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### THE SUPPORT OF OUR INSTITUTIONS.

A few months before the Marquis of RIPON resigned his connection with Freemasonry, his lordship presided at the annual Festival on behalf of the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys—the very last that was held prior to the installation of H.R.H. the Prince of WALES as M.W. Grand Master—and the total of the donations and subscriptions announced on the occasion was just a trifle in excess of £7000; and, in acknowledging the toast of his health, having, first of all, congratulated the Stewards on the success of their labours, he was careful to point out that the credit pertaining to so satisfactory a result belonged wholly and solely to those who, as Stewards or contributors, had had a hand in bringing it about. Those who had done nothing, either as Stewards or contributors, had no right to claim any share in that credit. Since then the support which is given to our Institutions has been distributed over a greater area; but his lordship's remark is as applicable to-day as when he made it in the summer of 1874; the credit of raising the large sums which are annually subscribed to our Institutions belongs to the Stewards and the donors and subscribers—not to those who hold aloof and do nothing.

Now that the Festivals for the current year have been held, we have been at the pains of examining the Returns. The totals raised were as follows: at the Benevolent Festival in February, £19,000; at the Girls' School Festival in May, £16,000; and at the Boys' School Festival last month, £15,000; giving a grand total of £50,000. Towards this total, LONDON, which comprises all the lodges that meet within a radius of 10 miles from Freemasons' Hall, contributed—in February, £10,405; in May, £8083; and in June, £8425; total, £26,913. Now, according to Grand Lodge Calendar for the present year, there were at the close of 1896, 439 lodges in this London district, and the result of our examination of the Returns shows that 24 of these lodges were represented at all three Festivals; 36 lodges at two out of the three; and 189 lodges at one or other of the three. Hence the credit of raising the large sum of £26,913 during this period clearly belongs, not to the whole of the 439 lodges meeting in London, but to the 249 lodges that were represented at one or more of the Festivals, there being as many as 190 lodges which took no part whatever in the three celebrations. There were, as usual, a few of the London chapters which sent up representatives and there were, in each case, a number of brethren who acted as Stewards Unattached, of whom some were present

at all three, some at two, and the rest at one of the meetings, but though the contributions from these sources were, as always, heartily welcomed, they did not amount to such a sum as to materially effect the general total, and they certainly have no effect upon our argument, or rather the argument we have adopted from Lord RIPON, that it is those who give or help to raise, not those who hold aloof from the Festival altogether, who deserve the credit of having compiled this large amount for our Institutions during the present year. Those who have the leisure and inclination to look further into the question will find that every year there is a certain proportion of London lodges, varying, of course, in number, which are unrepresented at its Festivals, and if they extend their inquiries so as to embrace a period of three or five years or even longer, they will still find that the contingent of unrepresented lodges is by no means inconsiderable.

As regards the Provinces, it is not so easy to trace the work of individual lodges, as a Province is frequently represented as a whole, and all the lodges on its roll are entitled to a share in the credit due to its contributions. But, taking the returns as we receive them from the Secretaries, the area of contribution appears to be in proportion greater in the Provinces than in the London district. During the current year the former raised—in February, £8608; in May, £7943; in June, £6606; giving a total of £23,157. There are 46 Provinces, including those of Guernsey and Alderney, Jersey, and the Isle of Man, and of these 28 took part in all three Festivals, three in two and 12 in one Festival, the majority of these last being Provinces of small size, which prefer supporting one Institution a year, and giving each in turn its share of support. Thus there are only three which have shown themselves total abstainers from the support of our Institutions, while for a period of three or five years it will be found that the number is for the most part restricted to one. We have said that we cannot trace the work of individual lodges, of which, according to the Grand Lodge Calendar for 1897, there were 1289 on the roll at the close of the year, it being no uncommon thing for a whole Province to be represented by one or more Stewards, but taking the particulars as we have described them, it is gratifying to know that whether the distribution of support lodge by lodge is greater or less than in London the Provinces are fully sensible of their duty towards our Institutions, and for the most part support them generously, each according to what it conceives to be the best of its ability. We trust that in saying this we shall not be understood as attempting any comparison between London and the Provinces as to the extent of the support they respectively furnish. Both do their work well, so far as they are represented; but in London the Returns reach us lodge by lodge, and we are in a position to trace those that stand aloof; in the country they reach us in some cases lodge by lodge, and some by groups of lodges, so that individual lodge work is not always capable of being traced.

### ARS QUATUOR CORONATORUM\*.

We regret that, through the miscarriage of Part I. of the Transactions of the Quatuor Coronati Lodge for the current year, we have been unable to notice it, as usual, in our columns. This regret is all the greater from the fact that the contents of this Part appear to possess, in the case of one or two of the articles, more than ordinary interest. But let us, first of all,

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draw attention to the Report of the Permanent and Audit Committee, which was presented and approved at the regular meeting held on the 8th January. The Committee, with very good reason, commence their remarks by congratulating the members on the continuance of the lodge's prosperity during the year 1896, pointing out that the general character of the proceedings and the quality of the Papers that were read at the several meetings were such as to maintain, if not to raise still higher, the prestige which the lodge has enjoyed even from the very outset of its career. True, the sudden death of Bro. Sir BENJAMIN WARD RICHARDSON, M.D., F.R.S.—one of the most eminent and respected members of the lodge—threw a gloom over the closing days of the session; but there is, at least, some compensation for this severe loss in the acquisition of three such capable and energetic brethren as Bros. G. GREINER, the Rev. J. W. HORSLEY, and the Rev. C. H. MALDEN—the last of whom has already made his mark in the world of Masonic literature by his admirable "History of Freemasonry on the Coast of Comandiel"—a work of exceptional merit, of which any author would have good reason to be proud. It must likewise be a source of satisfaction to all Masons who are in sympathy with the objects of our great literary lodge to know that, though the increase in numbers of the Outer, or Correspondence, Circle has not been as great as in some previous years, there has been a substantial increase, and that the Circle in question now numbers 2310, or more by 175 than the number recorded at the corresponding date in 1895. It is also a pleasure to be told that, financially, "the lodge stands on a firm foundation." The amount owing "is slightly lower" than at the close of the preceding year, "in spite of an increased membership," though it is to be regretted that the Committee should feel it necessary to remark on "the negligence of many members in failing to remit their dues with punctuality." It ought not to be in the power of the Committee to report that there are outstanding "1896 subscriptions" amounting to £237 6s., and "Back Subscriptions," that is, belonging to years preceding 1896, amounting to £88 7s. However, it is well to know that there was a balance of assets over liabilities on the 30th November last. We learn, also, with at least equal pleasure, that "during the past year the Library and Museum have considerably increased in volume and importance," and that "some very valuable gifts from various brethren have been received."

Turning to the Transactions proper, we note, in the first place, Bro. R. F. GOULD'S record of the career of the late Bro. Sir BENJAMIN WARD RICHARDSON, who was elected a joining member of the Inner Circle of the lodge in November, 1889, and had always evinced the deepest interest in the work of the lodge. The paper bears the impress of that exceeding care with which Bro. GOULD treats every object with which he is called upon to deal, and is indeed a most admirable, and, at the same time, true record of the life of a very able and amiable man, who worked hard in the vocation he elected to follow, and had the satisfaction of realising that he had been the means of conferring many benefits on the public, both as a medical practitioner and as one of the greatest authorities of his time on all matters relating to sanitation. There is only one passage in Bro. GOULD'S record of our deceased brother to which we are disposed to take exception. After enumerating the actual or full members "of the lodge who have quitted this mortal scene," and among whom are included Bros. the Rev. A. F. A. WOODFORD, WILLIAM KELLY and other Masons of distinction, Bro. GOULD proceeds, "another and a greater name has now to be added to the list." We concede that Bro. RICHARDSON as an authority on all matters relating to medical science and sanitation, had a greater name than any of the members of Lodge Quatuor Coronati who predeceased him, but it is as a Mason, not as a man of science, that we in Masonry must regard the career of Bro. RICHARDSON, and in that character he was a very long way behind the late Bros. WOODFORD, KELLY, FINLAYSON, and WHYMPER. These, and especially Bro. WOODFORD, did splendid work for our Craft, with which nothing that the late Bro. RICHARDSON did can for one moment be suffered to compare.

The paper by Bro. G. W. SPETH, entitled—"Free and Free-

masonry; a Tentative Enquiry," which was also read at the January meeting, is most interesting, and the theory propounded by the author is well worth considering. It is, as he says, very far from being proved, but we agree with him that "it is a fairly reasonable one." We most cordially echo the hope expressed by one of those who took part in the discussion which followed the reading of the paper that Bro. SPETH, if he has the leisure, will carry his present "tentative enquiry" a little further. It certainly strikes one as a startling theory to propound, that "Free Masons" were so called because they were "free from, and not free of, trade Guilds and municipal authority."

At the March meeting two papers were read, one by Bro. J. JARVIS RAINEY, P.M. 426, giving an "Account of Shakespeare Lodge, No. 426, from its foundation in 1835 to 1895, and of the old Furniture belonging to it;" and the other by Bro. GUSTAVE JOTTRAND, of Brussels, "On the Antiquity of Lodge 'La Parfaite Union,' at Mons, Belgium." The value of the former lies in the interesting description—accompanied in sundry instances by some very well-drawn illustrations—of the old furniture, &c., belonging to the lodge, which was originally the property of the Shakspeare Lodge, No. 516, meeting at the White Lion Inn, Stratford-on-Avon, which was warranted on the 1st February, 1793, and erased in 1799. When this lodge ceased working, the furniture went to St. John's Lodge, No. 583, "meeting at the 'Talbot,' Henley-in-Arden, which subsequently changed its name to Shakespeare." This lodge was erased in 1837 but, doubtless, had ceased working some years before, as the furniture, we are told, was purchased in November, 1834, some four months before the Shakespeare Lodge, now No. 426, meeting at Spilsby, was founded. From Bro. RAINEY'S account, we should judge that the furniture is, as Bro. RAINEY describes it, "very unique and interesting." Appended to the account of the lodge and its furniture is the song composed and sung at the dedication of the Shakspeare Lodge, No. 516, which originally owned the furniture, and was constituted at Stratford-on-Avon on 4th June, 1793. As regards Bro. JOTTRAND'S paper, the weight of evidence is decidedly against there having been a lodge at Mons constituted in 1721, and in the discussion which followed, and in which Bro. SPETH, GOULD, CHETWODE CRAWLEY, and others took part, this point was, we think, made sufficiently clear.

The other contents of this Part I. comprise Reviews, Notes and Queries, "A Russian Masonic Anecdote," contributed by Bro. SPETH, Obituary, &c., &c., the whole constituting, with the papers and minutes of proceedings, a most interesting number.

#### FREEMASONRY IN WHITBY.

Bro. the Rev. E. Fox-Thomas, P.M., &c., has written a most interesting History of Freemasonry in Whitby from 1764 to 1897, especially in relation to the Centenary of the Lion Lodge, No. 312, which is to be celebrated under the wing of the Provincial Grand Lodge on the 15th July, and was started on the 14th January, 1797.

The handsome little book is a credit to author and publishers, and, being issued at such a reasonable sum (*three shillings and sixpence*), bids fair to be soon out of print. It is dedicated, by special permission, to the Marquess of Zetland, the esteemed Prov. Grand Master of North and East Yorkshire, by the Rev. Egbert Fox-Thomas, P.M. 312, P. Prov. G. Chaplain, and assuredly the brochure will be much in request at the Prov. Grand Lodge.

The author devotes a few pages to an admirable sketch of Freemasonry in earlier days, and then introduces the "Golden Lion" of "Ancient" origin, A.D. 1764, of which the seal remains as a witness of its labours, and is carefully reproduced. Then follows the "Britannic" Lodge of "Modern" establishment, A.D. 1772, of which many particulars are given, and then the full history is printed of the present "Lion" Lodge from 1797. The clearance certificate plate of early this century makes a handsome illustration, with the choice seal to imitate wax, and so also does another plate of the form of summons used about the same period, with the two shields of the Masons' Arms and those of the Grand Chapter, for the Lodge No. 312 (present number)

and the Chapter No. 32, warranted in 1783 and still on the Register as No. 312.

There are several curious and interesting details as to the Craft during the period, the author having been diligent in his search for suitable materials, and the volume is one that should be welcomed by many brethren beyond the confines of Whitby or the Province.

I have written an Introduction for the Book because it seems to me all such efforts should be encouraged as much as possible, and I congratulate my friend on his *début* as a Masonic Lodge Historian. Copies may be had from Bro. George Kenning's well-known establishment at Great Queen-street.

W. J. HUGHAN.

PROVINCIAL GRAND LODGE OF BERKSHIRE.

For the first time in the history of Freemasonry in Berkshire, the annual Provincial Grand Lodge was held in the town of Wokingham on Tuesday, the 6th inst, under the auspices of the Downshire Lodge, No. 2437, founded in 1892, of which Bro. H. G. Powell is Worshipful Master. The local brethren had done their utmost to give a cordial and hospitable reception to the Provincial Grand Lodge, and it was gratifying to find an unusually numerous attendance, including—

Bros. J. T. Morland, D.P.G.M. (in charge); W. Ferguson, Mayor of Reading; G. T. Phillips, Mayor of Wokingham; the Rev. Canon Garry, the Rev. P. H. Ditchfield, the Rev. A. T. Morland, the Rev. F. F. Penruddock, the Rev. J. L. Turbutt, G. H. Morland, W. J. Maurice, C. E. Keyser, C. Stephens, F. Kedge, J. W. Martin, Prov. G. Sec.; E. W. Ridley, J. J. Gale, C. Batting, Lieut.-Col. E. Molyneux, J. Kick, W. Bonny, T. R. Barnby, W. Hemmings, J. O. Carter, R. C. Mount, E. Margrett, H. Creed, S. Knight, G. H. Powell, A. H. Simpson, M. Wheeler, W. Fenton, C. W. Cox, W. Hickie, Willing, C. D. Hume, F. Morford, F. Hunt, A. C. Higerty, W. G. Flanagan, E. W. Allen, George J. Cosburn, C. F. Dyson, J. Greenaway, C. Slaughter, F. A. Wells, F. J. Lawes, R. J. Bull, E. Prince, T. Page, W. W. Ridley, James Terry, P.G.S.B., Sec. R.M.B.I.; J. M. McLeod, P.G.S.B., Sec. R.M.I.B.; J. E. Bowen, Prov. G. Sec. Bucks; F. E. Hedges, F. Purkiss, F. W. Buxton, Capt. E. S. Heard, J. R. F. Hutson, A. G. Boutcher, John Cox, H. D'o. W. Astley, W. Tucker, F. King, D. N. Heron, E. H. Simmons, A. C. Layton, S. Budgen, Tunbridge, W. B. Reed, C. J. Cave, T. Sawyer, E. Ifould, J. F. Stevens, C. E. Paterson, A. Tupman, E. Caldecott, W. White, T. Rowland Kent, W. J. Davis, W. G. Craig, J. M. Jones, T. Pettit, G. Mitchell, S. Smith, A. Clarke, F. D. Backhouse, A. J. Lawrence, A. Shepherd, T. E. Robertson, W. W. Floyer, A. J. Dalton, J. Tegg, G. W. Fortescue, C. S. Brown, R. M. Lennan, T. Wilfrid Kearton, Percy Coward, J. B. Mills, J. B. Pratt, D. Amos, S. M. Boyle, J. H. Brooks, A. Werrell, J. May, J. Headington, W. L. Rose, J. S. Taverner, W. Truman, T. M. Bowles, F. J. C. Forss, H. T. Holme, A. E. Sandbach, Ryman Hall, W. J. P. Ridgeway, F. W. Lay, F. Hawkins, and many others.

