at. In 1891 it contributed £136 10s. to this Institution, and £843 17s. to the Boys' School, or together £980 7s.; in 1892 all three Charities were assisted, the Old People to the extent of £1362 16s.; the Girls' School to that of £126, and the Boys' School with £249 18s., the whole amounting to £1738 14s.; while last year it raised £1043 7s. 9d. for the Boys' School. On Wednesday Bro. Joseph Cook, as Steward for one of its 25 lodges, handed in a list of £47 15s.

Two out of the 52 lodges in

DEVONSHIRE,

St. John the Baptist Lodge, No. 39, Exeter, and the Jordan, No. 1402, Torquay will be found in the Returns at this Festival, Bro. Shorto's list for the former being £70, and Bro. Taylor's for the latter £39 7s., making in all £109 7s., this being the first appearance of the Province during the present year. In 1891, the R.M.B.I. received £63, and the Boys' School £408 2s. In 1892, the Schools received only £115 10s. between them, but for the Benevolent Jubilee the highly commendable sum of £807 18s. 6d. was raised, while last year the total was £206 6s., of which the Boys' School obtained £179 11s., and the Old People £26 15s.

DORSETSHIRE

passed from the absentee to the represented Provinces, Bro. Major W. Ross coming forward as Steward for the Lodge of Honour and Friendship, No. 1266, Blandford, and handing in a list of £35. In February, Bro. W. D. Dugdale was Steward for the Province, and returned £157 10s., so that whether it takes part in the Boys' School Festival next month or not, Dorsetshire will not fall very short of the total it subscribed in 1893 to the Old People and Boys' School. In 1892 it raised £521 6s., of which £500 6s. was in respect of the Benevolent Jubilee.

DURHAM

may be said to have furnished about its usual quota, Bro. J. R. Battison, as Provincial representative, returning a list of £152, while Bro. Hans B. Olsen, whose name has occurred in more than one Festival list, and who represented the Harbour of Refuge Lodge, No. 764, West Hartlepool, has the sum of £63 to his credit, raising the total on Wednesday to £215, and with Bro. W. Barlow's list of £154 7s. at the Old People's Anniversary in February, the total thus far for 1894 is £367 7s. This is in excess of what was subscribed to the three Charities in 1893, but in 1892 the amount was £1036 7s., of which £720 5s. was in respect of the Benevolent Jubilee.

Less than a year has elapsed since

ESSEX,

with 34 lodges on its roll, played the chief part at the Boys' School Festival in June, 1893. On that occasion Lord Brooke—now Earl of Warwick—presided, and, as the "Chairman's Province," Essex nobly supported its respected chief by

raising the splendid sum of £2214 18s. 9d. At this Anniversary 27 of its lodges and three of its Royal Arch chapters were represented, while as many as 51 brethren did duty as Stewards. The year's total reached £2317 16s. 3d., a sum of £81 17s. 6d. having been raised for the Benevolent Institution in February, and £21 for this School in May. It must, too, be remembered that this excellent work followed immediately after a still larger total of £2608 5s., which had been subscribed in 1892, of which the Benevolent Jubilee absorbed all but £290 2s. 6d. Yet in February six Stewards, of whom one half were lodge representatives, and the other half Unattached, compiled a total of £158 2s. and, on Wednesday, 13 brethren and one lady, of whom three were Unattached, and the others represented ten lodges and a Royal Arch Chapter, compiled the large amount of £815 13s. 6d., the principal items being £200 raised by Bro. N. Fortescue, C.C., representing the William Shurmer Lodge, No. 2374, Chingford; £150 by Bro. H. F. Bromhead, who acted for Lodge, No. 2501 and also for the Beaconsfield Lodge, No. 1662; £105 from St. John's Lodge, No. 1343, Grays, per Bro. F. S. Guy; and £63 from the Warner Chapter, No. 2256, Chingford, per Comp. T. Scoresby-Jackson. Well done, Essex!

Ten Stewards hailed from the Province of

GLOUCESTERSHIRE,

of whom one—Bro. R. V. Vassar-Smith, the D.P.G.M.—was Unattached, while the other nine acted on behalf of six out of the 15 lodges on the roll. The total obtained by these brethren reached £249 16s., which, with the £73 10s. contributed to the Benevolent Festival in February makes the total thus far for the present year £323 6s. In 1893 the Province was content with a modest display, the sums raised for the three Festivals in the order of their occurrence, namely, £58 3s. 6d., £147, and £99 15s., amounting only to £304 18s. 6d. But this was consequent upon the heavier labours of the preceding year, when £63 was raised for the Benevolent Jubilee and £1645 11s. in support of Bro. Sir M. E. Hicks-Beach's chairmanship at the Boys' School Festival; the total for 1892 being thus placed at the very high figure of £1708 11s.

Of the 48 lodges contained in the Province of

HAMPSHIRE AND THE ISLE OF WIGHT,

there were exactly 12 represented, but the number of Stewards was only nine, Bro. G. A. Mursell having under his charge Lodges Nos. 35, 151, and 2169, while Bro. James Jenkins did duty for Nos. 487 and 1069. The total compiled by these brethren was £448 6s., the chief items being £78 15s. raised by Bro. E. W. Ward, of the Lodge of Economy, No. 76, Winchester; £73 10s. by Bro. J. Knowles, Prince Edward of Saxe-Weimar Lodge, No. 1903, Portsmouth; and £63 by Bro. Mursell, of Nos. 35, 151, and 2169, all located in the Isle of Wight; and Bro. J. W. Gieve, No. 309, respectively. In February five Stewards, of whom four represented lodges and one was Unattached, returned £208 18s. 6d., so that the Province is in a fair way to equal if not surpass last year's total of £680 4s. In 1892, when the Benevolent Jubilee was celebrated, the Stewards' efforts yielded £1650 17s. 6d., while in 1891 they raised the smaller yet respectable amount of £695 11s. 6d.

The Returns from

HERTFORDSHIRE

are on a more moderate scale than in February. Then five lodges and a chapter sent up Stewards, the representative of the Gresham Lodge, No. 869, Cheshunt, being a lady, and there was one who acted independently, the sum they together raised being £464 9s. 6d. On Wednesday four lodges were represented by as many brethren, and there were four Stewards, including Bro. and Mrs. Keyser, Unattached. The sum raised was £216 19s. 6d., making the year's total so far £681 9s. In 1893 the amount contributed was £2106 14s., of which £1444 13s. 6d. was in support of Bro. Keyser's chairmanship at the Benevolent Festival, £257 5s. for the Girls' School, and £404 15s. 6d. for the Boys' School. In 1892 the total reached £2135 6s. 6d., of which £1883 6s. 6d. was contributed to the Benevolent Jubilee. This is good work for a Province of 21 lodges.

It rarely happens that the sum contributed by

KENT

is on such a modest scale as it was on Wednesday, when, though the number of Stewards was nine, of whom seven were lodge representatives and two Unattached, the sum of their lists was only £239 16s. 6d. This, however, is to be explained by the scheme now in progress to raise the sum of £1050 with which to purchase a Perpetual Presentation to this Institution, in order to commemorate the signal services rendered to Masonry generally, but more particularly in Kent, by Bro. Jas. S. Eastes, P.G.D., D.P.G.M. Still, the year will not be an unfruitful one. There is talk of a large subscription to the Boys' School next month, while in February Bro. Terry had the satisfaction of including in his Returns the sum of £582 17s. Thus the total of £820 13s. 6d. has already been reached, and there is no doubt the average of the last half dozen years will be maintained.

There are many who will consider that

LANCASHIRE EAST,

with its formidable array of 107 lodges, and as the immediate neighbour of the 'Chairman's Province,' might have exerted itself more on this occasion. A contingent of 13 Stewards, representing 10 lodges with one brother unattached, is not a strong one, nor is the amount they raised, £292 19s., large. But a sum of £290 8s. 4d. was raised in February by an equal number of Stewards, and we shall doubtless have a third list to record next month in respect of the Boys' School, furnishing an aggregate very considerably in excess of last year's, which was under £400. In 1892 the grand total was £2824 15s., out of which £2667 5s. was raised by 67 Stewards for the Benevolent Jubilee. In 1891 it was £1278 0s. 6d., the Boys' School being benefited to the extent of £968 12s.; the Benevolent Institution with £126; and the Girls' School with £183 8s. 6d. Add to this that the East Lancashire Educational and Benevolent Institution is maintained in a state of admirable efficiency, and we understand the more clearly why this large Province is not invariably represented in proportion to its numerical strength.

But what shall we say as regards

LANCASHIRE WEST,

which also had 107 lodges on its roll, and was on this occasion in the place of honour among the Provinces? In this case the munificent contribution of £6126 14s. 4d. to the Boys' School Festival, at Brighton, in 1891—when Lord Lathom, Prov. G.M., was the Chairman—is still so fresh in the minds of our readers, that, here again, we have no difficulty in picturing to ourselves the disappointment which many will experience at finding that so large a contingent of Stewards as 74—among whom we include the Chairman himself and two ladies—should succeed in compiling no higher total than £2500, more especially as the bodies represented comprised 39 lodges, two R.A. chapters, and a Mark lodge. Yet the subscription is a handsome one, and if it is small by comparison with the total at the memorable Boys' School Anniversary in 1891, it is indisputable that the big figures compiled on that occasion, with the ever-present and ever-pressing requirements of its three Provincial Masonic Institutions, furnish the key to the smallness of the present total. As to the constituent items of the full Returns, we notice that the Chairman figures for £224 10s., Bro. W. Goodacre, representing the Province, for £157 10s., and Bro. Robert Wylie, D.P.G.M., for £131 5s. St. George's Lodge, No. 32, Liverpool, had seven Stewards, whose lists amounted to £279 14s., Bro. Lord Skelmersdale, W.M.,

raising £84, and Bro. S. G. Sinclair £132 14s. Bro. J. M. McLeod, No. 113, Secretary of the Boys' School, raised £115 10s. Bro. Capt. Murray, Past Grand Treasurer of England, Lindsay Lodge, No. 1335, Wigan, £115 10s., and Bro. Thos. Forrester, West Lancashire Century Lodge, No. 2349, Blackpool, £169 1s., while the five Stewards of the Lodge of Peace, No. 2269, Wigan, made up amongst them £52 10s. Last year, the sum of £777 3s. was distributed in fairly equal proportion among the three Charities; in 1892, the sum total, including £1197 8s. 6d. for the Benevolent Jubilee, was £1697 14s. 6d.; while in 1891, the year's aggregate reached the immense sum of £6341 19s. 4d. It is not necessary we should travel further back in order to demonstrate the loyalty of West Lancashire to our Central Masonic Charities, or to its present chief whenever he takes upon himself the responsibility of presiding at one of these anniversary gatherings.

LEICESTERSHIRE AND RUTLAND,

having but 14 lodges on its roll, has not unwisely adopted the policy of giving each Institution in turn its chief support, there being every now and then a few stray Life Governorships which find their way into the coffers of one or both of the others. This year the Girls' School has been taking its turn, and Bro. John Harrison, the official representative of the Province, had the satisfaction of handing in the capital list of £320, which Bro. Porter-Keats, acting for one of the lodges, increased to £330 10s. Last year the Boys' School was favoured to the extent of £267 10s., and in 1892 the Old People with £388 10s.; while in 1891 the Girls' School received £178 10s., and the Old People £70 6s. 6d. In February last the latter Charity was presented by an Unattached Steward with £21, so that the total for 1874—unless a stray supporter or two should turn up next month at the Boys' Festival—will stand at £351 10s.

There is no doubt that

MIDDLESEX

is a generous friend of all our Charities, but it has always struck us that the Girls' School has been the most favoured of the three, probably from the fact that the late Bro. R. Wentworth Little, who took a prominent part in Middlesex Freemasonry, was Secretary of the Institution. At all events, on Wednesday it gave a very substantial token of its affection by raising the useful sum of £456 9s., in the compilation of which nine of its 39 lodges represented by 11 Stewards, and a brother Unattached, took part. The most valuable list was that of Bro. Arthur Blenkarn, representing the Bushey Park Lodge, No. 2381, Hampton Court, for £115 10s., while Bro. J. W. Clarke, of the Hemming Lodge, No. 1512, which meets in the same locality, stood next in order with £89 13s., and Bro. W. H. Reed, of the Royal Union Lodge, No. 382, Uxbridge, third, with £53 11s. In February, Bros. John Mason and W. A. Brown, of the Elliot Lodge, No. 1567, Feltham, returned a joint list of £160 18s. to the Benevolent Institution. Last year the amounts subscribed to the three Charities reached £630 18s., the Boys' School obtaining the lion's share in the shape of £417 13s. 6d. In 1892, including £1315 9s. 6d. raised for the Benevolent Jubilee, the total was £1619 15s. 6d., while in 1891 the Province was comparatively idle, the sums it raised amounting to £540 2s.; but in 1890, when the late lamented Bro. Sir F. Burdett, Bart., P.G.M., presided at the Festival of this Institution, the year's total, including just over £1000 to the favoured Charity, was £1337 15s.

MONMOUTHSHIRE

is one of those moderate-sized Provinces, which gives support to each Institution in turn. In 1888 it gave its chief support to the Old People, for whom it raised £438 3s., there being a supplementary subscription of £94 10s. towards the Girls' Centenary. In 1889 the Boys' School obtained £300, and in 1890 the Girls' School £247. The following year the Old People again had their turn with subscriptions amounting to £325 1s., while in 1892 £316 18s. was raised for "Our Boys," with a supplementary £21 to the Benevolent Jubilee. In 1893 there was raised for the latter Institution £272 8s. 6d., and on Wednesday the Girls' School, which seems to have been displaced last year, was favoured with £257, Bro. Forsyth, whose list reached £73 10s., doing duty for the Province generally, while six out of the 10 lodges made up the balance, Bro. A. H. Oliver's £60 from the Isca Lodge, No. 683, Monmouth, being the largest item.

The small but useful contribution of £73 10s. was furnished by the two Unattached Stewards, who represented the Province of

NORTH WALES.

and its 19 lodges, the veteran Bro. C. K. Benson being responsible for £52 10s., and his associate Steward, Bro. E. Blane, for the remaining £21. In February, Bros. Benson and Coxhead raised £36 3s. for the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution, but last year the Schools received a considerable share of support, seven Stewards compiling £180 12s. for this Institution in May, and eight Stewards, £294 6s. for the sister Charity at Wood Green the month following, Bro. Benson being a Steward on both occasions. In 1892 the total was somewhat higher, and all three Charities were favoured, the Benevolent Institution at its Jubilee Festival with £224 14s.; the Girls' School with £36 15s. and the Boys' School with £234 3s.

