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CONSECRATION OF THE CHARLES EDWARD KEYSER LODGE, No. 2518.

The newest lodge for the Province of Herts, named after one of the most popular residents in the county was consecrated on the 5th inst., at the Bull Hotel, Hoddesdon, a most commodious habitation, with the best of landlords. The Provincial Grand Master, Bro. Thomas Frederick Halsey, M.P., performed the ceremony, assisted by his Deputy, Bros. G. E. Lake, and Bro. F. S. Knyvett, P.G.D., as S.W.; W. Lowndes, P.J.G.W., as J.W.; James Terry, P.G.S.B., P.G.D.C., Sec. R.M.B.I., as D.C.; Charles Bullock, P.G. Sec., as Sec.; W. Metcalfe, P.G.P., as I.G.; and Rev. Pope, P.G. Chap., as Chap. The music was under the direction of Bro. W. Emerson, who was assisted by Bros. Thomas Powell, Etherington Smith, and K. J. Harris.

The founders of the lodge were: Bros. C. E. Keyser, W.M.; A. J. Williamson, S.W.; J. Williams, J.W.; A. V. Turner, Treas.; W. P. Warren, Sec.; G. B. Shelbourne, S.D.; F. H. Mansell, J.D.; A. Moloney, P.M., D.C.; A. Martin, A.D.C.; E. W. Newman, I.G.; G. H. Fell and J. C. Matthews, Stwds.; S. D. Moss, Org.; H. C. Heard, I.P.M.; W. A. Sproat, P.M.; J. F. Reade, and W. A. Greene.

The other brethren in attendance were:

Bros. P. L. Blackmore, P.M. 2372, P.P.G. Supt. Works; R. J. Harris, 1645; G. E. Fairchild, W.M. 173; J. R. Cocks, P.M. 403, P.P.G.W.; O. Papworth, P.P.S.G.W. Cambs.; R. J. Banning, P.M. 48, P.P.G.W. Durham; J. Purrott, P.M. 1479, P.P.G. Std. Br.; J. R. Codling, 2372; G. Cook, P.M. 820; J. M. McLeod, P.P.S.G.W. Derby, Sec. R.M.I. Boys; J. Beavon, 2346; J. Dent, 2346; W. Sworder, P.M. 449; J. Williams, 2346; E. Margrett, P.M., P.P.S. G.W. Berks; H. Sadler, G. Tyler; S. Carlton, 2184; W. R. G. Emerson, 45; A. J. Bisdee, 1222; J. Clarke, P.M. 706; G. Holdsworth, P.M. 1327, P.P.G.P.; J. Beresford Ryley, P.M., P.G.D. Middx.; E. Smith, 2182; F. Levick, P.M., P.P.G.W.; R. J. Gibbs, P.M., D.S.G.W. Gibraltar; P. A. Nairne, P.M. 176, P.G.D.; M. Slaughter, P.M. 407; J. E. Le Feuvre, D.P.G.M. Hants; G. Everett, P.G. Treas. Eng.; F. Keyser, 2; W. M. Bywater, P.M. 79, P.G.S.B.; A. C. Spaul, P.M., P.G. Std. Br.; M. A. M'Inerney, P.M. 2346, P.G. Std. Br. Gibraltar; Wm. Metcalfe, P.M. 2372, P.G.P.; J. Mark, J.W. 1327; Otto Wigginton, W.M. 403; T. G. Carter, P.M. 403, P.P.S.G.W.; R. Tuffee, 2372; G. J. Metcalfe, S.D. 2372; G. S. Galt, W.M. 414, Prov. G.S.; Sidney Martin, P.M. 404, P.P. J.G.D.; W. Windes, I.P.M. 504, P.J.G.W.; J. Brittain, P.M. 1385, P.P.G.W.; R. Middlehurst, P.M. 1327, P.G.S.; J. Cook, I.P.M. 907; E. P. Debenham, P.M. 1479, P.P.G. Reg.; A. MacLean, 1479; W. Masters, P.M. 428, 2128, P.G. Stwd.; W. Bangs, P.G.O. 1327; G. Mickley, P.M. 449, P.P.S.G.W.; Thomas Powell, 2182; Septimus Croft, 1657; C. M. Coxon, P.M. 2278, P.J.G.D.; G. Haynes, I.P.M. 1479; H. C. Weld, P.M. 1579, P.P.G. Reg. Middx.; A. J. Gilbertson, I.P.M. 449; Col. Hy. Daniells, S.W. 403, P.P.G.S.; T. Malery, 461; J. Tydeman, P.M. 2372, P.P.G.P. Essex; P. W. Taylor, P.M. 409, P.P. G.W.; C. E. Birch, W.M. 2323; J. Robinson, P.M. 1327, P.P.G.W.; P. Godfree, 2372; J. H. Hughes, P.P.G. Std. Br.; C. Bullock, P.M. 504, P.G. Sec.; E. J. Barron, P.G.D. England; R. H. Pope, P.G. Chap.; F. M. Bilby, P.M. 1327, P.P.G. Std. Br.; C. S. Ayres, P.M. 404, P.P.G.S.; J. H. Campling, P.M. 403, P.P.G.D.; H. Massey, 160, P.M. 619, and 1928; W. E. Edwards, 1897; and A. G. Young, 73.

Bro. HALSEY, after the opening ceremonies, expressed the great pleasure it gave him to attend to consecrate the new lodge.

Bro. the Rev. POPE, in delivering the oration, said that as this was the first occasion on which he had performed this special office he placed himself in the hands of the brethren for that indulgence which Englishmen always showed to the feeble attempts of a beginner. He would discourse on the nature and principles of Freemasonry, and it had occurred to his mind to ask what was the nature and what were the principles of it. To his mind both the principles and the nature were the noblest and grandest that concerned man. The principles of Masonry seemed to be an attempt to make man more perfect than he was—to make him as perfect as man could be in this world. Let them then look at the nature of Masonry. It concerned our religion, our loyalty, and our obedience; it also concerned our Charity. With regard to our religion, was not the question asked of the candidate, in whom did he place his trust, and the answer was, in God. Did they not call on the Great Architect of the Universe, and did they not invoke the aid of the Most High to their work and assist in every undertaking? Then there was conspicuous in the lodge the Volume of the Sacred Law. Truly then Freemasonry concerned the religion of a man, it said put your trust in God. Then, on the other hand look at obedience. They knew it was necessary in this world for every one to obey. It was a Greek philosopher who said justice was each man doing his duty in his own proper place in life and according to his own proper ability—to do it well, to do it nobly. How then Freemasonry helped on this course. As one entered a lodge he saw the brethren while ever ready to uphold the rights of the brethren, yet they were ever ready to bow down to the authority of the W.M. and the brethren who he had appointed as his officers. Truly Freemasonry seemed to help us in the second great principle of life, viz., how to do our duty—to do this duty nobly and well. Then they came to the third great virtue—was it not almost divine—the great virtue of Charity, without which all our deeds were nothing worth? They did Charity, not as an act of duty, but as an act of love. That mention of Charity brought to the mind the grand Charities of Freemasonry, which showed that they not only taught but practised Charity. As to what he had just now said of the three highest principles of life—religion, obedience, and Charity forming the perfect man, what could be more perfect than those three working in perfect harmony—that man who thought on religion, the

next man who did his duty in that state of life to which he was called, and the man who did his duty towards others and bore love to others. The true Mason must be one who acted on the truest of principles, who would ever be ready to hold out a helping hand to his brother, who was an ornament to this world. He called on all to exercise these principles, and it was for that purpose they were assembled that day to consecrate a new lodge in the name of the G.A.T.O.U., and they asked Him to bless the work to be begun, continued, and ended in Him.

The ceremony of consecration was then conducted, and at its close Bro. Charles Edward Keyser handed to the Provincial Grand Master, to be unfurled by him, a banner, presented by Bro. Keyser to the lodge. Bro. Halsey having unfurled the lodge banner it was erected behind the Worshipful Master's chair.

Bro. George E. Lake then installed Bro. Keyser as the first Master of the lodge, and the following brethren were invested as his officers: Bros. H. C. Heard, P.M., &c., acting I.P.M.; A. J. Williamson, S.W.; John Williams, J.W.; A. V. Turner, Treas.; W. P. Warren, Sec.; G. R. Shelbourne, S.D.; F. H. Mauncell, J.D.; A. Moloney, P.M., D. of C.; A. Martin, A.D. of C.; E. W. Newman, I.G.; G. H. Fell and J. C. Matthews, Stewards; S. D. Moss, Org.; and Young, Tyler.

A Committee, consisting of the W.M., the acting I.P.M., Bro. Sproat, P.M., Wardens, Treasurer, and Secretary, was appointed to frame the by-laws.

Bro. H. C. Heard, P.M., was elected the lodge representative on the Provincial Charity Committee.

A founder's jewel was presented to Bro. Halsey, who was elected the first honorary member of the lodge.

Bro. HALSEY, in acknowledging the compliments, said he accepted them with the utmost pleasure. It appeared to him that if the lodge went on as it had begun it ought to flourish and become an honour to the province over which he had the honour to preside. The founder's jewel would be an exceedingly pleasant reminder to him of that most auspicious occasion.

Bros. G. E. Lake, F. S. Knyvett, Lowndes, Pope, Terry, Bullock, and Metcalfe were then elected honorary members of the lodge, a compliment which was acknowledged by Bro. LAKE.

Bros. Turner, Treasurer, and Dr. Warren, Secretary, afterwards received a vote of thanks, which was ordered to be entered on the minutes, for their services in connection with the founding of the lodge.

Propositions of candidates for joining and initiation were made, and the lodge was closed.

A beautiful banquet followed.

The WORSHIPFUL MASTER, in proposing "The Queen and the Craft," said her Majesty had already reigned 57 years, and he hoped she would be spared to reign over them for many years to come.

In giving the toast of "The M.W.G.M.," the WORSHIPFUL MASTER said the Prince of Wales had presided over the Craft for more than 19 years, and while he had been head of the Order the Craft had gone forward by leaps and bounds. They were going to meet on the morrow in Special Grand Lodge, and he hoped to see many friends there, to pass a vote of congratulation on the birth of a Prince, a direct successor to the crown. They would all rejoice with the Prince of Wales on this important event. Although his Royal Highness's son was not a member of the Craft, he thought the Duke of York would very shortly join the Order, and when the Prince of Wales ceased to be Grand Master, his son, the Duke of York would be prepared to stand in his place. Long might the Prince of Wales be spared to preside over Masons.

Bro. GEORGE EVERETT, P.G.T., responded to the toast of "The Grand Officers," and said that what the W.M. had said as to the great acts performed by the Grand Officers, was said out of the kindness of his heart, and would be so appreciated by the brethren. The Grand Officers were only too glad to visit lodges, and promote the interest of the great Brotherhood; they could not be employed in a better work than assisting at the birth of a new lodge. The W.M. had referred to the birth of a Prince. The brethren had been celebrating the birth of a new lodge; let them hope the new Prince would become an ornament to the Craft. With regard to the functions they had been engaged in that evening, the pleasure the Grand Officers had in taking part in it was enhanced by their having seen inducted in the chair such a good brother as Bro. Charles Edward Keyser. By his kindness and large heartedness he had become a general favourite in the Craft; there could be no better proof of it than the large number of brethren who had come that day to see him installed in that unexplored region. But they were glad to come, and they all hoped that the lodge named after him would have a very happy future indeed.

The W.M., in proposing the toast of "The R.W. Prov. G. Master for Herts, Bro. T. F. Halsey, M.P.," said no province was better presided over by a Grand Master than the Province of Herts. All the brethren knew the great interest Bro. Halsey took in the Hertfordshire Masons. During the 20 years he had been the Prov. G.M., he had seen the number of the lodges rise from eight to 22. That was very gratifying to Bro. Halsey, because not being favourable to the promiscuous formation of lodges, he had exercised great caution in his recommendations to the Grand Master. Although Bro. Halsey was a very busy man, he always managed to come among the brethren, who were at all times pleased to see him. He had been absent on only one occasion of the consecration of a Hertfordshire lodge. The brethren of that lodge were proud of his being with them that day to lay the foundation-stone of the Keyser Lodge. When Bro. Halsey unfurled the banner, he (Bro. Keyser) expressed the hope that it would never

be absent from the meetings of the Prov. Grand Lodge, and that the brethren would feel it was a duty incumbent on them to attend the Prov. Grand Lodge and keep up the prestige of the Charles Edward Keyser Lodge. With regard to the Deputy Grand Master and the other provincial officers, he ventured to say, in the lodge, how much he was indebted to them personally for their attendance. They saw what a good worker Bro. Lake was, as they had seen on many occasions. He was a member of the lodge at Watford, with which Bro. Lake was identified. They were fortunate in having in the province a brother who could do the work like him. All the Grand Officers of the province he welcomed, and expressed his greatest gratification at their attendance.

BRO. THOMAS FREDERICK HALSEY, M.P., Prov. G.M. for Herts, replying to the toast, said he felt it a great responsibility upon him in having to reply for such a large body of brethren as were standing up with him. It was 20 years since he was first installed as Prov. G.M. of Herts. It was not due to any merits of his own. The W.M. had pointed out that he (Bro. Halsey) had many things to occupy his time and attention, and it was a fact that he was not able to give the time he could wish to the affairs of Masonry in the province. But through the valuable assistance of the brethren then standing up with him he felt a pride in presiding over such a province. During 20 years the province had more than doubled the number of its lodges; from a strength of eight it now had a strength of 22 lodges, and it had also progressed in the other branches, in the Royal Arch and other Degrees to which he need not particularly allude. The progress had been good and genuine. Masonry had multiplied; there had not been a depletion of old-established lodges; those lodges had held their own, had gone on, progressed and improved. It was a genuine addition to the strength of the province. Small as the district was, they might well be proud of the increase of Masonry in it, and he thanked them most deeply from the bottom of his heart for the support they had given him during 20 years. Coming to that lodge, he felt sure from the beginning that it would prove a most valuable addition to the strength of Masonry in the province. The very name it bore was that of a man whose name was a household word in Masonry, not limited to that province, but belonging to all Masonry. That name alone was enough to put the brethren on their mettle, and act up to the character of the man. From the enthusiasm and energy imported into the formation of the lodge and that inaugural meeting, he was sure the brethren felt the responsibility that was on them, and that they would never disgrace or discredit the lodge. He then proposed "The Health of the W.M. and Success to the Charles Edward Keyser Lodge." Good wine needed no bush, and no words of his were necessary to recommend the name of the W.M. to the brethren. They knew what Bro. Keyser had done in Hertfordshire, what he had done in other lodges, and how he had taken a leading part in Masonry. He was quite sure Bro. Keyser would do the same with that lodge that by their experience they knew he had done on behalf of other lodges. If he said more he was certain he would be clouding the subject over.

BRO. C. E. KEYSER, W.M., in replying, said he felt sorry they were so hurried on account of the trains, but he was obliged to respond to the toast before he departed. He felt that a very great honour had been conferred on him that day, first because the lodge was called after his name, and secondly because he was invited to be its first Master. The brethren interested in the founding of the lodge would bear him out that both those honours were entirely unsolicited by himself. He would go further and say that they had to put pressure upon him to get his consent to call the lodge by his name, and to be the lodge's first Master. However, having done so he should do his best to promote the interests of the lodge. He hoped it would assume a high position in the province of which it now formed a part. His name had to some extent been connected with the Masonic Charities, and he would therefore bring before the brethren the names of others so connected. They had with them Bros. James Terry and James Morrison McLeod. There would not be time for those brethren to respond to the toast of "The Charities," but perhaps they would have a chance on some future occasion, and the lodge, he hoped, would never forget the Charities. He thanked the brethren very heartily for their kind reception of him. He was proud of those who were associated with him as founders of the lodge who he believed were going to make it create its mark in the province. They had already shown what they could do in providing for the comforts of the visitors. They would be able to develop forces all round in Masonry which would conduce to the prestige of the lodge. It was a matter of sincere regret to him that he could not stop longer with the brethren as he would have liked to propose "The Health of the Visitors," of whom a large number were present. They came from Herts, Middlesex, Cambridge, and Yorkshire. He would also have liked to propose "The Officers," but he must leave all these duties to Bro. Heard. He was glad everything had gone off so well, and he was sure this was the beginning of a most successful year for the Charles Edward Keyser Lodge, No. 2518.

The brethren who were going to London then left, and W.M.'s chair was taken by Bro. Heard.

The singing between the proposing of the toasts and the responses was performed by Bros. Etherington Smith, Robert J. Harris, Powell, and Will Edwards, under the direction of Bro. W. Emerson.

CONSECRATION OF THE ROLL CALL LODGE, No. 2523.

The total number of lodges in the Province of Middlesex has been increased to 40 by the consecration of the Roll Call Lodge, No. 2523, which took place at the Oddfellows' Hall, Hounslow, on Tuesday, the 10th inst. As the significant title of the new lodge indicates, the founders are mostly connected with the military profession, and besides being a very strong body they are animated with an enthusiasm for Freemasonry which should ensure a successful career for the new venture in the future. Additional interest was given to the proceedings from the fact that this is the first lodge consecrated by the present Prov. Grand Master, Bro. Lord George Hamilton, M.P., since his accession to office about a year ago. The Prov. G.M. was assisted by Bros. Raymond H. Thrupp, P.A.G.D.C., Dep. Prov. G.M.; Lieut.-Col. W. Ruston, Prov. S.G.W., as S.W.; A. Stewart Brown, Prov. J.G.W., as J.W.; Rev. S. T. H. Saunders, P.P.G. Chap., as Chap.; Howard H. Room, Prov. G. Sec.; Dr. S. Hague, Prov. G.D.C., as D.C.; and W. Fisher, Prov. G. Treas., as I.G.

The founders, the majority of whom were present, are Bros. W. J. Trewinnard, P.M. 434, P.Z., P.P.A.G.S., W.M. designate; H. T. Cooper, P.M. 1567; W. Mountford, 1436, S.W. designate; J. Price, 1567, J.W.

designate; Rev. E. L. G. Houndle, P.M. 1826, P.P.G.C.; G. Brown, J.D. 95; W. J. Gardenier, W.M. 865; C. Robinson, W.M. 60; J. Harding, 1604; P. Mecklenburg, 60; C. L. Floyd, 1604; J. Finlay, 1994; H. Dockrill, P.M. 1567; H. Perks, P.M. 209; H. C. H. H. Houndle, P.M. 1826, P.G.W.; W. J. Gomm, J.W. 780; A. Toulmin, P.M. 1503; W. Ruston, P.M. 1871, P.S.G.W.; H. A. Trevanion, J.W. 1871; W. Godley, 2195; R. Carpenter, 1604; W. Sheffield, 670; F. Butler, 1496; J. Mayers, 555; W. M. Hill, 500; C. Sheppard, 267; B. J. Booth, Stwd. 1539; W. Knell, 2195; E. C. P. Hodgkinson, 509; E. T. Baker, 217; W. Langdon, 1567; W. Funge, S.D. 975; J. Hunt, 1604; C. Weedon, 1567; and R. Aldington, 2012.

The visitors were Bros. H. Sadler, G. Tyler; W. Pescud, 2400; G. Bond, 2400; S. Zucker, 1658; F. N. Cole, 1257; W. J. Brooker, 1567; W. Fletcher, 209; J. Lewarne, 865; W. Essex, 865; J. Anderson, 2444; E. Clare, P.M. 865; E. H. Lewis, W.M. 2444; and W. W. Lee, W.M. 1897, I.P.M. 2381.

The lodge having been opened in the Three Degrees by the Prov. Grand Secretary, the Prov. Grand Master, accompanied by the Deputy Prov. Grand Master and the Prov. Grand Officers entered in procession and were duly saluted.

The PROV. GRAND MASTER, addressing the brethren, said they had assembled for the purpose of constituting and consecrating a new lodge, and he was commanded by H.R.H. the M.W.G.M. to act for the time being as his Deputy and perform the requisite ceremony. But before he discharged that duty he wished to say a few words in his capacity as Prov. Grand Master of Middlesex on that, the first occasion on which he had been present at the constitution of a new lodge. By the wisdom of those who governed the destinies of the Craft they had been divided into provinces, and it became a matter for those entrusted with the management of a province to carefully consider when application was made for a new lodge that the interests of the Craft were well looked after. The principles which had actuated him on that occasion and in the future would be never to recommend any petition for a new lodge except those which were purely local, so that the lodges established in the province might in no sense be dependent upon extraneous support. Those were the principles which his respected predecessor acted upon, and he believed they were conducive to the best interests of the Craft.

The ceremony was then impressively carried out, and an excellent oration having been delivered by the acting Chaplain, Bro. Rev. S. T. H. Saunders, the new lodge was solemnly dedicated and constituted.

The Dep. Prov. G.M. installed Bro. W. J. Trewinnard, P.M., as W.M., and the following officers were invested: Bros. W. Mountford, S.W.; J. Price, J.W.; Rev. E. L. G. Houndle, P.P.G. Chap.; W. J. Gardener, Treas.; G. Brown, Sec.; C. Robinson, S.D.; J. Harding, J.D.; P. Mecklenburg, I.G.; C. L. Floyd, and J. Finlay, Stwds.; and Hill, Tyler.

Propositions were received, a Committee was appointed to frame the by-laws, and the lodge was then closed.

A banquet followed, at which the Prov. Grand Master was unable to be present, and the usual toasts were subsequently honoured.