After light refreshments, provided by the Downshire Lodge, had been partaken of, the brethren adjourned to the Town Hall, which had been admirably furnished and decorated.

The Provincial Grand Lodge was opened by Bro. J. T. Morland, the Deputy P.G.M., and the ordinary business was proceeded with.

Bro. MARTIN, P.G. Sec., called over the roll of the lodges in the province, when it appeared that the whole of them were represented, and most of the Prov. Grand Officers, who have held office during the past year, were also present. The minutes of the Provincial Grand Lodge, held at Abingdon, were duly confirmed. The annual report of the Prov. Grand Secretary upon the state of the lodges in the province was of a satisfactory character, indicating steady progress. From the statistics furnished it appeared that the membership of the lodges in this county numbered 636, of whom no less than 184 were Past Masters, and had consequently presided over their respective lodges for one or more years. During the past 12 months 98 regular lodges and seven lodges of emergency had been held, and in the same period 24 brethren had joined the various lodges, while 41 had been initiated. The Prov. Grand Secretary announced that he had received apologies for non-attendance from a number of distinguished Masons, including Bros. W. W. B. Beach, M.P., C. T. Murdoch, M.P., R. Eve, Rev. J. S. Brownrigg, E. Letchworth, Grand Sec., S. G. Kirchhoffer, C. Belton, and others.

The report as to the financial condition of the province, including the Charity Fund, showed a substantial balance in hand, and it was unanimously adopted, on the proposal of Bro. J. O. CARTER, seconded by Bro. BONNY.

Bro. MARGRETT, Secretary to the Provincial Charity Committee, then presented an interesting report, which showed that the labours of the Charity Committee had been attended during the past year with record success, the whole of the candidates nominated for the great Masonic Institutions having been elected. The Committee mentioned that very satisfactory reports had been received from the Boys' and Girls' Schools in reference to the progress being made by the children elected from this province. They acknowledged with gratitude the generous assistance given by Bro. Keyser, of Aldermaston Park, with votes in each of the cases promoted by the Committee. The report also referred to the decease of the widow of Bro. Deller, formerly of Newbury, who had been in receipt of half of her late husband's pension. During the past year the brethren of this province had subscribed upwards of £800 towards the funds of the three Masonic Charitable Institutions—the Boys' and Girls' School and the Benevolent Institution.

In moving the adoption of the report, Bro. Canon GARRY said that as each successive year passed by he became more and more impressed with the importance and value of the Masonic Order as a great and noble Charitable Institution. The good work now being done in this direction was largely due to the wonderful way in which the arrangements were organised and carried out by the Provincial Charity Committee. (Applause.)

Bro. GREENAWAY seconded the motion, which was unanimously adopted.

The D.P.G.M. said he specially desired to impress on the younger

brethren the advantage derived by sending their votes to the Charity Committee, who during the past year had taken up three cases, each of which they had carried on the first attempt. If, on the other hand, the brethren had gone to work in behalf of different cases, separately and independently, their votes would have been more or less wasted, and they might not have carried a single case.

Bro. CREED then referred in eulogistic terms to the valuable services rendered by Bro. Margrett, and proposed his nomination for re-election as the representative of that province on the Board of the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys.

Bro. G. H. MORLAND, Prov. S.G.W., fully endorsed all that Bro. Creed had said, and seconded the proposal, which was unanimously agreed to.

Bro. CHARLES STEPHENS, P.G. Treas., proposed the appointment of the D.P.G.M. as Steward for the Centenary Festival of the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys, and that the sum of 25 guineas be voted for the Institution. (Applause.)

Bro. STEPHEN KNIGHT seconded the motion.

Bro. KEYSER, who is Treasurer of the School, submitted an amendment to the effect that the sum should be 50 guineas.

The amendment having been accepted by Bros. Stephens and Knight, the larger amount was voted.

The D.P.G.M. thanked the brethren for the honour they had done him, and assured them it would give him great pleasure to represent the province on the interesting occasion in question.

Bro. KEYSER said he regarded it as a privilege and honour to be asked to propose the re-election of Bro. Charles Stephens as Prov. G. Treasurer. (Applause.) It was a matter of great satisfaction to all the brethren to know that Bro. Stephens's health had improved, and that he had been able to join them at that gathering. (Hear, hear.) Bro. Stephens had served the province as Treasurer for many years, and was held in high esteem. (Applause.)

Bro. MOUNT seconded the proposal, which was unanimously adopted.

Bro. STEPHENS suitably acknowledged the compliment, expressing his hope that, inasmuch as he was enjoying improved health, he would be able to do something more for the good of Masonry. (Applause.)

The D.P.G.M. then appointed and invested the Prov. G. Officers for the ensuing year, and took the opportunity of publicly congratulating the P.G. Secretary (Bro. Martin) upon the honour recently conferred upon him by H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, M.W.G. Master, at the Albert Hall Meeting.

Bro. Morland's remarks were endorsed by the hearty applause of the brethren.

The provincial appointments were as follows:

Bro. C. E. Keyser, W.M. 414 and P.M. 574	...	Prov. S.G.W.
" C. Slaughter, P.M. 1101	...	Prov. J.G.W.
" Rev. P. H. Ditchfield, Chap. 2437...	...	} Prov. G. Chaps.
" Rev. J. L. Turbutt, Chap. 574	...	
" Charles Stephens, P.M. 414 (elected)	...	Prov. G. Treas.
" F. E. Hedges, P.M. 1887	...	Prov. G. Reg.
" J. W. Martin, P.M. 414	...	Prov. G. Sec.
" F. Purkiss, P.M. 209 720 and 742...	...	Prov. S.G.D.
" H. G. Powell, W.M. 2437	...	Prov. J.G.D.
" F. W. Buxton, P.M. 2460 and 1891	...	Prov. G.S. of W.
" T. Page, P.M. 771	...	Prov. G.D.C.
" J. F. Simpson, W.M. 1566	...	Prov. A.G.D.C.
" Captain E. S. Herd, W.M. 1899	...	Prov. G.S.B.
" J. R. F. Hutson, P.M. 1770	...	} Prov. G. Std. Brs.
" A. G. Boutcher, P.M. 2228	...	
" G. T. Phillips, Org. 2437	...	Prov. G. Org.
" H. D'o W. Astley, W.M. 574	...	Prov. A.G. Sec.
" W. Tucker, P.M. 795	...	Prov. G. Purst.
" T. R. Barnby, P.M. 945	...	Prov. A.G. Purst.
" W. Bonny, P.M. 414 (re-appointed)	...	} Prov. G. Stwds.
" F. King, W.M. 209	...	
" D. N. Heron, 2437 and 1101	...	
" W. B. Reed, 1101	...	
" E. H. Simmons, 2043	...	...

The D.P.G.M. then invested Bros. C. Spackman, P.M. 1770, Joseph Howard, 574, and G. F. Slade, P.M. 1887, with the Provincial Charity Jewel; C. E. Keyser, W.M. 414 and P.M. 574, Capt. A. Tupman, P.M. 414, E. Margrett, W.M. 1101, and E. W. Buxton, P.M. 2460, with the Charity Bar; and E. Margrett, W.M. 1101, H. Creed, P.M. 2437, and Rev. John Stewart, P.M. 414, with the Tri-coloured Ribbon.

A banquet was afterwards held at the Drill Hall, at which the D.P.G.M. presided.

The usual toasts followed.

PROVINCIAL GRAND LODGE OF BUCKINGHAMSHIRE.

The above Provincial Grand Lodge was held at the Masonic Hall, High Wycombe, on the 8th inst., when there was a large attendance of brethren. Amongst those present were—

Bros. Lord Addington, Prov. G.M.; Rev. J. S. Brownrigg, Dep. P.G.M.; C. E. Keyser, P.G.D.; James Stephens, D.G.D.C., Prov. S.G.W.; J. J. Thomas, P.G.S.B.; Rev. E. M. Grace, P.G.C.; J. E. Bowen, P.A.G.D.C., Prov. G. Sec.; J. Hubbard, Prov. G.S. of W.; J. W. Burgess, P.P.G.D.; W. Lane; J. D. F. Tower, P.P.G.D.; E. L. Berry, Prov. G. Stwd.; J. Williams, P.P.G. Treas.; Rutland, P.M. (Mayor of Wycombe); J. J. Simcox, P.P.G. Org.; Murdoch, M.P.; W. Carlile, M.P.; T. Jones, P.G.D., D.D.G.M. Bengal; and many others.

The Provincial Grand Lodge was opened, the P.G.M. saluted, and the minutes read and confirmed.

The report of the Charity Committee, which was adopted, showed about 2000 votes owing, which had been borrowed to secure the election of a widow to the R.M.B.I.

Bro. Rev. E. GRACE, P.G. C., proposed Bro. J. J. Simcox, W.M., P.P. G. Org., for the office of P.G. Treasurer, and referred to his Masonic services during the past 10 years.

Bro. J. W. BURGESS, P.P.G.D., proposed Bro. Hubbard, Prov. G.S. of W., and said that North and South Bucks having supplied a P.G. Treasurer, he thought it was now the turn of Mid-Bucks.

A ballot was then taken, and the Scrutineers retired to count the votes.

The Prov. Grand Master appointed and invested the following Prov. G. Officers:

Bro. Carlile, M.P.	...	...	Prov. S.G.W.
" J. Hattersley	...	...	Prov. J.G.W.
" Rev. F. G. Kiddle	...	...	} Prov. G. Chaps.
" C. E. Roberts	...	...	
" Beachcroft	...	...	Prov. G. Reg.
" J. E. Bowen	...	...	Prov. G. Sec.
" Hambling	...	...	Prov. S.G.D.
" A. E. Billing	...	...	Prov. J.G.D.
" E. L. Berry	...	...	Prov. G.S. Wks.
" Attwood	...	...	Prov. G.D.C.
" Le Gros	...	...	Prov. A.G.D.C.
" Reader	...	...	Prov. G.S.B.
" Calladine	...	...	} Prov. G. Std. Brs.
" Pulman	...	...	
" Hobbs	...	...	Prov. A.G. Sec.
" E. W. Hattersley	...	...	Prov. G. Org.
" Hobson	...	...	Prov. G. Purst.
" Ball	...	...	Prov. A.G. Purst.
" Sherwin	...	...	} Prov. G. Stwds.
" Fry	...	...	
" Clark	...	...	
" Pritchard	...	...	
" Holland	...	...	
" Battey	...	...	

The PROV. G. MASTER announced that Bro. Hubbard had secured 46 votes for Prov. G. Treasurer and Bro. Simcox 30 votes, and invested the former with the collar of the office.

Bro. HUBBARD, Prov. G. Treas., returned thanks for his election, and said he hoped to give satisfaction to the province.

The Audit Committee was re-elected, and Charity jewels and bars were presented to those entitled, including Bros. Stephens, Sherwin, J. J. Thomas, R. B. Wright, Simcox, and Taylor.

The DEP. PROV. G. MASTER referred to the appointment of the Prov. G. Sec., Bro. Bowen, as a Past Grand Officer, and proposed that the full-dress clothing should be presented to him in token of his arduous and successful labours in bringing the province to its present state. Amongst the Jubilee honours conferred none would be more deserved or more generally welcomed.

Bro. J. W. BURGESS, P.P.G.D., seconded the proposition, which was unanimously carried.

Bro. J. E. BOWEN, P.A.G.D.C., Prov. G. Sec., in returning thanks, said he had been Prov. G. Sec. for six years, and had not expected to be honoured with the Grand Lodge honours. The circumstances surrounding the presentation enhanced the pleasure of receiving it.

Letters of regret for non-attendance were announced from Bros. Lewis Morgan, P.G.D.; Viscount Dungarvan, Prov. G.M. Somerset; Vassar Smith, P.G.D.; Earl Carrington, J. L. Wilkinson, and J. Martin, P.A.G.D.C.

Bro. JAS. STEPHENS, Dep. G.D.C., referred to the fact that Bucks as a province had done very little for the Masonic Charities, and as there was a balance in hand of £140, and the Centenary Festival of the Boys' School would take place before their next meeting, he proposed that a sum of 20 guineas should be voted.

Bro. J. J. THOMAS, P.G.S.B., seconded the motion, which was unanimously carried.

Provincial Grand Lodge was then closed.

A banquet was subsequently held under the presidency of the Provincial Grand Master.

The first toasts proposed by the P.G.M. were "The Queen and the Craft" and "H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, M.W.G.M."

In giving "The Grand Officers," the P.G.M. referred to the presence of Bro. Keyser, P.G.D., who had a claim upon all their hearts for his unbounded Charity.

Bro. C. E. KEYSER, P.G.D., said the Prov. Grand Master had set an example of brevity, and he would not trespass on that excellent rule. It would not be necessary to dilate upon the excellent qualities of the Prov. Grand Master and Deputy Grand Master, both of whom were so well known. One of his most pleasant duties in responding to the rest of the Grand Officers was to remind the little Province of Bucks that the roll of Grand Officers had been increased by four in the present year. There were Bros. J. J. Thomas and Jas. Stephens, both pattern Masons, who had done good working in the Craft and the Charities. There was also Bro. H. N. Price—who was not present that day—and last, but certainly not least, the Prov. Grand Secretary, Bro. Bowen, whose Masonic virtues must be measured by his personal stature. No appointment was more popular than that of Bro. Bowen to Jubilee Grand honours, whilst in the sister Province of Berks the same might be said of Bro. J. W. Martin, the Prov. Grand Secretary. When Bucks and Berks were separated there were grave doubts expressed as to whether they could stand alone, but there were hardly any provinces which could compare more favourably. He returned thanks for the kind way in which the toast had been proposed and received.

Bro. Rev. J. S. BROWNIGG, Dep. Prov. G.M., then rose and said it was obvious what his duty was. He was getting to be an old man and his certificate told him that it was 37 years ago since he was initiated. During those years he had known a great many Prov. Grand Masters, not merely in Bucks but in other provinces, but he had never known a Prov. Grand Master do his work so thoroughly as the present Prov. Grand Master of Bucks. Lord Addington was not merely an ornamental figure head but was interested in all their work. He gave them "The Health of the R.W. Prov. Grand Master."

Bro. Lord ADDINGTON, Prov. G.M., in response, said that when his health was proposed he returned thanks on behalf of the province. The strength of a Prov. Grand Master was the loyalty of the members, and if he was able to follow Lord Carrington it was because he had succeeded to the great traditions of this hard working county. It was with pride that in the old town of Wycombe he had to thank them for drinking his health as Provincial Grand Master. Before he sat down he would ask them to drink to the health of a most distinguished citizen of Wycombe—the Mayor—

whose health it was a peculiar pleasure to propose. History told them that in the old days the world was always fighting about the chair. The chair of St. Peter's made many wars in old days. Wycombe found a seat for a man who made a great statesman, the man who first thought out the Empire of India—Mr. Disraeli—and now it found thousands of chairs for all the world.

