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THE PROVINCIAL GRAND LODGE OF KENT.

There is no part of England over which Freemasonry has established a firmer hold or in which its principles are more abundantly illustrated than the Province of Kent. Numerically, it is far from being the strongest of our Provinces, but the progress it has made and the degree of prosperity to which it has attained under the auspices of its present distinguished ruler are marvellous, and if the occasions are few on which it becomes our duty to refer to Kentish Masonry, it is because our Kentish brethren have the happy knack of going about their work quietly and unostentatiously, yet with enthusiasm and conspicuous success. In ordinary circumstances, the proceedings at the successive annual gatherings of its members in Prov. Grand Lodge are uneventful, sufficiently interesting to excite the enthusiasm of those present, and well calculated to convey to the outside world a favourable impression of Kentish Masonry, but pointing no special moral, and furnishing material for no special consideration. However, the meeting that was held at Maidstone on the 3rd instant was of no ordinary character. The usual routine of work was done, but the agenda included more than one item of peculiar interest; that which attracted the greatest amount of interest being the presentation that was made to Bro. J. S. EASTES, P.G.D. of Eng., who for the last 21 years has held the important office of Dep. P.G. Master, in recognition of the excellent services he had rendered in that and various other capacities to the Craft in England, but more particularly in the Province with which he had been so long associated. The Provincial Grand Master spoke feelingly and even eloquently of those services. "No Provincial Grand Master," said Bro. Earl AMHERST, "ever had a more able supporter, no Mason ever had a truer friend, and no Province ever had a more devoted servant." Such words as these convey forcibly the precise nature of the services which Bro. EASTES has for so long and with such conspicuous ability rendered to Kent. They tell of a man who at all times and under all circumstances has laboured to fulfil his duties conscientiously. They can have no reference to the fuss and show in which some men delight. They point only to one who in his incomings and his outgoings has had no other desire than to do his duty faithfully, and to the utmost of his ability, in the different positions in which at different periods of his career he has been placed. To such a man it was no more than right that the work he had achieved should be publicly recognised, and the Province of Kent is to be congratulated both as to the time when and the manner in which it has expressed its gratitude to the Deputy of its Provincial Grand Master. In short, Bro. EASTES has won honour by the manner in which he has performed his part in Masonry, and his Province by the generous manner in which it has recognised his worth.

There was one other subject which was brought to the notice of the Prov. Grand Lodge, the subject of "Masonic Vagrants." Some three months ago we penned an article on this question, which is continually worrying the brethren throughout the country, and which is undoubtedly one that needs to be dealt with strongly and at the same time seriously. The adoption of a course with a view to suppressing these objectionable people, or if that should prove impossible, of reducing their numbers, and surrounding their avocation with every imaginable difficulty is by no means the easiest task in the world. We are, however, not without hopes that the measures thus far adopted by the authorities of this Province may have the effect of inducing other Provinces to join with it in its laudable attempt to cope successfully with an acknowledged nuisance. It was our intention to have offered a few remarks on the subject, but the demands upon our space are as heavy this week as they were last, and what we had intended saying must be deferred till our next issue.

THE EAST LANCASHIRE FESTIVAL.

There have been occasions on which we have considered it our duty to point out, in reference to some of its minor contributions to our great Central Masonic Charities, that East Lancashire was not according to them that measure of support to which, in the circumstances, they were justly entitled. But we have never concealed from ourselves or our readers that on special occasions the Province has acted in a manner worthy of its ancient reputation and numerical strength. We have also mentioned, not incidentally, but as furnishing the true explanation of their occasional shortcomings, that it had maintained for the last 20 years in an admirable state of efficiency a local Charitable Institution rejoicing in the title of the "East Lancashire Systematic Masonic Educational and Benevolent Institution," which during the whole of its career had conferred incalculable benefits upon the deserving poor brethren of the Province, their widows, and their families, while, at the same time, it had been gradually accumulating a very substantial capital, amounting, we believe, to close upon £12,000. It was in aid of this local Institution that on Wednesday, the 3rd instant, our East Lancashire brethren held high festival at the Royal Botanical Gardens, Old Trafford, Manchester. Their respected Provincial Grand Master, Bro. Col. LE GENDRE N. STARKIE, was the President of the day, and under his auspices upwards of 700 ladies and brethren gathered around the festive board, resolved on doing what lay in their power to place their Charity on a firmer basis than heretofore. The full report of the proceedings we publish elsewhere shows how great was the success which attended upon this resolution.

No special Festival had been previously held in behalf of the Institution, and in so large a Province we may be sure that it was no easy task to organise one which was certain to prove, as this has done, a success. The Provincial Grand Master lent the weight of his influence in support of the gathering. Bro. J. H. SILLITOE, P.G. Std. Br. of England, Chairman of the General Committee of the Institution, bestirred himself, as only a man of such energy knew how to do, in furtherance of the project, while the details of the work were admirably carried out by Bro. J. NEWTON, Prov. Asst. Grand Secretary, the Secretary of the Charity. The result showed itself firstly in the constitution of a Board of Stewards numbering 482 members, and next, in the accumulation of donations and subscriptions amounting in the aggregate to upwards of £4,000. This will certainly enable the General Committee of the Systematic Educational and Benevolent Institution to enlarge the area of the benefits it confers. It will enable it to do more, and still more effectually than in the past, for the poor Craftsmen of the Province and their families what our Central Charities do for the whole body of English Masons. We may go a step further, and point out that by its greater ability to relieve the necessitous brethren of East Lancashire, it will indirectly benefit the Central Institutions, by relieving them of a part of that very serious pressure upon their resources to which they have been so long subjected. More especially will this be the case if the great Festival of the 3rd instant turns out to be the first of a long series of similar annual gatherings. In that case, East Lancashire will not need, except very occasionally, to avail itself of the advantages of the General Charities. It will provide for its own poor brethren, and leave the latter open to those Provinces and lodges which are not strong enough or wealthy enough to maintain efficient Charities of their own. However, we need not concern ourselves as to what the future may have in store for us. It is enough that East Lancashire has held its first Festival in behalf of its own Charitable Institution, and that thanks to the generous influence exercised by Bro. Col. STARKIE and the energy and ability displayed by Bros. SILLITOE and J. NEWTON in organising the arrangements, this Festival has proved to be a grand success. We congratulate our East Lancashire brethren from its worthy chief down to its newest and most inexperienced initiate on the result of their combined efforts, and we trust that in future years it may be our privilege to offer them as great—or even greater—felicitations than we offer them now in respect of their meeting of last week.

PROVINCIAL GRAND LODGE OF SURREY.

INSTALLATION OF BRO. THE RIGHT HON. THE EARL OF
ONSLOW, G.C.M.G., AS PROVINCIAL GRAND MASTER.

The annual meeting of the Prov. Grand Lodge of Surrey, held at the County Hall, Guildford, on the 6th inst., attracted a large attendance of brethren to witness the installation of the Prov. Grand Master designate by the Pro Grand Master. The brethren present included:

Bros. the Earl of Lathom, Pro G.M.; the Earl of Onslow, G.C.M.G., Prov. G.M. designate; F. West, P.G.D., Dep. Prov. G.M. in charge; Rev. J. S. Brownrigg, P.G. Chap., Dep. Prov. G.M. Bucks; J. S. Eastes, Dep. Prov. G.M. Kent; E. Letchworth, G. Sec.; T. T. Bucknill, Q.C., M.P., Dep. G. Reg.; Dr. H. J. Strong, P.A.G.D.C.; R. F. Gould, P.G.D.; F. Richardson, P.G.D.; Capt. N. G. Phillips, P.G.D.; J. Terry, P.G.S.B., Sec. R.M.B.I.; C. Kirchhoffer, P.D.G.D.C.; A. S. Tomkins, J.G.D.; Col. L. G. Dundas, G.D.; C. Louissou, D.G.M. Canterbury, N.Z. (S.C.); H. Sadler, G. Tyler; H. M. Hobbs, P.P.G.W.; C. C. Gibbs, Prov. G. Treas.; C. Greenwood, Prov. G. Sec.; W. J. Mason, P.P.G.D.; H. Lovegrove, P.P.G.S. of W. Middx.; J. J. Thomas, Prov. G. Treas. Bucks; C. O. Burgess, Prov. G. Stwd.; W. B. Fendick, P.P.G.D.; J. W. Burgess, P.P.G.D.; J. D. Langton, P.P.G.W.; J. B. S. Lancaster, P.P.G.S.B.; J. H. Hawkins, P.G.D.C.; and many others.

Prov. Grand Lodge was opened by the D.P.G.M., and the minutes were confirmed.

The Dep. Prov. Grand Master, Bro. F. WEST, P.G.D., then said that before they commenced the proceedings, he would ask the brethren to pass a vote of sympathy, which had already been sent to the rector of Weybridge, the brother of their late Prov. Grand Master, expressing the loss which that province had sustained by the death of their highly-esteemed brother, Col. G. Noel Money. He did not think it necessary to say more, as the subject was a painful one, and a few words was enough to obtain from the Prov. Grand Lodge a unanimous expression of their feelings.

Bro. H. J. STRONG, P.A.G.D.C., seconded the motion, which was carried.

The roll of lodges was called, and all were represented with the exception of one.

Bros. J. H. Price and Pile were nominated for the position of Prov. G. Treasurer, and the former was elected.

The Pro G.M. and the Grand Officers then entered in procession, and were duly saluted.

The PRO GRAND MASTER, addressing the brethren, said: We are met here to-day for the purpose of installing a Provincial Grand Master, and I am happy to think that the choice of his Royal Highness the M.W. Grand Master has fallen on our worthy Bro. Lord Onslow. I am certain he will rule over this province and carry it to success in all its undertakings. I must express my deep regret that we have lost the services of a worthy brother whom I had the honour to install as Provincial Grand Master of this province four years ago. I am sure you will all agree that in losing Colonel Money we all lost a sincere good brother and a good friend. I regret him as a friend myself, and I feel certain this province has the same feelings towards his memory. I hope our new Provincial Grand Master will prove a great success among you, and I am sure you will give him all the fraternal help you possibly can.

The ceremony of installation was then proceeded with, Bro. F. Richardson, P.G.D., acting as D.C., assisted by Bro. J. H. Hawkins, Prov. G.D.C., and Lord Onslow was duly installed as Provincial Grand Master by the Pro Grand Master, and was proclaimed and saluted.

Bro. F. West, P.G.D., was re-appointed Deputy Prov. G.M., and was obligated, proclaimed, and saluted.

The Prov. Grand Treasurer's accounts were received and adopted, including recommendations to vote 10 guineas to each of the Masonic Institutions, 10 guineas to the Prov. Grand Charity Fund, and five guineas to the Surrey Hospital.

The report of the Charity Committee was adopted, showing a very successful year's work, and Bro. J. D. Langton, P.P.G.W., was re-appointed Hon. Sec.

The Prov. Grand Officers were then appointed and invested as follows:

Bro. C. Greenwood, 410	...	...	...	Prov. S.G.W.
" Dr. J. Pollard, 1826	...	...	...	Prov. J.G.W.
" Rev. Thos. Bentham, 1616	...	...	...	Prov. G. Chaps.
" Rev. E. R. Parr, 370	...	...	...
" J. H. Price	...	...	...	Prov. G. Treas.
" G. H. White, 1395	...	...	...	Prov. G. Reg.
" C. T. Tyler, 1395	...	...	...	Prov. G. Sec.
" Dr. Scanes Spicer, 410	...	...	...	Prov. S.G.Ds.
" C. O. Burgess, 2473	...	...	...
" J. Hodgkin, 1872	...	...	...	Prov. J.G.Ds.
" T. H. Roberts, 2502	...	...	...
" H. T. Challacombe, 1149	...	...	...	Prov. G.S. of W.
" J. H. Hawkins, 410	...	...	...	Prov. G.D.C.
" A. Yorke, 2234	...	...	...	Prov. D.G.D.C.
" F. Flood, 1929	...	...	...	Prov. A.G.D.Cs.
" H. W. Willis, 1638	...	...	...
" F. J. Hayward, 889	...	...	...	Prov. G.S.B.
" Capt. T. K. Bunting, 1714	...	...	...
" E. T. Madeley, 2126	...	...	...	Prov. G. Std. Brs.
" E. H. Lewis, 2444	...	...	...
" E. Branscombe, 1929	...	...	...	Prov. G. Org.
" W. A. Latham, 410	...	...	...	Prov. A.G. Sec.
" W. Dodge, 2101	...	...	...	Prov. G. Purst.
" J. H. Mayo, 2222	...	...	...	Prov. A.G. Purst.
" J. Andrews, 2422	...	...	...	Prov. G. Stwds.
" T. Griffiths, 463	...	...	...
" H. F. Gardner Salt, 1982	...	...	...
" J. Hosking, 1347	...	...	...
" Dr. W. Gorrer, 1826	...	...	...	Prov. G. Tyler.
" C. F. Passmore, 2317	...	...	...
" R. Potter	...	...	...

Provincial Grand Lodge was closed, and a luncheon followed in the school rooms adjacent.

The first toasts subsequently given were "The Queen and the Craft" and "H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, M.W.G.M."

The PROV. GRAND MASTER said the next toast was one which, upon occasions such as these, was coupled with the Grand Officers, but as that day they were honoured by the presence of the Pro Grand Master they must drink his health alone. He wished to offer to the Pro Grand Master his most sincere and grateful thanks for the honour he had done the Provincial Grand Lodge of Surrey, and himself in particular, by coming down there at no small inconvenience in order to perform the ceremony with so much dignity and grace. They were fortunate in having as their Pro Grand Master a man like Lord Lathom, who had now, for the second time, been elected by her Majesty to perform those duties at her Court which were the most important that had to be performed. He took this opportunity on behalf of the brethren present, as well as on his own behalf, to offer to Lord Lathom his respectful congratulations on the honour done him. He asked the brethren to be good enough to drink "The Health of the Pro Grand Master."

The PRO GRAND MASTER, in reply, said: I thank you, R.W. Prov. Grand Master, very much for the kind way you proposed the toast of my health, and you, brethren, for the way you responded to it. I assure you it has given me great pleasure to be once more in Surrey, and once more to have the honour of performing the ceremony. I am extremely glad of the way in which it has been performed and has met with your approbation. I thank you also for your kind congratulations on having been again given an office, which I own I dearly love. There is only one great rejoicing in my mind, and that is that it is quite impossible to have another Jubilee year, for two would kill a dozen Lord Chamberlains. I thank you sincerely for welcoming me here again in Surrey as you did before. I go all over England to different provinces when necessity arises for the purpose of installing Provincial Grand Masters, and this is the 19th or the 20th occasion in which I have acted, so that I ought to be pretty well perfect; I am so ably helped by the Grand Officers that it would be hard for me to go wrong. I thank you most sincerely.

In giving "The Grand Officers," the PROV. GRAND MASTER said it was not often that they in Surrey had present among them so large a number of Grand Officers as they had that day. The brethren had seen the manner in which they had conducted the business of Prov. Grand Lodge when it became Grand Lodge through the presence of the Pro Grand Master, and they knew how well they discharged their duties at Freemasons' Hall. He need not do more than say he proposed to couple the name of Bro. Rev. Brownrigg—a name thoroughly well known and highly respected in Surrey, through its long connection with one of their lamented Provincial Grand Masters.

Bro. Rev. J. S. BROWNRIFF, P.G.C., D.P.G.M. Berks, said he would not lose one moment in returning thanks on behalf of himself and colleagues for the kindly manner in which the toast had been proposed. The proper thing on such an occasion was to say he wished the task had fallen to other hands, but he would not say that, for he was pleased to have the honour. The Prov. Grand Master was the fourth generation, and he (Bro. Brownrigg) felt like a great grandfather, for he had known the Prov. Grand Master's three predecessors. If he would be allowed, he would say that, as a Surrey Mason, it would give him great pleasure to continue to the present Provincial Grand Master the homage he had paid to his three predecessors.

The PRO GRAND MASTER then rose and said: I am happy to think the next toast is entrusted to me, for it is the toast of the afternoon—"The Health of your R.W. Provincial Grand Master, Lord Onslow." As I said in lodge, I congratulate you most sincerely and heartily on having so efficient a brother placed at your head. He was good enough to congratulate me on having again been appointed to office, and I can respond by congratulating him most heartily on having an office in the present administration. His services on the other side of the world are well known to all, and the way he acquitted himself there is proof to you that he will acquit himself here at home, and ably perform the duties of Prov. G.M. to your satisfaction and to the glory and honour of the Craft in Surrey.

The PROV. GRAND MASTER returned thanks, and took the opportunity of publicly expressing his grateful thanks to his Royal Highness the M.W.G.M. for the signal mark of favour, and the agreeable duty laid upon him of presiding over the fortunes of the Provincial Grand Lodge of Surrey. He was, as they all knew full well, a Surrey man to the backbone. He had the honour of representing one of the most important divisions of the county upon the County Council, and he had for a number of years enjoyed the office of Lord High Steward of the borough in which they were assembled. It was, therefore, a matter of peculiar gratification to him that he should be selected to be the Prov. Grand Master of a county which he loved so dearly. He was glad to think that the occasion of his installation had taken place in the ancient borough with which his family for so many generations had been connected, and in which there were two lodges, one of which had done him the honour of calling itself after his name, and inscribing on its banner the arms of his family. He felt he had before him a very difficult task in succeeding one who was not only so generally popular, but whose heart and soul was so thoroughly with them, as the late Colonel Money. He was afraid the many functions he had to perform might prevent his visiting all the lodges in the province, which was so well filled with lodges, in the same able and energetic manner in which the late Prov. Grand Master did, but, if that should be the case, he asked them to give him their forbearance, and was sure it would not be refused. Chiefly for that reason he had at that moment on his right the energetic and distinguished brother who was well known to them all, and whom he had had the honour of appointing his Deputy—Bro. West. With that brother to guide, counsel, and assist him in his duties, he entered upon the difficult duties, and the task imposed upon him by his Royal Highness, without diffidence, trusting in their loyal and cordial support.

Bro. F. WEST replied for "The Deputy Prov. Grand Master, and the rest of the Prov. Grand Officers, Present and Past," and thanked the Prov. Grand Master for his kind remarks. He could safely say on behalf of all the Prov. Grand Officers that they would do their best to support their Prov. Grand Master in the office he had taken up for the first time. It would be their proud privilege to help him in every way, and if they could do so as successfully as they had done to his two predecessors, the Prov. Grand Master would have the satisfaction 12 months hence of saying his year of office had been successful. He could tell the Prov. Grand Master that all the organisations for Masonic work were good in the province, and there were a large number of lodges of instruction where the ritual was taught. There was also a good Charity organisation to assist those seeking admission to the Masonic Institutions. He had received a telegram from Bro. McLeod, Sec. R.M.I. for Boys, regretting he was too ill to attend, and

tendering his thanks for the handsome contribution of £600 towards the grand result of the Boys' School Festival.

In proposing "The Visitors," the PROV. GRAND MASTER expressed his gratification at seeing present at his installation two brethren with whom he had had the honour of acquaintance on the other side of the world—Bro. Louisson, who was mayor of one of the most important cities in New Zealand and District Grand Master for Canterbury under the Scottish Constitution. There was also present Bro. Greenwood (no relation to the Prov. Grand Secretary), who was one of his troop of Canterbury Yeomanry Cavalry in New Zealand.

Bro. C. LOUISSON, Dist. Grand Master Canterbury, New Zealand (S.C.), returned thanks for the kind reception accorded him, and expressed his sincere pleasure in having been present on this occasion. He had the great honour of knowing the Provincial Grand Master in New Zealand, and could inform the brethren, if it was not already history, that Lord Onslow was one of the most able and popular Governors that ever crossed the water.

Bro. GREENWOOD also responded, after which the proceedings terminated.

CONSECRATION OF THE PYPYRUS LODGE, No. 2562.

On Monday, the 24th ult., a new lodge, promoted by members of the wholesale paper trade for the use of that trade, was consecrated at the Criterion, Piccadilly, by Bro. Edward Letchworth, Grand Secretary, in the presence of a large number of brethren of the Order. The Grand Secretary was assisted by Bros. Philip Hickson Waterlow, P.G.D., as S.W.; Herbert Jordan Adams, P.G.S.B., as J.W.; the Rev. J. Studholme Brownrigg, P.G. Chap., as Chap.; Frank Richardson, P.G.D., as D. of C.; and W. R. Smith, W.M. 217, as I.G. The ceremonies were accompanied by vocal music under the direction of Bro. W. B. Martin, Org., by Bros. H. Horscroft, G. May, and H. Thom.

Among the brethren present were:

Bros. H. F. Frost, P.G. Org.; H. Sadler, G.T.; George T. Busbridge, P.P. Asst. G. Sec. Kent; Thomas L. Littler, Richard Poore, 1949; J. M. Buckley, 1320; H. P. Wright, jun., 1021; H. McDougall, 419 (S.C.); Tharke, 87; Henry Kelp, 1464; Charles F. Hilton, 1009; W. B. Wellsman, W.M. 1589; W. R. Smith, W.M. 217; H. Massey, 160, P.M. 619 and 1928; A. Christie, 1730; R. H. Hill, 1260; W. H. Smith, 217; Peter McLean, 2319; E. T. W. Hoare, 1850; John Beeton, 1260; James Couch, S.D. 1601; W. D. Thomas, 217; T. D. M. Burnside, 2319, and A. G. Broadberry, 1719. The founders of the lodge were Bros. Stephen A. Hardiman, Henry G. Small, P.M.; Bertrand Grant, S. Charles Phillips, Henry Jenkins, P.M.; John Nixon, P.M.; Charles B. R. Maltby, Frederick E. R. Becker, W. Henry Edwards, Sidney S. Holt, J. Barthram Taylor, Theodore S. Sheard, William B. Martin, Frederick W. Robinson, and James Thompson, J.W. 2319.

The GRAND SECRETARY, in opening the proceedings, said that in view of the length of the ceremonies before the brethren, and also of the state of the temperature, he would not presume to occupy their time many moments with any words of his own. They were all aware of the purpose for which they were assembled—for a very solemn object—to consecrate a new lodge, and to dedicate it to the service of God. He could only express a hope that this Papyrus Lodge they were about to start into existence might be the means of uniting in still closer bonds those founders who were associated together elsewhere, and of advancing the best interests of the Order in the Metropolis.

The Rev. J. S. BROWNRIFF, P.G.C., delivered the oration, and said—

It was worthy of note that among the many Fraternities which sprang into existence through art, through labour, through business of all kinds, the earliest and the most honourable was that to which the Masonic brethren belonged. Foremost before all Masons joined together in an operative guild, and if the brethren looked through the Middle Ages they would find over and over again that the guild which had the highest rank, which stood first amongst all, was that which to-day was a speculative Order. It was well to ask why it was that operative Masons won distinction among the Brotherhood. He thought it was first of all this—that the operative Mason worked more unselfishly than the members of any other guild for the good of mankind. Rarely did one generation see the completion of his work; sometimes he did not see the beginning, and sometimes he did not see the end; but having done his share of the work, the lodge to which he belonged went elsewhere to do similar work. Secondly, he worked actually in obedience to a superior, but he always did his work in the best way, holding with the Great Master that in all labour there is profit. Through those two principles—unselfishness and perseverance—he won for himself the honour of his fellows. So the speculative Masons of to-day should try to win for their Society, for their particular lodge, the proud pre-eminence of working, not for themselves, but for the good of mankind. There should be no idlers in the Masonic hive; every one should seek to do his best, with the fullest integrity, with the greatest heartiness of purpose, for by these principles, and these principles alone, would they make themselves respected among their fellows and brethren.

The ceremony of consecration was then proceeded with, and at its conclusion the Grand Secretary installed Bro. Stephen A. Hardiman as W.M. Bro. Henry G. Small was appointed to act as I.P.M. The other officers were Bros. Bertrand Grant, S.W.; S. Charles Phillips, J.W.; Henry Jenkins, Treas.; John Nixon, Hon. Sec.; Charles B. R. Maltby, S.D.; Frederick E. R. Becker, J.D.; W. Henry Edwards, I.G.; Sidney S. Holt, D.C.; J. Barthram Taylor, Theodore S. Sheard, F. W. Robinson, and Jas. Thomson, Stwds.; William B. Martin, Org.; and Thomas Bowler, Tyler.

