

THE FREEMASON.

The Organ of the Craft, a Weekly Record of Progress in
FREEMASONRY, LITERATURE, SCIENCE AND ART

REPORTS OF THE GRAND LODGES ARE PUBLISHED WITH THE SPECIAL SANCTION OF
HIS ROYAL HIGHNESS THE PRINCE OF WALES, THE M.W. GRAND MASTER OF ENGLAND; HIS GRACE THE DUKE OF ABERCORN, M.W. GRAND MASTER OF IRELAND
SIR CHARLES DALRYMPLE, M.W. GRAND MASTER OF SCOTLAND; AND THE GRAND MASTERS
OF MANY FOREIGN GRAND LODGES.

VOL. XXXIV. NO. 1356.]

SATURDAY, MARCH 2, 1895.

[PRICE 3d.]

UNITED GRAND LODGE.

We publish elsewhere quite a formidable programme of business to be transacted at the Quarterly Communication which will be held on Wednesday, the 6th instant. We announced last week that Grand Lodge will be opened, as it was last year, at the hour of 2 p.m., but the time between 2.30 p.m. and 7.15 p.m. will be occupied in taking the votes for the candidates for the office of Grand Treasurer. After the latter hour the regular business will be proceeded with, the most important matter being included in the Report of the Board of General Purposes, which recommends that for the future the powers, which are now delegated to the Board of General Purposes and the Colonial Board separately, should be conferred on one Board only, with authority "to appoint from amongst its own members a Committee for the superintendence and direction of colonial matters, or for other specific objects; the duties of any committee so to be appointed to be defined by the General Board to whom all their proceedings must be reported for approval and adoption." It is contended that by this arrangement the control of the General Board will be more complete, and therefore more effective, and it is suggested that, in the event of Grand Lodge being inclined to entertain the recommendation, the subject should be again referred to the Board, with a view to enabling it to submit to Grand Lodge at its Quarterly Communication in June the details of the proposed arrangements, and any change that may be thought desirable in the constitution of the Board. We do not see that any reasonable objection can be raised to the proposal. We assume that the new Board will be possessed of all the powers now vested in the Board of General Purposes, plus those of the Colonial Board, and as the former already has a number of Sub-Committees, which deal in the first instance with the questions submitted to them, the formation of an additional Sub-Committee for the consideration of Colonial matters is in the nature of a detail, which is unlikely to provoke serious discussion. It is, moreover, a recommendation which possesses the great merit of simplicity, nor do we think there will be any great difficulty in constructing a new Board out of the present General and Colonial Boards. At all events, as the principle of the recommendation is unobjectionable, it will be time enough to look critically into the manner in which it is proposed to be carried, when the Board submits the details of its scheme to Grand Lodge in June next. There will also be laid before Grand Lodge for its sanction the alterations in the laws of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution, which were agreed to at the Special General Meeting of the Governors and Subscribers, held on the 13th ultimo. After these have been dealt with there will come a series of four appeals against the decisions of the authorities, either local or general. The nature of these appeals may be gathered from the agenda, but those who desire a closer insight into the circumstances of each may inspect the papers relating to them in the Grand Secretary's office during office hours. It may be as well to mention once again that the candidates for the office of Grand Treasurer are Bro. C. W. HUDSON, P.M. Royal York Lodge, No. 315, Brighton; Bro. Alderman W. VAUGHAN MORGAN, P.M. Burlington Lodge, No. 96, London; and Bro. W. M. STILES, P.M. Strand Lodge, No. 1987, London. It may also be as well to mention that the Master, Wardens, and Past Masters of any lodge which may have failed to make the return to the Grand Secretary prescribed by Article 179 of the Book of Constitutions are excluded by Article 180 from attending Grand Lodge, and will be unable to record their votes for the candidate of their choice.

THE FESTIVAL OF THE ROYAL MASONIC BENEVOLENT INSTITUTION.

It speaks well for the popularity of the Chairman and the zeal and energy of the Stewards and staff of the Charity that the Festival held at Freemasons' Tavern on Wednesday, on behalf of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution, should have proved so great a success. The times are not propitious for the accumulation of big subscriptions. For a long time past there has been a considerable amount of distress in agricultural districts, and trade generally has not been flourishing. Add to this, the suffering caused by the exceptional severity of the present winter and the many calls which that suffering has rendered necessary upon the pockets of the benevolent, and we have at once the strongest of reasons for being gratified with a result which, for several months, has been looked forward to with the keenest anxiety, not unmingled with fear, that after all the efforts which have been put forward, the total subscribed might fall short of the amount necessary for the year's requirements. However, all doubts are now at rest. In the course of the evening, Bro. TERRY, the

Secretary of the Institution, announced that the subscriptions obtained by the Board of Stewards amounted to £14,113 6s., of which London, by the hands of 171 Stewards, contributed £7220 6s., and the Provinces, represented by 152 Stewards, £6893, there being still 11 lists to be accounted for. The chief feature of the subscription list is the generous support which Bro. VISCOUNT DUNGARVAN, the chairman of the evening, received from his Province of Somersetshire. We have mentioned on sundry occasions that our Somerset brethren were specially exerting themselves in support of his lordship's chairmanship, and they now have their reward in the knowledge that of the total raised by the represented Provinces, not far short of one-fourth was contributed by them. As we furnish elsewhere a full report of the proceedings in Freemasons' Tavern, and a careful Analysis of the Returns, we shall content ourselves with expressing here the pleasure we experience at so marked a success, and congratulating the noble chairman, his Province of Somersetshire, the Board of Stewards generally, and Bro. TERRY and his staff on a result which is in the highest degree creditable to all who had a hand in bringing it about. May future Festivals, whenever held under similarly depressing circumstances, prove equally successful!

MASONIC DINING.

The *Sunday Times*, quite recently, and other more influential papers during the last decade, have, from time to time, devoted a little surplus energy to criticism of Freemasonry. This criticism, we are bound to admit, has been, so far as we know, uniformly fair and above board, and hence, whether we like it or not, to be told our faults by such critics is really good for us.

The *Sunday Times* suggests that "much sunshine of Royal patronage has perhaps somewhat enervated its constitution," and maintains that "British Freemasonry would be none the worse if there were less and simpler dining, and more determined Brotherhood and friendship among members of the Craft."

With regard to the first, we think Royal patronage ought to have quite the contrary effect. The second is a sentiment which every true Mason will endorse; but as very many lodges nowadays provide no better fare than the members would get at their own homes, and others dispense with the banquet altogether, it is hardly right to condemn the many for the sins of a comparatively small section of the Craft. "Simpler dining" may mean in the provinces that to pander to the chimerical fads of every would-be reformer, a brother who resides a few miles out of town must leave his business at three instead of six o'clock, in order that he may dine at home. We suppose a man must have his dinner, but the worst feature of the complaint against Masonic dining is that it is Masonic. For this absurd reason we are invited to believe that dining at home or at one's club is justifiable, but that the very same act at a Masonic lodge is a sin! The average Englishman enjoys his dinner. He is apt to think of it sometimes when perhaps other duties are supposed to claim his undivided attention. We do not say that all Masons think as much of the real work of Masonry as they do of the relaxation of the supper-table; but the "eating and drinking" cry is very much exaggerated. It is on a par with the hot poker, and, like it, will find believers whatever may be said to the contrary.

We fail, however, to see that there would be any "more determined Brotherhood and friendship among members of the Craft" if "there were less and simpler dining." It seems to us that a Mason who upholds the tenets and principles of the Fraternity will not be likely to regulate feelings of Brotherhood and Friendship according to laws gastronomic. Nevertheless, we are confident in the assertion that when those two Masonic duties are really wanting amongst the members of our lodges, Freemasonry must give way to a more honest Brotherhood, and we are far from having any fear on that score.

ANNUAL FESTIVAL OF THE ROYAL MASONIC BENEVOLENT INSTITUTION.

The annual festival of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution for Aged Freemasons and the Widows of Freemasons, was held on Wednesday evening, at Freemasons' Tavern, under the presidency of Viscount Dungarvan, R.W. Prov. Grand Master for Somersetshire. There was a very large attendance of brethren and ladies, and a strong support of the Right Worshipful Chairman by brethren of his own province, headed by their Dep. Prov. Grand Master, Bro. Richard C. Else, P.G.D. The Grand and Past Grand Officers were not so numerous as usual, but those who were present were Bros. Richard Eve, Horace Brooks Marshall, W. F. Smithson, C. E. Keyser, John A. Farnfield, Dr. H. J. Strong, Frederick Mead, Edward Letchworth, Col. Alfred Thrale Perkins, F. R. W. Hedges, A. C. Spaul, and James Terry. The ladies were entertained at a separate dinner.

At the close of the dinner the customary list of toasts were gone through.

After the toast of "The Queen,"

Bro. Viscount DUNGARVAN gave that of "The Prince and Princess of Wales and the other Members of the Royal Family." He observed that there was an old song in this country to the effect that "Britannia rules the waves." The Grand Master had gone abroad to join his yacht the Britannia. Let them hope that that Britannia would rule the waves. In alluding to this toast, he need scarcely say he had to allude to her Royal Highness the Princess of Wales. Unfortunately during the last few months this country had not seen much of her. She had been abroad to do what women always did—to sympathise with others in a great blow which had fallen on a foreign country.

Viscount DUNGARVAN, in proposing the "Pro G.M.," &c., wished the Earl of Lathom better health than he had been having lately. In proposing "The Earl of Mount Edgcumbe, R.W. Deputy Grand Master, and the rest of the Grand Officers, Present and Past," his Lordship said the name of Mount Edgcumbe was associated with the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution in a very happy manner, as the brethren well knew. He might say he had seen more Grand Officers at these gatherings than there were at this festival, but the prevailing epidemic which was flying about everywhere, was accountable for the absence of a great many, but those who were there, had, in the past, supported the Institution, and in the future he was sure it might always rely upon their generosity.

Bro. HORACE BROOKS MARSHALL, P.G.T., responded, and said the toast was deservedly popular on account of the grand services the brethren included in it had rendered to the Craft. He could boast of no such services; his services to the Craft were simply confined to introducing as an initiate his son to his mother lodge, and he had no greater pride than to have seen his son work until he received the highest honour that lodge could confer on him. It had been his (the speaker's) and his son's privilege to serve the office of Steward of each of the Masonic Charities every year since the date of their initiation—(loud cheers)—and they hoped, if the Great Architect permitted, to continue to serve the office until they were summoned to the Grand Lodge above. That, he thought, was the best record they could give of their earnest desire to promote the best interests of those bright and glorious jewels in the diadem of Freemasonry, the three great Masonic Institutions, of which all the brethren, individually and collectively, were justly proud.

Bro. Viscount DUNGARVAN then said epidemics were the order of the day—(laughter)—and as usual, after dinner the epidemic of speaking had set in with all its virulence; and therefore he must claim the brethren's attention while he asked them to drink in bumpers "Success to the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution for aged Freemasons and the Widows of Freemasons." (Cheers.) He knew he had only to mention the toast to secure the brethren's attention. He had been speaking to the brethren some time past, but he could not find what he had to say, and he had looked up the *Freemason* to see what former speakers had to say on the subject. (Laughter.) First of all he found they prefaced their addresses by saying there was nothing new to say about that toast, and he must say he agreed with them rather, because that was his own conviction. He, however, was in a position to say something new, because he was told by the Committee of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution that it was their intention to place five more male annuitants on the list. (Cheers.) That was something new, and it was certainly good news to be appreciated by those who were fortunate enough to be taken on the list, and also a thing on which the brethren could congratulate themselves—the generosity of the Committee, and their ability to do this. The toast was one which, for himself, he had great pleasure to rise and propose. Nothing was happier to him, because in this country, the country of Englishmen, they were brought up as young men to glory in their youth, and also told to respect their elders and their betters. They did this even when they went to foreign countries—to India, to Africa—they did not forget the old folks at home. He had the pleasure on Tuesday of going down to the Institution at Croydon, and making the acquaintance of the Old People. They were all well. He was staggered when one of the members of the Committee who took him enquired of one of the residents if she was well; she said that, though 80 years of age, she was well, and that the cold weather had done her a lot of good. (Laughter.) There was no sign of ill-health there. But the great thing about the Institution was that the brethren could say about their Charities that they were not like other Charities, because those they assisted who failed in life through no fault of their own were enabled to pass their declining years comfortably, as he witnessed on Tuesday, happily, and had lived, and tried to die honourably. (Applause.)

Bro. JOHN A. FARNFIELD, P.A.G.D.C., Treasurer of the Institution, in acknowledging the toast, said: His lordship has mentioned to you, brethren, that the Committee intend to increase the number of male annuitants by five at the ensuing election. We shall then have 240 widows receiving the annuity, 200 men, and 33 widows receiving half their late husbands' annuities, to give them an opportunity of being elected themselves. That has been achieved by the kindness of Masons in the past, and I trust that when our good Secretary announces the total of the subscriptions to-night the Committee will feel that they have rightly anticipated the amount of your lists, and that you will not allow them to over-run the constable, but that they may look with confidence at what you were going to give them. So far as I myself know—and I am not quite in the secret—I may look at the happy face of the Secretary and say that success is assured, and therefore I have, on behalf of the executive, to thank you for giving us ease for the present year. If you were on the executive and knew what it was to have bad times come you would pity us. Fortunately we are not in need of your pity for the present year, and therefore permit me to thank you, on behalf of the executive, most heartily. (Cheers.)

Bro. J. TERRY, P.G.S.B., Secretary, then read the following lists:

STEWARDS' LISTS.

Lodge		£	s.	d.	Lodge		£	s.	d.
	LONDON.				19	Bro. J. H. Whadcoat	21	0	0
1	Bro. Joseph Rock...	43	1	0	21	W. Sutton	27	5	0
2	Col. Fred. C. Keyser,				25	W. P. Barnsdall			
	C.B.	21	0	0	26	C. M. Handfield-			
4	Robt. L. Devonshire...	26	5	0		Jones	10	10	0
5	L. M. Cantlon	51	6	0	28	C. W. Carrell	27	6	0
8	Thos. Y. Strachan	10	10	0	33	J. H. W. Davies	55	12	0
9	E. Stratton Gerrish...	76	5	0	45	Arthur M. Whitby...	64	1	0
10	H. Louis Florence	29	6	0	46	George D. Lister	47	5	0
12	J. W. Ryland	31	10	0	58	Edwin Fox	108	3	0
14	Leonard S. M'Manus,				60	A. H. Debenham	38	17	0
	M.D.	10	10	0	63	George Mickley	53	11	0
15	A. White	51	9	0	73	Henry Hart	40	19	0

Chapter	£ s. d.	Chapter	£ s. d.
73 Comp. John Beddoes ...	21 0 0	142 Comp. the Rev. H. A. Hebb ...	15 15 0
Lodge		Lodge	
87 Bro. I. J. Holmes...	35 0 0	144 Bro. B. Bridgman ...	36 15 0
99 " H. J. P. Dumas ...	50 0 0	147 " Sam. Vickers ...	80 16 0
101 " Thos. E. Taylor ...	36 15 0	162 " Geo. V. A. Schofield ...	21 0 0
Chapter		171 " H. G. Harper ...	58 16 0
142 Comp. the Rev. H. A. Hebb ...	15 15 0	174 " W. M. Butcher ...	53 4 0
Lodge		177 " W. E. Wigmore ...	157 10 0
144 Bro. B. Bridgman ...	36 15 0	180 " W. P. Brownswort ...	42 0 0
147 " Sam. Vickers ...	80 16 0	188 " M. Siegenberg ...	39 9 0
162 " Geo. V. A. Schofield ...	21 0 0	192 " J. Smith ...	60 18 0
171 " H. G. Harper ...	58 16 0	193 " John W. Simeons ...	71 18 6
174 " W. M. Butcher ...	53 4 0	197 " G. Lancelot Eyles ...	36 15 0
177 " W. E. Wigmore ...	157 10 0	205 " Barnett Marcus ...	41 4 6
180 " W. P. Brownswort ...	42 0 0	228 " G. R. Lambert ...	104 7 6
188 " M. Siegenberg ...	39 9 0	236 " J. A. Farnfield ...	29 5 0
192 " J. Smith ...	60 18 0	259 " A. Cooper ...	17 17 0
193 " John W. Simeons ...	71 18 6	435 " A. Schwerzl ...	52 10 0
197 " G. Lancelot Eyles ...	36 15 0	534 " E. Ed. Gellowski ...	10 10 0
205 " Barnett Marcus ...	41 4 6	538 " W. Hooker ...	59 17 0
228 " G. R. Lambert ...	104 7 6	552 " S. H. Lathom ...	110 15 6
236 " J. A. Farnfield ...	29 5 0	Chapter	
259 " A. Cooper ...	17 17 0	554 Comp. H. T. Speck ...	21 14 0
435 " A. Schwerzl ...	52 10 0	Lodge	
534 " E. Ed. Gellowski ...	10 10 0	569 Bro. J. H. Hawkins ...	85 1 0
538 " W. Hooker ...	59 17 0	720 " J. Sparks ...	31 10 0
552 " S. H. Lathom ...	110 15 6	781 " G. J. Anderson ...	52 10 0
Chapter		813 " J. Downing ...	63 0 0
554 Comp. H. T. Speck ...	21 14 0	822 " T. O. Belshaw ...	41 0 0
Lodge		857 " E. G. S. Anderson ...	34 18 6
569 Bro. J. H. Hawkins ...	85 1 0	871 " J. J. Pakes ...	14 3 6
720 " J. Sparks ...	31 10 0	907 " F. H. Cheesewright ...	65 0 0
781 " G. J. Anderson ...	52 10 0	957 " Wilson R. Bentley ...	36 15 0
813 " J. Downing ...	63 0 0	1178 " James O'Dea ...	190 0 0
822 " T. O. Belshaw ...	41 0 0	1228 " L. J. Powter ...	47 5 0
857 " E. G. S. Anderson ...	34 18 6	1228 " W. S. Emden ...	47 5 0
871 " J. J. Pakes ...	14 3 6	1260 " E. G. Packman ...	65 1 6
907 " F. H. Cheesewright ...	65 0 0	1260 " A. F. Roberts ...	21 0 0
957 " Wilson R. Bentley ...	36 15 0	1288 " W. J. Pocklington...	115 4 0
1178 " James O'Dea ...	190 0 0	1261 " J. E. Carver ...	45 3 0
1228 " L. J. Powter ...	47 5 0	1306 " William Harper ...	171 18 0
1228 " W. S. Emden ...	47 5 0	1319 " W. S. Penley ...	103 15 0
1260 " E. G. Packman ...	65 1 6	1320 " T. R. Cass ...	105 0 0
1260 " A. F. Roberts ...	21 0 0	1329 " J. C. Reynolds ...	52 10 0
1288 " W. J. Pocklington...	115 4 0	1348 " Walter A. Harvey ...	23 7 0
1261 " J. E. Carver ...	45 3 0	1365 " F. J. Thayer ...	10 10 0
1306 " William Harper ...	171 18 0	1366 " P. Parn Walkden ...	101 15 6
1319 " W. S. Penley ...	103 15 0	1383 " Alfred H. Bevan ...	92 17 0
1320 " T. R. Cass ...	105 0 0	1420 " R. Q. Moody ...	55 13 0
1329 " J. C. Reynolds ...	52 10 0	1471 " Arthur Cox ...	64 1 0
1348 " Walter A. Harvey ...	23 7 0	Chapter	
1365 " F. J. Thayer ...	10 10 0	1471 Comp. W. E. Sutton ...	39 13 0
1366 " P. Parn Walkden ...	101 15 6	1507 " W. M. Stiles ...	13 13 0
1383 " Alfred H. Bevan ...	92 17 0	Lodge	
1420 " R. Q. Moody ...	55 13 0	1530 Bro. W. G. Cannon ...	130 0 0
1471 " Arthur Cox ...	64 1 0	1563 " H. Fonseca ...	105 0 0
Chapter		1599 " Enos Howes ...	46 14 6
1471 Comp. W. E. Sutton ...	39 13 0	1601 " R. D. Heckel's ...	10 10 0
1507 " W. M. Stiles ...	13 13 0	1610 " Hon. Sir W. R. Kennedy ...	10 10 0
Lodge		1614 " J. W. Belsham ...	42 15 0
1530 Bro. W. G. Cannon ...	130 0 0	1627 " E. E. Poward ...	37 16 0
1563 " H. Fonseca ...	105 0 0	1632 " W. R. Barr ...	16 16 0
1599 " Enos Howes ...	46 14 6	1642 " John H. Rutherglen ...	10 10 0
1601 " R. D. Heckel's ...	10 10 0	1670 " Francis Gosny ...	115 10 0
1610 " Hon. Sir W. R. Kennedy ...	10 10 0	Lodge of Instruction	
1614 " J. W. Belsham ...	42 15 0	1677 Bro. Fred. Humphreys ...	36 15 0
1627 " E. E. Poward ...	37 16 0	Lodge	
1632 " W. R. Barr ...	16 16 0	1687 Bro. Alfred E. Clements...	44 2 0
1642 " John H. Rutherglen ...	10 10 0	1695 " Robt. Colwell ...	15 15 0
1670 " Francis Gosny ...	115 10 0	1704 " Robt. T. Whaites ...	36 15 0
Lodge of Instruction		1708 " Geo. J. Austin ...	10 10 0
1677 Bro. Fred. Humphreys ...	36 15 0	1716 " Fras. J. Waterson ...	42 14 6
Lodge		1745 " J. Daniel Webb ...	136 10 0
1687 Bro. Alfred E. Clements...	44 2 0	1768 " A. W. I uret (see also Kent) ...	36 15 0
1695 " Robt. Colwell ...	15 15 0	1816 " Alfred Reed ...	55 1 6
1704 " Robt. T. Whaites ...	36 15 0	1853 " Frank Griffith ...	15 15 0
1708 " Geo. J. Austin ...	10 10 0	1903 " C. J. Chase ...	26 15 6
1716 " Fras. J. Waterson ...	42 14 6	1964 " Capt. W. Surcott ...	128 2 0
1745 " J. Daniel Webb ...	136 10 0	1968 " Walter Hopekirk ...	34 13 0
1768 " A. W. I uret (see also Kent) ...	36 15 0	2033 " Robert Bryant ...	30 0 0
1816 " Alfred Reed ...	55 1 6	2060 " Jules Oppenheim ...	27 4 0
1853 " Frank Griffith ...	15 15 0	2150 " John C. Radford ...	36 15 0
1903 " C. J. Chase ...	26 15 6	2168 " J. W. Dixon ...	159 1 6
1964 " Capt. W. Surcott ...	128 2 0	2192 " Herbert Sprake ...	105 10 0
1968 " Walter Hopekirk ...	34 13 0	2202 " George Lane ...	21 0 0
2033 " Robert Bryant ...	30 0 0	2242 " C. C. Paine ...	82 8 6
2060 " Jules Oppenheim ...	27 4 0	2291 " Robert Fielder ...	135 0 0
2150 " John C. Radford ...	36 15 0	2332 " W. H. Barney ...	183 15 0
2168 " J. W. Dixon ...	159 1 6	2347 " Hon. Sir Stafford Northcote, M.P. ...	21 0 0
2192 " Herbert Sprake ...	105 10 0	2377 " Henry L. Wellcome ...	120 15 0
2202 " George Lane ...	21 0 0	2398 " C. O. Burgess ...	52 10 0
2242 " C. C. Paine ...	82 8 6	2408 " T. Sanson Preston...	34 13 0
2291 " Robert Fielder ...	135 0 0	2409 " A. R. Trew ...	170 0 0
2332 " W. H. Barney ...	183 15 0	2409 " Robt. T. W. Tucker...	—
2347 " Hon. Sir Stafford Northcote, M.P. ...	21 0 0	2409 " Alex. Robertson ...	—
2377 " Henry L. Wellcome ...	120 15 0	2409 " Fred. J. Brown ...	—
2398 " C. O. Burgess ...	52 10 0	2409 " Richard Box ...	—
2408 " T. Sanson Preston...	34 13 0	2410 " Jacob Pickett, M.D. ...	41 9 6
2409 " A. R. Trew ...	170 0 0	2426 " Samuel Wright ...	48 0 6
2409 " Robt. T. W. Tucker...	—	2427 " Wm. Lawrence ...	57 17 6
2409 " Alex. Robertson ...	—	2432 " George Ransford ...	37 5 6
2409 " Fred. J. Brown ...	—	2454 " W. H. Thomas ...	50 0 6
2409 " Richard Box ...	—	2484 " A. S. Hatchett-Jones ...	173 5 0
2410 " Jacob Pickett, M.D. ...	41 9 6	2509 " J. M. McLeod (see also Derbyshire) ...	47 5 0
2426 " Samuel Wright ...	48 0 6	2535 " Major Clifford Probyn ...	—
2427 " Wm. Lawrence ...	57 17 6	UNATTACHED.	
2432 " George Ransford ...	37 5 6	Bro. H. B. Marshall, J.P. ...	10 10 0
2454 " W. H. Thomas ...	50 0 6	" H. B. Marshall, jun., M.A. ...	10 10 0
2484 " A. S. Hatchett-Jones ...	173 5 0	" Anthony Nutt ...	10 10 0
2509 " J. M. McLeod (see also Derbyshire) ...	47 5 0	" W. Baddeley ...	—
2535 " Major Clifford Probyn ...	—	" G. R. Beardmore ...	10 10 0
UNATTACHED.		" W. B. Fendick ...	10 10 0

£ s. d.	£ s. d.
Bro. H. Whitney ...	44 12 6
" W. Webber ...	10 10 0
" Frank R. Kenning ...	21 0 0
" C. F. Pailthorpe ...	15 15 0
" W. B. Williamson ...	10 10 0
" S. J. Attenborough ...	10 10 0
" Charles Wakefield ...	10 10 0
" Walter H. Stone ...	21 0 0
" P. E. Singer ...	10 10 0
" George Harlow ...	10 10 0
" W. H. Bailey ...	63 0 0
" J. B. Daniell ...	10 10 0
" George E. Fairchild ...	31 10 0
" *W. Fitch ...	—
" Capt. C. J. Knightley ...	26 5 0
" H. Kemp ...	12 12 0
" H. Luff ...	10 10 0
" Fred. Mead ...	33 12 0
" H. J. Strong ...	15 15 0
" James Terry ...	179 0 0
" Harry F. Coard ...	10 10 0
" James E. Terry ...	10 10 0
" Surg.-Capt. W. Kiddle...	10 10 0
" *George Vexley ...	—
LADIES.	
Mrs. *W. G. Cannon ...	—
Miss *A. M. Cannon ...	—
" *M. A. Cannon ...	—
" *M. E. Cannon ...	—
" *L. N. Cannon ...	—
" *N. G. Cannon ...	—
" *Mary Elworthy ...	—
Mrs. John Wood ...	5 5 0
Miss E. H. Ramsey ...	5 5 0
Mrs. F. S. Guy ...	5 5 0
" W. F. Smithson ...	—
LEWISES.	
*G. A. Cannon ...	—
*K. W. Cannon ...	—
*A. C. Cannon ...	—
*W. V. Cannon ...	—
*L. C. Cannon ...	—
THE PROVINCES.	
BEDFORDSHIRE.	
Lodge	
803 Bro. W. Chaundler ...	43 1 0
BERKSHIRE.	
574 " C. E. Keyser ...	134 1 0
945 " Geo. H. Morland ...	63 0 0
2235 " C. Belton ...	10 10 0
2437 " A. C. A. Higerty ...	59 17 0
2460 " F. Kedge ...	173 0 0
BRISTOL.	
Unattached	
Lt.-Col. J. R. Bramble ...	10 10 0
BUCKINGHAMSHIRE.	
Lodge	
948 " E. H. Wagstaff ...	31 10 0
2262 " *J. Cannon ...	—
2262 " *Geo. E. Cannon ...	—
2420 " G. A. Sims ...	10 10 0
Unattached	
J. Stephens ...	10 10 0
CUMBERLAND & WESTMORLAND.	
The Province	
W. F. Lamony ...	102 18 0
DERBYSHIRE.	
The Province	
Bro. W. H. Marsden, J.P. ...	105 0 0
Lodge	
253 Bro. Abraham S. Flint ...	36 15 0
731 " W. W. Heywood ...	52 10 0
804 " H. Slater ...	40 0 0
884 " J. M. McLeod (see also 2509 London) ...	10 10 0
1085 " William Hart ...	52 10 0
DOXSETSHIRE.	
Prov. G. Lodge & Prov. G. Chapter)	
Bro. S. B. Baskett ...	105 0 0
DURHAM.	
The Province	
Bro. Gen. Lea Woolley ...	315 0 0
Lodge	
1862 " E. S. Cockell ...	15 15 0
ESSEX.	
433 Bro. J. E. Wiseman ...	10 10 0
453 " H. A. Jager ...	28 17 6
1003 " Thomas Hood ...	78 15 0
1343 " F. S. Grey ...	15 15 0
1437 " W. D. Child ...	42 0 0
2005 " George H. Finch ...	36 15 9
2184 " Joseph Cohen ...	15 15 0
2477 " Gustavus Batt ...	35 9 6
2501 " H. E. Herman ...	50 0 0
Unattached	
Bro. James Speller ...	10 10 0
GLOUCESTERSHIRE.	
Lodge	
82 Bro. J. W. Drew ...	10 10 0
Chapter	
82 Comp. the Rev. P. Hattersley-Smith ...	23 1 0
Lodge	
839 Bro. W. B. Wood ...	10 10 0
HAMPSHIRE AND ISLE OF WIGHT.	
76 Bro. E. Walter Ward ...	77 0 0
Chapter	
1331 Comp. Mr. Sergeant W. A. Milne ...	24 10 0
Lodge	
1428 and 2063 Bro. W. Miller ...	40 0 6