BRO. RAYMOND H. THURUPP, P.A.G.D.C., Dep. Prov. G.M., responding for "The Grand Officers," said it was always an honourable thing to have one's health connected with a set of noblemen like those who presided over them. Lord Lathom and the Earl of Mount Edgcumbe were earnest, zealous Masons who gave up a great deal of time and gave the governing body valuable advice as to the best means of ruling the large body of Masons and conducing to their happiness. It was to men like the present Grand Secretary and Bro. T. Fenn, who had but recently retired as President of the Board of General Purposes, and who had done more for Masonry in his time than probably any man before him—it was to such men they owed a debt of gratitude for all they had done. Bro. Robt. Grey, the President of the Board of Benevolence, was another brother who gave up night after night to assist in making grants to those in distress, and in enquiring into the various cases. The only reward the Grand Officers received was the slight acknowledgment made at the dinner table, showing that the brethren appreciated their efforts. The position of a Grand Officer was no sinecure, for during his year of office there were nine Grand Lodge meetings and two additional meetings in the country. They felt that that evening they had done a great service to the province and the Craft by consecrating that new lodge. The founders had their heart and soul in the work, and were good Masons and would work conscientiously, and do honour to the province. He wished them God-speed in their endeavours.

The WORSHIPFUL MASTER proposed "The R.W. Prov. G.M., Deputy Prov. G.M., and Prov. Grand Officers, Present and Past," and said the brethren could vouch for what the Provincial Grand Officers could do, as they had seen their work that night in one of the noblest and greatest services that could be rendered to Masonry—the consecration of another lodge in the interests of the Craft. The founders would not let it be said that through their dilatoriness those good services would be thrown away, for they had the metal, the will, and the discipline, which was an important thing. He hoped the Provincial Grand Officers would live to enjoy their well-earned honours for many years to come.

BRO. A. STEWART BROWN, Prov. J.G.W., congratulated the W.M. and Wardens on the name selected for the lodge—the Roll Call Lodge—which bore well upon the profession with which they were connected. It was a name which would surely carry the lodge to fame. The Prov. G.M. was well known to them and throughout the country, and during the time he had held his present position had thoroughly showed himself to be a hard-working and zealous Mason for the progress of Masonry in the province. In this work he was well supported by the Dep. Prov. G.M. The Prov. G. Sec., Bro. Room, was always amongst them, and during the last five or six years had shown himself a most genial and energetic brother and in every way a splendid Prov. G. Sec., of whom any province might be proud to boast. He (Bro. Brown) was extremely pleased he had had the pleasure of being present to assist in the consecration, and thanked them for their cordial reception and excellent hospitality.

"The Health of the W.M." was given by the DEP. PROV. G.M., who said he had not the pleasure of a long acquaintance with the W.M., but he knew with what persistent energy he had kept up the idea of that lodge, and how, repulsed on the first onset, he had returned again to the charge, and was now proud of the victory gained. In Bro. Trewinnard they had the right man in the right place, for he was an old Mason whose heart was in the work. He would say to the officers that if they wished to back up their W.M. and make the lodge a success, they must never let the W.M. have to look round to see after them. They should keep at their work, for in the W.M. they had one who deserved support, and their lodge would be a great success.

Bro. W. J. TREWINNARD, W.M., said he was thankful for the kind manner in which his endeavours had been referred to. The future was very bright and hopeful, and the past had been black enough. He hoped he should never pass through such a black time again. Many nights he had laid awake and wondered why he should meet with the checks he had met with. He could only say those rebuffs were given through a mistaken sense of duty and from no other cause. Many a time he was on the point of throwing it all up, but his better judgment came to the rescue. The result had been they had met 't' at night. He was willing to give his time to make the lodge a success and he hoped they would be lenient with him. He intended to fulfil their expectations for he believed the lodge had a bright future before it.

"The Visitors" and other toasts were given, and the proceedings terminated.

The lodge was furnished by Bro. George Kenning.

PROVINCIAL GRAND LODGE OF KENT.

The yearly assembly of the above Provincial Grand Lodge was held on Wednesday, the 4th inst., at the Chapter House of Canterbury Cathedral, under the presidency of the Prov. Grand Master, Bro. the Right Hon. the Earl Amherst, who was supported by his Deputy, Bro. J. S. Eastes, and a large number of Present and Past Prov. Grand Officers and other leaders of the district, together with several visitors, including a number of officers of Grand Lodge, the attendance exceeding 500 brethren.

The Provincial Grand Lodge was opened in ample form, and the usual preliminaries were observed, after which the re-election of Bro. Russell as Prov. Grand Treasurer was proposed by Bro. HORATIO WARD, and carried with acclamation.

The Prov. Grand Master then appointed the following as his officers for the year:

Bros. Allan Tassell, P.S.G.W.; Edward Murton, P.J.G.W.; Rev. C. H. Fielding and Rev. Augustus Jackson, P.G. Chaps.; William Russell, P.G. Treas.; Alfred Spencer, P.G. Sec.; Wm. Jas. Hughes, P.G. Reg.; John Knowles and John Russell, P.S.G. Deacons; Andrew James Crane and Henry Mason, P.J.G. Deacons; Thomas Elmore, P.G.S. of Wks.; Thomas Easton, P.G.D.C.; Thomas Hearn, P. Dep. G.D.C.; Robert J. Beamish, J. S. Huntley, and Geo. Goble, P.A.G.D.Cs.; John Pollard, P.G.S.B.; Robert Gooding and William Albert Rudd, P.G. Std. Brs.; Dr. William H. Longhurst, P.G. Org.; Arthur Ronaldson, P. Asst. G. Sec.; George D. Stevenson, P.G. Purst.; Samuel Fuller, P. Asst. G. Purst.; George Church, Albert Henry Pilcher, Joseph Auty, Frederic Gordon, John Pead, and Edwin Cockersell, P.G. Stwds.; and Joseph Orum, P.G. Tyler

The votes recommended at the preliminary meeting were then agreed to, on the proposition of Bro. Earl AMHERST, seconded by the D.P.G.M., after which a sum of £126 was voted to the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution (60 guineas to each Fund), and the balance of £460 on the accounts of the year was carried forward, to be added to a sum amounting to a total of £1260 to purchase a perpetual presentation to the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys.

The Prov. Grand Treasurer was afterwards authorised to temporarily raise the balance due for this purpose, and then the Provincial Grand Lodge was adjourned, so that the company might attend divine service in the Cathedral.

On their return, the Provincial Grand Lodge was closed, and very many of those present adjourned to the annual banquet, which was held in the Kent County Pavilion, under the presidency of Bro. Earl Amherst.

After the preliminary toasts from the CHAIRMAN,

Bro. the Rev. CUMMINGS (Dean of Battle), responded for "The Grand Officers, Present and Past," and made a most interesting speech. The brethren of Sussex had been accustomed to say that they possessed in the Royal Pavilion buildings at Brighton the finest place outside of London for Masonic purposes, but after his experiences of that day in Kent they would have to modify their statement, for assuredly there were finer surroundings in Canterbury Cathedral than could be found at Brighton, and he could well appreciate the enthusiasm with which the men of Kent referred to their motto of "Invicta." Freemasonry was supported on three great pillars—wisdom, as represented by their Provincial Grand Master; strength, as displayed by the goodly assembly of Masons that day; and beauty, as evidenced by the brilliant company of ladies who were present in the galleries above. Those of his learned brethren who had mastered the seven orders of architecture would remember there was something there about beautiful women; but for all this he could but feel something like the lion who had to eat his dinner under the scrutiny of many eyes, and he was of opinion that the arrangement of matters might reasonably be reversed with advantage. But before even suggesting this he might point out for the ladies that the three great principles of Freemasonry were to fear God, honour the Queen, and love the ladies.

Bro. J. S. EASTES proposed the toast of "The Provincial Grand Master," feeling that in doing so he must bring the company from the clouds of romance to the very practical toast of their Masonic ruler. He referred to the meeting of the 3rd July, 1878, when he also had the honour of proposing this toast at a Provincial gathering held at Canterbury, and compared the position of the Kentish Craft then with what it was to-day. At the time of their last visit to Canterbury the province numbered 43 lodges and 2340 Masons; now they had 59 lodges, with a membership of 3050, an advance that must be very gratifying to all the Masons of Kent. The present Provincial Grand Master had been 34 years at the head of the province, and was, with two exceptions only, the Senior Provincial Grand Master of England, those who had a longer record being the Duke of Devonshire, who had been at the head of Derbyshire since 1858; and Lord Leigh, who had ruled in Warwickshire since 1852. So far as Kent was concerned they could safely say that the large increase of lodges and members had led to larger amounts of money being raised for charitable purposes, while the increase of numbers had not been brought about by any deterioration in the quality of the Craft in their district. In 1878 the province gave about 300 guineas in benevolence; that day they had been able to spend 700 guineas in that direction—a fact that spoke for itself. They must one and all agree that in having a Chairman who had done so much for them, they must recognise their chief strength, and should be doubly obliged to him for what he had done. They hoped he might be spared for many years to continue his beneficent presidency of the district. The speaker could but say a word in reference to Lady Amherst, and the way in which she had worked in the matter shortly to be brought before them. They could not desire a better exemplification of Freemasonry than the wife of their esteemed chief, who they must hope would live to enjoy many years of health and happiness with their Provincial Grand Master.

Bro. the Earl AMHERST replied. It was rather unkind on the part of Bro. Eastes to refer them to the great number of years that had elapsed since he first took charge of the Province of Kent, but men were not like the ladies in regard to age, and did not object to its being known how old they were getting. In his case, the reference to age had given him the opportunity to cut short his remark in response to the toast to which he had so often responded, and to which there was nothing fresh to add. Indeed, if there were anything new to mention, it could only be to refer to something that was wrong in the province. He appreciated their reference to his wife, and should mention to her how much her efforts had been esteemed. They could not enlist the services of the Provincial Secretary in the work of raising a testimonial to himself, but the gap was ably filled by Lady Amherst. They had not yet got to the advanced stage of America and introduced a section of Freemasonry for ladies, but he was sure that whenever the reform did take place Lady Amherst would be one of the first members.

The next toast was that of "The Deputy Provincial Grand Master," proposed by the CHAIRMAN, who spoke of the 20 years' service of Bro. Eastes. He should leave anything special he had to say in regard to that brother until next year, when he hoped to have some particular features of interest to refer to.

Bro. EASTES tendered his thanks. He fully appreciated the brevity of the Provincial Grand Master, because they so well understood each other. There was a general good feeling existing among the Masons of Kent, and so long as it continued he should be pleased to do his share to add to the general prosperity.

The toast of "The Provincial Grand Officers, Present and Past," was next given, and was acknowledged by the SENIOR GRAND WARDEN of this and last year.

In rising to submit the next toast, the CHAIRMAN said they had now reached the event that would most specially distinguish that day. For 21 years Bro. Spencer had discharged the duties of Provincial Grand Secretary in such a way as was known and appreciated by the whole of the members of the district. When the time came round to celebrate his majority the question of providing something with which to mark their appreciation at once suggested itself. They had formed a Committee—small, but representative—and the result was the presentation of plate and the diamond tiara for Mrs. Spencer they saw before them. They had managed to secure a salver among the other pieces, and on this he had endeavoured to express in as brief terms as possible what he hoped were the sentiments of the whole province. The inscription was as follows: "Presented, with other pieces of plate and a diamond tiara, to Bro. Alfred Spencer, Provincial Grand Secretary of Kent, by the brethren of the Province, in grateful recognition of the ability, assiduity, and courtesy with which during 21 years he had discharged the important duties of his office.—July 4th, 1894." Like a good Mason, Bro. Spencer had desired that the chief portion of the presentation should be made to his wife, and in making the joint gift he hoped that both Bro. and Mrs. Spencer would live for many years to enjoy it, and would look back on that evening with gratification and pleasure.

Bro. SPENCER acknowledged the gift and the hearty greeting in suitable terms, after which the toast of "The Charities" was proposed, and acknowledged by Bro. JAMES TERRY, Sec. R.M.B.I.

Other toasts included "The Entertaining Members," who were warmly congratulated on the most efficient and liberal arrangements they had made.

PROVINCIAL GRAND LODGE OF BERKSHIRE.

The annual Provincial Grand Lodge for the Province of Berkshire was held on Tuesday, the 26th ult., in the Corn Exchange, Wallingford, when there was a large and influential attendance, the whole of the lodges in the county being represented. Bro. John Thornhill Morland, Deputy Provincial Grand Master (in charge), presided, and there were also present: Bros. S. Jopp, Prov. S.G.W.; R. C. Davey, Prov. J.G.W.; J. Stewart, Prov. G. Sec.; Chap.; C. E. Hewett, Prov. G. Reg.; John W. Martin, Prov. G. Sec.; A. H. Simpson, Prov. J.G.D.; E. Prince, Prov. G. Supt. of Wks.; H. G. Sherwin, acting Prov. G.D.C.; J. Champion, Prov. G.S.B.; W. B. Biddles, Prov. G. Org.; J. H. Constance, Prov. G. Stwd.; and a large number of Past Grand Officers and brethren.

The minutes of the last Provincial Grand Lodge having been taken as read,

The P.G. SECRETARY read a reply received from Sir Joseph Knollys expressing the thanks of H.R.H. the Grand Master for the address of congratulation and good wishes presented by the Prov. G. Lodge on the occasion of the marriage of the Duke and Duchess of York, passed at the last Provincial Grand Lodge.

The P.G. MASTER said that connected with the auspicious event upon which [they addressed the Grand Master when they last met] came another resolution which he had the honour of proposing, and which he felt sure the brethren would heartily approve of. He would propose that a telegram be sent to the Grand Master offering the hearty congratulations of the brethren on the happy event of the birth of a grandson.

Bro. KIRCHHOFFER seconded the motion, which was carried by acclamation, and a telegram was at once despatched to the Prince of Wales.

Bro. KIRCHHOFFER then referred to the valuable services Bro. Morland had rendered as Acting Provincial Grand Master, and moved that the hearty congratulations of the Provincial Grand Lodge be presented to Bro. Morland on having been appointed by the Grand Master as the Junior Grand Deacon of the Grand Lodge of England.

Bro. TOMKINS, in seconding the motion, added his personal congratulations, and spoke of the loyal manner in which Bro. Morland had continued to promote the interests of Masonry in his native town of Abingdon, notwithstanding his many important engagements.

The resolution having been adopted with much cordiality, Bro. MORLAND replied, expressing his warm thanks. He valued the honour very highly, but felt that it was conferred upon him not so much in his individual capacity as that of Presiding Officer of the province, and as an acknowledgment of the good work done by that province.

The P.G. SECRETARY then announced that letters of apology for non-attendance had been received from Viscount Valentia, Bro. E. Letchworth (Grand Secretary), Bro. the Rev. J. S. Brownrigg, Bro. Murdoch, Bro. Field (Mayor of Reading), and other brethren.

The report of the P.G. Treasurer was then read by the P.G. SECRETARY, in the unavoidable absence of Bro. Stephens. It showed a balance of £109 on the general account and £90 13s. 6d. on the Charity account.

Bro. KEYSER congratulated the brethren on the satisfactory financial condition of the province, and moved the adoption of the report, which was seconded by the P.G. MASTER, and carried.

Bro. MARGRETT presented the report of the Charity Committee, which was also of a satisfactory character, and its adoption was moved by Bro. RAVENSCROFT, who observed that the province might well be congratulated upon having such an efficient Charity Committee and Secretary, whose untiring efforts had resulted in the success of the two cases which had been promoted by the Province.

Bro. GARDNER seconded the motion, which was unanimously agreed to.

Bro. MARTIN nominated Bro. Margrett as the representative of this province on the Board of the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys.

Bro. KEYSER, as one of the Committee of the Boys' School, seconded the nomination, and expressed the hope that Bro. Margrett would be elected.

The resolution was carried unanimously.

Bro. HORNE, in complimentary terms, proposed the re-election of Bro. Stephens as P.G. Treasurer, which was seconded by Bro. Capt. TUPMAN, and carried.

The P.G.M. then invested Bros. Canon Garry, the Rev. J. Stewart, J. Newbury, and Preston with the Provincial Charity jewel; C. E. Keyser and Capt. Tupman with the Charity bar; and C. E. Belcher, W. Ravenscroft, and G. H. Morland with the tricolour Charity ribbon; after which the D.P.G. Master appointed the Prov. Grand Officers for the ensuing year as follows:

Bros. Canon Garry, P.S.G.W.; Leslie, P.J.G.W.; Rev. J. Stewart and Rev. A. E. Farrer, P.G. Chaps.; C. Stephens, P.G. Treas.; E. Challoner, P.G. Reg.; J. W. Martin, P.G. Sec.; Halford, P.S.G.D.; E. Gardner, P.J.G.D.; J. N. Day, P.G.S. of W.; R. E. Hodder, P.G.D. of C.; J. Dale-Hart, P.A.G.D. of C.; Major O. Ball, P.G.S.B.; F. Morford and J. H. Custance, P.G. Std. Brs.; Baker, P. Asst. G. Sec.; J. Brown, P.G. Purst.; C. D. Adkin, P.A.G. Purst.; and G. S. Galt, E. Marshall, J. W. G. James, J. J. Gale, and Preston, P.G. Stwds.

The Provincial Grand Lodge was then closed in the usual form.

The customary banquet was to have taken place in the Town Hall, but owing to the large attendance of brethren it was found necessary to hold it at the Lamb Hotel, where a *recherché* repast was laid in the large dining-room. The Deputy Prov. Grand Master in Charge presided.

After the meal the customary Masonic toasts were honoured.

SPECIAL GRAND MARK LODGE.

A special meeting of Grand Lodge of Mark Master Masons was held on Thursday, at Mark Masons' Hall, for the purpose of voting addresses of congratulation to her Majesty the Queen and his Royal Highness the Prince of Wales, M.W.G.M., on the birth of the son of the Duke and Duchess of York, grandson of the Prince and Princess of Wales, and great grandson of her Majesty the Queen.

Bro. the Earl of Euston, Pro Grand Master, presided, supported by Bros. Viscount Dungarvan, D.G.M.; the Earl of Yarborough, T. F. Halsey, M.P.; Col. A. B. Cook, R. Loveland Loveland, Frank Richardson, C. F. Matier, G. Sec.; C. H. Driver, Hamon Le Strange, and several other Grand Officers.

After the formal opening of Grand Lodge, and the reading of the summons convening the meeting,

Bro. the Earl of Euston said: Brethren,—I have called this Grand Lodge because I felt certain that every Mark Mason of England and Wales and the great Colonies which are under our jurisdiction would be glad, as on former occasions, when we condoled with the Grand Master on the death of his son, the Duke of Clarence, and congratulated him on the marriage of his son, the Duke of York, to show our loyalty and devotion. We are now here again to show our loyalty to the Royal Family that rule over this kingdom, and our devotion to his Royal Highness by congratulating them on the birth of a Prince of the fourth generation in the direct line as heir to the throne; and I ought also to say to congratulate her Majesty the Queen most heartily and loyally upon her being in the unique position of seeing a direct descendant of herself born, making now three in a direct line eligible to sit upon the throne of this Empire. Many years has the Queen reigned over this country, and right well has she reigned over it. We all know how firm she can be when it is necessary, and how kind and good she can be in all cases of Charity. I shall now move that one address of congratulation be sent to her Majesty the Queen on the birth of the Prince, her great grandson, and another to the Most Worshipful Grand Master on the birth of his grandson, and wishing the young Prince may have many years of health before him. Before moving the resolution, I will call for the Grand Secretary to read the address to her Majesty and the address to the Grand Master.

Bro. C. F. MATIER, G. Sec., then read the following addresses:

To the Queen's Most Excellent Majesty,

May it please your Majesty,

We, the Grand Lodge of Mark Masons of England and Wales and the Colonies and Dependencies of the British Crown in special Grand Lodge assembled, humbly beg to approach your Majesty with the expression of our warmest and most loyal congratulations on the birth of a son and heir of their Royal Highnesses the Duke and Duchess of York, an event which has given the most heartfelt satisfaction and happiness to every member of our Order.

We humbly pray the Great Overseer of the Universe that He may continue to bless and preserve your Majesty in health and in strength. And we sincerely hope it will be His will that your Majesty may long be spared to guide the destinies of this vast and powerful Empire, and that His blessings may descend on the Royal Infant and on every member of your Royal House.

Given at Mark Masons' Hall, London, 12th day of July, 1894.

(Signed) EUSTON, Pro Grand Master.

FRANK RICHARDSON, Grand Registrar.

DUNGARVAN, Dep. Grand Master.

C. F. MATIER, Grand Secretary.

To his Royal Highness Albert Edward, Prince of Wales, Knight of the Most Noble Order of the Garter, &c., &c., &c., Most Worshipful Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Mark Master Masons of England and Wales and the Colonies and Dependencies of the British Crown.

We, the Pro Grand Master, Deputy Grand Master, Grand Officers, and members in Special Grand Lodge assembled, beg most respectfully to offer to your Royal Highness, as our Most Worshipful Grand Master our warmest and most sincere congratulations on the birth of a son and heir to his Royal Highness the Duke of York, your Royal Highness's son, and to express on behalf of every Mark Mason the joy and gladness caused by this most auspicious event.

It is the heartfelt prayer of every member of our Order that the Great Overseer of the Universe may pour down every blessing on the Infant Prince and on every member of your Royal Family, and grant that your Royal Highness may long continue in health and strength to preside over us.

Given at Mark Masons' Hall, London, 12th day of July, 1894.

(Signed) EUSTON, Pro Grand Master.

FRANK RICHARDSON, Grand Registrar.

DUNGARVAN, Dep. Grand Master.

C. F. MATIER, Grand Secretary.

Bro. the Earl of EUSTON: Brethren you have heard the two addresses we propose to send. I now beg to move formally that those be sent to the Queen and the Grand Master.

Bro. Viscount DUNGARVAN: Most Worshipful Pro Grand Master and brethren,—The last time we had occasion to vote addresses of congratulation to his Royal Highness the Grand Master it was on the occasion of the marriage of the Duke and Duchess of York. Since then another event has happened of far more importance to the kingdom, and when it was announced by telegraph to all parts of the world that a grandson in the direct line had been born to his Royal Highness the Prince of Wales I am sure it filled everyone with feelings of loyalty and enthusiasm. I have very much pleasure in seconding the proposition moved by your lordship, because I know there are no more sincere well wishers of our Grand Master than the Mark Masons of this country.

The motion was put and carried unanimously.

