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THE BOYS' SCHOOL FESTIVAL.

The 101st Anniversary Festival in behalf of the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys was held at the Royal Pavilion, Brighton, on Wednesday, the 28th ult., and, under the circumstances, may be regarded as a very successful function. The number of Stewards was not large, but the ladies and brethren who acted in that capacity worked with a will, and the result was a total of donations and subscriptions amounting, in round figures, to close upon £8600, which was not unequally divided between London and the Provinces. We congratulate the Chairman, Bro. CHARLES E. KEYSER, who discharged his very responsible duties most admirably, the Stewards who laboured so successfully, the Secretary of the Institution and his staff, and last, but not least, the donors and subscribers, to whose contributions the success of the Festival is mainly due. In fine, as no special efforts were made in respect of this Anniversary, we are of opinion that the result is rather in excess of what might have been expected.

FESTIVAL OF THE ROYAL MASONIC INSTITUTION FOR BOYS.

The 101st Anniversary Festival of the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys was celebrated on Wednesday last at the Royal Pavilion, Brighton, when a company of some 300 ladies and brethren sat down to dinner, under the presidency of Bro. C. E. Keyser, P.G.D., Treasurer of the Institution, who was supported by a large body of London and Provincial brethren, amongst whom we noticed, Bros. the Earl of Warwick, Dep. G.M.; George Richards, D.G.M. Transvaal; Archdeacon Sinclair, P.G.C.; R. E. and George Everett, P.G. Treasurers; P. Colville Smith, S.G.D.; Baron de Ferrieres, P.G.D.; J. E. Le Feuvre, P.G.D.; V. P. Freeman, P.G.D., Prov. G. Sec. Sussex; James Stephens, P. Dep. G. D. of C.; R. Clowes, P.G. Std. Br.; A. J. Thomas, Patron; F. R. W. Hedges, Sec. R.M.I. Girls; James Terry, Sec. R.M.B.I.; J. M. McLeod, Sec. R.M.I. Boys, and Sultan Mahommed Khan, Secretary of State for Afghanistan.

The CHAIRMAN, in proposing "The Queen," said that when they came down to the loyal town of Brighton and saw it decorated with flags they might be sure it commemorated some event in the history of her Majesty. On the present occasion they were commemorating the anniversary of her Majesty's coronation. Whilst celebrating that most auspicious day, they had a greater inducement to drink the toast in the fact that her Majesty was Grand Patron of the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys, and had been a Subscriber longer than any other Subscriber they had on their books. Many years ago the Duke of Sussex induced her Majesty to take an interest in the Institution, and she had been pleased to contribute 10 guineas each year since.

"H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, M.W.G.M., the Princess of Wales, and the other Members of the Royal Family" was next given by the CHAIRMAN, who said that as Englishmen they were all proud of the M.W.G.M. for the

enormous amount of work he was doing on behalf of all their great Institutions. The Craft could claim to fully participate in the good work being done. Last year, at the 100th Anniversary Festival of the Boys' School, they saw how thoroughly his heart was in Masonry and the pride he took in the Order. The Boys' School had the special honour of getting H.R.H. the Princess of Wales to take the first active part she had ever taken in any Masonic ceremony by distributing the prizes. The fact that the Royal Family took an active part in Freemasonry was the best earnest which could be produced that they, as Masons, had no political ideas, their principles being loyalty to the Order and to the King, and that was thoroughly understood and appreciated.

The CHAIRMAN next proposed "The Pro G.M., Dep. G.M., and the rest of the Grand Officers, Present and Past," and said they were proud of the noblemen who occupied high offices in the Order. Since last year they had lost a very popular brother, who was Pro G.M.—the Earl of Lathom—who took a part in their 100th Anniversary, and whose loss was deeply felt. The Earl Amherst, who now occupied the position of Pro G.M., was an excellent Mason, who had presided for many years over an important province, and they all acknowledged in his appointment the wise choice of the Grand Master. They felt greatly honoured that the Deputy Grand Master had come down and honoured them with his presence. Lord Warwick had only recently been appointed to the distinguished position of Deputy Grand Master, but had already proved that he could count upon the support of every member of the Craft. The Province of Essex, over



THE CHAIRMAN.

which he presided, was now one of the strongest and one of the best supporters of their Charities, and they offered the Earl of Warwick a most cordial welcome.

Bro. the Earl of WARWICK, R.W. Dep. G. Master returned thanks, and said that amongst the great functions of the Order there could be nothing of much greater importance than the occasion of that day. The principal object for which they existed was charity. The building in which they met had a history of considerable length, and had been employed for many purposes, but it had never been better used than for charity, which they had come to support on the present occasion. He believed his visit was somewhat unexpected, and on looking at the toast list he saw a highly esteemed name down to return thanks, and it was a matter of very great regret to find that by the seniority of Masonic rank his name had been substituted for that of Bro. Richards, D.G.M. of the Transvaal. He said that advisedly because at a moment like this they wished in every way to extend, without any political idea, the greatest cordiality to any who came as representing that country. As Masons they were filled with the most brotherly sentiments towards the country, and however much they might wish to see justice and right exercised in that Republic, they would be loth to see a resort to war, for when the sword was drawn it was not sheathed until the object had been attained. Since he had been Prov. G.M. of Essex, that Province had increased from 18 to 43 lodges, and they were not far down the list in the manner in which they supported the charities. The Chairman had the misfortune to follow the great Centenary year, but he trusted that would not prevent him receiving their substantial support on this occasion, and he hoped the list which would shortly be announced would be creditable to him and to them.

The CHAIRMAN next proposed the toast of the evening—"Success to the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys." He said that, as Treasurer it had been his duty for many years to have the privilege of responding to this toast, and he had always been attentive to the distinguished chairman who proposed it, in order to have something to say in return. On this

occasion he had the privilege of proposing it, and if he had any grudge against Bro. Eve, who was going to reply, take the opportunity of saying everything and of leaving him nothing to reply. The Chairman was usually furnished with certain details by the Secretary, which he brought under the notice of the meeting. The Secretary, however, had not furnished him with any details, knowing he was as well up in them as himself. He was only anxious to propose the toast in general terms. It was a great privilege to see so many present who were thorough supporters of the Institution, and had been so for many years. Last year they collected an enormous amount of money, but still they had to look to each festival for the necessary fund for carrying on the Institution. The School was founded in 1798 on very small lines, but gradually grew until 1852, when it became necessary to have an enlarged school on a different site, and it was then established at Wood Green. New buildings had been added there, and stones had been laid by different people, but they could not now take in any more boys, and the Board of Management had decided to move elsewhere, and build a school on an enlarged design. Wood Green had given great satisfaction, and they would be sorry to move, for the School had done well there. The scholarship of the boys was excellent, and they were indebted to the Head Master, Bro. Hebb, and his staff for the success gained. They let the boys go too soon, and it was therefore difficult to gain great success. They were trying the experiment of keeping a certain number for another year—until they were 16—and he thought that would be successful. They had on their books no less than 289 boys, and they had no room for anything like the number. They could stow away 270, but they were obliged to have a certain number educated outside. Before long he hoped the stone of the new building would be laid, when they hoped to get their friends to go down and see the inauguration of what would be one of the finest schools ever established. Through the liberality of the Craft they were able to go in for a school which would possess every requirement that any public school could possibly wish to have. The foundations were being got out, and he sincerely hoped that in two years they would have one of the noblest educational establishments not only in this kingdom, but in the whole world. It was the custom in their Institutions to depend almost entirely on the result of the year's festival for the funds for the ordinary work. Last year they raised something over £140,000, which was a magnificent result, and shows what Freemasons could do when put to it. They wished each year's collection to be sufficient to carry on the business of the year. They could not however expect to do it on this occasion. They were fortunate in having the three great Masonic Institutions working on different lines, but in perfect harmony, and all had to be supported. He regarded it as marvellous that following the £140,000 for the Boys' Centenary, was £19,000 for the Benevolent Institution, and £21,000 for the Girl's School, the two latter festivals coming when the Craft was supposed to be denuded of all its superfluous money. He hoped that those who were present had done their utmost for the Institution this year. Whatever the result was he knew they would drink the toast with the same fervour. He would couple with it the name of Bro. Eve, who looked into every detail of the Board of Management which had done excellent service on behalf of the Institution.

Bro. R. EVE, P.G. Treas., said he felt it a great honour to respond. He felt deep responsibility as Chairman of the Board of Management, of which he was the mouthpiece. He had little to say after the exhaustive speech in which their Chairman had referred to the Institution. The Institution had lasted for years, and had recently extended most extraordinarily. They were delighted with the result of last year's Festival, and their present Chairman was a plucky brother to take the chair after that overwhelming result. He asked them to join in thanking the Chairman for taking the chair that day. The Institution required their assistance as much now as ever it did. The Board of Management were constrained to go elsewhere to give more accommodation to the children. They were bound to do it, and were pleased to find that the Craft had placed them beyond doubt in carrying out that work. The Order was increasing, and the large bulk of Masonry was double and treble what it was when he joined 44 years ago, but they had to provide for a larger number who were in distress through adverse circumstances. They did not join the Institution for what they could get out of it, but to make it stronger and better. Their principles were well understood, and they were a most cosmopolitan body. Amongst those present was a nobleman from Afghanistan, who had taken first in honours at Cambridge in English law, and he would convey to his own country the benefit he had derived here. Their Afghan friend was taken into a Masonic lodge room, and therefore thought he was a Mason, but to show his sympathy with their Institution he had placed five guineas on his (Bro. Eve's) list. He thanked the Chairman for so kindly proposing success to the Institution.

The SECRETARY of the Institution announced letters of regret from the Pro G. Master, Earl Amherst; Bro. W. W. B. Beach; the Earl of Euston; the Grand Registrar, Grand Secretary, and many others. He then announced the following

STEWARDS' LISTS

LONDON.			Lodge		
Lodge	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	Lodge	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
1 Bro. Cecil Holden White	21 0 0	753 Bro. J. J. Thomas	85 0 0		
2 " J. T. Firbank, M.P.	47 5 0	834 " H. W. Dyne	31 10 0		
5 " L. M. Cantlon	31 10 0	871 " R. T. Stringer	20 0 0		
6 " R. C. W. Currie	21 0 0	1227 " C. W. Cooper	31 10 0		
8 " W. F. Warne	23 2 0	1260 " R. Liverett	126 0 0		
14 " E. A. Walker	10 10 0	1260 " John Burlow, J.P.	10 10 0		
18 " J. Gunton	36 15 0	1278 " James J. Hall	15 15 0		
21 " Sydney Willis	38 10 0	1382 " C. H. Cooper	94 10 0		
23 " E. Chace-Case	25 4 0	1383 " J. Temple Scriven	44 2 0		
26 " Col. Trafford Rawson	12 12 0	1397 " James M. Waller	75 0 0		
28 " C. B. C. Hancock	101 17 0	1471 " C. Isler	42 0 0		
29 " C. W. Stevens	21 0 0	1523 " Rev. H. R. Cooper-Smith	21 0 0		
33 " E. R. Garnett	67 4 0	1539 " Samuel Case	10 10 0		
34 " S. B. Combes	57 15 0	1563 " H. J. Homer	157 15 0		
45 " W. Briggs	52 10 0	1563 " T. Halbert Beach	10 10 0		
45 " W. G. Mills	27 6 0	1602 " Edward Drew	10 10 0		
45 " John Briggs	25 14 6	1624 " George Lane	42 0 0		
91 " E. B. Haselden	37 5 6	1627 " Francis Walker	68 15 6		
165 " Godfrey Sykes	85 11 0	1658 " William Croxson	57 15 0		
172 " — Burr	96 12 0	1673 " Gerard R. Newman	11 11 0		
173 " Clement B. Broad	37 5 6	1687 " Walter Adams	160 10 0		
176 " Richard Davies	49 7 0	1704 Collected List	21 0 0		
180 " F. T. Thomas	10 10 0	1963 Bro. R. C. Davis	21 0 0		
197 " V. n. Arch. Sinclair	10 10 0	2029 " T. Proctor Baptie, D.L.	21 0 0		
227 " W. J. Songhurst	10 10 0	2094 " Col. C. M. Molony, C.B.	21 0 0		
259 " S. H. Hargrove	33 12 0				
657 " M. W. Mossop					

Lodge	£ s. d.
2127 Bro. *F. Trehawke Davies	—
2182 " B. Bramble	105 0 0
2190 " Eugene Barrett	10 10 0
2266 " R. C. Davies (see also L. No. 1963)	10 10 0
2347 " Cbl. and Sheriff Probyn	30 0 0
2399 " James Wheatley	20 11 0
2456 " E. Beaumont	32 0 6
2465 " G. S. Recknell	107 2 0
2488 " L. W. Harris	—
2509 " W. Baddeley	28 7 0
2511 " J. Gordon	71 8 0
2528 " T. H. Openshaw	21 0 0
2556 " Arnold W. Izard	27 6 0
2675 " George E. Gratton	80 18 0
2693 " H. Parkinson	17 17 0
2700 " E. Roehrich	110 15 6
2722 " Leon Lefevre	74 11 0
2729 " Horace B. Marshall	31 10 0
2736 " Lt.-Col. G. J. Parkyn	23 2 0
2754 " Henry Carman	48 6 0
Chapter	
5 Comp. Aubone S. Read	18 18 0
58 " John Smithers	72 9 0
73 " Walter Adams	36 4 6
COMMITTEE DINNER CLUB.	
Bro. John Glass	63 0 0
LOGIC CLUB.	
" J. J. Thomas (see also L. No. 753)	123 8 6
GAVEL CLUB.	
" Albert Leighton	32 11 0
UNATTACHED.	
Bro. Frank Adams	10 10 0
" Maj. Eustace Anderson	26 5 0
" S. J. Attenborough	10 10 0
" *W. H. Bailey	—
" *John Barber	4 4 0
" J. Bergmann	10 10 0
" *Arthur Betts	—
" Alfred H. Bevan	—
" G. N. Blades	10 10 0
" T. V. Bowater	11 11 0
" H. T. Brickwell	—
" T. A. Bullock	10 10 0
" Maj. C. W. Carrell	10 10 0
" *Arthur Dutton	—
" W. S. Emden	10 10 0
" John A. Farnfield	10 10 0
" W. G. Fenn	21 0 0
" H. T. Gordon	—
" *J. Fielder Haden	—
" James Harrington	10 10 0
" *Albert Henning (see also Surrey)	—
" *Joseph Henschel	—
" Charles Hines	10 10 0
" W. E. Horne	10 10 0
" J. Campbell Johnstone	—
" *J. Ya-dley-Johnstone	—
" W. H. Kempster, M.D.	10 10 0
" Imre Kirally	22 1 0
" F. W. Lecks	—
" J. Morris MacLeod (see also Malta)	63 0 0
" W. J. Mason	26 5 0
" Daniel Mayer	10 10 0
" J. W. Morrell	10 10 0
" *J. R. Pakeman	—
" *Oscar Philippe	—
" Rowland Plumble	10 10 0
" William Short	10 10 0
" W. Shurmer	10 10 0
" W. O. Smith	10 10 0
" James Speller	—
" *James Stephens	—
" W. M. Stiles	10 10 0
" Frederick Jas. Thayer	10 10 0
" A. J. Thomas	73 10 0
" E. J. Trustram	10 10 0
" John Welford	10 10 0
" James Willing, jun.	10 10 0
" *T. S. Woodcock	—
LADIES.	
Miss *Winifred Allison	—
Mrs. J. Leach Barrett	5 5 0
" T. H. Beach	5 5 0
" *C. H. Cooper	—
" *Croxson	—
Miss Edith Duck	31 10 0
Mrs. J. Gordon	5 5 0
" Harrington	5 5 0
" Charles E. Keyser	125 0 0
" J. M. McLeod	126 0 0
" W. J. Mason	10 10 0
Miss May Parkyn	5 6 0
" Short	5 5 0
" Nellie Smith	5 5 0
Mrs. Speller	—
" James Stephens	—
" J. W. Woodall	5 5 0
THE PROVINCES.	
BERKSHIRE.	
The Province and Lodge	
414 Bro. Charles E. Keyser (THE CHAIRMAN)	105 0 0
Lodge	
414 " Herbert W. Dunlop	54 1 6
574 " Charles E. Keyser	105 0 0
574 " Walter Geo. Crombie	29 0 0
771 " Alexander C. Layton	12 12 0
1101 " E. J. Lewis	55 0 0
1887 " W. G. Curtis	15 15 0
2671 " J. J. Simcox	13 13 0
2671 " A. A. Hardy (see also Middlesex)	40 0 0
2760 " Charles E. Keyser	52 10 0
2760 " Edward Margrett	18 18 0
2760 " J. S. Cambridge	14 14 0

Chapter	£ s. d.
414 Comp. William Bonny	21 0 0
LADIES.	
Unattached	
Mrs. Charles E. Keyser	10 10 0
" Rowland Sporling	5 5 0
BUCKINGHAMSHIRE.	
Lodge	
591 Bro. Edward John Wick	21 0 0
1501 " Charles H. Elsam	10 10 0
1501 " C. H. Thorne	10 10 0
1787 " Arthur A. Walford	10 10 0
1787 " C. A. Bennett	10 10 0
2430 " Thomas Jones	15 15 0
2492 " F. J. Hubbard	50 0 0
CAMBRIDGESHIRE.	
Lodge	
859 Bro. W. J. Armitage	10 10 0
Unattached	
Bro. Major O. Papworth	36 15 0
CHEESHIRE.	
Unattached	
Bro. the Hon. Alan de Tatton Egerton, M.P.	10 10 0
" F. K. Stevenson	10 10 0
" James A. Cookson	10 10 0
CORNWALL.	
Province	
Bro. P. Colville Smith	26 5 0
Lodge	
331 Bro. W. S. Parkyn	10 10 0
Unattached	
Bro. Sholto H. Hare	10 10 0
DERBYSHIRE.	
Lodge	
353 Bro. W. Bennett	110 0 0
353 " *J. T. B. Collyer	—
506 " William Bentley	26 5 0
2224 " John B. Maskell	63 0 0
2583 " Stuart C. Wardell	15 4 0
Rose-Croix Chapter	
63 Bro. Fred E. Leech	36 15 0
DEVONSHIRE.	
Unattached	
Bro. *F. B. Westlake	—
" J. R. Wilson	22 1 0
DORSETSHIRE.	
Lodge	
137 Bro. J. H. Whadcoat, J.P.	—
DURHAM.	
The Province	
ESSEX.	
Lodge	
453 Bro. George Corble	21 0 0
1024 " *Ernest Brown	—
1734 " Percy E. Beard	63 0 0
2077 " Alfred Slatter	32 10 0
2750 " James Graham	115 10 0
Unattached	
Bro. A. G. Hayman	10 10 0
GLOUCESTERSHIRE.	
Unattached	
Bro. R. V. Vassar-Smith	26 5 0
GUERNSEY AND ALDERNEY.	
Lodge	
84 Bro. T. Lightfoot Walton	27 0 0
HAMPSHIRE AND ISLE OF WIGHT.	
Lodge	
394 Bro. Fred Fairweather	26 15 6
1331 " Sergt. John Richard Boxall	27 1 6
Unattached	
Bro. Richard Eve	73 10 0
" Maj. J. E. Le Feuvre	10 10 0
" J. W. Gieve	36 15 0
HERTFORDSHIRE.	
Province	
Bro. Charles E. Keyser (the CHAIRMAN)	52 10 0
Lodge	
403 Bro. A. H. Boucher, M.D.	52 10 0
404 " Charles E. Keyser	170 2 0
409 " G. A. Seaward	33 12 0
869 " Frederick Rees	37 16 0
1327 " W. Metcalfe	21 0 0
1479 " M. T. Hodding (see also Ch. No. 1479)	43 10 0
1984 " James Rogers	34 13 0
1984 " Samuel Goodchild	30 19 6
2054 " W. D. Watford	57 15 0
2086 " R. Hughes	63 0 0
2136 " John S. Brunskill	39 18 0
2218 " W. J. J. James	27 6 0
2323 " C. E. Birch	50 0 0
2372 " James Terry	10 10 0
2518 " Charles E. Keyser	226 16 0
2732 " William E. Catesby	21 0 0
Chapter	
403 Comp. Charles E. Keyser	63 0 0
1479 " M. T. Hodding (see also L. No. 1479)	—
Unattached	
Bro. Geo. E. Lake	10 10 0
" J. P. Taylor	28 17 6
" *Dr. W. P. Warren	—
Mrs. *M. T. Hodding	—
KENT.	
Lodge	
199 Bro. W. H. East	63 0 0
1404 " F. Mitchell	36 15 0
2041 " A. A. Frigout	21 0 0
2200 " William Rule	105 0 0
Unattached	
Bro. H. Work Dodd	10 10 0
" J. W. Elvin	36 15 0
Lewis	
J. R. Elvin	10 10 0

last, gave £631 to that Institution, and that, after raising £1050 in the same capacity at the Girls' Festival in 1897 and £605 6s. 6d. to the Boys' Centenary in 1898, while the latter, which musters only 10 lodges, raised £161 7s. for the Boys' Centenary and £105 for the Old People in February last. YORKSHIRE (N. and E.), with 34 lodges, took part in the Benevolent and Girls' Festivals, contributing £137 9s. to the former and £64 1s. to the latter, while in June of last year it raised £78 15s. for the Girls' School and £563 13s. for the Boys' Centenary. JERSEY (seven lodges) and the ISLE OF MAN (nine lodges) have been absentees from all three Festivals of this year, but both have done good service from time to time, the former having subscribed £130 12s. to the Old People and £131 5s. to "Our Boys" last year, while the latter took part on a small scale in the Boys' Centenary.