HERTFORDSHIRE.				772 Bro. M. H. Stead ... 18 14 0			
403 Bro. Col. H. Daniell ... 65 16 0	814 " Arthur Hart ... 31 10 0	973 " A. G. Hayman ... 68 5 0	973 " A. Duckett ... 115 10 0				
1580 " F. W. Robinson ... 105 5 0	976 " T. O. Bennett ... 1197 " H. J. Van Trump ... 31 10 0	1199 " William Reece ... 100 0 0	1222 " Francis Blackman ... 63 0 0				
2054 " Major F. Lerner ... 21 0 0	1750 " Henry Amos ... 36 15 0	1755 " William Rice ... 63 0 0	1831 " David Stallworthy ... 63 0 0				
2086 " R. E. F. Lander ... 16 19 6	1953 " G. Bailey Toms ... 105 0 0	1966 " J. S. Haddon ... 2390 " Walter Ludlow ... Unattached	Bro. R. C. E's, D.P.G.M. 138 2 0				
2323 " John Larkin ... 49 7 0			" Lt.-Col. A. T. Perkins 63 0 0				
2372 " Dr. W. P. Warren ... 69 6 0			STAFFORDSHIRE.				
2518 " Charles E. Kevser (see also Berkshire) 131 5 0			Lodge 539 Bro. Alfred Dawsbury ... 89 5 0				
Unattached Bro. W. J. Crutch ... KENT.			SUFFOLK.				
Lodge 127 Bro. Edwin Crosoer ... 120 15 0			71 Bro. W. J. Wilton ... 157 10 0				
299 " W. J. Judge ... 35 15 0			Chapter 71 Comp. Capt. H. W. Elwes 22 1 0				
299 " W. J. Light ... 31 10 0			Lodge 114 Bro. Thomas B. Read ... 115 10 0				
299 " W. Greig ... 21 0 0			305 " T. A. Woodroffe ... 68 5 0				
615 " W. H. Keeble ... 26 5 0			376 " Thos. Thwaites ... 73 10 0				
709 " John Creary ... also 1768, London) —			376 " Frank Long ... 52 10 0				
1223 " A. W. Duret (see also 1768, London) —			599 " W. B. Hanson ... 1008 Bro. J. Campbell Smith ... 115 10 0				
Unattached Bro. F. H. Hallett ... 16 5 6			1452 " J. W. Brooke ... 50 0 0				
LANCASHIRE (EAST DIVISION).			SURREY.				
Lodge 345 Bro. J. E. Kenyon ...			416 Bro. W. Llewellyn Evans ... 34 2 0				
Unattached Bro. J. Heelis ... 10 10 0			777 " Richard Eve ... 10 10 0				
" C. D. Cheetham ... 10 10 0			777 " Chas. Cheel ... 24 18 6				
LANCASHIRE (WEST DIVISION).			1046 " Herbert Sloman ... 21 10 0				
Chapter 613 Comp. C. Watson ... 10 10 0			1981 " R. S. Cobden ... 10 10 0				
Lodge 1051 Bro. Capt. C. H. Garnett ... 15 15 0			2222 " John Ellinger ... 40 19 0				
2109 " T. Thornhill Shann ... 105 0 0			2317 " Chas. F. Passmore ... 25 4 0				
2109 " J. H. Wells ... —			Unattached Bro. H. M. Hobbs ... 10 10 0				
2109 " G. Broadbent ...			SUSSEX.				
LEICESTERSHIRE AND RUTLAND.			Lodge 41 Bro. G. H. Gize ... 36 15 0				
The Province Bro. H. Howe ... 289 16 0			315 " W. E. Nash ... 21 0 0				
MIDDLESEX.			733 " Joseph H. Smith ... 63 0 9				
Lodge 708 " R. M. Meyer ... 40 17 0			916 " W. E. Morrison ... 35 13 0				
1637 " J. Bartlett ... 33 12 0			1110 " F. B. Sutton ... 10 10 0				
1897 " Louis Mantell ... 21 0 0			1110 " Fred. Dive ... 21 0 0				
2536 " W. H. Gardner ... 73 10 0			1465 " John Gray Clarke ... 42 11 6				
2536 " R. G. Ball ...			1636 " John Wood ... 21 0 0				
2536 " R. Fox Warner ... —			1726 " H. L. Stafforth ... 36 15 0				
NORTH WALES.			1821 " John Sayers ...				
755 " J. Porter ... 21 0 0			2434 " John Henry Wright ...				
1309 " David Davies ... 10 10 0			WARWICKSHIRE.				
1674 " T. Coxhead ... 15 15 0			Lodge 739 Bro. Charles Lamsdale ...				
Unattached Bro. S. Beresford ...			Unattached Bro. T. R. Arter ... 10 10 0				
NORTHANTS AND HUNTS.			YORKSHIRE (W.D.)				
Lodge 2380 Bro. A. F. Mulliner ... 10 10 0			Bro. Rt. Hon. W. L. Jackson, M.P., P.G.M.				
NOTTINGHAMSHIRE.			Lodge 154 " George H. Parke ...				
Lodge and Chapter 411 Bro. A. Page ... 107 12 6			290 " W. Pick Raynor ...				
OXFORDSHIRE.			306 " W. Blackburn ...				
Lodge 357 Bro. Harry Collison ...			810 " Joseph Harrison ...				
599 " W. R. Croper ... 10 10 0			904 " Fred. Cleaves ... 441 0 0				
1036 " Austin Welch ... 10 12 0			974 " Edward Linck ...				
SHROPSHIRE.			1102 " William Wilson ...				
Bro. Sir Offley Wakeman, Bart., P.G.M. ... 63 0 0			1231 " Thos. G. Howell ...				
1621 " W. L. Southwell ... } 52 10 0			1239 " M. J. Dodworth ...				
1621 " Rev. H. K. S. Southwell ... }			1574 " Joe Sykes ...				
SOMERSETSHIRE.			2491 " Jos. Jackman ...				
Prov. G. Lodge.			Unattached Bro. H. G. E. Green ...				
VISCOUNT DUNGARVAN, P.G.M. (Chairman) ... 246 15 0			" W. F. Smithson ...				
Lodge 41 Bro. C. W. Rodway ... 63 0 0			MALTA.				
51 " Basil A. Dyer ... 107 6 0			Bro. W. E. Cook ... 36 15 0				
135 " W. T. Baker ... 45 0 0			SOUTH AFRICA.				
201 " A. Hammett ... 52 10 0			Bro. John E. Green ... 10 10 0				
285 " Thomas Parker ... 44 2 0							
291 " Alfred E. Burnett ... 66 3 0							
329 " Benjamin Whitby ... 36 15 0							
379 " E. E. Phillips ... 21 4 6							
437 " Reg. R. Hutchings ... 42 10 6							
446 " E. A. Crosse ... 31 10 0							

SUMMARY OF THE PROVINCES.			
	£	s.	d.
Bedfordshire ...	43	1	0
Berkshire ...	440	8	0
Bristol ...	10	10	0
Buckinghamshire ...	52	10	0
Cumberland and Westmorland ...	102	18	0
Derbyshire ...	297	5	0
Dorsetshire ...	105	0	0
Durham ...	330	15	0
Essex ...	324	7	0
Gloucestershire ...	44	1	0
Hampshire and Isle of Wight ...	142	5	6
Hertfordshire ...	449	18	6
Kent ...	252	10	6
Lancashire (East Division) ...	21	0	0
" (West Division) ...	131	5	0
171 STEWARDS—LONDON			
152 STEWARDS—PROVINCES			
323 GRAND TOTAL	£14,113	6	0

	£	s.	d.
Leicestershire and Rutland ...	289	16	0
Middlesex ...	168	19	0
North Wales ...	47	5	0
Northants and Hunts ...	10	10	0
Nottinghamshire ...	107	12	6
Oxfordshire ...	21	2	0
Shropshire ...	115	10	0
Somersetshire ...	1654	2	6
Staffordshire ...	89	5	0
Suffolk ...	654	16	0
Surrey ...	178	3	6
Sussex ...	309	4	6
Warwickshire ...	10	10	0
Yorkshire (W.D.) ...	441	0	0
Foreign Stations ...	47	5	0
£7220	6	0	
£6893	0	0	

SUMMARY OF THE PROVINCES.

	£	s.	d.		£	s.	d.
Bedfordshire	...	43	1 0	Leicestershire and Rutland	...	289	16 0
Berkshire	...	440	8 0	Middlesex	...	168	19 0
Bristol	...	10	10 0	North Wales	...	47	5 0
Buckinghamshire	...	52	10 0	Northants and Hunts	...	10	10 0
Cumberland and Westmorland	...	102	18 0	Nottinghamshire	...	107	12 6
Derbyshire	...	297	5 0	Oxfordshire	...	21	2 0
Dorsetshire	...	105	0 0	Shropshire	...	115	10 0
Durham	...	330	15 0	Somersetshire	...	1654	2 6
Essex	...	324	7 0	Staffordshire	...	89	5 0
Gloucestershire	...	44	1 0	Suffolk	...	654	16 0
Hampshire and Isle of Wight	...	142	5 6	Surrey	...	178	3 6
Hertfordshire	...	449	18 6	Sussex	...	309	4 6
Kent	...	252	10 6	Warwickshire	...	10	10 0
Lancashire (East Division)	...	21	0 0	Yorkshire (W.D.)	...	441	0 0
" (West Division)	...	131	5 0	Foreign Stations	...	47	5 0
171 STEWARDS—LONDON	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
152 STEWARDS—PROVINCES	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
323 GRAND TOTAL	...	...	...	...	...	...	...

Bro. RICHARD EVE, P.G. Treas., proposed "The Chairman." After the excellent lists which had been announced, the duty that had fallen on him was comparatively light. His duty was one of a pleasurable character—to propose "The Health of my Lord Viscount Dungarvan," the President of the evening. The brethren were delighted to see his lordship there for the first time as the President of one of their great Institutions. They were gratified at the result which had been shown. They noted at once the fact that Somersetshire had never had a larger sum sent up for any of the Institutions than had been placed on the list of the Somersetshire men who had come up to support their Right Worshipful Grand Master. (Applause.) Lord Durgarvan was a popular head; he was popular and beloved in his province, and how Somersetshire Masons supported their Grand Master

was shown by the results. The brethren congratulated his lordship upon the success of this Festival; they felt the thanks of the fraternity were due to him for taking the position of Chairman, and as this was the first opportunity he had had of presiding at one of the great Charities of Freemasonry; they trusted it might not be the last. Lord Durgarvan had done so well that day that they trusted he might exceed himself in all future endeavours to support the great Institutions of the Masonic Order.

Bro. Viscount DUNGARVAN, in reply, said there were few more difficult things one had to do than to return thanks when his health was drunk. But first he had to say he was extremely grateful to the brethren of his province who had supported him on this occasion—not only because they had beaten the record in the province to which he belonged, but by coming there in person, for he told them not long ago, nothing would be more pleasing to him than to take the chair and to see faces well known and familiar to him. He begged to thank them one and all for the support they had given him. They had heard from Bro. Terry the instance of a Masonic family who had ably supported that Institution. He (Lord Durgarvan) was not himself a family man. He did not know whether in his Province such a family existed, but he should use his best endeavours to find out, and then he should do what a Provincial Grand Master had a right to do—insist on their supporting the Masonic Institutions. (Laughter.) The good example was worth something, and it in the future he should have members of his family, he should insist on every one of them being on the list of that Institution. (Applause.)

Bro. EDWARD LETCHWORTH, Grand Secretary, said as a member of the Committee of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution who had listened with the greatest delight to the munificent announcement made by their Secretary, Bro. Terry, it afforded him peculiar pleasure to submit to the brethren the next toast. It had been his privilege for 18 years to be officially connected with the members of the House Committee of the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls. The Royal Masonic Institution for Boys last year did him the great honour of electing him their Treasurer. He had therefore had peculiar opportunities of forming an opinion of the manner in which these Institutions were conducted, and it gave him the greatest pleasure to testify to the admirable way in which those Institutions were managed, and to the good work they were doing. In their support of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution, the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls, and the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys, they were animated by one desire—to promote as far as possible the interest of all those Charities; they had no preference; they had only a friendly rivalry—to do the best they could for all. He could only express the hope that when the time had arrived for the Festivals of the other two Institutions, a success might be achieved equal to that which had been announced that night, and that the liberality and generosity which had been extended to this magnificent Charity might not be withheld from them.

Bro. F. R. W. HEDGES, P.G.S.B., Secretary Royal Masonic Institution for Girls, replied. He said, in rising to acknowledge the kindness with which the toast had been received, he trusted he might be first allowed, on behalf of the Boys' and the Girls' Schools, to tender to the Benevolent Institution his most sincere and hearty congratulations on the very splendid amount which had been announced, and which must have relieved that Institution of any anxiety from a financial point of view for the coming 12 months; and the Board of Stewards were most heartily to be congratulated on that highly successful termination to their very arduous labours. He thanked the brethren for the way in which they had that night pledged themselves to the success of the other Masonic Institutions. He was not for one minute going to ask the brethren to believe that either of those Institutions was doing a greater work or a work more deserving of their assistance and sympathy than the Benevolent Institution; but he did most sincerely say he claimed that they were doing a work equally good, and equally deserving of the brethren's kind help and support; and he could only echo the wishes that the proposer of that toast had given utterance to—that when the Festivals of those two Institutions took place they might prove to be in no way behind the glorious result which had been achieved that evening. They had heard that the Festival of the Boys' School would take place in July, when the Provincial Grand Master for Cheshire would take the chair. He was quite sure that had not Bro. McLeod, the Secretary of the Boys' School, been engaged in attending and waiting upon the ladies as Ladies' Steward in the outer room, he would have been in the hall to plead on behalf of his Institution. With reference to the Girls', the only priority he (Bro. Hedges) was going to ask was that, as the Festival of that Institution would be first in order of time, they would kindly give that Institution their first consideration and then extend it in equal proportion to the other Institution. The Festival of the Girls' School would take place on May 8th, when the Deputy Grand Master, the Earl of Mount Edgumbe, Prov. Grand Master for Cornwall, would preside. And he sincerely trusted that having now done the best they could for the Benevolent Institution, they would look towards the Girls' and render them an equal support. There was only one other point he felt it his duty to occupy time upon for a moment, and that was to say that his anxiety had been somewhat great at present for the success of that festival, and at the present moment the Board of Stewards, or rather the brethren who had enrolled their names as Stewards, were considerably behind the number of the two preceding years at the same date; but he was happy to say there was time before them, and he trusted he was not making this appeal in vain, but that the brethren would enable him to enroll such a Board of Stewards as should bring forth such a successful result as they had heard that night.

Bro. J. MORRISON MCLEOD, Secretary of Royal Masonic Institution for Boys, in answer to loud calls for him, explained that as a Ladies' Steward he should be unable to be in the hall during the evening. As a Steward, he could only hope it was an augury of good work in the future, and that the Boys and Girls would have equal support.

Bro. A. C. SPAULL, P.G.S.B., in a few words proposed "The Stewards," 323 of whom were on the list, and who could not have achieved the success they had had that night without very great labour.

Bro. R. C. ELSE, Deputy Prov. G.M. for Somersetshire, President of the Board of Stewards, replied, and said every lodge and chapter in his province was represented.

Bro. Col. ALFRED THRALE PERKINS, P.G.D., proposed "The Ladies," and Bro. PARK replied.

The brethren then joined the ladies in the Temple, where a concert was given, under the direction of Bro. Charles E. Tinney, P.M. 1319, Organist 173 and 1196. The performers were Madame Clara Leighton, soprano; Miss Minnie Chamberlain, mezz. soprano; Miss Lena Seymour, contralto; Bro. William Davies, tenor; Mr. Fred. Frampton, humorous;

Miss Nettie Atkinson, violinist; *The Dilettante Quartette*; Bro. James A. Brown, alto; Bro. Edward Dalzell, tenor; Bro. Fred. Bevan, Baritone and Bro. Robert Hilton, basso. At the pianoforte: Bros. William Davies and Charles E. Tinney. Bro. Morley, 2501, was toastmaster.

ANALYSIS OF THE RETURNS.

Whether we take them on their own merits or by comparison with those of former years, we shall find the Returns for the Festival on Wednesday in every way to be commended. The great point, however, to be considered is that a very substantial increase has been made on the proceeds of the Festival in 1894, when, including the amount of £1260 paid for a Perpetual Presentation to the Male Fund of the Institution, a total of upwards of £13,000 was ultimately reached, the Board of Stewards who succeeded in raising that amount being 299. On Wednesday the Board mustered in all 323 ladies, lewises, and brethren, and the sum total of their lists was £14,113 6s.—all the genuine outcome of the canvass by the brethren who undertook the duty of Stewards for the occasion. Be it our present task to see how the labour of accomplishing this task was distributed between town and country, and how and to what extent some brethren were more successful in the performance of their duties than others.

LONDON

was represented by 171 Stewards, of whom 11 were ladies and five Lewises, and the amount they had the satisfaction of compiling was £7220 6s. The number of Masonic bodies which assisted in the good work was 113 lodges, one lodge of instruction, and five Royal Arch chapters, one of the lodges being represented by two and one by five Stewards, while the number of Unattached—exclusive of the ladies and Lewises already specified—was 30. Those having the satisfaction of returning amounts varying from £100 and upwards are as follows: Bro. James O'Dea, who acted for the Perfect Ashlar Lodge, No. 1178, and had the supreme satisfaction of heading the list with the very acceptable sum of £190. Not far behind him will be found Bro. W. H. Barney, of the Borough of Greenwich Lodge, No. 2332, with £183 15s. Standing next in order of priority is the redoubtable Secretary of the Institution, Bro. James Terry, who, as often happens, acted entirely upon his own account, and compiled the goodly list of £179. Standing next on the list is Bro. A. S. Hatchett Jones, hailing from the 2nd Middlesex Artillery Lodge, No. 2484, who, though the body he represented has not yet completed the second year of its existence, was able to raise the sum of £173 5s. St. John's Lodge, No. 1306, with Bro. William Harper in charge of its interests, compiled the total of £171 18s., and was followed by the Woodgrange Lodge, No. 2409, whose active Steward was Bro. A. R. Trew its first W.M. Bro. Trew, with four other members to assist him, succeeding in obtaining £170. Bro. J. W. Dixon, representing the Derby Allcroft Lodge, No. 2166, has £159 1s. 6d. to his credit, and Bro. W. E. Wigmore, Domestic Lodge, No. 177, £157 10s. We then find a group of three—Bro. J. D. Webb, Farringdon Without Lodge, No. 1745, with £136 10s.; Bro. Robert Fielder, of the West Ham Abbey Lodge, No. 2231, with £135, and Bro. W. G. Cannon, of the Surrey Lodge, No. 1539, with £130. As regards the last of this group it is a pleasure to record that this is the second time Bro. Cannon has taken a conspicuous part in our Festival proceedings, the previous occasion having been at the Boys' School Festival of last year, when he represented the Dagmar Lodge, No. 2262, Wraybury, Bucks, and took up a list of £115 10s. What, however, is chiefly remarkable in connection with Bro. Cannon's lists is that they are family compilations, Bro. and Mrs. Cannon, with seven male and five lady Cannons being the contributors to Wednesday's list; while in June last, the family was represented to the extent of 13 only. We feel sure that Bro. Terry must have been delighted at being peppered with such useful cannonballs as were discharged at him on this occasion, and we trust that for the sake of our Institutions, as well as for the renown of the Cannon family, many future Festival lists may contain equally strong evidence of the good-will and generosity of the latter. Bro. Captain W. Lurcott, of the Clerkenwell Lodge, No. 1364, was close up with Bro. Cannon with a total of £128 2s., and he is followed by Bro. Wellcome, of the Columbian Lodge, No. 2397, with £120 15s. The next in order were Bro. Francis Gosnay, who was Steward for the Adelphi Lodge, No. 1670, and compiled £115 10s., and Bro. M. J. Pocklington, Finsbury Park Lodge, No. 1288, with a list of £115 4s., and then Bro. S. J. Latham, Yarborough Lodge, No. 554, with £110 15s. 6d. and Bro. Edwin Fox, of the Lodge of Felicity, No. 58, with £108 3s. Bro. Herbert Sprake, representing the Highbury Lodge, No. 2192, headed the next group with a total of £105 10s.; Bro. T. R. Cass, Blackheath Lodge, No. 1320, and H. Fonseca, City of Westminster Lodge, No. 1563, being level with £105, while Bro. Geo. R. Lambert, who was Steward for Bro. Terry's mother lodge—United Strength, No. 228—handed in £104 7s. 6d., Bro. W. S. Penley, Asaph Lodge, £103 15s., and Bro. R. Pain Walkden, Highgate Lodge, £101 15s. 6d. These 23 brethren whom we have enumerated deserve the greatest credit for the energy and success with which they discharged their duties. Among other brethren who have acquitted themselves well are Bro. E. Stratton Gerrish, whose list was £76 5s.; Bro. S. Vickers, Lodge of Justice, No. 147, who has £80 16s. to his credit; Bro. John W. Simeon, Confidence Lodge, No. 193, with £71 18s. 6d.; Bro. J. H. Hawkins, Fitzroy Lodge, No. 569, £85 1s.; Bro. A. H. Bevan, Friends-in-Council, No. 1383, £92 17s.; and Bro. C. C. Paine, Tyssen-Amherst Lodge, No. 2242, £82 8s. 6d.

Having glanced through the Returns from the Metropolitan district and noted the most important lists, we turn our attention to

THE PROVINCES.

which, taken as a whole, were represented by 152 Stewards, and contributed a total of Donations and Subscriptions amounting to £6893. Here, while there is a trifling reduction in the number of absentees, there is to counter balance it a slight reduction in the number of Stewards as compared with 1894. Last year 28 Provinces and an outlying Station sent up 162 Stewards, this year there are 29 Provinces with two outlying stations, which are represented, as we have just said, by 152 brethren, the difference in the two totals amounting, however, to upwards of £1000.

The following 17 Provinces took no part in the Festival of Wednesday, namely: CAMBRIDGESHIRE (six lodges), which was represented at all three Festivals in 1894, the sum of its contributions being £239, while in 1893 it raised £290 17s., and in 1892, £326 8s., for the Jubilee Festival of this Institution. CHESHIRE (46 lodges) is very naturally reserving itself for the Boys' School Festival in July, when Bro. Lord Egerton of Tatton has undertaken to preside as Chairman. Moreover, two years since it established a Benevolent Institution, for which it raised a capital of some £3000, and it has, too, an Educational Institution, which has been in existence for upwards of 30 years. It would, therefore, be exceedingly unjust to measure the extent of its zeal for the Central Masonic Charities by the extent of its contributions to their funds in 1893 and 1894, and if we desire to know what it does in their behalf on sundry occasions we must turn to 1891, when it raised £134 10s. for the Girls' School and £1050 for the memorable Boys' School Festival at Brighton, under the presidency of the Pro Grand Master, and the work it accomplished in 1892, when it gave £1988 10s. to the Institution at its Jubilee, £117 12s. to the Girls' School Festival, and £62 8s. to that of the Boys' School, the total for the year being £2168 10s. CORNWALL (30 lodges) is in a similar position to Cheshire. Its Provincial Grand Master, Bro. the Earl of Mount

Edcumbe, D.G.M. of England, has arranged to occupy the chair at the Festival of the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls in May, when it will direct all its efforts towards supporting his lordship's efforts in behalf of that Charity. But ever and again it contributes liberally of its means, as will be seen from the Returns published during the last few years and previously. In 1890, it distributed £380 1s. among the three Institutions; in 1891, it figured in the lists of the Benevolent Institution and Boys' School for £289 15s., while in 1892, when its Prov. Grand Master occupied the chair at the Jubilee of this Institution, it had the satisfaction of raising £776 15s. In 1893, it returned by the hands of Bro. Gilbert B. Pearce as its sole representative at the Boys' School Festival, the sum of £225 15s., while last year it gave £131 5s. to the Girls' Institution, and £110 5s. to that of the Boys, or together £241 10s. DEVONSHIRE (52 lodges), considering the number of its lodges, might with advantage to itself take a more frequent and prominent part in these Anniversary gatherings. Last year, for instance, it raised £26 5s. for the Boys' School, and £109 7s. for the sister Institution at Battersea Rise, or together, £135 12s.; in 1893, the sum of £181 2s. was divided between "Our Boys" and the Benevolent Institution, the former having the good fortune to secure out of it £154 7s.; and in 1892, it contributed £807 18s. 6d. towards the Jubilee of this Institution, £68 5s. for the Girls' Festival, and £47 5s. for that of the Boys, or altogether £923 8s. 6d. But these are by no means as big Returns as we should like to see from one of our strongest Provinces. HEREFORDSHIRE, with its small contingent of five lodges, is a mere pigmy by comparison with the Province we have just mentioned, but it is not well, for its own sake, that it should be so often amongst the absentees. It has a Charity Association, through which it contributes from time to time to our Institutions, but it is only at long intervals that we find it included in the Returns, and then only for very modest amounts. LINCOLNSHIRE (24 lodges) has been resting on its oars for the last two years, having raised only £21 for the Boys' School in 1894, and a small amount for the Girls' School in 1893. In 1892, however, it contributed £660 5s. to the Jubilee of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution and £481 to the funds of the Boys' School the preceding year, so that there is reason to hope that before the present year has run its course, it will do something to uphold the prestige it has latterly acquired as a generous supporter of our Charities. MONMOUTHSHIRE (10 lodges) generally reserves its support for one Institution, in the course of the year, each one receiving its due attention in turn. Thus the Girls' School was assisted last year with the good round sum of £297 11s. 6d., while in 1893 the "Old People" were the favoured Charity and received £272 8s. 6d. In 1892, the Boys' School had its turn with £316 18s., there being only a modest £21 contributed to the Benevolent Jubilee, and in 1891 £325 1s. was raised for the latter. We may assume, therefore, that this year the contributions for Monmouthshire will find their way into the Treasury of the Boys' School. NORFOLK (17 lodges) raised £134 13s. for the Boys' School in 1894, and £78 15s. for the sister School in 1893, but in 1892 it did good service to the Old People by raising £406 5s. for their jubilee, and in 1891 it contributed £225 5s. to "Our Boys." NORTHUMBERLAND (25 lodges) has been content with minor contributions since 1891, when it raised £1364 4s. for the Boys' School, the Benevolent Jubilee in 1892 having been supported to the extent of £105, while the same Institution received £94 10s. in 1893, and the Boys' School £80 10s. last year. SOUTH WALES, EASTERN DIVISION, (19 lodges) very generously contributed £350 to the Boys' School last year, and to the Girls' School £315 in 1893, while, in 1892, it favoured the Benevolent Jubilee with £180, and the Boys' School with £321 15s. 6d., the amount raised in 1891 having been £479 15s., out of which the R.M.B.I. was fortunate enough to obtain £380. SOUTH WALES, WESTERN DIVISION (10 lodges) is a much smaller province than its neighbour, but it raised £154 12s. per Bro. W. J. L. S. Stradling, D.P.G.M., for the Old People in 1894; £177 19s. for the Girls' School in 1893, and for the Boys' School £161 1s. 6d. in 1892, there being also a supplementary subscription of £32 11s. to the Benevolent Jubilee in the last-named year. WILTSHIRE (11 lodges) was represented at the Benevolent and Boys' Festivals in 1894, the former being benefited to the extent of £175 14s. 6d., and the latter to that of £120 4s. In 1893 the Schools were supported, the Girls' receiving £185 17s., and the sister School £110 5s., while in 1892, out of £530 19s. which was raised for the Three Charities, the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution received at its Jubilee Anniversary no less than £483 14s. In 1891, the sum of £357 5s. 6d. was contributed to the Boys' School. Last year, WORCESTERSHIRE (13 lodges) took part, but on a modest scale, in all three Festivals, the Benevolent obtaining £130 0s. 6d., the Girls' School £10 10s., and the Boys' School £52 10s. In 1893, the sum of £308 3s. was raised for the Schools, of which the Boys' had the satisfaction of taking £245 3s., while, in 1892, all three were benefited, the amount distributed being £498 5s., of which the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution obtained £245 12s., or nearly half, and the rest was shared between the Schools. YORKSHIRE (N. and E.), which has 32 lodges on its roll, raised £441 15s. for the three Institutions in 1894, of which the Boys' School secured £301 19s., while in 1893 and 1892 it gave £424 4s. and £733 4s. respectively, the large sum of £717 9s. being in respect of the Benevolent Jubilee in the latter year. GUERNSEY AND ALDERNEY (five lodges), constituted as a Province under Bro. J. Balfour Cockburn, P.G.M., raised over £240 for the Benevolent Jubilee in 1892 and in 1893 £57 15s. for the same Institution, and £31 10s. for the Girls' School, while last year Bro. Cockburn was Steward at the Benevolent and Girls' School Festivals, the sum of £105 10s. being given by him on each occasion. JERSEY (seven lodges), raised £263 for the Boys' School Institution in 1893 and £63 for the Benevolent Jubilee in 1892; while the ISLE OF MAN (nine lodges) figured in the Girls' School Returns last year for £46 4s., in those of the Boys' School the year previous for £31 10s., and in 1892 at the Benevolent Jubilee for £52 10s., and at the Girls' School Festival for £46 2s. These 17 absentee Provinces muster amongst them 323 lodges, or rather more than one-fourth of the total number of country lodges, as stated in Grand Lodge Calendar.