Bro. MATIER said he had received many apologies for absence on this occasion from brethren, but every one of them most fully concurred in the addresses which were now voted by Grand Lodge.

Bro. Hamon Le Strange, who was appointed by the Prince of Wales Grand Master Overseer at Grand Festival, but who was absent from England at the time, and consequently not able to be invested, was invested now by the Earl of Euston, and Grand Lodge was closed in ample form.

MARK BENEVOLENT FUND FESTIVAL.

The 26th Annual Festival in aid of the Benevolent Fund connected with Mark Masonry was held on Wednesday, the 11th instant, at Freemasons' Tavern, under the presidency of Bro. the Earl of Yarborough, Prov. Grand Master for Lincolnshire. The Chairman was supported by Lady Yarborough, Lord and Lady Portarlington, the Earl of Euston, Miss Sybil Harbord, Viscount Dungarvan, Lady Conyers, General, Mrs., and Miss Sayer; the Rev. Dr. and Mrs. Hartley Carmichael, Bro. Loveland Loveland, Bro. Col. and Mrs. A. B. Cook, Bro. Sir Lionel, Lady, and the Misses Darell; Bro. Dr. and Lady Agnes Cooper, Bro. Dr. and Mrs. Godson, Bro. C. Belton, Bro. Dr. and the Misses Kempster, Bros. W. F. Lamony, Col. Gerard Noel Money, C. F. and Mrs. Matier, Bros. Stewart Brown, Major Gordon Miller, R. Clowes, and others.

After a well-served banquet,

The CHAIRMAN rose to propose "The Queen and Mark Masonry," and said it was a toast he was glad to think always met with a cordial reception among Englishmen. He ventured to think it would meet with a more cordial reception than usual that evening, because they had the opportunity of congratulating their Queen on the birth of her little great-grandson. It was an event which could not but add to the domestic happiness of their beloved Sovereign and the distinguished parents of the young Prince. He was sure it must be a matter of rejoicing to them that the Queen was able to see around her no less than three male heirs in direct line to that historical throne of which she was the occupant.

In proposing "H.R.H. the Prince of Wales," the CHAIRMAN said it was always a pleasure to do so, because they as Masons knew what a thorough Mason his Royal Highness was at heart, and how ready he was at all times to advance the interests of Masonry in every part of the kingdom. They knew he was not only the ornamental head of Masonry, but that his care and judgment were never better shown than in the different matters coming before his notice.

The CHAIRMAN next gave "The M.W. Pro Grand Master, and the Grand Officers," and said: I am sure it is unnecessary for me to say more than a few words respecting the Earl of Euston, for you know his good work in the interest of Mark Masonry, and with what energy he carries out the arduous duties of the position he occupies. He is ready to visit any part of the country, and even the Channel Islands, as you know, in order to promote the interests of Mark Masonry. With regard to the Deputy Grand Master, Viscount Dungarvan he is well known to all the brethren here, and wherever he goes he always meets with a cordial reception. The rest of the Grand Officers are most of them Masons who have served long and faithfully, and I venture to think they are prepared to carry out their duties in the same way as those who went before them.

Bro. the Earl of EUSTON, Pro Grand Master, in response, said: On behalf of myself and the Grand Officers I beg to tender you our most heartfelt and fraternal thanks for the kind way you received the kind expressions of our Chairman, and the very kind way you have drunk our health. I can only say, as I believe you do not want any long speeches, that it is always a pleasure when our health is received in that kind and fraternal way you have received it, for it shows us you have confidence in us who are placed in a position of authority, and you trust us, to do the best that is possible for the good and prosperity of the Order. I will say very little on this one subject, but take the opportunity of assuring you again that where our services are required, everyone standing round the table, if wanted, we shall be ready to come and help you in any way to benefit the Order. With regard to the present G and Officers, I can say that in the three years as your Deputy Grand Master and nearly two as your Pro Grand Master, I have never found anybody fail me when I asked them to come and help me. Now I have a much more pleasing task than returning thanks, for it comes to my lot to propose the health of one who has not long gone into Masonry, but who has proved by his work he means thoroughly to go on and not be an ornamental but a hard working and valuable head in Masonry. Our worshipful Chairman, the Earl of Yarborough, is Provincial Grand Master of Lincolnshire, and I think the way the brethren have shown up to-night proves how heartily and thoroughly they respect and look up to him and rally round him at the first Festival he has taken the chair at. May I ask you to drink most heartily to his health, and I am certain you will couple that of Lady Yarborough. Long may they both live and may every happiness attend them, and may he go on from what he is now to far higher honours.

The CHAIRMAN, in reply, said: I can assure you I am very grateful indeed for the cordial reception given the toast proposed by the Pro G.M.

and I value very much the kind words which he used in proposing it to your notice. I can assure you that when I was invited to take the chair I accepted with some hesitation, not because of want of interest in the Institution, but because I felt there were Masons of longer standing than myself who would have filled the chair with greater ability and distinction, but when I accepted I was supported throughout, and have been supported more especially in my own province. I may say here that it never fell to the lot of any Prov. G. Master to be better supported in their province or to rule over a province where greater harmony and goodwill exists, and I will take this opportunity of expressing my gratification to those here who have come up in order to support me. With these few words I will thank you for the kind manner in which you received the toast. Before I sit down I will ask you to drink to what I may say is the toast of the evening—"Prosperity to the Mark Benevolent Fund." It is necessary for me to say only a few words, because the fact of so many ladies and brethren attending is a proof of the interest taken in that Institution. To put it shortly, there are three distinct funds. There is that from which grants are made to necessitous brethren and widows, the children of Freemasons are given good education, and annuities are given of £26 to brethren and of £21 to widows. The amounts received at these different Festivals is divided equally among the three funds. I am not able to say what the amount is likely to be this year. I have some idea but it is not a very encouraging one, therefore I do not propose to reveal it to you. Last year, under the Chairmanship of a very distinguished Mason I am glad to see here, Col. Money, there was a considerable increase realised. I do not suppose, and you will hardly imagine, we could realise such a sum this year, particularly when you remember that in my province and other counties there is agricultural depression and other causes, but I hope the sum will be a creditable one, one that will be a proof of the interest taken in the Institution among Mark Masons. I give you "Prosperity to the Mark Benevolent Fund," and will ask you, ladies and brethren, to do what you can to promote its interests whenever an opportunity occurs of doing so.

The SECRETARY then announced the following

STEWARDS' LISTS.

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Mrs. Apelt	5	5	0
" Bevan	—	—	—
Miss Ida M. Bevan	—	—	—
Mrs. Stewart Brown	—	—	—
" Carrell	5	5	0
Lady Agnes Cooper	5	5	0
Mrs. Clement Godson	5	5	0
Miss Sybil Harbord	5	5	0
Mrs. C. F. Matier	—	—	—
" Gordon Miller	—	—	—
" Pigott	—	—	—
Miss Pigott	—	—	—

GENERAL BOARD.

Bro. R. L. Loveland	5	5	0
" *the Earl of Euston (see London)	—	—	—
" *Viscount Dunganvan (see London)	—	—	—
" *Lord Skelmersdale (see Lancashire)	—	—	—
" *Sir Gainsford Bruce (see Northumberland and Durham)	—	—	—
" *C. W. Carrel (see East Anglia)	—	—	—
" Frank Richardson	10	10	0
" *A. Stewart Brown (see Middlesex)	—	—	—
" Chas. H. Driver	15	15	0
" Gordon Miller	5	5	0
" Alfred Williams	5	5	0
" *A. Woodiwiss (see Leicestershire)	—	—	—
" *Robert Main	—	—	—
" Jabez Church	5	5	0
" *Richard Clowes (see Sussex)	—	—	—
" Charles Belton	5	5	0
" Dr. R. Turtle Pigot	10	10	0
" *J. Balfour Cockburn (see Channel Isles)	—	—	—
" *Frederick West (see Surrey)	—	—	—

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Grand Stewards Bro. D. P. Cama ... 28 18 0

5 Bro. R. L. Dicksee	5	5	0
7 " E. B. Florence	10	10	0
2 " Coulson Laceyby	12	12	0
104 " J. S. Tamburini	33	12	0
224 " Sir George D. Harris	15	15	0
251 " F. Blanco White	15	15	0
315 " W. J. Nichols	29	8	0
331 " N. de S. Zucco	—	—	—
361 " Saml. Green	32	11	0
397 " the Earl of Euston	23	2	0
399 " Viscount Dunganvan	—	—	—
399 " Col. A. B. Cook (see Middlesex)	—	—	—
399 " A. Cooper	10	10	0
399 " Fredk. Mead	5	5	0
399 " E. A. Baylis	—	—	—
399 " G. C. W. Fitzwilliam	10	10	0
399 " Alfred H. Bevan	15	15	0
399 " Sir J. E. Darell, Bart.	—	—	—
399 " C. Godson, M.D.	5	5	0
400 " Belgrave Ninnis	5	5	0
406 " *C. W. Carrell	—	—	—
410 " W. A. Surridge	11	0	6
415 " R. L. Andrews	43	1	0
433 " W. Grellier	24	3	0
454 " Walter J. Ebbetts, F.R.I.B.A.	5	5	0
459 " E. St. Clair	30	15	0

UNATTACHED.

Bro. Stanley J. Attenborough	5	5	0
" John Barnett	—	—	—
" R. G. Glover	5	5	0
" Sir Augustus Harris	10	10	0
" W. H. Kempster	5	5	0
" W. F. Lamony	5	5	0
" J. W. Marsden	5	5	0
" T. Graham Robinson	10	10	0

PROVINCES.

BEDFORDSHIRE.

Lodge 434 Bro. W. F. Webb ... 10 10 0

BERKS AND OXON.

Province Bro. W. Hickie ... 10 10 0

CHANNEL ISLANDS.

Lodge 74 Bro. E. Bree ... 5 5 0

DEVON.

Province Bro. Jno. Lane ... 33 12 0

DORSET.

Lodge 126 Bro. Zillwood Milledge, J.P. ... 22 0 6

EAST ANGLIA.

Province Bro. H. W. H. Elwes ... 22 1 0

GLOUCESTERSHIRE AND HEREFORDSHIRE.

Province Bro. R. V. Vassar-Smith ... 5 5 0

HAMPSHIRE AND ISLE OF WIGHT.

Lodge 62 } Bro. Alexander Howell ... 22 1 0

HERTFORDSHIRE.

Province Bro. Chas. E. Keyser, M.A., J.P. ... 5 5 0

KENT.

Lodge 354 Bro. *A. Stewart Brown ...

LANCASHIRE.

St. John's (T.I.) *J. Kenyon ...

LEICESTERSHIRE, NORTHAMPTONSHIRE, DERBYSHIRE, AND RUTLANDSHIRE.

Province Bro. *A. Woodiwiss ... 10 10 0

LINCOLNSHIRE.

Province Bro. the Rt. Hon. the Earl of Yarborough ... 78 15 0

MIDDLESEX.

Province Bro. Col. A. B. Cook ...

NORTHUMBERLAND & DURHAM.

Province *Bro. Sir Gainsford Bruce

NOTTINGHAM.

Province Bro. R. Patchitt ...

SHROPSHIRE.

Lodge 444 Bro. R. G. Venables ... 5 5 0

SOMERSET.

Province Bro. Rev. E. A. Purvis ... 33 17 0

SOUTH WALES.

Province Bro. John Munday ... 75 5 0

SURREY.

Province Bro. Col. Noel Money ... 11 11 0

SUSSEX.

Province Bro. *R. Clowes ... 5 5 0

WARWICKSHIRE.

Province Bro. W. B. Williamson ... 5 5 0

WEST YORKSHIRE.

Lodge 115 Bro. Wm. Hillman ... 5 5 0

WILTSHIRE.

Lodge 401 Bro. W. E. N. Browne ... 12 4 0

LINCOLNSHIRE.

Bro. the Rt. Hon. the Earl of Yarborough	78	15	0
" *Jack Sutcliffe	—	—	—
" *Anderson Bates	—	—	—
" H. E. Cousins	5	5	0
Province Bro. Roland G. Pearson	63	0	0
" C. E. W. Ward	—	—	—
188 " W. Hurst	41	0	6
188 " W. Hill	5	5	0
188 " *W. Goodwin	—	—	—
387 " *R. N. Brunyee	—	—	—
387 " M. R. Behrendt	—	—	—
387 " S. H. C. Ashlin	—	—	—
387 " Rev. E. M. Weigall	10	10	0
427 " J. E. Townsend	10	10	0
427 " *S. J. Coupland	—	—	—
445 " Rev. J. Graham	—	—	—

MIDDLESEX.

Province Bro. Col. A. B. Cook	—	—	—
*Bro. A. S. Brown	11	11	0
Lodge 199 Bro. A. W. Humphreys	10	10	0
284 " W. Metcalfe	5	5	0

NORTHUMBERLAND & DURHAM.

*Bro. Sir Gainsford Bruce	—	—	—
Province " T. J. Armstrong	59	17	0
Lodge 39 Bro. W. B. Foxton	—	—	—
39 " Hans B. Holsen	52	10	0
" T. Richardson	—	—	—

NOTTINGHAM.

Province Bro. R. Patchitt	—	—	—
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SHROPSHIRE.

Lodge 444 Bro. R. G. Venables	5	5	0
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SOMERSET.

Province Bro. Rev. E. A. Purvis	33	17	0
Lodge 128 Bro. Lieut.-Col. A. Thrale Perkins	10	10	0

SUMMARY OF THE PROVINCES.

Bedfordshire	10	10	0
Berks and Oxon	46	5	6
Channel Islands	15	15	0
Devon	33	12	0
Dorsetshire	22	0	6
East Anglia	94	0	6
Gloucestershire and Hertfordshire	21	0	0
Hampshire and Isle of Wight	22	1	0
Hertfordshire	10	10	0
Kent	127	14	0
Lancashire	63	0	0
Leicestershire, &c.	150	4	6
Lincolnshire	214	5	6
Middlesex	27	6	0
Northumberland and Durham	112	7	0
Nottinghamshire	—	—	—
Shropshire	5	5	0
Somersetshire	44	7	0
South Wales	75	5	0
Surrey	49	16	6
Sussex	17	5	6
Warwickshire	26	5	0
West Yorkshire	112	7	0
Wiltshire	12	4	0
Royal Ark Mariner	10	10	0
Rose Croix	27	6	0
Malta	10	10	0
Ceylon	15	15	0

LONDON—55 STEWARDS ... £516 12 6

PROVINCES, &c.—99 STEWARDS ... £1377 7 6

GRAND TOTAL ... £1894 0 0

Bro. VISCOUNT DUNGARVAN, Dep. G.M., in introducing the toast of "The Ladies," said they might congratulate themselves that the innovation the brethren of the Mark Degree made some two years ago had met with the greatest success. He hoped the ladies were satisfied with the hospitality they had tried to show them, not entirely hospitality, for many of the ladies were Stewards, and had subscribed liberally and done all they could to carry on the work. Perhaps some of them had not taken the trouble to read the book before them, and did not know where the money went, but he asked them to read it.

Bro. Lord PORTARLINGTON having responded, the CHAIRMAN proposed "The Stewards," and said the brethren were much indebted to them, not only for the way in which they had subscribed so liberally to the fund, but for the excellent arrangements made for their comfort. Nothing could have been organised or arranged better, and he had no doubt the same commendation would come when they heard the artistes in the other room.

Bro. STEWART BROWN, President of Board of Stewards returned thanks. He had been told by two or three ladies close to him that they liked to subscribe to this fund on account of knowing that the money which was given was paid directly to the children for their education, so that they could be educated under their mothers' wings and not sent away to another school. On behalf of the Stewards, he could say they were pleased they were as numerous as they were, they had done their best, and on some future occasion hoped to excel what they had done that day.

Bro. Rev. Dr. HARTLEY CARMICHAEL, U.S.A., who replied for "The Visitors," proposed by the Pro G. Master, said it was with sincere delight he rose to thank them for the toast that had been drunk, and the sentiments that had been expressed by the Pro Grand Master. Personally, he must thank them from his heart for the very warm and kind reception given him there. He had learned from his short stay in London that brotherly love amongst English Masons was a reality and not a sham. Also he learned that night that relief amongst English Masons, and especially among Mark Master Masons, was also a very great reality. He had had the proof there that night of the power for good in dispensing Charity in a wise and proper way, and what Mark Masonry had done in the past, that it would do in a still greater degree, he was sure, in the future. He was saved from speaking very long in answer to that toast because he received a private message that long speeches were not particularly wanted at a meeting like that. The brother who brought him the message further added his hope that he would not indulge in "spread-eagleism." He wanted to tell that brother that spread-eagleism was fast departing from the United States, and that that style of orator was now defunct. In going back to the United States he hoped to take one great lesson. In a new country they had to spend a good deal of money on bricks and mortar in building imposing temples. The time had come when that money would prove to be well invested, but they did not compare with the great work of philanthropic Masonic benevolence in this country. He would tell

SOUTH WALES.

Province Bro. John Munday	75	5	0
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SURREY.

Province Bro. Col. Noel Money	11	11	0
" *Frederick West	5	5	0

Lodge

333 Bro. William Briant	15	4	6
333 " Rev. W. Russell Finlay	17	16	0
450 " J. A. Farnfield	—	—	—

SUSSEX.

Province Bro. *R. Clowes	5	5	0
" A. F. Lamette	5	5	0
166 } W. E. Morrison	6	15	6
409 }	—	—	—

WARWICKSHIRE.

Province Bro. W. B. Williamson	5	5	0
" T. R. Arter	10	10	0

Lodge

115 Bro. Wm. Hillman	5	5	0
115 " W. T. Belcher	5	5	0

WEST YORKSHIRE.

Lodge 53 Bro. F. Cleeves	—	—	—
53 " M. J. Dodworth	—	—	—
53 " W. C. Fox	64	1	0
53 " John Shaw	—	—	—
53 " J. T. Thompson	—	—	—
110 " G. H. Parke	32	11	0
137 " T. G. Howell	15	15	0

WILTSHIRE.

Lodge 401 Bro. W. E. N. Browne	12	4	0
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DEGREE OF ROYAL ARK MARINERS.

Lodge 17 Bro. E. T. Crouch	10	10	0
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ROSE CROIX.

101 Bro. B. R. Bryant	16	16	0
97 " W. A. Scurrah	10	10	0

MALTA.

107 Bro. *John Kenyon	10	10	0
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CEYLON.

464 Bro. Capt. George Hearn	15	15	0
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Hertfordshire	10	10	0
Kent	127	14	0
Lancashire	63	0	0
Leicestershire, &c.	150	4	6
Lincolnshire	214	5	6
Middlesex	27	6	0
Northumberland and Durham	112	7	0
Nottinghamshire	—	—	—
Shropshire	5	5	0
Somersetshire	44	7	0
South Wales	75	5	0
Surrey	49	16	6
Sussex	17	5	6
Warwickshire	26	5	0
West Yorkshire	112	7	0
Wiltshire	12	4	0
Royal Ark Mariner	10	10	0
Rose Croix	27	6	0
Malta	10	10	0
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GRAND TOTAL ... £1894 0 0

his brethren what Mark Masons had done in Charity as an example for them. On behalf of his brethren in the United States, there was no body more looked up to and respected than the Grand Mark Lodge, and its popularity was growing in the minds of Mark Masons more and more.

An adjournment was then made to the Concert Hall, where a charming selection of music was rendered under the direction of Bro. Fredk. Bevan, G. Org., assisted by Madame Isabel George, Miss Edith Hands, and the Dilettante Vocal Quartette.

ANALYSIS OF THE RETURNS.

It is satisfactory to note that, though there has been a substantial diminution in the Returns as compared with those of last year, the average total has been well maintained. Indeed, the downward tendency of Wednesday's result may be looked upon merely as one of those fluctuations which are to be expected in every well-regulated series of Anniversary Festivals of this kind. Thus, in 1890, when the Earl of Euston, then the D.G.M.M., was the Chairman of the day, the total was £2354 1s.; in 1891, under the presidency of Viscount Dungarvan, it fell to £1858 3s.; in 1892, when Bro. Sir Reginald Hanson, Bart., M.P., occupied the chair, there was a further decrease to £1636 10s. 6d. Last year Col. G. N. Money, C.B., the newly-installed chief of the Provincial Grand Lodge of Surrey, presided, and with the help of a Board of 150 Stewards, a total of £2166 19s. 6d. was raised, On Wednesday the Board numbered 154 ladies and brethren, or rather more than in 1893, but the donations and subscriptions were just a few pounds short of £1900—the precise total being £1894. This, however, as we have just said, is no more than must be expected and we take leave to congratulate Bro. the Earl of Yarborough, who has thus signalled his appointment as Prov. Grand Master of Lincolnshire; the ladies and brethren who acted as Stewards and rendered him such efficient service; and our Mark brethren generally, but more especially Bro. C. F. Matier, Grand Mark Secretary, to whose zeal and energy and the influence he exercises in preparing for these annual meetings the Mark Benevolent Fund is indebted for the successes which year by year have been obtained in its behalf.