Bro. RUTLAND, P.M. (Mayor of Wycombe), said that in his short experience he had met many surprise packets, but that night he had the surprise of his life. He was most delighted to take his seat in Prov. Grand Lodge and witness the working, and also most pleased to take his seat at the centre banqueting table, but a great honour was done him in asking him to the top table. An additional honour had now been done him by proposing that toast, and words failed him to adequately convey his appreciation. There was an old borough of great importance in the country. The P.G.M. had been pleased to refer to the late Lord Beaconsfield whose memory was honoured in Wycombe which furnished him with his first chair and which chair was now owned by their host, Bro. Bowden. They did not make seats for citizens, but for nations and peoples, but in nothing did they excel in more than in the true spirit of Masonry. They were proud of the company of the Prov. G.M. that day and hoped he had been pleased and would come again. He trusted that when the Prov. G.M. did visit them again the mayor would be one of themselves and would feel as highly honoured in responding to the toast as he had been that day.

Bro. J. J. THOMAS, P.G.S.B., said the Prov. G.M. had entrusted him with an important toast which had taken him by surprise. The toast they would all welcome with acclamation was "The Dep. Prov. G.M." Bro. Brownrigg was so well-known for the great interest he took in the province and the various lodges. If the brethren had anything to ask they had only to apply to the Dep. Prov. G.M. and his ever ready response contained the desired assistance and information. Long might he live to hold his distinguished position and enjoy the company of the Bucks brethren.

Bro. the Rev. J. S. BROWNIGG, Dep. Prov. G.M., in response, said there was no brother he would more gladly thank for proposing the toast than Bro. Thomas. The Deputy Prov. G.M. had extremely difficult work to do, for it was all the disagreeable work of the province. He had never shirked his work, which was to have as little friction as possible. He was often called upon to decide some point of law, and was, in fact, the attorney-general of the province. He always tried to decide at once and then stuck to his opinion, and he ventured to think that was an English quality for which they would pardon him.

The PROV. G.M. next proposed "The Visitors," and read a letter from Bro. W. Long, M.P., expressing regret. He coupled the names of Bro. T. Jones, P.G.D.—who belonged to that rare class of Englishmen who had endeavoured to make English law intelligible to the people of India—and Bro. Murdock, M.P. for Reading.

Bro. T. JONES, P.G.D., P.D.D.G.M. Bengal, responded, and said that was his first visit to a Provincial Grand Lodge in England, as for over 40 years his duties had been carried on under the District Grand Lodge of Bengal. But Provincial and District, he said, were very much alike, particularly Buckinghamshire and Bengal. The meaning underlying that observation was patent, for, however distant the great centres of Masonic jurisdiction might be, the atmosphere of Masonry was all pervading one, and the same everywhere. Referring to the observations made by the Provincial Grand Master, it had been his (Bro. Jones's) very agreeable endeavour to make Masonry more generally intelligible to the natives. Within the past 20 years the native brethren had increased very greatly in number, and one of the oldest lodges in India was now composed almost entirely of Hindoo brethren, many of them most zealous and devoted to their Masonic studies and duties, while many among the Parsee and Mahomedan communities were equally deserving of commendation. It was his good fortune, during a period of furlough, 17 years ago, to be present at an annual meeting of the Emulation Lodge of Improvement in London. Bro. Fenn presided, and the observations he (Bro. Jones) then made formed the key to the problem how best to utilise and encourage the growing earnestness and ability which characterised the native brethren then rising to prominent positions in Masonry. On his return to India, and with the co-operation of the leading members of the Craft, the Calcutta Emulation Lodge of Improvement was established. For 10 years he had discharged the duties of Preceptor, and the precision of working which now distinguished every one of the lodges was a result which had amply verified the expectation formed by him when Lodge Emulation was started in 1880. As a rule, every W.M., before his first appointment, graduates (so to speak) in the Eastern chair of this lodge of improvement, and it is interesting and gratifying to observe the true spirit of emulation which seems to animate one and all, Europeans and natives alike. Bro. Jones referred to the state of Masonry in India in former times, and said that it had been his privilege to be W.M. of a Calcutta Lodge during the two eventful years of the Indian Mutiny. He was full of hope that in the ensuing winter season he might revisit the scenes of his labours for so many years past. The honour which had been conferred upon him by the M.W. Grand Master would spur him on to renewed exertion, and he hoped he would thus very soon become better known than at present among his brethren at home. He thanked the Prov. Grand Master and brethren for their attention, and for the kindness with which he had been received.

Bro. MURDOCK, M.P., also replied, referring to the fact that in Bucks there was an increase in the number of members, and that the province was taking a distinguished position. In the sister County of Berks they were making considerable progress. In this utilitarian age, when some were wont to scoff at old Institutions, it was a remarkable thing that Masonry had not only held its own, but had increased in a marvellous manner. That was proof that deep down in the hearts of all Masons there was a determination that never should this distinguished Craft languish or die, but that its future should be even more prosperous than its past. He was made a Mason at Malta in 1855, before going to the front in the Crimea, it was considered a good thing too and one of deep importance for young officers to become members of the Craft.

Bro. J. HATTERSLEY, Prov. J.G.W., replied for "The Prov. Grand Officers," after which the PROV. G. MASTER gave "The Prov. Grand Treasurer and Prov. Grand Secretary."

Bro. HUBBARD, Prov. G. Treas., briefly returned thanks, and Bro. BOWEN, Prov. G. Sec., having also replied, proposed "The Wycombe Lodge." He said that all possible arrangements had been made for the convenience of Provincial Grand Lodge and their best thanks were due to Bros. J. J. Simcox and Bliss.

Bros. J. J. SIMON, P.P. G. Org., and BLISS, P.P.G.W., acknowledged the toast, after which the PROV. G. MASTER gave "The Health of the Musical Brethren—Bros. Clapshaw, P.P.G. Org., Percy Coward, Malcolm Boyle, Wilfred Keaton, and Bertram Mills."

Bros. CLAPSHAW and COWARD suitably responded, and the proceedings, which had been of a very pleasant nature, were then closed with the Tyler's toast.

ANOTHER LIST OF LODGES.

To obtain a new list of lodges of last century is a difficult matter, but another has just come into my possession in a volume entitled "The Cheerful Companion; or Songster's Pocket Book." . . . "A new edition, with considerable additions, Particularly the Songs sung at the Public Gardens last Summer. . . . London: Printed for G. Kearsly, No. 1, Ludgate Street, MDCCCLXIX" [1769] "Price 3s. bound."

The list occupies pp. 341-355 inclusive at the end of the volume, and is entitled "An exact List of all the Lodges of Free Masons, under the Authority of the Grand-Master of England, with the Days of Forming in each Month." It is upon the same lines as, and was evidently corrected from, the list published in Scott's Pocket Companion of 1764, the above words in italics (mine), "of Free Masons," being added in this later volume.

The principal variations in the two lists are the following: Under "First Monday" Scott gives "Boar's-head, Eastcheap," which Kearsly omits; the lodge referred to, then No. 82, met at that place on the first and third Mondays; but as Kearsly notes the "Boar's-head, Eastcheap," under the third Monday, the omission under first Monday may have been accidental.

Under the first and third Wednesdays Kearsly has "King's Arms, New Bond Street," which was the place of meeting of the lodge, then No. 7, which altered its days of meeting from the second and last Thursdays to the first and third Wednesdays. Scott gives them correctly on the Thursdays in 1763, but, curiously enough, Kearsly puts the lodge under both second and last Thursdays and the first and third Wednesdays, the latter, of course, being then only correct (1765).

Under "Second Monday" Kearsly gives the "Feathers, Cheapside, late the Mourning Bush," at which latter place the lodge, No. 13, met on the second and fourth Fridays. On going to the Feathers, Cheapside, the days of meeting were, according to the Engraved List of 1765, altered to the second and fourth Mondays. On the same "Second Monday" Scott notes a lodge (which was No. 60), meeting at the "Standard, Leicester fields," in 1763. Kearsly gives it at the "Rainbow, Fleet-street." The Engraved List shows that the lodge met at the latter place in 1764 and 1765.

Under "Second Friday," Kearsly has "The Crown, East Smithfield." This referred to Lodge No. 12, which, according to Scott, met at the "Anchor and Hope Aldgate Ward Coffee House, Leadenhall Street," and is so noted by Kearsly also. The lodge moved to the "Three Crowns, East Smithfield," in 1765, which year I assign as the date of Kearsly's List.

There are numerous typographical errors and peculiarities in Scott that are perpetuated by Kearsly; amongst them is "Su1, Newton Abbot, Dorset," which, of course, should be Devon. Lodge No. 279 Scott places "on Board his Majesty's ship Prince at Plymouth," while Kearsly only says "On Board his Majesty's ship at Plymouth," the fact being that the lodge was removed from the Prince to "H.M.S. Guadaloupe," in 1764.

The contents of the volume are varied, but chiefly consist of amorous and sentimental songs. Its title-page says it contains "The most approved Songs, Odes, Cantatas, &c. in the English Language, Including Love, Pastoral, Hunting, Seafaring, Jovial, and several favourite old Songs; select Airs from Operas, Comedies, and Musical Entertainments: all the favourite Songs, which are sung in the several Lodges of Freemasons, Albions, Antigallicans, Bucks, Choice Spirits, and the principal Societies within the cities and liberties of London and Westminster. A large collection of celebrated Toasts, Sentiments, &c. with a List of the regular Lodges under the authority of the Grand Master of England; also their days of forming in each month. To which are added, Concise Instructions for Singing in Company."

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SUMMER OUTING OF THE LEOPOLD LODGE,  
No. 1571.

Favoured with delightful weather the members of the above lodge, with their ladies and friends, assembled at Paddington on Tuesday, the 6th inst., travelling by the 9.32 Great Western Railway train to Reading, where a commodious steam launch was in readiness to take the party to Great Marlow, consisting of the following: Bro. John Hampson, W.M., and Mrs. Hampson; Bro. H. T. Meadows, I.P.M.; Miss Mortimore; Bro. W. Carey, P.M., Treas.; Bro. E. J. Morgan, P.M., Sec., and Mrs. Morgan; Bro. Arthur Watts, P.M., and Mrs. Watts; Bro. W. T. Johns, P.M.; Bro. F. P. Langford and Mrs. Langford; Bro. C. M. Morris, S.D., and Mrs. Morris; Bro. Percy Leach, J.D.; Bro. George Hall, I.G., Mrs. and Miss Hall; Bro. R. Lee, Stwd., and Mrs. Lee; Bro. C. J. Grove, P.M., Mrs. and Miss Grove; Miss Schulz; Mr. and Mrs. W. Pain; Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Pain; Mr. Briton; Mrs. Jackson; Bro. Eddie and Mrs. Eddie; Bro. Brown and Miss Brown; Mr. and Mrs. L. Rivers; Mr. and Mrs. Gabell; Mrs. Bennett; Mr. and Mrs. Cormack; Mr. Carter; Bro. J. Barnes and Mrs. Barnes; Mr. and Mrs. Anson and Mr. Anson, jun.; Mr. and Mrs. James Durell; Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Durell; Bro. Miller and Mrs. Miller; Mr. and Mrs. Rental; Mrs. Young; Mrs. Simmonds; Bro. Down; Bro. Saunton and Mdlle. A. Chaigneaud; Bro. J. McKenzie and Miss McKenzie; Bro. Stevenson and Mrs. Stevenson; Bro. Brook and Mrs. Brook; Bro. Mumford and Mrs. Mumford; Mr. and Mrs. Lattimer; and others.

Marlow, after a most enjoyable trip, was reached a little after 2 o'clock, the company repairing to the Crown Hotel where dinner was served, the proprietor, Bro. Cole, giving every satisfaction in the catering arrangements.

The toast list, reduced to as small a compass as possible, was subsequently proceeded with. Bro. JOHN HAMPSON, W.M., being heartily greeted on rising to propose "The Queen and the Craft." A warm tribute to the magnificent reign of her Majesty, culminating in the recent jubilee celebrations was paid by the W. M.

to the Sovereign, Bro. Hampson not forgetting to remind the company of the interest the Queen had taken throughout her reign in the Craft as the daughter and mother of eminent Freemasons.

"The Most Worshipful Grand Master, his Royal Highness the Prince of Wales," next claimed attention, the W.M. speaking in high praise of the benefits accrued to the Craft from the Prince of Wales's connection with Freemasonry. Those who, with the W.M., had the pleasure of being present last month at the Royal Albert Hall meeting, on the occasion of the Freemasons' address to the Throne, presided over by the Heir Apparent as Grand Master, would never forget that soul-stirring sight, and he echoed the sentiment of all the company present in hoping that his Royal Highness might long be spared to preside over the Craft with that grace and charm which had distinguished the Prince of Wales's Grand Mastership.

The toast of "The Ladies" was entrusted to Bro. EDMUND J. MORGAN, P.M., Sec., who was glad once again to have the privilege of proposing a toast not very frequently honoured in Freemasonry, but one which he was glad to think was becoming a hardy annual in connection with the Leopold Lodge. The members of that lodge had come to the conclusion that if they could not invite the ladies to their regular lodge meetings, they could at least once a year ask them to participate with them in their ladies' night and summer outing, and thereby add a charm to their proceedings which was sadly wanting at their matter-of-fact and business meetings. It had been said by more than one Mrs. Caudle that Freemasons were too wrapped up in their own pleasures and enjoyments, and were forgetful of the claims of the ladies upon them. That was an unfounded charge, and he appealed to the ladies who had been present at the ladies' nights and summer outings for the past four years to bear him out when he said that they were not unmindful of the duties they owed to those, without whose genial presence life would lose most of its charm. Poets in all ages had sung their praises. Milton, in depicting our first mother Eve, God's best gift to man, had beautifully sung—

"Under His forming hand a creature grew,  
Man-like, but different sex. So lovely fair,  
That what seemed fair in all the world  
Seemed now mean, in her summed up, in her contained,  
And in her looks, which from that time  
Infused sweetness into my heart unfelt before.  
On she came, led by her Heavenly Maker, tho' unseen and guided by His  
voice;  
Grace was in all her steps; Heaven in her eye;  
In every gesture dignity and love."

While, coming to more recent times, Beresford, in expatiating on the qualities of woman, had said—

"There is a bud in life's dark wilderness  
Whose beauties charm, whose fragrance soothes distress;  
There is a beam in Life's o'er clouded sky  
Which gilds the starting tears it cannot dry.  
That flower, that lonely beam, in Eden's grove  
Shed the full sweets and heavenly light of love.  
Alas! that aught so fair, should lead astray  
Man's wavering feet from duty's thornless way.  
Yet lovely woman; yet thy winning smile,  
That caused our cares, can every care beguile;  
And thy soft hand amid the maze of ill,  
Can rear one blissful bower of Eden still.  
Yes, thou hast charms which time may not dispel,  
Whose deathless bloom shall glow where angels dwell;  
Thy pitying tear in joy shall melt away,  
Like morn's bright dew, beneath the solar ray,  
Thy warm and generous faith, thy patience meek,  
Which plants a smile where pain despoils the cheek.  
The balm which nature mingles here below,  
To mitigate the cup of earthly woe;  
These shall remain when sorrow's self is dead,  
When sex decays and passion's stain is fled."