Votes of thanks were passed to the Consecrating Officers, who were also elected honorary members of the lodge, and after propositions of initiation and joining had been given in, the lodge was closed, and the brethren adjourned to banquet and honoured the usual toasts.

The Rev. J. S. BROWNRIFF responded to the toast of "The Grand Officers."

Bro. SMALL, Acting I.P.M., proposed "The W.M." Bro. Hardiman had assumed a great responsibility in taking charge of that lodge for the first year. There was always a little inclination to rush a lodge during its first year, and he would impress upon the W.M. that they should not go in for numbers but for quality. The gentlemen who had been proposed that night were of good quality, and the officers appointed were of good quality. He was sure that the brethren would not regret the choice they had made of

a brother to be their Master. Charity was a great part of the work of Masonry, and he trusted that the Papyrus Lodge would never forget that.

Bro. HARDIMAN, W.M., in acknowledging the toast, said he wished to perform his duties to the lodge in the best way a Master could. He was surprised that he was chosen for first Master; he did not wish to be, because he knew it was a great undertaking. But his dear friends and old associates, the founders, insisted on it, and he could not say nay. He thanked them from the bottom of his heart for promising to support him.

Bro. HARDIMAN, W.M., in proposing "The Health of the Consecrating Officers," said he should never forget the impressive manner in which the Grand Secretary consecrated the lodge.

Bro. E. LETCHWORTH, G. Sec., in reply, said that occupying the position he had the honour to hold, he had many duties to perform in connection with the Craft, but he could say with all sincerity there was no duty which gave him greater pleasure to perform than the consecration of a lodge. The pleasure was greatly enhanced when he felt as he did that night that the future success of the lodge was assured. He felt satisfied that the Papyrus Lodge had in it the elements which must eventually lead to success. It started with a W.M. who had had great experience, not only in the London Scottish Rifles Lodge, but in the Lodge of Stability; a brother who was a master of his work, under whose able and genial rule the lodge would have a year of great happiness and prosperity, and he wished the lodge every happiness and prosperity.

The remaining toasts were afterwards given and responded to, and the Tyler's toast completed the business of the evening.

PROVINCIAL GRAND CHAPTER OF SURREY.

INSTALLATION OF BRO. LORD ONSLOW, G.C.M.G., AS GRAND SUPERINTENDENT.

The annual gathering of the Prov. Grand Chapter of Surrey took place at the County Hall, Guildford, on the 6th instant, when a large number of companions attended. Prov. Grand Chapter was opened by Comp. J. S. Brownrigg, as G. Supt.; F. West, P.A.G.S., Prov. G.H.; C. T. Tyler, as Prov. G.J.; C. Greenwood, Prov. G.S.E.; C. C. Gibbs, Prov. G. Treas.; Dr. H. J. Strong, and many others.

The minutes having been confirmed, the roll of chapters was called, and all were represented.

Comp. J. H. Price was unanimously elected to fill the position of Prov. G. Treasurer for the ensuing year.

The Pro G.Z., the Earl of Lathom, then entered Prov. Grand Chapter, the procession including the following Grand Officers: Comps. J. S. Eastes, R. F. Gould, Col. Dundas, E. Letchworth, G.S.E.; Capt. N. G. Philips, F. Richardson, S. Tomkins, and H. Kirchhoffer.

The Grand Superintendent designate was announced, and a deputation of the following companions was appointed to introduce him into Provincial Grand Chapter—Comps. Flood, Leigh Bennett, Hobbs, Wilson, Lancaster, and Langton.

Comp. Lord Onslow, G.C.M.G., the Grand Superintendent designate, was obligated and installed by Comp. Rev. J. S. Brownrigg, Comp. F. Richardson kindly acting as G.D.C.

The Grand Superintendent appointed Comps. F. West and A. L. Scott as Prov. G.H. and Prov. G.J. respectively, and they were duly obligated and installed by Comp. Brownrigg.

The Grand Superintendent invested the following Prov. Grand Officers:

Comp. C. J. Tyler, 1395	...	...	Prov. G.S.E.
Rev. E. Chichester, 1149	...	...	Prov. G.S.N.
J. H. Price	...	...	Prov. G. Treas.
Dr. J. Curnow, 1395	...	...	Prov. G. Reg.
J. O. Connell, 1851	...	...	Prov. G.P. Soj.
A. Bannister, 1556	...	...	Prov. 1st A.G. Soj.
R. J. Ward, 1347	...	...	Prov. 2nd A.G.S.
Major G. Collins, 2317	...	...	Prov. G.S.B.
R. A. Gowan, 1629	...	...	Prov. G. Std. Brs.
H. Gardiner, 2246	...	...
C. F. Passmore, 2317	...	...	Prov. G.D.C.
A. Lambert, 1356	...	...
G. C. Barry, 1347	...	...	Prov. G. Org.
R. Potter	...	...	Prov. G. Janitor.

An anthem, "Behold how good and joyful a thing it is," was sung, and Prov. Grand Chapter was closed.

PROVINCIAL GRAND CHAPTER OF MIDDLESEX.

This Provincial Grand Chapter held its annual meeting at the Greyhound Hotel, Hampton Court, on Saturday, the 6th inst., when Comp. Raymond H. Thrupp, Prov. G.H., presided, in the unavoidable absence of Comp. Lord George Hamilton, the Grand Superintendent, and was supported by—

Comps. Howard H. Room, G. Std. Br.; D. W. Pearse, P.P.G. Reg., as Prov. G.H.; F. Mead, P.D.G.D.C., Prov. G.J.; W. H. Lee, Prov. G.S.E.; A. J. Oliver, Prov. G. Treas.; W. H. Glynn Smith, Prov. G. Reg.; R. Poore, Prov. A.G.D.C.; G. L. Wingate, P.P.A.G.S.; G. R. Langley, P.P.G. Treas.; A. Blenkarn, P.Z. 1326; Compton Stanley; W. Fisher, Prov. G.P.S.; S. Richardson, P.Z.; C. Truen, P.Z.; E. Terry; R. Hopwood, P.Z.; T. L. Walker, 946; A. Collins, D.C. 1423; T. Compton, 1326; J. T. Briggs, P.P.G. S.B.; and many others.

Provincial Grand Chapter was opened, and the minutes read and confirmed.

The report of the Audit Committee was received and adopted, and a cordial vote of thanks passed to Comp. Oliver, Prov. G. Treasurer, for his valuable services during the past year.

Comp. G. R. LANGLEY, P.P.G. Treas., nominated Comp. A. Blenkarn, P.Z. 1326, for the position of Prov. Grand Treasurer, and referred to his excellent services in the Craft, and especially on the Board of General Purposes.

Comp. J. T. BRIGGS seconded the nomination, which was unanimously agreed to.

The Acting Grand Superintendent then invested the following Prov. Grand Officers:

Comp. Gordon, 1691	...	...	Prov. G.J.
" W. H. Lee, 1423	...	...	Prov. G.S.E.
" Bateman, 1194	...	...	Prov. G. Scribe N.
" Blenkarn, 1326	...	...	Prov. G. Treas.
" Robinson, 1423	...	...	Prov. G. Reg.
" J. P. Lee, 382	...	...	Prov. P.G. Soj.
" May, 1237	...	...	Prov. 1st A.G.S.
" Chapman, 1293	...	...	Prov. 2nd A.G.S.
" Major Weatherall, 1549	...	...	Prov. G.S.B.
" Wace, 2048	...	...	Prov. G. Std. Br.
" R. R. Monger, 946	...	...	Prov. G.D.C.
" B. Cooper, 946	...	...	Prov. A.G.D.C.
" Wells, 1793	...	...	Prov. G. Org.
" Gilbert	...	...	Prov. G. Janitor.

The ACTING G. SUPERINTENDENT nominated Comps. Dr. Beresford Ryley, Gordon Langton, and Oliver as members of the Audit Committee, to which Comps. S. Richardson, G. R. Langley, and Wingate were elected by Prov. Grand Chapter.

On the proposition of the ACTING G. SUPERINTENDENT, the sum of 10 guineas was voted to the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution, at the next Festival of which the Grand Superintendent of Middlesex will preside.

A vote of thanks was passed to the Lebanon Chapter for the use of the furniture, and Prov. Grand Chapter was closed.

A banquet followed, which was presided over by Comp. Raymond H. Thrupp, P.G.S.B., Prov. G.H., who subsequently briefly gave the usual loyal and Masonic toasts.

Comp. R. H. THURPP, Prov. G.H., in proposing "The Grand Superintendent," said Comp. Lord Geo. Hamilton fully intended being present, but they all knew the change that had come over the political scene, and that his duty called him elsewhere. There was a peculiar thing with regard to that province and Masonry in general, which had perhaps escaped their notice. The Secretary of State for India was the head of the Province of Middlesex, and the Under Secretary for India had been installed that day as Provincial Grand Master and Grand Superintendent of Surrey. They all knew the great interest their Grand Superintendent took in Freemasonry in the province, and were sure he regretted that the cares of the State prevented his attendance that day. However, in his absence they would drink his health with all good wishes for his future welfare as a Mason and a statesman.

Comp. D. W. PEARSE, P.P.G. Reg., then proposed "The Health of Comp. Raymond H. Thrupp, Prov. G.H.," the acting Grand Superintendent on that occasion, and said it was a privilege to be allowed to do so. All those who had anything to do with the Province of Middlesex knew that Comp. Thrupp's name was a household word, for whenever there was anything to be done they went to him for advice and were always helped out of any difficulty. It was a pleasure as an old member of the province to propose the toast, and the companions would receive it heartily. Although they were not a large number present yet by the warmth of their reception of the toast they would give full effect to it.

Comp. R. H. THURPP, P.G.S.B., Prov. G.H., returned thanks for the very cordial reception given him. They knew his heart was in Middlesex and that he did everything he could, not only in the interest of the province but to win the esteem, friendship, and love of the companions. He thought he had succeeded to a certain extent, for wherever he went, whether to lodges or chapters, he always received a true Masonic greeting.

In submitting "The Provincial Grand Officers," the Prov. G.H. wished them all success in their future life, and hoped they would appreciate the honour. He would ask the Prov. G.J. to respond, having known him many years as an earnest and zealous Mason, and he trusted there were many years of useful work yet before him.

Comp. GORDON, Prov. G.J., said he was utterly unprepared to reply, and was equally unprepared for the honour done him by his appointment to Provincial Grand Office. On behalf of the Provincial Grand Officers he thanked the companions for the exceedingly kind way in which the toast had been received, and assured the Acting Grand Superintendent of their cordial support.

The Janitor's toast shortly afterwards closed the proceedings.

MARK BENEVOLENT FUND FESTIVAL.

The 27th Annual Festival of the Benevolent Fund attached to the Grand Lodge of Mark Master Masons of England and Wales, &c., was held last Wednesday evening at Freemasons' Tavern, Bro. Lord Skelmersdale, Past Grand Warden, presiding. His lordship was accompanied by Lady Skelmersdale, and there were present, among others—

Bros. the Earl of Euston and Viscount Dungarvan, Lady Agnes Cooper, Bros. R. Loveland Loveland, Frank Richardson, the Rev. Hayman Cummings, A. Cooper, Robert Berridge, W. J. Frere, W. Darley Hartley (South Africa), W. Goodacre, Col. A. B. Cook, the Rev. Viscount Molesworth, C. Letch Mason, the Rev. and Mrs. F. H. Oliver, Gen. Crossland Hay, Dr. Turtle Pigott, C. E. Kysner, Percy Wallis (G. Treasurer), G. H. Parke, Thompson Lyon, C. F. Matier (G. Secretary), R. C. Clowes, J. M. Bastowe, James Stephens, Major Probyn, Major C. W. Carroll, Dr. Brewster, C. H. Driver, R. G. Hanson, Emil Apelt and Mrs. Apelt, and Eugene Montcuuis.

After dinner the customary toasts were proposed, and

Bro. the Earl of EUSTON, after replying to the toast of "The Pro Grand Master, Deputy Grand Master, and rest of the Grand Officers, Present and Past," proposed "The Chairman and Lady Skelmersdale." Lord Skelmersdale had come forward to support the Mark Benevolent Fund and to raise a good sum for it for the current year. Lord Skelmersdale had made great strides in Masonry, and in every position had done very well.

Lord SKELMERSDALE, in response, said it was a great pleasure to him to come forward to support that Charity, and it had also been a great pleasure to him to bring Lady Skelmersdale with him. He might confide

to the brethren this fact that if it had not been for Lady Skelmersdale he should never have gone into Masonry at all.

Bro. Lord SKELMERSDALE next proposed "Prosperity to the Mark Benevolent Fund" which had now been going on for more than 27 years. It had been always successful, and had been getting more successful year by year until it had now reached such a high point that he hoped it would never be lower. It had invested funds which returned an income of £405 per annum. More than that was spent annually, for the fund distributed £1039 a year. Therefore they had to depend on yearly subscriptions. The invested capital was £12,000, and considering that the fund had been in existence only 27 years that spoke very highly of the way in which it had been managed. They hoped to put by something every year out of the subscriptions. They had had for a long time no elections as they had been able to take on all cases. Elections were very expensive to a Charity; each election would cost £40 at least, which was the poorest way they could have for spending Charity money. There were seven candidates for the annuity, and they hoped to put as many as four on the list. They were also educating six boys and six girls at an average cost of £17 each. The reports received about these children were very good. As to the result of the present Festival, he trusted it would compare favourably with those of past years. When his father, the Earl of Lathom, presided in 1878 he made a record, which he was afraid he would not be able to beat; still he was sure it would be a good list. The Charity was very well managed as the brethren would agree, and the fact that all the boys and girls who were being educated by it were doing well was a great encouragement to those who supported the Fund. All charities were doing badly now, the complaint being that there was no money. However, he had great confidence that Masons, and especially Mark Masons, would, as they always did, provide the funds they had been asked for.

Bro. C. F. Matier, G. Sec., then announced the following

STEWARDS' LISTS.

LADY STEWARDS.			UNATTACHED.		
	£	s. d.		£	s. d.
Mrs. Apelt	5	5 0	Bro. R. L. Andrews	5	5 0
" Bevan	5	5 0	" S. J. Attenborough	5	5 0
Miss Bevan	5	5 0	" James A. Bell	5	5 0
Mrs. Carrell	5	5 0	" Sir Augustus Harris	10	10 0
Lady Evelyn Cavendish	5	5 0	" W. H. Kemster	5	5 0
Mrs. Clowes	5	5 0	" Robert Main	5	5 0
Lady Agnes Cooper	5	5 0	" G. W. Marsden	5	5 0
Mrs. T. P. Dorman	5	5 0	" C. F. Matier	40	0 0
" *W. Caughey Fox	—	—	" Rev. Vis. Molesworth	5	5 0
Miss Sybil Harbord	5	5 0	" Spencer W. Morris	5	5 0
Mrs. C. F. Matier	5	5 0	" Rev. H. F. Oliver	10	10 0
" Gordon Miller	—	—	" Dr. R. Turtle Pigott	10	10 0
" *G. H. Parke	—	—	" *E. St. Clair	—	—
" Pigott	—	—	" T. Blanco White	5	5 0
Miss Pigott	—	—	THE PROVINCES.		
The Countess of Portarlington	5	5 0	Lodge BERKS AND OXON.		
Mrs. H. J. Rolls	5	5 0	Bro. John Tomkins	5	5 0
" George Rice	5	5 0	225 " E. M. Challenor	12	15 0
Lady Skelmersdale	5	10 0	235 " C. E. Hewett	36	15 0
Mrs. James Stephens	5	5 0	247 " C. Phillips	18	0 0
" C. E. L. Wright	—	—	247 " C. M. Taphouse	—	—
GENERAL BOARD.			BUCKINGHAMSHIRE.		
Bro. *R. Loveland Loveland	—	—	SS. Peter and Paul	Bro. Rev. P. Wyatt	5 5 0
" Frank Richardson	10	10 0	CHANNEL ISLANDS.		
" *The Earl of Euston	—	—	425 Bro. J. Balfour Cockburn	5	5 0
" *Viscount Dungarvan	—	—	DERBYSHIRE.		
" The Earl of Portarlington	—	—	Bro. A. Woodiwiss, J.P.	10	10 0
" *Victor C. W. Cavendish	—	—	" V. C. W. Cavendish	5	5 0
" C. W. Carrell	15	15 0	" Percy Wallis	5	5 0
" *A. Stewart Brown	—	—	" James R. Eastwood	—	—
" C. H. Driver	15	15 0	" T. C. Eastwood	—	—
" Gordon Miller	5	5 0	" George Fletcher	5	5 0
" *Richard Eve	—	—	" J. H. Lawson	42	0 0
" *A. Woodiwiss	—	—	Lodge	—	—
" Jabez Church	5	5 0	302 Bro. W. Cooper	38	10 0
" *Richard Clowes	—	—	353 " George M. Bond	5	5 0
" *Charles Belton	—	—	414 " Jas. Diamond	28	1 6
" *Percy Wallis	—	—	Province DEVONSHIRE.		
" *J. Balfour Cockburn	—	—	Bro. John Taylor	38	2 0
" *Frederick West	—	—	Province DORSETSHIRE.		
" *G. C. W. Fitzwilliam	—	—	Bro. John A. Atkins	52	10 0
Lodge LONDON.	—	—	Lodge EAST ANGLIA.		
Grand Master's Bro. C. Belton	10	10 0	205 Bro. Frank E. Bailey	14	14 0
Grand Stewards' " Walter E. Williams	27	6 0	334 " William Fawcett	10	10 0
Bon Accord Bro. J. M. Bastone	10	10 0	GLOUCESTERSHIRE AND HEREFORDSHIRE.		
Old Kent Bro. J. Willing, jun.	16	16 0	Bro. Baron de Ferrieres	—	—
1 Bro. James Stephens	25	0 0	Past P.G.M.	5	5 0
7 " A. H. Bowles	23	2 0	Province		
139 " W. W. Snelling	12	12 0	Bro. R. V. Vassar-Smith	—	—
144 " W. J. Heath	15	4 6	P.G.M.	5	5 0
238 " L. W. Harvey	10	10 0	HAMPSHIRE AND ISLE OF WIGHT.		
315 " J. A. Farnfield	19	19 0	Bro. Richard Eve	10	10 0
361 " George F. Jones	37	16 0	Lodge	—	—
399 " The Earl of Euston (see Gen. Board)	—	—	Bro. R. Loveland Loveland	5	5 0
399 " Viscount Dungarvan (see Gen. Board)	—	—	54 " George Richardson	5	5 0
399 " Col. A. B. Cook (see Middlesex)	—	—	140 " G. A. Mursell	—	—
399 " The Earl of Portarlington	5	5 0	HERTFORDSHIRE.		
399 " Sir R. Hanson, Bart.	10	10 0	Bro. C. E. Keyser, M.A., J.P.	5	5 0
" Alfred Cooper	5	5 0	354 " A. Stewart Brown (see also Middlesex)	—	—
" *G. C. W. Fitzwilliam (see Northants, Hunts and Beds)	—	—	367 " W. Baddeley	5	5 0
399 " A. H. Bevan	26	5 0	KENT.		
399 " Sir Lionel E. Darell, Bart.	—	—	Bro. Rev. Hayman Cummings, M.A.	36	15 0
399 " Clement Godson, M.D.	5	5 0	Lodge	—	—
400 " Belgrave Ninnis	5	5 0	44 Bro. A. W. Orwin, M.D.	28	7 0
410 " Le V. D. Anley	10	0 0	220 " John Warren	22	0 0
415 " H. J. Hitchins	30	9 0	364 " G. R. Cobham	10	8 6
415 " Major Clifford Probyn	32	11 0	380 " W. Dunk	10	10 0
431 " Richard Clowes	—	—	390 " J. Wyatt Court	17	11 6
454 " Gordon Smith	5	5 0	LANCASHIRE.		
458 " W. J. Mason	15	15 0	Bro. Col. Le Gendre N. Starkie	—	—
459 " Henri Buc	22	1 0	" Lord Skelmersdale (Chairman)	115	10 0
476 " H. Thompson Lyon	19	3 0			
G.M.'s L. of L. Bro. J. Smith	10	10 0			

			SOMERSETSHIRE.		
			Province	£	s. d.
Bro. Rev. C. H. Knowlys			Bro. S. R. Baskett...	26	5 0
St. John's (T.I.) John Kenyon			SURREY.		
" W. H. Brown			Lodge		
Lebanon (T.I.) H. Spalding ...			Bro. Fredk. West ...	5	5 0
34 " George A. Myers ...			13 " W. P. Fuller ...	10	10 0
36 " George H. Parke ...			333 " W. Briant ...	5	5 0
143 " W. E. M. Tomlinson ...			442 " Fred. Flood ...	17	6 6
156 " W. B. Akerman ...			450 " E. Apelt ...	5	5 0
158 " Walter Simpson ...			SUSSEX.		
158 " *Rev. C. Bluett ...			Lodge		
158 " James D. Murray ...			" Richard Clowes ...		
313 " Joseph Cunliffe ...			Province		
313 " Thomas W. Rice ...			Bro. W. Wright ...	67	15 6
375 " R. F. Cavendish ...			WARWICKSHIRE.		
393 " W. Goodacre ...			Lodge		
447 " A. Harradon ...			Bro. J. R. Arter ...	10	10 0
447 " Herbert Pretty ...			155 " R. B. Morgan ...	10	10 0
473 " W. Platt ...			174 " W. G. Smith ...	5	5 0
478 " A. Cross ...			430 " F. G. Wattis ...	5	5 0
LEICESTERSHIRE AND RUTLAND.			WORCESTERSHIRE.		
*Bro. the Earl of Euston...			59 " W. A. Campbell ...	28	7 0
" J. H. Thompson ...			YORKSHIRE (N. & E.).		
Province			York (T.I.)		
Bro. W. J. Freer ...	40	0 0	Bro. Rev. C. G. L. Wright	17	0 6
Lodge			YORKSHIRE (WEST).		
19 Bro. Thomas Paget ...	5	5 0	Lodge		
LINCOLNSHIRE.			Bro. C. L. Mason ...		
Bro. Rev. E. M. Weigall...	5	5 0	53 " Geo. Wragg ...		
Lodge			53 " F. Cleaves ...		
427 Bro. W. Patrick ...	15	15 0	53 " T. Rowbotham ...		
MIDDLESEX.			53 " W. Caughey Fox ...		
Bro. Col. A. Cook ...	15	15 0	53 " J. T. Thompson ...		
Province			58 " H. S. Holdsworth ...	210	0 0
Bro. A. Stewart Brown ...	5	5 0	110 " G. H. Parke ...		
Lodge			127 " J. H. Gratton ...		
284 Bro. George Rice ...	5	5 0	127 " C. Lingard ...		
485 " A. McDowall ...	15	15 0	137 " T. Gankroger Howell		
NORTHANTS, HUNTS, AND BEDS.			314 " W. Wikely Clayton...		
Bro. the Earl of Euston ...	10	10 0	398 " John Reed ...		
" T. P. Dorman ...	7	7 0	PUNJAB.		
Lodge			Bro. Capt. J. H. Leslie ...	19	13 0
245 Bro. H. Manfield ...	10	10 0	NORTH AFRICA.		
434 " Rev. V. P. Wyatt ...	5	5 0	Bro. Capt. Williams-Free-		
477 " G. C. W. Fitzwilliam	10	10 0	man ...	8	8 6
NOTTINGHAMSHIRE.			ANCIENT AND ACCEPTED RITE.		
Lodge			Chapter		
Newcastle } Bro. R. G. Hanson	31	10 0	97 Bro. H. J. Rolls ...	10	10 0
(T.I.)			ROYAL ARK MARINER.		
SHROPSHIRE.			Lodge		
Lodge			400 Bro. G. Danford Thomas,		
444 Bro. W. Belton ...	12	12 0	M.D. ...	11	11 0
444 " Rowland G. Venables	5	5 0	SUMMARY OF THE PROVINCES.		
444 " *Capt. William-Freeman					
(see also N. Africa)					
	£	s. d.		£	s. d.
Berks and Oxon ...	72	15 0	Northants, Hunts, and Beds ...	44	2 0
Buckinghamshire ...	5	5 0	Nottinghamshire ...	31	10 0
Channel Islands ...	5	5 0	Shropshire ...	17	17 0
Derbyshire ...	140	1 6	Somersetshire ...	26	5 0
Devonshire ...	38	2 0	Surrey ...	43	11 6
Dorsetshire ...	52	10 0	Sussex ...	67	15 6
East Anglia ...	25	4 0	Warwickshire ...	31	10 0
Gloucestershire & Herefordshire	10	10 0	Worcestershire ...	28	7 0
Hampshire and Isle of Wight	21	0 0	Yorkshire, North and East	17	0 0
Hertfordshire ...	10	10 0	" West ...	210	0 0
Kent ...	125	12 0	Punjab ...	19	13 0
Lancashire ...	262	10 0	North Africa ...	8	8 0
Leicestershire and Rutland ...	45	5 0	Ancient and Accepted Rite	10	10 0
Lincolnshire ...	21	0 0	Royal Ark Mariner ...	11	11 0
Middlesex ...	42	0 0			
169 STEWARDS { LONDON ...					
{ PROVINCES ...					
GRAND TOTAL ...					