Owing to the presence of Bro. the Earl of Euston, P.G.M., among the Stewards on Wednesday, his Province of

NORTHANTS AND HUNTS.

was not included among the absentees, but none of its 13 lodges took part in the proceedings. However, in February the representatives of six lodges and a chapter with the Prov. G. Master amassed a total of £202 7s. for the Old People, the support this year being less considerable in consequence of Lord Euston having presided at the Girls' Festival in 1893, when his Province raised £1050, while the total for the year was £1107 15s. His Lordship's Return on Wednesday was £26 5s.

As regards

OXFORDSHIRE

and its little band of 12 lodges, we have repeatedly remarked on the consistency and liberality of its support; indeed, we should have some difficulty in discovering a Festival during the past 20 years at which it was not represented by, at least, two or three Stewards and did not contribute some £60 or £70 at the very lowest. In the three years immediately preceding 1891 the total of its contributions to the three Charities averaged £439 5s., in 1891 it amounted to £414 2s. In 1892, the year of the Benevolent Jubilee, the total was £631 19s. 6d., of which £428 7s. was raised for the Jubilee, while the balance was about equally divided between the Schools. In 1893, the total was £440 4s. 6d., this Institution being the least fortunate, with £124 17s. 6d., and the Old People the most fortunate, with £175 13s. 6d. In February, the five lodges that sent up Stewards gave £122 16s. 6d., while on Wednesday, though the Stewards were seven in number and represented as many lodges, the total was only £91 18s. 6d.

The career of

SHROPSHIRE

as a separate Province has been most creditable. It has not taken part in all the Festivals which have been held since its Prov. G.M. was appointed to office, but it has figured to good purpose whenever it has put in an appearance, and on three occasions certainly, it has very greatly distinguished itself. Thus, when Bro. Sir O. Wakeman, Bart., presided in 1887 at the 99th Anniversary of this School Shropshire backed him well with £1022 7s., and at its Centenary the year following it raised £770 15s. In 1892 it contributed £455 9s. 6d. to the Benevolent Jubilee, the total raised during the year being £615 19s. 6d. It was among the absentees from the Old People's Festival in February, but on Wednesday Bro. Crump, as the Provincial representative, handed in the useful list of £34 13s.

Two of the 31 lodges in

STAFFORDSHIRE

sent Stewards to Wednesday's meeting, the sum of their lists being £173 10s., but it took no part in the recent Benevolent Festival. No doubt, however, we shall hear of it next month in connection with the remaining Anniversary of the year, and as its new chief—Bro. the Earl of Dartmouth—becomes more firmly seated, there is every reason to hope that it will resume the activity which characterised it under his predecessors. Last year the total raised was £424 7s. 6d., of which £355 12s. was in support of "Our Boys," while in 1892 it raised £762 2s., inclusive of £392 10s. at the Benevolent Jubilee, and in 1891 £761 15s. 6d., of which the Old People and this Institution shared over £300 between them, while £452 0s. 6d. went to the Boys' School.

Seven Stewards did duty for

SUFFOLK,

Bro. the Rev. C. J. Martyn, D.P.G.M., acting independently, while Bro. C. J. N. Row represented the Province generally and No. 1224, and the rest hailed from Lodges Nos. 114, 376, and 1224. The sum of their lists is £300 10s. 6d., Bros. C. E. Tempest and F. Ashwin, of British Union Lodge, No. 114, Ipswich, being to the front with £105 10s. 6d., Bro. Row, aforementioned, with £90, and Bros. Long and Thwaites, of the Perfect Friendship Lodge, No. 376, Ipswich, with £73 10s. In February, three lodges and a chapter together subscribed £217 17s. 6d., Bro. G. F. Hawkins—who was also a Steward on Wednesday—taking the lead with £95 11s. In 1893 the subscriptions reached £533 9s. 6d., but in 1892, including £1291 14s. for the Benevolent Jubilee, they were as high as £1449 4s., while in 1891 and 1890 they were £675 2s. 6d. and £619 13s. 6d. respectively.

After its highly meritorious display in February in supporting the Chairmanship of Bro. Colonel Money, C.B., P.G.M., it is not to be wondered at that

SURREY,

albeit a strong and influential Province with 38 lodges on its roll, should make a modest show at this Festival. The amount it raised a few months ago was £1399 2s., and it is therefore the more satisfactory to find that three lodges should have raised amongst them even the moderate amount of £76 2s. 6d. This is the more creditable because both 1893 and 1892, but more particularly the latter, were heavy years, the total in 1893 having reached £913 3s. 6d., while in 1892, it stood as high as £2817 19s. 6d., of which the Jubilee of the R.M.B.I. absorbed £2148 0s. 6d. Under these circumstances we shall have no grounds for being surprised if for a Festival or two Surrey appears to less advantage than usual.

We confess we were agreeably surprised to find

SUSSEX

so numerously represented and to such good purpose. It has had three heavy years in succession, and its absence on Wednesday would have been readily excused. In 1893, it subscribed £1259 13s. 6d., of which £985 0s. 6d. was allotted to the Boys' School Festival held at Brighton under Bro. Lord Brooke; in 1892 it gave in all £2226 4s., of which £1156 6s. was in respect of the Benevolent Jubilee, and £1038 7s. in support of the Duke of Connaught's Chairmanship at the Girls' Festival; and in 1891, £1347 2s., of which £731 17s. 6d. was in respect of the Boys' School Festival at Brighton under the presidency of the Earl of Lathom. In February nine Stewards compiled the useful total of £228 13s., and on this occasion there were 17 Stewards, 16 of them doing duty for 12 lodges and a chapter and one being Unattached, while the result of their labours appeared in the sum of £581 16s., the chief item being £88 4s., returned by Bro. W. Wright, representing the Pelham Lodge, No. 1303, Lewes.

Of the 31 lodges on the roll of

WARWICKSHIRE,

our were represented by nine Stewards and one brother was Unattached, the total they obtained being £192 1s., of which £65 formed the joint list of the five representatives of the Howe Lodge, No. 587, Birmingham, and £64 1s., that of Bro. H. J. Collins, of the Leigh Lodge, No. 887, meeting in the same city. In February 22 Stewards, of whom 12 hailed from the Athol Lodge, No. 74, Birmingham, compiled a total of £264 0s. 3d., the year's subscriptions thus far reaching £456 1s. 3d. In 1893 the sum raised was £553 10s. 6d., but in 1892 it reached £2410 4s., of which £2186 fell to the R.M.B.I. at its Jubilee celebration.

WORCESTERSHIRE

figured in the Returns at the Benevolent Festival in February last for £120 0s. 6d. and this sum has now been increased by £10 10s., the personal donation of Bro. T. R. Arter, as Steward Unattached. Last year's total of £303 3s. was made up of £245 3s. to this Institution and £63 to the Boys' School, while in 1892 and 1891 the totals were £489 5s. and £408 6s. respectively.

YORKSHIRE (NORTH AND EAST RIDINGS).

had three representatives, of whom Bro. Cowper, representing the Province, raised £58 16s., while Bro. W. Thirk, Alexandra Lodge, No. 1511, Hornsea, and Bro. T. B. Brogden, Unattached, increased the total to £106 4s. This, with the £42, raised by Bro. Robert Roach, Humber Lodge, No. 57, Hull, makes the account for the present year £148 4s., with one Festival still to be held. In 1893 the contributions figured up to £413 14s., and in 1892 to £733 4s., of which all but a very small amount was given to the Benevolent Jubilee. In 1891 the sum of £463 4s. was apportioned between the Old People and Our Boys, in the proportion of about three parts to the former and two to the latter.

As Bro. W. L. Jackson, M.P., has undertaken to preside at the Boys' School Festival next month, the Province of

YORKSHIRE (WEST RIDING)

is very naturally reserving its chief strength for that event. Still, 14 brethren, including the Prov. Grand Master and his Deputy, returned amongst them £300, while in February, £1837 10s. was raised for the Old People, the personal gift by B. O. Heaton of £1260 towards purchasing a Perpetual Presentation on the Male Fund of the Benevolent Institution, being therein included. Last year the sum raised by West Yorkshire was £2311 3s., of which this Institution received £1425, while in 1892 it amounted, including £3555 to the Benevolent Jubilee, to £3907 18s., and in 1891 to £2400 11s.

THE CHANNEL ISLANDS,

that is to say, Guernsey and Alderney, had Bro. J. B. Cockburn for their representative, his list being evidently a personal donation of £10 10s., while Bro. T. H. Nesbitt, as he has done on previous occasions, acted as Steward for the

ISLE OF MAN,

and figures for £26 5s., the total with the list of Bro. Challenger being £46 4s. Though we hardly expect contributions from these remote districts, they are none the less welcome when they are forthcoming.

The remainder of the list comprises the Returns from Foreign Parts. Bro. W. Pine, of Lodge No. 3 on the roll of the Grand Lodge of Scotland, being entered for £15 7s. 6d.; Bro. J. B. Green, Unattached, from South Africa, for £10 10s.; Bros. W. Girling and W. Franks, Lodge Temperance and Benevolence, No. 1160, Calcutta, for £21; and Bro. Harvey, acting for the St. George's Lodge, No. 2102, Larnaca, Cyprus, and St. Paul's Chapter, No. 2277, Limassol, for £39.

From

MALTA

there appeared Bro. Capt. R. J. Wishart, of the Malta Masonic Charity Association, who returned the excellent list of £63, a sum of £67 15s. 6d. having been raised by two Stewards from the same island for this Institution in 1893.

THE PUNJAB,

or perhaps we should say the Stewart Lodge, No. 1960, on the roll of the Grand Lodge of this District, was represented by Bro. Capt. A. E. Sindbach, R.E., who compiled the very commendable list of £104 17s., Bro. Major Bowles, of the same lodge, having returned £46 5s. at the Girls' School Festival in 1893.

CONCLUDING REMARKS.

After so exhaustive an analysis, there remains little else to do than to offer our congratulations to the lodges in town, country, and abroad, which have subscribed so generously to this Institution, and to the brethren by whose exertions as Stewards this splendid result has been achieved. May other Festivals in future years be as productive!

DISTRIBUTION OF PRIZES.

The annual distribution of prizes to the successful pupils of the Girls' School by the Countess of Lathom took place on Monday last. The Earl of Lathom, Pro Grand Master, was also present, accompanied by Lord Skelmersdale, J.G.W., and Lady Skelmersdale, and the Earl of Euston. A large number of Stewards and visitors were present, the Grand Hall being crowded. A selection of music was gone through by the pupils, and the following is a list of the prize winners:

PRESENTED BY THE INSTITUTION.

Gold Medal for Proficiency (with £5 by the late Bro. William Winn)—Florence Bexfield.

Silver Medal for Good Conduct (with £5 by the late Bro. William Winn)—Nellie Cooper.

Cambridge Local Examinations (17 entered, all passed). Senior. Class II. Honours—Bertha Dean (Gold Medallist, 1892), distinction in French and Music. Satisfied Examiners—Hester Burt (Silver Medallist, 1893) and Evelyn Conti. Junior. Class I. Honours—Florence Bexfield, distinction in Religious Knowledge, English, and Music. Class II. Honours—Nellie Cooper and Helena Tims, distinction in Religious Knowledge. Class III. Honours—Ethel Sanders, distinction in Religious Knowledge and French; Mabel Bohli, distinction in French. Satisfied Examiners—Kathleen Holman and Mary Baverstock, distinction in Religious Knowledge; Winifred Chinneck, Nellie Harvey, Dora Ireson, Alice Smith, Olga Tettenborn, Edith Woodbridge, and Myrtle Speed.

General Improvement and Industry in Class I.—Ada Turton.

College of Preceptors' Examination (41 entered, 40 passed). Prize Winners—Margaret Carter and Constance Green.

General Proficiency in Lower Classes—3rd, Annie Wilson; 4th, Emily Martin; 5th, Rose Davies; 6th, Gertrude McLeod.

Needlework—Isabella Lane, Mabel Edmeston, Mabel Cookes, and Winifred Belton.

Order and Attention (as proved by Conduct Marks throughout the year)—Jessie Codling and Margaret Griffith.

PRESENTED BY FRIENDS OF THE INSTITUTION.

Religious Knowledge (Bro. Robt. Grey)—Florence Bexfield, Nellie Cooper, Helena Tims, Ethel Sanders, Kathleen Holman, and Mary Baverstock.

English Subjects (Bro. A. C. Spaul)—Florence Bexfield.

Arithmetic and Mathematics (Bro. Thomas Penn)—Nellie Cooper.

Music—First Prize (Bro. J. H. Matthews)—Bertha Dean (Honour Certificate, School Exam. of Associated Board, Higher Division). Second Prizes (The "Wentworth Little")—Elsie Mackey, Nellie Cooper, and Ethel Davis. Third Prizes (An Ex-Pupil)—Frances Ace and Dorothy Besley.

Singing (Bro. J. H. Matthews)—Helena Tims.

French (Bro. Eugene Monteuuis)—Bertha Dean, Ethel Sanders, and Mabel Bohli.

Drawing (The "John Boyd")—Winifred Turner, Isabel Pinder, Winifred Chinneck, and Olga Tettenborn.

Good Conduct—First Prize (The Supreme Council, 33°)—Frances Ace. Second Prizes (Bro. Frank Richardson)—Ethel Michael and Grace Goodchild.

The Best Prefect (Bro. Ralph Clutton)—Bertha Dean.

Cookery—First Prize (Bro. H. A. Hunt)—Adelaide Harling. Second Prizes (Bro. T. W. Whitmarsh)—Winifred Turner and Margaret Carter. Third Prize (Bro. T. Loveridge)—Maude Longshaw.

Usefulness in Domestic Duties (The "Yates," St. James's Lodge, No. 842)—Isabel Pinder and Edith Woodbridge.

Calisthenics and Deportment (Bro. Col. James Peters)—Mabel Edmeston and Adelaide Harling.