With those beautiful sentiments before them, he (Bro. Morgan) could bespeak a hearty reception to the toast of the ladies, to whom he extended, on behalf of the lodge, a very sincere welcome, and trusted the members of the Leopold Lodge might have the pleasure of their company on many future occasions.

Bro. PERCY LEACH, J.D., in a humorous and felicitous speech, replied for the ladies, acknowledging that they had fully deserved all that had been said by the proposer of the toast. Great poets had sung, were singing, and would sing the praises of the fair sex; but not all their sweet songs half represented the subtle charms of sweet women's influence, and he was proud to be their champion on the present occasion. Although he felt unequal to the task of replying to so important a toast, he felt sure that, while regretting the absence of the ladies from their lodge meetings, barred, unfortunately for them, by the Constitutions of Freemasonry, they, the members of the Leopold Lodge, were, in some measure, compensated in the presence of the ladies on such occasions as these, and if they would only continue the ladies' night or summer outing as a standing function, he could promise, on behalf of the ladies, that much would be forgiven them, and that "Caudle's curtain" would hang but lightly over the domestic scene.

Bro. W. CAREY, P.M., Treas., submitted the toast of "The Secretary of the Outing, Bro. F. P. Langford, S.W.," at the same time paying that brother a high compliment for the admirable arrangements which had been made in connection with the day's outing. Everything had been done to render the reunion a pleasant one, and all present felt indebted to Bro. Langford for the time devoted and trouble taken to ensure such a successful gathering. He sincerely trusted that that would not be the last occasion on which they would similarly meet.

Bro. LANGFORD thanked the company for their kind reception of the toast. He was glad to think that any efforts on his part had conducted to the enjoyment of the outing. He had been assisted by an able Committee, who had rendered him every assistance, and he hoped that the ladies would carry away with them pleasant reminiscences of the day's reunion, which could not fail to have a good effect on the future of the Leopold Lodge.

Last, but not least, "The Worsnipful Master" was given by Bro. H. T. MEADOWS, I.P.M., who spoke in feeling terms of the able manner in which Bro. Hampson had carried out his duties as W.M. Whether in the lodge presiding over its business or as Secretary of the summer outing in 1896, Bro. Hampson was equal to the occasion and the manner in which he had discharged the latter duties had made the task an easier one for his successor.

The toast was very heartily received, Bro. HAMPSON returning thanks to the ladies and gentlemen for coming out in such large numbers to support the second summer outing in connection with the Leopold Lodge.

Mr. "Photographer" having negotiated the company, the return journey to Windsor was most enjoyable, sweet music being discoursed by the Misses Grove and Brown, Bros. Brown, Barnes, Eddie, Johns, and Mr. Lattimer. Apropos of the jubilee the party heartily joined in the National Anthem under the shadow of the castle.

Thus ended a day long to be remembered, the thanks of those present being tendered to the Committee consisting of Bros. Hampson, W.M.; Meadows, I.P.M.; Carey, P.M., Treas.; Morgan, P.M., Sec.; Watts, P.M.; Langford, J.W.; Morris, S.D.; Leach, J.D.; Hall, I.G.; Lee, Stwd.; and Down.

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SATURDAY, JULY 17, 1897.

**Masonic Notes.**

We beg to remind our Middlesex brethren that the annual meeting of their Provincial Grand Lodge will be held at the Public Hall, Harrow-on-the-Hill, tomorrow (Saturday) under the presidency of R.W. Bro. Lord George Hamilton, M.P., Secretary of State for India, Prov. G. Master.

We have much pleasure in announcing that a service for Freemasons, with a view to celebrating the Queen's Diamond Jubilee, will be held—by permission of Bro. the Rev. W. H. Langhorne, Vicar of Walthamstow, Chaplain Shurmur Lodge, No. 2374—at the Parish Church, St. Mary's, Walthamstow, on Sunday, the 18th instant, at 3.30 p.m. Bro. the Venerable Archdeacon Stevens, M.A., Past G. Chaplain, will deliver an oration on the "Principles of Freemasonry." Dispensations have been obtained for the brethren to appear in Craft and Royal Arch clothing, and brethren intending to be present are requested to assemble in the Ancient Grammar School on the north side of the Churchyard at 3 p.m., in order that the procession may be formed at 3.15 p.m. precisely. The offertory will be devoted to the Church Dilapidation Fund, and it has been arranged that each member of the Committee shall contribute 5s. towards defraying the necessary expenses, and in the event of the sum thus raised exceeding the expenditure the surplus will be added to the offertory. Ladies and non-Masons will be admitted by tickets, obtainable only of the members of the Committee. Bro. W. Shurmur, P.M. 2374, Past Grand Std. Br., Churchwarden of St. Mary's, is President of the Committee, and Bros. W. Gower, P.M. 2472; James Clark, W.M. 2472; John R. Carter, 2374; S. Herbert, Sec. 2472; and W. W. Cook, P.M. 59, are the Honorary Secretaries.

We have received announcement of the death of Bro. Anthony E. Stocker, M.D., Deputy for the District of Pennsylvania in the Supreme Grand Council, 33, of the Northern Jurisdiction of the U.S.A. Bro. Stocker was in his 79th year, having been born in Philadelphia on 5th March, 1819, and died on the 23rd May last. He was a surgeon of great eminence in his profession, and during the Civil War served with the army of the North under General Meade, being seriously wounded at the battle of City Cross Roads. He was made a Mason in Franklin Lodge, No. 134, on the 9th June, 1847, presided as W.M. in 1851, and at the time of his death was its senior P.M. as well as senior P.H.P. Philadelphia Chapter, No. 109, and senior P.E.C. of Philadelphia Commandery, No. 2, K.T. He was also senior Past G. Commander of Pennsylvania and the second oldest member of Supreme Council, 33. His funeral, which took place on the 26th May, was very numerously attended by representatives of the several Masonic bodies with which Bro. Stocker was connected.

From the report we publish elsewhere of the recent annual meeting, at Wokingham, of the Provincial G. Lodge of Berkshire, it appears that the number of subscribing members on the rolls of the several lodges is 636, of whom as many as 184 are Past Masters. As there are 15 lodges on the Provincial roll, this gives a fair average membership of rather more than 42 per lodge, with over 12 Past Masters to each. But the point that strikes us most is that this small Province of Berkshire, with its 15 lodges and 636 subscribing members, should year after year figure so prominently in our Festival Returns.

Thus, in our Analysis of the Returns at the recent Boys' School Festival, we mentioned that during the present year Berkshire had contributed £455 3s. 6d. to the Benevolent Institution in February; £194 5s. to the Girls' School in May; and £176 8s. to the Boys' School on the 30th ult.; altogether £825 16s. 6d. Last year it raised £1010 19s. 6d.; in 1895, £939 16s. 6d.; in 1894, £583 13s. 6d.; in 1893, £724 7s.; in 1892, £954 11s. 6d.; and in 1891, when it had only just been created a Province, £385 1s. That is to say, during the brief period of seven years which has elapsed since it was separated from Buckinghamshire and organised as a Province by itself, it has raised for our three Institutions the very large sum of £5423 15s. 6d., or, on an average, £774 16s. 6d. per year.

We always studiously avoid instituting anything in the nature of a comparison between what one Province or lodge does for our Charities and what other Provinces or lodges do. We desire to credit all of them with the same loyalty and devotion to the principles of Freemasonry, and the same desire to support its Institutions; but we know that all are not equally gifted with the means to carry out their wishes. But such a series of contributions, maintained regularly through a period of years, is most honourable to our Berkshire brethren, and would be, indeed, most honourable to them if they were twice as numerous as they are; and if we ask ourselves how such a series is maintained; how a Province with only 636 members on its roll goes on year after year subscribing at the rate of more than one guinea per member, we can only suggest, as an explanation, that Berkshire must be a particularly well-organised Province, and must include among its members several brethren of great influence, who are keenly desirous of doing everything in their power to promote the truest and best interests of the Craft. We are pleased to have had this opportunity of expressing our views upon Berkshire Freemasonry

The annual meeting of the Provincial Grand Lodge of Hertfordshire will be held, at the invitation of the Gladsmuir Lodge, No. 1385, at the Red Lion Hotel, High Barnet, on Tuesday, the 20th inst., at 3.45 p.m. precisely, when the usual business will be transacted, and among other grants one of 50 guineas will be proposed to be made to the funds of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution. The customary banquet is set down for 5.30 p.m.

The Grand Lodge of Canada (Province of Ontario) will hold its 42nd annual communication in the City of Brantford on Wednesday, the 21st instant. We understand from the *Canadian Craftsman* that for once in his career the respected Grand Secretary, Bro. J. J. Mason, will be an absentee, our worthy brother being in charge of the team which is competing at the meeting at Bisley of the National Rifle Association.

## Reviews.

"HISTORY OF THE LODGE OF HENGIST, No. 195, BOURNEMOUTH." — Numerous Illustrations and Appendices. By C. J. Whitting, W.M. of the Lodge, and J. of the Chapter. Printed by the authority of the Prov. Grand Master of Hants and the Isle of Wight, (Rt. Wor. Bro. W.W. B. Beach, M.P.), and the Lodge. Price Ten shillings nett. Bournemouth: W. Mate and Sons, London: George Kenning, 16, Great Queen-street. 1897.

There are not many lodges that can boast of such a history, so ably and carefully compiled, so well illustrated, and so admirably printed and appointed as that which Bro. C. J. Whitting has written of the Hengist Lodge, No. 195, Bournemouth. The lodge, too, has a history which is worthy of being recorded. Not only is it an old lodge, dating from the 23rd November, 1779, but it has numbered among its members most of the local worthies, firstly, of Christchurch, where it was constituted and met till the year 1851, and since then, of Bournemouth, which is still its *habitat*, and where, we trust, it will long continue to flourish. Not a few of these members have won fame in Freemasonry, a fame that has extended beyond the precincts of the lodge into the Province of Hampshire and the Isle of Wight, of which it is a constituent body, and in certain instances from the Province into the jurisdiction, generally, of which the United Grand Lodge of England is the central and Supreme authority. It has had its vicissitudes of fortune—what lodge that has existed for so long a period has not?—but there would always seem to have been one or more brethren, by whose tact and judgment it was enabled to tide over its difficulties. We are glad to have become acquainted, through the medium of Bro. Whitting's interesting book, with the detailed history of the Hengist Lodge, not only because he has narrated in due chronological order the events worth narrating that have occurred during its existence, but also because he has introduced into his history so much concerning the personality of the leading actors in his story.



Bro. Whitting prefaces his record of the Hengist Lodge with a brief, but sufficient sketch of Masonry from the foundation of our Grand Lodge in 1717, supplying such additional particulars as enable the reader to understand clearly the condition of the Craft during the latter half of last, and the early years of the present, century. Then, in his second chapter, under the title of "Weighing Anchor," he tells us when and how the Hengist Lodge was started, and by whom, the story being doubly interesting, from the personal details he has gathered from many and various sources concerning the brethren to whom we are indebted for the foundation of the lodge. These founders were 10 in number, and seem to have been for the most part men of influence in Christchurch and its neighbourhood, but Bro. Henry Dagge, the first W. Master was a very distinguished brother, W.M. of Lodge No. 2, "Moderns"—now Royal Somerset House and Inverness Lodge, No. 4—Grand Steward in 1770; J.G. Warden in 1774; in which capacity he was present at the laying of the foundation-stone of Freemasons' Hall by Lord Petre, G.M., as recorded on the stone itself; and S.G.W. in 1778. He was also a subscriber of £50 to the Freemasons' Tontine in 1775; and subscribed £25 to the Hall Loan in 1779; while it was he who at the election of H.R.H. the Duke of Cumberland, as G. Master, in 1782, proposed that when a Prince of the Blood was chosen G.M. he should enjoy the privilege of appointing a Peer of the realm as a Acting, or as we call it now, a Pro G. Master. He was also Deputy P.G.M. of Hampshire under Lord Charles Montague from 1776 to 1781, so that the lodge could hardly have started under more favourable auspices. The first S.W., Bro. Edmund Perkins, who was initiated on the 26th November, 1770, the day on which the lodge held its first meeting, came of an old Hampshire family, while the first J.W., Bro. Thomas Jeans, who was initiated in Lodge Amity, Poole, in 1768, was a landowner in the neighbourhood, and the first of a series of Jeanses who appear to have done good service to the Hengist Lodge, the most prominent among them being a Thomas Jeans, his nephew, who was W.M. for 15 years between 1786 and 1800. Among other founders and early initiates, or joining members, were Bros. Thomas Mitchell, a brewer, who was five times W.M.; Thomas Mews, a cordwainer and six times Mayor of Christchurch between 1754 and 1775; a man of such enormous bulk that when he died the front wall of his house had to be taken down in order that the coffin might be removed from his bedroom to the street below; the Rev. Jas. Talman, whom Dunckerley appointed Prov. S.G.W. in 1766; Jas. F. Perkins, who afterwards became a General and when a lieutenant in the Royal Marines fought a duel across a table with a messmate, then a midshipman, but afterwards Admiral Sir James Wallace; and the Rev. W. Jackson, B.A., Oxon, who succeeded Talman as Vicar of Christchurch. The original warrant bearing the signatures of James Heseltine as Grand Master, and Thomas Dunckerley as Prov. G. Master, is still carefully preserved, but the earliest minute book to 1774 is wanting, the first recorded meeting being dated 27th December, 1774, which Bro. Whitting has had reproduced in facsimile. The minutes following this, however, contain many references to persons and events during the brief unrecorded period, so that the story of the lodge may be said to be virtually, if not actually, continuous.

It is not necessary that we should follow Bro. Whitting through his book. As it is an old lodge, there are many points of practice which must seem strange to the Masons of the present day, and to all these the author is careful to draw attention. It is worth mentioning, however, that there have been three epochs in the career of the lodge, when it stood a very fair chance of being wiped out of existence, namely, in 1798, in 1819, and in 1851, but at each of these epochs an effort was made to revive the fortunes of the lodge and with success. In the first-mentioned case the lodge dwindled to seven members; in the second to four; and in the last to three, it being due to the loyalty of Bro. Samuel Bayley, who remitted to Grand Lodge the dues for himself and two members that the lodge retained its place on the roll of Grand Lodge. In 1851, the last of the three periods of depression came to an end; the lodge removed to Bournemouth and from that time forward has been fortunate enough to maintain and improve its position, so that it has now a roll of 106 subscribers, a prosperous chapter attached to it, and is, moreover, the parent of two most prosperous lodges—the Boscombe Lodge, No. 2158, and the Horsa, No. 2208, which are both located in the immediate neighbourhood, and can boast of at least as good a record as any of the lodges which were established at, or about, the date of their constitution.