Taking the represented Provinces in their usual alphabetical order, we remark that

BERKSHIRE

during the present year has fully maintained the reputation it has enjoyed ever since it was constituted as a Province by itself as a constant and generous supporter of all our Institutions. From the year 1890 until now it has figured in the Returns of all our Festivals, its most successful year being 1898, when, including the £1436 17s. subscribed at the Boys' Centenary, it raised in all £1697 5s. In 1897, it distributed £825 16s. 6d.; in 1896, £1010 19s. 6d.; in 1892—the year of the Benevolent Jubilee—£954 11s. 6d., of which £661 0s. 6d. fell to the share of the favoured Institution; while even in 1891, when it had not long been organised, its Returns reached £385 1s. This year it has again done great things, the total of its contributions to the Old People in February amounting to £242 0s. 6d., and to the Girls' School last month to £396 14s. 3d. On Wednesday, including Bro. Charles E. Keyser, J.P., P.G.D., who presided at the Festival and also represented the Province, the Union Lodge, No. 414, Reading; the Loyal Berkshire Lodge of Hope, No. 574, Newbury; and the newly consecrated Aldermaston Lodge, No. 2760; there were 13 Stewards, ten of whom represented seven of the 17 lodges on its roll, and one the Union Chapter, No. 414, the other two being ladies. The total raised by the efforts of these representatives was £552 18s. 6d. Bro. C. E. Keyser's list—irrespective of the one he compiled as a Hertfordshire Steward—being £262 10s., the personal donation of the Chairman. The Province, indeed, may be said to have shared with Hertfordshire the responsibilities of the "Chairman's Province," and to very excellent purpose.

BUCKINGHAMSHIRE,

with its 19 lodges, also made a goodly show, especially if we bear in mind that its Prov. G. Master, Lord Addington, has consented to act as Chairman at next year's Benevolent Festival. Four of its lodges were represented by five Stewards, and there was one brother Unattached, the sum of the half-dozen lists being £118 5s. 0d. Last month it raised £145 10s. for the Girls' School, and £162 0s. 6d. for the Benevolent Institution in February, so that the year's total stands at £425 15 6d., which, after the £1323 9s. 6d. raised in 1898, including £1143 18s. 6d. to the Boys' Centenary, is most creditable. In 1897 the total reached £489 17s. 6d.; in 1896 £429 11s.; in 1895 £438 14s. 6d.; in 1894 £590; in 1893 £479 16s.; in 1892 £705 15s., inclusive of £290 18s. to the Benevolent Jubilee; and in 1891 £511 1s., of which £300 was raised for the Girls' Festival, at which Bro. Earl Carrington, then Prov. G. Master, presided as Chairman.

CAMBRIDGESHIRE,

though it has but seven lodges, has taken part in all three Festivals of the year, two of its three Stewards in February having raised £100 16s. for the Old People, and its two Stewards last month £74 11s. for the Girls' School, while on Wednesday two brethren, of whom one—Bro. W. J. Armitage—represented the Isaac Newton University Lodge, No. 859, and the other—Bro. Major O. Papworth—a member of the Board of Management, who was Unattached, together accumulated £47 5s., the total for the year being £222 12s. In 1898, including £767 3s. 6d. subscribed to the Boys' Centenary, the year's total reached £759 13s. 6d.; in 1897, £323 10s. 3d.; and in 1896, £364 5s.

CHESHIRE,

with a roll of 52 lodges, had three Stewards Unattached, whose personal donations amounted to £31 10s. Last month four of its lodges sent up six Stewards, who together made up a total of £63, while in February the two representatives of one lodge and two Unattached brethren compiled a sum of £42, the amount for the year being £126. This, of course, is but a small sum from so important a Province, but in 1898 it raised in all £2779 17s., of which £2753 12s. was subscribed to the Boys' Centenary, £10 10s. to the Old People, and £15 15s. to the Institution for Girls.

The whole Province of

CORNWALL.

with its 30 lodges was taken in charge by Bro. P. Colville Smith, S.G.D., his list amounting to £26 5s., and, in addition, there were lists from the One and All Lodge, No. 330, Bodmin, and Bro. Sholto H. Hare, Unattached, the sum total being £47 5s. Last month, with Bro. Milford as the representative of the Province generally, and the Druids' Lodge of Love and Liberality, No. 589, Redruth, in particular, and Bro. Sholto, Unattached, Cornwall returned £231, and in February the sum raised was £238 1s., of which £159 6s. constituted the list of Bro. Lieut.-Col. G. J. Parkyn, who did duty as Steward for the Fort Lodge, No. 1528, Newquay, the total for 1899 being £516 6s. Last year it was the record total of the Province, the amount reaching £924 5s., of which £854 19s. was subscribed to the Boys' Centenary. In 1895, when the Earl of Mount Edgecumbe, Past Dep. G.M., Prov. G. Master, presided at the Girls' School Festival, the amount was £789 18s., of which all but £39 18s. was raised for that particular Festival, while in 1892, when the Prov. G. Master occupied the chair at the Benevolent Jubilee, the amount subscribed was £776 15s., the Province being unrepresented at the Festivals of the other two Institutions. These are capital figures for a Province which is not particularly strong in membership.

DERBYSHIRE

took no part in the Benevolent Festival, but last month it appeared to considerable advantage, there being six of its 27 lodges represented by 10 Stewards, whose lists amounted to £390 19s. On Wednesday, only four lodges and the Rose Croix were represented, the number of Stewards being six, and the sum of their lists, including that of Bro. W. D. Banouth, the W.M. of the Royal Sussex Lodge, No. 353, Winhill, for £110, amounting to £251 4s., and raising the year's total to £642 3s. This is a heavy sum, when we bear in mind that last year, in addition to £2419 2s. raised for the Boys' Centenary, the Province contributed £30 8s. 6d. to the Old People, and £335 to the Girls' School, or altogether £2784 10s. 6d. In 1896, when his Grace the Duke of Devonshire presided at the Boys' Festival, it subscribed £1642 2s., while in 1892, when the Benevolent Institution celebrated its Jubilee, the year's aggregate reached £1738 14s., of which £1362 was subscribed to the Old People. We might give further particulars, but those we have furnished will suffice for our purpose.

It is gratifying to know that

DEVONSHIRE

has been represented at the three Festivals of the year. In February it sent up three Stewards, of whom Bro. F. B. Westlake was Unattached, and the two others represented two of the 58 lodges on the roll of the Province, the sum of their lists being £131 15s. In May there were again three Stewards, representing as many lodges, Bro. Westlake being one of them, and the total was £120 15s. On Wednesday Bro. Westlake and Wilson were Unattached Stewards, and the total was £22 1s., the product of the year being £247 11s. In 1898, when the Province mustered only 56 lodges, it raised altogether £1961 4s. 10d., of which all but £86 2s. fell to the lot of this Institution at its Centenary Festival. In 1892 the Province subscribed £807 18s. 6d. to the Benevolent Jubilee; and in 1888, when its then Prov. G. Master, Viscount Ebrington, presided as Chairman in behalf of this Institution, the total for the year reached £1013 5s., of which £840 was raised in support of his lordship's chairmanship.

DORSETSHIRE

had a single representative in the person of Bro. J. H. Whadcoat, J.P., who represented the Lodge of Amity, No. 137, Poole, but whose is outstanding. Last month there were two Stewards, of whom Comp. J. H. Whadcoat acted for the Prov. Grand Chapter, and Bro. S. R. Bartlett, the Beaminster Manor Lodge, No. 1367, the sum of their lists being £168 6s. In February, Stewards from two lodges and two Unattached compiled a total of £157 10s., of which Bro. J. H. Whadcoat handed in £105. Last year, the contributions reached £2127 10s. 6d., the Boys' Centenary absorbing £2054 0s. 6d., of which Bro. Whadcoat's list reached £1211 8s., and included the 1000 guineas announced as his own personal donation.

DURHAM

does not appear to concern itself greatly about being represented, but it regularly contributes, and Wednesday's gathering proved no exception to the rule, the sum to its credit being £52 10s. In May it was entered for £52 10s., and in February, but without a Steward, for an equal amount, so that the total for the year is £157 10s., in addition to about £2500 raised for its Educational and Benevolent Charities. In 1898 it subscribed £52 10s. to the Benevolent Institution, £57 15s. to the Girls' School, and £533 2s. to the Boys' Centenary, making a total for the year of £643 7s. In 1896 the total reached £566 10s., and in 1892, including £720 5s., the large sum of £1034 5s.

There are now 41 lodges on the roll of

ESSEX,

and on Wednesday five of these were represented by as many Stewards, and another and a lady acted independently, the total of the lists being £242 10s., towards which Bro. James Graham, representing the newly-consecrated Waltham Abbey Lodge, No. 2750, handed in a list of £115 10s. In February, the total subscribed was £450 3s. 6d., the brethren acting as lodge Stewards being five in number and those Unattached three. Last month, eight lodges, of which the Albert Lucking, No. 2717, Southend, furnished as many as six, with a brother Unattached, compiled a total of £660, so that the result of the year's work is represented by £1225 13s. 6d., which is very far from being an inconsiderable amount, after its successful efforts last year, when, in addition to £4122 12s. 6d. subscribed to the Boys' Centenary, it raised £160 3s. 6d. for the other Charities, or altogether £4282 16s. In 1888, it distributed £1297 3s. 6d. among the three Charities, of which the Girls' Institution at its Centenary secured £874 6s. In 1892, its total for the year, including £2218 2s. 6d. to the Benevolent Jubilee, reached £2608 5s., and the following year, when its Prov. Grand Master—then Lord Brooke—presided as Chairman at the Festival of this Institution, and was supported to the extent of £2155 6s., it reached £2258 3s. These are tall figures, of which our Essex brethren are justly proud.

The Dep. P.G. Master, Bro. R. V. Vassar Smith, P.G.D., who is a member of the Board of Management, represented the 17 lodges in

GLOUCESTERSHIRE,

his list containing his personal donation of £26 5s. Last month four of the lodges were represented by three Stewards, and there were, including the Dep. P.G. Master, five Unattached Stewards, the eight lists amounting together to £331 16s., while in February, the four brethren who represented three of the lodges, together with the Deputy as an Unattached Steward, compiled a total of £166 18s. 6d., making the year's aggregate £524 19s. 6d., which is a handsome return after last year's immense total of £2866 2s., of which all but £47 5s. to the Old People and £89 5s. for Our Girls, was raised for the Boys' Centenary.

One of the half-dozen lodges in the Province of

GUERNSEY AND ALDERNEY

—the Doyle's Lodge of Friendship, No. 84—sent a Steward, whose list amounted to £27, this being the only Festival in which the Province has taken part during the present year. In 1898, however, it figured at the three, contributing £78 15s. to the Benevolent Institution, £10 10s. to the Girls' School, and £151 4s. to the Boys' Centenary, or in all £240 9s.

HAMPSHIRE AND THE ISLE OF WIGHT

had two of its 48 lodges represented, and Bros. Richard Eve, Chairman of the Board of Management, and Major J. E. Le Feuvre, J.P., one of its members, were Unattached, the total raised by the four being £174 12s. In February, 10 lodges took part in the Benevolent Festival, together with two chapters, and the Prov. G. Treasurer Unattached, the amount raised by the 10 Stewards being £432 7s., while in May, nine Stewards, of whom eight represented lodges and one—the Prov. G. Treasurer—was Unattached, raised £256, the total for the year being £862 19s. Last year the total reached £3343 13s. 6d., of which all but £105, unequally apportioned between the Old People and the Girls' School, was subscribed for the Boys' Centenary. In 1888, including £1149 13s. 6d. to the Girls' Centenary, the year's total was £1355 1s. 6d., while in 1892 it was £1650 17s., of which £1345 19s. 7d. was in respect of the Benevolent Jubilee.

HERTFORDSHIRE

has done extremely well, as might indeed have been expected from the fact that Bro. Charles E. Keyser, the Chairman of the day, is one of the most prominent of its brethren. As many as 15 of its 23 lodges and three of its chapters were represented; and, in addition, there were three brethren and one lady Unattached, the total raised by the 20 representatives reaching £1101 10s. Of this Bro. Keyser himself sent up three separate lists—one for the Herford Chapter, No. 403, amounting to £63; one for the Watford Lodge and Chapter for £162 15s.; and the third for the Lodge No. 2518, which bears his name, for £226 16s.; the total of the three with £52 10s. for the Province being £504 1s., and of this £135 was his own personal donation. The Chairman also entered himself under Berkshire, his lists for that Province reaching £262 10s.; while Mrs. Keyser's two lists under London and Berkshire gave a total of £136 10s., the personal donations from the Chairman and Mrs. Keyser being together £714. But, returning to Hertfordshire, we find among the other lists one of £52 10s. raised by Bro. A. H. Boucher, W.M. Herford Lodge, No. 403; another of £57 15s. raised by Bro. W. D. Watford, W.M. of the Wilson Hles Lodge, No. 2054; and a third of £50 from Bro. C. E. Birch,

representing the Bushey Hall Lodge, No. 2323. The total, as we have said, was £1101 10s.; and as in February the Province raised £384 10s. 6d., including Bro. Keyser's list for £120 15s., for the Old People; and in May £179 0s. 6d., of which £52 10s. was the donation of Bro. Keyser for the Girls' School, we have a grand total of £1665 1s. for the year 1899, on which we take the opportunity of congratulating the Chairman and the Province, more especially as the total for 1898 reached £2126 3s., out of which £1614 5s. 6d. fell to the share of this Institution at its Centenary Festival.

KENT,

which now has 65 lodges on its roll, has done excellently well during the present year. In February it subscribed by the medium of 15 Stewards, of whom two were Unattached, and the rest lodge and chapter representatives, £797 2s. 6d., this being the highest amount raised by a single Province, while in May, when it only furnished nine Stewards, it figured for £395 18s. 6d. On Wednesday four of it lodges were represented by as many brethren and there were, in addition, two brethren a Lewis, Unattached, the total being £283 10s., and the highest list that of Bro. W. Rule, W.M. of the Pantiles Lodge, No. 2200, Tunbridge Wells, for £105, the sum total for the year being £1476 11s. In 1898, the contributions amounted to £5671 16s., of which £5542 3s. 6d. was raised for the Boys' Centenary. In 1888, the product of the year, including £3059 9s. 6d. to the Girls' Centenary, was £3688 11s., and in 1891, when the Prov. G. Master presided as Chairman at the Benevolent Festival, it stood at £4018 6s., while in 1892, it was £2069 6s. 6d., of which £1868 15s. 6d. was subscribed to the Benevolent Jubilee. Thus Kent is not only strong in respect of members, but also one of our most generous supporters of our Institutions.

LANCASHIRE (E.D.),

with its array of 117 lodges, has been taking things somewhat easily during the present year. In February, it raised £252 for the Old People, and in May, £194 10s. for the Girls' School, while on Wednesday it was entered for only £57 15s., the year's aggregate being £503 5s. But this is not very surprising, as in 1898 it contributed £6081 6s. 6d., of which £5772 7s. 6d., being the second highest Return for a single Province, was subscribed to the Centenary of this Institution. In 1888, its total was £4350 13s., of which £2873 14s. 6d. fell to the share of the Old People and £1350 16s. to the Girls' Centenary. In 1892, it raised £2667 5s. for the Benevolent Jubilee, and in 1895 over £4000 for its own Educational and Benevolent Institution.

LANCASHIRE (W.D.),

with its still more formidable array of 121 lodges, has also been contributing on a modest scale during the present year, and doubtless for a similar reason. In February it raised £152 5s. for the Old People, in May £140 14s. for the Girls' School, and on Wednesday £114 10s., the number of Stewards, including one lady, being seven. Last year its total, including £4451 13s. to the Boys' Centenary, reached £4525 3s. In 1888, it raised £2440 2s. for the Girls' Centenary; in 1891, when the late Earl of Lathom, P.G.M., occupied the chair at the Festival of this Institution, £6126 14s. 4d.; in 1892, it raised £1697 15s., of which £1197 8s. 6d. was in respect of the Benevolent Jubilee; and in 1894, £2768 2s. 6d. of which £2500 was in support of the late P.G.M.'s chairmanship for the Girls' School.

One of the 24 lodges in

LINCOLNSHIRE

represented by a Rev. brother bearing the well-known and respected name of Oliver returns £10 10s., which added to the handsome sum of £399 7s. raised for the Benevolent Institution in February gives the total for the year as £409 17s. Last year the Province contributed £1383 18s. to the Boys' Centenary, and in 1896, when the Earl of Yarborough, Prov. G. Master, presided as Chairman at the Girls' Festival, it raised for that Institution £1500. In 1892, it figured in the Returns at the Benevolent Jubilee for £660 5s., and in those of the Festival of this Institution at Brighton in 1891 for £418 11s. 2d., while at the Girls' Centenary it subscribed £202 2s. 6d.

MIDDLESEX,

on the whole, may be said to have done exceedingly well, especially after the efforts it so successfully made for the Boys' Centenary and the other two Festivals, as well in 1898. In February, six of its 42 lodges compiled a total of £309 11s. 6d. for the Old People, and last month 14 Stewards, acting in behalf of 11 lodges, raised £478 3s. for the Girls' Institution. On Wednesday only five lodges, represented by five brethren, took part in the proceedings, and in addition there were three Unattached, the amount compiled by the Province being returned as £77 3s. 6d. This would have been larger, but Bro. A. A. Hardy, who was Steward for Lodges Nos. 382 and 2163, had his list entered against the lodges he also acted for in Berkshire, and Bro. J. P. Taylor, Unattached in both Herts and Middlesex, had his included in the total of the former Province. However, £864 18s., represents a good year's work, so soon after a contribution of £3587 6s. 6d.—of which £2895 16s. was raised for the Boys' Centenary. In 1897, the total was £1105 18s., while in the record year of 1896, when its Prov. G.M., Bro. the Right Hon. Lord George Hamilton, M.P., presided at the Benevolent Festival, the product of the year, including £3507 15s. 6d. in support of his lordship's chairmanship, was £3967 15s. 6d.

Last year the Province of

NORTHANTS AND HUNTS,

which has been doing such excellent work under the auspices of its present Prov. G. Master, the Earl of Euston, surpassed all its previous efforts, and distributed £1784 2s. among our three Institutions, and of this the Boys' School at the celebration of its Centenary very naturally obtained the lion's share in the shape of £1621 7s. Yet the sums raised during the current year are by no means inconsiderable for a Province which has only 16 lodges on its roll. Thus, in February, two lodges and a chapter, which had Bro. George E. Caster to represent them, and three Unattached Stewards, together compiled a total of £243 1s. 6d., Bro. Caster's list amounting to £136 10s. In May, the Prov. G. Master, with the representatives of two lodges and two Unattached Stewards, made up a Return of £218 15s.; while on Wednesday Bro. Harry Mansfield who has been a Steward at all three Festivals, returned £68 5s., his three lists making the goodly sum of £120 15s. Thus the total for 1899 is £530 1s. 6d., which, after last year's efforts, is, as we have said, a very capital amount.

The same remarks apply with almost equal force to the Province of

NORTH WALES

with its 20 lodges. In 1888, it raised £792 9s. 6d., including £674 17s. 6d. towards the Girls' Centenary. In 1892, its total was £403 12s., of which £222 14s. was in respect of the Benevolent Jubilee, and £234 3s. for this Institution. Last year, the Boys' Centenary was supported to the extent of £1089 10s., while the total for the year reached £1394. This year the figures are on a far smaller scale and comprise £21 for the Old People, £47 5s. for the Girls' School, and £78 15s. for this Institution, the year's aggregate being £147.

On Wednesday, with three of its 12 lodges and one chapter, represented by five Stewards, and sundry amounts collected,

OXFORDSHIRE

raised £166 6s., while last month it gave £188 4s. 6d. to "Our Girls," and in February £141 4s. to the Old People; the year's total reaching £485 14s. 6d., which is certainly above the average, and that, notwithstanding that last year it raised £505 12s. 6d. for the Benevolent Institution, at whose Festival the Earl of Jersey, Prov. G. Master, presided as Chairman; £73 14s. to the Girls' School; and £338 7s. to the Boys' Centenary, making a total of £917 13s. 6d. for the whole year. The Province has always acquitted itself well; but, as far as our experience goes, there have not previously been two consecutive years which have together produced such a total of donations and subscriptions as £1403 7s. 6d.; and the number of lodges is only a dozen, all told.

We owe it to the kindness and sense of duty of Bro. Col. A. Thrale Perkins that his Province of

SOMERSETSHIRE

was represented on Wednesday, his list amounting to £26 5s., while in February it raised £25 10s. for the Benevolent Institution. But it would not have surprised any of our readers had the Festivals of these Institutions been unattended, seeing that Somersetshire, which musters only 26 lodges, had the responsibility, as well as the honour, resting upon it of "Chairman's Province," and backed Bro. Viscount Dungarvan, P.G.M., who presided at the Girls' Festival last month with a splendid subscription of £2134 4s., the total for the year being £2185 19s. Last year it subscribed £1219 9s., of which all but 30 guineas was in respect of the Boys' Centenary. In 1895, when Lord Dungarvan presided at the Benevolent Festival, the total reached £1745 3s. 7d., of which £1657 17s. 6d. was in support of his lordship's presidency. In 1892 it gave in all £841 15s., of which £613 10s. was raised for the Benevolent Jubilee, while in 1888 it stood at £1293 6s., of which the Girls' Centenary absorbed £946 1s.