We now pass to the represented Provinces, and taking them, as usual, in their alphabetical order, we notice that one of the six lodges on the roll of

BEDFORDSHIRE

—the St. Andrew's, No. 803, Biggleswade—sent up a Steward in the person of Bro. W. Chaundler, whose list amounted to £43 1s. In 1894, it showed to advantage at all three Festivals, the sum total of its contributions being £238 9s., of which £102 10s. was subscribed to the R.M.B.I., £42 1s. to the Girls' School, and £92 18s. to the Boys' School. In 1893, the sum of £183 17s. 6d. was divided amongst the three, while in 1892, the Benevolent and Girls' School had £152 5s. apportioned between them. Thus, this small Province has been only once an absentee at the last 10 Festivals, and we sincerely hope that the progress it has made will be maintained, if not improved upon, during the present year.

BERKSHIRE

had five out of its 15 lodges represented on Wednesday, the Loyal Berkshire Lodge of Hope, No. 574, Newbury, having for its Steward Bro. C. E. Keyser, who will also be found among the Hertfordshire brethren as doing duty for the lodge at Hoddesdon, which bears his name. The total of the five lists is £440 8s., of which £134 1s. was raised by Bro. Keyser, and £173 by Bro. Kelce, of the Aicot Lodge, 2460. Last year it distributed £583 13s. 6d. among the three Charities, the Benevolent faring best with £247 13s., the Girls' being a good second with £207 8s. 6d., and the Boys' School receiving the balance of £130 12s. In 1893 its total was still higher—£724 7s.—and in 1892, when it subscribed £661 9s. 6d. for the Benevolent Jubilee, higher still, the full amount being £954 11s. 6d. In 1891, when it began its career as a separate Province,

it raised £385 1s. Thus its average for the last four years is £662 and upwards, and we trust that, having attained this high standard, it will during the present and future years be found equally generous in its contributions.

BRISTOL,

which numbers nine lodges, had an Unattached Steward in the person of Bro. Lieut.-Col. J. R. Bramble, P.A.G.D.C., its Deputy P.G.M., to whose credit there appears a donation of £10 10s. Last year it raised £441 for the Girls' School, of which Bro. E. T. Collins, as the Provincial Representative, was responsible for £430 10s., and the Deputy P.G.M. for the other 10 guineas, while at the Boys' Festival the latter returned £16 16s. In 1893 the Province was included among the absentees, but in 1891, and again in 1892, it generously supported the Boys' School, the amount of its subscriptions in the former year being £595, and in the latter, £316. What makes these Returns still more creditable, is the fact that for some time past it has been organising a Benevolent Fund of its own for the relief of its necessitous members.

Out of the 18 lodges on the roll of

BUCKINGHAMSHIRE

there were three which sent up Stewards on Wednesday, the Dagmar Lodge, No. 2262, Wraybury, being represented by Bros. James and George E. Cannon, while Bro. James Stephens did duty on his own account. The sum raised by three of these five brethren was £52 10s. Last year it raised altogether £590 16s., of which £26 5s. per Bro. Stephens, went into the coffers of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution, and £134 16s., was in aid of the Girls' School, the large balance of £429 15s. being subscribed to "Our Boys" at the Festival held at Brighton in June last, a very prominent feature in the Returns being the appearance of no less than 13 Cannons, major and minor, who compiled the handsome total of £115 10s. On this occasion the family is in even greater force, but their contributions will be found in the London section. In 1891, when Bro. Lord Carrington, P.G.M., was Chairman at the Girls' Festival, it raised £511 1s., of which £300 was in support of his lordship's presidency; in 1892, £705 15s.; and in 1893, £479 16s., so that as a separate Province it has done its duty admirably.

CUMBERLAND AND WESTMORLAND,

with a muster roll of 21 lodges, was represented by Bro. W. F. Lamonby, who, as Provincial Steward, took up a list of £102 18s., this being its first appearance since May of last year, when Bro. T. A. Argles, doing duty for the whole Province, returned the handsome list of £178 10s. at the Girls' School Festival. In 1893 it raised £63 8s. for the Boys' Institution, and in 1892, by its then D.P.G.M.—Bro. McKay—as the representative of the Province, £420 for the Jubilee of this Institution.

For the Province of

DERBYSHIRE,

which has 25 lodges, there was, firstly, Bro. W. H. Marsden, J.P., representing the Province generally, whose list amounted to £105., and then the representatives of five lodges, among whom will be found Bro. J. M. McLeod, the Secretary of the Boys' School, whose name is likewise entered in the London section as Steward for the Barnet Lodge, No. 2509. The total from the six brethren reached £297 5s., which is a high figure, considering that as recently as June of last year it raised £600 10s. 6d. for "Our Boys," while in 1893 it rendered still greater service to the same Charity by raising for its requirements upwards of £1000. In 1892 it contributed, by the hands of 47 Stewards, £1362 16s. to the Benevolent Jubilee, £126 to the Girls' School, and £249 18s. to the Boys' School, making in all £1738 14s. In 1891, it subscribed £980 7s., of which all but £136 10s. was in respect of the Boys' School.

There are 13 lodges in the Provinces of

DORSETSHIRE,

and Bro. S. B. Baskett, as Steward for the Prov. G. Lodge and Prov. G. Chapter, handed in a list of £105. In 1894, Bro. Dugdale, as Provincial Steward, compiled a total of £157 10s. for this Institution, while Bro. Major Watts, Lodge No. 1266, raised £35 for the Girls' School. In 1893, the Schools were the favoured Charities, the Girls' receiving £82 5s. and the Boys' £150 15s., while in 1892 this Institution, at its Jubilee Festival, was benefited to the extent of £521 6s.

The 36 lodges in

DURHAM

had Bro. G. Lea Woolley to represent them generally, and Bro. E. S. Cockell acted as Steward for the Stranton Lodge, No. 1862, West Hartlepool, the former's list amounting to £315, and the latter's to £15 15s., the two together amounting to £330 15s. In 1894, as, indeed, has been the usual custom for some years past, it figured in the Returns of all three Festivals, the total of the sum raised being £509 2s., while in 1893 it reached only the smaller sum of £338 2s. However, in 1892 it subscribed £720 5s. to the Jubilee Festival of the Old People, £105 to the Girls' School, and £209 to the Boys' School, the total for this very successful year being £1034 2s.

Nine brethren acted as Stewards for the Province of

ESSEX,

eight out of its 37 lodges being represented by as many brethren, and the remaining one being unattached. The total obtained by these amounted to £324 7s., the principal item being £78 15s. standing to the credit of Bro. Thomas Hood, of the Priory Lodge, No. 1000, Southend. During the past four years, however, the contributions from this Province to the three Charities have been very heavy. In 1891, they reached a total of £1648, of which £1265 15s. 6d. fell to the share of the Boys' School. In 1892, they amounted to £2608 5s., of which £2318 2s. 6d. was subscribed to the Benevolent Jubilee; while in 1893, when Bro. the Earl of Warwick—then Lord Brook—Prov. G. Master, took the chair at the Boys' School Festival, the total was £2258 3s. 6d., of which all but £102 17s. 6d. was raised in support of his lordship's chairmanship. In 1894, the sum distributed among the three Charities, though much smaller, was still considerable, and amounted to £1123, out of which this Institution received £158 2s.; the Girls' School, £823 13s.; and the Boys' School, £142 7s. Thus, if Essex elects to contribute only on a small scale during the present year, there will be none bold enough to reproach it with indifference to the requirements of our Charities.

GLOUCESTERSHIRE

has 15 lodges on its roll, and of these, two, with the chapter attached to one of them, subscribed together £44 1s. Last year the sum of £428 6s. 6d. was devoted to the Institutions, this Institution receiving £73 10s., the Girls' School £249 16s. 6d., and the Boys' School £105. In 1893 the amount was smaller, the Old People being supported to the extent of £58 3s. 6d., the Girls' School with £147, and the Boys' with £99 15s., or together £304 18s. 6d. But these moderate figures were the natural result of the great efforts made in support of the chairmanship of Bro. Sir M. E. Hicks Beach, Bart., M.P., at the Boys' School Festival in 1892, when the Province handsomely supported its chief with donations and subscriptions amounting in all to £1645 11s., the contributions to the other two institutions raising the year's total to £1729 11s.

Out of the 48 lodges on the roll of

HAMPSHIRE AND THE ISLE OF WIGHT,

only three, with the chapter attached to a fourth, sent up Stewards, one of whom did duty for the United Service and Portsmouth Lodges, No. 1428 and 2068 respectively. The amount raised by the three representatives was £142 5s. 6., the most noteworthy item being £77, which appears to the credit of Bro. E. W. Ward, Economy, No. 76. In 1894, the total sum raised for the three Charities was £951 9s. 6d., of which the Girls' School had the pleasure of receiving £477 19s., or slightly more than one-half, while the Old People obtained £208 18s. 6d., and the Boys' School £264 12s. The total for 1893 was £680 4s., of which "Our Boys" had the lion's share, while in 1892, it reached £1650 17s. 6d., the total compiled for the Benevolent Jubilee being £1345 19s. 7d. In 1891, the Returns were altogether £695 11s. 6d., so that the Province has done well for the Central Charities, and at the same time has been doing good service at home by liberally maintaining an Educational and Benevolent Fund of its own.

There is no question that

HERTFORDSHIRE

has begun the year well. By the consecration of the Charles Edward Keyser Lodge, No. 2518, the number of lodges on its roll has been augmented to 22, and of these seven were represented by as many Stewards, while Bro. W. J. Crutch was Unattached. The total compiled by these eight brethren was £450, the principal lists being those of Bro. C. E. Keyser—who also figures well among the Berkshire Stewards—as representative of the lodge which bears his name for £131 5s.; Bro. F. W. Robinson, Cranbourne Lodge, No. 1580, for £105 5s.; Bro. Dr. W. P. Warren, of the James Terry Lodge, No. 2372, for £69 6s.; and of Bro. Col. H. Daniell, of the Hertford Lodge, No. 403, for £65 16s. Last year the three Charities obtained amongst them donations and subscriptions amounting to £958 6s. 4d.; the share that fell to this Institution being £464 9s. 6d., while our Girls' received £227 6s. 6d., and our Boys' £266 8s. 6d. In 1893 the total stood at £2106 14s., out of which £1444 13s. 6d. was in support of Bro. C. E. Keyser's chairmanship at the Festival of this Institution, while the preceding year, when the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution celebrated its Jubilee, the figure was still higher—£2135 6s. 6d., of which the favoured Charity received £1883 6s. 6d. These are tall figures for a Province which even now has only 22 lodges, and which a few years since was playfully described as "Little Herts."

Only five out of the 61 lodges in

KENT

took part in the proceedings of Wednesday, the number of Stewards being eight, of whom three hailed from the Emulation Lodge, No. 299, Dartford, while Bro. F. H. Hallet was Unattached. The total reached £252 10s. 6d., and included £120 15s. handed in by Bro. Crosoer, representing the Union Lodge, No. 127, Margate. Last year the total which was below the average, was £1225 10s. 6d., this Institution being enriched with £582 17s., the Girls' School with £239 5s. 6d., and the Boys' School with £403 6s. In 1893, it was more in the true Kentish style, and figured up to £2103 12s. 6d.; in 1892, when this Institution held its Jubilee, it reached £3003 13s. 6d.; and in 1891, when Bro. Earl Amherst acted as Chairman for the Old People's Anniversary, it exceeded the still higher total of £4000, the actual sum being £4018 6s. of which £3483 14s. 6d. fell to the lot of this Charity.

We wonder if the brethren of

EAST LANCASHIRE

ever give a thought to the sorry figure which their Province presents at so many of our Anniversary Festivals. As regards the number of its lodges, it is surpassed only by West Lancashire, while the very fact of its every now and then exerting itself with marked success in behalf of one or other of our Institutions, is proof direct that it numbers good men and true, who are prepared to put their shoulders to the wheel when called upon, and others equally good and true, who fail not to respond most loyally to the call that is made upon them. It has also an Institution of its own with a capital of some £12,000, which does annually a large amount of good to the poorer brethren and their widows and children. Yet Festival after Festival passes and it makes no sign, that is to say, no sign that is at all commensurate with its strength and importance. Its donations and subscriptions at the six Festivals which were held during the years 1893 and 1894 amounted to only £1162 5s. 4d., the total for the former being as low as £389 18s., and that for the latter £772 7s. 4d. In 1892 it put forth its strength to good purpose, and subscribed £2667 5s. in support of the Old People's Jubilee, while the total for the year was £2824 15s. In 1891 the three Charities received amongst them £1278 0s. 6d., of which the Boys' School received upwards of three-fourths, while in 1888 it raised altogether £4223 16s. 6d., of which this Institution received £2873, and the Girls' School at its Centenary £1350 16s. 6d. On Wednesday, one lodge—St. John's, No. 348, Bolton—was represented by Bro. John E. Kenyon, and Bros. Heelis and C. D. Cheetham, Unattached, whose lists are apparently confined to their personal donations of £10 10s., the total being only £21. We trust that some compensation will be found for the smallness of these figures at the School Festivals in May and July.

According to Grand Lodge Calendar there are 111 lodges on the roll of

WEST LANCASHIRE,

of which only two—the Rowley Lodge, No. 1051, Lancaster, and the Prince Edward, No. 2109, Heaton Moor—were represented, the latter having as many as three Stewards, while Comp. C. Watson acted in behalf of the Bridson Chapter, No. 613, Southport. The sum raised by these five reached in the aggregate £131 5s., and of this £105 was compiled by the Prince Edward Stewards. Last year, however, the year's total reached £2768 2s. 6d., of which £2500 was subscribed in support of Lord Lathom's chairmanship at the Girls' School Festival. In 1893, the total was as low as £792 18s., while in 1892, including what it subscribed to the Jubilee of this Institution, it raised in all £1697 14s. 6d. In 1891, when Lord Lathom occupied the chair at the Boys' School Festival at Brighton the year's total was £6341 19s. 4d., of which £6126 14s. 4d. was in respect of his lordship's chairmanship. Add to these facts that the Province has three Institutions of its own, whose united capitals amounts to some £50,000, and it will be seen that West Lancashire is doing its duty both regularly and well.

We pass next to the small Province of

LEICESTERSHIRE AND RUTLAND,

which has but 14 lodges, and therefore to make its support effective, generally confines its attention to one Institution a year. Thus, in 1892, it raised £388 10s. for the Benevolent Jubilee; in 1893, the Boys' School was the favoured Charity, and received £267 10s., while last year the principal support was given to the Girls' School, for which £330 10s., two smaller sums to the other Institutions, augmenting the year's total to £393 10s. This year it was the turn of the Old People, and on Wednesday Bro. Harry Howe, as Steward for the whole Province handed in the very excellent list of £289 16s.

Only four out of the 41 lodges in

MIDDLESEX

were represented on this occasion, but the number of Stewards was seven, Bro. W. H. Gardener and two other members doing duty for the Staines Lodge, No. 2536, which was only consecrated the other day. The lists sent in by these

brethren amounted to £168 19s., of which Bro. Gardener compiled £73 10s. Perhaps the present year may be, comparatively, not very productive, seeing that in 1894 the total reached £1043 17s. 6d., out of which £160 18s. was raised for the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution; £506 1s. for the Girls' School, and £376 18s. 6d. for the Boys' School the month following. In 1893, the total was £630 18s., but in 1892, including £1315 9s. 6d. subscribed to this Institution at its Jubilee, it reached £1610 15s. 6d. In 1891, there was a lull, and the aggregate was only £540 2s., but the year preceding, when the late lamented Prov. G. Master, Bro. Sir F. Burdett, Bart., was Chairman for the Girls' School, the year's figures stood at £1337 15s. It seems, therefore, as though Middlesex made a practice of regulating its work so that the strong and the weak years should succeed each other alternately.

Four Stewards acted for the Province of

NORTH WALES,

three of them being lodge representatives and one Unattached, and the amount they together raised was £47 5s. However, the Province which has 19 lodges on its roll has been doing some good work lately, its total for last year having been £400 17s. 6d., of which £291 4s. was subscribed to the Boys' School in June, while in 1893 it distributed £474 18s. amongst them, the Boys' School again being returned for the largest share. In 1892 the total was £495 12s., of which this Institution obtained £224 14s., and the Boys' School £234 3s., the Institution for Girls receiving the small amount of £36 15s.

It seldom happens that the Province of

NORTHANTS AND HUNTS,

though it has only a moderate contingent of 14 lodges, is unrepresented at these festive gatherings. Even when the contribution is that of a single individual, and has all the appearance of being the Steward's personal donation, it is still entered to the credit of the Province. It is a good plan, suggestive of loyalty to the Provincial authorities, and one that might be followed by the smaller Provinces. On Wednesday, Bro. Arthur F. Mulliner, of the Benevolent Lodge, No. 2380, Daventry, handed in his £10 10s., and we commend him for having, even to this small extent, placed Northants and Hunts among the represented, instead of the absentee Provinces. Last year it raised £202 7s. for this Institution; £26 5s. the personal donation of Bro. the Earl of Euston, P.G.M., who was a Steward at all three Festivals—to the Girls' School; and £99 15s. to the Boys' School, or together £328 7s. In 1893, when his lordship presided at the Girls' School Festival, the total was £1107 12s., of which £1050 was subscribed to the senior Charity, while in 1892, when this Institution celebrated its Jubilee, it contributed £388 10s., and in 1892 it raised £70 6s. 6d. for the R.M.B.I., and £178 10s. for the Girls' School.

NOTTINGHAMSHIRE

with its 16 lodges, has been absent from these commemorative meetings since May, 1893, when it contributed £131 5s. to the Girls' School Festival, its previous appearances having been at the Festivals of the Benevolent and Boys' School in 1892, when it subscribed £157 10s. to the Jubilee of the former, and £34 13s. to the latter, or together £192 3s.; and in 1891 at those of the two Schools, when it raised £37 16s. 6d. for our Girls' and £203 9s. for our Boys', making the year's total £241 5s. 6d. On Wednesday, Bro. Alfred Page, as Steward for Commercial Lodge and Chapter, No. 411, Nottingham, took up the useful list of £107 12s. 6d.

There are but 12 lodges on the roll of

OXFORDSHIRE,

but we should have to go back many years to discover the Festival in which it did not bear its part, always creditably, and on occasions with marked distinction. Thus in 1891, the total distributed to the three Institutions was £414 2s., of which the Boys' School secured £246 9s.; in 1892, it stood as high as £631 19s. 6d., the Benevolent Jubilee receiving as its share £428 7s.; in 1893, this Institution received support to the extent of £175 13s. 6d., the Girls' School, £124 17 6d., and the Boys' School, £139 13s. 6d., making in all £440 4s. 6d.; while last year, the total was £312 1s., the R.M.B.I. obtaining £122 16s. 6d. in February, the Girls' School £91 18s. 6d. in May, and the Boys' School £97 6s. the month following. On Wednesday three brethren representing the Apollo University, No. 357, Oxford, the Cheswell, No. 599, Banbury, and the Bowyer, No. 1036, Chipping Norton, respectively, amongst them raised, so far as is yet known, the sum of £21 2s.

SHERIFFS,

which has the same number of lodges as Oxfordshire, would seem to be nearly of the same opinion as that Province as to the importance of entering an appearance at as many of our Anniversary Festivals as possible. It was separated from North Wales in 1885, and as soon as it had contrived to set its house in order, it began helping our Institutions, about its earliest, and at the same time its most brilliant achievement belonging to the year 1887, when it supported its present chief, who was then new to his office as Chairman at the Girls' School Festival, to the extent of £1022 7s. It followed this up in 1893 by contributing £770 15s. to the Girls' Centenary. In 1891 it raised in all £455 9s. 6d., of which the Boys' School received £212 12s. 6d., while in the following it contributed out of a total for the whole year (£615 15s. 6d.) no less than £456 1s. to the Benevolent Jubilee. In 1893 and 1894 the contributions were on a more modest scale, but on Wednesday it began the New Year well by raising £115 10s., of which £63 appears in the name of Bro. Sir O. Wakeman, P.G.M., and £52 10s. in the joint names of Bros. W. Lascelles Southwell and the Rev. H. K. Southwell, the latter being Steward for the Castle Lodge, No. 1621, Bridgenorth.

We now address ourselves to sketching the work done by the "Chairman's Province" of

SOMERSETSHIRE.

It was the first occasion since his appointment to the office of Prov. Grand Master that Bro. Viscount Dungarvan essayed the task of presiding at one of our principal Festivals, and his Province was evidently determined that it should prove an unmistakable success. For months past the lodges have been hard at work for Wednesday's meeting, and let it be said in as few words as possible, the result of their efforts lends lustre to the chairmanship of Lord Dungarvan, and is most honourable to Somersetshire, while it materially strengthens the resources of the Benevolent Institution for the current year. The Province has a muster roll of 26 lodges, and of these 23 were directly represented, while Lord Dungarvan took under his charge the Prov. Grand Lodge, and Bros. R. C. Else, his lordship's Deputy, and Lieut.-Col. A. Thrale Perkins were Unattached. It was indeed announced that the whole body of lodges had part in Wednesday's proceedings, and we take it that in the splendid total of £1654 2s. 6d., which they had the pleasure of building up, there will be found contributions from every lodge and chapter in Somersetshire. The most important lists included those of the Chairman, who, as we have said, acted as Steward for his Provincial Grand Lodge, and is entered for £246 15s.; Bro. Basil A. Dyer, of the Royal Sussex Lodge, No. 53, Bath, who raised £107 6s.; Bro. T. O. Bennett, of the Royal Clarence Lodge, No. 976, Bruton, with £115 10s.; Bro. Francis Blackman, St. Kew Lodge, No. 1222, Weston-super-Mare, with £100; the joint list of Bros. J. S. Haddon and Walter Ludlow, of Lodges Fidelity and Sincerity, No. 1966, Wellington, and Exmoor, No. 2390, Minehead, for £105, and that of Bro. R. C. Else, P.G.D., D.P.G.M., Unattached, who raised £138 2s. Such a Return as Wednesday's is not to be found in the past record of Somersetshire, though there are

many Festivals in which it has figured most prominently, its most successful effort having been in 1888, in behalf of the Girls' Centenary, when the amount it contributed on that occasion was only a few pounds short of £1000. It also raised upwards of £600 for the Benevolent Jubilee in 1892, with close on £230 for the other two Charities, the total for the year being £841 15s. We very warmly congratulate the chairman, the lodges and brethren of his Province, and the Benevolent Institution for which they have laboured so successfully on this splendid result, and we trust that when his lordship undertakes a like responsibility for one or other of the Schools, the joint efforts of himself and his Province may be equally honourable to them and equally conducive to the welfare of the cause.

STAFFORDSHIRE

with its 31 lodges was well represented by Bro. Alfred Dewsbury, of the Lodge of St. Matthew, No. 539, Walsall, whose list amounted to £89 5s., nor have we any doubt but that it will render an equally good if not better account of itself at the remaining Festivals. It has a Charitable Association, which furnishes annually a considerable amount to our Institutions, and it has also some very active brethren, who, when they undertake the duties of Stewardship, are generally able to make a brave show of donations and subscriptions. Last year, the Province was represented at two out of the three Festivals, the aggregate of its contributions being £428 8s., the Girls' School received £181 13s., and the Boys' School £246 15s. In 1893 it reached £424 7s. 6d., of which the Boys' School took the lion's share—£355 12s. While in 1892 it amounted to £762 2s., of which £392 10s. was in respect of the Benevolent Jubilee; and, in 1891, to £761 15s. 6d., the Boys' School being benefited to the extent of £452 0s. 6d., and the balance about equally divided between this Institution and the Girls' School.

For a purely agricultural district, the Province of

SUFFOLK

does splendidly well. For many years it has taken part regularly in the Festivals of all three Charities, and it invariably has a good round sum to its credit. On Wednesday seven of its 22 lodges and the chapters attached to two of them compiled the excellent total of £654 16s., the number of Stewards engaged being nine, of whom two acted jointly for their lodge (No. 376), and one for his lodge and chapter (No. 1008). In this total are included the lists of Bro. W. J. Wilton—Unity Lodge, No. 71, Lowestoft—for £157 10s., and Bro. Reed, Lodge No. 114, and Bro. J. Campbell Smith, of Lodge and Chapter, No. 1008, Bury St. Edmunds, for £115 10s. each; the joint list of Bros. Thwaites and Long, of the Lodge of Perfect Friendship, No. 376, Ipswich, amounting to £73 10s., and that of Bro. T. A. Woodroffe, Apollo Lodge, No. 305, Beccles, to £68 5s. In 1894, the Returns to the three Festivals amounted to £809 5s. In 1893, they reached only £533 9s. 6d., while in 1892, including £1291 14s. to the Benevolent Jubilee, they stood as high as £1449 4s., which is the highest total, so far as our memory serves us, for any single year.