We have purposely refrained from dipping to any extent into Bro. Whitting's book for purposes of quotation or illustration because he has acquitted himself so well in his work of compilation and description and has introduced so much in the nature of personal anecdote in connection with the more prominent members of the lodge, that to have done him anything like justice we must have quoted largely, and to have quoted largely would have detracted seriously from the pleasure which, we believe, every one who reads it will derive from a perusal of Bro. Whitting's book. There is nothing of the "dry-as-dust" record about it. On the contrary, there is a great charm about it, owing to the facile manner in which he has introduced into his history all sorts of quaint stories about the events that have occurred in Christchurch or Bournemouth, and the brethren who have flourished during the 127 years he has been in existence. It is a most delightful narrative, such as one does not look for in a lodge history, and we advise those who take pleasure in the study of this branch of Masonic literature to lose no time in procuring a copy of this "History of the Hengist Lodge, No. 195, Bournemouth," by its worthy and respected W. Master.

## GREAT PRIORY OF ENGLAND AND WALES.

The Calendar of the "Great Priory of the United, Religious, and Military Orders of the Temple, and of St. John of Jerusalem, Palestine, Rhodes and Malta, in England and Wales, &c., for 1897-8," is a remarkable and most valuable publication, reflecting great credit on the Great Vice-Chancellor, and is a real boon for the members of the Order.

The minutes of the Great Priory, held in December last, and also on the 14th April, as well as a Special Great Priory convened for the reception of the delegations from the Great Priors of Ireland and Scotland, on the 7th of April, make interesting reading, and should be carefully studied by all brethren who are anxious for the welfare of Knight Templary, several of the Reports being of considerable importance. The very hearty welcome tendered the distinguished Representatives from Ireland and Scotland cannot fail to have a beneficial effect on the Order in the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland; the only regret being that the trio could not have been turned into a quartette owing to the regretted absence of the Great Priory of Canada. The Grand Master and Officers of that Organisation would, for certain, have gladly been present, had time and circumstances permitted, but evidently the meeting had been arranged to suit local fixtures.

The Abstract of Accounts, ending 28th February, 1897, is of a satisfactory character, and as the payments by the preceptories are placed according to an alphabetical arrangement, it is easy for members to trace their several subordinates and remittances during the financial year, as well as note the general receipts and expenditure.

But the real interest and permanent value of the compilation is the roll of Knights Grand Cross (six special and 12 else) and Knights Commander (29), the list of provinces, with the names of each Provincial Prior, Sub-Prior and Chancellor (with addresses of the last two) and all the preceptories connected with each branch; the roll of preceptories in alphabetical order, with their numbers, dates of warrants and centenary warrants and finally the "Preceptories removed from the roll," beginning with the "Observance of Seven Degrees, of 'Immemorial' antiquity, and the Trine, of Bideford, chartered April, 1790, *i.e.*, before the Grand Conclave was formed under Thomas Dunckerley, and ending with the Plantagenet erased in January, 1894.

Then come two compilations involving considerable labour but of great utility, *viz.*, an "Alphabetical list of members," exhibiting the numbers of the Preceptories in which the knights were installed and those they now belong to, and a "Roll of Preceptories according to seniority, with lists of members thereof." It will be readily understood that such a mass of information, historical, official, and personal, cannot fail to render the present Calendar a welcome friend to all zealous Knights Templars, and I hope the many who will consult its pages, will gratefully remember the efficient services of the Great Vice-Chancellor and his staff, as I shall assuredly do.

There are now 119 active preceptories, which have returned some 2,100 members. Five of the preceptories are noted by the capital letters A, B, C, D, and F, of "Immemorial" antiquity, seven others also dating from the last century, and six have obtained centenary charters, enabling the members to wear the coveted distinction accordingly. The numeration begins with the "Antiquity," Bath, as No. 1, and continues consecutively to No. 166 at Burma, save the lapses through removals from the roll. The preceptories with centenary jewel warrants are No. 2, Portsmouth; No. 3, Keighley; No. 4, Huddersfield; No. 5, Manchester; No. 6, London; and No. 7, Ashton-under-Lyne; of 1791-1796.

W. J. HUGHAN.

## CONSECRATION OF THE PLUCKNETT CHAPTER, No. 1708.

The Plucknett Lodge, which for a number of years has been doing good Masonic work in the neighbourhood of Finchley, has now received the necessary addition of a Royal Arch chapter, which was consecrated on the 12th instant, at Woodside Hall, North Finchley. With a strong body of founders, an excellent set of Principals and officers, and a long list of candidates, the chapter has every prospect of a very successful career, and will prove yet another means of perpetuating the name of the worthy and excellent brother after whom both the lodge and chapter are named. The hall was tastefully decorated with flowers and palms kindly lent for the occasion by Bro. W. J. Batho.

The Consecrating Principals were Comps. E. Letchworth, G.S.E.; G. O. Smith, G. Org., as H.; Rev. J. S. Brownrigg, P.G. Chaplain, as J.; F. Richardson, P.A.G.D.C., as D.C.; and J. Stephens, P.G. Std. Br., as S.N.

Founders—Comps. A. W. Thorburn Steer, W. J. Batho, S. A. Graddage, W. J. Boyce, W. J. Janes, J. Grisdale, C. E. Everett, T. H. Palmer, E. Apelt, G. J. Austin, W. Lewis, J. E. Overed, and C. A. Batho.

The visitors were—

Comps. J. J. Thomas, P.G.S.B.; J. Terry, P.G.S.B., Sec. R.M.B.I.; C. F. Hogard, P.G. Std. Br.; W. Vincent, P.A.G.D.C.; D. Cory Wright, 357; J. H. Moggridge, S.N. 1321; J. Brittain, P.Z. 1385; W. Baddeley, S.N. 1385; R. G. Young, 2416; W. Curry, 2353; H. Sadler, G. Janitor; G. S. Collins, 1677; Egbert Roberts, P.M. 1623; W. Wright, P.Z. 1602; C. Strong, 2182; Selwyn Davies, 1623; C. Woodrow; W. W. Lee, I.P.Z. 1524; and others.

After the opening of the chapter, the GRAND SCRIBE E., addressing the companions, explained that they had assembled for the purpose of constituting and consecrating a new Royal Arch chapter, which would hereafter bear the name of the Plucknett Chapter. It was in connection with a lodge which was consecrated some 20 years since and had had a very successful career. He could only hope that that chapter might have before it a career worthy of the lodge and of the worthy and distinguished name it bears—that of a respected colleague of his own, whose name was better known in years gone by than it was at the present moment. Bro. Plucknett was for many years Treasurer of the Boys' School, and was now the sole survivor of the Committee which had under its charge the rebuilding of Freemasons' Hall. He hoped the chapter would have before it a career worthy of that name.

An oration was delivered by Comp. the Rev. J. S. BROWNRIGG, and the chapter was solemnly dedicated and constituted.

Comp. G. J. Austin was installed as M.E.Z.; Comp. W. Lewis, P.Z. 1385, P.P.A.G.S. Herts, as H.; and Comp. E. Apelt, P.Z. 1385, P.A.G.S. Herts, as J.

The following officers were invested: Comps. J. C. Hayes, P.Z., acting I.P.Z.; W. J. Batho, Treas.; J. E. Overed, S.E.; A. A. Yeatman, S.N.; W. J. Janes, P. Soj.; S. A. Graddage, 1st A.S.; J. Grisdale, 2nd A.S.; H. T. Palmer, D.C.; W. J. Boyce and C. A. Batho, Stwds.; and W. B. Edgeley, Janitor.

On the proposition of the M.E.Z., seconded by the H., a cordial vote of thanks was given to the Consecrating Officers, and they were unanimously elected honorary members.

The G.S.E. tendered his warmest thanks for the compliment paid himself and colleagues. He felt that some apology was due for the lame manner in which he took his part in the ceremonies, but he was far from well, and was only present through a sense of duty. He wished the chapter a very prosperous career.

The G.S.E. was presented with a jewel as a souvenir of the occasion, and returned thanks for the gift.

The by-laws were adopted, and several brethren from the Plucknett Lodge were proposed for exaltation, after which the chapter was closed.

The banquet which followed was choice and well-served, and reflected the highest credit on all concerned.

In giving the first toast, "The Queen and Royal Arch Masonry," the M.E.Z. referred to the recent Jubilee festivities and to the expressions of loyalty called forth at home and in the Colonies.

"The Prince of Wales, M.E.G.Z.," was next given, after which "The Grand Officers" was proposed by the M.E.Z. He said the Grand Officers discharged their duties with zeal and ability, and the companions knew their own duty was to submit with cheerfulness to lawfully constituted authority.

Bro. J. J. THOMAS, P.G.S.B., returned sincere thanks for the toast. The distinguished noblemen at the head of the Order were always ready to do all they could for the interests of the Order, either in Grand Lodge or Grand Chapter. The same might be also said of all the other Grand Officers. On his own behalf he thanked them for their kind reception and congratulated Comp. Austin on being the first M.E.Z. of this chapter. The Grand Officers joined in wishing the M.E.Z. a successful year of office and hearty success to the new chapter.

The M.E.Z. then proposed "The Consecrating Officers," and said the companions had had practical experience of the subject matter of the toast. They were extremely sorry the Grand Scribe E. had been obliged to leave through indisposition, but they had two Grand Officers left of good quality. The founders were indebted to the Consecrating Officers for the way in which the chapter had been consecrated, the beautiful ceremony being admirably rendered, and would make a lasting impression upon their minds.

Comp. JAS. STEPHENS, P.G.S.B., said it was very kind of the M.E.Z. to have proposed, and the companions to have received, the toast so heartily. He could not but express his great regret that their esteemed G.S.E. had been obliged to leave through indisposition. He had heard the G.S.E. render the ceremonies on many occasions, but it was evident when he commenced that day that he was not in the state of health they would wish. He was, therefore, forced to leave them, and it was the earnest hope of all present that it was only temporary and of a passing nature. Comp. Letchworth had held his position for some few years, and he ventured to think that not only in regard to Freemasonry, but in any sphere of life, it would be impossible to find one who had so endeared himself to the hearts of all with whom he was associated. The Grand Scribe E. was the acme of kindness and gentleness on every occasion, and the founders who had seen him in reference to the foundation of that chapter had doubtless been received in the most kindly fashion. The G.D.C., Bro. Richardson, was thoroughly *au fait* with the work, and there was no companion living who had been associated as Director of Ceremonies at more consecrations. Speaking for himself, he was in a very proud and honourable position, as that was the first chapter with which he had been associated as a Consecrating Officer. He was delighted beyond measure, and should watch the growth of the Plucknett Chapter and look forward hopefully to a very successful career for it. He thanked them for electing the Consecrating Officers hon. members, and trusted they would be able to give them an occasional call. A duty devolved upon him—as they had no I.P.Z.—which was to propose "The Health of the M.E.Z." He had not had the honour and pleasure of knowing the Most Excellent Z. very long,

but in the transactions they had had together he had found him in every way a very business-like and straightforward man, and this must have been patent to all the P.Zs. who had seen the masterly manner in which Comp. Austin had grasped the position of M.E.Z. From the manner in which their M.E.Z. had conducted the affairs that night and had presided over them, there was no doubt the founders had been wise in their judgment and selection in having the right man in the right place. He (Comp. Stephens) rejoiced in taking part in starting this chapter when he saw such hungry individuals for work as Comps. W. J. Batho, Treas., and Apelt, J. There was the nucleus for a successful chapter, and whilst the same unity prevailed it would progress and be one of which they would all be proud. He asked them to drink "The Health of the M.E.Z."

Comp. C. J. AUSTIN, M.E.Z., replying, said that Providence had ever been kind to him as evidenced that evening in having so able and esteemed a companion as Comp. Stephens to propose the toast of his health. He thanked Comp. Stephens most heartily for the kind wishes expressed towards himself and the chapter. He also thanked the founders for having placed him in that exalted position. He had had very little to do in the initial stages and had no idea there was a possibility of his occupying the chair of M.E.Z. He expressed the opinion that he would rather have taken a subordinate position and work up, but was told the matter was already settled. It was such a great compliment that he could not refuse, but accepted in the same kind manner in which it was given. He always made up his mind that in whatever office he held the work should be done properly, and he should be sorry to see the chair of that chapter disgraced by bad work. He hoped they would have a name and a reputation for good work, as they had in the lodge.

In proposing "The H. and J.," the M.E.Z. said that Comp. Apelt, H., gave up a vast amount of time and trouble to bring about the success of the chapter. He felt more confidence as M.E.Z. in having such eminent Masons to support him. The H. and J. were two great Masonic pillars, and he hoped that in that unity they would represent stability.

Comp. W. LEWIS, P.Z., H., said he hoped to prove a worthy H., and a faithful and zealous companion of the chapter. He felt very much the high honour placed upon him in electing him H., and, although he had passed through the chair of M.E.Z. in two chapters, no effort would be wanting to advance the integrity, welfare, and general prosperity of the chapter.

Comp. E. APELT, P.Z., J., also returned thanks and said they could be proud of the number of workers in their chapter. He belonged to the same chapter as the H., where Comp. Lewis had done splendid work and had exalted many who were present on this occasion.

"The Visitors" and "The Officers" were heartily honoured before the Janitor's toast closed a successful evening.

The musical arrangements were in the able hands of Comp. W. Wright, P.Z. 1602, who was assisted by Comps. Chas. Strong, Selwyn Davies, and Egbert Roberts, P.Z.

#### ROYAL MASONIC INSTITUTION FOR BOYS.

The July Quarterly Court of the Governors of and Subscribers to this Institution was held on the 9th instant at Freemasons' Hall, Bro. Richard Eve, P.G. Treas., Patron and Trustee of the Institution, in the chair. There were also present Bros. C. E. Keyser, E. Margretts, H. A. Tobias, John Glass, A. C. Spaul, H. Massey, T. W. Whitmarsh, C. H. Webb, J. J. Thomas, S. J. Attenborough, C. Pulman, George Corble, O. Philippe, and J. M. McLeod, Secretary.

Bro. RICHARD EVE moved—

(a) That Law 85, "applicable to Boys Maintained and Educated out of the Institution," be revised to read as follows:

"The Board of Management may, with the approval of the Council, pay towards the education and maintenance of each such boy any sum in their discretion not exceeding £30 per annum until he has attained the age of 15 years and continues entitled to the benefits of the Institution.

"Sons of Jewish parents may be educated out of the Institution if their guardians so desire."

He said that the revision was for the purpose of meeting the case of Jewish children elected on the Institutions. It was generally known that the Jewish brethren did not desire that Jewish boys should be educated in the Institution, and the object now sought was that the Board of Management should be enabled to give a larger sum than they could give under the existing law for education out of the School. The Board felt that the Jewish brethren ought not to be deprived of having a reasonable sum for their children's education, and power was now asked to give as much as £30 per annum up to the age of 15 years. The subject had been before the Board of Management and the Council at different times. If the alteration was passed, the Boys' Institution would be placed in the same position as the Girls', which had similar laws with reference to Jewish children.

Bro. H. A. TOBIAS seconded the motion, being one of the Jewish brethren. He opposed the motion before because he thought the law as submitted was not full enough; it simply gave the Council the right to assist Jewish children, and did not include others. That struck him as not fair. Now that it embraced all children of every denomination he supported it.