STAFFORDSHIRE,

which musters 33 lodges, began the year by raising £420 for the Old People, the principal list being that of the Earl of Dartmouth, Prov. G.M., whose intention of presiding at the Girls' Festival next year we had the pleasure of announcing last month, for £283 10s. Last month the sum subscribed to the Institution for Girls was £173 5s., Bro. Walker's list, as the representative of the Province, amounting to £105. On Wednesday, the Stewards from four lodges, with a brother and three ladies Unattached, compiled a sum of £169 1s., the principal item being the list of Bro. Thomas Taylor, of the Gordon Lodge, No. 2149, Henley, for £106 1s. This raises the year's total to £762 6s., which is most praiseworthy, after the £4023 8s.—including £3845 8s. for the Boys' Centenary—of last year, and, seeing that the Prov. Grand Master has undertaken to preside, as we have said, at next year's Festival in behalf of the Girls' School.

One of the 22 lodges in

SUFFOLK

furnished a Steward with a list of £26 5s. on Wednesday. Last month four lodges were represented by three Stewards, whose lists amounted together to £126, while in February, two lodges contributed by their respective Stewards £86 2s. to the Benevolent Institution, the product of the year being £238 7s. This is far below the yearly average, but in 1898, the total was a record one and amounted to £1563 7s. 6d., of which the Boys' Centenary absorbed £1510 17s. 6d. In 1888, the total reached £1105 12s.; in 1889, £1048 17s. 6d.; and in 1892, £1449 4s., out of which the Old People at their Jubilee received £1291 14s.

Two of the 43 lodges in

SURREY,

a lodge of instruction, and two Unattached Stewards, together compiled a total of £90 12s. 6d., on Wednesday, which, added to the £649 4s. raised by 17 Stewards for the Benevolent Festival in February, and the £515 15s. 6d. compiled by 16 Stewards last month for the Girls' School, makes the total for the year £1255 12s., which is certainly equal, if not above, the yearly average. Last year's total, including £3499 16s. raised for the Boys' Centenary, was £3974 8s. The next highest total was in 1892, when the Old People celebrated their Jubilee, and the Returns reached £2817 10s. 6d.

When the Boys' Festival is held at Brighton

SUSSEX

generally pulls itself together and makes a good show. But on Wednesday only two of its 32 lodges sent up Stewards, and these, with Bros. V. P. Freeman, Prov. G. Secretary, and Richard Clowes, Unattached, made up the moderate total of £135 19s. 6d., of which Bro. J. S. Lee, representing the Royal Brunswick Lodge, No. 712, Brighton, had the satisfaction of compiling £80 17s. In February 11 Stewards, acting for as many lodges, and two Unattached brethren together returned £442 8s., while last month the Returns from 12 lodge Stewards and one Unattached was £371 5s. 6d., the total for the year standing at £1049 8s. Last year produced, in all, £2932 15s., of which £2860 15s. was in respect of the Boys' Centenary, and doubtless this will explain why the Province has done less than usual.

One of the 32 lodges in

WARWICKSHIRE

was represented on this occasion, his list amounting to £21. In February, the Province returned £84 for the Benevolent Festival, and last month £395 15s. to the Girls' School, there being three lodges represented by seven brethren in the former case and 10 by 21 Stewards in the latter, the total for the year being £500 15s. Last year, the sum raised was £5153 4s. 6d., in which was included £5079 14s. 6d., obtained by the efforts of 237 Stewards for the Boys' Centenary. In 1892, the Province contributed £2186 to the Benevolent Jubilee, and in 1888, £1440 6s. 6d. to the Girls' Centenary, while even in 1876, when "big" figures were not so commonly met with as now, it raised £2000 for this Institution in honour of Lord Leigh's Chairmanship.

WILTSHIRE

took no part in the Benevolent Festival, but subscribed £285, per Bro. Harry Bevir, Prov. G. Sec., to the Girls' School last month, and as Bro. Bevir is a member of the Board of Management of the Boys' School, he went in for a list of £10 10s., on Wednesday. Last year £539 0s. 6d. was contributed to this Institution, and £71 1s. to the Girls' School. In 1892, the subscriptions to the Benevolent Jubilee reached £483 14s.

Sums amounting to £36 15s., appear under the head of

WORCESTERSHIRE,

and increase the £221 11s. raised for the Old People to £258 6s. for the year. In 1898, the sum of its contributions to the three Institutions, including £1136 2s. to the Boys' Centenary, was £1231 13s., the previous highest having been in 1888, when, with £605 18s. to the Girls' Centenary, it reached £848 3s.

Five of the 81 lodges in

WEST YORKSHIRE

were represented each by a Steward, the total sum raised being £131 5s., which, with £500 to the Old People in February, and £550 to the Girls' School last month, place the year's record at £1181 5s. But last year's total was £7956 3s., which explains why West Yorkshire is less prominent than usual in 1899.

FOREIGN STATIONS.

Half-a-dozen Stewards figure under this head, of whom Bro. J. M. McLeod, whose list as Unattached London is £63, and another return £63 as the representative of the Masonic Charities Association of Malta.

CONCLUDING REMARKS.

Having completed our task, we conclude with the usual expression of a hope that we have not in our remarks exceeded the limits of kindly consideration.

ROYAL MASONIC INSTITUTION FOR BOYS.

DISTRIBUTION OF PRIZES.

The annual distribution of prizes took place at the Institution, Wood Green, on Tuesday, the 27th ult., when there was a good attendance of Stewards and friends. The prizes were distributed by Mrs. C. E. Keyser, who was presented with a handsome bouquet on arrival. Bro. Richard Eve, Chairman of the Board of Management, presided, and was supported by Bros. C. E. Keyser, P.G.D., the Chairman of the Festival; J. Stephens, J. M. McLeod, J. J. Thomas, and many others.

The proceedings opened with the National Anthem, after which

The CHAIRMAN made a few introductory remarks, and expressed his delight at seeing so many friends present, to all of whom he extended a hearty welcome. He trusted they would be able to take away a good report of the School. The Board of Management took care that the boys were examined each year by an independent authority. That had been done by the Cambridge Syndicate, and an excellent report was the result. The boys were also physically trained, the result being that they were well set up, and what strength they possessed was developed, in order to make them useful men in time to come. Dr. Lott had examined the boys in music, and some had a special aptitude for it. Having detailed the various successes of the past year, the Chairman said they had to thank various brethren for suitable presents and donations, including the Stewards of last year for two silver cups. He concluded by asking Mrs. Keyser to kindly present the prizes to the boys, who had so well earned them.

Bro. Rev. HEBB, the Head-Master, in making his annual report, first offered the hearty thanks of himself and staff for the kindness and consideration shown by the Board of Management. If a reasonable case was only made out, the Board always granted what was asked, and he trusted this would always be so, for the staff could not have done what they had if this was not the case. His second duty was to repeat what he said last year and on previous years and to tender his own personal thanks to the staff. He said last year that their relations had been of the most cordial kind and that he appreciated all the admirable work they had done. All that and more was true. A great deal had been done, not only in the various departments but in other ways, which the boys could never repay. The excellent results of the examinations were before them, but he must explain why they had no Senior Cambridge Local Examination results. He thought it was not fair to send in boys of 15 when the age was open up to 19. If they took the total of the School they would find there was only 15 per cent. who had either failed or were not up to the mark for examinations and they must all feel that was a very satisfactory state of things. They considered that a dull boy had as much right to be trained as a smart boy. There had been considerable talk about the Secondary Education Bill which provided firstly for the tests by a competent expert, and, secondly, by sending a large portion of the pupils into some recognised public examination. This had been practised in their School for several years past, and it was a pleasure to find that they were not behind, but before, the times, which would also be a source of satisfaction to all who supported the Institution.

Mrs. Keyser then presented the following prizes to the fortunate recipients:

FORM PRIZES.

- Form IB.—B. Y. Taylor, 1, and C. C. Check, 2.
- Form IA.—B. F. Webb, 1, and K. Griffiths, 2.
- Form IC.—H. E. Bassett, 1.
- Form IB.—G. W. Peel, 1.
- Form IA.—R. H. Cooper, 1, and E. Mellor, 2.
- Form IC.—F. W. Hall, 1, and G. V. Venables, 2.
- Form IB.—B. Frost, 1, and R. T. Woodward, 2.
- Form IIIA.—A. W. Evans, 1, and W. W. Marsden, 2.
- Form IVB.—W. D. Coales, 1, and R. H. J. Insull, 2.

PRIZES FOR SPECIAL SUBJECTS.

Best Copy Books.—IAB—B. Y. Taylor, IIAC—O. W. Loxley, and IIAC—C. W. Newman.

- Drawing.—H. L. Garraway and F. Cowell.
- Sight Singing.—P. E. Harrison.
- Pianoforte.—W. D. Coales and H. D. Pink.
- Theory of Music (Trinity College, London).—W. D. Coales.
- Mathematics.—J. A. Goode.
- Latin.—(Presented by Bro. H. Manfield).—L. W. Croft and H. A. Dodds.
- French.—(Presented by Bro. O. Philippe).—W. L. Dallas.
- Scripture.—(Presented by Bro. J. W. Elvin).—A. D. Rogers.
- English Composition.—(Presented by the Old Masonians' Society).—A. E. Blackwell.
- Knowledge of the Australian Colonies.—(Presented by Bros. W. F. Lamonby and W. Russell).—H. J. Shaw, 1, and S. W. Hughes and A. R. Taylor, 2, equal.
- Recitation.—(Presented by Bro. Sholto Hare, 1898).—H. L. Garraway, 1, and P. E. Harrison, 2.
- "Stars" for Three Specimens of Excellent Work.—A. W. Huskinson and P. E. Harrison.
- Honours in the Cambridge Local Preliminary.—W. Coales, D. Collins, L. Cunat, J. Goode, A. Goulden, R. Insull, A. Miller, T. Fremlett, D. Brown, T. Chipp, A. Crane, R. B. Jay, C. Morton, F. Mostyn, W. J. Roberts, A. E. Skilleter, J. C. Stacey, A. Taylor, and H. Todd.
- Carpentry.—(Presented by Bro. W. F. Smithson and Friends).—C. W. Bewsher and E. F. Sellentin.
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- Field Botany Club.—Best Collection of Specimens.—To be awarded after the holidays.
- Swimming.—(Presented by Bro. Sholto Hare).—C. E. Campbell and B. F. Webb.
- Gymnastics.—(Presented by Bro. W. H. Kempster, M.D.).—G. W. Foster, 1, C. E. Campbell, 2, and P. G. Bradford, 3.

FUNDED PRIZES.

- Canonbury Gold Medal for the most popular Boy (elected by his comrades).—A. W. Huskinson.
- Bowyer Prize for Shorthand.—A. S. Miller.
- The William Masters' Prize for Knowledge of Railways.—A. W. Huskinson.
- Escott Prize for Mathematics.—H. D. Maidment and G. D. Irons, equal.
- Raymond Thrupp Prize for History.—L. W. Croft and H. D. Maidment, equal.
- Fox Prize for English Literature.—H. W. Roberts.
- Winn Prizes for Boys who have gained Certificates in the Cambridge Local Examination in 1898:
 - Junior Class 1.—L. Croft, G. Irons, and H. Maidment.
 - " 2.—H. Dodds, A. Huskinson, H. W. Roberts, and A. D. Rogers.
 - " 3.—H. W. Austin, W. L. Dallas, S. J. Dowdell, H. Garraway, B. Good, P. E. Harrison, H. Hind, S. Hughes, and S. Pattison.
- Passes.—A. Blackwell, T. Bott, H. Cox, W. Holland, S. Horsburgh, H. Lord, J. C. Naysmith, R. Rees, G. Sandy, H. Stone, and G. Tutton.
- Cama Memorial Prize, for the youngest Boy passing the Cambridge Local Senior Examination.—No award.
- Greenwood Memorial Prize.—G. D. Irons and A. W. Huskinson.
- Supreme Council's Prize.—H. D. Maidment.
- Institution Silver Medal, for the Head of the School.—L. W. Croft.

PRESENTATION OF HOUSE CUPS.

- Football.—Mr. Crane's House.
- Cricket.—Mr. Pinhorn's "
- Fives.—Mr. Pinhorn's "
- Best Average in House Matches (Batting).—W. Holland.
- " (Bowling).—F. S. Lang.
- " (Presented by Bro. S. J. Attenborough.)

The Chairman, Bro. R. EVE, in moving a hearty vote of thanks to Mrs. Keyser, said she had come a long distance to perform this duty as the wife of the Festival Chairman for the year, Bro. C. E. Keyser. They trusted Mrs. Keyser would be spared for many years to support Bro. Keyser in his efforts on behalf of the Institution.

The resolution of thanks was carried by acclamation, the boys giving a hearty round of cheers.

Bro. C. E. KEYSER said he had not been able to induce Mrs. Keyser to respond for herself, although they read of a large number of women taking part and speaking in various meetings and associations. On her behalf he returned his best thanks and said it had been a great pleasure to attend. Having already seen what the boys could do at athletics, Mrs. Keyser was pleased to see what they could do and help reward them for their intellectual work of the past year. As they had visited the School so many times before, they were not surprised. The tone of the School and everything about it was well known to Mrs. Keyser and himself and he hoped also to the friends of the Institution, who, doubtless, appreciated the excellent results. He trusted that the boys felt what a wonderful good chance they were getting. He said last year that he hoped those boys who were receiving prizes from the Princess of Wales would feel they were getting a stimulus for further work, and he hoped it would be true in a less degree on the present occasion. Those who had not succeeded in gaining prizes should make up their minds to gain them next year. He spoke in a different capacity to other chairmen for he knew all the ins and outs of the School and he could tell the boys that were it not for the School they would not get such a good start to carry them through a successful career in life. When the boys left, they were not lost sight of, for one of the greatest pleasures was to hear of the success attending those educated at the Institution. During the past year they heard of one boy who gained great distinction in the Army. One of the most gratifying events of last year was the starting of a Masonic lodge formed almost entirely of old boys from the School. This proved that the start given them had enabled them to obtain good positions, for each one was amply justified by his financial position in joining the Craft through this new lodge. He wished the boys to look at life in this way and take advantage of the education given them. Those who took prizes should do so with the hope of gaining higher ones next year, and those who gained none, should try to come in for some of the spoils in future. He knew punctuality was a feature with the Head Master, and he would not, therefore, delay the proceedings further, except to thank them, on Mrs. Keyser's behalf, for their kind reception, and express the pleasure it had afforded her to be present.

The entertainment was then proceeded with.

The visitors having partaken of refreshments in the gymnasium, inspected some excellent specimens of carpentry, carving, printing, book-binding, and botanical specimens, and subsequently witnessed a capital gymnastic display given by the boys under the superintendence of their instructor.

THE CRAFT IN GREATER BRITAIN.

(COMMUNICATED).

III. THE COLONIES.

(Continued from page 303.)

There are not very many Colonies left in which the Grand Lodge of England has jurisdiction, without particularising districts, there are Queensland and Western Australia, the Cape, portions of the West Indies, New Zealand, and sundry lodges in isolated stations, which render their returns (when it occurs to them to do so) to the Grand Secretary direct. Of these there can be no doubt but that in the ordinary course of things the two Australian Colonies named will blossom into Sovereign Grand Lodges. In New Zealand, there are remaining sundry "loyal" lodges which have withstood the desire for autonomy and which retain the machinery of government which sufficed when all the lodges in the Colony were governed by the Grand Lodge of England. It may be safely predicted that before long these various lodges will become absorbed into the new Grand Lodge of New Zealand. At the Cape everything points to a union of the several jurisdictions which hold sway in South Africa, and it will be interesting, therefore, to study, first of all, those aspects of Colonial Freemasonry which eventually crystallize into the desire for autonomy. "Taxation without representation" was the grievance of the North American colonists in the middle of last century, and in the main it is the grievance of the

Colonial Freemason to-day. True, the taxation is not very serious, being little but a registration fee, but still it exists; and the Colonies are not without representation—of a sort. There used to be a Colonial Board, and there is now in its place a sub-Committee of the General Board, which is supposed to study the interests of colonists. The Constitutions provide that, if possible, a certain number of the members of that sub-Committee shall be Past Masters of a Colonial lodge, and hitherto that possibility has always existed. Again, though nominally an appeal against the District Grand Master lies to Grand Lodge, the latter body has always displayed the greatest care in disposing of such. Whatever happens to local appeals, a Colonial appeal always engages the best attention of the best legal talent available in Grand Lodge—and it generally needs it.

Then our cousins say they never get any Grand Lodge honours. Once in a while, say, on the occasion of a Jubilee they get their chance, and Deacons and Assistant Director of Ceremonies increase and multiply, but on the whole we must admit that they very rarely attain Grand Rank and very rarely are gratified by the sight of a Grand Lodge Officer. On the other hand, District Grand Rank is far more easily attained. Districts are very small as regards the numbers of lodges comprised in them. Every year the District Grand Master has from 15 to 20 collars to give away and probably only some half dozen lodges from which to select, and, therefore, it occasionally happens that every Past Master in the District is adorned with the purple, and many instances have come to our knowledge of offices not being filled up from sheer inability to find suitable officers.

From all this it is evident that the grievances of our Colonial brethren are sentimental rather than real. They are no worse off than brethren at home and they have no protection of their mother Grand Lodge and prestige of connection with it.

It will not be out of place here to refer to the procedure to be adopted when autonomy is sought for. The rules recently added to the Book of Constitutions are extremely well-devised and full of common sense. Before their adoption, the very discussion of the question was a treasonable act. The brethren only met at all as such by virtue of a warrant from the Grand Lodge of England, and, under the protection of that warrant, they had to discuss ways and means of doing without it. Until the actual moment of its formal recognition, the "body styling itself . . ." was a rebellious and schismatic body, and the members of it were open to the whole gamut of Masonic penalties. The half-dozen self-willed brethren who resisted the movement were officially described as "loyal," and the official opinion of all the rest followed by implication. We need do no more than refer to the case of Lodge *Cambrian*, N.S.W., to illustrate how very illogical the whole procedure was from beginning to end. Now all is changed, and under certain restrictions it is possible for such subjects to be lawfully discussed in open lodge. The Grand Registrar, V.W. Bro. Philbrick, brought forward a number of proposed additions to the Book of Constitutions in March, 1897, and, after considerable discussion, these were ultimately adopted.

In our remarks regarding Indian Freemasonry, we said that appeals to Grand Lodge were rare, and in any case were very seldom upheld. In the Colonies it is different. The titular ruler is very often only an ornamental one. Possibly it is desirable that the lord or the baronet who dispenses the hospitalities of government house, should, if a Mason, be selected to preside over the Craft. But skill in diplomacy and statesmanship does not necessarily make a man a skilled Masonic jurist, and it is, therefore, all the more desirable in such cases that the Deputy should make up for his chief's deficiencies, and that the District Board of General Purposes should be strong.

Experience has shown, however, that when a Deputy goes wrong he does so with great completeness.

A story occurs to us of a brother in a far-distant colony whose conduct became a grave scandal, involving a breach of the S.O. in the Third Degree. The Deputy District Grand Master wrote to the erring brother and expelled him. The brother appealed on the ground that he had not been summoned to show cause and the appeal was allowed. Then the provisions of the Book of Constitutions were duly complied with and the brother again expelled on his refusal to attend the summons. He appealed on the ground that the Deputy District Grand Master was acting *extra vires*. The appeal was allowed and then all concerned read up their Constitutions thoroughly and a special meeting of District Grand Lodge was convened at which the brother was once more expelled. Once more he appealed and with success, on the ground that he had had no notice of the intended proceedings. After a delay of about 18 months, during which the brother exercised all his Masonic privileges, the brethren managed to get into line with the Constitutions, and

the offender was expelled a fourth time, and on this occasion finally. This occurrence is only quoted to illustrate the extraordinary ignorance of Masonic law which prevails in districts remote from headquarters.

As regards the actual classification of Colonial Masonry under the jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge of England, in Europe there are separate District Grand Lodges, in Gibraltar (three lodges), and Malta (six lodges). There are two lodges in Cyprus, and a lodge in Tunis is subject to the District Grand Master for Malta. At the East end of the Mediterranean there are five lodges in a state of more or less suspended animation. In the East Indies Masonry flourishes. The six districts of Bengal, Madras, Bombay, Punjab, Burma, and the Eastern Archipelago comprise 142 working lodges. China and Japan are sub-divided into three District Grand Lodges, comprising 18 lodges in all, and in South Africa there are five District Grand Lodges, with 92 private lodges. In various other parts of Africa there are 14 other lodges. A similar feature characterises the New World. Scattered all over are the relics of English jurisdiction, keeping up their end valiantly, amid alien jurisdictions, and probably wondering if the price they pay for their loyalty is commensurate with the privileges it entails.