Six out of the 41 lodges on the roll of

SURREY,

were represented by seven Stewards, and there was another member of the Province—Bro. H. M. Hobbs—who acted independently, the total of their lists amounting to £178 3s. 6d. More than this could not have been expected after the very great efforts put forth in support of the late lamented Bro. Col. Money's Chairmanship at the Festival of this Institution. The total for the whole year was £1673 4s. 6d., of which £1399 2s. fell to the share of the R.M.B.I. In 1893, the aggregate was smaller, amounting to only £913 3s. 6d., but in 1892, it was unprecedentedly large, the Benevolent Jubilee being supported to the extent of £2148 9s. 6d., while the Girls' and Boys' Schools were favoured respectively with £219 and £450 19s., the three amounting to £2817 19s. 6d.

There are just 30 lodges in

SUSSEX,

and exactly one-third of this number sent Stewards to Wednesday's celebration, the Tyrian Lodge, No. 1110, Eastbourne, having two to represent it. The total of the 11 lists reached £309 4s. 6d., the most conspicuous item being the £63 compiled by Bro. Joseph H. Smith, of the Royal Brunswick Lodge, No. 732, Brighton. This promises well for the present year, especially after the heavy calls which have been made upon the Province by the celebration of the Boys' School Festival at Brighton in 1891, 1893, and 1894, and the Benevolent Jubilee and the Chairmanship of the Duke of Connaught at the Girls' School Festival in 1892. A bare enumeration of the totals for these four years will show what Sussex has done for our Institutions during that period. They were as follows: In 1891, £1347 2s.; in 1892, £2227 4s.; in 1893, £1234 16s.; and in 1894, £1477 17s. These figures stand out boldly to the lasting credit of this Province.

Only one of the 31 lodges in

WARWICKSHIRE—

the Temperance, No. 739, Birmingham—was represented on Wednesday, but Bro. Lamsdale, who was its Steward, had the veteran Bro. T. R. Arter associated with him in his pleasant task, but up to the present time only £10 10s. has been received. Last year the total subscribed to the three Charities was £637 16s. 3d., the largest portion—£264 0s. 3d.—being returned for the Old People, while the remainder was not unequally divided between the Schools. In 1893, it reached £530 7s. 6d., of which the Boys' School received £325 10s., while in 1892, it stood at the exceedingly high sum of £2410 4s., of which £2186 was subscribed in behalf of the Benevolent Jubilee Festival.

It was not to be expected that the large and influential Province of

YORKSHIRE (W.D.)

would show to any great advantage so soon after its great success at the Boys' School Festival in June, 1894, when its Provincial Grand Master, Bro. W. L. Jackson, M.P., presided as Chairman, and the total subscribed by the hands of 205 Stewards the immense sum of £4559 15s., the total for the whole year being £6697 5s. Still, there was a fair contingent of Stewards, including the Provincial Grand Master, and amongst them they had the satisfaction of putting together £441.

A couple of

FOREIGN STATIONS

complete the Returns, Bro. W. E. Cook, hailing from Malta, furnishing a list of £36 15s., and Bro. John E. Green, from South Africa, one of £10 10s. We may be sure that this £47 5s. is not less welcome to the Benevolent Institution because the Stewards who have raised it are located in foreign parts.

CONCLUDING REMARKS.

There is no need for us to say much more. We have gone through the Returns with the utmost care, with every desire to do justice to zeal where we have found evidence of its having been displayed, and with a tender consideration for any shortcomings we may have noticed. We bear in mind in thus treating the contributions at our annual Festivals, that the sums they include are voluntarily given, that the work of the Stewards is voluntary, and in short, that everything connected with our anniversaries is essentially voluntary. We therefore furnish all the reasons we know of or can suggest, when we find that lodges and Provinces are not as zealous as they might have been, or as we consider they should be in respect of their strength and importance.

CONSECRATION OF THE IRIS LODGE, No. 2545.

This new lodge was consecrated on Monday last, at the Rainbow Tavern, Fleet-street, E.C., by Bro. Edward Letchworth, Grand Secretary, in the presence of a large number of brethren, of whom the following were present: Bros. Edward Terry, P.G. Treas.; Clement Godson, M.D., P.G.D.; Albert Lucking, P.G.P.; Isidore de Solla, P.G.O. Essex; A. Chapman, 171; John Murray, 171; E. Hollands, P.M. 1969; Thomas Catling, P.M. 2127; Joseph Birch, P.M. 2323; Frederick Hilton, G.P.; W. Gayton, P.M. 1607; Tansley Evitt, P.M. 173; William Fooks, W.M. 2033; Peter de Lande Long, P.G.D.; George Pickering, P.G.S.; J. C. Osterstock, I.P.M. 1185; R. H. Lapage, 2140; Edmund Rosenthal, W.M. 2190; S. Quitmann, P.M. 1969; T. Trollope, M.D., 1842, P.G.D.; W. Charles Sayers, S.D. 1601; T. Hutchinson, 1920; J. F. Hunts, W.M. 1589; Richard Kershaw, W.M. 2256; H. Gumble Hobson, P.M. 214; C. W. A. Trollope, P.M. 1826; W. E. Chapman, P.M. 2190; H. Sadler,

G. Tyler; N. J. Thompson, S.W. 357; H. Massey, P.M. 1928; Sir John B. Monckton, P.G.W.; and Cornwallis H. Smith, 1928.

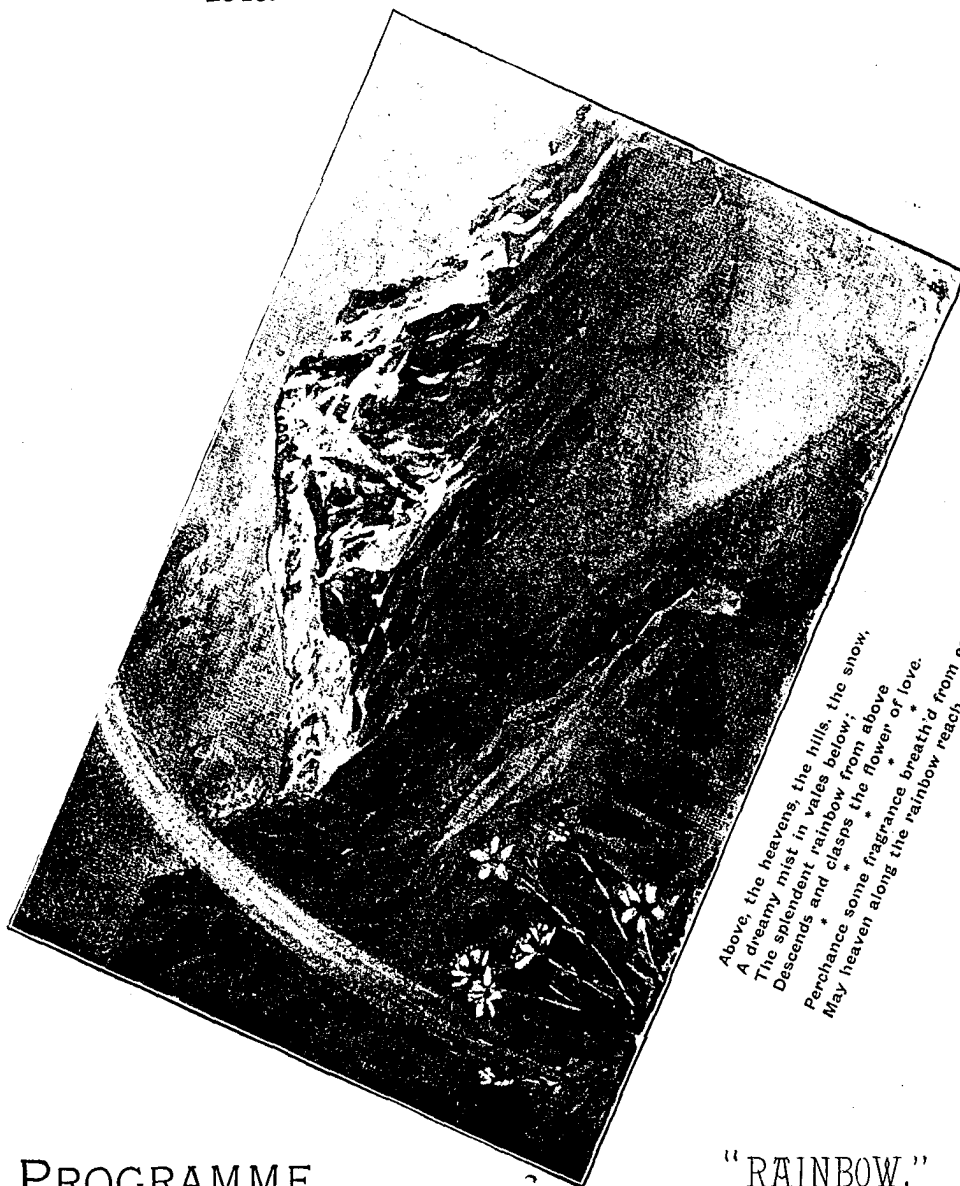
The Grand Secretary was assisted in his duties by Bros. Rear-Admiral Markham, D.G.M. Malta, as S.W.; Clement Godson, M.D., P.G.D., as J.W.; Rev. J. Studholme Brownrigg, P.G.C., as Chap.; Frank Richardson, P.G.D., as D.C.; A. J. R. Trendell, C.M.G., P.A.G.D.C., as I.G. Bro. Wilhelm Ganz, P.G. Org., presided at the harmonium, and the vocal portion of the musical ceremony was performed by Bros. Ernest Marriott, Alfred Kenningham, Harry Stubbs, and Robert de Lacy. The beautiful furniture in the lodge was presented by Bro. Schuler, the proprietor of the "Rainbow," and the pedestals of the W.M. and his two Wardens were adorned with a beautiful enamel of the rainbow and the flower iris.

The GRAND SECRETARY said it was quite unnecessary on the present occasion to detain the brethren many minutes with any words of his own. They were all aware of the circumstances under which they were met together. It was a very interesting and, at the same time, a

Iris Lodge,

2545.

MENU.



Above the heavens, the hills, the snow,
A dreamy mist in vales below;
The splendid rainbow from above
Descends and clasps the flower of love.
Perchance some fragrance breath'd from each
May heaven along the rainbow reach.

PROGRAMME.

"RAINBOW."

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 25th, 1895.

Frontispiece of Programme, drawn by the W.M.

very solemn purpose, to constitute and consecrate a new lodge and dedicate it to the service of Almighty God. He could only express a hope that this new lodge, which would hereafter be known as the Iris Lodge, might be the means of promoting brotherly love, relief, and truth, and that it might advance in every possible way the best interests of the Masonic Order.

Bro. the Rev. J. S. BROWNRIFF, P.G.C., delivered the oration, which he based on the rainbow, a symbol of promise, and also a symbol that man could do nothing of himself.

When the ceremony was completed, Bro. LENNOR BROWNE, F.R.C.S., D.G.D.C., was installed as W.M., and Bro. Philip Hickson Waterlow, P.G.D., was invested as Acting I.P.M.; Bro. Geo. Jefford Fowler, J.P., was invested as S.W.; and Bro. Paul Langbourne Waterlow, as J.W.; Bro. William Holloway, M.D., P.M., was elected Treasurer and invested; Bro. T. Emerson Armstrong was appointed and invested Secretary; Bro. William Chaplin, S.D.; Edgar I. Waterlow, J.D.; Frank Jameson, P.M., D.C.; Charles T. Holloway, I.G.; S. W. Lambert, P.M.,

P.P.G.R. Surrey, and John D. Geddes, Stwds.; and Henry Evenden, P.M., Tyler.

Votes of thanks were afterwards passed to the Consecrating Officers, and to Bro. Wilhelm Ganz, with honorary membership of the lodge, and a Founder's jewel was presented to Bro. Edward Letchworth. A vote of thanks was afterwards passed to Bro. Schuler for his handsome gift of the furniture of the lodge.

Closing down then took place, and the brethren adjourned to a charming banquet, and subsequently honoured the usual toasts, the speeches being interspersed with some lovely singing by the artists who performed in the lodge, by the Misses Haidie and Blanche de Solla, and Bro. Charles T. Holloway, the possessor of a splendid bass voice.

All the speeches were brief, and this is to be the rule adopted in the lodge. The W.M. was exceptionally brief, and all the speakers adhered to his plan, and a most delightful evening was spent, the music being far above the average in quality and quantity.

Bro. GEORGE JEFFORD FOWLER, S.W., proposed the toast which included all the present and past Grand Officers, whom he described as the pillars of Freemasonry on account of the service they had rendered to the Craft. The humbler brethren, with laudable and natural ambition, regarded themselves as Grand Officers in embryo. The Iris Lodge was entitled to congratulate itself on commencing its career with the membership of two Grand Officers as its officers—Bros. Lennox Browne, and Philip Hickson Waterlow.

Bro. Rear-Admiral MARKHAM responded.

The WORSHIPFUL MASTER proposed "The Consecrating Officers," complimenting Bro. Letchworth on the start he had given to the lodge and his courtesy to the brethren on all occasions.

Bro. EDWARD LETCHWORTH G.S., replied, assuring the brethren of the pleasure it had given him to launch such a lodge. In his position as Grand Secretary, he had consecrated many lodges, and he confessed that occasionally he had had misgivings as to whether the lodge he consecrated would be a success. But the Iris Lodge he had no misgivings about, as he knew the elements of which it was composed. The Consecrating Officers wished it every possible success. He then proposed "Success to the Lodge, and the Health of the W.M.," and said he was confident that under Bro. Lennox Browne's able and genial rule it would achieve the success they all wished it.

Bro. LENNOX BROWNE, W.M., in acknowledging the toast, said that two or three friends of his wished for such a lodge, and asked him to assist them. His career was long enough and his reputation was sufficiently at stake, not only to be assured that the founders were all unanimous, but that the initiates were the proper sort of men to become Masons. They had had a list of excellent names read out to them that evening in lodge of men who wanted to come into the Craft, they were well known persons. This was the fifth lodge of which he was a founder, and his endeavour was not to have a numerous lodge but an efficient lodge. He hoped that 12 months hence it would be confessed that he had proved himself worthy of the position in which he had been placed.

Bros. WM. GAYDON, M.D., W. C. FOOKS, and Sir JOHN B. MONCKTON replied to the toast of "The Visitors," which was proposed by the acting I.P.M., Bro. P. H. WATERLOW.

Bro. P. L. WATERLOW, J.W., responded to the toast of "The Officers," and Bro. EVENDEN gave the Tyler's toast, after which the brethren separated.

ROYAL MASONIC INSTITUTION FOR GIRLS.

The monthly meeting of the General Committee of this Institution was held on Thursday evening, at Freemasons' Hall, Bro. Frank Richardson, P.G.D., in the chair. The other brethren present were Bros. A. W. Duret, Hugh M. Gordon, Alfred C. Spaul, E. M. Monev, H. Massey, T. W. Whitmarsh, Robert A. Gowan, C. Pulman, and F. R. W. Hedges (Sec.).

The CHAIRMAN stated that the returns for the Cambridge Local Examinations were out. Twenty-three girls were sent up, and they all passed, eight with honours and 11 with distinction. In addition to that, 48 passed out of 54 for the College of Preceptors. He did not think that showed picking and choosing.

When the minutes of the Committee respecting the proposition of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution as to giving extra votes had been read, the CHAIRMAN stated that the Committee attended the special meeting of the Benevolent Institution, when the resolution to be submitted to Grand Lodge by that Institution was found to be so distasteful to the larger majority of the brethren who had considered them, that the chairman announced that they proposed to withdraw them excepting the two last. They were obliged to get permission to withdraw them, and therefore that proposition was put to the meeting. The last resolutions were put and carried, and that absolutely set the matter at rest. That would be brought before Grand Lodge next Wednesday, and then the laws of the Benevolent Institution would be much more in accordance with the laws of the other two Institutions.

A grant of £20 to a late pupil for her advancement in life was made.

Bro. HEDGES read the Auditor's Report, and also the Report of the Institution which included the information as to the girls who had passed the Cambridge and other examinations.

The CHAIRMAN analysed some of the expenditure, showing that it had been kept down to a low point.

Bro. A. C. SPAULL said that with a much increased income there had been a less expenditure by £548.

The Report was then approved and after transacting some other business the Committee adjourned.

CONSECRATION OF THE FITZWILLIAM LODGE, No. 2533.

The only Craft lodge held in Peterboro' up to the present has been that of St. Peter's, No. 442, established 1836, since which time the city has materially increased in population, and naturally many members have been added to the lodge, until at last many brethren began to feel that it was high time a second lodge should be founded to work in peace side by side with the older lodge, and so give younger brethren a chance of attaining within reasonable time the dignity of office.

Naturally some little opposition was at first felt, though this feeling has now been dispelled, and the members of No. 442 cordially assisted by their presence at the consecration to help give the new lodge a grand start, the thanks of all brethren being particularly due to Bro. H. C. Clarabut, P. Prov. Grand Org., W.M. 442, and now the worthy Secretary and founder of No. 2533, to whose efforts on behalf of helping to found the latter every praise is due.

The consecration took place on the 21st ult., at Deacon's Schools, kindly lent by the master of the same for the occasion at the request of Bro. Wheeler, P.M. 442, the ceremony being performed by the Prov. Grand Master, the Earl of Euston, D.L., in a most masterly and able manner, and who also took a portion of the installation of Bro. Caster as first Master, ably assisted by Bro. F. G. Buckle, P.M. 442, P.P.S.G.W., and Prov. Grand Secretary Norths and Hunts.

The P. ov. Grand Officers were present in goodly numbers, the Wardens

of the province, Bros. Markham and Pinney, occupying respectively the chairs of Senior and Junior Wardens. Bro. the Rev. T. Hodgson, Asst. Prov. G. Chap., acted as Chap.; Bro. Ellard, P.G.D.C., being D.C.; and Bro. J. Vergette, P.M. 442, P.P.G.J.W., being I.G.; Bro. J. S. Grime, 1335, presiding at the organ, while Bro. C. F. Matier, P.G. Std. Br., helped in the consecration by reading the petition and warrant for founding the lodge.

The solemn ceremony of consecration was duly gone through in a most impressive manner, the dedication prayer being most beautifully given by the P.G.M.; his address also did not fail to move the brethren, more especially those of No. 442, when he expressed the hope that perfect peace, harmony, and brotherly love would always exist between the two lodges, and which expressions were heartily received in the usual Masonic style.

Bro. the Rev. T. HODGSON, I.P.M. 373, Prov. Assistant Grand Chap., gave the oration, taking his text from the Proverbs of Solomon, impressing upon the brethren the great and grand idea of Freemasonry, particularly its first watchword—brotherly love—and pointing out that the great example of Jonathan and David was the brotherly love necessary to a Mason, and if a greater were needed, the love of our Lord Jesus Christ for St. John. As to relief, that, of course, was a most essential virtue, but all brethren were to understand that Masonry was not to be a stepping-stone for begging and pauperising men, but a genuine assistance to a brother in distress, given as a brother to a brother. Lastly, truth was to be always observed by a never-failing strict observance of keeping to it, so that all men might know when a Mason gave his word it was given once and for all, strictly, truly, and honourably. The worthy brother then wound up his oration with a fine peroration, trusting the brethren of the new Fitzwilliam Lodge would remember to always practice before all men the virtues he had enumerated, so that when summoned from this sublunary abode to the Grand Lodge above they would be welcomed among other brethren already passed away to live in love with the Great Architect of the Universe, who lives and reigns for ever.

The installation of the W.M. then followed, also the investiture of officers. Various propositions for initiation and joining members were then received, amongst the latter being the P.G. Master, and the lodge was closed.

A banquet was afterwards held at the Angel Hotel, admirably served by Bro. J. Clifton, of Peterborough, and a worthy member of No. 442.

The W.M. was supported by the Prov. G.M., the Earl of Euston; Bro. C. F. Matier, P.G.S.B.; and many brethren of No. 442 and other lodges to the number of 56.

At the conclusion of the banquet the WORSHIPFUL MASTER proposed "The Queen and the Craft," "The M.W. the Grand Master the Prince of Wales," and the M.W. the Pro Grand Master, the R.W. the Deputy Grand Master, and the rest of the Grand Officers, Present and Past," to the latter of which Bro. C. F. MATIER ably replied.

Bro. F. G. BUCKLE next proposed "The R.W. the Prov. Grand Master, the Earl of Euston," and in doing so alluded to the remarkable changes that had taken place in connection with the Craft in the Province of Norths and Hunts since his connection with it, and also in Grand Lodge. He adverted with pleasure to the great progress the province had made under the guidance of Lord Euston, as when he took it over it had only eight lodges, and now he was pleased to say there were 13, and he hoped there would soon be 14, as he believed they would shortly have another lodge organised at Weedon. He sincerely trusted that indication of progress would be better for Freemasonry in general and that lodge in particular.

The PROV. GRAND MASTER, in his reply, feelingly alluded to the loss the province generally had sustained by the death of the D.P.G.M., Bro. Butler Wilkins. He was, his lordship said, a brother they all loved and honoured, and was an ornament to Freemasonry, not only in that province, but also in Grand Lodge. Personally, he said he had been greatly indebted to the late D.P.G.M., as he had been of the greatest assistance to him. Allusion had been made to the formation of a lodge at Weedon, and he was pleased to be able to state that the petition had been sent to the M.W. the Grand Master the Prince of Wales. Concluding, Earl Euston said he was happy to have had the privilege and pleasure of consecrating the lodge and installing the W.M., and he asked the brethren to support him in the future, as in the past, to maintain the prestige of the province.

"The Officers of Prov. Grand Lodge, Present and Past," was submitted by Bro. H. F. NEWMAN, W.M. 117, who expressed his pleasure at the manner in which the consecration ceremony had been performed.

Bro. F. PINNEY, P.J.G.W., replied to the toast, in the absence of Bro. C. A. Markham, S.G.W.

Bro. G. C. W. FITZWILLIAM, S.W., gave "The Consecrating Officers and Installing Masters," in a neat little speech, to which Bros. Lord EUSTON and F. G. BUCKLE responded.

The Prov. Grand Master submitted the toast of "The W.M. of Fitzwilliam Lodge, No. 2533," and in doing so said the brethren had a W.M. who had Masonry at heart, and one who he felt sure would endeavour to raise the lodge to the high position occupied by the St. Peter's Lodge. He congratulated Bro. Caster on being the first W.M. of the lodge and wished it every success.

The toast was heartily and Masonically received.

Bro. Caster, in the course of his reply, dealt with the opposition that had been shown on the formation of the lodge, and was glad to say that, however, had been removed, and that they now had the prospect of having a good second lodge in the town.

"The Masonic Charities" was proposed by Bro. the Rev. P. ROYSTON, P.P.G. Chap., to which Bro. C. F. MATIER replied.

"The Officers of the Fitzwilliam Lodge" was proposed by the W.M., and he said he felt highly pleased at the excellent set of officers by which he was surrounded. He also said he was much gratified they had Bro. G. C. W. Fitzwilliam among them as S.W. of the lodge, and he should heartily welcome him on his elevation to the chair next year. The W.M. also referred to the valuable services Bro. H. C. Clarabut had rendered in the formation of the lodge.

Bro. FITZWILLIAM and Bro. CLARABUT suitably replied to the compliment.

"The Visitors" was given by Bro. PIKE, and responded to by Bro. FOX, P.M. 2017.

Bro. WHITSED gave "The W.M.s. and Brethren of the other Lodges in the Province," to which Bro. H. E. CLARABUT replied, and expressed his pleasure at the formation of a second lodge in the city, as he firmly believed there was room for it, and that it would be for the good of Freemasonry. He expressed the strong hope that the two lodges would work harmoniously together for the good of the Craft.

The Tyler's toast brought the proceedings to a close.

UNITED GRAND LODGE OF ENGLAND.

The following is the business to be transacted in Grand Lodge on Wednesday, the 6th inst.

Grand Lodge will be opened at two o'clock in the afternoon punctually, and will not be closed until after seven o'clock.

1. The Minutes of the Quarterly Communication of the 5th December, 1894, will be read and put for confirmation.

2. Election of a M.W. Grand Master.

3. Election of a Grand Treasurer. Bros. Charles William Hudson, P.M. 315, Brighton; Alderman Walter Vaughan Morgan, P.M. 96, London; and William Mason Stiles, P.M. 1987, London, the only nominations.

4. Report of the Board of Benevolence for the last quarter, in which there are recommendations for the following grants, viz.:

A brother of the St. Alban's Lodge, No. 29, London...	£ 100	0	0
The widow of a brother of the Polish National Lodge, No. 534, London	100	0	0
The widow of a brother of the Harbour of Refuge Lodge, No. 764, West Hartlepool	50	0	0
A brother of the St. Andrew's Lodge, No. 1631, Gorleston	50	0	0
A brother of the Ley Spring Lodge, No. 1593, London	60	0	0

5. REPORT OF THE BOARD OF GENERAL PURPOSES.

To the United Grand Lodge of Ancient, Free and Accepted Masons of England.

The Board have to report that their attention has been directed to a subject which appears to them of great importance to the welfare of the Craft, namely, the inconvenience arising from the existence of two Boards with concurrent powers and jurisdiction, the one for the management of affairs at home, and the other the conduct of Colonial matters.

It appears to the Board that great advantage would result if there were but one Board invested with all the powers now delegated to the Board of General Purposes, and to the Colonial Board separately, giving authority to such Board to appoint from amongst its own members, a Committee for the superintendence and direction of Colonial matters, or for other specific objects; the duties of any Committee so to be appointed to be defined by the General Board, to whom all their proceedings must be reported for approval and adoption.

By such an arrangement the control of the General Board would be complete, and consequently more effective than under the present system, and upon it would devolve the entire responsibility of carrying out the views of Grand Lodge.

The Board suggest that, if Grand Lodge should so think fit, the matter be referred back to them for the purpose of submitting to Grand Lodge at its next meeting the details of the suggested arrangement, and any alterations in the composition of the Board or additions thereto consequent thereon that may be deemed advisable, and also such alterations in the Book of Constitutions as may be necessary to give effect to the arrangement.

A complaint having been made in September by the Mount Edgcombe Lodge of Instruction against Bro. John Wynne, P.M. of the Mount Edgcombe Lodge, No. 1446, London, and former Secretary of the Lodge of Instruction, for declining to permit the removal of furniture and property belonging to it, which he had undertaken to store until a place could be found to re-open the Lodge of Instruction, Bro. John Wynne was summoned to attend the Board in November to answer the charge. Although he acknowledged the receipt of the summons he failed to appear or offer any excuse for non-attendance. A peremptory summons was then issued to attend the meeting of the Board in December with which he also failed to comply, or to give any reason for non-compliance. It was then resolved:

"That Bro. John Wynne be suspended from all Masonic rights and privileges for contumacy under the powers of Rule 274, Book of Constitutions."

This was communicated to Bro. Wynne by the Grand Secretary. At the meeting of the Board on the 15th of January, 1895, it was reported that the property of the Mount Edgcombe Lodge of Instruction had been returned by Bro. Wynne, but that no communication had been received from that brother. The Grand Secretary, at the request of the Board, wrote to Bro. Wynne, pointing out to him that he had not, by merely returning the property, yet purged his fault. No further communication had been received from Bro. Wynne, nor did he attend the Board at its meeting on the 19th ult. to offer any explanation.