Bro. JOHN GLASS quite agreed with the object of the alteration, but it must not be forgotten that the law as it stood was limited to £20. That was, of course, passed with the object that the management of the Institution might keep the boys in the School. What he was afraid of was that the maximum amount would be granted in all cases, and that practically £30 would be substituted for £20 without reservation, because persons of other denominations than Jews would say why should not their children have the £30 a year. They might belong to the Peculiar People. It was with them quite as much a matter of conscience that their children should be brought up with the same opportunities as the parents. There was no reason why the Council should not give £30 a year. They must not shut their eyes to the fact that they had a considerable number of boys outside, and it might entail the expenditure of a considerable sum.

Bro. A. C. SPAULL said he expressly told the Board of Management that, in considering this course, the Committee had fully gone into all the circumstances. They did not intend that those words "not exceeding £30" should mean that £30 should be given. It was to be not exceeding £30, and the Committee was to determine how much a boy should have, whether of the Jewish or of any other denomination.

Bro. C. H. WEBB quite agreed with Bro. Glass, and thought if the power was given to go as high as £30, that sum would be granted in every case.

Bro. PHILIPPE said the alteration of the law was to meet the exceptional case of Jewish children, and £20 per annum was quite insufficient. As far as he understood the feeling of the Board of Management, their view was that the grant for outside education was given only in those cases where the children's capacity and

status rendered them quite unfit that the children should be inmates of the Institution. The policy of the Board would be to bring children into the Institution, but an injustice should not be done to other children.

The motion was carried.

After some discussion the following new Law was also adopted:

31A. "On the death of a subscriber the executor shall at the next ensuing election be entitled to receive and sign the voting paper such deceased subscriber should be entitled to if still living."

Two children, Lister and Grant, having been withdrawn by their mothers, 49 candidates were declared for next election and 15 vacancies.

Bro. McLEOD reported that the 99th anniversary festival, with Lord Henry Cavendish Bentinck, M.P., Prov. Grand Master of Cumberland and Wesmorland, in the chair, had produced a total of £15,031 6s. 6d.

On the motion of Bro. RICHARD EVE, seconded by Bro. SPAULL, a vote of thanks was passed to Lord Henry Cavendish Bentinck and the Stewards of the last Festival.

Bro. C. E. KEYSER said he thought they might add to that a special vote of thanks to the Secretary. They could not have had a more unfortunate time for a successful festival. They expected that the amount would be much less than it was and they did not think that they would get enough to bear the expenses of the year. The Secretary believing that the provinces were keeping themselves back for the next year, made a special onslaught on the London brethren, and the consequence was that the London list was over £8000, or much above the average. He moved that a vote of thanks to Bro. McLeod be recorded on the minutes.

Bro. STANLEY J. ATTENBOROUGH seconded. He was one of the brethren that made the onslaught.

The motion was carried.

Bro. McLEOD acknowledged the vote. The total amount collected being less than the average was due, not to brethren objecting to the new scheme of building, but to the Jubilee. Next year it would improve. Although they were afraid they would not get enough for the expenses of the year, they had £3000 or £4000 more than they required.

Bro. RICHARD EVE said he was surprised to hear such a sum announced. There must have been an undercurrent of great exertion to bring the subscriptions up to the amount obtained.

A vote of thanks to the Chairman closed the proceedings.

### LADIES' NIGHT AT THE ANDERIDA LODGE, No 2434.

The first ladies' night ever held in Eastbourne in connection with Freemasonry took place on Tuesday, the 15th ult., at the Queen's Hotel, and the success which attended the meeting will, without doubt, lead to the experiment being tried again at some future time. The meeting was a "Lodge of Emergency," under petition. The W.M., officers, and brethren assembled at 6.30 p.m., when the lodge was opened, the candidate, Mr. H. A. Turner, duly balloted for and elected and initiated into Freemasonry, after which the lodge was closed.

The brethren then adjourned to the reception room, where the ladies had been most cordially welcomed on their arrival (on behalf of the W.M.) by the D. and A.D.Cs., Bro. J. H. Ewart and Bro. Captain C. A. Franklyn, R.E. After a brief interval of introductions and pleasant conversation the company, numbering 78, adjourned to the banquet room.

The banquet was well served and enjoyed, and after grace the W.M., Bro. W. F. TRYDELL, rose to submit the toast of "The Queen and Craft." "The Queen, I need hardly remind you, is now in her 60th year of reign, and as Sovereign, wife, or mother, is a worthy model for the whole of the world. Benevolence and Charity has always been her aim and practice. The Queen is the mother of our Grand Master, and as Masons we claim to be most loyal and devoted subjects. May we all be spared to offer up our most grateful thanks on the 22nd June for having been blessed with the greatest Sovereign in the world's history. Ladies and brethren, I ask you to receive this toast with the greatest enthusiasm."

The National Anthem was then sung by Bro. J. EASTES, and "The Health of the Grand Master" having been honoured, Bro. THWAITES sang "God bless our Prince of Wales."

The toast of "The Prov. Grand Master, Deputy Prov. Grand Master, and the rest of the Prov. Grand Officers, Present and Past," was then submitted by Bro. Rev. W. WAKEFORD, and responded to by Bro. TOMES.

The toast of "The Worshipful Master" was proposed by the I.P.M., Bro. F. LAWSON LEWES, and duly honoured.

The W.M. in reply, said: I am extremely gratified at what the I.P.M. has said. I appreciate his remarks, and also the way the toast has been received. I can only say that when I was elected to my present chair I was determined to do my best, and I feel sure that though I may have failed in some things I have your sympathy in what I have tried to do as Master of the Anderida.

In proposing "The Ladies" and "Visiting Brethren," the W.M. said: This is the first time in the annals of Eastbourne Freemasonry that ladies have been invited by any lodge. I am afraid that our fair guests will go away sadly disappointed at not having penetrated into our mysteries and discovered our secrets, but to-night we have been extra cautious and must beg our dear wives and sweethearts to patiently wait for the Masonic franchise, when we should give them a most cordial welcome inside the lodge. The W.M., on behalf of the lodge, stated that he hoped the innovation of inviting ladies might be repeated at some future time. Brethren, in submitting this toast I will couple the names of Bro. Captain Franklyn, R.E., to respond for the ladies, and Bro. J. Welch, W.M. 1110, on behalf of the visiting brethren.

The toast was received with the greatest enthusiasm.

Bro. Capt. FRANKLYN, R.E., then replied for the ladies. He said: Worshipful Master and brethren, you have done me the honour to call upon me to reply on behalf of the ladies. On their behalf, allow me to thank you first for your kindness in inviting them to join you at the festive board, and, secondly, for the kind and hearty manner in which you have drunk their health. I am sure I am giving utterance to their wishes when I say they hope it will not be the last time; that, now the custom has been once inaugurated in Eastbourne, many more of these meetings will be held. The W.M. remarked that he hoped the franchise would be extended to the fair sex. Of course, that is a matter beyond us at present, but we can never tell what the future might hold in store for us as a surprise. I believe that in some foreign countries they have societies of women, which societies are more or less closely allied with Masonry, though we all know there are no women Masons in existence. We have once heard of a lady who hid herself in a clock in a lodge, and found out the secrets, so, to safeguard themselves, the Masons had initiated her into all their mysteries, but I have never been

able to substantiate this story. I will not trespass any longer on your kindness, so will again, on behalf of the ladies, thank you for your hospitality and kindness in drinking their health.

Bro. J. WELCH, W.M. 1110, then briefly responded for the visiting brethren.

"The Health of Bro. H. A. Turner, the Initiate," was next cordially honoured and responded to.

The toast of "The Past Masters" was submitted in appropriate terms by the W.M., and duly honoured.

Bro. J. H. WRIGHT responded.

The ladies then proceeded to the drawing-room, and after an interval of 25 minutes the brethren joined the ladies, when a drawing-room entertainment was given.

Bro. Wormald, Org., presided at the piano, and the chief artistes were Miss Alice Holman, Miss Edith Carlile, Bros. F. Bartlett, Jinman, Hunt, Thwaites, White, and Lancaster.

The entertainment concluded at 11.15 p.m., and the guests departed with many thanks to the W.M. and brethren.

The company included Mrs. and Bro. Trydell, W.M.; Bro. F. L. Lewis, I.P.M.; Mrs. Miss and Bro. Rev. Jameson, Chap.; Mrs. and Bro. C. W. Tomes; Mrs. and Bro. J. H. Wright; Mrs. and Bro. J. Eastes; Mrs., Miss, and Bro. Cox; Miss Holman; Miss Carlile; Mrs. and Bro. F. B. Sutton; Mrs. and Bro. Jinman; Mrs. and Bro. Wormald, Org.; Mrs. and Bro. Lamb; Bro. Morris; Mrs. and Bro. Senior, J.W.; Mrs. and Bro. Winfield; Mrs. and Bro. White; Mrs. and Bro. Simmon; Mrs. and Bro. Oakden; Bro. Pratt; Bro. R. Sutters, Stwd.; Bro. Burt; Bro. Andrews; Mrs. and Bro. Bainbridge; Bro. Emary; Bro. Lancaster; Bro. F. Schrenier; Bro. W. Schrenier; Bro. Schrenier; Bro. Thomas, I.G.; Bro. Horne; Mrs. and Bro. Kelsey; Miss and Bro. Hart, Sec.; Mrs., Misses, and Bro. Rev. Wakeford, J.D.; Mrs. and Bro. J. H. Ewart, D.C.; Mrs. and Bro. W. Gates; Bros. Capt. Franklyn, R.E., A.D.C.; J. Welch, W.M. 1110; Turner, Rev. Sortwell, J. H. Haine, S.W.; H. Elliott, S.D.; and Campbell, Stwd.; and Mrs. and Bro. Goldring.

### SUMMER OUTING OF THE FINSBURY PARK LODGE.

The annual excursion of this very popular North London lodge took place at Belvoir Castle, Leicestershire (the residence of the Duke of Rutland) on Tuesday, the 6th instant. The party consisted of about 50 ladies, 45 brethren, and friends, who assembled at Finsbury Park Station, where the 10.15 a.m. Manchester express from King's Cross, was specially stopped to pick them up in four saloons. The company consisted of the W.M., Bro. Richard Parish, and Mrs. Parish; Bro. Inder, I.P.M., Mrs. and Master Inder; Bro. Hrauda, S.W., and Mrs. Hrauda; Bro. Kelly, S.D., and Mrs. Kelly and two friends; Bro. Perrins, I.G.; Bro. Elam A.D.C., and Mrs. Elam; Bro. J. Oldis, P.M., Sec., and Mrs. Oldis; Bro. A. Mullord, Mrs. Mullord and three daughters; Bro. R. V. Davies, P.M., D.C.; Bro. H. Price, P.M., Mrs. Price and Miss Poley; Bro. Swinyard, Mrs. and the Misses Swinyard; Bro. Roper, Mrs. and the Misses Roper and two friends; Bro. H. Peck and Mrs. Peck; Bro. J. Davis and Mrs. Davis; Bro. J. Hayes and Mrs. Hayes; Bro. E. W. Steadman and Mrs. Steadman; Bro. H. B. Duck and Mrs. Duck; Bro. F. Sheffield and Mrs. Sheffield; Bro. Edmonds and Mrs. Edmonds; Bro. R. W. Mortimer and Mrs. Mortimer; Bro. Wilkinson, P.M., and Mrs. Wilkinson; Bro. J. J. Goode, P.M., and Mrs. Goode; Bro. Hervie, Mrs. and the Misses Hervie; Bro. Birch and Mrs. Birch; Mr. and Mrs. Conacher; Bro. Perry and Mrs. Perry; Bro. G. Smith and Mrs. Smith; Bro. Newbury; Mr. S. Smale; Mrs. Crewe, Mr. Bartlett, and other brethren and friends.

On arrival at Grantham brakes and waggonettes were in attendance, and at once conveyed the party to the George Hotel, where a splendid luncheon was provided by Bro. and Mrs. Fillingham. Justice having been done to the good things provided, the company again entered the brakes, and were driven to Belvoir Castle, a distance of eight miles, amid glorious sunshine and refreshing breezes. Special permission having been obtained, the party were permitted to enter the Duke's private garden, and enjoyed a plentiful supply of strawberries and cream, the former supplied by the Worshipful Master and the latter by Bro. Roper. There was also a good supply of other light refreshments, which the party thoroughly enjoyed. This being over,

The WORSHIPFUL MASTER requested the company to move towards the Castle, where he had made arrangements for them to be taken over in two parties. The beautiful paintings, statuary, and objects of great antiquity, &c., were fully explained by the housekeeper and her assistants, and on completion of which the company were shown the beautiful, uninterrupted, panoramic view of Nottinghamshire for 20 or 30 miles distance in all its splendour, all agreeing that it could not be excelled throughout the kingdom.

On returning to the grounds, a photograph of the company was taken by Bro. H. J. Bliss. The whole party then re-entered the vehicles, and after a smart drive the George Hotel was reached shortly before 6.0 p.m., where Bro. Fillingham had in readiness a *recherché* banquet, to which ample justice was done, the appetites of the party having been sharpened by the splendid drive across the Woolsthorpe Hills.

Almost before the banquet was completed, the W.M. announced as time was very short he would ask their indulgence to commence the toast list, he would be as brief as possible, and at once proposed the toast which he said always stood first in all loyal assemblages like the present one. Her Majesty had now completed a record reign with credit to herself and a pattern to the civilised world, he trusted that she would have good health, peace and happiness during the remainder of her most glorious reign.

Miss Emily Davies (Mrs. Elam) sang the solo "God save the Queen," the whole company joining heartily in the chorus.

In proposing the toast of "The Ladies," the W.M. said that from his point of view, this toast was not one whit less important than the one he had just proposed; it was the toast of the Queens of our hearts and homes—the ladies. He was certain that they took a great deal of interest in Masonry, especially since the ladies' nights and summer outings had become so popular, and if any brother had any doubt on that point, he (the W.M.) would advise them to take a Stewardship next year for the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution, he would there find a considerable number of ladies acting as Stewards also wearing that splendid jewel they are all so proud of. The ladies had shared in our troubles and sickness and he thought they might be trusted to join occasionally in our festive gatherings, and he trusted the ladies would always favour them with their presence at these annual outings.

The toast having been drunk with enthusiasm, was responded to by Bro. R. V. DAVIES in a pleasing manner.

Bro. INDER, I.P.M., next proposed "The Worshipful Master," who, he said, had done everything that a Master could do for the lodge's popularity and for the ladies' nights and summer outings. They were indebted to the W.M. for the

very successful outing that day, and the satisfactory manner in which he had arranged for the comfort of the assembled guests. He (Bro. Inder) trusted that the Bro. Parish might be spared for many years to assist in making these outings agreeable.

The W.M. replied that it was always a pleasure to him to do anything he could to make the Finsbury Park Lodge successful, and he trusted that as long as he had health and strength he would always do his best to make the ladies' nights and summer outings as agreeable as possible, especially when he was supported by the presence of so many amiable ladies, and so energetic a Secretary as Past Master Oldis, who had done everything possible for the comfort of all present.