Swimming (Lady Monckton)—Mary Baverstock, Alice Smith, and Ethel Sanders.

Amiability (Bro. John Faulkner) (selected by her schoolfellows)—Edith Woodbridge.

JUNIOR SCHOOL.

General Proficiency (Bro. Frank Richardson)—Alice Wakefield.

Arithmetic (The "Henry Levander")—Catharine Castle.

The proceedings closed with the now famous calisthenics and marching, and before leaving Lord LATHOM expressed to Bro. Sir John Monckton and the other members of the Committee present the pleasure and satisfaction it had given the Countess and himself to be present.

PROVINCIAL GRAND LODGE OF WEST YORKSHIRE.

The following address, referred to in our last issue, was delivered by Bro. HENRY SMITH, D.P.G.M.:

Brethren,—I desire to thank you for your cordial salutation. I also congratulate our Provincial Grand Master that at this, the first annual meeting after his installation, he should be supported by so large a number of brethren as I see before me. I always rejoice in a good attendance at our Provincial Grand Lodges, as it denotes your sincere interest in Freemasonry, and the general prosperity of the Craft. Long may this interest be maintained!

I do not intend to detain you with general remarks, however, in the few words which I propose to address to you, but shall strictly confine myself to details.

We commenced the year 1893 with 3655 members, and now that the full returns for that year have reached us, we find that our numbers at its close were 3725, showing an increase of 70. During 1893 we had new members 293, an increase of 37; resignations 127, an increase of three; deaths 65, a decrease of 17; exclusions 33, a decrease of nine; brethren in arrears 191, an increase of 11.

We have also added one new lodge to our roll—the White Rose of York, No. 2491, Sheffield.

And now I trust you will pardon me, brethren, if I call your attention to what you all must admit is a most important matter, a matter which in my estimation is essential to the success of the Craft, and adds greatly to the credit and reputation of the lodges. We are a large and powerful organisation, but it is only by loyal co-operation of the W.M.s, P.M.s, Treasurers, and Secretaries, that that organisation can be fully and usefully maintained. I specially address myself to those brethren who aspire some day to occupy the W.M.'s chair in their lodges. It is not enough that they should qualify themselves, as so many eminently do, to qualify themselves, to carry out the ritual and ceremony of Freemasonry. Beautifully and most reverently as this is very frequently done, it is not all that is in deed to my mind but a small part of a W.M.'s duty. In addition to this his obligation compels him to make a careful study of the Book of Constitutions, in order that he may realise and understand the position which his lodge occupies in relation to the Grand Lodge of England and to the province of which it is a component part. This

book is presented to him at his installation, and he is seriously enjoined to make himself acquainted with its contents. How is it possible that his duties can be performed if he is utterly ignorant as to their nature and extent? Perhaps he may say there are Secretaries and other officers appointed to discharge these functions; but this is no justification. It is his part personally to see that the details of information, without which our great system cannot be maintained, accurately and promptly supplied. It is true that W. Ms. change, and very frequently Secretaries too, year by year; but just as no brother is properly qualified to fill the chair if he is unable to work the ritual, so also is he equally unfit, if he is ignorant of what I may call Masonic jurisprudence.

Only those under whose notice these matters officially come, can properly understand what annoyance, delay, and inconvenience it is in the power of Secretaries who neglect their duties to inflict. Brethren, I have spoken of these things before, but in consequence of the constant sequence of change which our system demands, in consequence of the continual succession of new men to the front, I feel it my duty to emphasise this point. Let every brother who hopes some day to rise to the highest office in his lodge, ever bear in mind that the Book of Constitutions and the Provincial Grand Lodge regulations, as well as the by-laws of his own lodge, must be thoroughly mastered, if he hopes to fulfil his task with that credit and reputation at which all should aim.

To illustrate my meaning, let me say that according to Rule 46 all lodge returns should be in the Prov. Grand Secretary's hands by the end of January; that on the 31st of that month of this year, out of our 76 lodges, there were positively 29 whose papers had not been sent in; and that even when the month of February had expired there were still three lodges whose W. Ms. had neglected their duty in this particular.

This is more annoying from the fact that every effort is made in the office to reduce to an absolute minimum the lodge Secretary's work. His lists are written out for him, and all he has got to do is to add new names, note deaths or resignations, and send the properly computed quarterages and registration fees. A few delinquents may, by their delay, prevent the compilation of the Prov. Grand Secretary's report; and seriously retard the preparation of the financial statement for the year. Let us try to avoid all this in the future, and let us each endeavour, by diligence and punctuality, to make our Masonic organisation as perfect as possible.

There is another matter I wish to mention; and here let me say that, having seen this subject treated in a manner with which I thoroughly agree, I don't hesitate to use the words which so well describe my own views. They are as follows:

"It is useless for Provincial Grand Masters to be continually urging upon brethren the necessity of exercising caution in the acceptance of candidates, if, the moment brethren act upon that advice and reject one whom they conscientiously consider unworthy or undesirable, the friends of the rejected candidate turn round and retaliate by blackballing all subsequent applicants."

"A brother is disappointed because a friend is not received into the lodge, and he straightway forgets the brethren whom he already has, in his desire to obtain another; he forgets his vows and his duty to his lodge; forgets that every brother has the same individual choice that he himself possesses; his heart turns to revenge, and he decides that none shall join the lodge until he has forced in the one rejected."

"Such a brother ought to do Masonic penance until he feels the ingrowing of a truer spirit—one that respects his own rights by recognising the rights of others; one that remembers that there is no one person who is essential to the existence or welfare of Masonry, and that while others may have faults which he should forgive he himself is mortal and needs constant self-restraint."

Brethren, I have quoted to you the opinions and the words of the Grand Master of Iowa, and it is because I know that they describe only too accurately the position of affairs which have come under my notice in one or two instances; it is because serious dissensions have arisen from similar unfortunate conditions of matters in this province, and, because I am convinced that nothing but disastrous results can ensue from a system of reckless and indiscriminate blackballing, that I commend the views, which Bro. R. G. Phelps has so ably expounded, to your most earnest and serious attention.

Brethren, my time in your midst cannot in the nature of things be of very long duration. I have had extensive experience; I know as well as most men the ins and outs of Masonic work and organisation; I am anxious only for the welfare and success of Masonry—Masonry as a whole—but Masonry especially in this our own prosperous Province of West Yorkshire; and that is why, feeling deeply, I express myself so strongly; why I would have my words sink down into your hearts and produce such results, that these unseemly disputes may become things of the past and for ever disappear from our Masonic economy.

Let me once more thank you for your hearty welcome, your flattering attention, and for the innumerable acts of courtesy of which I am constantly the recipient.

PROVINCIAL GRAND LODGE OF SOMERSET.

The annual meeting of the above Provincial Grand Lodge was held in the Town Hall, at Wells, on Thursday, the 3rd inst., under the presidency of the Right Hon. Viscount Dungarvan, P.G.M., who was supported by Bro. R. C. Else, P.G.D. Eng., D.P.G.M. The room had been effectively decorated, the walls being adorned with the banners of the various lodges throughout the province. There was a large muster of brethren.

Bro. J. C. HUNT, P.G. Sec., first called the roll of lodges, and all of those in the province were found to be represented. The P.G.S. next read the minutes of Provincial Grand Lodge held at Highbridge on the 5th of May last year, and they were duly confirmed.

Bro. C. L. FRY EDWARDS, P.G. Treas., next presented his annual statement of accounts, showing a balance in hand of £136 17s. 5d., as compared with £107 8s. 2d. at the commencement of the year. The accounts were received and adopted, on the motion of Bro. WATTS, P.M. 53, seconded by Bro. CHAPIN, P.M. 261.

On the motion of Bro. Col. PERKINS, seconded by Bro. ASHLEY, Bro. C. L. Fry Edwards was unanimously re-elected P.G. Treas. for the ensuing year.

The P.G.M., Lord Dungarvan, next appointed and invested the P.G. Officers for the ensuing year as follows:

Bro. J. L. Bewsey, P.M. 437	...	...	Prov. S.G.W.
" R. Norton, W.M. 446	...	...	Prov. J.G.W.
" Rev. R. White, P.M. 379	...	...	Prov. G. Chap.
" C. L. Fry Edwards	...	...	Prov. G. Treas.
" E. R. Hayter, P.M. 976	...	...	Prov. G. Reg.
" J. C. Hunt, P.M. 135	...	...	Prov. G. Sec.
" J. T. Durnsford, P.M. 291	...	...	Prov. A.G. Sec.
" T. H. Mitchell, P.M. 1953	...	...	Prov. S.G.D.
" Chas. Pfeiffer, P.M. 1833	...	...	Prov. J.G.D.
" A. W. Moore, P.M. 973	...	...	Prov. G.S. of W.
" W. P. Buckley, P.M. 976	...	...	Prov. G.D.C.
" J. R. Gill, P.M. 906	...	...	Prov. A.G.D.C.
" G. C. Strawbridge, P.M. 261	...	...	Prov. G.S.B.
" O. W. Catford, P.M. 814	...	...	Prov. G. Std. Brs.
" R. Hole, P.M. 2390	...	...
" C. R. Humphrey, P.M. 2038	...	...	Prov. G. Org.

Bro. H. F. Lewis, P.M. 1296	...	...	Prov. G. Purst.
" T. Hockey, P.M. 1197	...	...	Prov. A.G. Purst.
" A. J. Salter	...	...	Prov. G. Tyler.
" S. Bigwood	...	...	Prov. A.G. Tyler.
" G. W. Styles, P.M. 285	...	...	Prov. G. Stwds.
" S. J. Hulbert, P.M. 771	...	...
" J. A. Tucker, W.M. 53	...	...
" B. Whitby, W.M. 329	...	...
" A. J. Tonkin, W.M. 1755	...	...

The Prov. G. SECRETARY next read the report of the Charity Organisation Committee, which was of a very satisfactory character.

Several notices of motion were afterwards dealt with, including one by the PROV. G. TREASURER, seconded by Bro. Capt. PEEL FLOYD, which was unanimously agreed to: "That the sum of 100 guineas be given as a donation from the funds of this Provincial Grand Lodge to the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution, and that the amount be placed on the list for Bro. Viscount Dungarvan, Prov. G. Master of Somerset, who will preside at the Festival of this Institution in February next."

It was unanimously resolved, on the proposition of Bro. ELSE, D.P.G.M., "That the members of this lodge desire to express and place on record their deep sympathy with the widow and family of the late Bro. Capt. George Homfray, P.G.S.B. and D.P.G.M., Monmouth, in their sad affliction, and also the widow of the late Bro. H. B. Farrington P.G. Reg."

An anthem was then sung—some brethren connected with the choir of Wells Cathedral taking part, and Bro. C. W. Lavinton, Cathedral organist, officiating at the organ—while the alms were collected. These amounted to £6 10s. 2d. and were voted to the Wells Nursing Institute.

The Prov. G. Lodge was then closed, and the majority of the members afterwards dined together at the Bishop's Barn, adjoining the Moat, under the presidency of the Prov. G.M. By the permission of the canon-in-residence, the Cathedral was kept open for inspection by the brethren in the evening, and the Bishop of Bath and Wells allowed them to visit his palace gardens.

THE NEW GRAND CHAPTER OFFICERS.

Among those who were appointed on the 2nd instant were the following officers who had not received honour in Grand Lodge, and whose services in Masonry have therefore not been previously described:

GRAND TREASURER.

Bro. WILLIAM MASON STILES, whose election as Grand Treasurer of Grand Chapter was reported in our columns last week, was initiated in the Metropolitan Lodge, No. 1507, in October, 1874, and was installed W.M. just seven years later, in October, 1881. He was a founder and first Senior Warden of the King's Cross Lodge, No. 1732, and was installed W.M. in 1879; was again elected to the chair in 1888, and is now Treasurer. He was a founder and first Secretary of the Royal Savoy Lodge, No. 1744, and was Worshipful Master in 1884. On his retirement from the chair he was elected Treasurer, an office he still fills. In 1882 he helped to found the Strand Lodge, No. 1987; was appointed Secretary, and in 1889 was elected W.M., and is again its Secretary. At present he is the W.M. elect of the Levander Lodge, No. 2048, in the Province of Middlesex. He was also founder and first Treasurer of the Hendon Lodge, No. 2206. Bro. Stiles is an expert in the ritual of our Craft, having acted as Preceptor for the last 14 years to the Metropolitan Lodge of Instruction, No. 1507. Previous to this he had filled the office of Secretary for five years. In Royal Arch Masonry his career dates from 1876, when he was exalted in Mount Sinai Chapter, No. 19, filling the chair of M.E.Z. in 1889. He was founder and first Scribe E. of the Metropolitan Chapter, No. 1507, and was installed M.E.Z. in 1881. He founded and was first M.E.Z. of the Henry Levander Chapter, No. 2048, and is Past Provincial Grand Principal Sojourner of the Province of Middlesex. In Mark Masonry Bro. Stiles was advanced in the Old Kent Mark Lodge (T.I.), and is now Senior Warden. He was a founder and first Senior Warden of the Royal Savoy Mark Lodge, No. 355, and is now a Past Master and Treasurer. In the Grand Mark Lodge he is a Past Grand Standard Bearer, and in the Province of Middlesex and Surrey he has filled the office of Past Provincial Grand Overseer. He is also an officer of the Prince of Wales' Ark Mariners Lodge, No. 4, and of the Shadwell Clerke Rose Croix Chapter, 18'. It remains only to say that Bro. Stiles is a Vice-Patron of each of the three Institutions, and has served 15 Stewardships.

ASSISTANT GRAND DIRECTOR OF CEREMONIES.