Bro. the Rev. HAYMAN CUMMINGS proposed "The Ladies," whom the Fund had a great deal to thank for, as there were several ladies as Stewards on the present occasion. They were all convinced of the good the Fund was doing.

Viscount DUNGARYN responded. The company had heard what they owed to Lady Skelmersdale. When he took the chair there were 12 lady Stewards; there were now nearly double that number. He hoped that next year there would be double what there were this year.

Bro. Major C. W. CARRELL responded to the toast of "The Stewards," who were gratified at the amount that had been brought up. They were extremely pleased to think that in the last few days the list had grown to such good proportions as had been read by the Grand Secretary. Some of the Stewards and himself did not think it would be so large; but they had all tried to make the Festival a success. What they had done had been done with a great amount of pleasure, and when they next stood as Stewards he hoped the result would be as good.

Bro. FRANK RICHARDSON, G. Reg., proposed "The Visitors." If it had not been for the hospitality of Freemasonry he did not think the money given in Masonic Charity would have been so enormous.

Bro. Dr. DARLEY-HARTLEY, P.D.G.M., of South Africa, in thanking those present for the hearty manner in which the toast had been received, remarked that the toast of the visitors was always one with which it was a pleasure to be associated. It typified a great principle, the universality of Masonry. Without constant friendly intercourse between lodges, Masonry would be little more than a collection of social clubs. As it was, it might be truly said that the stroke of the Master's gavel saluted the setting sun all over the world, and that visiting was the cement which was binding together the shattered stones of a grand moral temple, the foundations of which were co-extensive with the homes of civilised man. He could assure them that the heart of every Mason in South Africa throbbed with loyalty to the Mother Land, and that their great desire was, so far as their limited opportunities would permit, to follow the lead of that Mother land, not only in excellency of Masonic working, but in exemplifying that great virtue of the Craft, Charity. South Africa did not appear on the Stewards' lists that night, but there was a reason for that. In the first place, they were but a feeble folk, and few in number. In the district which he had had the honour

to represent, the limits of which were co-extensive with those of the Cape Colony, only five lodges were included, that at Cape town, the capital, having elected to remain outside. Secondly, the South African Mark Masons, wisely, or otherwise, preferred to give their contributions to the local Craft Charities of their respective districts. These were very excellent Charities indeed, and he thought it only right to mention that they were managed after the very admirable model of the Mark Fund, that of making pecuniary allowances to the recipients at their own homes or schools, thus receiving the maximum benefit with the minimum expenditure. He had personally suggested to some of his brethren, and he thought there was a possibility of the idea taking root, that the Mark and the other "Higher," or "Concordant" Degrees of South Africa, might make it their special work to promote more advanced education, and combine to form a fund to assist the sons of Masons in completing their training at one or other of the great English universities, but whether this was done or not, he could assure them that the country which he had the honour of unworthily representing, would continue to do its level best in the great work of Masonic Charity.

Bro. the Earl of EUSTON proposed "Bro. Matier," thanking him for all the pains and trouble he had taken on every occasion for the benefit of the Mark Benevolent Fund, for the way in which he had managed it, and for bringing before the Board all the details of every case. The services Bro. Matier had rendered could not fail to add to the popularity of the Degree.

Bro. C. F. MATIER, G. Sec., in reply, said that in the future, as in the past, his best services would be at the command of the Mark Degree, and especially at the command of the Mark Benevolent Fund. The Chairman next year would be Bro. Charles Letch Mason, Provincial Grand Master of West Yorkshire, when, he was sure, there would be a very large list.

The proceedings concluded with a charming concert, under the direction of Bro. Fred Bevan, P.G. Organist, in which Miss Florence Bethell, Miss Ethel Bevan, Miss Maud Horne, Bros. Edward Branscombe, Albert Fox, and Fred Bevan took part.

ANALYSIS OF THE RETURNS.

We are rejoiced to find that though the record established in 1890, when the present Pro Grand Master, Bro. the Earl of Euston, presided as Chairman, has not been broken, the total of the Donations and Subscriptions obtained on Wednesday under the auspices of Bro. Lord Skelmersdale, Past S.G.W., when compared with that of last year, shows an upward tendency. As we pointed out last year, we must expect on these occasions, which recur annually, fluctuations, now in a downward, now in an upward direction. As a matter of course, we are delighted beyond measure when the fluctuation is in the latter direction, but the former does not disconcert us very seriously. We know there must have been some serious cause for any large diminution in the Festival Returns, which not all the eloquence and energy of the Stewards were able to overcome, and we acquiesce in the inevitable with all the greater readiness because we know that, when the particular cause has been removed, there will be a return to the usual yearly average. However, we have, thus far, had nothing more serious to lament than one of those occasional diminutions which cannot be avoided, but which are speedily remedied. Thus in 1894 there was a falling off, as compared with 1893, when the late Bro. Col. Money presided, from £2166 19s. 6d. to £1894. On Wednesday, there was an increase from the £1894 of Lord Yarborough's year to £2108 9s. 6d., the Board of Stewards having at the same time been augmented from 154 to 169. We congratulate Bro. Lord Skelmersdale, the Chairman, and the Province of Lancashire, of which his father is Provincial Grand Master, and which so generously supported him; the Board of Stewards, by whose exertions the total was obtained; the executive of the Fund, but more especially Bro. C. F. Matier, its Secretary, on the success which has attended his labours; and the Fund itself on having obtained so considerable an addition to its means. We trust the upward tendency to which we have had occasion to refer may be maintained for some time to come.

As regards the Returns which we are about to analyse, we find that the Board of Stewards numbered in all 169 Stewards, the total of whose lists was, as we have said, £2108 9s. 6d.

LONDON

was represented by 65 Stewards, as compared with 55 in 1894, and the amount they obtained was £662 19s. 6d., as against £516 12s. 6d. in 1894, the most important lists being those of Bro. George F. Jones, who represented the Henniker Lodge, No. 315, and compiled a total of £37 16s.; of Bro. H. J. Hitchins, Grafton Lodge, No. 415, for £30 9s.; of Bro. Walter E. Williams, Grand Stewards' Lodge, for £27 6s.; of Bro. A. H. Bevan, Euston Lodge, No. 399, £26 5s.; and Bro. Major Clifford Probyn, Grafton Lodge, No. 415, for £32 11s.; of Bro. James Stephens, St. Mark's Lodge, No. 1 for £25; of Bro. A. H. Bowles, Carnarvon Lodge, No. 7, for £23 2s.; and Bro. Henri Buc, La France Lodge, No. 459, for £22 1s. It should be noted that the Euston Lodge aforesaid sent up Stewards whose lists, so far as they are included in the London total, amounted to £47 5s.; while the lists compiled by Bros. Hitchins and Major Clifford Probyn, already noted as Stewards of the Grafton Lodge, No. 415, amounted to £63. It should be added that the London contingent of 65 Stewards included 21 ladies, who returned £79; the General Board, of whom the six lists included under this head, reached £52 10s.; 25 representatives from 20 lodges and one lodge of instruction, who had the satisfaction of compiling amongst them £417 19s. 6d., and 13 brethren Unattached, who returned £113 10s., the total from London being, as we have said, £662 19s. 6d., and a very excellent total it is.

THE PROVINCES,

with representatives from two Foreign Stations and of two Degrees other than the Mark, sent up 104 Stewards, the aggregate of whose lists was £1445 10s. Last year the Provinces mustered 99 Stewards, and the amount raised by them was £1377 7s. 6d., so that in both respects the present Festival shows to advantage as compared with 1894. The first in order is the Province of

BERKS AND OXON,

which had three of its lodges represented by four Stewards, and these, with Bro. John Tomkins, Dep. P.G.M., amassed a total of £72 15s., the most important item being £36 15s. sent in by Bro. C. E. Hewett, Leopold Lodge, No. 235. Last year there were five Stewards from this Province, the sum of whose lists was £40 5s. 6d. A lodge in BUCKINGHAMSHIRE, represented by Bro. the Rev. V. P. Wyatt, returned £5 5s., while the Sarnian Lodge, No. 425, CHANNEL ISLANDS, per Bro. J. Balfour Cockburn, also returned £5 5s. The Province of

DERBYSHIRE,

which last year was one of the group of counties under the government of the late Bro. William Kelly, Prov. Grand Master, is now a Province by itself under Bro. A. Woodiwiss as P.G.M., and has signalled its entrance upon a new and separate career by compiling the very handsome total of £140 1s. 6d. The number of Stewards, including Bro. Woodiwiss himself, Bro. Victor C. W.

Cavendish, J.G.W., Bro. Percy Wallis, G. Treas., four other brethren Unattached, and the representatives of three lodges, were 10 in number, the highest lists being that of Bro. J. H. Lawson for £42, and that of Bro. W. Cooper, Prov. G. Treas., and W.M. of the Derby Lodge, No. 302, for £38 10s., while Bro. Jas. Diamond, Prov. J.G.D., W.M. and representative of the Lodge of St. Martin, No. 414, was responsible for £28 1s. 6d. We congratulate the Province on so successful an inauguration of its new career. Bro. John Taylor did duty for the Province of DEVONSHIRE, taking up a useful list of £38 2s., while Bro. John A. Atkins, as the representative of DORSETSHIRE, compiled a total of £52 10s. Two of the lodges in EAST ANGLIA together returned the sum of £25 4s., the list of Bro. F. E. Bailey, Beaconsfield Lodge, No. 205, being for £14 14s., and that of Bro. W. Fawcett, of the York Lodge, No. 334, for the balance. The Province of GOUCESTERSHIRE AND HEREFORDSHIRE had its Past and Present Prov. Grand Masters—Bros. Baron de Ferrieres and R. V. Vassar-Smith respectively—to represent it, the total of their lists being £10s. 10s. HAMPSHIRE AND THE ISLE OF WIGHT sent four Stewards, of whom Bros. Richard Eve, D.P.G.M., and R. Loveland-Loveland, President General Board, and Past D.P.G.M., acted independently, while Bros. George Richardson and G. A. Mursell represented Lodges Nos. 54 and 140 respectively. Their lists reached a total of £21. HERTFORDSHIRE had two of its five lodges represented, but the Steward for the former had his Return entered under Middlesex, the total contributed by Bro. C. E. Keyser, Unattached, and Bro. W. Baddeley, of the Gladsmuir Lodge, No. 367, being £10 10s. This is the same total as was contributed by the Province in 1894, but in 1893 and 1892, it did far better, and we trust that next year it will return to its old form.

Five of the 20 lodges in

KENT

were represented by as many Stewards, and a sixth will be found in the Returns in the person of Bro. the Rev. Hayman Cummings, D.P.G.M., the total from all sources being £125 12s., of which £36 15s. was raised by the D.P.G.M. Last year the Stewards from six lodges together returned £127 14s. In 1893 seven Stewards sent up £84 3s., while in 1892, there were six Stewards, whose lists amounted to £69 6s. In 1891, however, the Stewards were nine in number, and the sum of their lists £178 3s., while the preceding year a total of £117 1s. was obtained by 11 Stewards. On Wednesday, therefore, the position was well sustained.

LANCASHIRE.

is by far the strongest of our Mark Provinces, having as many as 32 lodges on its roll, and as the Chairman belongs to it, and his father has been for a long term of years its Prov. Grand Master, it is not surprising that it should have come forward handsomely, as if it were, in fact, the "Chairman's Province." At all events, the total for which it is entered in the Returns is £262 10s., there being 13 of its bodies represented by 19 Stewards, together with Bro. Lord Skelsmerdale, the Chairman; Bro. Col. Le Gendre N. Starkie, D.P.G.M.; and the Rev. C. H. Knowllys, P. Prov. G.C., Unattached. The Chairman's list amounted to £115 10s., and that of Bro. W. Goodacre, who represented the Liverpool Lodge, No. 393, to £31 10s., while two of the three brethren, hailing from the Rose and Thistle Lodge, No. 158, handed in lists which together amounted to £42, the third Steward's donation being included in one of the lists. Last year, with eight Stewards, the total was £63; in 1893, with 17 Stewards, £152 5s. In 1892 it was £57 15s., and in 1891 £73 10s., while in 1890 it reached the more formidable sum of £195 5s. The result on Wednesday is thus by far the highest which has been raised at the last six Festivals, and we trust the highest level rather than the lowest will be as nearly as possible maintained in the future.

LEICESTERSHIRE AND RUTLAND,

which till the death of Bro. William Kelly formed only a part of the Province presided over by that distinguished brother, now constitute a separate Province with Bro. the Earl of Euston as its chief. His lordship, with Bro. J. H. Thompson Unattached, Bro. W. J. Freer, Dep. P.G.M., representing the Province, and Bro. Thos. Paget, of the Fowke Lodge, No. 19, were the small contingent of Stewards from this district, and the total they together obtained is £45 5s. of which Bro. Freer's list for £40 was the chief item, Lord Euston's list being entered under his other Province of Northants, Hunts, and Beds. Of course, anything in the nature of a comparison with last year's total is out of the question. But as Bro. Kelly's Province returned £150 4s. 6d. in 1894, and the three Provinces formed out of it, with the addition of Bedfordshire to one of them, have together compiled £229 8s. 6d., we come to the conclusion that in Mark, as in Craft, Masonry, the subdivision of large Provinces into smaller ones is beneficial.

Last year

LINCOLNSHIRE,

with its roll of nine lodges, was the "Chairman's Province," and acquitted itself bravely, the 10 Stewards, including Bro. the Earl of Yarborough himself, together returning £214 5s. 6d., the heaviest list being that of his lordship for £78 15s. On Wednesday there were only two Stewards, Bro. the Rev. G. M. Weigall, Unattached, and Bro. W. Patrick, of the Nene Lodge, No. 427, who together returned £21. This, however, is the lowest total since 1892, when Bro. Jack Sutcliffe, then P.G.M., compiled a list of £50.

Four Stewards, including Bro. Colonel A. B. Cook, Unattached, Bro. A. Stewart Brown representing the Province, and the Stewards of Lodges Nos. 284 and 485, hailed from

MIDDLESEX,

and together returned £42, which, while it exceeds the total of £27 6s. of 1894, is yet a long way below the amount returned in 1893, namely, £83 3s. 6d. We trust the last named sum will for the future be taken as the guide, which, whenever possible, is to be exceeded.

NORTHANTS, HUNTS, AND BEDS,

of which Bro. Lord Euston is the chief, is entered for a total of £44 2s., there having been three lists, including his lordship's for £10 10s.; one—that of Bro. T. P. Dorman, P.P.G.M., for £7 7s., and the fourth from Bro. the Rev. V. P. Wyatt for £5 5s. This also should be taken as the standard, to be exceeded, whenever possible, in future years.

NOTTINGHAMSHIRE, which has but three lodges, returned £31 10s., by the hands of Bro. R. G. Hanson, as Steward for the Newstead (T.I.) Lodge, while SHROPSHIRE, contributed £17 17s., there being three Stewards for the Shropshire Lodge, No. 444. The Province of SOMERSETSHIRE, with its muster of 10 lodges, was represented by Bro. S. R. Baskett, whose list amounted to £26 5s., while

SURREY,

with eight lodges, gave £43 11s. 6d., the chief list being that of Bro. F. Flood, Weyside Lodge, No. 442, which amounted to £17 6s. 6d. Last year, when the Province sent up five Stewards, including Bro. Col. Money, Prov. G.M., and his Deputy, Bro. West, the total was £49 16s. 6d., while in 1893, when Col. Money was Chairman at the Festival, the total was £247 8s. 6d. The Province of SUSSEX, which had two Stewards, Bro. R. Clowes, Unattached, and Bro. W. Wright, Prov. G. Sec., as the representative of the whole body, made up a total of £67 15s. 6d. WARWICKSHIRE had three of its half-dozen lodges among the contributing bodies, and Bro. T. R. Aster, Unattached, the total being £42. One of the Worcestershire lodges—the Lechmere, No. 59—returned, by the hands of Bro.

W. A. Campbell, the sum of £28 7s., and Bro. the Rev. C. E. L. Wright, of the York Lodge (T.I.) did duty for the Province of North and East Yorkshire, and handed in a list of £17 0s. 6d.

Of the 12 lodges on the roll of

YORKSHIRE (WEST RIDING)

there were seven which were represented by 12 Stewards, and Bro. C. L. Mason, Prov. Grand Master, was Unattached, the sum raised by these representatives amounting to £210, which is a very great improvement on the £112 7s. raised by seven Stewards in 1894.

The remaining lists were those of Bro. Capt. J. H. Leslie, representing the Punjab, of which he is Past Dist. G. Secretary, the sum he raised being £19 13s.; Bro. Capt. Williams-Freeman, Dep. Dist. G.M. North Africa, who returned £8 8s.; Bro. H. J. Rolls, of Rose and Lily Rose Croix Chapter, No. 97, Ancient and Accepted Rite, for £10 10s.; and Bro. G. Danford Thomas, M.D., representing the Matier Lodge of Royal Ark Mariners, No. 400, who figures for 11 guineas. These complete the Returns, which, it will be seen, are a substantial advance on the total of 1894.

PROVINCIAL GRAND MARK LODGE OF BUCKINGHAMSHIRE.

CONSECRATION OF THE WYCOMBE LODGE.

The annual Provincial Grand Mark Lodge of Buckinghamshire was held at the Masonic Rooms, High Wycombe, on Thursday, the 4th inst., when there were present Bros. the Rev. J. S. Brownrigg, P.G.M.; Taylor, Dep. P.G.M.; Williams, P.G. Sec.; Wilmer, P.G. Treas.; Robinson, P.S. G.W.; Webb, P.J.G.W.; Bliss, James, Nicholson, McDowall, Johncock, Taylor, Wyatt, P.G. Chap.; Simcox, Rees, and others.

The Prov. Grand Lodge having been opened, the minutes of the last Prov. Grand Lodge were read and confirmed.

The balance-sheet was presented by the Prov. Grand Treasurer, and was adopted and ordered to be entered on the minutes.

The Prov. Grand Master then consecrated the Wycombe Lodge, No. 480, and installed Bro. Bliss as first W.M.

The W.M. was then proclaimed and saluted by the brethren, after which the Prov. Grand Master gave the charges.

The W.M. invested his officers as follows: Bros. Mount, I.P.M. and Sec.; James, S.W.; Johncock, J.W.; Batting, M.O.; Nicholson, S.O.; Fenton, J.O.; Simcox, S.D.; Rees, R. of M.; Reynolds, I.G.; and Hodgkinson, Tyler.

The W.M. then presented the Prov. Grand Master with a jewel as the Consecrating Officer, and proposed, in suitable terms, that he be elected an honorary member of the lodge, as a mark of appreciation of the way he had performed the ceremony of consecration.

This was seconded by the S.W., and unanimously adopted.

The PROV. GRAND MASTER having replied, the W.M. proposed that the D.P.G.M., the P.G. Sec., and the P.G. Treas. be elected honorary members.

This having been carried, a number of brethren were then proposed for advancement.

Bro. SIMCOX proposed that the W.M. and officers form a code of by-laws, to be presented at the next lodge; also to call attention to the position of the founders, and move a resolution thereon.

The founders were Bros. Bliss, James, Johncock, Fenton, Nicholson, Simcox, Rees, Reynolds, Hodgkinson, Batting, and Brookes.

The Prov. Grand Lodge was then resumed, and the Prov. Grand Master afterwards appointed the Prov. Grand Officers for the ensuing year as follows:

Bro. Taylor	...	...	...	...	D. Prov. G.M.
" Bliss	...	...	...	...	Prov. S.G.W.
" Webb	...	...	...	...	Prov. J.G.W.
" Williams	...	...	...	...	Prov. G. Treas.
" Wilmer	...	...	...	...	Prov. G. Sec.
" Wyatt	...	...	...	...	Prov. G. Chap.
" James	...	...	...	...	Prov. G.M.O.
" Simcox	...	...	...	...	Prov. G. Org.
" Rees	...	...	...	...	Prov. G.I.G.
" Hodgkinson...	...	...	...	...	Prov. G. Tyler.

All business being ended, the Prov. Grand Lodge was closed, and the brethren adjourned to the Lion Hotel for luncheon, which was provided by Bro. Miles, the Prov. Grand Master presiding.

SUMMER OUTING OF THE QUATUOR CORONATI LODGE, No. 2076.

In the long series of excursions undertaken by this lodge, probably not one has been more successful or enjoyable than the trip to Winchester and neighbourhood just concluded. The following brethren started in a saloon carriage from Waterloo Terminus at 5 o'clock on Friday afternoon, the 28th June: Bros. Dr. G. Mickley, F. A. Powell, Stephen Richardson, C. B. Barnes, F. S. Guy, J. J. Thomas, G. S. Criswick, Capt. W. Perkins, W. J. Songhurst, G. Powell (Brighton), T. Cohu, C. E. Ferry, W. Darley-Hartley (South Africa), E. Glaeser, G. W. Capel, C. Smith, H. Lovegrove, and G. W. Speth, Sec. At Basingstoke they were joined by Bro. T. J. Sawley of Ludlow, and found awaiting them at Winchester Bros. W. Grierson Jackson of Jhansi, India; E. H. Buck, Gosport; G. F. Lancaster, Portsmouth; Dr. W. J. Chetwode Crawley, Dublin; G. H. Piper, Ledbury; and W. H. Jacob and T. Stopher of Winchester. The head-quarters were established at the "Black Swan," in the High-street, where we found our host, Bro. Walter Chapple, had made every preparation to receive us. Not much time was lost in washing off the dust of travel, and by half-past seven we found ourselves seated comfortably at a good dinner and enjoying the excellent fare provided by our host.

During the dinner Bros. A. Brown and R. Orttewell arrived from

London, having been unable to catch the earlier train. We were also favoured with the company of several local brethren, thus at once getting a foretaste of the hearty welcome which awaited us from the province in general. Bro. J. Thompson, of London, arrived still later in the evening, but not too late to take his share in the fraternal conversation and quiet enjoyment over tobacco, duly moistened with an appropriate glass or two, which filled out the time till the desirability of rest drew off the brethren to their bed chambers. The glorious weather of the past two months had at last broken, and it rained heavily all night, to the great joy of the agriculturist and with no disadvantage to us, as by the morning only a little drizzle remained, which cleared up during the forenoon, and from that time onwards the weather left nothing to be desired.