Seeing what South American Freemasonry is, we cannot blame them, but the case of New Zealand is different. The English brethren probably think they know best, but the provision of five District Grand Lodges, together with six lodges under direct jurisdiction, seems more than adequate to supply the desire for Masonic light, especially when the colony is governed by an enthusiastic and universally recognised Grand Lodge of its own.

Military lodges might be classified as Colonial, and they used to flourish. The Calendar, however, only shows three at the present moment. As a rule a military lodge is short-lived. Probably the reason is that a soldier's connection with his regiment is shorter than it used to be; and it is conceivable that half a dozen brethren—transferred about the same time—might be succeeded by the same number of the Profane. At all events, the most recently formed military lodge now working is that in connection with the 1st Battalion East Surrey Regiment, No. 743, which was warranted 41 years ago.

Royal Arch.

Pythagoras Chapter, No. 88.

The half-yearly convocation of the above chapter—attached to the Scientific Lodge, No. 88—was held at the Lion Hotel, Cambridge, on the 23rd ultimo. Present: Comps. J. Gordon Chennell, P.P.G. Std. Br., M.E.Z.; A. E. Chaplin, P.P.G. Treas., H.; and W. P. Spalding, P.Z., P.P.G.J. Comp. Col. R. Townley Caldwell, G. Supt., attended, and the company also included visiting companions from London and elsewhere.

Two joining companions having been elected, five brethren from various lodges were balloted for, elected, and exalted. The work of the P.S. was done by Comp. F. Piggott, P.Z., P.G.H., in the absence of Comp. W. Sindall. The lectures from the chairs followed, and Comp. B. Chennell, P.Z., P.P.G.H., assisted with the signs and the description of the pedestal. The following are the appointed officers for the ensuing year: Comps. A. E. Chaplin, P.P.G. Treas., M.E.Z.; C. H. Banham, H.; W. Sindall, J.; J. Gordon Chennell, P.P.G. Std. Br., I.P.Z.; O. Papworth, P.Z., P.P.G.H., S.E.; A. H. Langridge, S.N.; T. Hunnybun, P.P.G. Sd. Br., Treas.; J. H. Moyes, P.S.; J. West Knights, 1st A.S.; T. Leader, 2nd A.S.; B. Chennell, P.Z., P.P.G.H., D.C.; C. F. Moody, Org.; J. V. Pryor, P.Z., P.P.G.S.N., Stwd; and G. A. Allen, Janitor. The Auditors will be Comps. J. H. Moyes and J. Bester. The chapter was then closed.

At the banquet which followed, the Grand Superintendent spoke of the recent progress in Royal Arch Masonry, and congratulated the members of the old Pythagoras Chapter upon their work.

The ritual, as has been previously pointed out, is an extension of what is mostly seen elsewhere, and is probably unique. But visitors from town and other chapters praise rather than criticise it. One of the London visitors last week—a Mason of 30 years' standing, declared that the work was quite a revelation, and Comp. Dr. J. R. Green highly commended the smooth and even working of all.

It may be mentioned that Pythagoras Chapter was consecrated in 1828.

Royal Alfred Chapter, No. 777.

The installation meeting of this chapter was held at the Angel Hotel, Guildford, on Wednesday, the 21st ult., and the following are the officers for the year: Comps. E. Miles, M.E.Z.; Alfred Gibbs, H.; T. P. Whateley, J.; F. Dowse, I.P.Z.; J. B. S. Lancaster, S.E.; G. H. Herbert, S.N.; E. H. Gale Crowdy, P.Z., Treas.; the Rev. J. Arnau Tait, P.S.; W. Macklin, A.S.; and G. Hoare, Janitor. The Third Principal elect, Comp. Whateley, was unavoidably absent, but the other two Principals were installed in the most impressive manner by the Prov. G. Scribe E., Comp. C. T. Tyler, A.G.D.C., after which the remaining officers were duly invested. Comp. Alfred Gibbs was re-elected Charity Representative. There being no further business the chapter was then closed.

The companions afterwards dined together, and the usual loyal and Royal Arch toasts were duly honoured.

Comps. R. F. Gould and C. T. Tyler responded for the Grand, and Comps. J. B. S. Lancaster and F. Prorose for the Prov. Grand Officers.

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NOTICES OF MOTION,
Upon recommendation of the House and General Committees,

By W. Bro. FRANK RICHARDSON, P.G.D.,
Patron:

That the Right Hon. Edward George, Earl of Lathom, be elected a Trustee, in the place of his Father, the Right Hon. Sir Edward Bootle-Wibraham, Earl of Lathom, deceased.

By R.W. Bro. ROBERT GREY, P.G.W.,
Patron:

That Bro. Walter H. Jessop, M.A., M.B., F.R.C.S.E., be elected Honorary Surgeon Oculist, in place of Bro. Jabez Hogg, F.R.C.S., deceased.

F. R. W. HEDGES,
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The 112th ANNIVERSARY FESTIVAL will be held on Wednesday, May 9th next, under the distinguished Presidency of the

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SATURDAY, JULY 1, 1899.

Masonic Notes.

The gathering at Margate on the 23rd ult. in connection with the consecration of St. John's Thanet Lodge, No. 2753, was a most successful one. Not only was there a strong muster of the local brethren, but the Provincial G. Lodge of Kent and the other lodges in the Province were very numerous represented, and, in addition, there was a good sprinkling, including several members of Grand Lodge, from outside the Province. The ceremony was most impressively carried out by Bro. Earl Amherst, the Provincial G. Master of Kent, who was ably assisted in his task by his Deputy, Bro. James S. Eastes, P.G.D., and Bro. Horatio Ward, P.G. Std. Br., as Director of Ceremonies. When the Lodge was constituted, Bro. Eastes, Dep. P.G.M., installed Bro. J. Brighurst as the first W. Master, and the rest of the proceedings having been carried to a conclusion, the brethren adjourned

to a banquet at the King's Head Hotel, and there celebrated with hearty goodwill the important function of the day. We hope the new lodge will have a long and successful career.

In another column will be found an illustration of the Masonic Hall—the property of the Lodge of Union, No. 127—in which the meeting took place. It is one of the neatest and best built premises of its kind with which we have any acquaintance, while all the fittings and appointments are of the very best. It is not so very long ago that it was dedicated to these purposes, and we congratulate the Union Lodge—but more particularly Bro. Crosoer, P.M. No. 127, and the first S.W. of the new lodge, to whom the erection of the Hall is due—on being the proprietor of a building so admirably suited for Masonic purposes. We should gladly see other lodges adopting the same plan of erecting a Hall of their own.

According to the *City Press*, the Masons who are members of the City of London Tradesmen's Club favour the formation of a lodge to consist exclusively of members of the club. The initial steps, we are told, have already been taken, and it is probable that H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, the M.W.G.M., will be petitioned in a very short while to grant a dispensation for the formation of the lodge. Upwards of 20 brethren have already expressed their willingness to become founders, while nearly as many more have put their names down as initiates. Naturally, no decision has been come to in reference to the place of meeting, but it is not improbable that the home of the lodge will be the Cripplegate Institute. A more convenient spot it would be difficult to find.

The annual meeting of the Provincial Grand Lodge of Middlesex will be held at Teddington, on Saturday, the 22nd inst. The Provincial Grand Chapter of Middlesex will meet on the following Saturday, the 29th, at the Mitre Hotel, Hampton Court. We regret to hear that the Masonic work of the Provincial Grand Secretary, Bro. James M. Small, has been seriously interfered with by indisposition, but hope he may be speedily restored to good health.

The Committee of the Sudlow Testimonial met on the 2nd ult., and decided that the presentation of the testimonial should take place on Friday, the 28th instant, at Freemasons' Hall, at 6 p.m. precisely, of which all subscribers will receive due notice. To those who have not already subscribed and are desirous of doing so, it would greatly oblige the Hon. Secretary and Committee to receive the same by the 21st instant.

At the request of H.R.H. the Hereditary Grand Duke of Mecklenburg-Strelitz, Bro. Henry Wright, last week, took his book of autographs to Cambridge Cottage, Kew, which has now been signed by the entire family gathered together for the wedding—the Grand Duke and Duchess, the Hereditary Grand Duke and Duchess, Princess Marie, Princess Jutta and Prince Borwin of Mecklenburg-Strelitz, Duke of Cambridge, Duke and Duchess of York, Princes Adolphus, Francis, and Alexander of Teck, and Duchess of Anhalt Dessau. The bride, as well as her father, was very interested in looking through the book, and her sister was anxious to know if her (Princess Jutta) fiancée had signed. The Crown Prince Danilo of Montenegro's autograph was found duly inscribed in the Jubilee year. The Grand Duke told the owner he had never seen such a book. The new American and Italian Ambassadors, and Sir George Gabriel Stokes, Past P.R.S., Lord Kitchener of Khartoum, Lord Elgin, Professor Joachim, and M. Paderewski have also recently signed in it.

On Wednesday, the 5th instant, Edinburgh will be the scene of an event, of which it may safely be affirmed that it is unique in the annals of Freemasonry. On that day the Lodge of Edinburgh, No. 1 (Mary's Chapel), whose earliest records date from the close of the 16th century, will celebrate its Tercentenary, or rather of its earliest entry in the minutes, which have been fortunately preserved to this day, there being no doubt whatever that the lodge's career dates from a still more remote period. The banquet in honour of this event will be held in the Music Hall, George-street, under the patronage of H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, who is Patron of the Craft north of the Tweed and was affiliated a member of the venerable lodge in 1870, but whose engagements, unfortunately, prevent him from taking part in the celebration. But the Grand Master, Past Grand Masters, and all the rest of the leading officers, both Present and Past, of the Grand Lodge of Scotland, have allowed their names to be added to the Tercentenary Committee of the lodge and many of them will, no doubt, honour the lodge with their presence on so auspicious an occasion.

To-morrow (Saturday) there will be consecrated, at the Freemasons' Hall, Newquay, the St. Michael's Lodge, No. 2747, the last occasion on which such an event took place in the Province of Cornwall having been in 1886. The ceremony will be performed by Bro. E. Letchworth, F.S.A., Grand Secretary, assisted by Bro. P. Colville Smith, G.D., and others. The principal officers designate are Bros. Silas Rickeard, W.M.; A. Hardwick, S.W.; and C. C. Vigurs, J.W.

Correspondence.

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

A SPURIOUS AND CLANDESTINE GRAND MARK LODGE.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,

"Historicus," in his letter to you of 24th inst., states "The old system was to work in the Second Degree Craft lodge, and there are lodges in which this is still the practice."

I beg to point out that in America the Mark was always given in the Second Degree.

An old friend of mine (a Mason) was in New York about 12 years ago and was refused admission to a lodge in the Second Degree because he was not a "Mark Mason."

On his return to England he spoke to me about it, I explained how he could become a Mark Mason, and offered to introduce him to the London Bon Accord Lodge of Mark Masters, but I do not remember whether he was advanced or not. He is now dead.—Yours faithfully,

MAGNUS OHREN, P.G.M.O.

June 28th.

Reviews.

"MASONIC YEAR BOOK FOR THE PROVINCE OF SUFFOLK, 1899."—The Provincial Grand Secretary (Bro. N. Tracy) has again ably edited the Masonic Year Book for Suffolk, and compressed such a mass of interesting matter in some 149 pages, that the Directory is a complete and accurate guide for the brethren. It cannot fail to be a great help to Lord Henniker, Prov. G.M., and the Rev. C. J. Martyn, D. Prov. G.M., in the distribution of the Provincial honours, Craft and Royal Arch, as well as Mark, &c. There are 22 lodges, returning 1022 subscribing members, the votes for the Central Masonic Charities numbering the handsome total of 5342, or 7493, taking the two elections for Girls and Boys. These votes are carefully arranged under lodges, with the names of the subscribers, and also in a separate table, showing the work done in the Province, the numerical condition of each lodge, and other valuable information involving considerable labour to compile. The various reports to the Prov. G. Lodge are duly given, and thus the Year Book is all that can be desired or expected.

"FREEMASONS' CALENDAR AND DIRECTORY FOR THE PROVINCE OF ESSEX, 1899."—This very neat and interesting compilation is the work of the Provincial Grand Secretary, Bro. Thomas J. Ralling, who has thus ably looked after the interests of his Province for 15 years as Editor. By an ingenious arrangement each division of the handy volume has a separate brief title on another coloured paper, so that for reference the plan is an excellent one. The Annual is ever increasing as the Province extends, there being now 43 lodges on the roll. The Editor should give the total membership of the Province, so as to compare with the large total votes for the Masonic Charities, so amply detailed, amounting to 11,715. The room for such a needful item could easily be found by a brother so fully conversant with the "make-up" of such a publication. An excellent portrait of Colonel Lockwood, M.P., forms the artistic frontispiece. The Masonic Notes and Events for the Year are excellent features of the Directory, and the particulars respecting all the Degrees worked in the Province are not only ample, but well arranged, making the Annual one of the best published in England.

"THE HOMELAND HANDBOOKS" (Beechings, Ltd., 174 in the Strand, London).—These extremely useful, handy, and reliable Guides deserve a large sale, and, apparently, are having it, for already the artistic volume entitled "Kent's Capital" is in the seventh thousand, and "Dartmoor and its Surroundings" is sure not to be far behind, when its distinctive features become known. They are published by "The Homeland Association for the Encouragement of Touring in Great Britain and Ireland," and are issued at the uniform price of 6d. nett, or cloth 1s. nett (postage 2d. additional). There are 10 of the series so far printed, and, doubtless, more will be published if the present efforts meet with the success anticipated. Apart from the manifest advantage to the local communities generally, and the evident need there is for the millions of tourists knowing intimately their own country before they proceed "to do the Continent," it will be seen by reference to these handsome and profusely illustrated Handbooks that no more lovely or wild scenery can be met with than is to be found in our own country. One need not feel like martyrs in touring through Great Britain and Ireland; and they who wish their "appetites to be wetted" cannot do better than consult these admirable Guides of the Homeland Association. "Dartmoor, and its surroundings. What to see and How to find it" is just the sort of volume required for tourists who desire to become acquainted with the chief features of that grand neighbourhood; the numerous illustrations from photographs, adding much to the value of the souvenir. A map of the district completes the attractions of the handbook; this alone being well worth the trifle asked for the whole work, which has been written by Beatrix F. Cresswell, and a chapter on "Dartmoor Fishing," added by Edgar Shrubsole. There are some 11 chapters in all, and 132 pages are well filled with reliable information and details as to one of the most entrancing spots in the world. "Kent's Capital" is a handbook to Maidstone on the Medway and guide to the district by B. Prescott Row and W. Stanley Martin. The volume is still larger than the preceding one, and most thoroughly done; the neighbourhood being exhaustively treated, and an excellent map is supplied for reference. There are no better guides of the kind and they are marvels of condensation and arrangement, as well as complete successes, typographical'y and artistically.

CONSECRATION OF THE ST. JOHN'S THANET LODGE, No. 2753.

Owing to the rapid growth, in recent years, of Freemasonry in Margate, and to the fact that the Union Lodge has, numerically, been getting somewhat unwieldy, it was thought necessary to found a new lodge, and this—named the St. John's Thanet Lodge—was consecrated and opened with the usual ancient ceremonial and ritual on Friday, the 23rd ult. There was a very large muster of Provincial Grand Officers and brethren, which taxed the capabilities of the commodious Temple in no small degree, but the whole of the arrangements were admirably carried out by the founders, and everything passed off most successfully.

Among those present were the following:

Bros. Earl Amherst, Pro G.M., Prov. G.M.; James Smith Eastes, P.G.D. Eng., D.P.G.M.; Rev. W. H. Robins, P.M. 1174, Prov. G. Chap.; H. A. Hickin, P.S.W. 1174, acting Asst. Chap.; Alfred Spencer, P.G.S.B. Eng., P.G. Sec.; W. O. Kennett, 1208, P.J.G.W.; Horatio Ward, P.D.G.S.B. Eng., acting D.C.; Harry Price, 127 and 177, P.G.S.B. Eng.; George Church, 199, Prov. G.D.C.; William Dawes, 1854, P.P.S.G.W., acting S.G.W.; John Brighurst, 127, P.P.J.

G.W.; Henry Wootton, 127, P.P.G.D.C.; George E. Hawkes, 127, P.P.G.S.B.; Edward G. Walthew, 1915, P.P.A.G.D.C.; Frederick Stanley, P.M., Sec. 127, P.P.G.S. of W.; Francis Bennett, P.M. 787, P.P.A.G.D.C.; E. H. White, 2448, P.P.A.G.S.; J. Neale, P.M. 429, P.G. Stwd.; F. R. Howlett, P.M. 1725, P.P.S.G.D.; Fred Francis, P.M. 558, P.G.D.C.; W. J. Light, I.P.M. 299, P.P.G. Supt. Wks.; J. Solomon, P.M. 77, P.G.S.; A. Wootton, P.M. 127, P.P.J.G.W.; Walter Charles Stunt, P.M. 133, P.G.S.; W. Seaman, P.M. 2099, P.P.G.D.C.; A. H. Hales, P.M. 1209, P.A.G.D.C.; J. Terry, P.G.S.B.; Francis W. Willett, P.M. and Treas. 127, P.P.G.D.C.; Charles W. Blaxland, 709, G. Reg.; R. Morley, 429, P.P.A.G.D.C.; J. G. Henning, P.M. 127, P.P.G.D.C.; William T. Wiggins, P.M. 20, P.A.G.S.; J. F. Whichcord, W.M., and A. W. Waite, of 31; Leonard Hill, W.M., W. F. Franklin, I.P.M.; Hugh W. Bamber, P.M., E. Crosoer, P.M., J. L. Hume, P.M., J. Healing, P.M., John Moore, P.M., W. H. Bennett, W. H. Hughes, T. J. Carter, Albert Tannenbaum, F. J. Doughty, E. Coleman, W. Burnham, E. Robertson, T. W. Stigant, W. H. White, E. J. Bryant, C. E. Rowley, C. Perret, Chas. Burgess, E. T. Bugden, W. Saunders, A. Tarling, C. J. Boulting, Jesse Holness, W. H. Tappenden, and A. Palmer-Palmer, of 227; A. Hall, W. H. Mount, J. H. Clegg, J. W. Sayer, J. M. Munns, Walter Bourne, and G. W. Saxby, of 127; W. J. Haisell, 125; Charles W. Turner and E. M. Stevens, of 199; J. E. White, W.M.; E. J. Elliott, P.M., G. Goodburn, P.M., F. Nixon, H. Crampton, and W. Sear Call, 429; George Milne, 558; E. A. Browne, 784; Herbert Hicks, W.M., Charles Watson, P.M., H. J. Bridges, I.P.M., J. Lee, W. Felton, F. Gillow, and Frederic A. Hall, of 1206; W. Crosoer and W. Holmes, of 1208; William Fletcher Gadd, W.M., M. H. Gill, P.M., George Chapman, P.M., J. Collins, Charles Tamplin, J. Thearle, and Thos. S. Chayney, of 1209; E. T. Ward, W.M., W. Kelly Westropp, P.M. 2195, and G. B. Michell, of 2587; W. G. Head, W.M., J. B. Wood, I.P.M., George Knowles, and C. E. Homewood, of 2305; J. G. Candeford, W. Horne, and Chas. Hills, of 1449; W. Nation and J. H. Batten, of 2448; W. Forrester, 2660; John Robinson, 15, 177, 1321; and F. Humphreys, 1298.

The ancient and impressive ceremony of consecration was performed by Bro. Earl Amherst, Pro G. Master Eng., Prov. G. Master, assisted by Bros. James Smith Eastes, P.G.D. Eng., Dep. P.G.M.; William Dawes, acting P.S.G.W.; Woldemar O. Kennett, P.J.G.W.; Alfred Spencer, P.G. Sec.; Charles W. Blaxland, P.G. Reg.; and Horatio Ward, acting P.G. D.C.



THE WORSHIPFUL MASTER.

The brethren having assembled in the Temple and the Prov. Grand Officers having filed into their places, the lodge was duly opened and the founders of the new lodge then took up their appointed places. These were Bros. J. Brighurst, W.M. designate; E. Crosoer, S.W. designate; Fred Stanley, J.W. designate; J. L. Hume, Sec.; H. Wootton, J. Moore, W. H. Hughes, W. H. White, Albert Tannenbaum, J. Hosking, T. J. Carter, W. H. Bennett, E. T. Bugden, Leonard Hill, and J. Healing.

The petition and warrant were read, and the M.W. Pro Grand Master constituted the lodge, after which the anthem "Behold how good and joyful a thing it is, Brethren, to dwell together in unity," was sung by the choir, and then came the usual dedication ceremony.

The CONSECRATING OFFICER addressed the brethren on the motive of the meeting and in doing so his lordship stated that it had long been in his mind that, as Freemasonry had made such strides in Margate, a second lodge would be, sooner or later, a necessity.

The Prov. G. Chaplain, Bro. Rev. W. H. Robins, gave a masterly oration on the principles of Freemasonry, and after the prescribed ceremonies had been performed, including the scattering of corn, the symbol of plenty; wine, the symbol of joy; and oil, symbolical of peace and benevolence were poured and salt was sprinkled, the symbol of fidelity and friendship. Then followed the anthem "I will lift mine eyes" (Dr. J. Clarke Whitfield), the solos being sustained by Bros. Hosking and Tarling, the other members of the choir being Bros. E. Coleman, W. H. Bennett, F. Stanley, and F. J. Doughty.