As for the Returns themselves and the analysis to which, in accordance with our custom of late years we purpose subjecting them, we note in the first place that the

LONDON

Section of the Board, numbering in all 55, of whom 12 were ladies, and 26 representatives of lodges in the Metropolitan district, compiled a total of £516 12s. 6d., the principal items being £43 1s. returned by Bro. A. R. Lawrence, W.M., who represented the Grafton Lodge, No. 415; £36 15s. by Bro. E. St. Clair, W.M., Steward for the La France Lodge, No. 459; £33 12s., which stands to the credit of Bro. J. S. Tamburini, W.M. and Steward for the Macdonald Lodge, No. 104; £32 11s. from Bro. Samuel Green, representing the Onslow Lodge, No. 361; £29 8s. per Bro. W. J. Nichols, W.M., Steward for the Henniker Lodge, No. 315; £28 18s. from Bro. D. P. Cama, who did duty as representative of the Grand Stewards' Lodge; £24 3s. from Bro. W. Grellier, of the Britannic Lodge, No. 433; and £23 2s. from the Earl of Euston, of the Euston Lodge, No. 399. It must be remarked, however, as regards this last item, that it by no means represents the total returned for the whole lodge. As many as 10 members, including his lordship, acted as Stewards, and so far as the lists have been sent in or the contributions accounted for, the Euston Lodge is answerable for a sum of £70 7s., and thus holds the place of honour among the London lodges. As regards the several subsections of the London contingent, the ladies returned £26 5s.; the General Board, or at least those who are not included elsewhere in London or in the Provinces, £63; the 26 representatives of lodges, £380 2s. 6d.; and the Unattached brethren, £47 5s. In 1893, London, with a contingent of 58 Stewards, compiled the larger total of £688 15s.; in 1892, with 37 Stewards, £431 8s.; in 1891, with 42 Stewards, £545 3s. 6d.; and in 1890, with 56 Stewards, £600 4s. 6d. Bearing in mind that since the break-up of the old Province of Middlesex and Surrey, the number of lodges in the London district has been considerably augmented, we note that the falling off in the total obtained by this section of the Board is a substantial one indeed, accounting, as it does, for fully two-thirds of the diminution which has taken place this year as compared with 1893.

THE PROVINCES.

with sundry Degrees and Foreign Stations were represented by 99 Stewards, who succeeded in raising the total of £1377 7s. 6d. Last year, with only 92 Stewards, the total stood at £1478 4s. 6d.; in 1892, with 95 Stewards, at £1205 2s. 6d.; in 1891, with 107 Stewards, at £1312 19s. 6d.; and in 1890, with the exceptionally large number of 130 Stewards, at the sum of £1744 14s. 6d. Thus the Provincial lodges and brethren have fairly maintained the position to which, as supporters of this Fund, they are so justly entitled.

Going through them *seriatim*, we find the Stuart Lodge, No. 434, in BEDFORDSHIRE, returning £10 10s. by its representative, Bro. W. F. Webb, W.M., while last year the sum of £25 13s. 6d. stood to its credit. Of the six lodges in

BERKS AND OXON,

three were represented by four Stewards, and the Province by Bro. W. Hickie, the total obtained being £46 5s. 6d., of which £14 15s. 6d. constituted the joint list of Bros. Weyland and Bowden, of the Alfred Lodge, No. 247, Oxford. In 1893 the Province returned only £28 7s. The CHANNEL ISLANDS is entered for £15 15s., being the sum of the lists compiled by Bros. E. Bree and J. Balfour Cockburn, representing Lodges Casarean, No. 74, and Sarnian, No. 424, respectively. For the Province of DEVONSHIRE, Bro. John Lane, of Torquay, did duty as sole representative, the amount of his list being £33 12s. In 1893, the Province sent up three Stewards, one Unattached, one representing the Province, and the third one of its lodges, the amount they together returned being not far short of £100—£98 15s. 6d. As there are some 24 lodges in the Province, the Returns on Wednesday are on a somewhat small scale. DORSETSHIRE is entered for £22 0s. 6d., being the sum compiled by Bro. Z. Milledge, as the representative of All Souls Lodge, No. 126, Weymouth. As for

EAST ANGLIA,

which has a round dozen lodges on its roll, Bro. H. W. H. Elwes, representing the Province, returned £22 1s.; while Bro. C. F. Matier, acting as Steward for the York Lodge, No. 334, Cambridge, has handed in a goodly list as usual, amounting in this instance to £33 2s. 6d. The lists of the other lodge representatives raise the total to £94 0s. 6d., a great improvement on the Returns last year, when the Stewards for two lodges compiled between them a total of £31 10s. The amount contributed by GLOUCESTERSHIRE AND HEREFORDSHIRE is £21, and includes £5 5s. from Bro. Vassar Smith, Prov. G. M.M., and £15 15s. from the joint representatives of the Gloucester Lodge, No. 439, Gloucester. Of the 13 lodges in HAMPSHIRE AND THE ISLE OF WIGHT, two were represented by Bro. Alexander Howell, whose list is entered for £22 1s., while HERTFORDSHIRE, which has five lodges, returns only £10 10s. Last year, Hants and the Isle of Wight contributed £33 12s., and Hertfordshire, £22 15s. 6d., as compared with £63 in 1892, and £63 15s. in 1891, so that the falling off in the case of the latter of these two Provinces, to which we drew attention in 1893, still proceeds on its course. In the case of

KENT,

which now has 20 lodges on its roll, we note with pleasure that there has been a very great recovery, as will be gathered from the following figures: in 1890, 11 Stewards compiled a total of £117 1s.; in 1891, the Returns obtained by nine Stewards reached £178 3s.; in 1892, the sum was £69 6s. from six Stewards, and in 1893, £84 3s. from seven Stewards. On Wednesday, the Stewards sent up by six lodges compiled a total of £127 14s., of which £35 19s. was obtained by Bro. W. O. Kennett representing the Dover and Cinque Ports Lodge, No. 152; £32 10s. 6d. by Bro. E. Morriss, Florence Nightingale Lodge, No. 44, Woolwich; and £24 3s. by Bro. F. H. Miller, Royal Naval College Lodge, No. 294, Greenwich. There Returns are 50 per cent. in excess of 1893 and in five years have only been exceeded once.

There are some 32 lodges in the large and important Province of

LANCASHIRE,

of which six were represented, the number of Stewards, however, being eight. The total thus far returned is £63, while in 1893, when the number of Stewards was 17—of whom 15 hailed from the Clarence Lodge, No. 447, Liverpool—the total from this Province was £152 5s. In 1892 and 1891 the totals were £73 10s. and £57 15s. respectively, and in 1890 it reached the far larger sum of £195 5s. It is to be regretted that the figures cannot be regularly maintained at a level, or nearly so, with the last mentioned figure.

There appears to be a large amount of zeal and energy in the Province, which comprises within its borders the counties of

LEICESTER, NORTHAMPTON, &c.,

and owes allegiance to the veteran Bro. W. Kelly. The lodges all told number 11, and on Wednesday three were represented, while the number of Stewards was nine. The subscriptions totalled up to £150 4s. 6d., of which £50 represented the joint list of Bros. J. R. Fielding and T. N. Turner, St. Martin's Lodge, No. 414, Alfreton; £32 10s., that of Bro. Fisher, of the William Kelly Lodge, No. 339, Winhill; and £28 17s. 6d., that of Bro. T. C. Eastwood, Steward for the Derby Lodge, No. 302. Last year, the total was £102 18s.; in 1892, £82 9s.; in 1891, £86 15s.; and in 1890, £115 10s. As far as we know, the present is the largest sum that has been raised by this Province for the Mark Benevolent Festival.

A brave example was set by the "Chairman's Province" of

LINCOLNSHIRE,

which, though it has but nine lodges on its roll, compiled the very handsome total of £214 5s. 6d. The Stewards who accomplished this were 16 in number, and included Bros. Lord Yarborough, P.G. Master; Jack Sutcliffe, P.P.G. Master; Anderson Bates, P.D.P.G.M.; and H. E. Cousans, Unattached; together with Bros. Pearson and Ward, representing the Province, and Stewards from four of the lodges. The principal lists were those of the Chairman for £78 15s.; of the Provincial Representatives for £63; and of Bro. W. Hurst, W.M. of the Sutcliffe Lodge, No. 188, Grimsby, for £41 0s. 6d. Last year the total obtained by four Stewards was £85 8s., while in 1892, with Bro. Jack Sutcliffe, then P.G.M., as sole Steward, the Return reached £50.

MIDDLESEX

was represented by its Prov. G.M., Bro. Col. A. B. Cook, and three other Stewards, of whom Bro. A. S. Brown did duty for the Province as a whole, and the remaining two for two of its nine lodges. The total returned is £27 6s., against the far higher figure of £83 3s. 6d. in 1893.

The important Province of

NORTHUMBERLAND AND DURHAM

sent up five Stewards, whose lists amounted to £112 7s. Last year, by the medium of Bro. Hans B. Olsen—who was also a Steward on Wednesday—it gave £84; while in 1892 it raised £114 5s. NOTTINGHAMSHIRE, which raised £21 5s. in 1893, was represented on this occasion by Bro. R. Patchitt, whose list, however, is still outstanding. SHROPSHIRE per Bro. Rowland G. Venables, Shropshire Lodge, No. 444, Shrewsbury, contributed £5 5s., and SOMERSETSHIRE, with Bro. the Rev. E. A. Purvis, acting as Steward for the whole Province, and Bro. Lieut.-Col. A. Thrale Perkins for the Lodge of Science, No. 128, Shepton Mallet, one of its 10 lodges, is entered for £44 7s., of which Bro. Purvis's list comprises all but £10 10s. Last year the Province contributed £31 10s.; in 1892, £63 10s.; and in 1891, when Bro. Viscount Dungarvan presided at the Festival, £164 7s. SOUTH WALES had an able representative in Bro. John Munday, who compiled the excellent total of £75 5s.

The Stewards from

SURREY

were headed by their chief, Bro. Col. Money, and his Deputy, Bro. Frederick West, two of the seven lodges being represented by three brethren. The amount subscribed was £49 16s. 6d., of which Bros. W. Briant and the Rev. W. Russell Finlay, of the Kintore Lodge, No. 333, together returned £33 0s. 6d. Last year, when Bro. Col. Money occupied the chair, the Province by the medium of 13 Stewards, compiled the large total of £247 8s. 6d.

Three Stewards hailed from SUSSEX, of whom Bro. W. E. Morrison, representing the East Sussex, No. 166, and the Royal Connaught, No. 409, returned £6 15s. 6d., the total from the Province being £17 5s. 6d., as compared with £5 5s. in 1893, while WARWICKSHIRE, with four Stewards, returned £26 5s., against £48 6s. last year.

Three of the 12 lodges in

WEST YORKSHIRE

figured in Wednesday's return, the number of Stewards being seven, and the total they together raised £112 7s. The five brethren who acted for the Britannia Lodge, No. 53, Sheffield, were responsible for £64 1s. of this sum, while Bro. G. H. Parke, Lodge of integrity, No. 110, Wakefield, compiled £32 11s., and Bro. T. G. Howell, Lodge of Truth, No. 137, Huddersfield, the balance of £15 15s. Last year the total was £73 10s., as compared with £39 18s. in 1892, so that the progress we noticed last year has been well maintained.

As for the remaining contributories, WILTSHIRE, which was represented last year by the Earl of Radnor, figures in these Returns for £12 4s.; the DEGREE OF ROYAL ARK MARINER, gives per Bro. E. T. Crouch, £10 10s., and the ROSE CROIX, per Bros. B. R. Bryant and W. A. Scurrah representing respectively, Chapters Nos. 101 and 97, £27 6s. MALTA, with Bro. John Kenyon as Steward, is entered for £10 10s., and CEYLON, with Bro. Capt. Hearn as the representative of the St. George of Colombo Lodge, No. 464, closes the list with £15 15s.

CHARLES MORISON.—Born in 1780, at Greenfield, near Alloa; died in Paris, 1848. Was a military medical man, and had served in the 10th Hussars. He lived mostly in Switzerland and Paris when placed on half pay. He possessed a large Masonic library, which his widow gave to the Grand Lodge of Scotland, and which was valuable alike for printed works and MSS., which he had collected for 25 years. Very little, if any, use has been made of this splendid gift, and only recently the books were found to be covered with dust by a student of the Craft who desired to examine them.—*Kenning's Encyclopedia of Freemasonry.*

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PROVINCIAL MEETINGS.

EAST GRINSTEAD.

Sackville Lodge (No. 1619).—At the regular meeting of this lodge held on Tuesday, the 3rd inst., the W.M., Bro. Budd-Budd, presided. To the roll of the lodge two names were added, one by initiation and one as a joining member. Bro. Wood, S.W., was unanimously elected as W.M. for the ensuing year. It was resolved to present a jewel, value £5 ss., to Bro. Betchley as a small mark of the appreciation of the brethren for his services as Secretary. The lodge now numbers 40 members, but many of them are not residents in the neighbourhood, indeed the interest taken in Masonry in East Grinstead is not what it ought to be, this is, no doubt, in some respect owing to the want of a building connected with the Craft and used only for Masonic purposes, the present W.M., Bro. Budd-Budd, fully recognising the absolute necessity for a Masonic Hall in East Grinstead, has most graciously promised a valuable site for the building, and also a large subscription. The project of providing the hall has hung fire for some little time, but only requires to be taken up energetically by some influential brethren. If the Sackville Lodge is to occupy the position it ought, and to attract members that will make the lodge a power in the province, something must be done as soon as possible to provide a Masonic Hall in which to hold both the regular meetings and lodges of instruction. Great expectations as to the result of his year of office are expressed in connection with the W.M. elect, Bro. Wood.

The jewel was manufactured by Bro. George Kenning.

HIGHBRIDGE.

Rural Philanthropic Lodge (No. 219).—The annual festival in connection with this lodge was held on Friday evening, the 6th inst., when Bro. E. A. Burnett, S.W., was installed as W.M. for the ensuing year, as successor to Bro. J. Tyler, the installation ceremony being performed by the D.P.G.M., Bro. R. C. Else, P.G.D. of England. There was an unusually large muster of brethren, the visitors including Bros. J. P. Lewis, P.G.D.C. of Monmouthshire; W. Reece, P.M. 1199, P.P.G.D.C.; Canon Dwyer, P.G. Chap. British Columbia; A. Bailey, 772; R. H. Baggs, 908; W. H. Webb, 1222; W. Leaker, S.D. 772; S. G. Coggan, S.W. 772; J. E. Pople, 772; H. M. Worlock, 296, P.P.J.G.W.; A. Basil Cottam, W.M. 135; M. H. Stead, 772; W. H. Bowering, 2038; G. W. Davies, 2038; and F. A. Gardner, 683. The W.M. appointed and invested his officers for the ensuing year as follows: Bro. Dr. Sharp, S.W.; F. W. Bishop, J.W.; Rev. G. A. Sandford, Chap.; John Burnett, P.M., Treas.; T. F. Norris, P.M., Sec.; C. S. Leach, S.W.; F. R. Stead, J.W.; T. H. Railton, D.C.; H. Cox, Org.; Mark Herniman, I.G.; J. Wall and W. Berry, Swards; and Ashwell, Tyler. Votes of thanks were accorded to the retiring W.M., the Treasurer, and the Secretary, for the able way in which they had discharged their duties during the past year, and to the D.P.G.M., Bro. Else, for conducting the ceremony of installation.

The customary banquet was held afterwards, under the presidency of the W.M., whose health was drunk with musical honours, reference being made to the fact that he was the "great grandson" of the founder of the lodge.

After the banquet, several of the brethren drove to Burnham to enjoy the refreshing breeze accompanying the incoming tide.

LEICESTER.

John of Caunt Lodge (No. 523).—The annual festival and installation meeting of this old-established lodge, which fell on Sunday, the 24th ult., was held on Thursday, the 28th ult., at Freemasons' Hall, Halford-street, by dispensation from Bro. the Right Hon. the Earl Ferrers, Prov. Grand Master of Leicestershire and Rutland. There were present: Bros. T. B. Male, P.P.G. Stwd., W.M.; Alex. Laurence, P.G. Org., I.P.M.; W. J. Curtis, P.M., P.P.J.G.D., as S.W.; G. Neighbour, J.W., W.M. elect; the Rev. R. W. Lancaster, M.A., Chap.; G. Newsome, P.M., P.P.S.G.D., Treas.; A. F. Holland, Sec.; W. Aldridge Spences, S.D.; the Rev. H. S. Biggs, B.A., P.G. Chap., J.D.; J. B. Waring, P.M., P.P.A.G.D.C., Dir. of Cers.; R. J. Lulham, I.G.; W. Bream, W. Adams, and Lea, Stwds.; J. Tanser, Tyler; S. S. Partridge, P.M., P.A.G.D.C. Eng., D.P.G.M.; J. T. Thorp, P.M., P.P.S.G.W.; Jos. Young, P.M., P.P.J.G.W.; R. Taylor, P.M., P.P.G. Supt. of Wks.; W. T. Coltman, the Rev. H. L. Bashford, Lawrence Staines, Alfred Lait, C. R. King, Joseph Parsons, Wm. M. Cowdell, Chas. Poynor, S. F. Poynor, Fras. Redfern, and many visitors.

The lodge having been opened, the dispensation for holding the same was read and ordered to be entered on the minutes. The minutes of the last regular meeting and of an emergency meeting were read and confirmed. A ballot being taken for a joining member, he was declared duly elected. A Board of Installed Masters was then formed, and Bro. G. Neighbour was duly installed into the chair of K.S. by Bro. S. S. Partridge, P.M., D.P.G.M., assisted by Bro. J. B. Waring, P.M., P.P.A.G.D.C. The W.M. then invested his officers as follows: Bros. T. B. Neale, Prov. G. Stwd., I.P.M.; W. A. Spencer, S.W.; the Rev. H. S. Biggs, J.W.; the Rev. R. W. Lancaster, Chap.; G. Newsome, P.M., P.P.S.G.D., Treas.; A. F. Holland, Sec.; R. J. Lulham, S.D.; W. A. Lea, J.D.; J. B. Waring, P.M., P.P.A.G.D.C., D.C.; L. Staines, Org.; F. Redfern, I.G.; and W. Beam and W. T. Coltman, Stwds. Bro. T. Dunn, Tyler, was too unwell and unable to be present for investiture. The W.M. then presented the retiring W.M., Bro. T. B. Neale, with a handsome Past Master's jewel, voted by the members, and expressed the hope that he might be spared for many years to wear it. Bro. T. B. Neale thanked the brethren for the jewel, and stated his determination to do what he could in the work of the lodge. Routine work having been successfully gone through, three candidates for initiation were duly proposed, and one resignation was accepted.

"Hearty good wishes" were given from the visitors, and the lodge was closed.

A large number of brethren sat down to the installation banquet, at the conclusion of which the usual loyal and Masonic toasts were given and responded to, the proceedings being enlivened by the able singing of Bros. Page, McRobie, and the Rev. H. S. Biggs, B.A., J.W.

PLUMSTEAD.

Pattison Lodge (No. 913).—The installation meeting of the above powerful lodge took place on Thursday, the 5th inst., at Freemasons' Hall, Mount Pleasant, and was well-attended by the brethren of the lodge and by visitors from far and near. The lodge was opened by Bro. Charles James Clapham, W.M., who raised Bro. G. J. Lockwood, and then proceeded to install his successor, Bro. Dr. Ebenezer Bryceson, S.W. and W.M. elect. The new W.M. appointed and invested his officers as follows: Bros. C. J. Clapham, I.P.M.; J. J. Collins, S.W.; D. K. Somers, J.W.; C. Coupland, P.M.; P.P.J.G.W., Treas.; E. Denton, P.M., P.P.S.G.D., Hon. and Consulting Sec.; W. C. Taylor, P.M., Sec.; Rev. A. Jackson, M.A., P.G. Chaplain, Chap.; J. O. Cook, S.D.; J. J. Murphy, J.D.; E. M. Taylor, I.G.; A. Moore, D.C.; R. E. B. Saunders and J. G. Tucker, A.D.Cs.; H. J. Butter, P.M., P.P.G.R., J. H. Bull, F. Hoar, and W. Chaney, Stwds.; S. Horton, Org.; and C. Warren, Tyler. Bro. Clapham was highly and deservedly complimented by the goodly array of Past and Worshipful Masters present upon the excellence of his work, and was rewarded with a hearty vote of thanks and a handsome and valuable Past Master's jewel, for which he returned thanks. Bro. Coupland was re-elected to serve on the Provincial Charity Committee. Bro. Saunders, P.M., was accorded a hearty vote of thanks for his services during the past year as Secretary, and the lodge was closed.

The banquet was served in the upper hall of the establishment.

Among the other brethren present were Bros. A. Penfold, P.M., P.P.S.G.D.; R. J. Cook, P.M., P.P.G.S. of W.; H. Mason, P.M., P.G.D.; Col. E. Hughes, M.P., P.M.; W. Busbridge, P.M.; Charles Jolly, P.M. (Hon.), P.M. and Secretary 1472, 2154; E. Morris, P.M.; W. C. Campell, P.M.; G. H. Letton, P.M.; T. Turton, B. Hammond, Dr. J. Clarke, J. W. Dickenson, J. Kirkman, W. Winkman, J. Farrier, G. Frost, W. J. Squires, W. G. Newton, J. Frankling, B. Littlewood, W. Fenn, W. Lock, A. Eton, J. Taylor, G. Roberts, E. G. Denton, G. Standing, T. G. Arnold A. M. Oxley, W. Young, G. H. Campbell, H. Grafton, H. Stewart, A. D. Capon, H. Touns, J. Hooton, D. G. Jelley, D. C. Capon, A. Ware, T. J. Nell, J. Widger, J. Rose, W. Sallenger, W. Wren, W. H. Lewis, W. Smith, C. H. Stone, and G. H. Hatton. Visitors: Bros. J. Warren, P.M. and Sec. 700; C. J. D. Mears, P.M. 1076, W.M. 299; W. Lawson, W.M. 700; J. Bilton, W.M. 1536; A. C. Doddrell, W.M. 615; F. Sloper, W.M. 1589; A. Deans, W.M. 13; Dr. G. W. Mugliston, P.M. 1228; S. Elton, P.M. 597; F. G. Nichols, P.M. and Sec. 706; H. Tufnell, S.W. 700; J. Lee, S.W. 2399; G. R. Nichols, J.W. 700; W. Barnes, S.W. 13; J. Marjary, S.W. 548; G. H. Ingle, J.W. 1536; W. A. Anson, J.W. 13; E. W. Sinnett, S.W. 1536; J. Johnson, W. 2399; G. Stevens, 19; R. H. Murdock, Sec. 1789; W. Bull, 829; T. Challoner, 1536; M. Thomas, 706; H. Yeomans, 428; C. Benstead, 700; R. Klyne, 2266; F. Ritter, 173; G. Carter, 13; J. Winsborough; P. Stone, 8; S. Cooke, 957; J. Lloyd, 700; C. Lockwood, 1305; E. Chinery, 184; S. Coaker, 1564; and others.