The Board have to report that the following presentations have been made to the library and museum since the last meeting of Grand Lodge, all of which have been accepted with thanks:

TITLE OR OBJECT.	BY WHOM PRESENTED.
A Masonic Tobacco Stopper	J. P. Houghton, W.M. No. 1768.
A Masonic Chart (framed)	J. R. Reep, P.M. No. 224.
An Old Masonic Certificate	J. Lane, P.M. No. 1402.
History of the Philanthropic Lodge, No. 304	G. A. Suddick, W.M. No. 304.
Silver-gilt R.A. Jewel (1775)	Bros. H. G. & W. Spilling, Njs. 435 & 2148.
Hutchinson's Spirit of Masonry (1775)	Emil Apelt, W.M. No. 186.
Histoire Pittoresque de la Franc-maçonnerie	J. Fenwick, Dist. G. Sec., Queensland.
Centennial Volume of Providence R.A. Chapter, No. 1, Rhode Island	The Chapter, No. 1, R.I.
An Epitome of the History of the Menturia Lodge, No. 418	E. V. Greatbach, P.M. No. 418.
Proceedings of the Grand Lodge of Ohio from 1808, and several other Masonic Reports	S. Stocker Williams, Past G. Master of Ohio.
Report of the Brooklyn Masonic Veterans' Association	The Masonic Veterans' Association.
Adriano Lemmi Chef Suprême des Francs Maçons	W. Von Knoblauch, 2427.
Old Masonic Collar Jewel	W. A. Scurrah, P.M. No. 167, &c.
" " " (from the Collection of the late Duke of York)	George F. Smith, P.M. No. 2454.
Freemasonry in England from 1567 to 1813	Jacob Norton, Boston, U.S.A.
L'Ordre des Francs-Maçons, &c. (1752)	Lady Lechmere
Masonic Charges and Lectures (1805)	William Tinkler, P.M. 299, &c.
The Chevalier Ruspini's Dental Mirror	R. S. Warrington, P.G.S.
Brief History of the Witham Lodge, No. 374	William J. Hughan, P.G.D.
Jachin and Boaz (a reprint)	E. C. Mulvey, P.M., No. 179 & 3202.

The Board also submit a Statement of Grand Lodge Accounts at the last meeting of the Finance Committee, held on Friday, the 15th ult., showing a balance in the Bank of England (Law Courts Branch) of £8138 12s. 11d., and in the hands of the Grand Secretary for Petty Cash £100, and for Servants' Wages, £100.

(Signed) RICHARD LOVELAND LOVELAND,
President.

Freemasons' Hall, London, W.C., 19th February, 1895.

Report of Bro. John Smith, Auditor of the Grand Lodge Accounts, of receipts and disbursements during the year 1894.

7. Report of a special meeting of the Governors and Subscribers of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution for Aged Freemasons and Widows of Freemasons, dated 13th February, 1895, will be laid before Grand Lodge, at which, in lieu of the proposed alteration in the Laws of the Institution submitted to Grand Lodge on the 5th December last, the following were then agreed to, and submitted for approval:

Clause 25, erase the first word "every" and substitute "A." And in first line, after the word "President" insert "being an individual donor."

In the same Clause, second section, make a similar alteration.

After Clause 45, insert as Clause 45A: "Any Vacancy occurring on the House Committee or the Finance Committee shall be filled up at the next following meeting of the Committee of Management, notice of such vacancy being given in the summons convening the meeting."

8. APPEALS.—1. By BRO. B. O. REYNOLDS, of Lodge Pitt Macdonald, No. 1198, Madras—

Against the decision of the Board of General Purposes, in Madras, convicting him of un-Masonic conduct, and against the District Grand Master of Madras for having revoked a provisional warrant for a new lodge in which he was nominated first Worshipful Master.

2. By Bro. W. MAKEPIECE, W.M. Zetland in the East Lodge, No. 508, Singapore—

Against the decision of the Deputy District Grand Master and District Board of General Purposes, reversing his decision as W.M. that a brother's resignation of membership in a letter to the Secretary was final, notwithstanding it was withdrawn immediately and before communication to the lodge.

3 From Lodge 407, Malta—

(1) Against the decision of the District Board of General Purposes (Malta) inflicting a fine of 20s. on the lodge for direct disobedience of the express orders of the Deputy District Grand Master to erase and not read in open lodge a part of their minutes improperly recorded.

(2.) Against the decision of the same Deputy District Grand Master in not further entertaining and investigating certain charges brought by the lodge against the acting Deputy District Grand Master for having irregularly and unconstitutionally attempted to interfere with the working of the lodge.

4. By Bro. W. F. LAMONBY, P.M. of Lodge, 962, &c., and Member of the Colonial Board—

Against the action of the President of the said Board in requesting him to withdraw from the meeting of the 18th January, 1895.

N.B.—The papers relating to the above appeals will be in the Grand Secretary's Office until the meeting of Grand Lodge, and open for inspection of the brethren during office hours.

Nominations for the office of Grand Treasurer. Bro. Charles William Hudson, P.M., Royal York Lodge, No. 315, Brighton, by Bro. William Henry Arber, P.M., Lodge No. 206, London; Bro. Alderman Walter Vaughan Morgan, P.M., Burlington Lodge, No. 96, London, by Bro. Edmund Routledge, P.M. Lodge No. 1635, London; Bro. William Mason Stiles, P.M. the Strand Lodge, No. 1087, London, by Bro. Henry Joseph Lardner, P.M. Lodge No. 1623, London.

List of lodges for which warrants have been granted by the M.W. Grand Master since the last Quarterly Communication of Grand Lodge:

- No. 2539, The Roodepoort Lodge, Roodepoort, South African Republic, Transvaal.
- " 2540, The Ember Lodge, East Molesey, Surrey.
- " 2541, The St. Andrew's Lodge, Avonmouth, Gloucestershire.
- " 2542, The Gatton Lodge, Gatton, Queensland.
- " 2543, The Coolgardie Lodge, Coolgardie, Western Australia.
- " 2544, The St. George Lodge, Vryheid, South African Republic, Transvaal.
- " 2545, The Iris Lodge, Fleet-street, City of London.
- " 2546, The Rahere Lodge, West Smithfield, City of London.
- " 2547, The Llangattock Lodge, Cardiff, South Wales (E.D.)
- " 2548, The Herga Lodge, Harrow, Middlesex.

Craft Masonry.

Panmure Lodge (No. 715).—The installation meeting of this lodge was held on Saturday, the 16th ult., at the Cannon-street Hotel, under the presidency of Bro. S. Myers, W.M., who was well supported by many Past Masters and officers of the lodge, and also several visitors, the company including Bros. Eustace Anderson, P.M.; J. S. White, I.P.M.; R. Eve, P.G. Treas.; Kirkland, P.M. 211; Potts, W.M. 1805; Foss, P.M. 26; Goodrich, 205; Danzege, 205; Dr. Benthall, 1617; Jenks, 8; and Taylor, 613.

The lodge having been opened, Bros. W. Stone and F. W. Theeman were raised to the Third Degree by Bro. E. Anderson, P.M., after which Mr. L. Knebel was initiated by Bro. J. S. White, P.M. This was followed by the important ceremony of the evening—the installation of Bro. Edwin R. Speirs as W.M., this work being ably done by Bro. E. Anderson, P.M. The W.M. subsequently invested his officers as follows: Bros. J. Isaacs, S.W.; L. Cohen, J.W.; L. Neuburger, S.D.; S. F. Kemble, J.D.; T. Chiswell, I.G.; A. Isaacs and F. W. Theeman, Stewards; W. Stone, D.C.; and J. Rawles, Tyler. Afterwards the Master presented to the retiring Master a very handsome jewel which had been voted by the lodge, for the services he had rendered. In the course of his remarks, the speaker stated that from the time Bro. Myers joined the lodge up to the present moment his interest in and work for the lodge had been of the most valuable description. The I.P.M. suitably responded.

The lodge was then closed, and the brethren adjourned to a well-served banquet, at which the customary toasts were proposed and duly honoured.

Bro. Richard Eve, Past G. Treas., having responded for the toast of "The Grand Officers,"

The Immediate Past Master proposed the toast of "The W.M." Since Bro. Speirs had joined the lodge, he remarked, not only had he introduced many good brethren who were still members, but both in the lodge and at the social table he had shown the greatest possible interest in the welfare and development and good government of the lodge. Moreover, he had displayed gifts of oratory and eloquence which had in a large degree enhanced the pleasure and interest of the meetings. He expressed, he was sure, the sentiments of every member of the lodge when he said that they individually felt proud of the fact that so popular and energetic a brother had reached the highest position it was possible for him to attain. Indeed, so great had been the success of his Masonic career that the brothers had welcomed with acclamation the opportunity of conferring upon him the honour of the coveted post of W.M., and he (the speaker) felt sure that in his hands and under his guidance the dignity and good management of the post would be ably sustained. He was the more confirmed in this opinion when he considered the position and abilities of Bro. Speirs outside Masonic circles. He referred to the fact that Bro. Speirs not only at the last General Election contested East Herts as a Parliamentary candidate, but at the present time was a candidate for the Parliamentary representation of South Islington. In addition to this he was Comptroller for Great Britain of the Mutual Reserve Fund Life Association, Broad-street House.

Bro. Speirs, in an eloquent and graceful speech, responded to the toast and referred to the benefits he had received from the knowledge of Masonry, while he forcibly impressed upon all present the fact that, if properly observed and thoroughly carried out, Masonry would tend to improve Masons as men.

Other toasts followed.

A series of musical and other selections was given during the banquet, which added considerably to the success of a highly enjoyable evening.

ACCIDENT INSURANCE COMPANY LIMITED.

19, ST. SWITHIN'S LANE, LONDON, E.C.

Personal Accidents. Fidelity Guarantees.
Railway Accidents. Plate Glass.Employers' Liability.
Prospectuses and every information forwarded Post Free on application to the SECRETARY.

THE FOLLOWING HOTELS OF

THE MIDLAND RAILWAY COMPANY will be found complete in all the arrangements, and the charges moderate.

MIDLAND GRAND

(St. Pancras Station) London, N.W.

The new VENETIAN ROOMS

are available for Wedding Breakfasts, and Public and Private and Masonic Banquets.

ADELPHI

(Near Central Station), LIVERPOOL.

QUEEN'S, LEEDS.

MIDLAND, BRADFORD.

MIDLAND, DERBY.

MIDLAND, MORECAMBE.

Tariffs on application.

Telegraphic Address—"MIDOTEL."

WILLIAM TOWLE, Hotels, &c., Manager.

Dining and Luncheon Carriages (1st and 3rd class) are attached to express trains between London (St. Pancras) and Glasgow (St. Enoch). Luncheons, Teas, Dinners and other refreshments served en route at Midland Railway Buffet prices. For times of departure and other particulars see Midland and other Time Tables.

EADE'S GOUT & RHEUMATIC PILLS.

THE FIRST TWO PILLS TOOK THE PAIN AWAY.

EADE'S PILLS. 2, College Park Villas, Kensal Green, London, W., May, 1891.

Dear Sir,—I feel it my duty to tell you I had Rheumatic Gout twice, and had to stop at home for three weeks. I cannot describe the pain I suffered. I read your advertisement, and looked upon it as all others. A brother signalman said, "Try them." I did so.

THE FIRST TWO PILLS TOOK THE PAIN AWAY

GOUT. in a few hours, and I was able to resume my work. No one need be frightened to take them. I have recommended them to all whom I have heard complaining of Rheumatism, Gout, Lumbago, Neuralgia, &c. I hope no one will doubt my statement.—Yours sincerely, JAS. PETTENGALL.

Mr. G. Eade.

EADE'S GOUT & RHEUMATIC PILLS.

Prepared only by George Eade, 72, Goswell Road, London, E.C.; and Sold by all Chemists in Bottles, 1s. 1½d., and 2s. 9d.

EADE'S GOUT & RHEUMATIC PILLS.

THE BEST MEDICINE FOR BILE,
THE BEST MEDICINE FOR WIND,
THE BEST MEDICINE FOR INDIGESTION,

IS

EADE'S ANTIBILIOUS PILLS.

They quickly remove irritation and feverish state of the STOMACH, correct the morbid condition of the LIVER, relieve the system of all impurities, which, by circulating in the blood, injuriously affect the action of the KIDNEYS, and, by removing the causes of so much discomfort, restore the vital energies of body and mind.

EADE'S ANTIBILIOUS PILLS.

Sold by all Chemists in Boxes, 1s. 1½d. and 2s. 9d., or Mailed Free on receipt of remittance by GEORGE EADE, 72, Goswell Road, London, E.C.

EADE'S ANTIBILIOUS PILLS.

COALS. COALS. COALS.

COCKERELL'S (LIMITED),

13, CORNHILL, LONDON, E.C.

For Prices, see Daily Papers.

Trucks direct from the Colliery to every Railway Station.

PICTURE FRAMES,

MASONS' CERTIFICATES, &c.,

FRAMED TO ANY DESIGN.

H. MORELL,

17 & 18, GREAT ST. ANDREW ST., BLOOMSBURY, LONDON, W.C.

Importer and Manufacturer of all kinds of PICTURE FRAME and ROOM MOULDINGS, Carver, Gilder, and Mount Cutter, having the Largest Stock in the United Kingdom, and a large staff of experienced Workmen, is able to execute all orders at the lowest rate with dispatch. Send for Pattern Book, containing all the newest Designs, 95 Pages, Post free for 6 Penny Stamps. Estimates given. Telegrams, "Rabbitry, London."

OLD GRANS SPECIAL TODDY,
THE CREAM OF
HIGHLAND WHISKIES(Registered), carefully blended under our own supervision.
Guaranteed Ten Years Old.

See Reports of ARTHUR HILL HASSALL, M.D., London, Author of "Food and its Adulteration;" EDWYN GODWYN CLAYTON, F.I.C., F.C.S.; Dr. GILBERT D. SUTHERLAND, F.E.I.S., Consulting Analyst and Food Expert. Specially retained by the National Food Reform Association.

48s. per Dozen. Carriage paid on one doz. and upwards.

LODGES SUPPLIED UPON SPECIAL TERMS.

CHARLES WRIGHT & SON,

(Established 1795.)

WIRKSWORTH and LONDON.

BONDED STORES—LEITH.

CAFE MONICO.
MASONIC TEMPLE.BANQUETING ROOMS
FOR REGIMENTAL DINNERS, &c.

46, REGENT ST., & 19, SHAFTESBURY AVENUE, W.

ANDERTON'S HOTEL & TAVERN
FLEET STREET, LONDON.

F. H. CLEWOW, Proprietor.

In connection with the Peacock Hotel, and Royal Hotel, Boston, Lincolnshire.

The central position of Anderton's is unequalled for Masonic Banquets, Public Dinners, Wedding Breakfasts, Meetings of Creditors, Arbitrations, &c.

The RESTAURANT on Eastern Side of Hotel Entrance is open to the public from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. for Breakfasts, Luncheons, Teas, and Dinners.

The 2s. Hot Luncheon, from 1 p.m. to 3 p.m., in Coffee Room, unequalled.

Registered Address for Telegrams:—

CLEWOW, LONDON.

CANNON STREET HOTEL,
CANNON STREET, E.C.

RITTER & PUZEY, PROPRIETORS.

SPACIOUS AND COMMODIOUS ROOMS

FOR LARGE OR SMALL

MASONIC LODGES,

AND

BANQUETS,

MEETINGS, AUCTIONS, BALLS, CONCERTS, ARBITRATIONS, CINDERELLAS, ETC.

J. APTOMMAS, MANAGER.

BREE'S ROYAL HOTEL, JERSEYHealthiest situation in St. Helier.
20 degrees cooler than the sea front.BED AND BREAKFAST 5/6 AND 6/-.
FULL BOARD, ROOMS & SERVICE, 8/6 & 9/- per day.

Telegraphic Address—"BREES, JERSEY."

THE SHIP AND TURTLE.

Proprietor, Bro. C. J. PAINTER.

Best and oldest house in London for recherche Masonic Banquets, Private Parties, and Dinners.

OUR TURTLE "THE ELIXIR OF LIFE,"

Vide faculty.

Purveyors to H.R.H. Prince of Wales, H.I.M. Emperor of Russia, Dukes of Saxe Gotha, Connaught, Cambridge. Manager, Bro. E. ASHBY.

Telephone No. 2879.

Established 1808.

MATTHEWS, DREW, & CO.,
WHOLESALE AND RETAILSTATIONERS, PRINTERS, LITHOGRAPHERS
ACCOUNT BOOK MAKERS.

ESTIMATES SUBMITTED.

"THE PROFESSIONAL NOTE,"A High-class Vellum Paper, with Rough or Satin Surface.
SAMPLES ON APPLICATION.

Send for Illustrated Price List Free.

MATTHEWS, DREW, & COMPANY,

37 & 38, HIGH HOLBORN, LONDON, W.C.

(Opposite Chancery Lane).

Law Writing Department—10, GRAY'S INN PLACE, W.C.

ASSIMILATIVE MEMORY
(LOISETTE'S SYSTEM). Established 21 years."Your admirable system,"—M.D. (Ed.).
"By your system I committed to memory 1600 words,"—Dist. Supr. (Bengal Police).
"My success at recent Civil Service Exam. is attributable to your system,"—A. SHEPARD.
"A sound healthy training of the memory,"—J.H. SCAIFE, L.L.B.
Lessons by Correspondence. Send for Prospectus, free. PROFESSOR LOISETTE, 37 New Oxford-st., London.**FRANK HASWELL,**

(ESTABLISHED 1817),

SIGN AND GLASS WRITER TO THE TRADE.

4, SOHO STREET, OXFORD STREET, LONDON, W.

ARTISTIC WRITER TO THE
FINE ARTS.

TESTIMONIALS A SPECIALITY.

THOMAS MORING,

Established 1791.

SEAL ENGRAVER, HERALDIC PAINTER, &c.

52, HIGH HOLBORN, LONDON, W.C.

ILLUMINATED ADDRESSES IN THE BEST STYLE.

MASONIC AND HERALDIC BANNERS.

Send for Specimens of High Class Stationery, Visiting Cards, and Dies gratis.

Also gratis on application:—Book of Examples of Monumental Brass, and Specimen Book of Brass Door Plates.

Catalogue of Seal Engraving, etc. (illustrated), 13 stamps.

FOR ECONOMICAL AND RESPECTABLE FUNERALS at stated charges.

To cover all expenses, exclusive of cemetery fees.

BRO. C. G. HATT,

UNDERTAKER,

82, HIGH STREET, KENSINGTON, W.
CREMATION AND EMBALMING.

Distance no object.

Orders by post or telegrams promptly attended to.

Price Lists free on application.

Illustrated Tariff Post Free.

FUNERALS OF EVERY DESCRIPTION.

LONDON NECROPOLIS Co.,

188, WESTMINSTER BRIDGE ROAD,

2, LANCASTER PLACE, STRAND.

FISH, POULTRY, GAME, OYSTERS.

JOHN GOW, LIMITED

86, OLD BROAD STREET, E.C.

(late 17, New Broad Street, E.C.),

12, HONEY LANE MARKET, CHEAPSIDE, E.C.,

93, THEOBALD'S RD., HOLBORN, W.C.,

AND

86, HIGH STREET, PECKHAM, S.E.

JOHN GOW, Limited, always have on sale the Largest Stock in London of the Very Best Quality at Lowest Prices.

HIGH-CLASS PROVISION STORES (NOW OPENED),

50, 51, and 52, OLD BROAD STREET, E.C.

WANTED TO BUY.—OLD LIFE
INSURANCE BONUS POLICIES, at prices exceeding the Office Surrender Value.—Apply to J. L. SHERRIN, 40, Old Broad-street, London.**CARETAKER AND MESSENGER**

in Bank, Chambers, or Offices. Situation wanted by P.M., aged 40; married; no encumbrance; excellent testimonials and character. Write—"R.A.," 54 New Oxford-street, W.C.

BRO. NELSON PROWER, M.A.

Oxon. (Honours), F.R.G.S., P.M., P.Z., K.T., 30°, &c., assisted by Bro. ADAMS, M.A. Camb. (1st Class Classic), P.M., P.Z., &c., and by a High Wrangler, reads with Pupils for all Ordinary Examinations, also in Modern Greek and Elementary Turkish. Address—51 Doughty-street, W.C.

TYPE-WRITING.

All kinds of Copying:—MASONIC NOTICES, AUTHORS' MANUSCRIPTS, PLAYS, &c.

Duplicates of Circulars by the latest process.

RAYNE AND CO.,

EFFINGHAM HOUSE, ARUNDEL STREET STRAND, W.C.

Highest References. Private Room for Dictation.

Terms on application.

PHENIX FIRE OFFICE,
19, LOMBARD ST., & 57, CHARING CROSS,
LONDON.—Established 1782.

Lowest Current Rates | Assured free of all Liability
Liberal and Prompt Settlements | Electric Lighting Rules supplied
W. C. MACDONALD, } Joint
F. B. MACDONALD, } Secretaries.

LAURENT-

PERRIER'S

"SANS-SUCRE."

BOUZY-REIMS.

This High-Class Natural Champagne of remarkably fine flavour is much appreciated by all Champagne drinkers, and is recommended by physicians when all other Champagnes are prohibited, being without any added sugar and alcohol. Obtainable at all the Gordon Hotels, the Savoy, Spiers and Pond's, St. James', the Holborn, Frascati's, and leading Clubs, Hotels and Restaurants, Wine Merchants and Stores.

LAURENT-

PERRIER'S

"SANS-SUCRE."

BOUZY-REIMS.

HERTZ & COLLINGWOOD,
4, SUSSEX PLACE, LONDON, E.C., Sole Consignees.

PANTOMIME SEASON.

THE GAIETY RESTAURANT

Adjoins the Gaiety Theatre, and is quite close to the Lyceum, Drury Lane, Covent Garden; The Globe, The Opera Comique, The Strand, The Adelphi, The Vaudeville, Terry's, Toole's, &c., &c.

FOR MATINEES.

BEFORE THE PERFORMANCE. Hot Luncheons at popular prices in the RESTAURANT (1st floor). Chops, Steaks, Kidneys and all Grills in the GRILL ROOM.

AFTER THE PERFORMANCE. Dinners 3s. 6d., 5s., and a la Carte in the RESTAURANT (with Band). Grills and Special Dishes in the GRILL ROOM.

AFTERNOON TEAS IN THE RESTAURANT.

FOR EVENINGS.

BEFORE THE PERFORMANCE. Dinners 3s. 6d., 5s., and a la Carte in the RESTAURANT (with Band). Grills and Special Dishes in the GRILL ROOM.

AFTER THE PERFORMANCE. Grills and Special Dishes in the GRILL ROOM until 12.30.

THE BAND
PLAYS IN THE RESTAURANT
FROM 6 TILL 8 P.M.

Private Dining Rooms for large and small parties.

Proprietors, SPIERS & POND LIMITED.

PARTRIDGE & COOPER,
"THE" STATIONERS,
191 & 192, FLEET STREET, LONDON,
Would invite attention to their
LARGE AND WELL-SELECTED STOCK OF
GENERAL & FANCY STATIONERY,

Suitable for presents, such as Inkstands, Stationery, Cabinets, Ladies' and Gentlemen's Dressing Bags, Travelling and Brief Bags, &c., all of which are enumerated in their New Illustrated Catalogue, sent free on application.



SATURDAY, MARCH 2, 1895.

Masonic Notes.

Of the 10 lodges for the constitution of which His Royal Highness the M.W. Grand Master has been pleased to grant warrants since the Quarterly Communication in December last, two are located in London, namely, the Iris and the Rahere Lodges, Nos. 2545 and 2546 respectively; and four are located in the Provinces, namely, the Ember Lodge, No. 2540,

East Molesey, Surrey; the St. Andrew's, No. 2541, Avonmouth, Gloucestershire; the Llangattock Lodge, No. 2547, Cardiff, South Wales (E.D.); and the Herga Lodge, No. 2548, Harrow, Middlesex. The remaining four are located abroad, namely, the Roodepoort Lodge, No. 2539, Roodepoort, and the St. George Lodge, No. 2544, Vryheid, both in S.A. Republic (Transvaal); the Gatton Lodge, No. 2542, Gatton, Queensland; and the Coolgardie Lodge, No. 2543, Coolgardie, Western Australia.

The Grand Lodge of Mark Master Masons of England and Wales, &c., will hold their Regular Quarterly Communication at Mark Masons' Hall, on Tuesday, the 5th instant. The business includes the election of a Grand Master and Grand Treasurer for the ensuing year, there being two candidates for the latter office. The report of the General Board announces the appointment of Bro. Lord Henry Cavendish Bentinck to be Prov. Grand Master for Cumberland and Westmorland, in succession to the late lamented Bro. the Earl of Deceive. It also refers in terms of the deepest regret to the death of Bro. Col. G. Noel Money, C.B., Prov. G. Mark Master for Surrey. The Board likewise recommend that lodges 270 and 335, having failed to comply with the requirements of Article 150, Mark Book of Constitutions, be erased from the list of lodges. Be it added that the candidates for the office of Grand Treasurer are Bros. Percy Wallis and Capt. Thomas Chas. Walls. There were originally three, but as will be seen from a letter in our correspondence columns, Bro. W. F. Lamonty has withdrawn his candidature.

It is announced in connection with the Fund of Benevolence that the day appointed for the celebration of the 27th Annual Festival of the Mark Benevolent Fund, is Wednesday, the 10th July. We have before mentioned that Bro. Lord Skelmersdale will be the chairman on the occasion.

It is with unfeigned satisfaction that we are again enabled to sincerely congratulate Miss Davis and those who work with her, and no less the governing body, and the whole body of Governors and Subscribers of the Girls' School on the highly favourable nature of the Report (just issued) of the Cambridge Local Examiners. Twenty-three senior girls were sent up for examination in December. The whole of these have passed, eight "honours" and eleven "distinctions" being announced in addition. At the same time 54 girls (younger and less advanced) went in for the College of Preceptors Examination, and of these 48 have proved successful. A magnificent result of what must have been a year of careful instruction on the part of the teachers, and honest work on that of the Girls.

WE ARE GLAD to announce a great success of the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys in the Cambridge Local Examinations, held in December last. The results having just reached us, we observe with much pleasure that in the Senior Examinations, one second class, and in the Junior, three seconds, three thirds and 20 passes, making a total of 27 certificates.

Cryptic Masonry.

Grand Master's Council (No. 1).—A meeting of this council was held at Mark Masons' Hall, Great Queen-street, on the 22nd ult. Among those who attended were Comps. George Powell, T.I.M.; R. L. Loveland, J.P., P.T.I.M.; A. McDowall, P.C.W.; Major W. B. Williamson, J.P., C. of C.; J. J. Pakes, G. Gregory, John Smith, F. Groves, Capt. T. C. Walls, Recorder; and E. Mills, O.S.

The minutes of the previous meeting having been read and confirmed, Comp. A. McDowall was unanimously elected T.I.M.; George Graveley, P.T.I.M., Treas.; and E. Mills, O.S. A vote of thanks was passed and ordered to be entered on the minutes to Comp. G. Powell for his services as T.I.M. The resignation of Comp. W. Shurmer was received with regret. It having been reported that Comp. H. J. Lardner had recently suffered a domestic bereavement, it was moved by the Thrice Illustrious Master, seconded by Comp. R. L. Loveland, and carried unanimously: "That the council having heard with great regret of the death of the wife of Comp. H. J. Lardner, T.I.M., desire to convey to him their condolence upon the sad bereavement he has sustained." This resolution was ordered to be entered on the minutes, and a copy sent to Comp. Lardner. Communications regretting inability to attend were received from Comps. Lieut.-Col. G. Lambert, P.T.I.M.; Baron de Ferrieres, P.T.I.M.; the Rev. Dr. Lemon, P.G. Chap.; G. Graveley, P.T.I.M.; D. P. Cama, S. H. Parkhouse, J. J. Thomas, H. H. Squire, M.A., B. Stewart, N. Prower, M.A., the Rev. R. C. Fillingham, M.A., and many others.

The council was then closed in the Degree of Select Master, and the companions adjourned to the Holborn Restaurant to dine. Comp. G. Powell presided, as usual, in a most genial and effective manner.