At the close of the consecration service, Bro. J. Brighurst was impressively installed as the first W.M., and the usual investitures and appointments took place, the first list of officers being as follows: Bros. E. Crosoer, S.W.; F. Stanley, J.W.; H. Wootton, I.P.M.; J. Moore, Treas.; J. L. Hume, Sec.; W. H. Hughes, S.D.; W. H. White, J.D.; Albert Tannenbaum, I.G.; J. Hosking, D.C.; T. J. Carter, A.D.C.; W. H. Bennett, and E. T. Bugden, Stwds.; and Geo. Lawrence, Tyler.

Bro. F. Stanley, P.M., was appointed a representative to serve on the Prov. G. Charities Committee, and other formal business was transacted.

Bros. Earl Amherst, Eastes, H. Ward, W. Russell, A. Spencer, J. Terry, and W. H. Robins were elected hon. members of the lodge.

Founders' jewels were presented to the Pro G. Master and the Dep. Prov. G. Master.

Bro. C. E. Rowley presided at the organ, and the musical portion of the ceremonial was excellently carried through.

The handsome founder's jewel was designed by Bro. F. Stanley, and is a veritable work of art.

The lodge having been duly closed, the brethren adjourned to the King's Head Hotel, where a *recherché* banquet had been served by Bro. B. Ross, the host, whose catering gave every satisfaction.

Over 60 sat down to the repast, under the presidency of the W.M., who had Earl Amherst on his right hand and the Deputy G.M. on his left, the other Prov. Grand Officers present including Bros. Kennett, Robins, Spencer, Blaxland, Howlett, Church, Francis, Hale, Neale, Wiggins, Solomon, Stunt, and others.

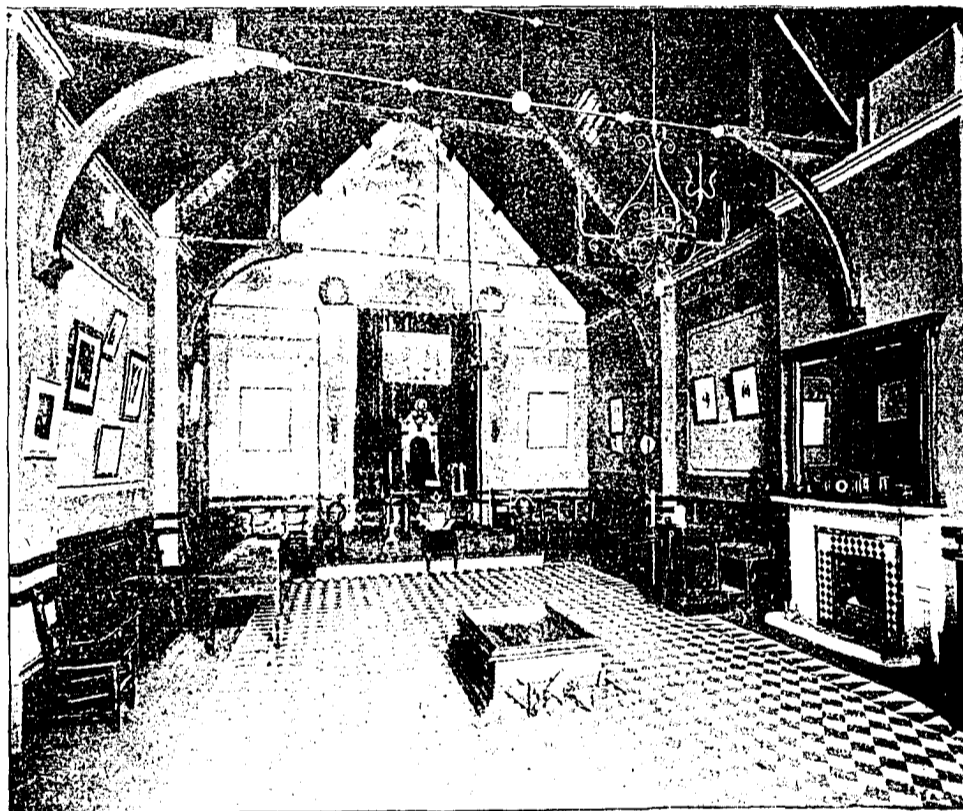
The *post-prandial* proceedings were opened with the usual toast of "The Queen and the Craft," after which the CHAIRMAN said, as several of the brethren would shortly be leaving, they must excuse him if he hurried the list forward, and he would now submit the next official toast, "His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales, Most Worshipful Grand Master."

"God bless the Prince of Wales" was sung by Bro. Tarling.

The next toast submitted by the CHAIRMAN was "The M.W. Prov. Grand Master, the Earl Amherst; the R.W. Dep. Grand Master, the Earl of Warwick; and the rest of the Grand Officers, Present and Past." He said, although he had not had the proud privilege of being present at any meeting at which his Royal Highness had been in attendance, he had had the honour of attending some half-dozen gatherings over which their Pro Grand Master had presided, and he had been much struck with the admirable manner in which the business was conducted. In connection with the toast he would couple the name of Bro. Spencer, because the Pro Grand Master would have to reply to a toast later on.

Amherst had been elected to the important and proud position of Pro G. Master of England, a distinguished honour in which Kent shared, because he was also the G. Master of their province. (Applause.)

The Noble LORD, who was received with a most enthusiastic demonstration, said he had to thank them most heartily for the very kind reception they had accorded him, and the cordial manner in which they had received the toast, so ably proposed by the Worshipful Master. He might say their connection did not date from yesterday, as he had been for some 40 years Prov. Grand Master, and during the whole of that time he had never failed to get the most kindly reception from the brethren. One of his first official acts was to open the 17th lodge in the province; that day he had consecrated the 64th new lodge. (Applause.) That showed that a considerable lapse of time had taken place since he first had the honour of representing the province, and that day they had performed a ceremony which would conduce to the interests of Masonry in the Province of Kent. He thought the ceremony they had witnessed that day was one that must have interested all the brethren present, and he was particularly pleased to see such a large gathering of Provincial Grand Officers assisting in the proceedings. Having eulogised the services of Bro. Ward as acting D.C., he trusted that those who had never seen the consecration of a lodge before would carry away a good impression of the ceremony, and he would add that, having started the St. John's Thanet Lodge on its journey, they wished it a long Masonic career and a good voyage in the future. Having been once started the future of the lodge was in their own hands. They must nurse the infant lodge carefully; they must adhere strictly to the ancient tenets of Masonry; they must be circumspect in whom they chose as their new members; and they must follow the good example of other lodges in Kent, and he had no fear but that the lodge that had been that day consecrated would have a prosperous and brilliant future before it, and be one of the ornaments in the province. They were always pleased to welcome a new centre of Masonic activity, which would be a source of strength in the province, and he gave it to them in the strongest possible terms not to disappoint the high hopes the province had formed of them. (Applause.) Referring to the honour his Royal Highness the M.W. the Grand Master



The toast having been drunk with acclamation, the choir sung in excellent style the glee, "Oh! Who will away o'er the hills so free," which was vociferously applauded.

Bro. SPENCER, in responding to the toast with which his name had been associated, remarked that it was needless for him to make any lengthy speech, because those whose names had been named in the toast were already well known to all the brethren. As to their Prov. G. Master, it was well known that in his province he worked nobly and well, and for that reason, he supposed, he had been selected to fill the important position of Dep. G. Master of England. As to the other Prov. G. Officers, he trusted that they all, himself included, would in all times merit the confidence placed in them, and the kind things said of the services they rendered so willingly.

Bro. J. S. EASTES also replied. He thanked the proposer of the toast, and those present most heartily for the manner in which the toast had been submitted, and the cordial way his name had been received in connection with it. He said he felt very gratified indeed at having been present at such a splendid gathering of the Craft, and he would not have liked to have left without the opportunity of expressing what he trusted and believed, that the new lodge would be a grand success, and that it would have a splendid future before it. Margate was a growing town, the Province of Kent was a growing one, and he had not the slightest doubt that in the new lodge they had the nucleus of a strong lodge, and that by their energy many men would become initiated into the mysteries of Masonry. He would like to see the lodge prosper and increase, but at the same time he did not want to see it grow too large, or another lodge would have to grow out of it, and emanate from it, and that would be undesirable with two lodges already in the town.

The CHAIRMAN said the next toast he had to propose came more home to them, as it was that of "The M.W. Prov. G. Master, Earl Amherst." (Applause.) They were all most deeply indebted to him for having come down that day to consecrate their new lodge, as no one could carry out such Masonic work more efficiently or effectually than his lordship had done. It was very gratifying to them to know, as members of Kent lodges, that Earl

had conferred on him, he said it was no sinecure office to be the working head of a great association like the Freemasons, but if any talents of his conduced to the good of Freemasonry he would be richly rewarded and when at any time in doubt he would always be sustained and buoyed up by the good wishes he had always received at the hands of his faithful brethren of Kent. (Loud applause.)

The CHAIRMAN next submitted the toast of "The V.W. Dep. G.M., Bro. J. S. Eastes; and the rest of the Prov. Grand Officers, Present and Past," and this was responded to by Bro. F. R. HOWLETT P.S.G.D.

Bro. JAMES S. EASTES, P.G.D. Eng., D.P.G.M., in felicitous terms, gave the toast of "The New Worshipful Master, Bro. John Brighurst," whom he referred to as a most energetic worker in the cause of Masonry. He was, he said, glad to add that this was no exceptional case in the Province of Kent, but Bro. Brighurst had been an exceedingly useful member of the Craft, and he thought the St. John's Thanet Lodge had done wisely in choosing such an experienced brother as its first W.M. (Hear, hear.) In continuation of his remarks he pointed out some of the little difficulties a new lodge would most probably have to contend with, but, he added, he was sure that the W.M. with his ripe experience would be able to render them valuable assistance.

The W.M., in replying, said if he could tell them in words what he felt at the great honour conferred on him that day, he would have to detain them for the next half hour, but he desired to be very brief, and, at the same time, nevertheless sincere in acknowledging the pride he felt at the honour they had done him. He trusted that at the end of his year of office he would quit the chair with credit to himself and with the knowledge of having discharged his duties to the satisfaction of all. Referring to the formation of this new lodge, he said there was nothing in it antagonistic to the Union Lodge, on the contrary, it would tend to help them, and the wish was that the two might work together in peace and harmony. He thanked his lordship for the very kind remarks he had made and his kindly wishes towards the new lodge, and the brethren for the cordial way they had received the toast and his name in association with it.

The remaining toasts were: "The Consecrating Officers," proposed by the CHAIRMAN and responded to by the PROV. G. CHAPLAIN; "The Visitors," submitted by the CHAIRMAN, and acknowledged by Bro. HARRY PRICE, 177, formerly a member of the Union Lodge; "The Masonic Charities," proposed by Bro. F. STANLEY, and acknowledged in one of his customary humorous speeches by Bro. J. TERRY, P.G.S.B., Sec. R.M. B.I.; "The Union Lodge, No. 127," for which Bro. LEONARD HILL, W.M., responded; "The Officers of St. John's Thanet Lodge," "The Brethren who had assisted in the musical portion of the day's proceedings," and the Tyler's toast.

The speeches were interspersed with a well-arranged programme of vocal music, including: Song, "Because of you," Bro. J. Hosking; song, Bro. A. Tarling; song, "The Skipper," Bro. W. H. Bennett; song, "Margarita," Bro. E. Coleman; glee, "Softly fall the shades of evening," the choir; song, "The wolf," Bro. F. J. Doughty; song, "The last muster," Bro. H. Wootton; song, "Welcome, ever welcome, friends," Bro. F. Stanley; song, "Queen of the Earth," Bro. Hosking.

PROVINCIAL GRAND MARK LODGE OF CORNWALL.

The above Provincial Grand Mark Lodge met on Monday, the 19th ult., under the banner of St. John the Baptist Lodge, No. 404, at Penzance. Bro. P. Colville Smith, P.M., P.G.D. Eng., Dep. Prov. G.M., presided in the unavoidable absence of Bro. the Earl of Halsbury, Prov. G. Master. Other brethren present were—

Bros. W. J. Johns, P.G. Std. Br. Prov. G. Sec.; J. E. Rogers, 404, P.P.G.I.G.; W. Colenso, P.M. and Sec. 404, P.P.G. Reg.; W. J. Sharpe, P.M. 94, P.P.G.R.; R. Pearce Couch, P.M. 404 and 87, Prov. G.D.C.; P. T. Chirgwin, P.M. 404 and 87, P.J.G.W.; J. H. Bunt, 417, P.G.O.; H. Dunkin, P.M. 417 and 87, P.P.S.G.D.; J. M. Cornish, W.M. 404, P.P.S.G.D.; E. Benney, I.P.M. 78, P.G.I.G.; H. Opie, P.M. 73, P.J.G.O.; J. E. Shanks, P.M. 325, J.W. 101, P.G.S.B.; J. Whitworth, S.W. 417, P.P.G.O.; E. W. Newton, M.O. 417, P.G.S.; Sholto H. Hare, P.M. 35, 101, &c., P.P.G.O. Devon; A. H. Ferris, P.M. 73, P.P.G.C.; R. Pease, W.M. 325, P.G.S.; H. Shapcott, P.M. 351, P.G.M.O.; E. Venning, P.M. 379, P.P.S.G.W.; W. G. Hancock, P.M. 404, P.P.G.M.O.; E. Boase, P.M. 84 and 404, P.P.G. Reg.; E. M. Milford, acting D.P.G.M.; R. Howe, Sec. 78; E. I. Ellery, W.M. 78; Richard Faulk, J.O. 399; C. D. Smith, W.M. 399; T. Docton, S.O. 87; C. F. Mermagen, M.O. 78; F. G. Lee, P.M. 417; F. F. Beringer, S.O. 73; G. Tonkin, D.C. 73; J. James, M.O. 175; A. E. Webber, M.O. 94; T. Turner, S.O. 417; P. Marrack, 404; W. Gundry, S.W. 94; J. M. Blamey, W.M. 94; S. M. Abbott, I.P.M. 73; O. Caldwell, 404; C. S. Leigh, Stwd. 404; A. Pool, S.D. 404; R. Walters, M.O. 404; A. C. Gregory, 404; G. W. Eustace, 404; E. Noble, 73; H. Chapman, 101; J. Opie, J.D. 101; Frank Latham, 404; C. Stewart, D.C. 404; W. M. Harrison, Treas. 175; R. B. C. Hooper, Stwd. 175; S. J. Partridge, R. of M. 101; F. W. Dabb, P.M. 589, P.P.G.M.O.; S. Trehane, 379, P.G.R.; G. P. A. Robinson, I.G. 404; J. Blight, W.M. 275; C. H. Whetter, I.P.M. 275; J. Symons, S.O. 404; J. Nicholas, 417, P.P.G.I.G.; W. K. Baker, P.M. 87, P.P.S.G.W.; and M. Sampson, P.M., Treas. 404, P.P.G.M.O.

The Prov. G. Treasurer (Bro. MILFORD) reported that the financial condition of the province was satisfactory. The reports of the W.Ms. of the lodges in the province showed that the Degree had increased 20 in the last year. Bro. Milford was re-elected Prov. G. Treasurer for the eighth time.

The following brethren were invested the Prov. G. Officers for the ensuing year:

Bro. R. P. Couch, 87	...	...	Prov. S.G.W.
" W. L. Chegwidden, 73	...	...	Prov. J.G.W.
" Sholto Hare, 101	...	...	Prov. G.M.O.
" J. M. Cornish, 417	...	...	Prov. S.G.O.
" E. Benney, 78	...	...	Prov. J.G.O.
" the Rev. C. F. Mermagen, 78	...	...	Prov. G. Chap.
" R. P. Pease, 325	...	...	Prov. G. Reg.
" W. J. Johns, 78	...	...	Prov. G. Sec.
" E. M. Milford	...	...	Prov. G. Treas.
" Milford Abbot	...	...	Prov. S.G.D.
" F. J. Lee, 379	...	...	Prov. J.G.D.
" C. H. Wetter, 275	...	...	Prov. G.I. of W.
" C. D. Smith, 379	...	...	Prov. G.D.C.
" J. G. Blight, 373	...	...	Prov. G.S.B.
" J. M. Blamey, 94	...	...	Prov. G. Std. Br.
" Gundry, 94	...	...	Prov. A.G. Sec.
" J. James, 175	...	...	Prov. G.I.G.
" T. Docton, 87	...	...	} Prov. G. Stwds.
" R. Walters, 404	...	...
" S. J. Partridge, 101	...	...	} Prov. G. Tyler.
" J. E. Rogers, 404	...	...

Bro. Sholto Hare offered his services as Steward for the Mark Benevolent Fund, and they were accepted.

An interesting feature was a presentation to Bro. W. J. Johns, Prov. G. Sec., "By the Mark Masons of Cornwall on his appointment to the office of Grand Standard Bearer of England, 1898, in appreciation of his long and valued services to Mark Masonry." The present consisted of Grand Mark clothing for the office of Standard Bearer, a Past Master's jewel, and a silver salver (both inscribed); and a diamond ring for Mrs. Johns accompanied the gift. Bro. Colville Smith made the presentation, and it is believed that every lodge and member of the province subscribed.

Loce invited the lodge to hold their meeting at that town next year.

The business of the lodge having been concluded, light refreshments were served to the brethren and lady friends, and later St. Michael's Mount was visited by brake. At the Mount the party were received by the Hon. Piers St. Aubyn, who conducted them to the many places of interest on the historic old pile, but the pleasure of the trip was somewhat marred by the rain which commenced soon after the party reached the Mount. On the return from the Mount the brethren and ladies partook of dinner at the Western Hotel.

H.R.H. THE PRINCE OF WALES and the Duke and Duchess of York have expressed their intention to attend the international athletic competition between representatives of Oxford and Cambridge and Yale and Harvard. The meeting will be held in London on Saturday, the 22nd instant.

A MASONIC FESTIVAL.

The serenity of the little island of Elmley was disturbed on Wednesday afternoon, the 19th ult., by the influx of a goodly party of brethren from Sittingbourne and Sheerness, together with several ladies, upon the occasion of a special Masonic service, which was arranged to be held in the little church dedicated to the memory of St. James. The event was quite unique, for it was the first time on record that a purely Masonic service had been held at Elmley. But when it is known that Bro. the Rev. R. B. Barber, the present rector of the island parish, is the Chaplain of St. Michael's Lodge, No. 1273, Sittingbourne, it need cause no surprise to find so numerous a muster of brethren and friends. Service was fully choral, the singing being led by a section of the choir of St. Michael's Church, Sittingbourne, under the conductorship of Bro. H. W. Chuter.

The surpliced choir, headed by Bro. the Rev. R. B. Barber, who was attired in handsome vestments, including his lodge regalia, met the brethren at the entrance to the churchyard, and the scene presented by the choir and the richly-costumed brethren (who wore lodge clothing) was strikingly picturesque. The standard of St. Michael's Lodge (borne for the occasion by Bro. H. B. Capps) preceded the brethren. The processional hymn was "O God, our help in ages past." The responses were sung to Tallis's setting, and the choir sang the anthem (unaccompanied) "From the rising of the sun" with telling effect. Hymns appropriate to the occasion were sung during the service. The lessons were read by Bros. J. Dixon, W.M., and W. Prentis, S.W.

Bro. the Rev. R. B. BARBER took for his text, Psalm cxxii., verse 1, "I was glad when they said unto me, 'We will go into the house of the Lord,'" and proceeded to say how glad he was to hear the proposal of the brethren to hold this Masonic service, and how his heart was now filled with joy to see how readily they had responded to the invitation to enter into God's house. This psalm in many respects reminded one of the beauties and powers of Freemasonry, for of Zion it was said, "she is built as a city that is at unity in itself," and is not this power of "unity" the great force which leads to the success of the brotherhood in their works of Charity and Mercy? We, like the Ancient Zion, have our Divine Centre to which we may look up in every emergency. This unity binds together all in one great bond of Love, disarms hatred, and evokes sympathy in every true brother's heart. How often has the knowledge of our Craft in the angry turmoil of battle stayed the uplifted sword? so that the deadly blow was exchanged for fraternal consolation and help? How many a time has the homeless stranger become the honoured guest? and the failing brother been warned and strengthened by kindly advice and loving aid? But some perchance will say, "Yes, but all this is narrow and circumscribes the action of Charity and kindness to members of the Brotherhood." But is this so? I assert, brethren, that the same unity of purpose and of veneration which binds us in one, causes us to extend to all who need the benefit of our aid; the true spirit of sympathy and love knows no bound but the need of those who seek it. I cannot point to a more direct proof of the power and sympathy of our Order, than the fact of so many having assembled here today to help me in my work, by showing that although I live in such an isolated position, you are ready to prove that I am not forgotten nor forsaken, but that my brethren are ever ready at much personal inconvenience to show by their presence their sympathy and by their offerings their readiness to help me in beautifying this house of prayer.

A bright service was concluded with the singing of "Praise God from whom all blessings flow." There was a collection in aid of the stained glass window that is proposed to be placed in the chancel, and this realised the substantial sum of £17 14s. 7½d.

After the service a cold collation followed in the schoolroom, and there were so many visitors that an overflow party had to be formed. The catering arrangements were in the hands of Bro. T. W. Crayden, and they were all that could be desired.