The usual loyal and Grand Lodge toasts having been honoured, and that of "Earl Amherst, Provincial Grand Master," having been drunk with enthusiasm,

Bro. Busbridge was called upon to propose the toast of "Bro. Eastes, and the rest of the Prov. Grand Officers Present and Past," and, in so doing, enlarged upon the responsibilities of a Prov. Grand Officer, and on the admirable manner in which those officers carried out the duties of their important trust. He then referred to the meeting, the day previous, of the Provincial Grand Lodge at Canterbury, and averred that it was the largest and most successful meeting that had ever occurred in the Province of Kent. There were more brethren present than had ever attended any previous Provincial Grand meeting. At that meeting they had presented their Prov. Grand Secretary, Bro. Spencer, with a testimonial to mark their sense of the admirable manner in which he had done his duty for the past 21 years; at that meeting, too, their esteemed Bro. Mason had received the purple, and also Bro. Jackson, who he was proud to see had accepted the office of Chaplain of their lodge, and with their names he should couple the toast.

Bro. Jackson said the kind proposer of the toast had told them something of the grand function that took place the previous day at Canterbury, and he could certainly say that he never saw so grand a sight in his life. With reference to their W.M., he (Bro. Bryceson) was an old friend of his at Cambridge, where they had met on the banks of the Cam. That was in 1878, and since that time he had never had the pleasure of seeing him until last year, and now that he again met him, it was to receive at his hands the greatest honour that could be paid him, namely, to make him an honorary member of their excellent lodge. Little did he imagine when he entered the lodge that he should leave it as a member and its Chaplain. He should attend its meetings as often as possible, and could now only thank them for the honour of coupling his name with so important a toast.

Bro. Mason also adverted to the day previous, and said he felt it a great honour to serve under such an honoured nobleman and splendid Mason as Earl Amherst, and he was sure that every officer felt the same, and endeavoured, and indeed did, their duty in a manner worthy of the position and of the province. He then spoke of the grand manner in which the province supported the Charities of the Order, and assured them that he looked upon his office not so much as an honour conferred on him, but on the lodge, for his lordship had repeatedly said that the Pattison was one of the foremost lodges in the province. On behalf of Bro. Eastes and the present officers of the province, he thanked them heartily for their kind reception of the toast.

The Worshipful Master, in responding to the eulogistic speech of the I.P.M. in proposing his health, said that when he was elected to the position of W.M. he understood that the duties of the office were heavy. He did not realise the weight of them then, but he began to now. He now knew that it was not only a perfect knowledge of the ritual that was necessary, but that there were a great many other things to be learnt before a W.M. could discharge the duties of his office with credit to himself and satisfaction to the brethren. Whether he should always be able to do the right thing at the right time he could not say, but he would ask them to believe him when he said that he should endeavour to do so to the best of his

ability, and should look to them for support to enable him to do so. He asked for the hearty co-operation of the Past Masters and officers, and having that, no effort would be wanting on his part to prove himself worthy of their confidence.

Bro. Clapham, in responding to a hearty reception of the toast of "The Installing Officer," said it was very gratifying to him to receive so warm and hearty a reception at their hands. When he, 12 months ago, took possession of the chair, he was full of fear as to the result of his action, but soon found his fears were groundless, because of the splendid support he received at the hands of every brother of the lodge. Not only in that lodge, but in every lodge in the neighbourhood he had received the greatest courtesy and kindness; so much so, that his year of office had been the happiest year of his life. He trusted his successor, whom he felt proud of installing, would have as pleasant and prosperous a one as he had had, and then he would have a happy one indeed.

The other toasts were "The Past Masters," "The Visitors," "The Officers," and the Tyler's toast.

The musical arrangements were in the hands of Bro. Sidney Horton, and were excellent. The splendid singing of Mrs. Bryceson, the amiable wife of the W.M., was received with demonstrations of delight. Bros. Neill and F. Nichols sang, and Mr. C. Birkett sang one or two funny songs. Mr. A. C. Horton played the oboe splendidly, and his father, Bro. Horton, played the fiddle as he can play it, and that goes without saying. Bro. P. Hammond also contributed.

STONEHOUSE.

Sincerity Lodge (No. 189).—The annual installation of the above lodge was held in the Town Hall, on the 9th inst. Bro. Francis Edward Sach was installed W.M. by Bros. Dr. T. W. Lemon, W. H. Addiscott, 1341, P.D.G.S.B., of Hongkong; C. Croydon, John Ward, and A. S. Hendry, all of the lodge, supported by Bro. G. Hawken, F. R. Thomas, G. Dunsterville, J. Gidley, 189; A. W. White, 1136; R. Pike, 230; J. R. H. Harris, 230; E. Aitken-Davies, 1099; J. Kinton Bond, H. T. C. Tucker, W. H. Mayne, 1247; A. Trout, 1206; A. C. Titherley, 1350; and W. J. Pengelly, 2025. The W.M. invested the following officers: Bros. G. Dunsterville, I.P.M.; J. Parker, S.W.; T. Peain, J.W.; Dr. Lemon, Chap.; G. Hawker, Treas.; A. S. Hendry, Sec.; S. H. Duff, S.D.; F. Strick, J.D.; F. S. Hedge, I.G.; H. W. Mayne, D.C.; R. Pike, hon. Org.; N. Hill, G. H. Parker, P. Hamley, J. W. Bickle, and J. G. Skinner, Stwds.; and J. Gidly, Tyler.

In the evening the annual banquet was held at the Freemasons, Hall, Plymouth, where the brethren were joined by Bros. Dr. Geo. Jackson, J. B. Moulder, 189; N. Radmore, 159; J. Goad, 70; W. Willoughby, and R. A. Roberts, 757 (S.C.). The W.M. was congratulated on the unusual incident of his being installed on his birthday, and the best wishes were heartily expressed for his success and prosperity in his year of office. Several capital songs were sung and recitations given.

WATFORD.

Earl of Clarendon Lodge (No. 1984).—A meeting of this lodge was held on Wednesday the 26th ult., Bro. J. P. Taylor, W.M., presided. The lodge was opened, and the minutes of the previous installation meeting were read and confirmed. Bro. Dove was balloted for and elected as a joining member. There were three candidates for initiation. The ballot was taken and proved to be unanimous. The W.M. then invested his Honorary Deacon and Honorary Steward, who were unable to be present at the previous meeting, and three candidates were raised to the Sublime Degree of M.M., the ceremony being rendered in a most impressive manner throughout by the W.M., Bro. J. P. Taylor. Messrs. Southern, Stark, and Houghton were also initiated.

The lodge being closed, 28 brethren sat down to the banquet, which was put on in a splendid manner, the W.M. presiding, supported by the I.P.M., Bros. Boydell, P.M.; J. Rogers, P.M.; Fisher, P.M.; Sidney Martin, P.M. 404; and W. Wilson, 1580. Visitors: Bros. Hayes, 1425; Truelove, 1549; Wigmore, and Thornhill, P.M. St. Albans Lodge.

The usual toasts were duly honoured.

The Worshipful Master, in proposing "The Health of the P.G.M. and the D.P.G.M.," regretted that the latter, Bro. Lake, was unable to be present owing to the Volunteer Government Inspection taking place the same day, he being the major of the battalion. The W.M. stated that those who were acquainted with the D.P.G.M.'s Masonic career could not but admire the many acts of kindness which he was always found doing. A better Mason there could not be, and they only wanted to be in trouble to see and know the qualities of the D.P.G.M. He also regretted the absence of Bro. Keyser, who was unable to be present because of presiding at another lodge that evening.

Bro. Boydell, P.M., in proposing the toast of "The Worshipful Master," said that all those who had watched the W.M. work through the various Degrees in the lodge, could not but admire the splendid manner in which he always performed his duties. The way in which the ceremonies had been worked that evening had surpassed anything he had ever witnessed. He knew the W.M. was capable of doing his work, but he must confess himself fairly staggered after raising three, and initiating three candidates, to hear him finish up in so splendid a manner with the Entered Apprentice's Charge. It spoke very highly for him (the W.M.), and also his mental capability, to be able the first night of going into the chair to entrance the lodge in the manner he had done. He had never seen the work done better, and the lodge was sure to flourish under their W.M.'s reign.

Bro. Martin, P.M. 404, in responding to the toast of "The Visitors," said what an intellectual treat he had witnessed that evening. He spoke as a very old Mason, and one who had seen a great many lodges' work, but not like he had seen the work done that evening. Bro. Martin further remarked that these were not the usual platitudes uttered at after-dinner speeches, but the real earnest truth. The work had never been performed better in that hall than Bro. Taylor had done it that evening. The lodge must be highly gratified at having chosen such a brother for their Worshipful Master.

The evening's entertainment was much enhanced by the splendid singing of Bro. Bartlett, and Bro. Hopkins with his peal of silver bells.

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Other Members of the Lodges in the Province (being Master Masons) are invited to be present, but they cannot vote, nor take part in any business, unless they are Past Masters of Lodges under the English Constitution, and have retained their position as members of Grand Lodge.

The Provincial Grand Lodge will be opened punctually at 3.30 o'clock p.m., but all brethren must be in the Hall by 3.15, when the lodge will be tiled.

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July, 1894.

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London (Euston) Arrive	5.15	7.15	10.0	10.30	2.0	7.50	8.50	9.0	10.0	12.0	0
Edinburgh (Pr.St.)	3.55	5.50	6.30	8.15	10.57	2.0	7.50	8.50	9.0	10.0	12.0
Glasgow (Central)	3.15	5.0	6.45	8.15	10.15	2.0	7.50	8.50	9.0	10.0	12.0
Greenock	5.30	7.22	7.40	9.12	12.9	—	—	—	—	—	—
Gourock	4.45	7.33	7.50	10.22	12.18	—	—	—	—	—	—
Oban	8.38	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Perth	5.45	—	7.55	—	12.22	5.30	5.40	7.55	—	11.25	3.20
Inverness	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
via Dunkeld	—	—	—	—	10.40	11.05	2.40	—	—	—	—
Dundee	7.15	—	8.35	—	1.7	7.30	7.30	8.55	—	12.10	4.32
Aberdeen	9.5	—	10.15	—	3.7	7.50	7.50	11.40	—	2.0	6.20
Ballater	—	—	—	—	—	9.45	9.45	2.10	—	4.50	—
Inverness	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
via Aberdeen	—	—	—	—	8.10	1.35	1.35	6.75	—	10.8	Note

Passengers arrive Greenock at 9.39 and Gourock 9.48 a.m. on Saturdays.

G—After July 24th Passengers reach Inverness at 10.40 a.m.

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SATURDAY, JULY 14, 1894

Masonic Notes.

It will be seen from the ample report we publish in another part of our columns that the Festival on behalf of the Mark Benevolent Fund which was held at Freemasons' Tavern, on Wednesday, proved a splendid success. Indeed, from what we have been able to gather, a success beyond what the brethren had expected. Among the Provinces, Lincolnshire, which has the Chairman of the day for its Prov. G. Master, very greatly distinguished itself, but all who had a share in the proceedings did well, and we sincerely congratulate the Earl of Yarborough, who presided, the Board of Stewards, the Executive of the Mark Benevolent Fund, and, in an especial degree, Bro. C. F. Matier, its Honorary Secretary, on a result, which will so materially benefit this small, but deserving Charity.

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The Service is becoming well represented in Masonry. Two lodges have recently been consecrated, one the Roll Call at Hounslow, which was consecrated on Tuesday last by the Prov. Grand Master of Middlesex, Lord George Hamilton, and the other the Trainbands

at the Finsbury Barracks. The latter is formed by the officers of the City of London Militia out of members of their own corps, Col. Dundas being the first Master. The consecration ceremony was performed by the Grand Secretary, Bro. E. Letchworth.

The final meeting of the Board of Stewards for the recent Festival of the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys will be held at Freemasons' Hall on Friday next, the 20th inst., at 4.30 p.m., when the accounts will be examined, and, if approved, ordered to be paid, and votes of thanks to the officers of the Board be passed. Any other business that may present itself will then be disposed of, and the Board dissolved.

Following what has now become a time-honoured custom in the Aldersgate Lodge, the members entertained Bro. E. F. B. Fuller, the retiring W.M., and Mrs. Fuller to a complimentary banquet at Whitehall Rooms, Hôtel Métropole, on Saturday, the 30th ult. The present W.M., Bro. George Rawlinson, presided. The toasts were few and commendably brief, but the time was pleasantly filled up by an excellent programme of music performed by the students of the Guildhall School of Music, with Miss Kate A. Davies at the pianoforte. About 50 brethren and ladies were present.

It has been suggested by several correspondents that as Grand Lodge has most gracefully accorded a vote of congratulation on the birth of a Prince, there is no necessity for private lodges to send congratulatory addresses. The representative body has done all that is required.

We learn from a report in last month's number of the *Indian Masonic Review* that the Madras Masonic Institution has well maintained its position during the year 1893, but the Committee of Management earnestly impress upon the brethren "the necessity of regular subscriptions, as, under Article XII. of the By-laws, all donations must be funded, and the current expenses met from subscriptions and interest on invested capital." However, these sources of income appear to have been nearly, if not quite, sufficient for the purpose, while the amount of invested capital has been increased during the year by 1000 rupees. The number of children to whom the benefits of the Institution were extended was 12, as in 1892.

From the same *Review* we have strong evidence of the prosperity of Freemasonry in the District of the Punjab. This is made manifest by the speech of Bro. Col. C. F. Massy, D.G.M., when he presided at the meeting of D.G. Lodge on the 10th March last, and showed that all the lodges in the district, with one exception, were in a flourishing condition, and in the case of the excepted lodge its weakness appears to have been due, not to any lack of zeal on the part of the members or any differences among them, but to their being "scattered over a large area, living long distances from the lodge, with a very small field for recruitment." It is equally satisfactory to note that the Punjab Masonic Institution is likewise in a satisfactory condition, notwithstanding that the subscriptions during the past year showed a very serious falling off as compared with its predecessor, while the expenditure remained about the same. We trust our Punjab brethren will take heed to the appeal of their D.G.M., and remedy this in the coming year.

The services of Bro. J. L. Power, Grand Secretary of the Grand Lodge of Mississippi, who has held that office for 25 years, were very honourably recognised at the annual Communication at Holly Springs in February last, when our respected brother was elected and constituted an Honorary Past Grand Master. Bro. Power, indeed, appears to be almost the oldest member of his Grand Lodge, there being only three left of those who were present as Grand Officers 26 years ago. It is a long period to look back upon and Bro. Power must be gratified beyond measure to find, as successive years have passed, that he has not only retained, but retained in an enhanced degree the respect and affection of those for whom he has laboured so diligently and successfully.

The past year appears to have been an exceedingly busy one in the Grand Lodge of the District of Columbia, U.S.A., which held no less than five Special Communications in addition to those appointed by its Book of Constitutions, two of these having been occupied with the exemplification of Degrees and the dedication of a new lodge hall, and another with the constitution of a new lodge. The Grand Master for the current year is Bro. Henry S. Morrill, while Bro. W. R. Singleton retains the office he has held for many years past of Grand Secretary. The jurisdiction is a small one, there being only 24 lodges on the roll, but as the total membership is 4711, the average number of brethren per lodge is close upon 200.

Correspondence.

HONORARY MEMBERS, &c.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,

Referring to a letter in your last issue, a former Grand Secretary, the late Bro. John Hervey, decided that honorary members were simply ornamental, and it is stated that he once wrote to a brother who had signed the annual returns as "Honorary Secretary" that he knew of no honorary officers or members in Freemasonry.

The election of a member as an honorary member is simply an act of courtesy, and it prevails in all branches of Masonry. No dues are paid by honorary members, and I think that very few take advantage of their position by attending banquets too frequently.

My experience shows that honorary members are often very useful and are heartily welcomed by the members of lodges.

As to a letter from Bro. Geo. Board on Masonic Insurance, he does not give details of his scheme, but is probably aware that a Masonic Insurance Company started some years ago was—well, not a success.—Yours fraternally,

HENRY LOVEGROVE.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,

Your correspondent "Gavel" will, I think, find all he wants to know about Honorary Members in the following circular signed by the then President of the Board of General Purposes, and issued by Grand Lodge some 30 years ago.—Yours fraternally,

P.M.

"UNITED GRAND LODGE OF ENGLAND.

"RE 'HONORARY MEMBERS.'

"Extract from the Report of the Board of General Purposes of the 23rd November, 1864, approved by Grand Lodge on the 7th December, 1864.

"The Board have to Report that their attention has been directed to the question of the status and privileges of what are termed Honorary Members of Lodges who are not mentioned in the Book of Constitutions. Upon this subject the Board have received a communication from the Colonial Board, which embodies the views of the Grand Registrar, whose opinion the Colonial Board had consulted. The Board fully coincide in the opinion expressed on the subject by the Grand Registrar and adopted by the Colonial Board, viz., that the Book of Constitutions does not in any way recognise Honorary Members of Private Lodges. When that Book speaks of Members it means only those Brethren who are regularly contributing Members to the funds of the Lodge to which they may belong. Such Brethren only ought to be returned to Grand Lodge as Members of Private Lodges. The status of an Honorary Member must be strictly confined to the Lodge which so elects him, and can in no way give him any position in the Craft outside the door of his Lodge. He cannot, therefore, hold any office in the Lodge or vote on any subject which might, even remotely, affect the Craft at large. In short, his status and privileges as an Honorary Member entitle him to attend the Meetings of the Lodge and partake of its refreshments without the necessity of being introduced by a Subscribing Member, provided always that he be a Subscribing Member to some other Lodge. Honorary Members have no other right or privileges whatever.

"(Signed) J. LLEWELLYN EVANS.

"President.

"Freemasons' Hall, London,

"23rd November, 1864."

"AN IMPORTANT WORK."

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,

In your notice of my forthcoming History of "The Hole Crafts and Fellowship of Masons" of the 30th ult. you state that probably members of the Craft will be accepted as subscribers at 15s. 6d. This arrangement only refers to the members of the Quatuor Coronati Lodge, No. 2076, and not to the general body of Freemasons, to whom the price is one guinea. I should be much obliged if you would kindly make a note of this in order to prevent disappointment.—Yours fraternally,

EDWARD CONDER, JUN.

July 10th.

Langston House, Charlbury,
S.O., Oxon.

ROYAL MASONIC INSTITUTION FOR GIRLS.

A Quarterly Court of the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls was held at Freemasons' Hall, on Thursday, the 13th inst. Present: V.W. Bro. Robert Grey, President Board of Benevolence, in the chair; Bros. E. Letchworth, Frank Richardson, A. C. Spaul, W. Lake, F. R. W. Hedges, and others.

The minutes of the General Court of the 12th April were read for verification, and the summaries of minutes of General Committees for information.

The 18 candidates remaining from the last election, together with the 24 whose petitions were approved, were placed upon the list for the October election, and 20 vacancies were declared.

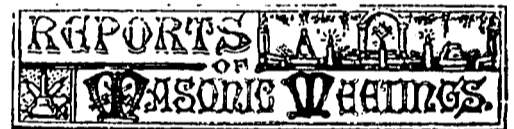
Reviews.

"TALES OF THE SUPERNATURAL." Six romantic stories by James Platt, jun. Price one shilling. London: Simpkin, Marshall, Hamilton, Kent, and Co.—Lest anyone should be tempted to reproduce these tales, which are certainly neither Supernatural nor Romantic, though they are doubtless romances, the title page contains the needless warning that "all Rights are reserved." The "Seven Segils" concludes with the declaration that as the Hero "stared dead eyed," he was mercifully unaware that "his feet were being swept by the inexorable waves of the advancing Bottomless Lake." "The Hand of Glory" ends with the statement that the heroine "was instantly riven into a million shreds and sprinkled in a red rain," &c., and the remainder are equally fatal in their finish, so it is as well to leave particulars to interested readers, if such can be found.

"MIDLAND RAILWAY: HOLIDAY TOURS IN THE BRITISH ISLES."—This is a real useful, interesting, and valuable Guide for the Season 1894, prepared by the General Manager, Mr. Geo. H. Turner, and may be obtained from any of the numerous offices of this live Company. It is what the description states a *Pocket Tourist Guide* to the Holiday Resorts in the British Isles, abundantly illustrated, the notes being down to date, brief and to the point, and there is also a *List of Furnished Lodgings in Farmhouses and Country Districts* adjacent to the Midland Line. The plates are most suggestive, and the manual is a boon that thousands will much appreciate.

"DOMESTIC HYGIENE," by Thomas Dutton, M.D., &c. London: Henry Kempton, 82, High Holborn, and Hirschfield Bros., Fetter-lane, E.C.—This is a valuable and handy Home Guide, which should be carefully consulted at this time of the year especially, and were it generally known, and the advice of the author followed, disease would not only be kept away, but no end of worry would be saved, personally and relatively. It should have a large sale, for the work is calculated to do very much good.

"UNITED GRAND LODGE OF VICTORIA. A RECORD OF THE PROCEEDINGS IN CONNECTION WITH ITS INAUGURATION, MARCH 20TH AND 21ST 1889. Compiled by W. F. Lamony, P.S.G.W., &c. London: George Kenning, &c."—This is a very acceptable souvenir of the new start made by the Victorian Freemasons. The account is ably written by Bro. Lamony, whose familiarity with the proceedings of the Grand Lodge from 1853, and the formation of the United Grand Lodge (by the joint action of the three District Grand Lodges) renders him a most suitable and accurate chronicler. The whole History of the movement for the union, and the consummation much hoped for and at last realised, are most pleasantly described by the author (who styles himself the compiler), and the brochure will be most acceptable to a large number of brethren, not only of the various Grand Lodges in Australia, but also in the old Country and in the United States. We think Bro. Lamony has acted wisely in thus placing on record the narrative of this great Masonic event, alike memorable to all concerned.