The installation meeting takes place as heretofore on the third Thursday in May next.

Correspondence.

GRAND TREASURERSHIP OF MARK GRAND LODGE.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,

Will you permit me the opportunity of intimating that I have withdrawn from the contest for this year's Grand Treasurership of the Mark Degree. Next year, however, I hope to again offer myself as a candidate.—Fraternally yours,

W. F. LAMONBY, P.M. 292,

P.P.G. Sec. Cumberland and Westmorland.

February 23rd.

THE "LAMBTON" JEWEL.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,

Answering Bro. Hughan's query as to jewel of the Lambton Lodge, No. 521 (now 375) it is no wonder it is scarce and not in Bro. Shackle's collection, nor indeed any other, considering the nature of the by-law of the lodge. I may say, in passing, it is still worn by the members and highly prized. Quoting from the by-laws of 1825, compiled in 1834 by Bro. Sir Cuthbert Sharp, the famous antiquarian, author of "Freemasonry in the Province of Durham," and the Treasurer of the Lodge XVII. "His Royal Highness the Duke of Sussex, M.W. Grand Master, having instituted a mark of distinction (in commemoration of His Royal Highness's visit to the Province of Durham in 1832) for Master Masons members of the Lambton Lodge, which can only be conferred by the Master; each brother on receiving this badge of distinction shall pay to the Treasurer the sum of five guineas. On his demise, or in case of his withdrawing his name from the lodge, the medal shall be returned to the Treasurer, who shall refund the five guineas."

The by-law is still enforced.—Yours fraternally,
G. W. HONI.

"GOOD WORKING."

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,

I was very much pleased to read in your issue of 16th inst. the letter of Bro. P. H. Davis on "good working." I gathered from his remarks that he is, like myself, a strong believer in emulation working. So much for Craft Masonry. May I now refer to your copy of 9th inst., page 75, Pattison Chapter, No. 913, in which the following passage occurs: "The ritual is that of Comp. the Rev. Thomas Robinson, M.A., P.G. Chap. Kent, an erudite Hebrew scholar, and is utterly dissimilar in its applications to any of the other chapter-workings of the Metropolitan area, and they, the workings of the M.A., are depressingly dissimilar to each other." Will any brother or companion enlighten me on the meaning of the above quoted passage. Have we arrived at the time when any companion may introduce any ritual at his own sweet will? Is this conducive to uniformity?—Yours fraternally,

JOHN O. CARTER,
P.P.S.G.W. and Prov. G.H.
Berks.

February 20th.

Masonic Notes and Queries.

1064]

THE "LAMBTON LODGE" MEDAL.

Thanks to the courteous Provincial Grand Secretary of Durham (Bro. Robert Hudson, P.G.S.B.), I have received full particulars of the medal worn by the members of the "Lambton Lodge," No. 375, Chester-le-street, by permission of the Grand Master, H.R.H. the Duke of Sussex, and of which an engraving is given of the obverse on the title page of "Freemasonry in the Province of Durham," 1836. In addition to the information noted in the *Freemason* of the 9th February, 1895, I may say that the medal is of gold, the size being 23 (in sixteenths of an inch), and has the arms of the Duke of Sussex, resting on blue enamel with motto on garter which encloses the shield. The reverse is engraved as already stated. The decoration is still worn by the brethren of the lodge, and a reproduction thereof will appear in the Transactions of the "Quatuor Coronati" Lodge, No. 2076, as soon as possible with an article by me on the subject. The ribbon to which the medal is attached is of dark green bordered with crimson. I am much indebted for all the trouble Bro. Hudson has taken in the matter, and beg to also thank Dr. Drury for sending me another of the jewels for my inspection.

W. J. HUGHAN.



Craft Masonry.

Royal Somerset House and Inverness Lodge (No. 4).—This time immemorial lodge held its installation meeting at Freemasons' Hall, Great Queen-street, W.C., on Monday, the 25th ult. A large number of brethren were prevented from attending owing to the prevailing epidemic of influenza, including the W.M. and Bro. F. West, Dep. G.M. Surrey, Sec. Those who were

fortunate enough to attend were presented with a facsimile of the by-laws framed in 1776, as a souvenir of the occasion. Amongst the brethren present we noticed Bros. J. A. Hughes, P.M., P.G. Stwd.; O. T. Hodges, S.W., G. Stwd.; R. Gresley Hall, P.M., Treas., P.G. Stwd.; W. Stevenson Hoyte, G. Org., P.M.; C. Cousens, P.M., P.G. Stwd.; A. Adams, G. Stwd.; A. Machin, Chatham Ellis, H. C. Thompson, A. Godwin, E. H. Parks, R. C. Devonshire, and others. Visitors: Bros. J. Lewis Thomas, P.A.G.D.C.; A. C. Mitchell, W. King, H. M. Cottrell, 46; C. F. Matier, P.G.S.B.; C. Devonshire, 3, Nova Scotia; J. C. Collard, 5; B. G. Elliott, 2020; W. P. Fuller, 8; F. Probert, P.M. 2; J. D. Griffin, W.M. 1, P.G. Stwd.; H. A. Rigg, 259, P.G. Stwd.; A. J. Morris, 569; F. Lang Day, Dr. A. E. Sansom, P.P.G.W. Middx.; J. Scott, 166; A. Visetti, W. W. Lee, W.M. 1897, and others.

Lodge having been opened, Bro. J. A. Hughes, P.M., P.G. Stwd., installed Bro. O. T. Hodges, G. Stwd., as W.M. for the ensuing year. The following officers were appointed: Bros. A. Adams, G. Stwd., S.W.; Harlaung, P.M., J.W.; R. Gresley Hall, P.G. Stwd., Treas.; F. West, Dep. Prov. G.M. Surrey, Sec.; Brown, S.D.; Fenn, J.D.; Scott, Stwd.; and Freeman, Tyler. The Junior Warden was unanimously elected to serve as Grand Steward, and a Steward was also appointed to represent the lodge at the next Festival of the R.M.I. for Girls.

Lodge was closed, and a banquet was afterwards held at Freemasons' Tavern.

The usual loyal and Masonic toasts were subsequently honoured.

"The Grand Officers" was proposed by Bro. Gresley Hall, P.G. Stwd., and in response,

Bro. J. Lewis Thomas, P.A.G.D.C., expressed the pleasure it afforded him to reply in a lodge as celebrated as that, which dated from time immemorial. That was not the first occasion he had enjoyed the honour of attending the installation meeting, but that was the first time he had returned thanks for their toast, because as a rule there were Grand Officers present of a higher grade than himself.

Bro. W. Stevenson Hoyte, Grand Org., replied for the Present Grand Officers, and said they would yield to none in their desire to promote the best interests of Freemasonry.

Bro. J. A. Hughes, P.G. Stwd., said it had been his pleasing task to install their W.M., and in consequence the privilege had been conferred upon him of proposing the toast of his health. It had been a delight to him to come forward that evening, as they were in a difficulty owing to the influenza. He knew what their W.M. had done in the past, and that he had given them satisfaction, and taking that into consideration, they might leave the honour of the lodge in his hands with perfect composure. He would simply hope the W.M. would have health and strength to carry out his duties as the members would have good reason to be proud of him.

Bro. O. T. Hodges, G. Stwd., W.M., tendered his sincere thanks for the hearty way in which the toast had been received. He could assure them it would be his endeavour to promote, in every way he possibly could, the interest of the lodge. There was a very old lodge, and every brother had before him a *fac simile* of certain by-laws agreed to on 25th Nov., 1776, which contained some very quaint expressions. He was sure that during his year he should have an easy task, for his officers, with few exceptions, were Past Masters, and as the work depended chiefly upon them it was bound to be a success. He knew he should receive every assistance from the officers and other brethren.

In giving "The Visitors," the W.M. accorded them a hearty welcome, and said it was an invidious task to select those to respond amongst such an "abundance de riches."

Bro. J. D. Griffin, P.G. Stwd., acknowledged the toast, and returned thanks for the hospitable manner in which they had been entertained. They esteemed it a high privilege to have been invited to that ancient and distinguished lodge, and there was a general consensus of opinion that if they were happy enough to receive an invite on some future occasion, they would be pleased to accept it. They desired to congratulate the W.M. very much upon the high position conferred upon him in being placed in the chair of that distinguished lodge. It was, perhaps, a coincidence that might not happen again, that there were Visitors from No. 1 Lodge, No. 2 and Nos. 3 and 5. He regretted the absence of Bro. F. West, whose guest he was, but had now so many hosts that he had not felt left out in the cold.

Bros. Probert, G. Stwd., and Rigg, P.G. Stwd., also replied.

Bro. A. Cousens, P.G. Stwd., responded for "The Past Masters," and said that when he was initiated in 1867 he little thought he should ever return thanks for this toast. He had seen a great many changes during those 28 years and many new faces, and the lodge appeared to be going ahead.

Bro. Gresley Hall, P.G. Stwd., Treas., replied for "The Treasurer and Secretary," and Bros. Adams, P.G. Stwd., S.W., and Hughes, P.M., P.G. Stwd., for "The Officers," the latter expressing the pleasure it had afforded him at short notice to install the W.M.

The Tyler's toast then closed the proceedings.

Mr. H. L. Smith directed the musical arrangements, and was assisted by Mr. Leslie Smith, Miss Hilda Glenn, Messrs. Seymour Matthew and P. Roberts, and the Amphion Glee Singers.

Constitutional Lodge (No. 55).—The annual installation meeting of this ancient lodge was held at the Cannon-street Hotel, E.C., on the 21st ult., when Bro. N. Robinson concluded a very successful year by installing Bro. Julius O. Jacobs as W.M. for the ensuing year. Amongst the members in attendance were Bros. Nathan Robinson, W.M.; Voght, P.M.; W. H. Dipstale, P.M.; H. W. Roach, P.M.; F. White, P.M.; J. Cooper, P.M.; J. Toper, P.M.; Jubal Webb, P.M.; E. Newman, S.W.; J. Jacobs, J.W.; R. P. Atkins, P.M., Treas.; and W. T. Farthing, P.M., Sec. Visitors: Bros. F. Mead, P.G.S.B.; R. G. Robinson, 1531; A. Yates, 2361; F. W. Faulkner, 475; W. J. Green, 2422; J. Freeman, 1399; C. Lewis, 1706; W. Davson, P.M. 1123; H. T. Telling, P.M. 2345; R. Lomas, 2218; T. Payne, 2168; W. W. Westley, P.M. 186; E. L. Horne, P.M. 227; W. J. Tull, 1706; F. G. Newell, 177; E. R. Capon, 1422; A. J. Turnwood, 1767; C. G. Luker, P.M. 212; C. W. Greenwood, 38; S. Johnson, 1319; W. Short, 2168; W. F. Grimmett, 15; W. H. White, 1601; F. W. Middleditch, 1024; W. Scott, 857; G. N. Watts, 194;

W. J. Boyce, 1708; T. Parkers, I.G. 2271; J. E. Thomas, P.M. 1769; E. G. Saunders, 227; J. H. Newman, R. F. Arkley Spencer, P.P.G.R.; J. E. Bennett, 902; T. A. Starres, P.M. 174; J. H. Moggridge, 1321; J. S. Jackson, 1732; J. C. H. Strong 1732; E. Dalzell, P.M.; F. Bevan, P.M.; J. A. Brown, 2264; J. D. Preece, 1563; W. W. Lee, W.M. 1897; and others.

After the confirmation of the minutes, Bros. H. Moore and E. J. Elliott were raised to the Third Degree. Bro. Julius O. Jacobs having been presented as W.M. elect, was impressively installed by Bro. Nathan Robinson, and the following officers were invested: Bros. Louis Steil, S.W.; W. G. Langlands, J.W.; R. P. Atkins, P.M., Treas.; W. T. Farthing, P.M., Sec.; F. Richardson, S.D.; T. B. Manning, J.D.; T. B. Roberts, I.G.; L. A. Lewis, D.C.; and H. Thomas, Tyler.

Letters of regret for inability to attend were announced from several Grand Officers and other brethren, and lodge was closed.

After banquet, the customary toasts were honoured.

Bro. Nathan Robinson, I.P.M., in proposing "The Health of the newly-installed W.M.," said that those brethren who were fortunate enough to be present in the lodge to see the masterly manner in which the W.M. invested his officers, must have been delighted with the excellent augury given for the next 12 months' work. They only required to rally round the W.M. to see such a year of work as would vastly benefit the lodge. They knew by the conduct of Bro. Jacobs in the lodge, his marvellous "go-ahead" manner of conducting his duties in the lodge and at the banquet table, that they had installed one who was able and willing to discharge his duties. It appeared to him (the I.P.M.) that the old Constitutional Lodge was not going to be, but was absolutely resuscitated. The old lodge had taken a new lease of life, and it only required a few years of recent progress to raise it to the pinnacle it previously occupied. In bringing about this desirable result, they were quite safe in the hands of their newly-installed W.M.

Bro. J. O. Jacobs, W.M., in response, said that words failed him to thank them for the most elaborate and more than flattering manner in which his health had been proposed and received. He could not help looking at the programme for the evening, and seeing that the last item they had heard was "The Flight of Ages," and so far as he proposed to deal with it in regard to that toast was that it was something like eight-and-a-half years ago that he sat at the right of the W.M. as an initiate of that lodge. He recollected that the W.M. of that year—Bro. E. Brown—in welcoming him into the lodge, held forth bright promises of occupying the chair, and it was with great trepidation he looked forward to the time when he should be installed. That trepidation had gone on increasing ever since. He felt it was a great honour to be elected W.M., and also a great responsibility, which he cheerfully undertook, and, although he should endeavour to discharge that responsibility to the best of his ability, he feared he might not do so to their satisfaction. It seemed but yesterday that he occupied the initiate's chair. The chair of K.S. had been very well filled in a double sense by the I.P.M. and his predecessors. He had always looked forward to occupying the chair, and there was truth in his case in the hackneyed expression that it was the proudest moment of his life. It was the summit of a Mason's ambition to fill the chair in his mother lodge, and, having attained it, he should endeavour to hand it over to his successor in the same state as when he received it.

The W.M. then proposed "The I.P.M. and Installing Master," and said the excellence of the I.P.M. was not to be excelled by predecessors or successors. Bro. Nathan Robinson had infused enthusiasm into his work, and brought those of his family into the lodge who were eligible. His hearty good will had endeared him to them, and his name would be handed down as one of the Masters who had done a great deal for their lodge. They must all have been impressed with his work as Installing Master, and the words used by him had gone deep into his (the W.M.'s) heart as coming from one who knew what he was talking about. It had always been the custom in their lodge to recognise the services of those Masters who performed their duties efficiently, he (the W.M.) had, therefore, the utmost pleasure in pinning upon the breast of Bro. Nathan Robinson a Past Master's jewel as a token of respect. They one and all hoped he would have health and strength to wear it many years in the Constitutional Lodge.

Bro. Nathan Robinson, I.P.M., in reply, said he did not lay claim to be a greedy man, but there was one thing he was particularly greedy of, and that was the good opinion of his fellows. He did strive might and main to deserve that appreciation, and when that was bestowed upon him he felt particularly gratified. He must refer to one remark of the W.M. as to his trepidation. As a tolerably keen observer, he had watched the W.M., both at his election and when installed, and did not see him move a muscle, but went through the action of taking the chair with the hardihood of an old campaigner. The past year had been to him (the I.P.M.) one of unmixed pleasure. He was fond of work and enjoyed it, and was confident the W.M. would also enjoy his work. He had only to thank the W.M. heartily and sincerely for the kind manner in which he had proposed the toast and the brethren for the considerable amount of "gusto" with which they had received it.

Bros. Telling, P.M.; Lomas; Horne, P.M.; and others responded for "The Visitors," and Bros. Cooper, P.M., and Jubal Webb, P.M., for "The Past Masters."

Other toasts were given before the pleasant proceedings terminated.

The musical arrangements, which were carried out in an excellent manner, were in the hands of Bros. F. Bevan, E. Dalzell, W. H. Noel, and R. B. Hopkins.

Loyalty and Charity Lodge (No. 1584).

—The installation meeting of this lodge was held on the 23rd ult., at the Star and Garter, Kew Bridge, which house has lately changed hands, and is undergoing quite a transformation under the management of the new landlord, Bro. Purkiss. There were present Bros. E. Parke Seaton, W.M.; Arthur R. Hodson, P.P.G.S. of W. Herts, S.W.; T. Drew Bear, P.M., Treas.; Wm. Dodd, Sec.; F. Watson Smyth, J.D.; J. Peeke Richards, P.M., D.C.; Herbert McDonald Phillpott, M.D., I.G.; G. Pitt Lewis, Q.C., P.G. Stwd.; E. Frampton, P.M.; T. Bouchier Chilcott, P.M.; Walter G. Walford, M.D., P.M.; F. T. Reade, P.M.; Astley Smith, Wilson Rees, M.D.; H. F. A. Hoskins, Herbert Baker, and Geo.

Hackford, P.M. Visitors: Bros. Gross, P.M. 2033; E. Prince, P.P.G.S. of W. Berks; J. Earley Danks, P.P. G.S. of W. Berks; Lewis Wigan, P.M. 409; Chas. Wells, 2323; and Frank L. Palmer, 2084.

The work in the lodge consisted of conferring the Second Degree on Bros. Rees and Tetley, which was done by Bro. Chilcott, P.M., who gave the lecture on the tracing board in a very able manner. Bro. Hodson, P.M., of the Bishop Stortford Lodge, and P.P.G.S. of W., was then duly installed into the chair by Bro. Walford, who also gave the addresses, the whole of the work being performed most carefully and correctly. After the appointment of officers, a most unusual presentation was made to the lodge, in the form of a set of full-sized tracing boards, painted by Miss Walford, and presented, in her name, by her father, Dr. Walford, for which a hearty vote of thanks was given, and the Secretary was requested to convey the same to the lady, with expressions of regret that she could not be elected an honorary member or associate. The boards were much admired, and it was unanimously agreed that they were beautifully executed. The case of the widow of a former member was advocated by Bro. Richards, and, as she had been relieved by the Board of Benevolence, a grant of £20 was voted from the Charity Fund of the lodge.

Several brethren were laid up with influenza, including Bro. David Strong and Bro. Rupert Williams; an apology for non-attendance was also received from Bro. Loveland Loveland, P. Board of Gen. Purps., who was detained by professional duties all the afternoon.

The brethren dined together under the presidency of the W.M. The usual toasts were given, interspersed by the singing of Bros. Frampton, Palmer, and Mr. Willaster, and recitation by Bro. Philpotts.

From our visit to this lodge we should say that the watchwords of the Order, as stated by H.R.H. at his installation in the Albert Hall, "Loyalty and Charity," from which the lodge is named, are not forgotten, indeed they are figuratively expressed in the P.M.'s jewel, a heart surmounted by a crown, which, we were pleased to see, was presented to the outgoing Master, Bro. Seaton.

PROVINCIAL MEETINGS.

BARNET.

Gladsmuir Lodge (No. 1385).—The regular meeting was held at the Red Lion Hotel, on Friday, the 23rd ult., when there were present Bros. F. C. Collingwood, Prov. G. Stwd., W.M.; G. Blizard Abbott, I.P.M.; Anneveld, S.W.; Tibbatts, J.W.; C. Gray, P.M., P.P. G.S.B., Sec.; Cussans, P.M., P.P.S.G.W.; R. F. Young, P.M., P.P.J.G.D.; W. Lewis, P.M., P.P.A.G.D.C.; Mason, acting I.G.; Goddard, Tyler; Ball, Cranston, Rainsford, Baddeley, C. Grimwade, W. Grimwade, Attree, King, and Dr. Haskins.

The minutes of the previous meeting having been read and confirmed, the brethren proceeded to the election of a new W.M., the step being rendered necessary by the fact that the brother who was so elected at the lodge held last November had removed to Scotland, and found himself unable to attend his duties. The choice of the brethren fell unanimously upon Bro. W. H. G. Ball, who, as J.W. last year, stood next in order, and was heartily congratulated. Two candidates for initiation in March having been proposed, lodge was closed, and the brethren dined together. The usual toasts were honoured, those of "The W.M." and "The W.M. Elect" being received with the greatest cordiality.

GATESHEAD-ON-TYNE.

Borough Lodge (No. 424).—The annual meeting of this lodge was held on Monday, the 15th ult., Bro. Robert Stewart, W.M., presiding. There was a large muster of brethren, amongst whom were Bros. T. Potts, I.P.M.; Jas. Shaw, P.M., D.C.; G. N. Patterson, P.M.; T. A. Moffitt, P.M.; Jas. C. Lawson, P.M., Treas.; Wm. Stafford, W.M. 48; W. J. Jobson, I.P.M. 48; Robert Whitfield, P.M. 48; A. Dodds, S.W. 48; T. Purvis, P.M. 481; T. R. Jobson, P.M. 1064; T. Watson, W.M. 1342; and others.

After the preliminary business Bro. T. R. Short, P.M., P.P.G. Stwd., S.W., W.M. elect, was installed in the chair for the ensuing year. The installation ceremony was most impressively performed by Bro. R. Stewart, Installing Master, and the choral service was admirably rendered by the musical brethren. The Installing Master delivered the charge to the W.M., and Bro. J. Shaw, P.M., those to the Wardens and brethren. The newly-installed W.M. then invested the following brethren as his officers for the year: Bros. Robert Stewart, I.P.M.; John Adamson, S.W.; W. J. Heppell, J.W.; G. N. Patterson, P.M., P.P.S.G.D., Treas.; Frederick L. Cope, P.P.G.C., Chap.; James Burrell, Sec.; Thomas Tindale, S.D.; W. F. Phillips, J.D.; Joseph Reed, I.G.; James Shaw, P.M., P.P. J.G.D., D.C.; Jonathan Howe, Thomas W. Richardson, and Thomas M. Warden, Stwds.; and Joshua Curry, Tyler. The retiring Master, Bro. R. Stewart, was presented by the members with a handsome Past Master's jewel as a mark of their high esteem. The I.P.M. presented the lodge with a large photograph, appropriately framed, of Bro. Robert Hudson, Prov. G. Sec. Seven candidates for initiation were proposed, and after receiving the good wishes the proceedings closed.

The annual festival was subsequently held at the Half Moon Hotel, when the usual loyal and Masonic toasts were duly honoured. Bros. Guthrie, Blackburn, White, and several other brethren contributed to the harmony of the proceedings.

LEEDS.

Philanthropic Lodge (No. 304).—Wednesday, January 30th last, will ever be remembered by those brethren present as a fit and proper termination of a very memorable year in the annals of the lodge. It concluded the centenary year of the lodge, and the brethren took the opportunity of doing honour to their Worshipful Master, Bro. George Austin Suddick, who had so worthily presided over them for the last twelve months. During those twelve months each of the seven other Leeds lodges had been invited in a body to visit the Philanthropic Lodge in turn, and at each meeting a large number of the respective lodges had accepted the invitation of the Worshipful Master to be present.

The lodge was opened in due form, and a goodly number of visitors were present, amongst whom were Bros. Henry Smith, P.D.G. of Eng., Dep. Prov. G.M.; H. G. C.

Green, Prov. G. Sec.; and Joseph Matthewman, Prov. Asst. G. Sec. The Worshipful Master Elect, Bro. George Hainsworth, was presented for installation by the Dep. Prov. Grand Master, and the ceremony of installation was then proceeded with, the first part being taken by the retiring W.M., Bro. Suddick, the second part by Bro. C. Letch Mason, P.M., and the concluding addresses by Bro. W. H. Hewson, P.M. The officers were appointed and invested. Bro. W. F. Tomlinson, P.M., P. Prov. G. Director of Ceremonies was re-elected to represent the lodge on the Provincial Charity Committee, and the two Wardens to represent the lodge on the Local Charity Committee. The business being finished, the new Master, Bro. George Hainsworth, then presented the I.P.M., Bro. G. A. Suddick, with a Past Master's collar and square, also a very handsome Past Master's jewel, in doing so, he said: It is my great privilege and pleasure on behalf of the lodge to do honour to one of whom there cannot be two opinions as to his worthiness. I refer to the I.P.M., Bro. George Suddick. The past year has been one full of exceptional difficulties from many points of view, but our I.P.M. has been equal to every occasion, and his genial and fraternal character has been experienced by all he has come in contact with; his performance of our beautiful ritual has been the admiration of all visitors as well as our own brethren; his generosity has been without bounds, and he is never so happy as when he is contributing to the happiness of others. I can say no more, but ask you, Worshipful Brother, to accept this Past Master's jewel, together with this Past Master's collar and square, from the brethren of the lodge as a token of our great esteem and affection, and we all trust that the G.A.O.T.U. will grant you a long and happy life, and may your sons and your sons' sons remember when they see these tokens, the great esteem and honour in which you were held by the brethren of your lodge, at this, the close of their centenary year. Bro. George A. Suddick, in responding, said he was quite taken by surprise at the great kindness evinced by the brethren of the lodge towards him. He knew it was not customary in the Philanthropic Lodge to present their outgoing Master with a Past Master's jewel, and he should, therefore, value it all the more; he could assure his brethren that his presiding over them had afforded him great pleasure, and he should ever remember the great honour thus extended to him.

The jewel is unique, and bears the inscription on the back "Presented to Brother George Austin Suddick, Worshipful Master of the Philanthropic Lodge, 304, during its centenary year, by brethren of the lodge."

The lodge was shortly afterwards closed, and the brethren adjourned to the banqueting room.

After the usual loyal and patriotic toasts, Bro. C. Letch Mason, P.M., after responding to the toast of "The Installing Masters," said a very pleasant and agreeable duty fell to his lot, as the senior Past Master of the lodge present, viz., that of proposing the toast of "The I.P.M., Bro. Suddick." No one who had watched the career of Bro. Suddick during his year of Mastership could be insensible of the very great obligation they were under to him, as a lodge, for all the services he had at all times so readily and willingly rendered. His hospitality knew no bounds; the handsome manner he had entertained at his own expense the visitors to the lodge during the past year; the publishing at his sole expense the history of the lodge, and presenting each member of the lodge with a copy, and the great *éclat* that was given to their centenary gathering in August last by his energetic services—these and numerous other matters had placed them as a lodge under great obligations to him. Brethren, it does not generally fall to one who proposes a toast to accompany it with something more substantial than words, but I have, to-day, through your readiness to do honour to our late chief, to ask our Immediate Past Master's further acceptance of this silver jug and salver. We have felt, brethren, that in discharging his duties as Master, our brother has had to deprive those at home of a good deal of his time, and we do not for one moment forget the great and irreparable sorrow that has overtaken him during the past year. We thought, therefore, that our offering to Bro. Suddick should not consist only of that which he could enjoy when present with his brethren but also something that his family could also enjoy at home. Bro. Suddick, P.M., I ask you to accept this silver jug and salver as a small token of our appreciation and thanks for all you have done, and may you be long spared to be with us.

Bro. Suddick (who was visibly affected, not knowing previously of any presentation) thanked the brethren for this and all their kindness to him.

The usual toasts concluded the proceedings of the day.

NEWMARKET.

Etheldreda Lodge (No. 2107).—The installation meeting of this lodge, which was established in 1835, was held on Thursday, the 21st ult., at the White Hart Hotel. There was a large attendance of visiting brethren, and no fewer than 27 Past Masters formed the Board of Installed Masters. The gathering included the Provincial Grand Master of Cambridgeshire, Bro. Col. R. Townley Caldwell; Bros. Oliver Papworth, P.G. Sec.; A. H. Ruston, P.S.G.D.; W. Sindall, P.G. Supt. of Wks.; F. Dewberry, P.G.D.C.; F. W. Potts, P.G. Stwd.; John Bray, P.P.G. Treas., and Geo. Carrick, P.P.S.G.W., both of Sug.; John L. Rutter, W.M.; C. H. Banham, I.P.M.; W. P. Spalding, P.M.; J. V. Pryor, P.M.; J. H. Moyes, A. E. Chaplin, and A. J. Lyon, all of 88; J. S. Youngmar, P.M.; J. Sheldrick, P.M.; T. Watts, P.M.; J. Royston, P.M.; and P. H. Young, I.P.M., all of 44; W. H. Francis, P.M. 89; Beard, Cornish, and others.