Bro. J. S. CUMBERLAND, whose appointment to office in Grand Chapter we announced last week, is a Mason of some 23 years' standing, having been initiated in the Antiquity Lodge, Wigan, in April, 1871. He was a founder and first J.W., and afterwards W.M. of the Eboracum Lodge, No. 1611, York, and holds the rank of Past Prov. G. Warden of N. & E. Yorks. On his removal to London, in 1884, he conceived the idea of more closely associating the brethren of the northern provinces with the Metropolis, and the result was the formation of the United Northern Counties Lodge, No. 2128, of which he was the first W.M. He is also a honorary member of the Ancient Carthage Lodge, Tunis, and a member of the Correspondence Circle, Lodge Quatuor Coronati, No. 2076. In the Royal Arch Bro. Cumberland was exalted in St. Germain Chapter, Selby, in 1874, was a founder and twice M.E.Z. of Eboracum Chapter, 1611, York, and has held the office of Prov. Grand Standard Bearer, and Prov. G.J. of North and East Yorks. In other Degrees of Masonry he has been no less active, as the following record will show. In the Mark Degree he was advanced in "Roberts" Lodge, Rochdale, N.J. 1872, is a P.M. of the York Mark Lodge (T.I.); and Past Prov. Senior Grand Warden, North and East Yorks; a P.G. Steward and P.G. Overseer Grand Mark Lodge of England; honorary member Old York Lodge (T.I.), Bradford; and of the Rose and Lily Lodge, St. Albans. Was installed as Past Commander N. in the Degree of Royal Ark Mariners in 1877. In the Allied Masonic Degrees he is P.M. of St. Lawrence the Martyr, Past Illus. P. of the Knights of Constantinople, Thrice Illus. Sov. of the Knights of the Red Cross of Babylon, Past P. and Past G. Deacon of the Order of the Grand High Priest. In Knight Templary Bro. Cumberland has taken a great interest, having been installed in 1875. He is P.E.P. of the Ancient Ebor Preceptory, York, P.P.G. Sub Marshal North and East Yorks, Past Grand A.D.C. Great Priory of England, Hon. Member Mary Commandery, No. 36, Philadelphia, U.S.A., and Hon. Member of the Apollo Commandery, Chicago; also a Past E. Prior of the Knights of Malta, and a member of the Royal Arch Knight Templar Priests. In the Ancient and Accepted Rite he was installed in 1877 in the Ancient York Rose Croix Chapter Redemption, Hull, and is P.M.W. Sov. of St. Hilda Chapter, York. He is a P.P.S.G. Warden Lancashire and Cheshire, of the Royal Order of Scotland, and a member of the Bruce Chapter, London. He has filled the chair of M.P. Sov. in the Order of the Knights of the Red Cross of Rome and Constantine, and is a Past Prelate and member of the Grand Senate of the Knights of the Holy Sepulchre. In Cryptic Masonry he is a Past Celeb. and Suffragan and Hon. VIII. of the Rosicrucian Society. Bro. Cumberland has been no less active in the work of Masonic Charity, being a Life Governor of each of the Institutions, having served as Steward on 15 occasions. He has also been several times elected a member of the Board of General Purposes and on the Grand Chapter Committee, and has been a member of the Colonial Board since 1888.

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Masonic Notes.

The second Anniversary Festival of the year—that of the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls—has come and gone, and the ample report we publish elsewhere of the proceedings, with the accompanying lists and analysis of the Returns will satisfy our readers that the expectations of a grand success, in which we and other friends of the School saw fit to indulge, have been verified to the letter. On no previous occasion—with the solitary exception of the Centenary in the Royal Albert Hall, in 1888—have the Returns exceeded—that is to any appreciable extent the sum of £14,000. But, on Wednesday, Bro. Hedges, the Secretary of the Institution, had the satisfaction of announcing a grand total of £17,732. Since then, however, sundry additions have been received, which place the result in excess of £18,000. Such figures as these will go a long way towards compensating the Institution for the comparative smallness which has characterised most of the Festival Returns that have been made since 1888. At all events, they will have the effect of restoring its funds to a healthy condition, and we most sincerely congratulate all who had a hand in bringing about this splendid result.

It is to be regretted that, at the last moment, the Earl of Lathom should have been prevented, by the death of a very near connection, from undertaking the duty—to which, no doubt, he had been looking forward with such well-grounded hope—of presiding at this successful gathering. Not only would he have derived pleasure from the result as announced, but he would likewise have witnessed in person the enthusiasm which animated the brethren of his Province of West Lancashire, and have learnt, more particularly from the Returns, how vigorously they had worked in order to ensure the success of his presidency. He has, however, the satisfaction of knowing that his place was ably filled by his son, Lord Skelmersdale, the J.G. Warden of England for the present year.

One remark as to the Stewards' Lists and the general summary of the Returns and we have done. We have said that, owing to the receipt of sundry additions to lists and a new list or two which came to hand too late to be included, the total already exceeds £18,000. There has, however, been no time to make the alterations necessitated by these additions, and all we can do is to announce that they shall be published at an early date.

At a meeting of the Board of Stewards held on Thursday, it was decided to hold the Festival of the Boys' School again this year at Brighton. It will take place on the 27th June.

A paper on the influence of "Freemasonry in Architecture," which was marked by much erudition and originality, was read by Dr. D. Fearon Rankin before the Society of Architects on Tuesday last, Mr. George Houghton, F.R.I.B.A., President, in the chair. The lecturer, as might have been expected, did not deal with his subject from a Masonic standpoint as we understand it, but rather from the point of view of the mystic philosophy which is believed to embody the principle of design and construction of what is generally known as Gothic architecture. That the author does not deny the connection between the Masons of the Middle Ages and Freemasonry as we understand it may be judged by his statement that he considered Modern Freemasonry as representing the union of these esoteric bodies with the political secret societies of the Lolland type and later, but not till the seventeenth century with the Craft Guilds. By the courtesy of the author we hope to print the lecture in a future issue of the *Freemason*.

The annual meeting of the Provincial Grand Lodge of Middlesex will be held this year at Teddington, on Wednesday, the 18th July, under the presidency of the Provincial Grand Master of Middlesex, the Right Hon. Lord George Hamilton, M.P.

The annual meeting of the Provincial Grand Lodge of Surrey will be held this year at the Public Hall, Croydon, on Tuesday, the 24th July. The meeting of the Provincial Grand Chapter will be held at a subsequent date, probably in October.

At the Quarterly Communication of the Grand Lodge of Scotland, held at Edinburgh, on the 3rd inst., a letter was reported from the Grand Secretary of the United Grand Lodge, England, intimating that the Grand Master, H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, had been pleased, on the recommendation of the Grand Lodge of Scotland, to appoint the Earl of Haddington to be representative of the Grand Lodge of England at the Grand Lodge of Scotland in room of Sir Michael R. Shaw-Stewart, resigned; and also to approve the appointment of the Earl of Lathom, C.B., as representative of the Grand Lodge of Scotland at the Grand Lodge of England.

We sometimes think that the Freemasons of this country are sadly wanting in that appreciation and taste for Masonic literature, and that their support of the one official publication published for the benefit of the Masonic Charities, viz.: the "Freemasons' Pocket Book and Calendar," does not receive their support; but the publisher of the "Indian Masonic Review" has a still more doleful story to tell, as will be seen by the following extract from the April number: "The publishers of this paper have decided not to issue a Calendar and Directory this year. Last year only two copies were paid for, and this support is not sufficiently encouraging to warrant a repetition of the venture."

Reviews.

"MASONIC CALENDAR FOR THE PUNJAB DISTRICT FOR THE YEAR 1894."—This excellent directory, larger than any other published in England, has been ably edited by Capt. J. H. Leslie, R.A., Dist. J.G.W. of the Punjab, and the printers and publishers are W. Newman & Co., Caxton Steam Printing Works, Mission-road, Calcutta. This is the second year of issue, and the annual is not only much larger than its predecessor of 1893, but contains 24 more pages. In the preface the editor asks for notes of any corrections or suggestions to make the directory more useful and complete, and expresses the hope, in which we join, that the support extended to his effort to meet the needs of his province, will be considerably more than previously. Although the work is so much increased in bulk and value, the price is only one rupee, and if it does not sell this year as it should, for 1894 it would be better to let the District Grand Lodge attend to its circulation and be responsible for its sale, as so many provinces do in England, each lodge being supplied with the numbers according to its size, and paying pro rata its share of the expenses. There is no detailed statistical information, so it would be an increased advantage in consulting its pages if the number of members to each lodge was added, or given as a summary. The information as to lodges is capitally arranged, and the lodge histories, so far as Captain Leslie has managed to get particulars, are both interesting and invaluable. The calendar, practically, is a history of the province, as well as a directory of the lodges, and the Masonic memoranda added, with an account of the Punjab Institution (which is managed on the same lines as our provincial educational funds in England); rules for the acquisition of lodge premises and buildings, and an appreciative memoir of the late Bro. H. J. Whymer, C.I.E., are attractive features of the publication. Bro. Hughan (who is an Honorary Member of the famous Lodge Stewart, No. 1960), has contributed an article on the "Book of Constitutions," 1784, and, altogether, Bro. Leslie has prepared one of the most valuable and useful annuals ever issued.

Mark Masonry.

Prince Leopold Lodge (No. 238).—A meeting of this lodge was held at Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street, on the 17th ult. Among those present were Bros. W. H. Holroyd, W.M.; L. W. Harvey, S.W.; W.M. elect; F. W. Driver, M.A., P.G.S., acting J.W.; S. Valentine, M.O.; Capt. T. C. Walls, P.M., P.G.S.B., Sec.; A. Clemow, I.P.M.; T. B. Dodson, and C. Burleton. Bros. A. McDowall, P.A.G.D.C.; F. Graves, P.G.S.; and Dalzel were visitors. The minutes of the previous meeting having been read and confirmed, Bro. Harvey was installed as W.M. by the Secretary. The following investitures were made: Bros. S. Valentine, S.W.; the Rev. R. C. Fillingham, B.A., J.W.; W. Drew, M.O.; T. B. Dodson, S.O.; C. Burleton, J.O.; N. Prower, P.M., P.P.S.G.O., Treas.; Capt. Walls, P.M., Sec.; and Goddard, Tyler. A vote of thanks was passed to the Installing Officer. A Past Master's jewel was presented to Bro. Holroyd. The report of the Audit Committee having been received and adopted, the resignations of Bros. C. Chaufourier, P.M., and F. B. Smith, late J.W., were received with regret.

The lodge was then closed and a banquet followed, at which the W.M. presided most admirably. Bro. A. McDowall, P.A.G.D.C., responded to the toast of "The Grand Officers," and Bros. F. W. Driver, M.A., P.G.S., and F. Graves, P.G. Stwd., for "The Visitors."

During the evening some excellent singing was enjoyed, thanks to the exertions of Bros. Dalzel, Pritchard, and Dodson. Bro. F. W. Driver recited two original poems. The proceedings, which were throughout most enjoyable, terminated at an early hour.

**Craft Masonry.****METROPOLITAN MEETINGS.**

John Hervey Lodge (No. 1260).—A large gathering of brethren assembled on the 11th ult., to do honour to the 25th, or silver festival of this lodge. Being the installation of the W.M. elect more than the usual number of visitors were in attendance, as many as 37 sitting down to the subsequent banquet. The officers were as follows: Bros. F. Varley, W.M.; E. G. Packman, S.W.; James Evans, J.W.; J. B. Sorrell, P.M., Treas.; J. Robertson Reep, Sec.; John Barlow, J.P., S.O.; R. J. Langley, J.D.; Ben. Hooker, I.G.; Major J. Heaton, P.M., D.C.; Walter C. Fox, I.P.M.; Dangerfield, P.M.; Henry Potter, P.M.; H. Evans, P.M.; Salmon, P.M.; and Frost, P.M.; also Bros. H. Blackburn, J. Foss, R. H. Hughes, O. Connor, Cartledge, C. Varley, French, Charlton, Hill, Thomas, Haine, Harris, W. Evans, G. S. Evans, H. Andrews, E. T. Pearce, J. L. McCabe, Thornber, Kefford, Pitt-Smith, Cameron, Lethbridge, and Johnson; also the 37 visitors alluded to.

The lodge was opened and the minutes of the last regular lodge meeting read and confirmed. The Auditors then presented their report on the lodge and benevolent funds, and the same and the accounts were received and adopted. Bro. Blackburn was raised to the Sublime Degree, the W.M., Bro. Varley, performing his part of the work in a very effective manner. The ceremony of installation was then performed, and the W.M. elect, Bro. E. G. Packman, was obligated by the retiring W.M., and duly installed into the chair of K.S. Bro. F. Varley was then invested as I.P.M., and subsequently in lodge presented with a handsome Past Master's jewel specially engraved pursuant to the minute of the lodge in that behalf. On resuming, the W.M. proceeded to invest his officers as follows: Bros. F. Varley, I.P.M.; James Evans, S.W.; John Barlow, J.W.; J. B. Sorrell, P.M., Treas.; J. Robertson Reep, Sec.; Hooker, S.D.; R. J. Langley, J.D.; E. T. Pearce, I.G.; J. H. Haine and Andrews, Stwd.; Major J. Heaton, P.M., D.C.; Hill, A.D.C.; William Henry, P.M., Org.; Cameron, Asst. Org.; and J. W. Freeman, P.M. Tyler. The addresses were delivered by Bro. J. B. Sorrell, P.M. and Treasurer, in his usual able and impressive manner. Three proposals for initiation were announced by the Secretary. A communication, amongst others, was read from Bro. Jabez Hogg, P.G.D., expressing regret at being absent through illness at what he called the silver wedding of the lodge, also indicating his sympathy with all, and his desire for the continued success and prosperity of the John Hervey Lodge.

The lodge having been closed, the brethren and their visitors adjourned to Freemasons' Tavern, where a choice and well-selected repast was served under the direction of Bro. Mantell, who lost none of his prestige by his catering on this occasion.

After grace had been sung on the conclusion of the banquet, the W.M. proposed the usual loyal, Masonic, and patriotic toasts in happy and eloquent terms, remarking, with reference to H.R.H. the M.V.G. Master, that Freemasonry would and must make headway so long as the most illustrious in the land favoured it with their countenance and support.

The I.P.M. then assumed the gavel, and, reviewing in a terse and humorous way his own past during the past year, expressed the hope that his successor might now meet with equal prosperity.

The toast of "The W.M." was received with acclamation.

The W.M., in responding, expressed himself as bound to the Craft by very near ties and associations, and that his great wish was not only that good feeling should prove dominant among the brethren, but that one and all should endeavour to understand the true teachings of Freemasonry, and do something to forward the true ideals and significance of the Craft. He ended by giving them "The Health of the I.P.M. and the Past Masters of the Lodge."

This was responded to by Past Masters Bros. H. Evans, Sorrell, Salmon, Dangerfield, and W. F. Potter, and the I.P.M.