A substantial breakfast at nine prepared us for the "amazing trials" of the day, and at 10 o'clock we placed ourselves under the guidance of Bro. Jacob, and made a start. During the course of the morning our numbers were further increased by Bros. J. Robbins and G. Gregson (of London), T. J. Ralling (Colchester), Rev. W. Wilkinson Rider (Bethlehem, Orange Free State), and Rev. J. N. Palmer (Isle of Wight). Passing through the West Gate, a first visit was made to the Great Hall of Winchester Castle, the architectural features being duly explained by Bro. Jacob, and the celebrated Round Table of King Arthur which hangs on the wall, scrutinised with the usual "still small doubt." A walk down the High-street, stopping on the way to admire some of the old houses and the City Cross, brought us to the curious and diminutive church of St. Laurence, the mother church of the city, in which building the Bishop of Winchester still, according to old custom, "rings himself in," first closing the doors and then tolling one of the bells, which is provided for the occasion with a silken rope. A few paces further on, and we found ourselves in the Cathedral Close, reading the well-known epitaph on one of the tombs there, which records the sad death of a Hampshire Grenadier "through drinking small beer," and counselling the reader to drink it "strong or not at all." Entering the Cathedral itself, we were almost at once joined by the Dean, Dr. W. R. W. Stephens, who had most kindly undertaken to himself conduct us over the sacred building entrusted to his charge. Here we were to have listened to a paper on the Cathedral by Bro. Lovegrove, but there was so much to see, and the Dean's explanations proved so interesting, that our brother preferred to let his paper be taken as read, promising to supply a copy for the Transactions of the lodge. Chief among the objects of interest for us as Masons were, of course, the tombs and effigies of William of Wykeham and Peter de Rupibus, both traditionally Grand Masters of Masons.

Dr. Stephens had an appointment to keep at one o'clock, but neither he nor his charmed hearers took note of the rapid flight of time till long past that hour, when there still remained much uninspected and unexplained. Our kind guide offered to resume what, to him, was evidently a labour of love, after lunch, should we have time for the purpose; but, this being impossible, nothing remained but to take our leave, after expressing as well as we could the infinite pleasure we had derived from the ciceronage of the rev. gentleman, and asking him to accept our warmest thanks. We then returned to the "Black Swan," where Bro. R. F. Gould (Woking) had meanwhile arrived, and sat down to lunch. Occasion was taken of this hour of rest to drink "The Health of Bros. Jacob and Stopher, the Local Members of the Correspondence Circle," who had so admirably made every arrangement for our comfort, Bro. Jacob especially having been in constant communication with Bro. Speth for months past, and undertaken a great deal of preparatory work.

The afternoon was devoted, under the guidance of Bro. Jacob, to an inspection of Winchester College, founded by "Past Grand Master," William of Wykeham; and to the ancient hospital of St. Cross, in the adjoining village of that name, founded by Bishop Henry of Blois (1136), of whose buildings only the noble church remains, and added to by Cardinal Beaufort (1444), from whose times date the present Hall, Brothers' Houses, &c. Under the original rules, every wayfarer has the right to demand of the porter a horn of beer and a manchette of white bread, a fact well known to the tramps throughout the country, and we did not fail to exercise our privilege, and do honour to the ancient custom and kindly thought of the pious founder. A walk beside the river across the meadows soon brought us back to the hotel, leaving us an hour or so for refreshment—in every sense of the word—before the culminating event of the day.

A few days previously, the Secretary had received enquiries from the Deputy Prov. G.M. and the Prov. G. Sec., whether it would be possible for the brethren of the Quatuor Coronati to dine with the province on the occasion of their visit to Winchester. Of course, there was no difficulty on our part, our arrangements could be easily altered for the purpose, and the high compliment paid us by the province was eagerly accepted. What really seemed impossible was that the province should be able to organise a reception on so very short a notice. However, it is evident that to Bros. Goble, Prov. G. Sec.; Lancaster, Prov. A.G. Sec., and Bucks, who was pressed into the service, no difficulties are insurmountable. All arrangements were completed in a most satisfactory manner, and when we arrived at the Guildhall we found waiting to receive us, Bros. W. W. B. Beach, M.P., Prov. G.M.; John E. Le Feuvre, Dep. P.G.M.; E. Goble, Prov. G. Sec.; the Prov. G. Wardens, Prov. G. Deacons, Lancaster, Buck, Gieve, Prov. G. Treas.; R. Eve, Past G. Treas.; Alex. Howell, Local Secretary of the Q.C. for Hants, and some 40 other provincial brethren. The presence of the Prov. G.M. was all the greater compliment, inasmuch as he had received an invitation to assist H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, G.M., to consecrate a new lodge that evening in London. The difficulty of declining what was almost equivalent to a royal command is well known, yet Bro. Beach found means to do so, considering that his first duty, Masonically, was to his own province, and unwilling to leave the provincial welcome in any hands than those of its head.

The caterer, Bro. Chapple, of the Black Swan, surpassed himself, and the good things provided having been done full justice to, the cloth was cleared, and the usual toasts given by the PROV. GRAND MASTER, and duly honoured.

The toast of "The Grand Lodge and Officers" was confided to Bro. CHETWODE CRAWLEY, S.G.D. Ireland, who coupled it with the name of the Prov. Grand Master, and dwelt earnestly on his great kindness in throwing up all other fixtures in order to be present on this occasion.

Bro. BEACH replied, and concluded by proposing "The Quatuor Coronati Lodge," bearing high testimony to the great work it was so efficiently carrying on, and calling upon Bro. Gould to respond.

Bro. GOULD did so in a few words, expressing the feelings of gratification with which the brethren of the lodge had accepted the magnificent welcome offered them in Hampshire, and concluded by calling upon our own

members to join him in drinking to the continued prosperity of the province and of its rulers.

Shortly afterwards Bro. Beach had to leave in order to catch his train, and bowed his farewell to the brethren assembled amid long-continued and hearty applause.

After his departure, Bro. LE FEUVRE rose to reply for the province, and in the course of a long, interesting, and humorous speech, gave some statistical information regarding the Quatuor Coronati Lodge, of which he is so worthy an associate, showing its really phenomenal growth, and almost rendering ridiculous the modest aspirations, long since exceeded, with which it began its career 10 years ago. He concluded by proposing "The Secretary, Bro. Speth."

Bro. SPETH, on rising to respond, was received with such enthusiasm that some time elapsed before he could be heard. He had to plead the excuses of several members who had been prevented from being present, as, for instance, Bros. Sir Charles Warren, by military duties; Admiral Markham, then at Kiel; Sir Benjamin W. Richardson, by medical engagements of great importance; Dr. Westcott, owing to having five inquests on that day; W. H. Rylands and the W.M., the Rev. C. J. Ball, ill-health; and W. J. Hughan and John Lane, on account of the great distance, &c. He was desired by all these brethren to express to the province their sense of the great honour done to the lodge on that occasion, and their regret that they could not be present.

The last toast, "The Brethren from the Colonies now present," gave occasion to Bros. JACKSON, DARLEY-HARTLEY, and the Rev. RIDER to give some account of the state of the Craft in India, British Africa, and the Orange Free State, the difficulties under which the brethren in those distant lands laboured in following their Masonic duties, and the self-forgetfulness with which they surmounted them.

The evening was rendered further enjoyable by some exquisite part and solo singing by Mr. Gardiner, Bros. Doody, Searle, King, Lancaster, Hinxman, and Buck, under the direction of Bro. Searle. This, combined with speeches far above the average in eloquence, and the charming courtesy, warmth, and enthusiasm of the brethren of the province will render the complimentary dinner of the Province of Hants to the visiting brethren of the Quatuor Coronati, an event not easily to be forgotten by those who took part in it. One curious little difficulty pervaded the evening, however; it was to know with precision who were guests and who hosts, because a very large proportion of the presumed hosts were also members of the Correspondence Circle, and a great many more have expressed their intention of becoming so at an early date. And so, to the hotel, where many of the former hosts now became guests during an hour or so spent in fraternal intercourse, previous to retiring for the night.

Sunday broke a glorious day, and the majority of the pilgrims betook themselves after breakfast to morning service at the Cathedral. As they came early and sat together in a body, it soon became evident that those not in the secret were puzzling themselves sorely to account for such an unusual influx of men without the female members of their families. The sermon, by Canon Warburton, by a curious coincidence, could not have been more Masonic if the reverend gentleman had been aware that he had to preach to a body of Masons, a fact of which he was naturally in profound ignorance. It was a singularly eloquent and scholarly address and would have been of itself alone worth the journey to Winchester to hear.

After lunch the brethren proceeded in carriages to Romsey Abbey, where the Rev. Dr. Berthon, for so many years rector of the venerable fane, was in attendance to show them all the beauties of an edifice which he has himself done so much to preserve. Unfortunately we were unable to devote more than some three quarters of an hour to the inspection of this noblest example of the finest Norman architecture, and left with regret before we had half exhausted the subject. But there was a 10 mile drive back, and then the necessity of dinner before catching our train, so farewell had to be taken of the Abbey and its enthusiastic preserver, with a firm intention to return there at some no very distant date. Dinner at half-past six, in the course of which the thanks of the brethren were given to Bro. Speth, the organiser of the trip, which had passed off without a hitch, and Bros. Lancaster, Buck, and other local brethren who had done so much to render it agreeable and a success. The majority of the brethren then left for London by the 8.21 train, but some few, who would be unable to catch their last train to the suburbs, and several of those who came from other directions, remained behind till the Monday morning. And thus ended the 7th annual excursion of the lodge, and we who can look back to all of them, scarcely know which to name as the most enjoyable.

ANNUAL PICNIC OF THE GALLERY LODGE,

No. 1928.

The annual picnic in connection with this, the only purely press lodge in the world, was held on Saturday, the 6th inst., at Herne Bay, and was a great success. The brethren and their friends travelled by London Chatham and Dover Railway, saloons being provided for their accommodation, to Herne Bay, where luncheon was served at Bro. Boney's, Connaught Hotel. Subsequently the entire party participated in a most delightful drive, returning to the Connaught Hotel between five and six o'clock, when dinner was served. Bro. Chas. Lock, W.M., presided, and was supported in the vice-chairs by Bros. Husk, S.W., and Tarran, J.W., and amongst the other brethren present were Bros. H. Bussey, P.M.; W. Duckworth, P.M., Treas.; H. Wright, P.M.; W. T. Perkins, P.M., Sec.; G. E. Saunders, P.M.; H. Peacock, Org.; Alfred Robbins, Treasurer Benevolent Fund; and about 40 other brethren and ladies.

The toast list was commendably short.

"The Queen and the Craft" was given by the W.M.; "The Ladies," by Bro. HEMMING, and acknowledged by Bro. H. BUSSEY, P.M.; "The W.M.," by Bro. WRIGHT, P.M.; and "The Entertainers and the Secretary," by the W.M., who embraced the opportunity thus afforded him of expressing to Bro. Perkins the thanks of the party, and his own obligations to him for the admirable and complete arrangements which had been made by him, and which had contributed so largely to the enjoyment of all.

A charming entertainment was given, the following artistes taking part: Miss Ada Kempton, Miss Oppitz, Bro. Dalgetty Henderson, and Bro. Harry Peacock, Organist of the lodge.

A number of the brethren and ladies, profiting by the excellent arrangements made, remained at Herne Bay until Monday.

The weather throughout the trip was delightful, and the summer outing of 1895 will be remembered as amongst the most gratifying of those hitherto held in connection with the lodge.

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We have much pleasure in announcing that a Committee has been formed for the purpose of presenting a testimonial to Bro. William Lake, the new Assistant Grand Secretary, in recognition of his long and able services to Freemasonry in Cornwall and the Metropolis. The kindness and courtesy he has invariably shown to all who have come into contact with him, as well as the conspicuous ability with which he has discharged the important duties which have devolved upon him in the course of his long Masonic career, have been universally appreciated, and we rejoice to find that the Committee which has been formed contains the names of several distinguished brethren. Bro. Charles E. Keyser, M.A., F.S.A., J.P., P.G.D., is the President; Bro. W. J. Hughan, P.G.D., the Vice-President; Bro. J. Leach Barrett, Hon. Treasurer; and Bro. James Stephens, "Elads," 129, Maida Vale, the Hon. Secretary. Individual subscriptions are limited to a maximum of One Guinea, and should be forwarded either to the Hon. Treasurer, 53, Blomfield-road, W.; to the Hon. Secretary at his address, as given, or they may be paid to the "Lake Testimonial Fund," London and Provincial Bank, Edgware-road, W. We trust the testimonial may be worthy of the brother in whose honour it is being raised.

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We wish it were in our power to publish a Report, the Returns, and an Analysis of the Returns in connection with one of our Festivals which were free from error either of omission or commission, and which, in consequence, gave rise to no feeling of annoyance to those who find the particulars which immediately concern them have been attributed by us to other brethren or hopelessly misdescribed. We do our best to ensure accuracy, but there is so much to be done in so short a time, that we consider ourselves extremely fortunate if our mistakes are to be numbered by singles only, instead of scores. In the case of the recent Boys' School Festival there were sundry mistakes of omission on our part, which we greatly regret. Thus in the Returns from Kent, we passed unnoticed, or, at all events, we did not ascribe due credit to, the admirable list compiled by Bro. John W. Elvin, of the Graystone Lodge, No. 1915, Whitstable, and amounting to £157 10s., which, as will be seen elsewhere, has been since increased to £184 16s.

In Staffordshire we returned £178 10s. as Provincial money, which should have been apportioned equally among four of the Staffordshire Stewards. Moreover, it was money raised by means of the Staffordshire Charity Association, and had nothing to do with Provincial Funds. Something of a similar kind happened in the case of Hampshire and the Isle of Wight, while certain moneys from Worcestershire were left out altogether. Under Warwickshire, also, we stated the list of the Athol Stewards, No. 74, at £105 instead of £115 10s., and as the brethren of this lodge have done so much of late years for our Institutions we admit it is hard lines to be deprived of a portion of the credit to which they are so justly entitled. However, we trust the Report, Analysis, &c., when issued in pamphlet form, after careful revision and correction, will be as nearly accurate as it is possible for reprints to be.

Among the members of the late administration who are Freemasons there were but three of Cabinet rank, namely, Bro. Lord Herschell, a Past S.G.W. of England, who was Lord Chancellor, and Bros. G. J. Shaw-Lefevre and Sir G. O. Trevelyan, Bart., who were President of the Local Government Board and Secretary for Scotland. Among those of lesser rank there were Bro. the Marquis of Breadalbane, Prov. Grand Master of East Perthshire, who was Lord Steward; Bro. Lord Carrington, P.S.G.W. of England, Past G.M. of the United Grand Lodge of New South Wales, and till quite recently Prov. Grand Master of Buckinghamshire, who was Lord Chamberlain; and Bro. the Earl of Cork and Orrery, Master of the Horse. There were also Bro. Sir F. Lockwood, Q.C., her Majesty's Solicitor General; Bro. Lord Brassey, a Lord of the Treasury; Bro. Lord Kensington, Captain of the Yeomen of the Guard, who is Prov. G.M. of the Western Division of South Wales, and it may be some others.

In the new administration the Craft is very strongly represented. Among the 19 ministers who form Lord Salisbury's Cabinet are included the following: Bro. Lord Halsbury, a P.S.G.W. of England, who is Lord Chancellor; Bro. the Duke of Devonshire, Prov. Grand Master of Derbyshire, who is Lord President of the Council; Bro. Sir M. E. Hicks-Beach, Bart., Prov. Grand Master of Gloucestershire, the Chancellor of the Exchequer; Bro. Sir M. White Ridley, Bart., Prov. Grand Master of Northumberland, the Home Secretary; Bro. Lord George Hamilton, Prov. Grand Master of Middlesex, Secretary of State for India; Bro. Lord Ashbourne, Lord Chancellor of Ireland; Bro. Lord Balfour of Burleigh, a P.S.G.W. of England; Bro. A. Akers-Douglas, Past J.G.W. of England, First Commissioner of Works; and Bro. W. Hume Long, Past S.G.D. of England, President of the Board of Agriculture. Among those of lesser rank are Bro. the Earl of Lathom, Pro G.M., and Prov. G.M. West Lancashire, who has succeeded Bro. Lord Carrington as Lord Chamberlain; Bro. Sir John E. Gorst, Q.C., Past J.G.W. of England, the Vice President of the Council; Bro. Sir W. Walrond, Bart., Patronage Secretary of the Treasury; Bro. Lord A. Hill, Prov. Grand Master of Down, who is Comptroller of the Household; and possibly some others.

THE PRINCESS LOUISE (Marchioness of Lorne) visited Croydon on Monday for the purpose of opening an exhibition of work in celebration of the coming-of-age of the Croydon High School, which was inaugurated in 1874, and to take part in the distribution of prizes and certificates.

A NUMEROUS COMPANY assembled at the London School of Medicine for Women on Tuesday, when the Duchess of Portland distributed the prizes to the successful students. Mrs. Garrett Anderson read the report, and when the proceedings were concluded, a vote of thanks to her Grace was passed by acclamation.

Correspondence.

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

THE GRAND TREASURERSHIP.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,

In answer to the two letters in one of your recent issues, I wish to state that I have not overlooked the rights of the provinces.

In 1892, the provinces provided a Grand Treasurer, and for 1897 it would be well to have a similar nomination.

But if we are to have a provincial candidate, let him be a real and *bond fide* one like Bros. Woodall, Eve, and Murray, not practically London brethren with a provincial connection.

The two brethren mentioned by "A Provincial" are to all intents and purposes London Masons. The first has his chief offices in Pimlico, and branches in Brighton and Paris; the other is the London representative of a provincial firm, but resides in London.

Who shall determine, and who can control the selection of London or provincial candidates? and my object in writing was to avoid the contested election which has become so distasteful to most brethren, that during the last few months I have heard many of them say that they would vote for the election of the Grand Treasurer by some such body as the Board of General Purposes, or leave the appointment in the hands of the M.W.G.M.—Yours fraternally,

HENRY LOVEGROVE.

MASONIC VAGRANTS.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,

Since your able article of 30th March, scarcely a week has passed without complaints from different parts of the country of cases of fraud and imposture by the Masonic vagrant; surely every thinking brother must be convinced of the enormous evil which is being done by indiscriminate alms given to every loafer who applies. I am satisfied, not only that we are keeping in idleness an army of impostors, but that there is reason to fear, if steps are not taken to put down the nuisance, that some of these men with certificates, to which they have no right, may even gain admission to our lodges, and become possessed of information to which they are not entitled. And yet unthinking brethren in the sacred name of Charity are supporting them, by giving many hundreds of pounds annually, while our all-deserving Institutions are needing help.

I am glad to see that the Province of Kent is really in earnest in endeavouring to deal with the question (thanks to Bro. Little, of Medway Lodge). I am also glad to say that my lodge, Royal Albert Edward, No. 1362, is desirous of helping, and passed the following resolution at its last meeting: "That the W.M. be authorised to communicate with the P.G. Sec. with a view to arrange a meeting of representatives of all lodges in the province to consider the best means of dealing with the Masonic vagrant."

Armed with this resolution, and the whole of the correspondence which has appeared in the *Freemason* since 30th March, we shall at an early date seek the assistance of the P.G. Sec. of Surrey.

It is a burning question and more than ripe for solution, and, I trust that in every province some brother will be found who will make it his special business to see that the evil is placed before the whole of the brethren in its proper light.

The Craft is most certainly indebted to you for allowing so much of your space to be devoted to the ventilation of this difficult social problem.—Yours fraternally,

ALFRED C. MUTTON, No. 1326.

47, High-street, Redhill, Surrey, 6th July.

PROVINCIAL GRAND LODGE OF MIDDLESEX.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,

I crave permission to point out an omission in the otherwise very excellent report of the proceeding at the recent meeting of the Provincial Grand Lodge of Middlesex. Your representative stated that the thanks of the Charity Committee were given in its report to Bro. Geo. R. Langley, the special Secretary for elections, for his indefatigable exertions in that capacity, which tended to the great success achieved in the year's work, but omitted to state that a special vote of thanks was proposed at the meeting by the Deputy Prov. Grand Master, was duly seconded, and on being put to the meeting by the Prov. Grand Master with eulogistic mention of Bro. Langley's great services, was unanimously carried with acclamation. I am quite sure that you will wish to give publicity to well merited recognition of good Masonic work.—Yours faithfully and fraternally,

HOWARD H. ROOM, Prov. G. Sec. Middx.

ROYAL MASONIC INSTITUTION FOR BOYS.

The regular monthly Council meeting was held on Friday, the 28th ult., Bro. Charles E. Keyser in the chair, supported by Bros. Fairchild, Everett, Stephens, Imray, Thomas, Pritchard, and others.

Bro. Dr. W. H. Kempster, Vice-President, P.M. 60, P.G. Stwd., was unanimously elected to fill the vacancy on the Board of Management created by the death of Bro. W. Masters.

Several petitions were accepted and the list of candidates for the October election was closed. There will be 46 candidates for 16 vacancies.

Notice of motion was given by Bro. RICHARD EVE (for the Board of Management) to increase the salary of the Head Master by 100 guineas to 600 guineas per annum.

H.R.H. THE PRINCE OF WALES presided at the 12th annual meeting of the Royal College of Music, which was held at Marlborough House on Monday. Among those present were the Duke of Saxe-Coburg and Gotha, Prince Christian, Bro. the Earl of Lathom, and Bro. Sir J. Whittaker and Lady Ellis.

THE DUCHESS OF TECK, attended by the Hon. Mary Thesiger and the Hon. A. Nelson Hood, opened the new Homoeopathic Hospital in Great Ormond-street on Tuesday. The City of London Artillery Volunteers, of which the Duke of Teck is Honorary Colonel, furnished a guard of honour and the building was gaily decorated. Her Royal Highness was very cordially greeted by the President and Committee.

EAST LANCASHIRE SYSTEMATIC MASONIC EDUCATIONAL AND BENEVOLENT INSTITUTION.

FIRST FESTIVAL—A MAGNIFICENT TOTAL.

The first Festival organised by the Committee and friends of this Institution took place on Wednesday, the 3rd instant, at the Royal Botanical Gardens, Old Trafford, Manchester. For some time previously the promoters of the Festival had been working hard to ensure success, and with so energetic a Chairman of Committee as Bro. Sillitoe, P.G.S.B. England, and P.P.G.W. East Lancashire, and so hard-working a Secretary as Bro. J. Newton, P.A.G. Secretary, together with a Committee of brethren devoted to the cause of Charity, the result was hardly in doubt. Brethren from all parts of the province signified their intention of becoming Stewards, and the result was a splendid demonstration of the strength and vitality of Freemasonry in East Lancashire.

A brief sketch of the Institution may be interesting to the brethren. Prior to 1875, there were in the Province of East Lancashire two Charity Institutions, viz., the Systematic Benevolent Fund and the Manchester and Salford Relief Committee. The objects of the former Institution were generally to aid the cause of Masonic Charity, and to afford relief and assistance where considered desirable in favour of Masons, their wives, widows, and families. The latter Institution existed simply for the purpose of relieving itinerant Masons. One of the first aims of Bro. Colonel Le Gendre N. Starkie upon his installation as Provincial Grand Master in 1870, was to endeavour to extend Masonic benevolence in the province beyond the limited powers of the Institutions then existing, and, after consultation with the leading brethren at that period, he succeeded, at the meeting of Provincial Grand Lodge, held in 1874, in getting a Committee appointed to consider, and report upon, the expediency of forming a new charitable Institution; such Committee included the Prov. G. Master, the Deputy Prov. G. Master, Bro. W. Romaine Callender, the Treasurer of the Systematic, Bro. W. Birce, the Hon. Sec., Bro. Chas. Heywood, Bro. J. A. Birch, Bro. J. L. Hine, Bro. J. Tunnah, P.G. Sec., and other influential brethren. After many meetings the Committee were enabled to report their proceedings to the Prov. Grand Lodge at a meeting held on the 3rd November, 1875, when it was proposed by Bro. Callender, seconded by Bro. W. Slater, and resolved "that an institution to be called the East Lancashire Systematic Masonic Educational and Benevolent Institution be and is hereby established in this province." Such resolution was confirmed at a special meeting of Prov. Grand Lodge held on the 18th January, 1876, and the new Institution at once commenced operations. The old East Lancashire Systematic Fund and the Manchester and Salford Relief Committee thereupon ceased their labours and merged themselves into the new Institution. This meeting was considered as the first meeting of the Institution, and was presided over by the Prov. Grand Master, Bro. Col. Starkie, who, it may be worth noting, has never missed presiding at annual meetings from that time until the present date. In consequence of the growing claims upon the funds it was found necessary in 1884 to revise and alter the bye-laws, and in 1893, through the difficulties experienced by the province in placing all their claimants for annuities upon the London Institutions, it was decided to still further extend the operations of the Institution by granting annuities to aged Freemasons and widows of Freemasons belonging to the province, as well as assisting to start in life children leaving this or the London Educational Institution. It was mainly to augment the invested funds of the Institution, to enable it to meet the increased expenditure necessitated by the annuitants' grants, that the present festival was held. It may not, however, be out of place to mention that in 1885 the present Chairman of the General Committee submitted to the annual meeting a proposition to hold a festival on similar lines as the present one, but at the time it was thought that the necessary funds could be obtained by other means. Since then both he and Bro. C. D. Cheetham have at intervals brought the matter forward without being able to carry their proposition, until at an informal meeting of the Relief Board held last year, the question of a festival was thoroughly discussed, and the whole of the members then present pledged themselves to give their hearty support to the project at the next annual meeting, which was done, and the result has been a glorious success.