After the lodge had been opened, and the Provincial Grand Master received and saluted, Bro. B. Chennell, P.M., P.P.S.G.W., took the chair, and proceeded in his wonted masterly style to install Bro. John Alfred Dawson as W.M. for the ensuing year. The installing Master was in exceptionally good form, and the manner in which he delivered the three charges was most feeling and impressive. Bro. Oliver Papworth acted as D.C. The W.M. appointed and invested the officers of the lodge as under: Bros. the Rev. L. R. Tuttle, P.P.G. Chap., I.P.M.; John Turner, P.P.G.O., S.W.; J. Gordon Chennell, J.W.; Rev. L. R. Tuttle, I.P.M., Chap.; Thos. Jennings, jun., P.M., P.P.J.G.W., Treas.; B. Chennell, P.M., P.P.S.G.W., Sec.; A. F. Briggs, P.G. Stwd., S.D.; G. O. Mead, J.D.; W. B. Sheppard, P.M., P.J.G.D., D.C.; J. G. Cowell, Org.; J. W. Carr, I.G.; B. Chennell, P.M., Stwd.; and T. Wheatley, Tyler.

The banqueting hall was beautifully arranged. Large mirrors were placed upon the walls and tastefully festooned with curtains, whilst from the beams of the roof (which were entwined with ivy), there were suspended at intervals groups of globes containing the electric light. The tables, too, were beautifully set, the electric light being again brought in to aid the decorative effects.

After dinner, the Provincial Grand Master spoke of the great pleasure and delight it gave one to visit the Etheldreda Lodge. In looking round the lodge that evening he had been very much struck with the array of purple. It proved that although the lodge was young, it had amongst its members a considerable number of those who had distinguished themselves in the Craft. This was not to be wondered at when they had amongst them so distinguished a Mason, one who admirably discharged all duties alike in and out of lodge, as the genial and happy-faced Bro. Benjamin Chennell. The P.G.M. complimented the W.M. on being called upon to preside over the lodge, and congratulated the brethren in having selected a W.M. who appeared to be so universally popular.

Bro. Rev. L. R. Tuttle proposed "The Health of the W.M." In so doing, he remarked that recently a society had been formed which had for its ultimate object the abolition of the profession to which their W.M. belonged. It was very good of Bro. J. A. Dawson to undertake the duties of the chair, as they all knew how fully occupied his time was. But when "the Severals" had been turned into promenades for nursemaids with their perambulators, and the various stables at Newmarket had been converted into board schools and convalescent homes, Bro. Dawson would probably have plenty of time to devote to Masonic work. He, however, did not think such a condition of things was very near.

The Worshipful Master, in responding, thanked the brethren for having elected him. He felt his own deficiencies very keenly, and he could only promise to do his best for the lodge.

Subsequently the Worshipful Master gave "The Health of the Installing Master."

Bro. B. Chennell met with a most enthusiastic reception. He said that eloquence was not a gift which he possessed, but he would yield to no man in his love for Masonry. He was glad to hear the kind expressions of approval of the work which it had been his duty to discharge in lodge that evening. But for that he could take no credit. The work had been given to him by a dear friend many years ago, and he had rendered it word for word as it came to him. He believed in Masonic traditions being handed down from father to son, and from generation to generation; and he had on one occasion left an ancient lodge because they attempted to mutilate the ancient work received from their predecessors.

Other toasts were given, and the evening was passed in true Masonic harmony.

OLD TRAFFORD.

Talbot Lodge (No. 2231).—The regular meeting of this lodge was held at the Local Board Office, on Friday, the 15th ult. The lodge having been opened, the minutes of the last regular meeting were read and approved. Letters of apology were read from Bros. Warburton, Fulford, and Bradley for non-attendance. Bro. James Chatterton was passed by Bro. F. W. Faulkner, W.M. Bro. Lloyd proposed, and Bro. F. Batten seconded, that the sum of five guineas be voted to the West Lancashire Masonic Educational Institution. After some discussion on the subject of alteration of by-laws, it was withdrawn for consideration. Bros. John Allin and F. Bennett being absent at the previous installation meeting, were invested with their collars.

The lodge was then closed, and a very pleasant evening was spent.

Royal Arch.

Hiram Chapter (No. 2416).—The first convocation since the consecration was held on the 13th ult., at Freemasons' Hall, Great Queen-street, W.C. The three Principals were present in their respective chairs—Comps. Henry Lovegrove, M.E.Z.; E. W. Lewcock, H.; F. A. Powell, J.; C. Pulman, S.E.; H. J. Adams, P.G.D.C., Treas.; and G. Elkington, S.N.

Bros. A. F. Wrightson, T. C. Yates, J. Merritt, W. West, F. J. Cox, and H. Appleford having been approved by ballot, were duly exalted into Royal Arch Masonry. Comp. F. Pearce was elected a joining member. Comp. Cox was appointed P.S. and Comps. Richardson and Wrightson, 1st and 2nd A.Ss.

DONCASTER.

St. Magdalen Chapter (No. 242).—The installation meeting of this chapter was held in the St. George's Rooms on Friday, the 22nd ultimo. Present: Comps. S. Pegler, M.E.Z.; F. Webb, H.; J. Constable, J.; C. Goldthorpe, S.E.; J. H. Pawson, E. Allott, J. Fitzgerald, and C. H. Woodhouse. Visitors: Comps. C. Z. Thomas, H. 47; T. Barber, B. Castle, and P. Jenner.

The chapter was opened and the following officers were installed: Comps. F. Webb, M.E.Z.; J. Constable, H.; C. Goldthorpe, J.; C. H. Woodhouse, S.E.; S. Lester, S.N.; E. Newsum, P.S.; F. J. Forth, Treas.; and J. Mason, Janitor.

After the chapter was closed the companions sat down to an excellent repast in the ante-room.

The usual Royal Arch toasts were gone through, intermixed with music and song.

As an instance of Masonic enthusiasm, we ought to mention that Comp. Pegler, P.Z., had to journey from Retford, but missed his train, and to prevent any delay or postponing of the chapter, chartered a special train from his town to Doncaster, and arrived in due time for the installation ceremony.

Mark Masonry.

Prince Leopold Lodge (No. 238).—A meeting of this lodge was held at Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street, on the 19th ult. Amongst those present were Bros. L. W. Harvey, W.M.; F. W. Driver, M.A., acting S.W.; the Rev. R. C. Fillingham, M.A., J.W.; Nelson Prower, M.A., P.M., P.P.S.G.O., Treas.; Capt. T. C.

Walls, P.M., P.G.S.B., Sec.; T. B. Dodson, M.O.; A. N. Clemow, P.M.; and Goddard, Tyler. Bro. F. Graves, P.M., was a visitor.

The minutes of the previous meeting having been read and confirmed, Bro. S. Valentine was elected W.M.; Bro. N. Prower, P.M., Treasurer; and Bro. Goddard, Tyler. A vote of thanks and a Past Master's jewel were voted to Bro. L. W. Harvey in recognition of his services. Apologies for non-attendance were received from Bros. S. Valentine, S.W.; R. Burleton, S.O.; A. Tisley, P.M., P.P.S.G.D., P.A.G.D.C.; T. O. Harding, M.A., P.M.; W. H. Holroyd, P.M.; and others.

The lodge was then closed. A banquet followed. A few toasts were given.

During the evening Bros. T. B. Dodson, A. N. Clemow; P.M.; F. W. Driver, M.A., and the Rev. R. C. Fillingham entertained the brethren by their vocal and poetical selections.

JERSEY.

Cæsarean Lodge (No. 74).—The regular installation meeting of this excellent lodge was held at the Masonic Temple, on Wednesday evening, the 20th ult. Notwithstanding the inclement weather there was quite a full muster of the brethren. The lodge evidently desiring thus to express their great and complete satisfaction at the acceptance of office by the W.M. elect. Bro. E. Bree has ever studied the interests of the lodge only, and it is well known that he has on more than one occasion held back from the chair, when it has appeared to him it could be more worthily or advantageously occupied.

The lodge was opened by the W.M., Bro. P. G. Hamilton, and the usual preliminaries carried out. Three candidates were duly elected, but their advancement was postponed till the next meeting. Before leaving the chair Bro. P. G. Hamilton took occasion to thank the officers for their able and willing assistance, and to congratulate the lodge that through their united efforts he had been enabled to bring his year of office to a most successful issue. He regretted much having to leave the chair, but that regret was greatly tempered by his knowledge of the fact that it would now be occupied by one of their most able, talented, and hard-working members, Bro. E. Bree. Bro. Dr. Balfour Cockburn, G.D.C., who has acted as Installing Master of this lodge for several years, now assumed the gavel and proceeded to place the W.M. elect, Bro. E. Bree, in the chair with all the usual customs and ceremonies of the Order; which done, the officers for the ensuing year were duly appointed and invested, as follows: Bros. P. G. Hamilton, I.P.M.; J. H. Goldsmith, S.W.; J. C. Barette, J.W.; Capt. Stevenson, M.O.; C. E. Malet de Carteret, S.O.; F. Vincent, J.O.; A. P. Pugsley, Treas.; A. Hadley, Reg. of Marks; Dr. M. Le Cronier, S.D.; C. Wilson, J.D.; J. H. Elliott, D.C.; J. N. de la Perelle, I.G.; J. Cummings and J. Boyson, Stwds. It is worthy of note as in a measure indicating the very satisfactory condition of the lodge that the following Past Masters were present: Bros. Dr. S. J. Aubin, O. Dodge, W. F. Pugsley, F. Stone, F. J. Godfrey, L. Hesperadoux, C. Marett, Col. Wylie, P.S.G.W. Gibraltar; and Dr. John Le Cronier, Deputy Prov. Grand Master of Jersey (Craft).

Bro. J. W. Hamling, the indefatigable Secretary, to whom this lodge owes so much, was well to the fore at this meeting, and at the banquet which followed labour, in a very neat and impressive speech, took occasion to advocate the pressing claims of the Mark Benevolent Fund and to urge upon the lodge the benefit of sending up a Steward at the next Festival.

TWICKENHAM.

Sir Francis Burdett Lodge (No. 181).—This prosperous prominent lodge met for the despatch of business at the Albany Hotel, on the 20th ult. Amongst those in attendance were Bros. C. W. Davis, P.P.G.O., W.M.; H. Higgins, P.M., P.P.G.S.B., as S.W.; C. H. Köhler, P.M., P.P.A.G.D.C., as J.W.; W. Fisher, P.M., P.P.G. Supt. of Wks., P.G. Stwd., Treas.; Capt. T. C. Walls, P.P.G.W., P.G.S.B., Sec.; R. W. Forge, S.O.; J. T. Briggs, P.M., P.P.G.R., P.G. Std. Br., as S.D.; and G. Harrison, Tyler.

The minutes of the previous meeting having been read and confirmed, the ballot was taken on behalf of Bros. James Hill, 975; Henry Berghoff, 201 and 2458; and James Rundell Updell, 201, and it proving to be unanimous, they were duly advanced to the Degree of M.M. by the Secretary. Bro. George Everett, P.G.M.O. Middx., was unanimously elected W.M.; W. Fisher, P.M., Treas.; and G. Harrison, Tyler. A vote of thanks and an additional bar were voted to the W.M., he having already received the jewel of a Past Master of the lodge. The report of the Audit Committee was received and adopted. Communications for non-attendance were received from Bros. G. Everett, W.M. elect; T. Meacock, J.W.; W. Porter, P.M.; A. Simmons, P.M., and others.

The lodge was then closed, and the brethren adjourned to one of those cosy little dinners for which the Albany Hotel is famed.

The long list of toasts received full justice, Bro. J. T. Briggs, P.M., responded for "The Grand Officers"; Bro. C. H. Köhler, P.M., for "The Provincial Grand Officers"; Bro. H. Higgins, P.M., for "The Past Masters"; Bro. W. Fisher, P.M., for "The Treasurer and Secretary"; and Bro. R. W. Forge, for "The Officers."

A most pleasant evening was then brought to a close.

Ancient and Accepted Rite.

Invicta Chapter (No. 10).—A meeting was held at 33, Golden-square, on Friday, the 15th ult., when the following were present: Ill. Bros. C. E. Keyser, M.A., J.P., 30, M.W.S.; Henry Lovegrove, 31, P.M.W.S., as Prelate; James Shilcock, P.M.W.S., as 1st Gen.; H. C. Heard, 30, 2nd Gen.; Witham M. Bywater, 32, P.Treas.; J. Graham Robinson, 30, Marshal; E. and P. Bros. J. J. Pakes, D.C.; F. A. Manning, Herald; J. M. Butstine, C. of G.; Ill. Bros. John Read, 30, P.M.W.S.; Geo. Mickleby, M.A., M.B., 31, E. and P. Bros. Captain Hastings Jones, F. W. Faulkner, W. J. Songhurst, C. B. Barnes, J. N. Robinson, 30, John Weston, 30, W. Woodford, 30; Bro. G. Austin, Outer Guard; and others.

A vote of condolence was passed to Bro. G. Powel, the respected Recorder of the chapter, on the death of his wife. Of the two candidates on the agenda, one attended and was perfected.

Knights Templar.

DARLINGTON.

St. Cuthbert's Preceptory (No. 139).—

The annual meeting of this preceptory was held at the Masonic Hall, on Tuesday, the 19th ult., the chair being occupied, in the absence of E.P. Sir Knight Sharp, by Dr. Hill Drury, J.P., Prov. Sub-Prior. The preceptory being opened and the minutes of the last meeting read and confirmed, Sir Knight Luck, Grand Aide-de-Camp, presented Sir Knight Rev. R. Coulton, E.P. elect, to be installed. The ceremony was duly performed by Sir Knight Dr. Hill Drury, P. Sub-Prior, and the E.P. having been saluted be appointed his officers as follows: Sir Knights C. Jackson, B.A., Prelate; H. Warwick, Constable; J. Robinson, Marshal; J. J. Wilkes, P.G. Chamberlain, Treas.; R. Luck, M.A., G. Aide-de-Camp, Reg.; W. Barron, Sub-Marshal; and W. N. Cochrane, B.A., Capt. of Guard.

There being no further business the preceptory was closed, and the sir knights adjourned to the Refectory to partake of the hospitality of the E. Preceptor.

ANNUAL FESTIVAL OF THE EMULATION LODGE OF IMPROVEMENT

The annual festival of this premier lodge for the instruction and improvement of the brethren was held on Friday, the 22nd ult., at Freemasons' Hall, when Bro. R. Clay Sudlow, P.G. Std. Br., presided in the lodge, and Viscount Dungarvan, Prov. G.M. Somersetshire, at the subsequent supper. There was a large attendance of brethren, and the following G. officers were present: Bros. E. Letchworth, Major-General F. Gadsden, Frank Richardson, C. E. Keyser, J. H. Matthews, A. C. Spaul, George Read, H. Garrod, Walter Hopekirk, Lennox Browne, Frederick Mead, C. F. Hogard, Rudolph Glover, W. P. Brown, P.G. Std. Br.; F. R. W. Hedges, R. Loveland Loveland, Capt. Thos. C. Walls, J. A. Farnfield, C. F. Matier, and W. Lake, P. Prov. G. Reg. Cornwall. The First Lecture was worked as follows: 1st Section by Bro. M. B. Evans, S.D. 8; 2nd Section by Bro. D. D. West, W.M. 108; 3rd Section by Bro. E. P. Debenham, P.M. 1479, P.P.G. Reg. Herts (in place of Bro. H. S. Wellcome, P.M. 3, and W.M. 2397, absent through illness); 4th Section by Bro. S. G. Budd, S.W. 1818; 5th Section by Bro. W. H. Kirby, P.M., Sec. 1695; 6th Section by Bro. Charles Lewis, 1706; and the 7th Section by Bro. J. C. Mortimer, 889. All the work was unflatteringly performed, and at its close

Bro. Viscount DUNGARVAN proposed a hearty vote of thanks to the working brethren. He said he had long taken a great interest in Freemasonry, but that night he had for the first time experienced what the charms of Masonry really were.

Bro. C. E. KEYSER seconded the motion, remarking that though all the brethren present were workers in the Craft they had had an especial treat that night, and that they would go away with a better knowledge of the work than they had before.

Bro. R. CLAY SUDLOW acknowledged the compliment, and said it had been a matter of anxiety to the working brethren to maintain the prestige of the lodge for correct working. For himself he must say he was very grateful to them.

The lodge was then closed, and the brethren adjourned to Freemasons' Tavern to an excellent supper, under the presidency of Viscount Dungarvan, and honoured the usual toasts.

After the toasts of "The Queen and the Craft" and "The M.W.G.M." had been duly honoured,

Bro. GEORGE BOOTH HEMING, P.M. and Sec. 256, proposed "The M.W. Pro G.M., the Deputy G.M., and the rest of the Grand Officers, Present and Past," and said it was a toast which fortunately for him required but little recommendation, as these brethren by their deeds alone had gained the respect of the M.W. G.M., who had thought fit to bestow upon them the honour of the purple. The large array of Grand Officers who were honouring the Emulation Lodge of Improvement with their presence proved their love of the working part of Masonry, for which the Emulation Lodge was pre-eminent.

Bro. the Rev. J. N. PALMER, P.G.C., in responding, said he thought after the highly-finished oratory the brethren had heard that night, many words from him who was not an orator would be "a weariness to the flesh," and therefore he would simply thank the brethren for the kind way in which they had received the toast.

Bro. EDWARD LETCHWORTH, Grand Sec., proposed "The Chairman," who had with such geniality and grace presided that evening. Before such an assembly it was unnecessary to refer to the great services rendered by Lord Dungarvan to the Craft. All the brethren knew how well he presided over the Province of Somerset, of which now for some years he had been Provincial Grand Master. They all knew, too, how during the following week he had consented to preside over the Festival of one of the important Masonic Charities—a Festival which, he was quite sure, would prove a very great success. It was some three years since the members of this lodge looked forward with pleasure to be presided over by Lord Dungarvan, but unfortunately his lordship fell a victim to that disease

which was prevalent then, and was again prevalent now. They would therefore now give him a double welcome.

Bro. Viscount DUNGARVAN, acknowledged the toast and expressed the pleasure he had experienced at what he had seen and heard that evening. Some years ago he had the honour of being invited to preside over a meeting of the Emulation Lodge of Improvement. Owing, however, to the disease referred to by the Treasurer of this lodge, he was unable to attend. The other day he went down to his province, and he was again attacked not by the disease but by a chill, but it allowed him the privilege of coming there that evening, and he was very proud to come. He returned the brethren his most grateful thanks for allowing him to be among them, and for the cordial welcome they had accorded him. He had now a much more important duty to perform—to propose the toast of "The Emulation Lodge of Improvement." It would be presumptuous in such a Mason as he was to dwell on the Masonic history of those he saw around him; but at the same time he might say he had learned, perhaps not so long ago that which most of the brethren knew, that for more than 70 years the Emulation Lodge of Improvement had expounded to the Freemasons of England the true ritual of Freemasonry. Nothing was perfect under the sun; but as nearly perfect as mortals possibly could be were those brethren who had performed that night. They had achieved success. Personally, perhaps not altogether unbiassed, and perhaps with the hope of favours to come, he knew that the Emulation Lodge of Improvement was very liberal to the Charities, as doubtless next week would find. But apart from that, that lodge was one whose fame, when he mentioned the names of Bros. Peter Gilkes, Stephen Barton, Wilson, Charles Murton, A. B. Richards, Thomas Fenn, and last but not least, Bro. Sudlow, would be handed down from generation to generation, and he was sure they would accord the toast a hearty welcome. They had had that evening food of two kinds—food for the mind and food for the body, and both foods had been of the very best, and he asked the brethren to give the toast a most hearty welcome.

Bro. R. CLAY SUDLOW, P.G. Std. Br., replying, said the Grand Secretary had accorded him the privilege of responding to the toast which had been so eloquently proposed and so kindly received. The heartiness of the brethren's applause convinced him that they fully appreciated the growing importance of the Emulation Lodge of Improvement and the value of the work which was carried on at its weekly meetings. Several important changes had taken place in the personnel of the Committee, and with respect to those changes, he hoped they would allow him to say a few words; in fact it was absolutely necessary that he should do so. Bro. Frank Spaul had not been among them for a very considerable time, owing, he regretted to say, to ill-health, and he had now found it necessary to withdraw his name altogether from the Committee. In his place they had elected Bro. W. G. Kentish, who having acted as their Secretary for seven years—a truly Masonic term of service—desired to be relieved from the very arduous duties of that position. He said, without hesitation, that during Bro. Kentish's tenure of office, he proved himself one of the best Secretaries the lodge ever had, and it was mainly owing to his untiring efforts that the annual festivals had gained the large measure of success that they had seen. Bro. Kentish's place was a very difficult one to fill, but the Committee had found a successor in Bro. Joseph Russell, a Past Master of No. 8, which lodge, by the way, had already given them a member of the Committee in Bro. Rushton. Bro. Russell was such an enthusiast in all matters appertaining to Masonry in general, and to this Lodge of Emulation in particular, that a short time only was necessary to prove to all who took an interest in that lodge that the Committee had made a wise selection. It was with profound regret that towards the close of last year the Committee received the resignation of Bro. Thomas Fenn as Treasurer. For nearly 40 years Bro. Fenn had taken a prominent and an active part in the management of the affairs of that lodge. Not a few of those then present owed all the Masonic knowledge they possessed principally to Bro. Fenn, one of the greatest masters of Masonic ritual that Masonry had known and ever would know. It was not necessary for him (Bro. Sudlow) to speak of the splendid services rendered by Bro. Fenn to that lodge, those services were known to all of them, and would cause the name of Bro. Thomas Fenn to be remembered gratefully as long as that lodge itself remained. Bro. Fenn promised him only a few days since that he would be with them that night at their working, but he (Bro. Sudlow) had just received a letter from him, in which he said that "for the first time in 12 months I have to leave business at noon and place myself under the doctor's hands." For many years past the position of Treasurer of that lodge had been held by brethren eminent in the Craft, and occupying prominent positions in the executive of Grand Lodge. That fact at once solved the problem as to a suitable successor to Bro. Fenn, the Committee invited Bro. Letchworth, the Grand Secretary, to fill the vacancy, and he (Bro. Sudlow) felt sure that the highest and best interests of that Lodge were safe in the hands of their new chief. He understood that some disappointment was caused to their Provincial Brethren last year because he made no reference to them when speaking of the influence exerted by that Lodge. It was a fact that the Emulation system was being rapidly adopted by the Provinces. It was no unusual thing for

Provincial Preceptors to be present at the meetings of the Emulation Lodge of Improvement, with the view of studying and making themselves perfect in the ritual, and competent to teach it in their lodges in the Provinces. Moreover, the committee frequently got letters from abroad, in fact he might say literally that "From Greenland's Icy Mountains, to India's Coral Strand" they received requests for information as to the lodge's teaching on this or that point of Masonic ritual and procedure. One word more, and he had done. They were encouraged very much by the presence, in spite of the prevailing epidemic, of so many Grand Officers and so large an assemblage of brethren, and they felt sure that if they adhered faithfully to their trust, if they maintained—absolutely unaltered—the traditions which had come down to them from such men as Bros. Peter Gilkes, Stephen Barton, Wilson, Fenn, Murton and Richards, they should certainly have a continuance of the success which had characterised that Lodge from its very foundation, now over seventy years ago.

Bro. FREDERICK MEAD, P.G.S.B., proposed the toast of "The Lodge of Unions," and said there were unions of different kinds, and the union of the Emulation Lodge of Improvement with the Lodge of Unions had been a very happy one. The offspring was a very important olive branch. The highly important branch of Freemasonry, the Emulation Lodge of Improvement, was 72 years old, and the children of the Lodge of Unions now begged to extend best wishes to their great parent. They belonged to the parent lodge with pride, and they were particularly proud of those seven brethren who had given such a magnificent performance that evening in the lodge. It was very welcome to all the brethren to find that of those seven brethren there were four who were, so to speak, in their swaddling clothes—they had only rattle, not levels, on their aprons. That was a great incentive to younger brethren to work, for however young Masons they were if they undertook duties such as they had undertaken that evening, they showed that they could perform the full duties of a Master.

Bro. J. A. FARNFIELD, P.A.G.D.C., Treas. 256, responded. If the child was proud of its parent, he could only say the parent was very proud of the child. But the child had attained the patriarchal age of 77. There was this, however, to be said that the parent was 109 years of age. The parent was proud that in having given birth to that child it had been able to disseminate a knowledge of true Freemasonry far and wide; and so long as the Emulation Lodge of Improvement was not ashamed of its parent, he was perfectly certain the parent would not be ashamed of the child.

Bro. FRANK RICHARDSON, P.G.D., proposed "The Masonic Charities." It was a triple toast. The brethren present had already carried out the precepts instilled into them when they were initiated to practice Charity, and, therefore, he felt he could say but little in presenting that toast to them. Masonry had three important Charities which required support. Supported they had been in the past most munificently, and he had no doubt they would be in the future. But they had first of all to consider there were 400 aged Freemasons and widows to be maintained. Masons who had borne the heat and burden of the day and subscribed, whom they desired to make comfortable in their old age. But, in looking after the old people, they must not forget to look after the young, and Masons had more than 260 boys and 260 girls in their Institutions. The boys were being brought up and educated to take their place in life, to become good members of society, and perhaps good Masons. The girls likewise, and their education was more difficult, and the duties they had to learn were not so easily attained; their position in life was more difficult. He knew those brethren who had subscribed would yet subscribe; but he wanted to impress on those who had not subscribed that they should do so. He would remind them that blessed was he who gives as well as he who receives.

Bro. F. R. W. HEDGES, P.G.S.B., Sec. R.M.I.G., responded. A brother more competent to propose that toast than Bro. Frank Richardson he did not know. On Wednesday next the Festival of the Benevolent Institution would be held, and he asked for it the earnest support of the brethren that it might be the most successful Festival the Institution had yet held. There were a large number of annuitants dependent on the Institution. No doubt the invested funds of that Institution were better than those of the other two Institutions, but still there was a large margin, and in addition to the permanent income, £12,000 annually was required before they could pay all the annuitants. He hoped that Bro. Terry would have the pleasure of announcing a sum in excess of the amount required. The other two Institutions were equally in need of support, but he felt to-night that the Benevolent Institution had the first claim. He would therefore content himself on their behalf by thanking the brethren for the toast, and wishing success to the Benevolent Institution, the Boys' and the Girls' Schools.

Bro. C. E. KEYSER, P.G.D., proposed "The Brethren who Worked the Sections." The brethren who had assembled that night, had come in order to show their appreciation of the Emulation working, and they never had had an opportunity of seeing the Seven Sections worked more carefully or perfectly than by the seven brethren whom he included in the toast. Bro. Debenham, a brother he knew very well, undertook one of the Sections in the absence of Bro. H. S. Wellcome, who would have done it but for the illness which had kept him away. Bro. Debenham was to be congratulated.

lated on the way in which, at a very short notice, he had executed the work. No doubt it would be said of him in the Province of Hertfordshire, that the advantage of the experience he had gained at the Emulation Lodge of Improvement was most manifest. In Hertfordshire, Bro. Debenham had done much to improve the working. He would also couple with this toast the name of Bro. Kirby, who was known to all the brethren as a Past Master in working, and he thought many of the brethren knew—and if they did not they should know—that while Bro. Kirby was occupying the S.W. chair he was able, from his knowledge of all the Sections, to give assistance to the brethren who took the other Six Sections, in addition to working the Seventh himself. This knowledge of his was not called into requisition because the brethren who did the work knew it.