The other usual toasts having been drunk, that of the Tyler brought a very enjoyable evening to a close.

The musical arrangements, ably rendered, were under the direction of Bro. W. Henry, P.M., Org., assisted by Bro. Dr. Haskins, Mus. Bac., P.P.G. Org., Essex, the artistes being Mademoiselles Hermione Hamilton and Alicia Andrews, and Bros. Charles Butler and W. H. Webb.

New Cross Lodge (No. 1559).—A meeting of this flourishing lodge was held at the Portland Hotel, Greenwich, on Friday, the 13th ult. Owing to the unavoidable absence of the W.M. and I.P.M., the chair was taken by Bro. C. N. McIntyre North, P.M., assisted by Bro. J. Faulkner, as I.P.M.; G. F. Mounter, S.W.; A. Cogliati, J.W.; T. Grummant, P.M., Sec.; J. S. Targett, J.D. (also acting as S.D. in the absence of Bro. H. W. Walden); E. Peroni, I.G.; J. Li Calsi, P.M., Org.; and others.

The minutes of the installation and emergency meetings were read and confirmed. Messrs. Baglioni, Cavalli, and Formaggia were duly initiated, and Bros. Andagna, Bazzi, Giracco, Mutti, and Sangiorgi were passed to the Second Degree. Bro. T. Grummant, P.M., then raised Bros. Alre, A. de Gasperi, and Hansford. The chair was again taken by Bro. North, when Bro. J. Faulkner, P.M., in moving the following resolution, "That in consideration of the valuable services rendered by Bro. W. T. Winsor, J.W. 1950, he be made honorary member of the lodge," referred in eulogistic terms to the many services Bro. Winsor had rendered the lodge, always ready to assist and take any office which might be vacant, and by his ready tact and good humour very materially adding to the comfort of the members and the expeditious working of the ceremonies. Bro. T. Grummant cordially seconded the motion, and after a few sympathetic remarks from the W.M. the motion was carried unanimously. The W.M., in addressing Bro. Winsor, expressed the great pleasure he felt in informing him of the resolution passed in his

absence, Bro. Winsor had that evening enabled him (the W.M.) to open the lodge at the stated time and thus dispose of a great deal of routine business, and the formal mark of respect was but a slight acknowledgment of appreciation for the unfailing courtesy, tact, and brotherly goodwill which had at all times prompted him as a volunteer to smooth over those little difficulties which necessarily arose from time to time and thus promoted the enjoyment of the brethren. Bro. Winsor, in a few well-chosen words, expressed his thanks for the honour done him by the brethren of the lodge and the W.M. for his kindly expressions; he trusted that for many years he might deserve and enjoy the friendship now so happily existing. Bro. T. Grummant, in the absence of the Treasurer, moved that the sum of £10 10s. be placed on the Steward's list of Bro. Makeham, W.M.; this was seconded by Bro. J. Faulkner, and carried unanimously. The lodge was then closed. A banquet followed.

Royal Savoy Lodge (No. 1744).—The last meeting of the session of this well-known lodge was held on the 23rd ult., at the Criterion, Piccadilly-circus, when there were present Bros. G. Mordey, W.M.; A. H. Cole, S.W.; T. Jefferies, J.W.; W. M. Stiles, P.M., Treas.; Capt. A. J. Knightley, P.M., Sec.; J. Pratt, S.D.; G. Comley, J.D.; G. Thompson, I.G.; W. A. Scurrah, P.M., D.C.; W. Jennings and J. Bishop, Stewards; G. Rice, Org.; R. Whiting, P.M., Tyler; Holland, P.M.; A. George, A. B. Fox, A. Ramsden, E. Gentry, A. Berg, E. P. Waymouth, J. H. Adcock, W. Baker, W. Sparks, and R. T. West. Visitors: Bros. C. W. Smelt, 2012; F. Tomlin, W.M. 1360; J. R. Colegrave, 1622; E. C. Phillips, 857; W. H. Ransom, P.M. 1790; W. Metcalfe, P.M. 1327; R. Armstrong; R. A. Benet, 733; J. T. Shapott, 733; Owen, 463; C. H. Perryman, 2398; and F. O. Tubby, 707.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read, and the W.M. initiated Mr. Wm. Sparks. Other business being disposed of, the lodge was closed, and the brethren afterwards dined.

Bro. Capt. C. J. Knightley gave, in appropriate terms, "The Health of the W.M.," which was drunk with enthusiasm.

The W.M. having replied, proposed "The Past Masters," making special reference to Bro. W. M. Stiles's candidature for Grand Treasurership.

Bros. Capt. Knightley, W. M. Stiles, and W. A. Scurrah responded.

"The Initiate" having been duly honoured, Bro. Sparks replied, remarking that his grandfather wore a red apron, but he did not know what it meant, and if it was a Masonic honour, he hoped some day to become possessed of one.

The next toast was "The Visitors," coupled with the names of Bros. Ransom, Metcalfe, and Tomlin, who all replied, speaking in terms of praise of Bro. Stiles, and wishing him every success in his campaign for Grand honours.

The other toasts were "The Treasurer and Secretary" and "The Officers," and the Tyler's toast brought a pleasant evening to a close.

In the intervals of the toasts some excellent songs were contributed by Bros. Sparks, A. H. Cole, W. Baker, Capt. Knightley, and G. Thompson.

Quatuor Coronati Lodge (No. 2076).—The above lodge met at Freemasons' Hall, on Friday, the 4th inst., when there were present Bros. W. H. Rylands, P.G. Stwd., P.M., as W.M.; C. Kupferschmidt, as J.W.; G. W. Speth, Sec.; S. T. Klein, I.G.; and E. Conder, jun.; also the following members of the Correspondence Circle: Bros. J. Wakelin, A. Howell, G. E. Turner, C. H. Webb, A. Toulmin, W. G. Poole, C. N. McIntyre North, H. M. Hobbs, F. A. Powell, C. B. Barnes, F. W. Levander, Dr. J. Balfour Cockburn, P.G.M. Guernsey, as S.W.; R. Palmer Thomas, R. Stephen Ayling, W. H. Sissons, P.A.G.D.C.; G. Mickley, L. Robbins, Dr. C. A. Wright, Prof. P. L. Simmonds, W. Tailby, G. Stevens, T. Cohu, Hamon le Strange, P.G.D., as I.P.M.; J. Leach Barrett, H. B. Papenfus, C. H. Bestow, J. W. Stevens, C. G. Hokanson, Dr. C. L. Tuckey, J. A. Gartley, C. M. Brander, E. A. T. Breed, Reg. Martyn, R. A. Gowan, E. Haward, J. J. Hall, and J. Foss. Visitors: Bros. W. A. Dingle, P.M. 869; Perry Trickett, 2374; T. G. L. Miller, I.G. 2105; Donald Baynes, 1694; and Dr. Dudley Buxton, 1895.

The lodge having been opened and the minutes confirmed, the brethren proceeded to elect 65 members to the membership of the Correspondence Circle, as follows:

The District Grand Lodge of Madras; Mackay Lodge, No. 1554, Mackay, Queensland; Centennial Lodge, No. 25, Snohomish, Washington, U.S.A.; Bros. G. C. Neeble, 2207, Toowoomba, J. A. Murphy, 330 (I.C.), Toowoomba, E. Morley, 2338, Rockhampton, G. C. Spica and R. H. Lightfoot, of 737 (S.C.), Mackay, J. Porter, W.M. 1372, Warwick, and F. W. Smith, 2419, Brisbane, all in Queensland; P. H. Jolley, P.A.G.S.B. N.Z., Hawkes Bay, E. Beacham, W.M. 735, Nelson, and H. J. Kallender, 12, Auckland, all in New Zealand; F. Dunsterville, P.D. G.W. Madras; A. E. Bachert, 572, Orbisonia, Pennsylvania, B. Loewy, 220, New York, J. Carnell, D.D.G.M. Omond, Florida, S. B. Limerick, 25, Snohomish, and E. Bories, 3, Seattle, Washington, and G. M. Hornor, 1, W. C. Nelson, 1, J. Clegg, J.G.W., and W. H. Dwyer, 102, New Orleans, all in the U.S.A.; F. C. Buchanan, W.M. 503 (S.C.); J. Grant-Macpherson, W.M. 527 (S.C.); W. W. Newton, W.M. 6 (S.C.); W. D. Kemp, 339 (S.C.); H. R. Mackenzie, 761 (S.C.); T. A. Lindsay, W.M. 679 (S.C.); J. A. Brown, P.M. 1004; R. E. Cain, P.M. 2059; J. Craine, P.M. 1075; W. A. Foster, 1113; R. G. Thomas, P.M. 1143; J. J. Morris, P.M. 1509; F. J. Harries; H. Rochester, W.M. 541; J. T. Spalding, 1609; M. G. Canton, 1325; G. W. Martin, 2269; Rev. W. Trevor-Parkins, P.M. 468; Rev. H. R. Harrison, 910; J. W. Harris, 1036; Rev. E. S. Shelton, 599; Lord Amherst of Hackney, P.G.W.; L. F. St. John, W.M. 1184; G. W. Capel, 493; G. G. Poole, 1892; B. Stewart, P.M. 1278; J. Wakelin, 2342; J. Bonwick; D. S. Naphtali, 1349; A. G. Boswell, P.M. 1339; E. E. Cooper, P.G. Steward; A. Dutton, P.M. 34; L. Simmons, 185; D. Ososki, W.M. 704; R. S. Ayling, 2128; T. Matzinger, 174; F. Dangerfield, jun., P.M. 1260; J. Foss, 1260; W. G. Lowe, P.M. 1769; J. Odell, 1769; F. W. Tew, 1298; and C. G. Hokanson, 1513.

A letter was read from the M.W.G.M., acknowledging receipt of the last volume of the printed Transactions of the

Lodge, and conveying the thanks of his Royal Highness; also a letter announcing the death of Bro. G. C. Connor, late Grand Master of Tennessee. On behalf of the lodge the W.M. rose to congratulate Bro. J. Balfour Cockburn, on the signal honour so lately conferred upon him by the M.W.G.M. in appointing him Prov. Grand Master of Guernsey and Alderney. He trusted that he might long be spared to rule over a prosperous province. The Secretary exhibited a curious jug and snuff-box, also a quaint print presented to the lodge by Bro. G. E. Turner. The jug is richly adorned with Masonic emblems, one side being a copy of one of the celebrated and scarce Lambert de Lintot prints. The snuff-box, which is of carved ebony, has the upper side embellished by Masonic emblems, hand-painted, and preserved under a glass cover. It also bears the initials, T.S., of the owner and the date 1740. The print is a rude wood block, very badly printed, of a head in profile composed of Masonic tools and emblems, and below, the words "Stunanroc, G.M.," doubtless an anagram for "Cranstoun, G.M." The water-mark is 1802. The thanks of the lodge were voted to Bro. Turner for his interesting gifts.

The Secretary read a paper by Bro. W. J. Hughan, P.G.D., on "The Master Lodge at Exeter." Although many Master's lodges are known to have existed, comparatively few of them have preserved any minutes. In this case, however, though the minutes are not as full as we could wish, yet they reveal many particulars of a highly interesting nature, and the selection made by our Bro. Hughan were naturally all to the point. There was undoubtedly much diversity in the proceedings of these lodges, but we have at least now one fair picture of the organisation of one such lodge. The paper being rather a statement of facts than argumentative, left little room for discussion, and the brethren seem to have recognised this, and consequently seized upon Bro. Hughan's well-known opinions as to the origin of the M.M. Degree, opinions which are shared by Bros. Murray Lyon and Lane, but contested by Bros. Gould and Speth, to furnish subject for an interesting and lively debate. Bros. Conder, Speth, and Rylands elaborated this point, all three pleading for the high antiquity of the ceremony or something very similar, though not so complex. Bro. Le Strange then contributed some extracts from the Master Mason's Lodge attached to the old Maid's Head Lodge, No. 27, established 1743-4, but long since extinct. Bro. Sissons led the discussion into a new channel by referring to the small silver trowels worn by the members of St. Matthew's Lodge, which died out in 1814, asking for parallel cases. Bro. Speth pointed to Picart's plate as showing that early in the last century trowels were at least in the Masons' hands, even if not attached to their coats as ornaments, and to the statuette of Frederick the Great, and the customs of many German lodges and of the Pilgrim Lodge in London. Bro. Turner also remarked that an old silver trowel which had belonged to an extinct Dorset lodge was now worn *ex-officio* by the oldest P.M. of the successor of this lodge.

After further remarks by Bro. MacIntyre North and others, a vote of thanks was cordially accorded the author of the paper, the lodge was closed, and the brethren adjourned to the Holborn Restaurant for dinner.

PROVINCIAL MEETINGS.

BRONBOURNE.

Broxbourne Lodge (No. 2353).—A meeting of this lodge was held on Saturday, the 28th ultimo, at the Crown Hotel, when there were present Bros. H. Lichtenfeld, W.M.; H. G. Holland, S.W.; E. C. Mulvey, A.G.D.C., Treas.; E. J. Gittins, P.M., Sec.; J. W. Hunt, D.C.; T. J. Phillips, Stwd.; J. Edmonds, acting Tyler; A. A. Watson, H. Hempel, Max Hummel, Patrick, Wilson, Nicholls, and Ramsbottom. The lodge was opened, and the minutes of the last meeting read and confirmed. Bro. Apsey was raised to the Degree of a M.M.; Bro. H. G. Holland, S.W., was unanimously elected W.M. for the ensuing year; Bro. E. C. Mulvey, P.M., was re-elected Treasurer; and Bro. R. Whiting Tyler. Several propositions for initiation were given, and the lodge closed.

The brethren afterwards dined together.

GATESHEAD-ON-TYNE.