The party then again entered the vehicles, and were driven to Grantham Station, where the saloons were immediately entered attached to the London express, which duly arrived at Finsbury Park about 10 p.m., when the company separated, after congratulating each other that it was one of the most successful outings the lodge had ever enjoyed, and that their thanks were due to the Great Northern Railway Company for the facilities given.

## Craft Masonry.

### Peace and Harmony Lodge, No. 60.

A meeting of this lodge was convened at Freemasons' Hall, Great Queen-street, on the 25th ult., when there were present, among others, Bros. H. J. Lardner, P.M. 1623, P.G.S., W.M.; E. Rogers, P.M., P.G.S., Sec.; O. Polenz, S.D.; Major Walls, P.M., P.G.S., P.G. Std. Br., D. of C.; J. Barton, P.M., P.G.S.; Chancellor, P.M., P.G.S.; Dr. W. H. Kempster, P.M., P.G.S.; W. H. Kempster, jun., P.M., P.G.S.; and W. Thomas, P.M. Among the visitors were Bros. J. Boulton, P.M., P.G.P.; E. S. Lardner, P.M., P.G.S.; Geo. Davis, P.M.; T. Simpson, P.M. 1745; and N. P. Lardner, P.M. 1745.

The minutes of the previous meeting having been read and confirmed, two brethren were passed to the Second Degree. Bro. Debenham, P.M., G.S., was unanimously elected W.M.; Bro. H. Young, P.M., P.G.S., Treasurer; and Bro. Evenden, P.M., Tyler. A Past Master's jewel was voted to the W.M. Apologies for non-attendance were received from Bros. Debenham, J.W.; H. Young, P.G.S., Treas.; H. Slade, P.G.S.; and others.

The lodge having been closed, the brethren and their visitors journeyed by train to Hampton Court, where at Tagg's Island an excellent luncheon was served. The next pleasant feature was a run up the river to Chertsey in one of Tagg's steam launches. The day, unfortunately, although dry, was sunless, and the scenery necessarily did not appear to advantage.

The return was made to the Mitre Hotel at 6.30, where the banquet, admirably served, was heartily enjoyed.

Bro. James Boulton, P.G. Purst., responded in happy terms for "The Grand Officers."

Bro. W. H. Kempster, jun., I.P.M., proposed in kindly words "The Health of the W.M." In the course of his remarks, he said that he was justified in saying that the members and their guests that day had enjoyed the outing, the success of which was mainly due to the kindness and liberality of the W.M. Of Bro. Lardner's services as a worker not only in the Craft, but in other Degrees, he (the speaker), as a younger Mason, would not presume to dilate upon. The W.M. was also well known in Masonic circles as a staunch supporter of their great Charitable Institutions, and wherever any good work could be performed he was always to the fore.

This pledge having been received most enthusiastically, the recipient of the compliment modestly replied.

Bros. E. S. Lardner, P.G.S.; Thomas Simpson, P.M.; and G. Davis, P.M., acknowledged the toast of "The Visitors."

Bro. Kempster, jun., replied for "The Past Masters;" Bro. E. Rogers, P.M., for "The Treasurer and Secretary;" and Bro. Polenz for "The Officers."

The majority of the members returned to town by an early train, but the others remained somewhat late, and with a sigh of regret left the Mitre's pleasant locale to mingle once more with the noise and bustle of London's mighty hive.

### Minerva Lodge, No. 250.

On Thursday, the 24th ult., being St. John's Festival, the brethren of the above lodge assembled at their Masonic Hall, Hull, for the purpose of taking part in the imposing ceremony of installing the W.M. for the ensuing 12 months. The choice of the brethren having been accorded to Bro. Haggitt Clibbeck, he was duly installed into the chair of K.S. by Bro. R. R. Hawsey, P.M., P.P.G. Reg., and several of the Past Masters, after which Bro. H. Colbeck appointed and invested his officers as follows: Bros. William Coysh, I.P.M.; John Watson, S.W.; Frank Hall, J.W.; J. A. Brown, P.M., Chap.; H. Haigh, P.M., P.P.G.D., Lecture Master and Treasurer Benevolent Fund; M. C. Peck, P.M., P.G. Std. Br. England, Treas.; W. H. Inder, P.M., P.P.G.S. of W., Treasurer Benevolent Fund; J. E. Walker, P.M., Sec.; J. W. Powell, S.D.; W. H. Hodge, J.D.; T. Fawley Judge, D.C.; John Mackaill, P.M., P.P.G.S.B., Almoner; T. Harrison, S. J. Feldman, Richard Witty, W. Loft-house, R. W. E. Whitehead, R. Freeman, W. S. Walker, and A. Wilson, Stewards; F. Wilson, P.P.G.O., Org.; G. Minns, I.G.; W. Clayton, Tyler; and F. Clayton, Asst. Tyler.

A banquet was held subsequently in the large dining hall of the lodge, which was specially decorated with reference to the Jubilee of her Majesty the Queen, the Patroness of the Masonic Charitable Institutions.

The W.M. was supported by Bros. James Milestone, W.M., J. Walton, P.M., T. Thompson, P.M., and T. Morrill, P.M., of 57; C. Judge, W.M. 1010; E. Ryley, W.M. 1005; J. L. Charter, W.M., A. Spring, P.M., and Leigh, P.M., 2134; T. B. Redfeare, W.M. 1511, P.P.G.S.; H. C. Godfrey, W.M. 734; C. J. Smith, W.M. 2504; and Past Masters of the lodge, and a large number of visitors and brethren of the lodge.

The customary loyal and Masonic toasts were duly honoured. Amongst those present were the Prov. G. Sec., Bro. M. C. Peck, P.G.S.B. Eng., who proposed "The Health of the New Worshipful Master," and sung an original installation song.

The toast was drunk with the greatest enthusiasm. The W.M. responded, thanking the brethren for the high honour they had conferred upon him that day, and assured them that the chair would not lose any of its lustre during his year of office. All he wanted was the co-operation of the Past Masters and members generally to make the year one of unqualified success.

The Worshipful Masters and Wardens of the Humber, Kingston, De La Pole, Alexandra, and Londesborough Lodges, together with many brethren of the Craft, were also present.

The speeches were interspersed with vocal and instrumental music, and the smiling faces of the members of the lodge and their numerous visitors evinced the enjoyment which prevailed amongst all present.

The banquet was provided by Mr. Feller, of the Imperial Hotel, and left nothing to be desired.

### Carnarvon Lodge, No. 804.

The regular meeting of this lodge was held on Tuesday, the 6th inst., at the Masonic Hall, Havant, and was well attended, it being for the purpose of installing the W.M. elect, Bro. J. M. Godfrey, P.M. The lodge was opened by the W.M., Bro. George Huggett, with a full attendance of officers, and after the usual preliminaries he duly initiated a candidate into the ancient mysteries. Bro. H. Nelson Price, I.P.M., &c., took the chair as Installing Officer. The W.M. elect was then presented and the ceremony of installation was proceeded with, the Board of Installed Masters being widely representative. After the usual addresses, which were impressively delivered by the Installing Master, a hearty vote of thanks was tendered to him for the excellent manner

in which he had discharged his duties. The W.M. then rose, and in fitting terms proceeded to invest Bro. Harry Nelson Price, Past Grand Std. Br. England, with a gold jewel of office in commemoration of the honour recently conferred upon him, which had been subscribed for by the members of his mother lodge.

The ordinary business being brought to a close the brethren and visitors adjourned to the banqueting room, where upwards of 50 sat down, amongst whom were the following: Bros. J. J. Thomas, P.M. 753, P.G. Std. Br. England; A. R. Holbrook, P.M. 309, P.P.G. Reg.; G. F. Lancaster, P.M. 903, P.P.G. Reg., Prov. A.G. Sec.; W. J. Jago, P.M. 903; R. Wyatt, P.M. 1428; H. J. Adams, W.M. 1069; R. Windebank, W.M. 2074; W. H. Matthews, W.M. 1903; J. Hewison, P.M. 342; H. S. Keeping, W.M. 1834; C. F. Brown, W.M. 487; H. Thorpe, W.M. 2068; G. W. Kenwood, W.M. 1776; A. E. Gibson, W.M. 257; and C. F. Long, W.M. 342.

The viands having been disposed off, the toasts were commenced, interspersed with some excellent songs rendered by Bros. H. Jago, Beves, Forrest, C. Long, and others. Bro. H. Fryer, 487, ably presided at the piano, Bro. G. Washington Allen also giving some recitations in his usual style.

### Scots Lodge, No. 2319.

An emergency meeting of this lodge, was held on Thursday evening, the 17th ult., at the Scottish Corporation Hall, Crane-court, E.C., Bro. James Thomson, the W.M., occupying the chair, supported by Bros. Dr. D. M. Forbes, S.W.; D. R. Duncan, J.W.; Joseph Whithead, I.P.M.; Page, P.M.; Gellion, P.M.; D. A. Ross Scery; and nearly 40 members of the lodge.

Bros. J. Clifton Robinson, John Imray, and Charles Thwaites were raised to the Degree of a M.M., the ceremony being performed in a very perfect and impressive manner by the W.M., Bro. Jas. Thomson.

This, the only business of the evening, having been concluded, the brethren adjourned, on the invitation of Bro. J. Clifton Robinson, to a Queen's Diamond Jubilee dinner at Anderton's Hotel, to which, after the labours of the evening, ample justice was done. The cloth removed,

The W.M. gave the toast of "Our Patron, H.I.M. the Queen, and Craft Masonry," which was received in the enthusiastically loyal manner characteristic of the Scots Lodge.

Immediately following on this, the toast of "H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, K.T., our Most Worshipful Grand Master," was proposed by the W.M., who, in the course of his short speech, referred to the very great gratification which he personally had received from listening to his Royal Highness's well-conceived and excellent speech on the occasion of the recent great gathering of brethren at the Albert Hall.

The W.M. next gave the toast of "The Grand Lodges of the Empire," coupling with it the name of Bro. Edmenston, a Past Grand Lodge Officer.

In replying, Bro. Edmenston expressed the pleasure which he felt in being present at such a meeting, and stated that the manner in which the gatherings of the Scots Lodge were conducted gave great satisfaction and pleasure to the Grand Lodge.

Bro. Whitehead, I.P.M., in proposing "The Health of the W.M., Bro. Thomson," referred to the very successful working of the lodge during the past year, due in very great part to the energetic and able manner in which affairs had been conducted by the W.M.

The Charity-box was at this stage passed round, and resulted in a good collection for all poor and distressed Masons.

The Worshipful Master, in replying to his toast, stated that the responsibilities attached to the office of W.M. press very heavily on the holder, and among these responsibilities none are more irksome than the burden of making speeches. As a little relief, he proposed, in place of adding one more to the many speeches he had made during his year of office, to sing a song.

The Worshipful Master then sang, "When the Kye come hame," with expression and feeling.

The Worshipful Master next proposed the toast of "Our Host," referring to Bro. Clifton Robinson as one of the fathers of the tramway system of locomotion, and a most distinguished exponent of the systems of mechanical and electrical traction.

Bro. Clifton Robinson, in the course of a very graceful and witty reply, thanked the brethren present for the enthusiastic way in which the toast had been received, and in referring to himself as a child of one of the greatest crafts on earth, expressed the great pleasure which he felt in receiving, and in giving the grasp of a friend and a brother.

The Worshipful Master next proposed "The Health of the Master Elect and Past Masters."

To which Bro. Dr. Forbes, as Master elect, replied. In the course of an eloquent speech, the Master elect expressed the opinion that a lodge whose membership was recruited from men of intellect, knowledge, and position, such as those who had that night been raised to the Degree of M.M., had a great future before it, and he trusted that with the help of God and of the brethren, he should be able to make his year of office contribute in no small degree to the further successful development of the lodge.

Bros. Whitehead, P.M.; Page, P.M.; and Gillion, P.M., also replied in suitable terms.

The toast of "The Visitors" and of "The Scots Lodge Officers" were next proposed by the W.M., and in each case were suitably acknowledged.

The Tyler's toast followed, and the proceedings were brought to a close by the singing of "Auld Lang Syne."

In the course of the evening songs were sung by Bros. Powley, Sicklemore, Wheeler, Weston, and Scrivener. Bro. Davidson Arnott, A.R.C.O., the Organist, as usual, ably presided at the piano.

### London School Board Lodge, No. 2611.

The installation meeting of this lodge, which was consecrated on July 13th, 1896, was held on Monday, the 12th instant, at the Hotel Cecil, when the lodge's first Master, Bro. the Rev. A. W. Oxford, M.A., presided. The other brethren who attended were Bros. Henry Lynn, S.W.; W. H. Kidson, J.W.; Edmund Barnes, Sec.; Benson Clough, S.D.; W. Roston Bourke, J.D.; A. J. Ingram, F. J. Moberly, Joseph R. Diggie, Patrick H. White, Frederick Davies, David Laing, the Rev. J. S. Brownrigg, P.G. Chap.; W. Basson, Stwd.; and George Cartwright, Tyler. Visitors: Bros. Thomas Fenn, P.G.W.; Walter W. Wilkinson, P.M. 2152, P.P.G.R.; R. G. Laing, J.D. 1820; W. R. Ingram, 2190; W. P. Fuller, S.; H. Massey, P.M. 610 and 1028; R. Ardagh, 92; W. Blackman; F. T. Dubois, P.M. 142; Henry Yates, W.M. 2395; Charles Townley, S.D. 2190; F. Flavell, 1194; P. A. Nairne, P.M. 176, P.G.D.; and W. Haydon, P.M. 2603.

There was no other business before the lodge but the installation of W.M. and the appointment and investiture of the other officers, and Bro. Thomas Fenn, P.G.W., acting as D.C., presented to Bro. Oxford Bro. Henry Lynn, S.W. and W.M. elect, whom Bro. Oxford therefore installed in the chair. Bro. Oxford was invested as the I.P.M. The brethren on whom the other offices devolved were Bros. W. H. Kidson, S.W.; J. R. Diggie, J.W.; Canon Ingram, Chap.; Harry Seymour Foster, M.P., Treas.; Edmund Barnes, Sec.; G. Benson Clough, S.D.; W. Roston Bourke, J.D.; W. H. Key, I.G.; Patrick White, Org.; Frederick Davies, Stwd.; and George Cartwright, Tyler.

The lodge was afterwards closed and the brethren adjourned to banquet.

The usual toasts were subsequently honoured. Bro. Lynn, W.M., in proposing "The Queen and the Craft," said the brethren had all had lately the opportunity of seeing and knowing more of her Majesty, who had gone through a very trying time with credit to herself. In giving "The M.W.G.M.," he said the Prince of Wales had shown himself most devoted to the first Masonic principle of Charity; he had set a good example; he had started a grand scheme, and had anticipated the charitable feelings of a large class of people, but of no class more than Masons.

Bro. Thomas Fenn, P.G.W., acknowledging the toast of "The Grand Officers," said he used to look upon Bro. Brownrigg as his after-dinner protector, but he had lately had an advancement in rank, and he now had no protector. Bro. Brownrigg used to answer for all the Grand Officers very well—no one made such short speeches, and no one said so much in so few words. The brethren who were in lodge were much gratified at the way the work was done; in fact, it occurred to him while it was going on that the School Board Lodge must have been to school at the Emulation Lodge of Improvement, of which he was the Preceptor many years. He recognised the excellence of the work upstairs, and the hospitality of the lodge downstairs.