Unfortunately the weather was not all that could be desired. The morning was showery, and there was an absence of sunshine, but matters improved as the day wore on, and the afternoon was very pleasant. The beautiful grounds of Old Trafford formed a delightful promenade, and here, at half-past two o'clock, a large company began to assemble. The fine band of the Royal Welsh Fusiliers played a choice selection of music beneath the trees, and the time was enjoyably passed till the banqueting hour was reached. At half-past four a move was made for the spacious concert room, where, instead of in the palm house as at first arranged, the tables were laid. The great hall presented an animated spectacle as the Prov. Grand Master, Bro. Col. Le Gendre Nicholas Starkie, P.G.W., took his seat. The company numbered upwards of 700 ladies and brethren, who were seated at tables running the entire length of the room. In the floral annexe adjoining, the Fusilier band was stationed, and played a selection of music throughout the dinner.

Supporting the Provincial Grand Master on the dais were Bros. J. H. Sillitoe, P.P. Std. Br. Eng., P.P.G.W., Chairman of the General Committee of the Institution; W. Goodacre, P.G. St. Br. Eng., Prov. G. Sec. West Lancs.; J. T. Newbold, P.P.G.D., Vice-Chairman; Rev. J. Keltly, Prov. G. Chap; John Chadwick, P.G.S.B. Eng., P.G. Sec. East Lancs.; Jas. Newton, P.A.G. Sec., Secretary of the Institution; A. H. Duffin, P.G.D. of C.; W. Forrest, P.P.G.D.; E. G. Harwood, P.P.G.W., Ex-Chairman of the Institution; J. J. Meakin, P.P.G.W.; W. Jaffrey, P.P.G.D., Treasurer of the Institution; and R. Mottram, Mayor of Salford. Bro. Lord Stanley, M.P., P.S.G.W., wrote expressing his regret that Parliamentary business kept him away, and among others who wrote apologising for their unavoidable absence were Bros. the Earl of Lathom, Pro G.M., Prov. G.M. of West. Lancs.; Lord Egerton of Tatton, Prov. G.M. of Cheshire; the Right Hon. W. L. Jackson, P.G.M. of West Yorks., and George Mellor, D.P.G.M. East Lancs.

The comfort of the great assembly was looked after by a special body of Stewards, who efficiently performed their duties, and more especially we might mention the names of Bros. Beardmore and John Studd.

The PROV. GRAND MASTER, on rising to propose the toast of "The Queen," was loudly cheered. He said he had the honour and pleasure of proposing to them that toast which was always proposed in this country and always received with joy and acclamation. It was the health of one who ruled with dignity and with feelings of kindness towards the people of these united realms, over which the flag of England floated, and upon which the sun never set. The sound of the bells of rejoicing at the anniversary of her accession and coronation still rang in their ears. As she had been preserved for so many years to reign over them in that constitutional manner, which was such a blessing to this country, and which gave such liberty to her subjects, let them hope and pray that, in the remaining years of life that might be allotted to her, she might enjoy health and happiness, and that her subjects, whether Masons or not, might give her that true loyalty which they all owed to one who had reigned so benignly over them.

The toast was honoured with enthusiasm, and Madame Conway sang the "National Anthem."

The PROV. GRAND MASTER, again rising, proposed "His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales and the rest of the Royal Family." He said he had great pleasure in proposing to that company the toast of his Royal Highness, their Grand Master. His brethren present, who, like himself, were initiated into the rites and mysteries of that peculiar Order, the festival of one of the Charitable Institutions of which they were celebrating that day, were perfectly well aware of the interest his Royal Highness the Grand Master took in everything connected with their noble Institutions. Let him (the P.G.M.) assure those ladies who had honoured them with their presence that day; that had his Royal Highness been present he would have been most delighted to have seen how they acquiesced in the noble and Charitable business they had before them. They were all perfectly aware what numerous avocations his Royal Highness had to perform, how devotedly he gave himself to all national interests, and how unreservedly he disposed of his time for the benefit of society in general. He (the P.G.M.) had the honour of assisting his Royal Highness on the preceding Saturday in the consecration of a lodge at St. Bartholomew's Hospital, where the honour of the County of Lancaster, next to the dignity of the realm, was so ably maintained in the presence and aid in the ceremony of his worthy and right worshipful friend the Provincial Grand Master of West Lancashire, and Pro Grand Master of England, the Earl of Lathom. That function was beautifully carried out, and they only missed what they had on the present occasion—the presence of the ladies. As to the rest of the Royal Family, there was, as they were well assured, scarcely a day that passed of the whole 365 in the year, apart from Sundays, in which they were not performing some charitable work for the benefit of the country at large. Let those present hope and trust that they might long be spared and granted health and energy to perform those duties so acceptable to the people of this country and so worthy of themselves; that they might long live esteemed for their acts and deeds, and that they might continue to fill the great position in society which they did so ably at the present time.

The toast was honoured in true Masonic fashion.

Bro. NEWBOLD, P.P.G.D., Vice-Chairman of the Institution, rose and said it was his duty, on behalf of the Committee who had arranged that Festival, and of those representing the Stewards, of whom there were 482, to present to their P.G.M., now presiding over them, a beautiful jewel similar to that which every Steward was privileged to wear, except that it was made of rather superior metal. Every Masonic jewel was emblematical of something, and this jewel was made of pure gold, because it was intended to be emblematical of the good heart and good spirit of their P.G.M. The token was in itself only a small one, but when he presented it to their P.G.M. he hoped he would think that although it was small it really represented something very large indeed. It represented the esteem, the high admiration and respect in which he was held by every member of the Masonic fraternity in that province. He asked him to receive it as such, to wear it sometimes, and in doing so to remember that on the occasion of their first Festival, which had been such a grand success, he presided over them, and that its success was owing to the spirit which he had infused into them. He might, perhaps, also remember not only that that gathering had been a great success, but that a great many people were present who had come out of personal esteem and respect for himself; and he might remember further that that Institution over which he presided had grown, increased, and prospered as years had passed, in consequence, to a great extent, of the example he had set. "I have the greatest pleasure," said Bro. Newbold in conclusion, "in presenting to you, Right Worshipful Provincial Grand Master, this jewel, and in assuring you that the feelings with which you are regarded by the brethren of this province are of the most warm and genuine character."

Amid the cheers of the company assembled Bro. Newbold pinned the handsome jewel upon the P.G.M.'s breast.

Bro. NEWBOLD then, turning to Bro. J. H. Sillitoe, said he had also on behalf of the great body of brethren present to present to him, as Chairman of the Committee of the Institution for several years, a similar jewel, equally handsome and good. The remarks he had made with reference to the P.G.M. to a certain extent applied to Bro. Sillitoe. They presented him with that jewel as an acknowledgment of the hard work he had done as Chairman of the Committee, and of the self-sacrifices he had made in the interests of the Institution, frequently to the neglect of his own business and private concerns. The work he had done was a good work, and he trusted, therefore, that in regard to the neglect, of which he (Bro. Newbold) had spoken, it would not be counted against him. The jewel was also a mark of the esteem and affection with which his brethren on the Committee regarded him, and of the universal respect in which he was held by the brethren of the province. Bro. Sillitoe was loudly cheered as the jewel was presented to him.

Bro. R. MOTTRAM (the Mayor of Salford), in the unavoidable absence of Bro. Lord Stanley, P.G.W., proposed the next toast, that of "Col. Le Gendre N. Starkie, R.W. Prov. G. Master, President." He said he considered it a very great honour, as a young member of the Craft, to be called upon to propose such a toast as that of the P.G.M. of East Lancashire. The toast was one which would commend itself to every one present, whether a Mason or a lady friend. It needed, therefore, very few words from him to commend it to their acceptance. The name of Starkie was held in high esteem, and that of Col. Starkie was well beloved among the Masons of East Lancashire, and indeed, he would venture to say, among Masons throughout the British empire wherever they might be. The Institution—the festival of which they were met that day to benefit—the East Lancashire Systematic Masonic Educational and Benevolent Institution, had in Colonel Starkie a great patron. He was a man and a brother who had done

great things to further its interests, and, as they had been reminded, to his fostering care the success of the Institution was greatly due. He was sure they were all proud to be there under the presidency of their Prov. Grand Master, and all would join him in expressing the hope that health and life might be spared to him for many years to come so that he might be enabled to preside over their deliberations.

The company rose and drank to "The Health of Col. Starkie" with great heartiness.

THE PROV. GRAND MASTER was received with renewed cheering on rising to respond. He said he thanked them for their kindness in receiving his health, as they had done, with such cordiality. He desired to be allowed to express his thanks to the Committee for the presentation of that handsome jewel to him on that auspicious occasion. Let them be assured that he intended to wear it, not occasionally, but always, with his many other jewels and regalia, when he put on his official clothing. He had also to thank Bro. R. Mottram, the Mayor of Salford, for the kind expressions he had used in proposing his health. He was very much pleased to see that large assembly, and he thanked them for having come to honour them with their presence. As Prov. Grand Master, he was bound to say that, although they might not probably excel every other province, yet in that great display which he saw before him, he thought they might fairly compare and vie with any other province in England in Masonic duty and in the exertions of the ladies who were associated with them. He was glad to see that the ladies acknowledged the value of their Institutions by taking the interest they had in that pleasant and happy festival. He begged now to ask the company to drink to "The Success of that Institution," which they had so kindly assisted by their presence and by their generosity. It was an Institution of Charity; it was an Institution of benevolence; it was an Institution of goodwill. They might say it was a domestic Institution. The laws and principles of Freemasonry were founded on universal benevolence. The keystone and cornerstone of universal benevolence was Charity, and Charity began at home. It had, therefore, been thought well, and the thought had been carried out, that benevolence and Charity towards their Institution should be strongly exercised by their local brethren. Their local brethren had worked and striven hard in its behalf. He had seen that large Institution grow from a very small plant into a very big tree. The exertions of the Committee had brought that very pleasant meeting to the successful state at which it had arrived, and that success was very much due to Bros. Newton, Sillitoe, Cheetham, and Newbold. He assured them that the exertions of those brethren who had taken the work

in hand had not been of an effervescent character; they were not the exertions of a day. That was a project they had had in their minds for many years. Their zeal had not diminished from the day when it was first mentioned, and there was the greatest unanimity that the enterprise should be successful. That success was now evident to all present. Lancashire, whether it be in Masonry or in commerce, or whatever it might be, when once its mind was set upon a universal purpose, was not to be beaten by any country in the world. Nor was the city of Manchester to be defeated in commercial or charitable undertakings by any of the great cities of the universe. Long might that spirit of emulation, whether it be in commerce or charity, distinguish the inhabitants of our great communities, and long might meetings such as that at which they were assembled be held, to the benefit not only of ordinary society, but to the benefit of the poor and oppressed, those who were overcome by affliction and distress—who might come and be relieved by the tender hands and noble hearts of those who had Charity at heart! Long might the principles of their Order diffuse itself through all sections of the community for the benefit of mankind, and for the benefit also of that great province!

Bro. SILLITOE, who was heartily cheered, responded to the toast. He said that as the mouthpiece of the Committee who had brought that festival to so successful an issue, he had to thank them most heartily for the kind words that had been addressed to him, and for the presentation they had made him. He also had sincerely to thank those ladies and brethren who had come forward so nobly and so liberally with their contributions. There rested the whole matter. Had it not been for the hearty response they had given to the appeals of the Committee, he was quite sure they could not

have brought together so goodly an assembly, nor could they have hoped to realise such an amount as would in a very few moments be announced to them. It would be remembered that in November last at the meeting of Provincial Grand Lodge, he ventured to assert that if the P.G.M. would only raise the banner of Charity, he would find the brethren of his province rally round that standard and support him loyally and liberally. That they had done so would, he thought, be verified by the proceedings of that day. He did not intend, on an occasion like the present, to detain them with any figures or statistics. But it might not be out of place if he gave a glance at the past of that Institution. In 1874, at the instigation of the P.G.M., a committee was formed to consider the advisability of commencing a new charitable work, in addition to those in existence. At the Provincial Grand Lodge in November, 1875, the Committee reported that they had had many meetings, and on the proposition of the late lamented Bro. W. Romaine Callender, seconded by Bro. William Slater, an institution was formed called the East Lancashire Systematic Masonic Educational and Benevolent Institution. Under the fostering care of their P.G.M. that Institution had grown until it had reached, within a very few months of what might be called its coming of age. They would be enabled, in a few months, to celebrate its 21st birthday. In families and among all

great people it was customary, at a coming of age, to make merry and bring handsome presents to those who had attained their 21st birthday. The brethren of that province were that day carrying out that custom, and were making handsome presents to that Institution, which, as he had said, had attained, within a few months, the age of 21 years. The golden gifts they had brought would enable the Committee of that Institution to extend the area of their benevolence, and to cheer the hearts of many a poor and distressed widow and fatherless child, who, under other circumstances, might be left in suffering and want. They would be enabled to relieve their distress and to kindle in their hearts joy and gladness. He need not go further into detail. The claims and benefits of that Institution were so well known throughout the province that he was sure all present would regard the success of that day with the utmost pleasure. He had to thank the P.G.M., who proposed the toast, for the kind words he had used, and he most emphatically thanked the ladies and brethren present for the kind, noble, and generous manner in which they had answered to the appeal of the Committee.

Bro. the Rev. J. KELTY, P.G. Chap., in a humorous speech, proposed the toast of "The Ladies." He remarked that the P.G.M., a few minutes ago, had said that perhaps in some things that province could not compare with other provinces. He (Bro. Kelty) ventured to say that with regard to the ladies East Lancashire could compare with any province, and he would venture further, and say that no one would agree more heartily with that sentiment than their P.G.M. He was a Lancashire man, and he knew what the "Lancashire witches" were. He was glad to find that there was a Masonic spirit amongst their sisters, that they were interested in that Institution, and had aided in its advancement.

Bro. J. J. MEAKIN, P.P.G.W., responded to the toast, and said, in the name of the ladies, that the meeting they had attended had been so pleasant and agreeable that they hoped there would be many more of the same kind.

This concluded the toast list.]

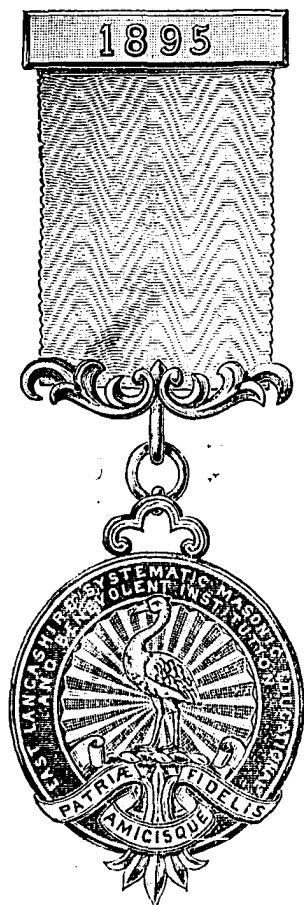
Bro. J. NEWTON, the Secretary of the Institution, then read a list of the Stewards—of whom, he said, there were 482—and the amounts contributed. The announcement of the higher sums evoked much cheering, and when Bro. Newton stated that the sum total was £3966, there was an outburst of enthusiasm. Shortly after the aggregate amount was disclosed, the sum was increased to over £4000, a result most gratifying to all concerned.

The list of Stewards and the amounts contributed are as follow :

Lodge	Stewards	Amount £ s. d.	Lodge	Stewards	Amount £ s. d.
37 Anchor and Hope	14	53 10 0	1064 Borough	—	10 0 0
42 Relief	4	33 0 0	1077 Wilton	11	40 7 0
44 Friendship	3	10 5 0	1083 Townley Parker	3	45 2 0
54 Hope	—	3 0 0	1129 St. Chad	2	15 10 0
62 Social	2	102 10 0	1134 Newall	1	50 10 0
64 Fortitude	2	46 9 0	1144 Milton	2	11 0 0
78 Imperial George	2	27 14 6	1145 Equality	1	15 10 6
116 Royal Lancashire	2	20 0 0	1147 St. David	6	40 0 6
126 Silent Temple	1	10 0 0	1161 De Grey and Ripon	1	23 15 0
128 Prince Edwin	3	31 10 0	1170 St. George	3	12 17 0
146 Antiquity	5	35 15 0	1218 Prince Alfred	1	10 10 0
152 Virtue	8	79 6 0	1219 Strangeways	6	45 12 0
163 Integrity	10	106 1 0	1253 Travellers	2	100 0 0
191 St. John	4	43 1 0	1322 Waverley	3	25 0 0
204 Caledonian	2	20 4 0	1392 Egerton	5	40 0 0
210 Duke of Athol	7	55 0 0	1458 Truth	4	65 0 0
215 Commerce	2	20 11 0	1459 Ashbury	6	60 0 0
219 Prudence	2	10 0 0	1504 Red Rose of Lancaster	4	40 1 0
221 St. John	11	60 15 0	1519 Albert Edward	1	14 10 0
268 Union	1	1 1 0	1534 Concord	19	5 0 0
269 Fidelity	8	34 19 0	1633 Avon	13	30 2 0
274 Tranquility	3	30 0 0	1634 Starkie	2	15 5 0
277 Friendship	2	46 4 0	1697 Hospitality	6	54 1 6
283 Amity	8	83 7 6	1723 St. George	10	55 0 0
286 Samaritan	1	11 0 0	1773 Albert Victor	14	48 4 0
288 Harmony	3	25 1 6	1774 Mellor	1	14 15 0
298 Harmony	8	27 0 6	1798 Zion	1	22 0 6
300 Minerva	5	37 0 0	1868 Unity	1	37 10 6
317 Affability	2	29 0 0	1948 Hardman	1	10 0 0
325 St. John	16	90 0 0	2156 Arthur Sullivan	3	13 19 0
344 Faith	3	33 0 0	2185 Ardwick	1	25 0 0
345 Perseverance	11	85 0 0	2193 Queen's Jubilee	—	15 0 0
346 United Brethren	2	18 15 0	2279 Thornham	1	5 0 0
348 St. John	1	5 0 0	2320 St. Martin	1	20 0 0
350 Charity	5	41 15 0	2322 Centurion	6	17 0 0
363 Keystone	—	2 2 0	2341 Clemency	1	10 0 0
367 Probity & Freedom	10	42 3 0	2363 Minnehaha	5	26 2 0
369 Limestone Rock	4	29 3 0	Minstrel	—	—
381 Harmony and Industry	4	35 5 0	2387 Dramatic	5	16 15 0
430 Fidelity	2	17 1 0	2447 Palatine	1	51 0 0
462 Bank Terrace	1	10 0 0	2449 Duke of York	2	23 0 0
467 Tudor	3	32 0 0	2464 Longsight	10	61 0 0
581 Faith	2	20 5 0	2482 Duchess of York	2	22 0 0
645 Humphrey Chetham	5	61 0 0	2529 Abbey	14	100 0 0
678 Earl Ellesmere	3	32 10 0	2554 Manchester	8	31 13 0
815 Blair	2	20 0 0	2560 Earl of Lathom	2	15 0 0
816 Royds	—	5 0 0	Chapter	—	—
852 Zetland	3	26 7 0	204 Caledonian	1	10 0 0
854 Albert	1	11 10 0	381 Hutchinson	—	2 2 0
935 Harmony	4	36 0 0	993 Alexandra	1	11 6 0
992 St. Thomas	6	38 3 0	Stewards Unattached	13	160 10 0
993 Alexandra	26	160 3 0	and from other Provinces	—	—
999 Robert Burns	1	29 0 0	Prov. Grand Lodge	—	100 0 0
1009 Shakspeare	6	48 13 6	Prov. Grand Chapter	—	30 0 0
1011 Richmond	9	50 10 0	Royal Order of Scotland	—	21 0 0
1012 Prince of Wales	5	69 9 0	St. James of Jerusalem	—	10 0 0
1030 Egerton	12	75 0 0	K.T. Preceptory	—	—
1052 Callender	2	40 15 0	Total	—	482 £4034 15 0
1055 Derby	4	32 0 0			

Later in the evening a very enjoyable concert was given in the Music-room. The performers were: Vocalists—Madame Conway, Mr. Alfred Jordan, Bro. A. S. Kinnsll, and a choir of male voices. Instrumentalists—Signor Risegari (violin), Bro. J. Nichols (viola), Mr. H. Smith (cello), Bro. C. Reynolds (oboe), and Bro. R. Johnson, who presided at the piano-forte.

THE QUEEN, who was accompanied by H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, Princess Christian Princess Louise (Marchioness of Lorne), and Princess Victoria of Schleswig-Holstein, received a deputation of delegates from the International Congress, which has been meeting in London, at Windsor Castle on Saturday. The delegates themselves, the number of 1100, also visited the Castle, by her Majesty's invitation, the same day, and were shown over the State Apartments, &c. Refreshments being served in the Orangery.



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THE ANNUAL DISTRIBUTION OF PRIZES TO THE PUPILS OF THE R.M.I. FOR BOYS.

Speech-day and the annual distribution of prizes to the pupils of the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys were held at Wood Green, on Tuesday, the 2nd inst. Bro. C. E. Keyser presided, and the prizes were distributed by the Duchess of Buckingham and Chandos, who was accompanied by her husband, Bro. Lord Egerton of Tatton, Prov. G.M. of Cheshire, the Festival Chairman of the year. Among those present were—

Bro. C. E. Keyser, P.G.D., Treasurer of the Institution, and Mrs. Keyser, Mrs. Sperling, Bro. G. E. Fairchild, A.G.D.C., and Mrs. Fairchild, Bro. Jas. Stephens and Mrs. Stephens, Bro. J. J. Thomas, Mrs. and Miss Thomas, Bro. W. A. Scurrah and Miss Scurrah, Bro. C. K. Benson, Bro. J. W. Burgess and Mrs. Burgess, Bros. Geo. Corble, H. Manfield, Bro. J. M. McLeod, Secretary of the Institution, and Mrs. J. M. McLeod, Mrs. George, Mrs. Callingham, Bros. Fred. West, P.G.D., R. C. Wilson, H. T. Telling, Bro. W. Webber and Mrs. Webber, Bros. O. Philippe, W. J. Mason, Richard Newhouse, John Clayton, Col. Dean, J. Cookson, J. Slack, H. Jackson, Bro. F. S. Guy and Mrs. Guy, Bro. G. A. Myers, Bro. G. H. Parke and Mrs. Parke, Bro. Surgeon-Captain W. Kiddle, Bro. W. Russell and Mrs. Russell, and others.

As the boys advanced to the dais to receive their rewards from the hands of the Duchess, her Grace was pleased to offer to each in succession a few words of kindly congratulation, and a vote of thanks having been passed to her by acclamation, and acknowledged by his lordship, the boys gave an admirable performance of "The Pirates of Penzance," which was greatly appreciated, and, needless to say, most heartily applauded by the audience. At the conclusion of the opera, the company adjourned to the gymnasium, and partook of afternoon tea, after which a move was made to the grounds to witness the boys go through their fire drill.

The following is a list of the pupils to whom the prizes were awarded :

FORM PRIZES.