Industry Lodge (No. 48).—The first meeting of this lodge under the new officers was held on Monday, the 23rd ult., when there was a good attendance of members and visitors. Bro. Wm. Stafford, W.M., presided, and was supported by Bros. W. J. Johnson, I.P.M.; M. R. Wright, P.M.; Wm. Brown, P.M., D.C.; R. Whitfield, P.M.; M. Corbitt, P.M., Treas.; D. Sinclair, P.M.; R. F. Cook, P.M.; T. R. Johnson, P.M. 1664, as S.W.; T. W. Bagnall, J.W.; G. Ayling, as Sec.; Wm. Douglass, S.D.; T. Chegwidden, J.D.; R. Perry, Org.; J. Armstrong, I.G.; W. Holzapfel and J. T. Pragnell, Stwds.; and Joshua Curry, Tyler. There were also present: Bros. N. Blythe, W. Lee, J. Neil, W. E. Peacock, Isaac Charlton, R. J. Hindmarsh, John Charlton, R. Atkinson, G. C. Potts, J. Lightbown, R. Laverick, S. Lodge, jun., T. Henderson, R. Dobson, R. Kelly, W. Towers, and others. Amongst the visitors were: Bros. R. Stewart, W.M. 424; J. Shaw, P.M. 424; J. Adamson, J.W. 424; J. Burrell, S.D. 424; B. L. Wilkie, W.M. 1664; C. P. Laidler, S.W. 1664; C. B. Ford, P.M. 481; J. A. G. Ross, P.M. 481; J. Boazman, 481; E. Allison, 481; H. G. Britten, 456; W. Walters, 1643; A. Page, 1676; J. Taylor, 1342; and others.

After the minutes were confirmed, a vote of condolence was unanimously passed to Bro. H. Jackson, Sec., who was unable to be present owing to recent bereavement, through the death of his wife. Mr. William Irving, previously balloted for, being in attendance, was duly initiated by the W.M. The J.W. explained the working tools. Bro. W. E. Peacock, R. Kelly, R. Dobson, and S. Lodge, jun., were afterwards raised to the Third Degree by the I.P.M. The usual compliments were paid to the W.M. and the lodge was closed.

KINGSTON-ON-THAMES.

Noel Lodge (No. 2444).—A regular meeting of this lodge was held at St. James's Hall, on Wednesday, the 25th ult., Bro. E. H. Lewis, W.M., in the chair. The minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. Bros. A. Lyon and W. R. Oxley were then passed to the Second

Degree in a very able manner by the W.M., who afterwards gave the lecture on the Second Tracing Bard. The lodge then considered the question of instituting a lodge of instruction in connection with this lodge. After discussion the matter was referred to a Committee with instructions for them to proceed in the matter. The lodge was then closed. Among those present were Bros. F. H. Lewis, W.M.; G. H. Lister, S.W.; E. J. Packington, J.W.; G. H. Handley, I.P.M.; A. M. Levy, Treas.; J. D. Hullett, J.D.; J. G. Brooker, I.G.; A. Watkin, Org.; Bradbury, Shearlock, Vicary, Oxley, Lyon, McTaggart, Gardiner, and Chapman. Visitors: Bros. G. R. Scott, 839; W. H. Gaze, 2395; E. J. Butler, W.M. 2146; and E. King, 1436.

The brethren afterwards adjourned to supper and spent a very pleasant evening.

MANCHESTER.

Manchester Dramatic Lodge No. 2387.—The annual installation meeting was held on Thursday, the 26th ult., at the Albany Hotel, Piccadilly. There was a very large attendance, notwithstanding the regretted absence of many great supporters of the lodge. Amongst those absent were Bros. T. Ramsey, W.M. (whose name was on the summons to install); A. Birch, P.M.; J. Truelove Richardson, P.M., P.P.G.D., Sec.; and Fitzsimmons. However, Bro. Charles Swinn, P.M., came manfully to the front, and with a few hours' notice was prepared to act as Installing Master, which he did in an admirable manner. The lodge was opened by him, and the minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed. The ballot was taken for one joining member and three initiates, all being favourable. The initiations were deferred until a subsequent occasion. Bro. J. M. Simpson, S.W., W.M. elect, was presented by Bro. E. G. Simpson, P.M., P.P.G.D., and was duly installed. Bro. Chas. Swinn presented the working tools. Bros. E. G. Simpson P.M., addressed the Wardens, Thomas Cavanah, P.M., the Master, and Swinn, the brethren generally. The following were invested as officers: Bros. T. Ramsay, P.M., I.P.M.; Chas. Swinn, P.M., S.W.; F. A. Cooper, P.M., J.W.; F. H. Birch, P.M., Treas.; J. T. Richardson, P.M., P.P.S.G.D., Sec.; T. H. Fitzsimmons, S.D.; D. H. S. Hart, J.D.; E. G. Simpson, P.M., P.P.G.D., D.C.; G. H. Brooks, I.G.; and Stanley, Butterworth, Hemans, and Müller, Stwds.; and they were addressed by Bro. Charles Swinn, P.M. The following brethren were present: Bros. J. M. Simpson, S.W.; Fred. Cooper, P.M., J.D.; E. G. Simpson, P.M., P.P.G.D., D.C.; J. H. Greenwood, Org.; Thos. Cavanah, P.M.; J. Butterworth, A. G. Brown, Sidney R. Muller, H. Macbeth, and Simeon Wardle. Visitors: Bros. John Chadwick, P.G.S.B., P.G. Sec.; G. S. Smith, P.M., P.G. Org.; A. Ingham, P.G.S.; R. H. Williams, P.M., P.G.S.B.; T. Wood, P.M., P.A.G.D.C.; T. Wilson, P.M., P.S.G.D.; Geo. Board, P.M., P.P.G.D.; Rev. R. W. Perry Circuit, P.P.G. Chap.; R. Dottie, P.M.; R. Jessop Dearden, Henry Heard, A. E. Percival, W. Sweetman, W. A. Brabner, W.M. 2363; Frederic Neebe, H. S. Greenwood, H. J. Cutter, P.M.; A. Jacobson, W.M. 1633; and W. T. Allitt, P.M.

At the banquet which subsequently followed, the loyal and Masonic toasts were given and responded to, and the pleasures of the evening were greatly enhanced by recitations from Bros. Dottie and Williams, and songs from Bros. Sweetman, Henry Heard, A. E. Percival, and G. S. Smith. Bro. J. H. Greenwood acted as accompanist.

WALTON-ON-NAZE.

Arnold Lodge (No. 1799).—At the monthly meeting of this lodge, held at the Marine Hotel, on Tuesday, the 17th ult., the W.M., Bro. J. H. Harman, creditably performed the ceremony of passing, and the I.P.M., Bro. Sutton, the raising of two gentlemen. Bro. George King was unanimously accepted a joining member. Bro. C. W. Randall was selected as the W.M. for the ensuing year, and Bros. W. Wright and G. Gardiner were appointed the offices of Treasurer and Tyler were also unanimously filled. The brethren afterwards dined together.

WISBECH.

Lodge of United Good Fellowship (No. 809).—The installation meeting was held at the Rose and Crown Hotel, on Thursday, the 26th ult., when there was a full muster of the brethren of the lodge. Amongst the visitors present, were Bros. J. H. Gray, D.P.G.M. Cambs.; Hamon le Strange, P.G.D. Eng., D.P.G.M. Norfolk; J. M. McLeod, Sec. R.M.I. for Boys; Oliver Papworth, P.P.S.G.W., P.G. Sec. Cambs.; J. Vail, P.S.G.W. Cambs.; C. H. Banham, P.G. Reg., W.M. 88; P. H. Young, P.P.G.S.B., W.M. 441; J. Royston, P.P.A.G.D.C., P.M. 441; Coxon, W.M. 442; Barrington, W.M. 107; J. Gordon Chennell, S.D., 2107; and others. After opening the proceedings, Bro. William R. Girling, P.P.G.S.B., W.M., vacated the chair in favour of the Installing Master, Bro. H. Thorns, P.M., D.C., who, in a most praiseworthy manner, placed Bro. A. J. Elworthy P.P.G. Pirst, the W.M. elect, in the chair of K.S. The newly-installed W.M. afterwards appointed and invested the officers as follows: Bros. W. R. Girling, I.P.M.; J. R. Bambridge, S.W.; Edwin B. Bellars, J.W.; Rev. A. C. Crosfield, B.A., Chap.; John Leach, P.M., Treas.; William Bray, P.M., Sec.; T. B. Sullivan, S.D.; W. Gilling, J.D.; Henry Thorns, P.M., D.C.; E. J. Brooking, Org.; H. Davis, Asst. Org.; Ernest E. Girling, I.G.; G. Whitehead, P.M., R. J. Sharman, and Thomas Ground, Stwds.; and A. Bothamley, P.M., Tyler. The Deputy Prov. Grand Master, Bro. Rev. J. H. Gray, on behalf of the lodge, presented a Past Master's jewel to Bro. W. R. Girling. Bro. A. J. Elworthy, W.M., announced his intention of going up as a Steward to the Festival of the Boys' Institution, thereupon the lodge, on the proposition of the Secretary, voted a sum of 20 guineas to that Institution, to go on Bro. Elworthy's list, in addition to 10 guineas voted by the lodge of instruction and another 10 guineas from the Etheldreda Chapter, No. 809. During the evening another sum of about £20 was collected in lodge for the same purpose. Ten members joined the Province of Cambridgeshire Masonic Charity Association.

At the close of the lodge the brethren sat down to a banquet in the hotel and the evening was spent in true Masonic harmony.

Lodges and Chapters of Instruction.

LA TOLERANCE LODGE (No. 538).—A meeting of this lodge was held on Wednesday, the 25th ult., at the Frascati Restaurant, Oxford-street, W., the occasion being specially marked by the working of the Fifteen Sections under the presidency of Bro. Wm. Hoggins, W.M. The brethren present included Bros. J. Hemming, P.M.; S.W.; Thos. Smale, P.M.; J.W.; J. Paul, P.M.; Preceptor; J. Thom, P.M.; Asst. Preceptor; Geo. Hill, P.M.; Treas.; W. E. Wilby, P.M.; Sec.; R. Sandland, S.D.; G. A. Sturgess, J.D.; Jabez Mason, I.G.; G. J. Read, P.M.; S. T. Hill, P.M.; W. Fowles, P.M.; F. W. Buxton, P.M.; W. F. Bates, P.M.; Stephen Cooper, P.M.; E. S. Berry, P.M.; W. J. Burgess, P.M.; F. G. Evans, H. Whitney, E. Parker, C. Robinson, H. J. Keen, B. Dukes, S. A. Rothschild, E. Kraus, H. Rich, C. G. Wright, Wm. Brett, N. Dukas, A. Carlstrom, W. B. Fendick, F. G. Evans, Stuart Walker, H. C. Parker, J. Moss, F. Henderson, T. A. Tidy, W. Digby Owens, R. Pain Walkden, L. Boehme, Alfred Terry, H. Smith, E. L. Genese, J. T. Barron, John Cumming, A. Gibelli, and F. E. Whicher.

The lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. The 1st, 2nd, and 3rd Lectures were worked in the following order: 1st Section, Bro. E. S. Berry; 2nd, Bro. S. Hill; 3rd, Bro. Alfred Terry; 4th, Bro. H. Whitney; 5th, Bro. W. E. Wilby; 6th, Bro. R. Sandland; 7th, Bro. W. Fowles; 8th, Bro. J. Mason; 9th, Bro. J. Thom; 10th, Bro. R. Pain Walkden; 11th, Bro. J. Bishop; 12th, Bro. J. Paul; 13th, Bro. E. Kraus; 14th, Bro. George Hill; and 15th, Bro. J. Hemming. The W.M. having risen for the first time, 17 of the brethren above named were elected joining members. After the second and third rising, a vote of thanks passed to Bro. Wm. Hoggins, Section Master, for the ability he had displayed in that capacity, and as a compliment he was declared an honorary member. Bro. Hoggins suitably replied, and a vote of thanks to the Section workers having been passed, the lodge was closed amid congratulations and general satisfaction at the large attendance and exceptional working.

HIGH CROSS LODGE (No. 754).—The 900th meeting of this lodge was held at the Coach and Horses, High-road, Tottenham, on Thursday, the 19th ult., when the Seven Sections of the First Lecture were worked by members of the Lewis Lodge of Instruction, No. 1185, and the following brethren were present: Bros. C. J. Pallot, W.M.; J. T. Davies, S.W.; J. Thom, J.W.; J. Driscoll, P.M.; Preceptor; J. Garrod, P.M.; Treas.; B. Stocker, Sec.; R. E. Harvey, S.D.; E. C. Flood, J.D.; F. Ruthven, I.G.; W. Fraser, W. F. Broadberry, L. E. Wilson, P.M.; J. H. Thompson, P.M.; A. G. Fidler, P.M.; E. W. Gange, J. M. Mart, E. D. Godfray, T. Lewis, G. Vears, H. Fowler, G. R. Ewens, J. S. Fountain, A. E. Broadberry, J. Randall, J. Howlett, J. H. Thompson, jun., H. Woodley, H. E. Brown, W. Reynolds, J. L. Driscoll, W. H. Skinner, S. Parsons, P.M.; M. Barnes, H. Wilkinson, A. Reeves, H. R. Stephens, and R. C. Courtman.

The lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed. The First Lecture was worked in an exceptional manner, the questions being answered in the 1st Section by Bro. E. C. Flood, 2426; the 2nd by Bro. R. E. Harvey, 2426; the 3rd by Bro. G. Vears, I.G. 145; the 4th by Bro. J. Thom, 2331; the 5th by Bro. W. Broadberry, 1950; the 6th by Bro. C. J. Pallot, 1003; and the 7th by Bro. J. T. Davies, W.M. 2426. The W.M. rose for the first time and the following brethren were elected joining members: Bros. G. W. Gange, H. Fowler, W. F. Broadberry, J. Randall, J. H. Thompson, jun., and A. E. Broadberry, who suitably replied. The W.M. rose for the second time. Bro. Driscoll, P.M., proposed in an able speech "That the best and cordial thanks of the brethren of this lodge of instruction be given to Bro. C. J. Pallot and his colleagues of the Lewis Lodge of Instruction for their kindness in attending and instructing us so ably in the Seven Sections of the First Lecture and that this resolution be entered on the minutes," which was seconded by Bro. J. H. Thompson, P.M., and supported by Bros. Fidler, P.M.; Garrod, P.M.; and L. E. Wilson, P.M. Bro. L. E. Wilson, P.M., then put the resolution to the lodge, which was carried unanimously. Bro. C. J. Pallot suitably replied and thanked the brethren on behalf of the members of the Lewis Lodge for the most cordial reception they had received. The W.M. rose for the third time, and after "Hearty good wishes" the lodge was closed.