The officers present from St. Michael's Lodge were Bros. J. Dixon, W.M.; J. E. French, I.P.M.; W. Prentis, S.W.; F. Gorely, J.W.; H. Black, P.M., P.P.A.G.D.C., Sec.; A. J. Turner, S.D.; R. B. Barber, J.D.; S. Shrubsole, I.G.; G. H. Wills, Org.; H. B. Capps, Stwd.; and T. W. Crayden, Tyler.

Among the brethren were the following P.Ms. and P.P.A.G.D.Cs.: Bros. C. B. Harris, G. Goble, H. Morris, and L. Seager, Prov. G. Stwd. elect. Bros. T. E. Dexter, W.M. 158; G. Humphrey, W.M. 1087, and several brethren from Sheppy took part in the remarkable gathering.

LOGIC CLUB.

On Sunday, the 25th ult., some 50 members and visitors of this well-known club journeyed down to Reading. After luncheon a river trip was taken on the launch Caversham as far as Mapledurham and Pangbourne. On returning to the historic George Hotel at Reading it was found that Miss Howse, the new manageress, had prepared an excellent repast, over which Bro. Robert Manuel, P.M. 1196, Preceptor of the Logic Club, presided.

"The Queen and the Craft" having been duly honoured, some capital songs and recitations followed.

Bros. HENRY NEVILLE, P.A.G.D.C.; IMRE KIRALFY, P.A.G.D.C.; JAS. E. SULLIVAN, St. John, No. 1, New York; and E. J. SAUNDERS, S.W. 227, returned thanks for "The Visitors."

The gathering included Bros. J. Percy Fitzgerald, Sec.; J. J. Thomas, P.G. Std. Br.; Harry Nicholls, P.M. 2127; Nathan Robinson, I.P.M. 2603; Luigi Lablache, W.M. 1319; Albert G. Neville, 2127; A. Craddock; E. T. Weston; H. E. Weston; O. Barnett, P.M. 742; John Murray, 2545; E. F. Williams, P.M. 898; E. T. Davies, 2127; E. Roehrick, 2127; W. Fisher, J.W. 860; B. McNeill, 2127; G. H. Peters, 2394; Dr. Pritchard, 163; E. H. Davis, 435; E. W. Gatfield, 1602; G. A. Robinson, 55; Maurice Miroy; and W. J. Rowe, P.M. 2021.

Special thanks were accorded to Bros. A. G. Duck, P.M., M.B.G.P., and J. T. Murray, 2127, for their splendid organisation of the trip, which proved thoroughly enjoyable.

THE MARQUIS AND MARCHIONESS OF LANSDOWNE entertained at dinner on Wednesday evening, at Lansdowne House, the Duke and Duchess of Somerset, Bro. the Duke and Duchess of Atholl, Bro. the Earl and Countess of Arran, the Earl and Countess of Morley, Count Hermann Hatzfeldt, Bro. Viscount Folkestone, M.P., Viscount Peel, Lord and Lady Ribblesdale, Bro. Lord and Lady Amphill, Lord and Lady Burghclere, Bro. Lord and Lady Loch, Bro. Lord Kitchener of Khartoum, Lord Edmond Fitzmaurice, M.P., Lady Sandhurst, Lady June, Bro. the Right Hon. Akers Douglas, M.P., and Mrs. Akers Douglas, Col. and Mrs. Eyre Crabbe, Capt. and Mrs. Ponsonby, and Mrs. Robert Crawshaw.

Craft Masonry.

Glamorgan Lodge, No 36.

The annual festival of the above lodge took place at the Masonic Temple, Cardiff, on the 22nd ult., when Bro. J. T. Shelton was installed W.M. for the ensuing year. There was a large attendance of members and visitors. The installation ceremony was impressively performed by Bro. C. A. J. Ward, to whom a vote of thanks was accorded for the manner in which he carried out his duties. Bro. Shelton then invested his officers for the ensuing year as follows: Bros. Charles A. J. Ward, I.P.M.; R. S. Fisher, P.M., P.P.S.G.W., S.W.; W. H. Petty, J.W.; the Rev. Joseph Baker, P.M., Prov. G. Chap., Chap.; Thomas Wallace, P.M., Prov. S.G.W., Treas.; Arthur L. Hopkins, Sec.; J. Alfred Pertwee, S.D.; Alfred H. Thomas, J.D.; C. H. Priestley, P.M., P.P.J.G.D., D. of C.; Geo. H. Cole, F.C.O., Org.; Alfred H. Howard, I.G.; Wm. L. Jones, Asst. Sec.; George Sloaggett and T. A. Reid, Stwds.; and Amos Jenkins, Tyler.

In the evening the annual banquet was held in the ante-room of the Temple.

Lodge Prudence, No. 388.

The installation festival of the above lodge was held on Monday, the 26th ult., at Halesworth, Suffolk, when Bro. F. Kendall-Chapman was installed W.M. for the ensuing year. The lodge was held at the Court House. The officers and members present were Bros. F. Kendall-Chapman, S.W., W.M. elect; R. Breton, J.W.; the Rev. A. R. Upcher, Chap.; George Andrews, P.M., Sec.; T. Wilson, S.D.; A. Foreman, J.D.; Thos. Stevenson, P.M., P.G. Stwd.; W. Page, I.G.; R. Barker, P.M., P.P.A.G.D. of C.; A. Caton, P.M., P.P.G. Std. Br.; J. O. Green, P.M., P.P.A.G.D. of C.; E. W. Moore, P.A.G.D. of C.; and P. J. De Nyssen, P.M. The visitors included Bros. A. E. Smith, P.M. 1983, P.P.J.G.D.; W. P. Gale, D. Hill, A. Sharpe, J. L. Wickins, W. Garner, W. F. Moakson; T. W. Read, P.M. 555, P.P.G. Supt. of Works; A. E. Churchyard, 85; W. H. Mann, W.M. 1929, P.P.J.G.D.; H. Martin, 929; A. D. Botwright, J.W. 929; the Rev. W. L. Wilson, P.G. Chap. Essex; W. J. Minns, 929; R. F. B. Coling, P.M. 1983; C. White, P.M. 1983, P.P.G. Std. Br.; A. McQueen, S.W. 305; E. C. Chapman, P.M. 1114; T. Chapman, J.D. 1114; and T. E. Key, J.W. 936.

The installation ceremony was impressively performed by Bro. George Andrews, at the conclusion of which the W.M., Bro. F. Kendall-Chapman, appointed and invested his officers as follows: Bros. the Earl of Stradbroke, I.P.M.; R. C. Breton, S.W.; T. Wilson, J.W.; Rev. A. R. Upcher, P.P.G.C., Chap.; H. A. Mullens, Treas.; G. Anderson, P.M., Sec.; A. Foreman, S.D.; W. Page, J.D.; T. Stevenson, P.M., D.C.; A. Sharp, Org.; W. I. Garner, I.G.; and J. Miller, Tyler. The lodge was afterwards closed.

The installation banquet was subsequently held in the Corn Exchange, the W.M., Bro. F. Kendall-Chapman, presiding.

The toasts of "The Queen and the Craft," "The M.W.G.M., H.R.H. the Prince of Wales," and "The M.W. Pro G.M., the Earl Amherst; the Deputy G.M., the Earl of Warwick; and the rest of the Grand Officers, Present and Past," were given by the W.M., and duly honoured.

In submitting the latter toast, the W.M. remarked that he was sorry that Bro. Lord Stradbroke was not present to respond; but he had been called away on other duties.

In proposing the next toast—"The R.W. the Prov. G.M., Lord Henniker, and the V.W. the D.P.G.M., Bro. the Rev. C. J. Martyn, and the rest of the Prov. G. Officers, Present and Past," the W.M. spoke of the pleasure with which he met the Deputy Prov. Grand Master at the Prudence Lodge a year or two ago. Bro. Martyn, he said, was a rattling good Mason, who did all he possibly could to promote the principles of Masonry. He coupled with the toast the names of Bros. Green, Mann, Caton, and Smith, all of whom suitably responded.

Bro. De Nyssen, in proposing what he said was the toast of the evening, observed that this duty devolved upon him in consequence of the unavoidable absence of the Immediate P.M., the Earl of Stradbroke. Had his lordship been present, he would have borne testimony to the excellent qualities of their W.M. It was their duty to accord Bro. Kendall-Chapman their heartiest welcome upon his taking office for the year. Speaking personally of their Master—and he had known him for some time—he had always heard the very best words spoken in his favour. Bro. Kendall-Chapman had the goodwill of the town at heart; he had the goodwill of Masonry at heart, and he had worked with all his heart in their lodge. He, therefore, congratulated Lodge Prudence upon having him as their Worshipful Master, as he also congratulated Bro. Kendall-Chapman upon becoming the Worshipful Master of such an united, flourishing, and prosperous lodge. (Loud applause.)

The W.M., in a neat little response, thanked Bro. De Nyssen for the kindly way in which he had proposed the toast, and the brethren for the hearty way in which they had received it. He also thanked the brethren for the honour they had conferred upon him that evening, and trusted that they would not have to regret the choice they had made. He assured them that nothing should be wanting on his part to promote the interests of Masonry in the lodge to the fullest extent. (Loud applause.)

Other toasts included "The Installing Master, Bro. Geo. Austens," "The Past Masters of the Lodge," "The Officers of the Lodge," and "The Masonic Charities." The Rev. A. R. Upcher, in submitting the latter, referred to the fact that the lodge had been placed in a better position in the matter of the Charities through the efforts of Bro. Stevenson.

Florence Nightingale Lodge, No. 706.

The above lodge held its installation meeting on the 10th ult., at the Royal Mortar Hotel, opposite the Royal Arsenal, Beresford-square, Woolwich, and the function was, as each recurring one always is, simply a Masonic education for the W. Masters, and Wardens privileged to be present. The splendid services of Bro. F. G. Nichols, P.M., Sec., as Installing Officer, his perfect knowledge of the ritual and necessary work, his impressive and eloquent delivery of the addresses, lend a charm to the installations of this excellent and honourable lodge, that even the most perfect Mason might, and does, feel it a pleasure to participate in such enjoyable work, but when to this is added the inexhaustible hospitality of the lodge, and the absolutely perfect manner in which the delicacies in on the menu are placed upon the table by our esteemed host, Bro. G. Hall, for the delectation of such good judges of good things as were present; it is indeed a *raison d'être* that we trust will continue for generations to come.

Well, Bro. E. Lonergan, S.W., W.M. elect, was installed by Bro. G. Nichols, and he, the W.M., invested Bros. F. S. Thomas, as I.P.M.; H. G. Mason, S.W.; E. Wcod, J.W.; Rev. C. Swainson, M.A., Chap. (by proxy); A. Burnell, P.M., Treas.; F. G. Nichols, P.M., Sec.; D. G. Jelley, S.D.; L. F. Webber, J.D.; Dr. H. L. Bernays, M.D., P.M., D.C.; E. G. Kimber, I.G.; E. M. Foster, A.D.C. (by proxy); W. Jelly, Stwd.; and F. H. Holton, S.B. Among the other brethren present were Bros. J. Wolverson, H. Banister, F. W. Holton, J. S. Huddleston, L. Phillips, H. Fryer, C. Jolly, P.M., &c., &c.; B. H. Stimpson, P.M. 59; J. D. Cook, P.M. 913; H. Jacobs, S.W., and T. Quick, J.W., of 13; W. Long, S.W., W. Chambers, J.W., and P. Stevenson, of 700; E. M. Taylor, S.W. and W.M. elect, A. Moore, J.W., W. H. Lewis, W. G. Newton, and G. Hall, of 913; A. Hill, W.M., A. Simmons, S.W., and J. Howe, J.W., of 1536; and J. Wheatley, W.M., R. Rawlinson, S.W., and J. Perry, of 1924. Bro. G. Nichols was awarded a hearty vote of thanks for his services as Installing Officer. Bro. Thomas, I.P.M., was presented with a Past Master's jewel for his services during the past year as W.M. and to mark the esteem and respect of the brethren, and then the lodge was closed.

The musical arrangements were perfect, Bro. Capt. George Fishenden, the popular and gallant master of the big boat "La Marguerite," sang splendidly. We all know his services to the "pleasure trips" to Margate and Boulogne are most valuable, but we never shall know what the musical world has lost; he is a grand singer. Bro. H. Mason sang well, as also did Bros. F. Nichols, Jelley, and Rawlinson. Bro. Perry played a piccolo solo splendidly. Bro. Jolly floundered through a recitation in his own inimitable manner, and all was well.

The usual loyal and Grand Lodge toasts having been honoured, that of "The W.M." was proposed by Bro. Thomas, I.P.M. He said the toast he had to propose was that of their W.M. He thought that they had seen, from the perfect

manner in which Bro. Lonergan had invested his officers, quite enough to show them that the ritual of the Degrees would not suffer at his hands, and what they might expect in the future from him as their head. He felt sure that Bro. Lonergan would be an ornament to the lodge, and a most excellent and earnest worker, so that at the end of his year of office they would all admit that he had carried out and maintained the traditions of the Florence Nightingale Lodge.

The W.M., who is popular amongst the brethren of the lodge, in response, thanked the I.P.M. for his kind remarks, and the brethren and visitors for their hearty reception of his name. He was initiated into Masonry in '91, and therefore considered that, to a certain extent, he had been pitchforked into the chair he now had the pleasure and honour of occupying. He could assure them that he should do his best, by his work and by his attendance, to make his year of office a harmonious and prosperous one, and the lodge worthy of its ancient name and unsullied reputation.

The W.M. then proposed the toast of "The Past Masters," and said that personally he was exceedingly thankful to them for their generous services to him all through the various offices he had filled before achieving his present proud position, and he felt sure they would render the same assistance to every brother who desired, and who aspired to higher office. He asked them to drink the toast heartily.

Bro. Thomas, I.P.M., in responding, said he was at that moment a newly, yet hardly fledged Past Master. He had now to consider himself, and did consider himself as one of the "old fossils" of the lodge. Yet he felt anxious and willing to do anything in his power to render to others the same service that had been, in the past, rendered to him. He had received the greatest kindness, so that if at any time, and in any simple capacity, he could benefit the lodge or assist in its working, he should feel delighted to render any assistance in his power. The Past Masters were, as he had heard upon many occasions, the "back-bone" of the lodge, and as one of them his brethren would always be ready to support and strengthen the lodge that had honoured him by allowing him to pass through its chair as their Master.

Bro. Bernays said he was the oldest Past Master of the lodge in attendance that night. He had the opportunity of so dining, and many of the Past Masters had not that opportunity. It had been said that the Past Masters were the fossils of a lodge, yet he was proud to say that if they were fossils their services were always recognised in that lodge, and he for one was proud of his position as one of the foss's.

Bro. Fredk. Nickols objected to the term "fossils." It might be applied to certain of the Past Masters of lodges who did not attend meetings. There were in that lodge a goodly number of Past Masters, and those who were able to attend did so, and did good work for the welfare, harmony, and prosperity of the lodge. There were none of the Past Masters of that lodge that attended its meetings more regularly than Bro. Bernays. He was proud to say that the many valuable and long-continued services of Bro. Bernays, P.M., had been gratefully recognised, and at the previous meeting of the lodge those services had in some small measure been rewarded by the presentation of a handsome solid silver salver, suitably inscribed, to Bro. Bernays. It was a proof that in that lodge at least the brethren did not look upon their Past Masters as "fossils." For himself, he could only say that as long as he was able he would do all in his power to preserve the high reputation of the Florence Nightingale Lodge.

"The Visitors" and "Installing Officer" were toasted and responded to, and after the toast of "The Officers" had been drunk, the meeting broke up after a pleasant and memorable gathering.

Lodge Acacia, No. 2321.

VISIT OF THE DEPUTY PROV. GRAND MASTER OF WEST YORKSHIRE.

The members of this lodge held one of their most interesting meetings on Thursday, the 11th ult., when they were to receive a visit from the newly-appointed Deputy Prov. Grand Master of West Yorkshire (Bro. Richard Wilson, P.G.D. Eng.). The W.M., Bro. Yearnley, had issued invitations to be present to the W.Ms. of all the local lodges as well as to all the lodges meeting in the neighbouring towns of Leeds, Halifax, Huddersfield, Dewsbury, Cleckheaton, Harrogate, as well as to the several Present Provincial Grand Officers, to meet the Deputy Provincial Grand Master. A lodge of emergency was called for six o'clock, when the W.M., assisted by Bro. Bailey, P.M., initiated Mr. Herbert W. Whitley, who had been unavoidably absent from the regular lodge held on the week previously, into the Craft. The working tools and charge were explained by the acting Wardens. At 7 o'clock the Dep. Prov. G.M., who was supported by Bro. John C. Malcolm, P.G.D. Eng., Dep. P.G.M., and the Prov. G. Officers, were received in the lodge and duly saluted. In the unavoidable absence of Bro. Alfred Stephenson, P.P.G.D., D.C., at the request of the W.M., Bro. J. W. Monckman, P.M. 1018, P.P.G.D.C., discharged the duties of D.C. in his usual able manner. The W.M. gave the lecture on the tracing board in the First Degree, after which, in a few appropriate remarks, he very cordially welcomed the Dep. Prov. G. Master and the Prov. G. Officers and visitors on their visit to the lodge. The W.M. then called upon the Secretary (Bro. Last, P.P.G. Reg.) as the senior P.M. of the lodge present, who, after giving a brief resumé of the incidents affecting the progress of the lodge since its consecration in 1859, invited the Dep. Prov. G. Master to do the brethren the honour of unfurling the "new banner" for the lodge. Bro. Richd. Wilson, P.G.D. Eng., Dep. P.G. Master, on rising, stated that it had afforded him the greatest possible pleasure to accede to the W.M.'s invitation to be present that evening, and to respond to the call, to undertake what was his first official ceremonial since his recent appointment as Dep. Prov. G. Master, he, in a most interesting manner, pointed out the lessons inculcated by the emblems depicted on their banner, and earnestly exhorted the brethren to live up to their professed Masonic principles, and be careful never by misconduct to cast a stain on the purity of their very beautiful banner. The Dep. Prov. G. Master concluded an excellent address by congratulating the W.M. on such a splendid meeting, and wished continued prosperity to the lodge. A hearty vote of thanks was accorded to the Dep. Prov. G. Master for the honour he had done the lodge by unfurling the banner, and for his most interesting address on the motion of Bro. Ellis, P.M., seconded by Bro. Sykes, and supported by the W.M.

After "Hearty good wishes" from the numerous visitors, the lodge was closed, and the visitors and brethren were entertained to dinner by the W.M.

The following brethren were present: Bros. James B. Fearnley, W.M.; John Morton, I.P.M.; T. P. Sykes, S.W.; B. S. Hird, as J.W.; F. Betteridge, B.A., Chap.; John W. Bland, Treas.; J. T. Last, P.M., P.P.G. Reg., Sec.; J. S. Hedley, S.D.; T. H. Bedford, J.D.; R. B. Nicholls, I.G.; J. S. Cooper, Tyler; T. Wainman Holmes, P.P.G.O., Org.; J. L. Turner and W. H. Barton, Stewards; Ledgard, H. Lea, S. A. Bailey, P.M.; C. H. Ellis, P.M.; R. A. Hincliffe, J. Hardy, J. Wood, W. Durrance, R. S. Town, R. H. Markham, W. S. Smith, J. Lee, and W. H. Townend. Visitors: Bros. Richd. Wilson, P.M. 289, P.G.D. Eng., Dep. Prov. G.M.; J. C. Malcolm, P.M. 306, P.G.D. Eng., P.D.P.G.M.; G. H. Parke, P.M. 154, P.P.G.W.; Rev. J. W. Greenhalgh, 275, Prov. G. Chap.; J. Pelhampton, P.M. 1648, Prov. G.D.; A. Holmes, P.M. 1522, Prov. G.D.; W. A. Osbrey-Smith, P.M. 974, Prov. G.D.; Dr. Isaac Mossop, P.M. 974, P.P.G.D.; Chas. Scriven, P.M. 1211, Prov. G.S. of W.; Dr. Geo. Hoyle, P.M. 1231, Prov. G.D.; J. R. Barton, P.M. 306, Prov. A.G. Sec.; J. W. Monckman, P.M. 1018, P.P.G.D.C.; J. Wilson, P.M. 1034, P.P.G. Std. Br.; J. W. Sutherland, P.M. 1018, P.P.G.D.C.; W. Martin Frobisher, W.M. 289; J. S. Colefax, W.M. 302; Chris. Broskham, W.M. 750; Ernest W.M. 1018; H. Holland, I.P.M. 1018; J. Ronnfeldt, P.M. 1018; W. J. Munro, W.M. 1514; G. H. Clemens, P.M. 1311; F. Burgon, W.M. 1545; A. Sharpley, 1992; F. Dale, 2453; Jas. Booth, W.M. 2330; Jas. Barraclough, 1648; C. A. Seegar, 1648; and several others.

After the removal of the cloth the usual loyal and Masonic toasts were duly honoured.