Form IB.—H. Muir, 1; A. S. Miller, 2. Form IA.—S. W. Hughes, 1; R. F. Rees, 2. Form II.—S. A. Horsburgh, 1; F. C. Poulton, 2. Form IIC.—L. C. Lowenthal, 1; J. A. Wilson, 2. Form III.—L. W. Croft, 1; W. E. Arkell, 2. Form IIIA.—L. G. Penney, 1; B. Moore, 2. Form IVN.—G. F. Bullivant, 1. Form IV.—A. W. Clarke, 1; W. L. Kemp, 2.

Writing—K. Kendall, 1; G. J. Harwood, 2; K. C. Howell, 3.

Latin—Form IV., E. J. Barker.

French—Form IV., A. P. Shaw.

Mathematics—Form IV., A. W. Clarke; V., E. Whale.

Geology—W. E. J. Watson.

Sight singing, Choir—H. S. Thompson, 1; E. Wale, 2.

" " not in the Choir—W. Holland.

Piano—R. P. Chinneck, 1; F. H. J. Gabbutt, 2.

Drawing—R. P. Chinneck, 1; W. A. Mears, 2.

Gardening—Greenwood and Mills, 1; Mossop, 2.

Bro. Lupton's Shorthand Prizes—H. M. Broughton, G. Wilkinson, H. J. Staff, and B. Bullivant.

"Old Masonians" French Prize—W. E. J. Watson.

Bowyer Memorial Prize for Shorthand—Not awarded.

Cama Memorial Prize, for the youngest boy who passed the Cambridge Examination—E. Whale.

Cama Memorial Prize, for Arithmetic—J. A. Coupland.

Escott Prize, for Mathematics—R. T. Groombridge.

Thrupp Prize, for History—J. A. Coupland.

Winn Prize, for boys who have gained Certificates in the Cambridge Local Examination—Senior. Second Class: Coupland. Junior. Second Class: Binks, Broad, and Groombridge. Third Class: Foote, Jarman, and Watson. Satisfied the Examiner: Adkin, Appleby, Bolsover, Chinneck, Davey, Harris, Heath, Hitchcock, Leeming, Long, Metcalfe, Moreton, Nankivell, Podmore, Rangeley, Ravenscroft, Roberts, F. Roberts, L. O. Whale, and Windsor.

Canonbury Gold Medal, for the most popular boy (elected by his comrades)—J. A. Coupland.

Greenwood Memorial Prize, for good conduct—W. R. Binks.

Supreme Council's Prize, for good conduct—R. T. Groombridge.

Institution Silver Medal, for the head of the School—J. A. Coupland.

The Honours won during the year were announced as follows :

DEPARTMENT OF SCIENCE AND ART, SOUTH KENSINGTON.

Mathematics, First and Second Stages	...	...	11 certificates.
Sound, Light and Heat	...	...	2 "
Practical, Plane, and Solid Geometry	...	...	6 "
Drawing, Freehand and Model	...	...	12 "

CAMBRIDGE LOCAL EXAMINATION.

Seniors (with honours)	...	...	1 certificates.
Juniors (six with honours)	...	...	26 "

TRINITY COLLEGE MUSICAL KNOWLEDGE EXAMINATION.

Intermediate: Broad, Leeming, Watson, and Chinneck...	4 certificates.
Junior	5 "

HARMONY CHAPTER, PHILADELPHIA, U.S.A.

Lodges and chapters in the United States are getting accustomed to the celebration of centennials, as we are in England, for several old Masonic organisations have been able to prove their continuous working for over 100 years in a few of the States, and such events have been duly commemorated. Another has been promoted and celebrated, namely that of the "Harmony" Chapter, No. 52, Philadelphia, U.S.A., and the volume narrating its general and special proceedings is now before me.

This chapter was started on April 28th, 1794, by utilising the warrant of the Harmony Lodge, No. 52, there being no other authority obtained or needed until the inauguration of the Grand Chapter of Pennsylvania in 1824. The historian of No. 52 is Bro. John Curtis, (P.H.P.), who has been its zealous Secretary from 1876, and has ably sketched the chief points in the eventful career of his beloved chapter.

Formerly chapters in Pennsylvania were formed and worked under Craft warrants, but virtually independent nevertheless. When the Grand Chapter was established there were 18 chapters which had been working under lodge warrants, which had taken their numbers, two chapters being held under one charter. The oldest chapter is believed to date from 1758, or earlier, being No. 3 of "Ancient" origin, and then comes the No. 52, now being referred to. There were two in the following year (Nos. 19 and 67), the remainder running from 1806 onwards. These received new warrants in 1824, retaining their old names and numbers. A Grand Royal Arch Chapter was started in 1795—the first in America—but it was under the sanction of the Grand Lodge, and not separate as from the year 1824.

The 22nd exaltation in No. 52 Chapter was that of the celebrated Thomas Smith Webb, May 18th, 1796, but he certainly lacks honour in his

mother chapter, the Secretary stating "he is regarded in Penn'a more in the light of a Charlatan."

Bro. Curtis has done his work admirably, and, in my judgment, could not have more thoroughly described the Records, unless he had given them *in extenso*. I have never read a more conscientious history, or examined a more painstaking volume. The interest is not of a general character as a rule, but to the members all the particulars, however trivial or unimportant to outsiders, cannot fail to be welcome, and the elaborate compilations, involving immense labour, will enable them to trace the Masonic career in the chapter of all the 2060 members during the past century with ease and certainty. There are now 875 on the roll. There are two enumerations, one being the continuous numbers from 1794, and the other, the present position on the register.

Of the other tables that should be mentioned is the one devoted to the Elective Officers 1794-1894, the senior living High Priest being Comp. J. Beenken, who was in the chair in 1855, exalted in 1849; the senior member being Comp. D. Thompson, P.G.H.P. of 1840.

The illustrations are numerous and most artistically arranged, many containing portraits of officers and members, and others concern Masonic Halls. These plates are quite a feature of the handsome volume, which is a credit to the *Dunlop Printing Company* of Philadelphia, and "a thing of beauty" as well as "a joy for ever," I trust, to the worthy historian. The expenses have been met by the bountiful subscriptions of the members.

W. J. HUGHAN.

ROYAL MASONIC INSTITUTION FOR GIRLS.

The July Quarterly Court of Subscribers to this Institution was held on Thursday, at Freemasons' Hall, Bro. J. H. Matthews, P.D.G.D.C., in the chair. There were also present Bros. A. C. Spaul, W. M. Bywater, W. Lake, Neville Green, and H. Massey.

After the minutes of the Quarterly Court of April 20th had been read and confirmed, and the proceedings of General Committees had been read for information, the following motion was adopted—"That the 19 candidates remaining from the last election, together with the 15 whose petitions have been this day approved, be placed upon the list of candidates for the October election, and that 17 vacancies, caused by girls leaving, be declared."

Bro. MATTHEWS informed the Court that the total sum received at the 107th Anniversary Festival of the Institution, held on May 8th, was £16,016.

A vote of thanks to the Chairman concluded the proceedings.

COMPLIMENTARY BANQUET TO BRO. GEORGE

RAWLINSON, I.P.M. No. 1657, AND MRS. RAWLINSON.

A custom has prevailed for many years past among the brethren of the Aldersgate Lodge, No. 1657, to entertain the outgoing Master at a special banquet, at which he is the honoured guest of those over whom it had been his good fortune to preside as Master during the preceding year, and this most laudable custom was religiously observed on Wednesday, the 3rd instant, when Bro. George Rawlinson, I.P.M., and Mrs. Rawlinson were the guests of the lodge. The scene of the gathering was the Albion Tavern, Aldersgate-street, where the lodge has always held its meetings, and in honour of the occasion there was a very full muster of the officers and members and their lady and other friends.

Bro. James Shotter, W.M., occupied the chair, and among those present, in addition to the guests of the evening, were Bro. S. Croft, S.W., and Mrs. Croft; Bro. W. R. B. Briscoe, J.W.; Bro. Samuel White, P.M., Treasurer, and Mrs. White; Bro. George Kenning, P.M., and Mrs. Kenning; Bro. G. W. Anderton, P.M., D.C., and Mrs. Anderton, and Miss Anderton, jun., Bro. Sir Albert and Lady Altman, Bro. Sheriff George Hand, Bro. H. C. Heard and Mrs. Heard, Bro. P. Briggs, Mr. and Mrs. John Williams, Mr. and Mrs. J. Miller, Mr. D. F. and Mrs. Cocks, Mr. F. H. Hand, Miss Rawlinson and the Misses Maud and Rosa Rawlinson, Mr. C. J. Croft and Miss Croft, Mr. R. B. Warrick, Mr. W. Ely, Mrs. G. T. Cox, Bro. Dr. Strong, Past A.G.D.C.; Mr. and Mrs. Phillips, Mr. J. and Mrs. Grant, Bro. H. and Mrs. Bennett, Mr. Arthur Bennett and Miss Bennett, Dr. and Mrs. Reynold, Bro. J. M. Wood, Bro. John Larkin, P.M., and Mrs. Larkin, Bro. C. and Mrs. Lee, Mr. C. James, Bros. F. Sharrock and C. Rheim, Mr. C. Rome, Mrs. J. Green and Miss Green, Mr. J. Mellington, the Misses Ada, May, and Nellie Larkin, Bro. M. R. Webb, P.M., and Mrs. Webb, Bro. and Mrs. Langton, Mr. and Mrs. Walter Hooker, Mr. Alfred Paget, and others to the number of 75.

After a dinner in every way worthy of the reputation of this old established and well known hostelry, the CHAIRMAN proposed the usual loyal toasts, which were duly honoured. He then addressed himself to the toast of the evening, "The Health of Bro. George Rawlinson, I.P.M., and Mrs. Rawlinson," of the former of whose services to the lodge he spoke in justly eulogistic terms, expressing the hope that he and Mrs. Rawlinson might long be spared to enjoy the esteem and respect of their numerous friends, both in and without the Craft.

Bro. RAWLINSON, having fully acknowledged the honour paid to him and Mrs. Rawlinson, gave "The Health of the W.M., Bro. Shotter," and this likewise having been acknowledged,

Bro. S. WHITE, P.M., Treas., gave the toast of "The Visitors," which was acknowledged in brief but appropriate terms by Bros. Sir A. ALTMAN, Dr. STRONG, and W. R. B. BRISCOE, J.W.

A very charming programme of music was given under the direction of Bro. Herbert Schartau, P.P.G. Org. Middx., the artistes who took part in it being Miss Pattie Hughes, Miss Jeannie and Bro. Schartau himself, while Mr. Frederick Upton added to the pleasure of the evening by reciting sundry of his "Sensational Novels."

The meeting passed off most pleasantly, and adds one more to the long list of successful gatherings held by this prosperous and energetic lodge.

SUMMER OUTING OF THE ROYAL ATHELSTAN LODGE, No. 19.

This ancient lodge, always to the fore in the good works of Masonry, is not behind the times in extending its hospitality to the ladies. The W.M., Bro. Milton Smith, at the May meeting of the lodge, proposed that the members, with their ladies and friends, should meet in the summer for a day's outing. This was arranged for Tuesday, the 2nd inst., when 73 ladies and gentlemen fraternised on the River Thames and enjoyed a most delightful day's pleasure.

The arrangements were all carefully worked out by the W.M., who was ably assisted on the day by Bros. Pound, P.M.; E. E. Young, S.W.; J. H. Merrett, and Miroy. The weather was most agreeable, and the programme was carried out without hitch.

The company started from Paddington at 10.35 a.m. in reserved saloon carriages to Henley-on-Thames. Arriving there at noon, they embarked on the electric launches, "Viscountess Bury" and "Flosshilde," for a trip down the most charming portion of the River Thames, to Windsor. An excellent luncheon and light refreshments were provided, during the boat journey, and on arrival in the Royal Borough the company partook of dinner at the White Hart Hotel. The return journey was made by the G.W.R. to Paddington.

Along the river the following places of interest were observed: Henley (the Mecca of the rowing world), Phyllis Court, Remenham Church, Fawley Court, Regatta Island (the regatta race-course reaches from here to Poplar Point), Greenlands (formerly the seat of the late W. H. Smith, M.P.), Hambledon Lock, Culham Court, Medenham Abbey (notorious in connection with the "High Jinks" of the monks of Medenham), Harleyford House, Hurley Lock, Temple Lock, Bisham Abbey, Bisham Old Norman Church, Marlow Church, Quarry Wood, Bourne End, Hedson Wood (seat of Lord Boston), Cookham Church, Cookham Lock, Formosa Island, Clivedon Woods, Clivedon House (purchased by Mr. W. W. Astor in 1893 from the Duke of Westminster), White Place (formerly the property of the Duke of Buckingham), Taplow Court (belonging to Mr. W. H. Grenfell), Boulter's Lock, Maidenhead, Bray Lock, Bray Church (made famous in song, "The Vicar of Bray"), Monkey Island, Down Place, Oakley Court, Boveney Lock, Surley Hall, Windsor Race-course, Windsor Castle, and Eton College.

After dinner, the toasts of "The Queen," "The Ladies," "The Visitors," and "The W.M." were enthusiastically honoured.

Bro. MERRETT, in an amusing speech, responded for the ladies, and Bro. A. E. PRIDMORE, C.C., responded for the visitors.

This, it appears, is the first occasion for 11 years that the ladies have been entertained by the lodge, and the W.M. was highly congratulated on the great success of the gathering, the whole of the company having expressed the greatest delight in the day's proceedings.

GOD'S FLOWERS.

Oh! 'tis a beauteous thing to see,
'Neath sun and genial shower,
The bud in tiny folds enwrapped,
Expanding into flower;
In fancy's eye we see it bloom
In colours rich and rare,
Lading the breeze with sweet perfume,
So lovely and so fair!

Small as the compass of the bud,
Within it is enclosed
The blossom, and successive fruit
In perfect form disposed;
Each separate part, in season due,
Fulfils its destiny;
Past, present, future—all combined—
Nature's epitome!

Yet still more beauteous, lovelier far
Than these, there may be found
The buds of promise springing up
In Life's vast garden ground;
Sweet, tender, frail, yet precious gems,
Quickened by light divine;
Fair flowrets, lent us for awhile,
From God's immortal shrine.

Fostered 'neath sunshine of our hopes,
Oft watered by our tears,
With anxious eyes we watch their growth,
And guard their tender years;
Firmly, yet gently, do we bend
The stem in right incline,
Trusting God's providence will make
Beauty and strength combine.

Thus then in helpless infancy,
In childhood's happy hour,
Gradual in growth, at length we see
Developed manhood's flower;
And when in time the blossom fades,
Its waning splendour gone,
God's ripening grace perfects the fruit,
And plants it near His throne.

F. W. DRIVER, M.A., P.M.

62, Lancaster Road, Notting Hill, W.

ANNUAL EXCURSION OF THE ABBEY (WESTMINSTER) LODGE OF INSTRUCTION, No. 2030.

On Thursday, the 27th ult., an excursion of the above Lodge took place under the management of Bros. Mountain Squires, and Poole (Secretary). The party met at Vauxhall Station, proceeded in first-class saloon carriages to Windsor, and boarded the steam launch, Windsor Castle. Light refreshments were provided during the journey. The company, to the number of 81, landed at the Quarry Hotel, Bourne End, where an excellent dinner was prepared, precaution having been taken to wire the exact number on arriving at Windsor. Great credit is due to Bro. E. Butler, the proprietor of the hotel, for the manner in which the dinner was served. Bro. G. Holland, Preceptor 1604, occupied the chair, in the unavoidable absence of Bro. J. Gibson, the Preceptor, and Bros. Mountain Squires and Poole occupying the Vice-chairs.

The toast of "The Queen" was appropriately proposed by the CHAIRMAN and suitably honoured.

Bro. HAMBORG moving a vote of congratulation to the Committee, on behalf of the company, for the perfect arrangements.

A photograph was taken of the company on the lawn of the hotel as well as on the launch, and excellent pictures were produced by Messrs. Daniels and Blaber. The launch then continued the journey to Great Marlow, tea being provided on the return journey to Windsor, which was reached in time to catch the 8.35 express to London.

Mrs. Gee presided at the pianoforte, and a good selection of songs was performed by Bros. Montague and G. Thatcher, Mr. Frank Hobbs, Mrs. Montague, and Miss Cocks.

Everyone present seemed to enjoy the trip, and anxiously enquired when the next excursion would take place.

The following members of the Abbey Lodge were present: Bros. J. H. Montague, S.W.; G. White, J.W.; H. E. Poole, Sec.; J. Kent, T. J. Cocks, H. O. Hamborg, J. Grafton, H. Cheesman, T. J. Mountain, J. Squires, W. Weeden, J. A. Jones, W. H. Pendlebury, and A. E. Green. Members of the Abbey Lodge of Instruction: Bros. G. Holland, W. Bates, W. Thatcher, G. Thatcher, E. J. Winsborrow, C. Garton, J. Roberts, W. Fletcher, and J. E. Shand. Visitors: Bros. Buxton, W.M. 2460, P.M. 1891, &c.; C. D. Hume, P.M. 209; Crow, Forester Walker, Beaton, Selley, J. Abbott Taylor, P.M. 1441; W. Dyke, H. Tull, 742; H. Paine, and Grahner; and Messrs. Barlow, Sutterby, Harold Dale, J. Daviss Wilkins, A. Aldin, East, Steel, Reading, Wittenbury, Frank Hobbs, and Daniels. Ladies: Mesdames Montague, Poole, Cocks, Hamborg, Grafton, Squires, Weeden, Jones, Green, Thatcher, Garton, Winsborrow, Roberts, Beaton, Taylor, Barlow, Sutterby, T. Cocks, jun., Stowell, T. Bull, Steel, Middleton, Reading, Norman, and Gee. Misses: Mountain, Poole, Cocks, Grafton, Bull, Crow, Tull, Hume, Coe, Rogers, and several others.

Our Portrait Gallery of Worshipful Masters.



BRO. ELIAS JESSURUN,

W.M. of the Columbia Lodge,

was initiated in the Anglo-American Lodge, in 1889, and, although he took no office in that lodge, he rendered very great assistance as a lay member. Our brother was the originator and founder of the Columbia Lodge, and at its consecration was made the first J.W., and he enjoys the respect and esteem of the members of that lodge. He is a very busy man, being the managing director and controlling the interest in England of the well-known firm of Gordon and Dilworth, Limited, with whom he has been associated from his boyhood. He is a most active and enthusiastic Freemason, possessing a sound knowledge of his duties, and there is no doubt that he will add to the great reputation of the Columbia Lodge, which is to be congratulated in having so efficient a Master.

THE RECENT BOYS' SCHOOL FESTIVAL.

The following lists, and additions to lists, have been received since the publication of our account of the Festival in last week's issue:

Lodge	LONDON.	£	s.	d.
18	Bro. George Burt, additional (raising his list to £30 19s. 6d.)	...	10	10 0
23	„ Charles Martin, additional (raising his list to £81 18s.)	...	1	1 0
754	„ Benjamin Stocker, additional (raising his list to £126.)	...	3	3 0
1196	„ James S. Mountford, additional (raising his list to £34 13s.)	...	1	1 0
1287	„ George Ridout, additional (raising his list to £183 15s.)	...	5	5 0
1719	„ Hubert T. Bailey, additional (raising his list to £55 13s.)	...	8	8 0
2182	„ Henry T. Telling, additional (raising his list to £85 11s.)	...	5	5 0
	Unattached Bro. J. M. McLeod, new list	...	63	0 0
Lodge	THE PROVINCES.			
	BERKSHIRE.			
414	Bro. W. J. Maurice, additional (raising his list to £66 13s. 6d.)	...	3	13 6
	CHESHIRE.			
2368	Sundry Stewards, additional (raising their joint list to £123 18s.)	...	2	2 0
	GLOUCESTERSHIRE.			
839	Bro. R. P. Sumner, additional (raising his list to £78 15s.)	...	5	5 0
	KENT.			
1917	Bro. John W. Elvin, additional (raising his list to £184 16s.)	...	27	6 0

Lodge	SURREY.	£	s.	d.
1924 Bro. T. H. Griffiths, additional	(raising his list to £107 1s.)	2	1	0
732 Bro. T. Billing, additional	(raising his list to £12 12s.)	2	2	0
2483 „ H. J. Capon, additional	(raising his list to £34 2s. 6d.)	10	10	0
74 Sundry Stewards, additional	(raising their joint list to £115 10s.)	10	10	0
587 Bro. R. J. R. Mackenzie, additional	(raising his list to £15 15s.)	5	5	0
FOREIGN STATIONS.				
2277 Bro. Surgeon-Capt. W. Kidd, additional	(raising his list to £21)	10	10	0
1960 Bro. J. H. Leslie, additional	(raising his list to £132 10s.)	18	17	0

Obituary.

BRO. J. LAURENCE MATHER, P.A.G.D.C.

Very general regret will be felt at the death of Bro. J. Laurence Mather, Past A.G.D.C., who had been a member of our Society for 35 years, and who, though of late years, he had taken a less active part than formerly in Masonic work, had nevertheless done splendid service to the Craft. The sad event occurred on Sunday, the 7th inst., and the funeral took place on Wednesday, the 10th inst. Bro. Mather was initiated in Prosperity Lodge, No. 65, in 1860, and having held the office of Treasurer from 1864 to 1868, resigned in order that he might fulfil the duties of W.M., to which he had been elected for 1869. Since then he has taken part, at frequent intervals, in the foundation of lodges and other Masonic bodies, his chief services in this respect in Craft Masonry having been rendered in 1870, when he helped to found the Upton Lodge, No. 1227; in 1875, when he figured as founder and first W.M. of the Islington Lodge, No. 1471, and in 1876 when he was appointed first Senior Warden of the Cranbourne Lodge, No. 1580, Hatfield, his installation as the second Worshipful Master of this lodge taking place the following year; in 1878 as founder and Treasurer of Perseverance Lodge, No. 1743, and as founder and first S.W. of the Earl of Clarendon, No. 1984, Watford, in 1882; while he was installed W.M. of the Shadwell Clerke, No. 1910, in 1886. For sundry of these services he was rewarded with the collar of a P.S.G.D., and Prov. Grand Dir. of Cer. of Hertfordshire. He was annually returned at the head of the poll as a member of the Board of General Purposes from 1884 to 1887, and was Vice-President from June, 1886-7. In 1887 he was appointed A.G.D. of C. In Royal Arch Masonry he was a P.Z. of Sincerity Chapter, No. 174, founder and P.Z. of the Islington Chapter, No. 1471, and founder and Treasurer of the Royal Naval Chapter, No. 59, and was invested as G. Std. Br. in Supreme Grand Chapter in 1887. He was advanced to the Mark in the Old Kent T.I. Lodge in 1878, and was its W.M. in 1885, was a founder of the Chiswick Lodge, No. 357, was an elected member of the General Board for seven years, and Mark G. Treasurer for the year 1887. He was also a Past Commander Noah in the Royal Ark Mariners Lodge attached to the Old Kent Mark. He was received into the Allied Masonic Degrees in the Metropolitan Council in January, 1882, was founder and P.M. of the Four Kings' Council, No. 7, and P.S.G.W. and Past D.G. Master of the Grand Council, while in the R. and S. Masters he was a Past T.I.M. of the Constantine Council. He was perfected Rose Croix in the Mount Calvary Chapter, No. 3, and was a member of the Royal Order of Scotland. As regards our Charities, he served 16 Stewardships, and was Vice-Patron of the Boys' School and Benevolent Institution, and a Vice-Patron of the Girls' School. We imagine that Bro. Mather must have found but few opportunities of being idle during the period of his association with our Society.

Craft Masonry.

Pattison Lodge, No. 913.