KENSINGTON LODGE (No. 1767).—A meeting was held on Tuesday, the 24th ult., at the Scarsdale Arms Hotel, Edwardes-square, Kensington, when there were present Bros. W. B. Neville, W.M.; Lewis Beale, S.W.; J. J. Mackay, W.M. 1767, J.W.; R. H. Williams, P.M., &c., Deputy Preceptor; F. Craggs, P.M., Sec.; J. J. Rumbal, S.D.; James Clark, J.D.; J. G. Bean, I.G.; W. Hillier, W.M. 1366, and 2090; T. T. Gething, and J. H. Neville.

The lodge was opened in due form, and the ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, Bro. Gething acting as candidate. The lodge was opened in the Second Degree, and Bro. Gething having offered himself as a candidate for raising he was examined and entrusted. The lodge was opened in the Third Degree, and the ceremony of raising was rehearsed. The lodge was resumed to the First Degree, and Bro. Beale was duly elected W.M. for the next meeting.

LADIES' EVENING OF THE BRITANNIC LODGE, No. 33.

Keeping abreast with the times, and following a practice happily becoming common, this old lodge enjoyed a ladies' evening on May day. An admirably served dinner at the "Frascati" formed a prelude to an evening of song and entertainment, which gave the greatest satisfaction to all present. A charming party of ladies—the Meisterin Vocalists—were engaged by the W.M. to afford enjoyment to the guests, in which they fully succeeded. These consist of Mlles. Janet Howard-Rylands, Hilda Armstrong, Amy Farrell, Reeka Ronalds, Bessie Eliot, and Madame Lovenez, with Miss Blanche Walker as mandolinist and pianist.

Several part songs were admirably rendered, and each of the party contributed solos, all being so good it is difficult to select any, but reference may be made to the contributions of Miss Howard-Reynolds and Mlle. Lovenez. Perhaps the most striking item was a duet, "Hark to the Mandolin," in which Miss Ronald's sympathetic contralto told with much advantage. The mandolin obbligato, as well as a subsequent solo by Miss Walker, afforded much pleasure. Bro. Lawler accompanied in his well-known style. In addition to the Meisterin Vocalists, songs were given by Miss Bertha Colnaghi ("Valley by the sea" and "Come to me"), who was in splendid voice, and by Miss Shoulbridge, Bro. F. A. Jewson ably accompanying, and by Bro. Barry, who sang "The Diver" and "The Pedlar." Bro. Graham gave much pleasure by his clever whistling and piano selections from "Il Trovatore" and a capital song, "Are they the same at home." Two clever daughters of the J.D., the Misses Tamburini, gave recitations in admirable style, and the W.M. afforded a novel change by giving two short exhibitions of lime-light views, on a large sheet, of the Tower Bridge and Venice.

Altogether a most enjoyable evening was spent, which passed all too quickly, and concluded with a cordial vote of thanks, carried by acclamation, to the W.M. for closing his year of office in so pleasant a manner.

ANNUAL BANQUET OF THE HENLEY LODGE OF INSTRUCTION, No. 1472.

The annual banquet of the above lodge of instruction was held at the Three Crowns Hotel, North Woolwich, on Tuesday evening, the 24th ult. Bro. J. Geading, W.M. 1472, presided, and was supported by Bros. A. J. Ives, P.M. 1472, Preceptor; C. Jolly, P.M. 1472; A. Knight, P.M.; B. C. Curtis, P.M. 1472, Sec.; T. Reeves, S.W. 1472; W. Turvey, S.D. 1472, Asst. Sec.; C. Barwick, J.D. 1472; J. Palmer, I.G. 1472; R. Alabaster, H. Carter, W. Baker, J. Howe, H. Chaplin, C. Carter, E. J. D. Vallon, R. Murray, G. Richardson, A. Wren, W. H. Turvey, W. J. Barnes, W. W. Ives, W. G. Smith, T. H. Lait, Hiscock, Hood, J. W. Pettit, J. Ward, E. Morgan, D. Ross, P. Quin, W. Martin, H. J. Oliver, E. F. Rodwell, G. H. Porter, J. Baldie, and W. E. Richardson.

The visitors were represented by Bros. John Warner, P.M., Preceptor 700; G. Davis, P.M., Preceptor 13; J. H. Roberts, P.M. 700; W. Lawson, W.M. 700; Tufnell, S.W. 700; Dr. Tees, 700; A. Ingram, 2278 and 45; Vincer, 615; R. F. Franklin, 898; Herbert King, P.M., 615, P.G.P. Kent; M. S. Goodman, 700; Dowsett, 700; G. Stevens, 19; and A. Oaley, 913.

The dinner was excellent, and some good vocal and instrumental music interspersed the toasts, loyal, Masonic, and personal.

ANNUAL BANQUET OF THE ST. HELEN'S LODGE OF INSTRUCTION, No. 531.

The annual banquet of the above lodge of instruction was held at the King's Head Hotel, Liverpool, on the 3rd inst. The large company included Bros. T. J. Johnson, P.M., P.S.G.D., Preceptor; C. T. Watson, W.M.; E. Nixey, P.M., P.P.J.G.W. and P.G. H.; J. Vickers, P.M.; H. C. Marston, P.M.; H. Hockaday, P.M.; and J. Carter.

The first three toasts were given by the PRECEPTOR, and others who proposed toasts were Bros. H. C. MARSTON, C. T. WATSON, J. VICKERS, and E. NIXEY. Bro. T. MCCARTHY responded to the toast of "The Visitors."

The harmony of the evening was contributed to by Bros. Thompson, Fowling, H. C. Maston, J. Vickers, and others.

SECOND ANNUAL FESTIVAL OF THE GENERAL LODGE OF INSTRUCTION, No. 587.

The second annual festival in connection with this lodge of instruction (established 1848) was held at the Masonic Hall, New-street, Birmingham, on Friday, the 27th ult. The lodge having been opened, the following were the acting officers: Bros. J. Freedman, W.M.; R. C. Sudlow, P.G. Std. Br. Eng., I.P.M.; W. H. Rollason, S.W.; W. S. Stevens, J.W.; W. O. Dingley, S.D.; C. M. Wrighton, J.D.; H. J. Collins, I.G.; and there were about 70 brethren present, including Bros. J. T. Collins, P.G.S.B. Eng., D.P.G.M.; F. G. Swinden, Prov. J.G.W.; Matthew Jones, Prov. A.G.D.C.; A. W. Adams, P.P.G. Std. Br.; Felix Jones, P.P.G.D.; W. Hillman, P.P.G.D.; R. B. Morgan, P.P.G. Std. Br.; W. A. Parker, W.M. 739; H. Graff, W.M. 938; W. P. Hoskins, I.P.M. 74; J. Attwood, W.M. 564; N. H. Turner, P.M. 2000; and many other visitors and members.

The minutes of the last regular meeting having been read and confirmed, and signed, the lodge was afterwards opened in the Second and Third Degrees, and resumed in the Second Degree. Bro. Gittings, a candidate for the Third Degree, was entrusted, and retired to be prepared for the ceremony of raising. The lodge was resumed in the Third Degree, and Bro. Gittings was re-admitted, and raised to the Sublime Degree of a Master Mason. The lodge was resumed in the First Degree, and was then called off and on, after which Bro. W. G. Smith took the chair, and appointed Bros. Graff, S.W.; Turner, J.W.; and

Hillman, I.G. The ceremony of installation was then rehearsed, Bro. Breedman being the candidate. The excluded brethren having been re-admitted, the usual greetings were given, after which the Installing Master gave the addresses to the officers and brethren. The usual enquiries were then made, and the lodge was closed.

The brethren afterwards partook of a banquet in the adjoining room. Bro. J. T. Collins, D.P.G.M., presided, and was supported by Bros. R. C. Sudlow, N. H. Turner, J. F. Pepper, A. W. Adams, and other well-known Preceptors of the Emulation "working."

A hearty vote of thanks was passed to Bro. Sudlow for his great kindness in assisting the lodge so much, that being the third time he had recently visited the lodge.

Bro. Sudlow suitably replied, and said that he hoped to be present at the next festival—a sentiment which the brethren most cordially endorsed.

After the usual Masonic toasts, the brethren separated, having spent a very pleasant and instructive evening.

The lodge is now in a very flourishing condition, for which thanks are chiefly due to Bros. Collins and Sudlow, who have done all in their power to render the working as near perfection as possible since it was adopted as the standard working for the province, and the smooth way the work went showed that Bro. Sudlow's previous visits had been carefully remembered, and his working strictly adhered to by all the brethren of the lodge.

ROYAL MASONIC INSTITUTION FOR BOYS.

The first meeting of the Board of Stewards for the Boys' School Festival was held on Thursday last, when Bro. McLeod had a most satisfactory report to make as the result of the appeal which he has been so energetically making during the past few months.

The officers of the Board appointed were as follows: Honorary Presidents—The Marquis of Zetland, P.G.M. for N. and E. Yorkshire; the Earl of Euston, P.G.M. Norths and Hunts; and Thos. W. Tew, Esq., P.P.G.M. West Yorkshire.

President—Henry Smith, P.G.D., D.P.G.M. West Yorks.

Acting Presidents—Chas. E. Keyser, P.G.D., Treasurer and Patron of Institution, and George Everett, P.G. Treas., Vice-Patron of Institution.

Hon. Treasurer—James Willing, jun., Vice-Patron of Institution.

Hon. Secretary—J. Morrison McLeod, Secretary of Institution.

The several claims of the Crystal Palace and Brighton were stoutly advanced and advocated; but, by a large majority, it was decided to hold the Festival at Brighton, on the same lines as the successful ones of 1891 and 1893.

Obituary.

BRO. THOMAS LAMB SMITH.

Bro. Thomas Lamb Smith, of the city of Worcester, a well-known Freemason, died on the 2nd instant. He was initiated in 1864 in the Worcester Lodge, No. 280, and has filled all the offices with credit and renown. In 1866 he was exalted to the Royal Arch in the St. Wulstan's Chapter, No. 280, where he likewise filled all the offices. In Mark Masonry, he especially distinguished himself in the Lechmere Lodge, No. 59. He had also taken the Degrees of Knights Templar, Red Cross, Ark Mariner, St. Lawrence, Knight of Constantinople, Babylon, and H.P.; also Rose Croix, 18°, Royal Order of Scotland, and the 30°. Bro. Lane Smith worked in all Degrees with zeal, and retained office till death, really dying "in harness." The Province of Worcestershire had bestowed upon him the high rank of Grand Warden several years ago. He was Life Governor of each of the Masonic Institutions. Besides his Masonic position, he was a busy citizen of Worcester, being a member of the City Council, having served the offices of City Chamberlain, Guardian for the Poor, &c., and was also a Director of the Gas Company, and held many other public appointments. He was buried at Norwood Cemetery by the side of his wife, who had pre-deceased him. Many brethren being unable to go to London to pay their last sad mark of respect, attended a special memorial service at Holy Trinity Church, Worcester, at the hour fixed for the funeral. The Mayor of Worcester (Bro. G. H. Williamson) was present, with other members of the Corporation. Bro. Rev. G. F. Hough, the Vicar of Holy Trinity (the W.M. of the Worcester Lodge), conducted the service in such a way as to leave a lasting impression on those who were present. The music was specially solemn. Bro. Lamb Smith had endeared himself to all the brethren, so that his loss will be severely felt.

BRO. BATEMAN S. LIDDELL.

We regret to announce the death of Bro. Bateman S. Liddell, which occurred at his residence, West Drayton, on the 8th inst. He had been a member of the Strong Man Lodge, No. 45, for 32 years, and for the last four years its Treasurer. His four sons are also members of No. 45, one of whom has passed the chair. Bro. Liddell was much respected both in Masonic and other circles, and his loss will be much felt. He was 62 years of age.



The report of the Festival of the Girls' School fills so much space in our columns that we are again obliged to hold over several communications until next week.

Owing to the continued popularity of "Charley's Aunt" and the heavy advance booking, Mr. Penley has decided to resume the Wednesday Matinees, commencing May 10th.

The Management of the Empire Theatre have secured the services, for ten nights only, of Mdlle. Yvette Guilbert, the great French Chanteuse, who made her first appearance in England on Wednesday, the 9th inst.

The Duke and Duchess of York have definitely promised to visit Leeds in the autumn, to open the new Medical Department building at the Yorkshire College. Their Royal Highnesses will be the guests of the Hon. Mrs. Meynell-Ingram, at Temple Newsam.

Her Majesty has commanded Sir Augustus Harris to give a representation of "Faust" at Windsor Castle. The performance will probably take place in the Waterloo Chamber, about the end of next week, in the presence of her Majesty and other members of the Royal Family.

What an excellent illustration of the perversity of human nature the constitutional lodge "objectors" are! No matter what may come before the lodge, their self-assuming duty of objecting must be exercised. Their only hope of being seen and heard is in this one channel. Self-wise, self-important, self-conceited, they assume to guard the law, guard the morals, guard the treasury—guard everything proscribed by anyone but themselves.—*Krystone*.

A Charitable Association in connection with the Strong Man Lodge of Instruction and the mother lodge, has been started, and already 50 brethren have joined it. The first meeting of the Association will take place on the 17th inst., at the Blue Anchor, Fenchurch-street, E.C. The first officers are Bro. H. T. Nell, P.M. and Sec., President and Treasurer; Bro. Philip Sharp, P.M. and Vice-President; and Bro. Tom Burgess, Hon. Sec.

It has been arranged that the Grand Master of Scotland, Bro. Sir Charles Dalrymple of Newhailes, Bart., M.P., will pay a complimentary visit to the Lodge North British Railway, Edinburgh, on the 14th instant, and to the Lodge Caledonian, Edinburgh, on the 15th instant. On the 16th instant the Grand Master will instal Bro. Capt. Hope, of Bridge Castle, M.P., as Prov. Grand Master of Linlithgowshire, and on the 18th instant he will consecrate a new Masonic hall at Port Ellen, Islay.

On Thursday morning, in preparation for the Queen's visit to Aldershot next week, the Duke of Connaught inspected the whole of the troops, with the exception of the 1st Infantry Brigade, and including the three Militia Battalions, in the Long Valley, instead of Laffan's Plain, as previously intended. The cavalry, artillery, engineers, and infantry formed line at 10 o'clock to rehearse the movements for the Queen's review, but, in consequence of the heavy rain, the programme was only partly carried out.