Craft Masonry.

METROPOLITAN MEETINGS.

Anglo-American Lodge (No. 2191).—The installation meeting of this well-known lodge was held at the Criterion, Piccadilly Circus, W., on the 19th ult., when there were present: Bros. G. Reynolds, W.M.; W. Hancock, I.P.M.; G. Herbert Reynolds, S.W.; J. Skinner, J.W.; J. S. Brownrigg, P.G. Chap., Chap.; J. B. Cumming, Treas.; J. Coltart, Sec.; F. Jackson, S.D.; C. O. Burgess, acting as J.D.; C. G. Rotter, acting as I.G.; H. W. Schartau, P.G. Org. Middx., Org.; R. F. Potter, Tyler; J. J. Woolley, P.M.; F. Kedge, P.M.; G. T. Atkinson, A. H. P. Snow, B. R. Paul, Stanley Spooner, J. Woodward, W. L. Lincoln, W. C. Thomson, Stanislaw Solcberg, James Rowe, J. Hansen, G. P. Bertini, and others. Visitors: Bros. S. Jacobs, P.M. 2396, P.G.P. Herts; J. Boulton, P.M. 2291, P.S.G.D. Essex; S. F. Cross, 1366; A. E. Dargue, 198; W. G. Kent, P.M. 1321; Grouse, 172; E. B. Lane, Mus. Bac., P. M. 1765; Geo. Evans, P.M. 172; R. Jennings, 1437, P.P.G.S.B. Essex; G. T. Clough, 2077; W. Herbert, 1987; Geo. W. Lovejoy, M.D., 25, P.G.R. G.L. Quebec; H. T. Lewis, 361 Texas; W. B. Williamson, J.P., P.M. 280, P.P.G.S.W., Mass., U.S.A.; A. L. Bullen, P.M. 1614; F. Herold, P.M. 1056; F. Buxton, P.M. 1891; S. Machin, 231; H. Machin, I.G. 231; Percy Machin, Org. 231; John J. Pittman, J.W. 538; W. E. Fenn, P.M. 538, P.P.S.G.D. Surrey; W. L. Phillips, 188; G. R. Cashfield, P.M. 615; J. Wimburn Laurie, Past Grand Master Nova Scotia; S. E. Southgate, P.M. 700; W. Downes, 1614; and others.

The lodge was opened and the minutes of the meeting held in May were read and confirmed. The Auditors' report was received. Bro. F. Kedge, P.M., presented Bro. G. Herbert Reynolds (son of the W.M.), as W.M. elect, who was accordingly installed as Master for the ensuing year by Bro. G. Reynolds, W.M., the Board of Installed Masters numbering 28. The W.M. appointed his officers as follows: Bros. Geo. Reynolds, I.P.M., Sec.; J. Skinner, S.W.; Frederick Jackson, J.W.; and the Rev. J. Brownrigg, P.G. Chap., Chap.; J. Coltart, Treas.; C. O. Burgess, S.D.; C. E. Rotter, J.D.; John W. Elvin, I.G.; Hermann C. E. Hirsch, D.C.; Herbert W. Schartau, P.G. Org. Organist; Stanley Spooner, Hy-Vilian, and Albert H. P. Snow, Stwds.; and Robert F. Potter, Tyler. All the brethren were invested with their collars with the exception of Bro. John Elvin, I.G., who was unavoidably absent on account of severe illness. The W.M., in presenting a Past Master's jewel to the I.P.M., Bro. G. Reynolds, said he did so with a great deal of pleasure, as it was not only in recognition of the services he had rendered to the lodge while in the chair, but for

what he had done since its consecration. The I.P.M., on whom the Master had conferred the collar of Secretary, thanked the Worshipful Master for his kind and generous remarks. Having known the Worshipful Master for many years he knew that his remarks were sincere. He also thanked the brethren for all their kindness and affection towards him since the formation of the lodge. In accordance with the general rule of the lodge as to American and Canadian Grand Officers, the Secretary proposed that Bro. Dr. G. W. Lovejoy, P.G.R. of the Grand Lodge of Quebec, be elected an honorary member, which Bro. J. J. Woolley, P.M., seconded, and it was carried unanimously, and with acclamation. Bro. Dr. G. W. Lovejoy, in acknowledging the compliment, said that, although he had visited many lodges in various parts of the world, he had never known of such an honour being conferred on a guest before. He felt that it was a truly Masonic sentiment, and had made a great impression upon him, and should any of the brethren visit his lodge in Montreal they might rely that they would receive as hearty a welcome by the local brethren as they had given him that day. Bro. G. Winter, 1614, who had kindly taken out to Baltimore, U.S.A., to the M.W.G.M. of Maryland, Bro. J. T. Shryock, the vote of congratulation from the lodge on the completion of the Temple at Maryland, was proposed as a joining member. Several letters of regret at not being able to be present were read, amongst them Bro. Sir Jacob Wilson, J. Stimson, P.M. 15, and many others.

The lodge was closed, and the brethren adjourned to a *recherché* banquet, served in the Victoria Hall, under the personal superintendence of Bro. A. Oddenino.

At the conclusion of the banquet the Worshipful Master gave the usual loyal and customary toasts, which were duly honoured, Bro. the Rev. J. Studholme Brownrigg, P.G. Chap., responding for "The Grand Officers."

In reply to the toast, which is one of the toasts always well received and honoured in the Anglo-American Lodge, that of "The Sister Grand Lodges in the United States of America and the Dominion of Canada," the Master said was a very important one, and did not require any enlightenment from him, because it was one of the toasts really wrapped up in the Constitution of the Anglo-American Lodge.

Bro. Major-General Laurie, in responding, made a very impressive speech, and said he commended the lodge for the happy way in which it had blended the flags of the two great speaking races, who would ever work together side by side with true Masonic sentiment to the advantage of humanity but it was a mistake for those who spoke of a federation of the Anglo-Saxon-speaking people to suppose that they would ever come under the same flag. They would, he believed, be united in striving for the common good of humanity.

Bro. Dr. Lovejoy, in replying, referred to the differences in working on the other side of the water, where he had been for 25 years actively engaged with Masonic Benevolence. He spoke of Relief Associations, and the systematic means of relief, as well as exposing imposture, and urged the desirability of strict inquiry. As an instance of widespread organisation, he mentioned the case of a stolen certificate, which was duly advised to the different centres, and was ultimately secured and returned to its owner within three months from a town 1500 miles distant.

Bro. H. T. Lewis, of Texas, and W. B. Williamson, of Mass., U.S.A., also spoke.

The I.P.M., in proposing "The Health of the W.M.," said that it was a very dear toast to him, being that of his son; and the brethren would imagine with what pleasurable feelings he placed the present ruler in the chair. He was sure he would carry out the work of the office to the very best of his ability, conscientiously, faithfully, and zealously, and he wished him a happy and prosperous year.

The W.M., in replying, said that the compliments paid to him were sincere. He was a founder of the lodge, and hoped to exercise the experience he had gained as Master of another lodge to its benefit. It was especially gratifying to him to have the toast proposed by his own father, though he thought many other of the members would have liked the opportunity of saying equally kind things on his behalf.

The toast of "The I.P.M. and P.Ms." was given, to which Bros. G. Reynolds, F. Kedge, J. J. Woolley, and W. Hancock replied.

In giving the toast of "The Officers," the W.M. said that he felt sure that no lodge could have, or any W.M. wish for better officers, and he trusted that there would be work during his year of office to show how well the officers of the lodge could accomplish their work.

Bro. J. Coltart Treas., thanked the brethren for having unanimously elected him to succeed Bro. J. B. Cumming (through ill-health) as Treasurer of the lodge, and assured the brethren he would do all in his power for the success of the lodge; he had its interest at heart.

Bro. G. Reynolds, I.P.M., Secretary, said that he was quite at a loss to say much as his heart was full. All that had passed would ever be remembered. He felt sorry that Bro. J. B. Cumming, the late Treasurer, was compelled to give up the office. Since the consecration of the lodge Bro. Cumming and himself had worked most harmoniously together. The formation of the Anglo-American Lodge had been the means of introducing him to one of the most kind and generous Masons he had ever met. He was a good brother and a good American, who hailed from Philadelphia. It was singular that Bro. J. B. Cumming's successor (Bro. J. Coltart) was the brother who raised him to the Third Degree, and he felt sure that Bro. J. Coltart and himself had but one view in hand—success and prosperity to the Anglo-American Lodge. As to his Secretarial duties, he would endeavour to carry them out to the satisfaction of all, and in taking up his old post with the quills he felt that it was like an old knight putting on his armour.

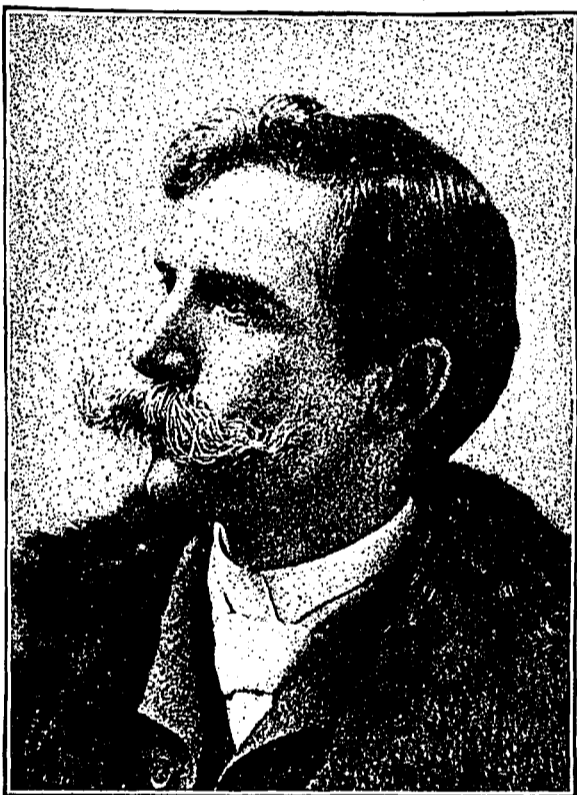
Bros. J. Skinner, F. Jackson, C. O. Burgess, and C. G. Rotter replied. The Tyler's toast brought the evening to a very happy conclusion.

The music, &c., which was highly appreciated, was under the direction of Bro. Herbert W. Schartau, P.G.O. Middx., Organist to the lodge, assisted by Miss Gertrude Snow, Bros. Vivian, Bennetts, McCall Chambers, W. J. Churcher, and Charles Bertram.

The jewel was manufactured by Bro. George Kenning.

Columbia Lodge (No. 2397).—The installation meeting of this lodge was held on the 25th ult., at the Cafe Royal, when there were present: Bros. H. S. Wellcome, acting W.M.; Jessurun, J.W.; Crumplen, S.D.; Van Duzer, I.G.; North, Wedgwood, Brough, Wright, Ingram, Toone, Frigout, Waller, Cooper, Hubbard, Phillips, Chapman, Leader, Johnson, Stevens, and Black. Visitors: Bros. Alderman and Sheriff Joseph Dimsdale, Grand Treas.; Edward Terry, P.G. Treas.; Dr. Lennox Browne, D.G.D.C.; J. Lewis Thomas, P.A.G.D.C.; Jas. Terry, P.G.S.B.; Sec. R.M.B.I.; R. Clay Sudlow, P.G. Std. Br.; W. Bristow, P.G.S.B.; I. Zacharie, P.G.M. California; E. Parga, P.G.M. Columbia. George Low, P.M. Treas., Dr. A. G. Sandberg, I.P.M., S. R. Lovett, P.M. Sec., J. Cooper, S.W., and Harold Imray, all of 3; W. J. Fisher, I.P.M., John Northcut, W.M., Will. Chapman, P.M., W. Nicholl, Charles Townley, P.M., James MacLean, and Major Henry Van der Weyde, all of 2100; Thomas Catling, W.M., Harry Nicholls, I.P.M., and W. A. Baskcomb of 2127; Franklin Clive, W. L. Barrett, and C. M. Lowne of 1319; Herbert Ward; Taylor, 1706; C. Dilly, 1522; Nugent, 820; Valeriani, 1687; Withall, Harmony, Cincinnati; M. Stribling, Asman, and Hill, of 1347; W. Wellsman, 1589; F. H. Cheesewright, W.M. 007; Dr. C. D. Christmas, 2323; Dudley, MacMillan, Cincinnati; Higgs, 2030; C. Gordon, Portland, U.S.A.; and Bradford, 862.

The lodge was opened and the minutes of the regular lodge held on the 28th May having been read and confirmed, Bro. Waller was raised to the Third Degree by Bro. Wellcome in a most impressive manner. Bro. R. Clay Sudlow, P.G. Std. Br., then took the chair and installed Bro. Henry S. Wellcome as W.M. for the ensuing year. The following officers were appointed and invested: Bro. E. Jessurun, S.W.; B. Crumplen, J.W.; Cummings, Treas.; Spratling, Sec.; J. M. Richards, S.D.; Van Duzer, J.D.; Frigout, I.G.; Chapman, D.C.; and Leader, Org. A Past Master's jewel, collar jewel, and gauntlets were presented by the lodge to Bro. Col. J. T. North, the retiring Master.



BRO. HENRY S. WELLCOME,
W.M. OF COLUMBIA LODGE, NO. 2397.

All business having had due attention the brethren retired to the banquet.

The toast of "The Queen and the Craft" was received loyally and with musical honours, when the W.M. proceeded to the next toast, which he said he was sure would receive a measure of support only equalled by that just given to the toast of that noble woman Her Majesty the Queen. The toast was one especially dear to many present from the other side of the Atlantic, but as they were all brethren and loyal brethren, he knew every one would support the toast of the chief magistrate, the estimable gentleman whom all honoured "The President of the United States of America."

The toast of "The M.W. Grand Master, H.R.H. the Prince of Wales," was followed by that of "The Pro Grand Master, the Deputy Grand Master, and the rest of the Grand Officers, Present and Past." The W.M. remarked: We are particularly honoured to-night by the presence of the V.W. the Grand Treasurer, we are all glad to congratulate him on attaining that office which in him we feel has been elevated. We welcome Bro. Lennox Browne and congratulate him on his recent appointment of D.G.D.C.; our old friends who have visited us on previous occasions—Bos. Lewis Thomas, Bristow, P.G.S.B.; Terry, P.G.S.B.; and Sudlow, P.G. Std. Br., all of these brethren we respect and regard. It is a high compliment for them to join with us to-night. I couple with this toast the names of the Grand Treasurer and the Deputy Grand Director of Ceremonies.

The Grand Treasurer replied somewhat at length with an excellent speech, concluding his general remarks by saying that the brethren around the tables had seen the fourth degree excellently managed, and for this he and his fellow Grand Officers were full of appreciation, but they had all seen the other side of Masonry that day. They had seen a raising and an installation and he unhesitatingly stated that seldom, if ever, had either of those functions been done more thoroughly or ably. They had their festive gatherings as Masons and very rightly so, but Masonry was something deeper than that. They all realised that in Masonry there was the foundation of religion, not of a sectarian kind but the unceasing recogni-

tion of the G.A.O.T.U. We have raised our brother to the Third Degree and doubtless he will benefit by it, we have installed our W.M. for the ensuing year, and, as is invariably the case, we have asked T.G.A.O.T.U. that he may be spared with good health to carry out all his important offices to the certain benefit of this lodge and the benefit of Masonry in general.

The toast of "The W.M." was proposed by Bro. Col. J. T. North, I.P.M., who submitted that Bro. Wellcome was undoubtedly the brother who, above all the other members of the Columbia Lodge, everyone was pleased to see in the position he now occupied. Bro. Wellcome always took such an interest in all that was connected with that lodge, that none could exceed him, he would make an expert and excellent Master, and he called on all present to drink as enthusiastically to the toast as he did himself.

The W.M., in responding, thanked the I.P.M. for the terms in which he had proposed his health, and the brethren for the generous support they had given it. It would be his chief effort during the ensuing year to serve faithfully and zealously the Columbia Lodge. All the brethren knew that their purpose and object was the further cementing the good fellowship of American and British brethren, as was shown by the following extract from their second by-law: "The Columbia Lodge is founded with the view of drawing closer together the bonds of union existing between England and America, and to enable the brethren of the two nationalities to meet together for Masonic work under the Grand Lodge of England." America, and, in fact, the whole world, looks to England as the great stronghold of Freemasonry. British pioneers have contributed more than all others in making Masonry universal. Masonic lodges have been formed in nearly every British possession, making it literally true that the sun must always be at its meridian with respect to Freemasonry. At the great Masonic Congress at Chicago last year, the Grand Lodge of England was constantly referred to as the Mother Grand Lodge, and regret expressed that no official representative from the Grand Lodge of England was present. At the Congress he was invited as a Past Master of an English lodge to give a demonstration of the working of our ceremonies. Matters of the greatest interest and instruction were there discussed, amongst others—

What is the creed of a Mason? Of late some serious charges had been made against Masonry and Masonic creeds. As regards the creed of a Mason the conclusion the Congress arrived at was—"An unequivocal belief and trust in God is the fundamental principle upon which the Institution of Freemasonry was founded and must for ever rest." In addressing the Chicago Congress, he told them of the Columbia Lodge and its object, and how glad they should be to greet any of the Masonic brethren who came to London at any time. England and America have a bond of blood brotherhood, and we know that blood is thicker than water. That has been demonstrated between our people again and again. He would not longer detain the brethren, but would say that he very heartily appreciated the compliment they had paid, and the confidence shown in electing him their Master, and in that office he pledged himself to serve them faithfully and conscientiously.

The toast of "The Installing Master" was next proposed. The W.M. said: The ceremony of installation when performed by Bro. Sudlow could not help being impressive. The beautiful features of that beautiful ceremony were brought out most perfectly and impressively. I have often heard the ceremony before, but I have never felt it so deeply impressed on my heart as it has been to-night.

Bro. Sudlow, P.G. Std. Br., responding, remarked: I thank you, W.M. and brethren, most heartily for proposing the health in the Columbia Lodge of the Installing Master. Perhaps one of the most important ceremonial duties that a Mason can be called upon to perform is that of installing a brother into the chair of K.S., but that duty becomes a great pleasure when the brother installed is eminently adapted to fill the high duties he is called upon to carry out as Master of his lodge. You will agree with me that pre-eminently on this occasion I have had that honour. I do not know any Mason in my whole experience of Masonry so well able to take upon himself and to carry through successfully the many duties that devolve upon a Master as our Bro. Wellcome. I say this, brethren of the Columbia Lodge, knowing how very much you expect of your Worshipful Master, through the exceptional duties that fall to the Master of such a lodge as this, but whether it be as an exponent of Masonic ritual, in which Bro. Wellcome has hardly his equal, or as Master of this lodge, and necessarily in your name the giver of hospitality to distinguished Masons who may visit London, you may be sure Bro. Wellcome will fill all requirements.

The toast of "The Past Masters" next followed, and the name of Bro. Colonel J. T. North, I.P.M., the only Past Master present, was coupled with the toast.

Bro. North responded to the toast at length, and during his speech related various Masonic events he had experienced in different parts of the world.

The W.M. claimed attention to one of the most delightful toasts in Masonry, because one of the great features of Masonry is hospitality, and Columbia Lodge has been well famed for this hospitality in receiving visitors. They were that night peculiarly honoured by a number of distinguished brethren who had given them their presence. He asked the members of the lodge to drink cordially to "The Visitors," and invited a response from Bro. Cheesewright, W.M. 007.

The next toast was "The Masonic Charities," coupled with the name of Bro. James Terry.

The toast of "The Officers," given at a very late hour, was responded to by Bros. E. Jessurun, S.W., and Spratling, Sec.

In the course of the banquet a telegram of congratulation on the occasion of the birth of his grandson, heir in direct line to the throne, on the previous Saturday, was sent to the M.W.G.M.

During the evening an excellent programme of vocal and instrumental music and recitations was greatly enjoyed by all present. It was conducted by Bro. Leader, Org., and the artistes who contributed were Bros. Franklin Clive, Harry Nicholls, Will Nichol, W. L. Barrett, F. H. Cheesewright, Leader, Stribling, Asman, Hill, and Taylor.

Royal Arch.

Farringdon Without Chapter (No. 1745).—A meeting of this chapter was held at Anderson's Hotel, Fleet-street, on the 25th ult. Among those present were Comps. E. B. Lane, Mus. Bac., M.E.Z.; J. Young, P.Z., H.; Plummer, J.; Capt. Walls, P.Z., D.G.D.C., S.E.; H. J. Lardner, P.Z., P.P.G. Std. Br., Treas.; T. Simpson, P.Z.; G. Herbert, P.Z.; Nelson Prover, M.A., P.Z.; Dr. Lott, P.Z., P.G. Org. Eng., Org.; and Capt. W. Lurcott. Comp. the Rev. R. C. Fillingham, M.A., was a visitor.

The minutes of the previous convocation having been read and confirmed, Comp. H. Herbert, S.N., was elected Third Principal, and Comp. Capt. Lurcott, S.N. Comp. H. J. Lardner ably installed Comp. Plummer as Second Principal. The following investitures took place: Comps. Capt. Walls, S.E.; Capt. Lurcott, S.N.; H. J. Lardner, P.Z., Treas.; Dr. Lott, Org.; and E. Mallett, P.Z., 1623, Janitor. A Past Principal's jewel was presented to Comp. E. B. Lane, Mus. Bac. The report of the Audit Committee was received and adopted, and a vote of thanks passed with acclamation to the Treasurer for his careful management of the funds. A vote of thanks was given to the Installing Officer, and ordered to be entered on the minutes. Previously to the chapter being closed, a vote of congratulation was passed to the Scribe E. upon his appointment as a Grand Officer of England.

A banquet followed. The toast list was long, but the speeches were commendably brief.