The installation meeting of the above lodge took place at Freemasons' Hall, Mount Pleasant, Plumstead, on Thursday, the 4th inst., when Bro. R. J. Cook, P.P.G. Reg., W.M. elect, was, for the second time in the course of his Masonic career, installed Worshipful Master of his mother lodge, Bro. Dr. E. Bryceson, W.M., performing the ceremony of installation in excellent form, was rewarded with a hearty vote of thanks for his good work, and received a Past Master's jewel for services rendered the lodge during his year of office. The W.M. appointed and invested his officers as follows: Bros. Dr. E. Bryceson, I.P.M.; D. K. Somers, S.W.; J. O. Cook, J.W.; Rev. A. Jackson, Chap.; C. Coupland, P.M., P.P.G.S.W., Treas.; W. Campbell Taylor, P.M., Sec.; J. J. Murphy, S.D.; E. M. Taylor, J.D.; A. Moore, I.G.; R. Saunders, D.C.; J. Tucker and J. H. Bull, A.D.Cs.; H. J. Butter, P.M., P.P.G. Reg., W. Chaney, F. Hoar, B. Hammond, and G. Roberts, Stwds.; and C. Warren, Tyler. Bro. Coupland was re-elected to represent the lodge on the Provincial Charity Committee, and the case of the orphans of a military brother of an Indian lodge was received and recommended to the Board of Benevolence, and the lodge was closed.

The brethren then journeyed to London to a banquet at the Criterion.

The usual loyal and Masonic toasts were honoured, interspersed with vocal and instrumental music of a high order.

Among the other brethren present were Bros. A. Penfold, P.M., P.P.S.G.D.; H. Mason, P.M., P.P.G.S.B.; Col. E. Hughes, M.P., P.M.; W. Busbridge, P.M.; C. J. Clapham, P.M.; Col. W. J. Graham, P.M.; J. Farrier, P.M.; G. H. Letton, P.M.; A. J. Hiscocks, J. G. White, J. Kirkman, L. Mills, E. G. Denton, W. Folkard, T. Griffiths, J. Hardy, R. Turrell, J. Taylor, T. Turton, H. G. Mason, A. M. Oxley, J. H. Mitchell, A. D. Capon, T. G. Arnold, G. Frost, G. M. Kirkwood, W. Lock, W. A. Fenn, R. C. Pollard, W. G. Newton, W. Wren, B. Littlewood, W. H. Pryce, C. H. Stone, W. Dickinson, J. Rose, W. Lomax, A. Wallis, W. Kirkman, J. A. Widger, C. H. James, M. A. Brest, T. Jefferson-Nell, A. Eton, H. H. Grafton, G. Clifton, J. Turton, W. J. Young, W. R. Smith, J. Topp, H. Iouns, Dr. J. Clarke, G. H. Campbell, W. J. Squires, W. Rahtz, D. C. Capon, and R. Ginman, of the lodge. Visitors: Bros. W. J. Barnes, W.M., A. W. Russell, S.W., W.M. elect, H. Syer, P.M., Treas., and J. Dixon, of 13; C. J. Saunders, W.M. 558; J. Loverage, W. S. Hithersey, I.G., and G. W. Vincer, of 615; W. Yeoman, 428; S. Ladbroke, J.W. 95; J. Macgregor, W.M. 548; S. Ellison, P.M. 507; J. G. Turner, W.M. 299; H. Tufnell, W.M., G. H. Porter, J.W., E. B. Hobson, P.M., E. Chinery, and E. Phillips, of 700; W. Downes, 65; F. D. Hamilton, 184; D. H. Bernays, P.M., E. Wood, S. J. Webber, and E. W. Jelley, of 726; G. T. Liston, P.M. 1228; G. Knowles, S.D. 2305; E. W. Sinnett, W.M., G. Ingle, S.W., R. Fowler, J.W., and G. Kennedy, P.M., P.P.G.S.B., of 1516; H. Keeble, W.M. 1906; H. Ough, W.M. 1671; E. Evenden, W.M. 1223; J. Lee, W.M., F. Hully, S.W., H. Crowdy, J.W., and B. Johnson, Treas., of 1399; E. T. Young, 178; W. J. Hewett, W.M. 1185; J. Robson, 1789; R. Klyn, J.W. 2266; J. Hermende, P.M. 1329; A. Simpson, J.W. 1361; J. Gresdale, 1708; R. Thompson, 1816; J. Le Fuillade, 2041; and J. Bowden, 2098.

Sackville Lodge, No. 1619.

On Tuesday, the 2nd inst., the regular meeting of this lodge was held in the Crown Hotel, East Grinstead. Bro. David Wood, W.M., occupied the chair. Bro. Betchley, P.M., read the minutes of the last meeting, a letter of thanks from the widow of the late Bro. Smith for £5 5s. presented her by the lodge, and letters of resignation from two members. He then moved that Bro. Cooper, P.M., who had resigned in consequence of age and infirmity, should be elected an honorary member. The W.M. seconded the proposition, and spoke highly of Bro. Cooper's long and useful Masonic career. The resolution was passed unanimously. Bro. Henry Young was passed to the Degree of F.C., after which Bro. Wilson, S.W., was elected W.M. for the ensuing year. Bro. Head, P.M., whose services to the lodge as Treasurer extended over many years, was re-elected, as also was the Tyler. The report of the Audit Committee, with statement of accounts for the year, was received, read, and passed. The Treasurer pointed out that heretofore the value of lodge furniture—£35—had appeared as an asset; this year this item was not included in the accounts, and there was a larger balance of cash—£48—than there had ever been before to the credit of the lodge funds, which were never in so satisfactory a condition as this year. The by-laws were then read, and the Secretary reported that a meeting of the Building Committee had been held since the last regular meeting. All the circumstances of the proposal to build a Masonic Hall were carefully gone into, and the Committee had reluctantly been obliged to come to the conclusion embodied in a resolution to this effect—that as Bro. Budd-Budd had unconditionally withdrawn his promised help, the building of a Masonic Hall in East Grinstead would be postponed *sine die*. The W.M. and Bro. Canon Cooper, Chap., both stated they were present at the meeting of the Building Committee, and, while deeply regretting the decision came to, they felt there was no other course open to the Committee. Bro. Cooper hoped the resolution would be entered in full in the minutes of the lodge. He considered it a most disappointing conclusion to be obliged to come to, but did not see, under the circumstances, that any other course could be taken. A most cordial vote of thanks was then passed to Bro. Luxmore on his stating that he would make no charge to the lodge for preparing the plans of the proposed hall. A vote of thanks was passed to the Building Committee, and thus ended the hopes of the Sackville Lodge to have a local habitation dedicated solely to the purposes of Masonry. Bro. Betchley, P.M., Sec., moved, and Bro. Mitchell, P.M., seconded, a resolution that a Past Master's jewel should be presented to the outgoing W.M., as a token of the esteem in which the brethren held him, and to show their appreciation of the way he had ruled the lodge during the year. This was unanimously passed, and the lodge was closed.

Wolsey Lodge, No. 1656.

A meeting of this lodge was held at the Greyhound Hotel, Hampton Court, on the 10th ult. Among those present were Bros. J. Spooner, W.M.; W. J. Peat, S.W., P.P.G.O., Master, elect.; R. W. Rice, J.W.; J. Featherstone, P.M., P.P.G.P., Treas.; Capt. T. C. Walls, P.P.G.W., P.G. Std. Br., Sec.; R. W. Simpson, S.D.; J. E. Gentle, J.D.; Frank Figg, Org.; D. A. Ross and A. S. Jehu, Stwds.; F. L. Chandler, P.M., P.P.G.P.; H. Sapsworth, P.M.; T. Grant, P.M.; N. J. Bond, P.M.; and J. Gilbert, Tyler. Among those present were Bros. H. H. Room, P.G. Sec., G. Std. Br. (Hon. Mem.); G. Read, P.G. Std. Br.; T. Skewers Cox, P.G. Stwd.; W. R. Hunt, P.M. 2021; W. R. Hatton, W.M. 2046; S. Abell, W.M. 2032; J. Lockett, W.M. 2222; J. C. Radford, W.M. 2150; F. R. Robinson, P.M. 946; T. C. Austin, P.M. 1733, P.P.G.D.C.; W. C. Page, P.M. 1475; A. Grant, 127; G. J. Bugler, 975; W. Bishop, 975; W. Hasted, 1068; W. R. Woolgar, 1360; F. Barnard, 1920; W. Cooke, 1987; and J. P. Billett, 2032.

The minutes of the previous meeting having been read and confirmed, the ballot was taken on behalf of Messrs. H. T. L. Hartnell and J. Shaw, and it being unanimous, they were duly initiated by the W.M. Bro. R. Pratt, 1512, &c., was elected a joining member. Bro. H. J. Bond, I.P.M., then installed Bro. W. T. Peat as W.M., assisted by Bros. J. Featherstone, P.M.; T. Grant, P.M., and H. Sapsworth, P.M. The officers appointed and invested were Bros. R. W. Rice, S.W.; R. W. Simpson, J.W.; J. Featherstone, P.M., Treas.; Capt. T. C. Walls, P.M., Sec.; J. E. Gentle, S.D.; W. R. Flack, J.D.; G. Cooper, I.G.; F. Figg, A.R.C.O., Org.; H. C. Crozier, D.C.; D. A. Ross, A.D.C.; H. Sapsworth, P.M., A. S. Jehu, and J. H. Grant, Stwds.; J. Gilbert, P.G.P., Tyler. A vote of thanks was passed to the Installing Officer for the admirable manner in which he had performed the ceremony of installation. A Past Master's jewel was presented to Bro. J. Spooner, and a handsome Treasurer's jewel was also presented to Bro. J. Featherstone in recognition of his many years' service as Treasurer. The report of the Audit Committee was received and adopted. A vote of condolence was passed to the widow of Bro. J. Piller, P.M., P.P.G.S.B., an old initiate of the lodge. Bro. T. W. Ockenden, P.M., P.P.G.D., sent an apology for non-attendance. The lodge was then closed. A banquet followed.

Bro. G. Read, P.G. Std. Br., responded for "The Grand Officers."

Bro. H. H. Room, in replying on behalf "The Provincial Grand Officers, Present and Past," called the attention of the brethren to the fact that the Prov. Grand Master would preside at the next Provincial Grand Lodge at Teddington. He also reminded them that the Prov. G.M. would take the chair at the Festival of the R.M. Benevolent Fund in February, 1896, when he trusted that his lordship would be well supported by the province. He was pleased to be able to inform them that one of their Past Masters would be invested with a purple collar on the 29th instant.

"The Health of the Worshipful Master" was proposed by the I.P.M. In the course of his remarks, he congratulated the lodge upon having a W.M. at their head like Bro. Peat, who, in his early career in the lodge, had rendered such good services as an Organist and Secretary. The W.M. was well up in the Masonic ritual, and he looked forward to his year of office with a great deal of pleasure and interest.

The Worshipful Master replied in well chosen terms; his utterances being marked with originality and thought.

"The Initiates" followed, and both responded.

Bro. T. Skewers Cox, P.G.S., responded in fluent terms for "The Visitors." In the course of his remarks, he said that he was glad to see that an inhabitant of the neighbouring town of Richmond, in which *locale* he took great interest, was well to the fore in Masonry. He felt sure that Bro. Peat's conduct in the chair would fully merit the confidence that the brethren had placed in him.

Bros. Spooner and Bond returned thanks for "The Past Masters," and Bros. Featherstone, Walls, Rice, and Simpson for "The Officers."

A pleasing feature of the evening was an excellent programme of music, in which Bros. F. Figg, J. Miles, S. Abell, A. S. Jehu, Mr. A. Richer, Mr. Walter Howard, and Herr Alfred Mislowski particularly distinguished themselves; the two last named in their respective banjo and violin selections being loudly applauded.

The proceedings throughout reflected great credit on the W.M. and the Executive.

Quatuor Coronati Lodge, No. 2076.

This lodge met at Freemasons' Hall on Monday, the 24th ult., when there were present Bros. W. H. Rylands, P.M., A.G.D.C., in the chair; R. F. Gould, P.M., P.G.D., D.C., as I.P.M.; F. Macbean, S.W.; C. Kupferschmidt, J.W.; G. W. Speth, Sec.; C. Purdon Clarke, S.D.; S. T. Klein, J.D.; and Dr. W. J. Chetwode Crawley, S.G.D. Ireland; also the following members of the Correspondence Circle: Bros. General J. Corson Smith, P.G.M. of Illinois; Freidhelm Convent, Robert Roy, C. F. Hogard, P.G. Std. Br.; W. Perkins, C. B. Barnes, as I.G.; J. W. Barnes, W. C. Barnes, C. H. Barnes, C. Wrenn, Sir Norman Pringle, Bart., G. W. Capel, Rev. R. H. Pring, J. A. Gartley, G. J. Taylor, W. Darley Hartley, W. F. Stauffer, F. Dowse, W. J. Songhurst, G. Greiner, E. Glaeser, Rev. A. G. Lennox Robertson, C. Lloyd Tuckey, G. W. Stevens, R. A. Gowan, Thomas Cohu, H. B. Chamberlin, Dr. R. W. Cooper, T. Adams, W. A. Tharo, C. Trevor Mold, and Max. Mendelssohn. The following were visitors: Bros. G. W. Millar, P.M. 271, New York; A. Findlater, J.W. 134; E. L. Horne, P.M. 227; J. Franz, Ernest Lodge, Coburg; S. Lloyd, P.M. 2398; and C. E. Wells, 19.

Bro. Gould, D.C., drew attention to the welcome presence of one of the most distinguished of the Correspondence Circle, Bro. Gen. Smith, the P.G.M. of Illinois, and called upon the brethren to salute him as became his high rank. Bro. Smith replied in a long and interesting speech, and expressed the pleasure he felt at once more being able to visit his brethren of the Quatuor Coronati Lodge. The D.C. then announced that since the last meeting Bro. Walter Besant, one of the founders of the lodge, had received the honour of knighthood; that Bro. Sir Alexander Miller, Q.C., a member of the Outer Circle, had been made a Companion of the Star of India; and that their brother and fellow-member, Bro. John Lane, had been granted the rank of P.A.G.D.C.,

and had presented to him complete suits of Grand Lodge clothing by the Board of General Purposes. The warmest congratulations of the lodge were voted to these brethren, and the Secretary was instructed to convey the same. The sum of 10 guineas was voted from the lodge funds to be placed upon the list of Bro. Gen. Sir Charles Warren, P.M., as Steward for the Girls' School. A letter was read from his Royal Highness the M.W.G.M., acknowledging with thanks the receipt of two volumes of the publications of the lodge, and thanking the brethren for their expressions of loyalty.

The following five lodges and 53 brethren were admitted members of the Correspondence Circle, now numbering over 2000: The District Grand Lodge of Queensland (E.C.), Brisbane; Ionic Lodge, No. 227; Springsure Lodge, No. 2051, Queensland; Lodge of Industry, No. 48; Lodge Leopold, No. 128, Narrandera, N.S.W.; In the South African Republic—Bros. J. F. Whitehead, 799 (S.C.), H. W. Reid, 2478, and R. Harvie, 794 (S.C.), of Johannesburg; and Rev. Canon F. H. Fisher, of Pretoria. In the Orange Free State—Bro. H. H. Browne, 2522, of Bethlehem. In Cape Colony—Bros. R. E. Atkinson, P.M., and J. J. Durling, of 711, Port Elizabeth; G. C. Nelson, 551 (S.C.), of Grahamstown; and F. E. Murray, 2486, Windsorton, Griqualand. In Queensland—Bros. F. Finch, 655 (S.C.), of Dalby; C. Clark, of Taroom; C. W. Carver, 775 (S.C.), S. C. W. Robinson, 775 (S.C.), T. K. Lamb, 1315, H. de Stokar, 2119, E. Marshall, 775 (S.C.), and J. B. O. Evans, P.M. 1372, all of Toowoomba. In New South Wales—Bro. R. C. Matthews, P.M. 25, Gundagai. In India—Bros. E. Hill, 542, and H. E. Wilkins, W.M. 542, Maulmain, Burma; W. G. Jackson, P.M. 391, Jhansi; W. H. Ruxton, 413, Delhi; G. A. Kentish, 59, Jorhat, Assam; and W. B. Chambers, P.M., Calcutta. In the United States of America—Bros. J. J. Jones, 357, Philadelphia; F. W. Jennings, 72, and M. Heymann, P.M. 1, New Orleans; and H. Wallis, P.G.M. of New Jersey. Bros. S. P. Johnston, 357 (I.C.), W. Hill, 772 (S.C.); R. B. Shaw, 33 (S.C.); J. P. Laidlaw, S.M. 772 (S.C.); R. P. Kerr, 339 (S.C.); W. C. Logan, P.M. 1509; C. N. Pochin, P.M. 1201; A. Price, P.M. 151; Rev. S. W. Jones, 726; G. Wormal, P.M. 726; W. Hall, 726; C. Cheel, P.M. 777; T. Adams, 227; A. H. Bevan, W.M. 2458; T. P. Staley, P.M. 1464; S. R. Dyer, 1415; F. H. Gervis, 2408; M. T. Turk, P.M. 901; S. Richards, 1415; C. J. Marrian, 2098; C. H. Barnes, W. C. Barnes, and J. W. Barnes, of 19; F. T. Rushton, P.M. 8; and A. W. Dennis, 180.

A paper by Dr. W. J. Chetwode Crawley, "On some Irish Medals," together with the written remarks of Bro. W. J. Hughan on the paper, were taken as read, and ordered to appear in the "Transactions." Bro. Gould read a paper entitled, "The Duke of Wharton, G.M. 1723-4, with an account of the true History of the Gormogons." After a careful analysis of the character of the Duke, full of interest and amusing incidents, the lecturer went on to show that Dr. Anderson's account of the usurpation of the Masonic throne by that gifted but disreputable nobleman could not be sustained. He further showed how the whole phenomenon of the Gormogons, which had so long been a puzzle to Masonic historians, was co-terminous with the career in England of the Duke, and that the public notices respecting their appearances were only to be explained on the assumption that they were the creation for political purposes of Wharton, were in fact a Jacobite intrigue working under quasi Masonic forms, and the direct creation of the P.G.M. himself. A study of the celebrated plate of Hogarth, "The Mystery of Freemasonry brought to light by the Gormogons," concluded a most interesting and important paper in every way worthy of the reputation of its learned author. The subsequent discussion was supported by Bros. Speth, Dr. Crawley, and W. H. Rylands, to which were contributed written comments by Bros. Hughan and Lane.

The following objects of interest were exhibited: By Bro. Dr. Crawley, three medals in illustration of his paper; by Bro. Macadam, of Edinburgh, a curious old Royal Arch apron, and the former and present Master's jewel of St. Stephen's Lodge, Edinburgh; and by Bro. Vernon, of Kelso, a most remarkable Masonic apron, ornamented in a very peculiar manner with tinsel and probably of gipsy origin.

The brethren subsequently dined at the Holborn Restaurant.

Columbia Lodge, No. 2397.

The installation meeting of this distinguished lodge was held at the Café Royal, Regent-street, on the 28th ult., when there were present: Bros. H. S. Wellcome, W.M.; Elias Jessurun, S.W.; John B. Cumming, P.M., Treas.; W. J. Spratling, P.M., P.P.G.L. Middx., Sec.; F. C. Van Duzer, J.D.; Col. F. W. Frigout, P.M.; G. G. Leader, Org.; A. W. Chapman, P.M., D.C.; G. W. Field, Stwd.; B. F. Stevens, Rev. J. Simpson, M.A., P.G. Chap.; R. Clay Sudlow, P.G.S.B.; J. R. Brough, W. H. Toone, T. W. Waller, R. N. Crane, V. B. D. Cooper, R. H. Mardon, W. G. Lemon, B.A., LL.B., P.P.A.G.D.C.; J. J. Wedgwood, M.D., P.M.; and T. C. Edmonds, Tyler. Visitors: Bros. W. H. Kirby, P.M., Sec. 1965; Vernon Brown, 289; Walter Owen, P.M., 1673; W. M. Bywater, P.G.S.B.; W. Bristow, P.G.S.B.; C. M. Lowne, 1319; W. Forster, 231; A. E. Oliver, 2265; and R. T. West, 1744.

The minutes of the previous meeting, and of an emergency meeting, having been read, the W.M. raised Bro. R. H. Mardon to the Third Degree. Bro. R. Clay Sudlow, P.G.S.B., then presented Bro. Elias Jessurun, the W.M. elect, and he was installed by the W.M., Bro. H. S. Wellcome, in a manner that made it impossible to have been better performed. The new W.M. then appointed and duly invested the following as his officers for the year: Bros. F. C. Van Duzer, S.W.; F. W. Frigout, P.M., J.W.; J. B. Cumming, P.M., Treas.; W. J. Spratling, P.M., Sec.; Dr. G. W. Field, S.D.; W. Wright, J.D.; N. Crane, I.G.; R. Clay Sudlow, D.C.; W. H. Toone, A.D.C.; H. Phillips, D.M.; J. J. Wedgwood, P.M.; J. R. Brough, and V. B. D. Cooper, Stewards; and T. C. Edmonds, Tyler. The delivery of the customary addresses was ably and impressively rendered by Bro. H. S. Wellcome. The newly-installed W.M. then presented, on behalf of the lodge, a Past Master's jewel to Bro. Henry S. Wellcome, which, he stated, he did with special pleasure, as it could not be bestowed on one more worthy to wear it. He was the ideal of a W.M., and had taken a great interest in the lodge, which had prospered under his splendid efforts, and the members very much appreciated his efficient services. In brief, but eloquent terms, Bro. Wellcome acknowledged the jewel, remarking that he could not express in words what he then felt, but the jewel would be a tie and a link with them. He had had a very happy year of office, and he should ever remember their great kindness to him at all times, and particularly the period he was honoured as the Master of the lodge.

Bro. W. S. Penley was proposed as a joining member, and other business followed, after which the lodge was closed, and the brethren partook of a *recherché* banquet.

At the request of the W.M., Bro. B. F. Stevens proposed "The Queen and the Craft." He said that it was a great surprise to him that he had been called upon to submit the toast, but, as an American, he deemed it a great honour, and, although he remarked that he was unaccustomed to public speaking, he made an unique and eloquent speech, which was received with great applause.

"The President of the United States of America" was entrusted to Bro. W. G. Lemon, P.A.G.D.C. He stated that the toast of the Queen and the Craft had been proposed by a native of America and for a Cockney to be called upon to give so important a toast was somewhat difficult, because the Yankees were well-known as eloquent speakers, whereas with the English they had the will but not the flow of words. America had great reason to be proud of the men she had placed as her Directors. George Washington had done everything for his country and had been well followed. He spoke in high praise of President Cleveland who, he observed, was one of the men of the age.

"The M.W.G.M., H.R.H. the Prince of Wales," was proposed by Bro. R. Newton Crane. As a very young Mason he appreciated having been asked to submit such an important toast, which was the highest one in Masonry. He spoke at length and gave some cogent reasons of the great value of Freemasonry.

Bro. A. W. Chapman, P.M., gave "The Grand Officers, Present and Past." He stated that the Craft well knew the great work done by the Grand Officers, who did everything asked of them, and he coupled with the toast the name of a most worthy Mason, Bro. Rev. J. Simpson, P.G.C.

In response, Bro. Rev. J. Simpson, P.G.C., stated that he was accompanied by some distinguished officers that evening. Bro. Sudlow was well-known and his accurate working was equalled by the good feeling he displayed in carrying out all his duties. He also mentioned the other Grand Officers who were present, remarking that they had certainly done more for the Craft than he had. If order was to be preserved between great communities there must be a head, and the Grand Lodge represented order, and he urged that all those who were qualified should do their duty and always attend Grand Lodge, as vital questions affecting Freemasonry often had to be decided. He was present at the birth of the Columbia Lodge, which was an international one, and he saw others who were also in attendance on that occasion. He well remembered the great struggle between North and South, and Abraham Lincoln was a great patriot. He had been a member of the Craft for 48 years, but every year he loved Masonry more and

more. In conclusion he paid a tribute to the excellent working of Bro. Wellcome, I.P.M., and said he was to be congratulated on his great efforts that day.

In submitting "The Health of the Worshipful Master," Bro. Wellcome stated that it was the toast of the evening. The success of the lodge was due to Bro. Jessurun. He was the originator and founder of the lodge, and at its consecration his modesty would only permit him to take the office of J.W. His work that night was a taste and a forerunner of what he would do in the future. If was not necessary for him to further dilate on his many qualities, as they were so well known, and it went without saying that he would have a brilliant year of office, and if he required any assistance, which was extremely improbable, he would be only too happy to do anything for him.