Bro. Brownrigg said he had many friends in that lodge, which he consecrated 12 months ago. He took special interest in it, because it would protect him from future

speaking. He was the only one who could look on the coming month of November with perfect equanimity; he could refrain from speaking, and could take drinks from both sides. (Laughter.)

Bro. P. A. Nairne, P.G.D., joined with his colleagues in acknowledging the cordial reception given to the Grand Officers.

Bro. Oxford, I.P.M., in proposing "The W.M.," said that, in transferring the Master's collar to Bro. Lynn, he felt he was transferring it to a far better man and Mason in every way than he was himself.

Bro. Lynn, W.M., returned thanks for the toasts. The brethren had had very little opportunity that evening of judging whether he could do the lodge work or not, but the way in which they had received the toast only showed that his year of office would be met by an absolutely sympathetic lodge, and he could foresee that any mistakes or weakness on his part would be received by the brethren with the most careful consideration. He could ensure the brethren that throughout his year he should strive to do his duty as a Mason and as a Master. He could not promise more; he hoped he would not be guilty of doing less.

Bro. Lynn, W.M., next said the essential difference between the toast he was now going to propose and that which had just been proposed, was that the former was pathetic; while the latter came at the end of a very well-tought charge. The brethren knew Bro. Oxford had done his best to further the interests of the lodge during the past year; they knew that in having him for their first Master they could not possibly have done better, and he (Bro. Lynn) had personally to express to him his thanks for having set an example to the lodge which he hoped coming Masters would try to follow—the example of the I.P.M. himself conducting the installation. That was really an essential part of Masonry; but in his experience he had found in many lodges Masters did not instal their successors. He did not know whether it was the exigencies of business, or the pressing necessity of public or private avocations which had prevented outgoing W.Ms. taking upon themselves the responsibility of installing, but he thought it tended to the symmetry of Masonic work. It was always a great privilege and pleasure for a brother who was put into the chair to be able to thank his predecessor for doing the work which Bro. Oxford had performed that evening. He had now the pleasure to present Bro. Oxford with a souvenir of the brethren's appreciation of his work in the form of a Past Master's jewel. The brethren would no doubt like to see the jewel, and they would have an opportunity of doing so many times during the year, because Bro. Oxford would never come to the lodge without it. Although it was added to many others of greater value, none of them had been given to Bro. Oxford with greater regard than this.

Bro. Oxford, I.P.M., replying, said he must confess he viewed with some mistrust Bro. Lynn's statement made at an earlier period of the evening that he was going to follow his (Bro. Oxford's) example of making short speeches, because the brethren would admit that during the whole of the year none of his were so long as those made that night. They had begun badly, for the speeches were longer—not tedious—but longer than they cared for. He was always short in his speeches, in the church, at the Board, and during his year of office. Even when he was a baby he did not cry for anything, but waited until it was given to him. (Laughter.) He was pleased that the W.M. had spoken of the past year with great pleasure; he thought so of it himself. He should be proud to wear the jewel which, through the kindness of the brethren, had been given to him.

Bros. Yates, Wilkinson, Dubois, and Fuller, responded to the toast of "The Visitors;" Bro. Edmund Barnes, Sec., to that of "The Treasurer and Secretary;" and Bros. Kidson, Diggle, and Clough replied for "The Officers;" and the Tyler's toast brought the proceedings to a close.

## Royal Arch.

### Gundulph Chapter, No. 1050.

The annual installation meeting of this chapter was at the King's Head Hotel, Rochester, on the 11th ult., when the following companions were duly installed in their respective offices by the Installing Principal, Comp. Lieut. Powell, P.Z. 903, 1174, and 2404, viz.: Comps. J. W. Nash, M.E.Z.; C. R. Cockburn, H.; A. W. Hodge, J.; and the following were invested as officers—Bros. R. Ternouth, S.E.; H. Smith, S.N.; E. Barrell, Treas.; H. Bagshaw, P.S.; W. T. Boucher, 1st A.S.; J. H. Whitfield, 2nd A.S.; E. Mantell and J. Smart, Stwds.; and J. Orum, Janitor. The ceremony was most ably and impressively performed by Comp. Lieut. Powell, to whom a unanimous vote of thanks was heartily given.

Afterwards the companions sat down to supper, the arrangements of which gave great satisfaction, and a vote of thanks was accorded Host Ledson.

The usual loyal and Masonic toasts were duly honoured.

### Mozart Chapter, No. 1929.

A meeting of this chapter was held at the Greyhound Hotel, Croydon, on the 21st ult. Among those present were Comps. James Boulton, P.Z., P.A.G.D.C., M.E.Z.; Dr. Russell Beardmore, H.; Major T. W. Richardson, P.Z., P.P.G.S.B., J.; Major T. C. Walls, P.Z., P.D.G.D.C., S.E.; R. Gowan, P.Z., Treas.; H. Cain, P.S.; and W. Lane, Janitor.

The minutes of the previous convocation having been read and confirmed, Comp. Major T. W. Richardson, P.Z., impressively installed Comp. Dr. Beardmore as First Principal, and Comp. J. Boulton inducted Comp. Major Richardson as Second Principal. The installation of Comp. Myers, J. elect, was, in consequence of his unavoidable absence, postponed. Comps. Major Walls, P.Z., and R. A. Gowan, P.Z., were invested respectively as S.E. and Treasurer. Comp. Cain was invested as S.N. and Comp. Lane as Janitor. A Past Principal's jewel was presented to Comp. J. Boulton in recognition of his services.

The chapter was then closed. A banquet followed.

The only toasts proposed were "The Queen and Royal Arch Masonry," "The M.E.G.Z.," and "The M.E.Z."

In proposing the first-named toast, the M.E.Z. very properly enlarged on the subject matter, as it was the eve of the celebration of her Majesty's Diamond Jubilee.

The proceedings then terminated.

## THE RECENT BOYS' SCHOOL FESTIVAL.

The following lists, and additions to lists, have been received since last week:—

LONDON.		
Lodge		£ s. d.
58 Bro. Thomas C. Tanner, additional	...	5 5 0
(raising his list to £117 12s.)		
917 " H. E. Sanders, new list	...	40 19 0
1278 " Herbert Grant, new list	...	21 0 0
Unattached		
Bro. John Larkin...	...	5 5 0
" G. R. Blades	...	10 10 0
THE PROVINCES.		
KENT.		
Lodge		
615 Bro. I. Turton, additional	...	10 0 0
(raising his list to £210.)		
SOMERSETSHIRE.		
Bro. O. W. Wiltshire, additional	...	1 14 0
(raising his list to £56 14s.)		
Unattached		
WARWICKSHIRE.		
Bro. W. H. Reynolds, new Steward	...	10 10 0
FOREIGN STATIONS.		
ARGENTINE REPUBLIC.		
Lodge		
2459 Bro. Alfred Eaton, additional	...	21 0 0
(raising his list to £57 15s.)		

N.B.—The name of the Steward of Lodge 2411 (London) is Bebrouth not Belrouth; and of Chapter 1224 (Suffolk) Comp. G. H. Grimwood, not Greenwood.

## Masonic and General Tidings.

WE HAVE MUCH pleasure in announcing that with a view to commemorating the Queen's Diamond Jubilee, the District Grand Lodge of the Argentine Republic has voted the following donations, viz.: 25 guineas to the R.M. Benevolent Institution; 20 guineas to the R.M. Institution for Girls; and 20 guineas to the R.M. Institution for Boys.

THE QUEEN has forwarded to the Lord Mayor a cheque for £100 towards the fund that is being raised for the relief of the sufferers in Essex by the disastrous storm which occurred on the 14th ult.

MR. GILBERT H. LOVEGROVE, only son of Bro. H. Lovegrove, P.G.S.B., has gained the "Jelf" Medal at King's College, as well as the special prizes for Ancient History and English Literature.

THE BRITISH CHAMBER OF COMMERCE in Paris will entertain several of the Colonial Premiers at a grand banquet on Monday, the 19th inst., when it is expected that Bro. the Hon. Sir E. Monson, British Ambassador in Paris, will be present.

THE BENCHERS OF LINCOLN'S INN will entertain a considerable number of the poor children of the neighbourhood at a Jubilee treat in their gardens on Saturday, the 31st inst., from 4 to 8 p.m., when a number of amusements will be provided and presents made of toys and fruit.

H.R.H. THE PRINCESS OF WALES and her daughter, the Princess Victoria, visited the Queen at Windsor Castle on Wednesday, Bro. Col. Sir R. Byng, Equerry to her Majesty, received their Royal Highnesses and attended them to the Castle. After luncheon, the Princesses returned to town.

BROS. THE Right Hon. Sir W. V. Whiteway, Premier of Newfoundland, and the Right Hon. S. J. Way, Chief Justice of South Australia, who are both of them Devonians born, will be entertained at dinner at the Holborn Restaurant on Monday, the 19th inst., by the London Devonian Club.

TO THE ubiquitous "day tripper," who dearly loves his "blow" upon the briny, the New Palace Steamers offer a special inducement in the shape of a "day only" ticket to Margate and back at the reduced fare of 4s. fore cabin and 5s. saloon, from London piers and Fenchurch-street to that well-known resort.

THE QUEEN has very graciously accepted an embroidered curtain worked by 100 Indian widows in the Industrial Institution, Amristsan, under the Misses Watson and Jackson, of the Church of England Zenana Missionary Society, and her private secretary has forwarded a letter of thanks through the Dean of Windsor who presented the curtain.

BRO. CAPT. HOLFORD, C.I.E., Equerry to the Prince of Wales, gave a ball at Dorchester House, Park Lane, the company being received by his sister the Countess Grey. Among the guests were T.R.H. Prince and Princess of Wales and their daughter the Princess Victoria, the Duke and Duchess of York, and most of the Indian Princes and Colonial notabilities now on a visit to this country.

THE QUEEN is expected to arrive at Osborne from Windsor on Tuesday next, the 20th inst., stopping at Winchester en route for the purpose of receiving an address from the Mayor and Corporation. A few days later the Duke of York, who has succeeded the late Prince Henry of Battenberg as Hon. Colonel of the Isle of Wight Volunteers, will take over the command at a parade to be held at Osborne.

THE MEMBERS of the Royal Navy Club 1765-1785, dined together at the Hôtel Métropole on Wednesday evening, under the presidency of the Earl of Clanwilliam, Admiral of the Fleet, among the guests being the First Lord of the Treasury (the Right Hon. G. J. Goschen, M.P.), Mr. J. Austin Chamberlain, M.P., Bro. W. G. Ellison Macartney, M.P., Sir Evan MacGregor, and Sir W. H. White.

IT IS ARRANGED that the visit of the Duke and Duchess of York to Ireland shall commence on the 18th August, the day of their arrival in Dublin and terminates on the 8th September, when they will take their departure from Belfast for Scotland. Several important functions have been arranged during their stay, and there will be a visit to Mount Stewart, the Irish seat of the Marquis of Londonderry, when a garden party will be given on the 7th September.

THE QUEEN received at Windsor Castle on Saturday last deputation from the Universities of Oxford, Cambridge, and London for the purpose of presenting addresses of congratulation to her Majesty on her Diamond Jubilee. The Marquis of Salisbury, as Chancellor, headed the Oxford deputation, Bro. the Duke of Devonshire that from Cambridge, and Bro. Lord Herschell that from London University. A guard of honour was mounted by the 2nd Battalion Coldstream Guards.

THE QUEEN received the Archbishop of Canterbury, and the Archbishops, Bishops, and Missionary Bishops now in conference at Lambeth Palace at Windsor Castle, on Tuesday. Her Majesty, who was accompanied by the Grand Duke and Grand Duchess of Hesse, and Princess Henry of Battenberg, drove to the East Lawn, where she was received by his Grace the Archbishop of Canterbury. The visitors, to the number of 190, attended Divine Service, and afterwards partook of refreshment in St. George's Hall.

A DEPUTATION from Queensland, including the Premier (Sir Hugh Nelson) and the Attorney-General (the Hon. T. J. Byrner), visited Warwick on Wednesday for the purpose of presenting a loving-cup from Warwick, Queensland, to its ancient namesake in the old country. In the evening Bro. the Earl of Warwick, as Mayor of the Corporation, entertained the visitors at a banquet, at which, in the course of the proceedings, the loving-cup, which bears a suitable inscription, was presented by the Attorney-General and acknowledged by the Mayor.

THE GREAT NORTHERN RAILWAY COMPANY announce in our advertising columns a new corridor first and third-class dining car express, conveying tourists and families from London to the North of England and Scotland. The train leaves King's Cross Station at 11.20 a.m., and has connection with the North East Coast watering places and the principal towns in Scotland. The time of departure of this train is a very convenient one and has been specially arranged to suit the convenience of residents in the London Suburban Districts and in the South and South-west of England.

T.R.H. THE PRINCE AND PRINCESS OF WALES drove from Marlborough House to Hither Green on Monday, for the purpose of opening the new Park Hospital, which has recently been erected there by the Metropolitan Asylums Board. All along the route the people had assembled in large numbers to give their Royal Highnesses a loyal welcome, while the Royal party were escorted by a detachment of West Kent (Queen's Own) Yeomanry Cavalry. The 2nd Volunteer Battalion of the West Kent Regiment mounted a guard of honour, and the boys from the Exmouth training ship were present, under Captain Bouchier. The Prince and Princess were received at the executive offices by the Chairman of the Board and other officials, and the opening ceremony took place in one of the poor wards, in the presence of the Board and of Bro. Sir J. Blundell Maple, Bart., M.P., Viscount and Viscountess Dellon, Dr. Collins (Chairman of the London County Council), Bro. Sir J. Whittaker Ellis, Bart., and Mrs. Garrett Anderson, M.D. The new hospital will place 548 additional beds at the disposal of the Metropolitan Asylums Board.

LADY MONCKTON, who was accompanied by Bro. Sir John B. Monckton, P.G.W., distributed the prizes at the Royal Female Orphan Asylum, Beddington, on Tuesday, the 13th inst. This institution was first established in 1758, in the Westminster Bridge-road, by Sir John Fielding, a London magistrate. In 1866 it was no longer equal to the demands upon it, and the children were removed to the fine old mansion in which the work of the Charity is still carried on. The site is of historic interest. It was here that Sir Walter Raleigh planted his orange grove, which is said to have yielded a crop numbering 10,000. Part of the old wall enclosing these trees is still shown to visitors. The hall where Tuesday's proceedings took place is roofed with Spanish oak, and it was here that Queen Anne was received when she visited this part of Surrey. There are, at present, 150 girls in the institution, ranging from the ages of seven to 14. They are taught cooking and needlework, besides being put through the ordinary school curriculum, and when they leave, which they do at 16 years, they are either apprenticed or sent to suitable domestic service. Bro. Sir John Monckton, who occupied the chair, said that one of the most important events of the year for them was that by Royal permission they were allowed to prefix the word "Royal" to the name of the institution.