An excellent programme of music was presented, in which Comps. Dr. Lott, E. B. Lane, George Herbert, W. Plummer, and W. Lurcott distinguished themselves. Comp. the Rev. R. C. Fillingham contributed two readings of a vastly diverting character. The proceedings throughout were most enjoyable.

The jewel was manufactured by Comp. George Kenning.

CAMBRIDGE.

Pythagoras Chapter (No. 88).—The half-yearly convocation was held on Tuesday, the 10th inst., at the chapter room, Lion Hotel, and was attended by 26 companions. The Principals were Comps. J. V. Pryor, M.P.Z.; Frank Piggott, H.; and W. P. Spalding, J. Comp. Oliver Papworth, P.Z., officiated as Scribe E. in the place of the late Comp. Andrew Moyes, P.Z., who had died since the last convocation in December. The Principals spoke of their late companions deep attachment to Royal Arch Masonry and of the great loss this chapter had sustained by his death. Bros. Briggs and G. E. Allen (serving brother) were exalted. The work of the Principal Sojourner was ably rendered by Comp. Rev. L. R. Tuttle. The lectures from the Principal's chairs followed, and Comp. B. Chennell, P.Z., described the pedestal. After five guineas had been voted to one of the Masonic Charities, the following were elected the Principals and officers for the ensuing year: Comps. Frank Piggott, M.E.Z.; W. P. Spalding, H.; Rev. L. R. Tuttle, J.; Oliver Papworth, P.Z., Scribe E.; W. B. Sheppard, Scribe N.; T. Hunnybun, Treas.; C. H. Banham, P.S.; W. Sindell, 1st A.S.; Gordon Chennell, 2nd A.S.; W. James, Org.; J. V. Pryor, P.Z., Stwd.; and G. A. Allen, Janitor.

The chapter having been closed, the companions adjourned to banquet.

CHINGFORD.

Warner Chapter (No. 2256).—The regular meeting of this chapter was held on Tuesday, the 10th inst., at the Royal Forest Hotel, Comp. G. W. Knight, M.E.Z., presiding, assisted by Comps. J. Speller, H.; J. J. Briginshaw, J.; and Scoresby-Jackson, I.P.Z. It being election night, the following officers were chosen for the ensuing year: Comps. Speller, M.E.Z.; J. J. Briginshaw, H.; N. Fortescue, J.; Courtney Warner, M.P., Treas.; H. French Bromhead, Scribe E.; E. Whittingham, Scribe N.; Gowen, P.S.; Longmore, 1st Asst. S.; Baillie, 2nd Asst. S.; Hollands, D.C.; Dummett and Brown, Stwds.; Bird, Org.; and J. Ives, Janitor. It was agreed that in future the days of meetings be on the third Tuesdays in November, March, and May. The chapter unanimously decided that a Past Principal's jewel be presented to Comp. G. W. Knight in commemoration of his successful year of office. The chapter was then closed.

After refreshments and the usual loyal and R.A. toasts, the evening was devoted to vocal and instrumental harmony, to which Comps. Knight, Saunders, Dummett, Bird, and Fortescue ably contributed. Comp. W. Shurmer had regretfully written that he was unable to be present, as he had to start that evening for Jersey.

WEST LANCASHIRE MASONIC EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTION.

Under the presidency of Bro. Dr. J. Kellest Smith, P.P.G.R., a meeting of the Court of Governors of the above Institution was held on Friday evening, the 6th inst., at the Masonic Hall, Hope-street, Liverpool. Annual payments, amounting altogether to £225, were unanimously authorised for the education, maintenance, clothing, and advancement in life of the children of deceased Freemasons.

A vote of thanks to Bro. Dr. Smith closed the proceedings.

A final general meeting of the Committee entrusted with the arrangements for the ball which took place this year at the Town Hall, Liverpool, in aid of the Institution, was subsequently held, under the chairmanship of Bro. G. Harradon, P.P.G. Treas.

Bro. J. EDWARDS, P.M. 1182, Hon. Treasurer, submitted the balance-sheet, from which it appeared that the sum of £211 1s. 2d. remained to be handed over on behalf of the Charity.

The Hon. Secretary, Bro. W. RAWSTHORNE, P.M. 1182, subsequently read the usual report with regard to the festival gathering, and, while complimenting several of the lodges on the enthusiasm they had displayed in connection with the scheme, expressed regret that others had shown considerable apathy in the matter.

A cordial vote of thanks was given to Bro. Rawthorne for his valuable services as honorary Secretary, and it was further unanimously resolved that he should be presented with a Life Governorship of the Institution in recognition of those labours.

The balloting then took place for Life Governors from amongst the stewards of the ball, and the proceedings closed with hearty votes of thanks to Bro. Lord Skelmersdale for his presidency and presence at the Town Hall gathering; to Bro. Edwards, to the chairman and others.

Subjoined is a list of the 21 brethren who were successful in the ballot for Life Governorship: Bros. J. H. Murray, 1570; W. Johnson, P.P.G.W.; G. R. Johnson, 216; A. S. Collard, 1025; W. Alston, 2290; P. Armstrong, 724; A. E. Talbot, 1505; J. A. Morris, 1393; E. J. Emmett, 484; W. W. Thomas, 2316; R. Sharrock, P.P.G.S.; James Keirnan, 1609; T. B. Trevitt, 2316; T. S. Tickle, 1264; Howe, 2042; James Callow, 673; Treuce, 594; G. B. Lockett, 32; A. Skeen, 484; J. C. Robinson, 1070; and A. Hepburn, 2316.

Knights Templar.

HAMPTON COURT.

Mount Calvary Encampment (D).—A meeting of this old institution was held at the Mitre Hotel, on the 26th ult., when there were present amongst others: Sir Knights Nelson Prover, M.A., E.C.; W. Maple, 1st Capt.; Rev. R. C. Fillingham, M.A. 2nd Capt.; Capt. T. C. Walls, P.G.C.G., P.E.C., &c., Reg.; Ben. Johnson, C. of L.; Egbert Roberts, Org.; C. Slater, I.P.E.C.; F. W. Driver, M.A., P.E.C.; and H. J. Lardner P.E.C.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed. Apologies for non-attendance were received from Sir Knights Lieut.-Col. F. J. Stohwasser, P.G.S.B., P.E.C., Treas.; W. Paas, P.G.B.B., P.E.C.; G. Graveley, P.E.C.; Lawrence Steele, P.E.C.; Oscar Berry and others.

The encampment was closed and the sir knights adjourned to the banquet which was, as usual, served in Bro. C. Sadler's excellent style. The members were here joined by Bros. J. Young, P.M.; Thomas Simpson, P.M.; T. O. Harding, M.A.; and J. Jackson.

Upon the removal of the cloth, the President gave several toasts. He was particularly happy in his remarks anent "The Visitors," to which toast Bros. J. Young, T. Simpson, T. O. Harding, and J. Jackson duly responded.

The weather, however, was so warm and the rural surroundings of the hotel so pleasant that post-prandial oratory suffered in consequence.

Bro. Egbert Roberts enlivened the proceedings by his vocal gifts, and Bros. F. W. Driver and R. C. Fillingham contributed poetical effusions under extraneous difficulties.

The meeting broke up at an early hour, and the members and their guests were soon speeding from Hampton's pastoral and aquatic beauties to prosaic London's noise and smoke.

Obituary.

BRO. JOHN BURGESS, C.E.

We regret to have to announce the death of Bro. John Burgess, C.E., formerly for many years engineer and manager at the Huddersfield Corporation Gasworks, which took place on the 6th inst., at his residence, Grove Side, Croft House-lane, Marsh. The deceased brother had an attack of paralysis about three years ago and a half ago, and a second attack over two years ago, since which time he had been confined to his house. On the above date he had another seizure, and died as stated. Bro. Burgess was 68 years of age. He had for many years been connected with the public institution of the town, and was one of the Hon. Secretaries in 1863-4-5-6. Bro. Burgess was a member of the Lodge of Truth, No. 521, a Past Master of his lodge, and a Past Provincial Grand Officer of the Province of West Yorkshire. His death is greatly regretted by members of the Craft, by whom he was held in high esteem. Wherever Bro. Burgess was known he was much respected for his integrity of character, his courtesy, and his kindness of heart, and his death will be keenly felt in many quarters.

BRO. EDWARD CLARK.

We regret to announce the death of Bro. Edward Clark, which occurred suddenly in Leicester-square, on Monday last. Our deceased brother was initiated in the St. John's Lodge, No. 167, so far back as January, 1857; joined Industry Lodge, No. 186, in October, 1865; was first Master of the Villiers Lodge, No. 1194; and Past Provincial G.S. of W. Middlesex. His zeal for the Charities was evinced by his having served many Stewardships, besides qualifying several members of his family as Life Governors. His loss will be severely felt by his numerous friends, and we respectfully tender to his sorrowing widow and family our sincere sympathy. The funeral will take place at 12 o'clock to-morrow (Saturday), at Forest Hill Cemetery.

BRO. MAJOR W. E. WILLIAMS.

Freemasonry has lost one of its supporters by the death, on the 7th inst., of Bro. Major W. E. Williams, in the 84th year of his age. He was a Life Governor of the Charities, a founder and Past Master of the St. Martin's le Grand Lodge, and of the Electric Lodge, and a founder and Past Principal of the St. Martin's le Grand Chapter, and the Star Chapter; Past Master of the Cadogan Lodge, and Past Master and Treasurer at the time of his death of the Star Lodge. He leaves three sons, Bros. F. B. Williams, Rev. R. W. Williams, and Major Woolmer Williams, all Past Masters and Past Principals, to mourn his loss. The funeral took place at Highgate, on Wednesday, 11th inst.

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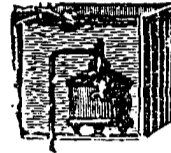
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Bro. Henry Lovegrove, who has been a member of the Royal Institute of British Architects and Surveyors Institution for many years, has been elected a member of the young and flourishing Society of Architects, Piccadilly.

The Grosvenor Club gave their last Ladies' Night of the season on Thursday evening with a very excellent programme, including a new operetta, entitled "New Year's Eve," and a classical concert, conducted by Sir Joseph Barnby, with an orchestra of 40 performers.

Comp. William Patman, of the Good Intent Royal Arch Chapter, Hebden Bridge, who has held the position of Scribe E. for 24 years, has recently been presented with his portrait in oils by his companions of the chapter. Comp. M. King, M.E.Z., made the presentation. A duplicate copy will be placed in the chapter room.

For the benefit of the St. Martin's League, an organisation that conducts a series of rest houses for London postmen, a performance of "A Midsummer Night's Dream," with Mendelssohn's music was given on Wednesday afternoon by Mr. Ben Greet's company, by kind permission of the Hon. William and Mrs. Lowther, at Lowther Lodge, Kensington-gore.

The "Jura-Simplon Railway" of Switzerland announces from their agency in Shaftesbury-avenue that during the months of July, August, and September a saloon dining car will be run between Basle and Lausanne for the convenience and comfort of visitors to the Rhone Valley and Zermatt. This car is constructed with all the latest modern improvements and fitted throughout with electricity.

At a quarterly Court of the Directors and Company of the Bank of England, held on Thursday, it was resolved, on the motion of the Governor (Mr. David Powell), to forward to the Queen an address of congratulation on the birth of a son to the Duke and Duchess of York—an event described as "alike a source of joy and satisfaction to your Majesty and to the nation at large."

Several historic and notable properties have recently come into the market. Three of these will be offered for sale at the London Auction Mart by Messrs. Lumley:—Dunect, the Earl of Crawford's estate in Aberdeenshire; Penicuik, a mansion in Midlothian, with 10 or 11 thousand acres of agricultural and sporting land. The third property is the Kylemore Estate, in County Galway, the property of Mr. Mitchell-Henry; it extends to 14,600 acres.

Bro. F. J. W. Crowe, J.W. 328, Torquay, P. Prov. G. Organist of Devon, was elected a life honorary member of the Bonnie Doon Lodge, No. 565, Patna, Scotland, on the 7th ult. The R.W.M., Bro. M. McB. Thomson, was in the chair, and proposed that the compliment be paid Bro. Crowe, who certainly is well-deserving of any and all such marks of approval of his laborious services on behalf of the Craft. Our esteemed correspondent will attend for affiliation in the autumn, when a warm welcome will be given him.

MASONIC BUILDINGS, LINCOLN.—The foundation-stone of the new rooms intended to be erected in Mint-street, Lincoln, for the accommodation of the Freemasons at Lincoln, has just been laid. The new building will be in the Georgian style, and will have a frontage to Mint-street of over 50 ft. It will be built of specially-made red brick with Ancaster stone dressings. The ground floor will contain two shops, an entrance for the brethren, and a banqueting-hall. In the upstairs portion there will be a room and ante-room and offices for the Prov. Grand Lodge. On the ground floor, also, there is a kitchen for the banqueting-room, and the usual offices.

The annual meeting of the Provincial Grand Lodge of Suffolk was held at the Town Hall, Ipswich, on Thursday, the 12th inst., when Bro. the Right Hon. Lord Henniker, Prov. Grand Master, and Bro. the Rev. C. J. Martyn, Deputy Prov. Grand Master, supported by other Grand and Prov. Grand Officers, were present. As it is now eight years since Provincial Grand Lodge met at Ipswich, a large number of members in the province attended. The church service was held at St. Mary-le-Tower, when the sermon was preached by Bro. the Rev. A. R. Upcher, M.A., Prov. G. Chaplain. The banquet was held in the Council Chamber of the Town Hall.

FARMHOUSE AND COUNTRY LODGINGS IN SOMERSET, DORSET, DEVON, AND CORNWALL.—A nicely illustrated pamphlet, containing a list of farmhouse and country lodgings, hotels, and boarding houses in Somerset, Dorset, Devon, and Cornwall has been issued by the Great Western Railway Company, and copies can be obtained free at the Company's London Receiving Offices, and at Paddington Station and the principal stations throughout the line. The Company's Divisional Superintendents at Paddington, Reading, Bristol, Exeter, Plymouth, Penzance, Swansea, Llanelly, Cardiff, Pontypool Road, Hereford, Worcester, Birmingham, and Chester will forward pamphlets free on application. Copies can also be obtained at Messrs. Smith and Son's bookstalls at the stations on the Great Western Railway, at the price of 1d. each. The pamphlet is published by Messrs. Walter Hill and Co., of 67 and 69, Southampton-row, London, W.C.

NOTABLE PILGRIMAGE.—Dr. J. H. and Miss Graham, of Richmond, have been specially invited to accompany a large party of representative people from all parts of the United States and Canada, on a cruise from New York to the Mediterranean and return during the months of February and March, 1895, by the specially chartered palatial American Line steamer, Friesland (7500 tons). Among the places proposed to be visited are—Bermuda, the Azores, Gibraltar, Malaga, Granada, the Alhambra, Algiers, Malta, Alexandria, Cairo, the Pyramids, Jaffa, Jerusalem, Bethlehem, Bethany, Caifa, Mount Carmel, Beyrout, Rhodes, Smyrna, Ephesus, Constantinople, Piræus, Athens, Messina, Capri, Naples, Rome, &c., including many optional side-trips in Europe, Asia, and Africa. Should Dr. Graham accompany this notable "pilgrimage," a full account of the trip will probably be written by him for publication in book form.

The Speaker's dinner to the clerks and officers of the House of Commons, which invariably marks the near close of the session, has been fixed for Wednesday next.

The Leopold Lodge of Instruction, No. 1571, has adjourned for the summer, and will resume its meetings at the Moorgate Tavern, E.C., on the first Thursday in September.

Bro. J. E. Shand has just been appointed a Registrar for Marriages in the district of St. George, Hanover-square, including Knightsbridge as far West as Kensington Palace, with the Parishes of St. Margaret and St. John Westminster, embodied in the same area.

Bro. Sir Blundell and Lady Maple gave a reception to the members of Committees connected with the Conservative and Unionist party throughout Dulwich and Penge at the Royal Institute Galleries, Piccadilly, on Wednesday evening, which was numerously attended.

The Lutheran conference, which has been holding its sessions in St. Paul during June, did not miss the opportunity of endeavouring to "take a fall" out of Masonry. A resolution condemning all secret societies in general, and Freemasonry in particular, was adopted, though, it may be said to the credit of the Lutherans, that the extremely puerile and silly resolution was adopted by but a small majority vote.—*Masonic Record*.

MASONIC PICNIC.—About 30 members of the St. Kew Lodge, Weston-super-Mare, went for their annual picnic on Thursday, the 5th inst. Starting from Weston in a saloon carriage at 8.47, they proceeded to Chippenham, where they were accommodated with a well-appointed break, and driven to Bowood Park, the seat of the Marquis of Lansdowne. After a row on the lake, luncheon was served, and then the party went through the gardens, conservatories, and stables. More rowing on the lake followed, and also at a later hour a dinner was provided.

LIVERPOOL.—NEW YORK.—Through the foresight of the managers of the great Transatlantic lines, passengers staying at the Adelphi Hotel, Liverpool, may go on board the steamers by special tender an hour before the arrival of the special trains from London, and thus avoid the incidental bustle and confusion. The Adelphi, with its comfort and elegance, and the homeliness and repose to be found there, is a suitable resting place for those on either homeward or outward journeys. The Peak of Derbyshire and Sefton Park, Knowsley, &c., are now in full beauty.

It is proposed to hold a Masonic service on Sunday, the 22nd inst., at St. James's Church, Preston, when a collection will be made on behalf of the West Lancashire Charities. The following officers were appointed: President, Bro. the Right Worshipful the Mayor John Holden, 113; Chairman, Bro. the Rev. T. Barton Spencer, Past Grand Chap. of England; and Hon. Sec., Bro. T. R. Jolly, P.P.G. Treas. A special musical service will be held. It is to be hoped that not only the Masonic body but the general public will attend the service, and help the Benevolent Institutions which so well deserve their support.

THE SOUTH AFRICAN EMPIRE.—An old established journal, printed in London for South Africa, has appeared in a new form, with illustrated title-piece, and white wrapper. The size has been reduced, and the general workmanship greatly improved. The contents are bright, readable, and well-assorted, to meet the needs and tastes of the large number of Colonial readers who desire to be posted week by week on the doings of the Old World, and more particularly on the movement of South African questions and produce in England. The new offices of the paper are at 14, Cockspur-street, W.

Speaking at Brighton, on the occasion of the 96th Anniversary of the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys, Bro. the Right Hon. W. L. Jackson, M.P., Provincial Grand Master of West Yorkshire, expressed his lively pleasure to find that so many prizes had been won by Yorkshire boys, and that the most popular boy in the School was a Yorkshire lad. It may be of interest to mention that the lad in question is a Keighley youth named Willie Hird, son of the late James Walker Hird, a Keighley Craftsman. Young Hird, by the suffrages of his fellow-students at Wood Green, London, has had conferred upon him the Canonbury medal—an artistically bordered spade guinea—which perpetuates this honourable distinction. He has now completed his School term, and returned to Keighley last Saturday with his sister, Mrs. Ambler, who had been singing at the Handel Festival.—*Keighley News*.

The portrait of Bro. Rev. Canon Tristram, presented to him at the annual meeting of the Prov. G. Mark Lodge of Northumberland and Durham, on the 9th inst., was painted by C. Kay Robertson, of Newcastle, and has been accomplished by him with gratifying success. The *Newcastle Daily Chronicle* gives a description of the portrait from which we extract the following: "The artist could hardly have found anywhere a better subject than Canon Tristram—theologian, traveller, naturalist, and archaeologist. There is a vigorous personality about him. His presence and bearing suggest robustness of frame as well as of intellect, and his nature is imbued with a geniality which shines in his countenance. Mr. Robertson's portrait conveys this impression exactly. One sees the same mental and bodily vigour and the kindly aspect that happily belong to the original. It is, in every way, a successful portrait. The figure is three-quarter length and is more than life size. Canon Tristram is seated in the chair as Provincial Grand Mark Master, and is wearing the insignia of his Craft and office. The right side of the head is lightly touched by the open hand, and the left arm and hand rest negligently upon the arm of the chair. The strong pose of the head is remarkably good, and the features are full of life and expression. On the frame is a plate bearing the following inscription: 'Presented to the Rev. Henry Baker Tristram, LL.D., D.D., F.R.S., Canon of Durham, by his Brother Mark Master Masons of the Province of Northumberland and Durham, on the completion of his twenty-first year of rule as Provincial Grand Mark Master. July, 1894.'

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The Lord Chief Justice of England will distribute the prizes at Parmiter's School, Victoria Park, on the afternoon of Friday, the 27th inst.

A large amount of business was got through by the Court of Common Council on Thursday. After the several letters had been read announcing the honours consequent on the opening of the Tower Bridge, Sir Albert Altman eulogised the good services rendered on the occasion by the City and Metropolitan Police, and moved: "That, in token of its approbation, the Court do make a donation of 100 guineas to the Metropolitan and City Police Orphanage." This was unanimously agreed to. As evidence of the utility of the new bridge it was stated that on Monday 1,11,000 persons passed over it, on Tuesday 97,360, and on Wednesday—a wet day—78,390. On Monday the bascules were opened 16 times, on Tuesday 18 times, and on Wednesday 24 times for the purpose of allowing vessels to pass through. The waggon traffic has also been exceedingly large. The election took place of a Secretary of the Guildhall School of Music, Mr. Hilton Carter being eventually appointed.

A funeral service was held at St. Paul's, Knightsbridge, on Thursday for the late Mr. George Stewart Forbes. The body was met at the church-door by the choir and clergy, who preceded the remains to the chancel. The chief mourners were—Mrs. Forbes, the widow; Mr. James and Miss Ida Forbes; and Sir Charles Forbes, his nephew. Among the relations and friends present in church were—Helen Lady Forbes, Major-General Keith Fraser, Miss Fraser, and Mr. Hugh Fraser, M. de Falbe, the Duke of Fife, the Earl and Countess of Dudley, Georgiana Countess of Dudley and Miss Blanche Forbes, the Earl of Chesterfield, Lady Alington, Mr. J. B. and Lady Rose Leigh, Lord William Nevill, Captain Gerard Leigh, Colonel the Hon. Charles and Lady Cecily Gathorne-Hardy, Mr. and Mrs. William James, and others. The remains were afterwards conveyed to Brompton Cemetery for interment. The coffin was hidden in flowers, and the car following the hearse was filled with wreaths and floral tributes.