Bro. W. H. KIRBY, P.M. and Sec. No. 1965, in reply, thanked the brethren for the hearty response to the toast which had acknowledged the way in which the working officers had performed their duties that evening. It would be unfair if he did not take the opportunity of expressing their gratitude to the committee which regulated the working of the Emulation Lodge of Improvement that had been so successful, and to the worthy secretary, Bro. Russell.

Bro. RUSSELL, the Secretary, replying for "The Stewards" in a toast by Bro. Lennox Browne, Deputy Grand Director of Ceremonies, said that although he had been appointed Secretary, Bro. Kentish had rushed into the breach, and the arrangements for the present Festival had really been carried out by him. For these services he offered his best thanks to the committee and to Bro. Kentish. He hoped that the efforts made on behalf of the Emulation Lodge would meet with due reward, and that one day on the dais they might see Bro. Kentish as a commanding and superior officer, clothed in purple and fine linen and faring sumptuously every day.

Viscount DUNGARVAN: Brethren, I will not detain you very long, but Bro. Sudlow has received a letter from Bro. Fenn, and I wish to ask your permission as chairman here to-night to write a letter to say how much we regret his absence, and how much more we regret the cause of it. If you will give me permission I will write a letter to-night and say we hope he will soon enjoy his good health.

The Tyler's toast was given by Bro. Freeman, and the brethren then separated.

THE ROYAL ARCH FOUND.

When, our Grand Master Architect
In glorious splendour raised,
The temple at Jerusalem,
Where Israel's God was praised,
Faithful and true, unmoved by threats,
He there his life laid down,
The secret kept, and nobly won
The martyr's deathless crown.
Ages have passed, and still revered
His never dying fame,
But substituted secrets then
Replaced that sacred Name;
Till the Most High, in season due,
Had graciously revealed,
To sojourners in pious search,
The Word so long concealed.
God the pure Essence, by whose will
From dark chaotic strife,
In perfect harmony, the world,
Teemed with its myriad life.
The great I Am, the Infinite,
Creative source Divine,
Beauty and grace beyond compare,
In all His works combine.
God the Omnipotent, whose sway
Is over sea and land,
He who the mighty Ocean holds
In hollow of His hand.
While on His sovereignty and power
The universe depends,
Alike to man and insect life,
His Providence extends.
God the Good Father, from His throne,
Of Majesty on High,
Looks down with pitying love and hears
His children's feeble cry;
We, in our weakness fain must sink,
When evils fierce assail,
But God's paternal hand sustains
And we by Faith prevail.
This, our long-lost recovered Word,
On altar circle found,
The One in Three, the Three in One,
In awful mystery bound.
For this, with heartfelt gratitude
Companions we adore,
The true and living God Most High,
Who did His Name restore.
When o'er the whole Masonic world,
In comprehensive plan,
Afar and near the Royal Arch
Encompasses its span,
As jewels, free from earthly dross,
With pure effulgence shine
God as our key-stone may we build
An edifice Divine.
While thus Companions we are joined,
Cemented by His Love,
And in our Chapter symbolise
The Holy Aitch above.
Oh! may our thoughts, our words and deeds,
As lucid crystal pure,
Reflect His Essence, Power, and Love,
For ever to endure!

F. W. DRIVER, M.A., P.Z., E. 742.

Our Portrait Gallery of Worshipful Masters.



BRO. JULIUS O. JACOBS,

Initiated in the Constitutional Lodge, No. 55; served various offices and unanimously elected W.M. in January. Is also S.W. of the Ionic Lodge, and a member of the Ebbisham Lodge, No. 2422, also P.S. of the Royal York Chapter, No. 7. Will represent the Constitutional Lodge at the forthcoming Festival of the Girls' School.



BRO. T. POULTNEY GRIFFIN, W.M.

of Grand Masters' Lodge, No. 1, was initiated in 1859, in Lodge Hope and Charity, No. 523 (now 377), and served the office of P.G.S. of Worcestershire in 1860. He joined St. John's Lodge, No. 90, in 1863, and after serving all the junior offices was elected W.M. in 1869. He joined Grand Masters' Lodge, No. 1, in 1880, served the office of G.S. in 1890 and 1891, and after filling all the offices was unanimously elected W.M. in Dec. last, and was installed in the chair by Major Gaul Gadsden (I.P.M.) on Monday, 21st Jany., at Freemasons' Tavern, in the presence of a distinguished company of Present and Past Grand Officers. Bro. Griffin was one of the Founders of Grand Masters' Chapter, No. 1, in 1886, and is the present M.E.Z.; he is a Life Governor of all the Masonic Charities, and also a Fellow of the Royal Geographical Society.

LADIES' NIGHT AT THE LODGE OF LOYALTY, No. 1607.

The Loyalty Lodge, No. 1607, held its ladies' night last Saturday week, at the London Tavern, Fenchurch-street, under the presidency of Bro. W. B. Vaile, the W.M. But previously to receiving their guests, the brethren held their regular lodge meeting, at which Mr. George Avenoll, a gentleman well known in City banking circles, was initiated by the W.M., assisted by his officers. They also transacted a good deal of other Masonic business, part of which was the truly Masonic work of recommending the petition of a brother to the Board of Benevolence.

The attendance of the brethren was large, there being no less than 61 gentlemen, who were afterwards joined by 50 ladies. The list was as follows: Bros. W.

B. Vaile, W.M.; G. E. Wilkinson, S.W.; W. L. Barker, J.W.; R. S. Cushing, Treas.; C. H. Webb, P.M., Sec.; James Lawson, S.D.; M. W. Jameson, J.D.; G. Cunningham, I.G.; R. C. Halford, D.C.; E. Godfrey, Org.; J. Hallersley, P.M., Steward; J. Very, Tyler; George S. Denney, I.P.M.; P.Ms.—T. Jones, J. W. Rolls, Charles H. Halford, Dr. W. Gayton, J. Newton, A. J. Clark, and E. Holsworth; and lay members—H. P. Robinson, W. J. Halford, T. Cole, J. W. Gunn, E. Hetherington, W. F. Loveday, E. Petfield, and Frank King. Visitors: Bros. Dr. Lennox Browne, D.G.D.C.; P. F. Lynch, 1306; W. J. Barrat, P.M. 28; W. J. Johns, I.P.M. 1571; H. E. Brasted, 2374; F. Standon, 2374; E. W. Hattersley, 2262; H. Massey, 160, P.M. 619 and 1928; James Line, 1410, P.P.G.P.; Christian A. Mitchell, 2184; W. R. Bentley, W.M. 957; W. Malham, I.P.M. 1539; Wm. Roots, P.M. 1273; J. O. Dea, P.M. 1178; J. C. Harper; T. W. Barker, P.M. 1539; W. G. Camm, 1539; W. E. Meeks, E. R. Baugh, 1767; Francis J. Sturdy; Paris K. F. Foot; Isidore de Solla, 1457, P.G. Org. Essex; Rev. Arthur C. Vidler, 659; Isaac Newton; C. E. W. Savill; F. H. Smith; W. B. Vaile; A. Weston, 101; G. A. Hearn, 1613; Mrs. Newton, Miss Jones, Mrs. Gayton and Miss Gayton, Mrs. Cushing, Mrs. Clark, Mrs. Holsworth, Mrs. Hattersley, Mrs. Halford, Mrs. Rose, Mrs. and Miss Wilkinson, Mrs. Robinson, Mrs. Baugh, Mrs. Barker, Mrs. Jameson, Mrs. Cunningham, Mrs. R. C. Halford, Mrs. Godfrey, Mrs. Cole, Mrs. Tucker, Mrs. Gunn, Mrs. Sanderson, Mrs. Hetherington, Mrs. W. J. Halford, Miss Foot, Mrs. Vaile, Mrs. H. B. Vaile, Mrs. Roberts, and Misses Haidée and Blanche de Solla.

An excellent dinner was provided, and after it the usual toasts were proposed and honoured. But the principal attraction of the evening was a beautiful musical entertainment by Bros. C. H. Halford, Arthur Weston, H. T. Matthews, Mrs. Roberts, Mrs. Frank W. Rose and the Misses Haidée and Blanche de Solla, conducted by Bro. Isidore de Solla. All the music was provided voluntarily, and was greatly enjoyed. The arrangements were perfect and reflected the greatest credit on all concerned.

The WORSHIPFUL MASTER made a very strong appeal in the cause of Charity, in the course of which he explained that the lodge had, ever since it was founded, made a special feature of its support of the Masonic Institutions, showing the company how easily by a little careful organisation and a judicious management of the funds the lodge and its different members were some of the largest and most regular supporters of the Masonic Charities.

His remarks were received with great favour, and the company separated after spending a most delightful evening.

FIRST LADIES' NIGHT OF THE BLACKHEATH LODGE, No. 1320.

This influential and flourishing South London Lodge held its regular meeting at the Bridge House Hotel, on Thursday, the 21st ult., after which a most successful meeting of ladies and friends took place, which proved a red-letter day in the history of the lodge.

After the regular business, which consisted of the minutes of the previous lodge and emergency meetings being read and confirmed, the W.M., Bro. T. R. Cass, raised Bro. H. S. Browne in a most impressive and perfect manner. The following notice of motion was made by Bro. J. Hooper, I.P.M.: "That the sum of 10 guineas be voted from the lodge funds, and five guineas from the Charity Fund, and placed on the Worshipful Master's list as a Steward at the forthcoming Festival of the R.M.B.I."

The business of the lodge ended, the W.M., Bro. T. R. Cass, with Miss Cass, adjourned to the drawing-room, where they held a reception, giving the company numbering 115, a most cordial greeting.

The following were present; Bro. Hooper, I.P.M., Mrs. and Miss Hooper; Miss Lapworth; Bro. Harry Wood, P.M., and Mrs. Wood; Bro. C. H. Stone, P.M., and Mrs. Stone; Bro. Le Cren, S.W.; Bro. E. A. Rice, J.W.; Bro. Lewis, P.M., and Mrs. Lewis; Bro. S. Hilton; Bro. Coombs and Mrs. Coombs; Bros. Broadway and Fells; Bro. Orton, Mrs. Orton, and Miss E. Orton; Mr. Hewitt, Miss Stroud, Mr. Taylor, Bro. Hobley, Mr. Hobley, Bro. Choveaux; Mr. Houlten and Mrs. Houlten; Mrs. Fountain; Bro. Brown and Mrs. Brown; Mrs. Hewitt; Bro. Shipton, Mrs. and Miss Shipton; Bro. Hy. Cornford, Mr. Healy, Mr. J. Cass; Bro. Sparkes and Mrs. Sparkes; Miss Fulton, Mr. Hill, Mrs. Dell; Bro. and Mrs. Folkes; Bro. and Miss Hale; Mr. H. Wells, Mr. F. Wright; Bro. Wright and Mrs. Wright; Mr. Coleman, Bro. Pike, S.D.; the Misses Simpson, Mrs. Parker, Miss. A. Wright, Mr. A. Wright, and Miss Wright; Bro. Tucker and Mrs. Tucker; Miss Grover, Mr. Fell, Bro. Salter, Mr. B. Wells, Bro. Evans, Mr. Vinder; Bro. Dr. Raw, P.M.; Bro. Rymer and Mrs. Rymer; Bro. Weller and Mrs. Weller; Mrs. Thompson, Bro. Bowman; Bro. Ellison and Miss Ellison; Mr. Colgrave, Mr. Phillips; Bro. Thompson and friends; Bro. E. Morson and Mrs. Morson; Bro. Windsor and Mrs. Windsor; Miss Hammer, Bro. Maynard; Bro. Peacock and Mrs. Peacock; Bro. Stunt, P.M., Sec.; Mr. and Mrs. Hezekel; Bro. and Mrs. Hodgson; Mr. and Mrs. Jackson; Bro. Pusey; Bro. King and visitor; Bro. and Mrs. Derham; Mrs. West, and Bro. Colgrave.

The company then adjourned to the banqueting-room, where was supplied a most *recherché* banquet

personally superintended by Bro. Pearce, the very popular proprietor.

The menus, which were of a most elaborate nature, were very much admired.

The cloth being removed, the W.M. gave the toasts of "The Queen" and "H.R.H. the Prince of Wales and the rest of the Royal Family" in a few most appropriate remarks, which were most loyally received.

Bro. HOOPER, I.P.M., next proposed the toast of "The W.M.," which, he said, gave him an immense amount of pleasure, as their president was one of the most worthy and enthusiastic brethren that could possibly be; in fact, a very host in himself. He need not extol his many virtues, which were so well known, and certainly must congratulate him upon the splendid gathering, the first of the kind ever undertaken in the lodge. He wished the W.M. long life, health, and happiness.

The toast was received most enthusiastically.

On rising, the W.M. received quite an ovation, and said that it gave him a great amount of pleasure to reply to their noble and esteemed Bro. Hooper, who was one of those kind and generous brethren, so full of emotion that it was difficult to express himself. Any service he (the W.M.) could do for the Blackheath Lodge was a pleasure and labour of love. It was gratifying to note the satisfaction he had given, and what had been done, and his earnest endeavour for the future would be in the interest and welfare of the lodge. He was happy to state that it was never so prosperous as now, and he felt quite satisfied that there were brethren succeeding him to the chair who would still raise the lodge higher in estimation. He most heartily thanked the company for such a generous reception.

A souvenir in the shape of a beautiful bottle of scent was presented to each lady.

The toast of "The Ladies and Visitors" was next presented by the W.M., who remarked that the brethren of the Blackheath Lodge were greatly honoured by having among them the gentler fair sex, and were delighted with their presence. The brethren knew full well and always appreciated their visitors as brethren, but the present occasion was the first time in the lodge history that the ladies were included at the banquet table, and it gave them all a much greater amount of gratification. He trusted they would all thoroughly enjoy themselves, as also at the ball which was to follow.

Mr. WALLIS, in a few pithy remarks, responded.

Bro. Cass, W.M., then said that a very important duty devolved upon him, which was to make a presentation of an 18-carat gold watch to Mrs. J. Hooper, wife of their highly esteemed I.P.M., bearing the following inscription: "Presented to Mrs. J. Hooper by the Blackheath Lodge, in appreciation of the services rendered by Bro. J. Hooper, I.P.M., from 1892-1894." In explanation, the W.M. further said that Bro. Hooper had so admirably performed his duties, and possessing already a Past Master's jewel, was willing that Mrs. Hooper should share his honour, and hence the presentation. In handing the watch to Mrs. Hooper, the W.M. said: In the name of the brethren of the Blackheath Lodge, and out of love and appreciation of your dear husband, I now present this token, and trust you may live many years to wear it.

Bro. HOOPER most suitably replied for Mrs. Hooper, heartily thanking the brethren on her behalf.

The W.M. stated that the next matter was to make a presentation to their worthy and esteemed Bro. Stunt, P.M., their valuable Secretary, who introduced him into Freemasonry, and to whom he was under a great debt of gratitude, for his fostering care had enabled him to succeed to the proud position of W.M. Of his manifold virtues he need not dilate, but his faithfulness to the lodge was marked, for while the lodge was at Greenwich it might have been said they were at low water mark, but now it was removed to London Bridge the reverse was said, and Bro. Stunt had stuck to the lodge through thick and thin. The brethren had, for faithful services rendered for 10 years, voted a sum of 10 guineas, which, by desire, was expended in purchasing a gold Albert. Bro. Cass, W.M., in the name of the brethren handed it to Bro. Stunt "as a souvenir and memento of the high estimation he was held in the lodge," and it gave him the greatest possible pleasure in doing so.

Bro. STUNT, in reply, spoke with much feeling, thanking most heartily the brethren for such a present. He was proud of having introduced such a worthy brother into Freemasonry as the W.M., and to him alone (for which he must be congratulated upon) sprang the idea of this auspicious event, and so ably supported by his officers. For his own part, he (Bro. Stunt) said his heart and soul was in Masonry, and so long as he was elected Secretary of the Blackheath Lodge he would do his utmost for its welfare. He most heartily thanked the W.M. for the kind words spoken of him.

The Tyler's toast closed a most eventful meeting, after which the numerous company adjourned to the ball room. Dancing was indulged in till the small hours under the able M.C.'s, Bros. A. H. Stunt, P.M., and W. Wright.

The Stewards who so ably assisted the W.M. in carrying out his idea of a ladies' night to such a successful issue, were Bros. J. Hooper, I.P.M.; A. W. Le Cren, S.W.; E. A. Rice, J.W.; W. H. Morison, P.M., Treas.; H. A. Stunt, P.M., Sec.; G. C. Pike, S.D.; F. Salter, J.D.; W. Wright, I.G.; E. Morson, D.C.; T. G. Hobley, and A. Smith, Stwds.; H. Broadway, W. R. King, F. M. Hale, and Henry Cornford.

During the banquet some excellent harmony was rendered by Miss Holten, Miss Hooper, and Miss

Lapworth (duet instrumental), Mr. Wallis, Mr. Parker, and Bros. C. H. Stone, Salter, Derham (flautist), and Hale, under the direction of Bro. T. Hobley. Bro. Choveaux ably presided at the piano.

ROYAL MASONIC INSTITUTION FOR GIRLS.

APRIL ELECTION, 1895.

The favour of your VOTE and INTEREST is earnestly solicited on behalf of

DAISY ISABEL SHAW,

Aged 8½ years.

The youngest Daughter but one of the Six Children of the late PATRICK DUNLOP SHAW, of the Middle Temple, Barrister-at-Law, Chief Judge of the Court of Small Causes, Madras, since March, 1893, Member of the Perfect Unanimity Lodge, No. 150, who, having filled the offices of Secretary and Junior Warden of that Lodge, and of District Grand Registrar, died on the 8th May, 1894, leaving a Widow and Six Children (one son 9 years old, 5 daughters, aged respectively 15, 14, 12, 8, and 5 years), totally unprovided for. Bro. Shaw was a Subscribing Member of his Lodge for upwards of eighteen years, up to the day of his death.

The case is strongly recommended by—

Bros. Col. A. Saunders, P.D.G.M. Madras; the Right Hon. Lord Herschell, G.C.B., P.G.W.; Victor A. Williamson, C.M.G., P.G.W.; Richd. Eve, P.G. Treas., Pat.; R. Loveland Loveland, P.G.D.; F. A. Philbrick, Q.C., G. Reg., Dep. G.M. Essex; Thomas Lean Wilkinson, D.G. Reg.; Ralph Daniel Makinson Littler, C.B., Q.C., P.D.G. Reg.; W. B. Colman, M.A., S.G.D.; P. de L. Long, P.G.D., Vice-Pat.; Frank Richardson, P.G.D., Pat.; L. G. Gordon Robbins, P.G.D., Vice-Pres.; J. H. Matthews, P.D.G.D.C., Pat.; Edward Cutler, Esq., Q.C., P.G. Org.; J. W. Handley, Esq., P. Dep. D.G.M. Madras; Gen. R. H. Cuncliffe, P. Dep. D.G.M. Madras; Thos. Jones, P. Dep. D.G.M. Bengal; Walter H. Glazier, P.M. 34; Edwd. T. E. Besley, Q.C., P.M. 66; E. J. Castle, Q.C., P.M. 708; E. R. Bartley Dennis, P.M. 1460, 2459; Edmd. Macrory, Q.C., P.M. 1610; G. King, W.M. 1641; W. H. Sands, P.M. 1724, 1718; J. Bradley Dyne, P.M. 1731; Montagu Sharpe, P.M. 2022; J. W. Allen, P.M. 2146; T. Sansome Preston, I.P.M. 2408; John Adam, 1198 (Madras); G. D. Coleman, 2323, late 150 (Madras).

MAY ELECTION, 1895.

To the Governors and Subscribers of the

ROYAL MASONIC BENEVOLENT INSTITUTION.

FOR

AGED FREEMASONS AND WIDOWS OF FREEMASONS, CROYDON.

The favour of your VOTE and INTEREST is respectfully solicited on behalf of

JANE LOUISA SILLIFANT,

AGED 62,

Widow of the late Bro. EDWIN SILLIFANT (Professional Accountant, Gresham Buildings), who died on the 19th February, 1875.

Bro. EDWIN SILLIFANT was initiated in the Stability Lodge, 207, in December, 1854; Member also, at the time of his death, of the Acacia Lodge, 1309; P. Prov. G.D. Middlesex; P.M. and P.Z. of more than one Lodge and Chapter, Life-Governor to all the Masonic Charities, and also on the Audit Committee for the Girls' School.

His widow, having passed through many untoward circumstances since her husband's death, through the mismanagement of her Solicitor (now an outlaw), as also the property vested in her husband reverting to his surviving brothers, is now left entirely without an income and in too delicate health to earn her living, she craves, therefore, the sympathy and help of his Masonic Brethren.

The case is strongly recommended by—

Bros. *George Kenning, Vice-Patron, P.M. 192 and 1657, P.P.G.D. Middx., Upper Sydenham; *John Davies, P.M. & Sec. 1309, P.P.G.D. Middx., 5, Finsbury Square, E.C.; J. Addington, P.M. 217, and M.E.Z. 14, Peckham-road, S.E.; W. Eckersall, P.M. 217, and Chapters 89 and 1275, 110, Lewisham-road, S.E.; T. Hinks, 217, 52, Leyette Avenue, Clapham, S.W.; Marfleet, P.M. 217, 818, and 322, 61, Christy-street, E.; J. Nixon, P.M. 217, 44, Great Tower-street, E.C.

Proxies will be thankfully received by those marked *; or by the Widow, 30, Rockley-road, Shepherd's Bush Green, W.

Royal Ark Mariners.

Prince Leopold Lodge (No. 238).—A meeting of this lodge was held at Anderson's Hotel, Fleet-street, on the 19th ult., when there were present, among others, Bros. F. W. Driver, M.A., P.W.C.N., as W.C.N.; L. W. Harvey, J.; Frederick Graves, H.; Nelson Prower, M.A., P.W.C.N., Treas.; Capt. Walls, P.G.C., P.W.C.N., Scribe; the Rev. R. C. Fillingham, M.A., S.D., and Goddard, Warder.

The minutes of the previous meeting having been read and confirmed, Bros. L. W. Harvey was unanimously elected W.C.N.; N. Prower, P.W.C.N., Treas., and Goddard, Warder. A vote of thanks was passed to Bro. W. H. Hulroyd, P.W.C.N., for his services. The lodge was then closed.

The members afterwards dined with the brethren of the Prince Leopold Mark Lodge, under the genial presidency of Bro. L. W. Harvey.

In the course of the proceedings "The Health of the W.C.N." was proposed, coupled with the name of Bro. F. W. Driver, M.A., who duly responded.

The proceedings were not protracted.

Obituary.

REV. SAMUEL FLOOD JONES.

The Rev. Samuel Flood Jones, M.A., Precentor of Westminster Abbey, died at his residence in the Cloisters, Westminster Abbey, at half-past three o'clock on Tuesday morning, after a brief illness from bronchitis, following influenza. The late Precentor had been connected with Westminster Abbey for 38 years, and he took the keenest possible interest and delight in everything connected with his work and life there. He became Deputy Minor Canon in 1857, Minor Canon in 1859, and held the post of Precentor since 1868. In the following year he was appointed Priest-in-Ordinary to the Queen, and had been vicar of St. Botolph's, in the City, since 1876; Chaplain to the Lord Mayor, and Chaplain to the 1st City of London Volunteer Engineers. The rev. gentleman's musical attainments were of a very high order, and he had the honour of chanting the service held in the Abbey on the occasion of the Queen's Jubilee. The death-knell at the Abbey was tolled on Tuesday morning from eleven o'clock until noon as a mark of respect to the late Precentor's memory, and the Dean and Chapter have kindly offered for his remains a place of sepulture in the Cloisters. The interment will take place to-day (Saturday), after a funeral service to be held in the Abbey at noon. The Abbey Choir and the choir of the Chapel Royal, St. James's Palace have intimated their desire to be present. The late Precentor, who was 69 years of age, leaves a widow and four daughters.

BRO. ROBERT BARTHOLOMEW.

It is with regret we announce the death of Bro. Robert Bartholomew, of Fulham, who was a respected member of the St. Luke's Lodge, No. 144, in which lodge he was initiated, and of the Fulham Lodge, No. 2512. Our brother had been ill for a few weeks and died on the 16th ult. The funeral took place on the 21st ult. at Fulham Cemetery, at which there was a great crowd from the immediate neighbourhood, and was attended by his relatives and Bros. J. Bishop, 1744; C. Mallous, 144; F. Douglas-Norman, 172; R. T. West, 1744; J. H. Squires, 780; S. E. Storr, 144; W. W. Bird, P.M. 858; Robertson; Tom Green, P.M.; F. Adams, P.M. 2512; Clements, 1744; F. Toovey, 834; H. T. Harrison, 733; the Rev. Sinclair; W. Ham, 1891; R. Burleton, P.M. 860; P. Vincent; T. Blanco White, P.M., W.M. 2512; and many others. Several handsome wreaths were sent by friends.

Death.

BARNETT.—On the 26th ultimo, at Tavistock House, Thicket-road, Anerley, John Barnett, eldest son of the late John Barnett, of Stamford Hill and Mincing-lane, E.C., aged 50. Funeral at Marylebone Cemetery, Finchley, on Saturday next, 2.30. No cards.

APRIL ELECTION, 1895.

ROYAL MASONIC INSTITUTION FOR BOYS.

The favour of your VOTE and INTEREST is earnestly solicited on behalf of

WILLIAM LORRAINE SEYMOUR DALLAS,

Born September 18th, 1884,

Whose first and only chance of Election will occur on the 19th of April next ensuing.

Son of the late Charles Henry Dallas, Merchant, and afterwards Accountant, who died at Shanghai, China, on May 15th last, after a week's illness, aged 52, leaving a widow and three children almost wholly unprovided for.

Bro. C. H. Dallas—initiated in the Royal Sussex Lodge, No. 501, Shanghai, in 1863—was appointed as the first District G.M. of Japan in 1874, and held that office for about 12 years. He was a Founder of the Yokohama (1092), O'Entosama (1263), Nippon (1344), and Tokio (2015) Lodges; also of the Yokohama R.A. Chapter (1092), the Orient Mark Lodge (304), and the Chrysanthemum Chapter of Rose Croix (94). A Life Governor of the R.M.I.

The case is strongly recommended by—

Bros. J. I. Miller, D.C. G.M. North China; H. D. Sandeman, P. Dist. G.M. Bengal, Life Governor; C. Thorne, P. Dist. G.M. North China; D. P. Cama, P.G. Treas., Patron; Richd. Eve, P.G. Treas., Patron; George Kenning, Patron; Thomas Fenn, P. Pres. B. of G.P., Vice-Patron; W. J. Hughan, P.G.D., Vice-Patron; C. F. Matier, P.G. Std. Br., Vice-Patron; Edward Letchworth, G. Sec., V.-Pres.; W. M. Bywater, P.G.S.B., V.-Pres.; William Goodacre, P.G.S.B., Prov. G. Sec. W. Lancs., V.-Pres.; Stephen Richardson, P.M. 183, V.-Pres.; Jehangir Hormusjee Kothari, V.-Pres.; R. F. Gould, P.G.D., Life Governor; Ralph Gooding, M.D., P.G.D., Life Governor; Lt.-Col. A. B. Cook, P.A.G.D.C., Life Governor; John Smithers, W.M. 58, Life Governor; G. W. Speth, P.M., Sec. 2076, Life Governor; Arthur A. Moss, P.M., 1375, Life Governor; Rev. H. Lansdell, P.G.C.; T. L. Wilkinson, D.G.R.

THE DEATH, in his 85th year, is announced of Bro. the Rev. Edmund R. Larken, 51 years rector of Burton by Lincoln. The deceased brother, who was initiated in the Witham Lodge, Lincoln, in January, 1845, was appointed Prov. Grand Chaplain the same year, and continued a subscribing member until his death. Only two brethren who entered the lodge prior to Bro. Larken are believed to survive, viz., Bro. H. Coddard, Lincoln, who joined in 1838, and Bro. J. C. Osborne, Horncastle, initiated in 1840.