In proposing the toast of "The Grand Lodge" the W.M. took the opportunity of expressing the pleasure it afforded him and the members of the lodge to have present such a distinguished member of Grand Lodge as Bro. J. C. Malcolm, P.G.D. Eng., who it is known so well represented the province by being regular in his attendance at the quarterly communications of Grand Lodge, but more particularly was his presence that evening gratifying from the fact that he had so recently retired from the office of Dep. G. Master of the province and that he was on this the first public Masonic ceremonial after his appointment so loyally supporting his successor, moreover, Bro. Malcolm, whilst he was Deputy Prov. Grand Master, had in that capacity honoured the lodge by two visits in the course of a few months, which the members of the lodge fully appreciated.

The toast was received with enthusiasm, and Bro. Malcolm, P.G.D., Eng., suitably responded.

The toast of "Prov. Grand Lodge of West Yorkshire," also submitted by the W.M., was most cordially received.

In responding, Bro. Richard Wilson, P.G.D. Eng., Dep. P.G.M., thanked the W.M. and brethren for the hearty reception that had been accorded to him by the officers of Prov. Grand Lodge, of whom he was pleased to see so many present, it had afforded him much pleasure to accept the invitation to unfurl their beautiful banner, which was his first official ceremonial since his appointment as Deputy; he referred to the invitation of the W.M., which was put into his hand immediately before his investment as Deputy in Prov. G. Lodge, but seeing the nature of the communication he put it into his pocket until he could read and consider it in an official capacity, but it was not permitted to remain there, for at the close of Prov. G. Lodge at Wakefield the W.M. and Secretary of the lodge as a deputation waited on him, and obtained his consent to undertake the duty which had been discharged in the lodge that evening.

"The Visitors" was responded to by Bros. Colefax, W.M. 302, and Frobisher, W.M. 289.

Other toasts followed, and in due course the Tyler's toast concluded one of the happiest and most interesting Masonic meetings ever held in the province.

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Premier Conclave.

A meeting of this old conclave was held at Mark Masons' Hall, Great Queen street, on the 5th ult., when there were present, among others: Sir Knights L. Steele, M.P.S.; the Rev. R. C. Fillingham, M.A., V.E. elect; C. P. Moore, J. Gen.; H. J. Lardner, P.G.C., P.M.P.S., Treas.; Maj. T. C. Walls, P.G.G., P.M.P.S., Recorder; R. Barnes, Prelate; H. Humphries, Herald; W. A. Scurrah, I.P.M.P.S., G.S.; and George Graveley, P.M.P.S., G.S.

The minutes of the previous conclave having been read and confirmed, the ballot was taken on behalf of Bros. and Comps. J. Vaughan Sherrin and T. Leason Pewtress, and it being unanimous, they were impressively installed as members of the Order by the M.P.S. Sir Knight the Rev. R. C. Fillingham, M.A., having been presented, was ably inducted as V.E. by the Treasurer. It being the election meeting, Sir Knights the Rev. R. C. Fillingham was unanimously elected M.P.S.; Capt. G. J. Phillips, V.E.; H. J. Lardner, P.M.P.S., Treas.; and Frater L. G. Reinhardt, Sentinel. A Past Sovereign's jewel was voted with acclamation to the M.P.S. Apologies for non-attendance were received from Sir Knights G. Powell, P.M.P.S.; C. E. Keyser, M.A., J.P., P.M.P.S.; John Purrott, P.M.P.S., and others. The conclave was then closed.

The banquet was held at the Freemasons' Tavern, under the presidency of Sir Knight W. A. Scurrah, I.P.M.P.S.

Upon the removal of the cloth the usual loyal and customary toasts in connection with the Order were duly proposed and honoured.

Sir Knight George Graveley responded on behalf of "The Grand Senate."

"The Health of the M.P.S." followed, and in his absence was fluently responded to by Sir Knight W. A. Scurrah.

The toast of "The V.E. and M.P.S. elect" came next in order, and was given in complimentary and well-chosen terms by the acting M.P.S.

Sir Knight the Rev. R. C. Fillingham, in reply, expressed his sincere thanks to the members of the Premier Conclave for electing him to the high position of M.P.S. He had always taken a great interest in the Christian Degrees of Freemasonry, as he considered they were all beautiful, pure, and impressive. He hoped to be present at all future meetings.

The toast of "The Newly-installed Knights" was acknowledged by Sir Knights Sherrin and Pewtress.

Sir Knight H. J. Lardner responded on behalf of "The Treasurer and Recorder," and Sir Knights Moore, Barnes, and Humphries for "The Officers."

The proceedings then terminated.

Mark Masonry.

Excelsior Lodge, No. 226.

The installation meeting took place on Monday, the 26th ult., at the Masonic Hall, Mount Pleasant, Plumstead, when Bro. C. H. Canning, S.W. and W.M. elect, was installed into the chair of A. The lodge was opened by the W.M., Bro. Geo. Porter, and the minutes of the previous meeting having been confirmed, Grand honours were paid to Bro. H. Thomson Lyon, A.G.D.C. England, who was present. Bro. C. Jolly, P.M., P.P.G.D., then, by special request, assumed the chair as Installing Officer, and in due course installed Bro. Canning as W.M. for the ensuing 12 months. The W.M. invested his officers as follows: Bros. C. Jolly, P.P.J.G.D., I.P.M.; W. J. Crowdy, S.W.; R. Fowler, J.W.; G. Porter, P.M., Sec.; J. Farrier, P.M., P.P.J.G.D., Treas.; J. Wheatley, M.O.; G. Taylor, S.O.; J. D. Brooks, I.O.; W. Chambers, R. of M.; G. Townsend, S.D.; H. Jacobs, J.D.; C. Benstead, D.C.; F. Lever, Asst. D.C.; J. Rose, I.G.; J. Hodgkin, Steward; and C. Warren, Tyler. Bro. Jolly then gave the addresses, and concluded the ceremony of installation, for the rendering of which he was accorded a hearty vote of thanks, the same to be recorded on the minutes of the lodge. Bro. Porter was presented with a Past Mark Master's jewel. A letter of sympathy and condolence was ordered to be sent to the widow of our late esteemed Bro. Major W. Weston. It was then decided that the future meetings of the lodge should be held at Bro. W. Chambers's handsome hotel, the Star and Garter, Powis-street, Woolwich, and then the lodge was closed.

The banquet was partaken of at the above house, and was splendidly served.

Among the other brethren present were Bros. Capt. G. Spinks, P.M., P.P.A.G.D. of C.; E. B. Hobson, P.M., P.G.O.; T. Brooks; D. Jenkins; Capt. D. Deeves, P.M., P.P.S.G.W. Natal; G. Nichols, S.W. 44; W. Sollkorn, S.O. 309; H. J. Jones, J.O. 309; W. Edmonds, 63; and F. J. Kedle, 22.

Bro. Lyon, in responding for the toast of "The Grand Officers of Grand Lodge," said that at the last occasion he had had the pleasure of visiting their lodge their late Bro. Weston was present, and responded for the toast that was placed in his (Bro. Lyon's) hands that night. He united with them in their regret at the loss of so excellent a Mason as Bro. Weston was. Proceeding to the toast, he was pleased to know that they were going to have a lodge of instruction attached to their lodge. He was also exceedingly pleased to be present, and see the evident prosperity of the lodge, and the harmony that prevailed amongst them.

Bro. Hobson, whose name was coupled with that of "The Provincial Grand Lodge Officers, Present and Past," said that his term of office was now drawing to a close.

The Mark Degree was one that he took great interest in, and he was sure that every officer in the province was only too proud to serve under their esteemed Provincial Grand Master.

Bro. Canning, in response to an enthusiastic reception of his name, said it would be his earnest endeavour to do his duty in such a manner that nothing would be wanting on his part to maintain the position the lodge held amongst the lodges in the Province of Kent. It was very monotonous to meet time after time and have no work to do. He trusted that they would assist him by bringing good and worthy Masons to the lodge. He had two candidates in his mind, and he trusted that at that time next June they would be able to say that he had faithfully followed in the footsteps of his predecessors.

Bro. Jolly having been toasted as "Installing Officer," and having responded, Bro. Spinks, in replying for the "Past Masters," said he was one of the oldest Past Masters of the lodge, only Bros. Penfold and Coupland being seniors to him. He was sure that every member of the lodge regretted, as he did, the loss of their late Bro. Weston, who was not only P.M. of that lodge, but held office in Grand Mark Lodge, and by his constant efforts in the cause of Charity held more votes than any brother in the lodge, and he felt proud to be able to bear testimony to his merits. He was proud to see so many present that night to support their W.M. He was one of the founders of the lodge, and had seen it in all its phases of distress and prosperity. He should do all in his power, and he was sure the other Past Masters would, to make their W.M.'s year of office a happy one, and the lodge one of the foremost in the Province of Kent.

Bro. Hobson said that now he should be relegated to the rank of the "old fogies" of the lodge. He trusted they would all rally round their W.M. He had no doubt that they would have had several more Past Masters and visitors present, were it not for the fact that an important lodge and chapter were holding their audit meeting that night, for himself, their W.M. might depend on him to support him during the coming year.

Bro. Porter also responded.

Bros. Nichols, Sollkorn, Eedle, and Jones having responded for "The Visitors," "The Officers," and Tyler's toasts concluded the business and pleasures of the evening. Bros. Hobson, Fowler and Eedle, sang and recited splendidly.

Ancient and Accepted Rite.

Mount Calvary Chapter, No. 3.

A meeting of this chapter was held at the Masonic Hall, Golden-square, on the 9th ult., when there were in attendance, among others, Bros. Lieut.-Col. F. J. Stohwasser, 30°, P.M.W.S., as M.W.S., in the unavoidable absence of Bro. J. Speller; Major T. C. Walls, P.M.W.S., Recorder; H. J. Adams, 30°, G.M., Egbert Roberts, and Dr. J. W. Hinton, M.A., Asst. Organists; F. W. Driver, M.A., P.M.W.S.; G. Graveley, 30°, P.M.W.S.; Dr. Victor Jagielski, I.P.M.W.S.; W. Bigg, Capt. G. Carpenter, A. Calvert, and J. V. Sherrin.

The minutes of the previous meeting having been read and confirmed, Bro. Capt. H. Bertram, W.M. 509, was perfected by the acting M.W.S. Bro. A. W. Humphreys, Prelate, was unanimously elected M.W.S., and Ill. Bro. H. J. Lardner, 30°, P.M.W.S., Treasurer. A Past Sovereign's jewel was voted to Ex. Bro. J. Speller, M.W.S. Communications regretting inability to attend were received from Bros. J. Speller, M.W.S.; A. W. Humphreys, Prelate; T. C. Biddlecombe, 1st Gen.; Major A. E. Baldwin, 2nd Gen.; H. J. Lardner, 30°, Treas.; H. Hills, J.P., Raphael; Dr. E. M. Lott, 31°, Org.; C. Slater, Capt. of Guard; W. L. Carrick; Major J. E. Anderson, 31°, P.M.W.S.; L. Steele, 30°, P.M.W.S.; Capt. Portlock Dadson, 33°, and others. The chapter was then closed.

The banquet was held at the Café Royal, Regent-street, under the presidency of Ex. Bro. Dr. Victor Jagielski.

The toasts were given in eloquent and exhaustive terms by the acting M.W.S.

"The Health of the M.W.S." was duly proposed, and enthusiastically drunk.

The toast of "The Perfectee" was submitted in very original and fluent terms by the I.P.M.W.S.

Ex. Comp. Capt. H. Bertram, in reply, expressed his warm acknowledgments for his reception, and apologised to the chapter for having so long delayed his attendance. From what he had seen that evening he had arrived at the conclusion that the Rose Croix Degree was a most beautiful and impressive one. It had also afforded him a great deal of pleasure in being perfected by a very old friend, comrade, and brother Mason in the person of Bro. Col. Stohwasser.

The toast of "The Past Sovereigns" was coupled with the names of Ill. Bros. G. Graveley, Lieut.-Col. Stohwasser, and Ex. Bro. F. W. Driver, M.A., who respectively responded.

"The Health of the Officers" was acknowledged by Bros. Adams, Egbert Roberts, Dr. Horton, W. L. Bigg, and Capt. G. Carpenter.

During the proceedings an excellent programme of music was presented by Ex. Bro. Egbert Roberts, which gave unqualified satisfaction; and Ex. Bro. Prof. Driver recited his poem on the 18° Degree.

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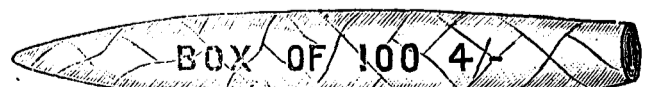
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MONDAY, JULY 3.

CRAFT LODGES.

- 16, Royal Alpha, Hotel Metropole. 1319, Asaph, Freemasons' Hall. 1341, Emblematic, Criterion. 1924, Wickham, St. Peter's Hall, Brockley. 1996, Priory Lodge of Acton, Berrymead Priory. 2335, Fellowship, Frascati Restaurant.

ROYAL ARCH CHAPTERS.

- 28, Old King's Arms, Freemasons' Hall. 91, Regularity, Freemasons' Hall.

MARK LODGE.

- Grand Stewards', Mark Masons' Hall.

LODGES AND CHAPTERS OF INSTRUCTION.

- Blackheath, Stirling Castle, Church-street, Camberwell, at 8. Commemoration, Star and Garter, Arbour-square, Commercial road, E., at 8. Cripplegate, Goldsmiths' Arms, Gutter-lane, at 6.30. Dalhousie, Town Hall Tavern, High-street, Kensington, at 8. Duke of Cornwall, Whittington Arms, Moor-lane, Fore-st., at 7. Eleanor, Red Lion, High Road, Tottenham, at 8. Euphrates, Ye Olde Greyhound, Balaam-st., Plaistow, E., at 7.30. Friars, The White Horse, 94, White Horse-lane, Mile End-rd., E., at 8. Hyde Park, Prince of Wales Hotel, Eastbourne-terr., Bishop's-rd., Paddington, at 8. Kingland, Cock Tavern, Highbury, N., at 8.30. Marquess of Ripon, Weaver's Arms, London Wall, E.C., at 6.45. Metropolitan, Moorgate Tavern, 15, Finsbury-pavement, at 7.30. Neptune, Gauden Hotel, Clapham, S.W., at 7.30. North London Chapter, Cock Hotel, Highbury, at 8. Perseverance, Ridler's Hotel, Holborn, E.C., at 7. Queen's Westminster, Criterion, Piccadilly, at 8. Regent's Park, Frascati Restaurant, 39, Oxford-street, at 8. Royal Arthur, Prince of Wales Hotel (opposite Wimbledon Railway Station), at 8. Royal Commemoration, Railway Hotel, Putney, at 8. Scots, Holborn Restaurant, Holborn, at 7.30. St. James's Union, St. James's Restaurant (Piccadilly entrance) St. Mark's, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell New-road. St. Michael's, Richmond Hotel, Shepherd's Bush Road, W., 8. Sincerity, Blackwall Railway Hotel, Fenchurch-street, at 7. South Norwood, Goat House Bridge Hotel, Penge-rd., at 8. Stockwell, White Hart, Abchurch-lane, E.C., at 6. Tyssen Amherst, Amherst Club, Amherst-rd., Rectory-rd., N., 7.30. United Military, Earl of Chatham, Thomas-st., Woolwich, at 7.30. Upton, Great Eastern Hotel, Bishopgate-street, at 8. Walthamstow, The Chequers, High-street, Walthamstow, at 8. Wellington, New Cross House, New Cross, at 8. Woodrow, Stone's, 24, Pantion-street, Haymarket, S.W., at 3. Zetland, "The Falkland," Falkland-road, N.W., at 8. Doric Chapter, Duke's Head, 79, Whitechapel-rd., at 6. Lewis Chapter, Fishmongers' Arms Hotel, Wood Green, N., at 8. North London Chapter, Cock Tavern, Highbury, at 8.

TUESDAY, JULY 4.

CRAFT LODGE.

- 171, Amity, Ship and Turtle Tavern.

ROYAL ARCH CHAPTERS.

- 1, Grand Masters, Hotel Victoria. 879, Southwark, Bridge House Hotel.

LODGES AND CHAPTERS OF INSTRUCTION.

- Alfred Newton, Royal Palace Hotel, Kensington, at 8. Brixton, Prince Regent, Dulwich-road, Herne Hill, S.E., at 8. Capper, City Arms, St. Mary Axe, at 8. Clarence and Avondale, Green Man Hotel, Leytonstone, E., at 8. Constitutional, "Apple Tree and Mitre," 30, Cursitor-street, Chancery-lane, W.C., at 7. Chaucer, Grapes Tavern (Slee & Pike's), 121, Borough High street, at 8. Corinthian, George Hotel, Cubitt Town, Poplar, at 8. Croydon Lodge of Concord, King's Arms, Katherine-street, Croydon, at 8. Dalhousie, Lord Truro, Dalston-lane, at 8. Egyptian, Salutation, Newgate-street, at 7. Emblematic, St. James's Restaurant, Piccadilly, at 8. Enfield, Rose and Crown, Church-street, Edmonton, at 8. Excelsior, Fumagalli's Restaurant, 12 and 13, Wilton-road, Vict ria-station, S.W., at 8. Euphrates, Ye Old Greyhound, Balaam-street, Plaistow, E., at 7.30. Finsbury, The Bell Hotel, Old Bailey, at 7. Florence Nightingale, M.H., William-street, Woolwich, 2nd and 4th Tues., at 7.30. Hendon, Railway Hotel, West Hampstead, N.W., at 8. Joppa, "The Moorgate," 15, Finsbury Pavement, E.C., at 7.30. Kensington, Town Hall Tavern, High-street, Kensington, at 8. Kirby, Midland Grand Hotel, St. Pancras Station, at 7.30. Mount Edgecombe, Rockingham Arms, Newington Causeway, S.E., at 7.30. Nelson, Star and Garter, Powis-street, Woolwich, at 8. New Cross, Chester Arms, Albany-street, N.W., at 8. New Finsbury Park, Hornsey Wood Tav., Finsbury Park, at 8. Pythagorean, Portland Hotel, Greenwich, at 8. Richmond, Station Hotel, Richmond, at 8.30. Robert Burns, Frascati Restaurant, Oxford-street, W. Rose of Denmark, Brunswick House, Wandsworth-road, at 8. South Middlesex, Beaufort House, Waltham Green, S.W., at 7.30. St. Kew, Masonic Hall, Weston-super-Mare, at 8. St. Leonard's, Bedford Hotel, Victoria Park-road, South Hackney, at 8. Southwark, White Hart Hotel, New Cross Gate, at 8. Wandsworth, St. Mark's School-rooms, Battersea Rise, S.W., at 8. Westbourne, Oliver Arms, Westbourne-terrace North, Harrow-road, at 8. Y. borough, Nitre Tavern, Fish-street-hill, E.C., at 7.30. Metropolitan Chapter, Eastcheap Restaurant, Eastcheap, at 6.30.

WEDNESDAY JULY 5.

ROYAL ARCH CHAPTERS.

- 898, Temperance-in-the-East, Masonic Hall, Romford-road. 1196, Urban, Freemasons' Hall. 1624, Ecclesion, Criterion.

LODGES AND CHAPTERS OF INSTRUCTION.

- Belgrave, The Woolpack, Moorgate-street, at 7. Bromley St. Leonard, Bromley Vestry Hall, Bow-road, at 8. City of Westminster, Cafe Royal, "15" Room, at 8. Claremont, Newland's Hotel, Peckham Rye, at 8. Constance, Bunch of Grapes, 14, Lime-street, E.C., at 7. Creation, Bush Hotel, Shepherd's Bush, W., at 8. Crusaders, The St. John's Gate Tavern, St. John-square, Clerkenwell, at 8.30. Derby Alicroft, Midland Grand Hotel, at 8. Doric, Moorgate Tavern, Moorgate-street, at 8. Duke of Connaught, Royal Edward Hotel, Triangle, Hackney, 8. Earl of Lathom, Station Tavern, Camberwell New-road, S.E., 8. Fidelity, Castle Hotel, 81, Holloway-road, N., at 8. Gallery, Press Club, Wine Office-court, Fleet-street, at 7.

- Guelph, Plough and Harrow, Leytonstone-road, E., at 8. Langthorne, Angel Hotel, Ilford, at 8. La Tolerance, Frascati Restaurant 32, Oxford-street, at 8. Londesborough, Criterion, Piccadilly, at 8. London Scottish Rifles, Albert Hotel, Victoria-street, S.W., 8.30. Merchant Navy, Town Hall, Limehouse, at 7.30. Mitcham, Vestry Hall, Mitcham, at 8. Mount Lebanon, Foresters' Arms, 294, Boro' High-street, at 8. New Concord, Farleigh Hotel, Amherst-road, N., at 8. Panmure, Balham Hotel, Balham, at 7.30. Plucknett, Railway Hotel, Finchley, at 7.45. Prosperity, The Whittington, 5 & 7 Moor-lane, Fore-st., at 7. Royal Jubilee, the Crown, Lambeth-road, S.E., at 8. Royal Oak, Lord Clyde, Wotton-road, Deptford, at 8. Royal Savoy, Earl Russell, 2 Pancras-road, King's Cross, at 8. St. Leonard, Prince of Wales Hotel, Bishop's-rd., Victoria Pk., 8. Southgate, Railway Hotel, New Southgate, at 8. Strong Man, Blue Anchor, 164, Fenchurch-street, E.C., at 6.30. Temperance-in-the-East, Greenwich Pensioner, Bow-lane, Poplar, at 7.30. United Mariners, Duke of Albany, Kitto-road, Nunhead, at 7.30. United Strength, Home Tavern, Stanhope-st., Euston-road, at 8. Wanderers, Fumagalli's Restaurant, 12 and 13, Wilton-road, Victoria-station, S.W., at 7.30. West Smithfield, City Scotch Stores, St. Paul's Churchyard, E.C., at 7.45. Whittington, Red Lion Poppin's-court, Fleet-street, at 8. Zodiac, Denmark Hotel, East Ham, at 8. Andrew Chapter, Bush Hotel, Shepherd's Bush, W., at 8. Clapton Chapter, Amhurst Club, Rectory-road, N., at 8. Domestic Chapter, St. James's Restaurant, Piccadilly, W., at 8. Lewis Chapter, Fishmongers' Arms Hotel, Wood Green, at 8. Camden Mark Lodge, Earl Russell, Pancras-road, King's Cross 8.