Members of the Lodge St. John, No. 70, at their monthly meeting on the 1st inst., presented to Bro. the Rev. Dr. Lemcn, P.G. Chap. Devon, a set of four salt cellars and spoons in solid silver, as a wedding gift. The W.M., Bro. Goad, said the present was made by the lodge as a mark of appreciation of the valuable services rendered by Bro. Lemcn to the Order generally, and the high esteem in which he was held in the province. Bro. J. B. Gover, P.P. G. Sec., the oldest member of the lodge, said Bro. Lemcn had ever been ready to give his services to the Order, and he possessed the largest number of votes for the great Charities held by any brother in the province.

We are seriously looking forward, and we quietly ask ourselves, would not Masonry be better if we would look to the real qualifications, and confine Masonry to the men who are nearly equals, not in wealth, but in intellect, in knowledge, in goodness of heart. It is this idea that is growing stronger and stronger with us every day, perhaps from observation that there is an essential feature, the ideal of Masonry, the brotherhood of it, that is yet far from having asserted itself, and that we should bend our energies to attain to the standard of perfection in this respect.—*J. M. Ellis*.

The *United Service Gazette* of May 5th has the following: "A very high Masonic honour has been lately conferred on a retired Army medical officer, Dr. J. Balfour Cockburn, who has been elected a Provincial Grand Master of Guernsey and Alderney. Dr. Cockburn's friends in the Service offer him sincere congratulations on this signal mark of distinction to which he has attained. Dr. Cockburn served in the Crimea, and retired as a brigade surgeon in 1881. He served as a regimental surgeon in the Royal Horse Artillery and Royal Engineers. No medical officer, nor indeed has any medical man, achieved such a high position in the Masonic Craft as Dr. Cockburn."

The Masons of Crumlin, Ireland, intend holding a grand bazaar and fancy fair in aid of the funds for the erection of their new Masonic Hall, which has recently been founded in the village of Crumlin. The Masonic ceremony is to be performed by the Provincial Grand Master, the Most Hon. the Marquis of Hertford, who will be supported by the Deputy Provincial Grand Master, Bro. Thomas Valentine, J.P., and the officers of the Provincial Grand Lodge of County Antrim. Several attractions have been arranged. The day fixed for the principal opening ceremonial is the 17th of the present month, and it is confidently expected that a large muster of the Craft will take place at Crumlin on that occasion from all parts of the province.

A GREAT PLEASURE TO HUMANITY is without doubt a medicine composed of ingredients that, whilst it eradicates the germs of disease, strengthens the system. Hallway's Pills act in this manner, and in general debility, mental depression, and nervous irritability there is no remedy which operates so beneficially. They purify the blood, give tone to the stomach, and thoroughly regenerate the system. They are mild in operation, although most powerful in removing disease. Delicate females and young children can take them with safety and benefit. It would be difficult to enumerate all the advantages to be derived by taking these wonderful Pills. No household should be without them, for there is no complaint which they cannot cure or relieve.

The Queen has sent a donation of £100 to the Hospital for Sick Children, Great Ormond-street.

Four cities and a number of villages in Venezuela have been totally destroyed by an earthquake, and it is estimated that about 10,000 persons have perished.

Her Royal Highness Princess Beatrice and suite visited the St. James's Theatre on Thursday evening to witness the performance of "The Masqueraders."

The Marquis of Salisbury will preside at the annual meeting of the Church Defence Institution, to be held at the Westminster Town Hall on the evening of Thursday, June 14th.

The Duke of Argyll attended the sitting of the House of Lords on Thursday evening for the first time since his return to England. His Grace was heartily congratulated upon his recovery from his recent illness.

The Duke of Cambridge will preside at the annual dinner of the Royal Artillery on the 15th prox., and on the day following at that of the Royal Engineers, both of which are fixed to take place at the Whitehall Rooms of the Hotel Métropole.

The Duke of Teck dined with the Earl of Chesterfield and the Honourable Corps of Gentlemen-at-Arms on Thursday evening, at their mess in St. James's Palace. The Marquis of Breadalbane was also a guest. Lord Wolverton and Lord Sandhurst were invited.

Bro. Walter Besant has promised to read a paper on "London" before a party of Americans who will arrive amongst us on the 16th inst. for the purpose of making a tour of England. The arrangements for the visit have been made by Bishop Vincent of Chautauqua and Mr. Wollrych Perowne.

The Duke of Richmond and Gordon, K.G., the Duke of Westminster, K.G., Lord Stalbridge, Lord Charles Beresford, and Mr. Alfred de Rothschild have become stewards of the festival dinner of the Cab-drivers' Benevolent Association, to be held at the Hotel Métropole, on July 7th, at which Lord Brassey as consented to preside.

The Lord Mayor and Sheriff, with the chairman and members of the Epping Forest Committee, will to-morrow (Saturday) proceed to Stratford in State to open the new cricket pitches on Wanstead Flats. The West Ham Mayor and Corporation will meet the civic party and present an address of welcome and congratulation.

The Duchess of Teck has graciously promised to attend the meeting to be held at the Mansion House, on Tuesday, the 29th inst., in the interests of the Orphan Working School. The Lord Mayor, who has kindly consented to preside, will be supported by his chaplain (the Rev. J. G. Ransford), Alderman Sir J. Whitehead, Bart., M.P., Mr. F. A. Bevan, and the Rev. J. E. C. Weldon, M.A. (head master of Harrow).

This is the way a certain subscriber supported a paper. The editor presented a bill for eight years' back subscription. The old farmer was amazed, then indignant. He put on his spectacles, scrutinised the bill, and, assuring himself that it was genuine, exclaimed: "I've been supporting this yere paper for nigh onto eight years, and I never had no such thing thung at me before." He not only withdrew his valuable support, but failed to pay his bill.—*Canadian Craftsman*.

Mr. C. Arthur Pearson, Henrietta-street, Covent Garden, who organised the "Fresh-air Fund" for London children a few years ago, and who has every day in the summer months taken little waifs and strays and cripples to Epping Forest, intends to do for children in the provincial centres of England what he has done for London. The Ragged School Union has recently given a grant to purchase a freehold property in the Forest, so that the little ones who have never seen a field or a buttercup will have a country seat all to themselves. The trips are arranged at an expense of 9d. a head, or 200 children can have an outing in a merry party of their own for less than a £10 note.

Princess Christian shared with the Duchess of Westminster and Lady Reay at Stafford House the duties of President of the day at the National Silk Textile Exhibition. Lady Angela St. Clair-Erskine, Mr. Wardle, Mr. Campbell, Mr. Warner, and others of the executive committee received her Royal Highness on arrival, and escorted her to the galleries, where she inspected carefully the sumptuous fabrics that are on view, and among which are exhibited some lengths of poplin that she has herself ordered from Dublin. Amongst the features of interest that attract particular attention should be mentioned the rich ecclesiastical embroidery of the Leek Needlework Society and the hand-loom used for weaving a magnificent silver brocade for the Queen.

All the best-known growers were represented at the Annual Summer Exhibition of Flowers at the Crystal Palace, among the most successful having been Mr. A. Offer, Mr. Charles Turner, Mr. T. S. Ware, Mr. J. Lambert, and Messrs. J. Laing and Sons. Certificates were awarded to Messrs. Laing for several novelties; and the new perpetual tree carnation, "Uriah Pike," shown by its grower, Mr. J. Pike, and also by Messrs. G. May, attracted much attention by reason of its profusion of rich and fragrant blooms. In all classes the quality was exceptional, and the competitive display of dinner-table decorations was very pretty, the first prize falling to Mr. J. H. Chard in one class, and Miss Lilian Hudson in another. Messrs. Perkins and Sons were again to the front in bouquets and sprays.

The Duchess of Albany visited the Sanitary Institute, Margaret-street, W., on Thursday, for the purpose of presenting to their winners the certificates awarded at the Lent examinations in 1893 and the present year in connection with a series of lectures on domestic sanitation. Her Royal Highness, who was accompanied by Sir Robert Collins and Lady Knightley, was received by Sir Douglas and Lady Galton, Sir Thomas and Lady Crawford, Sir Guyer Hunter, Sir F. Sharp Powell, M.P., and Lady Priestley. Sir Douglas Galton, who occupied the chair, spoke of the part played by the late Duke of Albany in the beginnings of the institute, and referred in grateful terms to the deep interest displayed by the Duchess, who had herself attended three courses of lectures, and had been a firm friend to the movement from its inception. Dr. Corfield having read the examiners' report, the Duchess of Albany presented the certificates, and herself accepted a bouquet at the hands of Mrs. White Wallis, wife of the Secretary.

Pierremont Park, Broadstairs, which was occupied by her Majesty the Queen during her childhood, is to be offered to auction by Mr. Newman, in June, under the direction of the Court of Chancery.

The Home Secretary has appointed Mr. H. Cunynghame, of the Inner Temple, to be Legal Assistant Under-Secretary to the Home Department, in the place of Mr. Leigh-Pemberton, who is about to retire.

The Duchess of Teck and Prince Christian have graciously consented to be patronesses of the entertainment to be given in the Chelsea Town Hall, on Monday, 21st inst., in aid of the funds of the Grosvenor Hospital for Women and Children, Vincent-square, Westminster.

Brethren are invited to send for the list of Masonic Books published at the office of the *Freemason*. Many works of interest both to the Masonic student and general reader have recently been added, and the publisher will gladly forward a copy to any address on receipt of a post-card.

Soon we shall be able to speak once more of the silvery Thames. Another testimony to its improved condition has, indeed, just been found in the discovery of dace—fresh-water fish—at Greenwich. This would show that there must now be fish in the river along its whole course through London.

Comp. J. Ross Robertson, Grand H., is the favourite for election to the Cabinet next Grand Convocation, and it is necessary for us to prophecy that Capital Masonry will take no backward step during his term of office, for whatever Comp. Robertson takes in hand to do, will be sure to be accomplished.—*Canadian Craftsman*.

At Cambridge University, on Thursday afternoon, honorary degrees were conferred upon Very Rev. C. W. Stubbs, Dean of Ely, who received the degree of Doctor of Divinity; Professor K. T. Von Inama Sternberg, of Vienna, who received the degree of Doctor of Law; and Mr. Grieg, the composer, who took the degree of Doctor of Music. The recipients were introduced in laudatory Latin speeches by the public orator.

Mr. Asquith, the Home Secretary, and Miss Margot Tennant, daughter of Sir Charles Tennant, of The Glen, Peebles, were married at St. George's, Hanover-square, on Thursday. Among the brilliant company present were Mr. and Mrs. Gladstone, the Prime Minister, and a number of the bridegroom's colleagues in the Ministry; Mr. A. J. Balfour, Mr. Chamberlain, and several other prominent members of the Opposition. The Bishop of Rochester conducted the service.

Under the the immediate patronage of the Duchess of York and the Duchess of Teck, who have signified their intention of being present, a performance of Mr. Sydney Grundy's comedy, "The Glass of Fashion," under the direction of Mr. Charles H. Lamb, will be given by "The Strolling Players" at the Richmond Theatre on Monday, the 21st inst., in aid of the joint funds of the Surrey Convalescent Home, Seaford, and the Cottage Home of Rest for Women at Coombe.

It is perhaps an anomaly that non-Masons should be present at this gathering, but if English-speaking butlers and chokras may overhear the conversation of the brethren, surely it is no great matter if non-Masons are present. As in this country the toasts are not given with Masonic honours, and the subject of Masonry is usually avoided by the after-dinner speakers, it seems reasonable that non-Masons should occasionally have the opportunity of seeing what jolly good fellows Masons are when they meet round the social board.—*Indian Masonic Review*.

Royal Arch Masonry in Ontario has been making great progress during the present year, and we expect at next meeting of Grand Chapter, a considerable increase in membership will be reported. The lowering of the initiation fee has been a step in the right direction, as the present increase fully justifies. Why such large fees are charged for what is called the "Higher Degrees" from brethren of the Craft, is what we cannot understand, as our idea is that when a man is once a Mason, the expense of membership should be made so light that there is no necessity for him to ask for his limit.—*Canadian Craftsman*.

Amongst the large and fashionable gathering present at the ball given by the officers of the Derbyshire Yeomanry Cavalry, on Thursday, in celebration of the centenary of the regiment were General Keith Fraser, Inspector-General of Cavalry (accompanied by his aide-de-camp), his Serene Highness Prince Adolphus of Teck, Brigadier-General Sir Henry Wilmot, V.C., Lord and Lady Waterpark and the Hon. Miss Cavendish, Lord and Lady Parker, Lord Alexander Paget, Sir Vauncey Harpur Crewe, Sir Francis Burdett, the Hon. W. M. and Mrs. Jervis, Mr. Cecil and Lady Augusta Fane, Mr. Christopher Chandos-Pole, Captain Henry Clowes of the 1st Life Guards, the Hon. George Allsopp, and Lady and Miss folkles.

Numerous friends of Mr. T. Cottingham Edwards-Moss, late of Eton and Brasenose College, and a well-known member of the University Boat Club, will be glad to learn that a design is on foot for perpetuating his memory at Oxford. At Eton a fund has already been started by the head master, Dr. Warre, which appeals mainly to those who knew Mr. Moss at school. The Oxford memorial is a separate and distinct undertaking, although it has not yet been finally what form it shall take. Amongst other suggestions which have been made is one for a window in the ante-chapel of Brasenose College, side by side with the one in honour of Mr. Pocklington, and a tablet either in the barge or in the boathouse of the O.U.B.C.

Sir John Stainer gave a good account of the Royal College of Organists at the annual dinner, over which he presided, at the Holborn Restaurant, on Thursday. In proposing the toast of "Prosperity to the College," he said that not only were they now incorporated under the Royal sign manual, but the institution was rapidly increasing in power and influence. Twenty years ago they had only 200 members, now there were 1150; and while at the former period their income was but £200 a year, it was £2000 at the present time. They had maintained a high standard in their examinations in the past, and must try to maintain it in the future. He also referred to the kindly feeling always manifested by the Royal Family towards musicians. Dr. Warwick Jordan, Dr. Warriner, Dr. Greenish, Dr. Turpin (Secretary), Mr. J. Norbury, Professor F. H. Bridge, Mr. J. P. Baker, and Mr. Higgs also spoke.