The toast was drunk with acclamation, and Bro. Elias Jessurun, W.M., on rising, had an ovation, and a moment or two elapsed before he was allowed to respond. In earnest and feeling terms he stated that he was much surprised, but delighted, with the cordial reception. He was indeed proud to be Master of the Columbia Lodge, which was formed for American and English brethren. It showed the exiled American that there was a lodge in London where he could become acquainted with English Freemasons who made friends with Americans in the lodge, and when the English went to America they made friends with the Masons in that country. He expected many more to have been present, but, perhaps, the very hot weather accounted for the absentees. He read a telegram he had received from Bro. Col. North, regretting his inability to attend. The members were always glad to have the Colonel with them, but although he was not present, he had sent a cheque to the lodge for a very substantial amount. He was honoured by the presence of so many Grand Officers at his installation.

The Worshipful Master gave "The Installing Master, Bro. Wellcome, I.P.M." He stated that no words of his were necessary to call attention to the grand working of Bro. Wellcome, who had done everything for the lodge, and the members were proud of him for his great efforts, which would never be forgotten.

The toast was received with much enthusiasm and with musical honours. Bro. H. S. Wellcome, I.P.M., in reply, said that he was deeply gratified with the way they had received him on his vacating the chair and going on the shelf, but that would not take away the great interest he had in the lodge. He urged all to work hard to qualify themselves for office, and to make the lodge a model for its working in the Craft; if they would only do that the lodge would continue to be prosperous. When he received his first collar he worked hard, and the further he went he found the ritual more beautiful, and without working, it was impossible for the brethren to realise its great beauties. In America the chair was always occupied by a skilled worker, and he hoped all English lodges in future would be ably chaired by good workmen. He had had a very happy year of office, and in conclusion he stated that his heart would always be with the lodge.

In giving "The Visitors," the W.M. remarked that they had guests from many parts. They had a goodly number that evening, and on behalf of the lodge he accorded them a hearty welcome, and he associated with the toast the names of Bros. W. H. Kirby, P.M., and Walter Owen, P.M.

Bro. W. H. Kirby, P.M., replied that he was obliged for the opportunity of being allowed to respond to the toast. He had had the good fortune to attend the lodge on several occasions. The W.M. had been installed in a most fascinating manner, and those who were not present at the ceremony had sustained a great loss. Bro. Jessurun had now gained the chair, which he so thoroughly deserved, and he wished him from his heart a very happy and prosperous year of office.

Bro. Walter Owen said that it was the first time that he had met lady artistes in the Masonic world, and that he was somewhat overcome. He was the I.P.M. of the Welcome Lodge, but that evening he had come to another *Wellcome*. The working was splendid, and he was glad to meet Bro. Sudlow, but wherever he went in Masonic circles he was sure to run across him, and he was one that no one was ever tired of meeting. The visitors had had a perfect evening, and it would be impossible to have had anything better.

The W.M., in proposing "The Treasurer and Secretary," said that he knew no other officers who were better beloved than they were, and they were most efficient in their many duties. No one, except those who had been in the chair, could realise the great work and anxiety that fell to those officers' share. The Treasurer was happy because there was a splendid balance to the credit of the lodge, and this was augmented by the handsome cheque they had had from Bro. Col. North, which was a very happy surprise.

At this point Bro. Henry Walsham gave "Love's Request" in splendid style, and while singing he painted a picture, which was finished with the last words of the song. The painting was admired, and the W.M. stated that Bro. Walsham had presented it to the lodge upon the understanding that it was put up for sale by auction, and the proceeds to go to the Charities.

The W.M., who made an up-to-date auctioneer, then put up the picture for sale, and after some spirited bidding he knocked it down to himself at £7.

In appropriate terms the W.M. thanked Bro. Walsham for his efforts, and informed him that although he had bought the picture, he should present it to the lodge as a souvenir of his installation.

Bro. Walsham said that it required a little art to paint a picture, but it wanted greater art to sell one. It was somewhat difficult to sing and paint a picture at the same time, but still, as what he had done appeared to be appreciated, he was gratified.

Bro. J. B. Cumming, P.M., Treas., stated that when he came that evening he did not think the state of his health would permit him to remain, but he had had a tonic in the big cheque the W.M. had received for the lodge from Bro. Col. North, and he was glad to have been present to see the splendid picture painted, and which had realised a good sum for the Charities. He was honoured by being re-elected Treasurer, and he would continue to do his utmost for the lodge.

Bro. W. J. Spratling, P.M., also responded in a humorous strain, which elicited much laughter.

The toast of "The Officers" was given by the W.M., who observed that they were all able to uphold the well-known working and the dignity of the lodge, and that when their time came to take higher office they would not be found wanting.

Bro. F. C. Van Duzer, S.W., responded. He said that in holding office under Bro. Wellcome he had done his utmost to assist in his little way, but he hoped to do more in his new office, and would endeavour to do everything asked of him.

Bro. Col. F. W. Frigout, J.W., also replied in a neat speech.

The Tyler's toast terminated a very pleasant and happy evening, and one that will long be remembered.

An excellent entertainment was carried out under the able direction of Bro. Herbert Schartau, P.P.G. Org. Middx., assisted by Miss Pattie Hughes, Miss Carrie Curnow, Mr. Fred. Upton, and Bro. H. Walsham, but a word of praise is due to the two ladies for their sweet and exquisite singing.

Royal Arch.

Pythagoras Chapter, No. 88.

The half-yearly convocation of the above chapter attached to the Scientific Lodge, No. 88, was held in the Chapter-room, at the Lion Hotel, Cambridge, on Wednesday, the 26th ult. Present: Comps. Frank Piggott, M.E.Z.; W. P. Spalding, H.; the Rev. L. R. Tuttiatt, J.; T. Hunnybun, Treas.; Oliver Papworth, P.Z., S.E.; C. H. Banham, P.S.; C. W. Redin, acting S.A.S.; J. Gordon Chennell, J.A.S.; B. Chennell, P.Z., acting D.C.; J. V. Pryor, P.Z., Stwd.; W. James, Org.; W. I. Pashler, P.Z.; J. Sheldrick, P.Z. 441; A. E. Chaplin, J. H. Moyes, and others.

Bros. L. Rutter, W. Treadway, and C. Percy Jones, all of No. 88, were elected members of the chapter, and were duly exalted. The duties of P.S. were ably discharged by Comp. C. H. Banham. The three Principals subsequently gave the customary addresses, and Comp. B. Chennell also assisted. After the transaction of other business, the chapter proceeded to the election of Principals and officers for the ensuing year as follows: Comps. W. P. Spalding, M.E.Z.; the Rev. L. R. Tuttiatt, H.; C. H. Banham, J.; F. Piggott, I.P.Z.; T. Hunnybun, Treas.; O. Papworth, S.E.; W. Hutchison, S.N.; W. B. Sheppard, P.S.; J. G. Chennell, S.A.S.; A. E. Chaplin, J.A.S.; B. Chennell, P.Z., D.C.; A. W. Aldrich, Org.; J. V. Pryor, P.Z., Stwd.; and G. A. Allen, Janitor. For the office of Auditors, Comps. W. H. Aphorpe and J. West Knights were elected.

The chapter having been closed, the company adjourned to banquet, at which Comp. F. Piggott presided, and at which the loyal and Masonic toasts customary to the occasion were given.

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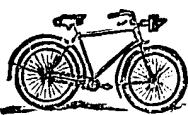
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Mark Masonry.

Excelsior Lodge, No. 226.

The installation meeting of this lodge took place on Friday, the 21st ult., at Freemasons' Hall, Mount Pleasant, Plumstead, when Bro. Fred. Reed, P.P.G.S.B., S.W., W.M. elect, was (by dispensation from Grand Mark Lodge, he not having served the office of W.M. of a Craft lodge), installed into the chair of A. for the ensuing 12 months. The lodge was opened by Bro. J. Warren, W.M., who commenced his arduous task by advancing Bro. W. Lawson, P.M. of the Nelson Craft lodge, in faultless style. Bro. Reed was then presented to the W.M. by Bro. Capt. W. Weston, late R.A., P.M., P.P.S.G.W., P.G.P. Eng., to receive at his hands the benefits of installation, and in due course, Bro. Reed was installed and saluted. He appointed and invested his officers as follows: Bros. John Warren, I.P.M.; James Farrier, S.W.; Edwin B. Hobson, I.W.; G. Kennedy, P.M., P.P.G.R. of M., Sec.; C. Coupland, P.M., P.P.S.G.W., Past Stwd. Eng., Treas.; G. Porter, M.O.; C. H. Canning, S.O.; Wm. J. Crowdy, J.O.; Richard Fowler, R. of M.; John D. Johnson, S.D.; James Wheatley, J.D.; G. F. Taylor, I.G.; John Sanderson, and Wm. Chambers, Stwds.; and Chas. Warren, Tyler. The whole of the ceremony was admirably performed by Bro. Warren, the reciting of the addresses was most eloquent, and the effect impressive, and gave every satisfaction to the Past Masters, visitors, and lay brethren present. The new W.M. commenced his reign by presenting Bro. Warren with a handsome and valuable Past Mark Master's jewel; and he was accorded a hearty vote of thanks for his services that day as Installing Officer, for which, and the jewel, he returned his sincere thanks. His year of office has been a most prosperous and successful one, and right well is he deserving of the eulogies so liberally bestowed upon him by the brethren of the lodge. Bro. Warren then announced his determination of standing Steward at the forthcoming Mark Benevolent Festival, and the sum of five guineas was voted from the lodge funds to his list, which was supplemented later on at the social board by some £20, subscribed by the brethren present.

The lodge was then closed, and the brethren adjourned to the hospitable hostelry of Bro. W. Chambers, the Star and Garter, Powis-street, Woolwich, where a sumptuous and well-served banquet awaited them.

Among the other brethren present were Bros. A. Penfold, L.C.C., P.M., P.P.G.M.O.; Capt. G. Spinks, P.M., P.P.A.G.D.C.; W. Moulds, P.M., P.P.G.S.B.; C. Jolly, P.M., P.M. 309, P.P.J.G.D.; J. H. Roberts, P.M., P.P.G.S.B.; G. W. Townsend, J. D. Brooks, W. Garland, Jos. Offord, and C. Sutton, of the lodge; H. T. Lyon, W.M. 476; W. Campbell-Taylor, P.M. 44; and C. J. Clapham, S.W. 44.

Bro. Reed, who had worked hard, long, and well for his deserved honoured position, presided, and in felicitous terms proposed the usual loyal and Grand Mark Lodge toasts, and

Bro. Weston, in responding for "The Pro and Dep. Grand Masters, and the rest of the Grand Mark Officers, Present and Past," said it gave both Bro. Coupland and himself, as he felt sure it would the most exalted officer of Grand Lodge, great pleasure to see the way in which the toast was received among Mark Masons all over England, and, in fact, the world, and especially at Woolwich among the brethren of the Excelsior Lodge. The Grand Mark Lodge was doing splendid work, both with its Educational and Charity Institutions. As Bro. Matier, their esteemed and hard-working Grand Secretary, had said, they had no grand buildings or expensive staff to maintain. A child found fit as a candidate for the educational grant, was sent to school close to its parents' home, and not only were the fees paid, but £5 per annum was granted the parents or parent to find the child suitable clothing. With respect to the case of the children of a deceased brother brought before the lodge that day, although the father was not a member of that, or any Woolwich Lodge, as it was, in his opinion, a most deserving case, he should have great pleasure in taking it up to Grand Lodge, and trying his utmost to make a successful application for the educational grant for them. He thanked them on his own behalf for their hearty reception of the toast.

Bro. Coupland said he was a Past Steward of Grand Lodge, and had been so now some years. It had always been supposed that that position was a step to higher honour, but it had not been so in his case; and it seemed to him that he should stick to it as long as he lived. He thanked them for their always kind reception of his name, whenever coupled with that or any other toast.

The toast of "The Rev. Thos. Robinson, M.A., P.G.M., and the Rev. Hayman-Cummings, M.A., D.P.G.M., and the rest of the P.G. Officers, Present and Past," was drunk heartily, and responded to by the W.M., who is a P.P.G. Officer.

Bro. Warren, in eulogistic terms, proposed the toast of "The W.M." He said he had known Bro. Reed for many years, and always found him a sound good man and Mason. He (Bro. Reed) was, and had been most zealous in the Mark and Craft Degrees, and therefore was thoroughly deserving of the position he had that day arrived at. He had that day wished him "God-speed," and again he, and they all wished him the same, and that that day 12 months he would leave the chair to his successor with honour to himself and satisfaction to the brethren. He trusted Bro. Reed would have health and strength to carry out his duties, and then he would be an honour to the lodge and those who had gone before him.

Bro. Reed said he knew not how to find words to thank them or to respond for the kind words of Bro. Warren and their reception of the toast. They all knew that he was not a speaker, it was not in his line. He should try to give them satisfaction, and he hoped every brother would endeavour to bring forward good and worthy candidates. He had no doubt that he should receive the hearty support of both the Past Masters, officers, and brethren, and if he had that and Bro. Warren's kind assistance, he had no fear but that he should be able to do his duty to their satisfaction.

Bro. Warren, in responding to a hearty reception of his name as "Installing Officer," said that when he took the office of W.M. of a Craft lodge he made up his mind to do his work to the satisfaction of the brethren of that lodge, and would install his successor. That day he had installed his successor in their Mark lodge as he had in his Craft lodge, and he felt proud to hear that he had done the work to their satisfaction. Their esteemed Bro. Penfold had for many years installed the Worshipful Masters of that lodge. Bro. Weston had performed the ceremony, and Bro. Jolly had installed his successor, and he should never forget the impressive manner in which Bro. Jolly carried out the work. It was the privilege of a W.M. to install his successor, and he should ask every officer as he came to the chair to endeavour to finish his year's work.

Bros. Lyons, Taylor, and Clapham responded for "The Visitors," and spoke highly of the work in the lodge, and the hospitality of the social board.

Bro. Penfold responded for "The Past Masters," and received an enthusiastic reception. Bro. Jolly responded for "The Masonic Press," and Bros. Farrier and Hobson for "The Officers." Music helped the intervening spaces between the toasts merrily.

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Coryton and Rougemont Union Chapter, No. 2.

A very interesting meeting of this chapter was held at the Masonic Hall, Exeter, on Tuesday evening, the 18th ult.; Bro. F. W. Chanter, M.W.S., in the chair. A number of members were present, including Bros. W. Bennett Maye, P.M.W.S.; John Brewer, P.M.W.S.; John Stocker, P.M.W.S., Treas.; Henry Stocker, P.M.W.S.; John Lane, 30°, P.M.W.S.; James Heath, P.M.W.S.; James Jerman, P.M.W.S., Recorder; and Bro. William J. Hughan, 32°, &c., as a visitor.

Bro. John Taylor, J.P., 30°, was installed as the M.W.S. by Bro. W. B. Maye, who has long and ably discharged that annual duty. The officers appointed were Bros. W. B. Maye, Prelate; H. W. Michelmores, 1st General; F. C. Frost, 2nd General; Henry Stocker, P.M.W.S., Grand Marshal; and Bro. John Stocker, P.M.W.S., was again elected as Treasurer of the chapter. Thanks to Bro. Chanter were most heartily voted for his valuable services during his year of office, especially in relation to the preparation and editing a new edition of the by-laws of the chapter, with an historical introduction respecting the early years of that body before and after its joining the Supreme Council. Bro. W. J. Hughan, 32°, &c., was proposed as an honorary member of the chapter by Bro. W. B. Maye, seconded by Bro. Jno. Brewer, and supported by several of the members.

A Knight Templar Preceptory was subsequently held—Bro. E. H. Shorto, E.P.—when Bro. F. L. Sprague was installed as the Preceptor for the ensuing term.

The Rose Croix and Templar Masons then met together at the refreshment table, and spent a pleasant hour together.

Masonic and General Tidings.

THE ANNUAL EXHIBITION of the National Rose Society was held at the Crystal Palace on Saturday last, the exhibits being arranged in some 70 classes, while the quality of the display was fully equal to that of previous years.

PARLIAMENT WAS DISSOLVED by proclamation on Monday, and the new writs having been issued, the next fortnight will be chiefly occupied with the return of Members to the new Parliament, which will meet on 12th August.

THE VALKYRIE, after beating the Britannia and Ailsa, has gone to the Meadowside Shipyard at Partick, for the purpose of undergoing the necessary alterations for her passage across the Atlantic, whither she is bound, to sail the American yacht Defender, in the hope to recover the American Cup.

THE PROCEEDINGS of the International Railway Congress were brought to a close on Monday evening with a banquet and grand display of fireworks at the Crystal Palace. Bro. Lord Stalbridge, President of the English section, occupied the chair at the former, the usual toasts being enthusiastically received.

THE DUKE and DUCHESS OF YORK dined with Bro. the Earl and Countess of Derby at Derby House, St. James's-square, among the guests invited to meet their Royal Highnesses being Bro. the Marquis and Marchioness of Zetland, the Earl and Countess of Ilchester, the Marchioness of Londonderry, and Viscount and Viscountess Curzon.

ON SATURDAY LAST, the annual cricket match between the employees of the Freemason and George Kenning and Son was played at Honor Oak, when the latter earned a well-deserved victory by 35 runs, a result due to the fine batting of Bro. F. R. Kenning and the excellent bowling of Messrs. Godsavage and Mills. The annual outing of the employees of the Freemason takes place to-morrow (Saturday).

A BANQUET WAS HELD at the Hôtel Métropole on Saturday evening last, in aid of the Westminster Hospital. The Duke of Connaught presided, and was supported by a strong muster of guests. In the course of the proceedings donations and subscriptions to the amount of £4068 were announced, and Mr. Burdett undertook to increase the amount to £5000, if that sum was not reached during the present year. The Queen gave 25 guineas in addition to her annual subscription of 50 guineas.

THE AUSTRO-HUNGARIAN AMBASSADOR and the Countess Deym gave a dinner party at the Austrian Embassy, Belgrave-square, on Saturday evening last, at which there were present H.R.H. the Prince and Princess of Wales and their daughters, the Princesses Victoria and Maud, the Crown Prince of Denmark, and the Archduke and Archduchess Charles Louis of Austria, a number of distinguished guests being invited to meet their Royal Highnesses.

THE ARCHBISHOP OF CANTERBURY and Mrs. Benson gave their second garden party of the season at Lambeth Palace on Saturday last, when there was, as usual, a very large gathering of the clergy and the laity, among those present being the Chinese Minister, the Earl and Countess of Carysfort, the Earl of Belmore, the Earl and Countess of Stamford, Bro. the Earl of Kintore and the Ladies Keith-Falconer, the Earl of Eldon and the Ladies Scott, and Bro. the Rev. Viscount Molesworth and Viscountess Molesworth.

THE LONDON FIRE BRIGADE, under Captain Simonds, was reviewed by H.R.H. the Duchess of Teck on Clapham Common on Saturday last. The Brigade consisted of 11 steam and 11 manual fire engines, with six hose carts, and about 170 officers and men. A number of medals for long service and gallantry in saving life having been presented by the Duchess, a vote of thanks was passed by acclamation to her Royal Highness for her kindness in attending, after which the Brigade went past the saluting post first at the trot and then at the gallop. A large concourse of spectators witnessed the proceedings.

BRO. J. J. LAMBERT, P.P.G. Reg. West Lancashire, and present W.M. of the Lathom Lodge, No. 2229, a few days ago invited the members of the above lodge and a few friends, numbering 32, to a game at bowls at Chorlton-cum-Hardy. Subsequently a banquet was held, when a few toasts were proposed, including "The Generous Host, Bro. J. J. Lambert," which was received in a most enthusiastic manner by the brethren present. Bro. Lambert is to be highly complimented upon the princely manner in which he entertained his guests. Every detail for their comfort and enjoyment had been arranged in a most admirable manner, and he may rest assured that the day will live long in the memory of those present.

THE FRANCIS MEMORIAL FUND.—A scheme is on foot for organising a testimonial to the family of the late Bro. E. A. Francis, P.M., P.Z., Preceptor of the Brixton Lodge of Instruction, No. 1949, who died at the early age of 45 years in December. The idea is to raise such a sum of money as will enable the widow to clear off, or at all events materially reduce, the mortgage on her house, and if this is done, there is a reasonable probability that she will be freed from all serious care as to the future. Bro. Francis was a most exemplary Mason, and held in high esteem by all who had the privilege of his acquaintance. He was initiated in Vermont, U.S.A., in 1873, and on returning to England, joined, in 1879, the Skelmersdale Lodge, No. 1653, and was installed W.M. in 1890. He was also a P.M. of No. 183, and P.Z. of the Burdett Chapter, No. 1293—having been exalted to the Royal Arch in the Panmure Chapter, No. 720, in 1885—and P.P. 1st A.G. Soj. of Middlesex. He was also a Life Governor of the Masonic Institutions, and had served sundry Stewardships on their behalf, but his most successful work was done in his capacity of Preceptor of the Brixton Lodge of Instruction, No. 1949; Treasurer of the Industry Chapter of Improvement, No. 186; and as Preceptor of the Rose of Denmark Lodge of Instruction, No. 975. He was also President of the Brixton Lodge of Instruction Masonic Benevolent Association from its inception, and during his presidency a sum of upwards of 2000 guineas was contributed through the association to the Masonic Charities. In these several capacities the late Bro. E. A. Francis did very great service to the Craft, more especially in South London, and it is hoped this appeal on behalf of his widow and children will be productive of benefit to them. Further particulars can be had of Bro. George R. Langley, 18, Gower-street, East Dulwich.

THE *Evening Post*, of Jersey, publishes the following interesting account of an heroic deed done on the 14th ult., by Bro. the Rev. Richard Peek, P.M., P.Z., P.G. Chap. Jersey, 30°, late Chaplain at Dinard. Many friends had gathered on the Dinard landing-stage to bid a last "God speed you" to one who had laboured long and faithfully amongst them, but who, called to other duties in England, was leaving them, followed by universal regret from everyone, both high and low. When the small ferry steamer, on which Bro. Peek and family had embarked, had reached rather more than half the distance across the bay that separates Dinard from St. Malo, a young French girl got on to one of the benches, and before a hand could be raised to stay her, with just one glance at the swift running tide, jumped off into its troubled waves. Bro. Peek, seeing that the captain had either not noticed what had taken place, or had some difficulty in staying the steamer's headway, sprang over the side, and managed to reach the poor girl and keep her afloat till a boat was lowered and both were rescued from a very perilous position. Luckily the girl was too exhausted to struggle much, but the deed was such a brave one, and so nobly accomplished, without one thought of self, that later on, when Bro. Peek, in a scratch suit of clothes, stood on the deck of the Southampton steamer, many Frenchmen who had witnessed it pressed forward asking to be allowed the honour of shaking hands with the brave Englishman. Only those who have themselves plunged from the deck of a fast steaming vessel to save some drowning fellow-creature, can fully realise how brave is the man, however good a swimmer he may be, who thus risks his life. Bro. Peek laughed, and made light of the incident, but his exit from Dinard will long be remembered by those who read in the anxious face of his wife, and the saddened eyes of his daughter, what anguish they had gone through, and how near they had felt death to have been to the beloved husband and father. Dinard has lost a good chaplain, and we have all, whether on this side of the water or on that, lost a tried and faithful friend. May God's blessings attend him and his, wherever the call of duty causes his footsteps to wander!

MAN'S INGRATITUDE.—We have it on Shakespeare's authority that the winter wind is not more unkind than man's ingratitude. In many cases this is unfortunately only too true. There are times, however, when the benefit received is so great that ingratitude becomes impossible. When life is rendered a burden to us by sickness, and someone comes and restores us to health, we should be base indeed to feel ungrateful. Thus, millions are to-day grateful to Holloway's Pills and Ointment, which have cured them of all stomach and liver troubles, banished headache, flatulency, indigestion and low spirits, and cleared their systems of gout, rheumatism, sciatica, and all similar ailments.