THURSDAY, JULY 6.

CRAFT LODGES.

- 10, Westminster and Keystone, Freemasons' Hall. 1288, Finsbury Park, Holborn Restaurant. 1383, Friends in Council, 33, Golden-square. 1445, Prince Leopold, Three Nuns Hotel, Aldgate. 1724, Kaiser-i-Hind, Cafe Royal. 1790, Old England, Elmwood Hall, W. Croydon. 1950, Southgate, Beale's Assembly Rooms, Holloway-road. 1963, Duke of Albany, Surrey Masonic Hall.

ROYAL ARCH CHAPTER.

- 1716, All Saint's, Vestry Hall, Bow.

LODGES AND CHAPTERS OF INSTRUCTION.

- Burdett-Coutts, Swan Tavern, New Bethnal Green-road, at 8. Burgoyne, Coach and Horses, 348, Clapham-road, S.W., at 7.30. Caxton, Carr's, 265, Strand W.C., at 7. Covent Garden, The Criterion, Piccadilly, at 8. Crescent, King's Head Hotel, Twickenham, at 8.30. Duke of Edinburgh, Eastern Hotel, East India Dock Rd., E., 7.30. Elliot, Railway Hotel, Feltham. Great City, Red Cross, Paternoster-square, at 7. High Cross, Red Lion, High-road, Tottenham, at 8. Highgate, Falkland Arms, Falkland-road, N.W., at 8. Hornsey, White Hart Masonic Rooms, Lewisham, S.E., at 8. Ivy, Half Moon & French Horn Hotel, East Hill, Wandsworth, at 8. Justice, Brown Bear, High-street, Deptford, at 8. Kent, King and Queen, Norton Folgate, at 8. Kintore Mark Lodge, Montpelier Arms, Choumert-road, Peckham, at 8.30. Langton, The Eastcheap, Eastcheap, E.C., at 5.30. Leopold, Moorgate Tavern, Moorgate-street, E.C., at 7. Montefiore, St. James's Restaurant, Piccadilly, at 8. Priory, Berrymead Priory, Acton, at 8.15. Rose, Stirling Castle, Church-street, Camberwell, at 8. Royal Albert, White Hart Hotel, Abchurch-lane, at 7.30. Royal Alfred, Star and Garter, Kew Bridge, at 7.45. St. John's, Court House, Harlesden, N.W., at 7.30. St. John's, Queen Victoria Tavern, Exmouth-st., Stepney at 8. St. Luke's, Victoria Tavern, Gertrude-street, Chelsea, at 8. Sir Hugh Myddelton, Star and Garter, Upper-st., Islington, at 8. Southern Star, Ship Tavern, Kennington Road, S.E., at 8. Stockwell, Salutation Tavern, Newgate-street, at 6.30. Tranquillity, Restaurant Frascati, Oxford-street, W., at 8. Tredegar, The Cheshire Cheese, Crutched Friars, E.C., at 7.30. Union Waterloo, Earl of Chatham, Thomas-street, Woolwich, Victoria Park, George Hotel, Stratford, E., at 7.30. Industry Chapter, Prince Regent, Dulwich-road, Herne Hill, at 8.

FRIDAY, JULY 7.

CRAFT LODGE.

- 2511, St. John at Hackney, Old Town Hall.

LODGES AND CHAPTERS OF INSTRUCTION.

- Albion, Essex Head, Essex-street, Strand, at 7. All Saints, Town Hall, Poplar, at 7.30. Citadel, Farleigh Hotel, Amhurst-road, Stoke Newington, N. Clapton, Great Eastern Hotel, Liverpool-street, E.C., at 7. Coborn, The George Inn, High-road, South Woodford, at 8. Earl of Carnarvon, Elgin Hotel, Ladbroke-grove, Notting-hill, Earl of Zetland, Royal Edward Hotel, Triangle, Hackney, at 7. Emulation, Freemasons' Hall, at 6. Gavel Club, Freemasons' Tavern, at 8. Harrow, Waterloo Arms, High-street, Marylebone, at 8. Henley, Three Crowns, North Woolwich, at 8. Hugh Owen, Restaurant Frascati, Oxford street, at 7.30. Kennington, Horns Tavern, Kennington Park, S.E., at 8. Lewis, Fishmonger's Arms Hotel, Wood Green, N., at 8. Lewisham, White Hart, Lewisham, S.E., at 8. Loyalty, Private Rooms, 91, Church-st., Stoke Newington, at 8. Metropolitan (Victoria), Mail Coach, 60, Farringdon-street, at 7. Ranelagh, Six Bells, Queen-street, Hammersmith, W., at 8. Royal Standard, Castle Tavern, 81, Holloway-road, at 8. St. James's, Gregorian Arms, Jamaica-road, S.E., at 8. Savage Club, Savage Club, Adelphi-terrace, at 6. Selwyn, Montpelier Tavern, Choumert-road, Peckham, at 8. Stability, Horns' Hall Tavern, Masons'-avenue, at 6. Stanhope, Fox and Hounds Hotel, Upper Richmond-road, Putney, at 8.30. Temperance, Railway Tavern, New Cross-road, at 8. The Abbey, The Town Hall, Westminster, 7.30 till 9.30. United Pilgrims, Surrey M.H., Camberwell New-road, at 7.30. Woodgrange, Princess Alice Hotel, Forest Gate, E., at 8. Eastern Star Chapter, Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall-street, 2nd and 4th Friday, at 7. Dagmar Chapter, "Slee & Pikes," 121, Boro' High-street, at 8. Hornsey Chapter, Prince of Wales Hotel, Eastbourne-terrace Bishop's-road, Paddington, W., at 8. Lily of Richmond Chapter, Station Hotel, Richmond, at 8.30. Pythagorean Chapter, Dover Castle, Broadway, Deptford, at 8. Star Chapter, Stirling Castle Hotel, Church-st., Camberwell, at 8. Westbourne Chapter, Town Hall Tavern, 11 1/2-st., Kensington, at 8.

SATURDAY, JULY 8.

CRAFT LODGES.

- 1685, Guelph, Town Hall, Leyton. 1686, Paxton, Surrey Masonic Hall. 2384, Mitcham, Vestry Hall. 2579, Lewisham, St. Mary's Parish Hall.

LODGES AND CHAPTERS OF INSTRUCTION.

- Alexandra Palace, Station Hotel, Camberwell News-road, at 7.30. Chiswick, Windsor Castle Hot., King-st., Hammersmith, at 7.30. Duke of Connaught, The Windsor Castle, 135, Lower Clapton-rd. at 8. Ebury, The Rockingham, Newington Causeway, at 8. Eccleston, 12 and 13, Wilton-road, S.W., at 7.30.

- Evening Star, Rutland Hotel, Perry Hill, Catford, at 8. Finsbury Park, Cock Tavern, at 8. King Harold, Four Swans, Waltham Cross, at 7. Manchester, Waterloo Arms, High-street, Marylebone, at 8. Percy, Jolly Farmers, Southgate-road, N., at 8. Star, New Cross House, Deptford, S.E., at 7. Vitruvian, Duke of Albany Hotel, Kitto-road, St. Katherine's park, Hatcham, S.E., at 7.30.

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The Craft Abroad.

Concordia Lodge, No. 2685.

A pleasant function took place on Saturday evening, the 27th May, at the Masonic Temple, Ermelo, S.A.R., when the above lodge held its second annual installation in the presence of a good number of brethren, who came to enjoy a pleasant evening. The District Grand Lodge of the Transvaal was represented by Bros. W. Springarum, Dist. J.G.D., W.M. 2516; W. R. Keet, P. Dist. G.S.; E. Kaufmann, Dist. G.S., and the W.M. of the lodge, as Installing Master. There were also present Bro. Williams and many brethren from sister lodges.

Bro. Springarum was received in a most hearty manner, being very popular among the brethren of his town and very much respected. The installation ceremony was performed by Bro. E. Kaufmann, in a most solemn and impressive manner. Bro. D. M. Landau was installed as W.M. for the ensuing year, and invested the following officers: Bros. S. Lazarus, S.W.; M. Masur, J.W.; E. Abrahams, Chaplain; D. Machin, Treasurer and Secretary; H. A. L. Mostert, S.D.; L. Simon, J.D.; T. Festenstein, Director of Ceremonies; P. Simon, I.G.; and B. Lazarus, Tyler. The newly-installed W.M., Bro. D. M. Landau, then presented Bro. E. Kaufmann on behalf of the Concordia Lodge with a magnificent Past Master's jewel as a token of the high respect and esteem he was held in by the brethren of the lodge and on behalf of the brethren themselves with a beautiful founder's jewel as founder and first W.M. of the Concordia Lodge, in recognition of his valuable services to the lodge.

After the ceremony was over, the brethren retired to the Phoenix Hotel, where mine host, Mr. W. M. Watson, regaled them with a luxurious repast, and a very pleasant evening was spent.

The usual toasts were given in a most hearty manner.

The evening finished with songs and recitations, and will not soon be forgotten by those that were present.

Masonic and General Tidings.

BRO. LORD WOLSELEY has sent to the Dover Gordon Boys' Orphanage a donation of £50 from the Royal Military Fund.

THE ARCHDEACON OF LONDON will be Canon-in-Residence at St. Paul's Cathedral during July, and will preach on Sunday afternoons at the 3.15 service. All seats are free.

IT HAS BEEN ARRANGED that on Monday, the 3rd inst., Bro. Lord Saltoun, G.M. of Scotland, will install Bro. Lieut.-Col. John Campbell as Prov. Grand Master of Perthshire.

PRINCESS CHRISTIAN OF SCHLESWIG HOLSTEIN visited Maidenhead on Tuesday and presided at an influentially attended meeting in the Guildhall to inaugurate a branch of the National Poultry Organisation Society.

BRO. THE DUKE AND DUCHESS OF FIFE are expected about the middle of July to arrive at Duff House, Banffshire, where they intend to reside for a few weeks before going to Mar Lodge, Aberdeenshire, for the shooting season.

THE GUILDHALL SCHOOL OF MUSIC.—Students are reminded that a violoncello scholarship of the value of £75 per annum is now open. Saturday, the 8th inst., is the last day on which candidates may enter for the competition.

BRO. THE DEAN OF ROCHESTER was a guest on Tuesday evening at the dinner of the Worshipful Company of Tin Plate Workers, in Ironmongers' Hall, Fenchurch-street, under the presidency of the Master, Bro. C. J. Wilkinson-Pimbury.

DUBLIN UNIVERSITY, on Thursday, conferred the Degree of LL.D. on the Lord-Lieutenant of Ireland, Lord Macnaghten, and Sir Charles Scott, British Ambassador at St. Petersburg; that of Doctor of Literature on Professor Tiela, Leyden; and that of D.Sc. on Professor Forsyth, Cambridge.

DURING THE summer months' meetings of the Great City Lodge of Instruction, No. 1426, will be held at the Red Cross Hotel, Paternoster-square, on Thursday, the 6th inst., Thursday, the 3rd prox., and Thursday, September 7th. The weekly meetings will be resumed on Thursday, September 21st, at 7 p.m. precisely, until further notice.

IN HONOUR of the 61st anniversary of the Queen's Coronation, a Royal salute was fired at the Horse Guards, at 1 o'clock on Wednesday afternoon, by a battery of Royal Horse Artillery, and a similar salvo was given by the coast gunners at the Tower. The Royal Standard was displayed from the Government offices and several private buildings, and churches.

KENTISH MEN AND DICKENS.—A number of members of the Association of Men of Kent and Kentish Men on the 24th ult., journeyed from London to Rochester, taking tea in the celebrated Dickens' room at the Bull Hotel. The Castle and cathedral were also inspected, and by the invitation of Dean Hole the visitors spent some time in the gardens of the Deanery.

H.R.H. THE PRINCESS OF WALES, attended by Miss Knollys, visited on Monday the Alexandra House, South Kensington, and inspected the various departments in the Home. On Tuesday her Royal Highness went to the Fine Art Gallery in New Bond-street, and inspected M. Benjamin-Constant's collection of pictures and Mr. H. Harper's water-colour drawings of the Holy Land. Miss Knollys was in attendance.

H.R.H. THE PRINCE OF WALES has just sustained a severe loss by the death of the famous brood mare Perdita II. The mare had been declining rapidly for some weeks past, and died on Monday at Sandringham. She was foaled in 1831, and among her progeny were Persimmon, Florizel II., Sandringham, and Diamond Jubilee, who gave such a disappointing display on Tuesday.

UNDER THE HEADING "An Ideal Drink" the *West End* states that barley water made with Robinson's patent barley is obtainable at the leading London clubs gratuitously, and this authority argues that if aristocratic clubmen can call for barley water it is good enough for any one. Hitherto barley water took hours to make, but by using Robinson's patent barley it is made in five minutes, hence its popularity. It has always been known as a splendid nutritious drink for invalids, but the great army of cyclists recognise it as the most cooling drink, hence it is equally acceptable for lawn tennis parties, golf meetings, cricket matches, &c. Messrs. Keen, Robinson, and Co. having ascertained that barley water made with Robinson's patent is a specific for stone, have presented a quantity of their preparation to the Stone Hospital, which has been thankfully accepted. Considering that it is pleasant, nutritious, and cooling, it should be the drink for general adoption in summer and after.

BRO. LORD KITCHENER OF KHARTOUM celebrated his 49th birthday on Saturday last.

OWING to circumstances unforeseen, the Duke and Duchess of York will not be present at the annual review of the Metropolitan Fire Brigade at Peckham Rye, on the 8th inst.

H.R.H. THE PRINCESS OF WALES paid a visit to Cheyne Hospital for Incurable Children, Chelsea, on the 29th ult. Her Royal Highness visited each ward, and gave a present to every child.

BRO. W. S. PENLEY, the well-known actor, has a son at the Guildford Grammar School. The boys are raising money for their football and cricket ground fund, and as his contribution towards it Mr. Penley has generously promised to give a matinee performance of "A Little Ray of Sunshine" at Guildford on the 5th inst.

COMP. W. W. BRAMSTON BEACH, M.P., Father of the House of Commons, visited the little Hampshire town of Blackwater on the 26th ult., in his capacity of G. Superintendent of Royal Arch Masons for the Province of Hampshire and the Isle of Wight, and, assisted by Comp. Major J. E. Le Feuvre, of Southampton, and other Prov. G. Officers, consecrated the Beach Chapter, No. 2475 on the Grand Roll of England. A full report will appear in our next issue.

ON TUESDAY AFTERNOON the Queen received a deputation from the ladies of Pembrokeshire, consisting of Lady Kensington, Lady Meyrick, the Hon. Mrs. Lort-Phillips, Mrs. Anthony Stokes, Mrs. Laurie, and Mrs. Lloyd-Phillips, who presented to Her Majesty a silk standard worked by the ladies of Pembrokeshire for the new Royal yacht. The Dowager Lady Southampton was in attendance, and introduced the deputation.

H.R.H. THE PRINCE OF WALES will be present to-morrow (Saturday) afternoon at the review of the Honourable Artillery Company, which the Queen will hold at Windsor. The function will take place on the review ground in the Great Park, at six o'clock. The corps, numbering upwards of 400 officers, non-commissioned officers and men, under the command of Lord Denbigh, with 150 horses and eight guns, will arrive at Windsor at four o'clock, and leave directly after the inspection.

A CABINET COUNCIL was held on Tuesday at the Foreign Office. Among the Ministers present being Bros. the Right Hon. A. Akers-Douglas, Lord Balfour of Burleigh, the Lord Chancellor (the Earl of Halsbury), the Lord Chancellor of Ireland (Lord Ashbourne), the Chancellor of the Exchequer (Sir M. Hicks Beach), the Duke of Devonshire, Lord George Hamilton, the Right Hon. W. H. Long, Sir M. White Ridley, and the Right Hon. C. T. Ritchie.

GALLERY LODGE.—The members of the Gallery (Press) Lodge held their annual picnic on the 24th ult. at Windsor and Virginia Water. Bro. E. A. Peachey, W.M., was accompanied by nearly 60 brethren and their lady friends, special saloon carriages having been placed at the disposal of the party by the London and South-Western Railway Company. Arrived at Windsor, the guests were shown over St. George's Chapel by Minor Canon Marshall. In the afternoon a drive to Virginia Water was enjoyed. The weather was delightfully fine.

THE NEW PALACE steamer La Marguerite on the 28th ult. made her first trip this season to Margate and Boulogne and back. She left Tilbury with a good freight of passengers, and added considerably to their number at Margate, where the Mayor, the Chairman, and directors of the Pier and Harbour Board embarked for Boulogne, accompanied by Mr. W. M. Rhodes, Chairman, and Mr. T. E. Barlow, managing director of the company. At Boulogne, the Mayor and the President and the chief officials of the Chamber of Commerce came on board and drank success to La Marguerite.

THE FOUNDATION STONE of the new Boscombe Hospital at Bournemouth, which is to cost £5000, was laid with full Masonic ceremony by the Prov. Grand Master of Hants and the Isle of Wight, Bro. W. W. Beach, M.P., assisted by his Prov. Grand Officers, on Wednesday. There was a large attendance of brethren and others. A silver trowel, bearing an inscription, was presented by Sir John Thursby, Bart., president of the Hospital Committee, to Bro. Beach, at the conclusion of whose address the National Anthem was sung. A luncheon followed. A report of which will appear next week illustrated.

A MOVEMENT has been set on foot at Sheffield for a memorial to Sir William Sten-dale Bennett, who was born there. On Wednesday evening a meeting of musicians discussed four schemes. These were that a statue should be erected; that musical competitions should be established, possibly on the lines of the Mrs. Sunderland competitions at Huddersfield; that a Chair of Music or Lectureships in Music should be founded at Sheffield University College; or that scholarships should be founded at the Royal Academy or other national musical institution. The movement has not yet got beyond the stage of discussion, and Wednesday's night deliberations ended with a requisition to the Lord Mayor to call a town's meeting on the subject.

THE DUKE AND DUCHESS OF YORK, attended by Lady Katherine Coke and Sir Charles Cust, opened the new Royal London Ophthalmic Hospital, an imposing structure in the City-road, built at a cost of £80,000, on land rented from the Ecclesiastical Commissioners for 999 years, at £1210 a year, and with accommodation for 140 patients. Their Royal Highnesses were received by the President, Sir John Lubbock, and Lady Lubbock, the Lord Mayor (Bro. Sir John V. Moore) and the Lady Mayoress, the Chairman of the Committee, Mr. H. P. Sturgis, and Mrs. Sturgis, and others. Among the visitors were the Sheriffs, Bros. Alderman Alliston and Colonel Probyn, Bro. Sir J. Whittaker Ellis and Lady Whittaker Ellis, Lady Faudel-Phillips, Sir T. Lipton, Bro. Sir Squire and Lady Bancroft, and others.

THE LADIES' DAY of The Great City Lodge, No. 1426, was celebrated on Saturday, the 24th ult., when a party of 63 ladies and brethren embarked on the Princess Beatrice launch at Caversham Bridge for a trip up the river to Windsor. On arriving at Sonning, they proceeded to the French Horn Hotel, where an excellent cold collation was served, and a pleasant hour or two was enjoyed on the beautiful lawn. The party re-embarked about 3.30, and proceeded on their way to Windsor, where they arrived about half-past nine. The weather was simply perfect, and the beautiful river scenery was greatly admired. The enjoyment of the trip was enhanced by the arrangements made by the Committee for the comfort of the brethren and visitors. Bros. J. H. Guyton, W.M.; Fraser, I.P.M.; Bayley, P.M.; and Fendick, P.M., Treas., were most ably seconded by the joint Secretaries—Bros. Dr. Halliwell and Piper Smith.

AT THE CHEMISTS' EXHIBITION which closed on Friday, the 23rd ult., the novelties exhibited were not numerous, but amongst the few articles on view for the first time may be mentioned "Famora," the new perfume, toilet powder, and soap, at the stand of Messrs. John Gosnell and Co., Limited, whose name will always be associated with that universal favourite, "Cherry Blossom." With "Famora," the firm may be said to have gone one better, for the consensus of opinion at the Agricultural Hall was that no choicer perfume had been produced of late years. It has plenty of body in it, as the wine merchants say, or in other words, it is a lasting perfume, but at the same time, it is one of rare delicacy. By some it was likened to the scent of wall-flowers, but the majority of experts agreed that "Famora" was a combination of the choicest perfumes and of exceptional excellence.



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