Recitation is an admirable art, which deserves cultivation among school children; but it is well to check it with the stern facts of orthography and punctuation. Mr. Carrington Ley, one of her Majesty's Inspectors of Schools for Kent, Surrey, and Sussex, mentions in his report that the difference between the declamation of the pupil and the idea he holds of the import of the words when called on to write them down is sometimes considerable. For example, a scholar recited well enough the lines: Where's Harry Blount; Fitz-Eustace, where? Linger ye here, ye hearts of hare?

He was asked to commit the lines to paper, and this is how they appeared:

Where's Harry Blout which used to swear, linger ye here, ye hearts of air.

This shows that the youth had a capital ear for rhythm, but a defective sense of poetic congruity. His kindly suggestion that Harry Blount had reformed testified to his goodness of heart.

Princess Christian opened, in the Jerusalem Chamber, Westminster Abbey, on Thursday, a very attractive bazaar, organised by the South London Association (Rochester Diocesan Society) in aid of Church work on the south side of the Thames. On arrival at the Abbey the Princess, who was attended by Baroness von und zu Egloffstein and Col. the Hon. C. G. C. Eliot, was received by the Dean of Westminster and Miss Bradley and the Bishop of Rochester and Mrs. Randall Davidson, and was presented with a posy of orchids by little Master Elliston. Among those who were present to meet her Royal Highness were Lady Edward Cavendish, Lady Balfour of Burleigh, Lady Mary Glyn, Lady Charlotte Legge, Lady Fowler, Lady Flower, the Hon. Mrs. Eliot, the Hon. Mrs. Swinton, the Hon. Mrs. Leveson-Gower, Mrs. Farrar, and Miss Tait. The Bishop of Rochester briefly thanked the Princess for the interest she had always shown in the extension of Church labours over the water. Princess Christian then said: "It gives me great pleasure to declare this bazaar open, which I hope may be the beginning of very substantial benefit to the cause," proceeding afterwards to inspect the stalls, from which she made extensive purchases. A pretty flower-market, with stands for fruit, butter, eggs, and poultry, was arranged at the approach to the Chamber, and directed by Lady Giffard.

Miss Grace Hawthorne's Complimentary Benefit Matinée promises to be one of the events of the season. It will take place on Thursday, the 19th inst., at the Princess Theatre, Oxford-street, under Royal and distinguished patronage. Already offers to contribute have been received from leading artistes of the Lyric, dramatic and variety stage, including the Meister Glee Singers; the Field Fishers Quartette; Messrs. Tony Pastor, Harry Nicholls, Chas. Bertram, Wm. Nicholl, Philip Torke, Julius H. Norabloom, W. H. Vernon, Stanley Wilson, Chas. Coburn, Geo. Honey, Herbert Sparling, W. C. Rose, Major Burk, Murray Carson, Chas. Lander, Fowler Thatcher, Harry Pleon, Robt. Harwood, Lawrence D'Orsay, Gordon Harvey, William Vokes, and Signor Tito Mattei; Mesdames Otta Brony, Paula Plowitz, Josephine Donat, Kate Santley, Oglia Brandon, Agnes Hewitt, Grace Woodward, Eweretta Lawrence, Susie Vaughan, Nettie Hooper, Dolly Harmer, Marie le Blanc, Little Ruby, Kate Rolla, Annie Goward, Marie Hatton, Marie Luella, Ada Blanche, Rita Ricordo, Florence Daruelli, Millie Lindon, the Chaplin Trio, Annie Sydney, "Emma" Madge Clouston-Foster, Hilda Trevelyan, Anna Ruppert, Violet Russell, Laurie Parly, Meredyth Letts, Harrietta Polini, Eileen Munro, Kate Osborne, Doldres Drummond, Dora, and others. The Baroness D'Adetsdorfer, and the Countess D'Allegri, have also promised to sing. It is hoped that Mdme. Sarah Bernhardt will contribute, though we are requested by Miss Hawthorne to state that the announcement by a contemporary that the great French actress had already promised to do so, is at the least premature. It will be remembered that Miss Grace Hawthorne has played "Theodora" (one of Sarah Bernhardt's greatest creations) in London, at the Princess's Theatre, and in all the provincial towns of note. The fair beneficiary will appear at her benefit, and probably in a new play by one of our leading dramatists. Several society belles and popular actresses have promised their services to sell programmes and flowers. As it is expected that the seating capacity of the Princess's will be taxed to its utmost limit, early application for tickets (especially private boxes and stalls) should be made to Miss Grace Hawthorne, 9, Strand.

MASONIC MEETINGS (Metropolitan)

For the week ending Saturday, July 28, 1894.

The Editor will be glad to receive notice from Secretaries for Craft Lodges, Royal Arch Chapters, Mark Lodges, Rose Croix Chapters, Preceptories, Conclaves, &c., of any change in place, day, or month of meeting.

SATURDAY, JULY 21.

1195, Lewis, King's Arms Hotel, Wood Green. 1329, Sphinx, Surrey Masonic Hall. 2041, West Kent Volunteers, Masonic Hall, Plumstead. 2308, Viator, Anderton's Hotel.

MARK LODGE.

420, Crystal Palace, Royal Crystal Palace.

LODGES AND CHAPTERS OF INSTRUCTION.

Alexandra Palace, Station Hotel, Camberwell New-road, at 7.30. Caliswick, Windsor Castle Hotel, King-st., Hammersmith, at 7.30. Duke of Connaught, The Lord Stanley, Paragon-road, Hackney, at 8. Ebury, Grapes Tavern, 123, High-street, Brough, S.E., at 8. Eccleston, Windsor Castle Restaurant, Victoria Station, S.W. Finsbury Park, Cock Tavern, at 8. King Harold, Four Swans, Waltham Cross, at 7. Manchester, Old King's Head, Euston-road, at 8. Percy, Jolly Farmers, Southgate-road, N., at 8. Star, Dover Castle, Broadway, Deptford, S.E., at 7. Urban, Freemasons' Hall. Vitruvian, Duke of Albany Hotel, Kitto-road, St. Katherine's-park, Hatcham, S.E., at 7.30. Mount Sinai Chapter, Red Lion Ho., 14, King-st., Regent-st., W., 8.

MONDAY, JULY 23.

MARK LODGE.

1632, Stuart, Surrey Masonic Hall.

LODGES AND CHAPTERS OF INSTRUCTION.

Carnarvon, Manchester Hotel, Aldersgate-street, at 5.30. Coborn, Eagle Hotel, Snaresbrook, at 8. Cripplegate, Goldsmiths' Arms, Gutter-lane, at 6.30. Eleanor, Rose and Crown, High Cross, Tottenham, at 8. Friars, The White Horse, 94, White Horse-lane, Mile End-rd., E., at 8. Hyde Park, Prince of Wales Hotel, Eastbourne-terr., Bishop's-rd., Paddington, at 8. Kingsland, Cock Tavern, Highbury, N., at 8.30. Marquess of Ripon, Lord Stanley, Paragon-road, Mare-st., at 8. Metropolitan, Moorgate Tavern, 15, Finsbury-pavement, at 7.30. Neptune, Gauden Hotel, Clapham, S.W., at 7.30. Perseverance, Old Parr's Head, Doctors-commons, E.C., at 7. Rose of Denmark, L. & S.W.R. Institute, Wandsworth-rd., 7.30. Royal Arthur, Prince of Wales Hotel (opposite Wimbledon Railway Station), at 7.30. Royal Commemoration, Railway Hotel, Putney, at 8. St. James's Union, St. James's Restaurant (Piccadilly entrance) St. Luke's, Victoria Tavern, Gertrude-street, Chelsea, at 8. St. Mark's, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell New-road. St. Michael's, Norland Arms, Addison-rd., North, Uxbridge-rd., 8. Sincerity, Railway Tavern, Fenchurch-street, at 8. Stockwell, White Hart, Abchurch-lane, E.C., at 6. Tysen-Amherst, Amherst Club, Amherst-road, Hackney, 2nd and 4th Mon., at 8. United Military, Earl of Chatham, Thomas-st., Woolwich, 7.30. Upper Norwood, White Hart Hotel, Church-rd., Upper Norwood, 8. Upton, Three Nuns Hotel, Aldgate, E., at 8. Walthamstow, The Chequers, High-street, Walthamstow, at 8. Wellington, White Swan Hotel, High-street, Deptford, at 8. Zetland, York and Albany, Park-street, Regent's Park, at 8. Doric Chapter, Duke's Head, 79, Whitechapel-road, at 6. Hope Chapter, Globe Tavern, Royal Hill, Greenwich, at 8. Lewis Chapter, King's Arms Hotel, Wood Green, N., at 8. North London Chapter, Grosvenor Hotel, Canonbury, at 7.30.

TUESDAY, JULY 24.

Finance Committee Girls' School at Freemasons' Hall, at 5 p.m.

ROYAL ARCH CHAPTER.

592, Hornsey, Anderton's Hotel.

MARK LODGE.

232, Borough of Greenwich, William the Fourth Hotel.

WEDNESDAY, JULY 25.

MARK LODGE.

753, Prince Frederick William, Frascati Restaurant. 754, High Cross, Seven Sisters Hotel, Tottenham. 808, Temperance-in-the-East, Assembly Rooms, Poplar. 1309, Royal Arthur, Prince of Wales' Hotel, Wimbledon.

ROYAL ARCH CHAPTER.

13, Union Waterloo, Freemasons' Hall, Plumstead.

MARK LODGE.

13, Hiram, Greyhound Hotel, Richmond.

LODGES AND CHAPTERS OF INSTRUCTION.

Brixton, Prince Regent, Dulwich-road, Herne Hill, S.E. at 5. Capper, City Arms, St. Mary Axe, at 6. Clarence and Avondale, Masonic Hall, Leytonstone E., at 8. Constitutional, Bedford Hotel, Southampton Buildings, at 7. Chaucer, The Old White Hart, High-street, Borough, at 8. Clarence, Midland Grand Hotel, St. Pancras Station, at 7.30. Corinthian, George Hotel, Cubitt Town, Poplar, at 8. Domatic, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell New-road, at 7.30. Duke of Cornwall, Queen's Arms, Queen-street, Chapside, at 7. Earl of Lathom, Joiner's Arms, Denmark Hill, S.E., at 8. Egyptian, Salutation, Newgate-street, at 7. Emblematic, St. James's Restaurant, Piccadilly, at 8. Enfield, Rose and Crown, Church-street, Edmonton, at 8. Excelsior, Commercial Dock Tavern, Plough-rd., Rotherhithe, 8. Faith, Victoria Mansions Restaurant, Victoria-street, S.W., at 8. Finsbury, The Bell Hotel, Old Bailey, at 7. Florence Nightingale, M.H., William-street, Woolwich, 2nd and 4th Tues., at 7.10. Hendon, Railway Hotel, West Hampstead, N.W., at 8. Islington, Cock Tavern, Highbury, at 7.30. Joppa, Boundary Tavern, Aldersgate-street, E.C., at 7.30. Kensington, Scarsdale Arms, Edwardes-square, Kensington, 8. Mount Edgucumbe, Havelock Arms, Naylor-road, Asylum-road, Peckham, at 8. Nelson, Star and Garter, Powis-street, Woolwich, at 8. New Cross, Chester Arms, Albany-street, N.W., at 8. New Finsbury Park, Hornsey Wood Tav., Finsbury Park, at 8. Pilgrim (German language), Guildhall Tavern, Gresham-street E.C., 1st and 3rd Tues., at 6.30. Prince Frederick William, Eagle Tavern, Clifton-road, Maida Vale, at 8. Richmond, Station Hotel, Richmond, at 8.30. Royal Naval College, Greenwich Hospital Schools, at 8. Robert Burns, Frascati Restaurant, Oxford-street W. South Middlesex, Beaumont House, Waltham Green, S.W., at 7.30. Southwark, Sir Garnet Wolesey, Rotherhithe New-road, at 8. St. George's, New Cross Hall, 8. St. Kew, Masonic Hall, Weston-Sup-r-Mare, at 8. [at 8. St. Leonard's, Bedford Hotel, Victoria Park-rd., South Hackney, Wandsworth, St. Mark's School-room, Battersea Rise, S.W., 8. Yarborough, Green Dragon, Steppney, at 8. Camden Chapter, The Moorgate, Moorgate-street, at 8. Earl of Carnarvon Chapter, Ladbroke Hall, Notting Hill, at 8. Metropolitan Chapter, White Hart, Abchurch-lane, at 6.30. Kintore Mark Lodge, Stirling Castle Hotel, Camberwell Green, S.E., at 8.

THURSDAY, JULY 26.

General Committee Girls' School, at Freemasons' Hall, at 5.

LODGES AND CHAPTERS OF INSTRUCTION.

Beaconsfield, Chequers Hotel, High-street, Walthamstow, at 8. Bromley St. Leonard, Bromley Vestry Hall, Bow-road, at 8. Confidence, Swan's Nest, Great Swan-alley, Moorgate-st., E.C., at 7. Crays Valley, National Schoolroom, St. Mary Cray, at 8. Dalhousie, Lord Stanley, Paragon-road, Mare-street, Hackney, Doric, Moorgate Tavern, Moorgate-street, at 8. Duke of Albany, Masons' Arms, 169, Battersea-park-road, at 8. Duke of Connaught, Royal Edward Hotel, Triangle, Hackney, E. Fidelity, Alfred Tavern, Roman-road, Barnsbury, N., at 8. Gallery, Press Club, Wine Office court, Fleet-street, at 7. Guelph, Plough and Harrow, Leytonstone-road, E., at 8. Hammersmith, Board Room, Bath and Wash-house Co., Black-road, Hammersmith, at 7. Langthorne, Angel Hotel, Ilford, at 8. La Tolerance, Frascati Restaurant, 32, Oxford-st., at 8. Londesborough, Berkeley Arms, John-street, Mayfair, at 8. London Scottish Rifles, Albert Hotel, Victoria-st., S.W., at 8.30. Merchant Navy, Town Hall, Limehouse, 7.30. Mittham, Vestry Hall, Mittham, at 8. Mount Lebanon, Half-Moon Hotel, Boro', at 7.30. New Concord, Jolly Farmers, Southgate-road, N., at 8. Palmure, Balham Hotel, Balham, at 7.30. Plucknett, Bald-faced Stag, East Finchley, at 7.45. Prosperity, Old Parr's Head, Knight-ridge-street, Doctors Commons, at 7. Pythagorean, Portland Hotel, Greenwich, at 8. Ravensbourne, Rising Sun, Rushey Green, Catford, at 8. Royal Jubilee, The Crown, Lambeth-road, S.E., at 8. Royal Oak, Lord Clyde, Wotton-road, Deptford, at 8. St. Leonard, Fr. of Wales Hotel, Bishop's-road, Victoria Park, 8. Southgate, Railway Hotel, New Southgate, at 8. Strong Mar, Blue Anchor, 164, Fenchurch-street, E.C., at 6.30. Temperance in the East, Greenwich Pensioner, Bow-lane, Poplar, at 7.30. United Mariners, Duke of Albany Hotel, Kitto-road, Nunhead. United Strength, Hope Tavern, Stanhope-st., Euston-road, at 8. Wanderers, Victoria Mansions Restaurant, Victoria-street, S.W., at 7.30. Warrant Officers, 35, St. Martin's-street, W.C., at 7. Westbourne, The Prince Alfred, 112, Queen's-road, Bayswater, at 8. Whittington, Red Lion, Poppin's-court, Fleet-street, at 8. Academic Chapter, Bush Hotel, Shepherd's Bush, W., at 8. Dramatic Chapter, St. James's Restaurant, Piccadilly, W., at 8. Camden Mark Lodge, Earl Russell, Pancras-road, King's Cross, 8.

FRIDAY, JULY 27.

Council Boys' School, at Freemasons' Hall, at 4.

LODGES AND CHAPTERS OF INSTRUCTION.

Belgrave, Albion Tavern, Russell-street, Covent Garden, at 8. Burdett-Coutts, Swan Tavern, New Bethnal Green-road, at 8. Burgoyne, Coach and Horses, 348, Clapham-road, S.W., at 7.30. Covent Garden, Criterion, Piccadilly, at 8. Creation, Bush Hotel, Shepherd's Bush, W., 8. Crescent, King's Head Hotel, Twickenham, at 8.30. Derby Alcroft, Midland Grand Hotel, at 8. Duke of Edinburgh, Eastern Hotel, Commercial Road, Limehouse E., at 7.30. Elliot, Railway Hotel, Feltham. Harrow, Waterloo Arms, High-street, Marylebone, at 8. High Cross, Coach and Horses, High-road, Tottenham, at 8. Higgin, Falkland Arms, Falkland-road, N.W., at 8. Hornsey, White Hart Masonic Rooms, Lewisham, S.E., at 8. Ivy, Railway Tavern, Battersea Rise, S.W., at 8. Justice, Brown Bear, High-street, Deptford, at 8. Kent, King and Queen, Norton Folgate, at 8. Montefiore, St. James's Restaurant, Piccadilly, at 8. Perfect Ashlar, Bridge House Hotel, Southwark, at 7. Priory, Berrymead Priory, Acton, at 8.15. Royal Albert, White Hart Hotel, Abchurch Lane, at 7.30. Royal Savoy, Criterion, Piccadilly, at 8.30. St. John's, Court House, Harlesden, N.W., at 7.30. St. John's, Queen Victoria Tavern, Exmouth-st., Stepney, at 8. Sir Hugh Myddelton, Star and Garter, Upper-st., Islington, at 8. Southern Star, Sir Sydney Smith, Chester-street, Kennington, 8. The Great City, M.H., Masons'-avenue, E.C., at 6.30. Treagar, The Cheshire Cheese, Crutched Friars, E.C., at 7.30. Union Waterloo, Earl of Chatham, Thomas-street, Woolwich, Victo. a Park, George Tavern, Broadway, Stratford, at 7.30. Chaucer Chapter, George Hotel, High-street, Borough, S.E., at 8. Clapton Chapter, Three Sisters Hotel, Hackney Downs, at 8. Industry Chapter, Prince Regent, Dulwich-road, Herne Hill, at 8. North London Chapter, Cock Tavern, Highbury, at 8.

SATURDAY, JULY 13.

MARK LODGE.

1397, West Kent, Crystal Palace.

LODGES AND CHAPTERS OF INSTRUCTION.

Albion, Swan's Nest, Great Swan-alley, E.C., at 7. All Saints, Town Hall, Poplar, at 7.30. Beacontree, Green Man, Leytonstone, at 8. Clapton, Great Eastern Hotel, Liverpool-street, E.C., at 7. Crusaders, Northampton Arms, Goswell-road, at 8.30. Earl of Carnarvon, Egin Hotel, Ladbroke-grove, Notting-hill, 8. Earl of Zetland, Royal Edward Hotel, Triangle, Hackney, at 7. Emulation, Freemasons' Hall, at 6. Euphrates, Green Man, Mansell-street, Whitechapel, E., at 8. Gavel Club, Freemasons' Tavern, at 8. Henley, Three Crowns, North Woolwich, at 8. Kennington, Horns Tavern, Kennington Park, S.E., at 8. Lewis, Fishmongers' Arms, High-street, Wood Green, at 7.30. Loyalty, Private Rooms, 206, Mare-street, Hackney, at 8. Metropolitan (Victoria), Portugal Hotel, Fleet-street, at 7. Queen's Westminster, Criterion, Piccadilly, W., at 8. Ranelagh, Six Bells, Queen-street, Hammersmith, W., at 8. Royal Standard, Castle Tavern, 81, Holloway-road, at 8. Royal Alfred, Star and Garter, Kew Bridge, at 8. St. Ambrose, St. James's Restaurant, Piccadilly, at 8. St. James's, Gregorian Arms, Jamaica-road, S.E., at 8. Savage Club, Savage Club, Adelphi-terrace, at 6. Selwyn, Montpellier Tavern, Choumert-road, Peckham, at 8. Stability, Masons' Hall Tavern, Masons'-avenue, at 6. Temperance, Railway Tavern, New Cross-road, at 8. The Abbey, The Town Hall, Westminster, 7.30 till 9.30. United Pilgrims, Surrey M.H., Camberwell New-road, at 7.30. Woodgrange, Princess Alice Hotel, Forest Gate, E., at 7. Eastern Star Chapter, Hercules Tavern, Leadon-hill-reet, and 4th Fri., at 7. Hornsey Chapter, Prince of Wales Hotel, Eastbourne-terrace, Bishop's-road, Paddington, W., at 8. Lily of Richmond Chapter, Greyhound Hotel, Richmond, at 8. Mount Zion Chapter, Royal Edward Hotel, Triangle, Hackney, 2nd and 4th Fri., at 7.30. Pythagorean Chapter, Dover Castle, Broadway, Deptford, at 8. Star Chapter, Stirling Castle Hotel, Church-st., Camberwell, 8. Strawberry Hill Chapter, Greyhound Hotel, R.C.M.O.d. S.W.

MASONIC MEETINGS (Provincial)

For the week ending Saturday, July 28, 1894.

The following is a list of Towns in which the Lodges, &c., whose numbers are appended, meet at the dates given,

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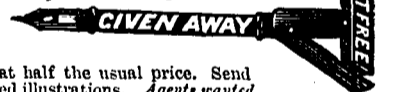
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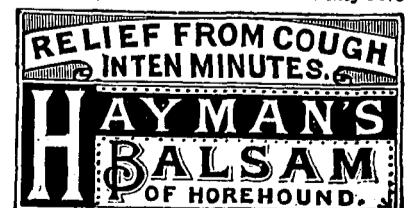
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